



# **Comparative Analysis of AODV & AOMDV under Varying Number of Nodes & at Different Pause Time**

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**ABSTRACT:** An ad hoc wireless network can be described as a collection of nodes which have to interact among themselves without any centralized authority. In an ad hoc network node movement results in dynamic topology and link failure and thus routing becomes a challenging task. Many routing protocols have been proposed to overcome various challenges of routing in ad hoc networks. This paper presents performance comparison of mobile ad hoc network routing protocols; Ad hoc On demand Distance Vector (AODV) and Ad hoc On demand Multipath Distance Vector (AOMDV). Here investigation has been done on the effect of change in number of nodes and varying pause time on MANET routing protocols. The performance of AODV & AOMDV based on TCP based traffic pattern has been analyzed and compared. The NS2 simulator is used for performing various simulations. The performance analysis is based on different network metrics such as end to end delay, Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR), Throughput, Normalized Routing Load, Packet loss and Routing Overhead

**KEYWORDS:** MANET, AODV, AOMDV, TCP, Routing Protocols, Performance metrics

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

A MANET [1, 5] consists of a number of mobile devices that come together to form a network as needed, without any support from any existing internet infrastructure or any other kind of fixed stations. Formally a MANET can be defined as an autonomous system of nodes serving as routers connected by wireless links. As the network topology changes frequently because of node mobility [4] and power limitations, efficient routing protocols are necessary to organize and maintain communication between the nodes. MANET has several salient characteristics: i) dynamic topology ii) Bandwidth constrained iii) Energy constrained operation and limited physical security etc. Therefore the routing protocols used in ordinary wired network cannot be used in wireless network. Application of MANET includes military use in battlefields and disaster management scenario.

## **II. ROUTING PROTOCOLS**

Routing protocols for Mobile Ad hoc Network can be broadly classified into three main categories [2]:

1. Proactive or Table driven routing protocol
2. Reactive or On demand routing protocol
3. Hybrid routing protocol
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### **A. Table driven Routing Protocol**

In proactive or table driven routing protocols, each node continuously maintains up-to-date routes to every other node in the network. Routing information is periodically transmitted throughout the network in order to maintain routing table consistency. Thus if a route has already existed before traffic arrives, transmission occurs without delay. Otherwise, traffic packet should wait in queue until the node receives routing information corresponding to its destination.



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However, for highly dynamic network topology, the proactive scheme requires a significant amount of resource to keep routing information up-to-date and reliable. Examples include Destination Sequence Distance Vector (DSDV), Global State Routing (GSR) etc.

## B. On demand Routing Protocol

Reactive routing protocols try to utilize network band width by creating routes only when desired by the source node. Once a route has been established, it is maintained by some route maintenance mechanism as long as it is needed by the source node. When a source node needs to send data packets to some destination, it checks its route table to determine whether it has a valid route. If no route exists, it performs a route discovery procedure to find path to destination. Hence route discovery became on demand. Examples include Ad hoc On demand Distance Vector (AODV), Temporally Ordered Routing Algorithm (TORA) and Dynamic Source Routing (DSR).

## C. Hybrid Routing Protocol

Hybrid protocols are the combination of reactive and proactive routing protocols and take advantages of these two protocols and as a result routes are found quickly in the routing zone. Examples are Zone Routing Protocol (ZRP), Core Extraction Distributed Ad hoc Routing Protocol (CEDAR).

## III. OVERVIEW OF AODV & AOMDV ROUTING PROTOCOLS

Every routing protocol has its own merits and demerits, none of them can be claimed as absolutely better than others. In this paper AODV & AOMDV have been selected for evaluation.

### A. Ad hoc On demand Distance Vector Routing Protocol

The Ad hoc On demand Distance Vector [8, 9, 10, 11] is a reactive routing protocol which allow dynamic, self-starting, multi hop routing among participating mobile nodes that desire to set up and preserve an ad hoc network. It allows the communication between two nodes through intermediate nodes

To establish a route AODV routing protocol uses two mechanisms: i) Route discovery ii) Route maintenance. Main objective of AODV are to establish loop free route and to find shortest route possible. In case there are two routes to a destination, a requesting node selects the one with greatest sequence number.

For route discovery and maintenance purpose control messages are defined in AODV. Different control messages are defined as follows.

- RREQ: Whenever a node desire to communicate with another node it broadcast route request message (RREQ) to its neighbor nodes. Tis message is further forwarded by intermediate nodes until destination is reached. RREQ packet include information such as RREQ id, destination IP address, destination sequence number, originator IP address, originator sequence number.
- RREP: When intermediate nodes receives RREQ message they unicast route reply (RREP) message to source only if it is legitimate destination or it has route to destination and reverse route is established between source and destination. RREP packet include information such as hop count, destination sequence number, destination IP address
- RRER: Whenever link failure occur route error message (RRER) is used in AODV to invalidate the route. RRER include information such as Unreachable Destination IP addresses Unreachable destination sequence number.
- HELLO Message: Each node periodically sends HELLO message to its precursors. A node decides to send a HELLO message to a given precursor only if no message has been sent to that precursor recently. Correspondingly each node expects to periodically receive messages from each of its outgoing nodes. If a node has received no message from some outgoing node for an extended period of time, then that node is presumed to be no longer reachable.

