

Network Layer

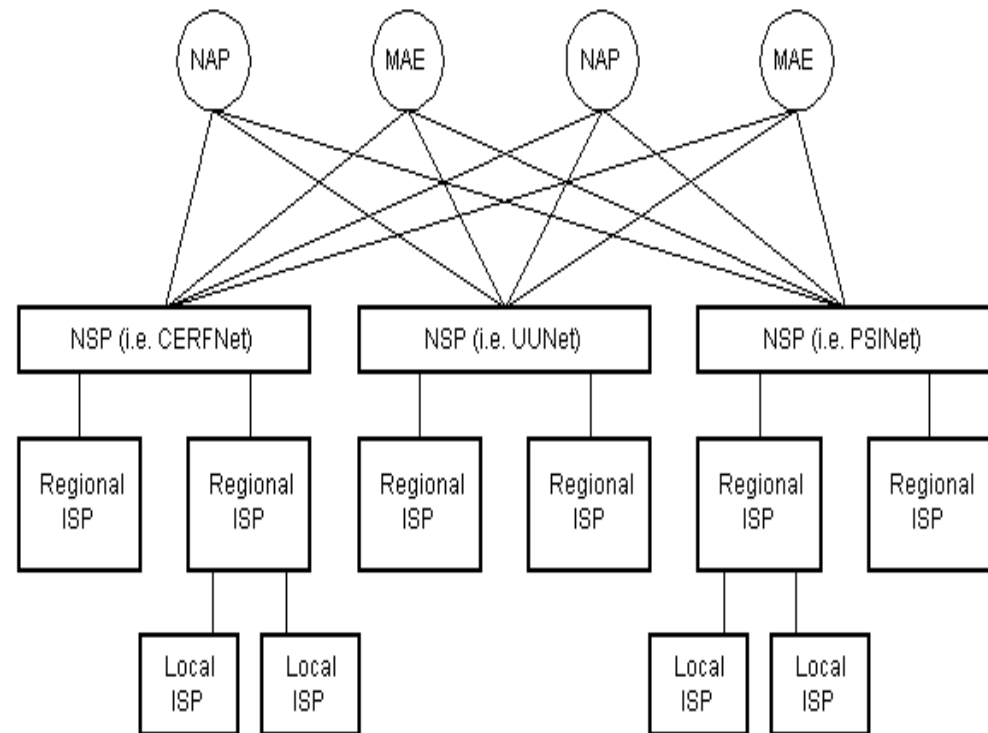
Part 1

Services provided by Network Layer

- Logical Address to the nodes in the network.
- Packet Switching data delivery services.
- Connection less services.
- Best effort data delivery services (Unreliable).
 - Packets may be lost in the network.
 - Packets may be delivered out of order at the destination.
 - Duplicate packets may arrive at the destination.
 - Packet may delayed too long to reach to the destination.
- Congestion Control

Global Internet Architecture

- The Internet backbone is made up of many large networks which interconnect with each other.
- These large networks are known as **Network Service Providers** or **NSPs**. Some of the large NSPs are UUNet, CerfNet, IBM, BBN Planet, SprintNet, PSINet, as well as others.
- Each NSP is required to connect to three **Network Access Points** or **NAPs**.
- NSPs also interconnect at **Metropolitan Area Exchanges** or **MAEs**.
- Both NAPs and MAEs are referred to as Internet Exchange Points or **IXs**.
- NSPs also sell bandwidth to smaller networks, such as ISPs and smaller bandwidth providers.



Packet Switching

- Switches need to address three problems:
 - Forwarding
 - Directing input packet to correct output interface
 - Routing
 - Knowing which is the correct output interface
 - Contention
 - Buffering of packets (needs queue of storage)
- Approach of Network Layer: Store and Forward
- Packet reaches to the destination using packet switching

Network Level Address

- Two issues must be handled when we are connecting two networks:
 - Heterogeneity
 - Scalability
- Routers are interfacing components to connect multiple networks.
- Lower layers define maximum transfer unit (MTU) for the network layer.
- Heterogeneity and scalability issues can be addressed by the following protocols:
 - IPv4 (RFC 791)
 - IPv6 (RFC 2460)
- They also provide logical address to the nodes in the network.

