

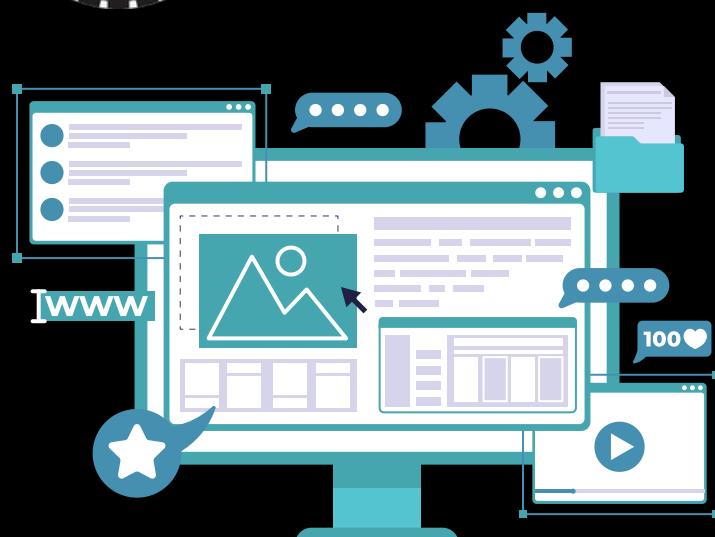
COMPUTER NETWORKS - II

HANDWRITTEN NOTES



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Unit - 1

Routing Algorithms

Routing algorithms are the methods used in CN to determine the best path for data packets to travel from source to destination.

Main goal -

- To find optimal path (fastest, cheapest)
- Ensure efficient delivery of packets.

Routing algorithms are used in routers to create and update the routing table.

Types of Routing

- 1) Static - manually configured by network administrator
best for small and stable networks
Eg - Fixed Roads
- 2) Dynamic - automatically learned and updated by routers, best for medium & large networks
Eg - self-updating GRs

Types of Routing ~~algorithm~~

Global Routing

- Each Router has complete knowledge of network Topology.
- Routing decision is taken independently
- Highly scalable
- High accuracy, fast path calculation suitable for complex networks
- High overhead due to global state sharing
- Eg - Link State Routing

Centralized Routing

- A single central router or controller makes routing decision for whole network.
- Made by central Controller
- limited scalability
- simple management, easier control.
- Higher delay if central Node is overloaded.
- Eg - SDN (Software defined networking) with controller

Simple Examples -

- Global Routing - A network has 5 routers. Each router exchanges information with every other router. Like R2 knows link cost of all other routers.
- Centralized Routing - A network has 5 routers but one central controller making all decisions. Like it calculate best routes for all routers.

The Link State (LS) Routing Algorithm

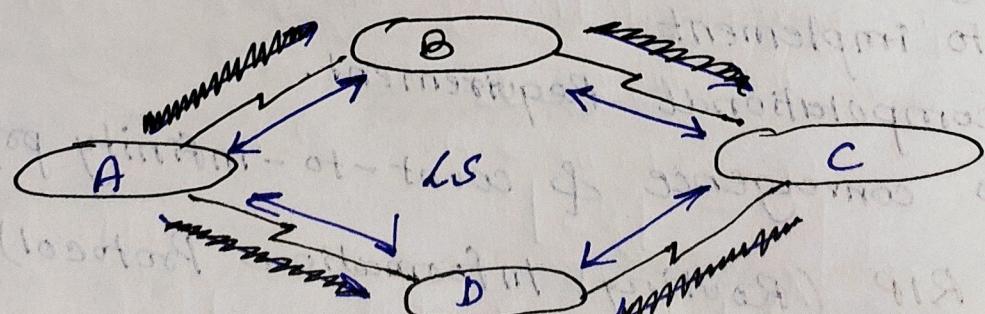
The Link state Routing algorithm builds a complete of Network topology at each Router. Routing decisions are based on global information.

