

Exercise 1. Communication Services and Security Escola Politècnica Superior. Departament d'Informàtica

Problem 1 Let's assume a RED congestion control, having the following parameters:

- MaxP=0.4
- MinTh = 4
- MaxTh = 10

Calculate the following probabilities:

- 1. Probability of a segment being dropped with a AvgLen=8
- 2. Probability that 3 consecutive segments enter into the queue, assuming that all of them find the same average queue length (AvgLen) of 8
- 3. Same probability as previous point (2) assuming a modified RED congestion control where the probability of a segment being dropped is $\frac{P}{1-\mathsf{compt} \cdot P}$, being P the same probability computed at point (1). compt is the number of segments that entered into the queue from the last dropped segment. Assume $\mathsf{compt} = 0$ for the first segment entering into the queue.

(0.5 points)

Problem 2 Write a Python script that returns the transmission order sequence of a Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ) policy based on a list of triplets where each triplet represents:

- 1. Arrival time (float)
- 2. Packet length (float)
- 3. Flow/stream identifier (integer ≥ 1)

As an example,

0.1 1.0 1 0.2 2.1 2

ordered in time.

The script must be provided with two parameters:

- Fraction of the bandwidth assigned to each flow (as a percentage). Comma separated. As an example: 50,10,40
- File name containing the list of triplets to be scheduled

(1 points)

Problem 3 Build a simulation scenario with the same topology as in cw1.tcl but with the following parameters:

• MSS: 1000 bytes

• CWMAX: 10 MSS

 \bullet Time resolution: 0.01 s

• Simulation time: 200 s

- UDP traffic activates 20 s after start and ends 20 s before ending simulation
- Links speed:

n0-n2: 250 Kbpsn1-n2: 250 Kbpsn2-n3: 50 Kbps

- Links delay
 - n0-n2: 20 ms - n1-n2: 20 ms - n2-n3: 0.5 s
- Traffic generator rates for both (CBR and exponential): 50 Kbps
- Node 2 buffer size: 20

You must obtain the transmissions, retransmissions and acknowledgments sent and received at n1. The inputs to be considered are both:

- The simulation trace.
- In order to determine whether a transmission is produced by time out expiration or not, it is required to know the estimated time out. For RFC793 TCP agents you can obtain it directly from the rto_ variable. As such a variable no longer exists for TCP Reno agents, you have to derived it from srtt_ and rttvar_. Take $\mu=1$ and $\phi=4$ for the Jacobson/Karels estimator.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. What two regular expressions allow to obtain:
 - Segments sent from TCP agent.
 - Acks received at TCP agent.
- 2. Using three different TCP agents:
 - RFC793 with original congestion control.
 - RFC793 with slow start.
 - Reno.

Write a python script that plots the congestion window along the simulation time (take as input the simulation trace as well as the provided values for rto_ or srtt_ and rttvar_). Compare your plot against the value for cw_ provided by the simulator. Both plots must match.

- 3. Show an example obtained from your simulation where fast retransmission is produced.
- 4. For each one of the three agents, explain which is the policy for retransmissions when the congestion window reaches its limit and can no longer budge.
- 5. Run a fourth simulation with TCP NewReno agent. Measure throughput and number of retranmissions from the simulation trace and compare it against TCP Reno.
- 6. For TCP New Reno show an example obtained from your simulation where partial Acks were observed.
- 7. Run a fifth simulation using TCP Reno but, in this case, use RED at n2 with:

MinTh: 10MaxTh: 20

Compare throughput and congestion window plots with TCP Reno without RED previous simulation.

(3.5 points)