

## CHAPTER # 05

## — The Network Layer: Control Plane —

→ The computation and maintenance of routing and forwarding table can be done in 2 ways:

## ① Per-router control:

→ Each router has:

- A routing function (Runs routing algo like OSPF, BGP)
- A forwarding function

→ Routers communicate with each other to share info and independently compute their own forwarding tables.

## ② Logically Centralized (SDN) Approach

→ A central controller computes all router's forward table

→ Router become simple forwarding device that follow instructions from controller

→ Each router has a CA (control agent) that interacts with controller thru some protocol.

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## ► ROUTING ALGORITHMS

↳ goal is to calculate the least cost path from a sender → receiver

### • Types Of Routing Algorithms

#### ① Centralized vs Decentralized

→ Centralized:

- Global knowledge of all nodes and link costs
- calculates least-cost path using complete network topology
- Can be run at a central controller or at all routers
- Ex: Link-state algo

→ Decentralized:

- No global knowledge; each router knows only its direct neighbour
- Routers exchange info iteratively to compute paths
- Each router maintains a distance vector (cost to all nodes)
- More suited to distributed control

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## ② Static vs Dynamic

→ Static

- Routes change rarely, usually via manual changes

- Not adaptive to real-time conditions

→ Dynamic Routing

- Routes automatically change based on topology or traffic

- Can be periodic or event-triggered

- More responsive, but can face loops and oscillations

## ③ Load Sensitive vs Load Insensitive

→ Load Sensitive

- Link cost vary with traffic congestion

- Tries to avoid congested links

→ Load Insensitive

- Link cost is fixed, doesn't reflect congestion

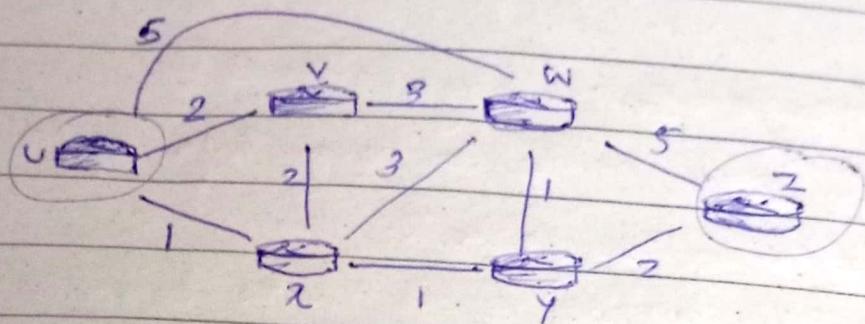
- Used in most current internet protocols like

RIP, OSPF, BGP

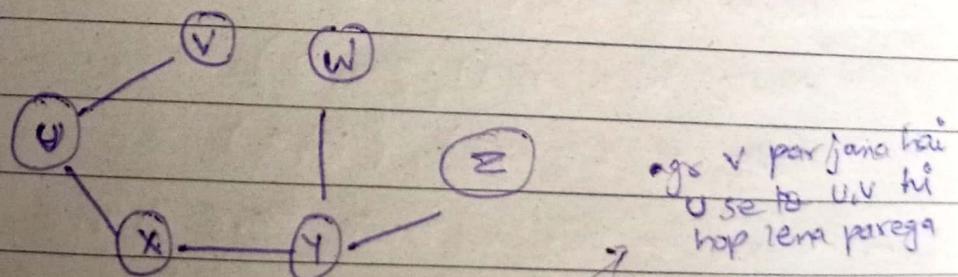
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- Link-State Algorithm
  - It is a dijkstra algo



	V	X	Y	W	Z
U	2, U	1, U	$\infty$	5, U	$\infty$
UX	2, U		2, X	4, X	$\infty$
UXV			2, X	4, X	$\infty$
UXVY				3, Y	4, Y
UXVYN					4, Y
UXVYNZ					



→ Forwarding Table

Destination	Link	* in mein se kahii bhi jana hoga to next hop
V	U, V	
X	U, X	U se U, X hi hogai.
Y	U, X	
W	U, Y	
Z	U, Z	

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• Complexity:

$$\rightarrow n(n-1)/2 \text{ comparisons} \rightarrow O(n^2)$$

• Message Complexity:

$\rightarrow$  LS algo needs to have info of all the nodes in the network.

