Computer Networks

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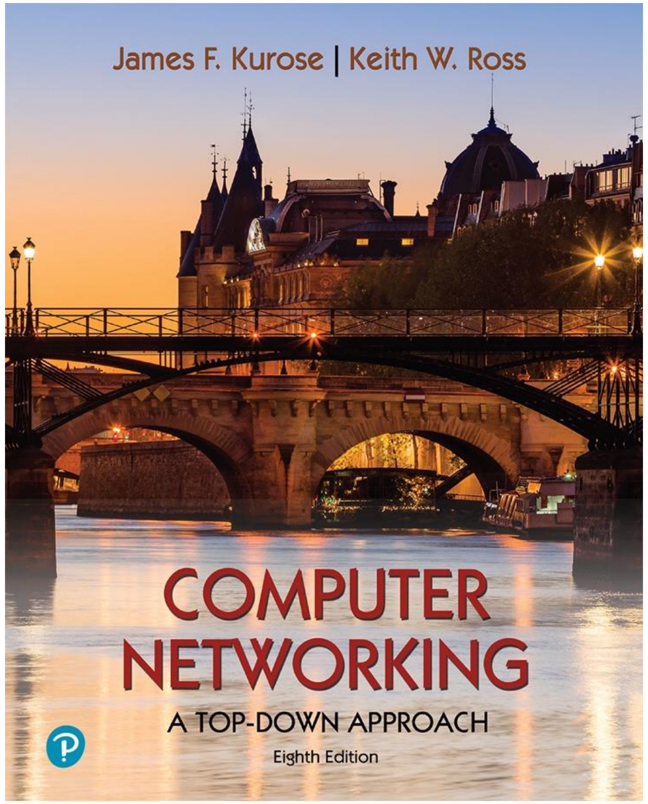
Chapter 5
Network Layer: Control Plane



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Network layer control plane: our goals

- understand principles behind network control plane:
  - traditional routing algorithms
  - SDN controllers
  - network management, configuration
- instantiation, implementation in the Internet:
  - OSPF, BGP
  - OpenFlow, ODL and ONOS controllers
  - Internet Control Message Protocol: ICMP
  - SNMP, YANG/NETCONF

Network layer: “control plane” roadmap

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  - link state
  - distance vector
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Network-layer functions

- forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output

data plane

- routing: determine route taken by packets from source to destination

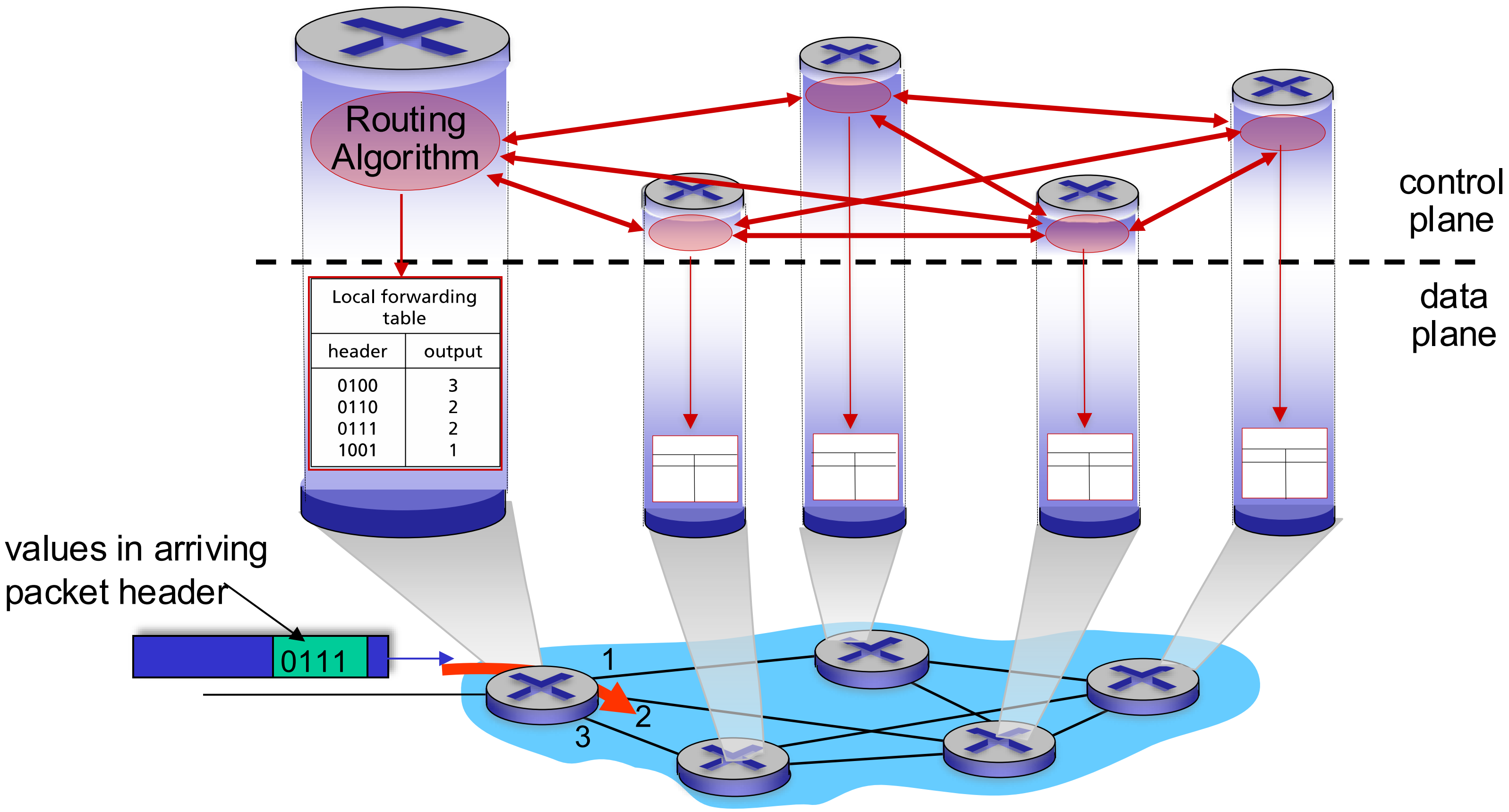
control plane

Two approaches to structuring network control plane:

- per-router control (traditional)
- logically centralized control (software defined networking)

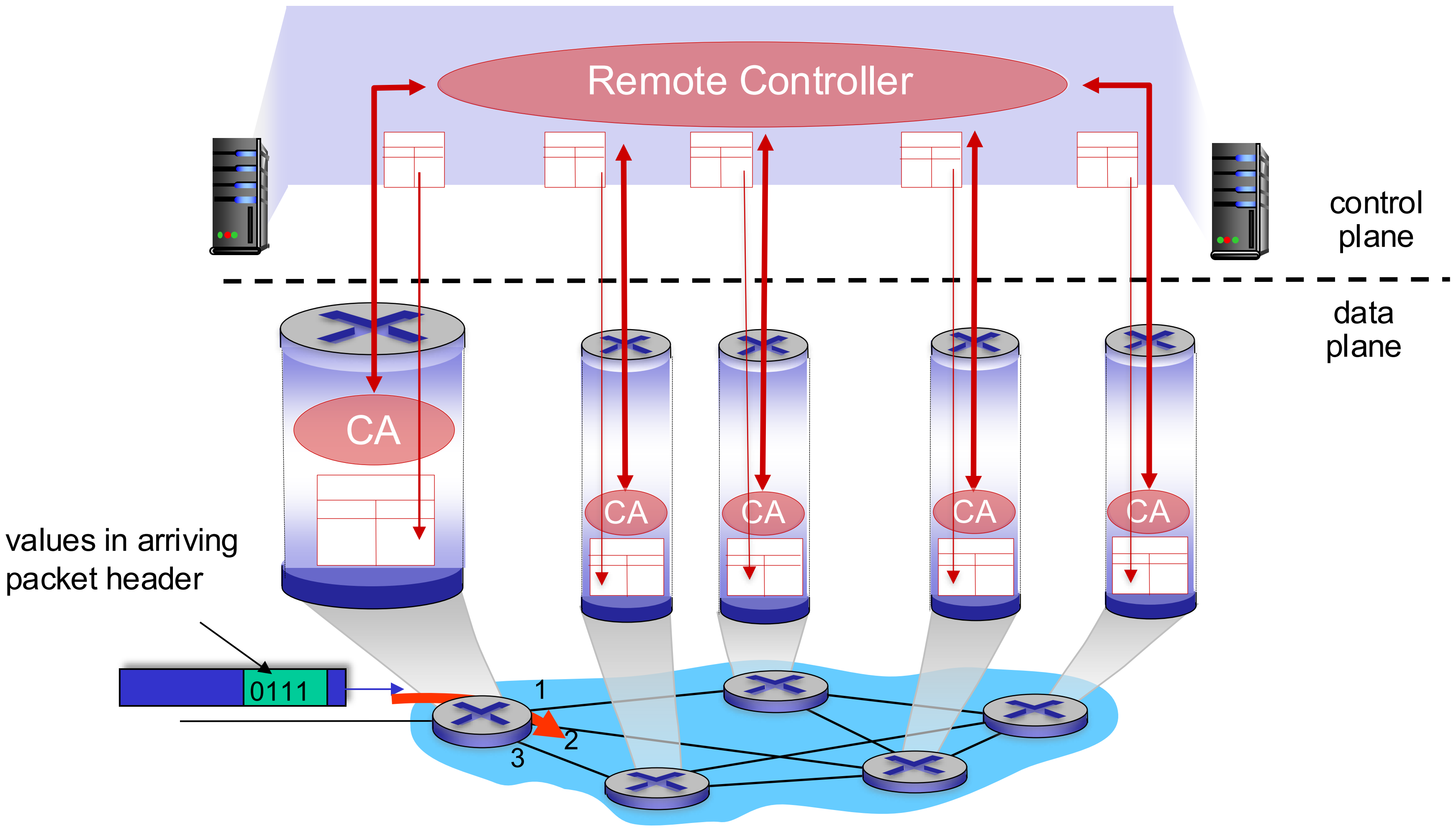
Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact in the control plane

