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Abstract: In WMN, at the time of network consignment and bandwidth registration, the active network consignment method did not take into consideration the intrusion, congestion load and bandwidth necessities as a whole. The significance centred bandwidth registration methods result in famishment of slightest significance congestion. Hence in this paper, we propose a Joint Channel Assignment and Bandwidth Reservation using Improved FireFly Algorithm (IFA) in WMN. Initially the priority of each node is determined based on the channel usage, future interference and link congestion probability metrics. The bandwidth is allocated straight, comparative to the nodule significance and entire quantity of congestion movements incomplete on the demanded nodule. For channel assignment and path selection, the improved FireFly Algorithm (IFA) is used. The objective function of IFA is determined in terms of link capacity, interference and flow conservation constraints. Then the channels and the path which minimize the objective function are selected by applying IFA. By simulation results we show that the proposed technique minimizes the traffic and enhances the channel efficiency.

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1. Introduction

Wireless Mesh Network (WMN) is a network with nodules which are associated to one another with no wires devoid of any set-up. The wireless mesh network is taken into consideration as the most effectual communication method to deal IP connectivity, as it bids haste IP link to an enormous series. WMN is made of mesh clients (MCs) and wireless mesh routers (WMRs) which depend upon one another's packages in a multi-hop way. WMRs have negligible movement and perform as the support of WMNs. WMN has certain distinct WMRs, known as Internet Gateways (IGWs) which is able to perform as communication bonds amid the Internet and BWMN. Besides, IGWs offer Internet availability [1]. WMNs are stimulated in the manufacturing customary clusters, like IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.15, and IEEE 802.16. Certain solicitations of WMN are to admit broadband internet, inside WLAN, mobile user admission and connectivity [2].

The notion of channel consignment is to curtail the network-wide intrusion by exploiting non-overlapping networks in wireless broadcasts. The objective of network consignment is to enhance the presentation of the network specifically when network volume is considered. The chief task is passing on the existing networks in such a way that intrusion is diminished when confirming the network connectivity. Likewise, the networks ought to be allotted to the network boundaries with regard to the specified predictable load on every simulated connection.

Channel assignment procedures are able to be unified or dispersed. Unified channel assignment methods rely on a chief unit known as channel assignment server (CAS) which does channel assignment for the entire network centered on the universal network sight. In dispersed channel assignment methods, the procedure goes on each network nodule and implements channel assignment choices bearing in mind only limited info into

interpretation. Channel assignment methods are categorised as active or inert. In active methods, channel shifts may happen regularly while inert methods in disparity, shift the borders to a specific channel for an extended time [3][4].

A vital issue in networking is the distribution of restricted sources amongst the consumers of a network. Bandwidth takes a vital part in WMN load harmonising. The constraint of WMN is chiefly because of the restricted bandwidth collected with network volume. Bandwidth arrangement aids in giving QoS assured amenities.

1.1 Motivation and Objectives

Both static and dynamic channel allocation strategies have disadvantages [1]. Channel distribution procedures intensely depend on the interference model and the network load.

Load-aware channel assignment systems may possibly not be appropriate when weight varies fast and probably ought to apprise consequently. The POCA algorithm [8] considers only interference metric for channel assignment ignoring the traffic load and bandwidth requirements of flows. In Adaptive Dynamic Channel Allocation (ADCA) protocol [7], least congested channels are assigned. But it does not present any strong approach for bandwidth reservation based on these channels.

Though the work [13], maximizes the number of concurrent data flows by minimizing the interference, it did not consider the network congestion and bandwidth utilization of flows.

The traffic based channel selection method [14] maximizes the throughput but did not minimize the interference among the flows.

The adaptive channel allocation algorithm [16] did not consider the channel switching delay and bandwidth utilization of flows.

Hence we can summarize the problems of existing works on channel assignment and bandwidth reservation as follows:

- The dynamic channel assignment technique did not consider the interference, traffic load and bandwidth requirements together.
- The priority based bandwidth reservation techniques lead to starvation of least priority traffic.
- The bandwidth reservation technique was not aware of the interference free channels

Hence the main objective of the research work is design a joint channel assignment and bandwidth reservation technique which should

- Minimize the interference in the network
- Minimize the channel switching delay
- Avoid congestion in network
- Ensure effective bandwidth utilization for all traffic flows

Based on the identified drawbacks, a joint channel assignment and bandwidth reservation technique will be proposed.

2. Related Works

Sanjeev Jain et al [2] have familiarised a traffic load and interference based bandwidth allocation (TLIBA) system for wireless mesh network (WMN) which enhances the suspension and output presentation by correct use of allotted bandwidth. The bandwidth is allotted depending on traffic load and interference together. Then an appropriate way is chosen depending upon the smallest routing metric (RM) charge.

