

Lab1

Exercise 1: nslookup

1. Which is the IP address of the website www.koala.com.au? In your opinion, what is the reason of having several IP addresses as an output?

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wagner % nslookup www.koala.com.au
Server:      129.94.242.2
Address:     129.94.242.2#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   www.koala.com.au
Address: 104.18.61.21
Name:   www.koala.com.au
Address: 104.18.60.21
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The IP address of the website www.koala.com.au is 104.18.60.21 and 104.18.61.21. As for why there are several IP addresses outputs, this is to achieve load balancing, which aims to optimize resource use, maximize throughput, minimize response time, and avoid overload of any single resource.

2. Find out the name of the IP address 127.0.0.1. What is special about this IP address?

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wagner % nslookup 127.0.0.1
Server:      129.94.242.2
Address:     129.94.242.2#53

1.0.0.127.in-addr.arpa  name = localhost.
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This is so-call Loopback Address, which is the IP address of localhost.

Exercise 2: Use ping to test host reachability

Are the following hosts reachable from your machine by using ping:

- www.unsw.edu.au
- www.getfittest.com.au
- www.mit.edu
- www.intel.com.au
- www.tpg.com.au
- www.hola.hp
- www.amazon.com
- www.tsinghua.edu.cn
- www.kremlin.ru
- 8.8.8.8

If you observe that some hosts are not reachable, then can you explain why? Check if the addresses unreachable by the ping command are reachable from the Web browser.

www.unsw.edu.au	reachable
www.getfittest.com.au	unreachable (the host not exist)
www.mit.edu	reachable
www.intel.com.au	reachable
www.tpg.com.au	reachable
www.hola.hp	unreachable (the host not exist)
www.amazon.com	reachable
www.tsinghua.edu.cn	reachable
www.kremlin.ru	Unreachable. The output is time out but it is reachable from the web browser. This is probably because the ping command sends data using the ICMP protocol. ICMP response is disabled or ICMP filtering is enabled on the server
8.8.8.8	reachable

Exercise 3: Use traceroute to understand network topology

1. Run traceroute on your machine to www.columbia.edu . How many routers are there between your workstation and www.columbia.edu ? How many routers along the path are part of the UNSW network? Between which two routers do packets cross the Pacific Ocean? Hint: compare the round trip times from your machine to the routers using ping.

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wagner % traceroute www.columbia.edu
traceroute to www.columbia.edu (128.59.105.24), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1 cserouter1-server.cse.unsw.EDU.AU (129.94.242.251) 0.114 ms 0.112 ms 0.113 ms
 2 129.94.39.17 (129.94.39.17) 0.855 ms 0.875 ms 0.863 ms
 3 libudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.34) 1.452 ms ombudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.35) 1.349 ms libudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.34) 1.453 ms
 4 libcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.201) 1.074 ms 1.066 ms ombcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.169) 1.110 ms
 5 unswbr1-te-2-13.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.105) 1.153 ms unswbr1-te-1-9.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.101) 1.167 ms 1.065 ms
 6 138.44.5.0 (138.44.5.0) 1.257 ms 1.243 ms 1.258 ms
 7 et-1-3-0.pe1.sxt.bkvl.nsw.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.149) 2.279 ms 2.143 ms 2.104 ms
 8 et-0-0-0.pe1.a.hnl.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.99) 95.205 ms 95.090 ms 95.101 ms
 9 et-2-1-0.bdr1.a.sea.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.201) 146.974 ms 146.955 ms 146.949 ms
10 abilene-1-lo-jmb-706.sttlwa.pacificwave.net (207.231.240.8) 147.089 ms 147.112 ms 147.105 ms
11 ae-1.4079.rtsw.minn.net.internet2.edu (162.252.70.173) 179.854 ms 179.723 ms 179.607 ms
12 ae-1.4079.rtsw.eqch.net.internet2.edu (162.252.70.106) 187.628 ms 187.740 ms 187.858 ms
13 ae-0.4079.rtsw3.eqch.net.internet2.edu (162.252.70.163) 187.817 ms 188.403 ms 188.577 ms
14 ae-1.4079.rtsw.clev.net.internet2.edu (162.252.70.130) 196.145 ms 196.320 ms 197.566 ms
15 buf-9208-I2-CLEV.nysernet.net (199.109.11.33) 200.568 ms 200.515 ms 200.534 ms
16 syr-9208-buf-9208.nysernet.net (199.109.7.193) 205.719 ms 203.693 ms 203.890 ms
17 nyc111-9204-syr-9208.nysernet.net (199.109.7.94) 212.891 ms 212.818 ms 212.727 ms
18 nyc-9208-nyc111-9204.nysernet.net (199.109.7.165) 213.064 ms 213.017 ms 213.036 ms
19 columbia.nyc-9208.nysernet.net (199.109.4.14) 212.978 ms 212.901 ms 213.027 ms
20 cc-core-1-x-nyser32-gw-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.5) 213.232 ms 213.180 ms 213.225 ms
21 cc-conc-1-x-cc-core-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.21) 213.344 ms 213.443 ms 213.465 ms
22 ccnmtl.columbia.edu (128.59.105.24) 213.149 ms 213.208 ms 213.101 ms
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- (1) There are 21 routers between my working station and the sever of www.columbia.edu . (the last one is the destination router)
- (2) There are 5 routers that are part of UNSW network.
- (3) the 7th (162.252.70.173) router travel across the Pacific Ocean

