

## 故障のあるスターネットワーク上の最適なブロードキャストイング

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我々は、故障のあるスターネットワークにおいて一つブロードキャストイングアルゴリズムを提案し、ネットワーク上に高々  $n - 2$  個の故障が生じた場合に、そのアルゴリズムは  $O(n \log n)$  の時間でブロードキャストイングを終了することができることを示す。

### Optimal Time Broadcasting in Faulty Star Networks

(Extended Abstract)

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We propose a non-adaptive single-port broadcasting scheme in the  $n$ -star network such that it tolerates  $n - 2$  faults even in the worst case and completes the broadcasting in  $O(n \log n)$  time. The existence of such a broadcasting scheme was not known before. The technique used in the broadcasting scheme is called *diffusing-and-disseminating*. This technique is useful to overcome various difficulties for the fault tolerance of broadcasting in star networks. We also analyze the reliability of the broadcasting scheme in the case where faults are randomly distributed in the  $n$ -star network.

## 1 Introduction

Broadcasting is one of the fundamental tasks in network communications. It is the process of disseminating a message from the source node to all other nodes in the network. It can be accomplished in such a way that each node repeatedly receives and forwards messages. For the past decade an overwhelming amount of studies on broadcasting in networks have been done. There are some good survey papers on this subject, e.g., [8], [16].

Star networks were proposed as attractive interconnection networks [1]. In recent years, star networks have been much studied [2], [3], [5], [10], [13], [15], and a lot of results on broadcasting in star networks have been derived [4], [6], [7], [10], [14]. Star networks have recursive structures. The  $n$ -star network consists of  $n$   $(n - 1)$ -star networks and additional  $n!/2$  links. The connectivity and the diameter of the  $n$ -star network are  $n - 1$  and  $\lfloor 3(n - 1)/2 \rfloor$ , respectively [2], [1]. As for broadcasting in star networks the following results are known: (1) There exists a single-port broadcasting scheme with running time at most  $n \log n$  in the  $n$ -star with no faults [9]. The scheme exploits the recursive structure of star networks. It is optimal in the sense that for any constant  $c < 1$ , there does not exist any single-port broadcasting scheme with running time  $cn \log n$ . This is because  $2^{cn \log n} < n!$  for any constant  $c < 1$ . (2) For the case of a faulty  $n$ -star network, there exists a single-port broadcasting scheme with running time  $O(n^2)$ . The broadcasting by the scheme tolerates  $n - 2$  faults even in the worst case. The principle of the fault-tolerant broadcasting is the same as that in hypercubes proposed in [12]. We will explain this broadcasting scheme in Section 3, and it will be used in the second stage of the broadcasting proposed in this paper. (3) A multi-port fault-tolerant broadcasting using routing was introduced in [4], and its running time is  $O(n^{\frac{3}{2}} \log n)$ . Gargano et al. gave a better multi-port fault-tolerant broadcasting scheme, and its running time is  $O(n)$  [7]. Mendia and Sarker presented a problem of finding a single-port broadcasting scheme in faulty star networks in [9]. However, any substantial solution to this problem has not been given. We give an optimal solution to this problem in this paper.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$  be a permutation of  $n$  symbols  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . For an integer  $2 \leq i \leq n$  and a permutation  $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$ , a generator  $g_i$  is defined as  $g_i(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n) = a_i a_2 \cdots a_{i-1} a_1 a_{i+1} \cdots a_n$ . An undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  is called the  $n$ -star graph (denoted by  $S_n$ ) if  $V = \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \mid a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n \text{ is a permutation}$

of  $1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $E = \{(u, v) \mid u, v \in V \text{ and } v = g_i(u) \text{ for some } i\}$ . The  $n$ -star graph is also called the  $n$ -star network. For  $2 \leq i \leq n$ , edges of  $S_n$  specified by  $g_i$  are said to be of dimension  $i$ . We often denote edge  $(u, v)$  by  $g_i^u$  if  $g_i(u) = v$ . It is immediate that  $S_n$  has  $n!$  nodes and it is  $(n-1)$ -regular. We can choose  $(n-1)!$  permutations with an identical last symbol from  $n!$  permutations. Hence, we can decompose the  $n$ -star network into  $n$  node-disjoint  $(n-1)$ -star networks. From this property we can say that star networks are *hierarchical*.

Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$  be  $m$  distinct symbols chosen from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . There are  $m!$  permutations of  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$ . For each permutation  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ , we assign an integer from range  $[1, 2, \dots, m!]$  in the lexicographic order. This integer is called the rank of  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$  and denoted by  $r(a_1 a_2 \dots a_m)$ .

In Section 4, we propose a fault-tolerant broadcasting scheme that exploits smaller sub-star networks  $S_i$ 's ( $2 \leq i < n$ ) recursively. In the analysis of the scheme, we specify sub-star networks in the following way. Each sub-star network  $S_i$  of  $S_n$  is specified by a permutation of  $n$  symbols and the set of generators  $\{g_2, g_3, \dots, g_i\}$ . In other words, for each  $i$ ,  $S_n$  can be decomposed into  $(n!)/(i!)$  disjoint  $S_i$ 's by partitioning the node set so that nodes belong to the same part of the decomposition if and only if  $n-i$  symbols from the rightmost of all the nodes of the part are an identical sequence. Note that each sub-star network  $S_i$  can be also decomposed into disjoint smaller sub-star networks. For simplicity, we use  $1 * n$  to denote a permutation with the first and last symbols being 1 and  $n$ , respectively. This notation can be extended to denote other permutations. For example,  $1 * n - 1n$  denotes a permutation with the first, the  $(n-1)$ st and the  $n$ th symbols being 1,  $n-1$  and  $n$ , respectively.

We assume that each node represents a processor and each link represents a bidirectional communication line connecting two nodes at the extremes of the link. All the nodes in a network are synchronized with a global clock. Broadcasting time is measured as the number of steps to complete the broadcasting. In each step every node can send a message to at most one neighbor node and can receive a message from at most one neighbor node. If more than one neighbor nodes attempt to send messages to the same node in the same step, the node can receive just one message from any one of the neighbor nodes. Such a model is called a single-port network. Communication from node  $s_1 s_2 \dots s_n$  to node  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  can be done in the same fashion as communication from the identity permutation  $12 \dots n$  to node  $f(a_1)f(a_2) \dots f(a_n)$ , where  $f(s_k) = k$  for each  $k(1 \leq k \leq n)$ . Hence, it is sufficient to consider broadcasting only from the source node  $12 \dots n$ . All logarithms in this paper are to the base 2.

### 3 An Information Disseminating Scheme

In this section we give a natural broadcasting scheme in  $S_n$ . The principle of the broadcasting scheme is the same as that of broadcasting in hypercubes given in [7] and [19]. This scheme can be implemented in the single-port manner. It is described as the following procedure. The procedure is executed at each node  $u$  of  $S_n$  concurrently.

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procedure   Dissem( $n, t$ )
  (* it is executed at each node  $u$  *)
  repeat  $t$  times
    for  $i := 2$  to  $n$  do
      if  $u$  held the message before the current step then
         $u$  sends the message along dimension  $i$ 

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For the implementation of procedure *Dissem*( $n, t$ ), it is not necessarily that each node knows whether its incident nodes and links are healthy and which is the source node of broadcasting. The following lemma is immediate.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $s$  be the source node in  $S_n$  and  $p(s, u)$  be a path of length  $t$  from  $s$  to node  $u$ . Then the message from  $s$  will reach  $u$  through  $p(s, u)$  by executing procedure *Dissem*( $n, t$ ) at each node in  $S_n$ , provided there are no faults on  $p(s, u)$ .*

**Theorem 3.2** *If there are at most  $n-2$  faulty nodes and/or links in  $S_n$ , then every healthy node receives the message from the source node by executing procedure *Dissem*( $n, \lfloor 3(n-1)/2 \rfloor + 4$ ) at each node in  $S_n$ .*

**Corollary 3.3** *If there are at most  $n-2$  faulty nodes and/or links in  $S_n$ , then the message from the source node can reach every node within distance  $d$  by executing procedure *Dissem*( $n, d+4$ ) at each node in  $S_n$ .*

The next theorem shows that  $\Theta(n^2)$  steps are necessary to complete broadcasting in  $S_n$  by procedure *Dissem*.

**Theorem 3.4** For any  $t < \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ , procedure  $\text{Dissem}(n, t)$  cannot complete broadcasting even if there are no faults in  $S_n$ .

From Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 3.4 we can say that procedure  $\text{Dissem}$  can broadcast a message from the source node throughout the network  $S_n$  in  $3n^2/2 + O(n)$  steps if there are at most  $n - 2$  faults, but cannot complete broadcasting in  $S_n$  in  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor(n - 1)$  steps even if there are no faults.

