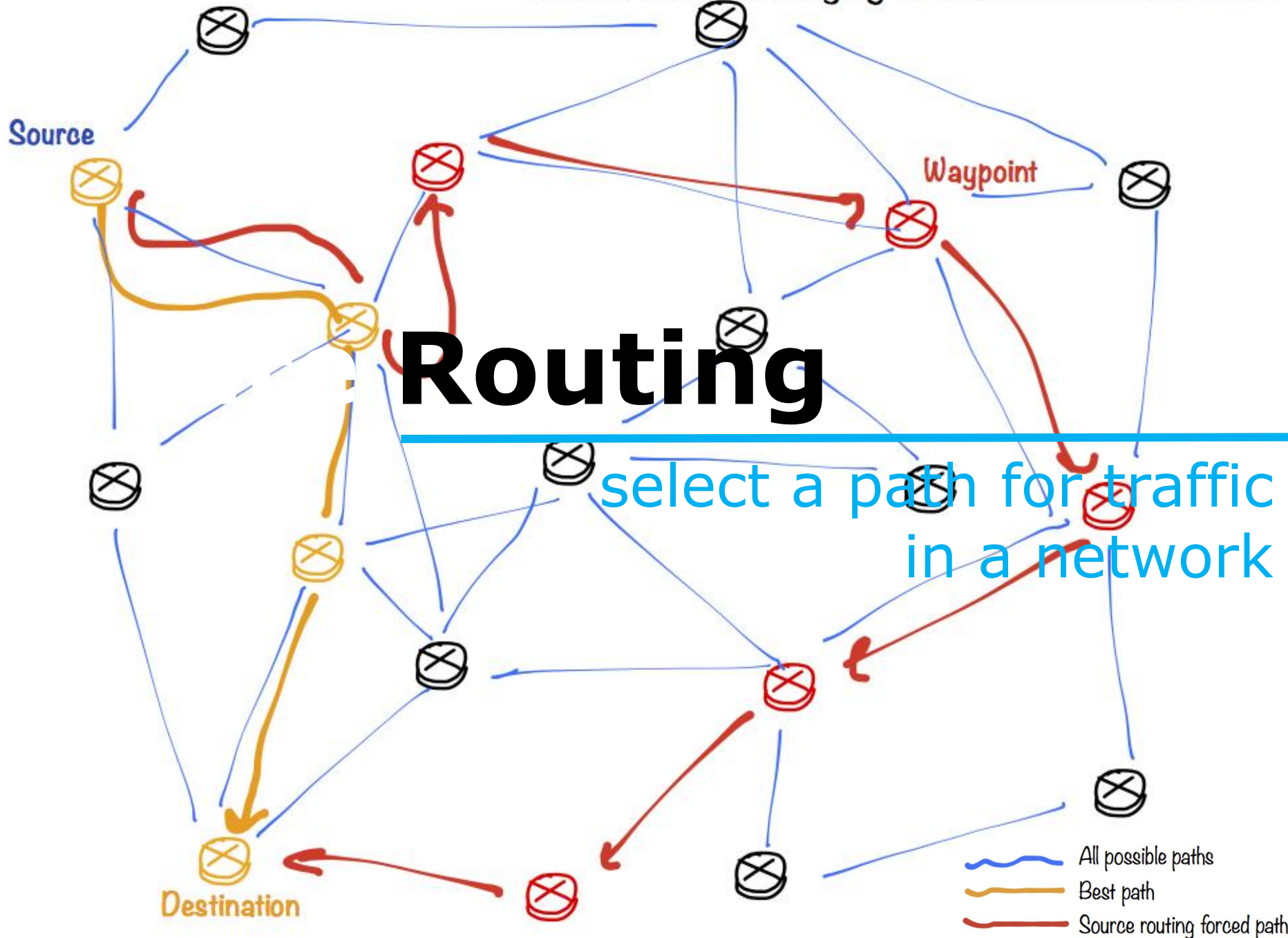


# Secure Routing

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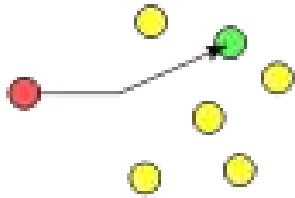
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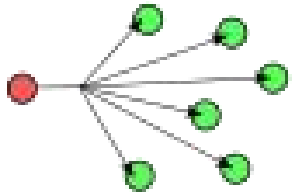
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# Delivery Scheme



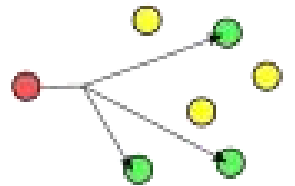
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deliver msg to a single node



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deliver msg to all nodes in network



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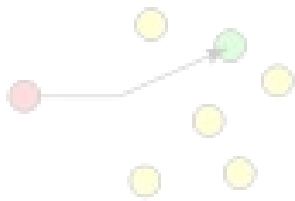
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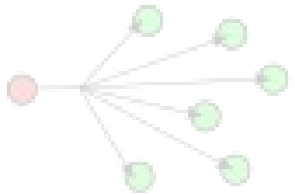
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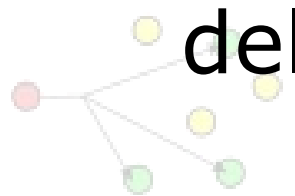
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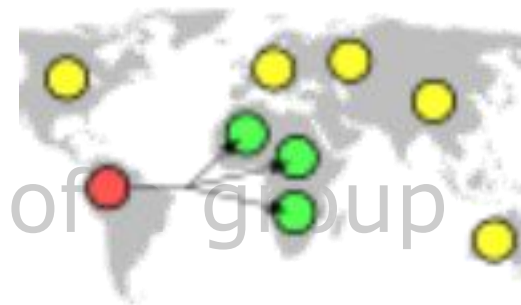
deliver a message to a group of nodes  
based on geographic location

geocast

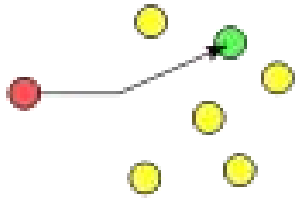


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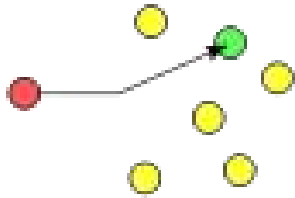


unicast

deliver msg to a single node

dominant form of msg delivery on inet

# Routing Scheme



unicast

deliver msg to a single node

how to find a feasible path?

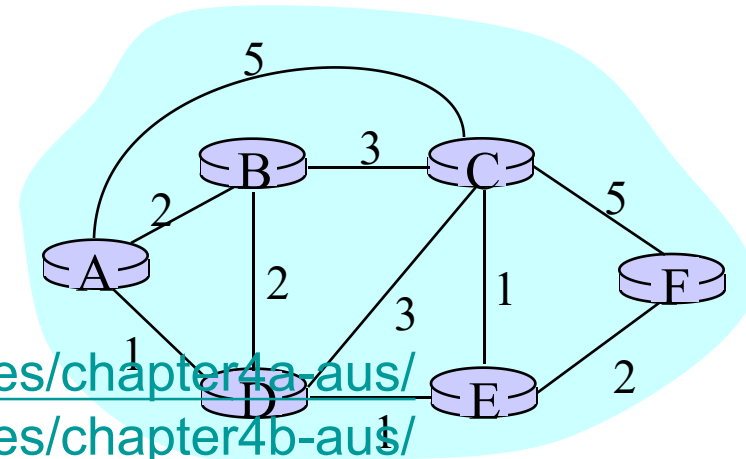
# Routing Scheme

- Intra-domain routing  
inside an autonomous system
- Inter-domain routing  
between autonomous systems



# Routing Scheme

- Intra-domain routing  
consider A-F as routers
- Inter-domain routing  
consider A-F as autonomous systems



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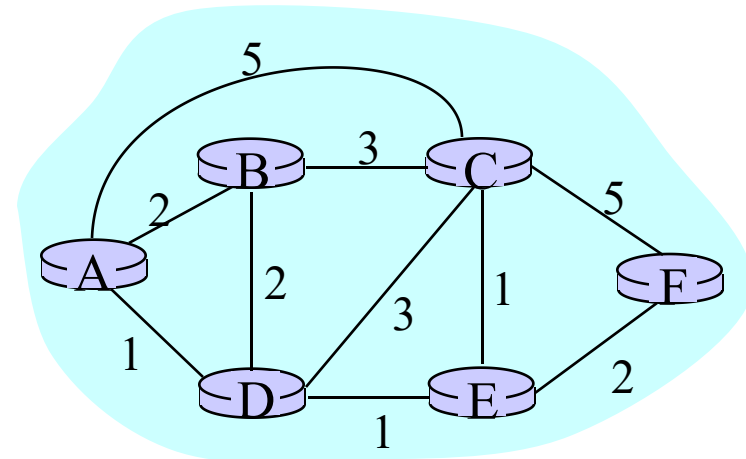
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# Route Computation

- Link-state algorithms

each router knows complete topology & link cost information;

independently run routing algorithm to calculate shortest path to each destination;



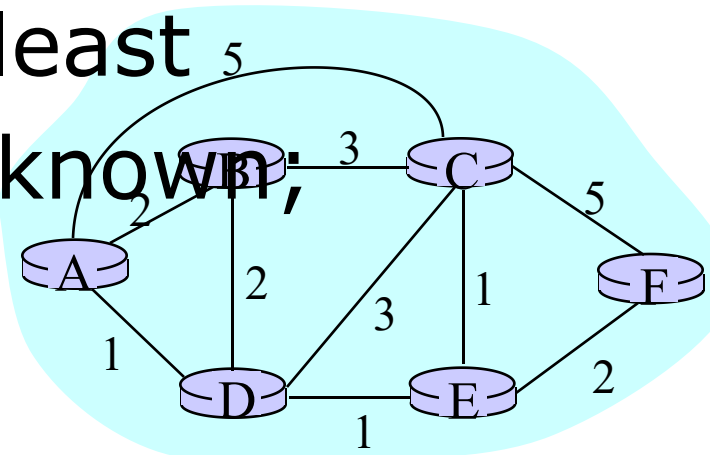
# Dijkstra

$c(i,j)$  link cost from  $i$  to  $j$  ( $\infty$  if unknown)

$D(v)$  current value of cost of path from source to destination  $v$ ;

$p(v)$  predecessor node along path from source to  $v$ ;

$N'$  set of nodes whose least cost path is already known;



# Dijkstra

1 **Initialization:**

2  $N' = \{A\}$

3 for all nodes  $v$

4 if  $v$  adjacent to  $A$

5 then  $D(v) = c(A, v)$

6 else  $D(v) = \infty$

7

8 **Loop**

9 find  $w$  *not* in  $N'$  such that  $D(w)$  is  
minimum

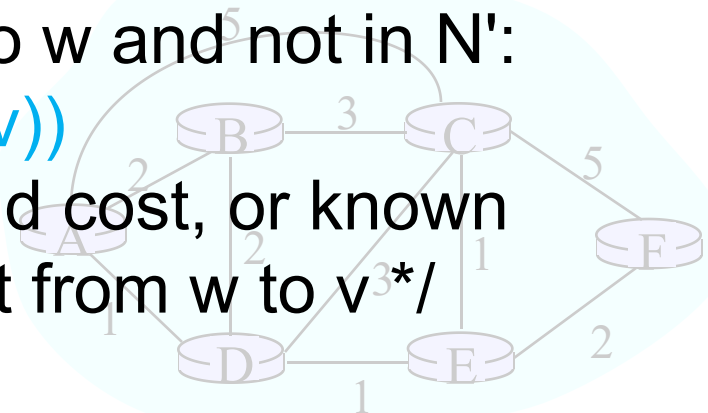
10 add  $w$  to  $N'$

11 update  $D(v)$  for all  $v$  adjacent to  $w$  and not in  $N'$ :

12  $D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c(w, v))$

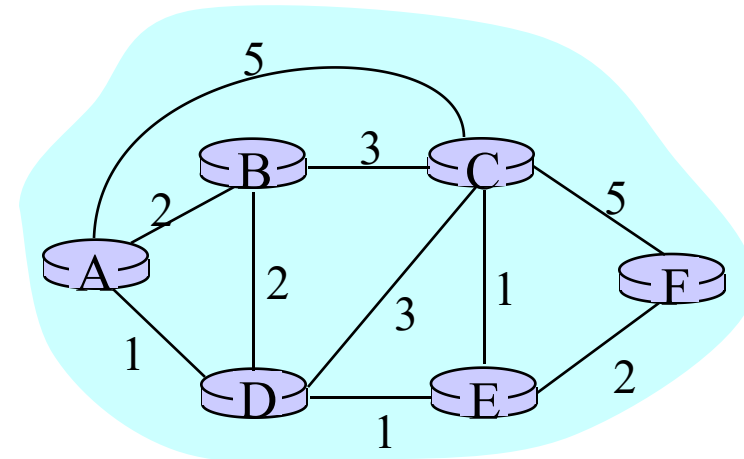
13 /\* new cost to  $v$  is either the old cost, or known  
shortest path cost to  $w$  plus cost from  $w$  to  $v$  \*/

14 **until all nodes in  $N'$**



# Dijkstra

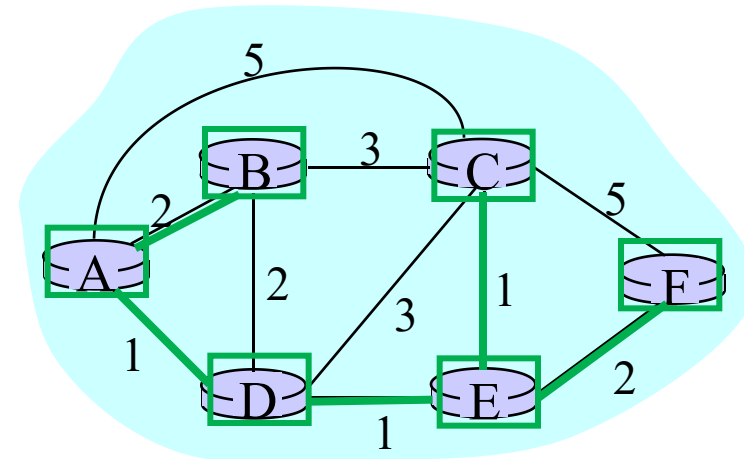
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0	A	2,A	5,A	1,A	infinity	infinity
1	AD	2,A	4,D		2,D	infinity
2	ADE	2,A	3,E			4,E
3	ADEB		3,E			4,E
4	ADEBC					4,E
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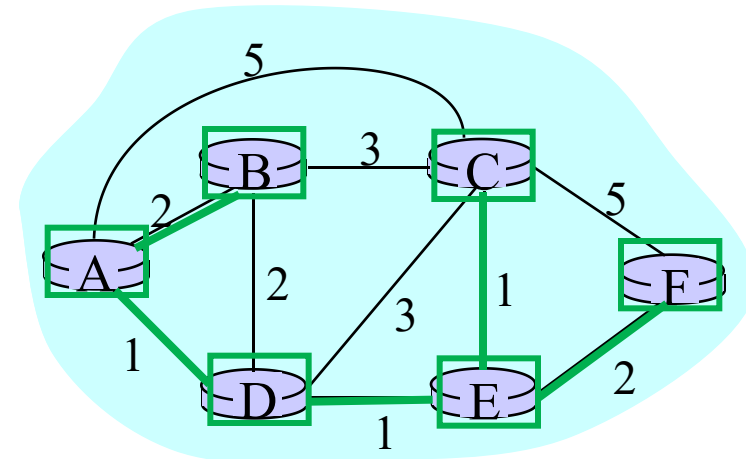