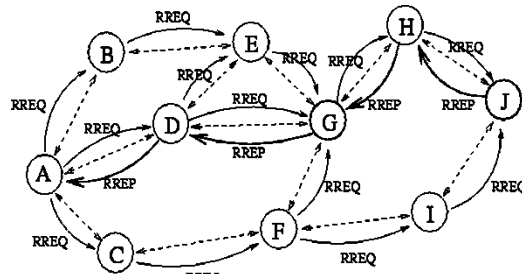


Fig: 1: AODV Route Discovery

Fig(1) shows Route discovery process in AODV. When a node needs to determine a route to a destination node, it floods the network with a Route Request (RREQ) message. The originating node broadcasts a RREQ message to its neighboring node, which broadcasts the message to their neighbors, and so on. When a node receiving the request either knows of a “fresh enough” route to the destination, or is itself the destination, the node generate a route reply message, and sends this message along the reverse path back towards the originating node. As the RREP message passes through intermediate nodes, these nodes update their routing table, so that in the future messages can be routed through these nodes to the destination.

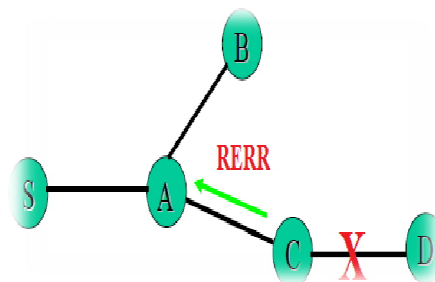


Fig: 2: AODV path maintenance

Fig: 2 shows path maintenance in AODV. Whenever a node determines one of its next-hops to be unreachable; it removes all affected route entries, and generates a RERR message. This RERR message contains a list of all destinations that have become unreachable as a result of the broken link. The nodes send the RERR to each of its precursors. These precursors update their routing table, and in turn forward the RERR message if at least one route has been removed

## B. Ad hoc On demand Multipath Distance Vector Routing protocol (AOMDV)

AOMDV [3. 12] routing protocol is an extended version of AODV. AOMDV provides multiple paths to reach the destination while AODV only has a unipath to the destination. Despite of their difference, both protocols share the same behavior in several things such as reactive route discovery mechanism and route maintenance. AOMDV also has similar kind of routing packets such as RREQ, RREP, RERR and HELLO messages. However AOMDV in particular has extra RREP and RERR for multipath discovery and maintenance along with few extra fields in routing control packets. Thus it costs more routing overhead than AODV. AOMDV establishes the route to the destination through route discovery process as basically the same as AODV does. However instead of responding to one RREQ, the destination will respond to several numbers of RREQs by sending unicast transmission of multiple RREPs back to the source. Thus it creates the multipath between the source and the destination.

## IV.PERFORMANCE METRICS

In tis paper, we consider following six performance metrics to compare [6, 7] AODV & AOMDV routing protocol



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1. Throughput: The ratio of the total amount of data that reaches a receiver from a sender to the time it takes for the receiver to get the last packet.
2. Packet Delivery Ratio: The ratio of the data packets delivered to the destination to those generated by the sources.
3. Average end to end delay: It can be defined as average propagation time taken by data packet.
4. Normalized routing Load: Number of routing packet transmitted per data packet delivered at destination
5. Routing overhead: It is the total number of control or routing packets generated by routing protocol during the simulation
6. Packet loss: It can be defined as the difference between total number of packets send and total number of packet received.

## V.SIMULATION SETUP

The simulation is done with the help of NS-2 (V-2.35) network simulator. Here we used two different scenarios for our study. In the first case we changed the number of nodes and in second case we use different pause time. In the first case the pause time is fixed as 0.0s and in second case number of node is fixed as 100. The simulation parameters for both cases are shown in the table below

Parameter	Value
The simulator	NS2.35
MAC	802.11
Propagation model	Two ray ground
Routing protocols	AODV, AOMDV
Simulation time	100sec
Antenna	Omni antenna
Max connections	5
Node placement strategy	Random way point model
Seed	0.0
Window size	32
No: of nodes	20,40,60,80,100
Pause time	0.0
Queue	Drop Tail
Maximum speed	10m/sec
Traffic sources	TCP
Packet size	512
Simulation area	500*500

