Pagoda: A Dynamic Overlay Network for Routing, Data Management, and Multicasting

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ABSTRACT

The tremendous growth of public interest in peer-to-peer systems in recent years has initiated a lot of research work on how to design efficient and robust overlay networks for these systems. While a large collection of scalable peer-to-peer overlay networks has been proposed in recent years, many fundamental questions have remained open. Some of these are:

- Is it possible to design deterministic peer-to-peer overlay networks with properties comparable to randomized peer-to-peer systems?
- How can peers of non-uniform bandwidth be organized in an overlay network?

We propose a dynamic overlay network called *Pagoda* that provides solutions to both of these problems. The Pagoda network has a constant degree, a logarithmic diameter, and a 1/logarithmic expansion, and therefore matches the properties of the best *randomized* overlay networks known so far. However, in contrast to these networks, the Pagoda is *deterministic* and therefore *guarantees* these properties. The Pagoda can be used to organize both nodes with uniform bandwidth and nodes with non-uniform bandwidth. For nodes with uniform bandwidth, any node insertion or deletion can be executed with logarithmic work, and for nodes with non-uniform bandwidth, any node insertion and deletion can be executed with polylogarithmic work. Moreover, the Pagoda overlay network can route *arbitrary* multicast problems with a congestion that is within a logarithmic factor of what a *best possible* overlay network of logarithmic degree *for that particular multicast problem* can achieve, even though the Pagoda is a constant degree network. This holds even for nodes of *arbitrary non-uniform* bandwidths. We also show that the Pagoda network can be used for efficient data management.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, peer-to-peer overlay networks have become extremely popular for a variety of reasons. For example, the fact that peer-to-peer systems do not need a central server means that individuals can search for information or cooperate without fees or an investment in additional high-performance hardware. Also, peer-to-peer systems permit the sharing of resources (such as computation and storage) that otherwise sit idle on individual computers. Therefore, it is not surprising that peer-to-peer systems have inspired an enormous amount of research. Despite many advances, fundamental problems have remained open, such as:

1. Is it possible to design deterministic peer-to-peer overlay networks with properties comparable to randomized peer-to-peer systems?
2. How can peers of non-uniform bandwidth be organized in an overlay network?

Why are these problems important and non-trivial? An obvious advantage of a deterministic over a randomized solution is the ability to *locally self-correct* the overlay network so that it not only fulfills the given connectivity rules but also retains certain desirable topological properties such as a high expansion. The property of *self-stabilization* was introduced by Dijkstra in his 1974 paper [8] and is considered an important property in existing peer-to-peer systems [29, 22, 25]. By definition, (pseudo-)random constructions cannot be self-correcting with regard to expansion because the systems can be in a state with a poor expansion although all connectivity rules are fulfilled. Although this may be unlikely to happen if everybody is honest, adaptive adversarial attacks can make such a situation very likely (see also [10]). Designing scalable, deterministic overlay networks with a high expansion is a highly non-trivial problem. The first such construction just recently emerged, and the construction and its analysis is quite involved [4].

Also, organizing peers of non-uniform bandwidth in a scalable way is an important and non-trivial problem. It is important because in reality, peers have different connections to the Internet with bandwidths that may be several orders of magnitude apart. Also, future peer-to-peer systems will have to allow peers to adjust the bandwidth they want to contribute to it to be acceptable since many peer-to-peer applications may run in a peer at the same time. Thus, a system is needed that can organize peers of non-uniform bandwidth and that can adapt to changing bandwidths in a scalable way. DHT-based peer-to-peer approaches cannot (in their basic form) take advantage of high bandwidth peers, because their approach of giving every peer the same degree and randomly distributing peers in the system will isolate high bandwidth peers, making them ineffective. A straight-forward solution would be to simply include multiple *virtual peers* for each high-bandwidth peer into the system. This approach, however, does not work well in general, because allowing a peer to have multiple virtual peers in the system reduces its scalability and increases its vulnerability. It reduces its scalability because frequent bandwidth changes may create a high update cost when using virtual peers, and it increases its vulnerability because if a high-bandwidth peer leaves, many virtual peers will leave with it, potentially creating disruption of service and high repair costs for the overlay network. It would therefore be much better to give every peer just a *single, bounded degree* node in the network while retaining the property that high-bandwidth peers can be utilized well. This is exactly what we solve with the overlay network proposed in this paper. Before we present our network, we review previous work.

1.1 Overlay networks for uniform peers

A large collection of scalable peer-to-peer overlay networks has been proposed in recent years. Among them are Tapestry [31], Chord [29], Pastry [25], CAN [22], Viceroy [18], Koorde [13], and DH graphs [19]. Also generic approaches have recently been presented that allow one to turn general families of static graphs into dynamic graphs. See, for example, [19] and [1]. All of these constructions crucially depend on the fact that nodes are given random IDs (which may either be obtained by a random number generator or with the help of a pseudo-random hash function). Hence, they cannot *guarantee* a good expansion or diameter.

Recently, a number of constructions for overlay networks emerged that allow good topological properties for *arbitrary* node IDs. Among them are skip graphs [3], skip nets [11], and the Hyperring [4]. Whereas skip graphs and skip nets still need a random number generator for the topology, the Hyperring is purely deterministic and the only dynamic overlay network to date that has a guaranteed low diameter and high expansion. However, whereas in the randomized constructions the work for a node insertion and deletion can be made as low as $O(\log n)$, w.h.p., the work for a node insertion and deletion in the Hyperring is $O(\log^3 n)$, where n is the current number of nodes in the system. So an open question has been whether this can be reduced to $O(\log^2 n)$ or even $O(\log n)$. Also, the Hyperring is rather complicated to maintain and therefore an open question has also been whether simpler approaches exist for organizing peers in a deterministic way. This paper answers both of these questions in the affirmative.

1.2 Overlay networks for non-uniform peers

Peers of high bandwidth are often more reliable and online for a longer time than low bandwidth peers. Though it uses an unstructured approach, Gnutella has a tendency towards integrating long-living peers more tightly into the network than short-living peers and therefore can be seen as a heuristic for taking advantage of high bandwidth peers. A more structured approach is the super-peer architecture of KaZaA [14]. It classifies peers into two classes: the strong (high bandwidth) peers and the weak (low bandwidth) peers, and it permits a weak peer to be connected to exactly one strong peer. All queries are routed through strong peers, which are also called super-peers. Super-peer networks are also part of JXTA 2.0 [30].

Publications on various super-peer networks can be found in [20, 32, 33]. Also multi-tier topologies (i.e. topologies with more than two classes of peers) have been proposed (e.g., [27]), where each level consists of peers with approximately the same capabilities. None of these publications have studied in a formal way how well their topologies can handle arbitrary unicast or multicast problems.

