

## Research on key network node identification based on depth - first search algorithm

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**Abstract:** The recognition of critical nodes has important application value in the real world. On the one hand, it can improve the survivability of the network by improving their performance, on the other hand, they can also destroy some networks by deliberately attacking them. In this paper, DSF algorithm is proposed to identify key nodes in the network. Experimental results show that the proposed method can identify key nodes efficiently and effectively.

### Introduction

At present, the protection and protection of key nodes in complex networks are mainly focused on the protection of nodes in random networks<sup>[1]</sup>. However, it is found that complex networks are not scale-based networks, but are not stochastic networks<sup>[2,3]</sup>. Therefore, the previous experience in identifying and protecting critical nodes is not suitable for complex networks with robustness, fragility and scale-free characteristics<sup>[4,5]</sup>, There is an urgent need for new methods and techniques to carry out research.

In this paper, the key nodes in wireless sensor networks are probed, so it is assumed that the graphs formed by all the nodes and each node and its neighbor nodes are connected in advance, so we need to give the concept of graph traversal<sup>[6,7]</sup>. A traversal of a graph means that each node in the network accesses each node along the path from one node to another<sup>[8]</sup>.

### DFS Algorithm Flow

The specific process of the algorithm is as follows: Assume that each node of graph  $G$  has not been detected before, then select one node  $i$  as the initial starting node in graph  $G$ , first detect node  $i$  and mark the node, then If the node  $j$  has not been detected, then the node  $j$  is detected and the node  $j$  has been visited. If the node  $j$  has been visited, the node  $i$  is reselected. A neighbor node, and then repeat the previous step with the node  $k$  as the new starting node  $k$  until all the nodes that the node  $j$  wants to detect are detected. If at this time there is still a node in the graph  $G$  that has not been probed, Node as the starting point, repeat the above process until all the nodes are detected so far.

From the above can be seen,  $DFS$  algorithm is as far as possible the first direction of the depth of search, which is the specific origin of its name.

The following is an example of the  $DFS$  algorithm, assuming that the network topology is shown in Fig. 1.

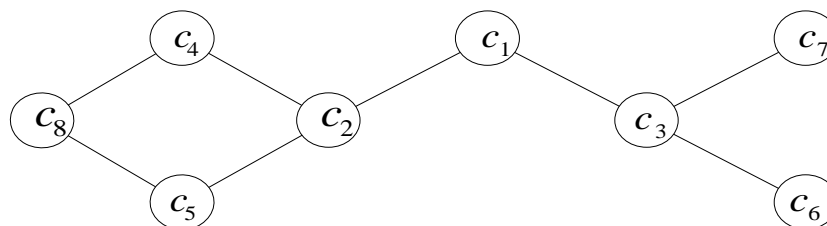


Fig. 1 undirected graph

As shown in Fig. 1, it searches from its node  $c_1$ . When it detects the node  $c_1$  and marks it, it should probe its neighbor node and select its neighbor node  $c_2$  because it is not detected.  $c_2$  searches and marks, and then searches the neighbor of  $c_2$  from  $c_2$ . Assuming that neighbor  $c_4$  of  $c_2$  first searches  $c_4$  and detects that  $c_4$  has not been detected,  $c_4$  is detected and labeled, and then  $c_4$  is a new starting point, If the neighbor node  $c_8$  is not detected, it detects and marks  $c_8$ , then detects the neighbor node  $c_8$  with  $c_8$  as the new starting point, detects the neighbor node  $c_5$  that is not detected, detects and marks  $c_5$ , For the new starting point, search the neighbors of B, found that all have been marked detection, so this path is detected completed.

Since the neighbor node of node  $c_2$  has already probed the path of neighbor node  $c_4$ , it also has neighbor node  $c_5$ , so it detects the node  $c_5$  has been detected, so  $c_2$  and its child node B considered a real search is completed.

