



Malicious Node Identification Scheme for MANET using Rough Set Theory

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Abstract- A mobile ad hoc network is a collection of wireless nodes that can dynamically be set up anywhere and anytime without using any pre-existing network infrastructure. Due to its nature it has challenging issues to improve the performance of the network. One of the challenges is to identify the misbehaving node in the network. The misbehaving nodes play a vital role in degrade the performance of the network and may allow the data loss. There are some situations when one or more nodes in the network become selfish or malicious and tend to annihilate the capacity of the network. The aim of this work is to detect the malicious nodes using rough set theory. With the help of route cache table the malicious nodes are identified based on the transmission history. Every node in the network maintains the cache table and transmission history about its neighbor node. To find out the transmission history of node based on transmission metrics calculated such as packet delivery ratio, throughput, end-to-end delay, number of dropped packet, error rate. To set the source and destination runs the node in simulation environment with different speeds. Based on the values of transmission history of nodes runs with different speed are taken to construct the information table. Based on the table the rules are derived to take a decision whether the nodes are good or bad. After classification apply rough set theory to identify the malicious node. The path having bad node the packet send an alternate route in a shortest path. Our experiment results reveals that the rough set based approach increases the network capacity like packet delivery ratio, as well as decrease end-to-end delay and throughput.

Keywords - Route Cache, Malicious Node, Rough Set, Information Table

1. INTRODUCTION

An Ad hoc network is a collection of mobile nodes, which forms a temporary network without the aid of centralized administration or standard support devices regularly available as conventional networks (Tao Lin, 2004). These nodes generally have a limited transmission range and, so, each node seeks the assistance of its neighboring nodes in forwarding packets and hence the nodes in an Ad hoc network can act as both routers and hosts. Thus a node may forward packets between other nodes as well as run user applications. By nature these types of networks are suitable for situations where either no fixed infrastructure exists or deploying network is not possible. Ad hoc mobile networks have found many applications in various fields like military, emergency, conferencing and sensor networks. Each of these application areas has their specific requirements for routing protocols. The routing protocols for ad hoc wireless networks can be broadly classified into four categories based on Routing information update mechanism, Use of temporal information for routing, Routing Topology, Utilization of specific resources. Classification of routing protocols shows in the figure 1.

Ad hoc wireless network routing protocols can be classified into three major categories based on the routing information update mechanism (S.Sathish, 2011)(S.Sathish, 2011). They are: Proactive routing protocols are also called table-driven routing protocols. They maintain an absolute picture of network at every single node in the form of tables. These are good for networks which have less node mobility or where nodes transmit data frequently. DSDV (Destination Sequenced Distance-Vector), WRP (Wireless Routing Protocol), CGSR (Cluster-head Gateway Switch Routing protocol) and STAR (Source-Tree Adaptive Routing protocol) are some examples of table-driven routing protocols.

