CNT 4704: Analysis of Computer Communication Networks

The Network Layer: Control Plane

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Network layer control plane: our goals

- understand principles behind network control plane:
  - traditional routing algorithms
  - SDN controllers
  - network management, configuration

- instantiation, implementation in the Internet:
  - OSPF, BGP
  - OpenFlow, ODL and ONOS controllers
  - Internet Control Message Protocol: ICMP
  - SNMP, YANG/NETCONF

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Network-layer functions

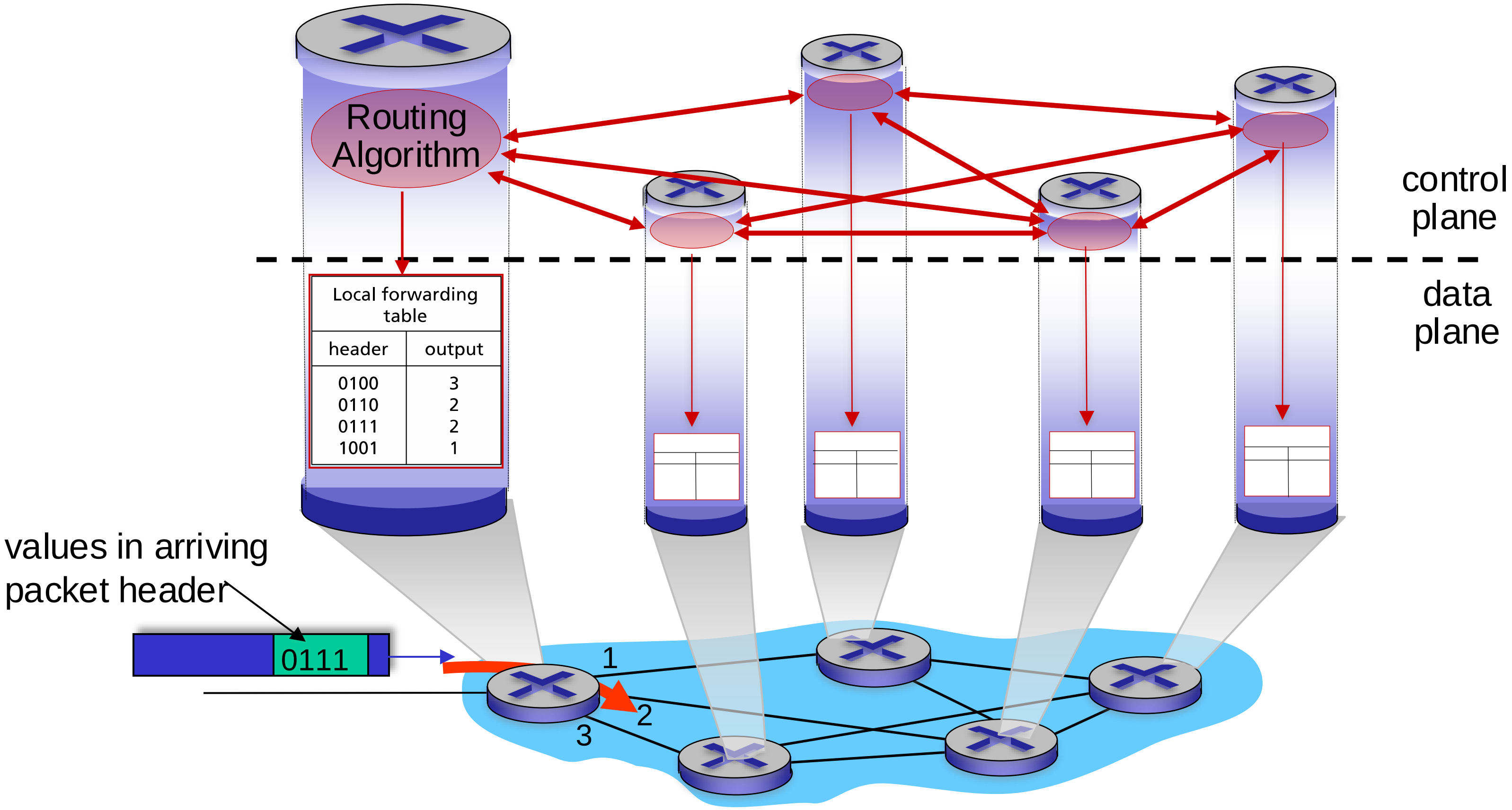
- forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output — *data plane*
- routing: determine route taken by packets from source to destination — *control plane*