1.3 Overlay networks for multicasting

There are a number of results on overlay networks for multicasting. Overlay based approaches that just create a network for a single multicast group can be found in [5, 9, 12, 24]. Approaches that allow multiple multicast groups to be formed over the same overlay network are usually implemented on top of DHT-based systems such as Chord, CAN, or Tapestry [6, 7, 15, 23, 28, 34]. All of these approaches are scalable, but they only work well for uniform peers because messages for these multicast groups will be routed through the underlying DHT-based networks.

1.4 Our results

We propose a dynamic overlay network, called *Pagoda*, that can handle routing, data management, multicasting, and node insertions and deletions in a scalable and efficient way. In the following, n always denotes the current number of peers or nodes in the system.

Routing and data management in uniform overlay networks

For the uniform case, i.e. all nodes have a bandwidth of 1, our main results for the Pagoda network are:

- Any node insertion or deletion can be executed in $O(\log n)$ time and work.
- There is a local, randomized routing strategy that routes any set of packets in which each node has at most one packet and every packet has a random destination in $O(\log n)$ time, w.h.p.
- There is a distributed hash table method that can keep data distributed among nodes so that every node is responsible for an expected $O(1/n)$ fraction of the data.

Multicasting in non-uniform overlay networks

Our main results for the non-uniform case are:

- Any node insertion or deletion can be executed in $O(\log^2 n)$ time and work.
- The Pagoda network for non-uniform nodes creates a congestion for routing arbitrary concurrent multicast requests that is only by an $O(\Delta + \log n)$ factor larger than the congestion achievable by a *best possible* overlay network of maximum degree Δ *for that particular problem*.

Apart from proving existential results, we also provide local-control strategies for building and maintaining multicast trees so that a performance as predicted by the competitive bound can be achieved. We also show that under certain local admission control scenarios, our network can guarantee with high probability that rate reservation requests for multicasting are successful.

1.5 Structure of the paper

We start in Section 2 with the description of the perfect, static form of the Pagoda, and we prove some basic properties. In Section 3 we show how to turn the Pagoda into a dynamic overlay network for the case that all nodes have the same bandwidth. We describe how to efficiently insert a node into or delete a node from the Pagoda, and we show how to perform routing and data management in an efficient and robust manner. In Section 4, we extend the Pagoda network to the case that we have arbitrary non-uniform node bandwidths, and in Section 5 we show how this network can be used for efficient multicasting. Due to space limitations, some of the proofs are left out and will be found in a full version of the paper.

2. THE STATIC PAGODA NETWORK

Our overlay network is basically a combination of a complete binary tree and a family of leveled graphs that are similar to the well-known Omega network [16], together with some short-cut edges to keep the diameter low. It is called *Pagoda*. We first define a perfect, static form of it before describing dynamic constructions.

DEFINITION 2.1. *Let* $d \in \mathbb{N}_0$. *The* d-dimensional deBruijn, $DB(d)$, *is an undirected graph with node set* $V = [2]^d$ *and an edge set* $E = \{\{x, y\} \mid x, y \in [2]^d$ *and there are* $p, q \in \{0, 1\}$ *so that* $x = (b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_{d-1}, p)$ *and* $y = (q, b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_{d-1})\}$.

DEFINITION 2.2. *Let* $d \in \mathbb{N}_0$. *The* d-dimensional deBruijn exchange network, $DXN(d)$, *is an undirected graph with node set* $V = [d+1] \times [2]^d$ *and an edge set:*

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \{\{(j, x), (j+1, y)\} \mid j \in [d-1], \\ &\quad x, y \in [2]^d, \{x, y\} \in E(DB(d)) \text{ or } x = y\} \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1 presents the 3-dimensional deBruijn, $DB(3)$. $DB(d)$ has 2^d nodes and a maximum degree of 4.

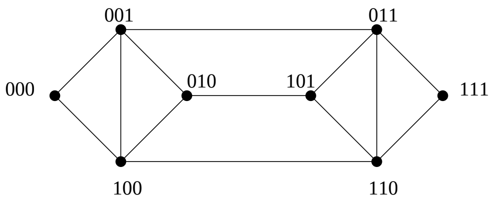

Figure 1: The structure of $DB(3)$

DEFINITION 2.3. *Let* $d \in \mathbb{N}_0$. *The* d-dimensional Pagoda, $PG(d)$, *is an undirected graph that consists of* $d+1$ *deBruijn exchange networks,* $DXN(0), \ldots, DXN(d)$, *where each node* $(i, x) \in [i+1] \times [2]^i$ *of* $DXN(i)$ *is connected to the nodes* $(0, x0)$ *and* $(0, x1)$ *in* $DXN(i+1)$ *and to all nodes* $(0, y)$ *in* $DXN(i+1)$ *that have an edge to* $(1, x0)$ *or* $(1, x1)$.

In addition to this, for every i *and* $j \in \{0, \ldots, i\}$, *every node* (j, x) *in* $DXN(i)$ *has short-cut edges to nodes* $(j, x0)$, $(j, x1)$, $(j+1, x0)$, *and* $(j+1, x1)$ *in* $DXN(i+1)$.

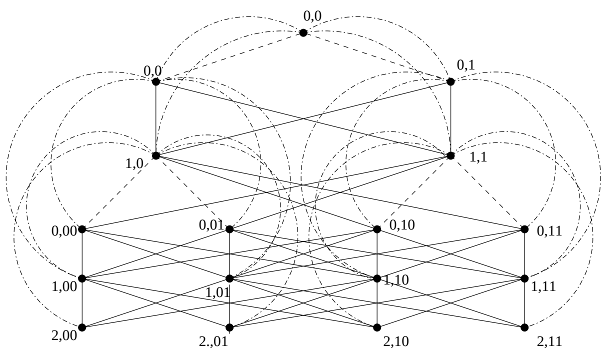

Figure 2: The structure of $PG(2)$.

Ignoring the short-cut edges, the Pagoda is a leveled network with the root being at level 0. Levels are consecutively numbered from 0 to $(\sum_{i=0}^{d} i) - 1$. Given a node at level ℓ, the nodes it is connected to in level $\ell - 1$ are called its *parents*, and the nodes it is connected to in level $\ell + 1$ are called its *children*.

The Pagoda network consists of the following types of edges:

- *column edges* connecting (j, x) to $(j+1, x)$ in a DXN,
- *tree edges* connecting (i, x) in $DXN(i)$ to $(0, x0)$ and $(0, x1)$ in $DXN(i+1)$,
- *short-cut edges* connecting (j, x) in $DXN(i)$ to $(j, x0)$, $(j, x1)$, $(j+1, x0)$, and $(j+1, x1)$ in $DXN(i+1)$, and
- *deBruijn edges* representing all remaining edges.

