Computer Networking Practice Lab - 9

Simulation of Distance Vector Routing Algorithm (using sockets)

Logic Used:

In this lab exercise we are supposed to simulate the Distance Vector Routing (DVR) algorithm using socket programming.

For this, we have to set up four nodes in a network and check the link cost based on the latency (RTT) of sending a message to one another. Using the latency as the cost, we will implement the DVR algorithm.

The entire program can divided into the following steps:

Step 1: Setup the four nodes in the network -

To do this, we need information about the topology of the network, i.e, the connection details of each node such as the neighbors, ip address of the node and the port it is hosted on.

For this exercise, since the four nodes are hosted within the same network, each can be uniquely identified by their corresponding *PORT NUMBERS*. The topology information is stored in a "config.txt" file. Let us look at a sample config file.

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      Image: config.txt
      x
      R1.py
      x
      R2.py

      1
      |127.0.10.1:8080
      127.0.20.1:8181

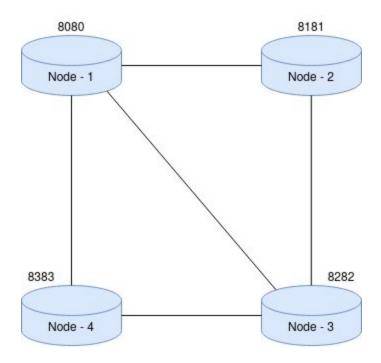
      2
      127.0.10.1:8080
      127.0.40.1:8383

      3
      127.0.10.1:8080
      127.0.30.1:8282

      4
      127.0.20.1:8181
      127.0.30.1:8282

      5
      127.0.30.1:8282
      127.0.40.1:8383
```

The network topology corresponding to the given configuration file is:



Step 2: Setup servers and clients to emulate the node connections.

Each node will be a TCP server to which the neighboring nodes (as TCP clients) will connect to using separate client sockets. Each node should also be clients (TCP clients) so that the neighboring nodes can also know of the connections. This can be achieved using just server-server connection but since a TCP model doesn't permit such connections, we use client connections instead.

The setup of the servers and clients must happen parallely, hence the functions required to set them up are run in threads. Let us take a look at the corresponding code.

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# STEP-2: Now that we have the server client details let us create server and client
in threads
    thread = [0] * 2
    thread[0] = threading.Thread(target = setupServer, args = [connections])
    thread[0].start()
    time.sleep(5)
    thread[1] = threading.Thread(target = createClient, args = [connections])
    thread[1].start()
    # Join both the threads
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thread[0].join()
thread[1].join()

# Sleep for 2 seconds to ensure the topology is constructed for all nodes
time.sleep(2)
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The setupServer() and createClient() functions contain standard TCP implementations of setting up servers and clients along binding addresses and other operations.

Step 3: From each node let us ping (send and recv message) to each of its connections and find the latency in terms of RTT.

Once we have all the nodes setup, we can send a standard message and time the response duration to compute the latency in terms of RTT. We also have to set up threads to manage incoming pings for each node so that there is no blocking in response.

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# STEP-3: Now let us find the RTT of nodes connected to current node
# Setup all the clients in separate threads to respond to any incoming pings
ping threads = [0] * num connections
for i in range(∅, num connections):
    ping_threads[i] = threading.Thread(target = listenToPing, args = [client[i]])
    ping_threads[i].start()
print("[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Pinging all connected nodes ...")
# Make the server ping all connections
for item in client sockets:
    conn = item[1]
    start = time.time()
    conn.send(PING MSG.encode(FORMAT))
    ret msg = conn.recv(1024)
    end = time.time()
    latencies[ALL CONN.index(int(item[0][1]))] = (end - start) * FACTOR
# Join all ping threads
for i in range(∅, num_connections):
    ping_threads[i].join()
```

Step 4: Initialise the DVR table

Based on the RTT obtained in step 3, we create the initial DVR table. It contains the three columns:

- Destination
- Cost (latency)
- Next hop

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# STEP-4: Init the routing table
print("\n[DVR] Initial Routing Table is:")
print("%-20s %-25s %-20s" %("Destination","Cost (Latency)","Next Hop"))
for indx in range(0,4):
    rt[indx] = [str('R'+str(indx+1)),latencies[indx],str('R'+str(indx+1))]
    print("%-20s %-25s %-20s" %(rt[indx][0],rt[indx][1],rt[indx][2]))
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Step 5: Update the DVR Table

This is the main part of the entire program. In this step, each node shares its latency information with each of its connections. Once the routing information is shared, DVR algorithm determines the minimum path to reach the destination node from a given source node via the shared node. It employs Bellman's shortest path algorithm for this purpose.

