# FGT2- ABR: Fuzzy Game Theory Trust Associativity Based Routing to Mitigate Network Attacks in Pervasive Health Monitoring Systems

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With availability of hand held devices increasingly across various sections of the society the logical step in health care management is providing support anywhere and anytime. In scenarios like disasters where infrastructure may not be available for communication, intra communication between the devices without infrastructure is the logical design of networks where in communication is established between mobile devices. . A Mobile Adhoc Networks (MANET) is a group of mobile nodes communicating with each other without infrastructure or centralized administration. Security plays a very important role in such networks where personal data may be exchanged. Routing protocols should be able to cope with malicious nodes that disrupt correct routing protocol functioning by modifying routing information and other activities. In this paper, an enhanced Associativity Based Routing (ABR), Fuzzy Game Theory Trust ABR (FGT2- ABR), is proposed to mitigate network attacks with emphasis on pervasive health monitoring systems. The proposed method selects a route based on fuzzy game theory. Hello messages contain "AN - Avoid node" field based on malicious node detection. Membership functions used are successful deliveries number, Memory utilization and computed trust. Trust includes neighborhood trust based and recommendation based trust.

Key words: Mobile Adhoc Networks (MANET), Associativity Based Routing (ABR), Fuzzy game theory, Computed Trust.

Telecommunication technologies in healthcare has been successfully deployed for telemedicine applications leading to better accessibility of experts to patients in remote areas. Telemedicine has vastly improved the quality of healthcare due to its successful deployment. With emergence of mobile devices there is an urgent need to build frameworks for utilizing the mobile devices especially during disasters where healthcare management is critical. An option is to integrate telecare with Mobile Adhoc Networks (MANET). MANET characteristic is its dynamic nature with network topology frequently changing due to nodes unpredictable mobility<sup>1</sup>. Further each MANET mobile node has a router role when transmitting data over network. Networking functions for nodes in a MANET include routing and packet forwarding through a self-organizing and cooperative manner. The cooperative nature of nodes make securing the network challenging. To ensure security a MANET can be evaluated by<sup>2</sup>:

- i. Availability: Which indicates that nodes are accessible by other authorized nodes at correct times.
- ii. Confidentiality: Ensures that node related assets are accessed by authorized nodes only.
- iii. Integrity: Ensures thatassets are modified only by authorized nodes and in an authorized way.

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- iv. Authentication: Assures that participants in communication are authenticated.
- v. Authorization: This assigns different access rights to different users / nodes.
- vi. Resilience to attacks: Required to sustain network functionalities when few nodes are compromised.
- vii. Freshness: Ensures malicious nodes do not resend packets captured earlier.

Conventional networks rely on distancevector or link-state algorithms, based on periodic broadcast advertisements of all routers to update routing tables<sup>3</sup>. MANETs also use these algorithms, to ensure that route to all hosts are known. Many routing protocols have been proposed for MANETs to achieve efficient routing<sup>4</sup>. These are classified into three main categories: table-driven (or proactive) routing protocols, source-initiated (reactive or demanddriven) routing protocols and hybrid routing protocols. In table-driven routing protocols, every mobile node ensures consistent routing information in a network with updates.

Source-initiated on-demand (reactive protocols) protocols create routes only when needed by a source node. When a node wants a destination route it initiates a route request. Once a route is fixed, it is maintained by route maintenance procedure unless a route is inaccessible<sup>5</sup>.

Route request packet is sent to all nodes in a network in ABR. In other words, search space determining route to destination node is equal to network space, and routing related traffic may waste bandwidth. The Associativity rule states that a Mobile Hosts (MH) association with neighbor changes when it migrates and its transiting period is identified by associativity 'ticks'. Associativity threshold<sup>6</sup> to distinguish association stability and instability is a beaconing interval function, mobile host's migration speed and wireless cell size. ABR compromises broadcast and point-to-point routing<sup>7</sup> and only maintains routes for sources that desire routes. Also, routing decisions are performed at destination with only the best route being selected and used while other routes are passive. This avoids packet duplicates and also the selected route tends to have more life due to associativity described.