Example

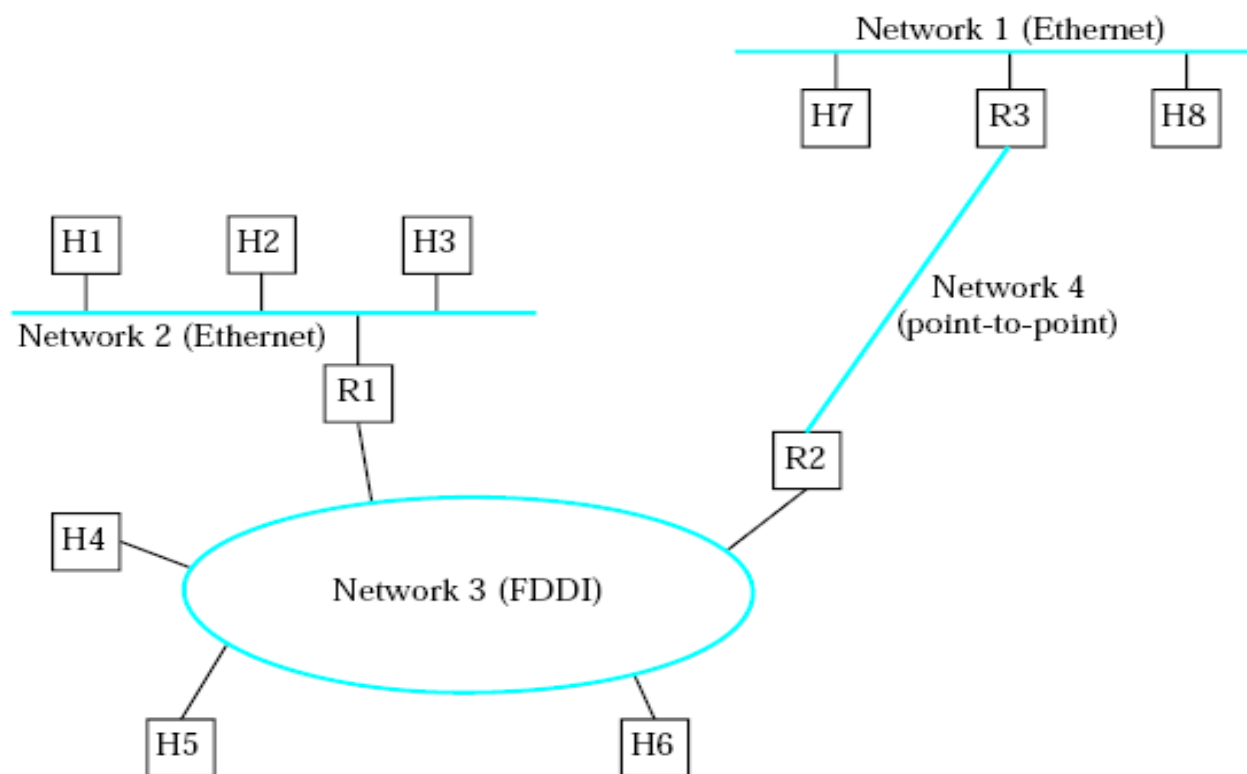
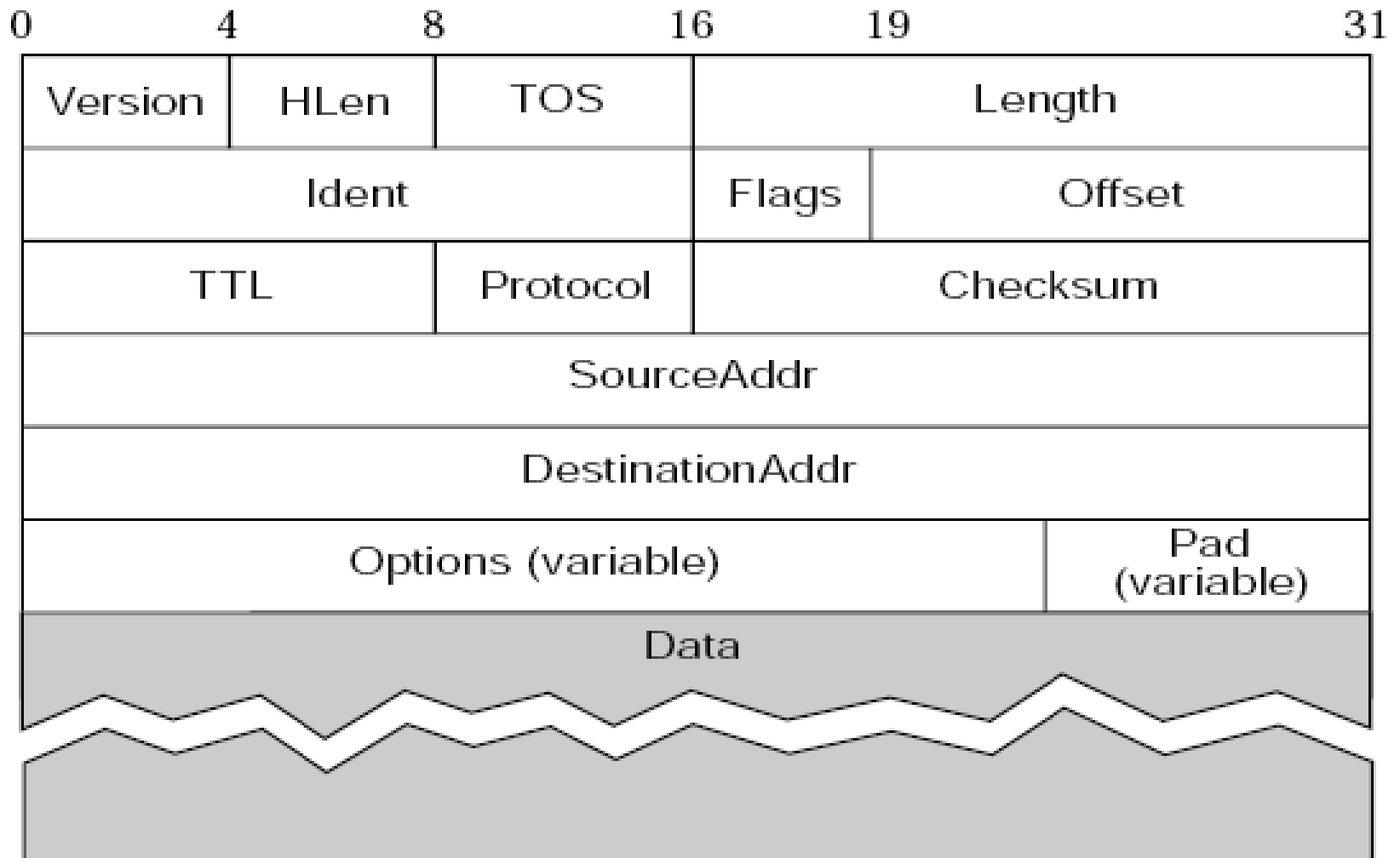


