Scalable Data Center Multicast

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Introduction

- As the core of cloud services, data centers run online cloud applications.
 - Web search
 - Web mail
 - Interactive games
- □ Back-end infrastructural computations .
 - Distributed file system



Introduction

- Many of services and applications require one-tomany group communication.
 - Redirecting search queries to multiple indexing servers.
 - Distributing executable binaries to a group of servers participating in Map-Reduce alike cooperative computations.
 - Replicating file chunks in distributed file systems.

Introduction

□ Multicast benefits data center group communication.

- Saving network traffic.
 - Increase the throughput.
- Reduce the task finish time of delay-sensitive applications.
 - Releasing the sender from sending multiple copies of packets to different receivers.



- We explore network-level Multicast routing, which is responsible for building the Multicast delivery tree, in future data center networks.
- Bandwidth-hungry, large-scale data center applications call for efficient and scalable Multicast routing schemes.



- □ There are many equal-cost paths between a pair of servers or switches in data center.
- Multicast trees formed by traditional independent receiver-driven Multicast routing can result in severe link waste compared with efficient ones.





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A covers B (or B is covered by A): For any two node sets A and B in a group spanning graph, we call A covers B (or B is covered by A) if and only if for each node $j \in B$, there exists a directed path from a node $i \in A$ to j in the group spanning graph.

A strictly covers B (or B is strictly covered by A): If A covers B and any subset of A does not cover B, we call A strictly covers B (or B is strictly covered by A).

- □ Source-to-receiver expansion
 - Source Driven + Strictly covering
- Benefit
 - Many unnecessary intermediate switches used in receiver-driven Multicast routing are eliminated.
 - Source-to-receiver latency is bounded by the number of stages of the group spanning graph.

- Dynamical Receiver Join/Leave.
 - Given multicast receivers dynamically join or leave a group, the multicast tree should be rebuilt to encompass group dynamics.
 - ESM can gracefully embrace this case.
 - Receiver join/leave does not change the source-to-end paths of other receivers in the group

□ Number of links - BCube



Uniform group size distribution

Power-law group size distribution

□ Number of links - Fat-Tree



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□ Throughputs - BCube



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Computation time



- The memory space of the routing table in low-end commodity switches is relatively narrow.
 - Switches can hold no more than 1500 multicast group states.



In-packet Bloom Filter eliminates the necessity of inswitch routing entries.

Result in bandwidth waste.



- ESM combines both in-packet Bloom Filter and inswitch entries.
 - In-packet Bloom Filters are used for small-sized groups to save routing space in switches.
 - Routing entries are installed into switches for large groups to alleviate the bandwidth overhead.

- The bandwidth waste of in-packet Bloom Filter comes from two aspects.
 - The Bloom Filter field in the packet brings network bandwidth cost.
 - False-positive forwarding by Bloom Filter causes traffic leakage

Bandwidth Overhead Ratio



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In here, we approach the multicast traffic load balance problem in fat-tree DCNs from a novel angle, aiming to find the most cost-effective way to build a fat-tree DCN with bounded link subscription ratio.



Core switches are expensive high-end commodity switch modules with large port count and high port speed, we analyze the minimum number of core switches required to achieve bounded oversubscription in a multicast fat-tree DCN in order to ensure the cost-effectiveness of data centers.



Fig. 1. A level-3 fat-tree DCN, which can be reduced to a level-2 fat-tree ftree(m, n, r) if ToR switches and aggregation switches in each pod are considered as a nonblocking edge switch.

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Fig. 2. Minimum number of core switches required, m, in an O-oversubscribed multicast ftree(m, n, r) DCN with respect to different oversubscription bounds O. (a) n = 1024, r = 25. (b) n = 256, r = 100.

Conclusion

- Source-to-receiver tree building eliminated unnecessary intermediate switches used in receiver-driven.
- ESM combines both in-packet Bloom Filter and in-switch entries to achieve scalable.
- □ Finding minimum number of core switches in load balance ensure the cost-effectiveness.
- □ With the above three points can construct an efficient low-cost scalable data center.

Comparison

	Routing Optimization	Scalable	Load Balance	Cost
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[2]				
[3]				