Amjad Ali et al [5] have offered a new Integer Linear Programming (ILP) optimization prototype to renovate the ideal linked mesh support topology with a least amount of associates and transmit nodules that gratifies the provided endwise QoS requests for hypermedia congestion and documentation of additional sources, while upholding idleness. They also suggested a polynomial period experiential procedure known as Link and Node Removal Considering Residual Capacity and Traffic Demands (LNR-RCTD).

DEGAN ZHANG et al [6] have offered MRMC source optimization technique centred on curved concept for WMN. As stated by curved concept, they utilized the curved optimization purpose to acquire the ideal result in the restricted network assisted by Ad hoc On-Demand Distance Vector (AODV) routing way. Consequently, they determined the ideal result into three modest sub-problems based upon the Lagrange dichotomy technique assisted by multi-radio multi-channel AODV (MAODV)

Yong Ding et al [7] have projected a fusion multichannel multiradio wireless mesh networking design, in which every mesh nodule has both inert and active borders. Initially they offered an Adaptive Dynamic Channel Allocation procedure (ADCA), which takes into consideration, the optimization for both output and suspension in the channel consignment. Besides, they also suggested an Interference and Congestion Aware Routing procedure (ICAR) in the fusion network with both inert and active links, which poises the channel utilisation in the network.

Jihong Wang et al [8] have suggested a congestion-irrelevant network consignment procedure that allots networks for the entire associations in the system when reducing the entire system intrusion. Speculative estimation method is exploited to gain the straight association amid intrusion varieties and network split-ups that is able to be effortlessly smeared to mesh networks with numerous formations deprived of alteration. Since the congestion amid the Internet and customers is measured to be leading, space from the entry, quantity of adjoins and intrusion are cast-off to define the network consignment sequence of associations.

Mansoor Alicherry et al [10] have proposed an Efficient channel assignment and routing for throughput optimization of mesh clients. Efficient channel assignment schemes can greatly relieve the interference effect of close-by transmissions; effective routing schemes can alleviate potential congestion on any gateways to the Internet, thereby improving per-client throughput. Unlike previous heuristic approaches, we mathematically formulate the joint channel assignment and routing problem, taking into account the interference constraints, the number of channels in the network and the number of radios available at each mesh router. They then used this formulation to develop a solution for our problem that optimizes the overall network throughput subject to fairness constraints on allocation of scarce wireless capacity among mobile clients.

Jasmine David et al [11] have proposed Priority Based Interference Aware Bandwidth Reservation (PBIABR) and Interference Aware Bandwidth Reservation (IABR) for many flowing rates under dynamic scenario. Channel Priority plays a vital role to opt the channel which possesses less interference for efficient bandwidth reservation for PBIABR. The opted channel will have the minimal channel interference effect. IABR possesses the controllability character for data flow to establish end-to-end communication over Multi-Radio Multi-Channel (MRMC) - Wireless Mesh Network. Their research paper focuses on deep analysis of Residual Energy (joule) compared with Interval (sec) and Average Energy (joule) compared with Interval (sec) under dynamic scenario for multiple flow rates by implementing PBIABR and IABR criteria.

Hamed Mohsenian Rad et al [12] have formulated the Joint Optimal Channel Assignment and Congestion Control (JOCAC) as a decentralized utility maximization problem with constraints that arise from the interference of the neighboring transmissions. Unlike other previous work, the JOCAC algorithm is able to assign not only the non-overlapping (orthogonal) channels, but also the partially overlapping channels within the IEEE 802.11 frequency bands. Using 802.11b with 3 non-overlapping channels, simulation results show that our algorithm provides a higher aggregated goodput than the recently proposed load-aware algorithm by 20%. The goodput is further increased by 40% when all the partially-overlapping channels are being used.

Zhanmao Cao et al [13] have analyzed traffic behaviors and designs a coexisting algorithm to maximize the number of concurrent data flows. Simulations are conducted in combinatorial cases of channel and radio with

various traffic requests of multiple pairs. The experimental results showed the efficacy of the coexisting algorithm over a randomly generated topology. This scheme can be used to develop routing and scheduling solutions for various multi-flow network applications through prior computing.

Muni Lavanya et al [14] have proposed a new method of channel selection to improve the user performance in downlink direction of Internet traffic. The method is scalable and completely distributed solution to the problem of channel selection in WMN. The simulation results indicate the significant improvement in user performance.

