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Appendix A

Queuing delay for priority and non-priority classes.

(a)- Delay for non-priority traffic:

$$D_i = 1/2(\lambda\sigma^2)/(1 - \lambda\sigma)$$

(b)- Delay for high-priority part of traffic:

$$D_i^h = 1/2(\lambda\sigma^2)/(1 - \lambda_h\sigma)$$

(c)- Delay for low-priority part of traffic:

$$D_i^l = 1/2(\lambda\sigma^2)/(1 - \lambda_h\sigma)(1 - \lambda\sigma)$$

where D_i is queuing delay in link i , D_i^h is delay for high priority traffic, and D_i^l is delay for low priority traffic. Also $\sigma = b/v$ is service time, b is packet size, v is data rate, and $\lambda = \lambda_l + \lambda_h$.

multimedia environments, sum of normalization path delays is constant, and based on this property we can minimize the playtime interval for delay-sensitive media. It is shown that, in transmission media the multi-class queuing is a possible solution, where in the receiver side, an adaptive playtime scheduling is an important issue. Furthermore, the queuing discipline in both criteria is an important factor. We have proposed an optimization procedure for transmission and four algorithms for adaptive playtime scheduling in the receiving buffer. The successful algorithm has been evaluated through simulations.

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Transport protocol is UDP

We consider four algorithms for playtime assignment as follows (in algorithms (a-d) the mean delay value is calculated during message (i-1), and $\alpha=0.998002$):

$$\text{Algorithm (a)} : \text{Min} (\hat{d}_{i-1}) \quad (20)$$

$$\text{Algorithm (b)} : \alpha \times \hat{d}_{i-1} + (1 - \alpha) \text{var}_{i-1} \quad (21)$$

$$\text{Algorithm (c)} : \alpha \times \hat{d}_{i-1} + \text{var}_{i-1} \quad (22)$$

$$\text{Algorithm (d)} : \alpha \times \hat{d}_{i-1} + 1.2 \times \text{var}_{i-1} \quad (23)$$

In simulations, packets are generated in the source node, experience network delay and sequentially enter to the receiver buffer. In receiver buffer the initial playtime is calculated based on the following equation:

$$\text{Playtime (1)} = \alpha \times \hat{d}_1 + 4 \times \text{var}_1 \quad (24)$$

The next coming playtimes are based on the proposed algorithms. The packet loss is calculated for each algorithm and compared with other algorithms as shown in Figure 8. Figure 8 shows that algorithm (d) has the minimum packet loss rate among the others; because in this algorithm the weighing function related to variance has the maximum effect. As a result, the variance is a key factor for packet loss control where it should be limited; otherwise, it will experience long transmission delay.

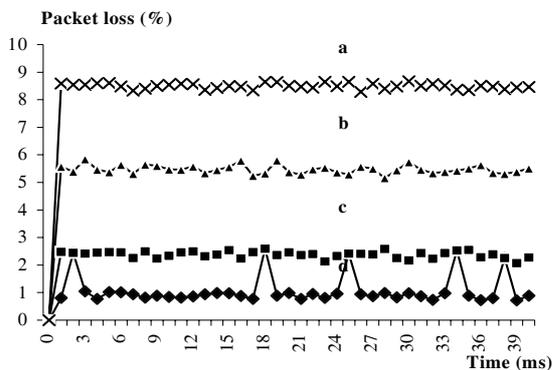


Fig. 8 Comparison of different adaptive playtime algorithms

On the other hand, to show the effect of proposed algorithms on data recovery in burst traffics, which cause sudden increase in the incoming traffic, we have prepared another simulation program. The network and the buffer prototype are the same as the previous model. Generally, a burst in the traffic is equal to a high level of packet loss or large delays in the receiver. Once this condition occurs, the algorithms follow the new behavior instantly, and adjust the initial value by receiving the first packet to calculate the playtime for the next incoming packets. In practice, the detection of bursty traffic is not so difficult and we declare a situation as being bursty when the delay between two consecutive packets goes beyond a certain threshold level. This situation depends on the network behavior, and may change quickly or stay unchanged for a long period of time. The main point is that how an algorithm can follow the network behavior instantly and define a suitable playtime for each packet. As it is shown in Figure 9, algorithms a,b,c, and d has same packet loss rate, where the recovery time in a burst traffic in algorithm d is around 0.05 ms. As a result, algorithm d not only minimizes the packet loss rate, but also it is successful in bursty traffic.