Figure 1: A simple Internetwork. H_n = Host; R_n = Router

IPv4 Header



IPv4 Header (Contd.)

- Version: Version Number (4/6)
- Internet Header Length (IHL): Number of 32 byte words in the IP header
- Type of Service (TOS): Define the type of processing at intermediary node. (Shortest Path, Minimum Delay etc.)
- Length: Total number of bytes in IP packet including header.
- Identifier, Flag and Fragment offset are used for fragmentation and reassembly of IP packet.

IPv4 Header (Contd.)

- Fragmentation and Reassembly example:
- Fragment the packet if packet size > MTU of the link.
- Identifier: Define a unique id for every fragment of the same datagram.
- Flag: Three flags bits are defined with the following usage:
 - First bit: Reserved (must be zero)
 - Second bit: Don't Fragment (DF)
 - Third bit : More fragment (MF)
- Fragment offset are used for reassembly of fragmentations and mark the offset from the starting byte of the IP packet.

IPv4 Header (Contd.)

Fragmentation and Reassembly Example

- Suppose an IP packet contains 1400 bytes of data but the MTU of the outgoing link is 512 Bytes.
- Then 1400 bytes will be divided into smaller chunks: 512, 512, 376

<p>The first packet will have the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Id: x• MF: 1• Offset: 0• Date: 512 bytes	<p>The second packet will have the following parameters:</p>	<p>The thirist packet will have the following parameters:</p> <p>Id: x</p> <p>MF: 0</p> <p>Offset: 1024</p> <p>Date: 376 bytes</p>
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- After receiving all the chunks, the receiver will assemble the data and forward it to the upper layer protocol.
- Receiver gives up reassembly if all data segments do not receive at the receiver.

IPv4 Header (Contd.)

