

Written Assignment 2

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1. Consider a datagram network using 32-bit host addresses. Suppose a router has four links, numbered 0 through 3, and packets are to be forwarded to the link interfaces as Figure 1.

Destination Address Range	Link Interface
11100000 00000000 00000000 00000000 through 11100000 00111111 11111111 11111111	0
11100000 01000000 00000000 00000000 through 11100000 01000000 11111111 11111111	1
11100000 01000001 00000000 00000000 through 11100001 01111111 11111111 11111111	2
otherwise	3

Figure 1

- a) Provide a forwarding table that has five entries, uses longest prefix matching, and forwards packets to the correct link interfaces. (8%)
- b) Describe how your forwarding table determines the appropriate link interface for datagrams with destination addresses shown in Figure 2. (8%)

	11001000 10010001 01010001 01010101
	11100001 01000000 11000011 00111100
	11100001 10000000 00010001 01110111

Figure 2

2. Consider the topology shown in Figure 3. Denote the three subnets with hosts (starting clockwise at 12:00) as Networks A, B, and C. Denote the subnets without hosts as Networks D, E, and F.
 - a) Assign network addresses to each of these six subnets, with the following constraints: All addresses must be allocated from 214.97.254/23; Subnet A should have enough addresses to support 250 interfaces; Subnet B should have enough addresses to support 120 interfaces; and Subnet C should have enough addresses to support 120 interfaces. Of course, subnets D, E and F should each be able to support two interfaces. For each subnet, the assignment should take the form a.b.c.d/x or a.b.c.d/x – e.f.g.h/y. (8%)
 - b) Using your answer to part a), provide the forwarding tables (using longest prefix matching) for each of the three routers. (8%)

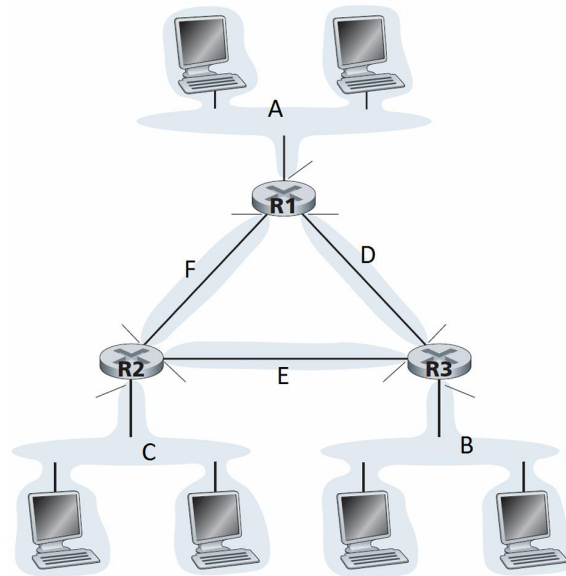


Figure 3

3. Consider sending a 2400-byte datagram into a link that has an MTU of 700 bytes. Suppose the original datagram is stamped with the identification number 422.
 - a) How many fragments are generated? (3%)
 - b) What are the values in the various fields in the IP datagram(s) generated related to fragmentation? (5%)
4. Suppose you are interested in detecting the number of hosts behind a NAT. You observe that the IP layer stamps an identification number sequentially on each IP packet. The identification number of the first IP packet generated by a host is a random number, and the identification numbers of the subsequent IP packets are sequentially assigned. Assume all IP packets generated by hosts behind the NAT are sent to the outside world.
 - a) Based on this observation, and assuming you can sniff all packets sent by the NAT to the outside, can you outline a simple technique that detects the number of unique hosts behind a NAT? Justify your answer. (8%)
 - b) If the identification numbers are not sequentially assigned but randomly assigned, would your technique work? Justify your answer. (8%)
5. Consider the SDN OpenFlow network shown in Figure 4 . Suppose that the desired forwarding behavior for datagrams arriving at s2 is as follows:
 - any datagrams arriving on input port 1 from hosts h5 or h6 that are destined to hosts h1 or h2 should be forwarded over output port 2;
 - any datagrams arriving on input port 2 from hosts h1 or h2 that are destined to hosts h5 or h6 should be forwarded over output port 1;
 - any arriving datagrams on input ports 1 or 2 and destined to hosts h3 or h4 should be delivered to the host specified;

- hosts h3 and h4 should be able to send datagrams to each other.

