

Capacity Scaling in Wireless Device-to-Device Caching Networks

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Introduction

- The bottleneck of current wireless cellular network is the spectral efficiency of the Base Station, which does not scale with the number of users.
- We want to solve this problem by using distributed caching and Device-to-Device (D2D) communication.

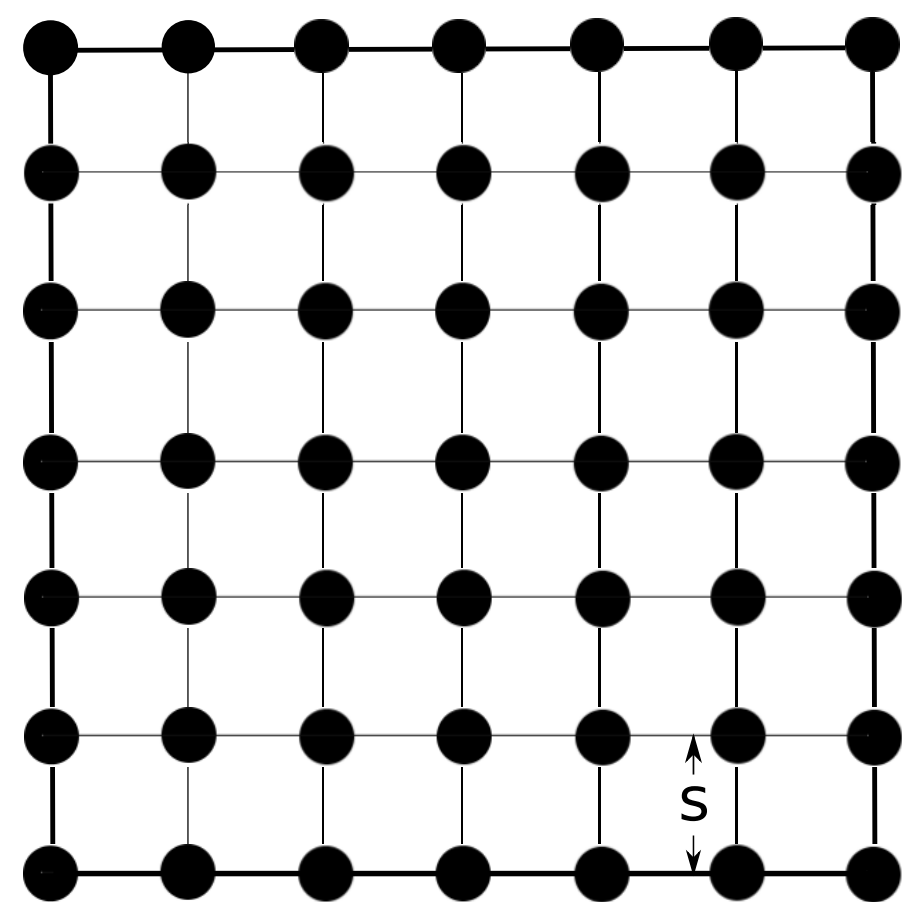


Motivation

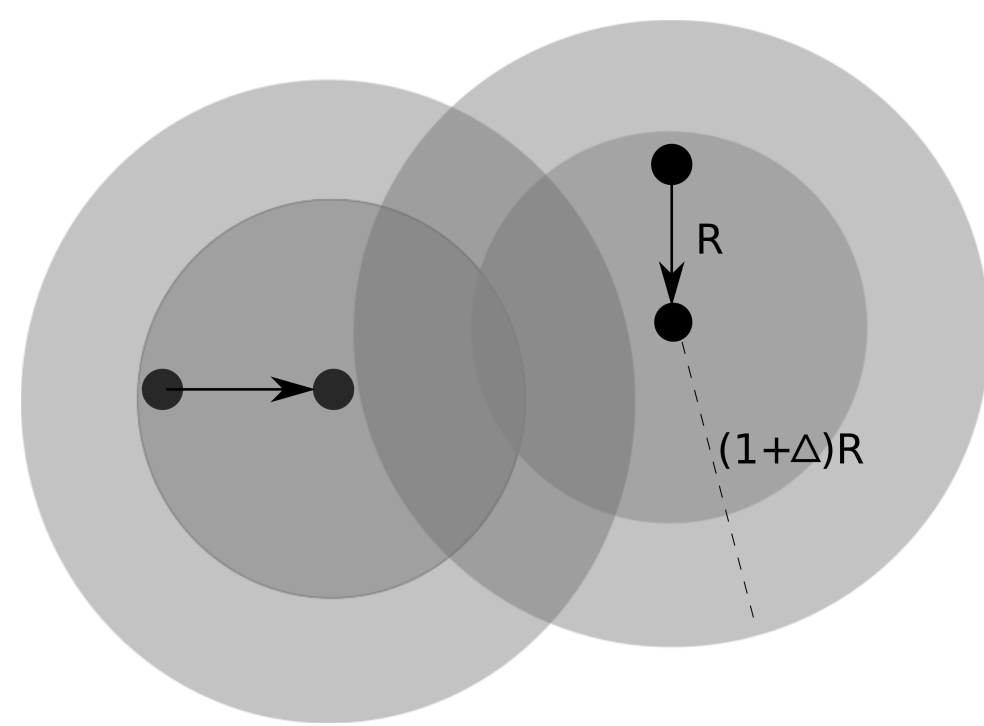
- There are some redundancies of the requests from users.
- Modern smart phones and tablets have large storage capacity.
- Wireless D2D communication happens in short distance and can achieves very high spectral efficiency.

Network Model

- We consider a squared dense network of area 1, where n nodes are distributed on a grid.
- We consider the delivery of messages from a library of m (function of n) possible messages (files) to the nodes.
- Users make statistically independent requests for a message in the library according to a Zipf distribution with parameter $0 < \gamma_r < 1$.
- Nodes cache the messages at random, and it is assumed that each node can cache at most one message.
- Protocol Transmission model is used and only-one hop transmission is allowed.
- If the users that cannot find the message in the D2D network, then they will be served by the Base Station.



Protocol Model:



Zipf Distribution:

$$f_i = \frac{i^{-\gamma_r}}{H(\gamma_r, 1, m)}$$

$$H(\gamma, a, b) = \sum_{i=a}^b \frac{1}{i^\gamma} \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

Problem Definition

- Our goal is find the maximum throughput of D2D network.
- First, we want to find an upper bound of the maximum throughput under the constraint of Protocol Model (channel model) and one-hop transmission