As in the detection of  $c_2$ , we found that its neighbors more than  $c_2$ ,  $c_2$  has just been on the path of the search, so the following  $c_1$  of the other neighbors  $c_3$  where the path detection, detection of  $c_1$ 's neighbor  $c_3$  is not detected, so the  $c_3$  is detected and marked, and then  $c_3$  as a new starting point to detect the neighbors of  $c_3$ ,  $c_3$  detected neighbor  $c_6$  is not detected, so the detection of  $c_6$  and mark, and then to  $c_6$  as a new starting point to detect  $c_6$ 's neighbors, Since  $c_6$  has no other neighbors, path  $c_1 - c_3 - c_6$  has been searched.

As in the detection of  $c_3$ , found its neighbors more than  $c_6$ , there are  $c_7$ , and has not been detected, so the detection of  $c_7$  and mark, and then to  $c_7$  as a new starting point, the neighbors of  $c_7$  detection, detection has no other Neighbors, so this path  $c_1 - c_3 - c_7$  is considered to be completed.

So far all the nodes in Fig. 1 have been detected.

### **DFS for the Detection of Key Nodes**

The detection of key nodes in the graph using the DFS algorithm will be further analyzed below.

In the above discussion, a possible order in which the nodes in the entire network are searched is pointed out, that is, their order of precedence is as follows:  $c_1 - c_2 - c_4 - c_8 - c_5 - c_3 - c_6 - c_7$ . Then the DFS algorithm is how to determine that the node is the key node that the cut point of the map it?

First, the following definition is given.

$DFS(i)$  is defined as the sequence number of the node  $i$  is searched, because the order in which the nodes are accessed is  $c_1 - c_2 - c_4 - c_8 - c_5 - c_3 - c_6 - c_7$ , so  $DFS(c_1) = 1$ ,  $DFS(c_2) = 2$ ,  $DFS(c_4) = 3$ ,  $DFS(c_8) = 4$ ,  $DFS(c_5) = 5$ ,  $DFS(c_3) = 6$ ,  $DFS(c_6) = 7$ ,  $DFS(c_7) = 8$

Let  $c_2$  be a child of  $c_1$ ,  $c_4$  be a child of  $c_2$ ,  $c_8$  be a child of  $c_4$ ,  $c_5$  be a child of  $c_8$ , and for a child of  $c_5$ , let  $j$  be the child of node  $i$ , as in the above search order, Because the search sequence according to the above discussion, it has a neighbor node logic is no subsequent child nodes, so that it does not have children, and then  $c_3$  is a child of  $c_1$ , is a child node, the same  $c_7$  is a child of  $c_3$ ,  $c_6$  and  $c_7$  has no child nodes.

If  $j$  is a child of node  $i$ , then A defines the search number of the earliest node in the subtree of  $j$  that can be traced back to node  $i$  by non-parent-side edges ( $i$  and  $j$  sides). The following is the key node to determine the method, that is:

$$DFS(i) \leq A(j) \tag{1}$$

Then node  $i$  is the key node.

Take the example of Fig. 2 as an example. According to the definition of the key nodes, we can see that the nodes  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  are the key nodes in the graph, because the failure of the node  $c_1$  will cause the network to form two regions.

Failure of Node  $c_2$  results in two areas as shown in Fig. 3. If node  $c_3$  fails, it will cause two areas as shown in Fig. 4. In addition, if any other nodes fail, they can not divide the network into two or two or more.