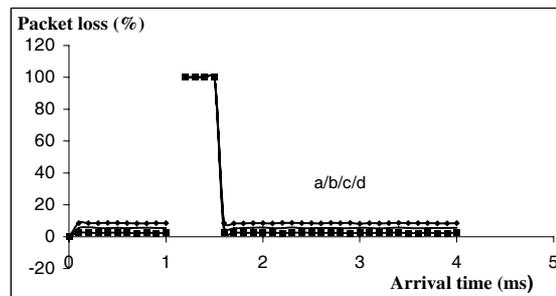


Fig. 9 Data recovery for bursty traffic

7- Conclusions

This paper considers delay problem in multimedia environments. We analyzed playtime delay for each source-destination delivery and considered the network environments and receiver buffer as the two optimization criteria. We proved that in a

scenario, we consider the process in figure 7. In this figure two consecutive audio messages are generated in the source node, and experience a non-uniform network delay. As a result, they may arrive in The receiving buffer simultaneously, out of sequence or with different delays.

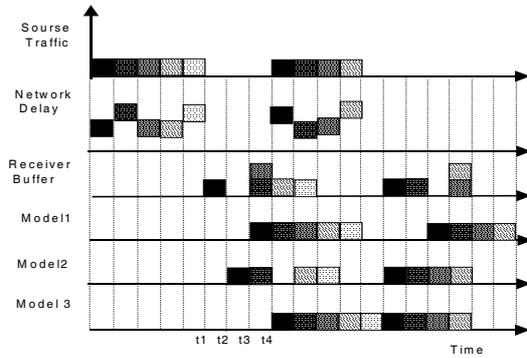


Fig. 7 Example adaptive playtime model

In Fig.7 the top graph shows a sequence of source traffic. The second graph shows the effect of non-uniform network delay experienced by each packet. In the third graph, the arrival time of the packets is compared. Here, we consider three different playtime algorithms and compare the effect of those algorithms on packet loss together with the message interval time. In model 1, the playtime is at t_3 with enough waiting time. Here, all the packets are ready at the playtime point with three unit message interval time. In model 2, the playtime is at t_2 , in this case one packet is lost and the message interval time is two units. Finally, in model 3, the playtime is two intervals unit later than t_2 , in this case all the packets are available; but, the message interval time is omitted. As a result, based on playtime scheduling, we can get all the packets successfully, we may loss some part of the messages, or we may loss message interval synchronization. Since, a mechanism with fixed playtime scheduling can not follow the network behavior; it is not a good solution for playtime assignment. For this problem, we consider a combined set of network parameters as an estimation value for the playtime scheduling. It should be noted that the estimation value can

determine the playtime point for the first packet in each message, and rest of the packets can be obtained by adding an offset to the first estimation. We have considered different algorithms that have differences in the way they combine parameters and calculate the departure time. These parameters are, average and variance of delay with suitable weighting factors. In these algorithms, delay for the i th packet and a measure for the variance are calculated based on the following equation [9]:

$$\hat{d}_i = \alpha \times \hat{d}_{i-1} + (1 - \alpha) \times r_i \quad (18)$$

$$\hat{v}_i = \alpha \hat{v}_{i-1} + (1 - \alpha) | \hat{d}_i - r_i | \quad (19)$$

where, \hat{d}_i and \hat{v}_i are two estimations for mean and variance of the point-to-point delay during the message, and r refers to the arrival time of a packet in the destination host. Figure 3 shows more details for these assumptions. In our calculation, we consider values of 0.998002 and 0.78 for α [10]-[13].

6- Evaluation of Adaptive Scheduling in the Simulation Program

In this section we evaluate the effect of adaptive playtime scheduling on packet loss rate. In this simulation, we apply an adaptive mechanism for playtime scheduling in the receiver buffer and compare the effect of different parameters on packet loss. It should be noted that loss rate is a result of either late arrival or extremely premature arrival of packets. In the latter case, the length of the receiver buffer is an important factor. If i - the packet is currently departed and the buffer has room for m packets, any packet arriving with length $m+i$ or greater will be discarded; having arrived too far in advance to be buffered. Here, the simulation environments has the following specifications:

Length of receiver buffer: 10,000 bytes

Packet rate=1000~9000 packets/s

Network delay= A random value with exponential distribution

Evaluation factor= packet loss rate, message length=1000 bytes

will tolerate the service time delay based on the service discipline.

t_w = waiting for scheduled playtime (queue time) + service time.

Service time = depart system - depart queue.

