An Optimal Broadcasting Algorithm for de Bruijn Network dBG(d,k)

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Abstract. Recent works have classified de Bruijn graph (dBG) based broadcasting algorithms into local broadcasting and arc-disjoint spanning trees based broadcasting. However, those algorithms can only work in binary dBG. In this paper, we investigate broadcasting in bidirectional dBG for a degree greater than or equal to two. A distributed broadcast algorithm for one-to-all broadcasting in the all port communication is proposed for dBG(d,k)¹.

1 Introduction

Broadcasting is one of the fundamental communication problems of interconnection networks. Some typical broadcasting applications are synchronizing different processors in a distributed computing network, and reconfiguring multiprocessor architecture. Recently, broadcasting problems on dBG have been investigated as local broadcasting[3] and arc-disjoint spanning trees based broadcasting[4][5].

However, the above can only work in a dBG(2,k) networks. Considering this limitation we intend to investigate broadcasting in bidirectional de Bruijn graph with a degree greater than or equal to two. A distributed broadcast algorithm is proposed for dBG(d,k). Our study shows that the maximum time steps to finish broadcast procedure is k regardless of the broadcast originator, time complexity at each node is 0(3d/2), and no overhead happens in the broadcast message.

This paper is organized as follows: background is discussed in section 2, section 3 explains the algorithm and the paper is concluded in section 4.

2 Background

The dBG graph denoted as dBG(d,k)[1] has $N=d^k$ nodes with diameter k and degree 2d. If we represent a node by $d_0d_1...d_{k-2}d_{k-1}$, where $d_j \in 0, 1, ..., (d-1)$, $0 \le j \le (k-1)$, then its neighbor are represented by $d_1...d_{k-2}d_{k-1}p(L$ neighbors, by shifting left or L path) and $pd_0d_1...d_{k-2}(R$ neighbors, by shifting right or R path), where p = 0, 1, ..., (d-1). Shift string of a node A is a binary string (0 for left shift and 1 for right shift) which represents path from originator to A.

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For simplest broadcasting mechanism, the originator initiates the process by making a "call" to other neighboring vertices in the graph informing them of the message. Subsequently, the informed vertices call their neighboring vertices and the process continues until all vertices in the graph are informed. Basically, this mechanism is like flooding phenomenon. Note that the interval during which a call takes place will be referred to as a time step or simply step. In flooding broadcasting (FB), level of a node A is the number of steps by which a message from originator reaches A (or shortest path length between A and originator).

3 Broadcasting algorithm in dBG(d,k)

By applying FB, we can easily obtain k as the maximum number of steps to finish broadcasting. However, message overhead is very high in FB. Thus, how to reduce message overhead (or letting each informed vertices call its uninformed neighbors only) in FB states the motivation for our algorithm. We assume that each packet sent to the other node must contain originator address, sender's level, a shift string of receiver and all calls take the same amount of time.

There are two cases of message overhead when an informed node A wants to inform node X. Case 1, node X has been informed already. Thus, X must have lower or equal level to A. Case 2, uninformed node X can be informed by nodes B,C,D, which have the same level as A, at the same time. For case 1, we need to compare the shortest-path length between X and A to originator. And X is informed by A if X level is higher than A's level and case 2 not happen. For case 2, we have to define some conditions, based on these conditions only A or B or C or... inform X. The following theorems are proposed for calculating path length.

Theorem 1: given p is shortest-path length between node a and b, the minimum length of matched strings between a and b is k-p (dBG(d,k)).

Proof: as shown in [1], there are 3 types for determining shortest path (R,L; RL,LR; R_1LR_2, L_1RL_2). The minimum matched string[2] can be obtained in type R,L among them. And length for this minimum matched string is k-p.

Theorem 2: path length between node s and d is $min(2s_j + s_i + d_i, 2s_i + s_j + d_j)$, where s_i and d_i are the left indices, and s_j and d_j are the right indices of matched string in s and d respectively.

Proof: path length $2s_j + s_i + d_i$, $2s_i + s_j + d_j$ are for case $R_{s_j}L_{s_j+s_i}R_{d_i}$ and $L_{s_i}R_{s_i+s_j}L_{d_j}$ respectively. These cases are the general cases for 3 types presented in [1](ex. if $s_i, s_j, d_i, d_j \neq 0$ then they become type R_1LR_2 and L_1RL_2).

To solve the above two cases of message overhead, a Boolean valued function SPL is proposed. SPL has inputs: originator S, current node P, neighboring node X, current level n (level of P), shift string Q $(q_0q_1q_2...q_{z-1}, \text{length } z \leq k)$ (from S to X through P). Fig. 1a shows SPL algorithm. Step 1,2,3 solve message overhead of case 1. Step 1 is a result of theorem 1. Step 4,5,6 solve case 2 message overhead. In case 2, we have several shortest paths from S to X. One shortest path must be chosen based on the following conditions:

• The shortest path corresponds with the shortest matched string of S and X (step 5).