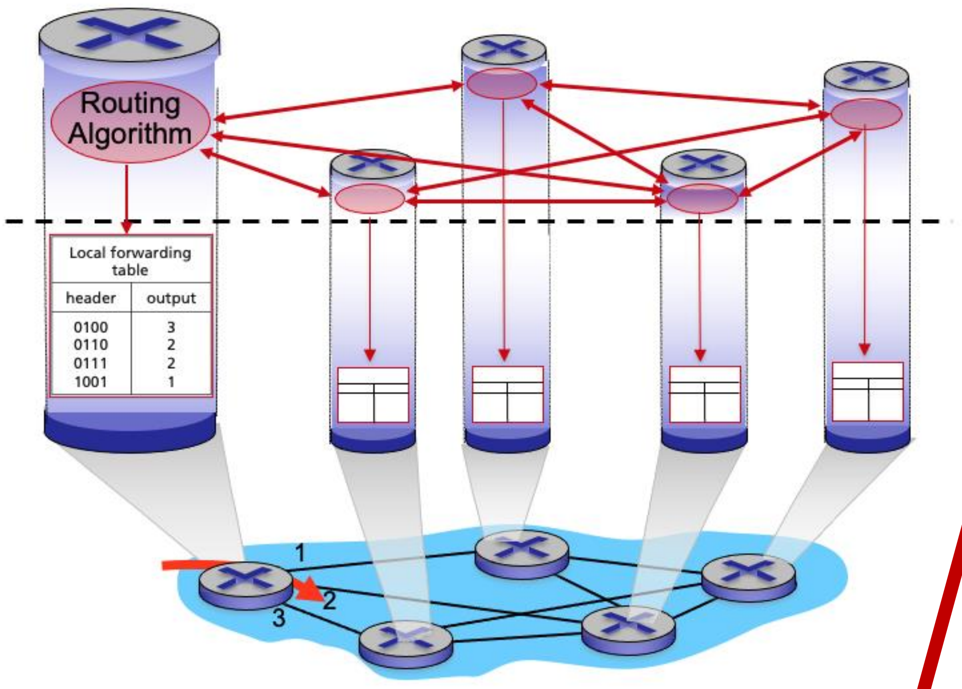


Software-Defined Networking (SDN) control plane

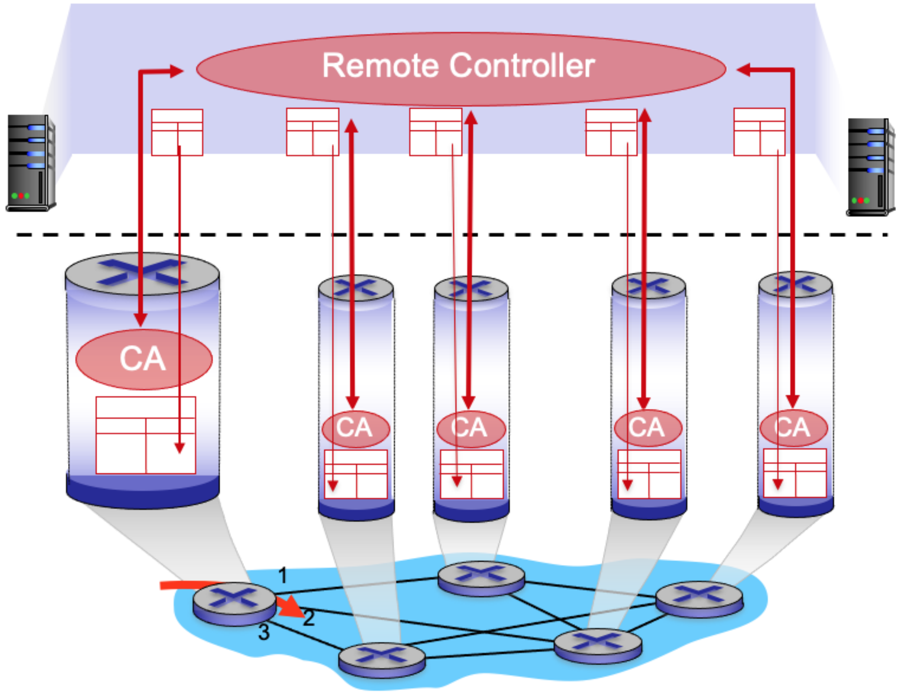
Remote controller computes, installs forwarding tables in routers