Secure routing protocols cope with malicious nodes that disrupt correct routing

protocol functioning by modifying routing information, fabricating false routing information and impersonating nodes<sup>8</sup>. Active attacks are actions like replication, modification and deletion of exchanged data. Some active attacks are easy against adhoc networks. These attacks are grouped as Impersonation, Denial of service, and Disclosure attack.

This work extensively focuses on security aspect of MANET. This workuses fuzzymembership functions based on successful deliveries, Memory utilization and computed trust to find optimal secure route using game theory. Two Trust parameters neighbourhood based trust and recommendation based trust are defined in this work. Section 2 includes related early works in literature, Section 3 discusses methodology. Section 4 explains experimental results and finally section 5 concludes the paper.

## **Related work**

A long lived routing method based on associativity for real time applications was proposed by Preveze and Safak<sup>9</sup>. The proposed work aimed to improve ABR algorithm to reduce nodes outage and decrease reconstructions needed to keep nodes in communication. ABR performance was compared to other long-lived relay selection algorithms in real-time applications and showed to have better performance.

Adding Quality of Services (QoS) extensions to ABR was tried out by Murad, et al.,<sup>10</sup>. Total operations performed and total messages exchanged remained same regarding operation and communication complexities analysis. There was an additional case where QoS-Route was invoked, specifically when an intermediate node failed to provide required QoS, when the source would be notified by a QoS-LOST message from that node and a new QoS-Route discovery initiated by source node.

An on-demand associativity-based multipath source routing protocol for MANETs to establish relatively stable path(s) between a communicating end nodes was proposed by Heo and Song<sup>11</sup>. A new notion to gauge nodes' temporal and spatial stability and paths interconnecting them was also attempted. The discovered paths were easier to maintain and suited QoS provisioning. The protocol reduced end-to-end delays leading to improved QoS provisioning and

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data communication performance. The new mechanism showed better QOScompared to DSDV, AODV and AOMDV.

Two innovative ABR methods called Associativity Tick Averaged ABR (ATAABR) and Alternative Enhancement for Enhanced Associativity Based Routing (AEABR) which were modifications of ABR were proposed by Preveze and Safak<sup>12</sup>. The new algorithms provided better life, link speeds and outage time results than Enhanced Associativity Based Routing (EABR). EABR performance was better than other relay selection algorithms for many route reconstructions or relay changes and connected status percentage. On the other hand it was seen AEABR and ATAABR improved EABR connection stability by keeping connection outage time low while ATAABR needed less algorithm modification and less computation time.

Trust and Reputation have been used successfully across various networking problems. Reputation for Directory Services (ReDS), a framework to enhance lookups in redundant Distributed Hash Tables (DHTs) by tracking how other nodes service lookup requests was presented by Akavipat, et al.,<sup>13</sup>. ReDS technique could be applied to any redundant DHT including Halo and Kad. The collaborative identification was studied and bad lookup paths removed without relying on shared reputation scores, as such sharing resulted in vulnerability to attacks making it unsuitable for most ReDS applications. Simulations demonstrated that ReDS improved for Halo and Kad by over 80 percent or more on a range of conditions against strategic attackers attempting to game reputation scores and in node churn presence.

A comprehensive investigation on stateof-the-art countermeasures to deal with packet dropping attack was made by Djahel, et al.,<sup>14</sup>. The challenges were also examined to construct an indepth defence against such sophisticated attacks. Extensions to AODV routing protocol and Adhoc On-demand Multipath Distance Vector (AOMDV) routing protocol were proposed by Li, et al.<sup>15</sup>. It also included a trust-based reactive multipath routing protocol, Adhoc On-demand Trusted-path Distance Vector (AOTDV) for MANETs. This discovered multiple loop-free paths as candidates in a route discovery. Paths were evaluated by hop counts and trust values. Experiments compared these protocols and results reveal that AOTDV improved packet delivery ratio and mitigated impairment from grey hole, black hole and modification attacks.

