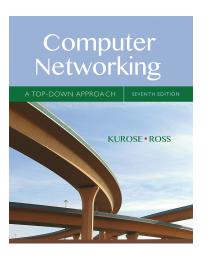
# Wireshark Lab: TCP v7.0

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"Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand." Chinese proverb

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In this lab, we'll investigate the behavior of the celebrated TCP protocol in detail. We'll do so by analyzing a trace of the TCP segments sent and received in transferring a 150KB file (containing the text of Lewis Carrol's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*) from your computer to a remote server. We'll study TCP's use of sequence and acknowledgement numbers for providing reliable data transfer; we'll see TCP's congestion control algorithm – slow start and congestion avoidance – in action; and we'll look at TCP's receiver-advertised flow control mechanism. We'll also briefly consider TCP connection setup and we'll investigate the performance (throughput and round-trip time) of the TCP connection between your computer and the server.

在本实验中,我们将详细研究著名的 TCP 协议的行为。 我们将通过从您的电脑向远程服务器传输一份 150KB 的文件(一份 Lewis Carrol 的"爱丽丝梦游仙境"文本),并分析 TCP 传输内容的发送和接收过程来实现。 我们将研究 TCP 对序列和确认号的使用,以提供可靠的数据传输;我们将看到 TCP 的拥塞控制算法 - 慢启动和拥塞避免 - 在过程中,我们将看看 TCP 的接收器发送流量控制的机制。 我们还将简要地观察 TCP 连线的设置,我们还会研究计算机和服务器之间 TCP 连线的性能(吞吐量和往返时间)。

Before beginning this lab, you'll probably want to review sections 3.5 and 3.7 in the text<sup>1</sup>.

在开始本实验之前,您应该先查看课本中的第3.5和3.7节。

1. Capturing a bulk TCP transfer from your computer to a remote server (捕获从计算机到远程服务器的批量 TCP 传输)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> References to figures and sections are for the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of our text, *Computer Networks, A Top-down Approach, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., J.F. Kurose and K.W. Ross, Addison-Wesley/Pearson, 2016.* 

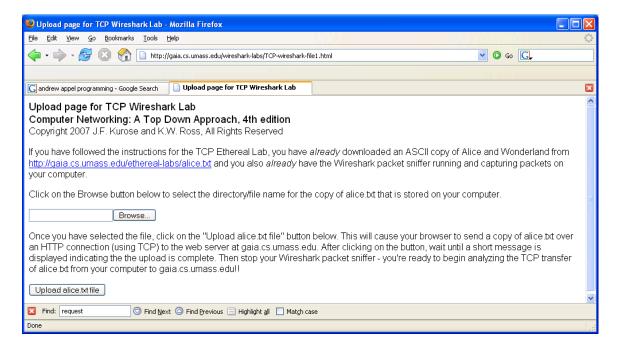
Before beginning our exploration of TCP, we'll need to use Wireshark to obtain a packet trace of the TCP transfer of a file from your computer to a remote server. You'll do so by accessing a Web page that will allow you to enter the name of a file stored on your computer (which contains the ASCII text of *Alice in Wonderland*), and then transfer the file to a Web server using the HTTP POST method (see section 2.2.3 in the text). We're using the POST method rather than the GET method as we'd like to transfer a large amount of data *from* your computer to another computer. Of course, we'll be running Wireshark during this time to obtain the trace of the TCP segments sent and received from your computer.

在开始我们对 TCP 的探索之前,我们需要使用 Wireshark 来获取文件从计算机到远程服务器的 TCP 传输的数据包内容。您可以通过访问一个网页,在网页上输入您计算机上存储的文件名称(包含 Alice in Wonderland 的 ASCII 文本),然后使用HTTP POST 方法将文件传输到 Web 服务器(见文中第 2.2.3 节)。我们使用POST 方法而不是 GET 方法,因为我们希望将大量数据从您的计算机传输到另一台计算机。当然,我们将在此期间运行 Wireshark 以获取从您的计算机发送和接收的 TCP 区段的内容。

