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Network survivability is an attribute that network is continually available even if a communication failure occurs, and is an emerging requirement for highly reliable communication services in wireless ad hoc networks (WAHNs) and mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs). Moreover, quantitative network survivability is defined as the probability that the network can keep to be connected even under node failures and DoS attacks, and known as one of the most important measures to design dependable computer networks. Markov modeling is a typical method to quantifying network survivability.

On the other hand, border effect in communication network area is also one of the most troublesome problems to quantify accurately the performance/dependability of WAHNs/MANETs, because the assumption on uniformity of network node density is often unrealistic to describe the actual communication area. This problem appears in modeling the node behavior of WAHNs/MANETs and in quantification of their network survivability. This fact motivates us to reformulate the existing network survivability models for WAHNs/MANETs by taking account of border effects.

In this thesis, the application proposes three node behavior models and considers two types network communication areas. He analyses these network survivability models by semi-Markov process (SMP) and Markov regenerative process (MRGP). Also he develops a simulation model to validate his analytical models.

In Chapter 1, the applicant introduces the definition of network survivability, importance of network survivability quantification and motivation of his study.

In Chapter 2, the applicant proposes two stochastic models; binomial model and negative binomial model to quantify the network survivability and compare them with the existing survivability models based on SMP, where two kinds of communication network areas are considered; square area and circular area. Based on some geometric ideas, he improves the quantitative network survivability measures for three stochastic models (Poisson, binomial and negative binomial) taking account of border effects.

In Chapter 3, the applicant concerns the fact that the continuous-time Markov chain (CTMC) modeling is not sufficient to analyze the relationship between battery state and node behavior in the MANET. In particular, such a problem seriously arises when one treats the transient behavior of the power-aware MANET. Here, the applicant presents the quantitative network survivability analysis for a power-aware MANET based on MRGP, and calculates the network survivability through both stationary and transient analyses for the SMP-based models.

In Chapter 4, the applicant derives analytically the upper and lower bounds of network survivability as well as an approximate form based on the expected number of active nodes in both square and circular areas, under a general assumption that the battery life in each node is non-exponentially distributed. Also, he performs the transient analysis as well as the steady-state analysis of network survivability based on SMP, and complements the results in Chapter 3.

In Chapter 5, the applicant revisits the lower and upper bounds of network survivability by taking account of border effects in network communication areas, and develops a simulation model in two kinds of communication area; square area and circular area. He compares the analytical bounds of network survivability with the simulation solution. It is shown through simulation experiments that the analytical solutions often fail the exact network survivability measurement.

Finally, some conclusions and remarks are given in Chapter 6.

From the above research achievement, we are pleased to judge that Mr. Zhipeng Yi is capable of receiving Dr. of Engineering degree from Hiroshima University.