Chapter 5 Network Layer: Control Plane

Chapter 5: Goals

understand principles behind network control plane

- traditional routing algorithms
- Routing algorithms

and their instantiation, implementation in the Internet:

OSPF, BGP

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Network-layer functions

Recall: two 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:

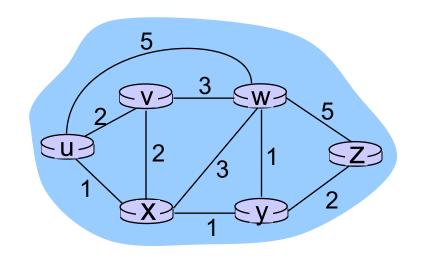
- per-router control (traditional)
- logically centralized control (software defined networking)

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 will traverse in going from given initial source host to given final destination host
- "good": least "cost", "fastest", "least congested"
- routing: a "top-10" networking challenge!

Graph abstraction



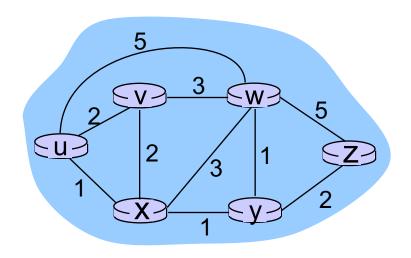
graph: G = (N,E)

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

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

aside: graph abstraction is useful in other network contexts, e.g., P2P, where N is set of peers and E is set of TCP connections

Graph abstraction: costs



$$c(x,x') = cost of link (x,x')$$

e.g., $c(w,z) = 5$

cost could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

cost of path
$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_p) = c(x_1, x_2) + c(x_2, x_3) + ... + c(x_{p-1}, x_p)$$

key question: what is the least-cost path between u and z? routing algorithm: algorithm that finds that least cost path

Routing algorithm classification

Q: global or decentralized information?

global:

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

decentralized:

- router knows physicallyconnected neighbors, link costs to neighbors
- iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

Q: static or dynamic?

static:

routes change slowly over time

dynamic:

- routes change more quickly
 - periodic update
 - in response to link cost changes

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A Link-State Routing Algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm

- net 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 dest.'s

notation:

- D(v): current value of cost of path from source to dest. v
- p(v): predecessor node along path from source to v
- N': set of nodes whose least cost path definitively known

Dijsktra's Algorithm

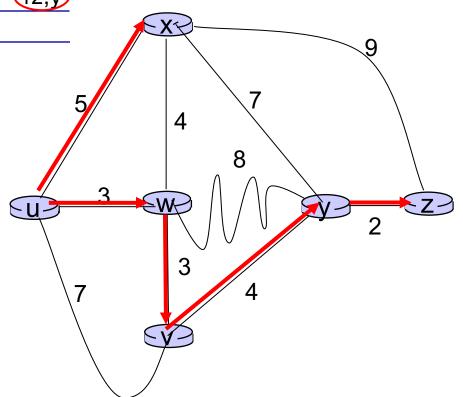
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Initialization:
   N' = \{u\}
   for all nodes v
     if v adjacent to u
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       then D(v) = c(u,v)
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     else D(v) = \infty
   Loop
    find w 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':
       D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c(w,v))
13 /* new cost to v is either old cost to v or known
     shortest path cost to w plus cost from w to v */
15 until all nodes in N'
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Dijkstra's algorithm: example

		$D(\mathbf{v})$	D(w)	D(x)	D(y)	D(z)
Step) N'	p(v)	p(w)	p(x)	p(y)	p(z)
0	u	7,u	(3,u)	5,u	∞	∞
1	uw	6,w		5,u) 11,W	∞
2	uwx	6,w			11,W	14,x
3	uwxv				10,V	14,x
4	uwxvy					(12,y)
5	uwxvyz			_		

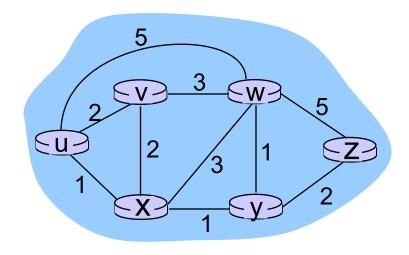
notes:

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



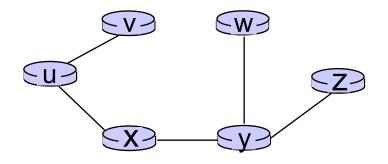
Dijkstra's algorithm: another example

St	ер	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 <mark>←</mark>	2, u	3,y			4,y
	3	uxyv 🕶		3,y			4,y
	4	uxyvw 🕶					4,y
	5	uxyvwz 🗲					



Dijkstra's algorithm: example (2)

resulting shortest-path tree from u:



resulting forwarding table in u:

destination	link		
V	(u,v)		
X	(u,x)		
У	(u,x)		
W	(u,x)		
Z	(u,x)		

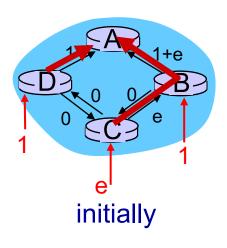
Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

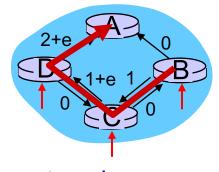
algorithm complexity: n nodes

- each iteration: need to check all nodes, w, not in N
- \bullet n(n+1)/2 comparisons: O(n²)
- more efficient implementations possible: O(nlogn)

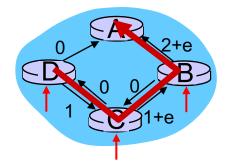
oscillations possible:

e.g., support link cost equals amount of carried traffic:

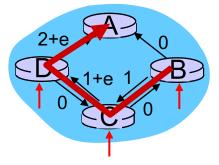




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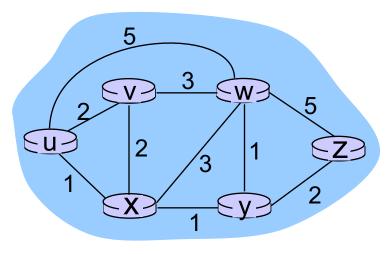
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Bellman-Ford equation (dynamic programming)