Since our problem in the network side is variance of the delay, as a complementary process for this optimization, we consider the FCFS (first-come, first-service) discipline for all the queues. We have proved that among other disciplines, the FCFS can minimize variance of the delay.

Theorem 2: In receiver buffer, the FCFS discipline minimizes waiting time variance when queuing discipline is service time independent.

Proof: Assume that expected waiting time is the same for all queue disciplines; the variance is minimized when the expectation of the squared waiting time is minimized. We consider the following definitions:

t_n = Arrival time of n -th packet.

σ_n = Service time of n -th packet.

$\sum W_q'^2$ = Sum of the squared waiting time in queue with non-FCFC discipline.

$\sum W_q^2$ = Sum of the squared waiting time in queue with FCFC discipline.

We consider the change in squared time when two packets are served in a sequence other than FCFS. In this case, at time T , suppose the server is servicing either packet n or packet $n+1$. To calculate the difference in squared time in the queue we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum W_q'^2 - \sum W_q^2 &= (T - t_2)^2 + (T - t_1 + \sigma_2)^2 - \\ &[(T - t_1)^2 + (T - t_2 + \sigma_1)^2] = \\ &2(T - t_1)\sigma_2 + \sigma_2^2 - [2(T - t_1)\sigma_1 + \sigma_1^2] \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Since both σ_1 and σ_2 have identical distribution, $E(\sigma_1) = E(\sigma_2)$, and $E(\sigma_1^2) = E(\sigma_2^2)$. Thus, we have:

$$E[\sum W_q'^2 - \sum W_q^2] = 2(t_2 - t_1)E(\sigma) > 0 \quad (15)$$

Since $t_2 > t_1$ by definition, equation (15) must be greater than zero. As a result, processing the packets in any order other than FCFS increases the waiting-time variance. ■

5- Adaptive Playtime Analysis

One approach to deal with the unknown nature of delay distribution and synchronizing the generation and departure of real time messages (i.e. voice or video messages), is to estimate the delay and adaptively adjust playtime scheduling. Practically, to compensate for the queuing delay in the network, we buffer packets in the receiver side. Since the queuing delay is not uniform, we need an estimation mechanism to adaptively determine the network delay and select the playtime according to the network behavior. Here to deal with this problem, we adjust the playtime adaptively according to its variation using dynamic delay estimation. For our estimation, we separate the delay into two parts. One is playtime delay for the first packet (i.e. a talkspurt in an audio message) that is based on the following formula:

$$Playtime (1) = t_1 + \hat{d}_i + n \times \hat{v}_i \quad (16)$$

And the second for the rest of the packets in the message that is:

$$Playtime (j) = Playtime (1) + t_j - t_1 \quad (17)$$

Where, \hat{d}_i and \hat{v}_i are estimation values for the mean and variance of the point-to-point delay during the message, and t refers to the time. The playtime for any subsequent packets in a message is considered as an offset value from the time where the first packet in the message was played out. The term of, $n * \hat{v}_i$, is used to set the playtime far enough beyond the estimated delay so that a small fraction of packets be rejected because of long delay. For this synchronization we need an adaptive playtime mechanism which has low loss rate and low playtime delay. For more details, we compare the effect of playtime interval on packet loss in receiver buffer for UDP audio packets in a public network. In this

$$\text{Link } n: \sum_{j=1}^l \sigma_n \lambda_j T_n^j = c_n \quad (5)$$

If we assume one sample path with l links we have,

$$\sum_{j=1}^l \sigma_j \lambda_1 T_1^j + \sum_{j=1}^l \sigma_j \lambda_2 T_2^j + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^l \sigma_j \lambda_k T_k^j = cte \quad (6)$$

where T_i^j is delay of path j in link i , λ_j is traffic in path j , σ_i is service time, and c_1, \dots, c_n are constant values. Note that, if a virtual path does not traverse through a link, delay of that path in the link is zero. If we calculate total delay in all the paths in media i , and assume $\lambda_j = \lambda$:

$$t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_{n_i} = n_i \times T = cte \quad (7)$$

where t_j is delay of path j in media i . Also for average delay in m media we have:

$$n_1 T_1 + n_2 T_2 + \dots + n_m T_m = m \times \bar{T} = cte \quad (8)$$

where T_j is average path delay in media i , and \bar{T} is average total path delay in m media. On the other hand, in media k with n_k nodes and sensitivity factor s_k , normalization of path delay is done as follows:

$$p_j = t_j \times (s_k / S) \quad (9)$$

where $S = 1/m \sum_{k=1}^m s_k$ is the average value of time-sensitivity in m media, and s_k is time-sensitivity in media k . If we consider average normalization of delay in media k with n_k nodes, we have:

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_{n_k} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} p_j / n_k \quad (10)$$

Also if we consider the normalized path delay in m media, based on Eq. 7 and 8, we have:

$$P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_m = 1/m \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} p_j / n_i = cte \quad (11)$$

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As a result, in m media environments, sum of the normalized path delay for all the virtual paths is constant. Thus, by using a suitable priority assignment, we can control the delay in highly time-sensitive traffic with the expense of low sensitive media where the total delay is invariant. It should be noted that we consider time sensitivity as an important factor in the optimization procedure.