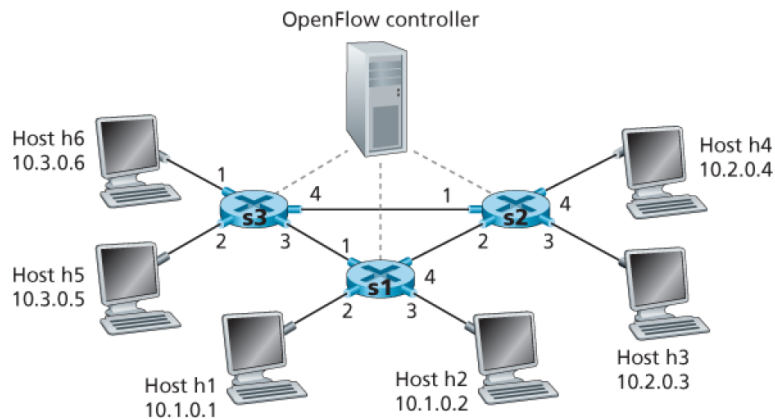


Figure 4

Specify the flow table entries in s2 that implement this forwarding behavior. (10%)

- Consider the network shown in Figure 5. With the indicated link costs, use Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm to compute the shortest path from x to all network nodes. Show how the algorithm works by computing a table similar to Table I. (10%)

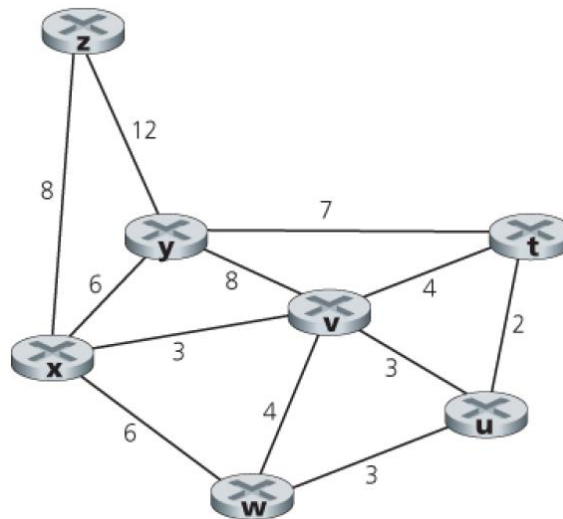


Figure 5

Example:

Consider Figure 6. The source node is u . Compute the least-cost paths from u to all possible destinations. Table I summarizes the computation result using Dijkstra's algorithm.

$D(v)$: Cost of the least-cost path from the source node to destination v as of this iteration of the algorithm.

$p(v)$: Previous node (neighbor of v) along the current least-cost path from the source to v .

N' : Subset of nodes; v is in N' if the least-cost path from the source to v is definitively known.

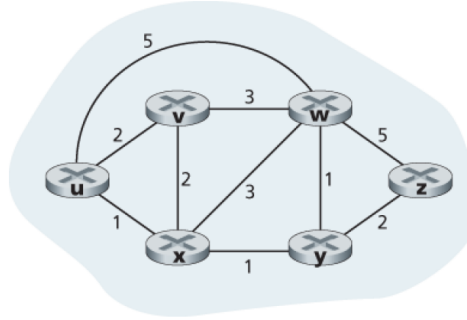


Figure 6

step	N'	$D(v), p(v)$	$D(w), p(w)$	$D(x), p(x)$	$D(y), p(y)$	$D(z), p(z)$
0	u	2, u	5, u	1, u	∞	∞
1	ux	2, u	4, x		2, x	∞
2	uxy	2, u	3, y			4, y
3	uxyv		3, y			4, y
4	uxyvw					4, y
5	uxyvwz					

Table I: The summary of the algorithm's computation.