Raja Hasyifah Raja Bongsu et al [15] have offered conceptual understanding through a systematic review by classifying channel assignment constraints and its proposed solution. The results from their study provide clear understanding of approaches reported by previous studies in solving channel assignment problem. The analysis offered variety of areas that can be explored in leveraging channel assignment techniques towards improving the network performances.

Walaa Hassan et al [16] have proposed a new adaptive channel allocation algorithm for a multi-radio multi-channel wireless mesh network. The algorithm is aimed to minimize the number of channel reassignments while maximizing the performance under practical constraints. The algorithm defines a decision function for the channel reassignments. The decision function aims to minimize the traffic around the GW. Whenever the traffic changes in the wireless mesh network, the decision function decides which channel radio reassignment should be done. They demonstrated the effectiveness of our algorithm through extensive simulations using Network Simulator 2 (NS-2).

3. Joint Channel Assignment and Bandwidth Reservation using IFA (JCABR-IFA)

3.1 Overview

Initially the priority of each node is determined based on the channel usage, future interference and link congestion probability metrics. The bandwidth then allotted is openly proportionate to the importance of the nodule and overall quantity of congestion movements incomplete on the demanded nodule.

For channel assignment and path selection, the improved FireFly Algorithm (IFA) is used. The objective function of IFA is determined in terms of link capacity, interference and flow conservation constraints. Then the channels and the path which minimize the objective function are selected by applying IFA.

3.2 Node Priority Assignment

Based on the obtained parameter values, each node computes a priority level as

$$W = a_1 * IR + a_2 * Pr + a_3 * CU \quad (1)$$

Where a_1, a_2, a_3 are randomly chosen weight factors

Here CU is the channel usage.

IR is the interference range on the adjacent channels which is defined using the following equation:

$$IR = \sqrt[n]{U_t \cdot V_t \cdot V_r \cdot w_t^2 \cdot w_r^2 \cdot op(i, j)} / F_{th} \quad (2)$$

U_t is transmission power at sender node

V_t and V_r be the antenna gains of the sender and receiver

w_t and w_r be the height of the antennas

n is path loss parameter

op is overlap between channel i and j

F_{th} is carrier sensing threshold

Pr is the Link congestion probability which is defined as follows:

$$Pr_c = \frac{z(k)}{q(k)} \quad (3)$$

$z(k)$ is the numeral of adjoins for any of the two terminal ends

$q(k)$ is the minimum hop count distance from the gateway, for each link k.

If W is high, then node is assigned a higher priority. The mass rates are supposed to be great when IR, Pr and CU are fewer than the verge rate. Though there exist some gap in any one of the factor verge, then the nodule stays to announce itself with greater precedence.

3.4 Bandwidth Assignment

The allocated bandwidth is openly proportionate to the nodule significance and overall sum of congestion movements incomplete on the demanded nodule.

$$BW_i = \frac{\sum_{j \in R} P_j * G_i(j)}{\sum_{j \in R} P_j} + PT \quad (4)$$

where P_j refers to the node priority

$G_i(j)$ refers to indicator which equals to 1 if j is under service at queue i, 0 otherwise.

PT refers to traffic interference

$$PT = ETT_i * AL_i$$

where ETT is the difference in transmission rate and loss ratio of links

AL_i is the average load

3.5 IFA based Channel Assignment and Path Selection

Firefly Algorithm (FA) is regarded as the one among the meta-heuristic method built to resolve optimization problems utilizing the simulation of behavior of the fireflies. The algorithm derives its inspiration from the flashing lights of fire-flies in nature. It consists of three kinds of fireflies: searching firefly, listening firefly, and updating firefly.

Attractiveness depends on the brightness and distance between the firefly. So one firefly moves forward to the next, based on the attraction between them. [9].

Let G, H and M be the searching, listening and updating firefly respectively.

3.5.1 Objective function of IFA

For channel assignment and path selection, the improved FireFly Algorithm (IFA) is used.

The objective function of IFA is determined in terms of link capacity, interference and flow conservation constraints.

Link capacity constraint: The totality of the entire movements on any connection m_{ij} necessarily is fewer than or equivalent to the entire allocated size to that connection: It is given by Eq. (6)

Flow Conservation Constraint: The amount of the entire movements on some connection $m_{i,j}$ which is to be detached need to be fewer than or equivalent to the amount of remaining dimensions over the entire occurrence associations. It is given by Eq. (7).

Interference: Interference series prototype tells that connection $m_{i,j}$ amid nodules N_i and N_j , and connection $m_{k,l}$ amid nodules N_k and N_l possibly will not be allocated the similar network if the dispatcher or recipient of any of them is in the intrusion series of the dispatcher or recipient of the additional one.

