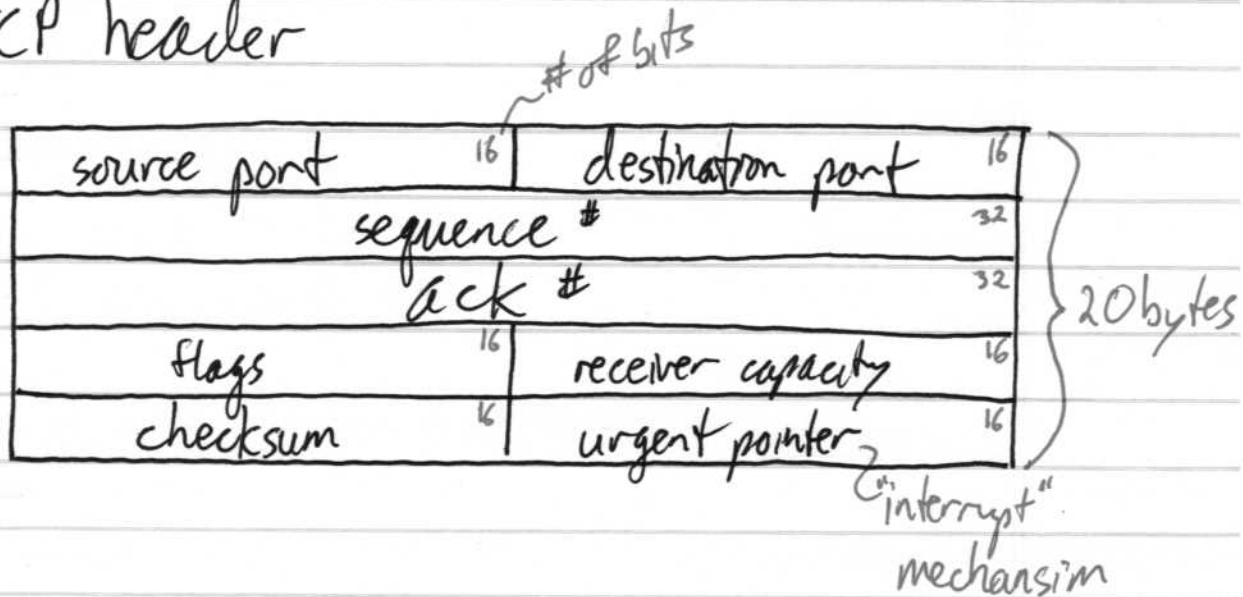


- TCP

- is an end-to-end protocol
- creates a virtual "circuit" between hosts (e.g. like establishing a telephone connection)
- uses handshaking (via ACK messages) and sequence numbers to ensure all data gets to the receiving host in order
- data is treated as a continuous stream of bytes delivered in segments of at most 64 kiB (often 1460 B to fit in an Ethernet frame with IP header (20 B) and TCP header (20 B))
- the ends of the virtual circuit are called sockets which are specified by IP addresses and port number
- some common port numbers:

20	FTP	file transfer protocol
22	SSH	secure shell
80	HTTP	hyper-text transfer protocol
143	IMAP	internet message access protocol
443	HTTPS	http secure
587	SMTP	simple mail transfer protocol

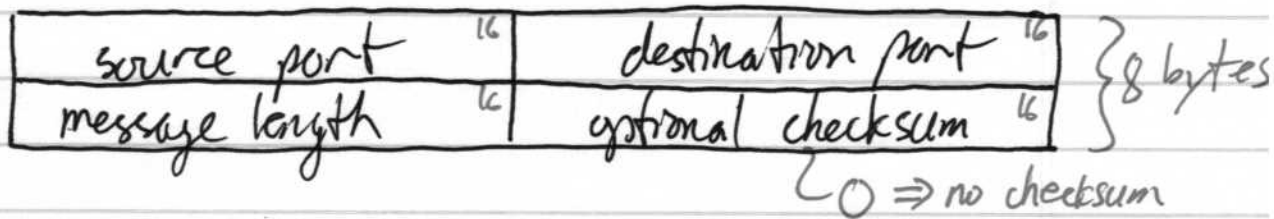
- TCP header



- UDP: User Datagram Protocol

- a connectionless alternative to ~~HTTP~~ TCP
- faster than TCP (smaller header, no acknowledgement, but not reliable)

- UDP header



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Fault Tolerance

1) Concepts

[13.1]

Fault - cause of a problem (e.g. environmental faults, mechanical faults, design fault)

Error - manifestation of a fault within the system

Failure - system deviates from its specification as the result of an error

- approaches to dealing with faults

① avoidance \rightarrow
- prevent them from happening (shielding, breakers, reliable prog. tech.)