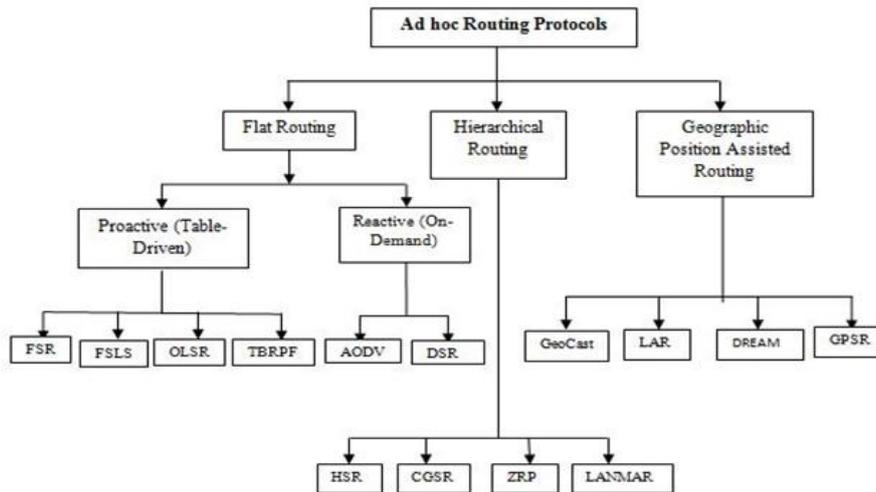


Figure 1. Classification of Routing Protocol

Reactive routing protocols are on-demand routing protocols. In which nodes do not contain complete information of the network topology, for the reason that it changes constantly. Path finding process and information exchange process execute when any node requires a path to communicate with the target node. Some examples of reactive routing protocols are: ABR (Associativity-Based Routing), AODV (Ad hoc On-Demand Distance-Vector), LAR (Location-Aided Routing), and DSR (Dynamic Source Routing). DSR routing protocol was taken to simulate our work. The organization of the paper as follows the section 2 deals the related work, section 3 describe the proposed work, section 4 presents the experimental analysis and section 5 conclude the paper.

2. RELATED WORK

The lot of contributions was made by the different researchers to identify the malicious node in the ad hoc network. The some of the contributions are described which are related to our work. Yu (2006) Distributed Adaptive Cache Update Algorithm. The main goal of this algorithm is to update the route cache of DSR protocol by using proactive cache update instead of adaptive timeout mechanism in link cache structure to remove the stale routes in the cache and to collect the extra information about how the routing information distributed through the network. In the Distributed Adaptive Cache Update Algorithm, four fields were added to the path cache structure in each node, for each route a node maintains the information about these four fields. First and second fields represent the source and the destination node for current route. Third field represents the number of data packets that delivered to the destination node by using current route to know how the routing information is synchronized among all the nodes on the route. Finally, the field —Routing Table that represents each node maintains the routing information about which neighbor has learned for this route. However, Distributed Adaptive Cache Update Algorithm is based on the path cache, which cannot effectively utilize all of the routing information that a node learns about the state of the network. In addition, cache timeout is not used, but in some cases, mobile nodes can be unreachable and they do not remove the stale route from the caches.

Sergio Marti (2000) Mitigating Routing Misbehavior in mobile ad hoc networks this introduces two techniques that improve throughput in an ad hoc network in the presence of nodes that agree to forward packets but fail so. To mitigate this problem, watchdog mechanism identifies misbehaving nodes of a path rather than that helps to avoid these nodes. Through simulation we evaluate watchdog and path rater using packet throughput, percentage of overhead (routing) transmission, and the accuracy of misbehaving node detection. When used together in a network with moderate mobility, the two techniques increase throughput by in the presence of misbehaving nodes, while increasing the percentage of overhead transmissions from the standard routing protocol's. During extreme mobility, watchdog and path rater can increase network throughput.

Ahmed M. Abdulla (2011) presents the Misbehavior Nodes Detection and Isolation for MANETs OLSR Protocol Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) in Mobile Ad hoc Networks (MANETs) are required to

develop a strong security scheme it is therefore necessary to understand how malicious nodes can attack the MANETs. Focusing on the Optimized Link State Routing (OLSR) protocol, an IDS mechanism to accurately detect and isolate misbehavior node(s) in OLSR protocol based on End-to-End (E2E) communication between the source and the destination is proposed. The collaboration of a group of neighbor nodes is used to make accurate decisions. Creating and broadcasting attackers list to neighbor nodes enables other node to isolate misbehavior nodes by eliminating them from the routing table. Eliminating misbehavior node allows the source to select another trusted path to its destination.

Feng Li (2010) proposes Enhanced Intrusion Detection System for Discovering Malicious Nodes in Mobile Ad hoc Networks as mobile wireless ad hoc networks have different characteristics from wired networks and even from standard wireless networks, there are new challenges related to security issues that need to be addressed. Many intrusion detection systems have been proposed and most of them are tightly related to routing protocols, such as Watchdog/Path rater and Route guard. These solutions include two parts: intrusion detection (Watchdog) and response (Path rater and Route guard). Watchdog resides in each node and is based on overhearing. Through overhearing, each node can detect the malicious action of its neighbors and report other nodes. However, if the node that is overhearing and reporting itself is malicious, then it can cause serious impact on network performance. In this mechanism overcome the weakness of Watchdog and introduce our intrusion detection system called Watchdog. It has ability to discover malicious nodes which can partition the network by falsely reporting, other nodes as misbehaving and then proceeds to protect the network.