2. Run traceroute from your machine to the following destinations:

(i) www.ucla.edu (ii) www.u-tokyo.ac.jp and (iii) www.lancaster.ac.uk . At which router do the paths from your machine to these three destinations diverge? Find out further details about this router. (HINT: You can find out more about a router by running the Whois command: Whois router-IP-address). Is the number of hops on each path proportional the physical distance? HINT: You can find out the geographical location of a server using the following tool - <http://www.yougetsignal.com/tools/network-location/>

the output as follows:

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wagner % traceroute www.ucla.edu
traceroute to www.ucla.edu (164.67.228.152), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1 cserouter1-server.cse.unsw.EDU.AU (129.94.242.251)  0.116 ms  0.131 ms  0.101 ms
 2 129.94.39.17 (129.94.39.17)  0.895 ms  0.934 ms  0.795 ms
 3 ombudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.35)  2.025 ms  1.981 ms  1.980 ms
 4 libcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.165)  1.166 ms  libcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.201)  1.221 ms  1.187 ms
 5 unswbr1-te-2-13.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.105)  1.195 ms  1.128 ms  1.166 ms
 6 138.44.5.0 (138.44.5.0)  1.259 ms  1.308 ms  1.298 ms
 7 et-1-3-0.pe1.sxt.bkvl.nsw.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.149)  2.162 ms  2.288 ms  2.272 ms
 8 et-0-0-0.pe1.a.hnl.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.99)  95.192 ms  95.162 ms  95.289 ms
 9 et-2-1-0.bdr1.a.sea.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.201)  146.970 ms  146.947 ms  146.942 ms
10 cenichpr-1-is-jmb-778.snvaca.pacificwave.net (207.231.245.129)  164.257 ms  163.433 ms  164.211 ms
11 hpr-lax-hpr3-svl-hpr3-100ge.cenic.net (137.164.25.73)  160.306 ms  160.711 ms  160.186 ms
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13 bd11f1.anderson--cr00f2.csb1.ucla.net (169.232.4.4)  161.048 ms  161.276 ms  160.694 ms
14 cr00f2.csb1--rtr12f4.mathsci.ucla.net (169.232.8.183)  161.216 ms  161.240 ms  cr00f1.anderson--rtr11f4.mathsci.ucla.net (169.232.8.185)  160.664 ms
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wagner % traceroute www.u-tokyo.ac.jp
traceroute to www.u-tokyo.ac.jp (210.152.243.234), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1 cserouter1-server.cse.unsw.EDU.AU (129.94.242.251)  0.118 ms  0.094 ms  0.091 ms
 2 129.94.39.17 (129.94.39.17)  0.821 ms  0.837 ms  0.804 ms
 3 ombudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.35)  19.622 ms  19.572 ms  libudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.34)  1.261 ms
 4 ombcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.197)  1.055 ms  libcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.165)  1.183 ms  libcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.201)  1.203 ms
 5 unswbr1-te-2-13.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.105)  1.116 ms  unswbr1-te-1-9.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.101)  1.164 ms  unswbr1-te-2-13.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.105)  1.071 ms