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resulting shortest-path tree for A:

destination	link
B	(A, B)
D	(A, D)
E	(A, D)
C	(A, D)
F	(A, D)



**what if no global view?**

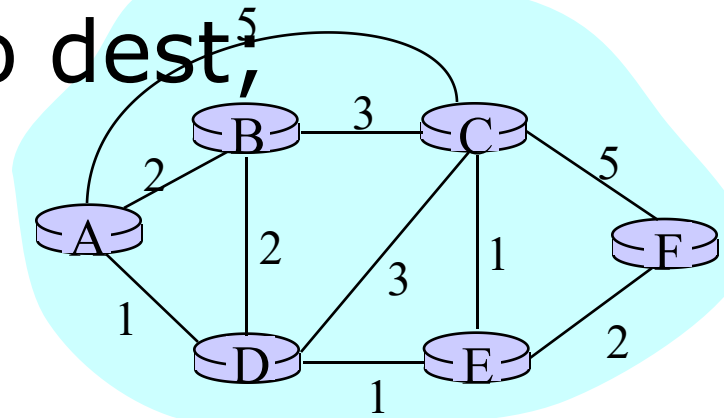


# Route Computation

- Distance-vector algorithms

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independently calculate shortest path  
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neighbors' distances to dest,

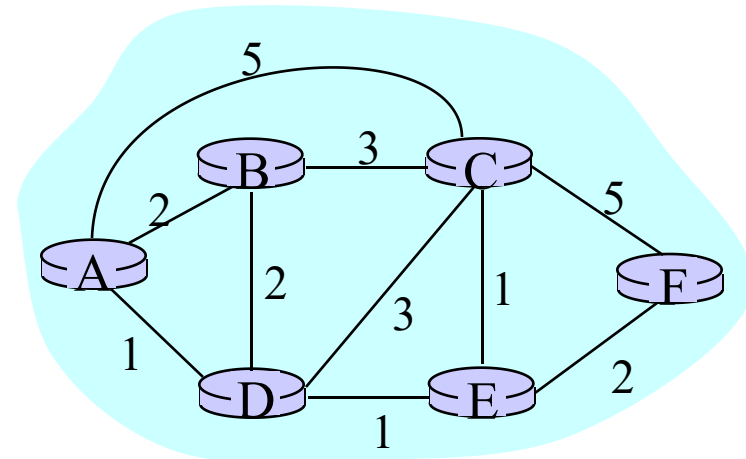


# Bellman-Ford

$D_x(y)$  cost of least-cost path from  $x$  to  $y$

$$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\}$$

for all neighbors  $v$  of  $x$



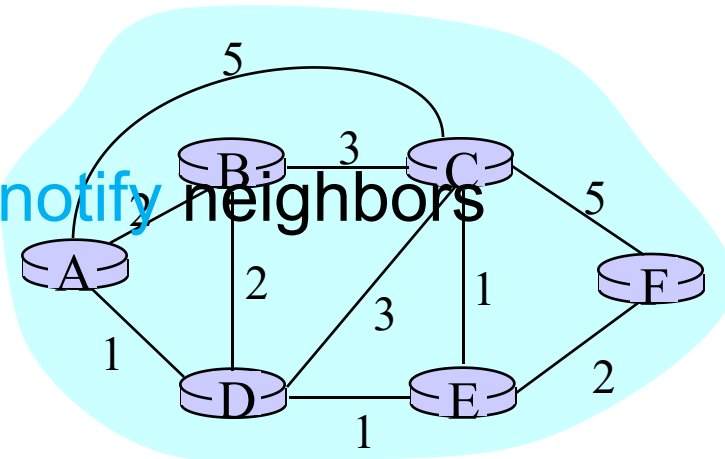
# Bellman-Ford

$D_x(y)$  cost of least-cost path from x to y

wait for (change in local link cost of msg from neighbor)

recompute estimates

if DV to any dest has changed, notify neighbors



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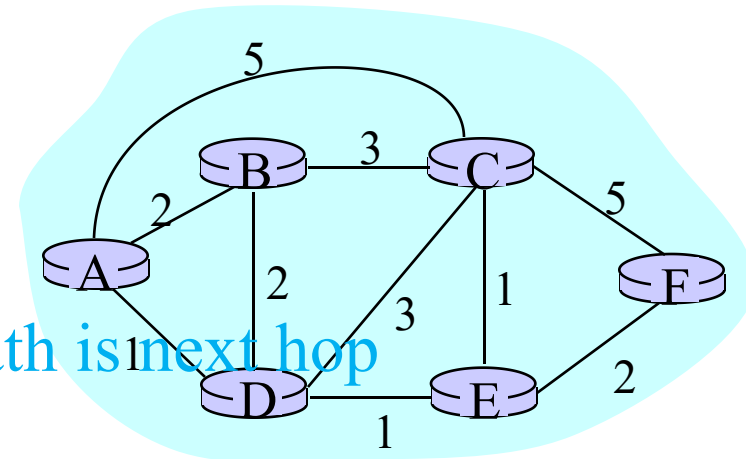
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$$c(A,D) + D_D(F),$$
$$c(A,C) + D_C(F) \}$$
$$= \min \{2 + 5,$$
$$1 + 3,$$
$$5 + 3\} = 4$$

node leading to shortest path is next hop

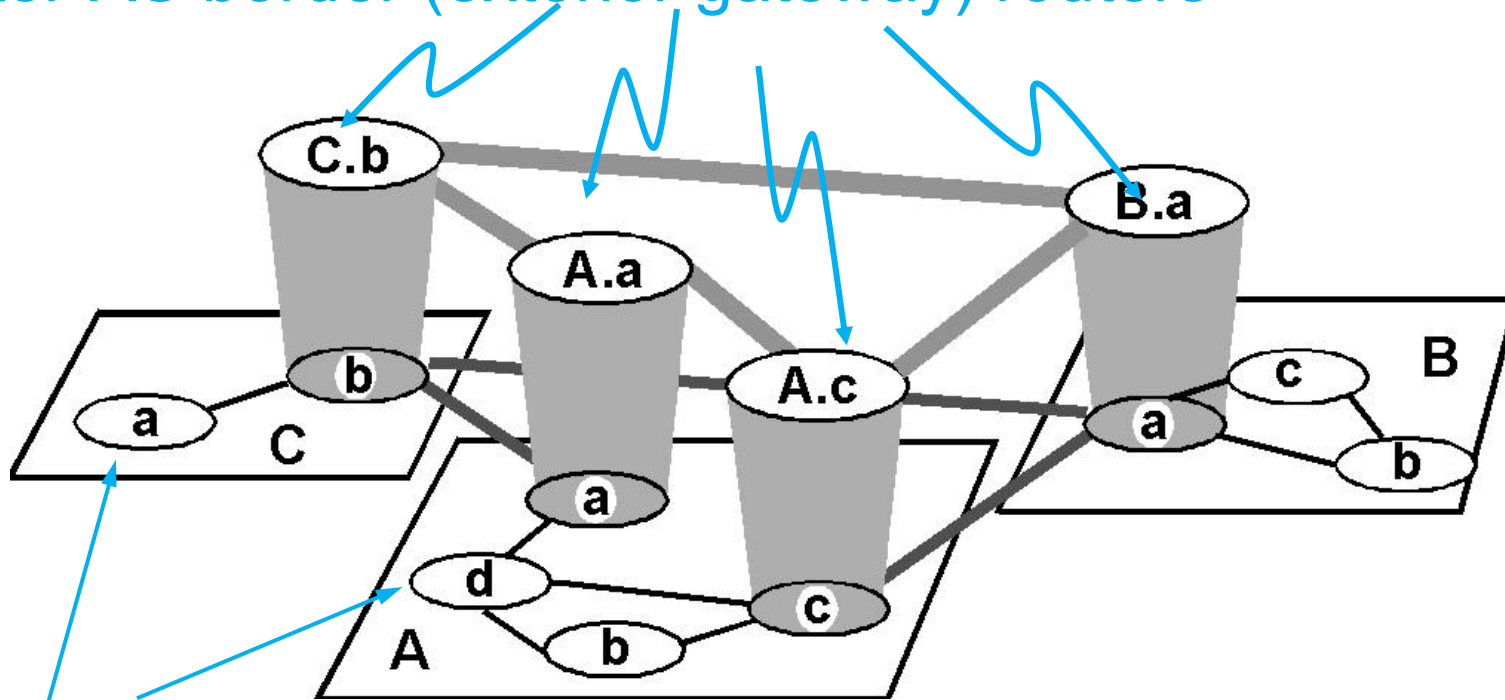
→ forwarding table



**intra-domain vs inter-domain**

# Hierarchical Routing

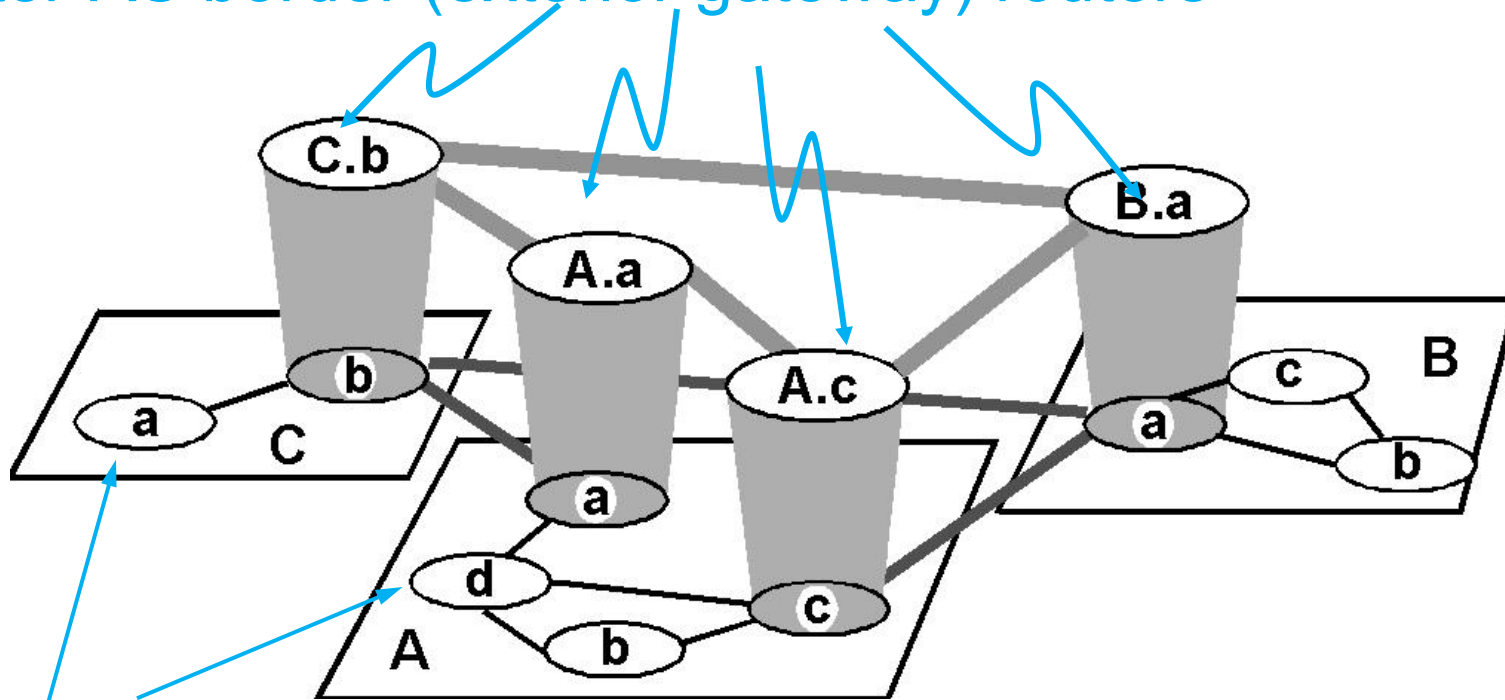
inter-AS border (exterior gateway) routers



intra-AS (interior gateway) routers

# Hierarchical Routing

inter-AS border (exterior gateway) routers



intra-AS (interior gateway) routers

AS: autonomous system

each AS uses its own IGP internal routing protocol;  
border routers run BGP as well;

# IGP: Interior Gateway Prot

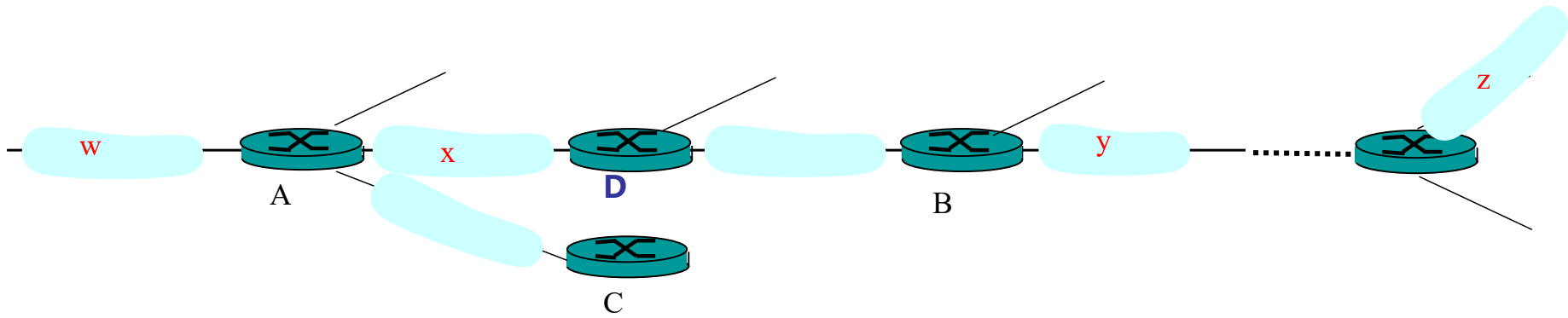
- RIP  
routing information protocol
- OSPF  
open shortest path first



