

Prevention of Black Hole Attacks in MANETs

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Abstract

Mobile ad hoc network is self organizing network of nodes that are mobile which are connected by wireless links having no centralized access point and also no fixed infrastructure. The dynamic topology of MANET permits nodes to leave or join the network at any time they wish. Black hole attack is very serious issue in MANET. In black hole attack, a node which is malicious sends the route reply message to the source node to publicize itself for having the shortest path to the destination node. A malicious node utilized the routing protocol to advertise itself. This attack is having shortest path to the node whose packets it want to intercept. While transferring the data from the source node to destination node, it must be delivered privately to the recipient side. There are many methods present to avoid black hole attack. In this method, black hole attack is prevented through SRD-AODV. By using this method, we are able to prevent black hole attack by using AODV protocol in an effective way.

Keywords— Ad-Hoc on Demand Distance Vector Routing Protocol (AODV), Black hole attack, RREP, RREQ, SRD-AODV

I. INTRODUCTION

The field of mobile and wireless communications has encountered a remarkable development amid the previous decade. Current second era (2G) cell frameworks, have come to a very high rate of penetration, empowering mobile connectivity worldwide. Users of mobile can utilize their cell phones to check their email and peruse the Internet. As of late, an expanding number of remote local area network (LAN) problem areas are rising, permitting explorers' computers that is portable to use the Internet from hotels, railways, airports and other public areas. Broadband Internet access is motivating remote LAN solutions in the home for offering access between PCs. Meanwhile, cellular networks of 2G are advancing to 3G, providing higher rates of data, infotainment, personalized and area based administrations. On the other hand, all these networks are traditional remote systems, customary as in essentials; an infrastructure of fixed network with concentrated administrations is needed for their working, conceivably devouring a lot of money and time for set-up and support. Moreover, an expanding number of devices, for example, personal digital assistants (PDAs), tablet PCs, laptops, digital cameras, pocket PCs, smart phones etc. are given

short-extend remote interfaces. Also, these devices are getting cheaper, smaller, and more powerful and more users friendly. This advancement is driving another option for mobile communication, in which mobile devices frame a self-organizing, self-administrating and self-creating wireless network which is known as mobile ad hoc network. [1]

The paper is organized as follows: section I will talk about introduction of MANETs and about AODV, section II discusses the Black Hole attack, section III covers the related work, section IV covers the problem definition, section V discusses about proposed work, section VI discusses the results and final conclusion is described in section VII.

A. Manets

MANET is a self-organizing network of mobile routers associated by wireless connections with no centralized point of access. Each mobile device is self governing. The mobile devices are allowed to move indiscriminately and also arrange themselves randomly. Also ad hoc networks don't depend on any altered infrastructure i.e. there is no infrastructure required for mobile ad hoc networks. The communication in MANETs occurs by utilizing multi-bounce paths. Nodes in the MANET offer remote medium and the network topology changes inconsistently and randomly. In MANET, communication link breakage is very common, as nodes are allowed to move to anyplace. The nodes density and quantity of nodes relies upon the applications in which we are utilizing MANETs. MANETs have also offered ascent to numerous applications such as Wireless Sensor Networks, Device Networks, Tactical Networks, and Data Networks etc. [2]

Because of their innate qualities of dynamic topology and absence of security of incorporated management, MANET is helpless against different sorts of attacks. These incorporate active interfering, denial-of-service, passive eavesdropping and impersonating. Black Hole attack is one of numerous conceivable attack in MANETs based on AODV. In this type of attack, a node which is malicious transmit a fake route reply (RREP) packet to source node that starts the discovery of route to profess to be the destination node.

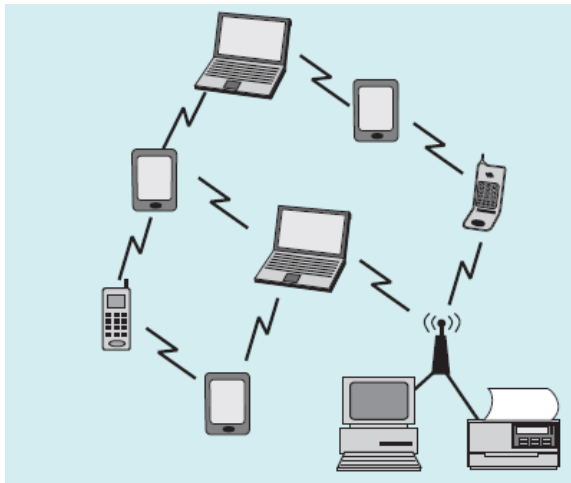


Fig.1 Mobile Ad Hoc Networks [1]

