

CSX3005 Computer Networks Pre-midterm Assignment 1/2023 Key

- 1.1. Wireless links, such as those provided by cellular and Wi-Fi networks, are multiple access links. **True**
- 1.2. Routing is the process of determining how to forward messages toward the destination node based on its address. **True**
- 1.3. Peer-to-peer (P2P) computing or networking is a distributed application architecture that partitions tasks or workloads between peers. **True**
- 1.4. The presentation layer concerns the router format exchanged between peers. **False**
- 1.5. the application interacts with the transport layer protocols for calculating IP addresses in the layered Internet architecture. **False**
- 1.6. In Internet architecture, the transport layer divides the data stream into small units called packets. **True**
- 1.7. A network link is a physical medium carrying signals in the form of electromagnetic waves. **True**
- 1.8. The Manchester encoding scheme never doubles the rate of signal transitions. **False**
- 1.9. The extra bits transmitted with the message are called error-detecting codes. **True**
- 1.10. A major goal in designing error detection algorithms is to maximize the probability of detecting errors using many redundant bits. **False**
- 1.11. The Internet is a globally connected network system that uses TCP/IP to transmit data via various media types. **True**
- 1.12. Internet technology reveals the details of network hardware and permits computers to communicate independently of their physical network connections. **False**
- 1.13. Routers use the destination network, not the destination computer, when forwarding a packet. **True**
- 1.14. Protocols allow one to specify or understand network communication with the knowledge of particular network hardware. **False**
- 1.15. An IP address uniquely identifies the source and destination of data transmitted with the Internet Protocol. **True**
- 1.16. In subnetting, the subnet mask covers the Internet and the physical network portions of the address to distinguish the network and host IP addresses. **True**
- 1.17. 196.168.1.0 is a class B network address. **False**
- 1.18. In a classless address scheme, subnet addressing is permitted to use the network prefix of the address to be an arbitrary length and is not fixed. **True**
- 1.19. In subnetting, the subnet mask covers the Internet and the physical network portions of the address to distinguish the network and host IP addresses. **True**
- 1.20. TCP/IP uses the term host to refer to an end system that attaches to the internet. **True**

2. [3 Points] What three main stakeholders are required to develop a computer network? Briefly describe the functions of each stakeholder.

- An **application programmer** would list the *services* that his or her application needs: guarantee that each message the application sends will be delivered without error within a certain amount of time.
- A **network operator** would list the characteristics of a system that is easy to administer and manage: faults can be easily isolated, new devices can be added to the network and configured correctly, and it is easy to account for usage.
- A **network designer** would list the properties of a cost-effective design: network resources are efficiently utilized and fairly allocated to different users.

3. [2 Points] Consider a digital library program being asked to fetch a 20MB (megabyte) size. Suppose the channel has a bandwidth of 10 Mbps (millions of bits per second). Calculate the throughput of the channel (show your calculation steps).

It will take the **16s** to transmit the image ($20 \times 10^6 \times 8\text{-bits} / (10 \times 10^6) = 16\text{s}$).

Throughput = Transfer Size / Transfer Time = $(20 \times 10^6 \times 8) / 16 = \mathbf{10M}$

4. [3 Points] Briefly describe the non-return to zero (NRZ) encoding issues.

First problem: In decoding the digital signal, the receiver calculates the average power of the received signal, and this average is called the **baseline**. A **long string of 0s and 1s** can cause a **drift in the baseline** (called **baseline wandering**) and make it difficult for a **receiver to decode correctly**.

Second problem is the clock recovery problem: The sender's and the receiver's clock signals have to be precisely synchronized for the receiver to recover the same bits the sender transmits. If the receiver's clock is slightly faster/slower than the sender's, it cannot decode the signal correctly.

5. [3 Points] Show the non-return to zero inverted (NRZI) encoding result of the following **16-bit** data: **1010110011011101**

NRZI concept: For bit 1, there will be a change in the voltage level (bit level), and for bit 0, there won't be any change in the voltage level (where bit 1 is the positive voltage and bit 0 is the negative voltage).

Therefore, the **NRZI encoded result of 1010110011011101 is 0011 0111 0110 1001**

6. [4 Points] Show the **4B/5B encoding** on the following **16-bit data** with the help of the 4B to 5B conversion shown in Figure1: **0110011101001010**

Step 1: 4B to 5B conversion with the help of the conversion table.