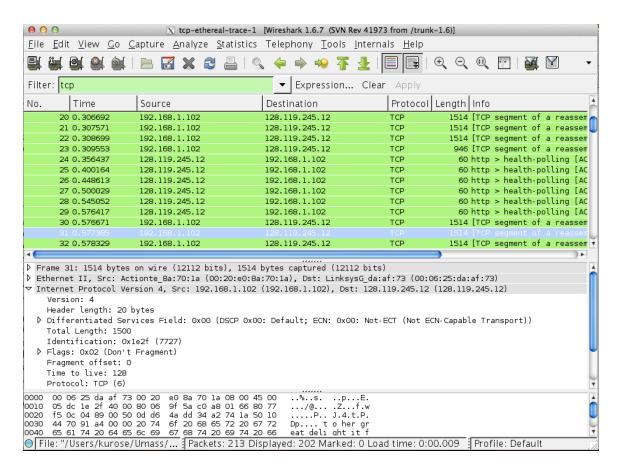
#### Do the following:

执行以下步骤:

- Start up your web browser. Go the <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/alice.txt">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/alice.txt</a> and retrieve an ASCII copy of *Alice in Wonderland*. Store this file somewhere on your computer.
  后动 Web 浏览器。在 <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/alice.txt">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/alice.txt</a> 查看 <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/alice.txt">Alice</a> in Wonderland 的 ASCII 档案文件。 将此文件存储在计算机上的某个位置。
- Next go to <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/TCP-wireshark-file1.html">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/TCP-wireshark-file1.html</a>. 接下来去 <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/TCP-wireshark-file1.html">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/TCP-wireshark-file1.html</a>.
- You should see a screen that looks like: 你将会看到如下图的网页



- Use the *Browse* button in this form to enter the name of the file (full path name) on your computer containing *Alice in Wonderland* (or do so manually). Don't yet press the "*Upload alice.txt file*" button. 使用此表单中的"Browse…" 按钮在计算机上输入包含 Alice in Wonderland 的文件名(完整路径名)(或手动执行)。这个时候请不要按下"Upload alice.txt file" 按钮。
- Now start up Wireshark and begin packet capture (*Capture->Start*) and then press *OK* on the Wireshark Packet Capture Options screen (we'll not need to select any options here).
  启动 Wireshark 并开始数据包捕获 (Capture-> Start),然后在 Wireshark 数据包捕获选项视窗上按 OK (我们不需要在此处选择任何选项)(详细操作因 Wireshark 版本略有不同)。
- Returning to your browser, press the "*Upload alice.txt file*" button to upload the file to the gaia.cs.umass.edu server. Once the file has been uploaded, a short congratulations message will be displayed in your browser window. 返回浏览器,按"Upload alice.txt file"按钮将文件上传到 gaia.cs.umass.edu 服务器。文件上传后,浏览器窗口中会显示一条简短的祝贺消息。
- Stop Wireshark packet capture. Your Wireshark window should look similar to the window shown below. 停止 Wireshark 数据包捕获。 您的 Wireshark 视窗内容应该类似于下面显示的内容。



If you are unable to run Wireshark on a live network connection, you can download a packet trace file that was captured while following the steps above on one of the author's computers<sup>2</sup>. You may well find it valuable to download this trace even if you've captured your own trace and use it, as well as your own trace, when you explore the questions below.

如果您无法在实际的网路上运行 Wireshark,则可以下载在作者的计算机上执行上述步骤时捕获的数据包跟踪文件。当您探索下面的问题时,即使您已经捕获了自己的传输内容并使用它来回答下面的问题,您也可能会发现这份下载的跟踪包很有参考价值。

## 2. A first look at the captured trace (跟蹤包的初步觀察)

Before analyzing the behavior of the TCP connection in detail, let's take a high level view of the trace.

在详细分析 TCP 连接的行为之前,让我们先概观看一下跟踪包的内容。

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Download the zip file <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip</a> and extract the file tcp-ethereal-trace-1. The traces in this zip file were collected by Wireshark running on one of the author's computers, while performing the steps indicated in the Wireshark lab. Once you have downloaded the trace, you can load it into Wireshark and view the trace using the *File* pull down menu, choosing *Open*, and then selecting the tcp-ethereal-trace-1 trace file.