The standard of AODV protocol, the source node contrasts the sequence number of destination which is enclosed in RREP packets when a source node got multiple RREP; it examines the best one as the route enclosed in that packet of RREP. In the event that sequence numbers are equal, it chooses the route which has smallest count of hop. As the outcome, the transmission of data will stream toward the node which is malicious by source node and it will be dropped. [3]

B. AODV Routing Protocol

AODV is an ad hoc on demand distance vector routing protocol that makes route to the destination when it is needed by the source node. It keeps up these routes as and when required by the source node. It provides fast adjustment to low processing, low network utilization, memory overhead, dynamic link conditions, and decides unicast routes to destinations inside the ad hoc network. One of the recognizing characteristic of AODV protocol is its utilization of sequence number of destination with each route. Sequence number of destination is made by the destination to incorporate information about route which is send to the requesting node. For communicating between portable nodes, Route Requests (RREQs), Route Replies (RREPs), Route Errors (RERRs) are the types of messages characterized by AODV. At the point when a source node needs to associate with a destination node, firstly it examines in the already present route table, in the matter of whether a crisp route to that destination is accessible or not.

Fresh route implies an entry of valid route whose sequence number is larger than it in the RREQ. Bigger the sequence number, fresher is the route. On the off chance that sufficiently new route is accessible, it utilizes the same. Else the node launches a Route Discovery by transmitting a control message of RREQ to its every neighbour. This RREQ message will further be sent by the nodes which are

intermediate to their neighbours having a crisp route to the destination.

The RREQ message will in the end achieve the destination node, which will respond with a route reply message (RREP). The RREP is transmitted as a unicast to the source node with the reverse route settled amid the Broadcast of RREQ. Also, the RREP message permits intermediate nodes to take in a forward route to the destination node. Hence, toward the end of the process of route discovery, packets can be conveyed from the source node to the destination node and the other way around. A route error message (RERR) permits nodes to tell errors because of breakage of link, for example, when a past neighbour moves to another position and is no more reachable. Every portable node would intermittently send Hello messages (HELLO), consequently, every node knows which nodes are its neighbouring nodes. [4]

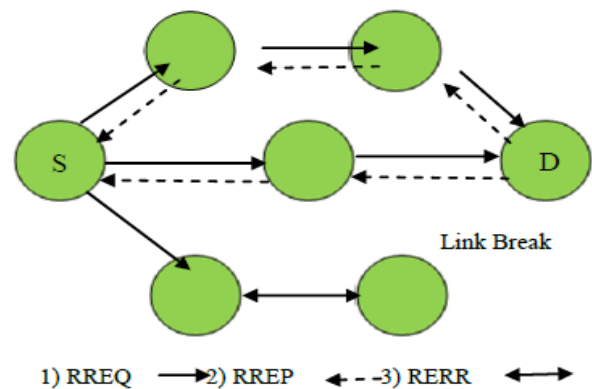


Fig.2 Working of AODV Protocol [4]

II. BLACK HOLE ATTACK

MANETs are powerless against different attacks. Most common types of attack are the dangers against MAC, network and physical layer which are the most essential layers that work for the mechanism of routing of the ad hoc network. Attacks in the network layer mostly have two reasons: not sending the packets or including and changing a few parameters of routing messages, for example, hop count and sequence number. A fundamental attack that an opponent can execute is to quit sending the data packets. Subsequently when the opponent is chosen as route, it denies the communication to happen. In black hole attack, the node which is malicious stays for the neighbours to launch a RREQ packet. As soon as the node gets the RREQ packet, it will quickly forward a false RREP packet with an altered Upper sequence number. Thus that source node expects that node comprises of fresh route in the direction of destination. The source node disregards the RREP packet got from different nodes and starts to forward the data packets over the node which is malicious. A malicious node acquires all the routes near itself. It doesn't permit sending any packet at

any place. This attack is known as black hole as it consumes all data packets and objects. [5]

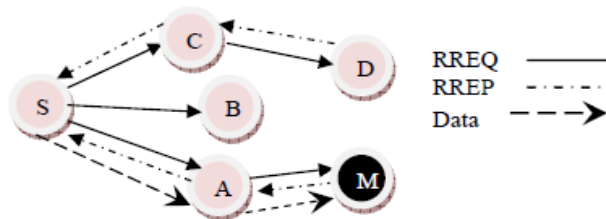


Fig.3 Black Hole Attack in MANETs [5]

In the Fig.3, node S wishes to forward data packets to destination node D in the network. Node M is a malicious node which goes about as a black hole. The attacker answers with false answer RREP containing higher altered sequence number. Hence, data communication starts from S towards M rather than D. [5]

III. RELATED WORK

Hansraj Bhakte in [6] discusses about secure route discovery for preventing Black hole attacks on AODV based MANETs. A mobile ad hoc network comprises of remote portable nodes that has capability of communication with each other without requirement of any centralized administration and infrastructure. MANET is a rising exploration area with viable applications. Routing assumes a vital role in the network's security. Generally, security in routing in wireless MANETs seems to be an issue which is not an easy task to solve. Issues of routing security of MANETs are studied and examine one attack called "black hole" issue in this paper which can undoubtedly be utilized against MANETs. A solution for this problem is proposed for ad hoc on-demand distance vector routing protocol.