Two approaches to structuring network control plane:

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

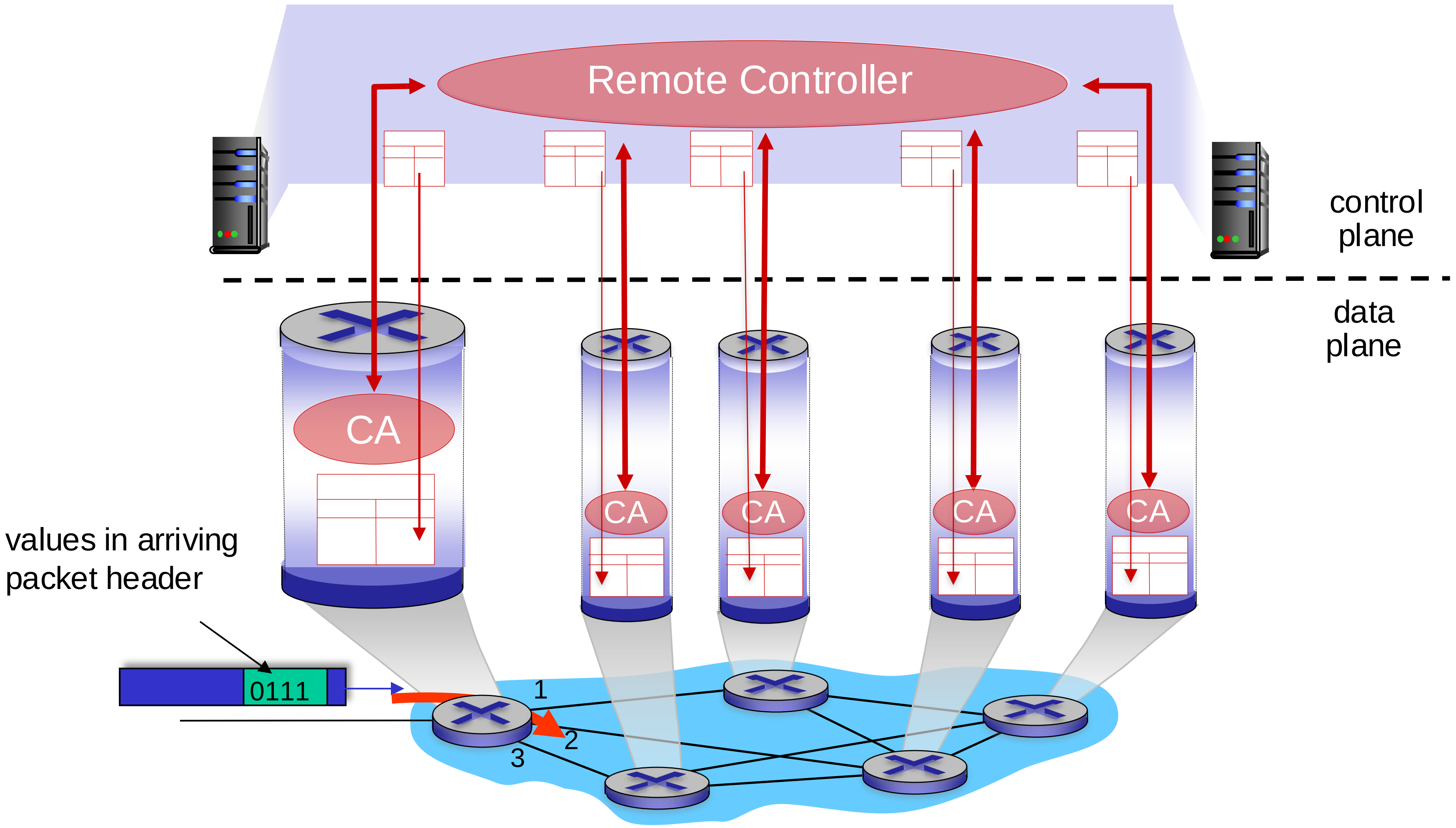
Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact in the control plane