Stealthy Attack Detection and Countermeasure (SADEC) to detect and isolate stealthy packet dropping attack efficiently was presented by Khalil and Bagchi [16]. SADEC provided a mechanism to utilize local monitoring by increasing nodes number greatly in a neighbourhood which it monitors. A risk-aware response mechanism to cope with identified routing attacks was proposed by Zhao, et al.,<sup>17</sup>. It was based on an extended Dempster-Shafer mathematical theory of evidence, introducing a notion of importance factors. Also, experiments demonstrated effectiveness of the new approach considering many performance metrics.

Trust based routing to avoid untrustworthy nodes was proposed by Xia, et al.,<sup>18</sup>. An adaptive cross-layer routing scheme selecting reliable path was proposed by Anastasopoulos, et al.,<sup>19</sup>. A game theoretical structure for dynamic pricing-based routing in MANETs to maximize sender/receiver quests payoff by considering MANETs dynamic nature was suggested by Ji, et al.,<sup>20</sup>. Toh, et al.,<sup>21</sup> considered dynamic topology in bandwidth constrained environment.

#### METHODOLOGY

Fuzzy game theory based model and using dwelling selection is described in this work. Game theory development studies, decision making in conflict situations and in cooperation sometimes. Game theory provides a mathematical process to select an optimal strategy<sup>22</sup>. Game theory is applicable to solve decision-making engineering problems.

Game theory provides mathematical tools and models to investigate multi person strategic decision making where players or Decision Makers (DM) compete for limited/ shared resources. Security games study as a special case, interaction between malicious attackers and defenders. Security games and solutions are basis for formal decision making and algorithm development and to predict attacker behaviour. Based on information type available to DMs, action space and DMs goal,

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security games vary from simple deterministic to more complex stochastic and limited information formulations and are applicable to security problems in various areas from privacy to intrusion detection and cryptography in wireless, computer, and vehicular networks. Game theory is an analytical tool helping researchers design computer networks security protocols. It is a rich mathematical tool to analyse and model new security problems<sup>23</sup>. Moreover, the defender gains a deeper understanding of attacker's strategies through equilibrium analysis of security game as also potential attack risks. Consider

$$\mu_{A} = \begin{cases} 0, \ when \ A \le a_{1}, \\ 2 \times \left(\frac{A - a_{1}}{a_{3} - a_{1}}\right)^{2}, \ when \ a_{1} \le A \le a_{2}, \\ 1 - 2 \times \left(\frac{A - a_{3}}{a_{3} - a_{1}}\right)^{2}, \ when \ a_{2} \le A \le a_{3}, \\ 1, \ when \ A \ge a_{3}, \end{cases}$$

where  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  are subjectively selected values. Dependency function is a description of dependence of dependency value's (i) from options of values (x), based on the parameters models  $i_{(x,y)}$ .

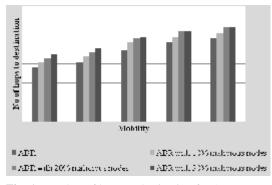


Fig. 1. Number of hops to destination for ABR

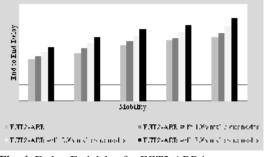


Fig. 4. End to End delay for FGT2-ABR in seco

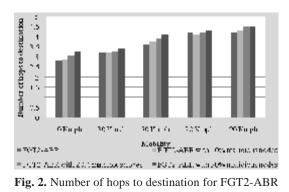
Fuzzy routing considers uncertainty in routing decisions<sup>24</sup>. In this work the membership functions used are Number of successful deliveries, Memory utilization and computed trust. Based on fuzzy model, a node can find the trust value of its neighbours. The value of trust is lower for malicious nodes compared to legitimate nodes<sup>25</sup>.

