Adding an Edge between the Root and a Node of a Complete $K$-ary Linking Pin Structure Maximizing Total Shortening Distance

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Abstract—This study considers the addition of relation to an organization structure such that the communication of information between every member in the organization becomes the most efficient. This paper proposes a model of adding relation to a complete $K$-ary linking pin structure where every pair of siblings in a complete $K$-ary tree is adjacent. For a model of adding an edge between the root and a node with a depth $N$ to a complete $K$-ary linking pin structure of height $H$, we formulated the total shortening distance where the sum of shortening lengths of the shortest paths between every pair of all nodes and illustrated an optimal depth $N^*$ which maximizes the total shortening distance with numerical examples.

Index Terms—organization structure, linking pin, complete $K$-ary tree, total shortening distance

I. INTRODUCTION

A pyramid organization is a hierarchical structure based on the principle of unity of command [1] that every member except the top in the organization should have a single immediate superior. On the other hand an organization characterized by System 4 [2] has a structure in which relations between members of the same section are added to the pyramid organization structure. Members of middle layers of System 4 which are both members of the upper units and chiefs of the lower units are called linking pins, and this type of organization is called a linking pin organization. In the linking pin organization there exist relations between each superior and his direct subordinates and those between members which have the same immediate superior.

The linking pin organization structure can be expressed as a structure where every pair of siblings which are nodes which have the same parent in a rooted tree is adjacent, if we let nodes and edges in the structure correspond to members and relations between members in the organization respectively. Then the linking pin organization structure is characterized by the number of subordinates of each member, that is, the number of children of each node and the number of levels in the organization, that is, the height of the rooted tree, and so on [3, 4]. Moreover, the path between a pair of nodes in the structure is equivalent to the route of communication of information between a pair of members in the organization, and adding edges to the structure is equivalent to forming additional relations other than those between each superior and his direct subordinates and between members which have the same direct subordinate.

The purpose of our study is to obtain an optimal set of additional relations to the linking pin organization such that the communication of information between every member in the organization becomes the most efficient. This means that we obtain a set of additional edges to the structure minimizing the sum of lengths of shortest paths between every pair of all nodes.

We have obtained an optimal depth for each of the following two models of adding relations in the same level to a complete $K$-ary linking pin structure of height $H (H = 2, 3, \ldots)$ where every pair of siblings in a complete $K$-ary tree of height $H$ is adjacent: (i) a model of adding an edge between two nodes with the same depth and (ii) a model of adding edges between every pair of nodes with the same depth [6]. A complete $K$-ary tree is a rooted tree in which all leaves have the same depth and all internal nodes have $K (K = 2, 3, \ldots)$ children [7]. Figure 1 shows an example of a complete $K$-ary linking pin structure of $K=2$ and $H=5$. In Fig. 1 the value of $N$ expresses the depth of each node.

This paper proposes a model of adding an edge between the root and a node with a depth $N (N = 2, 3, \ldots, H)$ in a complete $K$-ary linking pin structure of height $H (H = 2, 3, \ldots)$. This model corresponds to the formation of an additional relation between the top and one unit of an organization.

If $I_{i,j}$ ($= I_{j,i}$) denotes the distance, which is the number of edges in the shortest path from a node $v_i$ to a node $v_j$ ($i,j = 1, 2, \ldots, (K^{H+1} - 1) / (K - 1)$) in the complete $K$-ary linking pin structure of height $H$, then $\Sigma I_{i,j}$ is the total distance.

![Figure 1. An example of a complete $K$-ary linking pin structure of $K=2$ and $H=5$.](image)

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Furthermore, if \( l'_{ij} \) denotes the distance from \( v_i \) to \( v_j \) after adding an edge in this model, \( l_{ij} - l'_{ij} \) is called the shortening distance between \( v_i \) and \( v_j \), and \( \sum_{ij} (l_{ij} - l'_{ij}) \) is called the total shortening distance. Minimizing the total distance is equivalent to maximizing the total shortening distance. When an edge between the root and a node with a depth \( N \) is added to the complete \( K \)-ary linking pin structure of height \( H \), an optimal depth \( N* \) is obtained by maximizing the total shortening distance.

In Section 2 we formulate the total shortening distance of the above model. In Section 3 we illustrate an optimal depth \( N* \) which maximizes the total shortening distance with numerical examples.

II. FORMULATION OF TOTAL SHORTENING DISTANCE

This section formulates the total shortening distance when an edge between the root and a node with a depth \( N \) \((N = 2, 3, \ldots, H)\) is added to a complete \( K \)-ary linking pin structure of height \( H \) \((H = 2, 3, \ldots)\).

Let \( v_v \) denote the node of depth \( N \) which gets adjacent to the root. The set of descendants of \( v_v \) is denoted by \( V_v \). The set of ancestors of parent of \( v_v \) is denoted by \( V_v \). (Note that every node is a descendant and an ancestor of itself \([7]\).) Let \( V \) denote the set obtained by removing \( V_v \) and \( V_v \) from the set of all nodes of the complete \( K \)-ary linking pin structure.

