

# Ch 3: Transport Layer

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# Chapter 3: Transport Layer

## our goals:

- ❖ understand principles behind transport layer services:
  - multiplexing, demultiplexing
  - reliable data transfer
  - flow control
  - congestion control
- ❖ learn about Internet transport layer protocols:
  - UDP: connectionless transport
  - TCP: connection-oriented reliable transport
  - TCP congestion control

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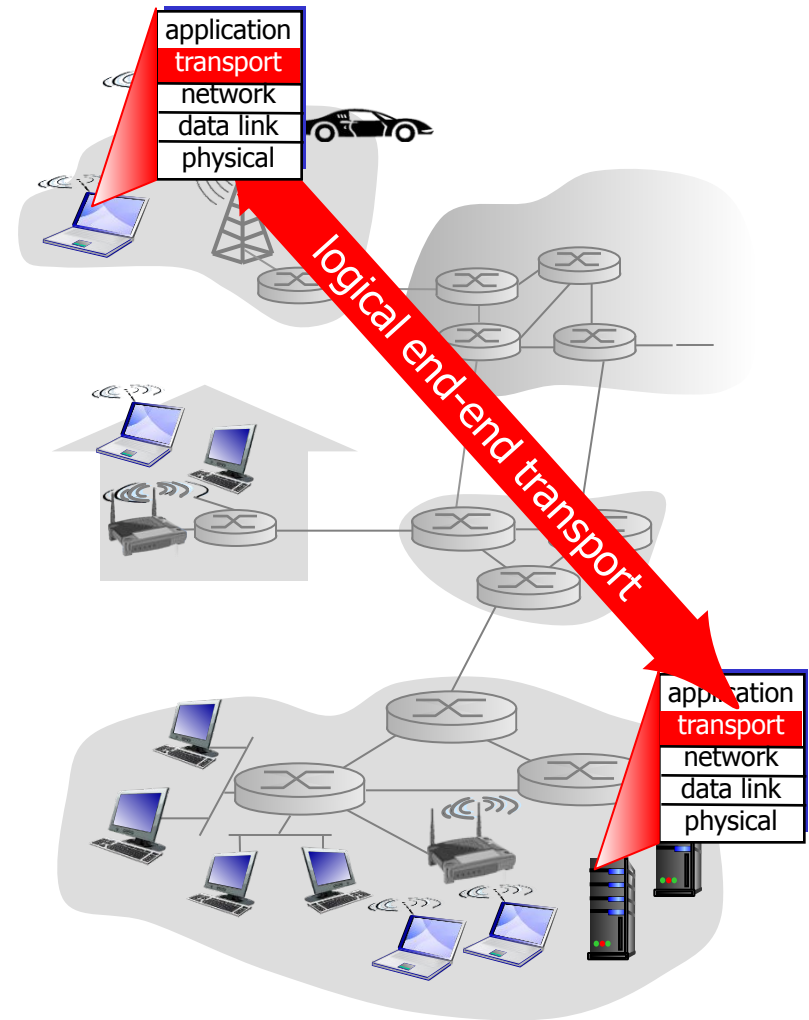
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# Transport services and protocols

- ❖ provide *logical communication* between app processes running on different hosts
- ❖ transport protocols run in end systems
  - send side: breaks app messages into *segments*, passes to network layer
  - rcv side: reassembles segments into messages, passes to app layer
- ❖ more than one transport protocol available to apps
  - Internet: TCP and UDP



# Transport vs. network layer

- ❖ *network layer:*  
logical communication between hosts
- ❖ *transport layer:*  
logical communication between processes
  - relies on, enhances, network layer services

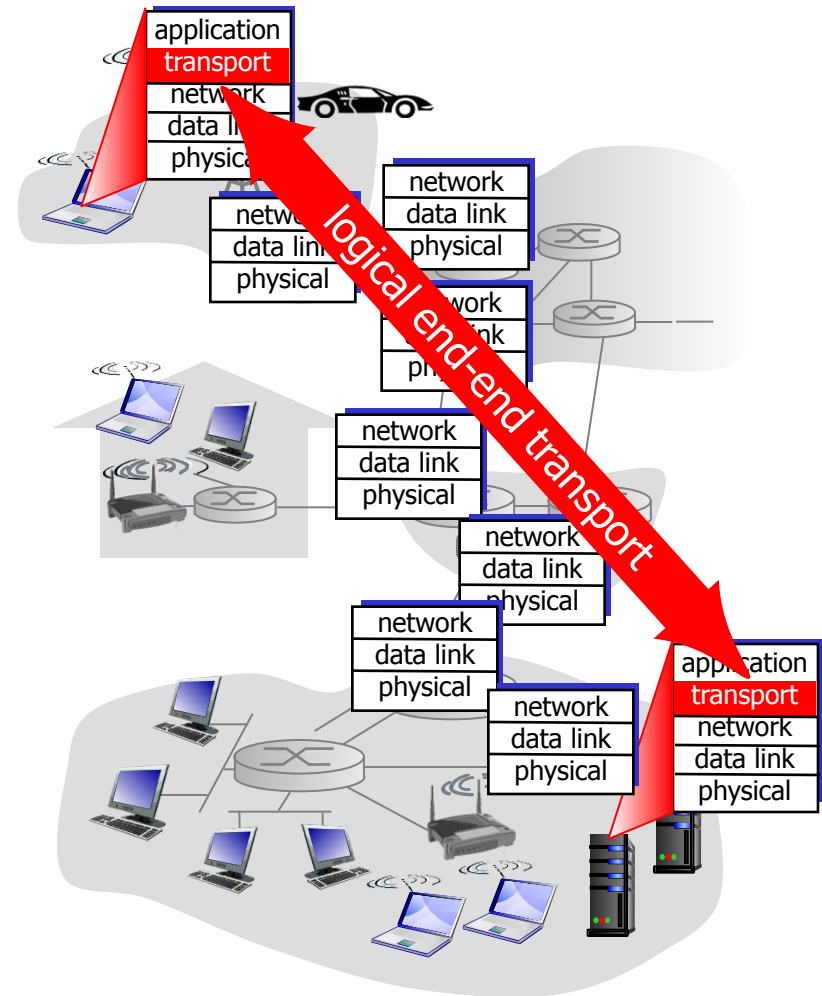
## *household analogy:*

*12 kids in Ann's house sending letters to 12 kids in Bill's house:*

- ❖ hosts = houses
- ❖ processes = kids
- ❖ app messages = letters in envelopes
- ❖ transport protocol = Ann and Bill who demux to in-house siblings
- ❖ network-layer protocol = postal service

# Internet transport-layer protocols

- ❖ reliable, in-order delivery (TCP)
  - congestion control
  - flow control
  - connection setup
- ❖ unreliable, unordered delivery: UDP
  - no-frills extension of “best-effort” IP
- ❖ services not available:
  - delay guarantees
  - bandwidth guarantees



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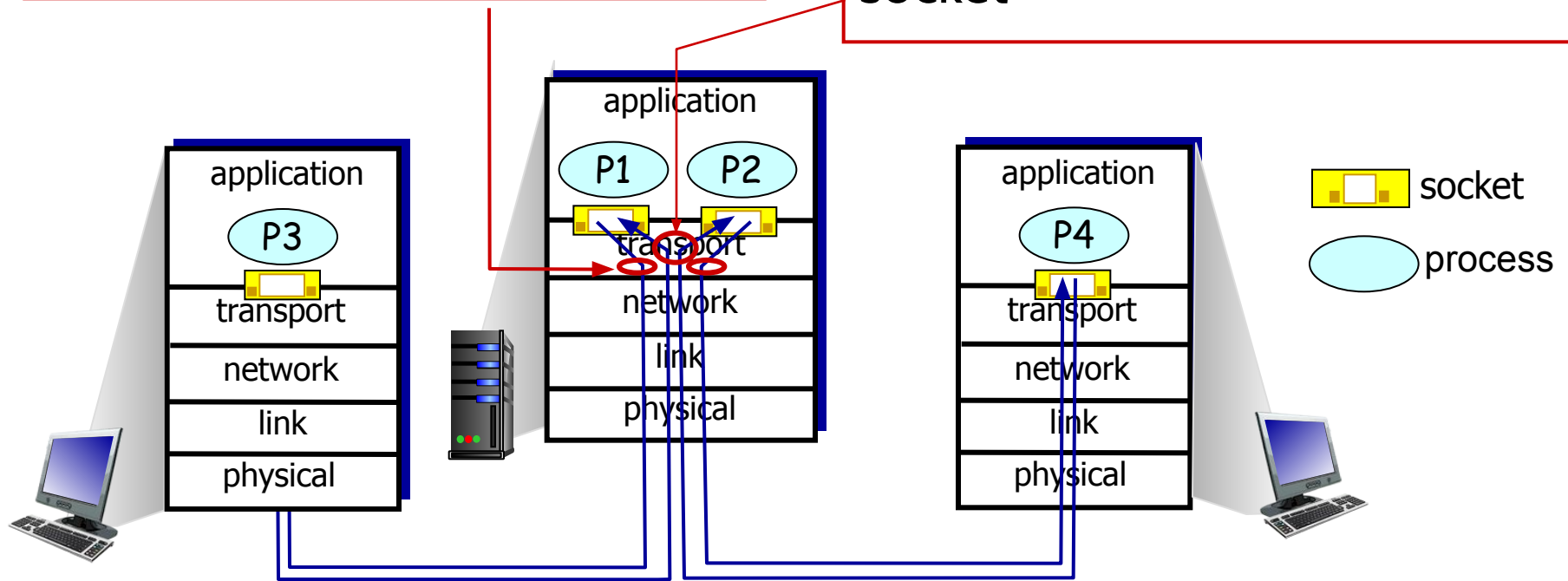
# Multiplexing/demultiplexing

## *multiplexing at sender:*

handle data from multiple sockets, add transport header (later used for demultiplexing)

## *demultiplexing at receiver:*

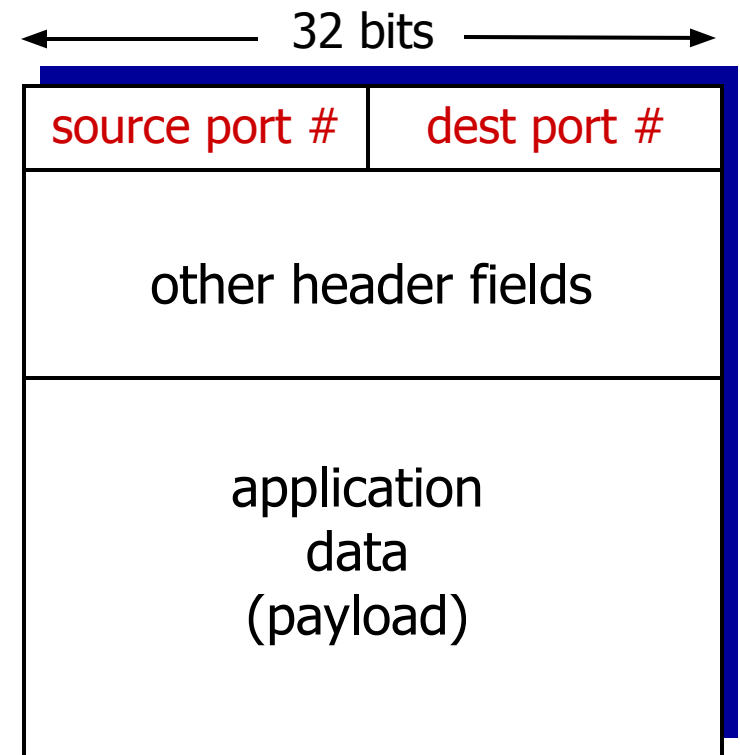
use header info to deliver received segments to correct socket





# How demultiplexing works

- ❖ host receives IP datagrams
  - each datagram has source IP address, destination IP address
  - each datagram carries one transport-layer segment
  - each segment has source, destination port number
- ❖ host uses *IP addresses & port numbers* to direct segment to appropriate socket



TCP/UDP segment format

# Connectionless demultiplexing

- ❖ *recall:* created socket has host-local port #:

```
DatagramSocket mySocket1  
= new DatagramSocket(12534) ;
```

- ❖ *recall:* when creating datagram to send into UDP socket, must specify
  - destination IP address
  - destination port #

- ❖ when host receives UDP segment:
  - checks destination port # in segment
  - directs UDP segment to socket with that port #



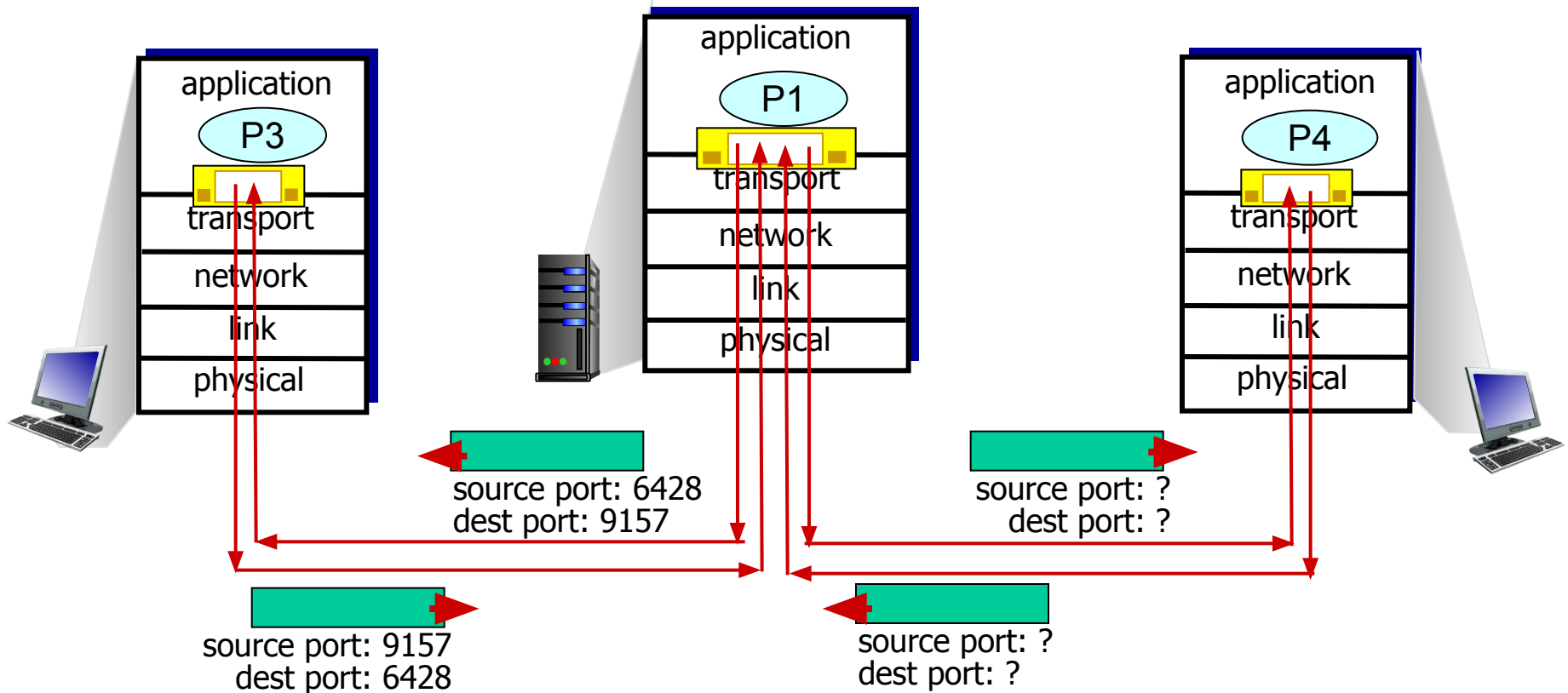
IP datagrams with *same dest. port #*, but different source IP addresses and/or source port numbers will be directed to *same socket* at dest

# Connectionless demux: example

```
DatagramSocket  
mySocket2 = new  
DatagramSocket  
(9157);
```

```
DatagramSocket  
serverSocket = new  
DatagramSocket  
(6428);
```