$\rightarrow$  For this purpose each router broadcast its link state information to other 'n' routers connected to it.

$\rightarrow$  In reports see network topology ban saleti hai.

$\hookrightarrow$  Node U sending LS report

Node U:  $(v, 5), (w, 3), (x, 7)$

$\hookrightarrow$  Node U received following

LS reports

Node V:  $(u, 5)$

Node W:  $(u, 3), (x, 2)$

Node X:  $(u, 7), (w, 2)$

$\rightarrow$  Therefore by this all node have entire topology info.

route

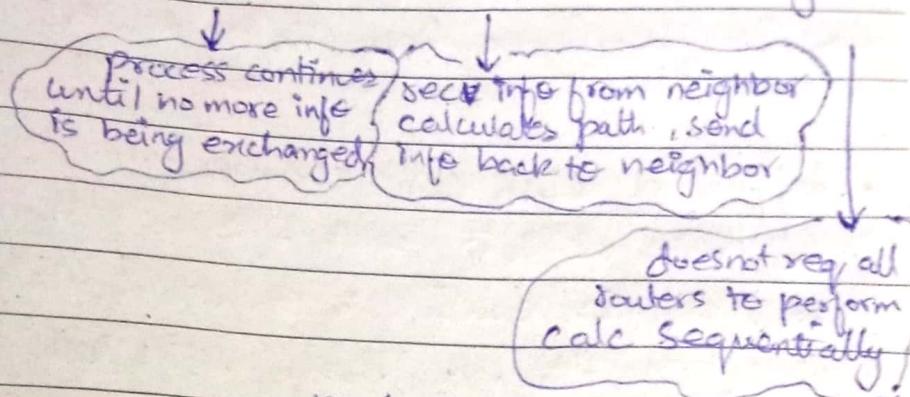
• Oscillation possible when link cost depends on traffic volume

$\hookrightarrow$  prevention: All routers do not run LS algs at same time, all routers do not broadcast LS report at same time

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- Distance Vector Algorithm
  - ↳ It is based on Bellman-Ford algo
  - ↳ DV algo is iterative, distributive and async



Bellman Ford eqn

direct cost from  $x \rightarrow v$ 

$$D_x(y) = \min_v \{ c_{x,v} + D_v(y) \}$$

↑  
cost of least cost path from  $x$  to  $y$

↳  $x$  se wike neighbours & pair neighbours  
↳  $j$  is neighbour se min cost hagi wo lenge  
↳ se destination bei cost

$$D_u(z) = \min \{ c_{u,v} + D_v(z), c_{u,x} + D_x(z), c_{u,w} + D_w(z) \}$$

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

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Each Node:

- wait for change in local link cost or an updated DV from neighbor

- recompute DV estimates using DV recvd from neighbor

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- if DV to any destination change only then notify neighbors

→ See example from slides # 36 ..

- Effect of Link cost changes:

↳ Node detects local link cost change

↳ Updates routing info, recalculates DV

↳ if DV changes notify neighbors

→ poisoned reversed (video)

### Comparasion of LS & DV

#### ① Message Complexity

• LS : with  $n$  nodes,  $E$  links  $O(nE)$

• DV : Exchange b/w neighbors only

#### ② Speed of Convergence

• LS :  $O(n^2)$  algorithm , may have oscillations

• DV : convergence time vary ; ags congestion has to routing loops or count to infinity problem hasakti hai.

### ③ Robustness

- LS:

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

- DV:

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

- Poisoned Reverse:

→ If  $z$  routes through  $y$  to get to destination  $x$ ,  
then  $z$  will advertise to  $y$  that its distance  
to  $x$  is  $\infty$ , i.e.  $z$  will advertise to  $y$  that  
 $D_z(x) = \infty$ .