After that the networks and the track that diminish the target purpose are designated by putting on IFA.

$$\text{Minimize } O = \sum_{T_0 \in T} \sum_{m_{i,j} \in M} \sum_{C_t \in C} E(m_{i,j}, C_t) \quad (5)$$

Subject to the following constraints:

$$\sum_{T_0 \in T} E(m_{i,j}, C_t) * T_0 * s_{(i,j)} \leq AC_{m_{i,j}} \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{T_0 \in T} E(m_{i,j}, C_t) * T_0 * s_{(i,j)} - \sum_{m_{i,j} \in G_i} E(m_{i,j}, C_t) * RES_{m(i,j)} \leq 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\forall m_{i,j} \in M \text{ and } C_t \in C$$

where,

T_0 = The sum of dimensions utilized by congestion movement

C_t = total number of channels

s_{ij} – static channel allocation

AC = total assigned capacity to link $m_{i,j}$

3.5.2 IFA Algorithm

Consider the following parameters

B be the population size

O_b be the target proportion of result I related to finest result

O_w be the target proportion of the entire populace related to finest result

β_{m1}, β_{m2} Arbitrary results amongst the existing populace

β_j is the solution with better fitness than β_i

The steps involved in this algorithm are as follows:

1. Initialize the population B in random manner
2. Calculate the objective function of the whole population O_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, B$)
3. Determine the best solution β_{best} and the worst solution β_{worst}
4. Set current iteration $\gamma = 0$

While $\gamma < N$

Set $\gamma = \gamma + 1$

Calculate O , O_b and O_w

For $i = 1: B$

For $j = 1: B$

If $O_i > O_j$ Then

Determine $\Delta\beta_{1ij}$ and $\Delta\beta_{2ij}$

$$\Delta\beta_{1ij} = (\beta_{best} - \beta_{worst})$$

$$\Delta\beta_{2ij} = (\beta_j - \beta_i + \beta_{m1} - \beta_{m2})$$

If $O_b > O_w$ Then

$$\Delta\beta_{ij} = \Delta\beta_{1ij}$$

Else

$$\Delta\beta_{ij} = \Delta\beta_{2ij}$$

End

5. Estimate radius μ_{ibet}

$$\mu_{ibet} = \sqrt{(\delta_i - \delta_{best})^2}$$

6. Estimate attractiveness σ and new solution as follows:

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 e^{-\lambda r_{i,j}^2}$$

$$\beta_{ij}^{new} = \beta_i + \alpha \cdot rn \cdot \Delta\beta_{ij} \cdot rn$$

7. Calculate the objective function of β_{ij}^{new}

8. Compare each old and new solution to keep the better one
9. Compare the objective function to choose the best objective function
10. The channels and the path which minimize the objective function are selected by applying IFA.

4. Simulation Results

4.1 Simulation Parameters

The simulation of JCABRIFA is conducted in Ns-2 and it is compared with traffic load and interference based bandwidth allocation (TLIBA) [2] and Priority Based Interference Aware Bandwidth Reservation (PBIABR) [11]. The performance is evaluated with respect to Bandwidth, Fairness, End to End delay, packet delivery ratio (PDR), Packet Drop and throughput.

Various simulation settings are listed in table 1.

Table 1: Simulation parameters

Number of Nodes	50 to 250
Area size	1300 X 1300m
Traffic Type	CBR and Exponential
Number of Flows	6
Propagation model	Two Ray Ground
Antenna model	Omni directional Antenna
Initial Energy	7.0 Joules
Transmission Power	0.5 watts
Receiving Power	0.3 watts
Traffic Rate	200Kb/s to 100kb/s

4.2 Results

A. Based on Nodes

In this section, the results of varying the nodes from 50 to 250 are presented.