Fragmentation and Reassembly Example

(a)

Start of header				
Ident = x			0	Offset = 0
Rest of header				
1400 data bytes				

(b)

Start of header				
Ident = x			1	Offset = 0
Rest of header				
512 data bytes				

Start of header				
Ident = x			1	Offset = 512
Rest of header				
512 data bytes				

Start of header				
Ident = x			0	Offset = 1024
Rest of header				
376 data bytes				

IPv4 Header (Contd.)

- TTL: number of hops after which the network will discard the packet. Hop count is decremented on each hop (forwarding).
- Protocol: The IP packet is containing data of which upper layer protocol. (TCP:6) (UDP:17)
- Header Checksum: Used for error detection
- Source Address: 32 bit IP address of source node.
- Destination Address: 32 bit IP address of destination node.

IPv4 Address

- 32 bits long
- Identifier for host, router *interface*
- Notation:
 - Each byte is written in decimal in MSB order, separated by dots
 - Example: 128.195.1.80 stands for the 32-bit IP address

10000000 11000011 00000001 01010000

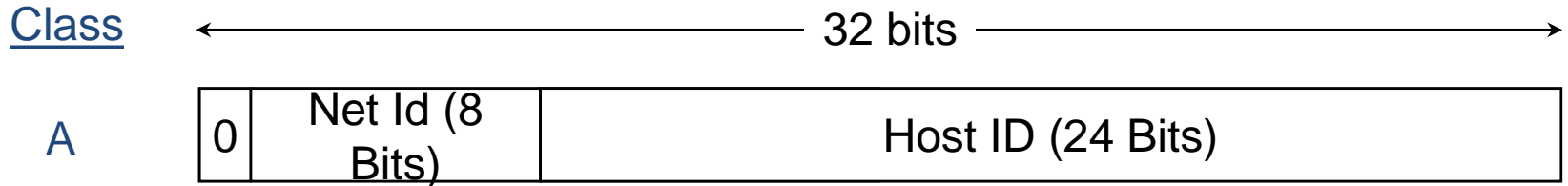
Types of IPv4 Addresses

- Unicast Address
 - Destination is a single host
- Multicast address
 - Destination is a group of hosts
- Broadcast address
 - 255.255.255.255
 - Destination is all hosts

Types of IPv4 Addresses

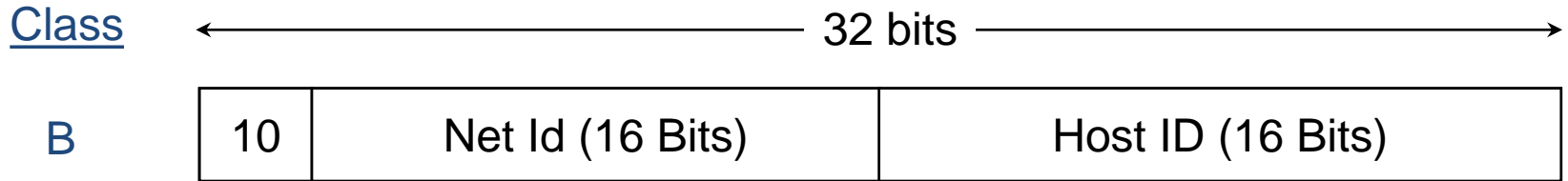
- IPv4 address are divided into classes
- IPv4 Address has an hierarchical structure.
- IP address can be divided into the following:
 - Net Id
 - Host ID
- IP address has the notion of subnet mask which helps to determine class of IP address and Net Id.

Class A IP Addresses



- Default subnet mask: 255.0.0.0
- Address range:
 - 0.0.0.0 – 127.255.255.255
- First 8 bits represent Net ID
- Rest 24 bits represent Host Id.
- For very large organizations
- 16 million hosts allowed in one network.
- Eg. 69.25.36.21 → Net ID: 64.0.0.0; Host ID: 0.25.36.21

Class B IP Addresses



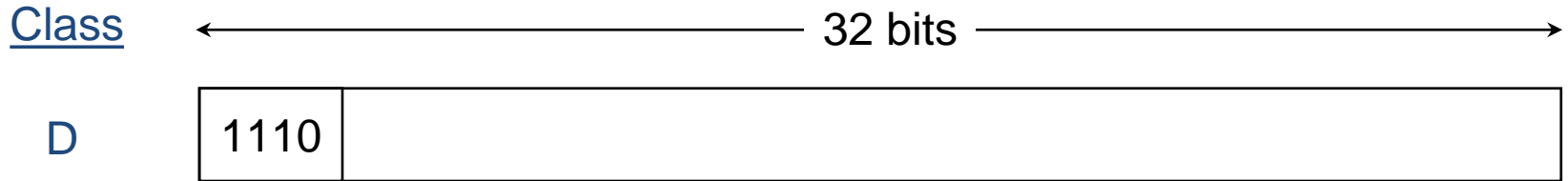
- Default subnet mask: 255.255.0.0
- Address range:
 - 128.0.0.0 – 191.255.255.255
- First 16 bits represent Net ID
- Rest 16 bits represent Host Id.
- For large organizations
- 65 thousand hosts allowed in one network.
- Eg. 169.25.36.21 → Net ID: 169.25.0.0; Host ID: 0.0.36.21