Each type is important for our protocols to work. Column edges and tree edges allow to keep our protocols simple and efficient, deBruijn edges allow to perform efficient routing (and deterministic level balancing in the dynamic Pagoda), and short-cut edges keep the diameter and congestion low.

2.1 Basic properties

Figure 2 shows the 2-dimensional Pagoda $PG(2)$. $PG(d)$ has $\sum_{i=0}^{d}(i+1)2^i \approx (d+1)2^{d+1}$ nodes and maximum degree 20. Furthermore, the following fact is easy to see:

LEMMA 2.4. $PG(d)$ *has* $O(d^2)$ *levels and a diameter of* $O(d)$.

$PG(d)$ also has a good expansion. Recall that the node expansion is defined as $\alpha = \min_{U:|U| \le |V|/2} |N(U)|/|U|$ where $N(U)$ is the neighbor set of U.

LEMMA 2.5. $PG(d)$ *has an expansion of* $\Omega(1/d)$.

PROOF. Using standard techniques, it is not difficult to show that every permutation routing problem in the Pagoda can be routed with congestion $O(d)$. Suppose now that the node expansion is $o(1/d)$. In this case there must be a set U with $|N(U)| = o(|U|/d)$ and $|U| \le n/2$. Then consider the permutation π that requires to send all packets in nodes in U to $\bar{U} = V \setminus U$. In this case, the expected congestion must be $\omega(d)$, contradicting our bound above. Thus, the expansion is $\Omega(1/d)$. □

2.2 Pagoda vs. existing approaches

Our overlay network construction is closest to the line of papers following the CAN approach [22]. The basic idea behind CAN is to combine an infinite complete binary tree T with a family of graphs $\mathcal{G} = \{G_\ell \mid \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ with $|V(G_\ell)| = 2^\ell$ so that for every $\ell \geq 0$ the nodes in level ℓ are interconnected according to G_ℓ. Initially, a peer is just stored at the root of the tree. Insertions and deletions of peers are handled so that the invariant is maintained that every path down the tree starting with the root contains exactly one peer. Peers are interconnected according to the edges in $\mathcal{G}$ where a peer inherits all edges to its descendants. To keep the level distribution of the nodes in balance, and therefore their degree low, it was suggested to either use deterministic load balancing along the edges in $\mathcal{G}$ or to choose random positions for newly inserted nodes [1, 2, 22]. However, for any family $\mathcal{G}$ of bounded degree graphs such a deterministic load balancing strategy can result in a very poor expansion (as low as $O(1/n^\epsilon)$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$), so the CAN approach crucially depends on randomness to be well-connected. In contrast to this, our way of combining a tree with a family of graphs allows local, deterministic updates while guaranteeing an expansion of $\Omega(1/\log n)$ at any time.

This result is possible because the way we use the Pagoda network in a dynamic setting differs from the CAN approach in two fundamental ways. First of all, in the dynamic Pagoda the invariant is preserved that all parent positions of an occupied node position are occupied, whereas in CAN the invariant is maintained that every path down the CAN tree from the root contains exactly one occupied position, and therefore peers are only at the edge of the CAN tree. Second, the Pagoda network uses a DXN network with multiple levels at each tree level and not just single-level connections. If one just used a single deBrujn graph at each tree level as this was suggested, for example, in [17], then deterministic balancing strategies (to keep nodes with missing children at approximately the same level) would perform poorly (i.e. the expansion can be as low as $O(1/n^\epsilon)$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$). This would not only be the case in the CAN approach but also in our approach of having all parent positions occupied.

Also the way the Pagoda network handles non-uniform peers is fundamentally different from previous approaches. Instead of using many virtual nodes or a multi-tier network to incorporate peers of non-uniform bandwidth, every peer is just associated with a single node, and a simple heap property is used to organize the peers in the system: every parent of a peer must have a bandwidth that is at least as large as the bandwidth of that peer. Thus, local, relative rules are used to organize peers instead of the rather global nature of the rules using virtual nodes or multi-tier networks (since an agreement on the minimum bandwidth and bandwidth-to-tier assignments is necessary there).

3. THE DYNAMIC PAGODA NETWORK FOR UNIFORM NODES

Our basic approach for the dynamic Pagoda network is to keep the nodes interconnected in a network that represents a subnetwork of the static Pagoda network of infinite dimension. In this section, we assume that all nodes have a bandwidth of 1. At any time, the dynamic Pagoda network has to fulfill the following invariant:

INVARIANT 3.1.

(a) For any node in the dynamic Pagoda, all of its parent positions are occupied.

(b) For any pair of nodes v and w in the dynamic Pagoda, v and w are connected in the dynamic Pagoda if and only if v and w are connected in the static Pagoda.

We start with some facts about the dynamic Pagoda network. A node is called *deficient* if it has a missing child along a column or tree edge (i.e. we do not consider missing children reachable via deBruijn edges).

LEMMA 3.2. *If Invariant 3.1 is true, then in the dynamic Pagoda with n nodes, the difference between the largest level and the smallest level with deficient nodes is at most $\log n$.*

PROOF. Let v be any node of largest level in the Pagoda. Notice that such a node must be deficient. Suppose that v is at position (j, x) in some $DXN(d)$. The fact that every node must have all of its parent positions occupied and the way the *DXN* is constructed ensure that v is connected to at least 2^j nodes at positions $(0, y)$ in $DXN(d)$, where y is either the result of a right shift of x by at most j positions or a left shift of x by at most j positions, padded with arbitrary 0-1 combinations. Thus, if $j = d$, then all positions in row 0 of $DXN(d)$ must be occupied. If $j < d$, then one can easily check that all positions in row j in $DXN(d-1)$ must be occupied. Hence, the difference between the largest level and the smallest level with a deficient node is at most d. Taking this into account, one can show that $d \leq \log n$, which yields the lemma. $\square$

This lemma has some immediate consequences when combining it with results about the static Pagoda:

LEMMA 3.3. *If Invariant 3.1 is true, then the dynamic Pagoda with n nodes is a constant degree network and has $O(\log^2 n)$ levels, a diameter of $O(\log n)$, and an expansion of $\Omega(1/\log n)$.*

Next we define local control algorithms that allow nodes to join and leave the system, denoted by the operations JOIN and LEAVE, while preserving Invariant 3.1 at any time (under the condition that nodes depart gracefully).

3.1 Isolated Join and Leave operations

First, we describe the JOIN and LEAVE protocol for the case that just one node wants to join or leave the system at a time.

The isolated JOIN *protocol*

The basic strategy of the join protocol is to make sure that every new node is inserted at a place that fulfills Invariant 3.1. Suppose that node u wants to join the system. This is done in two stages.

