ELEC 331: Computer Communications
Solutions of Problem Set 1

Problem 1

Students are allowed to summarize a topic/project in IETF that he or she is interested.

Problem 2

(a) The minimum RTT is $2 \times 385{,}000{,}000 \div 3 \times 10^8$ m/s = 2.57 sec.

(b) The delay × bandwidth product is 2.57 s × 1 Gbps = 2.57 Gb = 321 MB.

(c) It represents the amount of data the sender can send before it would be possible to receive a response.

(d) We require at least one RTT from sending the request before the first bit of the picture could begin arriving at the ground. 25 MB is 200 Mb. Assuming bandwidth delay only, it would then take 200 Mb/ 1000 Mbps = 0.2 sec to finish sending, for a total time of 0.2 + 2.57 = 2.77 sec until the last picture bit arrives on earth.

Problem 3

(a) Let N denote the number of data packets sent using packet switching. We have $N = F/1000$. The size of each packet is 1024 bytes. The number of bytes sent using packet switching is $1024\,N = 1024F/1000$.

The number of bytes for "connection request" message is 1024 bytes. The number of bytes for a "connection reply" message is 1024 bytes. The file size is F bytes. The number of bytes sent using circuit switching is $2048 + F$.

$2048 + F < 1024F/1000 \;\Rightarrow\; F > 85{,}333$ bytes.

(b) The transmission delay for each data packet $d_{\text{tran}} = 1024 \times 8 / (4 \times 10^6) = 2.048$ ms.
The propagation delay of each link $d_{\text{prop}} = 2$ ms.
The processing delay of each packet by a switch $d_{\text{proc}} = 1$ ms
The total number of links $L = 6$.
The total delay of sending the file using packet switching is $(N + L - 1)d_{\text{tran}} + (L - 1)d_{\text{proc}} + Ld_{\text{prop}}$.

The transmission delay for each control message (e.g., connection request, reply) $d_{\text{tran}} = 1024 \times 8 / (4 \times 10^6) = 2.048$ ms.
The delay of sending connection request and connection reply messages is $2\times (Ld_{\text{tran}} + (L - 1)d_{\text{proc}} + Ld_{\text{prop}})$.
The transmission delay of sending a file with F bytes using circuit switching is $F \times 8 / (4 \times 10^6)$.
The total delay of sending the file (including connection setup) using circuit switching is $2\times (Ld_{\text{tran}} + (L - 1)d_{\text{proc}} + Ld_{\text{prop}}) + F \times 8 / (4 \times 10^6) + Ld_{\text{prop}}$.

$2\times (Ld_{\text{tran}} + (L - 1)d_{\text{proc}} + Ld_{\text{prop}}) + F \times 8 / (4 \times 10^6) + Ld_{\text{prop}} < (F/1000 + L - 1)d_{\text{tran}} + (L - 1)d_{\text{proc}} + Ld_{\text{prop}}$

⇨ $F > 902833$ bytes.

Problem 4, Question P18 from eText

On Linux, you can use the command `traceroute www.targethost.com`
In the Windows command prompt, you can use `tracert www.targethost.com`
In either case, you will get three delay measurements. For those three measurements you can calculate the mean and standard deviation. Repeat the experiment at different times of the day and comment on any changes.
Here is an example solution:

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traceroute to www.poly.edu (128.238.24.40), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
 1  thunder.sdsc.edu (132.249.20.5)  2.802 ms  0.645 ms  0.484 ms
 2  dolphin.sdsc.edu (132.249.31.17)  0.227 ms  0.248 ms  0.239 ms
 3  dc-sdg-agg1--sdsc-1.cenic.net (137.164.23.129)  0.360 ms  0.260 ms  0.240 ms
 4  dc-riv-core1--sdg-agg1-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.47.14)  8.847 ms  8.497 ms  8.230 ms
 5  dc-lax-core1--lax-core2-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.46.64)  9.969 ms  9.920 ms  9.846 ms
 6  dc-lax-px1--lax-core1-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.46.151)  9.845 ms  9.729 ms  9.724 ms
 7  hurricane--lax-px1-ge.cenic.net (198.32.251.86)  9.971 ms  16.981 ms  9.850 ms
 8  10gigabitethernet4-3.core1.nyc4.he.net (72.52.92.225)  72.796 ms  80.278 ms  72.346 ms
 9  10gigabitethernet3-4.core1.nyc5.he.net (184.105.213.218)  71.126 ms  71.442 ms  73.623 ms
10  lightower-fiber-networks.10gigabitethernet3-2.core1.nyc5.he.net (216.66.50.106)  70.924 ms  70.959 ms  71.072 ms
11  ae0.nycmnyzrj91.lightower.net (72.22.160.156)  70.870 ms  71.089 ms  70.957 ms
12  72.22.188.102 (72.22.188.102)  71.242 ms  71.228 ms  71.102 ms
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traceroute to www.poly.edu (128.238.24.40), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
 1  thunder.sdsc.edu (132.249.20.5)  0.478 ms  0.353 ms  0.308 ms
 2  dolphin.sdsc.edu (132.249.31.17)  0.212 ms  0.251 ms  0.238 ms
 3  dc-sdg-agg1--sdsc-1.cenic.net (137.164.23.129)  0.237 ms  0.246 ms  0.240 ms
 4  dc-riv-core1--sdg-agg1-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.47.14)  8.628 ms  8.348 ms  8.357 ms
 5  dc-lax-core1--lax-core2-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.46.64)  9.934 ms  9.963 ms  9.852 ms
 6  dc-lax-px1--lax-core1-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.46.151)  9.831 ms  9.814 ms  9.676 ms
 7  hurricane--lax-px1-ge.cenic.net (198.32.251.86)  10.194 ms  10.012 ms  16.722 ms
 8  10gigabitethernet4-3.core1.nyc4.he.net (72.52.92.225)  73.856 ms  73.196 ms  73.979 ms
 9  10gigabitethernet3-4.core1.nyc5.he.net (184.105.213.218)  71.247 ms  71.199 ms  71.646 ms
10  lightower-fiber-networks.10gigabitethernet3-2.core1.nyc5.he.net (216.66.50.106)  70.987 ms  71.073 ms  70.985 ms
11  ae0.nycmnyzrj91.lightower.net (72.22.160.156)  71.075 ms  71.042 ms  71.328 ms
12  72.22.188.102 (72.22.188.102)  71.626 ms  71.299 ms  72.236 ms
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 1  thunder.sdsc.edu (132.249.20.5)  0.403 ms  0.347 ms  0.358 ms
 2  dolphin.sdsc.edu (132.249.31.17)  0.225 ms  0.244 ms  0.237 ms
 3  dc-sdg-agg1--sdsc-1.cenic.net (137.164.23.129)  0.362 ms  0.256 ms  0.239 ms
 4  dc-riv-core1--sdg-agg1-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.47.14)  8.850 ms  8.358 ms  8.227 ms
 5  dc-lax-core1--lax-core2-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.46.64)  10.096 ms  9.869 ms  10.351 ms
 6  dc-lax-px1--lax-core1-10ge-2.cenic.net (137.164.46.151)  9.721 ms  9.621 ms  9.725 ms
 7  hurricane--lax-px1-ge.cenic.net (198.32.251.86)  11.345 ms  10.048 ms  13.844 ms
 8  10gigabitethernet4-3.core1.nyc4.he.net (72.52.92.225)  71.920 ms  72.977 ms  77.264 ms
 9  10gigabitethernet3-4.core1.nyc5.he.net (184.105.213.218)  71.273 ms  71.247 ms  71.291 ms
10  lightower-fiber-networks.10gigabitethernet3-2.core1.nyc5.he.net (216.66.50.106)  71.114 ms  82.516 ms  71.136 ms
11  ae0.nycmnyzrj91.lightower.net (72.22.160.156)  71.232 ms  71.071 ms  71.039 ms
12  72.22.188.102 (72.22.188.102)  71.585 ms  71.608 ms  71.493 ms
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Traceroutes between San Diego Super Computer Center and www.poly.edu

a) The average (mean) of the round-trip delays at each of the three hours is 71.18 ms, 71.38 ms, and 71.55 ms, respectively. The standard deviations are 0.075 ms, 0.21 ms, and 0.05 ms, respectively.

b) In this example, the traceroutes have 12 routers in the path at each of the three hours. No, the paths didn't change during any of the hours.

c) Traceroute packets passed through four ISP networks from source to destination. Yes, in this experiment the largest delays occurred at peering interfaces between adjacent ISPs.

