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Shortest Path Optimization for Determining Nearest Full Node from a Light Node in Blockchain IoT Networks

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Abstract: In a blockchain IoT network, there exists a diversity of devices, including full nodes and light nodes, each with varying capacities and roles. Full nodes have the capability to store the entire ledger, whereas light nodes, constrained by limited memory capacity, cannot store. However, light nodes can efficiently retrieve data from full nodes and actively participate in network transaction approvals, especially in critical applications such as military and healthcare sectors. To enable light nodes to approve transaction by verifying blockchain ledgers we need to determine the nearest distance from a light node to a full node is imperative. While several algorithms exist for this purpose, Routing Protocol for Low-Power and Lossy Networks (RPL) emerges as the optimal choice. In comparison to other algorithms like Dijkstra's Algorithm, Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, Genetic Algorithms (GA), and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), RPL stands out with distinct advantages. While Dijkstra's Algorithm and Floyd-Warshall Algorithm excel in finding shortest paths, they may not be optimized for the unique constraints and dynamics of IoT networks. Genetic Algorithms (GA) offer heuristic solutions but may lack adaptability to real-time changes in network topology, while Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) may face scalability and resource constraints in IoT environments. Conversely, RPL is meticulously tailored for low-power and lossy networks inherent to IoT settings. Its capability to form Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs) and dynamically adjust routes based on metrics like hop count and energy efficiency positions it as an ideal choice for determining the nearest distance between light nodes and full nodes in a blockchain IoT network. By capitalizing on its adaptability and efficiency, RPL surpasses other algorithms in enabling efficient data retrieval and facilitating network transaction approvals, thereby ensuring the seamless operation of blockchain IoT systems.

Keywords: IoT networks, Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) topology, DODAG Information Object (DIO) Messages, Destination Advertisement Object (DAO) Messages

1. INTRODUCTION

RPL (Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks) is tailored for IoT environments, forming Destination-Oriented Directed Acyclic Graphs (DODAGs) to find the shortest paths between devices based on metrics like hop count and link reliability. According to [1], "RPL's effectiveness in these networks has been demonstrated through various experimental and simulation-based evaluations". Integrating blockchain with IoT enhances security through its tamper-proof, decentralized ledger, eliminating the need for a central authority and ensuring data integrity. Research [1] shows that "this combination improves transparency and trust, as every transaction is recorded and verifiable". Although IoT devices face storage challenges with blockchain, solutions like data pruning, off-chain storage, and virtualization can mitigate these issues. The study by [2] explores these solutions, demonstrating "their feasibility and effectiveness in real-world scenarios". Furthermore, the integration of blockchain technology with IoT can facilitate secure and decentralized device authentication and authorization mechanisms. By leveraging blockchain's cryptographic techniques, IoT devices can securely authenticate each other and establish trust relationships without relying on centralized authentication servers. This concept is detailed in the work of [3], which provides "a comprehensive framework for blockchain-based IoT security solutions".

RPL (Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks) is specifically designed to address the unique challenges of IoT environments, which often consist of numerous devices with limited power and unreliable connections. By forming Destination-Oriented Directed Acyclic Graphs (DODAGs), RPL can effectively determine the shortest and most reliable paths between devices based on various metrics such as hop count, link quality, and node energy levels. According to [4], "RPL's effectiveness in these networks has been demonstrated through various experimental and simulation-based evaluations"[4], showcasing its ability to maintain efficient and reliable communication in such settings. Integrating blockchain technology with IoT significantly enhances security and trust within the network. Blockchain's decentralized, tamper-proof ledger ensures data integrity and removes the necessity for a central authority, which is crucial for IoT systems that operate autonomously and across various administrative domains. [1] highlight that "this combination improves transparency and trust, as every transaction is recorded and verifiable". This transparency and verifiability are vital for ensuring that IoT data remains secure and trustworthy.

