

HW 4 Chapter 3 – Part 2

R14. True or false?

- a. Host A is sending Host B a large file over a TCP connection. Assume Host B has no data to send Host A. Host B will not send acknowledgments to Host A because Host B cannot piggyback the acknowledgments on data.
- b. The size of the TCP **rwnd** never changes throughout the duration of the connection.
- c. Suppose Host A is sending Host B a large file over a TCP connection. The number of unacknowledged bytes that A sends cannot exceed the size of the receive buffer.
- d. Suppose Host A is sending a large file to Host B over a TCP connection. If the sequence number for a segment of this connection is m , then the sequence number for the subsequent segment will necessarily be $m+1$.
- e. The TCP segment has a field in its header for **rwnd**.
- f. Suppose that the last **SampleRTT** in a TCP connection is equal to 1 sec. The current value of **TimeoutInterval** for the connection will necessarily be ≥ 1 sec.
- g. Suppose Host A sends one segment with sequence number 38 and 4 bytes of data over a TCP connection to Host B. In this same segment, the acknowledgment number is necessarily 42.

P27. Host A and B are communicating over a TCP connection, and Host B has already received from A all bytes up through byte 126. Suppose Host A then sends two segments to Host B back-to-back. The first and second segments contain 80 and 40 bytes of data, respectively. In the first segment, the sequence number is 127, the source port number is 302, and the destination port number is 80. Host B sends an acknowledgment whenever it receives a segment from Host A.

- a) In the second segment sent from Host A to B, what are the sequence number, source port number, and destination port number?
- b) If the first segment arrives before the second segment, in the acknowledgment of the first arriving segment, what is the acknowledgment number, the source port number, and the destination port number?

c) (skipped)?

- d) Suppose the two segments sent by A arrive in order at B. The first acknowledgment is lost and the second acknowledgment arrives after the first timeout interval. Draw a timing diagram, showing these segments and all other segments and acknowledgments sent. (Assume there is no additional packet loss.) For each segment in your figure, provide the sequence number and the number of bytes of data; for each acknowledgment that you add, provide the acknowledgment number.

P31. Suppose that the five measured **SampleRTT** values (see Section 3.5.3) are 106 ms, 120 ms, 140 ms, 90 ms, and 115 ms. Compute the **EstimatedRTT** after each of these **SampleRTT** values is obtained, using a value of $\alpha=0.125$ and assuming that the value of **EstimatedRTT** was 100 ms just before the first of these five samples were obtained. Compute also the **DevRTT** after each sample is obtained, assuming a value of $\beta=0.25$ and assuming the value of **DevRTT** was 5 ms just before the first of these five samples was obtained. Last, compute the TCP **TimeoutInterval** after each of these samples is obtained.

P37. Compare GBN, SR, and TCP (no delayed ACK). Assume that the timeout values for all three protocols are sufficiently long such that five consecutive data segments and their corresponding ACKs can be received (if not lost in the channel) by the receiving host (Host B) and the sending host (Host A) respectively. Suppose Host A sends five data segments to Host B, and the second segment (sent from A) is lost. In the end, all five data segments have been correctly received by Host B.

- How many segments has Host A sent in total and how many ACKs has Host B sent in total? What are their sequence numbers? Answer this question for all three protocols.
- If the timeout values for all three protocol are much longer than 5 RTT, then which protocol successfully delivers all five data segments in shortest time interval?

P40 (the answer can be referred to <https://mediaplayer.pearsoncmq.com/assets/secs-kurose-tcp-congestion-control>). Consider **Figure 3.61**. Assuming TCP Reno is the protocol experiencing the behavior shown above, answer the following questions. In all cases, you should provide a short discussion justifying your answer.