• First, filter the packets displayed in the Wireshark window by entering "tcp" (lowercase, no quotes, and don't forget to press return after entering!) into the display filter specification window towards the top of the Wireshark window. 首先,在 Wireshark 视窗顶部的显示的过滤器指定窗口中输入"tcp"(小写,无引号,并且不要忘记在输入后按 enter 键!),过滤 Wireshark 视窗中显示的数据包。

What you should see is series of TCP and HTTP messages between your computer and gaia.cs.umass.edu. You should see the initial three-way handshake containing a SYN message. You should see an HTTP POST message. Depending on the version of Wireshark you are using, you might see a series of "HTTP Continuation" messages being sent from your computer to gaia.cs.umass.edu. Recall from our discussion in the earlier HTTP Wireshark lab, that is no such thing as an HTTP Continuation message – this is Wireshark's way of indicating that there are multiple TCP segments being used to carry a single HTTP message. In more recent versions of Wireshark, you'll see "[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]" in the Info column of the Wireshark display to indicate that this TCP segment contained data that belonged to an upper layer protocol message (in our case here, HTTP). You should also see TCP ACK segments being returned from gaia.cs.umass.edu to your computer.

您应该看到的是计算机和 gaia.cs.umass.edu 之间的一系列 TCP 和 HTTP 讯息。您应该看到包含 SYN 讯息的初始三次握手。您应该看到 HTTP POST 讯息。根据您使用的 Wireshark 的版本,您可能会看到从您的计算机向 gaia.cs.umass.edu 发送一系列 "HTTP Continuation"讯息。回想一下我们在早期的 HTTP Wireshark 实验室中的讨论,这不是 HTTP Continuation 消息 — 这是 Wireshark 指示有多个 TCP 区段用于承载单个 HTTP 讯息的方式。在 Wireshark 的最新版本中,您将在 Wireshark 显示的 Info 列中看到"[重新组装的 PDU 的 TCP 段]",以指示此 TCP 区段包含属于上层协议讯息的数据(在我们的示例中为,HTTP)。您还应该看到从gaia.cs.umass.edu 返回到您的计算机的 TCP ACK 区段。

Answer the following questions, by opening the Wireshark captured packet file *tcp-ethereal-trace-1* in <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip</a> (that is download the trace and open that trace in Wireshark; see footnote 2). Whenever possible, when answering a question you should hand in a printout of the packet(s) within the trace that you used to answer the question asked. Annotate the printout to explain your answer. To print a packet, use *File->Print*, choose *Selected packet only*, choose *Packet summary line*, and select the minimum amount of packet detail that you need to answer the question.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> What do we mean by "annotate"? If you hand in a paper copy, please highlight where in the printout you've found the answer and add some text (preferably with a colored pen) noting what you found in what you 've highlight. If you hand in an electronic copy, it would be great if you could also highlight and annotate.

利用下载的 <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip 档案,打开其中的 Wireshark 捕获的数据包文件 tcp-ethereal-trace-1 来回答以下问题(即下载跟踪包并打开 Wireshark 中的跟踪包;见附注 2)。在回答问题时,您应该提交用于回答问题的跟踪内的数据包的列印输出。加上适当的注释以解释您的答案。要印出数据包,请使用文件 - >列印,选择仅选定数据包,选择数据包摘要行,然后选择回答问题所需的最小数据包详细信息量。

1. What is the IP address and TCP port number used by the client computer (source) that is transferring the file to gaia.cs.umass.edu? To answer this question, it's probably easiest to select an HTTP message and explore the details of the TCP packet used to carry this HTTP message, using the "details of the selected packet header window" (refer to Figure 2 in the "Getting Started with Wireshark" Lab if you're uncertain about the Wireshark windows.

将文件传输到 gaia.cs.umass.edu 的客户端计算机(源)使用的 IP 地址和 TCP 端口号是什么? 要回答这个问题,最简单的方法是使用"所选数据包标头的详细信息"视窗,选择 HTTP 讯息并探索用于携带此 HTTP 讯息的 TCP 数据包的详细信息(如果你不确定是哪一个 Wireshark 视窗。请参阅"Getting Started with Wireshark"实验中的图 2)

2. What is the IP address of gaia.cs.umass.edu? On what port number is it sending and receiving TCP segments for this connection?

gaia.cs.umass.edu 的 IP 地址是什么? 在哪个端口号上发送和接收此连接的 TCP 区段?