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let
  d_{x}(y) := cost of least-cost path from x to y
then
  d_{x}(y) = \min \{c(x,v) + d_{v}(y) \}
                             cost from neighbor v to destination y
                    cost to neighbor v
            min taken over all neighbors v of x
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Bellman-Ford example



clearly,
$$d_v(z) = 5$$
, $d_x(z) = 3$, $d_w(z) = 3$

B-F equation says:

$$d_{u}(z) = \min \{ c(u,v) + d_{v}(z), \\ c(u,x) + d_{x}(z), \\ c(u,w) + d_{w}(z) \}$$

$$= \min \{ 2 + 5, \\ 1 + 3, \\ 5 + 3 \} = 4$$

node achieving minimum is next hop in shortest path, used in forwarding table

- $D_x(y)$ = estimate of least cost from x to y
 - x maintains distance vector $\mathbf{D}_{x} = [\mathbf{D}_{x}(y): y \in \mathbb{N}]$
- node x:
 - knows cost to each neighbor v: c(x,v)
 - maintains its neighbors' distance vectors. For each neighbor v, x maintains

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\mathbf{D}_{\mathsf{v}} = [\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{v}}(\mathsf{y}): \mathsf{y} \in \mathsf{N}]
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key idea:

- from time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- when x receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_{v} \{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\} \text{ for each node } y \in N$$

* under minor, natural conditions, the estimate $D_x(y)$ converge to the actual least cost $d_x(y)$

iterative, asynchronous: each local iteration caused by:

- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

distributed:

- each node notifies neighbors only when its DV changes
 - neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary

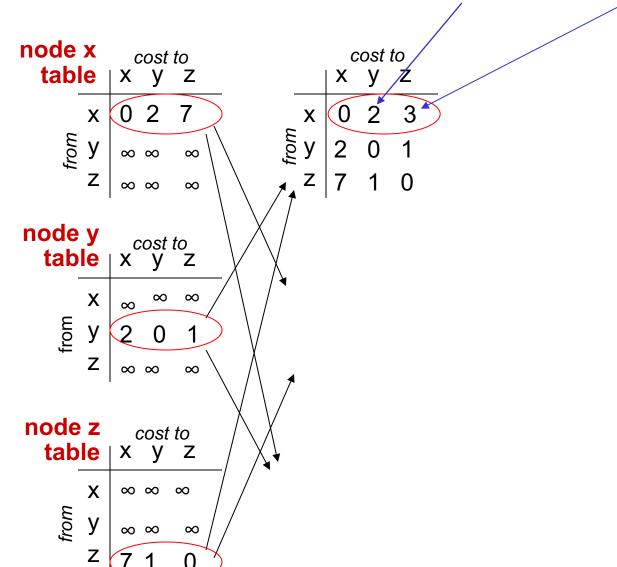
each node:

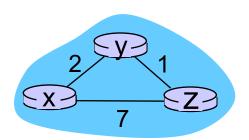
wait for (change in local link cost or msg from neighbor) recompute estimates if DV to any dest has changed, *notify* neighbors

$$D_x(y) = min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\}$$

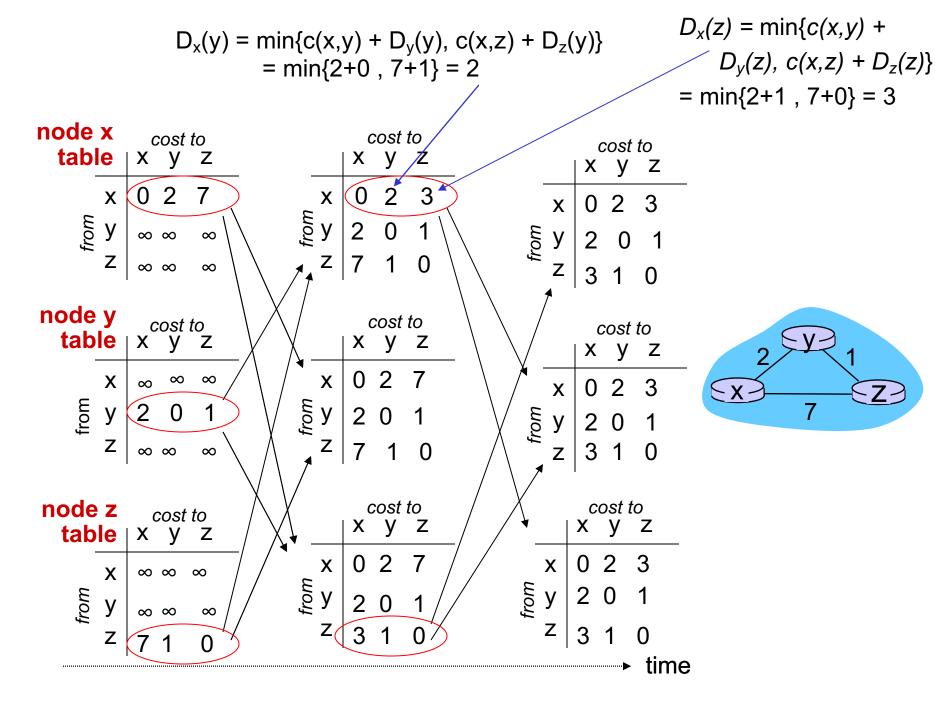
= $min\{2+0, 7+1\} = 2$

 $D_x(z) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(z), c(x,z) + D_z(z)\}$ = $\min\{2+1, 7+0\} = 3$





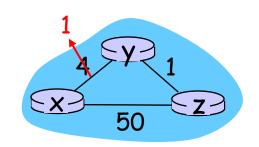
time



Distance vector: link cost changes

link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- updates routing info, recalculates distance vector
- if DV changes, notify neighbors



"good news travels fast"

 t_0 : y detects link-cost change, updates its DV, informs its neighbors.