Now  $y$  believes that  $z$  has no path to  $x$ ,  
 $y$  will never attempt to route  $x$  via  $z$ .

## Day Date \_\_\_\_\_ D INTRA-AS ROUTING IN INTERNET : OSPF

- Routers are grouped into regions known as Autonomous Systems area domain
- Each AS is identified by a unique AS no. (ASN)
- Routers in an AS can use same routing protocol
- Most of the time each ISP constitutes a single AS or there might be multiple AS in a single ISP

### • Intra-AS (intra-domain)

- Routing among routers within same AS ("network")
  - ↳ All routers in AS must run same intra-domain protocol
  - ↳ routers in diff AS can run diff intra-domain routing protocols
  - ↳ gateway router : at edge of its own AS, has links to routers in other AS'es

### • Inter-AS (inter-domain)

- Routing among AS'es
  - ↳ gateway perform inter-domain routing (as well as intra-domain routing)

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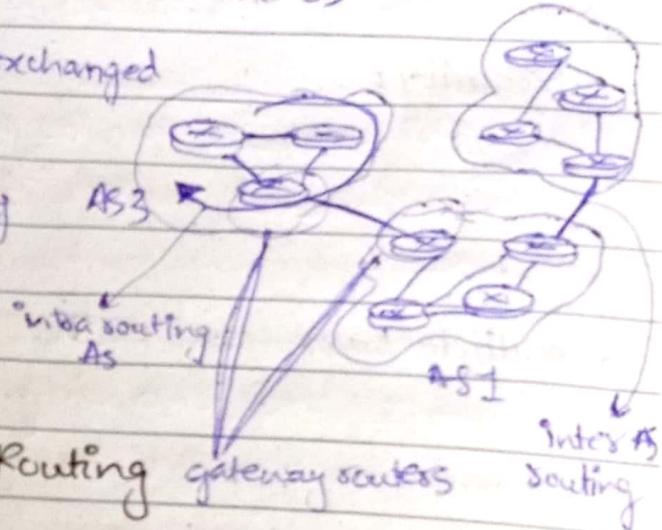
- Most Common intra-AS Routing protocols

① RIP : Routing Information Protocol

→ Interconnected ASes

→ Classic DV : DV exchanged every 30 second

→ no longer widely used



② EIGRP : Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol

→ DV based

③ OSPF : Open Shortest Path First

with an upper layer protocol for OSPF

→ Classic link-state.

→ Each router floods OSPF link state advertisements (directly over IP routes them using TCP/UDP) to all other routers in entire AS.

↳ Therefore need to implement RDT itself

→ Each router has complete topology of the AS

→ Each runs Dijkstra to determine shortest path to all routers/subnets

→ Link cost is set by network Admin, if it is set to 1 then thus achieving minimum hop routing

→ Router broadcast link-state info whenever there is change or periodically after at least once in 30 min.

↳ adds robustness

- Security:

→ OSPF packets can be authenticated to prevent unauthorized routers from injecting false routing info.

- multiple same-cost paths

→ Supports load balancing by allowing multiple equal-cost paths to a destination, instead of choosing just one.

- Hierarchical Routing (Intra AS)