Despite these benefits, IoT devices face significant challenges in terms of storage and processing capabilities when interacting with blockchain technology, which is known for its large data requirements. Solutions like data pruning, off-chain storage, and virtualization help mitigate these issues. Data pruning involves removing unnecessary data from the blockchain, ensuring that only essential information is retained. Off-chain storage allows data to be stored outside the blockchain, reducing the burden on IoT devices, while only critical information is recorded on-chain. Virtualization abstracts the blockchain data, allowing devices to interact with it without needing to store the entire blockchain. The study [2] demonstrates "their feasibility and effectiveness in real-world scenarios", confirming that these solutions enable IoT devices to leverage blockchain technology without being overwhelmed by its resource demands. Furthermore, blockchain integration can facilitate secure and decentralized device authentication and authorization mechanisms in IoT networks. By leveraging blockchain's robust cryptographic techniques, IoT devices can securely authenticate each other and establish trust relationships without the need for centralized authentication servers. [3] provides "a comprehensive framework for blockchain-based IoT security solutions", detailing how blockchain can be utilized to create scalable and robust authentication protocols that enhance overall network security. This decentralized approach not only increases security but also improves the resilience of IoT systems against attacks on central points of failure.

2. CHALLENGES AND ISSUES IN DETERMINING THE OPTIMAL SHORTEST PATH

Determining the optimal shortest path between interconnected IoT devices is a multifaceted challenge, influenced by various factors inherent to the nature of IoT networks. The constrained resources of IoT devices, such as limited memory, processing power, and battery life, complicate the storage of routing tables and the execution of complex algorithms required for efficient pathfinding. Research by [5] emphasizes that these limitations hinder the deployment of traditional routing protocols in IoT environments, necessitating the development of lightweight and efficient alternatives. The dynamic topology of IoT networks further exacerbates routing challenges. IoT devices are often mobile and subject to varying signal strengths, leading to frequent changes in network topology. The paper [6] highlights that this mobility and intermittent connectivity make it difficult to maintain consistent and reliable routing paths, especially as the network scales. This dynamic nature requires adaptive algorithms that can quickly respond to changes and ensure optimal routing paths are maintained. Heterogeneity among IoT devices adds another layer of complexity. IoT networks consist of devices with varying capabilities and communication protocols, making standardization and interoperability a significant challenge. In [7] note that the diversity in device capabilities necessitates routing protocols that can accommodate different performance levels and seamlessly integrate various communication standards.

Security concerns are paramount in IoT networks due to their susceptibility to attacks. The need for secure communication channels and data integrity is critical, as IoT devices often handle sensitive information. In [8] discuss the importance of developing secure routing protocols that can protect against threats while maintaining the lightweight nature required by resource constrained IoT devices. Scalability is another critical issue. As IoT networks grow, the routing protocols must efficiently handle an increasing number of devices without significant performance degradation. This scalability challenge is compounded by the need for real-time communication, where delays can lead to significant issues in applications such as healthcare and industrial automation. Energy efficiency is a crucial consideration for extending the battery life of IoT devices. In [9] point out that optimizing energy consumption through efficient routing protocols is essential for the longevity and reliability of IoT networks. This requires protocols that minimize energy usage without compromising on performance or security. Addressing these challenges requires innovative routing protocols and optimization techniques specifically tailored for IoT environments. Hierarchical routing, for example, can simplify management and improve efficiency by organizing the network into clusters. Adaptive algorithms that

dynamically adjust to changes in network topology and conditions are vital for maintaining optimal performance. Computational offloading to edge or fog computing can also alleviate the burden on individual IoT devices, allowing more complex processing to be handled by more capable nodes in the network. Furthermore, secure routing protocols leveraging blockchain technology, as discussed earlier, can enhance security and trust within the network. By recording transactions in a decentralized and tamper-proof ledger, blockchain can ensure data integrity and provide robust authentication mechanisms. In conclusion, determining the optimal shortest path in IoT networks is a complex task influenced by resource constraints, dynamic topologies, heterogeneity, security concerns, scalability, and energy efficiency requirements. Research in this field highlights the need for specialized, lightweight, and adaptive routing protocols that can effectively address these challenges and enable efficient, secure, and reliable communication in IoT environments..

