	Final Examination, 2012 / 2013	
Module Title Introduction to Computer Networks and Communications		
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Equipment allowed (for example calculator – dictionaries)	Calculators	

Instructions to Students

- *You should attempt all questions*
- *The exam paper is **9** pages long, and is in **1** section.*
- *The approximate allocation of marks is shown in brackets by the questions.*

This examination is **2** hours long.

Q 1 There are two nodes, C and S, on a network,. C is the client and S is the server. C wants to connect to S and send a file that is 35 kilobytes long. If the processing time at both ends of the connection is negligible, but the propagation delay between node S and node C is 5 ms and the link transmission rate is 10 Megabits per second.

- a) Assume that the file is sent as 1 message from C to S, what will be the total message delay? [3 marks]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total delay} &= \text{transmission delay} + \text{propagation delay} \\ &= 35 \times 8 / 10 \times 10^3 + 0.005 \text{ sec} \\ &= 0.028 + 0.005 = 0.033 \text{ sec}\end{aligned}$$

- b) Now assume that the file is broken into packets and each packet can hold up to 2 kilobytes of data and the headers are negligibly small. Also assume that the client sends the packets one at a time (client sends one packet and waits to receive its acknowledgment before sending the next one). ACKs are also of negligible size.

- i) At what time will S send an ACK packet in response to the first data packet sent by C? [3 marks]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Number of packets} &= 35 / 2 = 18 \text{ packets} \\ \text{Time to send first ACK by S} &= 1^{\text{st}} \text{ packet transmission time} + \text{propagation delay} \\ &= 2 \times 8 / 10 \times 10^3 + 0.005 \text{ sec} = 0.0066 \text{ sec}\end{aligned}$$

- ii) How many RTTs will be needed for the client to send the entire message? [4 marks]

Solution:

1 RTT is needed per packet, thus we need 18 RTTs to send the whole file.

- iii) What will be the total delay? [4 marks]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total delay} &= 18 \times (2 \times \text{propagation delay} + \text{packet transmission delay}) \\ \text{Total delay} &= 18 \times (2 \times 0.005 + 0.0016) = 0.2088 \text{ sec}\end{aligned}$$

[Total 14]

Q 2 An engineer is working on a movie file on his local machine. The movie is composed of a sequence of 30 frames per second. Each frame is composed of 2000*1000 pixels, 32 bits per pixel and the clip is 5 minutes long. He needs to send it to his manager over their local 100 Mbps LAN. Assume negligible propagation, processing and queuing delay,

a) Calculate how long will it take to transmit the clip.

[6 marks]

Solution:

File size = $5 * 60 * 30 * 2000 * 1000 * 32 = 576 \text{ Gbits}$

Transmission delay = $L/R = 576000/100 = 5760 \text{ sec} = 96 \text{ minutes}$.

b) This engineer is tired from his slow network and dreams of being able to take a 10 minutes break and have the file transfer completed by the time he gets back from his break. How fast would the network needs to be to make his dream come true?

Solution:

Transmission time = 10 minutes = 600 sec

$600 = L/R = 576000/R$

$R = 960 \text{ Mbps}$

[4 marks]

Q 3 Consider a user on machine A requesting the web page <http://SomeServer/something.html> from the server named SomeServer that is on a different network. List the sequence of DNS, HTTP and TCP messages sent/received to serve this request from the moment the URL is entered to the browser until the file is completely received (the file doesn't have any embedded objects). Indicate the source and destination of each message. Assume recursive DNS queries.

Solution:

- A-local DNS server: DNS query
- Local DNS-root: DNS query

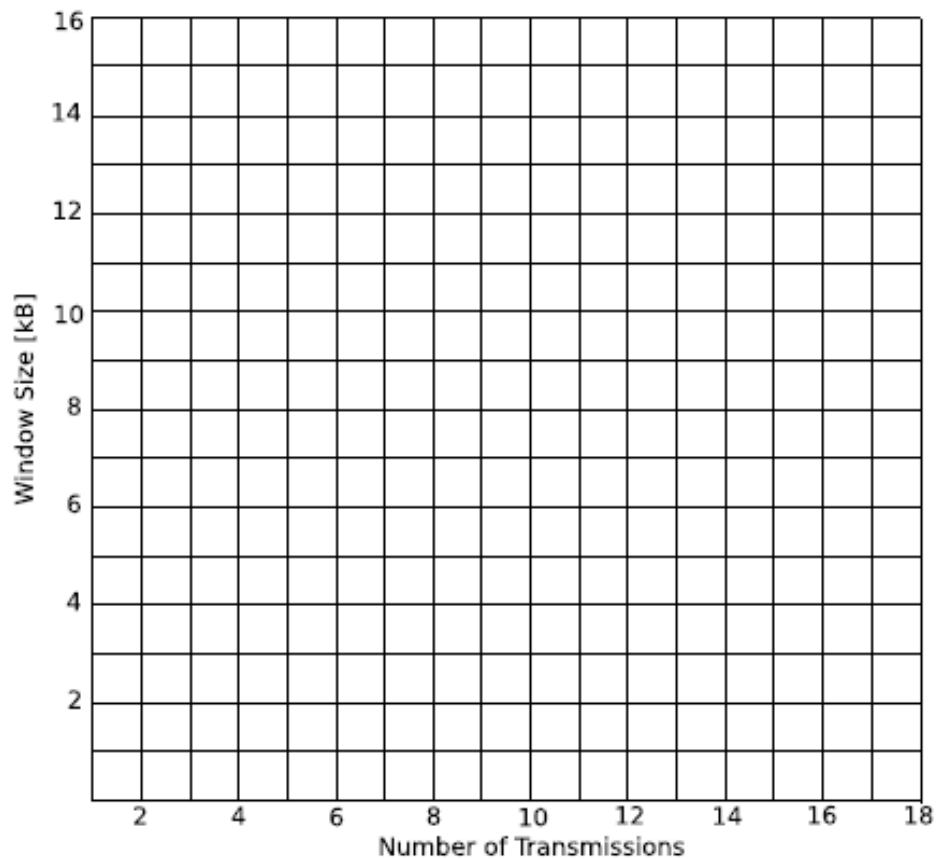
- Root-Local DNS: DNS reply
- Local DNS-A: DNS reply
- A-SomeServer: TCP SYN
- SomeServer-A: TCP SYN, ACK
- A-SomeServer: TCP ACK + HTTP Get
- SomeServer-A: HTTP reply
- A-SomeServer: TCP FIN
- SomeServer-A: TCP ACK
- SomeServer-A: TCP FIN
- A-SomeServer: TCP ACK

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[12 marks]

Q 4 Consider a TCP implementation that uses an initial slow start threshold of 8 kB. The maximum segment size shall be set to 1 kB and the receiver's window is 16 kB. Due to congestion, timeouts occur after the 8th, the 11th, and the 17th transmission. Sketch the size of the congestion window and the slow start threshold into the following diagram. Assume that no fast retransmit and fast recovery is supported.

[12 marks]

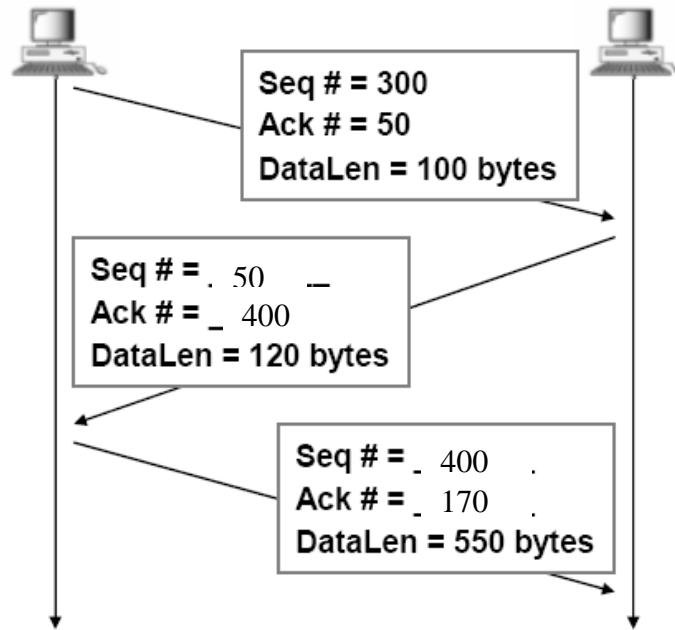


Solution:

Congestion window size: 1,2,4,8,9,10,11,12,1,2,4,1,2, 3,4,5,6,1

Threshold value: 8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,6,6,6,2,2,2,2,2,2,3

- Q 5** For the TCP segments indicated below, specify the omitted values.
Assume the packets are transmitted over a reliable link with no packet loss or corruption.



[8 marks]

Q 6 Consider sending a 1500-byte datagram into a link that has an MTU of 510 bytes. Suppose the original datagram is stamped with the identification number 1. Assume that IPv4 is used (IPv4 header is 20bytes long). Answer the following questions:

- a) Where does fragmentation happen? Where are the fragments reassembled? [4 marks]

Solution:

Fragmentation is done at the sender machine that is connected to the link with MTU less than the packet size. Fragments are reassembled at the destination machine

- b) How many fragments are generated? [2 marks]

Solution:

Number of fragments generated are 4. Each fragment contains 488 bytes of data + 20 bytes of header, except the last one.