 6 138.44.5.0 (138.44.5.0)  1.709 ms  2.162 ms  2.114 ms
 7 et-0-3-0.pe1.bkvl.nsw.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.147)  3.173 ms  2.575 ms  2.576 ms
 8 ge-4-0-0.bb1.a.pao.aarnet.net.au (202.158.194.177)  154.979 ms  155.046 ms  155.009 ms
 9 paloalto08.iij.net (198.32.176.24)  156.379 ms  156.430 ms  156.467 ms
10 osk004bb01.IIJ.Net (58.138.88.189)  269.275 ms  osk004bb00.IIJ.Net (58.138.88.185)  287.286 ms  osk004bb01.IIJ.Net (58.138.88.189)  269.585 ms
11 osk004ip57.IIJ.Net (58.138.106.166)  278.127 ms  osk004ip57.IIJ.Net (58.138.88.162)  278.372 ms  278.035 ms
12 210.138.135.130 (210.138.135.130)  269.534 ms  278.113 ms  278.175 ms
13 124.83.228.58 (124.83.228.58)  269.436 ms  278.287 ms  271.043 ms
14 124.83.252.178 (124.83.252.178)  275.181 ms  275.199 ms  275.144 ms
15 158.205.134.26 (158.205.134.26)  292.906 ms  292.975 ms  292.807 ms
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wagner % traceroute www.lancaster.ac.uk
traceroute to www.lancaster.ac.uk (148.88.65.80), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1 cserouter1-server.cse.unsw.EDU.AU (129.94.242.251)  0.111 ms  0.096 ms  0.091 ms
 2 129.94.39.17 (129.94.39.17)  0.826 ms  0.790 ms  0.830 ms
 3 libudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.34)  1.362 ms  ombudnex1-v1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.35)  1.523 ms  1.506 ms
 4 libcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.165)  1.093 ms  ombcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.197)  1.103 ms  libcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.165)  1.048 ms
 5 unswbr1-te-1-9.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.101)  204.957 ms  unswbr1-te-2-13.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.105)  204.931 ms  unswbr1-te-1-9.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.101)  204.901 ms
 6 138.44.5.0 (138.44.5.0)  4.794 ms  4.251 ms  4.214 ms
 7 et-2-0-5.bdr1.sing.sin.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.233)  92.778 ms  92.640 ms  92.616 ms
 8 138.44.226.7 (138.44.226.7)  260.128 ms  260.030 ms  260.047 ms
 9 janet-gw.mxl.lon.uk.geant.net (62.40.124.198)  260.167 ms  260.169 ms  260.032 ms
10 ae29.londpg-sbr2.ja.net (146.97.33.2)  260.504 ms  260.504 ms  260.486 ms
11 ae31.ordiss-sbr2.ja.net (146.97.33.22)  264.226 ms  264.239 ms  264.214 ms
12 ae29.manckh-sbr2.ja.net (146.97.33.42)  266.067 ms  283.794 ms  283.758 ms
13 ae24.lancu-rbr1.ja.net (146.97.38.58)  209.406 ms  208.395 ms  208.335 ms
14 lancaster-university.ja.net (194.81.46.2)  283.420 ms  283.371 ms  283.334 ms
15 is-border1.bfw01.rtr.lancs.ac.uk (148.88.253.202)  268.924 ms  268.811 ms  268.900 ms
16 bfw01.is-servers.is-core01.rtr.lancs.ac.uk (148.88.250.98)  274.386 ms  270.788 ms  271.319 ms
17 * * *
18 www.lancs.ac.uk (148.88.65.80)  268.969 ms IX 268.938 ms IX 269.000 ms IX
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1. The three paths diverge at the 6th router (138.44.5.0). Using whois command to find more detail:

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wagner % whois 138.44.5.0

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# If you see inaccuracies in the results, please report at
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NetRange:      138.44.0.0 - 138.44.255.255
CIDR:          138.44.0.0/16
NetName:       APNIC-ERX-138-44-0-0
NetHandle:     NET-138-44-0-0-1
Parent:        NET138 (NET-138-0-0-0)
NetType:       Early Registrations, Transferred to APNIC
OriginAS:
Organization:  Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC)
RegDate:       2003-12-11
Updated:       2009-10-08
Comment:       This IP address range is not registered in the ARIN database.
Comment:       This range was transferred to the APNIC Whois Database as
Comment:       part of the ERX (Early Registration Transfer) project.
Comment:       For details, refer to the APNIC Whois Database via
Comment:       WHOIS.APNIC.NET or http://wq.apnic.net/apnic-bin/whois.pl
Comment:
Comment:       ** IMPORTANT NOTE: APNIC is the Regional Internet Registry
Comment:       for the Asia Pacific region. APNIC does not operate networks
Comment:       using this IP address range and is not able to investigate
Comment:       spam or abuse reports relating to these addresses. For more
Comment:       help, refer to http://www.apnic.net/apnic-info/whois\_search2/abuse-and-spamming
Ref:           https://rdap.arin.net/registry/ip/138.44.0.0

ResourceLink:  http://wq.apnic.net/whois-search/static/search.html
ResourceLink:  whois.apnic.net

OrgName:       Asia Pacific Network Information Centre
OrgId:         APNIC
Address:       PO Box 3646
City:          South Brisbane
StateProv:     QLD
PostalCode:    4101
Country:       AU
RegDate:
Updated:       2012-01-24
Ref:           https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/APNIC
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ReferralServer: whois://whois.apnic.net
ResourceLink: http://wq.apnic.net/whois-search/static/search.html

OrgAbuseHandle: AWC12-ARIN
OrgAbuseName: APNIC Whois Contact
OrgAbusePhone: +61 7 3858 3188
OrgAbuseEmail: search-apnic-not-arin@apnic.net
OrgAbuseRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/AWC12-ARIN

OrgTechHandle: AWC12-ARIN
OrgTechName: APNIC Whois Contact
OrgTechPhone: +61 7 3858 3188
OrgTechEmail: search-apnic-not-arin@apnic.net
OrgTechRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/AWC12-ARIN

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% Information related to '138.44.0.0 - 138.44.255.255'

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inetnum: 138.44.0.0 - 138.44.255.255
netname: AARNET
descr: Australian Academic and Research Network
descr: Building 9
descr: Banks Street
country: AU
org: ORG-AAAR1-AP
admin-c: SM6-AP
tech-c: ANOC-AP
notify: irrcontact@aarnet.edu.au
mnt-by: APNIC-HM
mnt-lower: MAINT-AARNET-AP
mnt-routes: MAINT-AARNET-AP
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2. The number of hops can only depict the number of routers on a path, which is not related to the physical distance. For example, a hop may travel the whole Pacific Ocean, while there may be multiple routers passed by when I visit a IP address on Melbourne from Sydney.

3. Several servers distributed around the world provide a web interface from which you can perform a traceroute to any other host in the Internet. Here are two examples:

(i) <http://www.speedtest.com.sg/tr.php> and (ii) <https://www.telstra.net/cgi-bin/trace> .

Run traceroute from both these servers towards your machine and in the reverse direction (i.e. From your machine to these servers). You may also try other traceroute servers from the list at www.traceroute.org . What are the IP addresses of the two servers that you have chosen. Does the reverse path go through the same routers as the forward path? If you observe common routers between the forward and the reverse path, do you also observe the same IP addresses? Why or why not?

To do this, using the ifconfig command to get my IP address: (129.94.8.97)

Then get a forward path to these two server:

(1) <http://www.speedtest.com.sg/tr.php>

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wagner % traceroute speedtest.com.sg
traceroute to speedtest.com.sg (202.150.221.170), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1 cserouter1-server.cse.unsw.EDU.AU (129.94.242.251) 0.130 ms 0.113 ms 0.107 ms
 2 129.94.39.17 (129.94.39.17) 0.840 ms 0.871 ms 0.894 ms
 3 ombudnex1-vl-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.35) 1.474 ms libudnex1-vl-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.34) 1.300 ms ombudnex1-vl-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.35) 1.291 ms
 4 libcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.201) 1.121 ms ombcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.169) 1.093 ms libcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.165) 1.071 ms
 5 unswbr1-te-1-9.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.101) 1.093 ms 1.118 ms 1.125 ms
 6 138.44.5.0 (138.44.5.0) 1.256 ms 1.299 ms 1.250 ms
 7 et-0-3-0.pe1.alxd.nsw.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.153) 1.713 ms 1.631 ms 1.645 ms
 8 xe-0-2-7.bdr1.a.lax.aarnet.net.au (202.158.194.173) 147.648 ms 147.627 ms 147.604 ms
 9 singtel.as7473.any2ix.coresite.com (206.72.210.63) 147.619 ms 147.698 ms 147.821 ms
10 203.208.171.117 (203.208.171.117) 147.953 ms 147.993 ms 203.208.182.153 (203.208.182.153) 330.179 ms
11 203.208.177.110 (203.208.177.110) 328.320 ms 321.125 ms 203.208.182.41 (203.208.182.41) 237.165 ms
12 * * 203.208.158.17 (203.208.158.17) 330.115 ms
13 202-150-221-170.rev.ne.com.sg (202.150.221.170) 214.371 ms 212.308 ms 203.208.158.185 (203.208.158.185) 329.865 ms
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(2) <https://www.telstra.net/cgi-bin/trace>