Based on the algorithm, the update happens to the current routing table and the next hop and cost might change. The algorithm has to run for **3 iterations** (in a 4 node setup) to find the shortest path from source to destination. Within the 3 iterations, each node would have explored all possible paths and found the shortest path from current node to every other node.

Step 6: Find the routing path from each node to every other node

Once the DVR table is updated, we would like to print the path that node takes to every other node. To do this we would also need next_hop details from other nodes as well. So in each node we set up a thread to respond with information in the node's routing table if requested. In this manner, if a node wants to know the next_hop after an intermediate node, it can request that information from the intermediate node. In this manner the routing information is printed.

Code: (For a node - R1)

```
import socket
import threading
import time
import sys
# Define constant parameters
ALL_CONN = [8080,8181,8282,8383]
SERVER_PORT = 8080
IP ADDR = "127.0.10.1"
ADDR = (IP_ADDR, SERVER_PORT)
CLIENT_ADDR = list(IP_ADDR)
CLIENT ADDR[-1] = str(int(CLIENT_ADDR[-1]) + 1)
CLIENT_ADDR = "".join(CLIENT_ADDR)
CONFIG_PATH = "config.txt"
NODE_NUM = 1
PING MSG = "abcdef"
PACKET_SIZE = 1024
FORMAT = "utf-8"
FACTOR = 10e3
UPPER BOUND = 10e7
# define global variables
server = socket.socket()
client_sockets = []
client = [socket.socket()]*4
client addrs = []
rt = [['nil',-1,'nil']] * 4
rt[NODE_NUM-1] = [str('R'+str(NODE_NUM)),0,str('R'+str(NODE_NUM))]
latencies = [0.0] * 4
# getTopology() - gets the connection details of the nodes in the network
def getTopology():
    # Open file
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file = open(CONFIG PATH, "r")
    connections = []
    # read the topology details line by line
    line = file.readline()
   while line:
      # Get list of words in the line
      words = line.strip().split(" ")
      # Get ip and port details
       ip_1,port_1 = words[0].split(":")
       ip_2,port_2 = words[1].split(":")
       # Update connection details
       if(ip_1 == IP_ADDR):
             connections.append([ip_2,port_2])
       elif(ip_2 == IP_ADDR):
             connections.append([ip_1,port_1])
       line = file.readline()
    return connections
# Define function to setup server
def setupServer(connections):
   global server
   global client_sockets
    server = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM)
    server.bind(ADDR)
    server.listen()
    print(f"[LISTENING Server is listening on {IP_ADDR}]")
   time.sleep(5)
    for i in range(0,len(connections)):
       client_conn,cli_addr = server.accept()
       client_sockets.append([cli_addr,client conn])
       print(f"[NEW CONNECTION] {cli addr} connected.")
# Define the function to create client that connects with all nodes specified in the
def createClient(connections):
    global client
    global CLIENT_ADDR
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i = 0
    for conn in connections:
       addr = (conn[0],int(conn[1]))
       client[i] = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM)
       client[i].bind((CLIENT_ADDR,SERVER_PORT))
       client[i].connect(addr)
       CLIENT ADDR = list(CLIENT ADDR)
       CLIENT_ADDR[-1] = str(int(CLIENT_ADDR[-1]) + 1)
       CLIENT_ADDR = "".join(CLIENT_ADDR)
       i = i + 1
# Let us define th listenToPing() function that responds to incoming pings
def listenToPing(conn):
    msg = conn.recv(1024)
    conn.send(msg)
# Runner thread to exchange latency contribution of current node to all requesting
def exchangeLatency(conn, lat_str):
    msg = conn.recv(1024).decode(FORMAT)
    if(msg == "EXCHG"):
       conn.send(lat_str.encode(FORMAT))
# function to update the RT based on latency costs from neighbors using Bellman Ford
def updateRT(index,lat_str):
    latency = lat_str.strip().split(",")
    latency = list(map(float, latency))
    cost_x = rt[index][1]
    for i in range(0,4):
       updated_cost = cost_x + latency[i]
       if(rt[i][1] > updated_cost):
                                                                   # update based on
             rt[i][1] = updated_cost
             rt[i][2] = str("R"+str(index+1))
# Given the current hop and destination find the next hop by calling the appropriate
server
def getNextHop(curr_hop,dest,conn):
    # First send request to node
   request_msg = str(dest)
   # time.sleep(2)
    conn.send(request_msg.encode(FORMAT))
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# Get next hop from node
   next_hop = conn.recv(1024).decode(FORMAT)
   next_hop = next_hop.strip().split(",")
   return next_hop
def nextHop(conn):
   while(1):
      req_msg = conn.recv(1024).decode(FORMAT)
      dest = int(req_msg)
      next_hop = rt[dest][2]
      # print("sada",next_hop)
      if(int(next_hop[1]) != dest+1):
            next_conn =
client_sockets[client_addrs.index(int(ALL_CONN[int(rt[dest][2][-1]) - 1]))][1]
             next_conn.send(str(dest).encode(FORMAT))
             next_hop = next_hop + "," + next_conn.recv(1024).decode(FORMAT)
      conn.send(next_hop.encode(FORMAT))
def main():
   # STEP-1: First let us obtain the topology details from the config.txt file
   connections = []
   connections = getTopology()