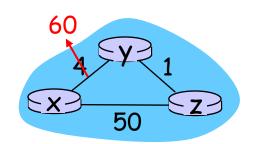
 t_1 : z receives update from y, updates its table, computes new least cost to x, sends its neighbors its DV.

 t_2 : y receives z's update, updates its distance table. y's least costs do not change, so y does not send a message to z.

Distance vector: link cost changes

link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- bad news travels slow "count to infinity" problem!
- 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes: see text



poisoned reverse:

- If Z routes through Y to get to X :
 - Z tells Y its (Z's) distance to X is infinite (so Y won't route to X via Z)
- will this completely solve count to infinity problem?

Distance Vector: link cost increases

when y detects

$$D_{y}(x) = \min\{c(y,x) + D_{x}(x), c(y,z) + D_{z}(x)\}$$

= $\min\{60+0, 1+5\} = 6$

cost to

Z

X X

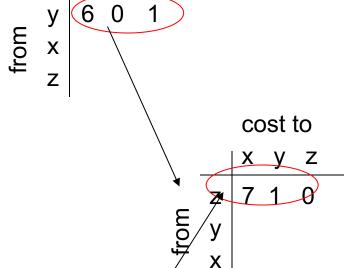
node y table

cost to

y 4 0 1 x 0 4 5 z 5 1 0

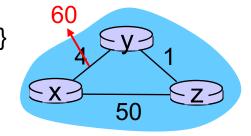
node z table cost to

node x table



$$D_z(x) = min\{c(z,y) + D_y(x), c(z,x) + D_x(x)\}$$

= $min\{1+6, 50+0\} = 7$



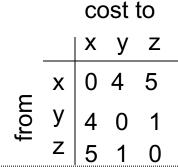
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Distance Vector: link cost increases

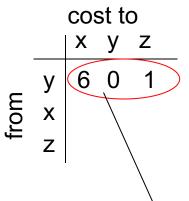
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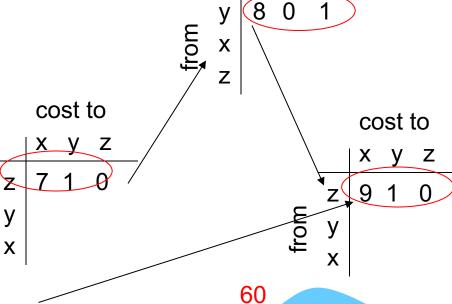


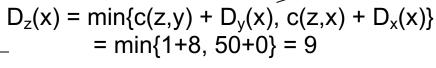
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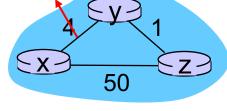
$D_y(x) = min\{c(y,x) + D_x(x), c(y,z) + D_z(x)\}$ = $min\{60+0, 1+7\} = 8$ cost to

X





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Network Layer

Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

message complexity

- LS: with n nodes, E links, O(nE) msgs sent
- DV: exchange between neighbors only
 - convergence time varies

speed of convergence

- LS: O(n²) algorithm requires
 O(nE) msgs
 - may have oscillations
- * **DV**: convergence time varies
 - may also have oscillations
 - may be routing loops
 - count-to-infinity problem

robustness: what happens if router malfunctions?

LS:

- node can advertise incorrect link cost
- each node computes only its own table

DV:

- DV node can advertise incorrect path cost
- each node's table used by others
 - error propagate thru network

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Hierarchical routing

our routing study thus far - idealization

- all routers identical
- network "flat"
- ... not true in practice

scale: with 600 million destinations:

- can't store all dest's in routing tables!
- routing table exchange would swamp links!

administrative autonomy

- internet = network of networks
- each network admin may want to control routing in its own network

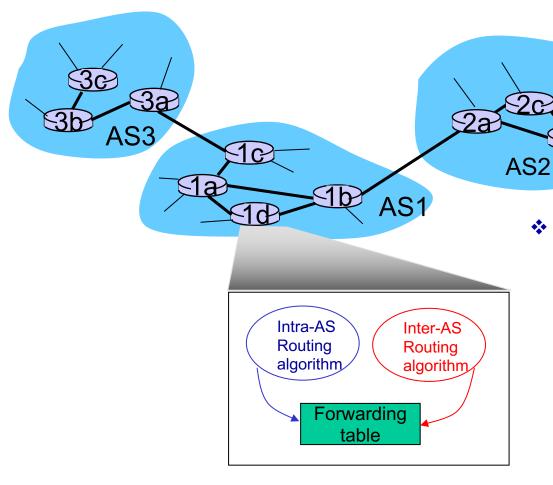
Hierarchical routing

- aggregate routers into regions, "autonomous systems" (AS)
- routers in same AS run same routing protocol
 - "intra-AS" routing protocol
 - routers in different AS can run different intra-AS routing protocol

gateway router:

- at "edge" of its own AS
- has link to router in another AS

Interconnected ASes



- forwarding table configured by both intraand inter-AS routing algorithm
 - intra-AS sets entries for internal dests
 - inter-AS & intra-AS sets entries for external dests

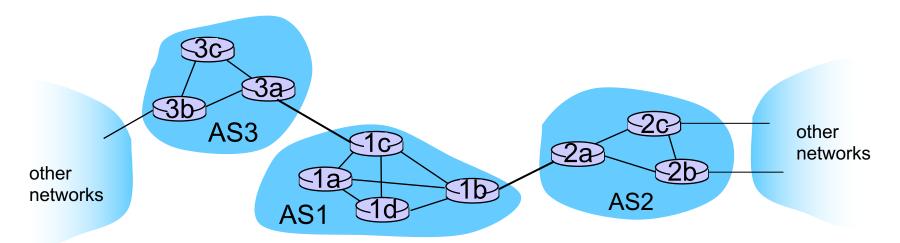
Inter-AS tasks

- suppose router in AS1 receives datagram destined outside of AS1:
 - router should forward packet to gateway router, but which one?

