A Novel Gateway Deployment Solution for MANETs Interconnecting with Internet

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Abstract—Mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs) have recently evoked much research attention as a challenge technology that nodes are interconnected to the Internet through gateways. However, due to the limited coverage of every gateway, a gateway may not be able to provide full coverage to the whole network area. To address this problem, this paper proposes a new gateway deployment method. Firstly, the gateway deployment problem is modelled as an art gallery problem, and then a three-stage gateway deployment algorithm is proposed. The first stage is the quadrilateral division based on distribution area of mobile nodes, the second stage is a four-dye scheme based on the quadrangular division, and the third stage is the gateway location deployment, where nodes in any one of the four colours are selected as the gateway. Finally, each phase of the algorithm is analysed and proved, and the results show that the algorithm can accurately determine the upper limit of the maximum number of gateways that meet nodes coverage requirements.

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