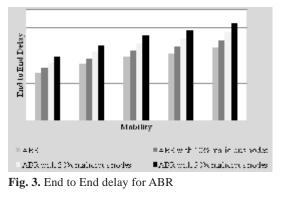
Trust computations use 'experience', 'recommendation' and 'knowledge'<sup>26</sup> components. Trust measured directly by a node from its neighbors constitute 'experience' component. When the positive experience of a neighbor node is shared, this data is propagated to nodes as 'recommendation' part of the trust. Previously evaluated trust is added to the 'knowledge' component. Trust of node x is calculated by node y is given by

# $T = \sum W(R_i)$

where W(.) is a weight given to a specific event which may include various misbehavior factors like route request misbehavior, route error misbehavior.

A trust model must suit different situations in a system. In open MANETs, nodes





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may be free to join/leave network anytime. Some nodes may already know each other before joining a network<sup>27</sup>. Besides direct interaction network experience, pre-shared knowledge, is also important for nodes to implement trust evaluation and must be considered accountable experience in a trust model

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Simulations were conducted for varying mobility speed using random way point model. Nodes in the network are selected randomly to act maliciously by either control packet dropping or packet dropping. The maliciousness in the network is varied 10%, 20% and 30%. Fifty nodes were used in the simulation with the range of each node being 250 m and the size of the network being 2000 sq.m. ABR and the proposed FGT2-ABR are simulated in these scenarios and its performance with regard to the number of hop count, end to end delay and packet delivery ratio is evaluated. Table 1 shows the results obtained for all the scenarios. Figure 1 shows the number of hops to destination when ABR routing is used for different number of malicious nodes.

It is seen from figure 1 that the Number of hops to destination for ABR increases with the increase in mobility speed and maliciousness due to the frequent packet drops and lost packets. It is seen that the mobility has great impact on the Number of hops to destination, as the mobility increases from 20 to 90 kmph the Number of hops to destination increases by 10.71% to 53.57% when compared with 10 kmph speed in a nonmaliciousness network. Figure 2 shows the number

of hops to destination using the proposed technique.

It is seen from figure 2 that the Number of hops to destination for the proposed FGT2-ABR increases with the increase in mobility speeds and maliciousness. As mobility increases from 20 to 90 kmph, the number of hops to destination increases by 14.29 to 50% when compared with 10 kmph speed in a non-maliciousness network. The Number of hops to destination increases significantly more in the increase in maliciousness in the network. When compared to ABR, the proposed FGT2-ABR on an average has similar number of hops to destination when the network has no malicious nodes whereas in a malicious network of 30% the proposed FGT2-ABR achieves decreased Number of hops to destination by 6.06 to 11.76% to 3.4% than ABR. Figure 3 shows the end to end delay in seconds for various scenarios.

From figure 3 that the end to end delay for ABR increases with the increase in mobility speed and maliciousness. It is seen that the mobility has great impact on the end to end delay, as the mobility increases from 20 to 90 kmph the end to end delay increases by 7.99% to 52.52% when compared with 10 kmph speed in a nonmaliciousness network. The delay increases significantly more as the increase in maliciousness in the network.Figure 4 shows the end to end delay for the proposed technique.