② tolerance
- continue to execute within spec.
- graceful degradation (operate with degraded service)
- fail safe (halt in a safe manner)

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- case study: Voyager 2
 - launched August 20, 1977
 - explored Jupiter and Saturn then flew by Uranus and Neptune and headed to interstellar space (~~heliopause~~ heliopause)
 - in May 2010 its transmissions became corrupted
 - it was 13.8 billion km from earth \Rightarrow transmission delay was ~ 13 hours
 - examined the memory of the Flight Data System (FDS) computer and found a flipped bit that affected a command
 - it's hypothesized that cosmic radiation flipped the bit
 - they corrected the bit and correct transmission resumed

Fault: insufficient radiation hardening + solar radiation

error: flipped bit

failure: garbled transmission

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2) Clock Synchronization

[134]

- independent devices can have their own clocks
 - they are usually quartz crystal oscillators
- clocks are imperfect devices (affected by temperature, supply voltage) and so "drift" over time
 - 0.5s drift per day is not uncommon
- clock C_i gives time $C_i(t)$ at real time t
- options for clocks in a system to keep a common time:
 - ① have a standard clock C_s against which the others synchronize
 - ② clocks synchronize with each other

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2.1) Standard Clock

-requirements for synchronizing against C_s

① correctness: $|C_i(t) - C_s(t)| < \epsilon$
e.g. an absolute error bound

② bounded drifted: $|\frac{dC_i(t)}{dt} - 1| < \rho$
e.g. clock i runs at approximately the correct rate

③ monotonicity: $C_i(t_1) \geq C_i(t_0)$ where $t_1 > t_0$
e.g. time goes forward, not backward

④ chronoscopia: if $t_2 - t_1 = t_4 - t_3$, then
 $C_i(t_2) - C_i(t_1) \approx C_i(t_4) - C_i(t_3)$
e.g. measurement of two equal intervals
should be approximately equal

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- clock correction

e.g. a 32768 Hz clock is determined to be 100ms fast and this needs to be corrected

- a sudden correction (e.g. subtract 100ms) would satisfy Requirement 1 but would violate Requirements 3 and 4

- \therefore a gradual correction is preferred.
e.g. count 32768 + 1 ticks as 1 s

- slows the clock by $\frac{1}{32768 \text{ Hz}} = 3.05 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}$
per second

- the correction will take $\frac{0.1 \text{ s}}{3.05 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s/s}} =$

$$3276.8 \text{ s} \approx 55 \text{ min.}$$

- see further A4, Q7

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- how often should we synchronize?