→ Working

- 1) Network Discovery - Each router finds its directly connected network and cost to reach them.
- 2) Link state Advertisement - Each Router generates link state packeting to describe its link.
- 3) Database formation - All routers collects LSA's and build an ideal topology database.
- 4) Shortest path calculation - Each router runs Dijkstra's Shortest path Algorithm to compute optimal route.
- 5) Routing table updates - Based on shortest path Routing table is updated and Created.

Example - OSPF (open shortest Path first)

IS-IS (Intermediate System to Intermediate System)



All routers can access each others data.

Advantages of Link State

- Fast convergence due to complete topology knowledge
 - Accurate routing due to complete topology knowledge
- But it is more complex to implement.

The Distance Vector Routing Algorithm

The distance Vector Routing Algorithm is based on exchanging routing tables with neighbours periodically.

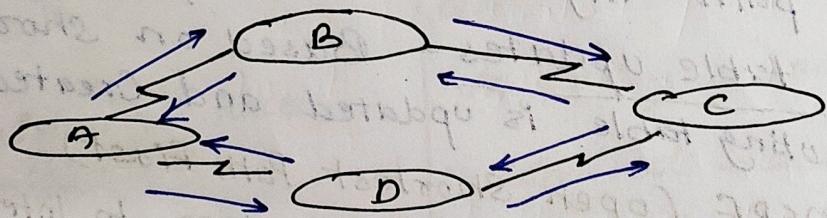
- working
- 1) Initialize distance Vector.
Each router starts with distance 0 to itself and ∞ to others.

- 2) Periodic Exchange
Each router exchange routing tables with its direct neighbours only.

- 3) Update Routing table
Router checks if going to neighbor offer shortest path through

$$D(i,j) = \min(D(i,j), D(i,k) + D(k,j))$$

- 4) Propagation - update propagate gradually until all router converge.



Advantages

- Simple to implement.
- Low computational Requirement.

But slow convergence & count-to-infinity problem.

Eg → RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

Brief difference

Link state

• Full Network topology

• Dijkstra Algorithm used

• Fast

• Knowledge type = Global

• Eg - OSPF, IS-IS.

Distance Vector

• Distances to destination only.

• Bellman-Ford used.

• Slow

• Knowledge type = local

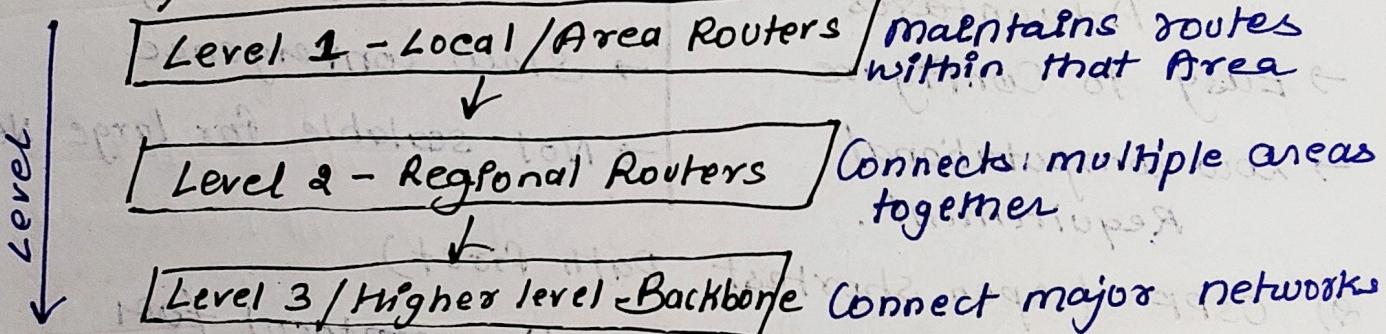
• Eg = RIP, BGP

Hierarchical Routing

Hierarchical Routing is a routing technique in which the network is divided into multiple layers or regions, and routing is done level by level instead of treating the entire network.