AS1 must:

- learn which dests are reachable through AS2, which through AS3
- propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

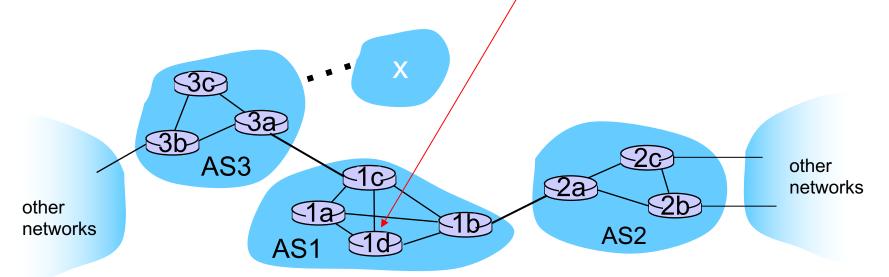
job of inter-AS routing!



Example: setting forwarding table in router 1d

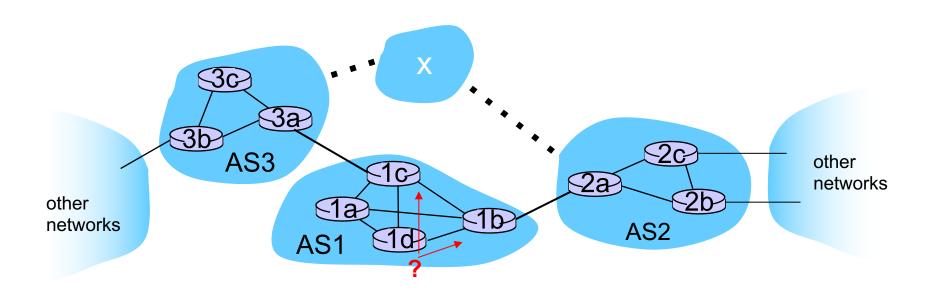
- suppose AS1 learns (via inter-AS protocol) that subnet x reachable via AS3 (gateway 1c), but not via AS2
 - inter-AS protocol propagates reachability info to all internal routers
- router 1d determines from intra-AS routing info that its interface / is on the least cost path to 1c

installs forwarding table entry (x,I)



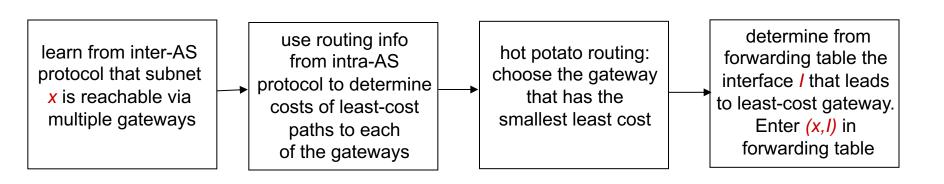
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- hot potato routing: send packet towards closest of two routers.



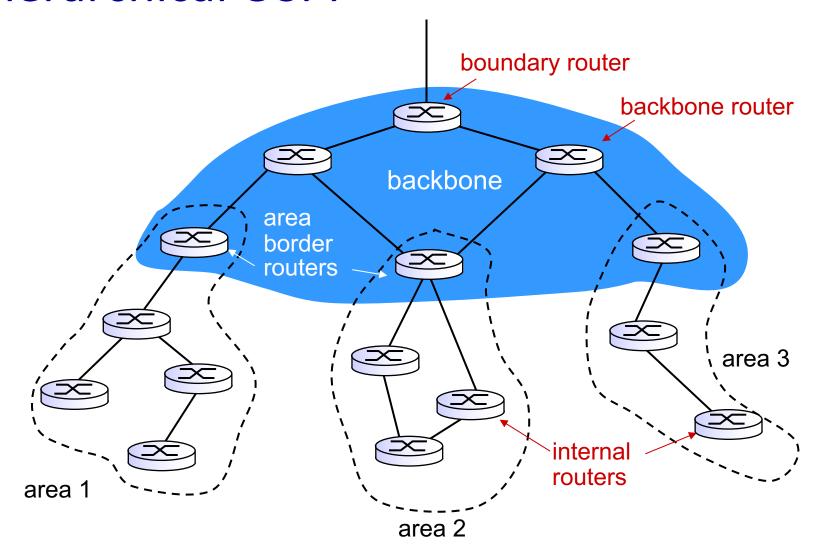
Intra-AS Routing

- also known as interior gateway protocols (IGP)
- most common intra-AS routing protocols:
 - RIP: Routing Information Protocol
 - OSPF: Open Shortest Path First (IS-IS protocol essentially same as OSPF)
 - IGRP: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco proprietary for decades, until 2016)

OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- "open": publicly available
- uses link-state algorithm
 - link state packet dissemination
 - topology map at each node
 - route computation using Dijkstra's algorithm
- router floods OSPF link-state advertisements to all other routers in entire AS
 - carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP
 - link state: for each attached link
- IS-IS routing protocol: nearly identical to OSPF

Hierarchical OSPF



Hierarchical OSPF

- * two-level hierarchy: local area, backbone.
 - link-state advertisements only in area
 - each node has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.
- * area border routers: "summarize" distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- backbone routers: run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- boundary routers: connect to other AS's.