7. Consider the network fragment shown in Figure 7. x has only two attached neighbors, w and y . w has a minimum-cost path to destination u (not shown) of 5, and y has a minimum-cost path to u of 6. The complete paths from w and y to u (and between w and y) are not shown. All link costs in the network have strictly positive integer values.
 - a) Give x 's distance vector for destinations w , y , and u . (2%)
 - b) Give a link-cost change for either $c(x, w)$ or $c(x, y)$ such that x will inform its neighbors of a new minimum-cost path to u as a result of executing the distance-vector algorithm. Justify your answer. (5%)
 - c) Give a link-cost change for either $c(x, w)$ or $c(x, y)$ such that x will not inform its neighbors of a new minimum-cost path to u as a result of executing the distance-vector algorithm. Justify your answer. (5%)

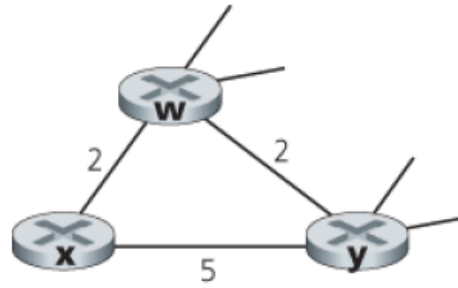


Figure 7

8. Consider the network shown in Figure 8. Suppose AS3 and AS2 are running OSPF for their intra-AS routing protocol. Suppose AS1 and AS4 are running RIP for their intra-AS routing protocol. Suppose eBGP and iBGP are used for the inter-AS routing protocol. Initially suppose there is no physical link between AS2 and AS4.

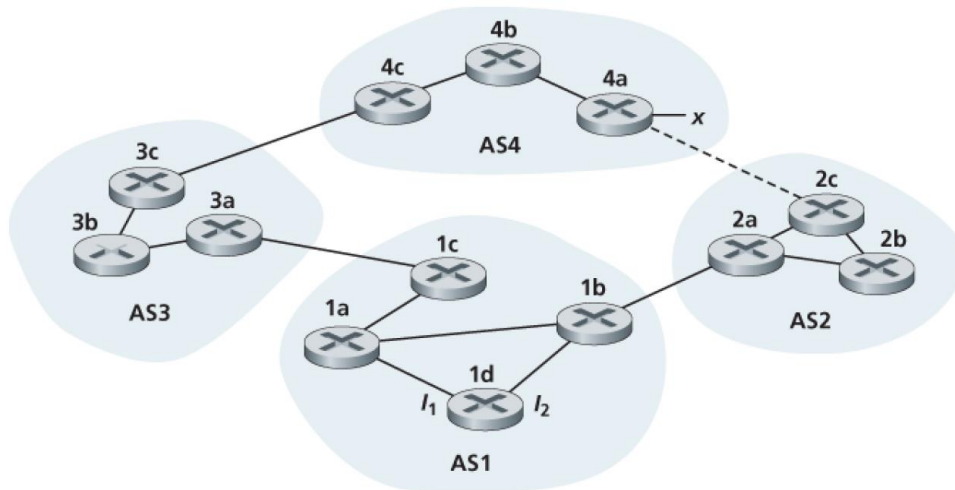


Figure 8

- Router 3c learns about prefix x from which routing protocol: OSPF, RIP, eBGP, or iBGP? (3%)
- Router 3a learns about x from which routing protocol? (3%)
- Router 1c learns about x from which routing protocol? (3%)
- Router 1d learns about x from which routing protocol? (3%)