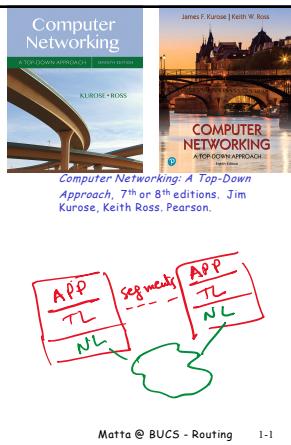


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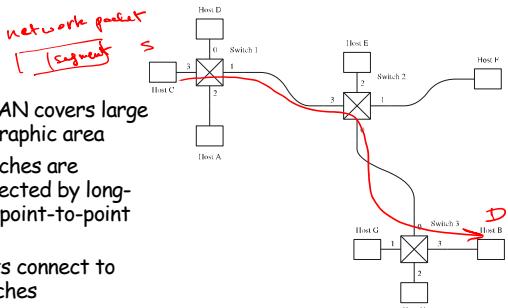
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Routing Services



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Wide Area Networks

- ❑ A WAN covers large geographic area
- ❑ Switches are connected by long-haul point-to-point links
- ❑ Hosts connect to switches

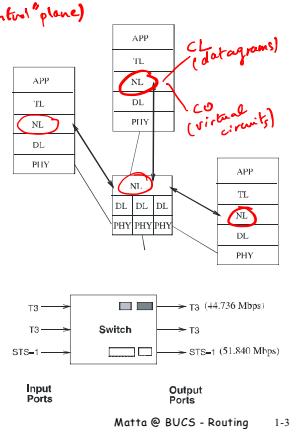


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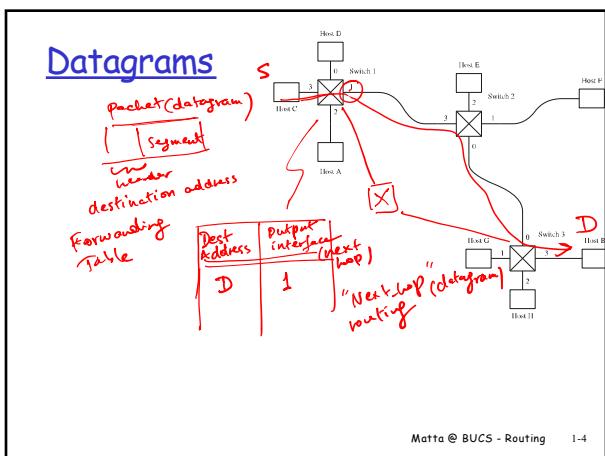
WANS

- ❑ Network layer deals with **packet routing**: the process of selecting paths/routes (path = sequence of switches and links) for the packets to take to reach their destination
- ❑ A WAN has a **maximum packet size** to bound packet delays; may need fragmentation/reassembly at the higher layer

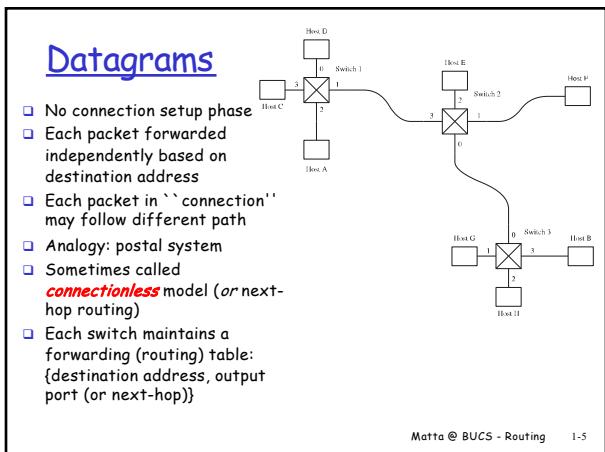


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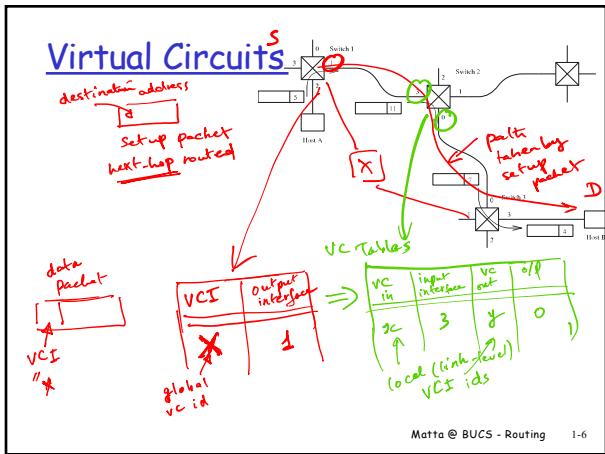
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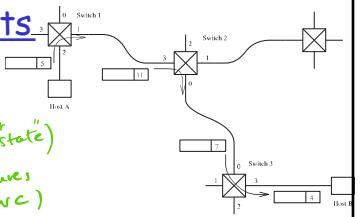
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Virtual Circuits

- wait for RTT
- extra VC tables ("state")
- not resilient to failures
(re-establish VC)
- + in-order delivery
- + performance guarantees