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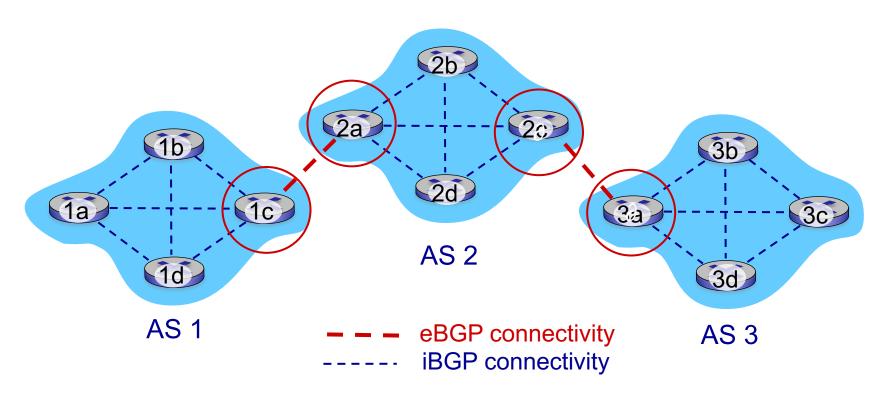
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Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): the de facto inter-domain routing protocol
 - "glue that holds the Internet together"
- BGP provides each AS a means to:
 - eBGP: obtain subnet reachability information from neighboring ASs.
 - iBGP: propagate reachability information to all ASinternal routers.
 - determine "good" routes to other networks based on reachability information and policy.
- allows subnet to advertise its existence to rest of Internet: "I am here"

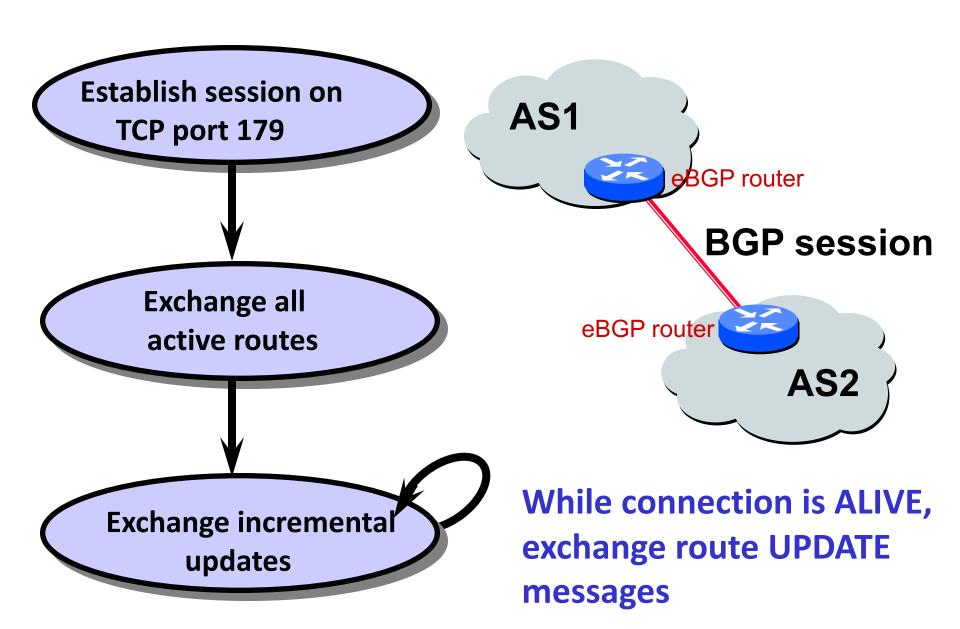
eBGP & iBGP routers





gateway routers run both eBGP and iBGP protools

BGP routers exchange messages

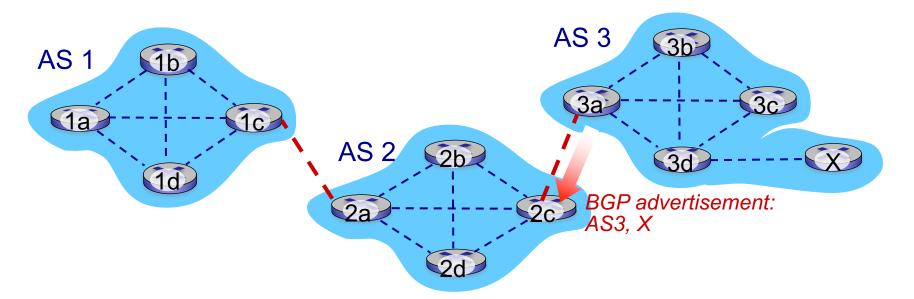


BGP message types

- Exchanged over TCP connection among two BGP routers ("peers")
- BGP message types:
 - OPEN: opens TCP connection to peer and authenticates sender
 - UPDATE: advertises new path (or withdraws old)
 - KEEPALIVE: keeps connection alive in absence of UPDATES; also ACKs OPEN request
 - NOTIFICATION: reports errors in previous msg; also used to close connection

BGP basics

- BGP session: 2 BGP routers exchange BGP messages over semi-permanent TCP connection:
 - advertising paths to different destination network prefixes (BGP is a "path vector" protocol)
- when AS3 gateway router 3a advertises path AS3,X to AS2 gateway router 2c:
 - AS3 promises to AS2 that it forwards pkts towards X

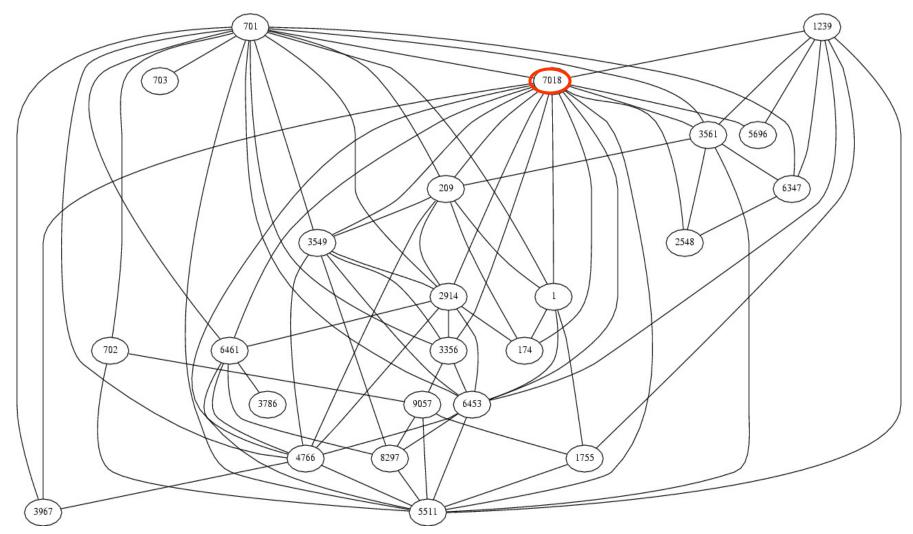


AS Numbers (ASNs)

- ASNs are 4-byte #s now; denote units of routing policy
 - ASN once was 2-byte before 2007.
- AS 4200000000 ~ 4294967294 (94,967,295 ASes) are reserved for private usage (not visible in the Internet).
 - Level 3 Communications, Inc: 1
 - MIT: 3
 - UCB: 25
 - USC: 47
 - UCLA: 52
 - JPL: 127
 - AT&T: 2386, 2686, 7018, 5074, 5075, ...
 - UUNET: 701, 702, 284, 12199, ...
 - Sprint: 1239, 1240, 6211, 6242, ...