Mohit Jain (2014) proposes A Rough Set Based Approach to Classify Node Behavior in Mobile Ad Hoc Network there are some situations when one or more nodes in the network become selfish or malicious and tend to annihilate the capacity of the network. This investigate the classification of good and bad nodes in the network by using the concept of rough set theory, that can be employed to generate simple rules and to remove irrelevant attributes for discerning the good nodes from bad nodes.

AnshuChauhan (2015) describes the Detection of Packet Dropping Nodes in MANET using DSR Routing Protocol. The approach is used to identify the malicious node can establish monitoring of neighbor concept. But every node will not be the monitoring node because in mobile ad hoc network every node has limited battery power so every node should not be in listening mode it will degrade its service time. Firstly will create some overlapping clusters and each cluster will be having on monitoring node. These monitoring nodes will detect packet dropping nodes in their zone area and maintain trust information about each node of their zone and will provide this information to the source node as well as other cluster's monitoring node whenever required. This mechanism divides the whole network onto some small virtual zones and for each zone only one monitoring node is being selected to detect the packet droppers. So some advantages with this mechanism are: its false detection rate is low and overhead on the network is also less. Simulation shows that a better packet delivery ratio and throughput has been gained again after prevention mechanism. Thus we have successfully injected, detected and also avoided packet dropping nodes from the path of DSR.

3. MALICIOUS NODE IDENTIFICATION SCHEME FOR MANET USING ROUGH SET THEORY

3.1. DSR Cache Table

Cache table is a data structure that maintains the record of routing information of each node that is useful for cache updates. A cache table has no capacity limit; its size increases as new routes are discovered and decreases as stale routes are removed (Yu, 2006). There are four fields in a cache table entry: Route, Source Destination, Data Packets and Reply Record. In the field of Route stores the links starting from the current node to a destination or from a source to a destination. Source Destination: It is the source and destination pair. Data Packets: It records whether the current node has forwarded data packets. Reply Record: This field may contain multiple entries and has no capacity limit. Replies from caches provide dual performance advantages. First, they reduce route discovery latency. Second, without replies from caches the route query flood will reach all nodes in the network (request storm).

Table : 1 Transmission history of node 0 runs with different speed

Speed @ ms	Packet delivery ratio	End-to-End delay	Throughput	Number of dropped packet	Error Rate
@2	99.9735	15.590	754.79	0	1
@4	98.5046	17.302	751.53	12	0.9898
@6	98.0074	20.920	752.53	10	0.9847
@8	98.0001	25.422	755.91	15	0.9798
@10	98.5790	20.044	753.67	20	0.9885

Table : 2 Transmission history of node 1 runs with different speed

Speed @ ms	Packet delivery ratio	End-to-end delay	Throughput	Number of dropped packet	Error Rate
@2	99.9333	21.732	755.78	12	0.998
@4	99.0007	17.866	752.78	15	0.992
@6	98.7237	24.093	755.91	16	0.989
@8	98.0002	23.598	752.91	20	0.974
@10	98.8441	39.733	753.67	25	0.980

Table : 3 Transmission history of node 2 runs with different speed

Speed @ ms	Packet delivery ratio	End-to-end delay	Throughput	Number of dropped packet	Error Rate
@2	92.210	27.205	755.78	15	0.993
@4	94.589	30.437	755.91	20	0.938
@6	94.215	32.971	752.53	22	0.843
@8	94.002	33.394	753.67	25	0.981
@10	94.235	38.336	751.61	20	0.103