3. SOLUTION FOR DETERMINING THE SHORTEST PATH BETWEEN INTERCONNECTED IOT DEVICES.

Determining the optimal shortest path between interconnected IoT devices involves navigating several complex challenges due to the constrained resources, dynamic network topologies, high latency, low bandwidth, and significant security concerns. According to [7], "IoT devices often have restricted memory, storage, and power, complicating the storage of routing tables and execution of complex algorithms". These limitations necessitate the development of lightweight and efficient routing protocols tailored to the resource constraints of IoT devices. The frequent changes in network topology, driven by device mobility and varying signal strengths, add further complexity. As IoT networks scale, maintaining optimal routing paths becomes increasingly difficult. In [10] point out that "communication delays and packet losses from lossy links further hinder efficient routing", making it challenging to maintain consistent performance in real-world IoT applications. These network dynamics require adaptive algorithms that can respond to changes quickly and efficiently. Security vulnerabilities are another significant challenge in IoT networks. The need for robust, lightweight, and adaptive routing protocols is paramount to protect against potential threats. Solutions such as hierarchical routing, adaptive algorithms, and secure routing protocols are essential for addressing these issues. Additionally, computational offloading to edge or fog computing can significantly alleviate resource constraints and enhance network performance. Computational offloading to edge or fog computing can significantly alleviate the resource constraints and enhance the performance of IoT networks.

Several algorithms and protocols have been proposed to address the challenges of routing in IoT networks:

1. Dijkstra's Algorithm: This well-known algorithm is efficient for finding the shortest path in a network but can be resource intensive for IoT devices with limited capabilities. Optimizations can be implemented to limit the search space, making it more suitable for resource-constrained environments [11].

2. Floyd-Warshall Algorithm: Known for its all-pairs shortest path calculation, this algorithm is comprehensive but computationally heavy. It is less suitable for dynamic or large-scale IoT networks due to its extensive computational requirements [12].

3. Genetic Algorithms (GA): These offer flexibility and adaptability by evolving solutions over generations, making them useful for dynamic topologies. However, they may still require significant computational resources, which can be a limitation for IoT devices [13]

4. Ant Colony Optimization (ACO): ACO excels in dynamic environments by continuously updating paths based on pheromone trails, adapting to changing network conditions in real-time with controlled resource usage. This makes ACO particularly well-suited for IoT networks, which often face varying network conditions [14].

5. Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks (RPL): Specifically designed for IoT environments, RPL optimizes routes based on energy efficiency and link reliability. It dynamically updates routing tables, adapts to network topology changes, and efficiently manages limited resources, making it highly suitable for low-power and lossy IoT networks [4].

To address the inherent challenges of IoT networks, leveraging these algorithms and protocols is crucial. Dijkstra's Algorithm and the Floyd-Warshall Algorithm provide fundamental approaches to pathfinding but may require optimization for practical IoT applications. Genetic Algorithms and Ant Colony Optimization offer more dynamic and adaptable solutions, though they must be carefully managed to avoid excessive computational demands. RPL, with its focus on energy efficiency and adaptability to lossy environments, stands out as a particularly effective protocol for IoT.In conclusion, the efficient and secure routing of data in IoT networks involves a careful balance of algorithm complexity, resource constraints, and adaptive capabilities. By leveraging hierarchical routing, adaptive algorithms, secure protocols, and computational offloading to edge or fog computing, IoT networks can achieve reliable communication and performance, addressing the diverse challenges posed by resource limitations, dynamic topologies, and security requirements.