- Second, we want to find an relatively realistic caching policy and transmission scheme to match the upper bound.
- The throughput can be computed as the following.

$$\mathbb{E}[T] = C \cdot \mathbb{E}[\text{number of active links}]$$

Main Results

- Theorem (achievable bound): Let $m = \Theta(\log n)$. Users make requests with Zipf distribution with parameter $0 < \gamma_r < 1$ and cache a single message, randomly and independently of their location and of their requests, with a Zipf distribution with parameter γ_c . Then, the optimal throughput for the clustering scheme under the Protocol Model behaves as:

$$\mathbb{E}[T] = \Omega \left(\frac{n}{((\log n)(\log \log n))^{\frac{1-\gamma_r}{2-\gamma_r}}} \right)$$

which is achieved by using $\gamma_c = 1$.

- Theorem (Upper bound): Assume $m = \Theta(\log n)$. Users make requests with Zipf distribution with parameter $0 < \gamma_r < 1$ and cache a single message under any caching scheme, the optimal throughput under Protocol Model and one-hop transmission behaves as:

$$\mathbb{E}[T] = O \left(\frac{n}{(\log n)^{\frac{1-\gamma_r}{2-\gamma_r}}} \right)$$

Remark

- An example of $m = \Theta(\log n)$. Suppose the typical interest of a person spans K files. Then, the typical interest of next person intersects with that of the first person with $K/2$ files and the incrementally typical interest of the second person spans $K/2$ files. Similarly, the incrementally typical interest of the third person spans $K/3$ files and so on. Eventually, the union of all files which people are interested in is $m = K + K/2 + K/3 + K/4 + \dots + K/n = \Theta(\log n)$.
- Our scheme is very practical. We do not need any completed coding scheme for files and only need the rank of files, not distribution.