The sum of shortening distances between every pair of nodes in \( V_v \) and nodes in \( V \) is given by

\[
A_h (N) = M (H - N) \sum_{i=1}^{N} (N - 2i + 1),
\]

where \( M(h) \) denotes the number of nodes of a complete \( K \)-ary tree of height \( h \) \((h = 0, 1, 2, \ldots)\), and \([x]\) denotes the maximum integer which is equal to or less than \( x \).

The sum of shortening distances between every pair of nodes in \( V_v \) is given by

\[
B(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (N - 2i - 2j + 1),
\]

where we define \( \sum_{i=1}^{0} = 0 \). The sum of shortening distances between every pair of nodes in \( V_v \) and nodes in \( V \) is given by

\[
C_h (N) = M (H - N) \sum_{i=1}^{N} (K - 1)M (H - i)(N - 2i).
\]

The sum of shortening distances between every pair of nodes in \( V_v \) and nodes in \( V_v \) is given by

\[
D_h (N) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (K - 1)M (H - i) \sum_{j=1}^{N} (N - 2i - 2j) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (K - 1)M (H - N + i - 1)
\]

\[
+ \sum_{j=1}^{N} (K - 1)M (H - N + i - 1) + \sum_{j=1}^{N} (N - 2i - 2j + 2),
\]

where we define \( \sum_{i=1}^{0} = 0 \). The sum of shortening distances between every pair of nodes in \( V_v \) is given by

\[
E_h (N) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (K - 1)M (H - N + i - 1)
\]

\[
\times \sum_{j=1}^{N} (K - 1)M (H - j)(N - 2i - 2j + 1).
\]

From the above equations, the total shortening distance \( S_h (N) \) is given by

\[
S_h (N) = A_h (N) + B(N) + C_h (N) + D_h (N) + E_h (N).
\]

III. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES OF OPTIMAL DEPTH

This section illustrates an optimal depth \( N* \) which maximizes the total shortening distance \( S_h (N) \) with numerical examples.

Let us classify \( S_h (N) \) into two cases of \( N = 2L \) where \( L = 1, 2, \ldots, \lfloor H/2 \rfloor \) and \( N = 2L + 1 \) where \( L = 1, 2, \ldots, \lfloor (H - 1)/2 \rfloor \). Since the number of nodes of a complete \( K \)-ary tree of height \( h \) is

\[
M (h) = \frac{K^{h+1} - 1}{K - 1},
\]

\( S_h (2L) \) and \( S_h (2L+1) \) becomes

\[
S_h (2L) = \frac{K^{2L+1} - 1}{K - 1}\sum_{i=1}^{L} (2L - 2i + 1)
\]

\[
+ \frac{K^{2L+1} - 1}{K - 1}\sum_{i=1}^{L} (2L - 2i - 2j + 2),
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\]
\[ S_H(2L+1) = \frac{K^{H-2L+1}}{K-1} \sum_{i=1}^{L} (2L - 2i + 2) + \frac{K^{H-2L+1}}{K-1} \sum_{i=1}^{L} (2L - 2i + 2) + \frac{K^{H-2L+1}}{K-1} \sum_{i=1}^{L} (2L - 2i + 2) + \frac{K^{H-2L+1}}{K-1} \sum_{i=1}^{L} (2L - 2i + 2) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{(K-1)^3} \left( K^{2H-3L+3} - K^{2H-2L+3} - K^{2H-2L+2} + K^{2H-L+2} \right. \]
\[ - K^{H-2L+2} + K^{H-2L+1} - K^{H-L+2} - K^{H-L+1} - \left( L - 1 \right) K^{H+3} \]
\[ + \left( L + 1 \right) K^{H+1} - L(K-1)^2 \right) \]

Table 1 reveals that \( N^* = 2 \) maximizes \( S_H(N) \) in the case of \( H = 2 \), \( N^* = 3 \) maximizes \( S_H(N) \) in the case of \( H = 3, 4, \) and \( N^* = 4 \) maximizes \( S_H(N) \) in the case of \( H = 5, 6, \ldots, 10 \), irrespective of \( K \).

**IV. Conclusions**

This study considered the addition of relation to a linking pin organization structure such that the communication of information between every member in the organization becomes the most efficient. For a model of adding an edge between the root and a node with a depth \( N \) to a complete \( K \)-ary linking pin structure of height \( H \) where every pair of siblings in a complete \( K \)-ary tree of height \( H \) is adjacent, we formulated the total shortening distance and illustrated an optimal depth \( N^* \) which maximizes the total shortening distance with numerical examples. Numerical examples show that the most efficient manner of adding relation between the top and a subordinate is to add the relation to a subordinate of the second, the third or the fourth level depending on the number of levels in the organization structure.

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