Per-router control plane



SDN control plane



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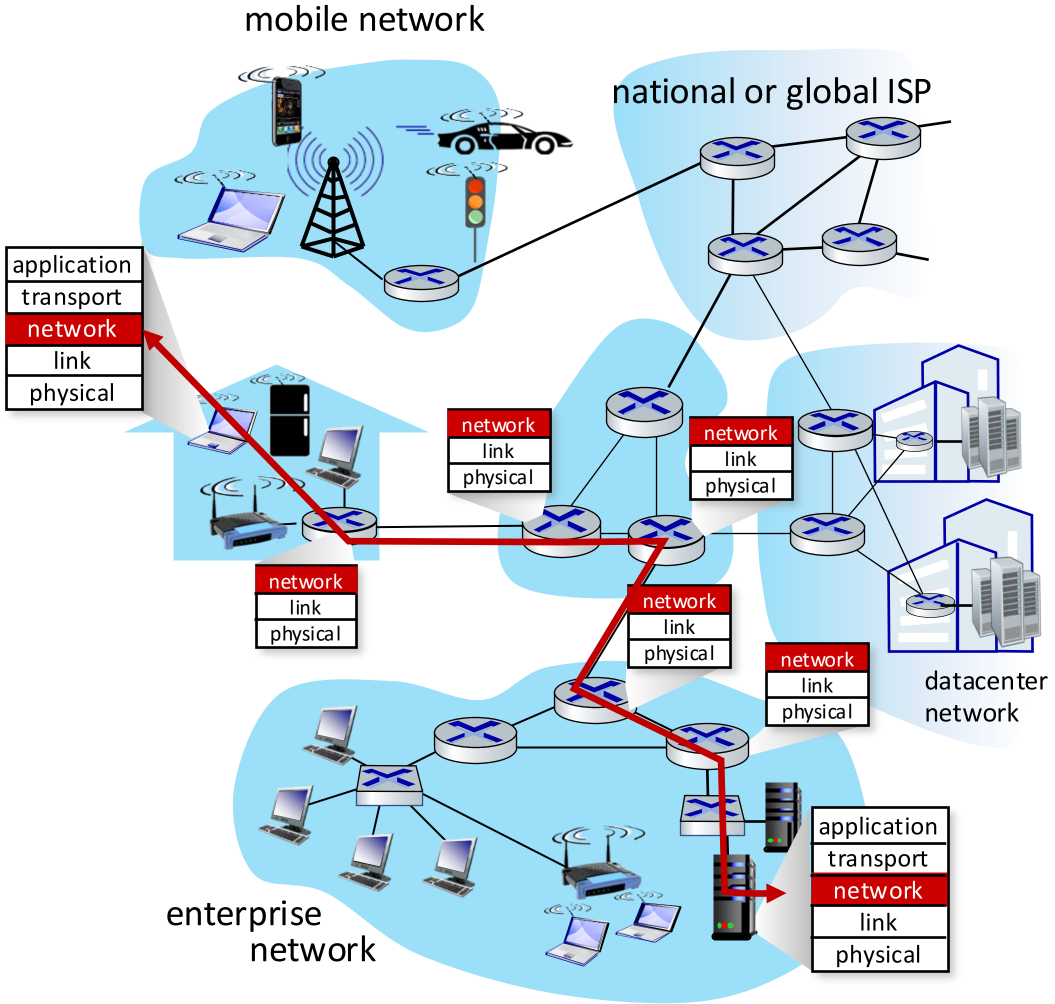
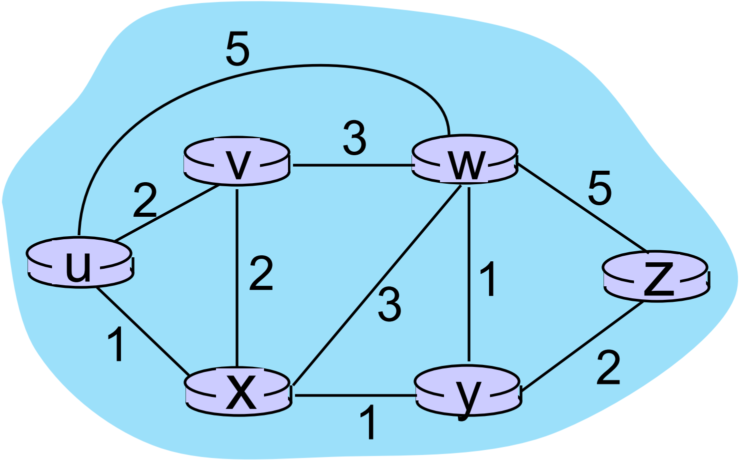
Routing protocols

Routing protocol goal: determine "good" paths (equivalently, routes), from sending hosts to receiving host, through network of routers

- path: sequence of routers packets traverse from given initial source host to final destination host
- "good": least "cost", "fastest", "least congested"
- routing: a "top-10" networking challenge!



Graph abstraction: link costs



$c_{a,b}$: cost of *direct* link connecting a and b

e.g., $c_{w,z} = 5$, $c_{u,z} = \infty$

cost defined by network operator: could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

graph: $G = (N,E)$

N: set of routers = { u, v, w, x, y, z }

E: set of links ={ $(u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z)$ }

Routing algorithm classification

global: all routers have *complete* topology, link cost info
- "link state" algorithms

How fast do routes change?

static: routes change slowly over time

dynamic: routes change more quickly
- periodic updates or in response to link cost changes

decentralized: iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- routers initially only know link costs to attached neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

global or decentralized information?

