

(g) write about the elements and services provided by Transport layer? (iii)

Answer:

The services provided by transport layer are similar to the services provided by Data link layer.

→ The data link layer provides services within a single network but the transport layer provides services across multiple interconnected networks.

→ The various services provided by Transport layer are,

i) Segments:

The Transport layer makes data transmission easy and efficient.

→ It breaks down data from session layer into small units called as segments.

→ The segments are transmitted through network. These segments are assembled again upon arrival.

ii) Reliable Data Delivery:

→ Transport layer protocols like, TCP ensure reliable delivery of data.

→ They implement error detection, and they re-transmit data if they are lost.

→ They also have acknowledgment mechanisms to confirm successful data transmission.

iii) flow control:

- The transport layer regulates the flow of data between sender and receiver.
- The sender and receiver may operate at different speeds, this layer manages both efficiently.

iv) Congestion control:

- Transport layer protocols help manage network congestion by adjusting the rate of data transmission.
- This prevents resources from becoming overloaded, ensuring efficient data transfers.

v) Quality of Service (QoS):

- Transport layer protocols support Quality of Service mechanisms to prioritize certain types of traffic.
- This ensures timely delivery of critical data such as audio or video.

2) Explain about connection management in Transport layer (i)

Explain TCP connection management?

TCP Connection management:

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) is a connection oriented protocol.

→ This means that the client and server should be connected before transmission of data.

→ Management of connections between endpoints is known as connection management.

→ The several steps in TCP connection management are.

- i) Connection establishment
- ii) Data Transfer
- iii) Connection Termination.

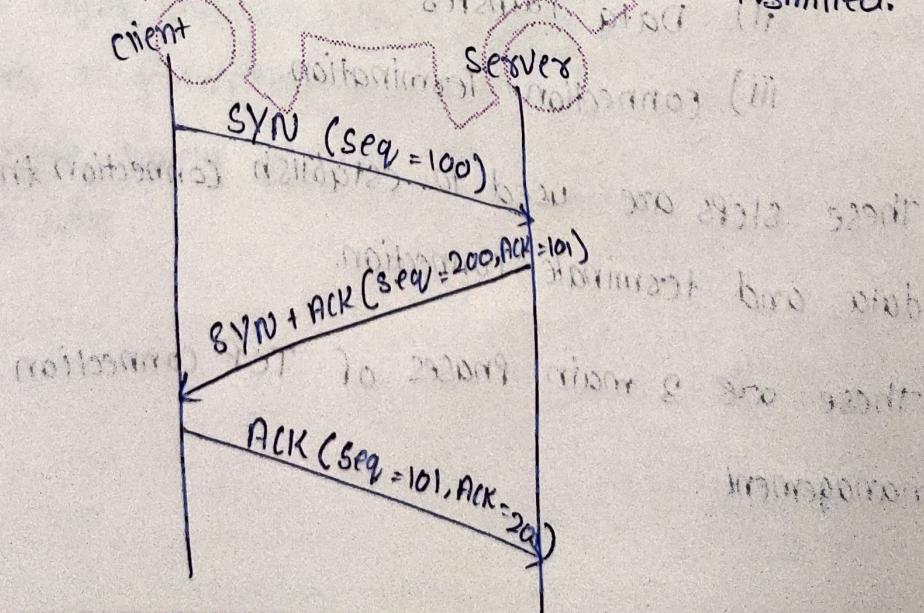
→ These steps are used to establish connection then transfer data and terminate connection.

→ These are 3 main phases of TCP connection management.

i) Connection Establishment

- The TCP Protocol follows full duplex communications which means the data is transferred simultaneously in both direction
- for connection establishment in TCP we use Three way handshaking

- * The client initiates the connection by sending SYN (Synchronize) packet to the server
 - * The server responds with SYN-ACK (Synchronize acknowledgement) indicating that it received request from client and it also sends its own SYN.
 - * The client then acknowledges the server's SYN by sending ACK.
- The connection is established and data can be transmitted.