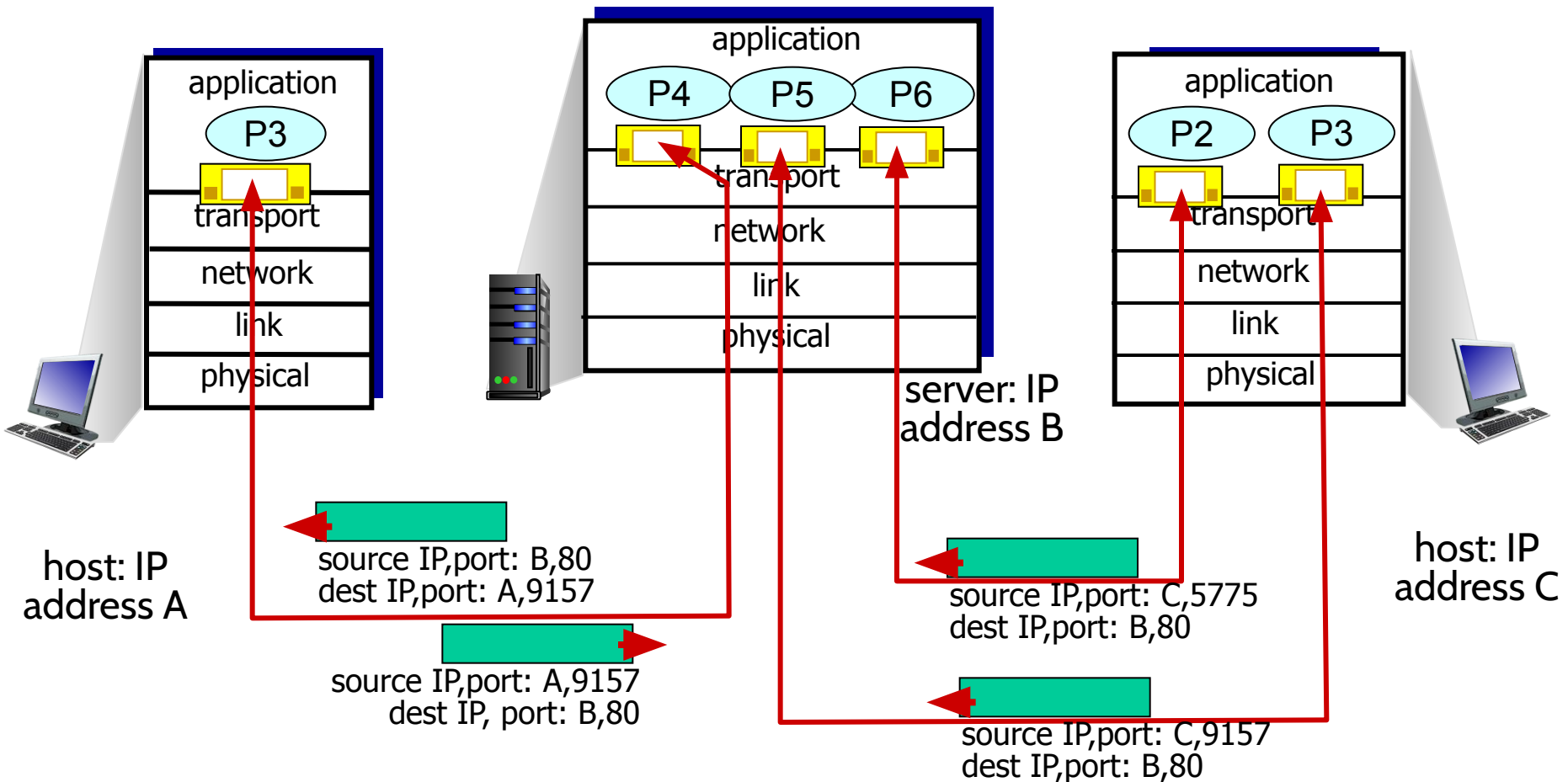
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DatagramSocket  
mySocket1 = new  
DatagramSocket  
(5775);
```



# Connection-oriented demux

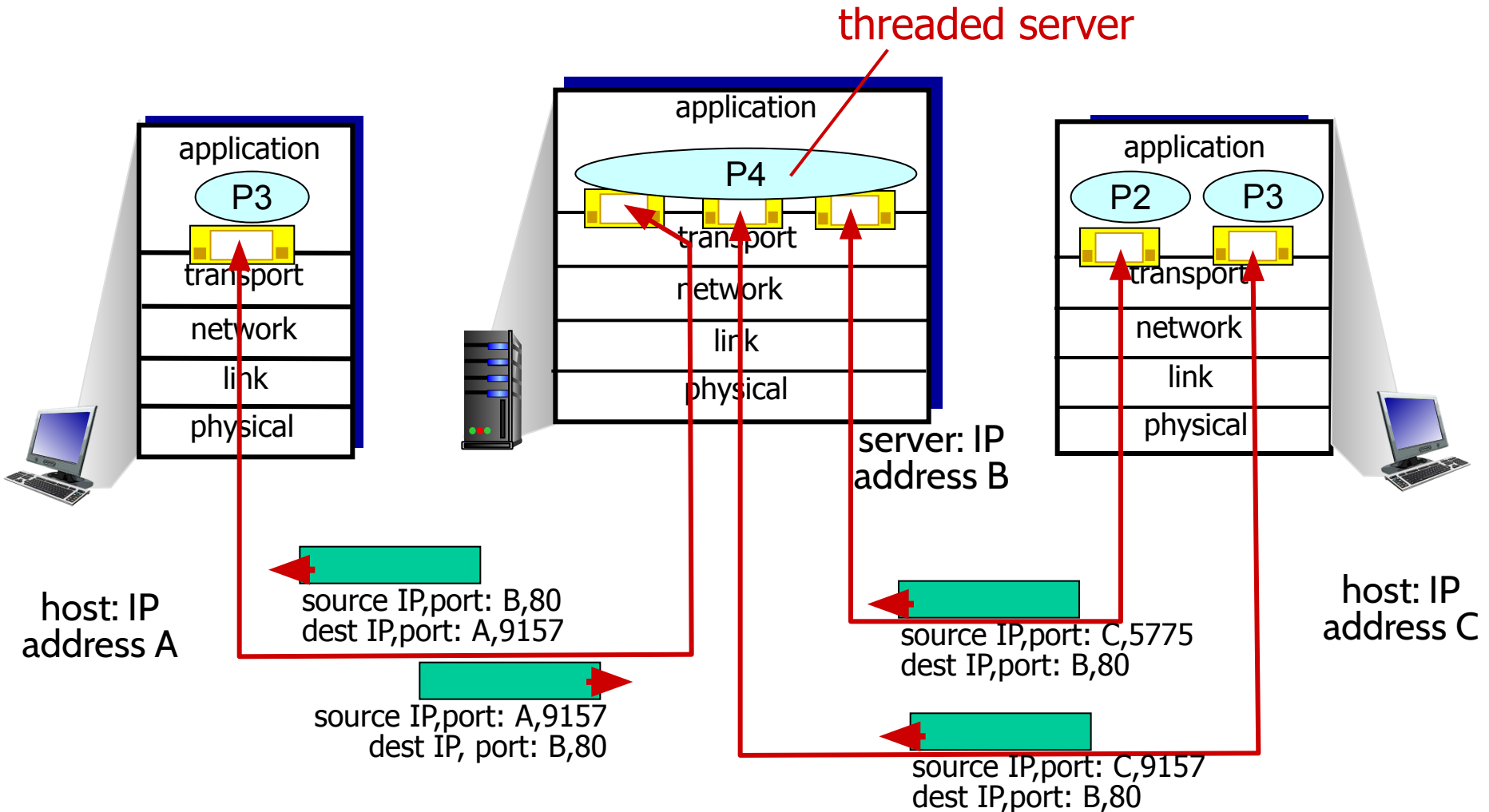
- ❖ TCP socket identified by 4-tuple:
  - source IP address
  - source port number
  - dest IP address
  - dest port number
- ❖ demux: receiver uses all four values to direct segment to appropriate socket
- ❖ server host may support many simultaneous TCP sockets:
  - each socket identified by its own 4-tuple
- ❖ web servers have different sockets for each connecting client
  - non-persistent HTTP will have different socket for each request

# Connection-oriented demux: example



three segments, all destined to IP address: B,  
dest port: 80 are demultiplexed to *different* sockets

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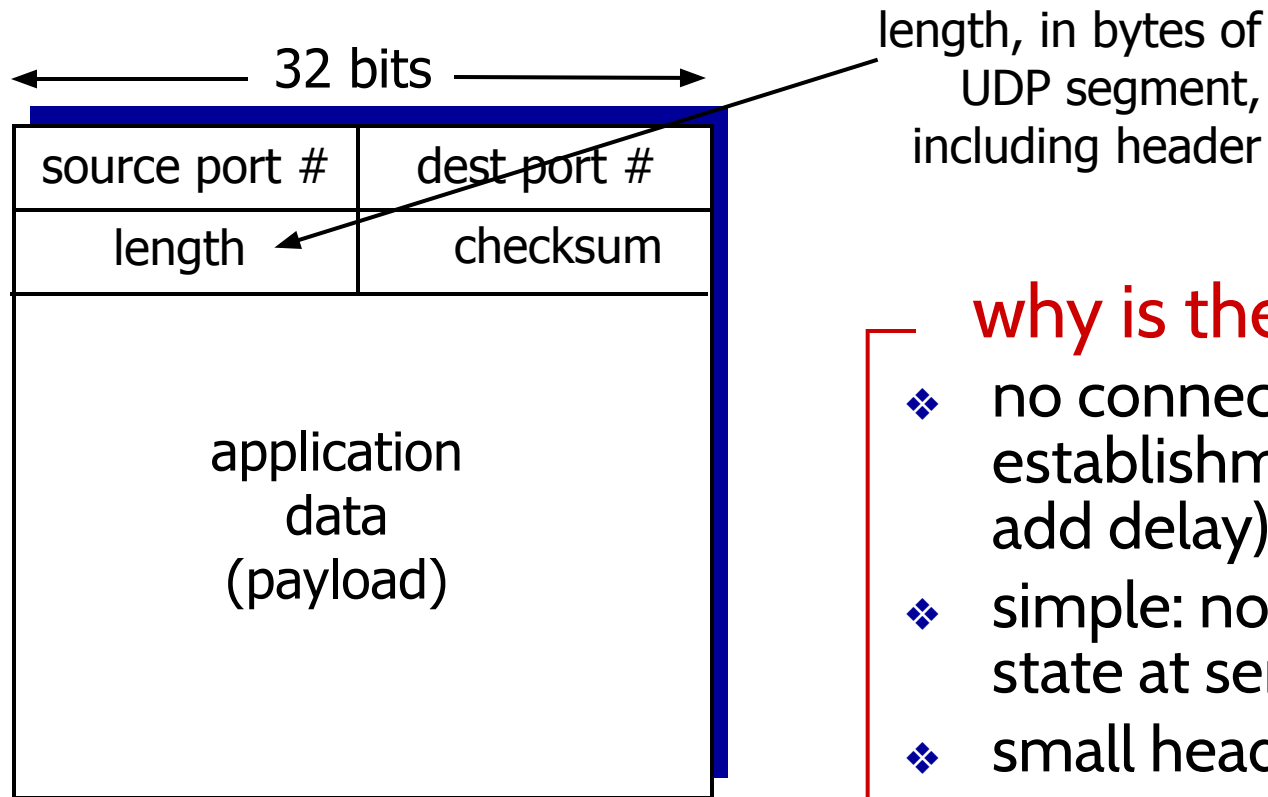
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# UDP: User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]

- ❖ “no frills,” “bare bones” Internet transport protocol
- ❖ “best effort” service, UDP segments may be:
  - lost
  - delivered out-of-order to app
- ❖ *connectionless*:
  - no handshaking between UDP sender, receiver
  - each UDP segment handled independently of others
- ❖ UDP use:
  - streaming multimedia apps (loss tolerant, rate sensitive)
  - DNS
  - SNMP
- ❖ reliable transfer over UDP:
  - add reliability at application layer
  - application-specific error recovery!



# UDP: segment header



UDP segment format

## why is there a UDP?

- ❖ no connection establishment (which can add delay)
- ❖ simple: no connection state at sender, receiver
- ❖ small header size
- ❖ no congestion control: UDP can blast away as fast as desired

# UDP checksum

*Goal:* detect “errors” (e.g., flipped bits) in transmitted segment

## sender:

- ❖ treat segment contents, including header fields, as sequence of 16-bit integers
- ❖ checksum: addition (one's complement sum) of segment contents
- ❖ sender puts checksum value into UDP checksum field

## receiver:

- ❖ compute checksum of received segment
- ❖ check if computed checksum equals checksum field value:
  - NO - error detected
  - YES - no error detected.  
*But maybe errors nonetheless? More later*

....

# Internet checksum: example

example: add two 16-bit integers