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Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

- centralized: network topology, link costs known to *all* nodes
  - accomplished via "link state broadcast"
  - all nodes have same info
- computes least cost paths from one node ("source") to all other nodes
  - gives *forwarding table* for that node
- iterative: after *k* iterations, know least cost path to *k* destinations

notation

- $c_{x,y}$: direct link cost from node *x* to *y*; $= \infty$ if not direct neighbors
- *D(v)*: *current* estimate of cost of least-cost-path from source to destination *v*
- *p(v)*: predecessor node along path from source to *v*
- *N'*: set of nodes whose least-cost-path *definitively* known

Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

Initialization:
  $N' = \{u\}$ /* compute least cost path from u to all other nodes */
  for all nodes v
    if v adjacent to u /* u initially knows direct-path-cost only to direct neighbors */
      then $D(v) = c_{u,v}$ /* but may not be *minimum* cost! */
    else $D(v) = \infty$

Loop
  find w not in N' such that $D(w)$ is a minimum
  add w to N'
  update $D(v)$ for all v adjacent to w and not in N' :
    $\mathbf{D(v) = \min(D(v),\ D(w) + c_{w,v})}$
  /* new least-path-cost to v is either old least-cost-path to v or known
  least-cost-path to w plus direct-cost from w to v */
until all nodes in N'

Dijkstra's algorithm: an example

Step	N'	v D(v),p(v)	w D(w),p(w)	x D(x),p(x)	y D(y),p(y)	z D(z),p(z)
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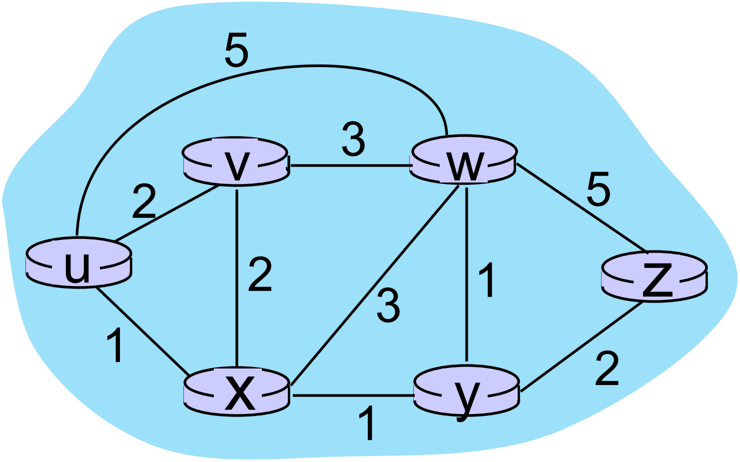

Initialization (step 0):

For all *a*: if *a* adjacent to *u* then $D(a) = c_{u,a}$

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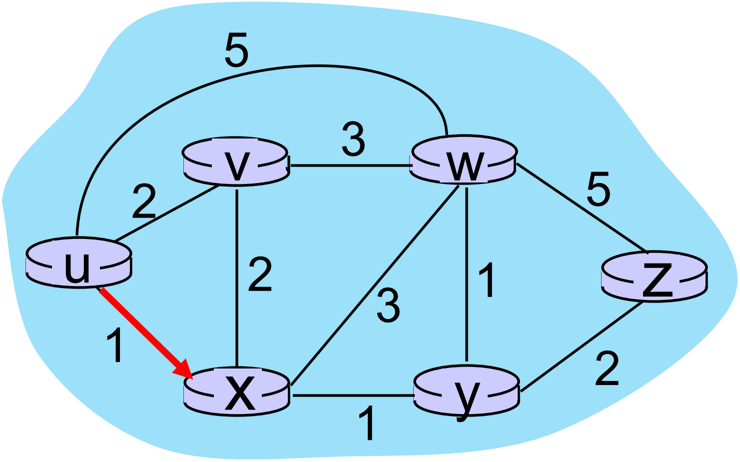

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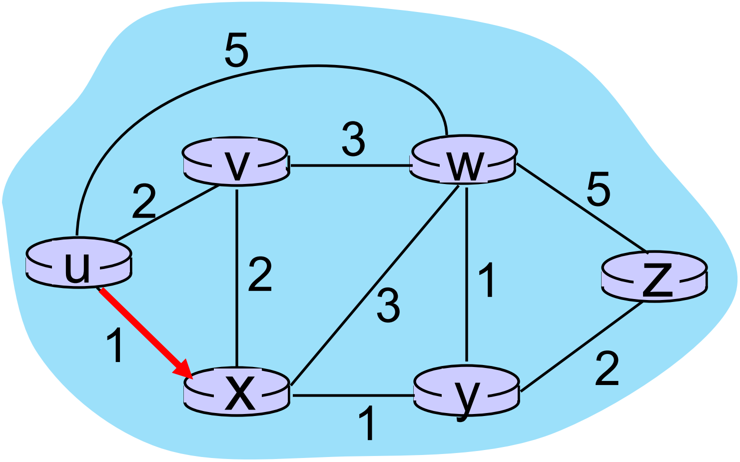

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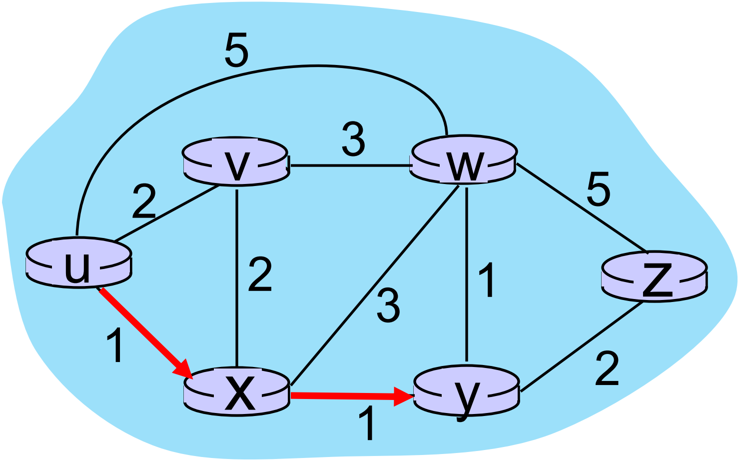