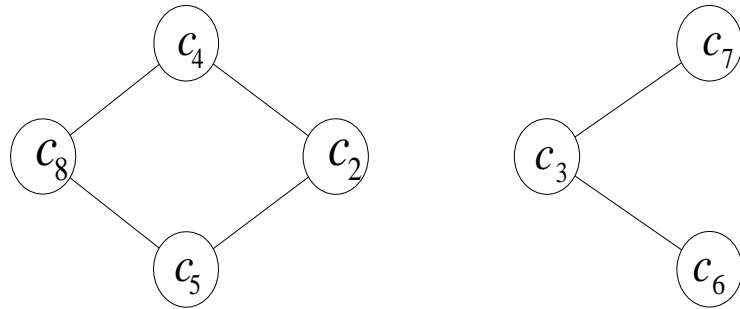


Fig. 2 Topology after node  $c_1$  failure

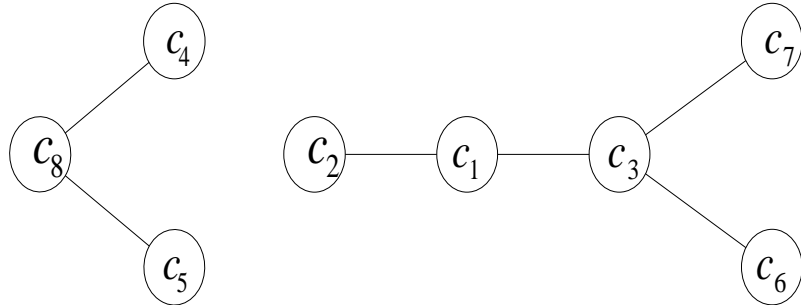


Fig. 3 Topology after node  $c_2$  failure

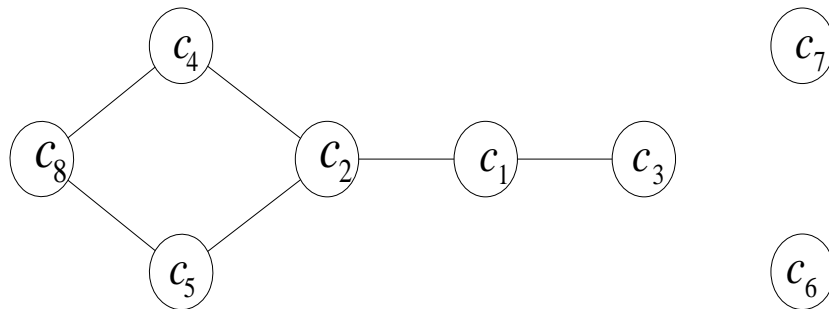


Fig. 4 Topology after node  $c_3$  failure

The following formula to determine whether each node is a key node, so that the results of the above analysis and comparison.

For node  $c_1$ ,  $DFS(c_1) = 1$ , it must be the smallest, and it must satisfy the formula, so it is judged as the key node.

For node  $c_2$ ,  $DFS(c_2) = 2$ ,  $c_4$  is its child node,  $A(c_4) = DFS(c_4) = 5$  and the formula is satisfied, so node  $c_2$  is the key node.

For node  $c_4$ ,  $DFS(c_4) = 3$ ,  $c_8$  is its child node,  $A(c_8) = DFS(c_8) = 2$ , and the formula is satisfied, so node  $c_4$  is not the key node.

For node  $c_8$ ,  $DFS(c_8) = 4$ ,  $c_5$  is its child node and does not satisfy the formula, so node  $c_8$  is not the key node.

For node  $c_5$ ,  $DFS(c_5) = 5$ , since it has no child nodes, it is considered to be at the edge, so it is not the key node. In fact, even if  $c_5$  has child node  $c_2$ ,  $A(c_2) = DFS(c_2) = 4$ , it is not satisfied, so it can still be judged Node  $c_5$  is not a key node. As for the key nodes, it is a bridge connecting two networks, no matter from the start of the search, it will not be considered to be at the edge.

For node  $c_3$ ,  $DFS(c_3) = 6$ , where  $c_6$  is its child node,  $A(c_6) = \infty$ , the formula is satisfied, so node  $C$  is the key node. It should be noted that,  $A(c_6) = \infty$  since, according to the definition of  $A$ , the sub-edges of  $c_6$  must pass through some nodes and edges to  $c_3$ , but here  $c_3$  has no sub-edges and therefore can not be reached by its sub-edges.

## Conclusions

In this paper, the *DSF* algorithm is introduced and the key nodes are identified by using *DSF* algorithm. The experimental results show that the algorithm is simple and effective for network key nodes identification. At the same time, *DSF* algorithm is relatively simple and easy to program simulation, we can see that the algorithm used in the identification of key nodes is very simple and effective.

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