	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
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wraparound	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
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sum	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
checksum	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

*Note:* when adding numbers, a carryout from the most significant bit needs to be added to the result

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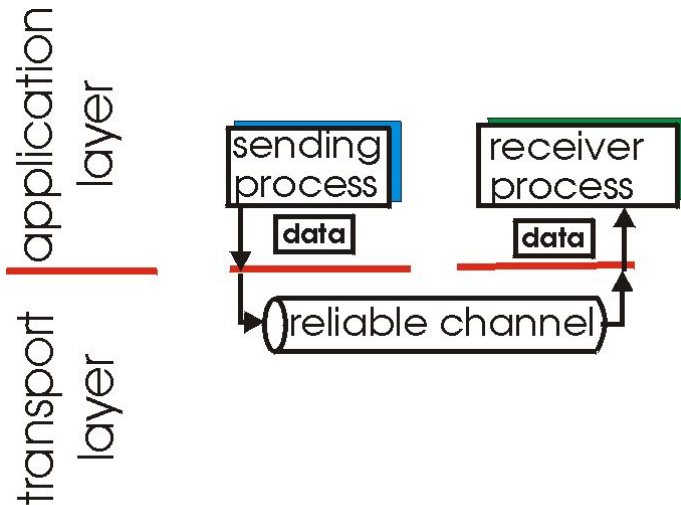
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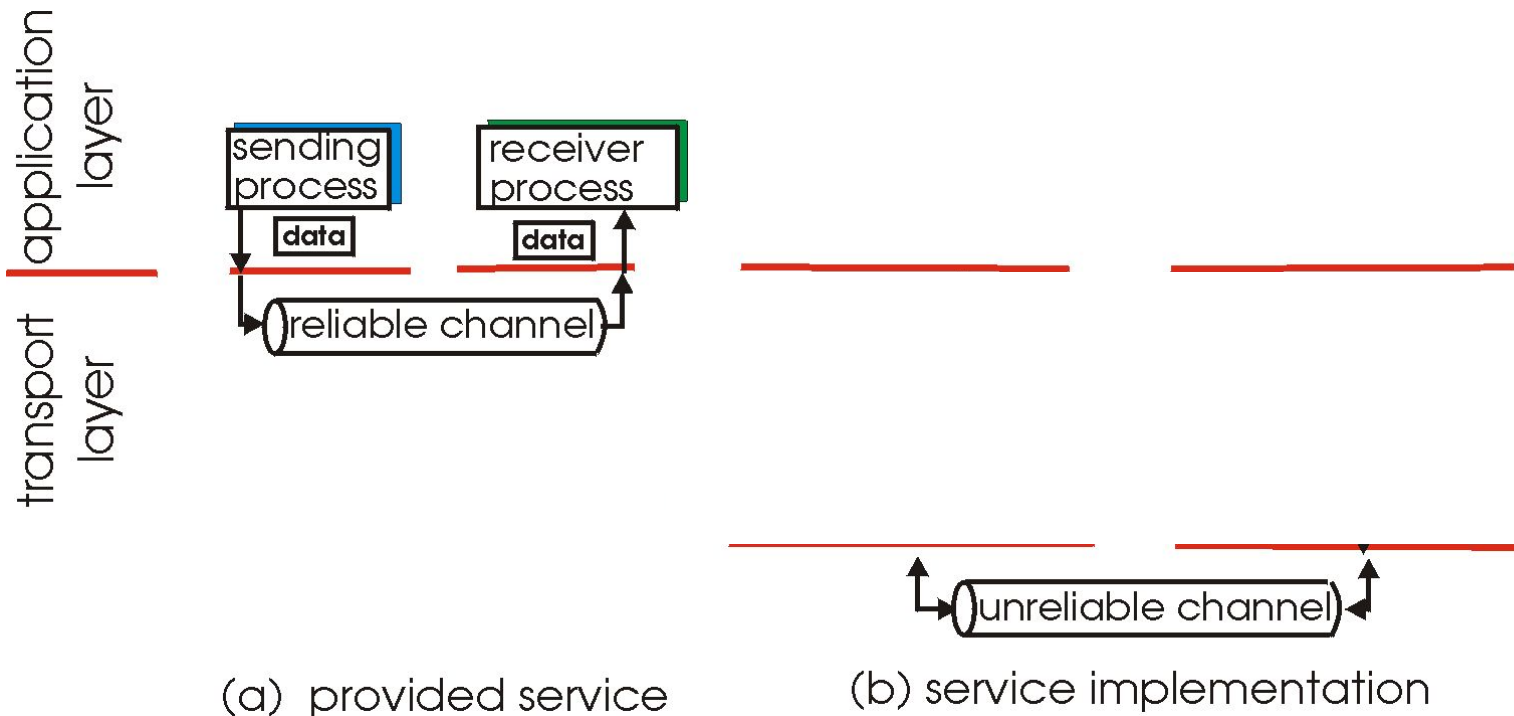


(a) provided service

- ❖ characteristics of unreliable channel will determine complexity of reliable data transfer protocol (rdt)

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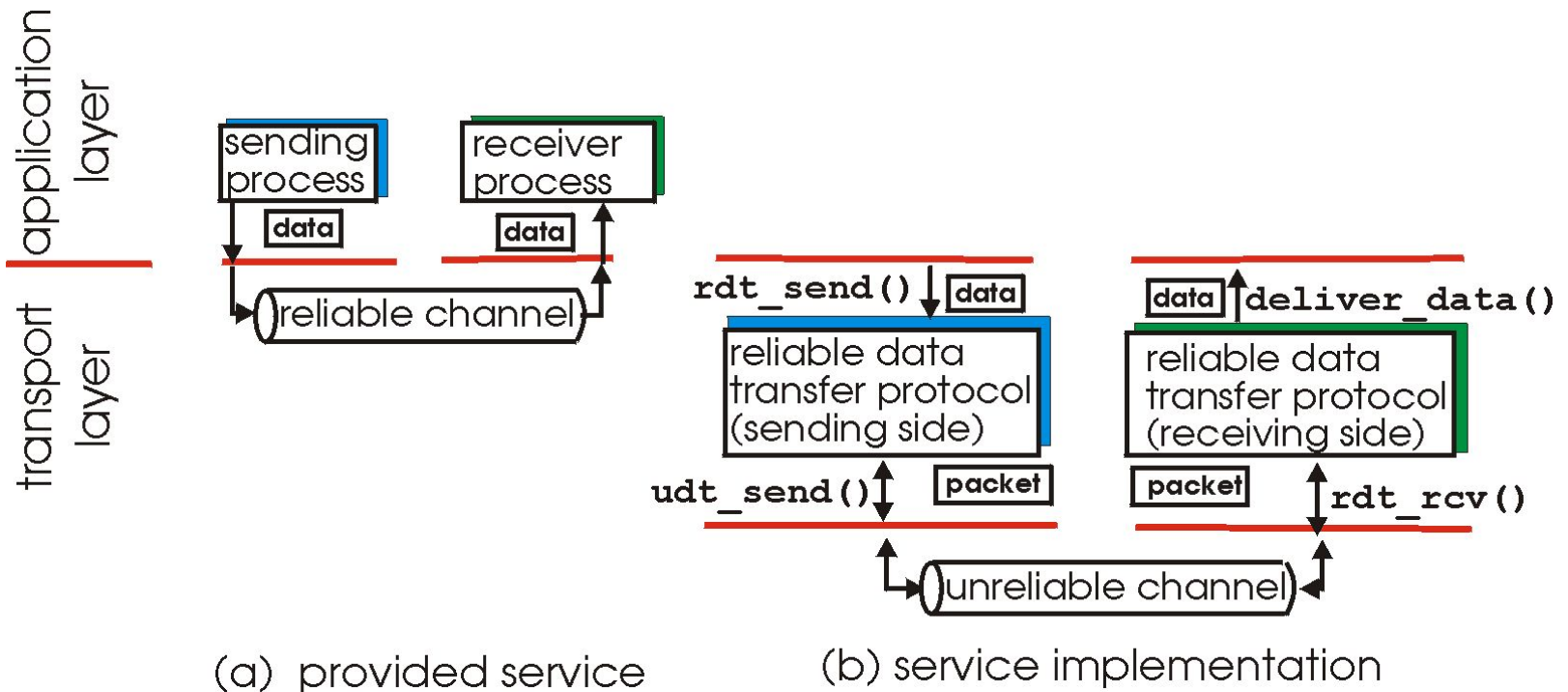
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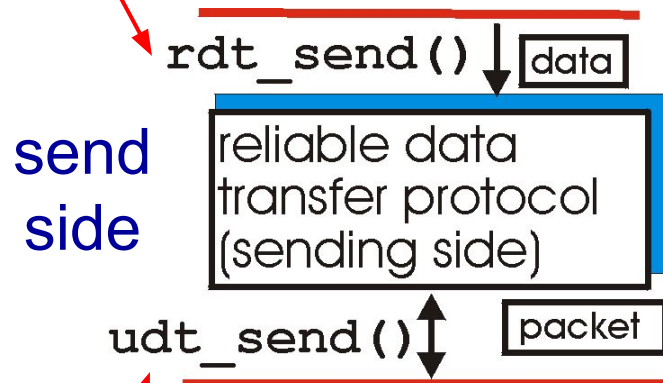
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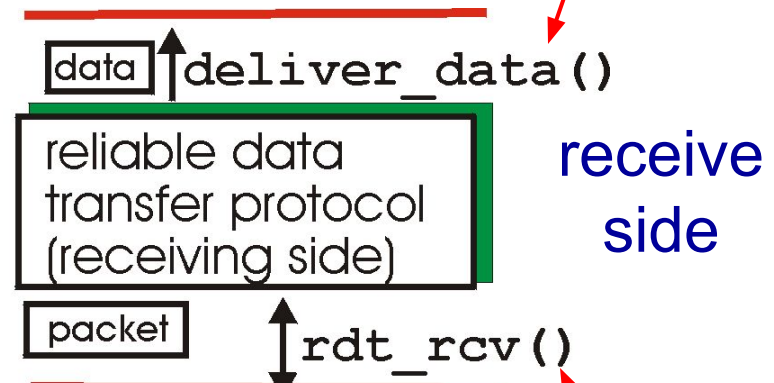
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# Reliable data transfer: getting started

**rdt\_send()** : called from above,  
(e.g., by app.). Passed data to  
deliver to receiver upper layer



**deliver\_data()** : called by  
**rdt** to deliver data to upper



**udt\_send()** : called by rdt,  
to transfer packet over  
unreliable channel to receiver

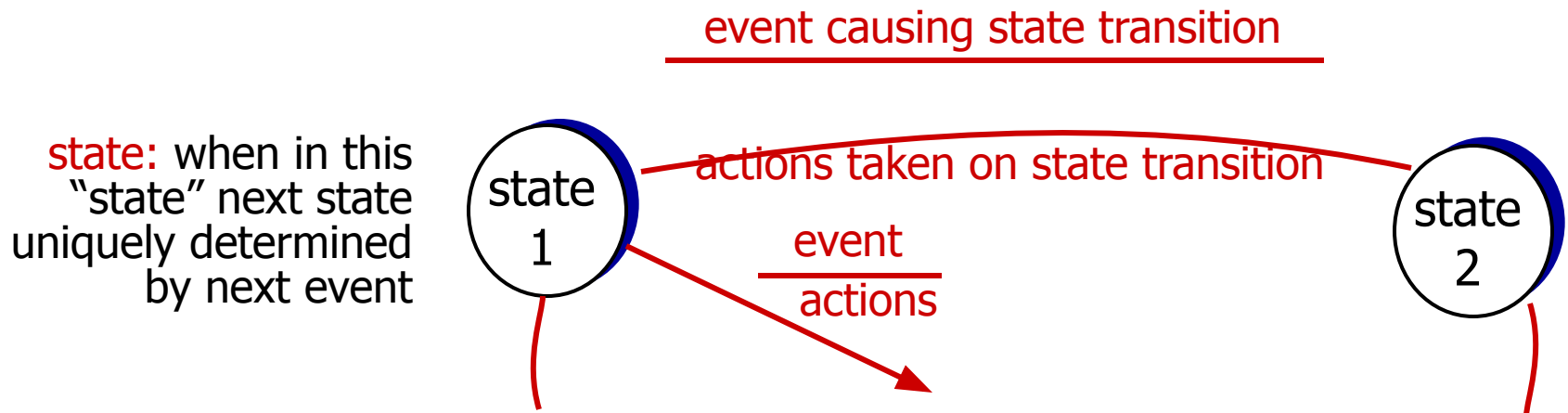
**rdt\_rcv()** : called when packet  
arrives on rcv-side of channel



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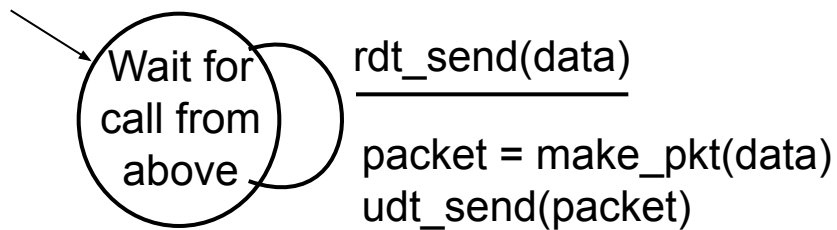
we will:

- ❖ incrementally develop sender, receiver sides of reliable data transfer protocol (rdt)
- ❖ consider only unidirectional data transfer
  - but control info will flow on both directions!
- ❖ use finite state machines (FSM) to specify sender, receiver

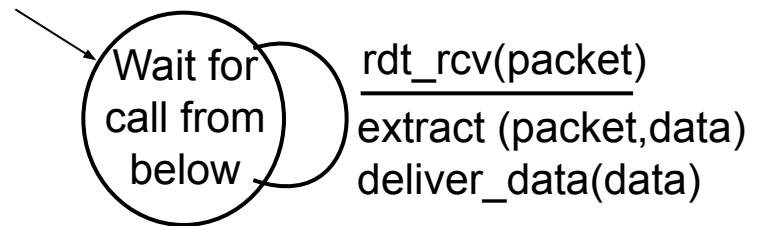


# rdt1.0: reliable transfer over a reliable channel

- ❖ underlying channel perfectly reliable
  - no bit errors
  - no loss of packets
- ❖ separate FSMs for sender, receiver:
  - sender sends data into underlying channel
  - receiver reads data from underlying channel



sender

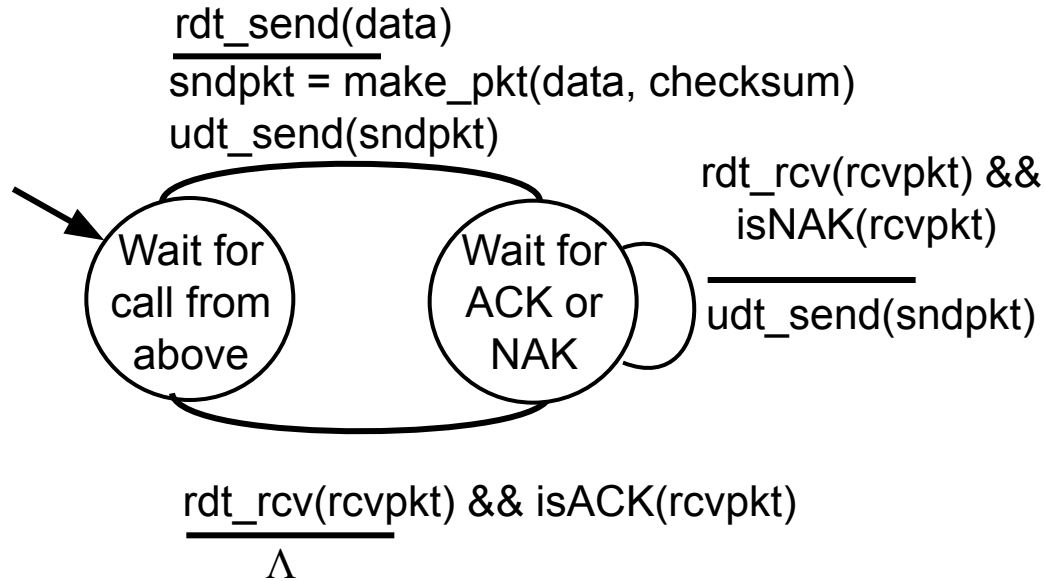


receiver

# rdt2.0: channel with bit errors

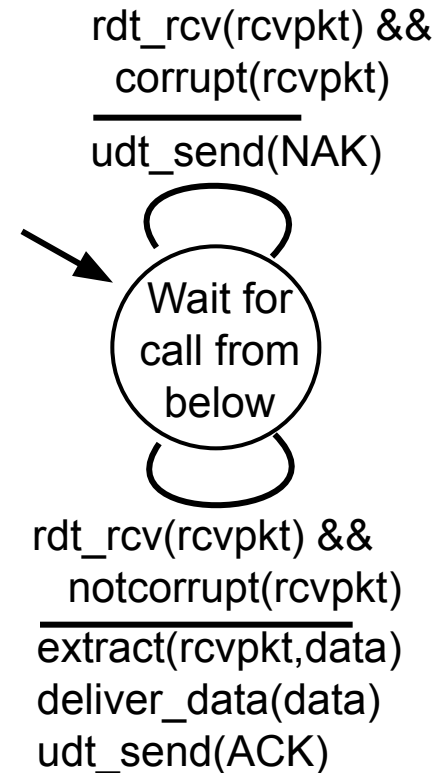