- assume clock i is ~~sync~~ synchronized at t_0

$$|C_i(t_0) - t_0| < \delta$$

↑ synchronization error

- after drifting

$$|C_i(t) - t| < \delta + \rho(t - t_0)$$

↑ when to sync. next

- we must ensure that $|C_i(t) - t| < \epsilon$

$$\delta + \rho(t - t_0) \leq \epsilon$$

↑ absolute error bound

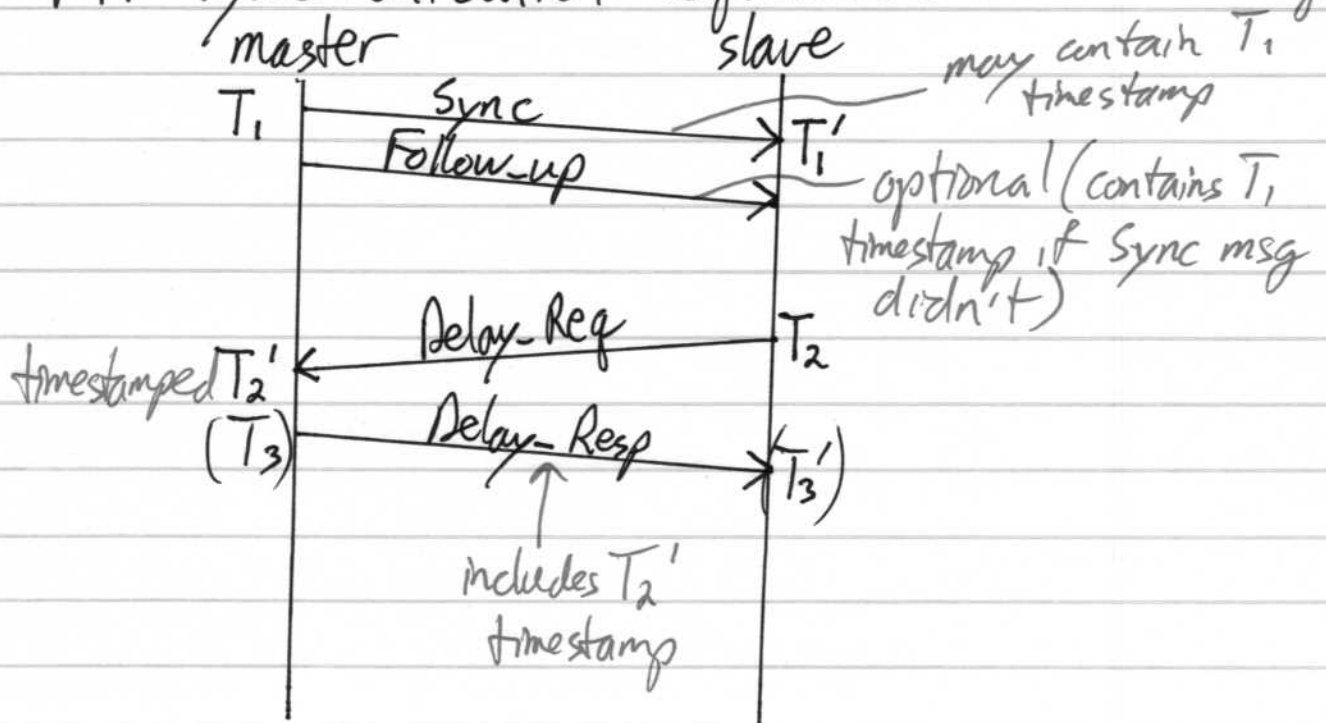
$$\underbrace{t - t_0}_{\text{maximum synchronization period}} \leq \frac{\epsilon - \delta}{\rho}$$

maximum synchronization period

- see example AY Q8

2.2) Precision Time Protocol (PTP)

- IEEE standard 1588-2008
- achieves up to nanosecond synchronization accuracy using hardware timestamping
- PTP is a more precise alternative to the Network Time Protocol (NTP) which has \sim ms accuracy
- PTP uses a master-slave hierarchy
 - the standard clock is called the "grandmaster"
 - it broadcasts synchronization packets to clocks on its network up to 10 Hz
 - it uses UDP for PTP messages
- PTP synchronization sequence: uses 3 or 4 msg.



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$$\textcircled{T_1'} = \textcircled{T_1} + \delta + l$$

known

↗ slave sync. error
 ↘ network latency

$$\textcircled{T_2'} = \textcircled{T_2} - \delta + l$$

$$\delta = T_1' - T_1 - l, \quad \delta = T_2 - T_2' + l$$

$$2\delta = T_1' - T_1 - l + T_2 - T_2' + l$$

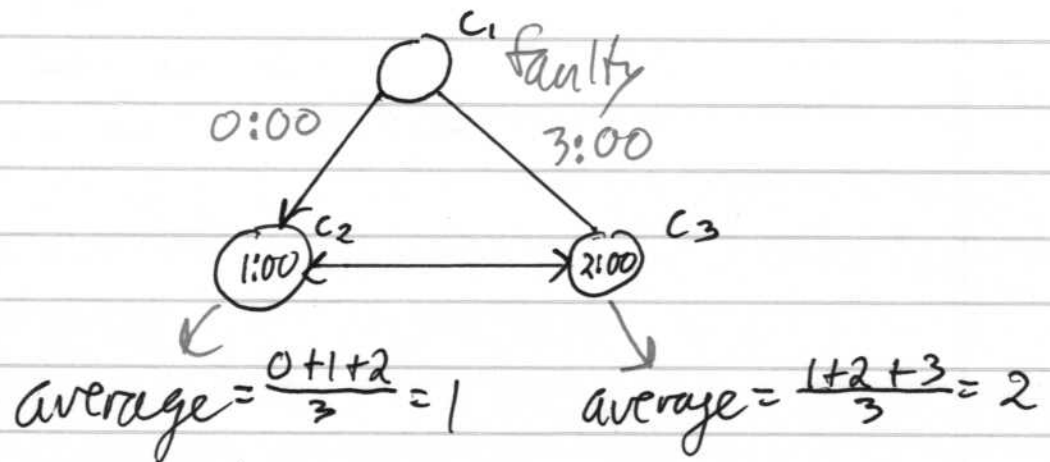
$$\delta = \frac{T_1' - T_1 + T_2 - T_2'}{2}$$