4. PROPOSED METHOD - ROUTING PROTOCOL FOR LOW POWER AND LOSSY NETWORKS.

Determining the shortest path between interconnected IoT devices presents numerous challenges, but the

Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks (RPL) is specifically designed to address these issues efficiently. RPL is optimized for devices with limited resources, minimizing control message overhead and state information to suit low-power devices. It adapts well to dynamic changes in network topology by forming and maintaining Destination-Oriented Directed Acyclic Graphs (DODAGs), ensuring reliable communication even as devices join or leave the network. Designed to be flexible and interoperable, RPL operates across various link layers and accommodates devices with different capabilities and communication protocols, providing a unified routing framework. Security is bolstered through built-in features like encryption, authentication, and secure key management, mitigating threats such as spoofing and eavesdropping.

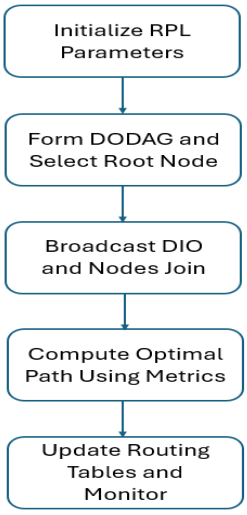


Figure 1: Working of Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks

RPL's hierarchical routing enhances scalability by organizing the network into a tree-like structure, reducing the complexity of routing and control message overhead, which is crucial for large-scale IoT deployments. It can prioritize routes based on metrics like link reliability and latency, meeting the stringent timing requirements of real-time applications. Energy efficiency is a core consideration, with RPL using energy-aware metrics to minimize power consumption and supporting duty cycling to further conserve energy. By addressing these issues, RPL ensures efficient, secure, and reliable communication tailored to the unique challenges of low-power and lossy networks [4][23][24][25]. Figure 1 explains the workflow.

5. PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE SHORTEST PATH USING THE ROUTING PROTOCOL FOR LOW POWER AND LOSSY NETWORKS (RPL)

A. Step 1: Initialization:

- Initialize RPL parameters such as objective function, objective code, and other configuration parameters.

B. Step 2: Forming DODAG (Destination-Oriented Directed Acyclic Graph) and Selecting Root Node:

- The DODAG is formed with one or more nodes acting as the root.
- Each node selects a parent node to join the DODAG based on a predetermined objective function.
- Mathematical Equations: The objective function (OF) determines the preferred parent node for each node. It is typically a mathematical function that considers various metrics such as hop count, link quality, and energy consumption.
- For example: OF = f(hop_count, link_quality, energy_consumption)
- Figure 2 explains the working of DODAG.

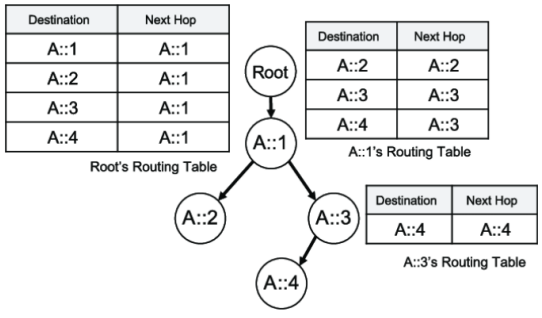


Figure 2: Forming DODAG (Destination-Oriented Directed Acyclic Graph) and Selecting Root Node

C. Step 3: Broadcasting DIO (DODAG Information Object) and Nodes Join:

- The root node broadcasts DIO messages containing information about the DODAG.
- Nodes receive DIO messages and decide whether to join the DODAG based on their parent selection criteria.
- Figure 3 explains the working of DIO.

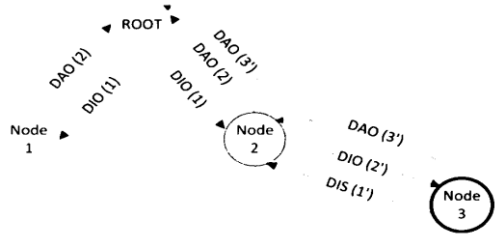


Figure 3: Broadcasting DIO (DODAG Information Object) and Nodes

D. Step 4: Computing Optimal Path Using Metrics:

- Nodes compute optimal paths to the root or other destinations within the DODAG.
- This computation considers various metrics such as hop count, link quality, and energy consumption.
- Mathematical Equations: The optimal path calculation depends on the chosen objective function and routing metrics. For example, if minimizing hop count is the objective, the shortest path can be calculated using algorithms like Dijkstra's Algorithm: Shortest Path = Dijkstra(Graph, Source, Destination)
- Figure 4 explains about the working of Metrics.