- ❖ How do humans recover from “errors” during conversation?
- ❖ underlying channel may flip bits in packet
  - checksum to detect bit errors
- ❖ *the question: how to recover from errors:*
  - *acknowledgements (ACKs):* receiver explicitly tells sender that pkt received OK
  - *negative acknowledgements (NAKs):* receiver explicitly tells sender that pkt had errors
  - sender retransmits pkt on receipt of NAK
- ❖ new mechanisms in `rdt2.0` (beyond `rdt1.0`):
  - error detection
  - receiver feedback: control msgs (ACK,NAK)  
rcvr->sender

# rdt2.0: FSM specification

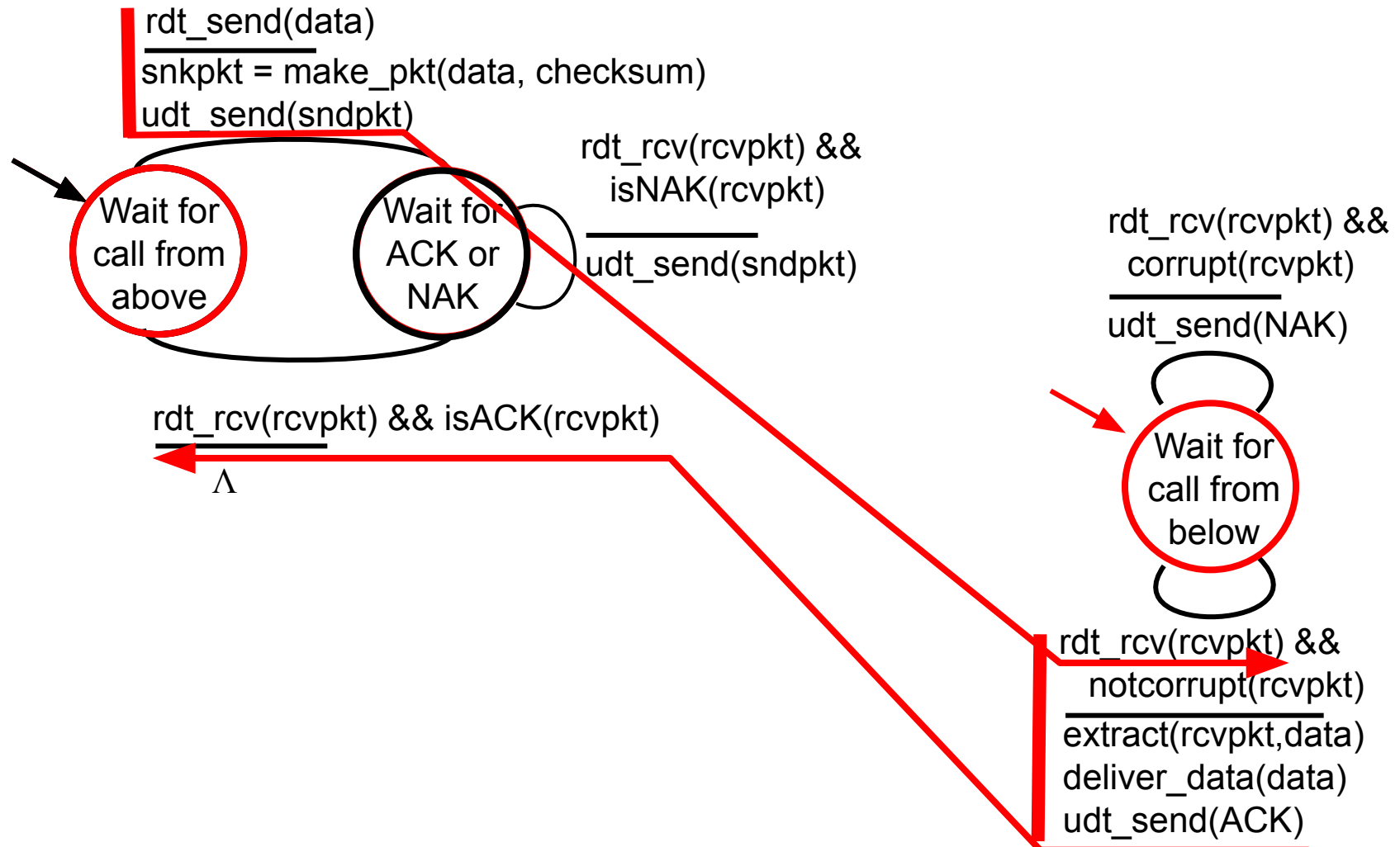


sender

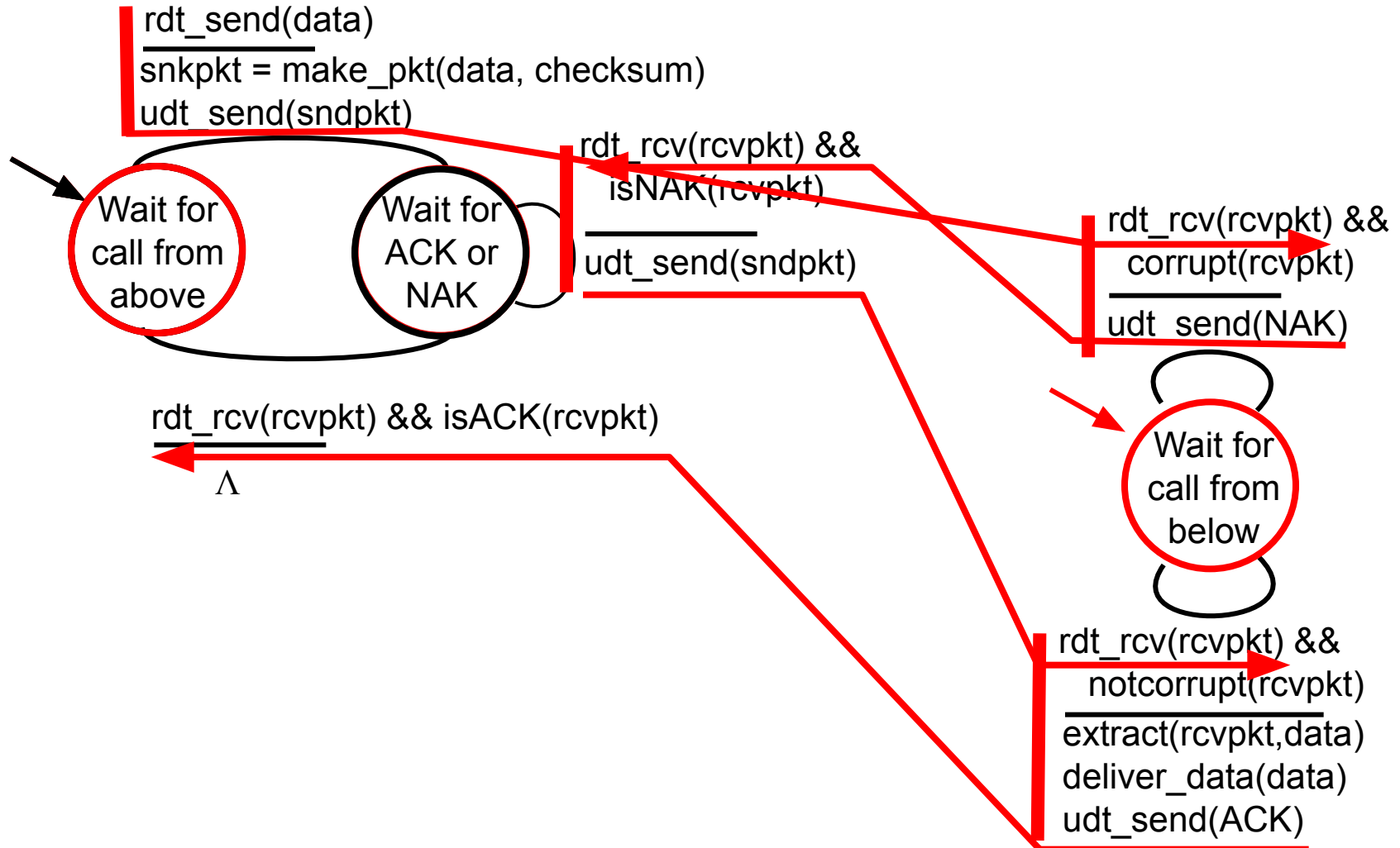
receiver



# rdt2.0: operation with no errors



# rdt2.0: error scenario



# rdt2.0 has a fatal flaw!

## what happens if ACK/NAK corrupted?

- ❖ sender doesn't know what happened at receiver!
- ❖ can't just retransmit: possible duplicate

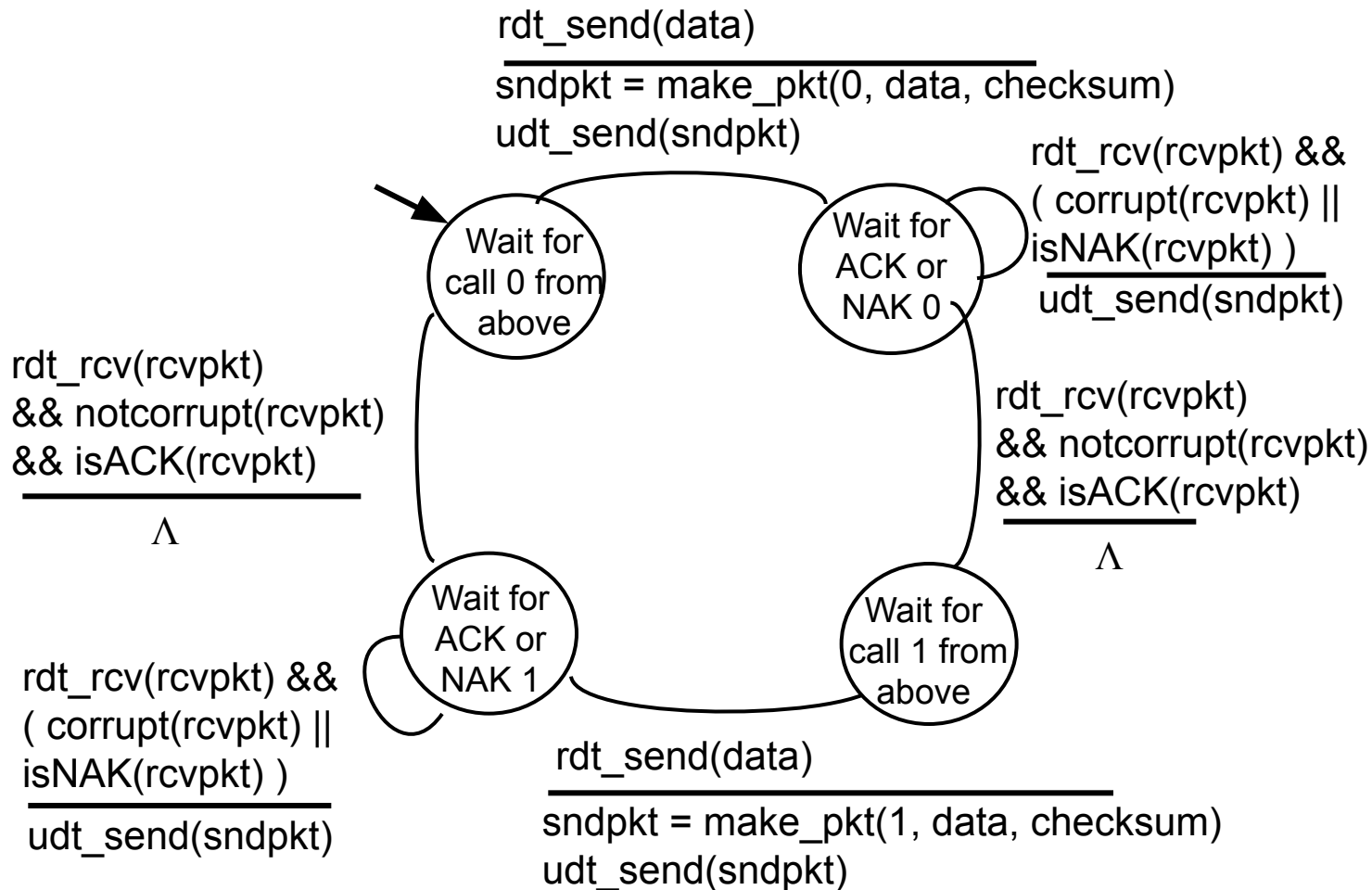
## handling duplicates:

- ❖ sender retransmits current pkt if ACK/NAK corrupted
- ❖ sender adds *sequence number* to each pkt
- ❖ receiver discards (doesn't deliver up) duplicate pkt

## stop and wait

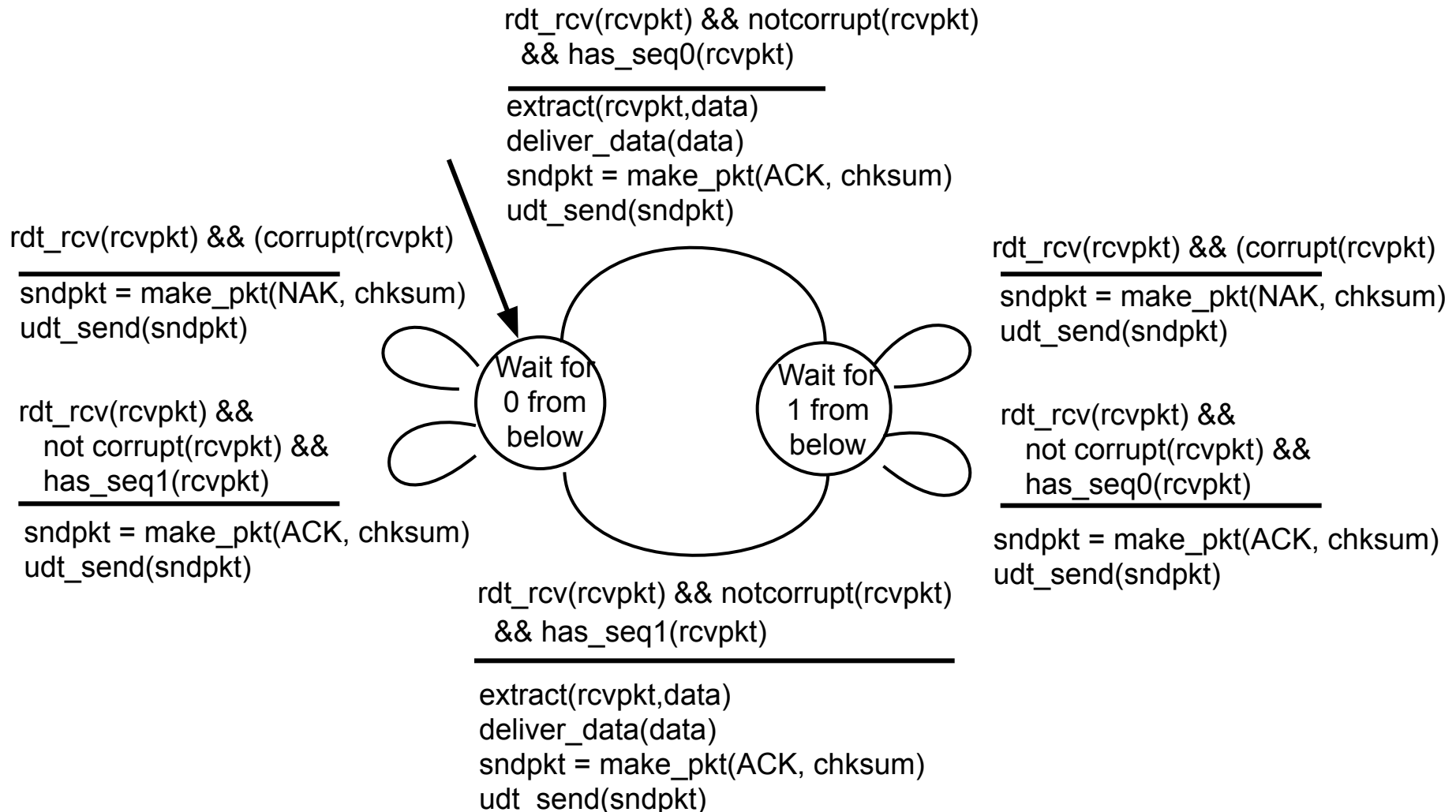
sender sends one packet,  
then waits for receiver  
response

# rdt2.1: sender, handles garbled ACK/NAKs





# rdt2.1: receiver, handles garbled ACK/NAKs



# rdt2.1: discussion

## sender:

- ❖ seq # added to pkt
- ❖ two seq. #'s (0,1) will suffice. Why?
- ❖ must check if received ACK/NAK corrupted
- ❖ twice as many states
  - state must “remember” whether “expected” pkt should have seq # of 0 or 1

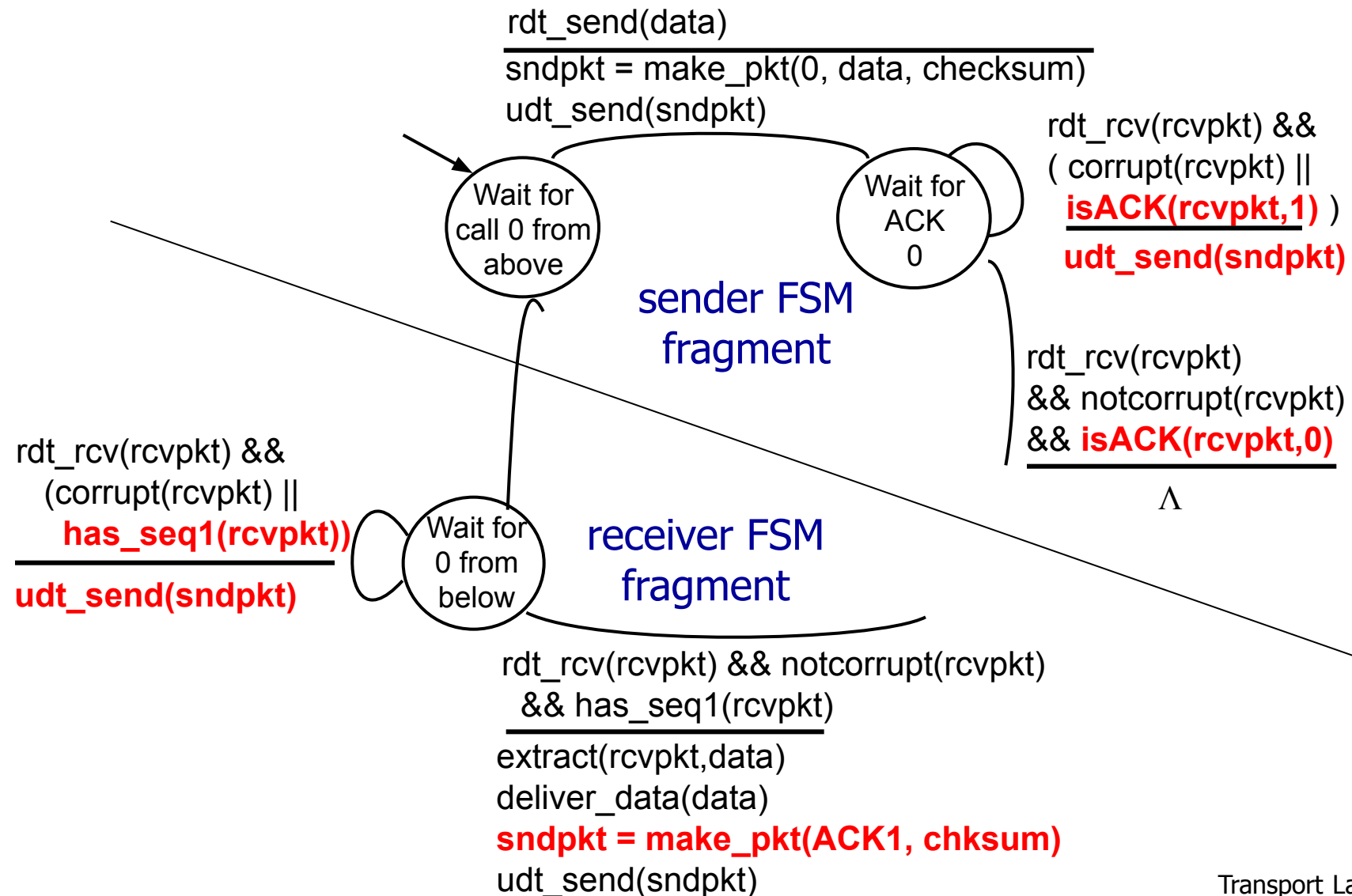
## receiver:

- ❖ must check if received packet is duplicate
  - state indicates whether 0 or 1 is expected pkt seq #
- ❖ note: receiver can *not* know if its last ACK/NAK received OK at sender

## rdt2.2: a NAK-free protocol

- ❖ same functionality as rdt2.1, using ACKs only
- ❖ instead of NAK, receiver sends ACK for last pkt received OK
  - receiver must *explicitly* include seq # of pkt being ACKed
- ❖ duplicate ACK at sender results in same action as NAK: *retransmit current pkt*

# rdt2.2: sender, receiver fragments



# rdt3.0: channels with errors *and* loss

## new assumption:

underlying channel  
can also lose packets  
(data, ACKs)

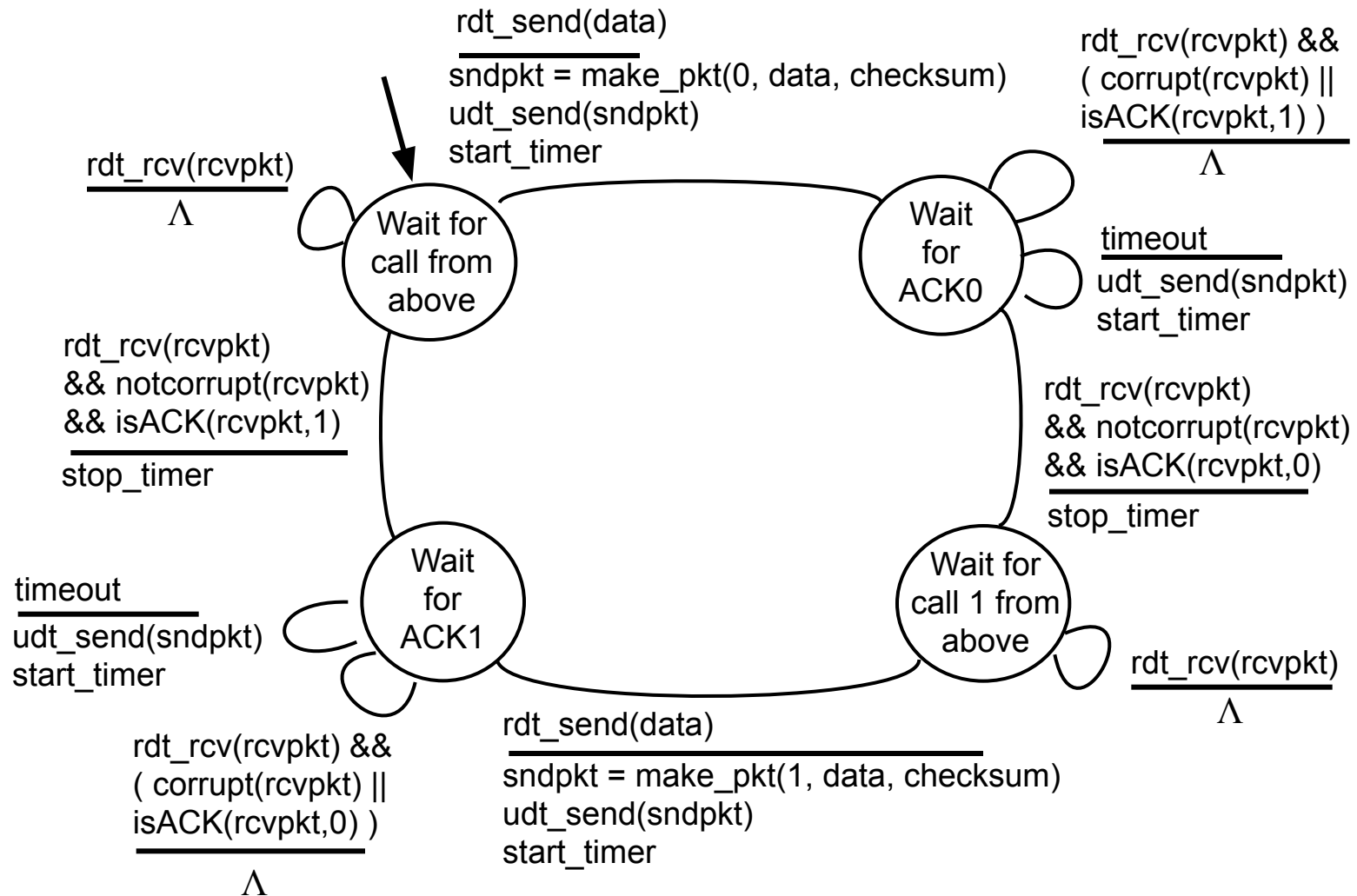