Table 1: Simulation parameter

## VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Simulations were done by varying number of nodes and keeping pause time constant then varying the pause time keeping the number of the nodes is constant (100 nodes). In all scenarios the comparison were based on the performance metrics: Throughput, Packet Delivery Ratio, Average end to end delay, Normalized Routing Load, Routing overhead and Packet loss

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## 1. Throughput

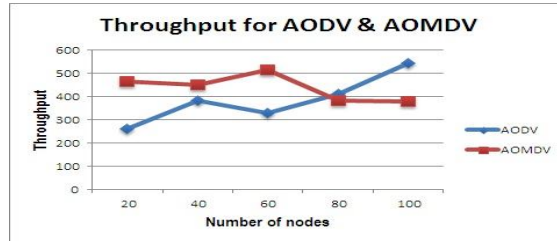


Fig : 3: Throughput v/s No. of nodes

Figure (3) shows the performance of throughput for AODV & AOMDV under varying number of nodes .AOMDV gives highest throughput for small and medium networks. But when the network size increases the performance of AOMDV degrades as compared to AODV.

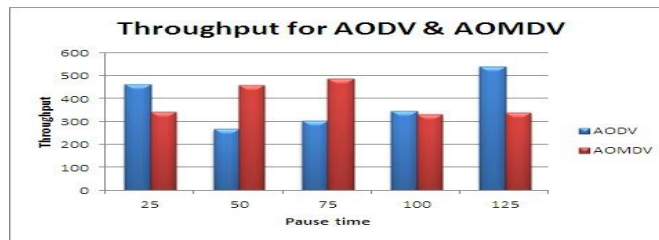


Fig: 4: Throughput v/s pause time

Figure (4) shows the performance of throughput for AODV & AOMDV at different pause time. AOMDV gives highest throughput at 50s & 75s pause time. But when pause time increases its performance degrades as compared to AODV.

## 2. Packet Delivery Ratio

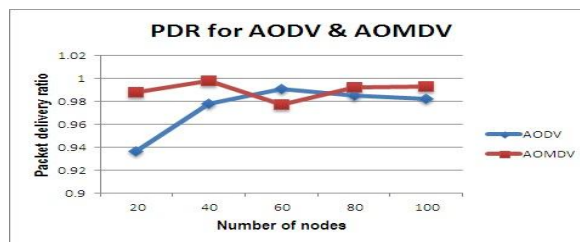


Fig: 5: PDR v/s Number of nodes

Figure (5) shows the performance of packet delivery ratio for AODV & AOMDV under varying number of nodes AOMDV gives better PDR for small and large network.



Fig: 6: PDR v/s Pause time

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Figure (6) shows the performance of packet delivery ratio for AODV & AOMDV at different pause time. AOMDV gives better performance at 50s, 75s & 100s pause time and performance degrades when pause time increases as compared to AODV.

### 3. End to end Delay

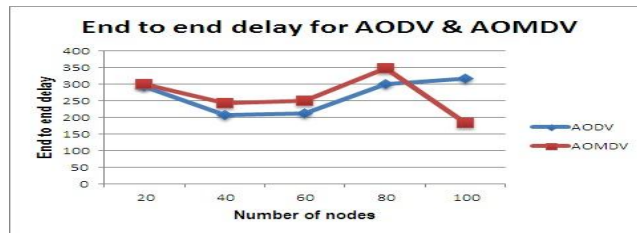


Fig: 7: End to end delay v/s Number of nodes

Figure (7) shows the performance of end to end delay for AODV & AOMDV under varying number of nodes. AODV has smallest end to end delay for small and medium networks. But when network size increases AOMDV performs better than AODV.

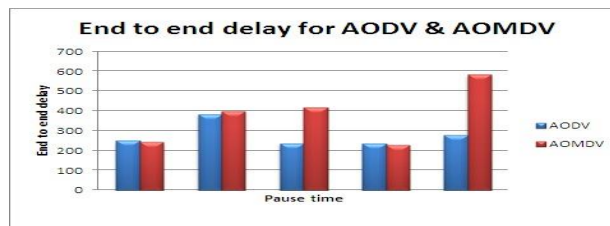


Fig:8: End to end delay v/s pause time

Figure (8) shows the performance of end to end delay for AODV & AOMDV at different pause time. The performance of AODV is better compared to AOMDV at all pause times.