## 4 An Efficient Fault-Tolerant Broadcasting Scheme

We now describe our fault-tolerant broadcasting scheme. Let  $d$  be the minimum positive integer such that  $d! \geq n - 1$ . Let  $p = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n$  be an arbitrary permutation of  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , and let  $p[i, j]$  denote  $p_i p_{i+1} \cdots p_j$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ . We partition the label of each permutation  $p$  into three intervals. The first interval is just the first symbol  $p[1, 1]$  and called the *head*. The second interval is  $p[2, 3d + 1]$  and called the *identifier district*. The identifier district is divided into three blocks,  $p[2, d + 1]$ ,  $p[d + 2, 2d + 1]$ , and  $p[2d + 2, 3d + 1]$ . The last interval is  $p[3d + 2, n]$ . (See Figure 1.)

The broadcasting process by our scheme is divided into two stages, called the *diffusing* stage and the *disseminating* stage. In the *diffusing* stage, the message from the source node  $s = 12 \cdots n$  is transmitted along  $n - 1$  internally disjoint channels. Each channel contains at least one node in every  $(n - 3d - 1)$ -sub-star network. Note that there are totally  $\frac{n!}{(3d+1)!}$  such sub-star networks. In other words, after the *diffusing* stage, at least one node in each  $(n - 3d - 1)$ -sub-star network holds the message if there exist at most  $n - 2$  faults in  $S_n$ . Hence, after the *diffusing* stage, for every node  $u$  in  $S_n$ , there exists a node  $v$  holding the message within distance  $\lfloor \frac{9d}{2} \rfloor$  from  $u$ . Then,  $\text{Dissem}(n, \lfloor \frac{9d}{2} \rfloor + 4)$  is executed in the *disseminating* stage. By Corollary 3.3, every node can receive the message in this way if there exist at most  $n - 2$  faults in  $S_n$ . The *diffusing* stage consists of the *pre-stage* and the *recursive stage*. During the *pre-stage*,  $s$  sends

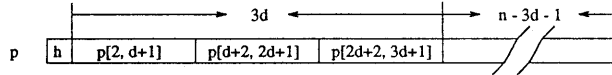


Figure 1: The identifier district of  $p$ .

its message to its  $n - 2$  neighbors  $g_2(s) = 213 \cdots n$ ,  $g_3(s) = 3214 \cdots n$ , ...,  $g_{n-1}(s) = (n-1)2 \cdots (n-2)1n$ . Then the  $n - 1$  nodes with the message (including  $s$ ) send the message along dimension  $n$ . Then,  $n - 1$  nodes  $t_1 = n * 1$ ,  $t_2 = n * 2$ , ...,  $t_{n-1} = n * (n - 1)$  receive the message. Next for each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ), the message is transmitted from  $t_j$  to  $w_j$  along an appropriate route, where  $w_j$  satisfies the conditions that  $w_j[3d + 2, n] = t_j[3d + 2, n]$  and  $r(w_j[2, d + 1]) = r(w_j[d + 2, 2d + 1]) = r(w_j[2d + 2, 3d + 1]) = j$ . For each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ) we can specify such a route from  $t_j$  to  $w_j$  by choosing appropriate nodes whose labels are obtained by some changes of symbols in  $t_j[2, d + 1]$ ,  $t_j[d + 2, 2d + 1]$ , and  $t_j[2d + 2, 3d + 1]$ . For any pair of distinct  $i$  and  $j$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n - 1$ ) the route from  $t_i$  to  $w_i$  and the route from  $t_j$  to  $w_j$  are node-disjoint since the last symbol of the label of each node on the former route is  $i$  while the last symbol of each node on the latter route is  $j$ .