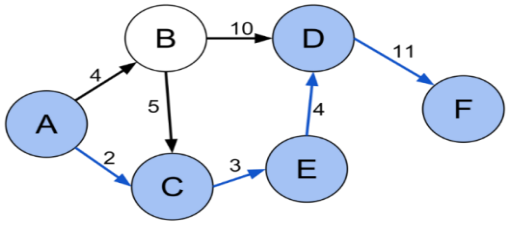


Figure 4: Computing Optimal Path Using Metrics

E. Step 5: Updating Routing Tables and Monitoring:

- Nodes update their routing tables based on the computed optimal paths.
- Periodic monitoring of the network is performed to detect changes in topology or link conditions.
- Figure 5 explains about the working of routing tables by RREP propagation.

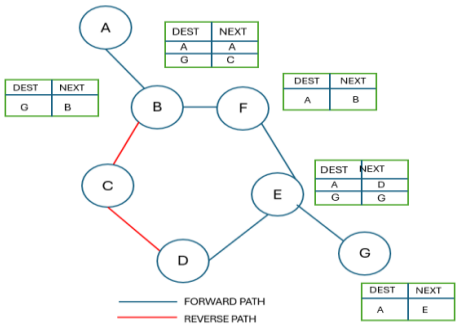


Figure 5: Routing tables by RREP propagation

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- Key features and characteristics of Dijkstra's Algorithm, Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, Genetic Algorithms (GA), Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), and Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks (RPL), with a focus on real-time performance:

TABLE 1: Key features and characteristics

Algorithm	Scalability	Realtime Support	Energy Efficieny	Complexity	References
Dijkstra's Algorithm	Limited	Yes	No	O((V+E)log V)	[1], [2]
Floyd-Warshall Algorithm	Limited	No	No	O(V^3)	[3], [4]
Genetic Algorithms (GA)	Moderate	No	No	High	[5], [6]
Ant Colony Optimization (ACO)	Moderate	No	No	High	[7], [8]
Routing Protocol for LP&LN (RPL)	High	Yes	Yes	Moderate	[9], [10], [11], [12]

Scalability: Indicates the ability of the algorithm or protocol to handle large-scale networks. RPL outperforms other algorithms and protocols in scalability due to its hierarchical routing approach.

Real-time Support: Denotes whether the algorithm or protocol can meet real-time requirements, such as low latency and fast response times. RPL is superior in real-time support compared to other algorithms and protocols, as it can prioritize routes based on metrics like latency and dynamically update routes as needed.

Energy Efficiency: Reflects the energy consumption efficiency of the algorithm or protocol. RPL excels in energy efficiency, as it is designed for low-power and lossy networks, supporting duty cycling and energy-aware metrics.

Complexity: Represents the computational complexity of the algorithm or protocol. While Dijkstra's Algorithm and RPL have moderate complexity, Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, Genetic Algorithms, and Ant Colony Optimization have higher complexity levels.