Software-Defined Networking (SDN) control plane

Remote controller computes, installs forwarding tables in routers



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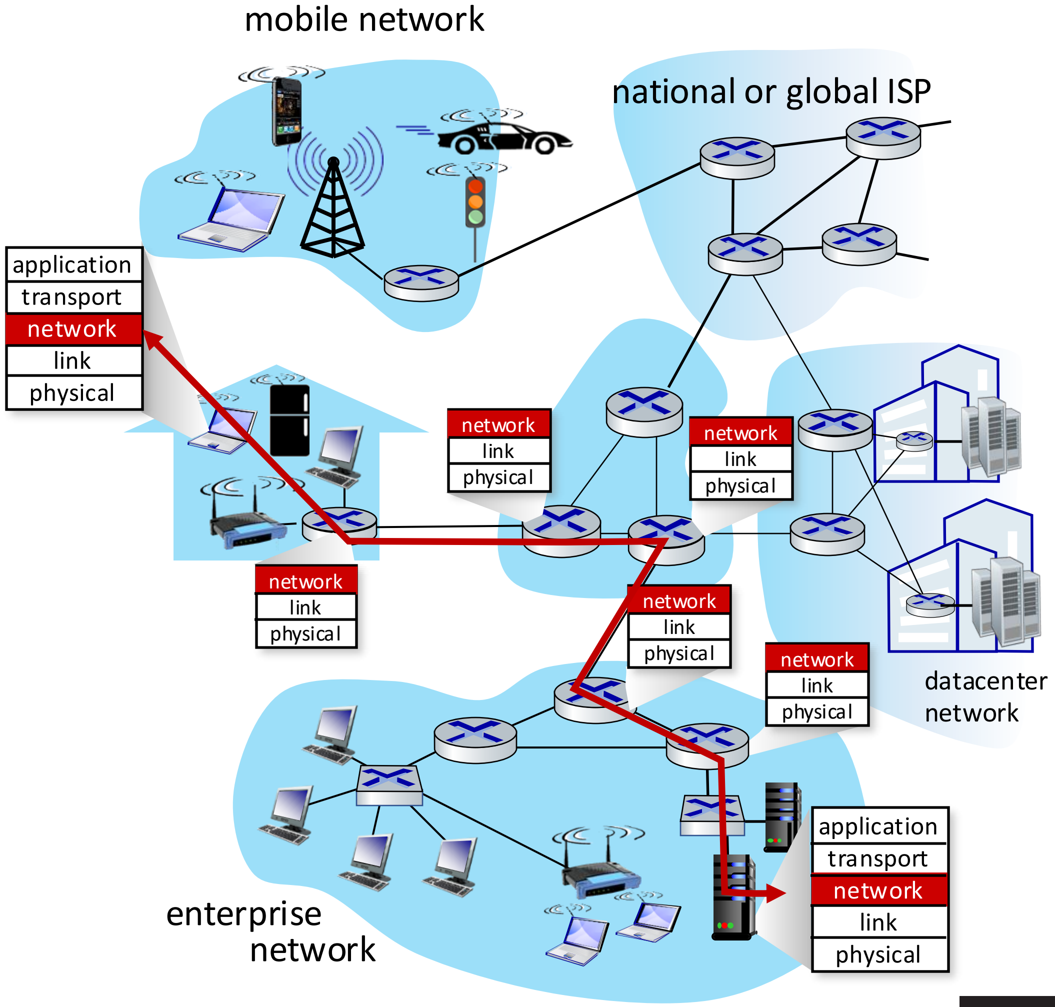
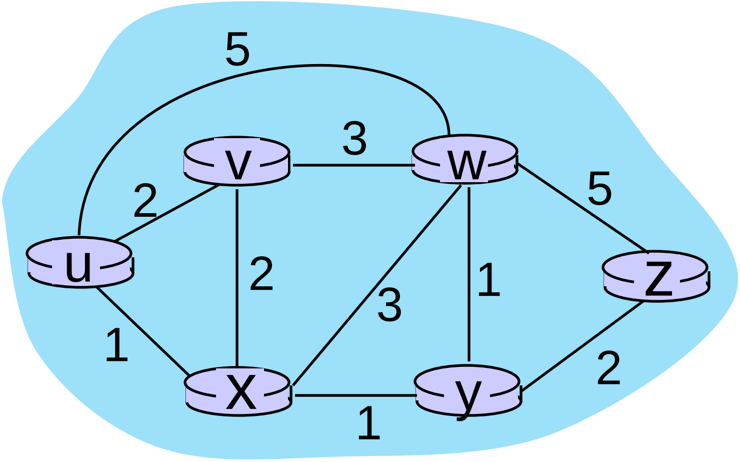
Routing protocols