4 -Network Parameters and the Optimization Function

In order to control the queuing delay, we consider two classes of priority: low and high priority queue (we can extend the problem to more classes). For each packet, there are two possibilities: being serviced through the low or high priority level. This decision is made based on the path delay and the link traffic. We consider normalized path delay as the evaluation parameter:

$$p_i = t_i \times s_i / S \quad (12)$$

where $t_i = f(c_1, \dots, c_k, p_i^1, \dots, p_i^k)$, c_i is link capacity and p_i^k is the priority of path i in link k . Here the problem is to determine the priority for traffic in each queue, where it can minimize variance of the normalized path-delay. This method has the advantage that we can decrease delay in the set of paths with maximum delay value while increasing delay in the set of paths with minimum delay where based on Conservation Law the total delay is invariant. For this problem, we propose a heuristic optimization procedure that can solve the problem even though for the set of paths with equal delay values (i.e. loop networks or set of sources with equal distances from the destination). The procedure minimizes the following equation:

$$Var_{\min} = \text{Min} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[(p_i - \bar{p}_i)^2 / N \right] \quad (13)$$

allowable delays), put them in their respected queues, and based on its queuing discipline, forward them toward the destination. In order to decrease queuing delay, priority queuing is a possible solution, especially for time sensitive media. Since in a multimedia environments each media can tolerate certain level of delay, which is different from other media, minimizing the delay in sensitive media with the expense of low sensitive media is a challenging issue. Here, for simplicity, we assume each node as M/D/1 queuing system. In this case, for a non-priority and priority classes, we can calculate the queuing delay based on Appendix A. With this assumption, according to priority of the traffic in each link, we can change the delay in each path (i.e. the longest path delay or delay sensitive media.) where based on Conservation Law the total delay is invariant.

3-1- Delay Normalization and Media Sensitivity

In order to minimize the maximum path delay in a multimedia environments, we introduce a sensitivity factor for each media according to characteristic of a media. Sensitivity factor normalizes the function of delay in one media to a uniform value among the other media. Indeed, we assume one closed bound between zero and one [0,1], where the maximum value specifies the media with the maximum sensitivity or minimum allowable delay, and the minimum sensitivity factor for non-sensitive media (i.e. non real-time applications). To make this definition clear, in two media applications, let the allowable delay in media a and b be T_a and T_b respectively where $T_b > T_a$. It gives the sensitivity value of s_a and s_b to media a and b where $s_a > s_b$ (media with less allowable delay has more sensitivity).

Normalized delay for media a = a function of path delay $\times s_a / (s_a + s_b)$.

Normalized delay for media b = a function of path delay $\times s_b / (s_a + s_b)$.

In this case different characteristic of each media comes to the account and we have a

uniform value with the same priority in the optimization procedure. To use this factor for priority assignment, we need to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1: In m media environments, sum of the normalize path delay for all the virtual paths is constant, i.e. :

$$1/m \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} P_j / n_i = cte \quad (2)$$

where P_j is the normalize path delay in media i , n_i is number of nodes in media i , and m is number of media.

Proof: In a multimedia environments with m media, we assume n individual virtual paths from a set of source nodes to a destination address. Assume m different media such that media i contains n_i source nodes where $\sum_{i=1}^m n_i = n$. As it is shown in figure 4.