Fig. 1. a)SPL function algorithm; b)Type iden function algorithm; c)Broadcasting algorithm for dBG(d,k).

• In the case, there exist 2 shortest path from the first condition. Then, shortest path which begin with shifting right is chosen. (step 6)

Step 7 compares shift string Q to the condition gotten from step 5 and 6 to determine whether X should be informed or not.

Example 1: in dBG(3,10), given input S: 0012111001, P: 0111012110, n=7, X: 1110121100, Q=01111100. By applying SPL, we have

Step 2: path lengths for strings in step 1 are 12, 10, 8, 14, 12, 10, 8, 13, 11. Step 3: shortest path length is 8.

Step 4: matched string, which make shortest path length 8, are 1110, 01211. Step 5: minimum size string from step 4 is 1110, b=false.

Step 6:Typeiden(input $s_i = 0, s_j = 6, d_i = 4, d_j = 2$) \rightarrow returned value: 1,a=1. Step 7: there are 2 places in Q in which two adjacent bits are different \rightarrow a=-1 $\neq 0$. Consequently, X is an uninformed node (step 3,8>n), but it isn't informed

by P (message overhead case 2) due to our priority given in step 5 and 6.

If we apply SPL for all 2d neighbors of one node, then it cost 0(2d) for running our algorithm. The following theorems reduce from 0(2d) to 0(1.5d). Following are some notations used, where T is the previous shifting string.

 $R \leftrightarrow T$: total number of right shift in T > total number of left shift in T

 $L \leftrightarrow T$: total number of left shift in T > total number of right shift in T

Theorem 3: by shifting RLR/LRL, results are duplicate with shifting R/L.

Proof: given a node $a_0a_1...a_{n-1}$. By shifting RLR in dBG(d,k), we have $a_0a_1...a_{n-1} \rightarrow \alpha a_0a_1...a_{n-2} \rightarrow a_0a_1...a_{n-2}\beta \rightarrow \gamma a_0a_1...a_{n-2}, 0 \le \alpha, \beta, \gamma < d$.

Substitute α for $\gamma \to \gamma a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-2} \equiv \alpha a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-2}$.

By proving similarly for case LRL, theorem 3 is proved.

Theorem 4: if $R \leftrightarrow T/L \leftrightarrow T$, results provided by next shift LR/RL are duplicate.

Proof: assume the beginning node is $a_0a_1...a_{n-1}$. For case $\mathbb{R} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{T}$, we have the following cases:

• $T = R_u L_v R_w, T = L_u R_v Rw, T = L_u R_v$. By shifting LR, we have shift string $R_1 L_1 R_2 L_2$ or $L_1 R_1 L_2 R_2$, which are not existed for shortest path (as shown in Lemma 1 of [1]).

• $T = R_u L_v$ (u>v). By shifting R u times and L v times respectively, we have $a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-1} \rightarrow \beta_{u-1} \dots \beta_1 \beta_0 a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-u-1} \rightarrow \beta_{u-v-1} \dots \beta_1 \beta_0 a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-u-1} \delta_0 \delta_1 \dots \delta_{v-1}$ where $0 \leq \beta_i, \delta_j < d, 0 \leq i < u, 0 \leq j < v$. By shifting LR we have,

 $\begin{array}{c}\beta_{u-v-1}\dots\beta_{0}a_{0}\dots a_{n-u-1}\delta_{0}\dots\delta v-1 \rightarrow \beta_{u-v-2}\dots\beta_{0}a_{0}\dots a_{n-u-1}\delta_{0}\dots\delta v \rightarrow \gamma\beta_{u-v-2}\dots\beta_{0}a_{0}\dots a_{n-u-1}\delta_{0}\dots\delta v-1 \ (\mathbf{K})\end{array}$

Substitute $\gamma(0 \le \gamma < d)$ for $\beta_{u-v-1} \to K$ is duplicate.

• $R=R_u$. Shift string $R_u LR$ makes duplicate as shown in theorem 3.

By proving similarly to case $L \leftrightarrow T$, we prove theorem 4.

As a result, broadcasting algorithm is proposed as shown in fig. 1c.

Theorem 5: in the worst case, time complexity for our broadcasting algorithm is 0(1.5d).

Proof: probability for theorem 3 happening is 25%, and for theorem 4 is less than 25%. Therefore, the probability for CONTINUE command (line 10, 18 fig. 1c) happening is 25%. So, theorem 5 is proved.

4 Conclusion

We have presented a distributed broadcasting algorithm for dBG(d,k), which requires k steps to finish broadcasting process, time complexity at each node is 0(3d/2) and no message overhead during broadcasting. Therefore, the algorithm can be considered feasible for broadcasting in the real interconnection network which is built based on de Bruijn graph dBG(d,k).

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