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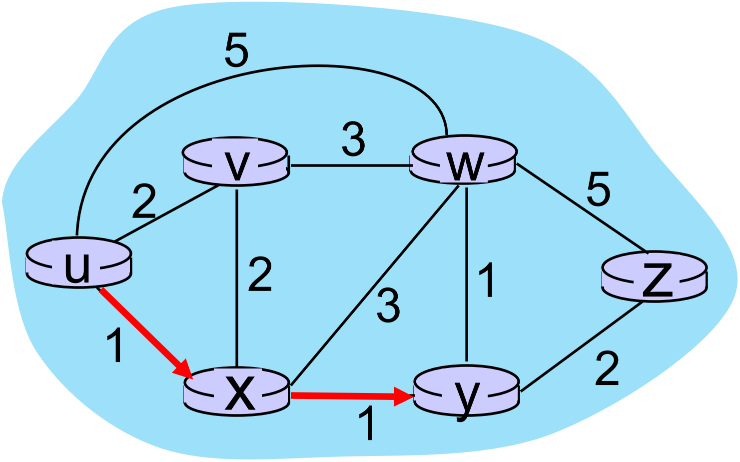

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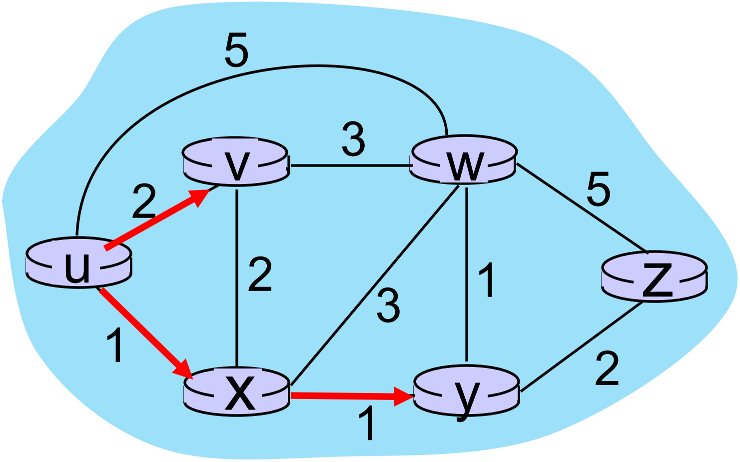

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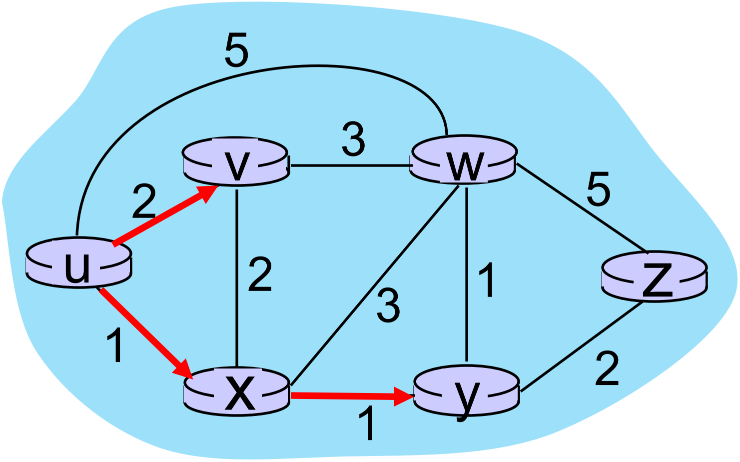

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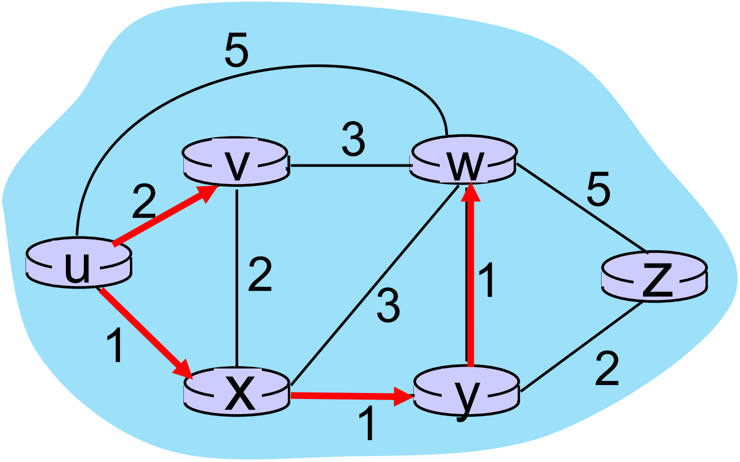