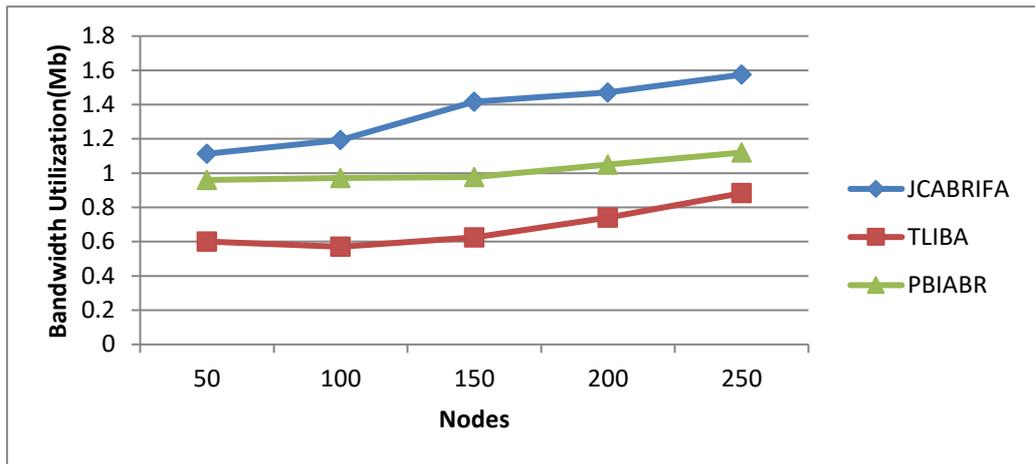


Figure 1: Bandwidth utilization for varying Nodes

The graph showing the results of Bandwidth utilization for varying the nodes, is shown in Figure 1. The figure depicts that the Bandwidth utilization of JCABRIFA is 50% higher when compared to TLIBA and 24% higher than PBIABR.

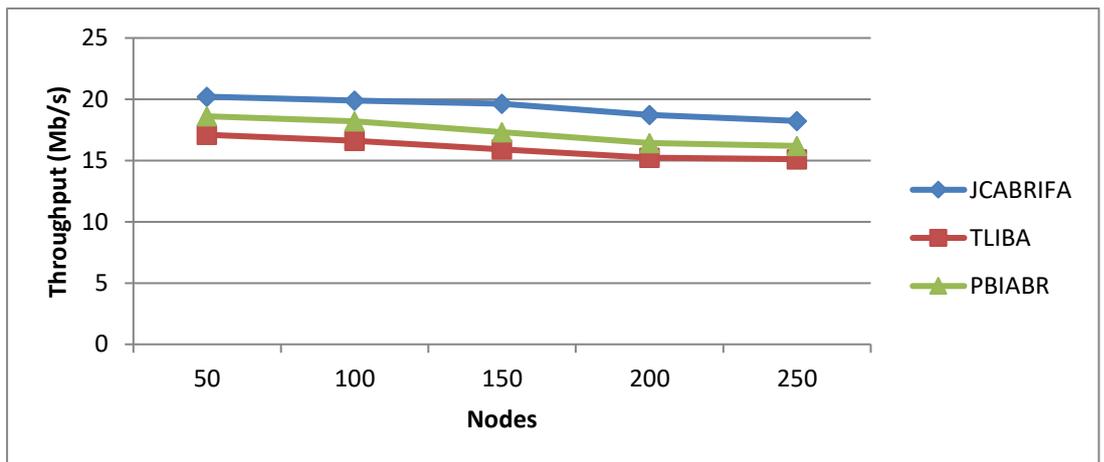


Figure 2: Throughput for varying Nodes

The graph showing the results of throughput for varying the nodes, is shown in Figure 2. The figure depicts that the fairness of JCABRIFA is 17% higher when compared to TLIBA and 10% higher than PBIABR.

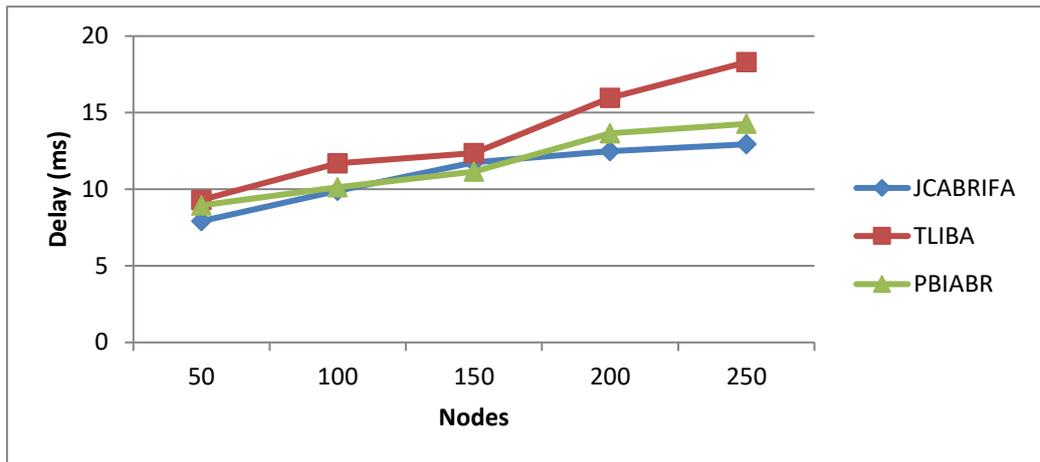


Figure 3: Delay for varying Nodes

The graph showing the results of delay for varying the nodes, is shown in Figure 3. The figure depicts that the delay of JCABRIFA is 17% lesser when compared to TLIBA and 5% lesser than PBIABR.