Stage 1. Suppose that node v, at position (j, x) in $DXN(i)$, is initiating JOIN(u) to insert u into the network. If v has a short-cut edge to a node at position $(j, x0)$ in $DXN(i+1)$, then it forwards the request to that node. Let this new node be v'. If v' does not exist then we refer to node v as v'.

We are now at some node v', at position (j', x') in $DXN(i')$. If v' has a short-cut edge to a node at position $(j', x'1)$ in $DXN(i'+1)$ (here the column with suffix 1 is used to ensure an even spreading of JOIN requests), then it forwards the request to that node. Let this node be the new v'. We repeat this until no new v' exists. Call this last node v''.

We are now at some node v'', at position (j'', x'') in $DXN(i'')$. If v'' is not deficient then v'' forwards the request to the node at position $(j''+1, x'')$ in $DXN(i'')$ if $j'' < i''$, and else it forwards the request to the node at position $(0, x''1)$ in $DXN(i''+1)$. This is the new v''. This is repeated until no new v'' exists. Call this last node w. At this point stage 1 ends and we proceed with stage 2 on this node.

Stage 2. Initially, the JOIN request must be at some deficient node w. If $w = (i, y)$ in some $DXN(d)$ with $0 < i < d$, then w requests information about the column child (i.e. the child reachable via the column edge) from all parents of w. If all parents report an existing child, w can integrate u as its column child without violating Invariant 3.1(a). Otherwise, w forwards the JOIN request for u to any parent w' reporting a missing column child, i.e. it is deficient.

If $i = 0$, then w requests information from its parents about each tree child that is a parent of its column child. If all relevant tree children exist, w can integrate u as its column child, and otherwise w forwards the JOIN request to any parent w' reporting a missing tree child.

Finally, if $i = d$, then w picks any of its missing tree children v and requests information from w's parents about each column child that is a parent of v. If all relevant column children exist, w can integrate u at the position of v, and otherwise w forwards the JOIN request to any parent w' reporting a missing column child.

This is continued until u can be integrated.

The isolated LEAVE *protocol*

Suppose that a node u wants to leave the Pagoda. This is also done in two stages. Stage 1 is the same as stage 1 for the JOIN protocol.

Stage 2. Initially, the LEAVE request must be at some deficient node w. If w has a child, then w forwards the request to any one of its children. This is continued until w does not have any children. Once this is the case, w exchanges its position with u so that u can leave the network.

The JOIN and LEAVE protocols above achieve the following result.

THEOREM 3.4. *Any isolated* JOIN *or* LEAVE *operation can be executed in $O(\log n)$ time and with constant topological update work.*

PROOF. Consider any JOIN request starting at some node v. From the construction, it can be seen that the request is transferred through at most d short-cut edges until the request reaches a node v' in $DXN(d-1)$ (the second largest *DXN* in the system). From a node in $DXN(d-1)$, at most $O(\log n)$ column or tree edges have to be traversed to reach a deficient node w in $DXN(d)$ or $DXN(d-1)$. From node w on, every time the request is transferred to a deficient node, the level of the node w' receiving the request decreases by one. Hence, it follows from Lemma 3.2 that the JOIN request can be transferred along at most $\log n$ deficient nodes. Thus, an isolated JOIN request can be executed in $O(d) = O(\log n)$ time.

Also every LEAVE request is sent along at most d short-cut edges and $O(d)$ column or tree edges until it reaches a deficient node w. From w, it takes at most $\log n$ further nodes to reach a node without children, at which the LEAVE request can be finished. Hence, also any isolated LEAVE request can be executed in $O(d) = O(\log n)$ time.

The bound on the update work (i.e. the number of edge changes) is obvious. ☐

3.2 Concurrent Join and Leave operations

We also study the congestion of concurrent versions of the JOIN and LEAVE protocol. Notice that the bounds are guaranteed.

The concurrent JOIN *protocol*

The concurrent JOIN protocol is similar to the isolated JOIN protocol, with the difference that once a request reaches a deficient node w, it assigns a position of smallest level to the JOIN request that is reachable via column or tree edges below w and that has not been taken by any other pending JOIN request in w. w only forwards a JOIN request to a parent w' of w if w' is deficient and in addition can assign a position to the JOIN request with a smaller level than it was scheduled for in w. This makes sure that JOIN requests are monotonically improving. Once a deficient node w with JOIN requests can integrate a node at a column child or tree child position without violating the invariant, it does so and passes the pending requests relevant for that child to that child.

Notice that there are no conflicts among deficient nodes concerning the integration of new nodes because a deficient node only integrates a new node at a column or tree child.

THEOREM 3.5. *Any set of concurrent* JOIN *requests with at most one request for each old node can be executed with congestion $O(\log n)$ at non-deficient nodes.*

The concurrent LEAVE *protocol*

The concurrent LEAVE protocol is also similar to the isolated LEAVE protocol. However, here we want to make sure that every node has at most one LEAVE request at any time. Hence, in stage 1, a LEAVE request waits at its current node until the endpoint of the next edge on its path does not have a LEAVE request any more. Once a LEAVE request completed stage 1, it moves to any deficient child (which must exist if there is a child) that currently does not have a LEAVE request. Once a node storing a LEAVE request has no children any more, it finishes the LEAVE protocol by moving to the position of the node that wants to leave.

Notice that such a node cannot be a node that wants to leave itself because LEAVE requests are only sent downward, and therefore the node would have already been removed had it issued a LEAVE request.

THEOREM 3.6. *Any set of at most $n/2$ concurrent* LEAVE *requests can be executed with congestion $O(\log n)$ at non-deficient nodes.*

3.3 Routing

Suppose that we want to route unicast messages in the Pagoda network. Consider any such unicast packet p with source $s = (j, x)$ in $DXN(i)$ and destination $t = (j', z)$ in $DXN(i')$. First, p picks a random pair of real values $(c, r) \in [0, 1)^2$ (a precision of $\log n$ bits for each is sufficient). Then, p is sent in three stages:

1. **Spreading stage:** First, send p from s along column edges and a tree edge to $(i-1, x/2)$ in $DXN(i-1)$. Then, send p upwards to the node $(0, y)$ in $DXN(i-1)$ with y being the closest prefix of r. From there, forward p to the node $(k, y/2)$ in $DXN(i-2)$ with $k/(i-2)$ being closest to c.

2. **Shuttle stage:** Forward p along short-cut edges across nodes (k', y') with k' being closest to c and y' being the closest prefix of r until a node (k', y') in $DXN(i'-2)$ is reached.

3. **Combining stage:** Perform stage 1 in reverse direction (with s replaced by t) to forward p to t.

