# IOTA-based Micropayment of IoT Data

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# **Micropayment in IoT Services**

Users of IoT service frequently receive services.
Frequent small payments occur between service users and service platforms.



### Micropayment Using Distributed Ledger Technology

 When payment is processed by single entity (centralized), single entity can falsify processing.

Payment processing by <u>distributed ledger technology</u>

→Blockchain, IOTA



# Purpose of This Work

- Micropayment with small transactions
  - $\rightarrow$  High fees are issue when using blockchain



- Apply IOTA, highly scalable distributed ledger technology, to IoT micropayment
  - No transaction fees by using IOTA
  - Lighter processing and smaller latency than making payments in bulk

# ΙΟΤΑ

- Distributed ledger technology
  - No transaction fees
    - $\rightarrow$  Low cost
  - High transaction processing speed
    - $\rightarrow$  High scalability
- Directed acyclic graph (DAG) structure
  - New transaction selects two existing transactions.
    - $\rightarrow$  Approval



# Tip

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Unapproved transactions in DAG, tangle graphs

- When new transaction X arrives
  - Transaction X authorizes A and C
  - The cumulative weight of other transactions that receive approval is increased by 3



## How to Search for DAG

- Need to search for previously approved transactions
  - Transaction information for own past transactions

- DAG Search Method
  - Hash chain method
  - Binary search tree

Manage prefixes and IDs  $\rightarrow$  Direct access on DAG to obtain content names

- Breadth-first search
- Depth-first search

Search on DAG  $\rightarrow$  Search ends upon discovery.

# **Tip Selection Algorithm**

Three tip selection algorithms to evaluate search time and memory requirements

#### Uniform random selection

- Randomly selects one from existing unauthorized transactions
- Unweighted random selection
  - Equal probability selection of transactions referenced from initial transaction
- Weighted random selection
  - Selecting transactions referenced from initial transaction with consideration of cumulative weights

# **Required Search Time**

#### Tip selection: uniform random selection



- Number of transaction = search time in 100 and 1000 (URW)
- Search time increases in the order of hash chain method, binary search tree, depth-first search, breadth-first search

### Required Amount of Memory

#### Tip selection: uniform random selection



Number of transactions = 100

Number of transactions = 1000

- Hash chain method, binary search tree, and DAG reduce memory requirements in that order
- When search time is important.  $\rightarrow$  hash method
- When emphasizing memory requirement  $\rightarrow$  DAG

## Conclusion

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- Proposed micropayment system using IOTA
- Without transaction fees
- Compared search time and memory requirement among four search methods for searching content names in IOTA
- Future work
  - Evaluation using actual equipment

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