Table : 4 Transmission history of node 3 runs with different speed

Speed @ ms	Packet delivery ratio	End-to-end delay	Throughput	Number of dropped packet	Error Rate
@2	85.2160	52.687	755.78	20	0.578
@4	80.0013	50.992	752.91	15	0.993
@6	82.5526	35.456	753.61	16	0.843
@8	80.5756	57.012	752.53	50	0.981
@10	80.0005	68.117	750.61	11	0.103

Table : 5 Transmission history of node 4 runs with different speed

Speed @ ms	Packet delivery ratio	End-to-end delay	Throughput	Number of dropped packet	Error Rate
@2	80.216	66.006	750.61	15	0.988
@4	77.482	65.408	750.93	50	0.980
@6	77.497	62.249	751.61	40	0.103
@8	75.827	80.001	752.83	60	0.027
@10	70.762	72.885	753.27	52	0.008

Table : 6 Transmission history of node 5 runs with different speed

Speed @ ms	Packet delivery ratio	End-to-end delay	Throughput	Number of dropped packet	Error Rate
@2	99.933	15.590	755.79	2	0.993
@4	98.002	20.920	751.53	4	0.938
@6	98.841	25.422	752.53	12	0.843
@8	98.723	17.302	753.67	8	0.981
@10	99.007	30.044	755.91	20	0.986

3.4. Information System of Rough Set Theory

3.4.1 Rough set theory

Rough set theory proposed by Pawlak (1982) is a mathematical tool that's deals with vagueness and uncertainty. Its concepts and operations are defined based on the indiscernibility relation. In this theory, a data set is represented as a table, where each row represents an event or object or an example or an entity or an element. Each column represents an attribute that can be measured for an element. (Sheikh, 2010),(Usman Singh, 2011). this data table is known as Information systems. The set of all elements is known as universe it has been successfully applied in selecting attributes to improve the efficiency in deriving decision rules. In Information systems, elements that have the same value for each attribute are indiscernible and are called elementary sets. Subsets of the universe with the same value of the decision attribute are called concepts. A positive element is an element of the universe that belongs to concept. For each concept, the greatest union of elementary sets contained in the concept is called the lower approximation of the concept and the least union of elementary sets contain the concept is called the upper approximation of the concept, that are not the members of the lower approximation is called the boundary region. It provides the useful information about the role of particular attributes and their subsets and prepares the ground for representation of knowledge hidden in data by means of IF-THEN decision rules. A set is said to be rough if the boundary region is non-empty and a set is said to be crisp if the boundary region is empty.

3.4.2 Information System

An information system can be viewed as a table where each row presents an object and each column present attribute. That can be measured for each object. Basically, an information system is a pair $S = (U, A)$ where U in non-empty finite set of object known as universe and A is non empty finite set of attributes such that $a: U \rightarrow V_a$ for every $a \in A$ and the set V_a is called the value set of a (Jacobson, 2000). Information system can be extended by the inclusion of decision attributes and information systems of this kind are known as decision systems. A decision system is an information system of the form $S = (U, A, U\{d\})$, whered $d \notin A$. Information systems can be extended by the inclusion of decision attributes and information systems of this kind is known as decision systems. A decision system is an information system of the form $S = (U, A, U\{d\})$, whered $d \notin A$. Is the decision attributes and the elements of A are called condition attributes. Normally decision attribute takes one of two possible Values but it can also take multi values. A decision system expresses almost all the knowledge about the model. Sometimes in the data table the same or indiscernible objects may be represented several times or some of the attributes may be superfluous. This can be expressed as equation (1).

$$IND(B) = \{(X, X') \in U^2 | \forall_a \in B a(x) = a(x')\} \tag{1}$$

Where $IND(B)$ is an equivalence relation and is called B-indiscernibility relation. Rough set analysis can be done using lower and upper approximations. This can be defined as follows.