# RIP

- Distance-vector algorithm  
distance metric: # of hops (max=15)
- Neighbor routers exchange routing advertisement every 30 seconds
- Failure and recovery  
if no update from neighbor N after 180s invalidate routes via N, notify neighbors

# RIP



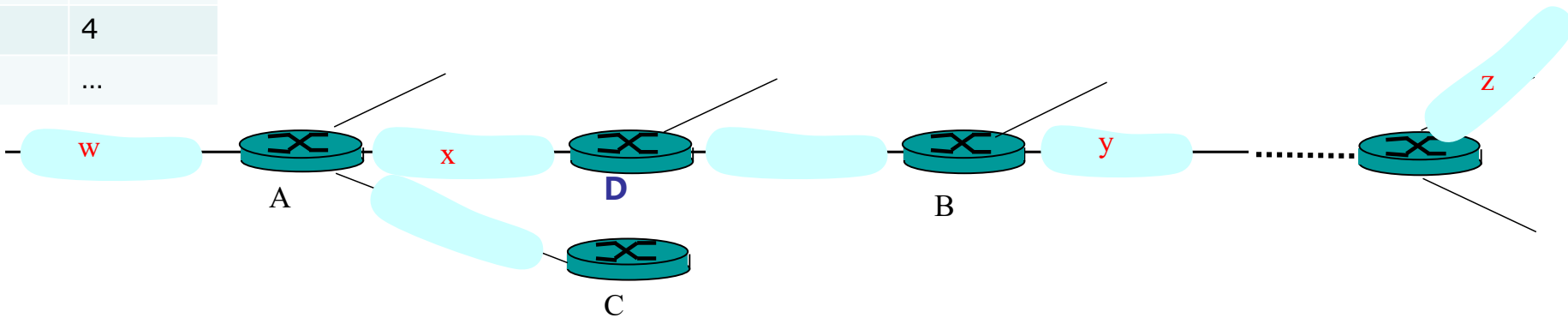
D:  
routing  
table

destination network	next router	# of hops to destination
w	A	2
y	B	2
z	B	7
x	--	1
...	...	...

# RIP

advertisement  
from A to D

dest	hops
w	1
x	1
z	4
...	...



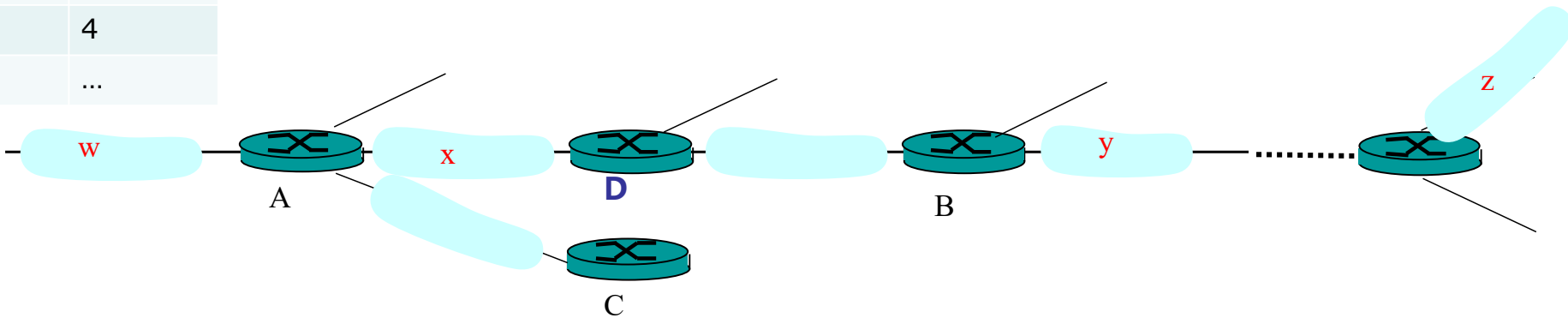
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z	B→A	7→5
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...	...	...

# OSPF

- Link-state algorithm
  - each node knows its direct neighbors & the link distance to each(link-state);
  - each node periodically broadcasts its link-state to the entire network;

# OSPF

- LSP (Link-State Packet)

one entry per neighbor router:

ID of the node that created the LSP;

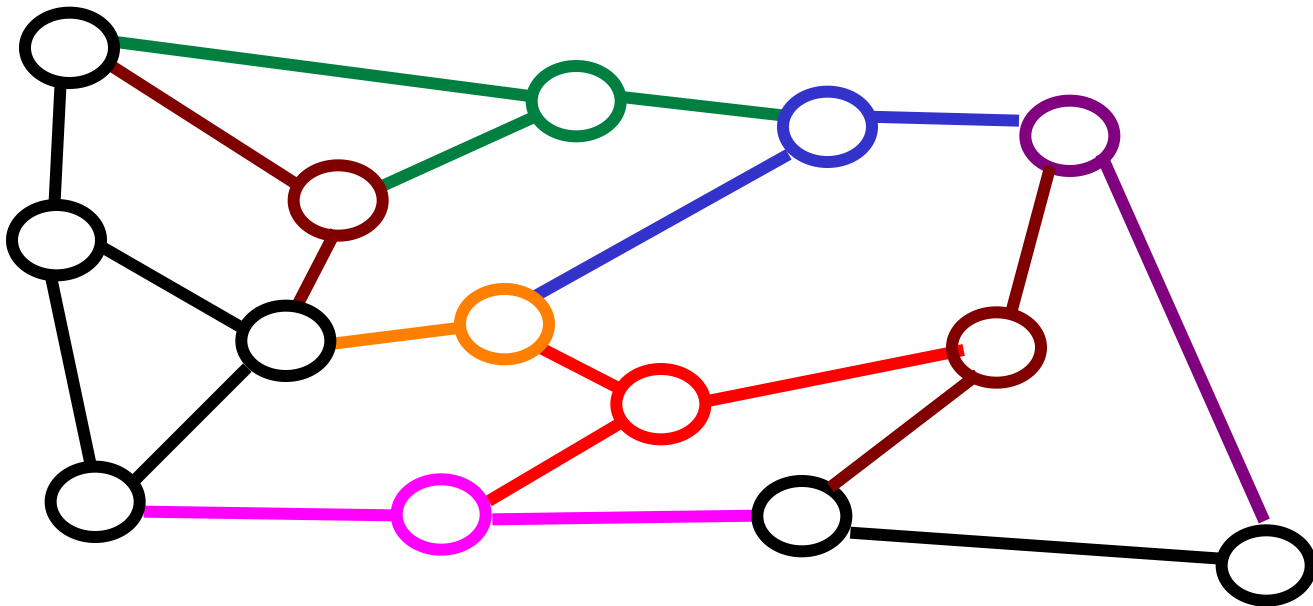
a list of direct neighbors, with link cost;

sequence number for this LSP (SEQ);

time-to-live (TTL) for info in this LSP;

# OSPF

- Build a complete map using link states  
everyone broadcasts a piece of topology  
put all pieces together → complete map



# OSPF

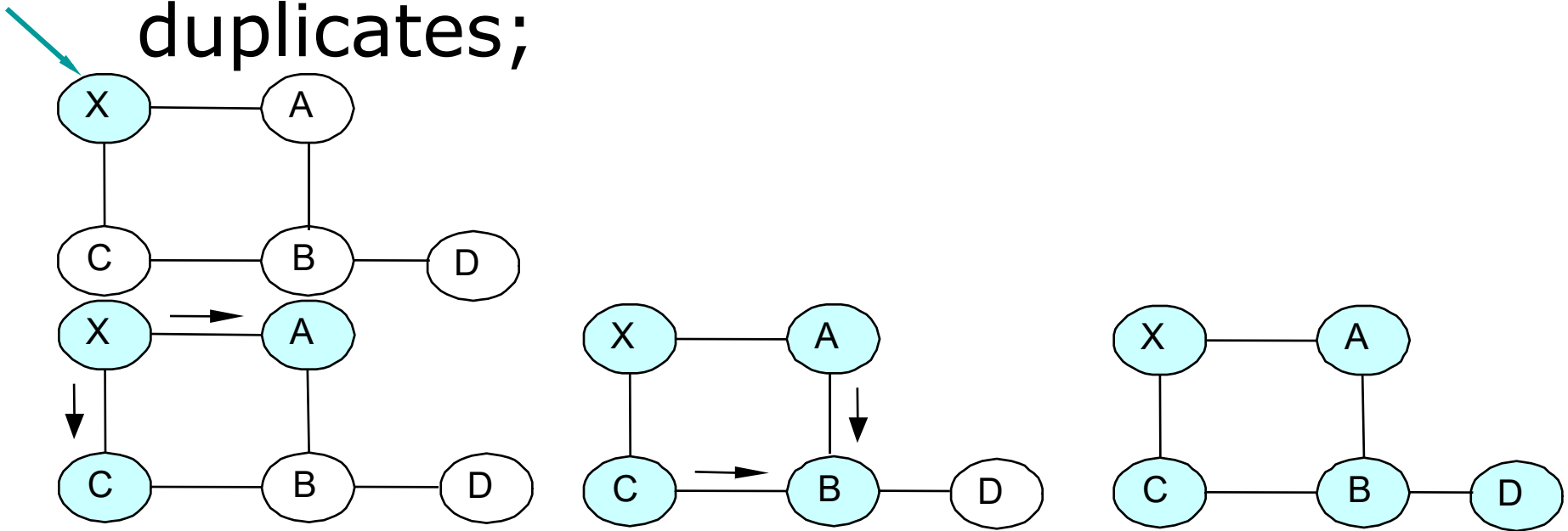
- Each node stores and forwards LSPs
- Decrement TTL of stored SLPs
- Discard info when  $TTL=0$
- Compute routes using Dijkstra
- Generate LSPs periodically with increasing SEQ



# OSPF

- Reliable flooding of LSP

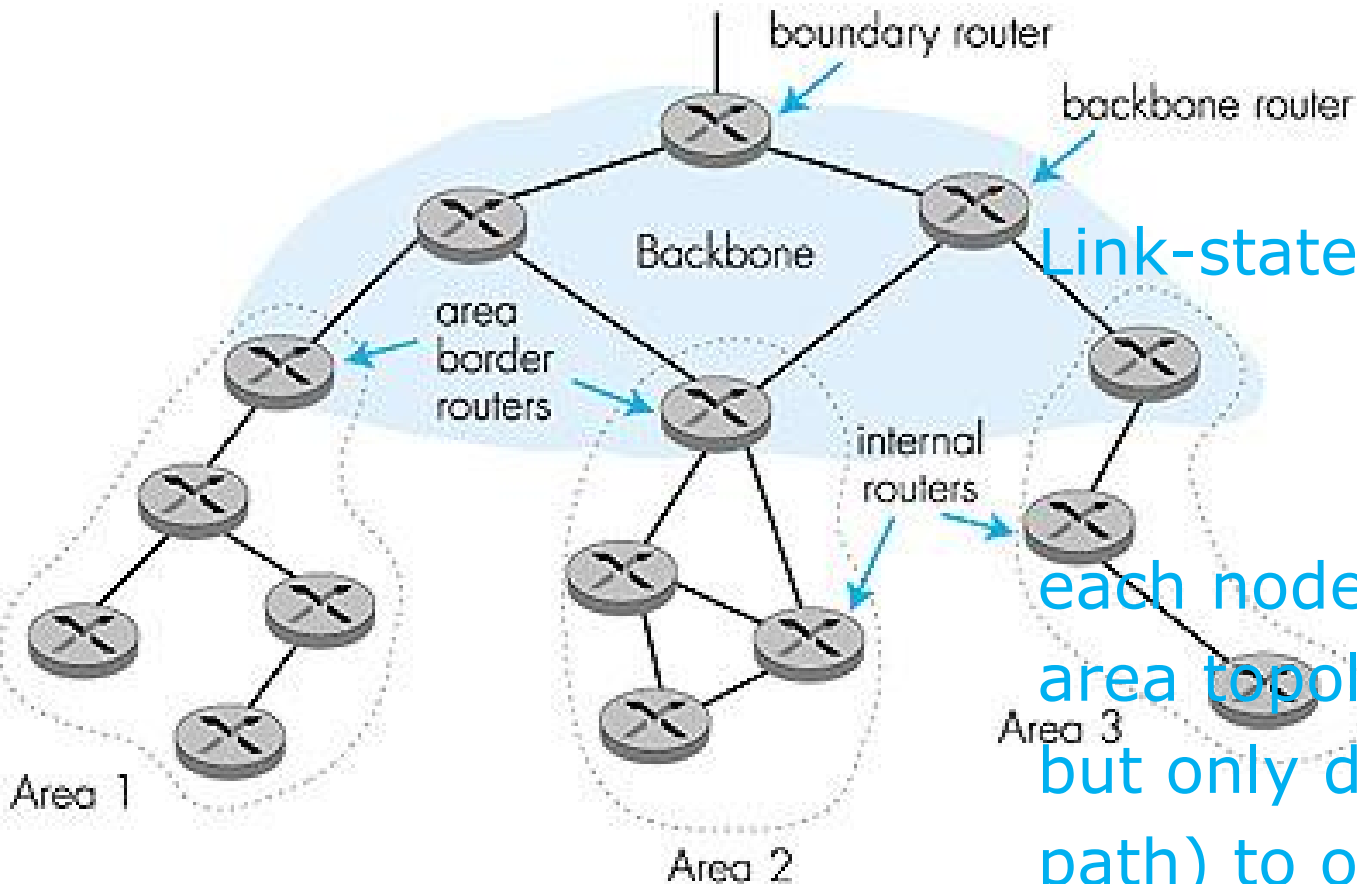
forward each received LSP to all neighbors but the one that sent it;  
use the source-ID and SEQ to detect duplicates;



# OSPF

- All OSPF messages are authenticated
- Multiple same-cost paths are allowed
- Hierarchical OSPF is used in large dom