   num_connections = len(connections)
   print("[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Number of connections =",len(connections))
   for conn in connections:
      print("[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] ",IP_ADDR," --> ",conn[0],":",conn[1],sep ="")
   # STEP-2: Now that we have the server client details let us create server and
client in threads
   thread = [0] * 2
   thread[0] = threading.Thread(target = setupServer, args = [connections])
   thread[0].start()
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time.sleep(5)
thread[1] = threading.Thread(target = createClient,args = [connections])
thread[1].start()
# Join both the threads
thread[0].join()
thread[1].join()
time.sleep(2)
# Find the latencies of the connections - RTT for a std message
curr_connected = [int(conn[1]) for conn in connections]
# First let us fill in max value for connections not connected to current node
for indx in range(0,len(ALL CONN)):
   if(int(ALL_CONN[indx]) not in curr_connected):
         latencies[indx] = UPPER_BOUND
latencies[NODE_NUM - 1] = 0
# STEP-3: Now let us find the RTT of nodes connected to current node
ping_threads = [0] * num_connections
for i in range(∅,num_connections):
   ping_threads[i] = threading.Thread(target = listenToPing, args = [client[i]])
   ping_threads[i].start()
print("[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Pinging all connected nodes ...")
for item in client_sockets:
   conn = item[1]
   start = time.time()
   conn.send(PING_MSG.encode(FORMAT))
   ret_msg = conn.recv(1024)
   end = time.time()
   latencies[ALL_CONN.index(int(item[0][1]))] = (end - start) * FACTOR
# Join all ping threads
for i in range(0, num_connections):
   ping_threads[i].join()
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print("[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Latencies:",latencies)
   # STEP-4: Init the routing table
   print("\n[DVR] Initial Routing Table is:")
   print("%-20s %-25s %-20s" %("Destination", "Cost (Latency)", "Next Hop"))
   for indx in range(0,4):
      rt[indx] = [str('R'+str(indx+1)),latencies[indx],str('R'+str(indx+1))]
      print("%-20s %-25s %-20s" %(rt[indx][0],rt[indx][1],rt[indx][2]))
   # STEP-5: Update routing table - For 3 iterations
   for loop in range(0,3):
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      # First let us setup the string to be passed from R1 (comma separated
latencies)
      latency_str = ",".join([str(lat[1]) for lat in rt])
      # Iterate over all nodes and request if connected
      print("\n[DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...")
      for indx in range(0,4):
            if indx == NODE NUM-1:
                  continue
            elif ALL_CONN[indx] not in curr_connected:
                  print("[DVR]",rt[NODE_NUM-1][0],"is not connected
to",rt[indx][0])
      latency threads = [0] * num_connections
      for i in range(∅, num_connections):
            latency_threads[i] = threading.Thread(target = exchangeLatency, args =
[client[i],latency_str])
            latency_threads[i].start()
      request msg = "EXCHG"
      received_lat_str = ["0,0,0,0"]*4
      i = 0
      for item in client_sockets:
            conn = item[1]
            conn.send(request_msg.encode(FORMAT))
            received_lat_str[ALL_CONN.index(int(item[0][1]))] =
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conn.recv(1024).decode(FORMAT)
      for i in range(∅, num_connections):
             latency_threads[i].join()
      print("[DVR] Received routing information is:")
      print(received lat str)
      # Update the router table based on the received latencies - Bellman Ford will
used here
      for indx in range(0,4):
             if(received_lat_str[indx] != "0,0,0,0"):
                   updateRT(indx,received lat str[indx])
      print("\n[DVR] Routing Table after iteration -",loop+1,"is: ")
      print("%-20s %-25s %-20s" %("Destination", "Cost (Latency)", "Next Hop"))
      for indx in range(0,4):
             print("%-20s %-25s %-20s" %(rt[indx][0],rt[indx][1],rt[indx][2]))
   # Print the route for each current src - destination pair
   global client addrs
    client_addrs = [int(item[0][1]) for item in client_sockets]
   # First setup the server thatll respond to requests from from any connection if
   hop_threads = [0] * num connections
   for i in range(0, num_connections):
      hop_threads[i] = threading.Thread(target = nextHop, args = [client[i]])
      hop_threads[i].start()
clients for the next hop
   hop list = [rt[NODE NUM-1][0]]
   print("\n[DVR] Printing routing information")
   for i in range(0,4):
      if i != NODE NUM - 1:
            dest = rt[i][0]
            next_hop = rt[i][2]
            hop_list.append(next_hop)
            while(dest not in hop_list):
                   conn =
client_sockets[client_addrs.index(ALL_CONN[int(rt[i][2][-1]) - 1])][1]
                   next_hop = getNextHop(int(next_hop[-1])-1,i,conn)
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hop_list.extend(next_hop)
    print(*hop_list, sep=' -> ')
    hop_list = [rt[NODE_NUM-1][0]]

# Sleep 5 seconds and then close all hop_threads
    time.sleep(5)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
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Some constant parameters used are