- c) Identify, for each segment, the values of the fragment offset, MF flag, DF flag, ID number. [6 marks]

Solution:

Fragment 1: MF=1, DF=0, ID=1, Offset=0

Fragment 2: MF=1, DF=0, ID=1, Offset= 61

Fragment 3: MF=1, DF=0, ID=1, Offset= 122

Fragment 4: MF=0, DF=0, ID=1, Offset= 183

[Total 12]

- Q 7** An organization has a class C network of address 200.1.1.0 and it wants to form subnets for 4 departments with the number of hosts as follows:

- Subnet A: 12 hosts
- Subnet B: 25 hosts
- Subnet C: 20 hosts
- Subnet D: 18 hosts

- a) Provide a possible arrangement of the network address space, together with the respective range of IP addresses for each subnet and the subnet mask. Explain your work. [8 marks]

Solution:

4 subnets require at least 2 bits for the subnet id, leaving us with 6 bits for the host id. These host bits allow up to 62 valid ip address per subnet. Thus a possible arrangement would be as follows:

- Subnet 1: 200.1.1.0, mask: 255.255.255.192
- Subnet 2: 200.1.1.64, mask: 255.255.255.192
- Subnet 3: 200.1.1.128, mask: 255.255.255.192
- Subnet 4: 200.1.1.192, mask: 255.255.255.192

- b) For each subnet, identify the lowest and highest valid IP address. [8 marks]

Solution:

Subnet 1: lowest 200.1.1.1, highest: 200.1.1.63

Subnet 2: lowest 200.1.1.65, highest: 200.1.1.126

Subnet 3: lowest 200.1.1.129, highest: 200.1.1.191

Subnet 4: lowest 200.1.1.193, highest: 200.1.1.254

c) Suggest a new arrangement of the same address space if the organization needs to create the 5th subnet (subnet E) with 10 new hosts [6 marks]

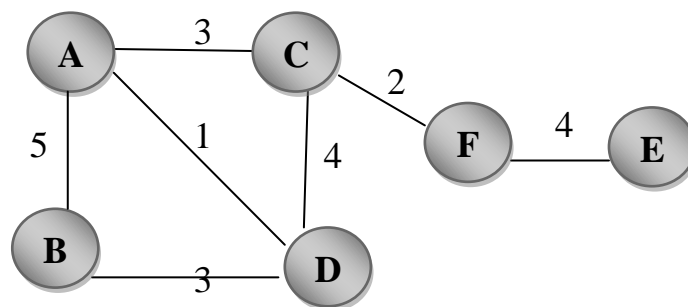
Solution:

5 subnets would require 3 bits for subnet id, leaving only 5 bits for host id (30 valid IP address/subnet) but this solution would change all previous subnets addresses. A possible solution would be to leave the last 3 subnets as before, the IP address of the 1st subnet is further divided among the 1st and the 5th as follows:

- Subnet 1: 200.1.1.0, mask: 255.255.255.224
- Subnet 2: 200.1.1.64, mask: 255.255.255.192
- Subnet 3: 200.1.1.128, mask: 255.255.255.192
- Subnet 4: 200.1.1.192, mask: 255.255.255.192
- Subnet 5: 200.1.1.32, mask: 255.255.255.224

[Total 22]

Q 8 Consider the topology graph shown below. Construct the routing table at node A by applying Dijkstra algorithm. Show your workout.

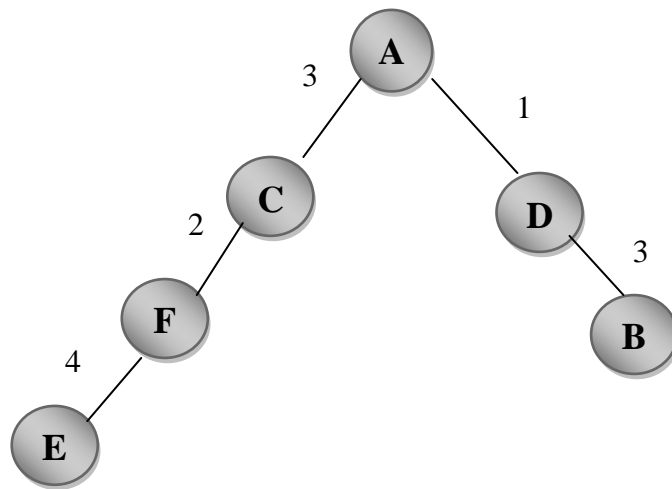


[6 marks]

Solution:

N	B	C	D	E	F
{A}	A,5	A,3	A,1	∞	∞
{A,D}	D,4	A,3	A,1	∞	∞
{A,D,C}	D,4	A,3	A,1	∞	C,5
{A,D,C,B}	D,4	A,3	A,1	∞	C,5
{A,D,C,B,F}	D,4	A,3	A,1	F,9	C,5
{A,B,C,D,E,F}	D,4	A,3	A,1	F,9	C,5

Routing tree:



Routing Table

Destination	Next hop	Cost
A	A	0
B	D	4
C	C	3
D	D	1
E	C	9
F	C	5