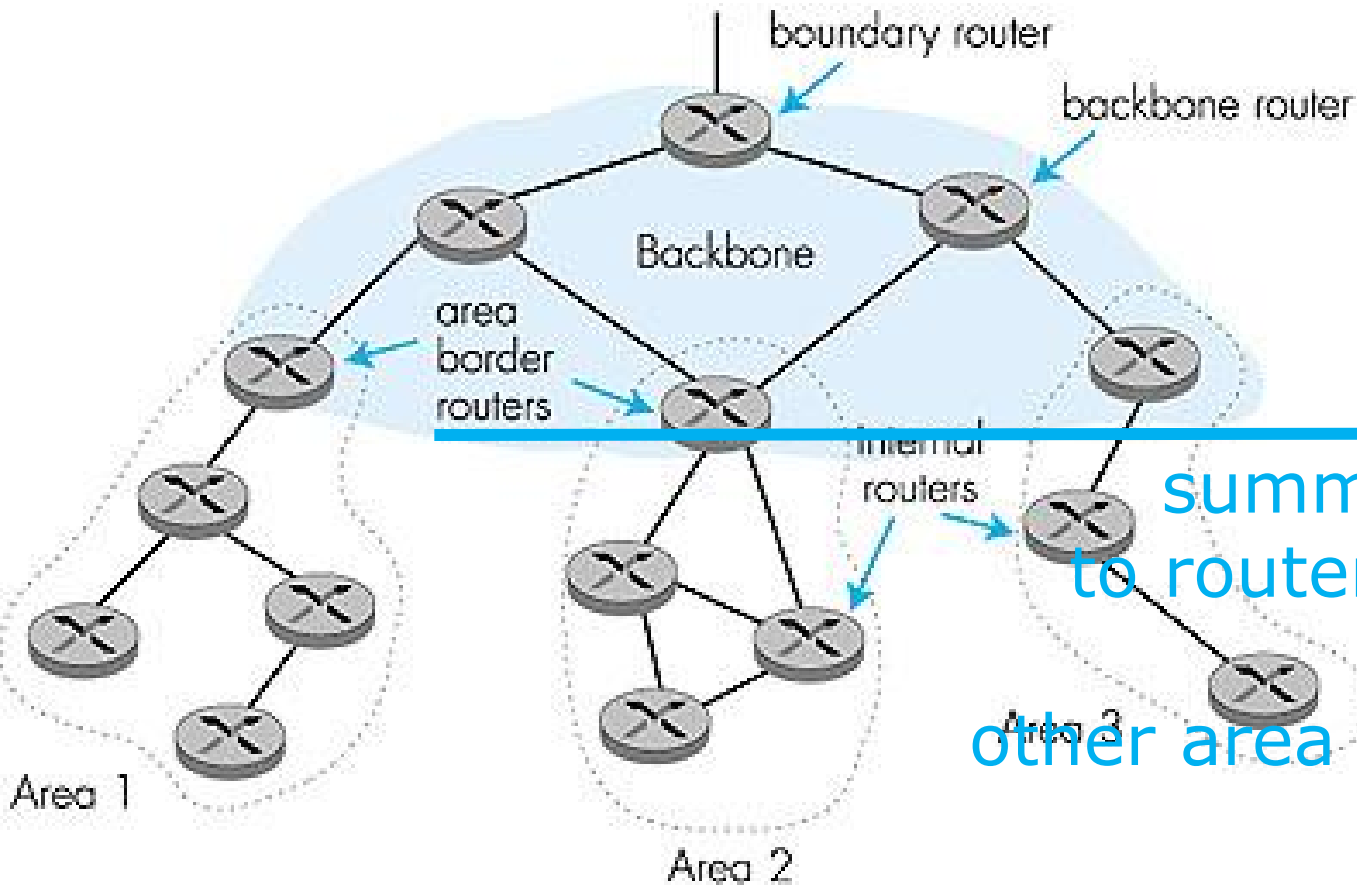
# Hierarchical OSPF



Link-state ads only in area

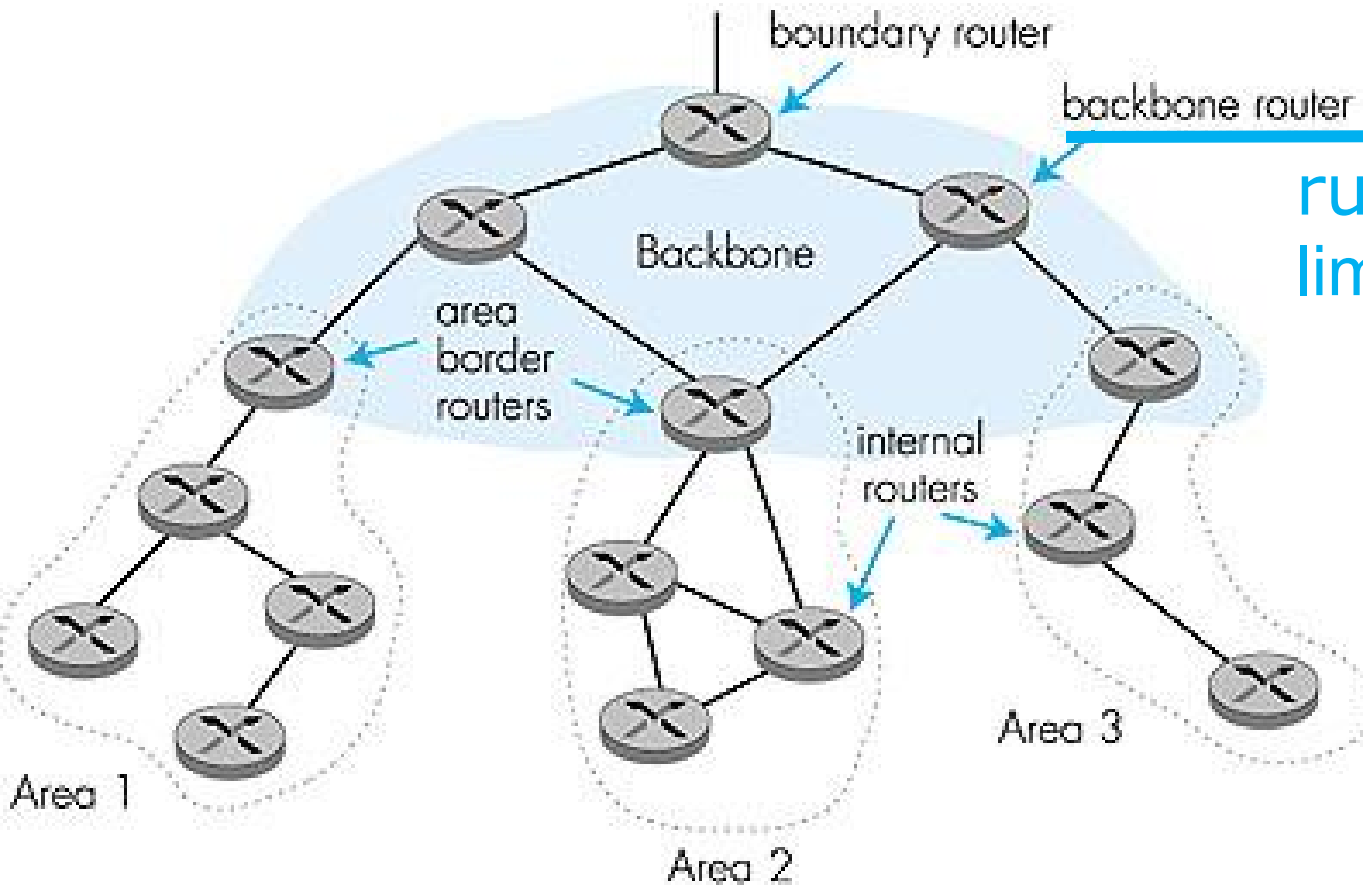
each node has detailed area topology,  
but only direction (shortest path) to other areas;

# Hierarchical OSPF



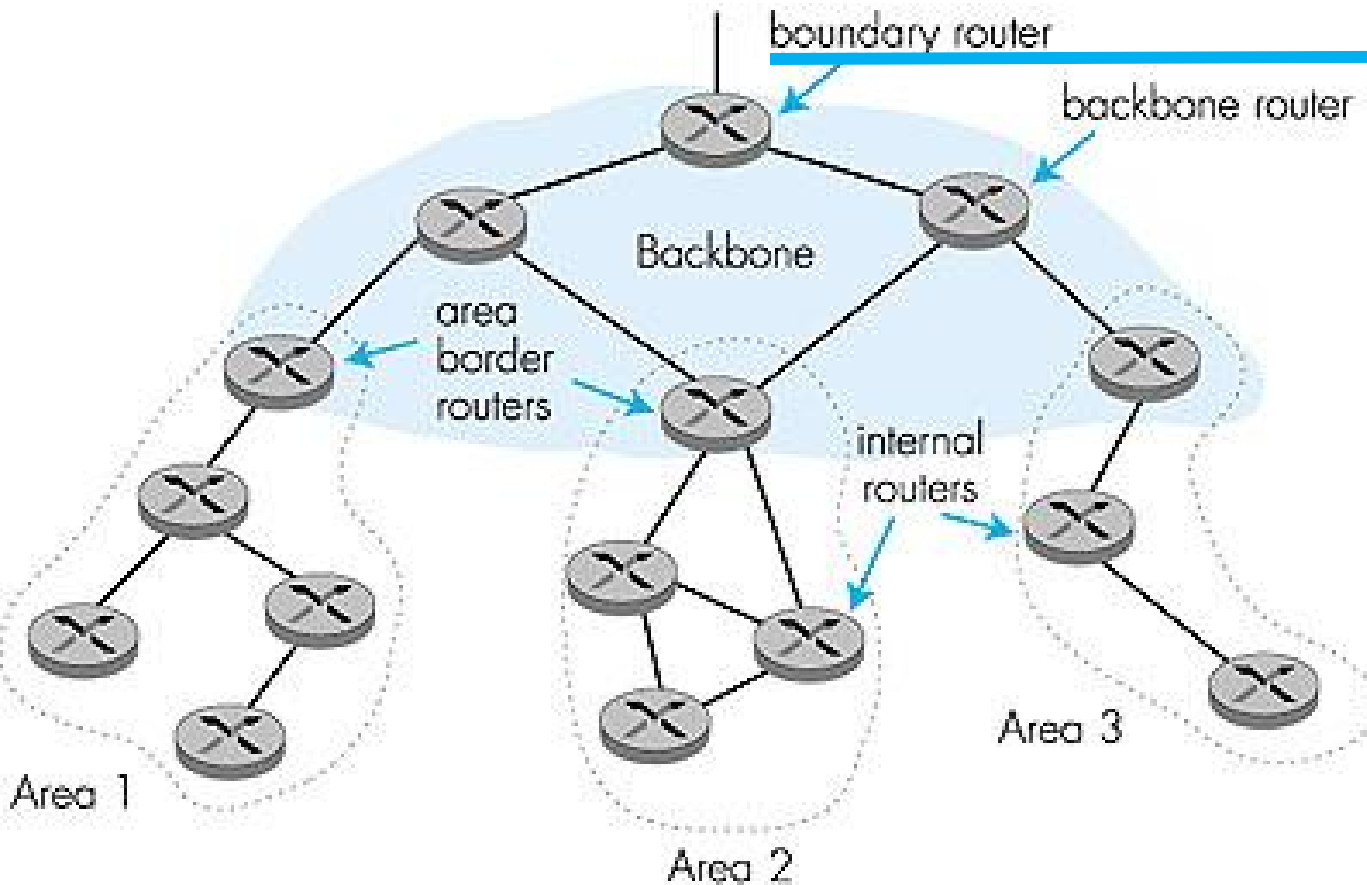
summarize distances  
to routers in local area;  
advertise to  
other area border routers;

# Hierarchical OSPF



run OSPF routing  
limited to backbone

# Hierarchical OSPF

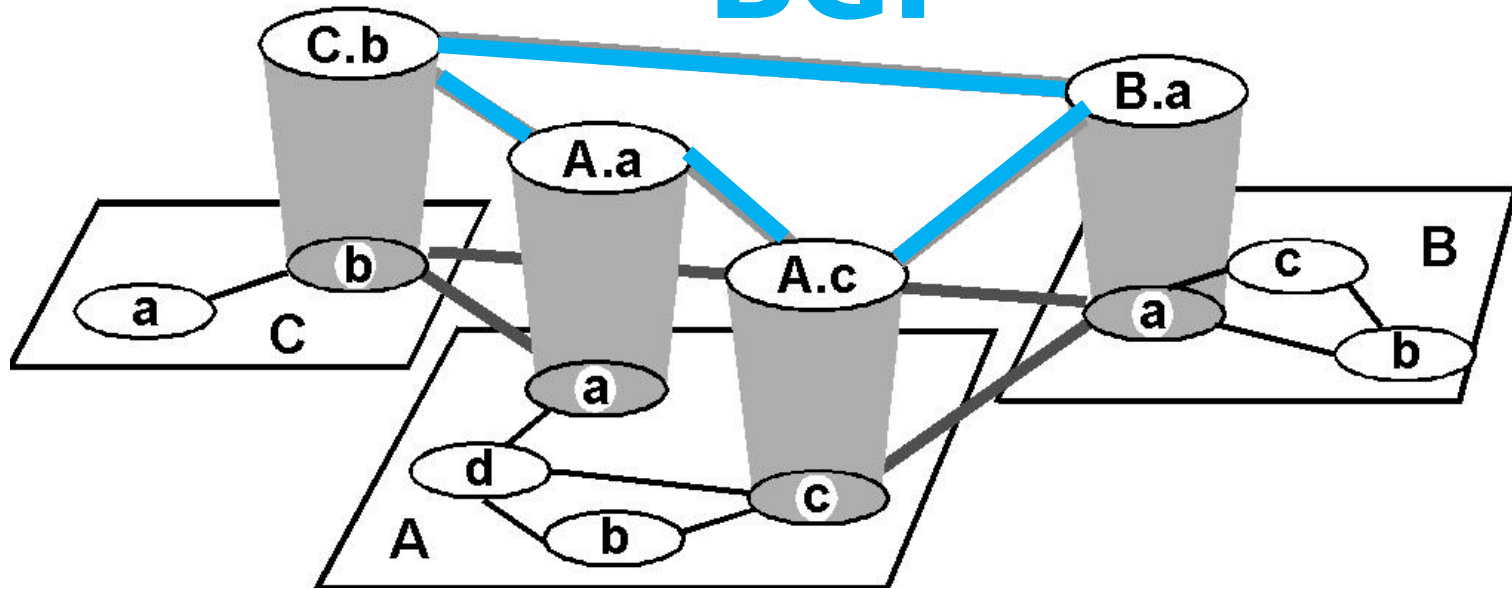


connect to  
other ASes

# **inter-domain routing**

BGP: Border Gateway Protocol

# BGP



- Path-vector protocol among border routers

each border router broadcasts to neighbors entire path of AS sequence to destination:

e.g.,  $\text{Path}(B, C) = B, A, C$



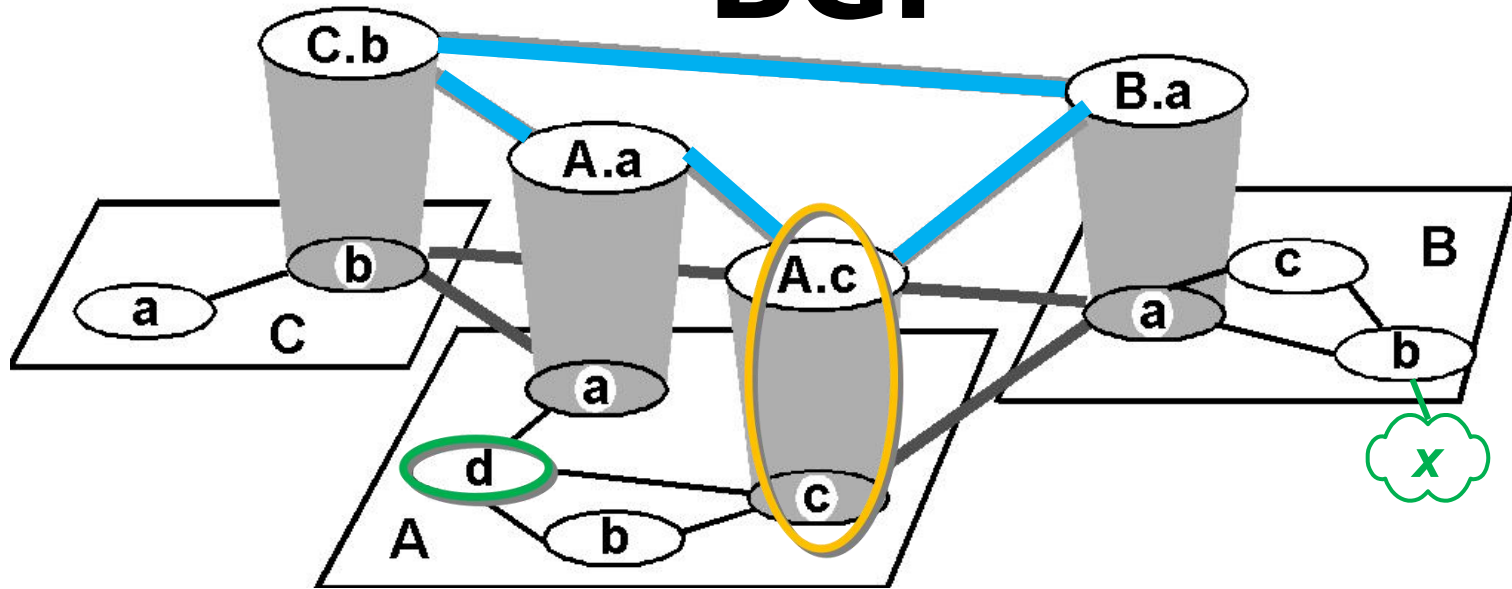
# BGP

For each AS:

- Obtain subnet reachability information from neighbor ASes;
- Propagate the reachability information to all internal routers;
- Determine routes to subnets based on reachability information and policy

- Example: forwarding table entry for  $d \rightarrow x$

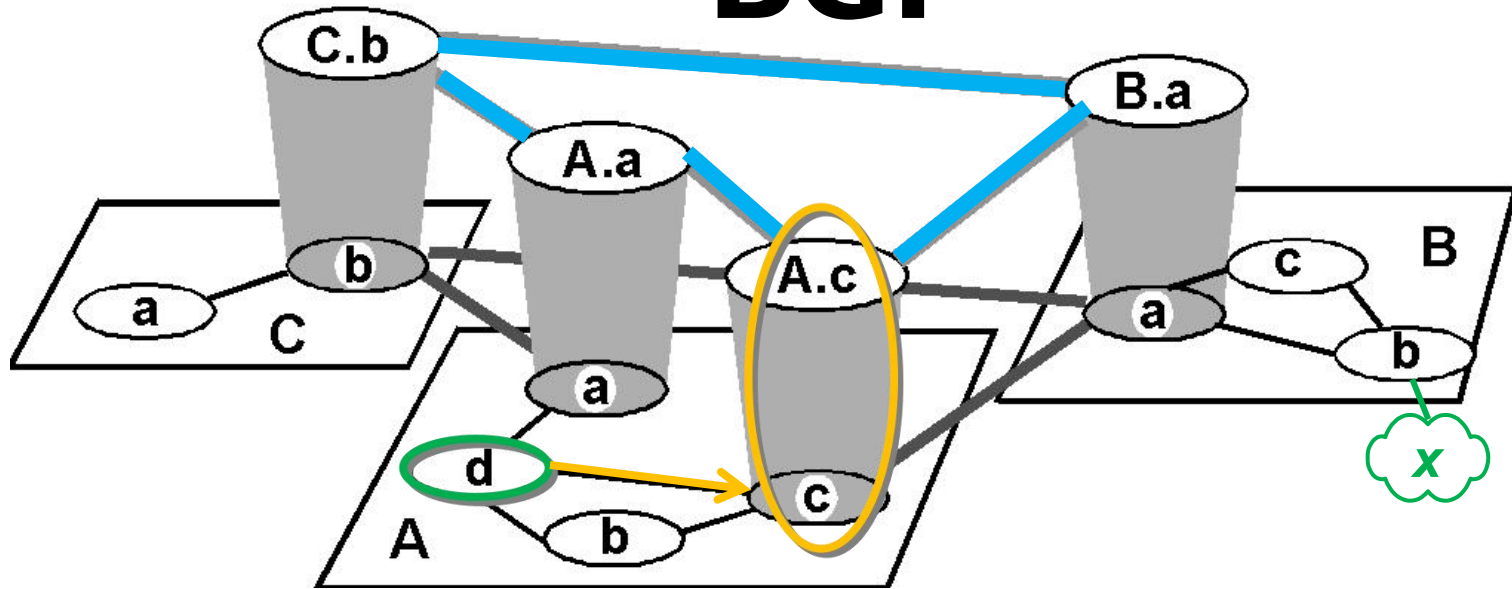
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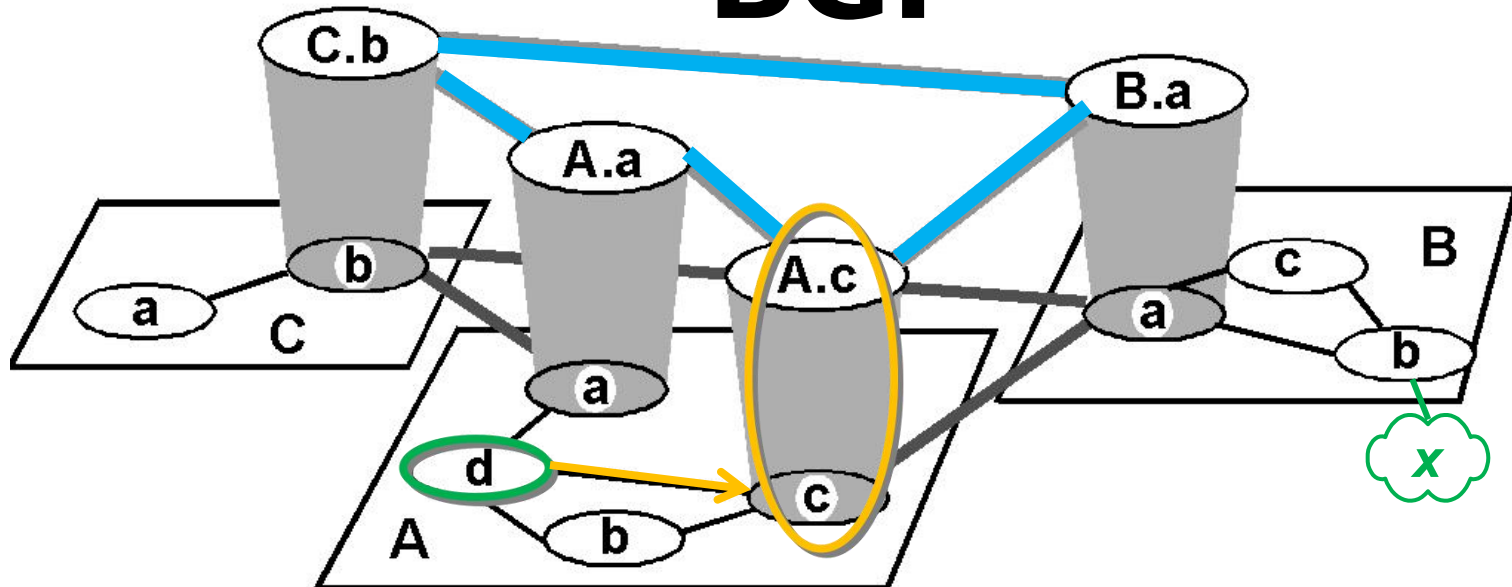
AS A learns from BGP that subnet *x* is reachable from AS B via border router *A.c*;

# BGP



- Example: forwarding table entry for  $d \rightarrow x$   
router *d* determines from intra-domain routing info that its interface *I* is on the least cost path to *c*;

# BGP



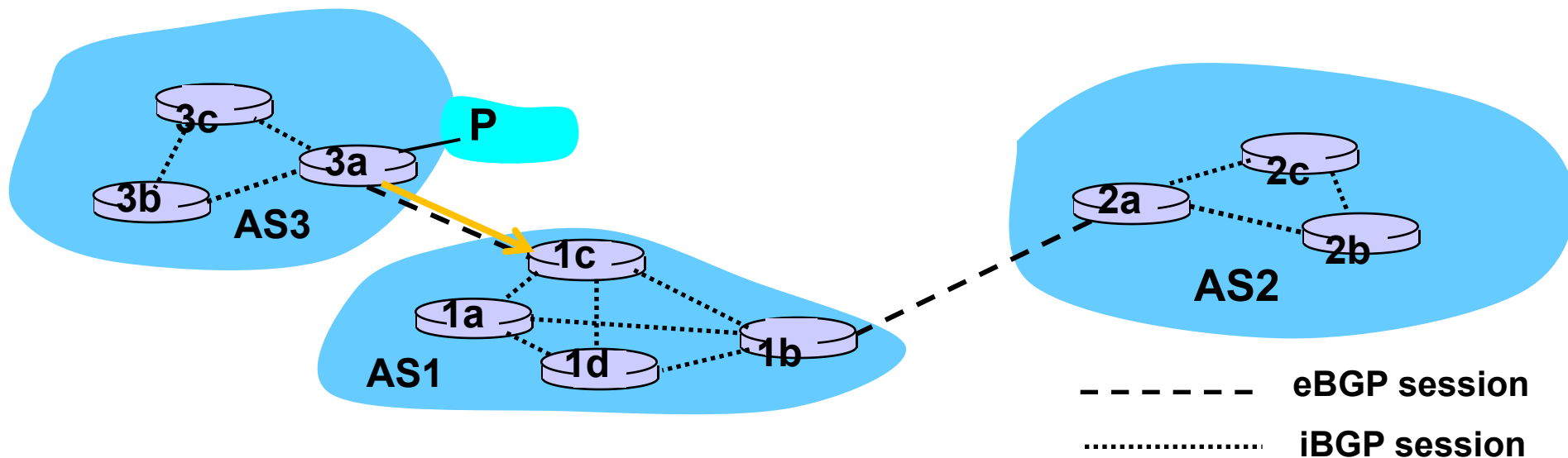
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destination	next hop
x	I

# BGP

## Distribute reachability information:

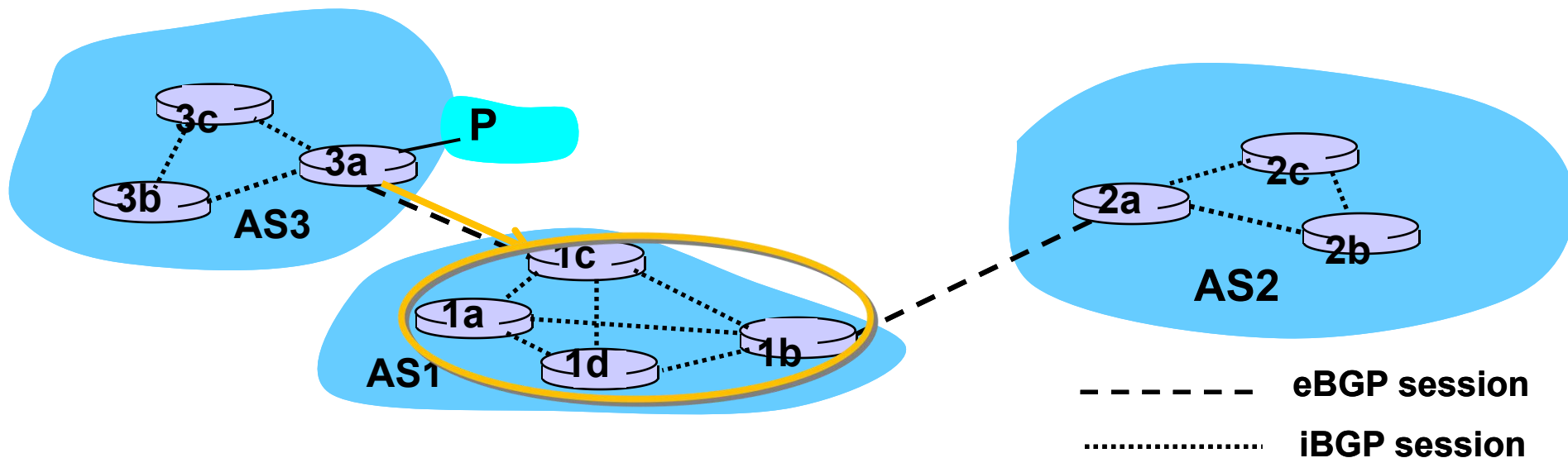
- with eBGP session 3a-to-1c,  
AS3 sends prefix reachability info to  
AS1