→ An OSPF Autonomous System (AS) is divided into areas

↳ Each area runs its own LS algo

↳ Area Border Routers connect areas and handle inter-area routing

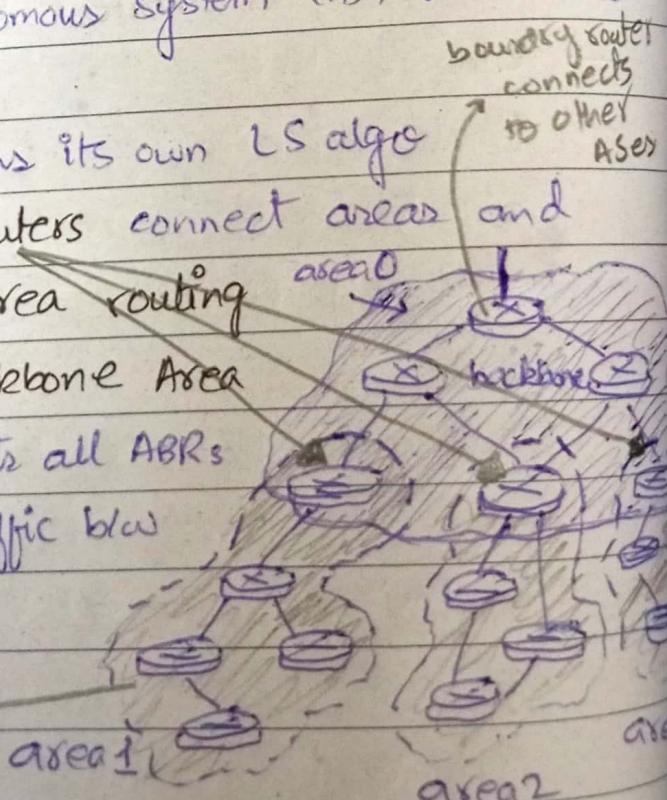
↳ A special Backbone Area

(Area 0) connects all ABRs

and routes traffic b/w

areas.

local routers



routers:

- Flood LS in an area only
- Compute routing within an area
- forward plet to outside via area border routers

Backbone routers:

- runs OSPF limited to backbone

## ► BORDER GATEWAY PROTOCOL (BGP)

- BGP is used as inter-autonomous system routing protocol
- Allow subnet to advertise its existence and the destination it can reach.
- In BGP, plets are not routed to a specific dest addx, but instead to a CIDRized prefixes, with each prefix representing a subnet or a collection of subnets, like 138.16.68/22
- BGP helps to determine "best" routes to the prefixes