- checksum, seq. #, ACKs, retransmissions will be of help ... but not enough

## approach: sender waits

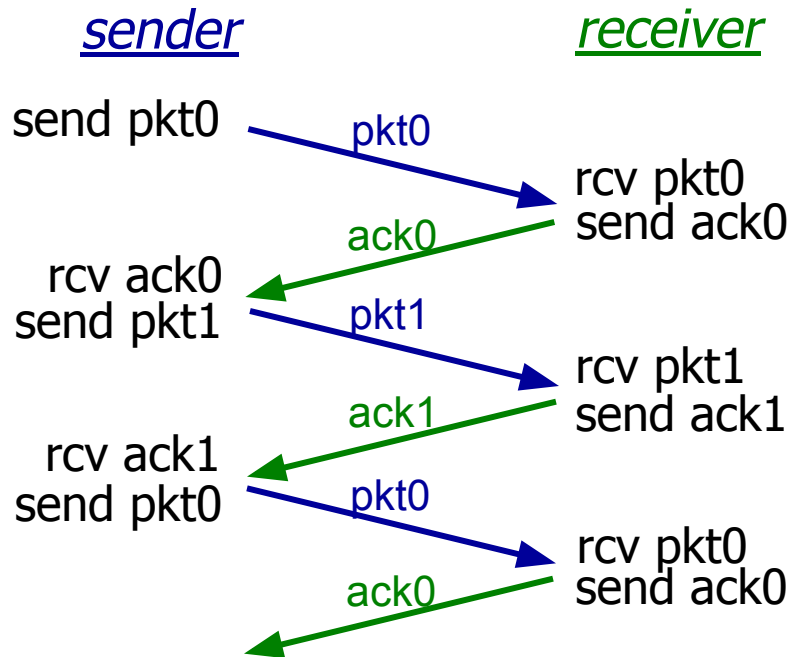
“reasonable” amount of  
time for ACK

- ❖ retransmits if no ACK received in this time
- ❖ if pkt (or ACK) just delayed (not lost):
  - retransmission will be duplicate, but seq. #'s already handles this
  - receiver must specify seq # of pkt being ACKed
- ❖ requires countdown timer

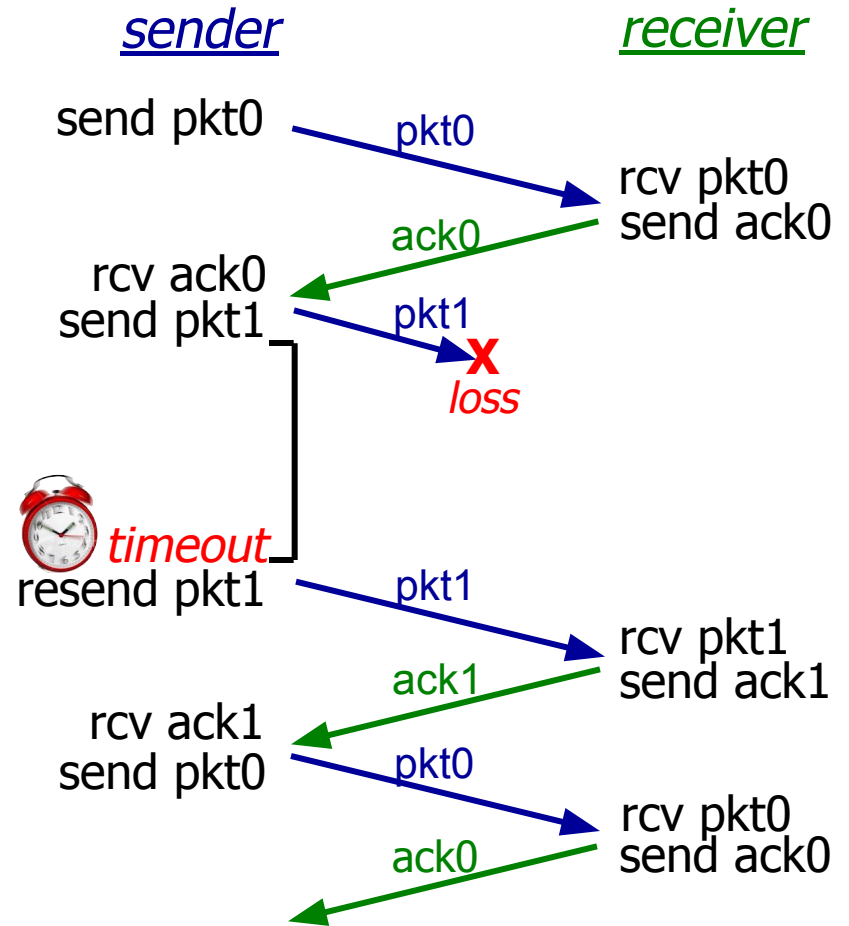
# rdt3.0 sender



# rdt3.0 in action

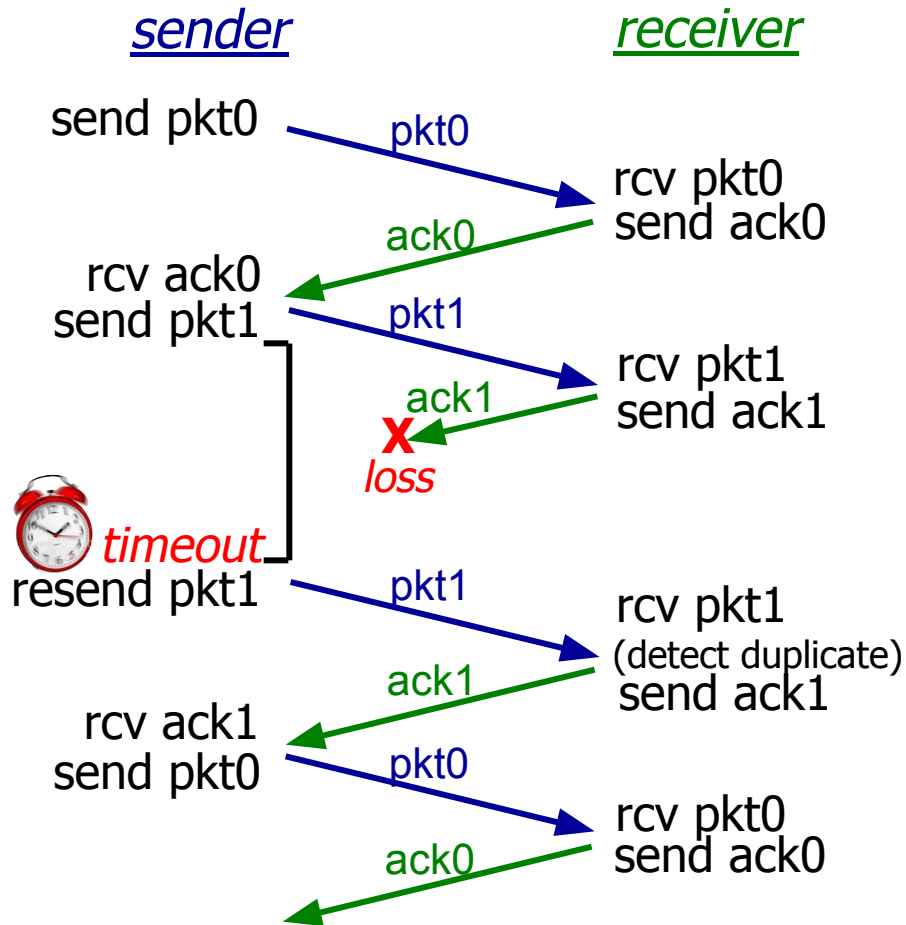


(a) no loss

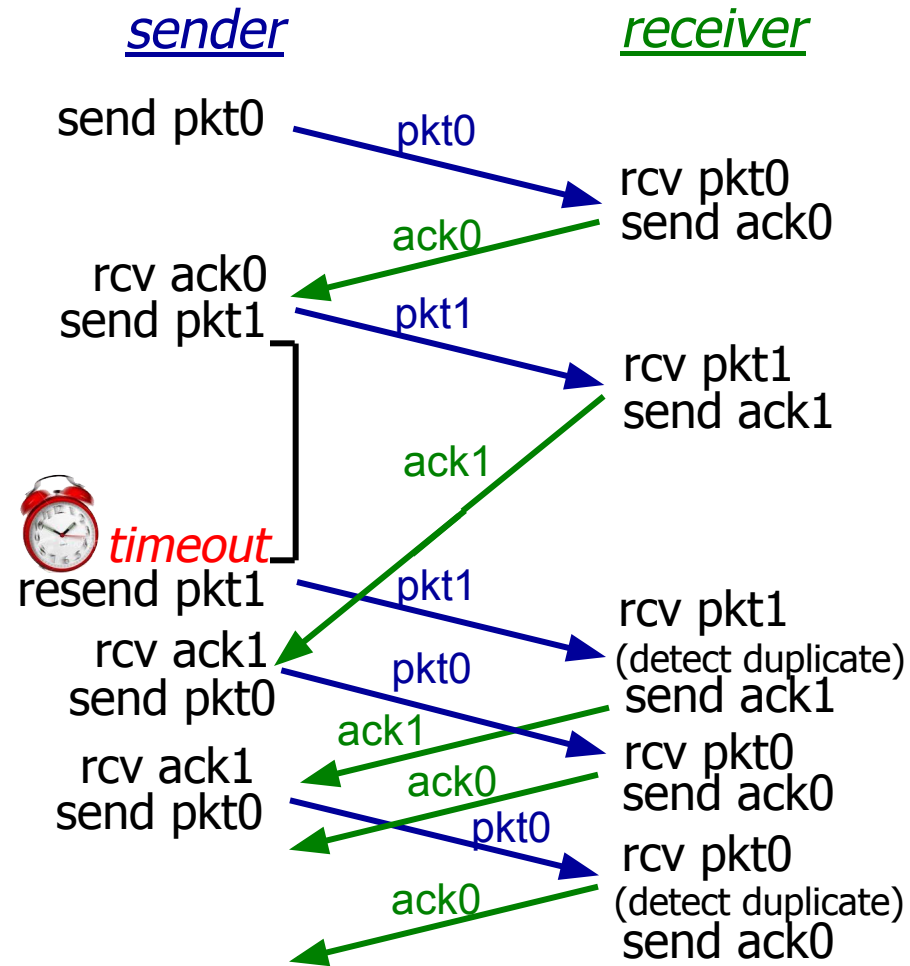


(b) packet loss

# rdt3.0 in action



(c) ACK loss



(d) premature timeout/ delayed ACK



# Performance of rdt3.0

- ❖ rdt3.0 is correct, but performance stinks
- ❖ e.g.: 1 Gbps link, 15 ms prop. delay, 8000 bit packet:

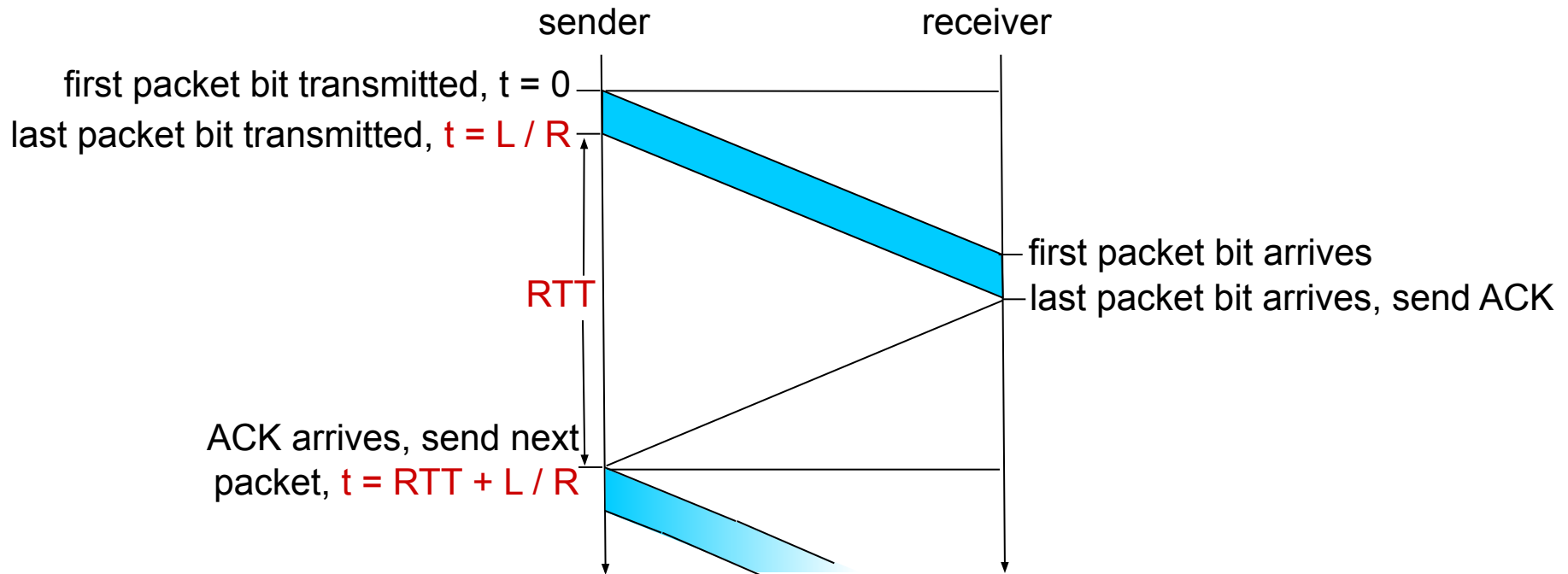
$$D_{trans} = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{8000 \text{ bits}}{10^9 \text{ bits/sec}} = 8 \text{ microseconds}$$

- $U_{\text{sender}}$ : *utilization* – fraction of time sender busy sending

$$U_{\text{sender}} = \frac{L / R}{RTT + L / R} = \frac{.008}{30.008} = 0.00027$$

- if RTT=30 msec, 1KB pkt every 30 msec: 33kB/sec thruput over 1 Gbps link
- ❖ network protocol limits use of physical resources!

# rdt3.0: stop-and-wait operation

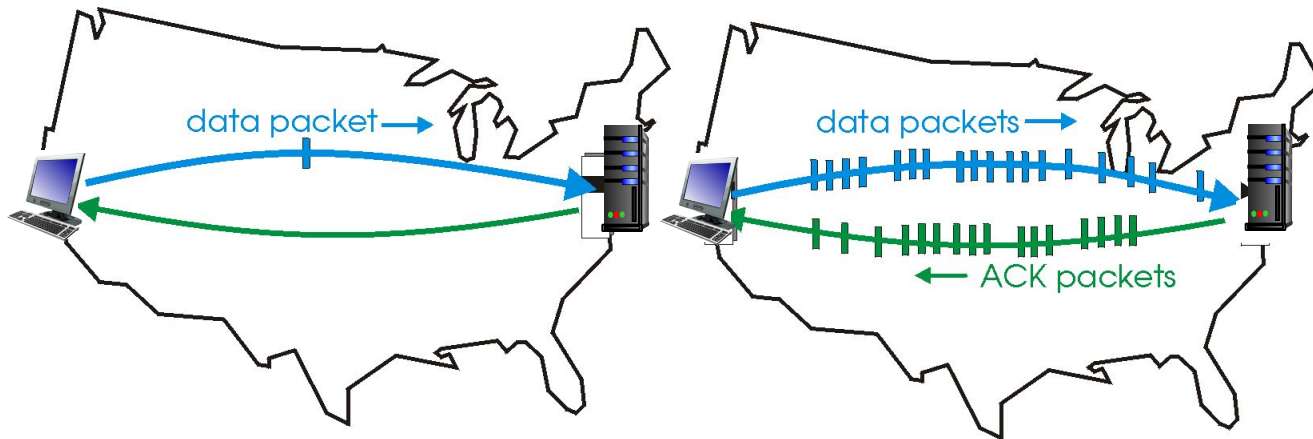


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# Pipelined protocols

**pipelining:** sender allows multiple, “in-flight”, yet-to-be-acknowledged pkts

- range of sequence numbers must be increased
- buffering at sender and/or receiver

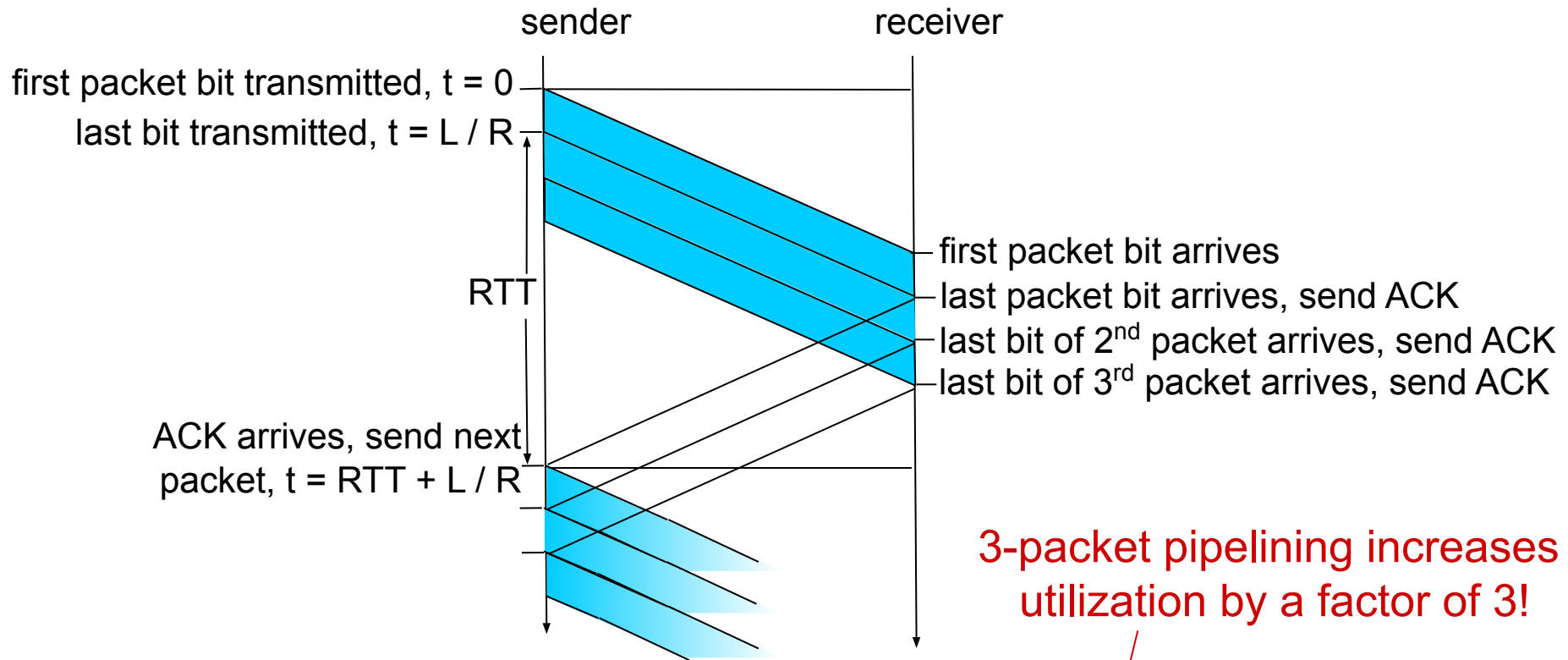


(a) a stop-and-wait protocol in operation

(b) a pipelined protocol in operation

- ❖ two generic forms of pipelined protocols:  
*go-Back-N, selective repeat*

# Pipelining: increased utilization



3-packet pipelining increases utilization by a factor of 3!

$$U_{\text{sender}} = \frac{3L / R}{RTT + L / R} = \frac{.0024}{30.008} = 0.00081$$

# Pipelined protocols: overview

## Go-back-N:

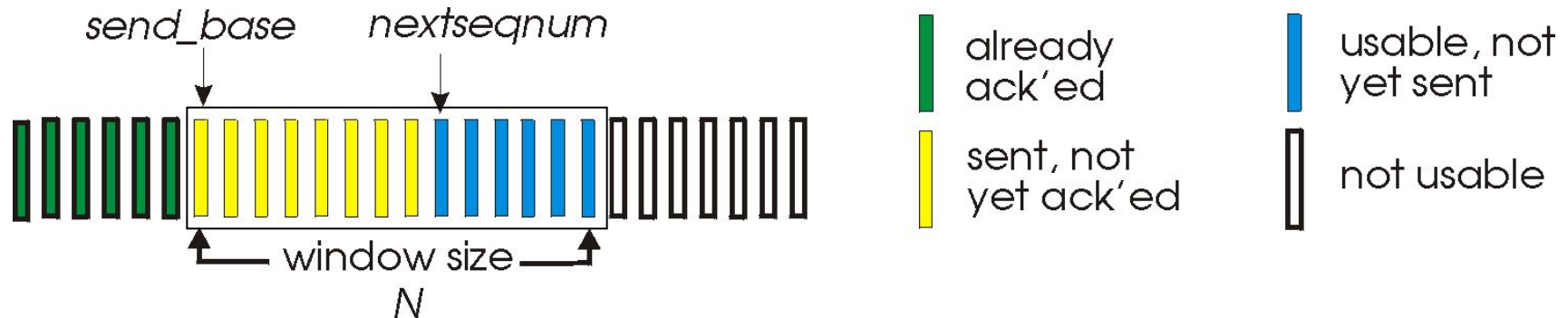
- ❖ sender can have up to N unacked packets in pipeline
- ❖ receiver only sends *cumulative ack*
  - doesn't ack packet if there's a gap
- ❖ sender has timer for oldest unacked packet
  - when timer expires, retransmit *all* unacked packets