Dr. S. Tamilarasan in [7] throws a light on the AODV protocol and also about black hole attack. Ad hoc networks are raising technology, because of their unconstrained nature, are often created environments which are not secure and make them helpless against attacks. These attacks are occurred because of the taking part of the nodes that are malicious against numerous services of network. Protocols of routing are typical focus of these nodes. Ad hoc on demand Distance vector routing (AODV) is a broadly accepted network protocol for routing for MANETs. Black hole attack is one of the extreme threats of security in ad hoc networks. A solution for recognizing the malicious node in AODV protocol which is experiencing black hole attack is proposed in it.

Yash Pal Singh et.al [8] portrays a survey of already present techniques for identifying black hole attack against AODV routing protocol in MANETs. In mobile ad hoc networks, nodes generally coordinate and send one another's packet with a specific end goal of communication. Also few nodes may deny doing all this, either for sparing their

resources or for deliberately disturbing general communications. This kind of bad conduct is normally considered as black hole attack, which is regarded as a standout amongst the most dangerous attack that prompts to collapse in the network. In a black hole attack, a malicious node replies for every route request with a forge reply guaranteeing to have the freshest and briefest route to the destination. Notwithstanding, when the packets of data reaches the malicious node rejected them. A few detection methods are portrayed in this paper and also their qualities and shortcomings are also discussed.

Rashmi in [9] discusses about clustering approach for locating and anticipating black hole attack in Ad hoc on demand distance vector protocol for routing in MANETs. A black hole attack in MANET happens because of the malicious nodes which pull in the packets of data by erroneously publicizing a new route to the destination. In the explained approach, each individual from the cluster will ring once to the head of cluster, to recognize the unusual difference between the quantities of data packets got and sent by the node. In the event that anomalousness is seen, all the nodes will darken the malicious nodes from the network.

Twinkle G. Vyas et.al [10] talked about distinctive types of techniques of recognizing and anticipating black hole attack. Mobile ad hoc network (MANET) is a self actualized network of portable nodes created anywhere and anytime without requirement of any centralized administration. Because of the dynamic network topology, lack of centralized observing, absence of administration point, autonomous terminal. Mobile Ad-hoc networks are profoundly helpless against security attacks contrasted with wireless network which is based on infrastructure or wired network. In black hole attack, a malicious node provides forge information of having briefest route to the destination node to get all the packets of data and decline it.

IV. MOTIVATION

Mobile ad hoc network which is also sometimes called mobile mesh network is a self organizing network of mobile devices which are connected to each other by wireless connections. There is no centralized administration and also no pre defined infrastructure. There are many routing protocols in ad hoc wireless networks. But routing protocols are susceptible to many routing attacks. A black hole attack is one of the conceivable attacks in MANETs. This type of attack is a big issue in security. While exchanging the information from source node to the destination node it ought to be conveyed safely to the destination node. In this research, we are preventing black hole attack through SRD-AODV. By using this method, we are able to

prevent black hole attack using AODV protocol in an effective way.

The research is based on the following objectives:

1. Division of network into grids.
2. To prevent co-operative black hole attack using multiple sinks.
3. To implement SRD-AODV to prevent co-operative black hole attack.
4. To prevent the co-operative black hole attack using grid deployment and multiple sinks.

V. PROPOSED SCHEME

The main aim of this research work is to prevent black hole attack in mobile ad hoc networks. In this work, we are focusing on the Cooperative Black Hole attack which means there is more than one black hole nodes attack on the network. Firstly, the network is divided into various grids and then deploys the sink in each grid where information is collected (one sink per grid). This one hop communication between nodes and sink eliminates the requirement for multi-hop communication between source and destination. The main assumption is that sink nodes cannot be compromised by the attackers. After that all the nodes in a particular grid will send the data to the respective sink and then sink will forward the data to the destination. So if we avoid the formation of multi-hop communication between source and destination then we can prevent the black hole attack. The flowchart for proposed methodology is as follows:

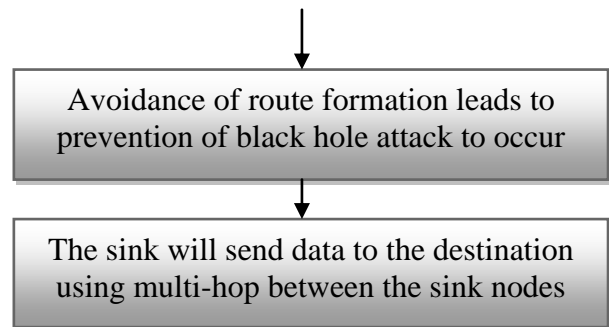
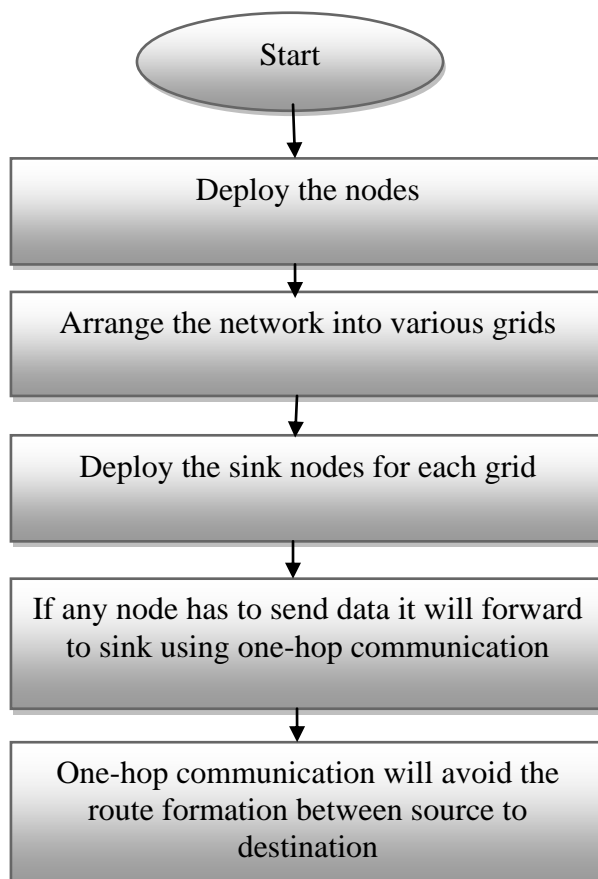


Fig.4 Flowchart of the Proposed Algorithm

VI.RESULTS

In this section, proposed method has been implemented and the results are presented.

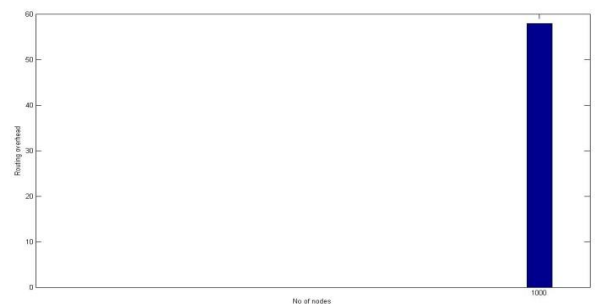


Fig.5 Graph of Routing Overhead of Base Paper

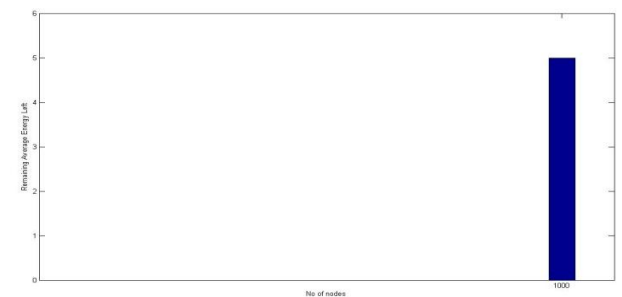


Fig.6 Graph of Remaining Energy of Base Paper



Fig.7 Graph of Routing Overhead of proposed Methodology

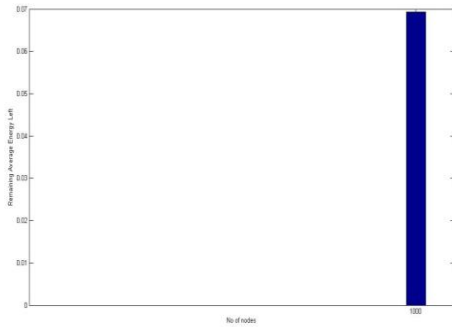


Fig.8 Graph of Remaining Energy of Proposed Methodology

VII.CONCLUSION

In this paper, a method is proposed for preventing black hole attack in ad hoc networks. Black hole attack is one of the serious issues in MANETs. The black hole attack refers to place in the network where incoming traffic is slow that discarded to drop the source to the data not reached the destination. It is very difficult to detect black hole attack. The black hole attack is prevented through AODV. All the nodes in particular grid send data to the respective sink and then sink forward the data to the destination. Many methods are already present for preventing black hole attack but this method provides better results.

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