Notice that as long as s and t are non-deficient nodes, this strategy is successful even *while* nodes join and leave the system, because the position of every node that is an non-deficient node will be fixed in the Pagoda. Also, whenever a node leaves, the node replacing it can inherit its packets so that no packet gets lost. More general strategies for ensuring reliable communication even while nodes are moving, using the concept of virtual homes, can be found in Section 5.3.

With these facts in mind, one can easily design a protocol based on the random rank protocol (see, e.g., [26]) to show the following result:

THEOREM 3.7. *If every node wants to send at most one packet, the packets have random destinations, and every node being the destination of a packet does not move for $O(\log n)$ steps, the routing strategy above can route the packets in $O(\log n)$ time, with high probability.*

3.4 Data management

Finally, we show how to dynamically manage data in Pagoda. We use a simple trick to distribute data evenly among the nodes of the Pagoda so that it is searchable. Suppose that we have a (pseudo-)random hash function mapping each data item to some real vector $(c, r) \in [0,1)^2$. The current place of a data item d is always the lowest possible position (j, x) in the Pagoda where x is the closest prefix of r and $j/|x|$ is closest to c among all $j'/|x|$ with $0 \leq j' \leq |x|$ ($|x|$ denotes the length of x, and thus the dimension of the *DXN* owning (j, x)).

This strategy implies that if $DXN(d)$ represents the largest exchange network that has occupied positions in the Pagoda, then all data items will be stored at nodes in $DXN(d-2)$, $DXN(d-1)$, or $DXN(d)$. Since every node will at most have to store an $O(1/(d \cdot 2^d))$ fraction of the data and $d \cdot 2^d = \Theta(n)$, we get:

THEOREM 3.8. *The data management strategy ensures that every node is only responsible for an expected $O(1/n)$ fraction of the data at any time, and this bound even holds with high probability if there are at least $n \log n$ data items in the system.*

Notice that none of the DHT-based systems can achieve the bounds above in their basic form – they only achieve a bound of $O(\log n/n)$. Combining the data management strategy with our routing strategy above, requests to arbitrary, different data items with one request per node can be served in $O(\log n)$ time, w.h.p. The results in Section 5 imply that this also holds for cases in which some nodes want to access the same data item, i.e. we have a multicast problem, if requests can be combined.

4. THE DYNAMIC PAGODA NETWORK FOR NON-UNIFORM NODES

Next we show that the Pagoda network can also be used for arbitrary non-uniform node bandwidths. In this case, we want to maintain the following heap property to allow efficient multicasting.

INVARIANT 4.1. *For any node v in the Pagoda,*

(a) all of its parent positions are occupied, and

(b) the bandwidth of v is at most the bandwidth of any of its parents.

Similar to the uniform case, we require these invariants to be fulfilled *while* nodes join and leave the system. Because of item (b), we cannot just do a single exchange operation to integrate or remove a node but we have to be more careful. First, we describe the JOIN and LEAVE operations for the isolated case, and then we consider the concurrent case.

4.1 Join and Leave operations

For any node u in the Pagoda, *max-child(u)* refers to the child of maximum bandwidth and *min-parent(u)* refers to the parent with minimum bandwidth.

The isolated JOIN *protocol*

Suppose that node v is executing JOIN(u) to insert a new node u with bandwidth $b(u)$ into the network. This is done in three stages. Stages 1 and 2 are identical to the uniform case. So it remains to describe stage 3 which is similar to inserting a node in a binary heap.

Stage 3. Once the JOIN request for u has reached a deficient node with an empty column or tree child position in which u can be integrated without violating Invariant 4.1(a), u is integrated there with *active bandwidth* $a(u)$ equal to the minimum of $b(u)$ and the bandwidth of its min-parent. The active bandwidth is the bandwidth it is allowed to use without violating Invariant 4.1(b). Then, u repeatedly compares $b(u)$ with $a(u)$. If $a(u) < b(u)$, it replaces its position with the position of its min-parent and afterwards updates $a(u)$ to $\min\{b(u), b(\text{min-parent}(u))\}$. Once u reaches a position with $a(u) = b(u)$, the JOIN protocol terminates. The process of moving u upwards is called *shuffle-up*.

The isolated LEAVE *protocol*

Suppose that a node u wants to leave the Pagoda. Then it first sets its active bandwidth to $b(u)$. Afterwards, u repeatedly replaces its position with its max-child and updates its active bandwidth to $a(u) = b(\text{max-child}(u))$ until it reaches a position with no child. At this point, u is excluded from the system so that Invariant 4.1 is maintained. The process of moving u downwards is called *shuffle-down*.

Bandwidth changes

If the bandwidth of some node u increases, we use the shuffle-up procedure, and if the bandwidth of some node u decreases, we use the shuffle-down procedure to repair the invariant.

Isolated update requests have the following performance.

THEOREM 4.2. *Any isolated join operation, leave operation, or bandwidth change of a node needs $O(\log^2 n)$ time and work to repair the invariant.*

PROOF. First, consider the insertion of some node u. The process of moving the request of u downwards only needs $O(\log n)$ time. According to Lemma 3.3, u is integrated at some level $\ell = O(\log^2 n)$. Hence, the shuffle-up process only requires $O(\log^2 n)$ messages and edge changes because each exchange of positions between u and some parent v to repair Invariant 4.1 moves u one level upwards and requires updating only a constant number of edges. Every shuffle operation maintains the invariant for all nodes involved in it. Hence, the total time and work is $O(\log^2 n)$.

Similar arguments can be used for node departures and bandwidth changes. □

The concurrent JOIN *protocol*

The only difference between the isolated and concurrent JOIN protocol is that we are more careful about exchanging positions. If a node u wants to replace its position with some parent v, then u checks whether v is a node that has not finished its JOIN operation or bandwidth increase operation yet (i.e. $a(v) < b(v)$). If so, u does nothing. Otherwise, u replaces its position with v.

The concurrent LEAVE *protocol*

Also the concurrent LEAVE protocol is similar to the isolated LEAVE protocol, with the only difference that if some node u in the process of leaving the network wants to replace its position with some child v, u first checks whether v is a node that has not finished its LEAVE operation or bandwidth decrease yet (i.e. $a(v) > b(v)$). If so, u does nothing. Otherwise, u replaces its position with v.

Bandwidth increase or decrease is handled similarly. The next lemma shows that the concurrent operations always terminate with a work that is at most the sum of the work for isolated update operations.

LEMMA 4.3. *For any set of k concurrent insertions, deletions, and bandwidth changes of nodes, the work and time required to repair Invariant 4.1 is $O(k \log^2 n)$.*

PROOF. The work bound is obvious. Thus, it remains to prove the time bound.