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wagner % traceroute www.telstra.net
traceroute to www.telstra.net (203.50.5.178), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1 cserouter1-server.cse.unsw.EDU.AU (129.94.242.251) 0.164 ms 0.138 ms 0.109 ms
 2 129.94.39.17 (129.94.39.17) 0.879 ms 0.868 ms 0.864 ms
 3 ombudnex1-vl-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.35) 29.003 ms 29.026 ms 28.977 ms
 4 libcr1-po-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.165) 1.145 ms libcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.201) 1.124 ms ombcr1-po-6.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.169) 1.098 ms
 5 unswbr1-te-2-13.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.105) 1.131 ms 1.140 ms unswbr1-te-1-9.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.101) 1.165 ms
 6 138.44.5.0 (138.44.5.0) 1.253 ms 1.367 ms 1.338 ms
 7 xe-0-0-0.bdr1.rsby.nsw.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.33) 1.569 ms 1.637 ms 1.564 ms
 8 gigabitethernet3-11.ken37.sydney.telstra.net (139.130.0.77) 2.341 ms 2.509 ms 2.631 ms
 9 bundle-ether13.ken-core10.sydney.telstra.net (203.50.11.94) 3.899 ms bundle-ether2.chw-edge901.sydney.telstra.net (203.50.11.103) 2.227 ms 2.259 ms
10 bundle-ether13.chw-core10.sydney.telstra.net (203.50.11.98) 2.473 ms bundle-ether10.win-core10.melbourne.telstra.net (203.50.11.123) 13.761 ms 13.260 ms
11 203.50.6.40 (203.50.6.40) 13.908 ms 13.682 ms bundle-ether8.exi-core10.melbourne.telstra.net (203.50.11.125) 13.056 ms
12 bundle-ether2.exi-ncprouter101.melbourne.telstra.net (203.50.11.209) 13.019 ms 12.824 ms 13.131 ms
13 www.telstra.net (203.50.5.178) 12.443 ms 12.729 ms 12.608 ms
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Then the reverse path:

(1) <http://www.speedtest.com.sg/tr.php>

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tracert to 129.94.242.115 (129.94.242.115), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1  ge2-8.r01.sin01.ne.com.sg (202.150.221.169)  0.164 ms  0.201 ms  0.211 ms
 2  10.15.62.210 (10.15.62.210)  0.223 ms  0.249 ms  0.270 ms
 3  aarnet.sgix.sg (103.16.102.67)  199.594 ms  199.620 ms  199.639 ms
 4  et-7-3-0.pe1.nsw.brwy.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.232)  228.294 ms  228.175 ms  228.302 ms
 5  138.44.5.1 (138.44.5.1)  209.263 ms  209.210 ms  209.402 ms
 6  libcr1-te-1-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.102)  209.234 ms  209.208 ms  209.314 ms
 7  libudnex1-po-1.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.166)  213.470 ms  ombudnex1-po-1.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.202)  211.785 ms
 8  ufw1-ae-1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.36)  200.418 ms  200.361 ms  200.470 ms
 9  129.94.39.23 (129.94.39.23)  210.215 ms  209.991 ms  210.192 ms
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(2) <https://www.telstra.net/cgi-bin/trace>