It is seen from figure 4 that the end to end delay for the proposed FGT2-ABR increases with the increase in mobility speed and maliciousness. As the mobility increases from 20 to 90 kmph the end to end delay increases by 5.75% to 51.82% when compared with 10 kmph speed in a non-

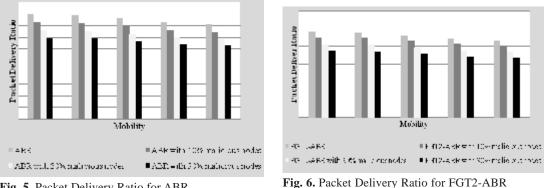


Fig. 5. Packet Delivery Ratio for ABR

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Node Mobility ABR in Kmph	ABR	ABR - with 10% maliciousness	ABR - with 20% maliciousness	ABR - with 30% maliciousness	FGT2- ABR	FGT2-ABR with - 10% maliciousness	FGT2-ABR - with 20% maliciousness	FGT2-ABR - with 30% maliciousness
No of hops to destination	estinatio	u						
0	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.3
30	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4
20	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.4	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.1
02	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3
00	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.5
End to End Delay	ay							
10	0.0514	0.0566	0.0624	0.0688	0.0521	0.0555	0.0606	0.0667
30	0.0608	0.067	0.0738	0.0813	0.0596	0.0652	0.0716	0.0788
20	0.0684	0.0754	0.0831	0.0916	0.0692	0.0733	0.0806	0.0886
02	0.0726	0.08	0.0882	0.0972	0.0748	0.0777	0.0855	0.0939
00	0.0784	Ū	0.0952	0.1049	0.0791	0.0839	0.0923	0.1014
Packet Delivery Ratio	- Ratio							
0	0.90278	0.8279	0.7593	0.6964	0.9715	0.9056	0.8254	0.7534
30	0.8948	0.8206	0.7526	0.6902	0.9599	0.896	0.8179	0.7466
20	0.8642	0.7926	0.7269	0.6666	0.9245	0.8652	0.7896	0.7199
02	0.8321	0.7631	0.6998	0.6418	0.89	0.8309	0.7585	0.6915
00	0.8144	0.7469	0.685	0.6282	0.8709	0.8132	0.7414	0.676

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maliciousness network. The delay increases significantly more in the increase in maliciousness in the network. When compared to ABR, the proposed FGT2-ABR has more end to end delay in the range of 0.89% to 3.03% when the network has no malicious nodes whereas in a malicious network of 30% the proposed FGT2-ABR achieves decreased delay of 3.05% to 3.4% than ABR. Figure 5 shows the Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) for ABR.

It is observed from figure 5 that the packet delivery ratio for ABR decreases with the increase in mobility speed and maliciousness. As the mobility increases from 20 to 90 kmph the packet delivery ratio decreases by 2.13% to 9.79% when compared with 10 kmph speed in a nonmaliciousness network. The packet delivery ratio decreases significantly more in the increase in maliciousness in the network.Similarly figure 6 shows the PDR of the proposed technique.

It is observed from figure 6 that the packet delivery ratio for proposed FGT2-ABR decreases with the increase in mobility speed and maliciousness. As the mobility increases from 20 to 90 kmph the packet delivery ratio decreases by 2.15% to 10.36% when compared with 10 kmph speed in a non-maliciousness network. The packet delivery ratio decreases significantly more in the increase in maliciousness in the network. When compared to ABR, the proposed FGT2-ABR has better packet delivery ratio in the range of 6.94% to 7.61% when the network has no malicious nodes whereas in a malicious network of 30% the proposed FGT2-ABR achieves higher packet delivery ratio of 7.61% to 8.18% than ABR.

#### CONCLUSION

In this work Fuzzy game theory was used for route selection. Membership functions in this work are Number of successful deliveries, Memory utilization and computed trust. Trust is based on neighbourhood trust and recommendation based trust. Experiments were conducted in varied scenarios using ABR and the new method. Results showed the proposed approach's improved performance regarding packet delivery ratio. The new FGT2-ABR had better packet delivery ratio ranging between 6.94% and 7.61% when network has no malicious nodes while in a malicious network of 30% the new3 FGT2-ABR achieved higher packet delivery ratio ranging between 7.61% and 8.18% than ABR. Further investigations are needed to reduce end to end delay which is slightly higher in the proposed technique.

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