Consider k concurrent update requests. From the analysis in the uniform case we know that $O(k \log n)$ work is necessary for nodes of JOIN requests to be integrated into the system. Each time step progress is made here until all JOIN requests are integrated.

Afterwards, we mark all nodes with 1 that have not completed their JOIN or bandwidth increase operation yet, all nodes with -1 that have not completed their LEAVE or bandwidth decrease operation yet, and all other nodes with 0. Suppose that there is at least one node marked as 1. Then let v be any of these nodes of minimum level. Since the level of v must be at least 1 (as the root cannot be a 1-node), it can replace its position with its min-parent, thereby making progress. On the other hand, suppose that there is at least one node marked as -1. Then let v' be any of these nodes of maximum level. If v' does not have any children, then v' can leave, and otherwise it can replace its position with its max-child, thereby making progress in any case.

Hence, we make progress in every step. Since the total work of the shuffle-up, shuffle-down, and departure operations is bounded by $O(k \log^2 n)$, the time spent for executing these operations is also bounded by $O(k \log^2 n)$. □

5. MULTICASTING

Finally, we study how well the non-uniform Pagoda supports arbitrary concurrent multicasting.

5.1 Competitiveness

In this section we show that the Pagoda network is $O(\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}} + \log n)$-competitive with respect to congestion in the best possible network of degree Δ_{OPT} when the multicast problem is posed as a flow problem. We are given a set of client-server-demand triples called *streams*, (T_k, s_k, D_k), where T_k is a set of client nodes served by a server node s_k and D_k is a demand vector which specifies the flow demanded of s_k by each client node. We start by constructing a flow system for one server, s_k, and one client $t \in T_k$. We name this flow system, $f_{k,t}$. We assume that s_k is a node in $DXN(i)$ and t is a node in $DXN(j)$.

1. **Spreading stage:** This stage spreads flow originating at s_k in $DXN(i)$ evenly among the nodes in $DXN(i-2)$. This is done in three steps.
   a. Move the flow from s_k along column edges to the top node in $DXN(i)$.
   b. Move the flow upwards to the bottom node in $DXN(i-1)$ along the tree edge connecting the two DXN's. From there, cut the flow into 2^{i-1} flow pieces of uniform size and send piece i upwards to node $(0, i)$ along the unique path of deBruijn edges representing right shifts.
   c. Move all flow from the top nodes in $DXN(i-1)$ to the bottom nodes in $DXN(i-2)$ along tree edges. Every bottom node in $DXN(i-2)$ sends flow along its column edges so that each node in the column gets the same fraction of flow. That is, at the end every node in $DXN(i-2)$ has a $1/((i-1)2^{i-2})$ fraction of the flow of s_k.
2. **Shuttle stage:** Short-cut edges are used to send the flows forward to $DXN(j-2)$ (which may be upwards or downwards in the Pagoda) so that the flows remain evenly distributed among the nodes in each exchange network visited from $DXN(i-2)$ to $DXN(j-2)$.
3. **Combining stage:** This stage is symmetric to stage 1, i.e. we reverse stage 1 to accumulate all flow in t.

This results in a flow system, $f_{k,t}$, for a source s_k and a destination $t \in T_k$. Let $f_{k,t}(e)$ be the flow through any edge e in this flow system. The procedure is repeated for each client $t \in T_k$. We now construct a flow system, f_k, for the stream k. We lay the flow systems $f_{k,t}$ one on top of the other. The flow through an edge in system f_k is the maximum flow through the same edge in each $f_{k,t}$. That is, let $f_k(e)$ be the flow through any edge e in flow system f_k. Then $f_k(e) = \max_{t \in T_k} f_{k,t}(e)$. Note that we select the maximum flow because if there are two flows of the same stream going through an edge then we simply keep the one with the higher bandwidth (the lower bandwidth stream may be reconstructed from the higher one). We use flow system f_k to route multicast flow for stream k. We show that this strategy yields a low congestion.

THEOREM 5.1. *The Pagoda network on n nodes of non-uniform bandwidth that satisfies Invariant 4.1 has a competitive ratio of $O(\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}} + \log n)$ for any multicast flow problem compared to the congestion in an optimal network for this problem whose degree is bounded by Δ_{OPT}.*

PROOF. Let OPT be a network that routes the given flow system with minimum possible congestion C_{OPT}, i.e. that minimizes the maximum amount of flow through a node. W.l.o.g. we assume that every demand is at most the bandwidth of the source and destination.

Select any node u in pagoda. Let it be in exchange network $DXN(i)$. We show that the congestion at this node due to the flow system resulting from our routing strategy above is no more than $O(\log n) \cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$ due to stages 1 and 3 and $O(\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}}) \cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$ due to stage 2. We show these bounds in parts. We first bound the congestion at u due to stage 1, $c_1(u)$. The flows through u due to stage 1 are the sum of the flows that originate in $DXN(i)$, $DXN(i+1)$ and $DXN(i+2)$. Let the congestion due to each of these be $c_{1a}(u)$, $c_{1b}(u)$ and $c_{1c}(u)$ respectively. Clearly, $c_1(u) = c_{1a}(u) + c_{1b}(u) + c_{1c}(u)$. We bound each of these three separately:

Stage 1a: Node u receives flow from nodes that are below it (in the same column) in exchange network $DXN(i)$. We call this set S. The flow is $\sum_k \max_{v \in S}\{d_k(v)\}$. Note that the max term is used since flows belonging to the same stream are combined, resulting in a flow of largest demand among these. Therefore, the congestion at u is $c_{1a}(u) = \frac{1}{b(u)} \sum_k \max_{v \in S}\{d_k(v)\} \le \sum_{v \in S} \sum_k \frac{d_k(v)}{b(v)} \le |S| \cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$. The set S contains at most $\log n$ nodes. Therefore $c_{1a}(u) \le \log n \cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$.

Stage 1b: Node u receives flow from the bottom nodes of DXN(i). Let $f'_k(\cdot)$ be the flow sent up by a bottom node. Thus, each bottom node sends a flow of $f'_k(\cdot)/n$ to each top node. Note that f' is purely the spreading caused by stage 1b.

Let S be the set of bottom nodes with paths crossing u, and let D be the set of top nodes with paths crossing u. We bound $|S|$ and $|D|$ as follows:

Let u be in level h of *DXN*(i). There are 2^i nodes in each level of *DXN*(i), and each node has an address of i bits. Due to the bit-shift routing of the de Bruijn graphs, the nodes in set S must have the same $i-h$ first bits as u has last bits. Thus, the first h bits can be anything, and $|S| = 2^h$. In a similar manner, the nodes in D must have the same first h bits as the nodes in S, thus $|D| = 2^{i-h}$. Now, the number of paths crossing u is $|S| \cdot |D| = 2^i$.