Routing protocol goal: determine "good" paths (equivalently, routes), from sending hosts to receiving host, through network of routers

- path: sequence of routers packets traverse from given initial source host to final destination host
- "good": least "cost", "fastest", "least congested"
- routing: a "top-10" networking challenge!



Graph abstraction: link costs



$c_{a,b}$: cost of *direct* link connecting *a* and *b*

e.g., $c_{w,z} = 5$, $c_{u,z} = \infty$

cost defined by network operator: could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

graph: $G = (N,E)$

N: set of routers = { *u, v, w, x, y, z* }

E: set of links ={ (*u,v*), (*u,x*), (*v,x*), (*v,w*), (*x,w*), (*x,y*), (*w,y*), (*w,z*), (*y,z*) }

Routing algorithm classification

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

How fast do routes change?

static: routes change slowly over time

dynamic: routes change more quickly
- periodic updates or in response to link cost changes

decentralized: iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- routers initially only know link costs to attached neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

global or decentralized information?

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Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

- centralized: network 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* destinations

notation

- $c_{x,y}$: direct link cost from node x to y; $= \infty$ if not direct neighbors
- $D(v)$: *current* estimate of cost of least-cost-path from source to destination v
- $p(v)$: predecessor node along path from source to v
- N': set of nodes whose least-cost-path *definitively* known

Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

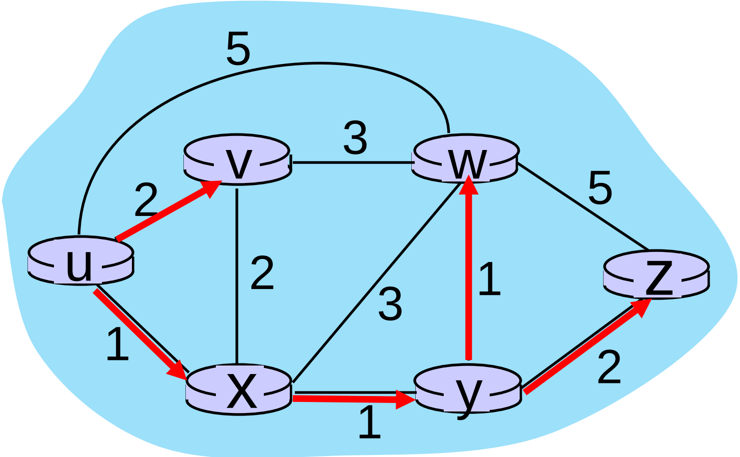
Initialization:
$N' = \{u\}$ /* compute least cost path from u to all other nodes */
for all nodes v
  if v adjacent to u /* u initially knows direct-path-cost only to direct neighbors */
    then $D(v) = c_{u,v}$ /* but may not be *minimum* cost! */
  else $D(v) = \infty$