→ Hierarchy levels

Real life Ex → Internet, Mobile Networks



→ Example - A Router inside college → Knows all devices in college but only summary route to university WLAN / Internet.

key idea - Router stores

- Detailed Routes for their local Region

- Summary Routes for other Regions

Advantages -

- Works very well for large networks.
- Reduced memory requirement - Smaller Routing table
- Faster Route

But it depends upon upper level, more difficult to configure.

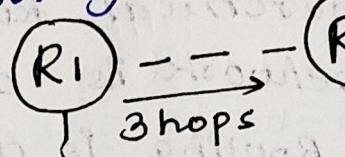
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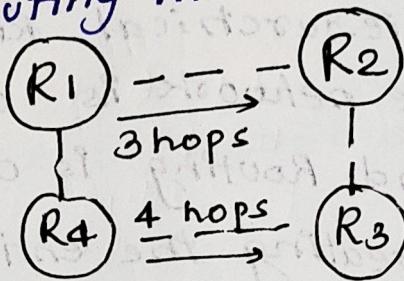
Routing

'Routing' in the Internet refers to selecting the best path for data packets to travel across a network. And can be done based on network size, complexity and administrative control protocols are -

The three most widely used protocols
are TCP/IP, IPX/SPX and Information
Protocol.

1) RIP - Routing Information Protocol
Least distance vector Routing

- RIP is one of the oldest distance protocol uses hop count as routing metric.
 - Maximum hop count = 15
 - Periodic updates = every 30 sec
 - Uses Bellman-Ford Algo
 - Suitable for small & simpler Networks



Advantages

- Easy to Configure
 - Low computational Requirement.

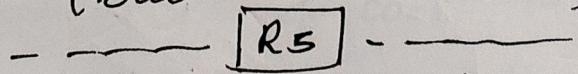
Disadvantages

- Slow convergence
 - Not scalable for large Network

8) OSPF (open shortest path first)

- OSPF is a link state routing protocol for large enterprise Network
 - Uses cost (based on bandwidth) as a metric
 - Uses Dijkstra's Algo for shortest path
 - Supports Hierarchical design using Areas
 - backbone = Area 0
 - Triggered updates instead of periodic updates
 - fast convergence & highly scalable.
 - But use higher memory and CPU usage

(Backbone = Area 0)