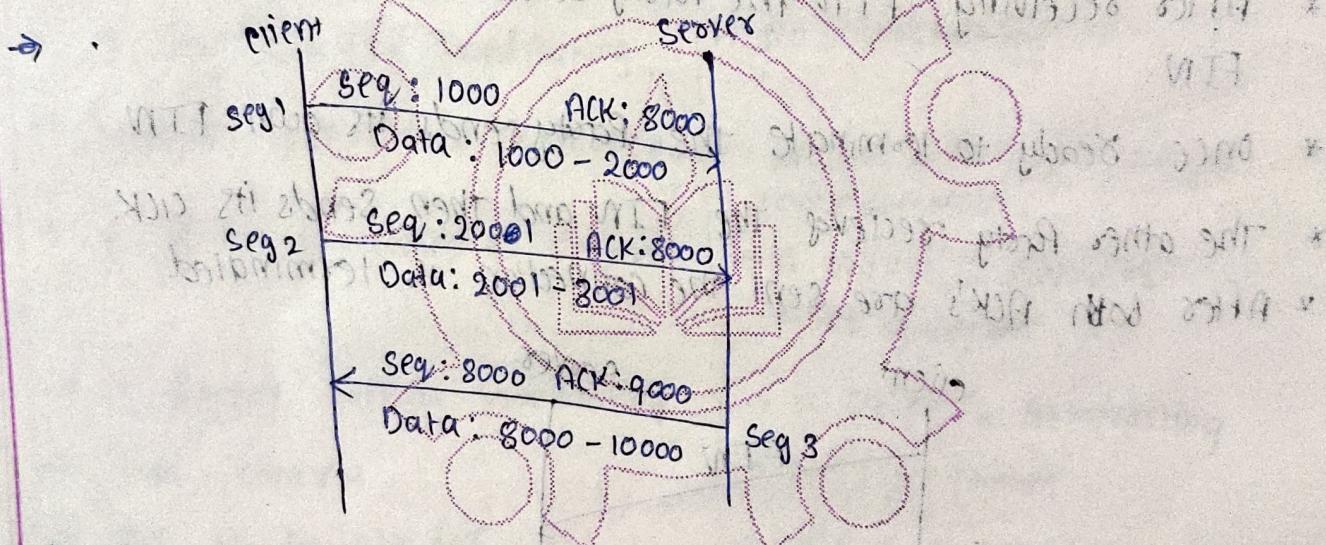


ii). Data Transfer:-

Establishment of connection (iii).

Once the connection is established, then client can send the data to server and server can also send the data to client.

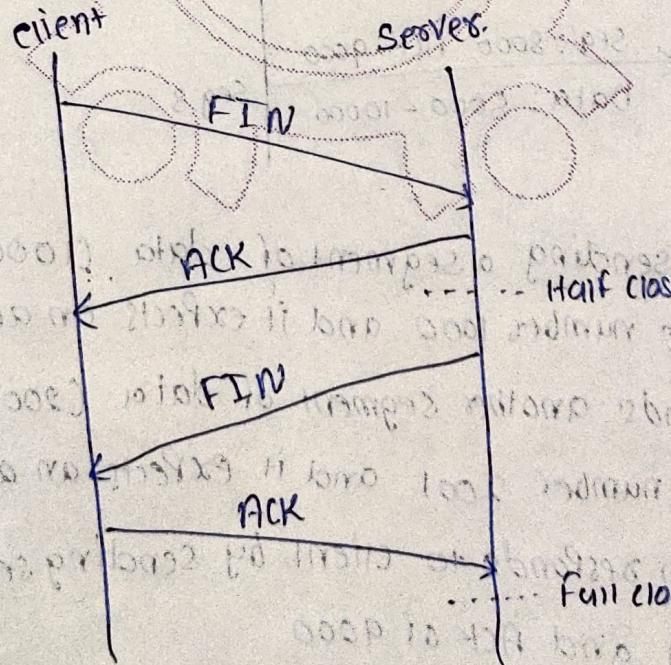
- TCP ensures reliable data delivery by implementing sequence numbers and acknowledgments.
- It also retransmits lost data and ensure data integrity.
- The data is divided into segments of equal size.



- The client sending a segment of data (1000 - 2000) bytes with sequence numbers 1000 and it expects an ack of 8000.
- The client sends another segment of data (2001 - 3001) bytes with sequence number 2001 and it expects an ack of 8000.
- The server then responds to client by sending segment of data (8000 - 10000) and Ack of 9000.
- As they are sending both Seq and ACK this is called as Piggybacking.

iii) Connection Termination:

- After the successful Data transmission The connection needs to be terminated
- for connection Termination TCP uses "four way handshaking"
- The Termination can be initiated by both client and server
- * The Party wishing to terminate connection sends FIN Packet to other Party.
- * After receiving FIN the Party sends ACK that it received FIN.
- * Once ready to terminate the Party sends its own FIN.
- * The other Party receives the FIN and then sends its ACK.
- * After both ACK's are sent the connection is terminated.



3) Compare and contrast between TCP and UDP
 (a) Differences between connection oriented & connection less Protocol.