↖ correction factor for slave clock

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2.3) Distributed Clock Synchronization [13.4.4.2]

- there are n clocks in the system that use averaging to synchronize
- faulty clocks or faulty communication can interfere with synchronization



- averaging doesn't always work
- CNV (Convergence) algorithm:
 - at time t all clocks report their time C_j
 - each clock C_k records the time from each clock as

$$\tilde{C}_j = \begin{cases} C_j & \text{if } |C_j - C_k| < \epsilon \\ C_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- update each clock C_k

$$C_k \leftarrow \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{C}_j$$

eg. 4 clocks, $E=1$

-at $t=1000$:

	read	updated time
C_1	999.6	$(999.6 + 999.8 + 999.9 + 1000.3)/4 = 999.9$
C_2	999.8	"
C_3	999.9	"
C_4	1000.3	"

-at $t=2000$: C_1 is faulty (slow)

	read	updated time
C_1	1998.6	$(1998.6 + 1999.5 + 1998.6 + 1998.6)/4 = 1998.825$
C_2	1999.5	$(1998.6 + 1999.5 + 2000.0 + 2000.2)/4 = 1999.575$
C_3	2000.0	$(2000.0 + 1999.5 + 2000.0 + 2000.2)/4 = 1999.925$
C_4	2000.2	$(2000.2 + 1999.5 + 2000.0 + 2000.2)/4 = 1999.975$

- average of the working clocks (C_2, C_3, C_4) = 1999.825

- excluding ~~the~~ C_1 instead of replacing it with C_3 ,
 C_4 would give an average = 1999.792 (worse)

- this will keep the majority of working clocks
 in sync if $n \geq 3d + 1$

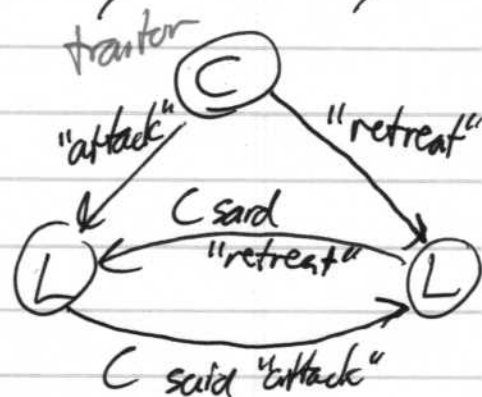
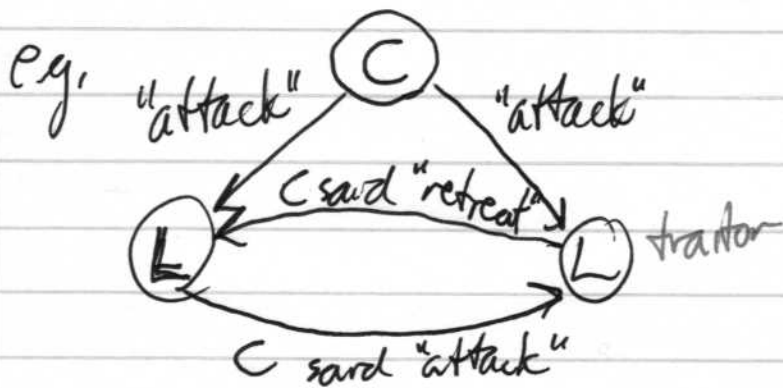
↑ # of faulty clocks

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3) Byzantine Generals Problem

[13.5]

- this problem describes when one or more processors in a distributed system ~~may~~ fail and send inconsistent messages to the other processors e.g. present different symptoms to different observers
- this failure is hard to detect in a fault tolerant system
- the story goes that the Byzantine generals have surrounded a city and must decide together whether to all attack or all retreat
- partial attack/retreat will result in failure
- they only communicate by messages
- some generals may be traitors
- it gets rephrased as 1 commanding general sending an order to $n-1$ lieutenant generals
- the commander or lieutenants may be disloyal



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- what should the loyal participants do?
- we need a default action e.g. "retreat"