Problem 3

Suppose N packets arrive simultaneously to a link at which no packets are currently being transmitted or queued. Each packet is of length L bits and the link has a transmission rate of R bits/sec. What is the average queueing delay for the N packets?

Problem 4

Suppose that x bits of user data has to be transmitted over a k-hop path in a packet switched network as a series of packets. Each packet contains p data bits and h header bits, with x >> p + h. The bits rate of the links is p bps. Ignoring propagation delay and processing delay find the value of p that minimizes total delay.

Layered Network Architecture

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Why Layered Architecture?

- Organizing a network is a big and complicated task.
- Divide and conquer
- Example: Organization of an institute
 - academic section
 - finance section
 - administration section
 - procurement section

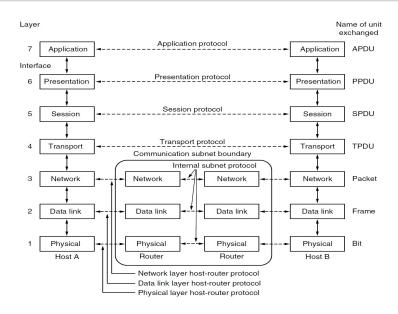
Advantages of Layered Architecture

- Divide the design issues into small pieces.
- A layer provides a service (set of actions) to the immediate higher layer.
- New technologies can be adopted in a layer without affecting other layers.
- Each layer can be analysed and tested independently.

Open System Interconnection (OSI) Reference Model

- Developed by International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- 7-layer model:
 - Application layer
 - Presentation layer
 - Session layer
 - Transport layer
 - Network layer
 - Data-link layer
 - Physical layer

Layers



Application Layer

- Consists of user programs, network applications that does work at hand
- Examples:
 - File transfer, Remote login, Mail, Web access
- Protocols: FTP, Telnet, Simple Mail Transfer Protocol(SMTP), HTTP.

Presentation Layer

- Concerned with syntax and semantics of information transmitted
- Translation
- Encoding data: Data compression/conversion, encryption and decryption

Session Layer

- Allows to establish a session between peers
- Dialogue control: Session can allow bidirectional traffic or only unidirectional traffic.
- Token management: In some protocols, it is required that both sides do not attempt same operation at same time.
 Session layer provides tokens to perform such actions
- Synchronization: Pausing and resuming a download.

Transport Layer

- Connection-oriented services to applications
 - flow control
 - guaranteed delivery of messages to destination
- Ensures data delivery is
 - error-free
 - in sequence
 - no loss, duplication and corruption of packets

Network Layer

- Interface between host and network
- Routing
- Congestion and deadlock
- Internetworking

Data-Link Layer and Physical Layer

Data-link layer

- Takes packet from network layer and moves it to the next router
- error-free delivery: computes error detection information

Physical layer

- Controls transmission into the network cable.
- Defines electrical signals.

Internet Protocol Stack

- Application layer
- Transport layer
- Network layer
- Data-link layer
- Physical layer