0110 0111 0100 1010 (4B) = 01110 01111 01010 10110 (5B)

Step 2: Apply NRZI encoding on the 5B data to get 4B/5B encoded data:

01110 01111 01010 10110 (5B) = 01011 10101 10011 00100

7. [2 Points] Find the **checksum scheme** of the following two 8-bit data: **1010 1010** and **11010110**

1's complement of 1010 1010 = 0101 0101

1's complement of 1101 0110 = 0010 1001

After adding these two values = 0111 1110

Take the 1's complement of the result (0111 1110) is the checksum and is 1000 0001

8. [4 Points] Assume that the original transmission message (in polynomial) $M(x) = x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3$ and the channel divisor polynomial $C(x) = x^3 + x + 1$. Calculate the **Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) polynomial of the network** (or show its binary equivalent).

1. Convert message polynomial $M(x)$ into binary data:

$$M(x) = x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 = x^7 + 0 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0$$

2. Add 3 zeros ($2^3 = 8$ -bit data, hence $k = 3$) at the beginning of the above binary data to get $T(x)$:

$$T(x) = 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$$

3. Convert divisor polynomial $C(x)$ into data:

$$C(x) = x^3 + x + 1 = x^3 + 0 + x + 1 = 1011$$

4. Apply **polynomial long division** on $T(x)$ by $C(x)$ ($T(x)/C(x)$) and find its remainder:

$$T(x)/C(x) = 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0 / 1011$$

$$\text{Remainder after the polynomial long division} = 101$$

5. Next is finding the $(T(x) - \text{Remainder})$ value:

The **minus operation in polynomial arithmetic** is the **logical XOR (\oplus)** operation. Therefore,

$$1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0 \oplus 101 = \underline{10111000101}$$

6. Use this result to find the data error during transmission. The recipient divides the received polynomial by $C(x)$ and, if the result is **0**, concludes that there were **no errors**.

9. [5 Points] Consider a network with the address **211.165.13.0**. Subnetting the network with the **starting 4-bit value of the last octet** of its address. Show all of its valid subnet addresses (in dotted decimal form). What is its subnet mask?

Ans:

211.165.13.0001 0000 = 211.165.13.16

211.165.13.0010 0000 = 211.165.13.32

211.165.13.0011 0000 = 211.165.13.48

211.165.13.0100 0000 = 211.165.13.64

211.165.13.0101 0000 = 211.165.13.80

211.165.13.0110 0000 = 211.165.13.96

211.165.13.0111 0000 = 211.165.13.112

211.165.13.1000 0000 = 211.165.13.128

211.165.13.1001 0000 = 211.165.13.144

211.165.13.1010 0000 = 211.165.13.160

211.165.13.1011 0000 = 211.165.13.176

211.165.13.1100 0000 = 211.165.13.192

211.165.13.1101 0000 = 211.165.13.208

211.165.13.1110 0000 = 211.165.13.224

Subnet mask = 255.255.255.240 = /28

10. [4 Points] Show all the /25 subnets that exist in the **132.42.6.0/23** address block?

Ans:

132.42.6.0 = 10000100 00101010 00000110 00000000

/25 = 11111111 11111111 11111111 10000000

/23 = 11111111 11111111 11111110 00000000

There are **four /25 subnets** in a /23 address block (i.e., $2^{25-23} = 2^2 = 4$).

The **2 subnet bits** (25-23) are located as the consecutive bits on the **4th octet after the /23rd bits**).

/23 = 11111111 11111111 11111110 00000000

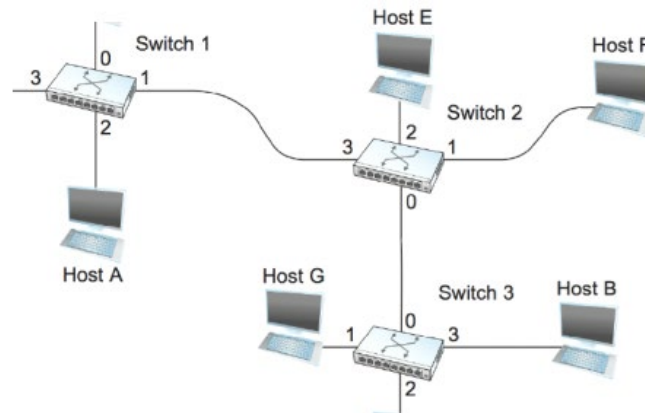
132.42.6.0/25 = 10000100 00101010 00000110 00000000

132.42.6.128/25 = 10000100 00101010 00000110 10000000

132.42.7.0/25 = 10000100 00101010 00000111 00000000

132.42.7.128/25 = 10000100 00101010 00000111 10000000

[5 Points] Consider a datagram network illustrated in the Figure below. In which the hosts have addresses A, B, C, and so on. Assume that **Host A** wants to send a packet to **Host G**. Construct the **forwarding (routing) tables** for the switches that support the packet transmission from **A** to **G** (assume that during a routing process, when a data packet turns up, the forwarding table will have the right information to forward/switch the packet).