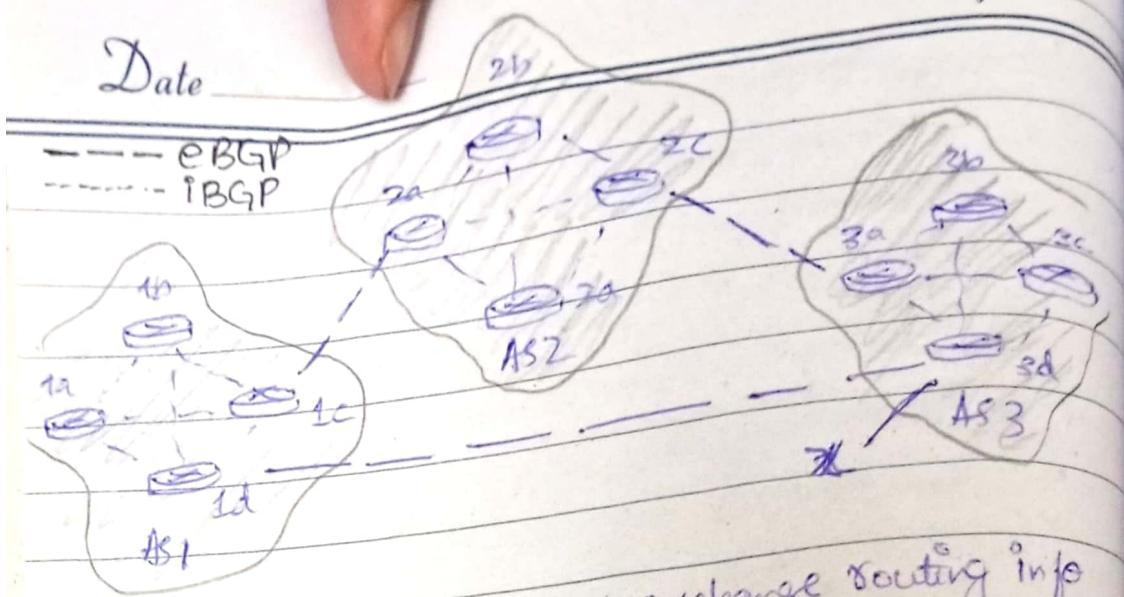
- Advertising BGP Route Information

- Each router in an AS is either a gateway router or an internal router

edge of an AS  
directly connects  
to routers in  
another AS

→ connects only to hosts & routers  
within its own AS

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- In BGP pairs of routers exchange routing info over semi-permanent TCP connections port 179
- This connection is called BGP connection
- A connection b/w two gateway routers is called external BGP (eBGP)
- between internal routers → internal BGP (iBGP)
- iBGP connection don't always corresponds to physical links
- Sending reachability info for prefix to all other routers in AS1 & AS2

### ① eBGP (Inter-AS)

- Router 3a sends "AS3 x" to Router 2c

### ② iBGP (Intra-AS)

- Router 2c sends "AS3 x" to all routers in AS2

### ③ eBGP (Inter-AS)

- Router 2a sends "AS2 AS3 x" to Router 1c

### ④ iBGP (Intra-AS)

- Router 1c sends "AS2 AS3 x" to all routers in AS1

- Determining Best route

→ "Route" in BGP

- A route = Prefix + Attributes

- Important attributes

    |  
    |→ AS-PATH

    |→ NEXT-HOP

→ AS-PATH Attribute

- List the sequence of AS no.s a route has passed thru.

- Example:

- For prefix "x", AS1 might see

- AS2 AS3 x (via AS2)

- AS3 x (via AS3)

- Used for path selection and loop prevention  
(if a router sees its own AS no. it rejects the route)

→ NEXT-HOP Attribute

- Indicates the IP Addr of the next-hop router interface that starts the AS-PATH.

- Example:

- For route "AS2 AS3 x", NEXT-HOP = IP of

left interface of

2a

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- For route "AS3 x", NEXT-HOP = IP of left-in of router 3d
- NEXT-HOP is the IP of router that does not belong to AS1.

### → Hot Potatoe Routing

- If we want to reach 1b → x ?
- We check all possible gateways of AS1.
- Using routing info from intra-AS protocol to determine cost of least-cost path to each of gateways.
  - ↳ For 2a it will be 2 hops
  - ↳ 1 → 3d → 4 → 4 → 3 hops
- ~~Hot~~ Hot potatoe routing: Choose the gateway that has the smallest least cost
- Determine the forwarding table the interface I that leads to 2a.

### → BGP Route Selection

- If there are more than one route to a destination then BGP applies below rules until only one route remains:
  - Each route has a local preference attribute set by Network Admin. The route with highest val is selected.

- ② If all have same local preference value, then one with shortest AS-PATH is selected
- ③ If all have same local pref. & AS-PATH length, then hot-potatoe is used
- ④ If still more than one route still remains, the router uses BGP identifiers to select the route.

Why different intra-, inter-AS routing?

- Policy :

- Inter-AS : admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes thru its network

- Intra-AS : single admin, so policy less of an issue

- Scale :

- hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

- Performance :

- Intra-AS : can focus on performance

- Inter-AS : policy dominates over it

## CHAPTER # 06

### The Link Layer and LANs

- Node : Any device running a link-layer protocol  
eg (host, routers, switches, WiFi access point)
- Link : The physical communication channel connecting adjacent nodes
  - A datagram travel from src  $\rightarrow$  dest across multiple links.
  - Over each link, the datagram is encapsulated in a link layer frame and transmitted

#### ► Services Offered by Link Layer

- Flow control: pacing b/w adjacent sending & dest nodes

#### ① Framing

- Encapsulates the network-layer datagram into a link-layer frame

#### ② Link Access (MAC- Medium Access Control)

- MAC is a protocol that specifies the rule by which a frame is transmitted onto the link.