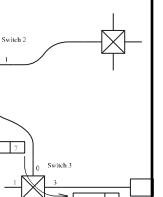


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Virtual Circuits

- ❑ Explicit connection setup (and tear-down) phase
- ❑ Setup packet is routed using next-hop routing
- ❑ Subsequent packets follow same route, thus arrive in order
- ❑ Analogy: phone call
- ❑ Sometimes called **connection-oriented** model (or VC routing)
- ❑ Each switch maintains a VC table: {input VCI, input port, output VCI, output port}
- ❑ VCI in header is interchanged by nodes as they forward data packet



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Virtual Circuits versus Datagrams

Virtual Circuit Model:

- ❑ Typically wait full RTT for connection setup before sending first data packet
- ❑ While the connection request contains the full address of destination, each data packet contains only a small identifier, making the per-packet header overhead small
- ❑ Need per-connection state at switches
- ❑ If a switch or a link in a connection fails, the connection is broken and a new one needs to be established
- ❑ Connection setup provides an opportunity to reserve resources (to guarantee QoS)

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Virtual Circuits versus Datagrams (cont'd)

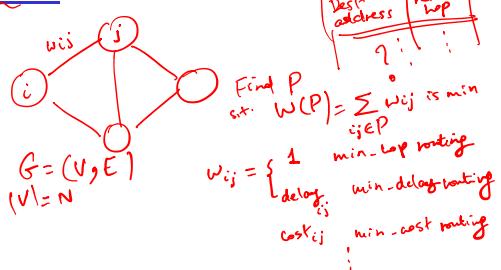
Datagram Model:

- There is no round trip time delay waiting for connection setup; a host can send data as soon as it is ready
- Since every packet must carry the full address of the destination, the overhead per packet is higher than for the connection-oriented model
- No connection state in switches
- Since packets are treated independently, it is easier to route around link and node failures
- Source host has no way of knowing if the network is capable of delivering a packet or if the destination host is even up

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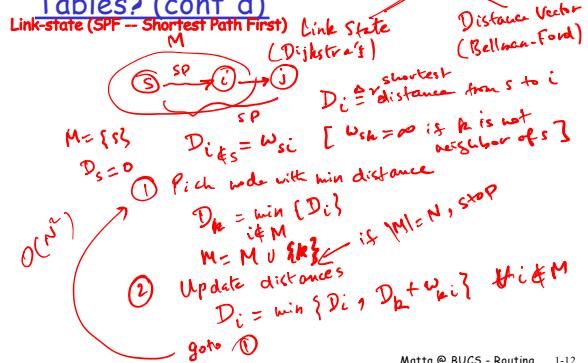
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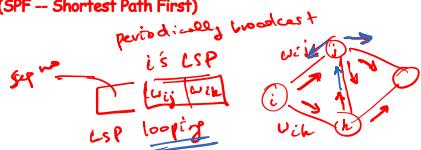


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How do Switches Maintain Routing Tables? (cont'd)

Link-state (SPF – Shortest Path First)



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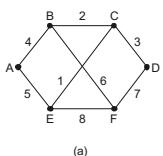
Link-state (SPF – Shortest Path First)

- Each node maintains a complete view of the topology: each node periodically broadcasts to all nodes (not just neighbors) the costs/status of its outgoing links (not entire routing table)
 - Link State Packet (LSP)
 - id of the node that created the LSP
 - cost of link to each directly connected neighbor
 - sequence number (SEQNO)
 - age or time-to-live (TTL) for this packet
- Reliable Flooding
 - store most recent LSP from each node
 - forward LSP to all neighbor nodes but one that sent it
 - generate new LSP periodically; increment SEQNO
 - start SEQNO at 0 when reboot
 - decrement TTL of each stored LSP; discard when TTL=0
- When a link state message arrives and the view changes accordingly, the node recomputes routes by applying "Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm"

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LS Propagation Protocol



(a)

| Link | | State | | Packets | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| A | B | C | D | E | F |
| Seq. | Seq. | Seq. | Seq. | Seq. | Seq. |
| Age | Age | Age | Age | Age | Age |
| B 4 | A 4 | B 2 | C 3 | A 5 | B 6 |
| E 5 | C 2 | D 3 | F 7 | C 1 | D 7 |
| | F 6 | E 1 | | F 8 | E 8 |

(b)

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Route Calculation in Link State

- Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm
- N denotes set of nodes in the graph
- $l(i,j)$ denotes non-negative cost (weight) for edge (i,j)
- s in N denotes this node
- M denotes the set of nodes incorporated so far
- $C(n)$ denotes cost of the path from s to node n

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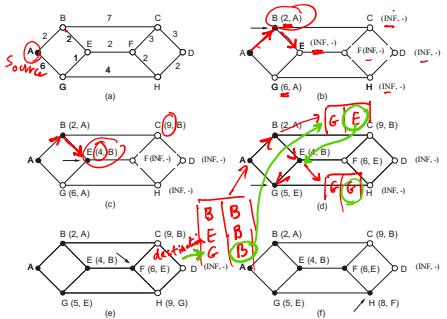
 $M = \{s\}$ 
for each  $n$  in  $N - \{s\}$ 
     $C(n) = l(s,n)$ 
while ( $M \neq N$ )
     $M = M \cup \{w\}$  such that
         $C(w)$  is the minimum for all  $w$  in  $(N-M)$ 
    for each  $n$  in  $(N-M)$ 
         $C(n) = \text{MIN}(C(n), C(w)+l(w,n))$ 

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Dijkstra's Algorithm in action



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