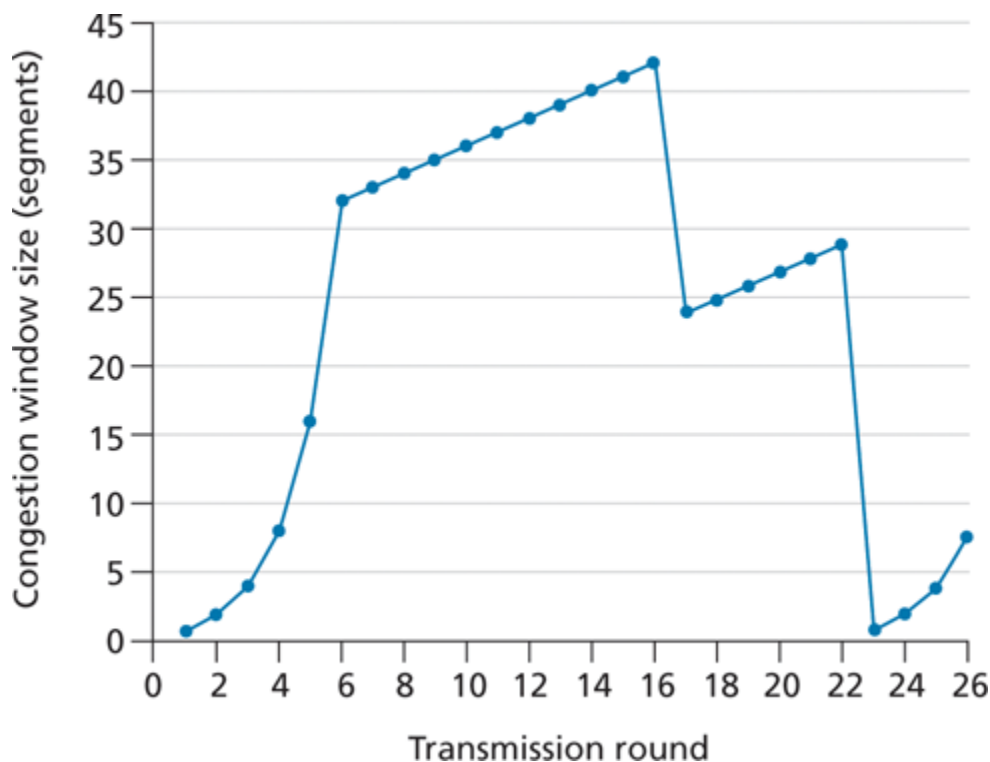


Figure 3.61 **TCP window size as a function of time**

Examining the behavior of TCP

- Identify the intervals of time when TCP slow start is operating.
- Identify the intervals of time when TCP congestion avoidance is operating.
- After the 16th transmission round, is segment loss detected by a triple duplicate ACK or by a timeout?
- After the 22nd transmission round, is segment loss detected by a triple duplicate ACK or by a timeout?
- What is the initial value of **ssthresh** at the first transmission round?
- What is the value of **ssthresh** at the 18th transmission round?

- g. What is the value of `ssthresh` at the 24th transmission round?
- h. During what transmission round is the 70th segment sent?
- i. `(skipped)`?
- j. Suppose TCP Tahoe is used (instead of TCP Reno), and assume that triple duplicate ACKs are received at the 16th round. What are the `ssthresh` and the congestion window size at the 19th round?
- k. Again suppose TCP Tahoe is used, and there is a timeout event at 22nd round. How many packets have been sent out from 17th round till 22nd round, inclusive?

P43. Host A is sending an enormous file to Host B over a TCP connection. Over this connection there is never any packet loss and the timers never expire. Denote the transmission rate of the link connecting Host A to the Internet by R bps. Suppose that the process in Host A is capable of sending data into its TCP socket at a rate S bps, where $S=10 \cdot R$. Further suppose that the TCP receive buffer is large enough to hold the entire file, and the send buffer can hold only one percent of the file. What would prevent the process in Host A from continuously passing data to its TCP socket at rate S bps? TCP flow control? TCP congestion control? Or something else? Elaborate.

P44. Consider sending a large file from a host to another over a TCP connection that has no loss.

- a) Suppose TCP uses AIMD for its congestion control without slow start. Assuming `cwnd` increases by 1 MSS every time a batch of ACKs is received and assuming approximately constant round-trip times, how long does it take for `cwnd` increase from 6 MSS to 12 MSS (assuming no loss events)?
- b) What is the average throughput (in terms of MSS and RTT) for this connection up through time $= 6 \text{ RTT}$?