Lower approximation

$$B_*(X) = \{X \in U: B(X) \subseteq X\} \tag{2}$$

Upper approximation

$$B^*(X) = \{X \in U: B(X) \cap X \neq \phi\} \tag{3}$$

Where $B \subseteq A$ and $X \subseteq U$. We can approximate X by using only the Information contained in B by constructing the lower approximation and Upper approximation defined in (2) and (3). Due to granularity of knowledge, rough sets cannot be characterized by using Available knowledge. Therefore with every rough set we associate two crisp called its lower and upper approximation. The lower approximation of sets consists of all elements that surely belong to the set. The difference of the upper and lower approximation is a boundary region and any rough set has non empty set boundary region. Rough sets can be characterized numerically by the coefficient as in the equation (4).

$$\alpha_B(X) = \frac{|B_*(X)|}{|B^*(X)|} \tag{4}$$

where $|X|$ denote the cardinality $X = \phi$. If $\alpha_B(X) = 1$, the set X is crisp with respect to B and if $\alpha_B(X) < 1$, the set X is rough with respect to B .

Sometimes there are some subsets of conditional attribute that preserve the portioning of the universe and such subsets are known as minimal reducts. Such reducts can be finding with the help of discernibility matrix function which can be defined in equation 5:

$$C_{ij} = \{a \in A | a(x_i) \neq a(x_j)\} \text{ for } i, j = 1 \dots n$$

$$(a_1^* \dots a_m^*) = \Lambda\{V C_{ij} | 1 \leq j \leq i \leq n, C_{ij} \neq \emptyset\} \tag{5}$$

where $C_{ij}^* = \{a^* | a \in C_{ij}\}$. Also we can measure the significance of the approximate reduct and the effect on the data set after dropping that particular attribute by the formula in equation (6)

$$\alpha_{(C,D)} = 1 - \gamma(C - \{a\}, \frac{D}{\gamma(C,D)}) \tag{6}$$

The information system is shown in a Table 7. Where each row represent an object and each column represent an attributes. The below table 7 represents the average values of the nodes behavior.

Table : 7 Average values of nodes based on the transmission history runs with different speed

Nodes	Packet delivery ratio	End-to-end delay	Throughput	Number of dropped packet	Error Rate
0	98.6123	21.85	753.686	10.5	0.984
1	98.9034	25.40	754.134	14.0	0.986
2	93.8501	32.46	753.900	17.0	0.771
3	81.6692	45.76	753.088	18.6	0.705
4	76.3573	69.30	751.850	36.1	0.416
5	98.9003	21.85	753.886	16.4	0.948

Derive IF-THEN decision rules from average values of all the nodes based on the transmission history runs with different speed.

- If Packet delivery ratio ≥ 95 and then decision=high
- Else if packet delivery ratio ≥ 81 then decision =medium
- Else if packet delivery ratio ≤ 80 then decision=low

If end-to-end delay \leq 45 then decision=low
 Else if end-to-end delay $>$ 50 then decision=high

If Throughput $>$ 753 then decision=high
 Else if throughput $<$ 750 then decision=low

If Number of dropped packet \leq 10 then decision=low
 Else if number of dropped packet \leq 20 then decision=medium
 Else if number of dropped packet $>$ 25 then decision=high

If error rate \leq 0.984 then decision=low
 Else if error rate=0.986 then decision=medium
 Else if error rate=0.416 then decision=high

Table : 8 Data Set

Nodes	PDR	End-to-End delay	Throughput	No. of Dropped Packet	Error Rate	Decision
0	H	L	H	L	L	GOOD
1	H	L	H	L	M	GOOD
2	H	L	H	M	L	GOOD
3	M	L	H	L	L	GOOD
4	L	H	L	H	H	BAD
5	H	L	H	L	L	GOOD

The above rules are used to classify the nodes behavior such as good or bad. If PDR=High/medium, End-to-End delay=Low, Throughput=high, No. of dropped packet=Low/medium, error rate=Low/medium then decision=Good. Else if PDR=Low, End-to-End delay=high, Throughput=Low, No. of dropped packet=High, Error Rate=High then decision=Bad.

3.5. Node Classification Using Rough Set Theory

The nodes are classified as good node or bad node based on the performance metrics of each node such as Packet delivery ratio, end-to- end delay, Throughput, Number of dropped packet, Error rate. Table 8 shows the classification of various nodes and in addition to this H refers High, M refers Medium and L refers Low.