Class C IP Addresses



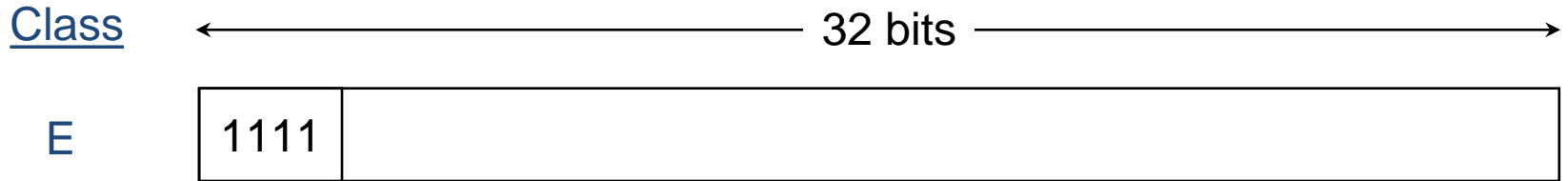
- Default subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
- Address range:
 - 192.0.0.0 – 223.255.255.255
- First 24 bits represent Net ID
- Rest 8 bits represent Host Id.
- For small organizations
- 255 hosts allowed in one network.
- Eg. 194.25.36.21 → Net ID: 194.25.36.0; Host ID: 0.0.0.21

Class D IP Addresses



- No default subnet mask
- Address range:
 - 224.0.0.0 – 239.255.255.255
- Known as multicast address which means one address can represent a group of hosts.

Class E IP Addresses



- Reserved Addresses
- No default subnet mask
- Address range:
 - 240.0.0.0 – 255.255.255.255
- Not usable for any one.

Special Addresses

- 127.x.y.z: Loopback Address
- 255.255.255.255: Limited Broadcast Address

Subnetting

- Add another level to address/routing hierarchy: *subnet*
- Subnet masks define variable partition of host part
- Subnets visible only within site

Network number	Host number
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Class B address

111111111111111111111111	00000000
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Subnet mask (255.255.255.0)

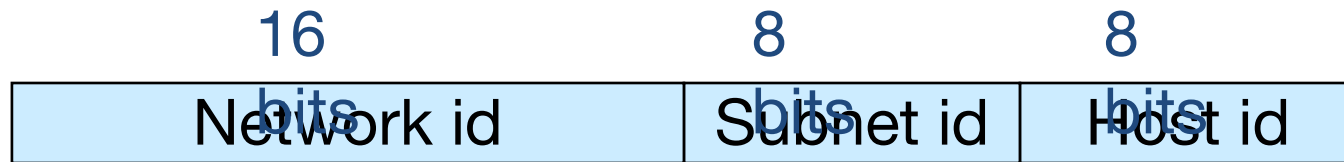
Network number	Subnet ID	Host ID
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Subnetted address

Subnetting

Example: Class B address with 8-bit subnetting.

Now IP address will have Net ID, Subnet ID and Host ID



Example
Address: 165.230 .24 .8

Subnet Masks

Subnet masks allow hosts to determine if another IP address is on the same subnet or the same network

	16 bits	8 bits	8 bits
	Network id	Subnet id	Host id
Mask	1111111111111111	11111111	00000000
:	255.255	.255	.0

Problems with Class-based Addressing

- Too many small networks requiring multiple class C addresses.
- Running out of class B addresses, not enough nets in class A.
- Addressing strategy must allow for greater diversity of network sizes.
- IPv4 address space is running out, therefore, IPv6 came into existence with 128 bit address space.

Subnet Mask

Assume IP addresses A and B share subnet mask M.

Are IP addresses A and B on the same subnet?

1. Compute logical AND (A & M).
2. Compute logical AND (B & M).
3. If (A & M) == (B & M) then A and B are on the same subnet.

