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1) Consider a client computer on the East coast of the United States and a server on the West coast. Assume there is a single 5,000 *km*, 2 Mbps network link that interconnects these computers. The client generates a 1,500 byte request for the server and transmits this request is a single network packet. The server receives the request, processes the request, and generates a 1,500 byte response that it transmits back to the client. Assume the server requires 20 *ms* process the request and generate its response and that the propagation speed on the link is 2.5x108 *m/s*.

*a*) Compute the delay between the generation of the request at the client and the receipt of the server’s response at the client.

*b*) Assume the link between the client and the server is upgraded to a 1 Gbps link. What effect does this upgrade have on the value you computed in part (*a*)? What effect would upgrading the link to 10 Gbps have?

*c*) Assume the link remains at 2 Mbps but the server is replaced with a newer model that is twice as fast as the existing server. What effect does this upgrade have on the value you computed in part (*a*)?

*d*) Assume the original server is moved to the East coast such that the (2 Mbps) network link between the client and the server is now only 50 *km* in length. What effect does this change have on the value you computed in part (*a*)?

*e*) Assume the same scenario as in part (*a*) but that now there are 10 network switches on the network link between the client and the server. What effect does this change have on the value you computed in part (*a*)?

2) Suppose two hosts, A and B, are separated by 20,000 kilometers and are connected by a direct link of *R* = 2 *Mbps*. Suppose the propagation speed over the link is 2.5 x 108 *m/s*.

*a*) Calculate the value *R* x *dprop*. This expression is called the *bandwidth-delay product*,

*b*) Consider sending a file of 800,000 bits from Host A to Host B. Suppose the file is sent continuously as one large message. What is the maximum number of bits that will be in the link at any given time?

*c*) What does the bandwidth-delay product represent (intuitively)?

*d*) What is the width (in meters) of a bit in the link? Is it longer than a football field?

*e*) Derive a general expression for the width of a bit in terms of the propagation speed *s*, the transmission rate *R*, and the length of the link *m*.

# Submitting Your Worksheet

You should upload your worksheet to your *comp431/submissions/worksheets* directory on Linux *before* 5PM. Refer to the procedure described in Worksheet 1 for instructions. Be sure to name your worksheet with your login name, a hyphen, and the worksheet number (*e.g.*, if I were submitting the worksheet I’d name it *jeffay-2.docx*). Remember that the worksheets are not graded so don’t be nervous about submitting an incomplete solution.