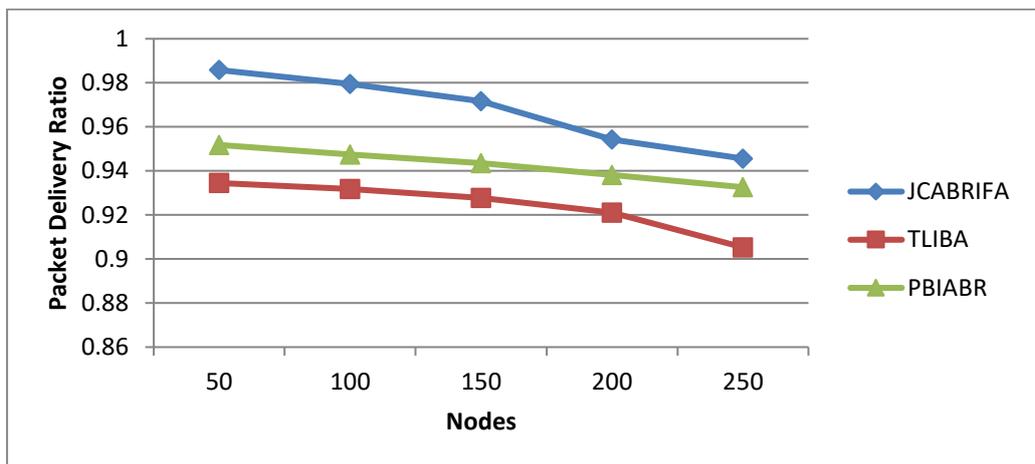


Figure 4: Packet delivery ratio for varying Nodes

The graph showing the results of delivery ratio for varying the nodes, is shown in Figure 4. The figure depicts that the delivery ratio of JCABRIFA is 4% higher when compared to TLIBA and 3% higher than PBIABR.

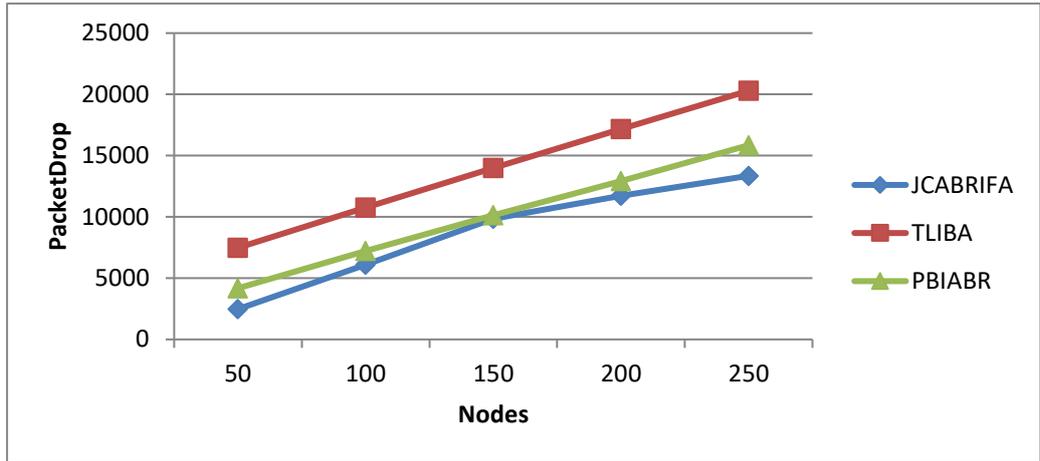


Figure 5: Packet Drop for varying Nodes

The graph showing the results of drop for varying the nodes, is shown in Figure 5. The figure depicts that the drop of JCABRIFA is 41% lesser when compared to TLIBA and 17% lesser than PBIABR.

B. Based on Rate

In this section, the results of varying the rate from 200 to 1000Kb are presented.