Switch1:

Destination	Port
A	2
E	1
F	1
G	1
B	1

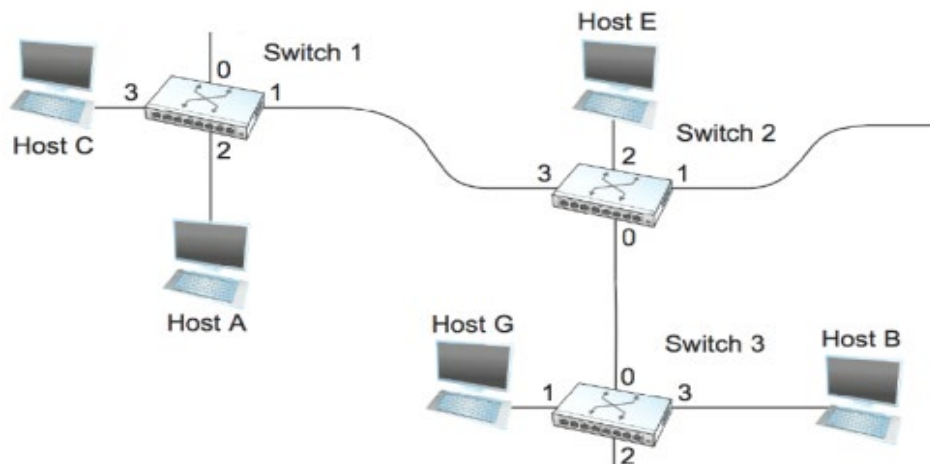
Switch2:

Destination	Port
A	3
E	2
F	1
G	0
B	0

Switch3:

Destination	Port
A	0
E	0
F	0
G	1
B	3

13. [5 Points] Consider a virtual circuit network illustrated in Figure below, in which the hosts have addresses A, B, C, and so on. Assume that **Host A** wants to send packets to **Host G**. Show the **virtual circuit (VC) table entry** for switches that are involved in packet routing from **A** to **G** (assume your **virtual circuit identifier (VCI)** for each switch).



VC Table Entry for Switch1:

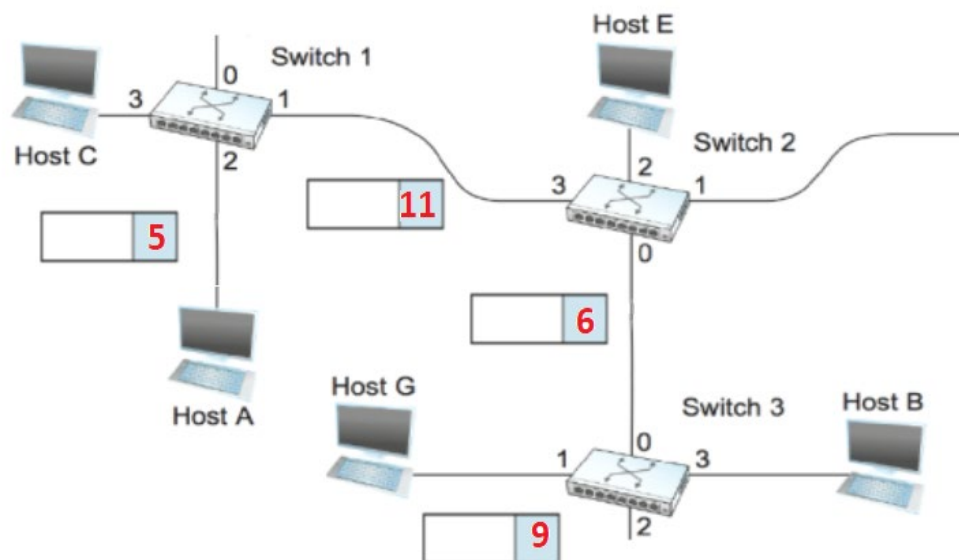
Incoming Interface	Incoming VCI	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VCI
2	5	1	11

