

Problem 33

- a) TCP slowstart is operating in the intervals [1,6] and [23,26]
- b) TCP congestion avoidance is operating in the intervals [6,16] and [17,22]
- c) After the 16th transmission round, packet loss is recognized by a triple duplicate ACK. If there was a timeout, the congestion window size would have dropped to 1.
- d) After the 22nd transmission round, segment loss is detected due to timeout, and hence the congestion window size is set to 1.
- e) The threshold is initially 32, since it is at this window size that slowstart stops and congestion avoidance begins.
- f) The threshold is set to half the value of the congestion window when packet loss is detected. When loss is detected during transmission round 16, the congestion window size is 42. Hence the threshold is 21 during the 18th transmission round.
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- h) During the 1st transmission round, packet 1 is sent; packet 2-3 are sent in the 2nd transmission round; packets 4-7 are sent in the 3rd transmission round; packets 8-15 are sent in the 4th transmission round; packets 15-31 are sent in the 5th transmission round; packets 32-63 are sent in the 6th transmission round; packets 64 – 96 are sent in the 7th transmission round. Thus packet 70 is sent in the 7th transmission round.
- i) The congestion window and threshold will be set to half the current value of the congestion window (8) when the loss occurred. Thus the new values of the threshold and window will be 4.

Note: for problem (g), the threshold should be $26/2=13$.