3.6. Analysis of Data Using RSES

In this dissertation using RSES (Rough Set Exploration System) to obtain decision rules and we will apply these rules to the network scenario containing malicious nodes to detect it. RSES is a toolkit for analysis of table data based on methods and algorithms coming from the area of rough sets (Usman Singh, 2011). We will ensure the following steps in order to implement our proposed work to detect the malicious nodes.

Procedure:

- Step1: Load data to the RSES.
- Step2: Find the Reduct.
- Step3: Derive the Decision rules.
- Step4: Use the Classifier known as Decision trees to learn from the training data set.
- Step 5: Build the confusion matrix.
- Step6: Apply the derived the decision rules to detect the malicious nodes

3.7. Malicious Node Identification

The average value of transmission metrics are considered in order to classify the nodes based on the decision rules. The classified nodes describe the characteristics of the each node whether it is good or bad. In order to identify the bad nodes in the network, the rough set theory are used and the different simulation are considered with different speed. The malicious nodes of network are identified, and remove that malicious node in the path cache. The updated path cache tables are used for routing process. The following procedure is used to identify the malicious nodes in the network.

Procedure for Malicious node identification:

Step 1: create a network simulation with 6 nodes.

Step 2: To find the transmission metrics of a node such as

Packet delivery ratio:

$$PDR = [(No. of packets Received|No. of packet send)]X100$$

End-to-End delay:

$$delay = \sum(arrive\ time - send\ time) / \sum\ No.\ of\ Connections$$

Throughput:

$$Throughput = (Received\ size|start\ time - stop\ time)X8/100$$

Number of dropped packet:

$$NDP = \sum Dpackets$$

Error rate of node:

$$Error\ Rate = \frac{Received\ Packet}{Generated\ Packet}$$

Step 3: Perform the simulation with different speed for every node to calculate the transmission metrics of an each node.

Step 4: Derive decision rules based on the transmission metrics

Step 5: classify the node whether good or bad, based on the rule.

Step 6: Generate the information table from the transmission metrics table and apply rough set theory to identify the malicious node

Step 7: Remove the malicious node in the cache table and update the cache table.

Step 8: Perform the routing process.

4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

4.1. Simulation Environment

Network Simulator (NS2) is a discrete event driven simulator developed at UC Berkeley. It is part of the VINT project. The goal of NS2 is to support networking research and education. It is suitable for designing new protocols, comparing different protocols and traffic evaluations. NS2 is developed as a collaborative environment. It is distributed freely and open source. A large amount of institutes and people in development and research use, maintain and develop NS2.

Table : 9 Simulation Environment

Simulation Parameters	
Routing Protocols	DSR
Simulation Time	500 sec
Number of Nodes	6
Simulation Area	1500 X 1500
Pause tine	20 sec
Traffic Type	CBR
Packet Size	512 Bytes
Rate	10 packets/sec

Simulation environment consists of 6 wireless mobile nodes which are placed uniformly and forming a mobile ad hoc network, moving about over a 1500 x 1500 meters area for 500 seconds of simulated time. All mobile nodes in the network are configured to run dynamic Source Routing protocol (DSR). For the experiments in this paper; constant bit rate (CBR) traffic sources are used. The simulation parameters mentioned the table 9.

4.2. Performance Metrics

To correspond to the special distinctiveness and recital of network following metrics are used in our simulation:

- **Throughput:** It basically measures the successful packet delivery over the entire simulation. It is calculated by dividing the total packets received by the total simulation time. $\text{Throughput} = \text{Pr} / (\text{T2} - \text{T1})$. Where, Pr is total data size received, T1 is the start time and T2 is the stop time of simulation.
- **Packet Delivery Ratio:** PDR is the ratio between the number of packets transmitted by a traffic source and the number of packets received by a traffic sink. A high PDR is desired in a network. $\text{PDR} = (\text{Pr} / \text{Ps}) * 100$ Where, Pr is total packets received and Ps is the total packets sent.
- **Average end-to-end Delay:** The packets end-to-end delay is the average time that packets have to pass through the network. It represents the reliability of routing protocols. $\text{Delay} = (\text{T2} - \text{T1})$ where, T2 is receive time and T1 is sent time.