## Selective Repeat:

- ❖ sender can have up to N unack'ed packets in pipeline
- ❖ rcvr sends *individual ack* for each packet
- ❖ sender maintains timer for each unacked packet
  - when timer expires, retransmit only that unacked packet

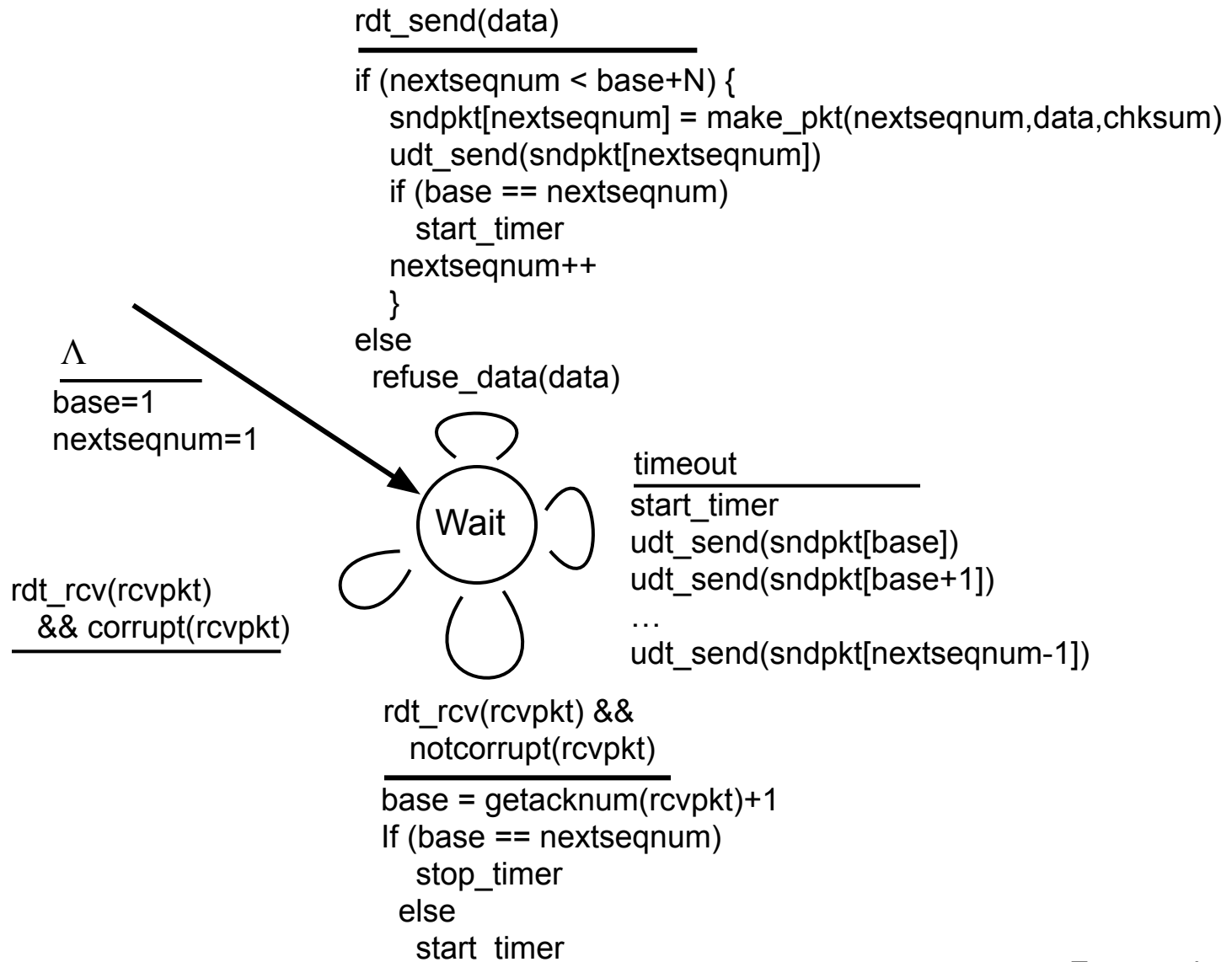
# Go-Back-N: sender

- ❖ k-bit seq # in pkt header
- ❖ “window” of up to N, consecutive unack’ed pkts allowed

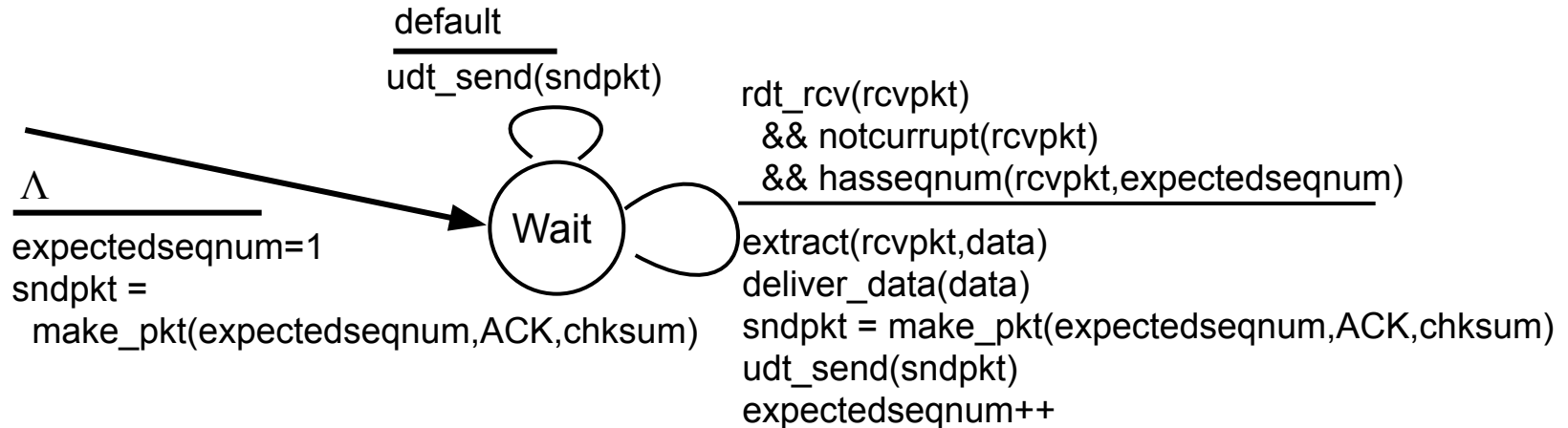


- ❖ ACK(n): ACKs all pkts up to, including seq # n - “*cumulative ACK*”
  - may receive duplicate ACKs (see receiver)
- ❖ timer for oldest in-flight pkt
- ❖ *timeout(n)*: retransmit packet n and all higher seq # pkts in window

# GBN: sender extended FSM



# GBN: receiver extended FSM



ACK-only: always send ACK for correctly-received pkt with highest *in-order* seq #

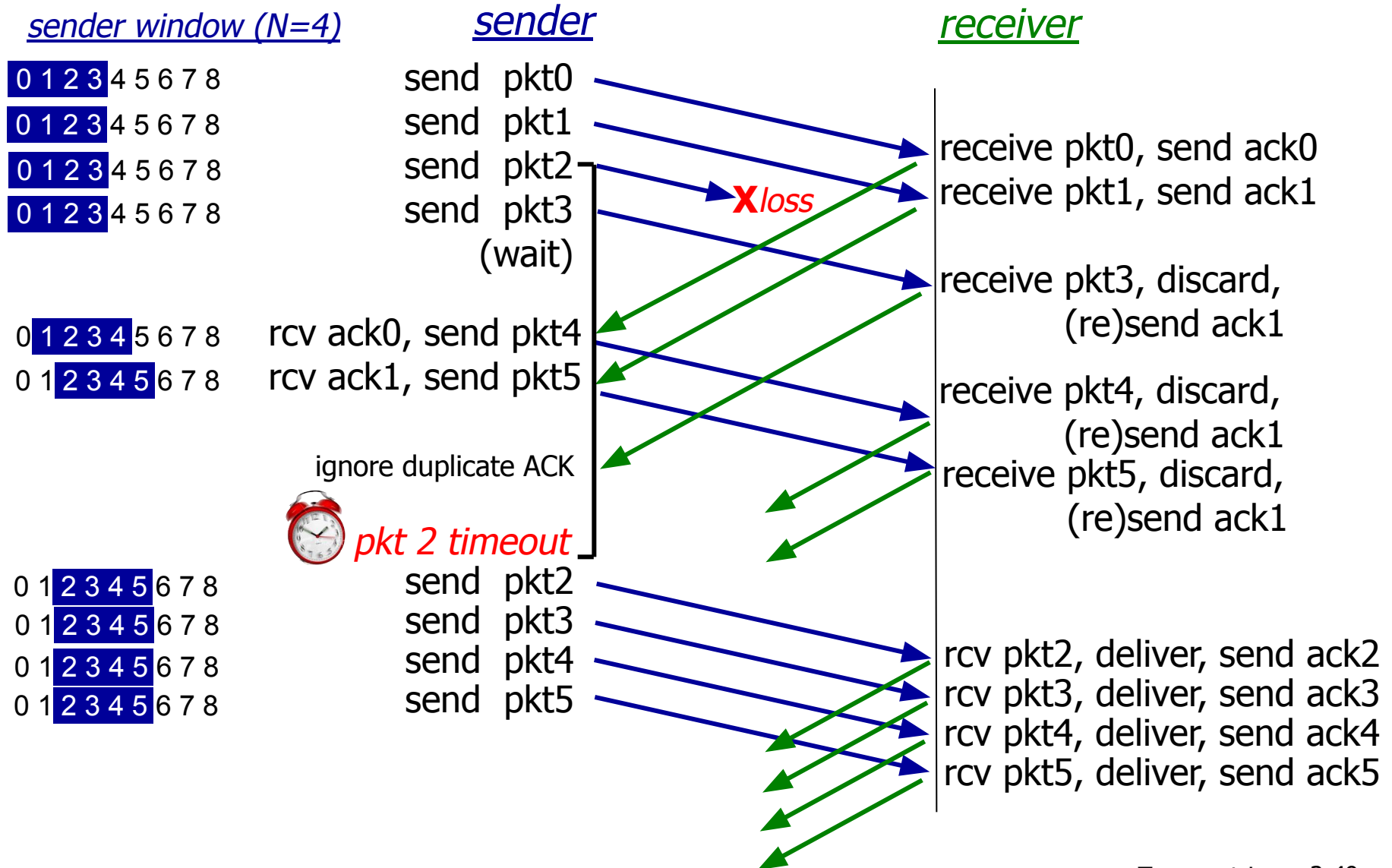
- may generate duplicate ACKs
- need only remember **expectedseqnum**

❖ out-of-order pkt:

- discard (don't buffer): *no receiver buffering!*
- re-ACK pkt with highest in-order seq #



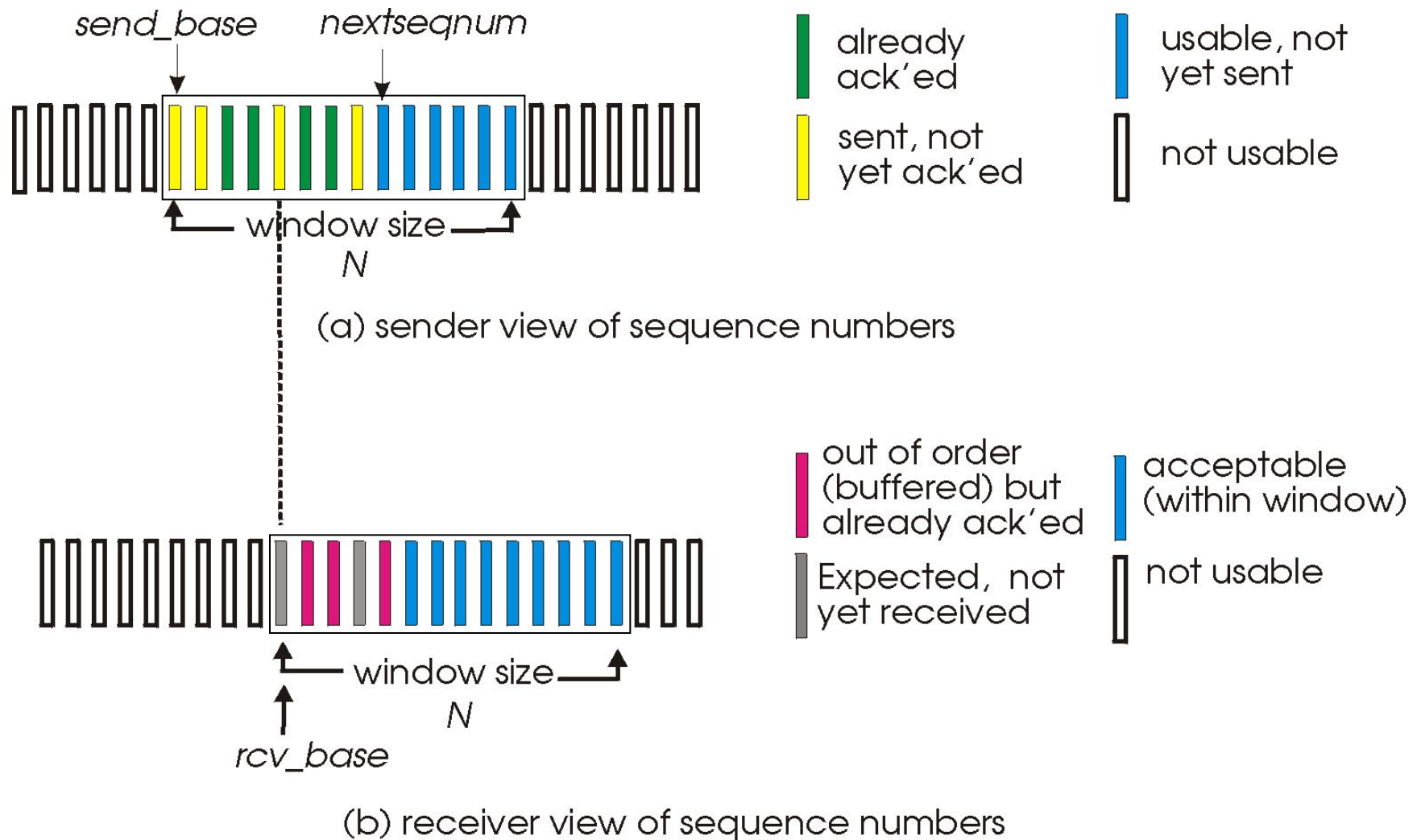
# GBN in action



# Selective repeat

- ❖ receiver *individually* acknowledges all correctly received pkts
  - buffers pkts, as needed, for eventual in-order delivery to upper layer
- ❖ sender only resends pkts for which ACK not received
  - sender timer for each unACKed pkt
- ❖ sender window
  - $N$  consecutive seq #'s
  - limits seq #'s of sent, unACKed pkts

# Selective repeat: sender, receiver windows



# Selective repeat

## sender

### data from above:

- ❖ if next available seq # in window, send pkt

### timeout(n):

- ❖ resend pkt n, restart timer

### ACK(n) in [sendbase, sendbase+N]:

- ❖ mark pkt n as received
- ❖ if n smallest unACKed pkt, advance window base to next unACKed seq #

## receiver

### pkt n in [rcvbase, rcvbase+N-1]

- ❖ send ACK(n)
- ❖ out-of-order: buffer
- ❖ in-order: deliver (also deliver buffered, in-order pkts), advance window to next not-yet-received pkt

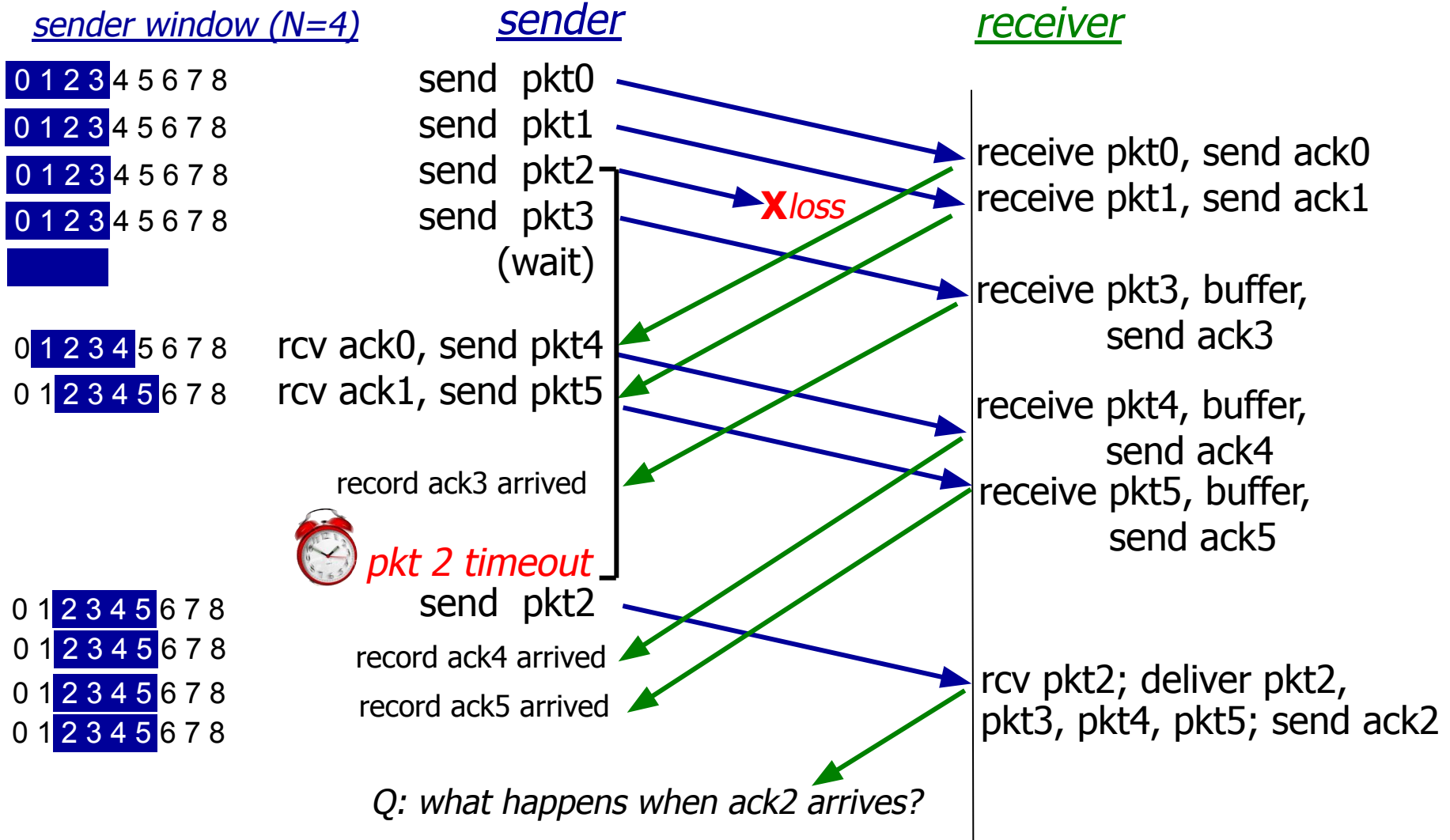
### pkt n in [rcvbase-N, rcvbase-1]

- ❖ ACK(n)

### otherwise:

- ❖ ignore

# Selective repeat in action

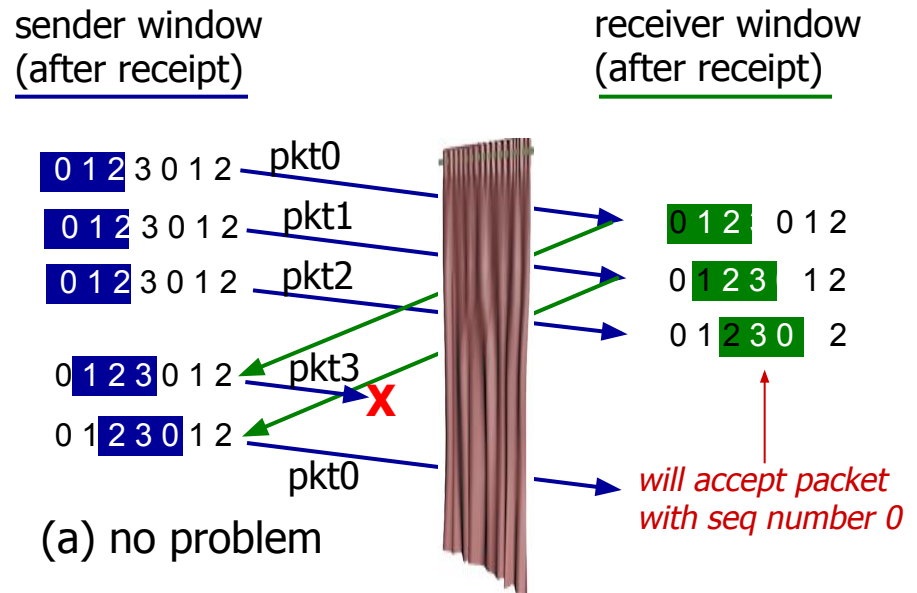


# Selective repeat: dilemma

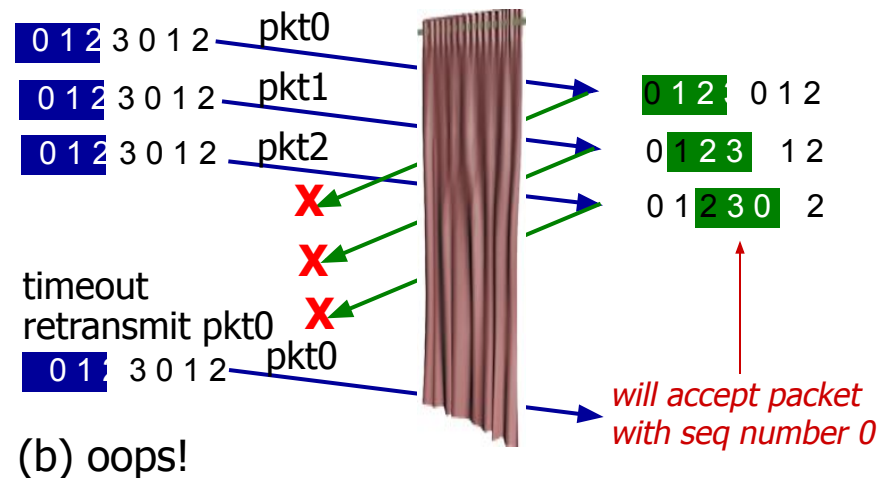
example:

- ❖ seq #'s: 0, 1, 2, 3
- ❖ window size=3
- ❖ receiver sees no difference in two scenarios!
- ❖ duplicate data accepted as new in (b)