#### ③ Reliable Delivery

- Ensure error free transmission over the link using ACKs & retransmission

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- Common in wireless links with high error rates
- often skipped in wired links due to low error rates

#### (4) Error Detection and Correction

- Detect bit errors using error-detection bits (like checksums)
- Error correction not only detects but also corrects the errors
- Typically implemented in hardware for efficiency

#### ▷ Implementation of Link Layer

- Mostly in Hardware

→ Implemented in a network adapter (NIC - Network Interface Controller)

→ Integrated into motherboard or on a separate chip

→ Handles core function: Framing, link access, error detection

- Partly in Software

→ Runs on Host CPU

→ Responsible for

↳ Managing addressing info

↳ Activating controlled hardware

↳ Responding to interrupts

↳ Passing recv data to the network layer

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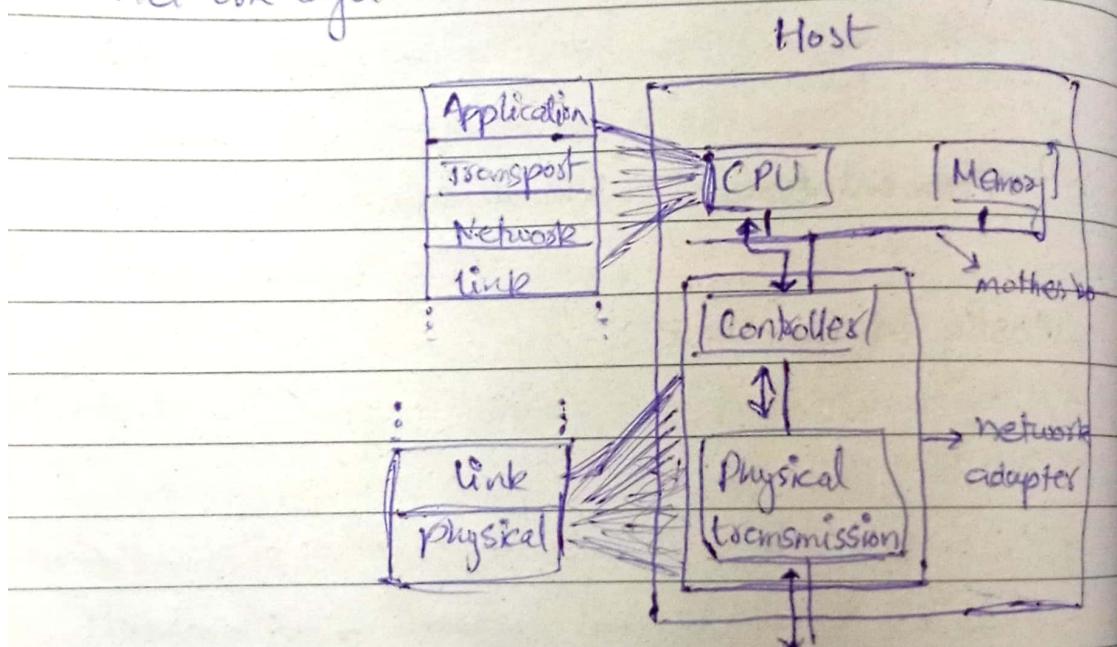
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- Send Side workflow:

Host CPU builds a datagram → NIC encapsulates it in a frame → Sends over the link

- Recv Side Workflow:

NIC recv frame → check for errs → extract datagram  
→ hands it to software → Software sends it to network layer.



▲ Network adapter

- MAC Addresses

→ Adapters (NIC) of hosts & routers have MAC addresses

→ Switches do not have MAC Addr on their interfaces because they forward frames transparently

↳ host or routers explicitly switch to interface

to address info w.r.t. to send datagram.