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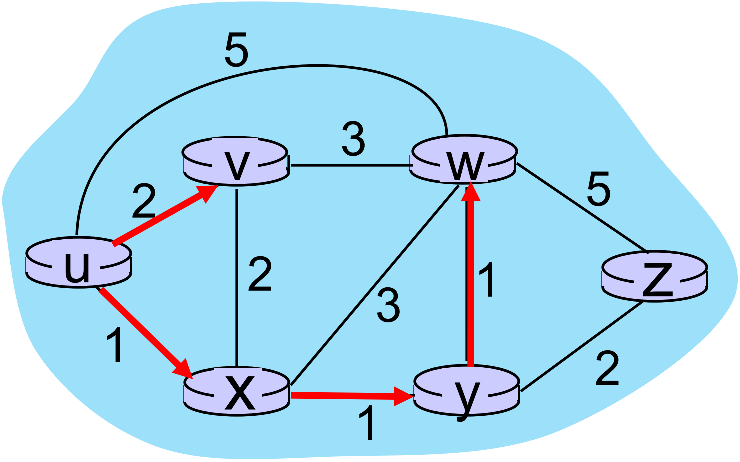

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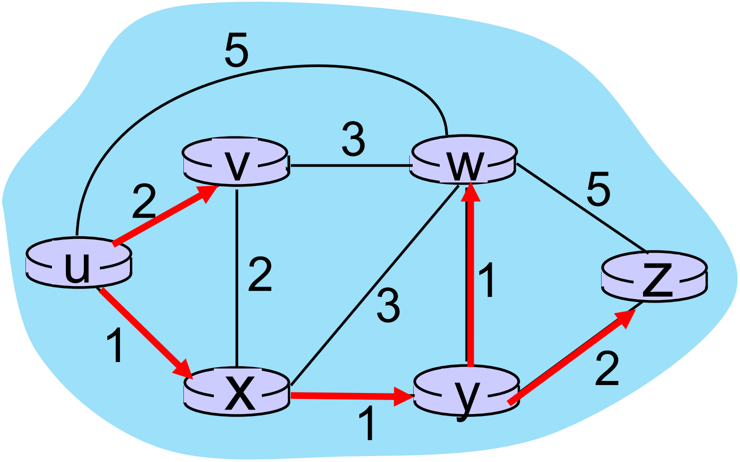

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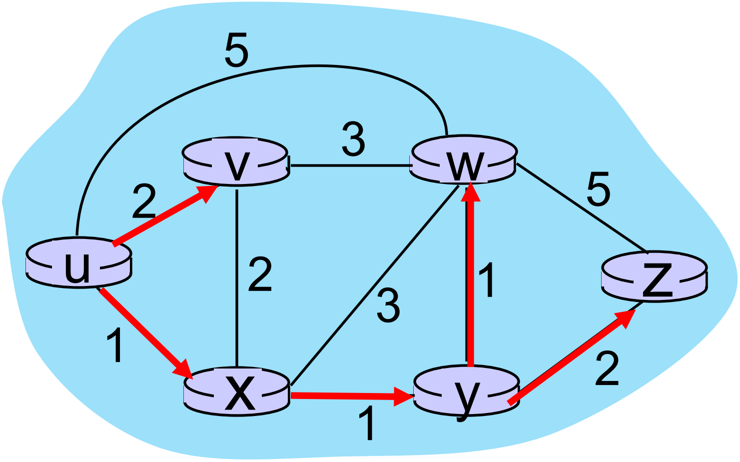

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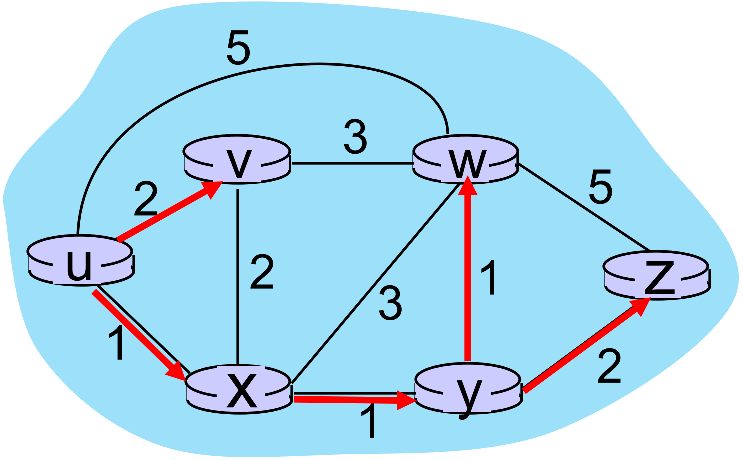
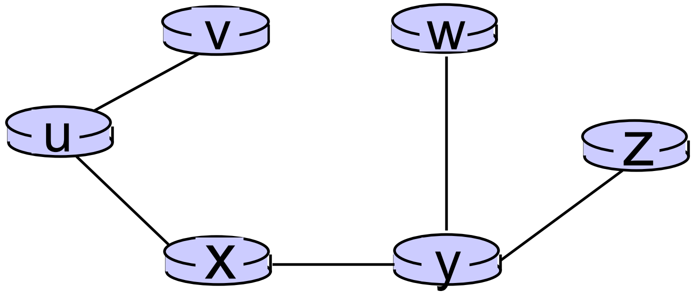