**Q:** what relationship between seq # size and window size to avoid problem in (b)?



receiver can't see sender side.  
receiver behavior identical in both cases!  
*something's (very) wrong!*



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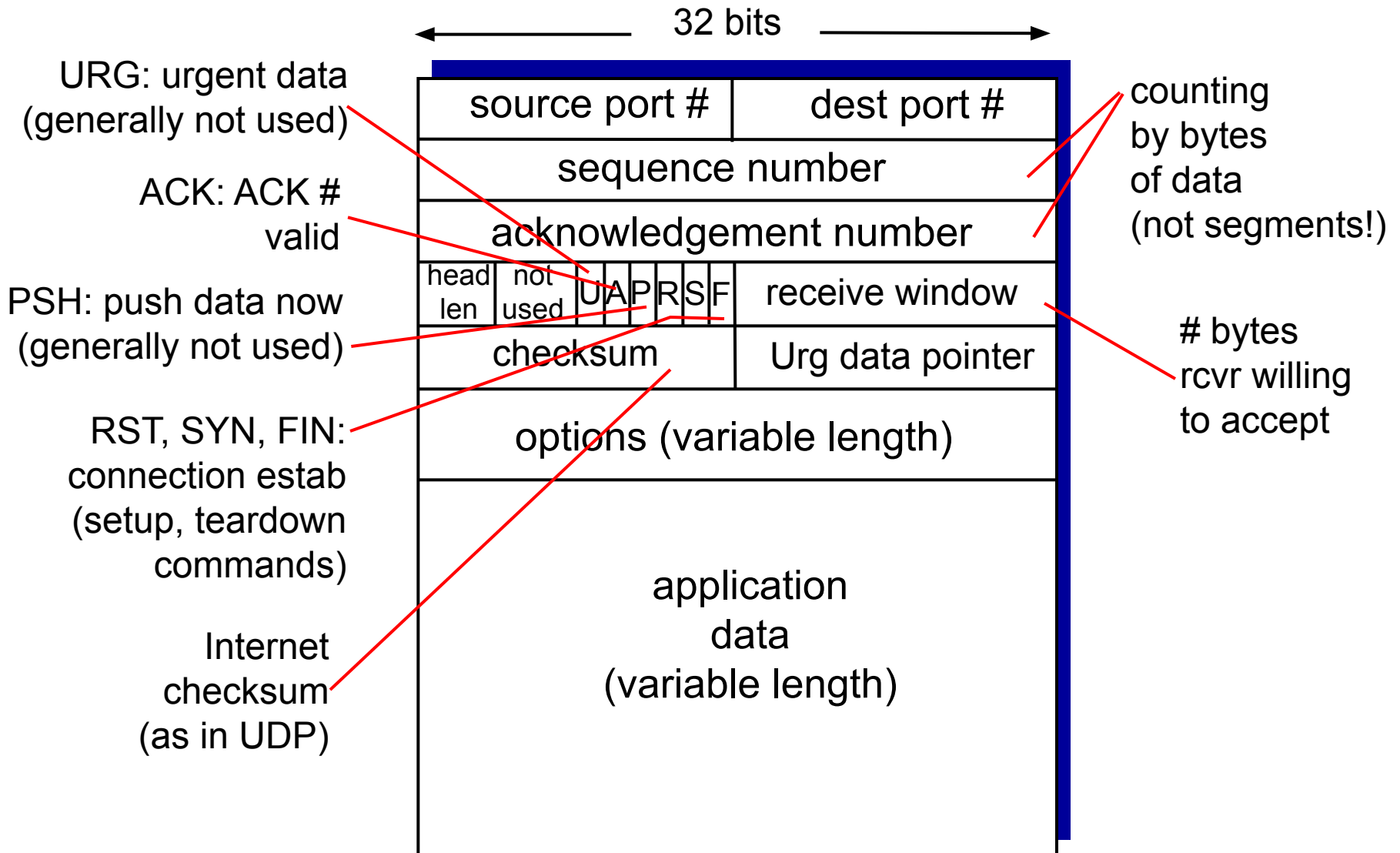
# TCP: Overview

RFCs: 793,1122,1323, 2018, 2581

- ❖ **point-to-point:**
  - one sender, one receiver
- ❖ **reliable, in-order *byte stream*:**
  - no “message boundaries”
- ❖ **pipelined:**
  - TCP congestion and flow control set window size
- ❖ **full duplex data:**
  - bi-directional data flow in same connection
  - MSS: maximum segment size
- ❖ **connection-oriented:**
  - handshaking (exchange of control msgs) initializes sender, receiver state before data exchange
- ❖ **flow controlled:**
  - sender will not overwhelm receiver



# TCP segment structure



# TCP seq. numbers, ACKs

## sequence numbers:

- byte stream “number” of first byte in segment’s data

## acknowledgements:

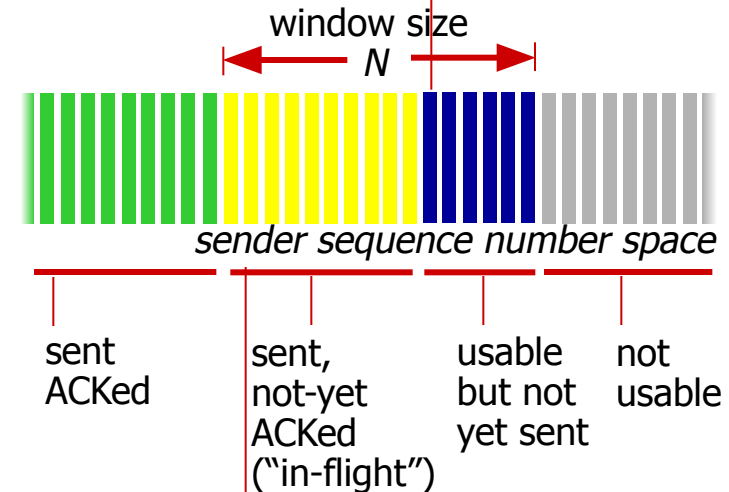
- seq # of next byte expected from other side
- cumulative ACK

**Q:** how receiver handles out-of-order segments

- A:** TCP spec doesn’t say, - up to implementor

outgoing segment from sender

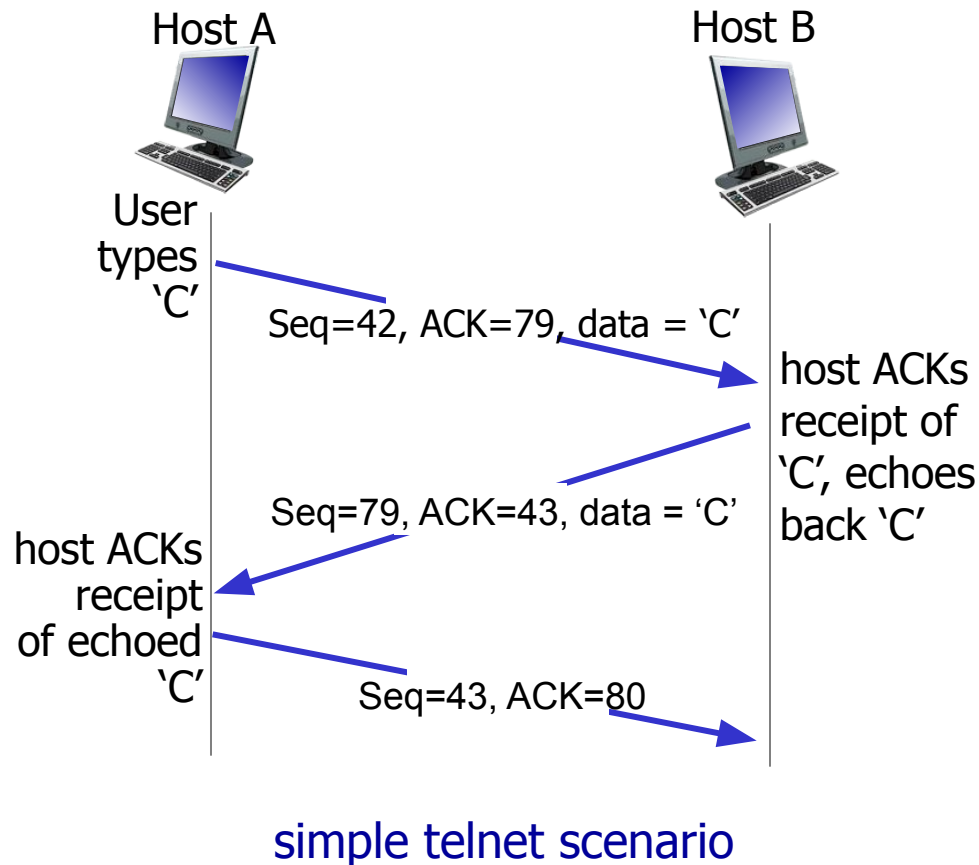
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checksum	urg pointer



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# TCP seq. numbers, ACKs



# TCP round trip time, timeout

Q: how to set TCP timeout value?

- ❖ longer than RTT
  - but RTT varies
- ❖ *too short*: premature timeout, unnecessary retransmissions
- ❖ *too long*: slow reaction to segment loss

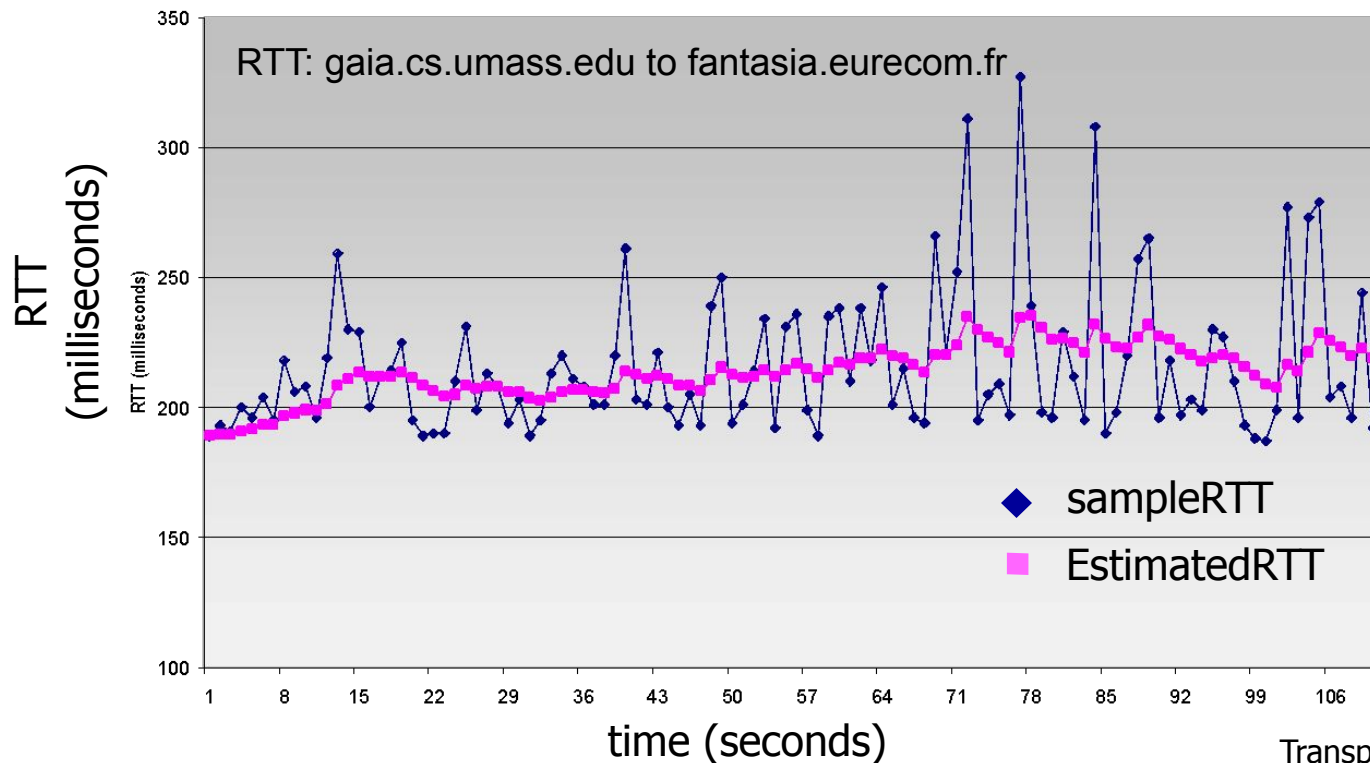
Q: how to estimate RTT?

- ❖ **SampleRTT**: measured time from segment transmission until ACK receipt
  - ignore retransmissions
- ❖ **SampleRTT** will vary, want estimated RTT “smoother”
  - average several *recent* measurements, not just current **SampleRTT**

# TCP round trip time, timeout

$$\text{EstimatedRTT} = (1 - \alpha) * \text{EstimatedRTT} + \alpha * \text{SampleRTT}$$

- ❖ exponential weighted moving average
- ❖ influence of past sample decreases exponentially fast
- ❖ typical value:  $\alpha = 0.125$



# TCP round trip time, timeout

- ❖ **timeout interval:** `EstimatedRTT` plus “safety margin”
  - large variation in `EstimatedRTT` → larger safety margin