# BGP

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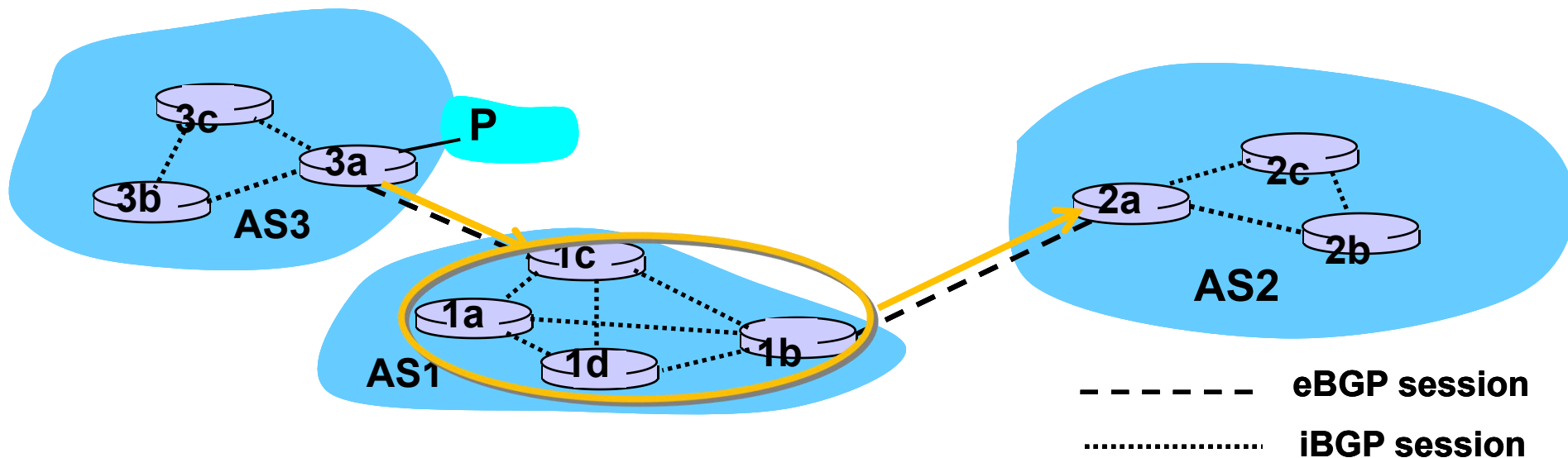
- 1c uses iBGP sessions to distribute this new prefix reachability info to all routers in AS1;



# BGP

## Distribute reachability information:

- 1b re-advertises the new reachability info to AS2 over the 1b-to-2a eBGP session;



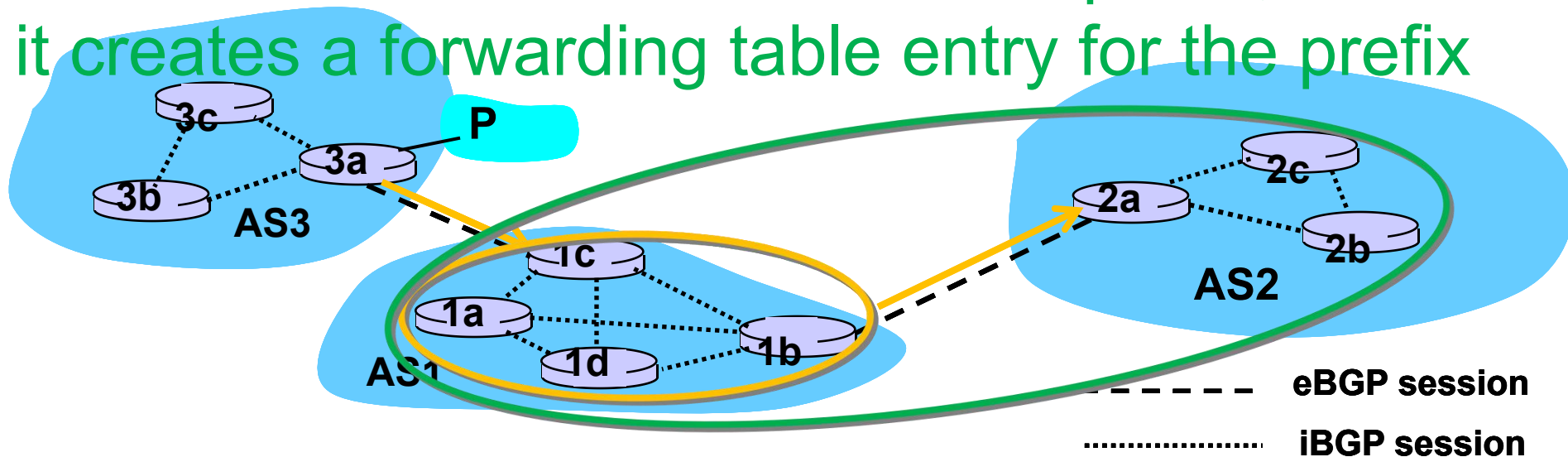


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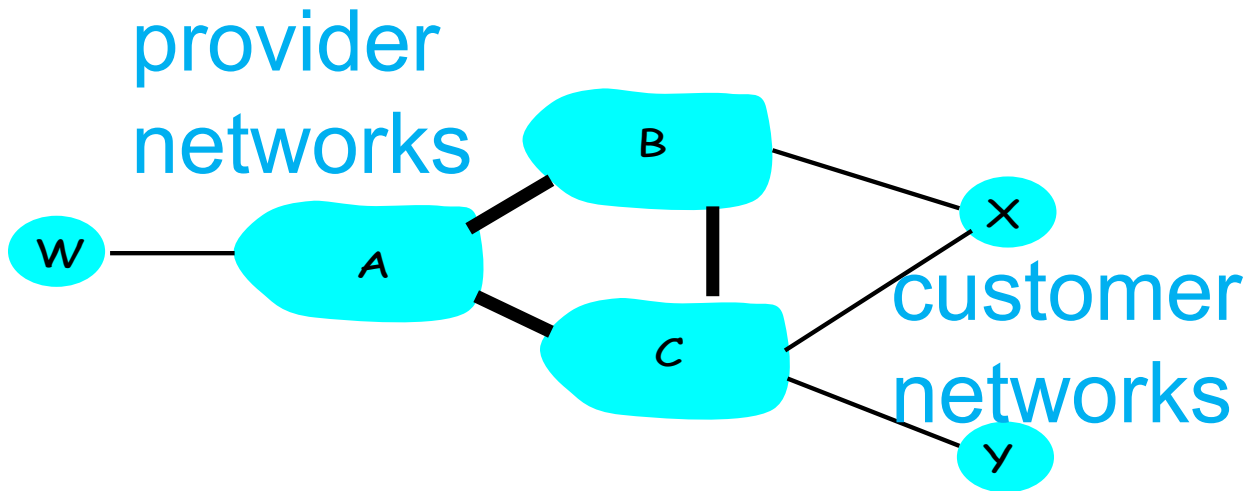
## Distribute reachability information:

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over the 1b-to-2a eBGP session;  
when a router learns about a new prefix,  
it creates a forwarding table entry for the prefix



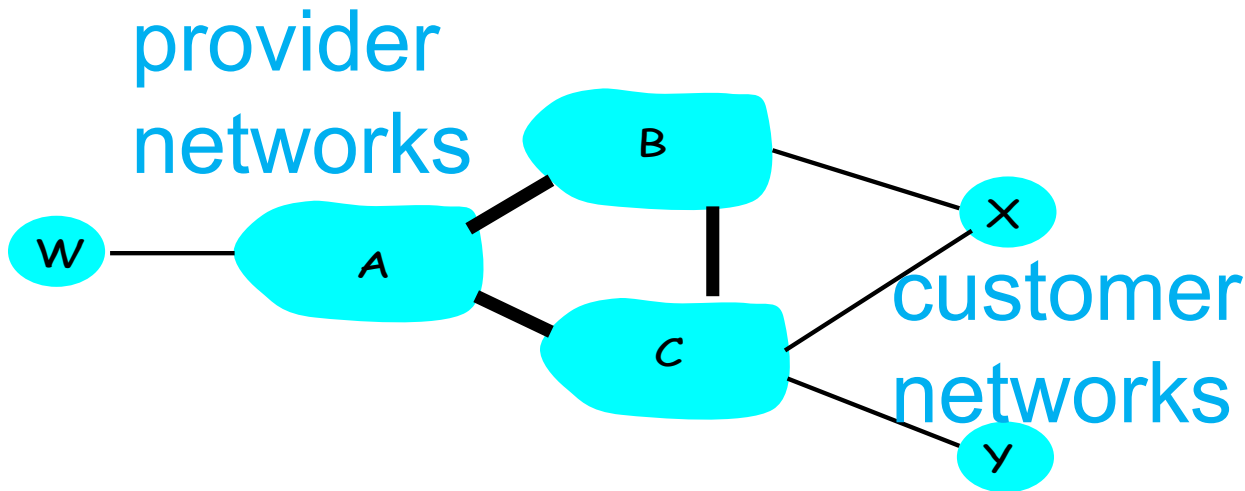
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## Routing policy:

- Provider networks: A, B, C
- Customer networks (of provider networks): X, Y, W

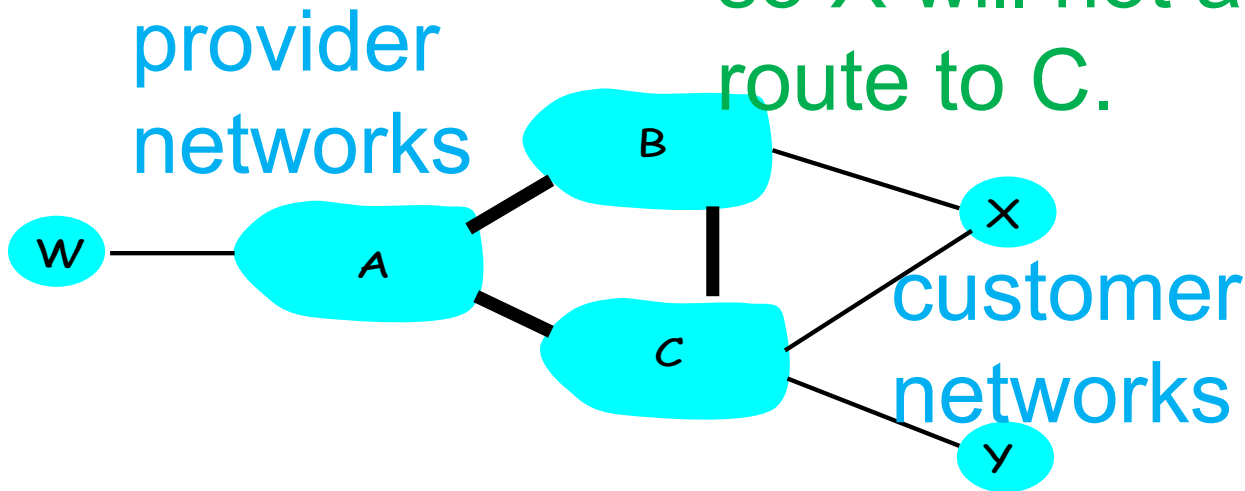
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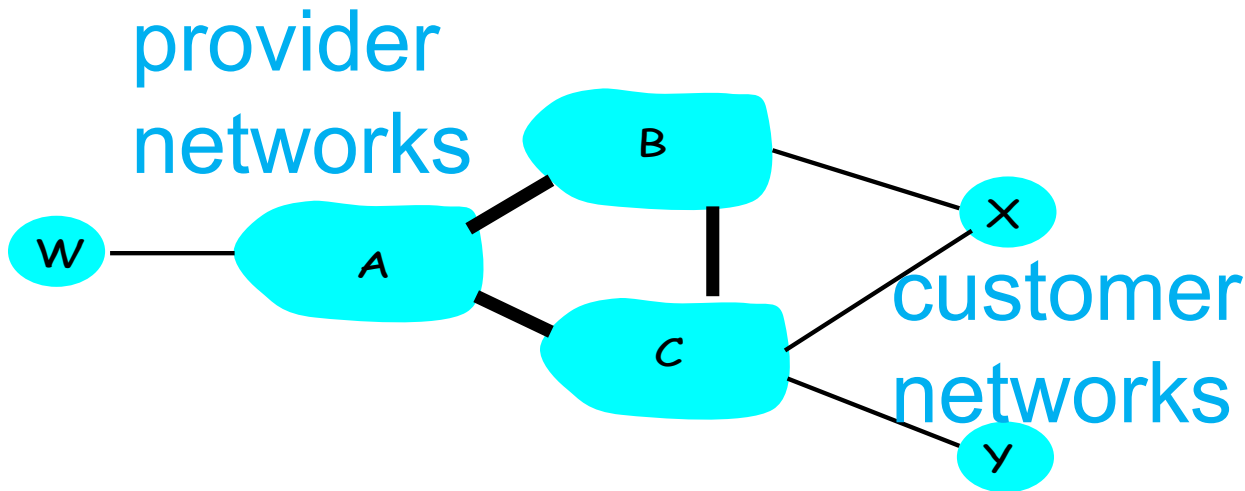
X does not want to carry  
**BGP** traffic from B to C,  
so X will not advertise to B a  
route to C.