The flow from each node $v \in S$ that reaches u is $\frac{f'_k(v)\cdot|D|}{2^i}$, which is the number of nodes in D times the amount of flow destined for each node in the top row of $DXN(i)$. Since $\frac{|D|}{2^i} = \frac{1}{|S|}$, this becomes $\frac{f'_k(v)}{|S|}$.

Since flows belonging to the same multicast group merge into one flow equal to the maximum of the two it follows that the flow that reaches u is $\sum_k \max_{v\in S} \frac{f'_k(v)}{|S|}$. Assuming v_1 and v_2 are the two tree children of v, the congestion at u is

$$c_{1b}(u) = \frac{1}{b(u)\cdot|S|}\sum_k \max{}_{v\in S} f'_k(v) \le \sum_{v\in S}\frac{\sum_k f'_k(v)}{b(v)\cdot|S|}$$
$$\le \frac{1}{|S|}\sum_{v\in S} c_{1a}(v_1) + c_{1a}(v_2) \le 2\log n \cdot C_{OPT}$$

Stage 1c: Node u receives flow from the bottom node in its column. Therefore, the congestion at u, $c_{1c}(u)$ is at most the congestion at the bottom node in the exchange network. The bottom node receives flow from its two descendants in *DXN*$(i+1)$. Note that the two descendants will send up equal flows, let one of them be v. So, $c_{1c}(u) \le 2c_{1c}(v) \le 4\log n \cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$.

We show the bounds for flows due to stage 2 with the help of Lemma 5.2. We need to lower bound the congestion that an optimal network can achieve. We do this by showing how an optimal network with bounded degree has limited bandwidth to send flows.

LEMMA 5.2. *Let E_{OPT} be the set of edges in the optimum network. For any pair of sets X and Y that are subsets of the set of nodes, let $D(X,Y) = \sum_{s_k\in X} max_{v\in T_k\cap Y}\ \{d_k(v)\}$ and $B(X,Y) = \sum_{(u,v)\in E_{\mathrm{OPT}}\cap X\times Y} min\{b(u), b(v)\}$. Then $C_{\mathrm{OPT}} \ge D(X,Y)/B(X,Y)$.*

PROOF. Consider any pair of sets $X, Y \subseteq V$. $B(X,Y)$ as defined in the statement measures the bandwidth between sets X and Y. Note that it is not necessary that X and Y form a cut. Similarly, $D(X,Y)$ is the demand that X asks of Y. The ratio of $B(X,Y)$ to $D(X,Y)$ is the average congestion. The max congestion must be at least the average congestion. Therefore $C_{\mathrm{OPT}} \ge \frac{D(X,Y)}{B(X,Y)}$. □

Stage 2: Let U be the set of nodes in the Pagoda which belong to all exchange networks above and including *DXN*$(i+1)$. Let Z be all nodes in exchange network *DXN*$(i+2)$. Let V be all nodes below and including exchange network *DXN*$(i+3)$. Let the collective flow through exchange network *DXN*(i) be f. Any stream whose source is in $U \cup Z$ and has a destination in $V \cup Z$ must go through *DXN*(i). The expression for the flow is:$f = \sum_{s_k\in U\cup Z}\max_{v\in V\cup Z} d_k(v)$. Due to lemma 5.2 we bound f as follows: $f \le (|U|\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}}\max_{i\in V\cup Z}\{b_i\} + |U \cup Z|\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}}\max_{i\in V}\{b_i\} + |Z|\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}}\max_{i\in Z}\{b_i\})\cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$.

The first term accounts for bandwidth between U and $V \cup Z$, the second term for bandwidth between V and $U \cup Z$, and the third term for bandwidth within Z. Hence, $f \le 3\ |U \cup Z|\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}}\max_{i\in V\cup Z}\{b_i\}\cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}} \le 3\ |U\cup Z|\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}}\ b_u \cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$.

Since the Pagoda spreads tree flow evenly across all nodes in each exchange network, the flow through u is at most $\frac{f}{|DXN(i)|}$. Therefore $c_2(u) \le \frac{f}{|DXN(i)|\cdot b_u}$. The construction of the Pagoda implies that $|U \cup Z| < 2\,|Z|$, and $|DXN(i)| \ge \frac{|Z|}{12}$. Thus, $c_2(u) \le 72\ \Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}}\cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$.

The congestion at u due to stage 3 is identical to the congestion due to stage 1 because the two cases are symmetric. Hence, $c(u) = 2\ c_1(u) + c_2(u) \le (14\log n + 72\ \Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}})\cdot C_{\mathrm{OPT}}$. The theorem follows. □

5.2 Turning multicast flows into trees

In practice, it may be expensive or impossible to divide and recombine streams. Instead, we choose a pseudo-random hash function h that maps every node v in the Pagoda to a pair of real values $(c,r) \in [0,1)^2$. Similar to the routing strategy in Section 3.3, we can then adapt the multicast scheme in the following way for a source s and target t:

1. **Spreading stage:** (a) is the same as above, but instead of spreading the flow in (b), we route all flow to the node $(0,y)$ in $DXN(i-1)$ with y being the closest prefix of r. From there, forward the flow to the node $(k, y/2)$ in $DXN(i-2)$ with $k/(i-2)$ being closest to c.
2. **Shuttle stage:** Forward the flow along short-cut edges across nodes (k', y') with k' being closest to c and y' being the closest prefix of r until a node (k', y') in $DXN(j-2)$ is reached.
3. **Combining stage:** Reverse the spreading stage to send the flow to t.

Multicast flows that belong to the same stream are combined so that for every edge e, the flow for that stream through e is the maximum demand over all flows of targets t that are part of that stream.

Using this rule, it is not surprising that the expected congestion of our integral flow scheme is equal to the congestion of the divisible flow scheme above.

THEOREM 5.3. *The integral multicast flow scheme has an expected competitive ratio of $O(\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}} + \log n)$ compared to an optimal network with degree Δ_{OPT}.*

PROOF. The theorem can be shown by following the line of arguments in the proof of Theorem 5.1. Here, we just give an intuition of why the theorem is correct. We start with bounding the expected congestion for stages 1 and 3.

LEMMA 5.4. *The expected congestion from routing the spreading stage is $O(\log n)$-competitive against an optimal network of degree Δ_{OPT}.*

PROOF. Let d_i be the total demand requested by node i across all streams, and let b_i be node i's bandwidth. Consider the congestion on any node in DXN(i) first. Since flow is sent up along column edges, the worst congestion occurs at the top nodes of $DXN(i)$. If d_{max} is the largest demand of any node in some node v's column, then v must route at most $(i+1)\cdot d_{max}$ demand, under the worst case assumption that the demands are for different streams and cannot be combined. Since v has at least the bandwidth of every node with demand d_{max}, this is $O(\log n)$-competitive.