The *recursive stage* follows the *pre-stage*. The *recursive stage* is consistent with the hierarchical structure of  $S_n$ . For clear explanation, we now assume that no faults exist in  $S_n$ . Suppose that there exist  $n - 1$  nodes holding the message in an  $m$ -sub-star network in the recursion stage. Let these  $n - 1$  nodes be  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}$ , where for each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ),  $r(x_j[2, d + 1]) = r(x_j[d + 2, 2d + 1]) = r(x_j[2d + 2, 3d + 1]) = j$ . Then for each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ), the message is transmitted from  $x_j$  to  $m$  nodes that are in different  $(m - 1)$ -sub-star networks. That is, for each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ),  $x_j$  transmits the message to a node, say  $y_j$  in each of the  $m - 1$   $S_{m-1}$ , where  $y_j$  does not necessarily satisfy  $r(y_j[2, d + 1]) = r(y_j[d + 2, 2d + 1]) = r(y_j[2d + 2, 3d + 1]) = j$ . However, at least two of  $r(y_j[2, d + 1])$ ,  $r(y_j[d + 2, 2d + 1])$  and  $r(y_j[2d + 2, 3d + 1])$  are equal to  $j$ . If one of these three ranks is not equal to the others, then we can choose a route from  $y_j$  to a node in the same  $S_{m-1}$ , say  $z_j$  which is obtained by some changes of symbols in the corresponding intervals so that  $r(z_j[2, d + 1]) = r(z_j[d + 2, 2d + 1]) = r(z_j[2d + 2, 3d + 1]) = j$ . Then we move to the next round of the recursive stage. The recursive stage stops when it reaches  $(3d + 1)$ -sub-star networks.

#### 4.1 Construction of $n - 1$ Node-Disjoint $i$ -Level Channels

**Definition 1** For a node  $p$  in  $S_n$ , the identifier (id for short) of  $p$  is  $r(p[i, i + d])$  if  $r(p[i, i + d]) = r(p[j, j + d])$  for some  $i \neq j$  ( $i, j = 1, d + 1$  or  $2d + 1$ ), and otherwise it is 0.

**Lemma 4.1** For any pair of permutations  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  of length  $n$ , they are distinct if their id's are not identical

We now explain the process of the recursive stage in detail. For each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ),  $w_j$  has the message at the beginning of the recursive stage. We therefore may consider that each  $w_j$  is a message source at the beginning of the recursive stage. Hereafter, we call them message sources. Remember that  $r(w_j[2, d + 1]) = r(w_j[d + 2, 2d + 1]) = r(w_j[2d + 2, 3d + 1]) = j$ . The recursive stage is divided into  $n - 3d - 1$  rounds. For each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n - 3d - 1$ ) and each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ), let  $W_i(w_j)$  be the set of nodes that hold the message from  $w_j$  and are ready to broadcast the message at the beginning of round  $i$ . Initially, let  $W_1(w_j) = \{w_j\}$  and  $\bar{W}_i(w_j) = \phi$  ( $i > 1$ ). Its contents will be renewed at the beginning of each round  $i$ . For each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n - 3d - 1$ ) and each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ), during round  $i$  each node in  $W_i(w_j)$  executes the following operations:

- (1) Each node  $p \in W_i(w_j)$  sends its message to  $g_2(p), g_3(p), \dots, g_{3d+1}(p)$  sequentially. Then node  $p$  broadcasts its message in a binary jumping way as described in Section 4.2. That is,  $p$  sends its message to  $g_{3d+1+1}(p), g_{3d+1+2}(p), \dots, g_{3d+1+2^k}(p)$  sequentially, where  $k$  is the maximum integer such that  $3d + 1 + 2^k \leq n - i$ .

When all of  $g_2(p), g_3(p), \dots, g_{3d+1}(p)$  have received the message, each node  $u \in \{g_2(p), g_3(p), \dots, g_{3d+1}(p)\}$  executes the following operations:

- (2) Along  $g_{n-i+1}$ ,  $u$  sends the message received from  $p$ . Then after  $g_{n-i+1}(u)$  receives the message, it transmits the message to node  $u'$  through a path such that  $r(u'[2, d + 1]) = r(u'[d + 2, 2d + 1]) = r(u'[2d + 2, 3d + 1]) = j$ . Let  $Route_p^{(i,j)}(u)$  be the set of nodes on the path from  $u$  to  $u'$ . Node  $u'$  is added to  $W_{i+1}(w_j)$ .