If you have been able to create your own trace, answer the following question:

如果您能够连网并使用 Wireshark 创建自己的跟踪包,请回答以下问题:

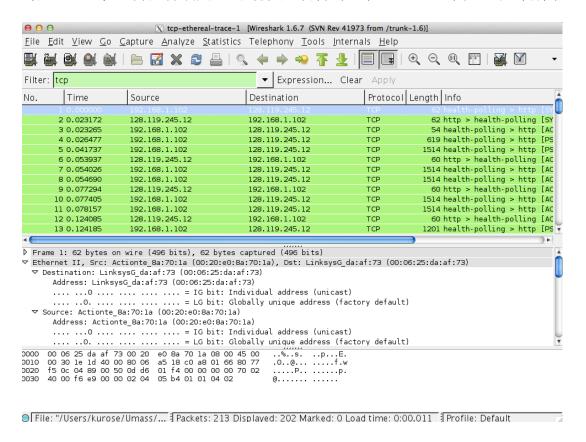
3. What is the IP address and TCP port number used by your client computer (source) to transfer the file to gaia.cs.umass.edu?

客户端计算机(源)将文件传输到 gaia.cs.umass.edu 所使用的 IP 地址和 TCP 端口号是多少?

Since this lab is about TCP rather than HTTP, let's change Wireshark's "listing of captured packets" window so that it shows information about the TCP segments containing the HTTP messages, rather than about the HTTP messages. To have Wireshark do this, select *Analyze->Enabled Protocols*. Then uncheck the HTTP box and select *OK*. You should now see a Wireshark window that looks like:

由于本实验是关于 TCP 而不是 HTTP,让我们更改 Wireshark 的"捕获数据包列表"视窗,以便显示有关包含 HTTP 讯息的 TCP 区段的信息,而不是 HTTP 讯

息。要让 Wireshark 执行此操作,请选择 Analyze-> Enabled Protocols。 然后取消 勾选 HTTP 框,并选择确定。 您现在应该看到一个 Wireshark 窗口,如下所示:



This is what we're looking for - a series of TCP segments sent between your computer and gaia.cs.umass.edu. We will use the packet trace that you have captured (and/or the packet trace *tcp-ethereal-trace-1* in <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip</a>; see earlier footnote) to study TCP behavior in the rest of this lab.

这就是我们正在寻找的 – 在您的计算机和 gaia.cs.umass.edu 之间发送的一系列 TCP 区段。我们将使用您捕获的数据包跟踪(和/或 <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip</a> 中的数据包跟踪 tcp-ethereal-trace-1:请参阅前面的脚注)在本实验的其余部分研究 TCP 行为。

### 3. TCP Basics (TCP 基础)

Answer the following questions for the TCP segments:

回答下列关于 TCP 区段的问题:

4. What is the sequence number of the TCP SYN segment that is used to initiate the TCP connection between the client computer and gaia.cs.umass.edu? What is it

in the segment that identifies the segment as a SYN segment?

用于在客户端计算机和 gaia.cs.umass.edu 之间启动 TCP 连接的 TCP SYN 区段的序列号是什么? 将区段标识为 SYN 区段的区段有什么功能?

5. What is the sequence number of the SYNACK segment sent by gaia.cs.umass.edu to the client computer in reply to the SYN? What is the value of the Acknowledgement field in the SYNACK segment? How did gaia.cs.umass.edu determine that value? What is it in the segment that identifies the segment as a SYNACK segment?

gaia.cs.umass.edu 发送给客户端计算机以回复 SYN 的 SYNACK 区段的序列 号是多少? SYNACK 区段中的 Acknowledgment 栏位的值是多少? Gaia.cs.umass.edu 是如何确定此 Acknowledgment 的数值的? 在将区段标识为 SYNACK 区段的区段在连线中有什么功能?

6. What is the sequence number of the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST command? Note that in order to find the POST command, you'll need to dig into the packet content field at the bottom of the Wireshark window, looking for a segment with a "POST" within its DATA field.