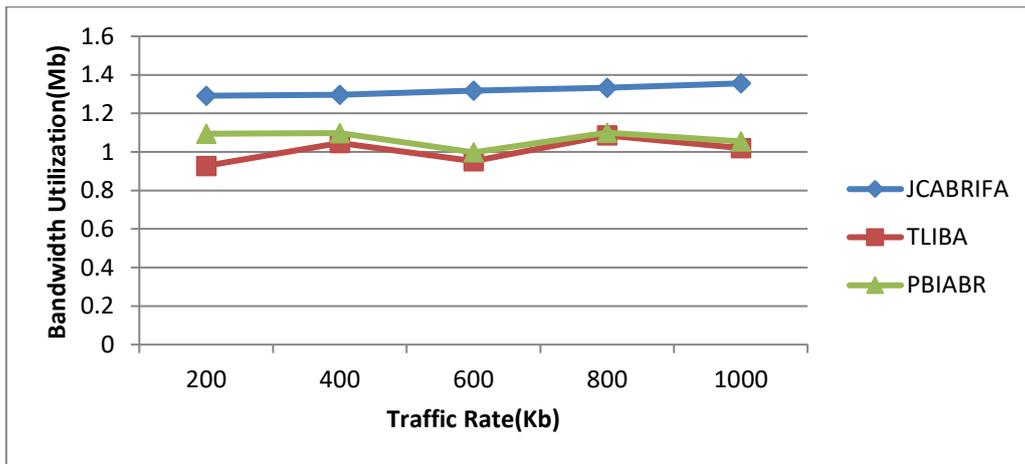


Figure 6: Bandwidth Utilization for varying Rate

The graph showing the results of Bandwidth utilization for varying the rate, is shown in Figure 6. The figure depicts that the Bandwidth utilization of JCABRIFA is 23% higher when compared to TLIBA and 18% higher than PBIABR.

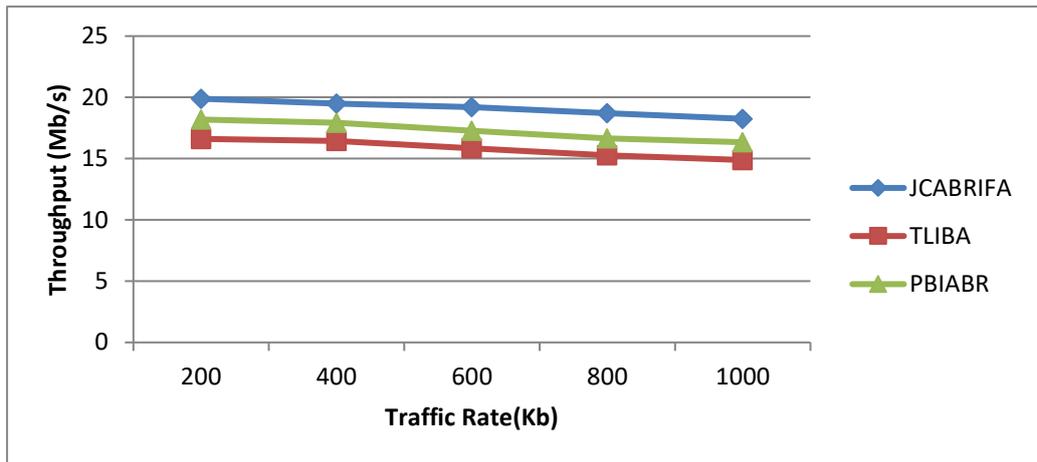


Figure 7: Throughput for varying Rate

The graph showing the results of throughput for varying the rate, is shown in Figure 7. The figure depicts that the fairness of JCABRIFA is 17% higher when compared to TLIBA and 10% higher than PBIABR.

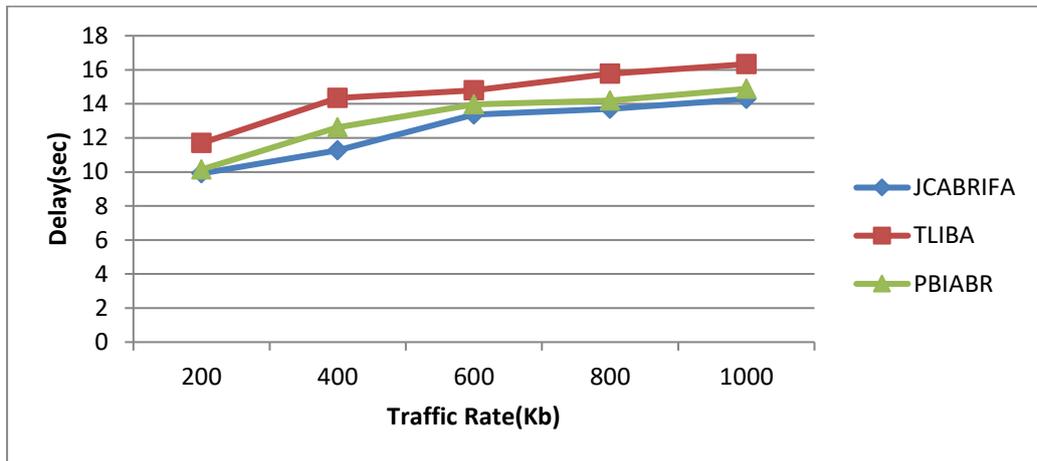


Figure 8: Delay for varying Rate

The graph showing the results of Delay for varying the rate, is shown in Figure 8. The figure depicts that the Delay of JCABRIFA is 14% lesser when compared to TLIBA and 5% lesser than PBIABR.