resulting least-cost-path tree from u:



resulting forwarding table in u:

destination	outgoing link
v	(u,v)
x	(u,x)
y	(u,x)
w	(u,x)
x	(u,x)

route from *u* to *v* directly

route from u to all other destinations via *x*

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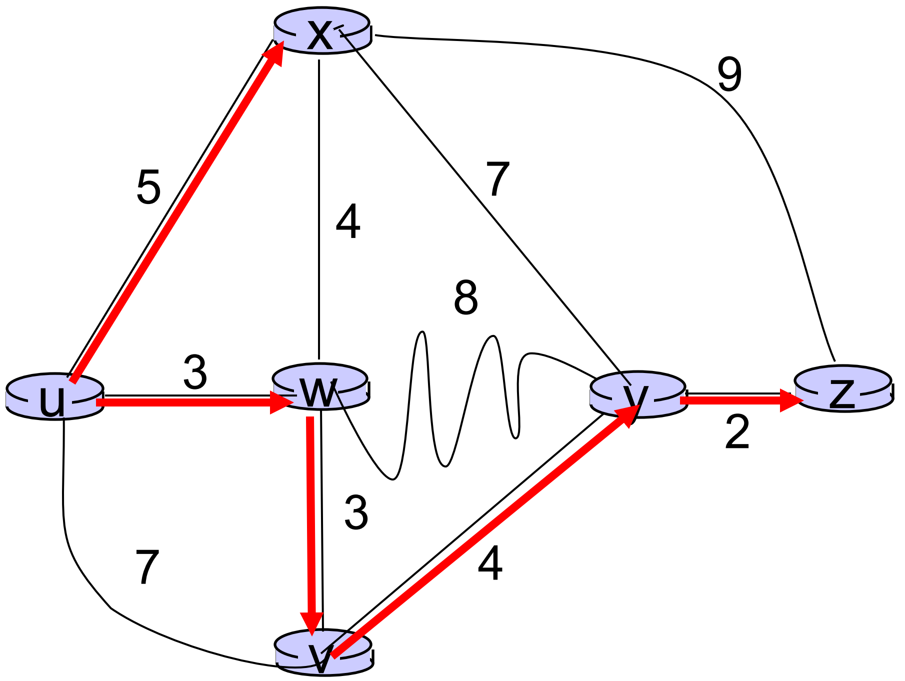


notes:

- construct least-cost-path tree by tracing predecessor nodes
- ties can exist (can be broken arbitrarily)

Dijkstra's algorithm: discussion

algorithm complexity: *n* nodes

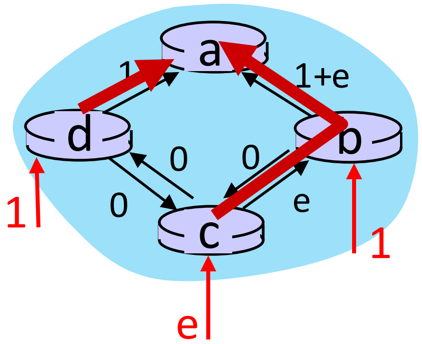
- each of *n* iteration: need to check all nodes, *w*, not in *N*
- $n(n+1)/2$ comparisons: $O(n^2)$ complexity
- more efficient implementations possible: $O(n\log n)$

message complexity:

- each router must *broadcast* its link state information to other *n* routers
- efficient (and interesting!) broadcast algorithms: $O(n)$ link crossings to disseminate a broadcast message from one source
- each router's message crosses $O(n)$ links: overall message complexity: $O(n^2)$

Dijkstra’s algorithm: oscillations possible

- when link costs depend on traffic volume, route oscillations possible
- sample scenario:
  - routing to destination a, traffic entering at d, c, e with rates 1, e (<1), 1
  - link costs are directional, and volume-dependent



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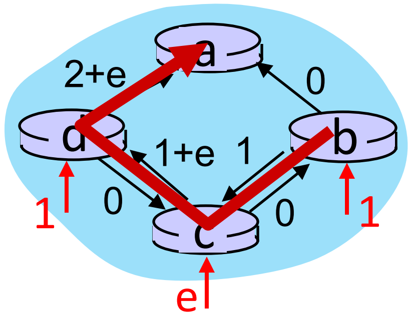

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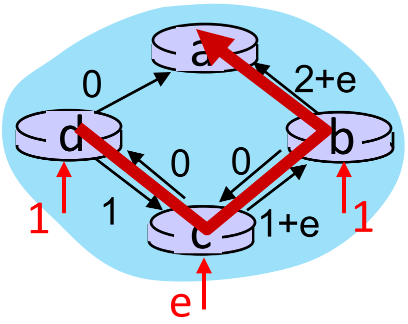

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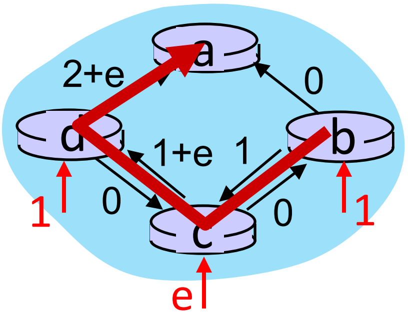

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