包含 HTTP POST 命令的 TCP 区段的序列号是多少? 请注意,为了找到 POST 命令,您需要深入了解 Wireshark 窗口底部的数据包内容字段,在其 DATA 栏位中查找带有"POST"的区段。

7. Consider the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST as the first segment in the TCP connection. What are the sequence numbers of the first six segments in the TCP connection (including the segment containing the HTTP POST)? At what time was each segment sent? When was the ACK for each segment received? Given the difference between when each TCP segment was sent, and when its acknowledgement was received, what is the RTT value for each of the six segments? What is the EstimatedRTT value (see Section 3.5.3, page 242 in text) after the receipt of each ACK? Assume that the value of the EstimatedRTT is equal to the measured RTT for the first segment, and then is computed using the EstimatedRTT equation on page 242 for all subsequent segments.

将包含 HTTP POST 的 TCP 区段视为 TCP 连接中的第一个区段。在这个 TCP 连线中前六个 TCP 区段的序列号是什么(包括包含 HTTP POST 的 段)?每区段发送的时间是什么时候? 收到的每个区段的 ACK 是什么时候? 鉴于发送每个 TCP 区段的时间与收到确认的时间之间的差异,六个区段中每个区段的 RTT 值是多少? 收到每个 ACK 后,EstimatedRTT 值(参见本节中的第 3.5.3 节,第 242 页)是什么? 假设第一个 EstimatedRTT 的值等于第一个区段的测量 RTT,然后使用课本第 242 页的 EstimatedRTT 公

#### 式计算所有后续区段。(译注:中译本的页数可能不同)

*Note:* Wireshark has a nice feature that allows you to plot the RTT for each of the TCP segments sent. Select a TCP segment in the "listing of captured packets" window that is being sent from the client to the gaia.cs.umass.edu server. Then select: *Statistics->TCP Stream Graph->Round Trip Time Graph.* 

注意:Wireshark 有一个很好的功能,允许您为发送的每个TCP 区段 绘制RTT。在从客户端发送到gaia.cs.umass.edu 服务器的"捕获的 数据包列表"窗口中选择一个TCP 段。然后选择:Statistics-> TCP Stream Graph-> Round Trip Time Graph。

- 8. What is the length of each of the first six TCP segments?<sup>4</sup> 前六个 TCP 区段的长度是多少?
- 9. What is the minimum amount of available buffer space advertised at the received for the entire trace? Does the lack of receiver buffer space ever throttle the sender? 对于整个跟踪包,收到的最小可用缓冲区空间量是多少?缺少接收器缓冲区空间是否会限制发送方传送 TCP 区段?
- 10. Are there any retransmitted segments in the trace file? What did you check for (in the trace) in order to answer this question? 在跟踪文件中是否有重传的区段? 为了回答这个问题,您检查了什么(在跟踪包中)?
- 11. How much data does the receiver typically acknowledge in an ACK? Can you identify cases where the receiver is ACKing every other received segment (see Table 3.2 on page 250 in the text). 接收器通常在 ACK 中确认多少数据? 您是否可以识别接收方每隔一个接收到的区段才发送确认的情况(参见本文第 250 页的表 3.2)。
- 12. What is the throughput (bytes transferred per unit time) for the TCP connection? Explain how you calculated this value.

driver and the Wireshark software. We recommend that if you have this inconsistency, that you perform

this lab using the provided trace file.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The TCP segments in the tcp-ethereal-trace-1 trace file are all less that 1460 bytes. This is because the computer on which the trace was gathered has an Ethernet card that limits the length of the maximum IP packet to 1500 bytes (40 bytes of TCP/IP header data and 1460 bytes of TCP payload). This 1500 byte value is the standard maximum length allowed by Ethernet. If your trace indicates a TCP length greater than 1500 bytes, and your computer is using an Ethernet connection, then Wireshark is reporting the wrong TCP segment length; it will likely also show only one large TCP segment rather than multiple smaller segments. Your computer is indeed probably sending multiple smaller segments, as indicated by the ACKs it receives. This inconsistency in reported segment lengths is due to the interaction between the Ethernet

TCP 连接的吞吐量(每单位时间传输的字节数)是多少? 解释你如何计算 这个值。

4tcp-ethereal-trace-1 跟踪文件中的 TCP 区段都小于 1460 字节。 这是因为收集跟踪的计算机具有以太网卡,该最大 IP 数据包的长度限制为 1500 字节(40 字节的 TCP / IP 报头数据和 1460 字节的 TCP 有效负载)。此 1500 字节值是以太网允许的标准最大长度。 如果您的跟踪包内容指示 TCP 区段长度大于 1500 字节,并且您的计算机使用以太网连接网路,则是 Wireshark 报告了错误的 TCP 区段长度;它也可能是只显示一个大的 TCP 段而不是多个较小的区段,而您的计算机确实可能正在发送多个较小的区段,这可以由收到的 ACK 区段来证明。 报告的区段长度的这种不一致是由于以太网驱动程序和 Wireshark 软件之间的交互作用所导致。 如果您有这种不一致情形,我们建议您使用本文所提供的跟踪文件来执行本实验的分析内容。