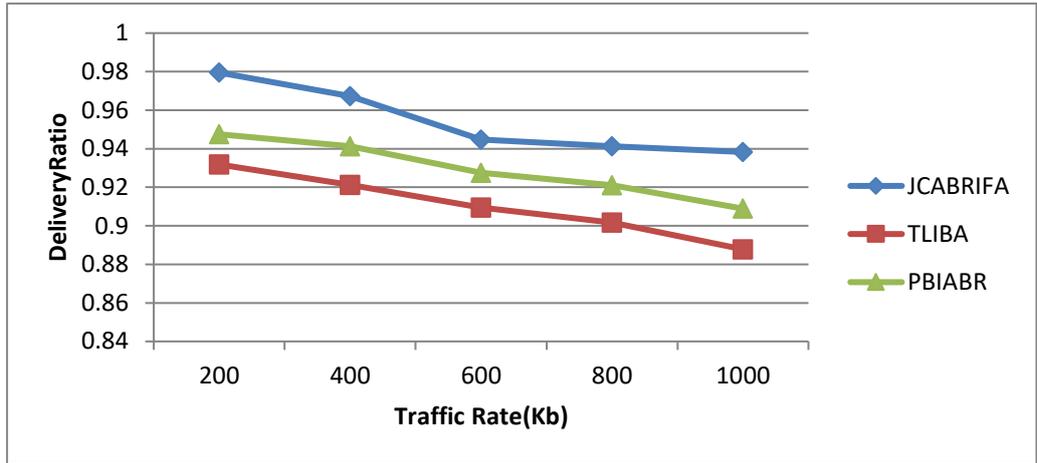


Figure 9: packet Delivery ratio for varying Rate

The graph showing the results of Delivery ratio for varying the rate, is shown in Figure 9. The figure depicts that the Delivery ratio of JCABRIFA is 5% higher when compared to TLIBA and 3% higher than PBIABR.

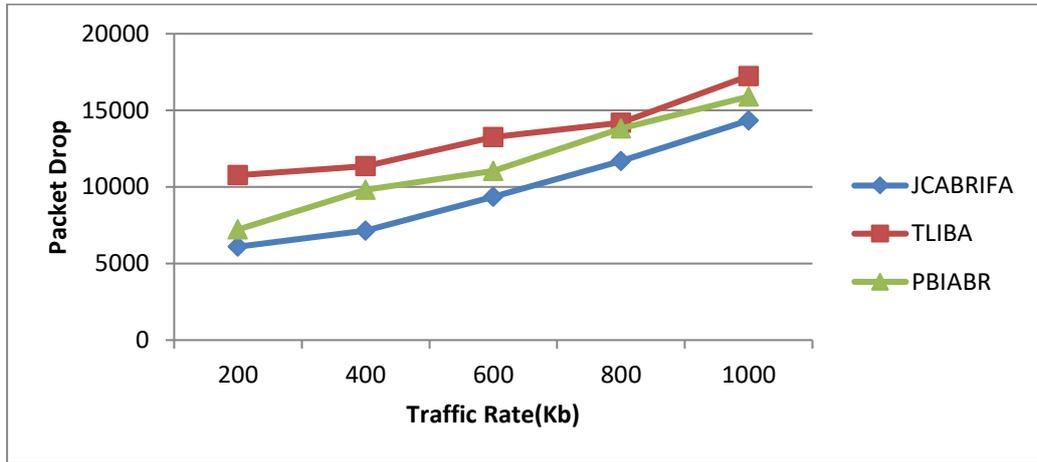


Figure 10: Packet Drop for varying Rate

The graph showing the results of drop for varying the rate, is shown in Figure 10. The figure depicts that the drop of JCABRIFA is 29% lesser when compared to TLIBA and 17% lesser than PBIABR.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we have proposed a Joint Channel Assignment and Bandwidth Reservation using Improved FireFly Algorithm (IFA) in WMN. Initially the priority of each node is determined based on the channel usage, future interference and link congestion probability metrics. The band width is assigned in then directly proportional to the node priority and total number of traffic flows pending on the requested node. For channel assignment and path selection, the improved FireFly Algorithm (IFA) is used. The objective function of IFA is determined in terms of link capacity, interference and flow conservation constraints. Then the channels and the path which minimize the objective function are selected by applying IFA. By simulation results, we have shown that the proposed technique minimizes the traffic and enhances the channel efficiency.

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