Example: A and B are class B addresses

A = 165.230.82.52

B = 165.230.24.93

M = 255.255.255.0

Same (classful) network?

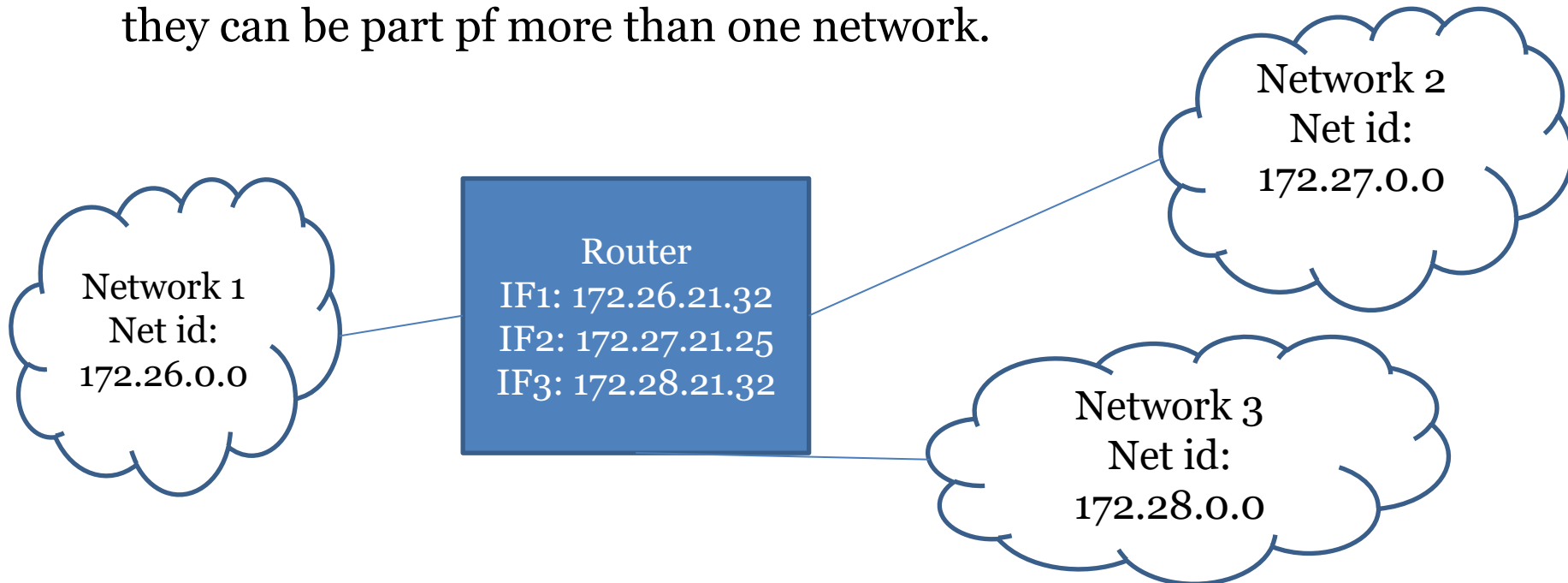
Same subnet?

Global Address vs Logical Address

- Global address are also known as the following names:
 - MAC address
 - Physical address
 - NIC address
 - Ethernet address etc.
 - Provided by IEEE 802.x standards where $x=3, 4, \dots, 22$.
- Logical addresses are provided by the following protocols:
 - IPv4
 - IPv6

Router

- Routers are attached to two or more networks.
- Since they need to have an address on each network, therefore, they need more than one network interface (port).
- IP addresses are assigned to the interfaces rather than host so that they can be part of more than one network.



Routing vs Forwarding

- Forwarding is the process of taking a packet queue and forward it on a appropriate output interface.

Whereas

- Routing is the process of building and maintaining the routing /forwarding table that allows the correct output interface for the packet to be determined.