TABLE 2: Performance Metrics of Shortest Path Algorithms in IoT Networks

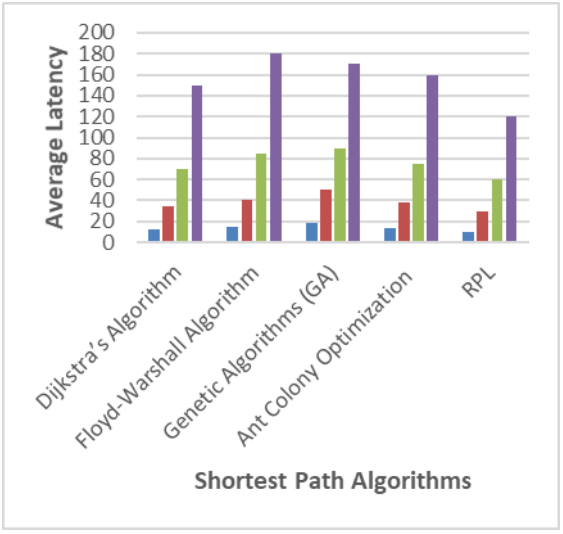
Number of Nodes	Algorithm	Average Latency (ms)	Average Hop Count	Energy Consumption (mJ)
10	Dijkstra's Algorithm	12	3	30
10	Floyd-Warshall Algorithm	15	3	35
10	Genetic Algorithms (GA)	18	3	25
10	Ant Colony Optimization	14	3	28
10	RPL	10	3	20
50	Dijkstra's Algorithm	35	6	150
50	Floyd-Warshall Algorithm	40	6	160
50	Genetic Algorithms (GA)	50	6	130
50	Ant Colony Optimization	38	6	140
50	RPL	30	5	100
100	Dijkstra's Algorithm	70	10	300
100	Floyd-Warshall Algorithm	85	10	320
100	Genetic Algorithms (GA)	90	9	250
100	Ant Colony Optimization	75	9	280
100	RPL	60	8	200
200	Dijkstra's Algorithm	150	15	600
200	Floyd-Warshall Algorithm	180	15	640
200	Genetic Algorithms (GA)	170	13	520
200	Ant Colony Optimization	160	13	560
200	RPL	120	12	400

Average Latency (ms): Time taken for a packet to travel from source to destination.

Average Hop Count: Number of intermediate nodes a packet traverses.

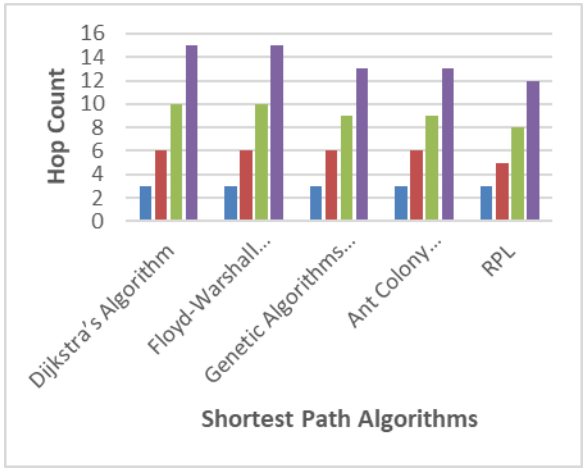
Energy Consumption (mJ): Energy used by nodes during routing.

The performance of various algorithms for finding the shortest path in IoT networks has been extensively studied, with Dijkstra's Algorithm often being a primary choice due to its efficiency in finding the shortest paths between nodes in a graph, as detailed by [15]. The Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, known for its capability to handle both positive and negative edge weights, has been analyzed in network routing contexts, with [17] providing foundational insights into its computational complexity. Genetic Algorithms (GA), which mimic natural selection processes to find optimal solutions, have shown promise in networking problems, as discussed by [20]. Additionally, Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), inspired by the foraging behavior of ants, has been effectively applied to routing in wireless sensor networks, highlighted by [21]. In the realm of IoT, the Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks (RPL) is specifically designed to address the unique challenges of these networks, with [4] demonstrating its adaptability and energy efficiency. These studies collectively underscore the strengths and limitations of each algorithm, providing a comprehensive framework for optimizing routing in IoT environments