4.3. Result and Analysis

Performance analysis of existing and proposed work is shown in the figure 3 and table 10.

Table : 10 Performance analysis

Analysis	Packet delivery ratio (%)	Throughput (kpbs)	End-to-End Delay(ms)
Existing	97.003	753.91	20.53
Proposed	99.753	250.53	15.33

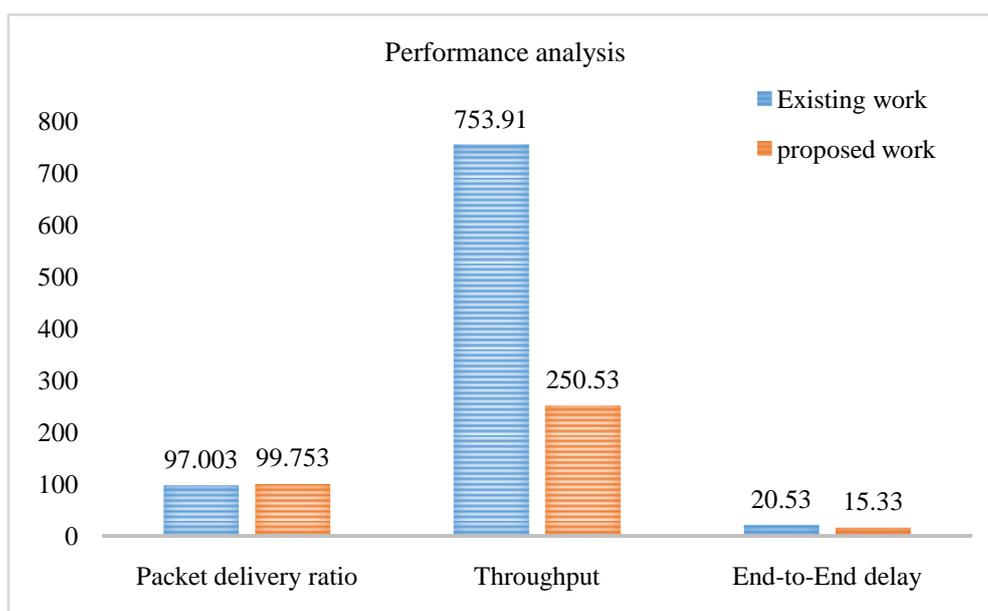


Figure 3. Performance analysis

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Security is always an open area of research and improvement. The configuration of security mechanism in ad hoc network is a challenging task due to its dynamic nature and resources constrains. This work describes how packet dropper's nodes on the network have drastically degraded the network performance. With the help of route cache table the malicious node are identified based on the transmission history. Every node in the network maintains the cache table and transmission history about its neighbor node. Based on the transmission history the nodes are classified using rough set theory whether the nodes are good or bad. Rough set methods helps in removing the superfluous attributes and gives the minimal set of attributes known as reduct by preserving the partition of the universe of discourse and generate the decision rules. To derive the decision rules for classify the nodes. If path having malicious node. The packet forwarder takes an alternative path and shortest path. Thus we have successfully injected, detected and also avoided packet dropping nodes from the path of DSR. Route breakup can easily recover since path cache established. Some advantages with this mechanism are: false detection rate is low and overhead on the network is also less. Simulation shows that packet delivery ratio throughput and end to end delay has been gained again after prevention mechanism.

The ad hoc networking is an open challenging area of research in computer science due to its dynamic nature. This means adhoc network contains lots of vulnerabilities to be explored and many other issues to be solved. In future our plan is to study some other vulnerable areas of mobile and hoc network. We will also try to configure this proposed mechanism with other mechanism such as neural network, fuzzy set and hybrid models to identify the malicious node in the network.

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