VC Table Entry for Switch2:

Incoming Interface	Incoming VCI	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VCI
3	11	0	6

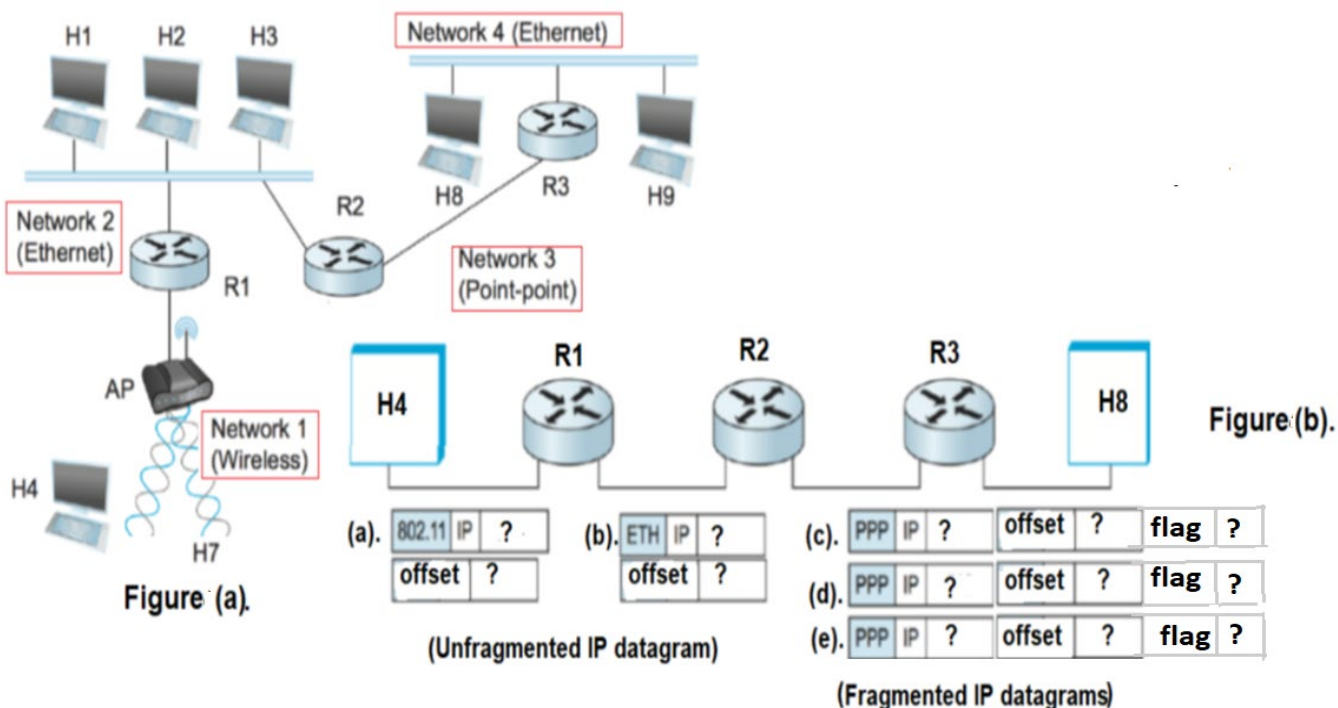
VC Table Entry for Switch3:

Incoming Interface	Incoming VCI	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VCI
0	6	1	9



A packet with VCI makes its way to the destination (from HostA to HostG)

14. [6 Points] Consider a simple internetwork illustrated in **Figure (a)**, where **H** denotes a **host**, and **R** denotes a **router**. Assume that a **1556-byte datagram (20-byte IP header plus 1536-byte data)** is sent from **host H4** to **host H8**. The MTU of **network1**, **network2**, and **network4** is **1556-byte**. But the MTU of **network 3** is **532 bytes (20-byte IP header plus 512-byte data)**. The IP datagram traversing a sequence of unfragmented and fragmented datagrams through the physical networks is shown in **Figure (b)**. Show the **data**, **flag**, and **offset** values of fragmented and unfragmented IP datagrams in **a**, **b**, **c**, **d**, and **e**.



- a)

802.11	IP	1536	flag = 0	offset = 0
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- b)

ETH	IP	1536	flag = 0	offset = 0
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- c)

PPP	IP	512	flag = 1	offset = 0
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- d)

PPP	IP	512	flag = 1	offset = 64
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- e)

PPP	IP	512	flag = 0	offset = 128
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