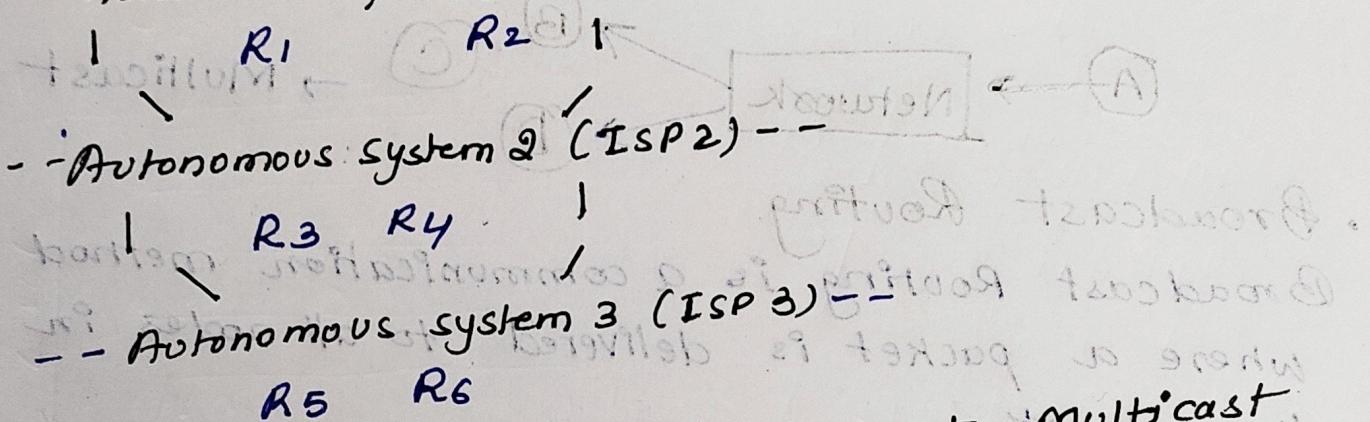


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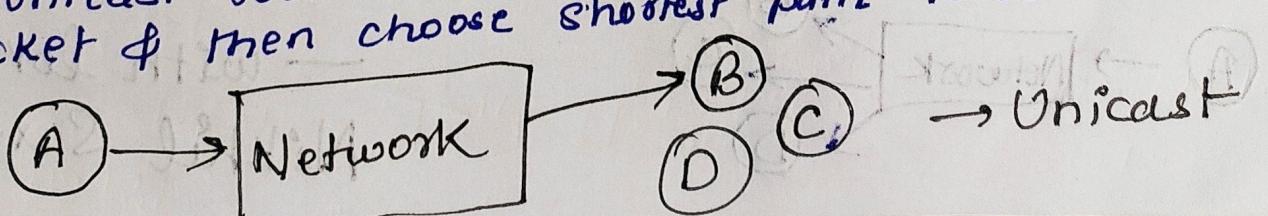
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 $R_6 - R_7$

- ③ BGP (Border Gateway protocol)
- BGP is the main Routing protocol of the Internet and operates between Autonomous systems.
 - It is a path vector Protocol.
 - Exchange Routing path and policies, not just cost metrics.
 - Works on TCP (port 179)
 - Support scalability for global Internet Routing.
 - Highly scalable and support routing policies & traffic engineering.
 - Complex to Configure and maintain
 - Autonomous system (ISP1) --



- # Introduction to Broadcast, Unicast, Multicast
- Unicast Routing
 - Unicast Routing is a method in which data is sent from one single source to one specific destination across the network.
 - It is one to one communication.
 - One sender → One Receiver.
- Ex → WhatsApp message to one person, it goes to only one person → this is unicast

- In unicast router looks to match IP address of packet & then choose shortest path to reach it.

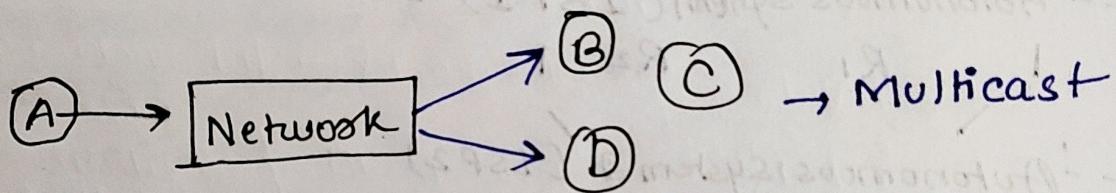


• Multicast Routing

Multicast Routing is a communication method where packet is delivered only to a selected group of receivers.

- One sender → Multiple specific nodes to receive the packet (not everyone)
- Router maintains multicast group (group IDs) & then forward packet only on links where group member exist.
- Common Multicast Routing Protocols → PIM-SM, PIM-DM

Eg - Video Conferencing, Multiplayer online games



• Broadcast Routing

Broadcast Routing is a communication method where a packet is delivered to all nodes in the network.

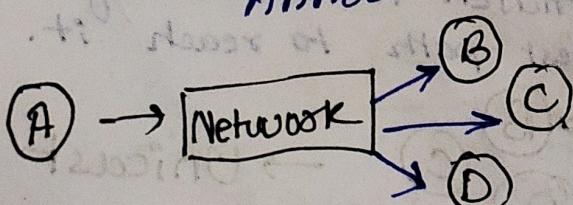
- One sender — All nodes receive the same packet.
- Avoid sending separate packets to each node — saves time and resources.

How it works —

- Flooding — forward packet on every outgoing link
- Spanning Tree — build loop-free tree remove duplicates
- Reverse path Forwarding — forward only if shortest route.

Ex → DHCP server searching for Clients.

Announcement in Local Network



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