TCP vs UDP

- | TCP | UDP |
|---|--|
| → TCP stands for Transmission control Protocol | → UDP stands for User Datagram Protocol |
| → it is a connection oriented Protocol | → it is a connection less Protocol |
| → it is Reliable | → it is unreliable |
| → Guarantee Data Delivery | → No guarantee Data delivery. |
| → 3 way & 4 way handshaking | → No handshaking. |
| → Supports full duplex communication | → Doesn't support full duplex communication. |
| → A Packet is called as Segment | → A packet is called as User datagram |
| → it doesn't support broadcasting | → it supports broadcasting |
| → flow control | → No flow control |
| → TCP is suitable for, | → UDP is suitable for |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email file sharing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audio streaming video streaming |
| → slower than UDP | → faster than TCP |
| → more overhead | → less overhead. |

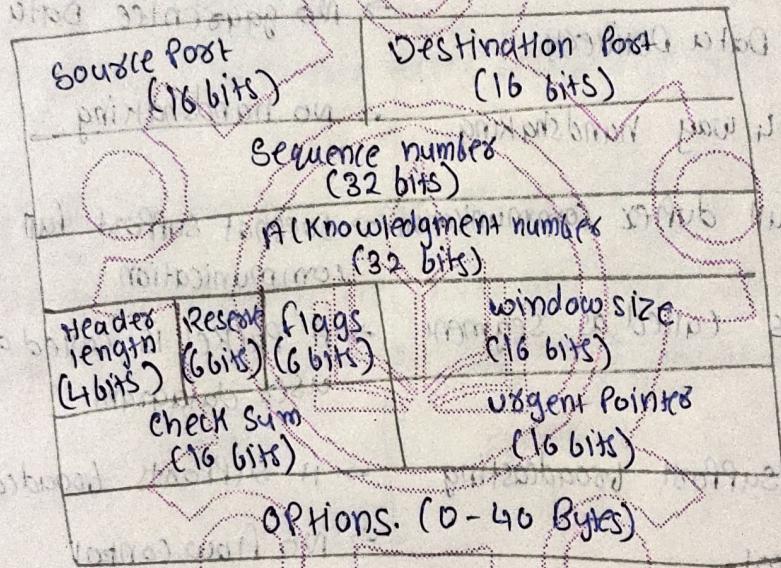
4) Describe each field of TCP segment header.

The TCP segment header contains several fields that

provide essential information for establishing and managing TCP connections.

→ The size of a TCP segment header varies from

20 - 60 Bytes.



i) Source Port:

- it indicates the port number of the sender
- it is of 16 bits or 2 bytes.

ii) Destination Port:

- it specifies the port number of the receiver
- it is of 16 bits or 2 bytes.

iii) Sequence number:

- identifies the sequence numbers of current segment used for ordering of data segments at receiver end.
- it is of 32 bits or 4 bytes

iv) Acknowledgment number:

- it contains the sequence number that the sender is expecting from the receiver

v) Header length:

- it specifies the size of the TCP header
- it is of 4 bits

vi) Reserved:

- Reserved for future use and must be set to zero.
- it is of 6 bits

vii) Flags:

- contains control flags that determine the purpose and behavior of TCP segment.
- it is of 6 bits and contains 6 flags

viii) window size:

- specifies the size of receive window that the sender is willing to accept
- it is of 16 bits or 2 bytes

ix) checksum:

- used for error detection, ensuring the integrity of TCP header and data
- it is of 16 bits or 2 bytes

x) urgent pointer:

- indicates the end of urgent data within the segment.
- it is of 16 bits or 2 bytes.

xi) options:

- may include additional information or parameters related to the connection.
- it is of 0 - 40 bytes.

* The combination of all these fields enable TCP to provide reliable, connection oriented communications over networks.

5) write about the performance issues of Transport layer?

The Transport layer, represented by protocols like TCP and UDP plays a crucial role in network communication.

- It is very important part of the modern day internet but it faces few performance issues
- The performance issues of Transport layers are,

i) Latency:

- Latency refers to the delay between initiation of a communication request and receiving of response.
- Due to connection oriented nature of TCP, there can be a delay specially in few networks.
- The retransmissions in TCP can also increase latency.

ii) Connection Establishment Overhead:

- TCP requires a three way handshake to establish a connection between two endpoints.
- This includes exchange of multiple messages before actually establishing a connection, this increases overhead.

iii) UDP's Reliability:

- UDP offers low overhead and latency compared to TCP but it lacks in reliability.
- The UDP applications must implement their own error detection.

iv) Buffering:

- TCP maintains buffers to store incoming and outgoing data.
- In situations of high network congestion the buffer size can grow and lead to performance issues.