Source: http://www.bgplookingglass.com/list-of-autonomous-system-numbers

ASes are well connected! (AS Graphs)

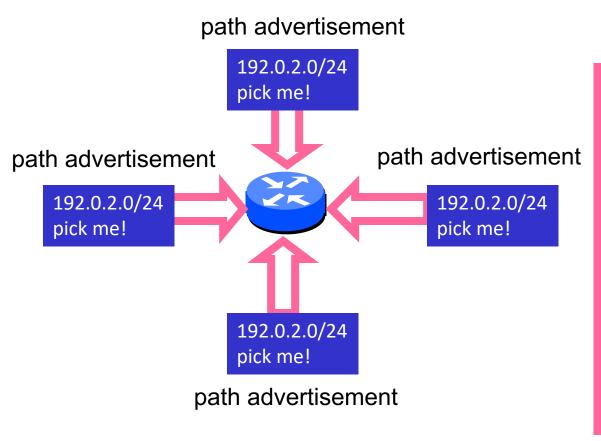


The <u>subgraph</u> showing all ASes that have more than 100 neighbors in full graph of 11,158 nodes. July 6, 2001. Point of view: AT&T route-server

Path attributes and BGP routes

- advertised prefix includes BGP attributes
 - prefix + attributes = "route"
- two important attributes:
 - AS-PATH: contains ASs through which prefix advertisement has passed: e.g., AS 67, AS 17
 - NEXT-HOP: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS. (may be multiple links from current AS to next-hop-AS)
- * Policy-based routing: BGP routers receive, accept/reject based on "policies", and advertise
 - e.g., never route through AS x

Select best route using Attributes



Given multiple routes to the same prefix, a BGP router must pick at most one "best route"

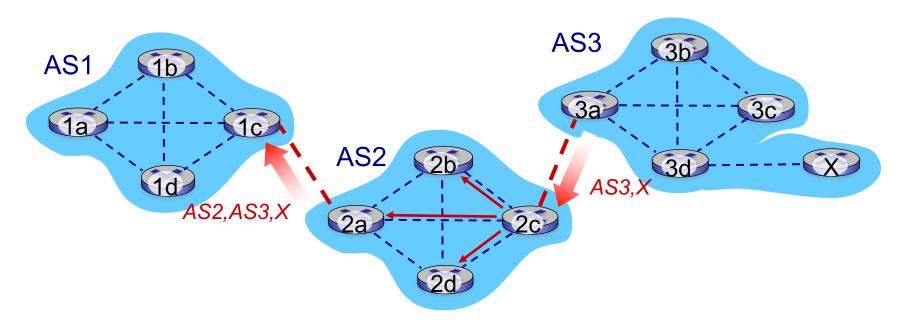
(Note: it could reject them all!)

Route selection criteria in BGP

- Select route based on:
 - 1. local preference value: policy decision
 - 2. shortest AS-PATH
 - 3. closest NEXT-HOP router
 - 4.

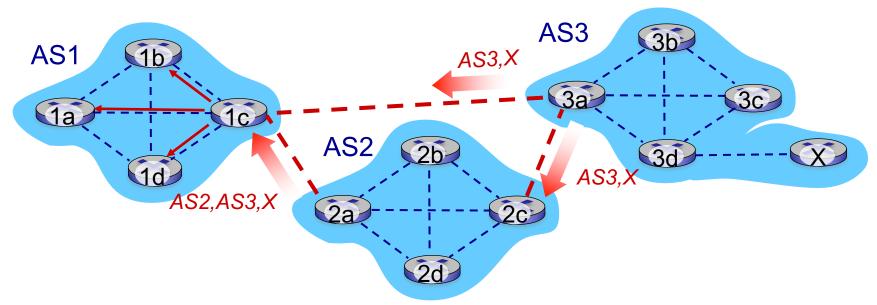
More details later

BGP path advertisement



- AS2 router 2c receives path advertisement AS3,X (via eBGP) from AS3 router 3a
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2c accepts path AS3,X, propagates (via iBGP) to all AS2 routers
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2a advertises (via eBGP) path AS2, AS3, X to AS1 router 1c