### 4. Normalized Routing Load

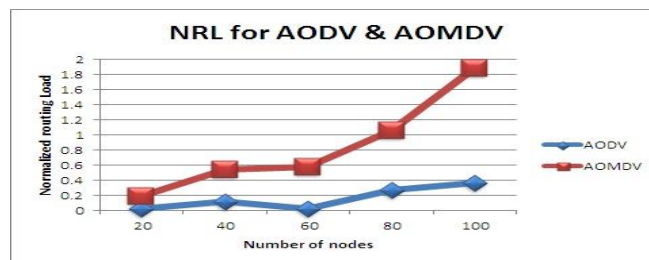


Fig: 9: NRL v/s Number of nodes

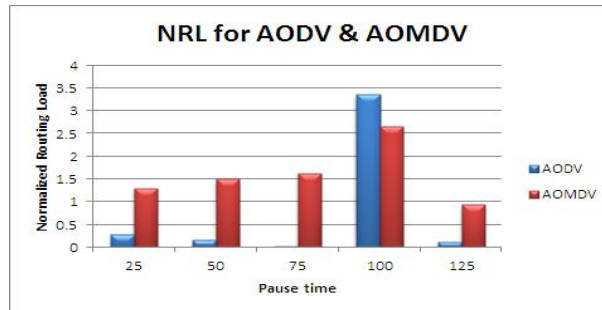
Figure (9) shows the performance of throughput for AODV & AOMDV under varying number of nodes. For all types of network the performance of AODV is better compared to AOMDV.



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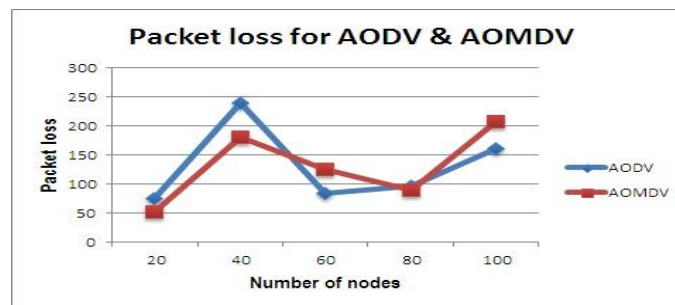
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**Fig:10: NRL v/s Pause time**

Figure (10) shows the performance of throughput for AODV & AOMDV at different pause time. At all pause time except at 100s the performance of AODV is better compared to AOMDV.

## 5. Packet Loss



**Fig: 11: Packet loss v/s Number of nodes**

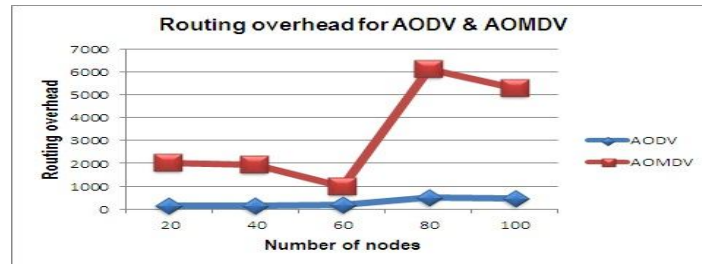
Figure (11) shows the performance of throughput for AODV & AOMDV under varying number of nodes. For small and medium networks packet loss is less for AOMDV compared to AODV.



**Fig: 12: Packet loss v/s Pause time**

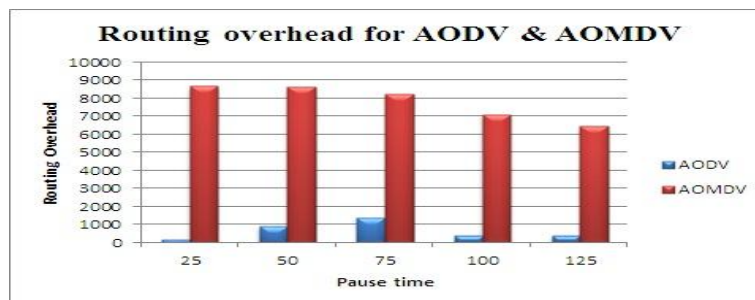
Figure (12) shows the performance of throughput for AODV & AOMDV at different pause time. AODV performs better in case of packet loss at different pause times.

### 6. Routing Overhead



**Fig:13: Routing overhead v/s Number of nodes**

Figure (13) shows the performance of Routing overhead for AODV & AOMDV under varying number of nodes . For all types of network the performance of AODV is better compared to AOMDV.



**Fig: 14: Routing overhead v/s Pause time**

Figure (14) shows the performance of Routing overhead for AODV & AOMDV at different pause time AODV has smallest routing overhead compared to AOMDV at all pause times.

### VII.CONCLUSION& FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we examined the performance of AODV & AOMDV routing protocol for MANET under varying number of nodes and at different pause time. We measured the end to end delay, throughput, PDR, NRL, packet loss and Routing overhead. Simulation result shows that AOMDV is the best protocol in terms of throughput and PDR for varying number of nodes and at different pause time. Also AOMDV performs better in terms of packet loss under varying number of nodes. But the performance of AODV is better compared to AOMDV in terms of end to end delay, NRL & Routing overhead under varying number of nodes and at different pause time.

In future different traffic sources, different node placement strategy and hybrid protocols will have to be considered for comparison.

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