This analysis also applies to routing along column edges in the final stage.

Now consider the congestion on any node in DXN($i-1$) caused by the spreading stage. We know that the nodes on the bottom of DXN($i-1$) are $O(\log n)$-competitive, because their congestion is at most twice the congestion at the nodes at the top of DXN(i). Since each stream is going to a random, independently selected location in DXN($i-2$), each is going to a random node at the top of DXN($i-1$). Thus, the expected congestion at the top is balanced and therefore is $O(\log n)$-competitive. Furthermore, congestion is caused by streams crossing nodes in the middle of the DXN, but the self-routing properties of the deBruijn graph (which extend to the DXN) imply that the maximum expected congestion in the middle is between the maximum expected congestion in the bottom and the maximum expected congestion in the top part and therefore no worse. Hence, also the nodes in the middle of the graph are $O(\log n)$-competitive in congestion. □

Next we consider stage 2.

LEMMA 5.5. *The expected congestion from routing flow in the shuttle stage is $O(\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}} + \log n)$-competitive against an optimal network of degree Δ_{OPT}.*

PROOF. Consider the boundary between any two DXN networks. The flows crossing this boundary upwards (resp. downwards) along short-cut edges must have a set of sources S and a set of destinations T with $S \cap T = \emptyset$. Hence, there is a cut in the optimal network that all these flows have to cross. Furthermore, since we are sending exactly one copy of the stream across the cut, we are sending no more flow than OPT must send. The same upper bound on the amount of flow across a cut holds as in the divisible flow case. Since the nodes along which the flows travel are randomly selected, the expected congestion at any node is a fraction of the total flow proportional to the number of nodes in the DXN, which implies that the congestion is expected to be $O(\Delta_{\mathrm{OPT}} + \log n)$-competitive. □

Combining the two lemmata yields Theorem 5.3. □

5.3 Multicast streaming

Next, we address the issue of how to use the multicasting capabilities for multimedia streaming where peers can enter and leave a multicast stream at any time. To ensure reliable streaming, a mechanism is needed to join and leave a multicast stream, to reserve bandwidth in the nodes along that stream, and to use a local admission control rule for admitting multicast stream requests in a fair and transparent way.

5.3.1 Joining and leaving a multicast stream

Consider the situation that node u in the Pagoda wants to join a multicast stream S of source s. Node u then prepares a control packet containing the demand d requested by it and sends the control packet to s as described in Section 5.2. Along its way, the control packet will try to reserve a bandwidth of d. If it succeeds, it will continue to reserve bandwidth along its way until it reaches a point in which for the stream S a bandwidth of at least d is already reserved.

Every node along the multicast stream will only store for each of its incoming edges the client requesting the stream with the largest demand.

Suppose now that some node u wants to leave a multicast stream S. Then it first checks whether it is the client with largest demand for S that traverses itself by checking its incoming edges. If not, u does not need to send any control packet. Otherwise, u checks whether there is a path of some client v for S into u. If so, u prepares a control packet with the largest demand of these clients. Otherwise, u prepares a control packet with demand 0. This control packet is sent towards the source s of S as in Section 5.2. Each time the control packet reaches a node v that is also traversed by other clients to S (that arrive at different incoming edges), the demand of the control packet is updated to the largest demand of these clients. This is continued until the control packet reaches a node v traversed by some client for S with demand larger than the original demand of u.

5.3.2 Rate reservation

For a rate reservation scheme to be transparent and fair, a policy is needed that gives every peer a simple, local admission control rule with the property that if a request is admissible according to this rule, then the rate reservation request should succeed with high probability. We will investigate two such rules:

Suppose that every node v representing a server in the network offers multimedia streams $s_1^{(v)}, s_2^{(v)}, \ldots$ with rates $r_1^{(v)}, r_2^{(v)}, \ldots$ so that $\sum_i r_i^{(v)} \leq b(v)$. Then consider the following rules for some client v.

- **Admission rule 1:** Admit any multicast request to some server w as long as $b(v) \leq b(w)$ and the total demand of the requests in v does not exceed $\epsilon b(v)/\log n$.
- **Admission rule 2:** Admit any multicast request to some server w as long as v is not belonging to any other multicast group and the demand of the request does not exceed $\epsilon \min\{b(v), b(w)\}/\log n$.

Rule 1 will normally be the case in practice because servers of streams usually have a higher bandwidth than clients, but rule 2 would also allow multicasting if this is not true.

THEOREM 5.6. *When using admission rule 1 or 2, every request fulfilling this rule can be accommodated in the Pagoda, w.h.p.*

PROOF. Recall the integral multicast routing strategy in Section 5.2. Consider any multicast problem that fulfills rule 1 or rule 2. Using the proof of Theorem 5.1, one can easily show that for any node u in the Pagoda, $c_{1a}(u) = c_{1b}(u) = c_{1c}(u) = O(\epsilon)$ and $c_2(u) = O(\epsilon)$. Hence, the expected total amount of demand traversing u is $O(\epsilon b(u))$. Since any single demand through u can be at most $\epsilon b(u)/\log n$ (demands from or to a node v will always traverse only nodes w with $b(w) \geq b(v)$), and the flows for different servers follow paths chosen independently at random, it follows from the well-known Chernoff bounds that the total amount of demand traversing u is also $O(\epsilon)$ with high probability. Hence, making the constant ϵ small enough, the admission rules 1 and 2 will work correctly with high probability. □

Notice that also a combination of rules 1 and 2 is allowed.

5.4 Multicasting in a dynamic setting: virtual homes

Our multicast tree approach above has several problems. First, it requires to know the position of the server in the Pagoda to join a stream from it, and second, it requires to update the multicast stream each time the server or a client moves. Fortunately, this problem has an easy solution: For every node v, let $h(v) \in [0,1)^2$ be chosen *independent* on its position in the Pagoda. For example,

$h(v)$ may depend on v's IP address. Then v can treat the node closest to $h(v)$ two DXNs above v as its *personal virtual home* that only has to move if v leaves its current DXN.

Suppose that every node continuously informs its virtual home about its current position and that virtual home responsibilities are exchanged whenever nodes exchange positions. Then v only has to update its connection to the multicast stream if it leaves its current DXN. However, when using the short-cut edges, such an update can be done in constant time so that the disruption of service to v is kept at a minimum. While frequent switches between DXNs could cause frequent update operations, a lazy virtual home update strategy can be used to easily solve this problem.

A third problem with dynamic conditions is that intermediate nodes may change their requested bandwidth. We can use *active* bandwidth restrictions to ensure that the previous invariant continues to hold, so that routing is still valid. Since the invariant continues to hold, congestion remains low and the admission control theorems remain true.

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