```
# Define constant parameters
ALL_CONN = [8080,8181,8282,8383]

SERVER_PORT = 8080
IP_ADDR = "127.0.10.1"
ADDR = (IP_ADDR,SERVER_PORT)

CLIENT_ADDR = list(IP_ADDR)
CLIENT_ADDR[-1] = str(int(CLIENT_ADDR[-1]) + 1)
CLIENT_ADDR = "".join(CLIENT_ADDR)

CONFIG_PATH = "config.txt"
NODE_NUM = 1

PING_MSG = "abcdef"
PACKET_SIZE = 1024
FORMAT = "utf-8"
FACTOR = 10e3
UPPER_BOUND = 10e7
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The SERVER_PORT address and IP_ADDR changes for each node. The remaining parameters remain the same.

Note:

- To make the latency (RTT) a bit more significant, it has been multiplied with the parameter FACTOR.
- A node that is unreachable from a given node has a cost of <u>UPPER_BOUND</u> which is used to represent the infinite cost.

Output:

Node R1:

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adheshreghu@adheshreghu-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/SEM5/Networking/Lab/Week9$ python3 R1.py
(NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Number of connections = 3
(NETWORK TOPOLOGY] 17.0.10.1 ··· > 127.0.20.1:8181
(NETWORK TOPOLOGY] 127.0.10.1 ··· > 127.0.40.1:8383
(NETWORK TOPOLOGY) 127.0.10.1 ··· > 127.0.40.1:8383
(NETWORK TOPOLOGY) 127.0.10.1 ··· > 127.0.30.1:8282
[LISTENING Server is listening on 127.0.10.1]
(NEW CONNECTION] ('127.0.20.2', 8181) connected.
(NEW CONNECTION] ('127.0.30.2', 8282) connected.
(NEW CONNECTION] ('127.0.40.2', 8383) connected.
(NETWORK TOPOLOGY) Pinging all connected nodes ...
(NETWORK TOPOLOGY) Latencies: [0, 3.414154052734375, 3.6287307739257812, 2.7227401733398438]
 [DVR] Initial Routing Table is:
Destination Cost (Latency)
                                         0
3.414154052734375
3.6287307739257812
2.7227401733398438
 [DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] Received routing information is:
['0,0,0,0', '3450.3960609436035,0,6.630420684814453,100000000.0', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '6.625652313232422,100000000.0,3.402233123779297,0']
[DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 1 is:
Destination Cost (Latency)
R1 0
R2 3.414154052734375
                                         3.6287307739257812
2.7227401733398438
[DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] Received routing information is:
['0,0,0,0', '10.058879852294922,0,6.630420684814453,8.883476257324219', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '6.625652313232422,6.973743438720703,3.402233123779297,0']
 [DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 2 is:
Destination Cost (Latency)
                                        0
3.414154052734375
3.6287307739257812
2.7227401733398438
  ************* TTERATION - 3 · ************
 [DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] Received routing information is:
'0,0,0,0', '10.058879852294922,0,6.630420684814453,8.883476257324219', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '6.625652313232422,6.973743438720703,3.402233123779297,0']
 [DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 3 is:
Destination Cost (Latency)
                                          0
3.414154052734375
                                         3.6287307739257812
2.7227401733398438
  DVR] Printing routing information
      -> R3
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Node R2:

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adheshreghu@adheshreghu-Inspiron-5570:~/Documents/SEM5/Networking/Lab/Week9$ python3 F
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Number of connections = 2
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] 127.0.20.1 --> 127.0.10.1:8080
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] 127.0.20.1 --> 127.0.30.1:8282
[LISTENING Server is listening on 127.0.20.1]
[NEW CONNECTION] ('127.0.10.2', 8080) connected.
[NEW CONNECTION] ('127.0.30.3', 8282) connected.
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Pinging all connected nodes ...
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Latencies: [3450.3960609436035, 0, 6.630420684814453, 100000000.0]
[DVR] Initial Routing Table is:
Destination Cost (Latency)
R1 3450.3960609436035
                                                                                   Next Hop
                                     6.630420684814453
 R3
                                     100000000.0
 R4
[DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
 [DVR] R2 is not connected to R4

[DVR] R2 is not connected to R4

[DVR] R2 is not connected to R4

[DVR] Received routing information is:

['0,3.414154052734375,3.6287307739257812,2.7227401733398438', '0,0,0,0', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '0,0,0,0']
[DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 1 is:
                                     10.058879852294922
                                     6.630420684814453
 [DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] R2 is not connected to R4
[DVR] Received routing information is:
['0,3.414154052734375,3.6287307739257812,2.7227401733398438', '0,0,0,0', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '0,0,0,0']
[DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 2 is:
Destination
                                     Cost (Latency)
10.058879852294922
                                                                                   Next Hop
                                     6.630420684814453
8.883476257324219
[DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] R2 is not connected to R4
[DVR] Received routing information is:
['0,3.414154052734375,3.6287307739257812,2.7227401733398438', '0,0,0,0', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '0,0,0,0']
[DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 3 is:
Destination Cost (Latency)
R1 10.058879852294922
                                                                                   Next Hop
                                     6.630420684814453
 R3
                                     8.883476257324219
[DVR] Printing routing information
R2 -> R3 -> R1
R2 -> R3
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Node R3:

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Node R4:

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adheshreghu@adheshreghu-Inspiron-5570:-/Documents/SEM5/Networking/Lab/Week9$ python3
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Number of connections = 2
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] 127.0.40.1 --> 127.0.10.1:8080
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] 127.0.40.1 --> 127.0.30.1:8080
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] 127.0.40.1 --> 127.0.30.1:8282
[LISTENING Server is listening on 127.0.40.1]
[NEW CONNECTION] ('127.0.10.3', 8080) connected.
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Pinging all connected nodes ...
[NETWORK TOPOLOGY] Latencies: [6.625652313232422, 100000000.0, 3.402233123779297, 0]
 [DVR] Initial Routing Table is:
  estination
R1
                                        Cost (Latency)
6.625652313232422
                                                                                          Next Hop
R1
                                                                                           R2
R3
                                         3.402233123779297
[DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] R4 is not connected to R2
[DVR] Received routing information is:
['0,3.414154052734375,3.6287307739257812,2.7227401733398438', '0,0,0,0', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '0,0,0,0']
[DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 1 is:
                                        Cost (Latency)
6.625652313232422
                                         3.402233123779297
[DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] R4 is not connected to R2
[DVR] Received routing information is:
['0,3.414154052734375,3.6287307739257812,2.7227401733398438', '0,0,0,0', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '0,0,0,0']
[DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 2 is:
                                       Cost (Latency)
6.625652313232422
6.973743438720703
   [DVR] Exchanging Routing Information ...
[DVR] R4 is not connected to R2
[DVR] Received routing information is:
['0,3.414154052734375,3.6287307739257812,2.7227401733398438', '0,0,0,0', '3.4284591674804688,3.5715103149414062,0,2.2530555725097656', '0,0,0,0']
[DVR] Routing Table after iteration - 3 is:
Destination Cost (Latency)
R1 6.625652313232422
R2 6.973743438720703
                                                                                           Next Hop
                                                                                           R1
R3
R3
R4
[DVR] Printing routing information
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(Refer to the output folder for clearer images)