→ 6 bytes (48 bits) long

→ Expressed in hexadecimal (1A-2B-3C-4D-5E-6F)

→ Assigned by manufacturers & managed by IEEE

→ Unique & flat (non-hierarchical) structure

- MAC vs IP

→ MAC : Fixed, unique/adapter (NIC)

→ IP : Changes with location/network (postal addr)

- Sending Frames

→ Sender includes destination MAC addr in the frame

→ The frame is recd by switch which <sup>occasionally</sup> sends this frame to all connected devices

→ The receiving adapter

↳ Accepts the frame if dest MAC matches from its own

↳ Discard otherwise

- Broadcast Address

- Special MAC addr : FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
- Used when a frame must be delivered to all devices on the LAN.
- Common in protocols like ARP or DHCP.

▷ Address Resolution Protocol

- ARP is used to map an IP Addr to MAC Addr within the same subnet
- Essential for hosts/routers to send link-layer frames when they know the IP but not the MAC addr of the dest.

- How ARP Works

- ARP Table (cache)

- Each host/router maintains an ARP table
    - IP → MAC mapping with TTL (time to live)
    - Not all mappings are pre-populated; entries expire (typically after 20min)

- When sending to a known IP (and MAC is in ARP table)

- Sender looks up MAC of dest IP in ARP table
    - Encapsulates IP datagram in a frame with dest MAC
    - Sends it directly over the link

broadcast at link layer  
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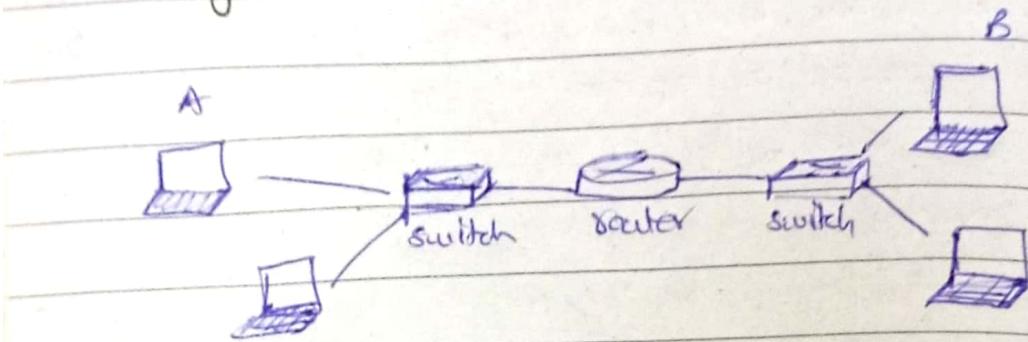
- When MAC is unknown
  - Sender creates an ARP request (query) pkt
    - ↳ contains sender's IP & MAC and target IP (whose MAC is needed)
  - Sent in a broadcast frame with MAC dest FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
  - All nodes on the LAN see the broadcast frame
  - Host with matching IP
    - ↳ Recognizes the match
    - ↳ Replies with an ARP reply containing
      - its MAC Address & IP
    - ↳ Reply is sent in a unicast frame (not broadcasted)
  - Sender sees ARP reply
    - ↳ Updates ARP table with the new IP-MAC mapping
    - ↳ Uses the MAC to send datagram.

Q: Why IP ~~&~~ MAC Add needed when there is IP?

- In a LAN a switch does not recognize the IP it only recognizes the MAC.
- IP are used to route packets end-to-end across network
- MAC are used to deliver frames within LAN

Date → because the data will actually be seen by NIC, which only understands MAC.

### ▷ Routing to another Subnet



- ① "A" creates IP datagram with IP src A, dest B
- ② "A" creates a link layer frame containing A to B IP datagram
- ③ For dest MAC, it will be R's left interface MAC, not B's MAC. Because A doesn't know B's MAC.
- ④ Frame sent from A to R
- ⑤ Frame recv at R, datagram removed, passed upto IP
- ⑥ Router determines outgoing interface through its forwarding table by seeing dest IP.
- ⑦ Router then creates link layer frame containing A to B IP datagram.
- ⑧ Frame dest MAC will now be B's MAC (Router will find it thru ARP).
- ⑨ Transmits link layer frame

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- (b) "B" dec frames, extract file contents
- (c) "B" passes datagram up protocol stack to layer