Let  $3d + 1 < dim \leq 3d + 1 + 2^k$ . Each node  $v$  in the set of nodes (including  $g_{3d+1+1}(p), g_{3d+1+2}, \dots, g_{3d+1+2^k}(p)$ ) that received the message along an edge  $g_{dim}^v$  broadcasts the message in a binary jumping way as described in (3) below:

- (3) When  $p$  sends a message along  $g_{3d+1+2^{l-1}}^p$ ,  $v$  first receives a message from  $g_{dim}^v$  (it is not necessarily that  $v$  receives the message directly from  $p$ ). Then  $v$  sends its message to  $g_{dim+2^l}(v), g_{dim+2^{l+1}}(v), \dots, g_{dim+2^q}(v)$  sequentially, where  $q$  is the maximum integer such that  $dim + 2^q \leq n - i$ . When the binary jumping transmissions finished,  $p$  and all the nodes that received the message along a dimension among  $g_{3d+2}, g_{3d+3}, \dots, g_{n-i}$ , send the message along  $g_{n-i+1}$ . The set of the final  $n - 3d - i$  nodes that have received the message along  $g_{n-i+1}$  is denoted by  $BJ_i(p)$ . All the nodes in  $BJ_i(p)$  are added to  $W_{i+1}(w_j)$ , too.

The operations listed (1), (2) and (3) above are called Rule (1), Rule (2) and Rule (3), respectively. We will give a further detailed description about our broadcasting scheme in Subsection 4.2.

**Lemma 4.2** Let  $w_j = *j$  ( $1 \leq j < n$ ) be a message source in  $S_n$  at the beginning of the recursive stage. For each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n - 3d$ ) and for an arbitrary node  $p \in W_i(w_j)$ ,  $r(p[2, d + 1]) = r(p[d + 2, 2d + 1]) = r(p[2d + 2, 3d + 1]) = j$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n - 3d$ .

**Definition 2** Let  $p \in W^i(w_j)$ ,  $H = \{g_2(p), g_3(p), \dots, g_{3d+1}(p)\}$  and  $Y_i(w_j, p) = \bigcup_{u \in H} Route_p^{(i,j)}(u)$ . Let  $X_i(w_j, p)$  be the set of nodes that have received the message directly or indirectly from node  $p$  but not in  $Y_i(w_j, p)$  during round  $i$ . We define  $U_i(w_j) = \bigcup_{p \in W_i(w_j)} Y_i(w_j, p)$  and  $V_i(w_j) = \bigcup_{p \in W_i(w_j)} X_i(w_j, p)$ .

**Definition 3** Let  $w_j$  be a message source in  $S_n$  at the beginning of the recursive stage. For  $1 \leq i < n - 3d$ , the  $i$ -level channel rooted at  $w_j$ , denoted by  $C_i(w_j)$ , is defined as  $\bigcup_{k=1}^i (U_k(w_j) \cup V_k(w_j))$ .

The next lemma is immediate from the definition of the  $i$ -level channel.

**Lemma 4.3** For  $1 \leq i < n - 3d$ , at least one node in each  $S_{n-i}$  obtained by fixing the last  $i$  symbols of the labels of nodes of  $S_n$  is contained in the  $i$ -level channel rooted at  $w_j$ ,  $C_i(w_j)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4** Let  $w_j = *j$  ( $1 \leq j < n$ ) be a message source in  $S_n$  at the beginning of the recursive stage satisfying  $r(w_j[2, d+1]) = r(w_j[d+2, 2d+1]) = r(w_j[2d+2, 3d+1]) = j$ . Then for each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i < n-3d$ ) there exists the  $i$ -level channel rooted at  $w_j$  such that the id of every node in  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-3d-1} U_k(w_j)$  is  $j$ .

*Proof.* By the definition of the  $i$ -level channel rooted at  $w_j$ ,  $C_i(w_j) = \bigcup_{k=1}^i (U_k(w_j) \cup V_k(w_j))$ . From Lemma 4.2, for each node  $p \in W_i$ ,  $r(p[2, d+1]) = r(p[d+2, 2d+1]) = r(p[2d+2, 3d+1]) = j$ . According to Rule 3 of the recursive stage, the identifier district of each node in  $V_i(w_j)$  ( $1 \leq i < n-3d$ ) remains unchanged. Hence, the id's of all the nodes in  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-3d-1} V_k(w_j)$  are equal to  $j$ . On the other hand, from Rule 1 and Rule 2 of the recursive stage, at most one of  $u[2, d+1]$ ,  $u[d+2, 2d+1]$  and  $u[2d+2, 3d+1]$  of each node  $u \in U_i(w_j)$  ( $1 \leq i < n-3d$ ) has changed. Hence, the id's of all the nodes in  $\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-3d-1} U_k(w_j)$  are equal to  $j$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.4, the following theorem is immediate.