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 1  gigabitethernet3-3.exi2.melbourne.telstra.net (203.50.77.53)  0.240 ms  0.203 ms  0.240 ms
 2  bundle-ether3-100.win-core10.melbourne.telstra.net (203.50.80.129)  1.986 ms  1.353 ms  2.239 ms
 3  bundle-ether12.ken-core10.sydney.telstra.net (203.50.11.122)  12.611 ms  12.474 ms  12.983 ms
 4  bundle-ether1.ken-edge901.sydney.telstra.net (203.50.11.95)  11.861 ms  11.848 ms  11.988 ms
 5  aarnet6.lnk.telstra.net (139.130.0.78)  11.608 ms  11.600 ms  11.863 ms
 6  xe-5-2-2.pe1.brwy.nsw.aarnet.net.au (113.197.15.32)  11.858 ms  11.849 ms  11.860 ms
 7  138.44.5.1 (138.44.5.1)  45.341 ms  50.579 ms  27.726 ms
 8  libcr1-te-1-5.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.102)  11.984 ms  11.973 ms  11.983 ms
 9  ombudnex1-po-1.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.255.202)  12.360 ms  12.349 ms  12.236 ms
10  ufw1-ae-1-3154.gw.unsw.edu.au (149.171.253.36)  12.611 ms  12.721 ms  12.736 ms
11  129.94.39.23 (129.94.39.23)  12.858 ms  12.974 ms  12.860 ms
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By observation, I find that the reverse path may not go through the same routers as the forward path. Because a same website server may have multiple IP addresses. To maintain the load balance, a different IP address may be assigned on the reverse path even though it is the same router. Also, to minimise latency, packet may be transmitted to different router on the way

Exercise 4: Use ping to gain insights into network performance

Chosen location and the direct distance:

(i) www.uq.edu.au	distance: 734.3 km
(ii) www.upm.edu.my	distance: 6606.5 km
(iii) www.tu-berlin.de	distance: 16104.8 km

1. For each of these locations find the (approximate) physical distance from UNSW using Google Maps and compute the shortest possible time T for a packet to reach that location from UNSW. You should assume that the packet moves (i.e. propagates) at the speed of light, 3×10^8 m/s. Note that the shortest possible time will simply be the distance divided by the propagation speed. Plot a graph where the x-axis represents the distance to each city (i.e. Brisbane, Manila and Berlin), and the y-axis represents the ratio between the minimum delay (i.e. RTT) as measured by the ping program (select the values for 50 byte packets) and the shortest possible time T to reach that city from UNSW. (Note that the y-values are no smaller than 2 since it takes at least $2 \cdot T$ time for any packet to reach the destination from UNSW and get back). Can you think of at least two reasons why the y-axis values that you plot are greater than 2?

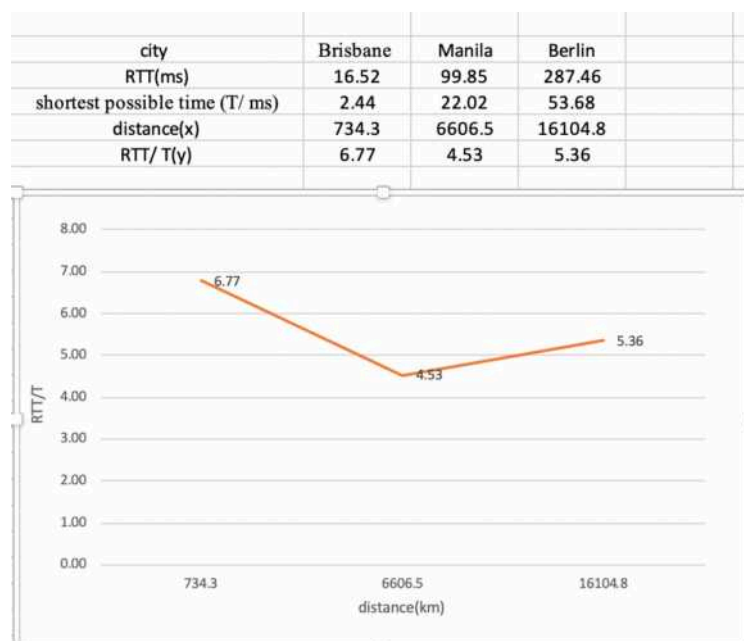
The result of script file execution can be found in the attached support file(.pdf , .txt)

computing the shortest possible time:

$$t_i = (734.3 \times 10^3) / (3 \times 10^8) = 0.00244s = 2.44 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_{ii} = (6606.5 \times 10^3) / (3 \times 10^8) = 0.02202s = 22.02 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_{iii} = (16104.8 \times 10^3) / (3 \times 10^8) = 0.05368s = 53.68 \text{ ms}$$



Here is the plotted picture using Excel. There are a lot of reasons that the ratio greater than 2:

- (1) The path is usually not straight. The actual distance is highly greater than ideal situations.
- (2) The propagation rate may cannot reach 3×10^8 m/s.
- (3) This algorithm overlooks the impact of transmission delay, queueing delay and the processing delay.

