Assignment 1

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Q1: ping another computer

A1:

Figure 1: default

Q2: traceroute a server

A2:

Figure 2: default

1 Problem7

In this problem, we consider sending real-time voice from Host A to Host B over a packet-switched network (VoIP). Host A converts analog voice to a digital 64kbps bit stream on the fly. Host A then groups the bits into 56-byte packets. There is one link between Hosts A and B; its transmission rate is 2Mbps and its propagation delay is 10ms. As soon as Host A gathers a packet, it sends it to Host B. As soon as Host B receives an entire packet, it converts the packet's bits to an analog signal. How much time elapses from the time a bit is created (from the original analog signal at Host A) until the bit is decoded (as part of the analog signal at Host B)?

Solution: time elapses = $56 * 8bits/64 * 10^3 + 56 * 8/2 * 10^3 + 10 = 17.224$ ms

2 Problem8

Suppose users share a 3 Mbps link. Also suppose each user requires 150 kbps when transmitting, but each user transmits only 10 percent of the time.

- 1. When circuit switching is used, how many users can be supported?
- 2. For the remainder of this problem, suppose packet switching is used. Find the probability that a given user is transmitting.
- 3. suppose there are 120 users. Find the probability that at any given time, exactly n users are transmitting simultaneously.
- 4. Find the probability that there are 21 or more users transmitting simultaneously.

Solution:

- 1. 3 Mbps / 150 kbps = 20 users can be supported.
- 2. p = 0.1
- 3. $p = \binom{120}{n} p^n (1-p)^{120-n}$
- 4. $p = 1 \sum_{n=0}^{20} {120 \choose n} p^n (1-p)^{120-n}$

3 Problem9

Consider the discussion in Section 1.3 of packet switching versus circuit switching in which an example is provided with a 1 Mbps link. Users are generating data at a rate of 100 kbps when busy, but are busy generating data only with probability p = 0.1. Suppose that the 1 Mbps link is replaced by a 1 Gbps link.

- 1. What is N, the maximum number of users that can be supported simultaneously under circuit switching?
- 2. Now consider packet switching and a user population of M users. Give a formula (in terms of p, M, N) for the probability that more than N users are sending data.

Solution:

- 1. N = 1Gbps/100kbps/p = 10000
- 2. $p = \sum_{n=N+1}^{M} {M \choose n} p^n (1-p)^{M-n}$