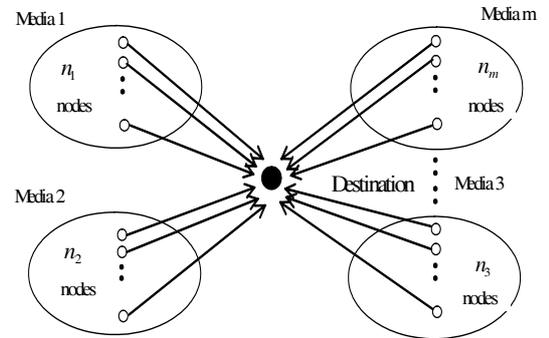


Fig.4 m media communication model

Based on Conservation Law in a given network traffic, the weighted sum of all the stream delays is constant. To calculate the delay in each link we have:

$$\text{Link 1: } \sum_{j=1}^l \sigma_1 \lambda_j T_1^j = c_1 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Link 2: } \sum_{j=1}^l \sigma_2 \lambda_j T_2^j = c_2 \quad (4)$$

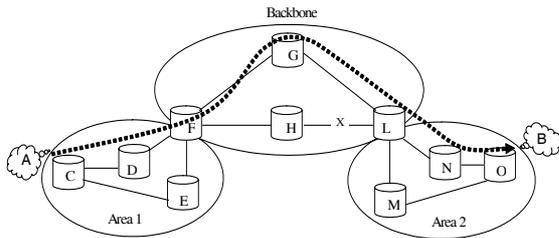


Fig. 2 Multimedia transmission with store and forward mechanism

In this process any packet experiences propagation delay in each link and processing plus queuing delay in each node. Those items may cause the packets to wait, put them out of sequence, or may cause them to be dropped. Fig. 3 Shows playtime interval for one point-to-point delivery.

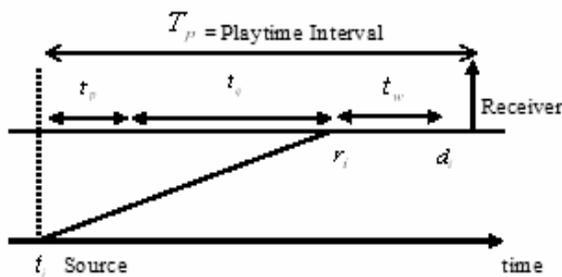


Fig.3 Playtime of a point-to-point delivery

The main parameters in transmission media are propagation, processing, and queuing delay where in the receiver buffer; the problem is waiting time for playtime schedule. Here, we separate the playtime period into three main parts. Propagation delay that is assumed to be constant. Queuing delay which depends on service discipline, buffer size as well as traffic load. Waiting time delay in the receiver buffer which depends on playtime schedule and service discipline.

Playtime delay = Propagation delay + Queuing delay + Waiting-time delay.

t_i is the generating time of the packet x .

r_i is the arrival time of packet x in the destination host.

d_i is the played-out of the packet x at the destination host.

t_p is the propagation delay from source to the destination for packet x and is assumed to be constant.

t_q is the queuing delay from the source to the destination host for packet x .

t_w is the waiting time of packet x in the receiver side for its playtime schedule.

T_p is the playtime delay that refers to amount of time from source until play out in destination for packet x .

To minimize the playtime interval, we can employ different strategies. In one hand, we can apply a suitable queuing mechanism to decrease the network delay; on the other hand, we can control waiting time in the receiving buffer.

To analyze this problem, we model each node as M/D/1 queuing system [8]. It should be noted that for compatibility of the model we consider a multi-point to point communication as N individual connections between N points to one point. N is the number of source nodes with one destination. In this case, the value of each path delay can be obtained using the following formula

$$T_p = \sum_{i=1}^k t_{pi} + 1/2 \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \sigma_i / (1 - \lambda_i \sigma_i) + t_w \quad (1)$$

where $\sigma = b/v$ is service time, b is packet size, v is data rate, t_{pi} is propagation delay in link i , k is the number of links in path p , and t_w is waiting time in receiver buffer. We can analyze the path delay in two separate parts: delay in the network environments and waiting time in the receiving host.

3- Delay in the Network Environment

Major factors making quality degradation in the network environments are propagation and queuing delay. Each intermediate node, receives the packets from different media (with different

any resources such as bandwidth or performance measures (i.e. maximum delay or maximum loss rate) [5]. In this scenario, the challenge for supporting the real-time data over the network is the need to provide a synchronous playtime of packets where we have a stochastic end-to-end network delay [6,7]. Packets experience transmission and queuing delay between the source and the destination, where in the receive side, they may wait for their scheduled playtime. In order to control the delay from one source to a destination address in each media, we divide the delay to two parts. One includes the propagation, processing, and queuing delay in the network side, where the another part refers to waiting time for the scheduled playtime in the receiving host. In this paper we investigate the problem of packet delay during the playtime from a source to a destination, and evaluate the performance of priority assignment as well as queuing discipline in network side together with adaptive playtime scheduling in the receive buffers.