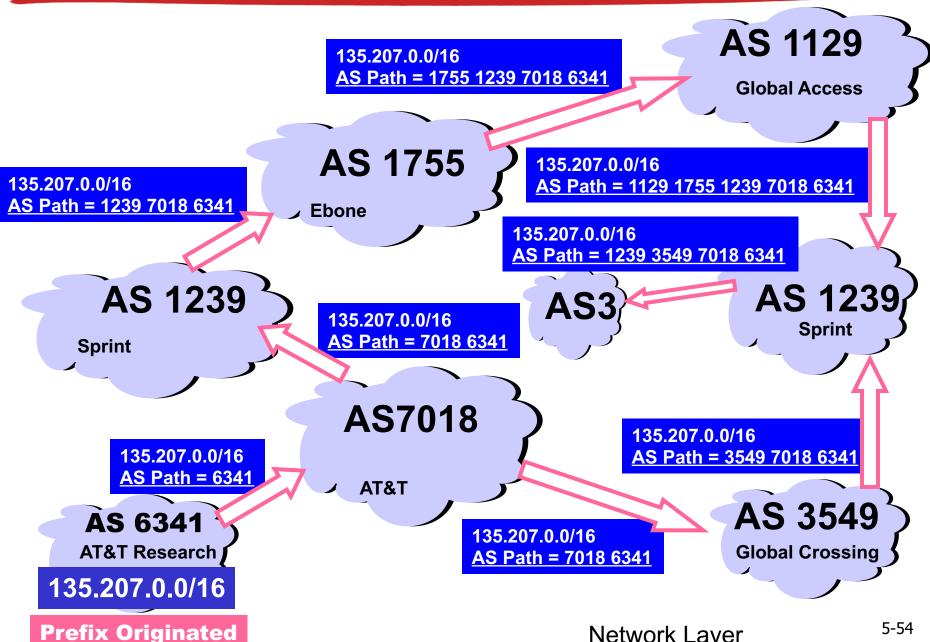
BGP path advertisement



gateway router may learn about multiple paths to destination:

- * AS1 gateway router 1c learns path AS2,AS3,X from 2a
- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path AS3,X from 3a
- Based on policy, AS1 gateway router 1c chooses path AS3, X, and advertises path within AS1 via iBGP