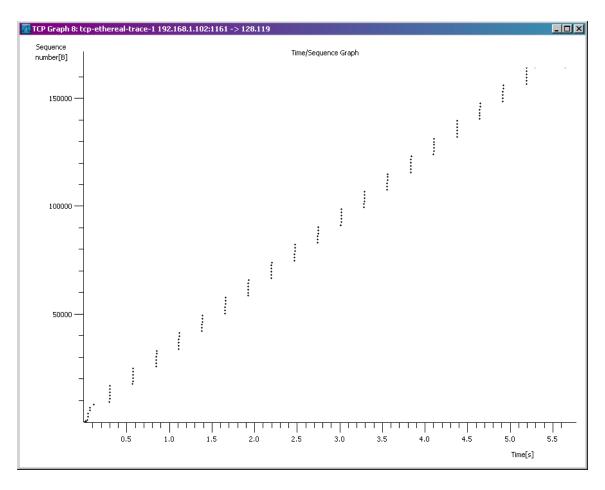
### 4. TCP congestion control in action (TCP 壅塞控制)

Let's now examine the amount of data sent per unit time from the client to the server. Rather than (tediously!) calculating this from the raw data in the Wireshark window, we'll use one of Wireshark's TCP graphing utilities - *Time-Sequence-Graph(Stevens)* - to plot out data.

现在让我们检查从客户端服务器的每单位时间发送的数据量。而不是(繁琐地!)从 Wireshark 窗口中的原始数据计算这些数值,我们将使用 Wireshark 的 TCP 图形工具 – 时序图(Stevens) - 来绘制数据。

• Select a TCP segment in the Wireshark's "listing of captured-packets" window. Then select the menu: Statistics->TCP Stream Graph-> Time-Sequence-Graph(Stevens). You should see a plot that looks similar to the following plot, which was created from the captured packets in the packet trace tcp-ethereal-trace-1 in <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip</a> (see earlier footnote):

在 Wireshark 的"捕获数据包列表"窗口中选择一个 TCP 区段。然后选择菜单:Statistics-> TCP Stream Graph-> Time-Sequence-Graph(Stevens)。您应该看到一个类似于下图的图,该图是根据 <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip</a> 中的跟踪数据包 tcp-ethereal-trace-1 中捕获的资料所创建的。(见前面的附注):



Here, each dot represents a TCP segment sent, plotting the sequence number of the segment versus the time at which it was sent. Note that a set of dots stacked above each other represents a series of packets that were sent back-to-back by the sender.

这里,每个点代表一个发送的 TCP 区段,绘制区段的序列号与发送的时间。 请注意,堆叠在一起的一组点表示发送方背靠背发送的一系列数据 包。

Answer the following questions for the TCP segments the packet trace *tcp-ethereal-trace-1* in <a href="http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip">http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-traces.zip</a>

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13. Use the *Time-Sequence-Graph(Stevens)* plotting tool to view the sequence number versus time plot of segments being sent from the client to the gaia.cs.umass.edu server. Can you identify where TCP's slowstart phase begins and ends, and where congestion avoidance takes over? Comment on ways in which the measured data differs from the idealized behavior of TCP that we've studied in the text.

使用时序图(Stevens)绘图工具查看从客户端发送到 gaia.cs.umass.edu 服务器的区段的序列号与时间关系图。您能否确定 TCP 的慢启动阶段的开始和结束位置,以及拥塞避免接管的位置? 评论测量数据与我们在文本中研究的 TCP 的理想化行为的不同之处。

14. Answer each of two questions above for the trace that you have gathered when you transferred a file from your computer to gaia.cs.umass.edu

根据你使用 Wireshark 所收集到的资料(将文件从计算机传输到 gaia.cs.umass.edu 时的跟踪包信息),回答问题 13 中的两个问题。