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 gives a brief introduction to some principal concepts in real time transmission. Section 3 analyzes network delay and sensitivity factor. Section 4 proposes an optimization technique for queuing delay in network environments and receiving host. Section 5 introduces an adaptive playtime analysis. In section 6, evaluation of adaptive scheduling is given. And finally, we conclude the paper in section 7.

2- Delay Analysis in Packet Networks

In a multimedia environments, we can consider two qualities for services. One is the network quality of service that refers to bandwidth, end-to-end delay, inter/intra stream synchronization, delivery order of data, error recovery, packet loss, jitter, echo, and so on. The effect of these parameters on quality of service depends on media and application models. For example, in a VoIP application, the round-trip delay, jitter, packet loss, and delivery order of data are critical issues where as in video conferencing, in addition to those items, the quality of video signals is also an

essential factor. On the contrary, in text transmission, packet loss is a major concern. The second quality of service refers to the requirements for perception of multimedia information at the user interface. Here, we discuss some characteristics and behavior of data transmission in store and forward packet switching environments. Figure.1. shows the process of real time packet transmission over Wide Area Networks. The packets are generated in the source node and experience a random delay in the network. In order to smooth out such delay jitter, the receiving host can delay the initiation of periodic played-out of received packets for some time interval.

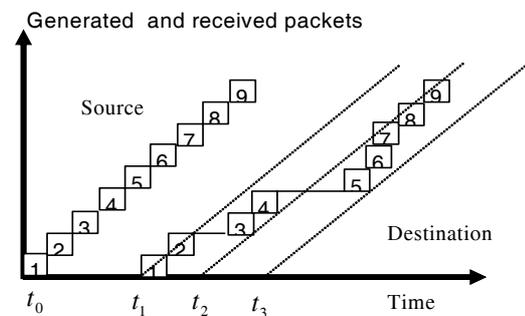


Fig.1 Process of packet transmission in public networks

In Fig. 1, if the receiver delay is in the beginning of playtime t_3 , all the packets will have been received before the schedule. On the other hand, if the play out began at t_2 , delay is less, but the packets (5-9) will loss having arrived after their scheduled playtime. This illustrates the tradeoff between the delay and packet loss that is a critical issue in transmission media. To explain this scenario with more details, we consider the process of data transmission from an arbitrary source node to a destination as is shown in Fig.2. In this figure data from the source node arrives in the first intermediate node and based on its routing table will be forwarded to the next intermediate node until it can reach the destination host.

<<Research Note>>

Delay Control Using Media Sensitivity in Multimedia Environments

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Abstract- Increasing real time services in multimedia environments has initiated a new phenomenon in data communication. This paper analyzes delay in multimedia environments focusing on multi-point to point communication [1]. We separate the playtime delay in a point-to-point transmission and propose an optimization scenario for each part. It is proved that sum of the normalized path delay for point-to-point connections is invariant and based on this property, the playtime for delay-sensitive media has been minimized. We have shown that in transmission media, priority queuing is an effective solution where in the receiver side, waiting time for playtime scheduling and queuing discipline are two main factors. It is shown that there is a compromise between packet loss and packet departure time in the receiver side where the acceptable packet loss can adjust the playtime delay adaptively. Theoretical analysis for priority assignment, queuing technique and performance evaluation in different classes of queuing with different playtime scheduling are given.

Key Words: Multimedia Services, Network Delay, Playtime Scheduling.

1- Introduction

Progress of new technologies and services in data communications, creates an opportunity for using the continuous media (e.g. video and audio) in the existing packet networks. In attempt to support the real-time applications (e.g. video conferencing, VoIP service, real-time fax services, and so on) over the public networks which are not designed for this purpose, the services are suffering from quality degradation which results from limitations of available network resources. One of the important characteristics in multimedia environments is supporting the variety of services with different requirements. Some media need to get real-time services, where some may not be so time sensitive. Moreover, based on different behavior of network characteristics in different geographical points, different traffic may

experience different network delays. These characteristics give us the opportunity to manage a reasonable tradeoff between different media and network resources. As a good candidate, we can apply a priority technique for time sensitive media with the expense of media with low time sensitivity. There are extensive literature for classification of traffic and using different techniques based on service level agreement (SLA) between the users and network providers [2,3,4]. The users follow the agreement level and never concern about characteristics of different services to optimize the network parameters and resources. In this research we address some of the main problems which are involved in obtaining the quasi optimal solution in multi-point to point data communications. Practically, in multimedia applications the public network does not guarantee