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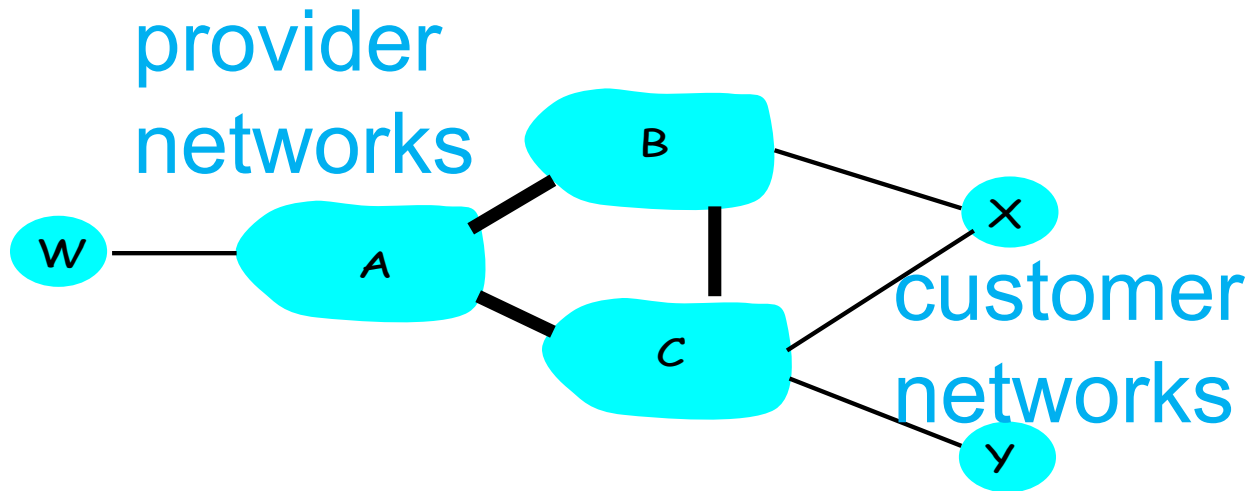
# BGP



## Routing policy:

- A advertises to B the path AW
- B advertises to X the path BAW

# BGP

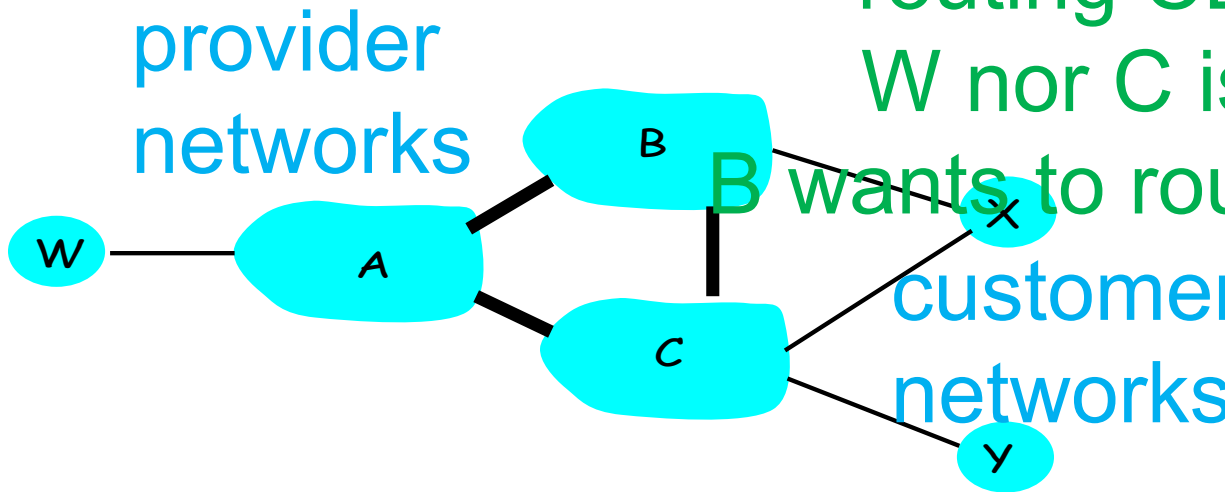


## Routing policy:

- A advertises to B the path AW
- B advertises to X the path BAW
- Should B advertise to C the path BAW?

No way!

**BGP** B gets no revenue for routing CBAW as neither W nor C is B's customer. B wants to route only to/from its customers.



Routing policy:

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# **routing attacks**

distance-vector

link-state

BGP



# routing attacks

distance-vector:

announce 0 distance to all other nodes

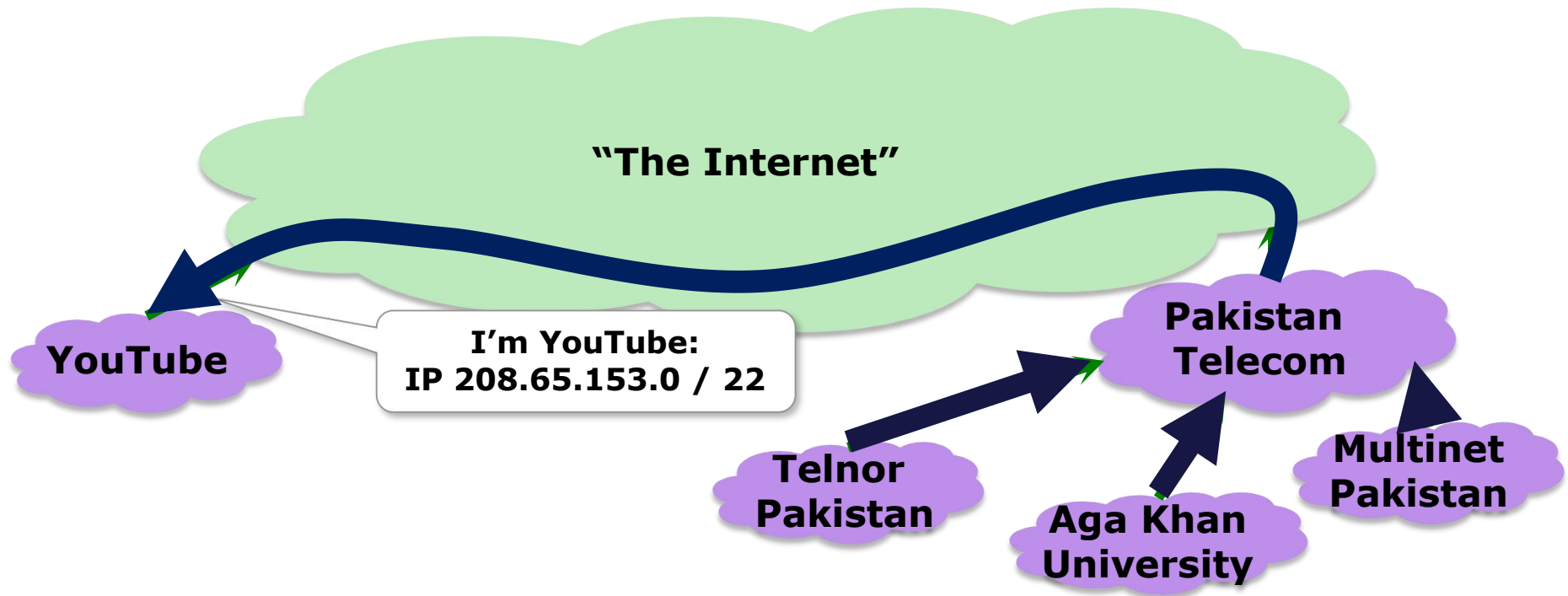
link-state:

drop links; claim direct link to other routers

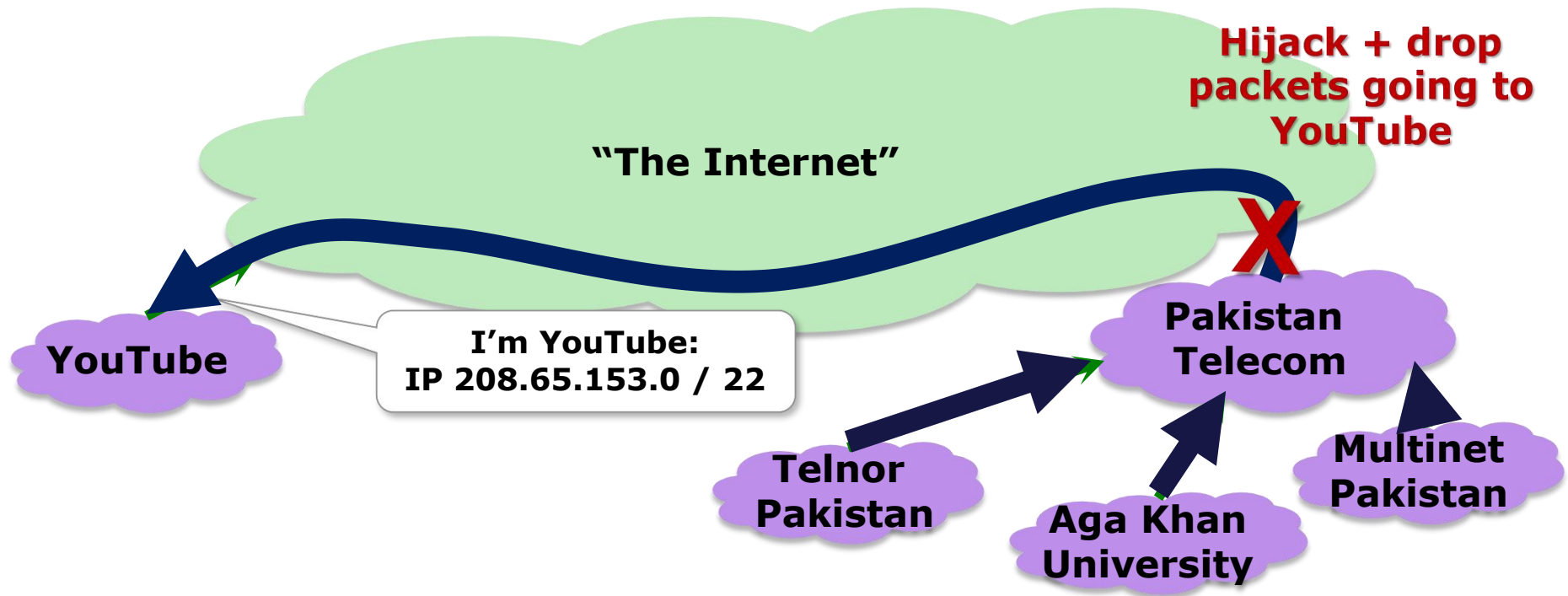
BGP:

announce arbitrary prefix; alter paths

# Prefix Hijacking: Case 1

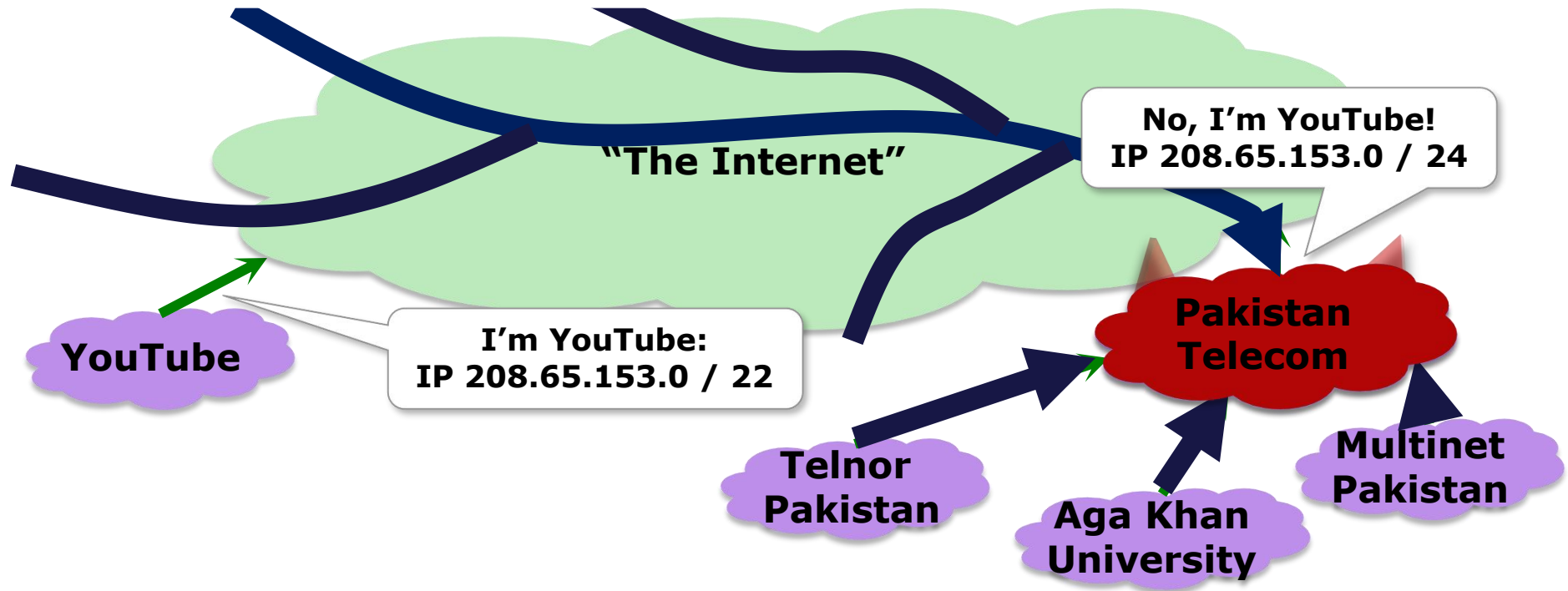


**Here's what should have happened....**

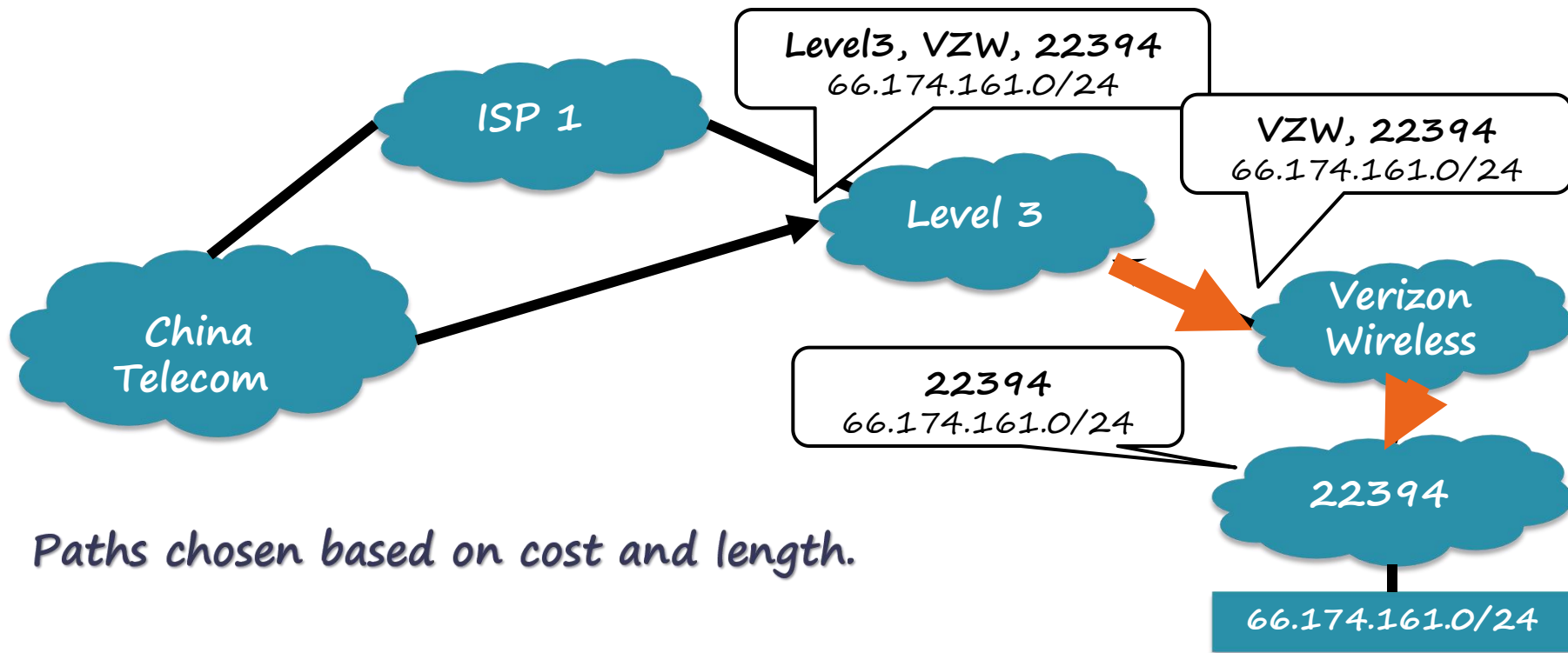


**Block your own customers.**

**But here's what Pakistan ended up doing...**

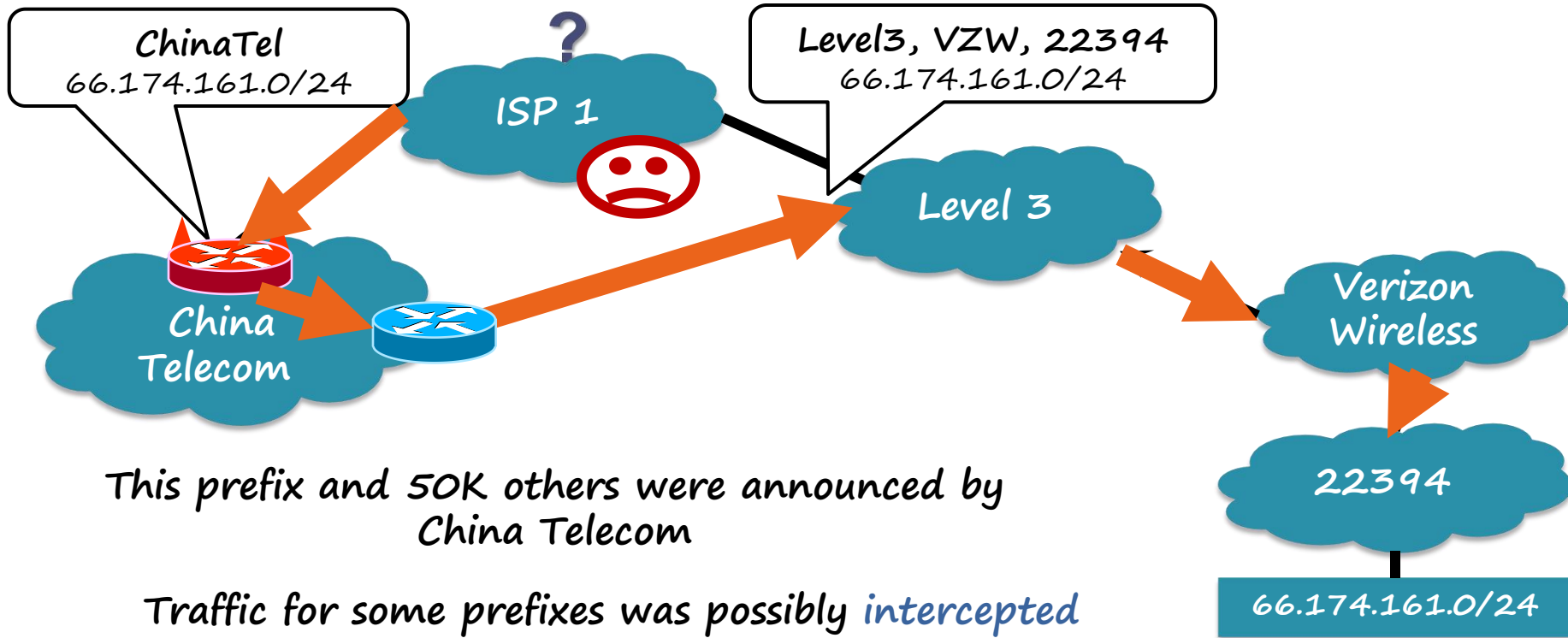


# Prefix Hijacking: Case 2



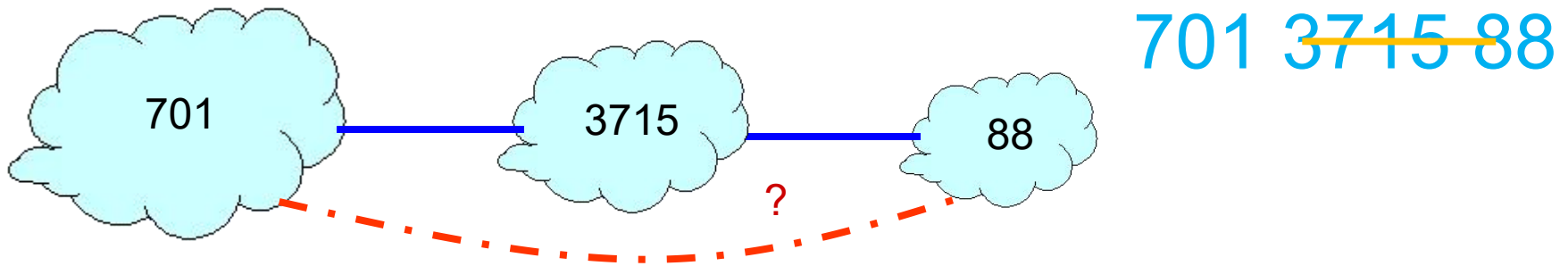
April 2010 : China Telecom intercepts traffic

ChinaTel path is shorter



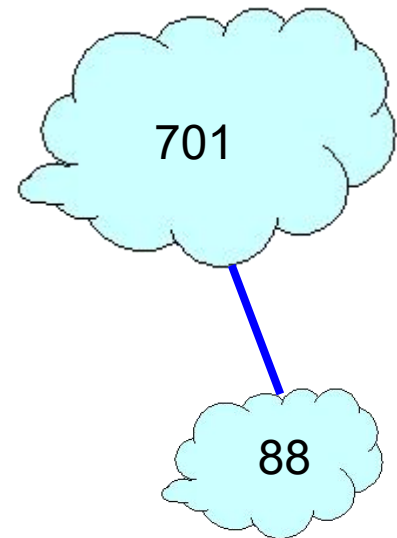
# Path Tampering

- Remove ASes from the AS path



- Add ASes to the AS path

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701 3715 88



**how to secure routing?**

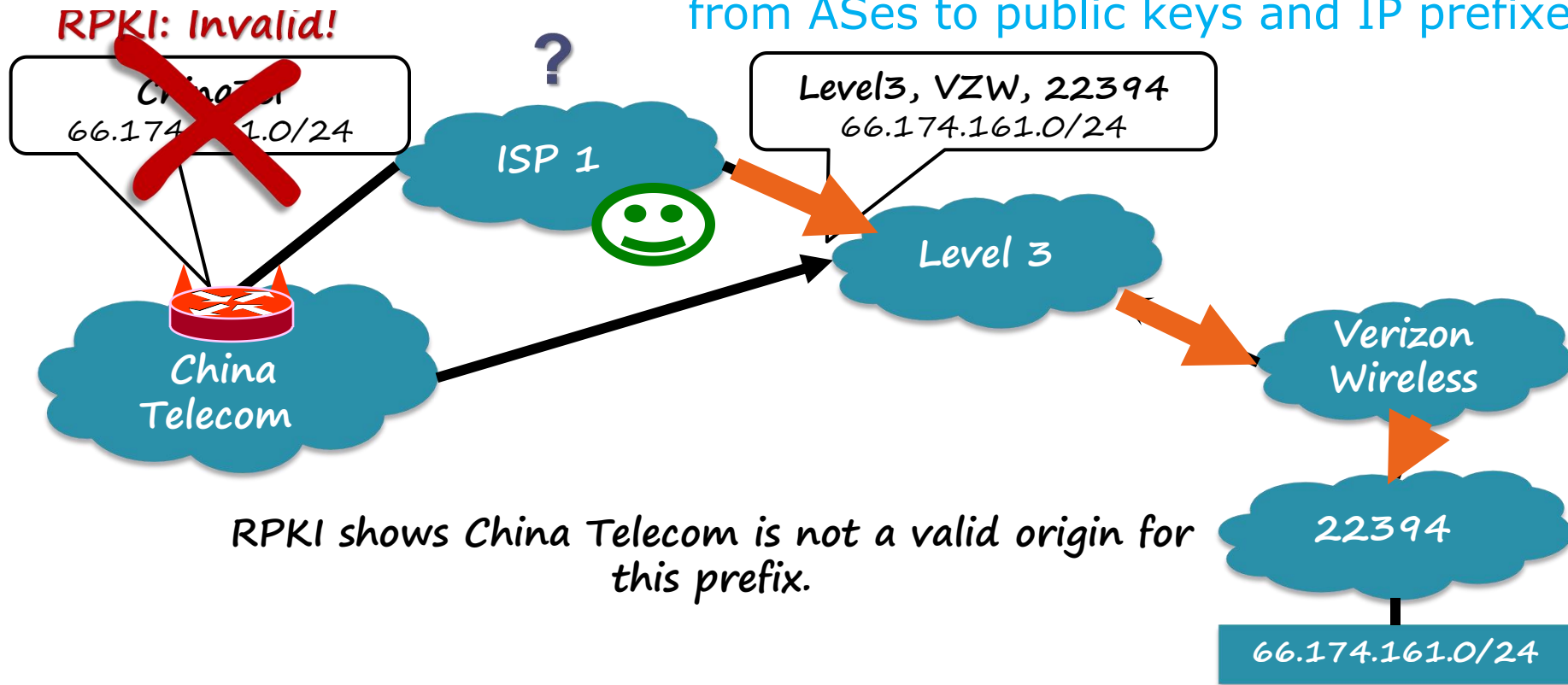


# RPKI

Resource Public Key Infrastructure

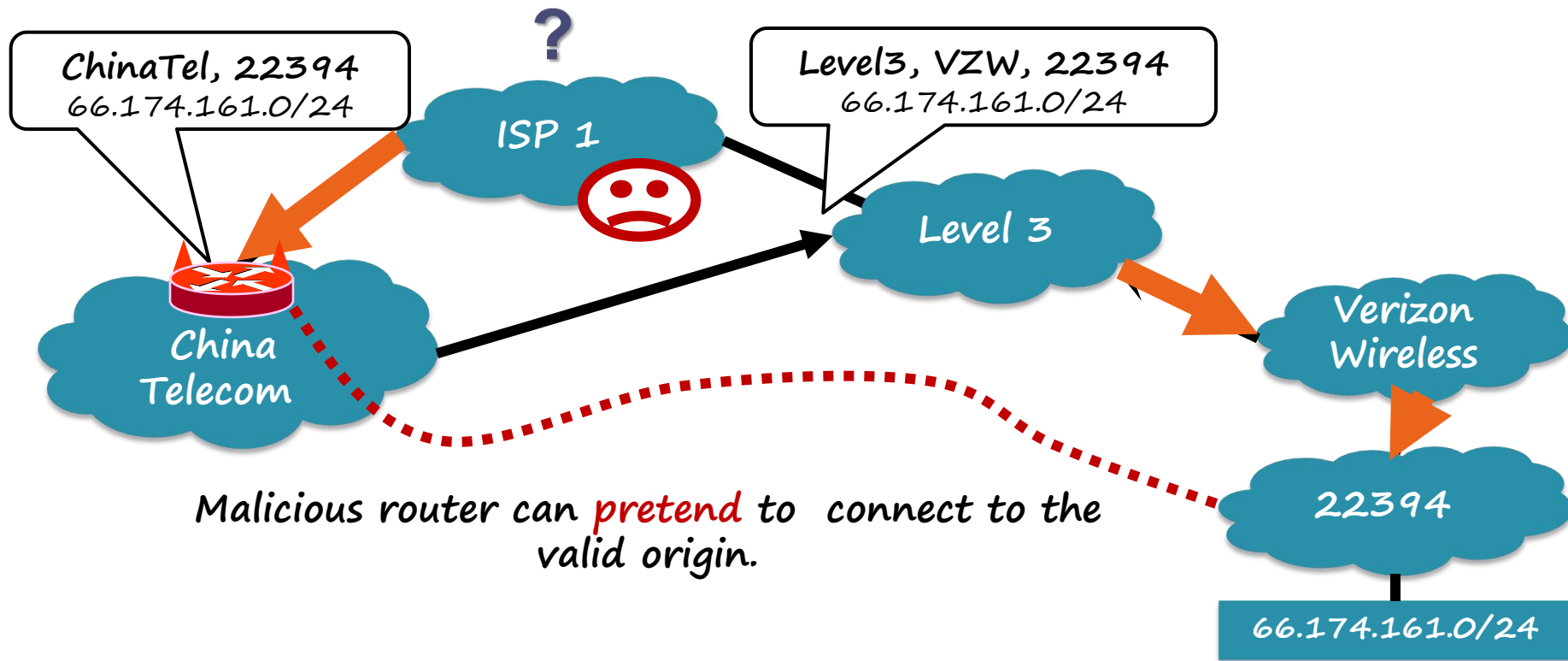
certified mapping

from ASes to public keys and IP prefixes



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insufficient!



# S-BGP

- Each AS on the path cryptographically signs its announcement
- Guarantees that each AS on the path made the announcement in the path:  
AS path indicates the order ASes were traversed;  
No intermediate ASes were added or removed;

# S-BGP

## Deployment challenges:

- Complete, accurate registries
- Public key infrastructure
- Cryptographic operations
- Need to perform operations quickly
- Difficulty of incremental deployment



# Readings

- [BGP Hijack Explained](#) by Jorge Ribas
- [Why Is It Taking So Long to Secure Internet Routing?](#) by Sharon Goldberg

**Thank You**