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traceroute to www.poly.edu (128.238.24.40), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1  62-193-36-1.stella-net.net (62.193.36.1)  0.500 ms  0.415 ms  0.440 ms
 2  62.193.33.29 (62.193.33.29)  0.910 ms  1.065 ms  1.026 ms
 3  bg1.stella-net.net (62.193.32.254)  0.972 ms  1.026 ms  1.078 ms
 4  62.193.32.66 (62.193.32.66)  1.021 ms  0.988 ms  0.947 ms
 5  10gigabitethernet-2-2.par2.he.net (195.42.144.104)  1.537 ms  1.752 ms  1.714 ms
 6  10gigabitethernet7-1.core1.ash1.he.net (184.105.213.93)  80.273 ms  80.103 ms  79.971 ms
 7  10gigabitethernet1-2.core1.nyc4.he.net (72.52.92.85)  86.494 ms  85.872 ms  86.223 ms
 8  10gigabitethernet3-4.core1.nyc5.he.net (184.105.213.218)  85.248 ms  85.424 ms  85.388 ms
 9  lightower-fiber-networks.10gigabitethernet3-2.core1.nyc5.he.net (216.66.50.106)  86.194 ms  85.864 ms  86.116 ms
10  ae0.nycmnyzrj91.lightower.net (72.22.160.156)  85.796 ms  85.823 ms  85.766 ms
11  72.22.188.102 (72.22.188.102)  87.717 ms  86.817 ms  86.774 ms

traceroute to www.poly.edu (128.238.24.40), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1  62-193-36-1.stella-net.net (62.193.36.1)  0.375 ms  0.397 ms  0.355 ms
 2  62.193.33.29 (62.193.33.29)  0.810 ms  0.877 ms  0.836 ms
 3  bg1.stella-net.net (62.193.32.254)  1.098 ms  0.991 ms  1.055 ms
 4  62.193.32.66 (62.193.32.66)  0.994 ms  0.960 ms  1.157 ms
 5  10gigabitethernet-2-2.par2.he.net (195.42.144.104)  1.679 ms  1.816 ms  1.768 ms
 6  10gigabitethernet7-1.core1.ash1.he.net (184.105.213.93)  80.416 ms  90.573 ms  90.659 ms
 7  10gigabitethernet1-2.core1.nyc4.he.net (72.52.92.85)  85.933 ms  95.987 ms  96.087 ms
 8  10gigabitethernet3-4.core1.nyc5.he.net (184.105.213.218)  90.268 ms  90.229 ms  90.030 ms
 9  lightower-fiber-networks.10gigabitethernet3-2.core1.nyc5.he.net (216.66.50.106)  85.833 ms  85.448 ms  85.418 ms
10  ae0.nycmnyzrj91.lightower.net (72.22.160.156)  87.067 ms  86.025 ms  85.962 ms
11  72.22.188.102 (72.22.188.102)  86.542 ms  86.369 ms  86.170 ms

traceroute to 128.238.24.40 (128.238.24.40), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1  62-193-36-1.stella-net.net (62.193.36.1)  0.396 ms  0.284 ms  0.239 ms
 2  62.193.33.29 (62.193.33.29)  0.817 ms  0.786 ms  0.848 ms
 3  bg1.stella-net.net (62.193.32.254)  1.150 ms  1.216 ms  1.265 ms
 4  62.193.32.66 (62.193.32.66)  1.002 ms  0.963 ms  0.923 ms
 5  10gigabitethernet-2-2.par2.he.net (195.42.144.104)  1.573 ms  1.534 ms  1.643 ms
 6  10gigabitethernet7-1.core1.ash1.he.net (184.105.213.93)  88.738 ms  82.866 ms  82.783 ms
 7  10gigabitethernet1-2.core1.nyc4.he.net (72.52.92.85)  94.888 ms  90.936 ms  90.877 ms
 8  10gigabitethernet3-4.core1.nyc5.he.net (184.105.213.218)  90.498 ms  90.543 ms  90.482 ms
 9  lightower-fiber-networks.10gigabitethernet3-2.core1.nyc5.he.net (216.66.50.106)  85.716 ms  85.408 ms  85.637 ms
10  ae0.nycmnyzrj91.lightower.net (72.22.160.156)  85.779 ms  85.290 ms  85.252 ms
11  72.22.188.102 (72.22.188.102)  86.217 ms  86.652 ms  86.588 ms
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Traceroutes from www.stella-net.net (France) to www.poly.edu (USA).

d) The average round-trip delays at each of the three hours are 87.09 ms, 86.35 ms and 86.48 ms, respectively. The standard deviations are 0.53 ms, 0.18 ms, 0.23 ms, respectively. In this example, there are 11 routers in the path at each of the three hours. No, the paths didn't change during any of the hours. Traceroute packets passed three ISP networks from source to destination. Yes, in this experiment the largest delays occurred at peering interfaces between adjacent ISPs.

Problem 5, Question P22 from eText

The probability of successfully receiving a packet is: $p_s = (1-p)^N$. The number of transmissions needed to be performed until the packet is successfully received by the client is a geometric random variable with success probability p_s. The average number of transmissions needed is given by $\frac{1}{p_s}$. Thus, the average number of re-transmissions needed is given by: $\frac{1}{p_s} - 1$.