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EXPLORING SERVER REDUNDANCY IN NONBLOCKING MULTICAST DATA CENTER NETWORKS

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Clos networks and their variations such as folded-Clos networks (fat-trees) have been widely adopted as network topologies in data center networks (DCNs). Since multicast is an essential communication pattern in many cloud services, nonblocking multicast communication can ensure the high performance of such services. However, nonblocking multicast Clos networks are costly due to the large number of core switches required. On the other hand, server redundancy is ubiquitous in today's data centers to provide high availability of services. In this talk, we explore server redundancy in data centers to reduce the cost of nonblocking multicast Clos data center networks. First, we consider ideal fault-free data centers with no server failure. We show that the sufficient nonblocking condition on the number of core switches for multicast Clos DCNs can be significantly reduced, when the data center is 2-redundant, i.e., each server in the data center has exactly one redundant backup. We also investigate general redundant Clos DCNs where servers may have different number of redundant backups depending on the availability requirements of services, and show that a higher redundancy level further reduces the cost of nonblocking multicast Clos DCNs. Next, we extend the results to faulty data centers, where one or more active servers may fail at any time. We show that the nonblocking conditions for fault-free data centers still hold for the faulty case after reassigning active servers among edge switches. We also extend the results to the multirate network model that more accurately describes the communication environment of DCNs. Finally, we provide a multicast routing algorithm with linear time complexity to configure multicast connections in Clos DCNs.

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