Another example: How AS path is formed



An Example of BGP Routing Table

```
show ip bap
BGP table version is 111849680, local router ID is 203.62.248.4
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete
                                                  Metric LocPrf
                                                                  Weight
   Network
                    Next Hop
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Thanks to Geoff Huston. http://www.telstra.net/ops on July 6, 2001

- Use "whois" queries to associate an ASN with "owner" (for example, http://www.arin.net/whois/arinwhois.html)
- 7018 = AT&T Worldnet, 701 = Uunet, 3561 = Cable & Wireless,
- BGP table size: 881264 prefixes (5/13/2021)

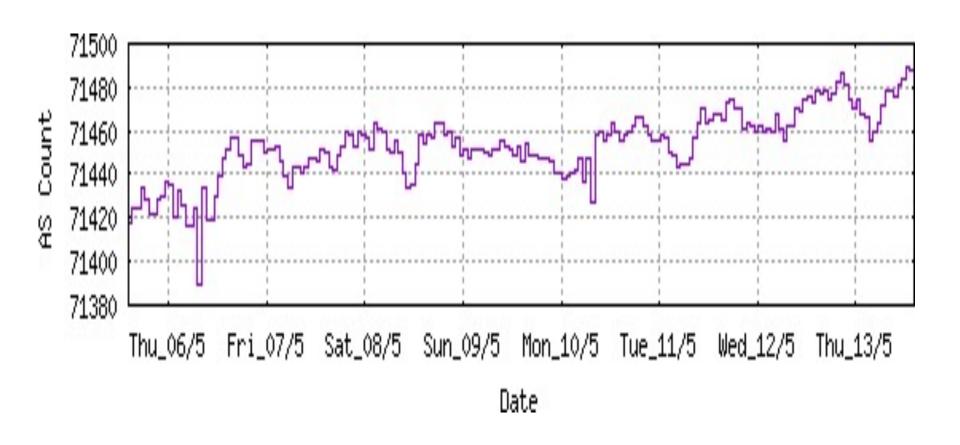
BGP Routing Table Size

Data by 5/13/2021

- BGP table size: 881264 prefixes
- # of ASes in routing system: 71490
- * # of ASes announcing only one prefix: 25059
- Largest number of prefixes announced by an AS: 8563
 - AS8151: Uninet S.A. de C.V., MX
- In the US, VIASAT-SP-BACKBONE (AS7155) has 4027 prefixes; CableOne (AS11492) has 4771 prefixes; Amazon-2 (AS16509) has 5135 prefixes

Source: https://www.cidr-report.org/as2.0/

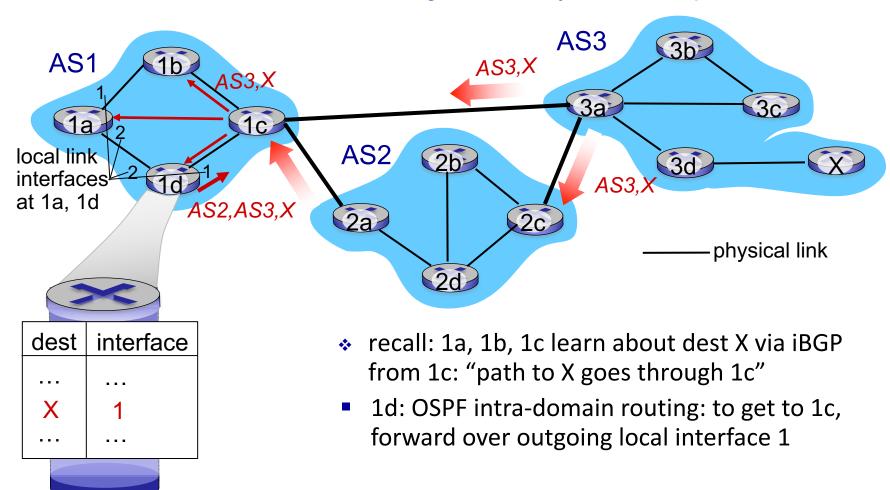
BGP table size evolution over time (this week)



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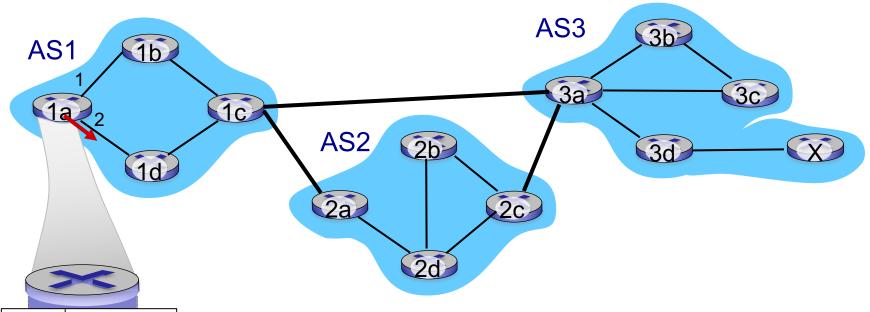
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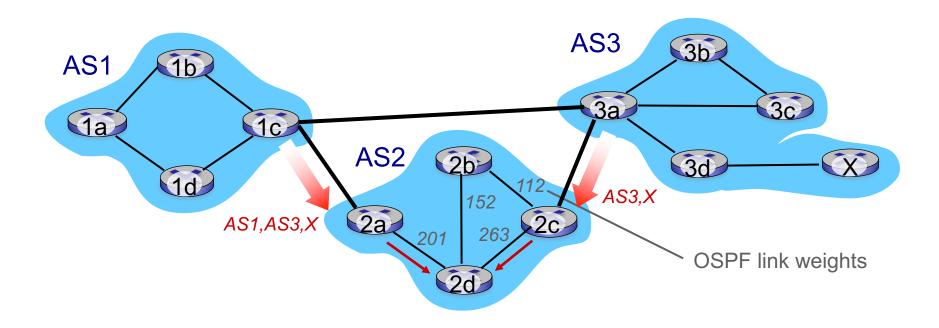
dest	interface
X	2

- recall: 1a, 1b, 1c learn about dest X via iBGP from 1c: "path to X goes through 1c"
- 1d: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 1
- 1a: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 2

BGP route selection

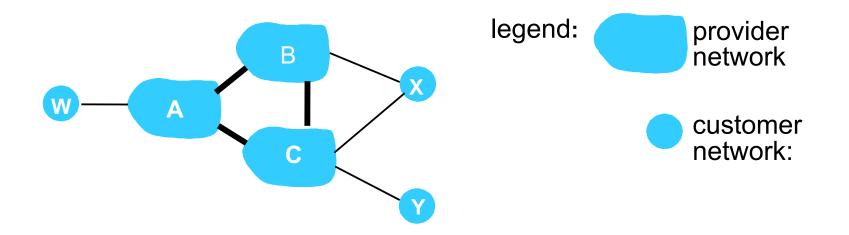
- BGP router may learn about more than 1 route to destination AS, selects route based on:
 - 1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
 - 2. shortest AS-PATH
 - 3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
 - 4. additional criteria

Hot Potato Routing



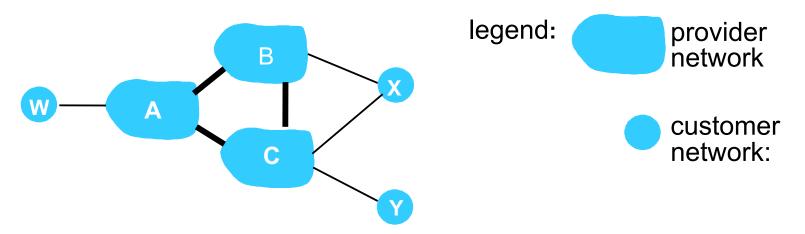
- 2d learns (via iBGP) it can route to X via 2a or 2c
- hot potato routing: choose local gateway that has least intra-domain cost (e.g., 2d chooses 2a, even though more AS hops to X): don't worry about interdomain cost!

BGP: achieving policy via advertisements



- A,B,C are provider networks
- X,W,Y are customer (of provider networks)
- X is dual-homed: attached to two networks
 - X does not want to route from B via X to C
 - .. so X will not advertise to B a route to C

BGP: achieving policy via advertisements



- A advertises path AW to B
- B advertises path BAW to X
- Should B advertise path BAW to C?
 - No way! B gets no "revenue" for routing CBAW since neither W nor C are B's customers
 - B wants to force C to route to w via A
 - B wants to route only to/from its customers!

Why different Intra-, Inter-AS routing?

policy:

- inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its net.
- intra-AS: single admin, so no policy decisions needed scale:
- hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

performance:

- intra-AS: can focus on performance
- inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance

Chapter 5: outline

- 5.1 introduction
- 5.2 routing protocols
- link state
- distance vector
- 5.3 intra-AS routing in the Internet: OSPF
- 5.4 routing among the ISPs: BGP

- 5.5
- 5.6 ICMP: The Internet Control Message Protocol
- 5.7

ICMP: internet control message protocol

*	used by hosts & routers to communicate network-level information	0	0	description echo reply (ping)
		3	0	dest. network unreachable
	 error reporting: 	3	1	dest host unreachable
	unreachable host, network,	3	2	dest protocol unreachable
	port, protocol	3	3	dest port unreachable
	echo request/reply (used by	3	6	dest network unknown
	ping)	3	7	dest host unknown
*	network-layer "above" IP:	4	0	source quench (congestion
	 ICMP msgs carried in IP 			control - not used)
	datagrams	8	0	echo request (ping)
_	9	9	0	route advertisement
**	ICMP message: type, code	10	0	router discovery
	plus first 8 bytes of IP	11	0	TTL expired
	datagram causing error	12	0	bad IP header

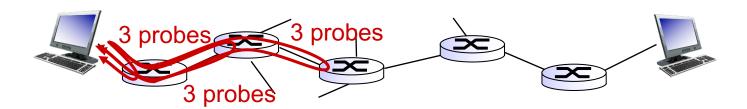
Traceroute and ICMP

- source sends series of UDP segments to destination
 - first set has TTL =1
 - second set has TTL=2, etc.
 - unlikely port number
- when datagram in nth set arrives to nth router:
 - router discards datagram and sends source ICMP message (type 11, code 0)
 - ICMP message include name of router & IP address

 when ICMP message arrives, source records RTTs

stopping criteria:

- UDP segment eventually arrives at destination host
- destination returns ICMP "port unreachable" message (type 3, code 3)
- source stops



Chapter 5: summary

we've learned a lot!

- approaches to network control plane
 - per-router control (traditional)
 - logically centralized control (software defined networking)
- traditional routing algorithms
 - implementation in Internet: OSPF, BGP
- Internet Control Message Protocol

next stop: link layer!