**Theorem 4.5** Let  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-1}$  be  $n-1$  message sources in  $S_n$ . Then for each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i < n-3d$ ), there exist  $n-1$  node-disjoint  $i$ -level channels  $C_i(w_1), C_i(w_2), \dots, C_i(w_{n-1})$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6** For  $1 \leq i < n-3d$ , the time needed in round  $i$  of the recursive stage is  $3d + \max\{\log(n-3d-i) + 1, \lfloor \frac{3d}{2} \rfloor + 1\}$ .

**Theorem 4.7** Let  $s$  be the source node in  $S_n$ . For an arbitrary sub-star network  $S_{3d+1}$  obtained by fixing the last  $n-3d-1$  symbols of the labels of nodes in  $S_n$ ,  $s$  can send the message to  $n-1$  distinct nodes in the  $S_{3d+1}$  through  $n-1$  node-disjoint paths within  $n + \lfloor \frac{9d}{2} \rfloor - 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3d-1} (3d + \max\{\log(n-3d-i) + 1, \lfloor \frac{3d}{2} \rfloor + 1\})$  steps.

## 4.2 Diffuse-Disseminate Scheme in Faulty Star Networks

We are now ready to formally describe our fault tolerant broadcasting scheme in  $S_n$ . We assume that there exist at most  $f$  faults in  $S_n$ , where  $f < n-1$ . Our broadcasting scheme, called the *Diffuse-Disseminate*, consists of two stages. This scheme is described as follows:

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procedure Diffuse-Disseminate
(* for each node  $u$  *)
if  $u$  is the source node then /* the pre-stage */
  for  $i := 2$  to  $n-1$  do
    send the message along  $g_i^u$ 
  if  $u$  has the message then send the message along  $g_n^u$ 
  if  $u$  received a message from  $g_n^u$  then
    for  $i := 1$  to  $\lfloor \frac{9d}{2} \rfloor$  do
      adjust  $u$  so that  $r(u[2, d+1]) = r(u[d+2, 2d+1]) = r(u[2d+2, 3d+1]) = u_n$ 
      (*  $u_n$  denotes the last symbol of  $u$  *)
    for  $i := 0$  to  $n-3d-2$  do /* the recursive stage */
      begin
        if  $u$  has the message then
          begin
            for  $j := 2$  to  $3d+1$  do
              send the message along  $g_j^u$ 
              call Binary-jump( $3d+1, n-i$ )
            end
            if  $u$  received the message from  $g_j^u$  ( $1 < j < 3d+2$ ) then send the message along  $g_{n-i}^u$ 
            if  $u$  received a message from  $g_{n-i}^u$  then call Route( $u$ )
          end
        call Dissem( $n, \lfloor \frac{9d}{2} \rfloor + 4$ ) /* the disseminating stage */

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*Binary-jump*( $n_1, n_2$ ) is to distribute the message from a node in  $S_n$  to its neighbors in a binary jumping way. *Route*( $u$ ) can transmit a message from  $u$  to a node with no destroyed block in its  $id$  district. Here, we omitted their descriptions.

**Theorem 4.8** *Procedure Diffusing-and-Disseminating can broadcast a message from the source node to all other nodes in  $S_n$  within  $(1 + \epsilon)n \log n$  steps if there exist at most  $n - 2$  faulty nodes and/or links in the network, where  $\epsilon$  is a positive constant less than 1.*

## 5 Analysis of Broadcasting in $S_n$ with Random Faults

Since the connectivity of  $S_n$  is  $n - 1$ , any broadcasting scheme in  $S_n$  can tolerate at most  $n - 2$  faults. However, if we assume that faulty places are randomly distributed in a network then the worst case occurs rarely [5]. Hence, even if there exist much more than  $n - 2$  faults in  $S_n$ , broadcasting may succeed with a high probability. In this section, we give a probabilistic analysis of the reliability of our broadcasting scheme and have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.1** *For any constant  $\alpha < 1$ , if there are no more than  $(n!)^\alpha$  faulty nodes randomly distributed in  $S_n$ , broadcasting by our scheme succeeds with a probability higher than  $1 - 1/n!$ .*

## 6 Conclusion

We showed that our broadcasting scheme tolerates up to  $n - 2$  faults in  $S_n$  and that its running time is  $O(n \log n)$ . This running time is optimal for the asymptotic order and almost optimal for the constant factor of the order. We conjecture that the scheme might be optimal even for the constant factor of the order, too. This problem is theoretically interesting, and worthy for the further investigation.

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