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' :
    $D(v) = \min\left(D(v),\ D(w) + c_{w,v} \right)$
  /* new least-path-cost to v is either old least-cost-path to v or known
  least-cost-path to w plus direct-cost from w to v */
until all nodes in N'

Dijkstra's algorithm: an example

Step	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	2,u	3,y			4,y
3	uxyv		3,y			4,y
4	uxyvw					4,y
5	uxyvwz					

Initialization (step 0): For all a: if *a* adjacent to then $D(a) = c_{u,a}$



find *a* not in *N'* such that *D(a)* is a minimum
add *a* to *N'*
update *D(b)* for all *b* adjacent to *a* and not in *N'* :
$D(b) = \min (D(b), D(a) + c_{a,b})$

$D(v) = \min (D(v), D(x) + c_{x,v}) = \min(2, 1+2) = 2$
$D(w) = \min (D(w), D(x) + c_{x,w}) = \min (5, 1+3) = 4$ NEW!
$D(y) = \min (D(y), D(x) + c_{x,y}) = \min(inf,1+1) = 2$ NEW!

$D(w) = \min (D(w), D(y) + c_{x,w}) = \min (4, 2+1) = 3$
$D(z) = \min (D(z), D(y) + c_{y,x}) = \min(inf,2+2) = 4$

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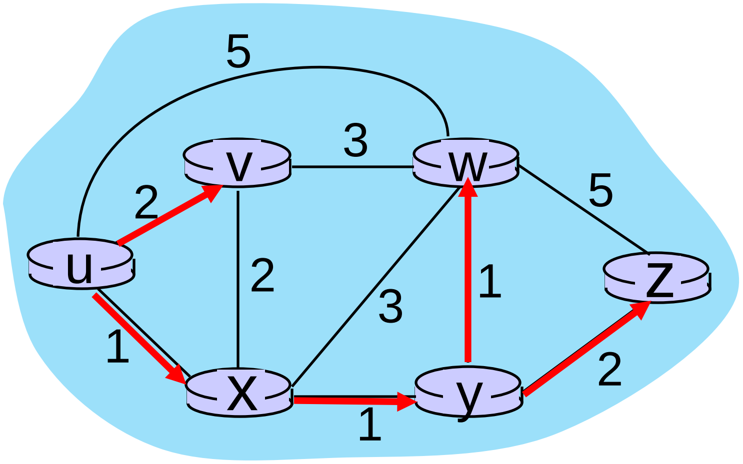
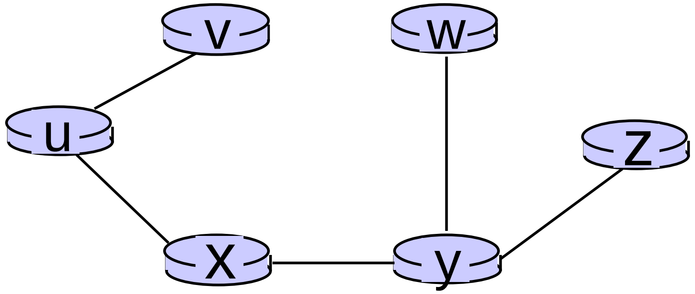


resulting least-cost-path tree from u:



resulting forwarding table in u:

destination	outgoing link
v	(u,v)
x	(u,x)
y	(u,x)
w	(u,x)
x	(u,x)

route from *u* to *v* directly

route from u to all other destinations via *x*

Dijkstra's algorithm: discussion

algorithm complexity: *n* nodes

- each of *n* iteration: need to check all nodes, *w*, not in *N*
- $n(n+1)/2$ comparisons: $O(n^2)$ complexity
- more efficient implementations possible: $O(n\log n)$

message complexity:

- each router must *broadcast* its link state information to other *n* routers
- efficient (and interesting!) broadcast algorithms: $O(n)$ link crossings to disseminate a broadcast message from one source
- each router's message crosses $O(n)$ links: overall message complexity: $O(n^2)$

Questions?