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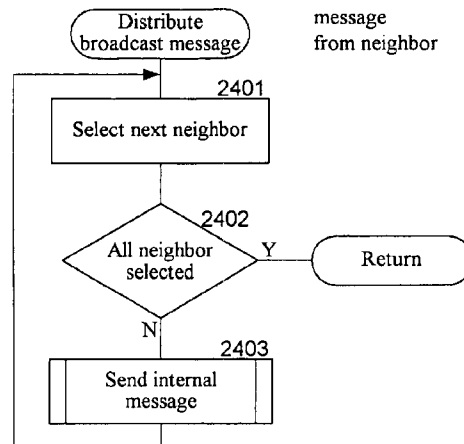
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A computer network for providing an information delivery service for a plurality of participants over the network is disclosed. Each participant has connections to at least three neighbor participants. An originating participant sends data to the other participants by sending the data through each of its connections to its neighbor participants. Further, each participant sends data that it receives from a neighbor participant to its other neighbor participants. The network is m-regular where m is the exact number of neighbor participants of each participant and the network is an incomplete graph.

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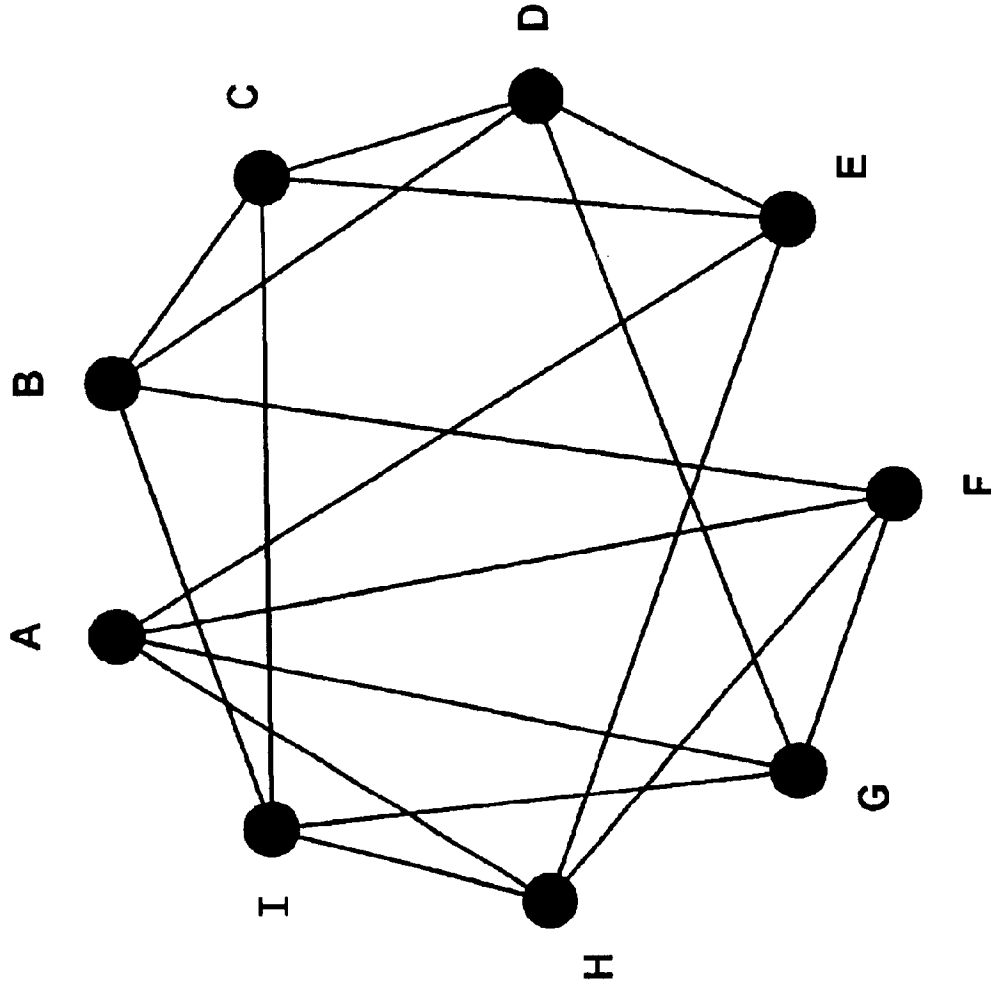


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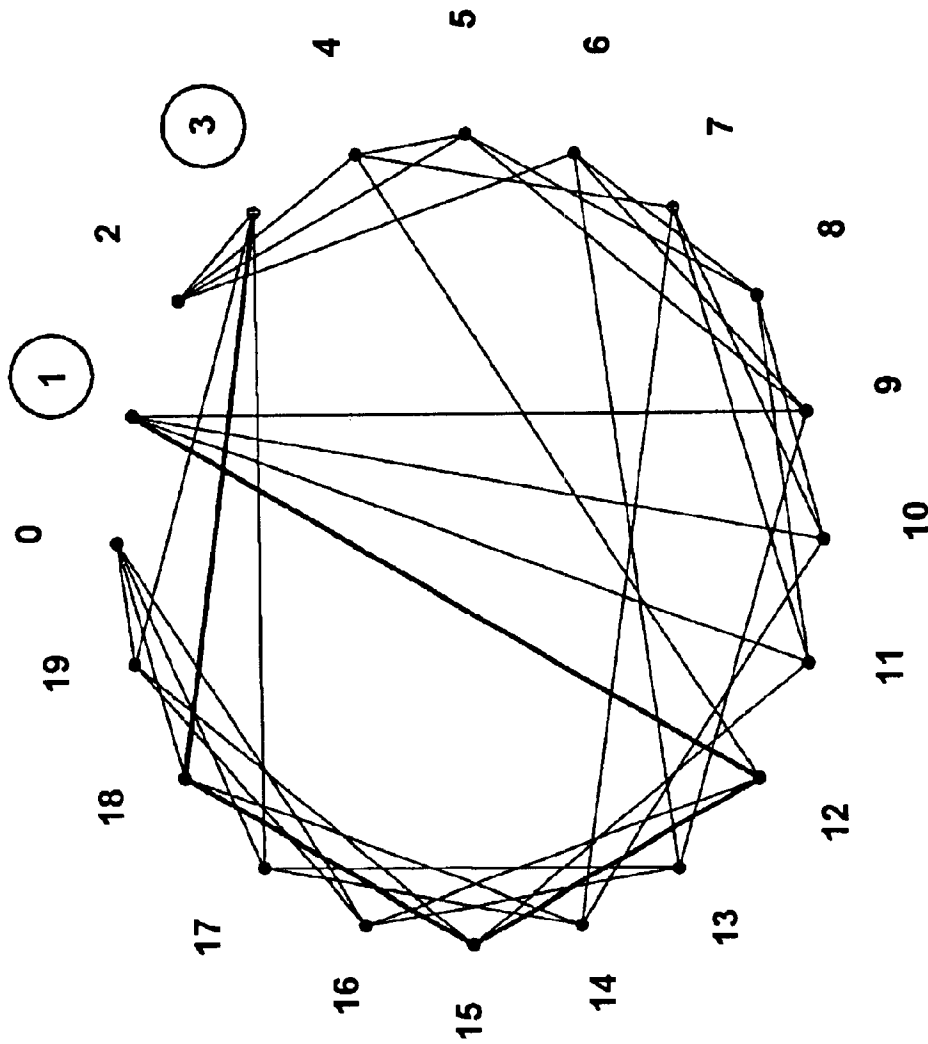


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