2. Is the delay to the destinations constant or does it vary over time? Explain why.

yes, because the status of routers on a path is usually consistently changing. Sometimes, there may be congestions occurs or server shut down. Even the path (the routers on the path) may vary each time we send a packet. All of these issue would influence the delay.

3. Explore where the website for www.epfl.ch is hosted. Is it in Switzerland?

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grieg % nslookup www.epfl.ch
Server:      129.94.242.2
Address:     129.94.242.2#53

Non-authoritative answer:
www.epfl.ch canonical name = www.epfl.ch.cdn.cloudflare.net.
Name:   www.epfl.ch.cdn.cloudflare.net
Address: 104.20.229.42
Name:   www.epfl.ch.cdn.cloudflare.net
Address: 104.20.228.42

grieg % whois 104.20.229.42

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# available at: https://www.arin.net/resources/registry/whois/tou/
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# If you see inaccuracies in the results, please report at
# https://www.arin.net/resources/registry/whois/inaccuracy_reporting/
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NetRange: 104.16.0.0 - 104.31.255.255
CIDR: 104.16.0.0/12
NetName: CLOUDFLARENET
NetHandle: NET-104-16-0-1
Parent: NET104 (NET-104-0-0-0)
NetType: Direct Assignment
OriginAS: AS13335
Organization: Cloudflare, Inc. (CLOUD14)
RegDate: 2014-03-28
Updated: 2017-02-17
Comment: All Cloudflare abuse reporting can be done via https://www.cloudflare.com/abuse
Ref: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/ip/104.16.0.0

OrgName: Cloudflare, Inc.
OrgId: CLOUD14
Address: 101 Townsend Street
City: San Francisco
StateProv: CA
PostalCode: 94107
Country: US
RegDate: 2010-07-09
Updated: 2019-09-25
Ref: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/CLOUD14
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OrgTechHandle: ADMIN2521-ARIN
OrgTechName: Admin
OrgTechPhone: +1-650-319-8930
OrgTechEmail: rir@cloudflare.com
OrgTechRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/ADMIN2521-ARIN

OrgAbuseHandle: ABUSE2916-ARIN
OrgAbuseName: Abuse
OrgAbusePhone: +1-650-319-8930
OrgAbuseEmail: abuse@cloudflare.com
OrgAbuseRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/ABUSE2916-ARIN

OrgNOCHandle: NOC11962-ARIN
OrgNOCName: NOC
OrgNOCPhone: +1-650-319-8930
OrgNOCEmail: noc@cloudflare.com
OrgNOCRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/NOC11962-ARIN

RTechHandle: ADMIN2521-ARIN
RTechName: Admin
RTechPhone: +1-650-319-8930
RTechEmail: rir@cloudflare.com
RTechRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/ADMIN2521-ARIN

RAbuseHandle: ABUSE2916-ARIN
RAbuseName: Abuse
RAbusePhone: +1-650-319-8930
RAbuseEmail: abuse@cloudflare.com
RAbuseRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/ABUSE2916-ARIN

RNOCHandle: NOC11962-ARIN
RNOCName: NOC
RNOCPhone: +1-650-319-8930
RNOCEmail: noc@cloudflare.com
RNOCRef: https://rdap.arin.net/registry/entity/NOC11962-ARIN

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No, the server located in San Francisco

4. The measured delay (i.e., the delay you can see in the graphs) is composed of propagation delay, transmission delay, processing delay and queuing delay. Which of these delays depend on the packet size and which do not?

Only the transmission delay and processing delay depends on the packet. Propagation delay, and queuing delay depend on other factors. The queueing delay depends on the congestion level of routers and the propagation delay depends on the propagation rate on physical links and distance.