Forwarding Algorithm

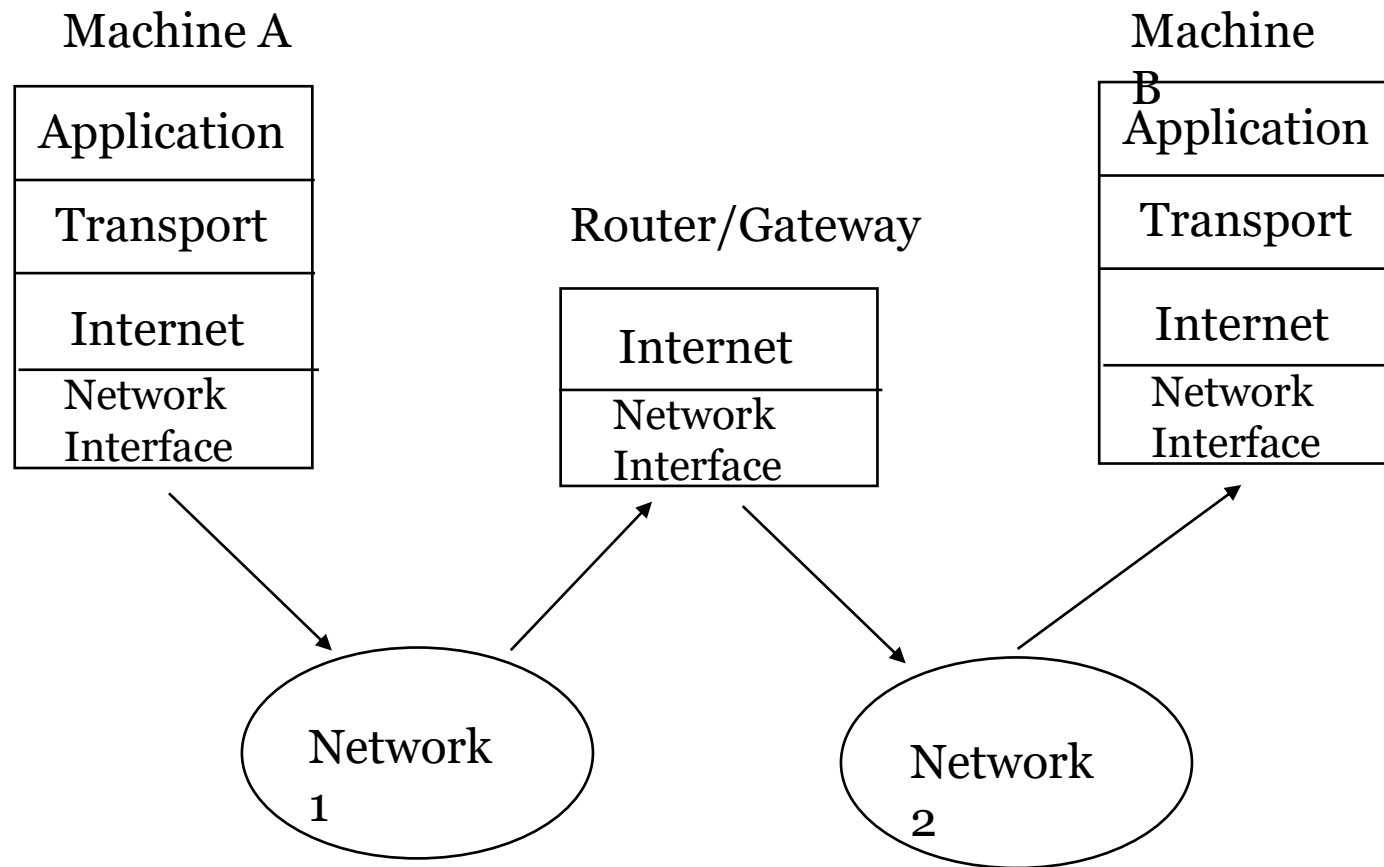
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if (net id of the destination = net is of one of my interfaces)
    then
        deliver the packet to the destination on that interface.

else if (net id of the destination is in my forwarding / routing table)
    then
        deliver the packet to next hop on the output interface.

else
    deliver the packet to the default router.
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Routing Protocols

- Concerned with delivering a packets from source to destination.



Routing Protocols (contd.)

- *Routing algorithms are the* part of the Network Layer responsible for deciding on which output interface /link to transmit an incoming packet.
- **Algorithm properties:** correctness, simplicity, robustness, stability, fairness, optimality, and scalability.
- Routing protocols visualize network as graph $G(V,E)$ where V are the nodes of the network and E are the edges in the network representing links between the two nodes.
- $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$
- $E = \{(v_1, v_3), \dots\}$
- Autonomous system (domain): All the networks under a single administrative control.

Routing Table		
Destination Net Id	Next Hop	Cost
172.23.0.0	IF1	25
192.26.25.0	IF7	12
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