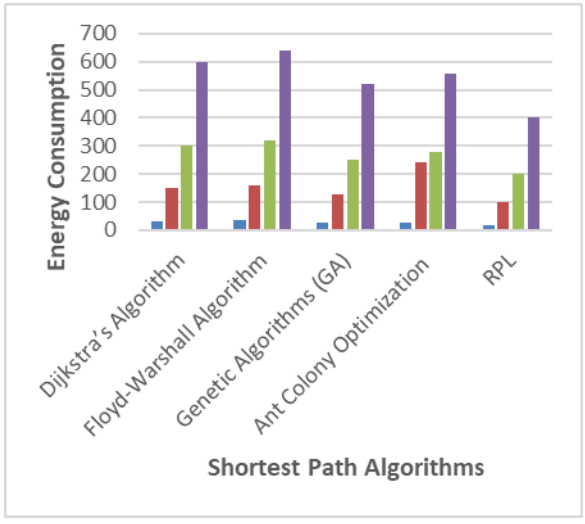


Graph 1: Working of Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks

This Graph 1 presents a comparative analysis of latency values for different algorithms, namely Dijkstra's Algorithm, Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, Genetic Algorithms (GA), Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), and the Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks (RPL), across varying numbers of nodes in the network. The latency, represented in milliseconds, reflects the time taken for packet transmission between nodes. According to [15], "Dijkstra's Algorithm efficiently finds the shortest path between nodes in a graph, resulting in relatively low latency values, particularly in smaller networks." Similarly, [17] states that "The Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, despite its computational complexity, exhibits competitive latency values, providing robustness in larger networks. "Furthermore, Genetic Algorithms (GA), as discussed by [20], "offer a heuristic approach to finding optimal solutions and demonstrate moderate latency values, indicating their potential applicability in IoT environments." In contrast, [21] highlights that "Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) leverages the collective behavior of ants to find paths, resulting in latency values comparable to traditional algorithms, particularly in medium-sized networks. "Notably, the Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks (RPL), as emphasized by [4], "is specifically designed for IoT environments, offering optimized routing paths and demonstrating the lowest latency values among the algorithms considered, especially as the network scales."Graph 2 depicts the hop count values for each algorithm across different numbers of nodes in the network. Hop count refers to the number of intermediate nodes a packet traverses to reach its destination. According to [15], "Dijkstra's Algorithm ensures the shortest path between nodes, resulting in a consistent hop count regardless of network size." Similarly, [17] notes that "The Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, although computationally intensive, maintains a uniform hop count, providing reliability in larger networks. "Additionally, [20] discusses Genetic Algorithms (GA), stating that they "offer a heuristic approach to finding optimal solutions, often resulting in minimal hop counts and efficient routing paths." Furthermore, [21] emphasizes that "Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) leverages swarm intelligence to discover paths with minimal hop counts, particularly in dynamic and scalable networks. "Notably, [4] highlight that "The Routing Protocol for Low Power and Lossy Networks (RPL) is specifically designed for IoT environments, offering optimized routing paths with minimal hop counts, especially in networks with constrained resources."Graph 3 illustrates the energy consumption values for each algorithm across different numbers of nodes in the network, measured in millijoules (mJ). Energy consumption represents the amount of energy utilized by nodes during routing. According to [15], "Dijkstra's Algorithm efficiently finds the shortest path between nodes, resulting in relatively low energy consumption values, particularly in smaller networks."



Graph 2: Comparison of Hop Count for shortest path algorithms



Graph 3: Comparison of Energy consumption with number of nodes

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7. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, establishing the closest proximity between light nodes and full nodes is crucial for the smooth functioning of Blockchain IoT networks. Among the myriad of algorithms available, the Routing Protocol for Low-Power and Lossy Networks (RPL) emerges as the premier choice, presenting unparalleled advantages over alternatives such as Dijkstra's Algorithm, Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, Genetic Algorithms (GA), and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO). RPL's intricately tailored design to suit the unique constraints of IoT environments, coupled with its dynamic adaptation of routes based on metrics like hop count and energy efficiency, positions it as the optimum solution for determining the distance between light nodes and full nodes in blockchain IoT networks. However, one drawback of RPL may be its susceptibility to network congestion, which could hinder its performance in certain scenarios. Addressing this limitation is imperative for future advancements in ensuring the seamless operation and scalability of blockchain IoT systems across diverse application domains.

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