- ❖ estimate `SampleRTT` deviation from `EstimatedRTT`:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{DevRTT} = & (1-\beta) * \text{DevRTT} + \\ & \beta * |\text{SampleRTT} - \text{EstimatedRTT}| \\ & (\text{typically, } \beta = 0.25)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{TimeoutInterval} = \text{EstimatedRTT} + 4 * \text{DevRTT}$$



↑  
estimated RTT

↑  
“safety margin”

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# TCP reliable data transfer

- ❖ TCP creates rdt service on top of IP's unreliable service
  - pipelined segments
  - cumulative acks
  - single retransmission timer
- ❖ retransmissions triggered by:
  - timeout events
  - duplicate acks

let's initially consider simplified TCP sender:

- ignore duplicate acks
- ignore flow control, congestion control



# TCP sender events:

## *data rcvd from app:*

- ❖ create segment with seq #
- ❖ seq # is byte-stream number of first data byte in segment
- ❖ start timer if not already running
  - think of timer as for oldest unacked segment
  - expiration interval: `TimeoutInterval`

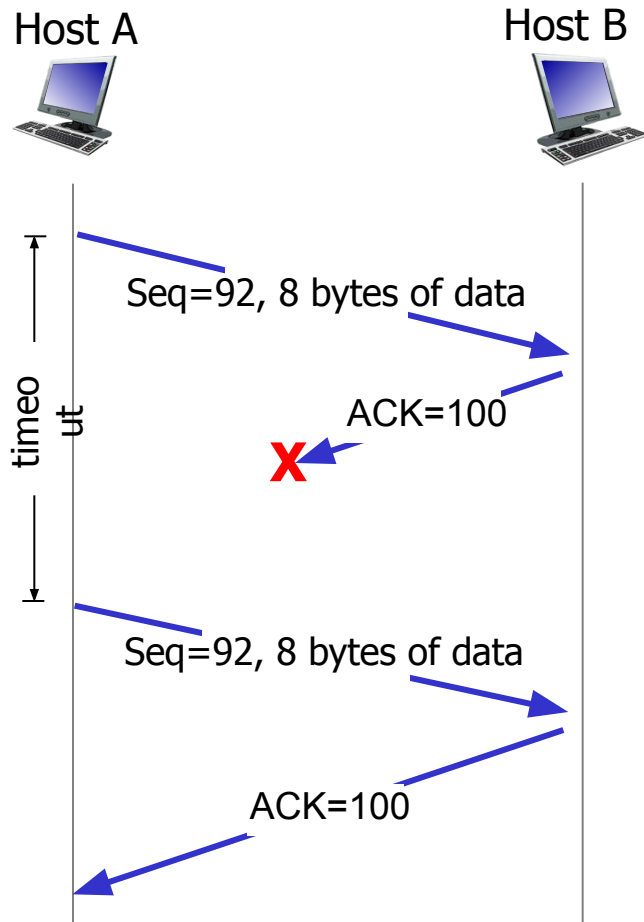
## *timeout:*

- ❖ retransmit segment that caused timeout
- ❖ restart timer

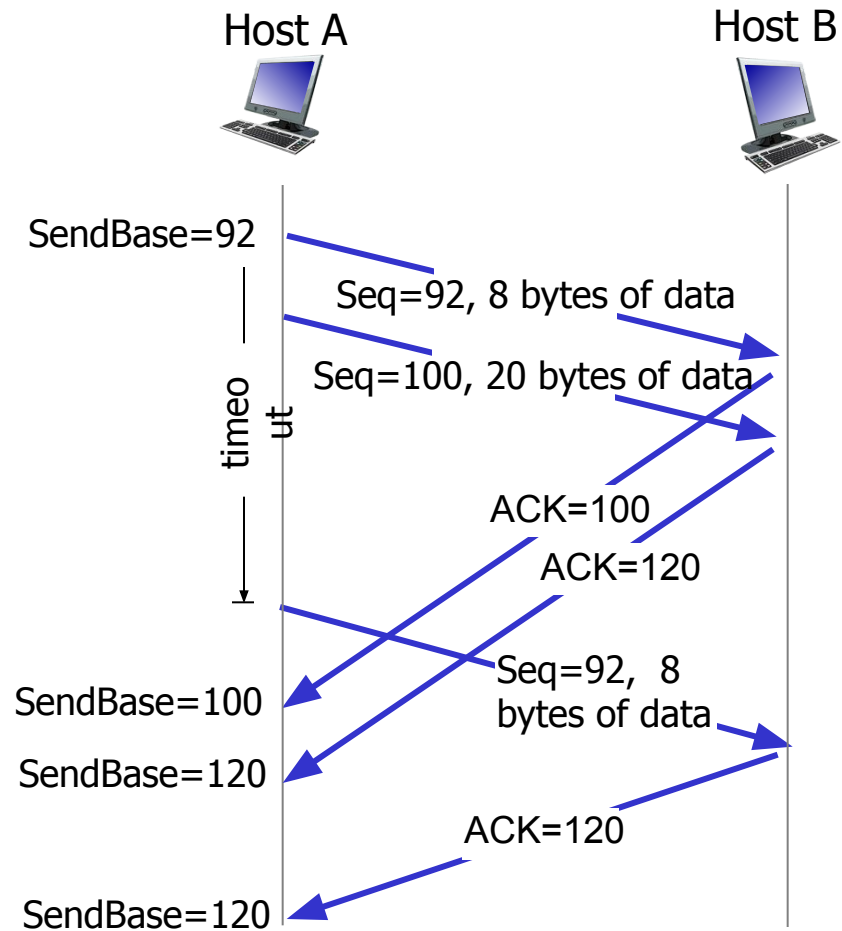
## *ack rcvd:*

- ❖ if ack acknowledges previously unacked segments
  - update what is known to be ACKed
  - start timer if there are still unacked segments

# TCP: retransmission scenarios

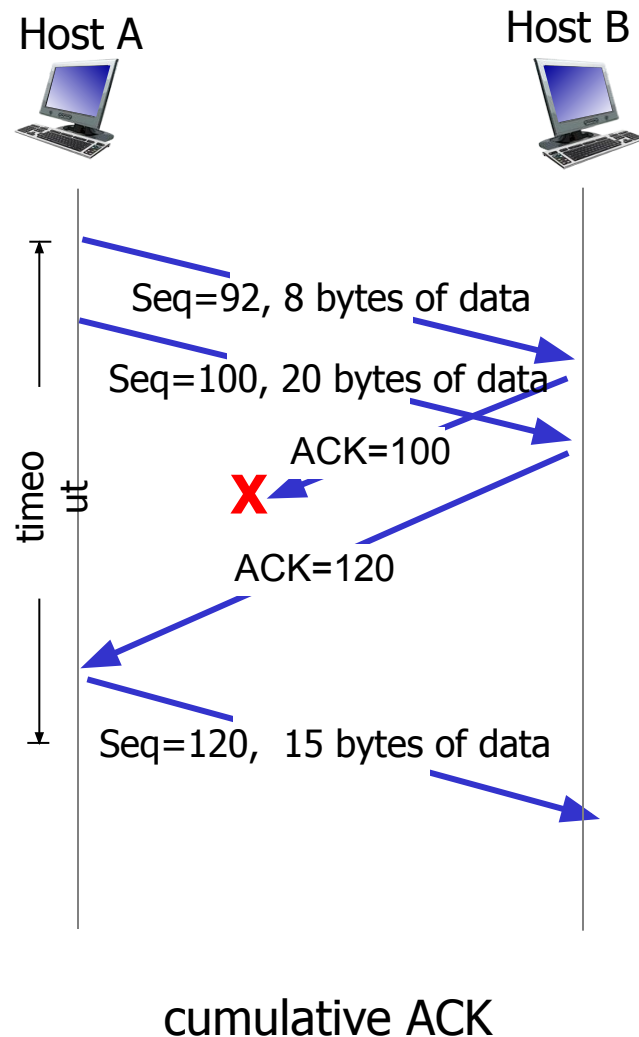


lost ACK scenario



premature timeout

# TCP: retransmission scenarios



# TCP ACK generation [RFC 1122, RFC 2581]

<i>event at receiver</i>	<i>TCP receiver action</i>
arrival of in-order segment with expected seq #. All data up to expected seq # already ACKed	delayed ACK. Wait up to 500ms for next segment. If no next segment, send ACK
arrival of in-order segment with expected seq #. One other segment has ACK pending	immediately send single cumulative ACK, ACKing both in-order segments
arrival of out-of-order segment higher-than-expect seq. # . Gap detected	immediately send <i>duplicate ACK</i> , indicating seq. # of next expected byte
<del>arrival of segment that partially or completely fills gap</del>	<del>immediate send ACK, provided that segment starts at lower end of gap</del>

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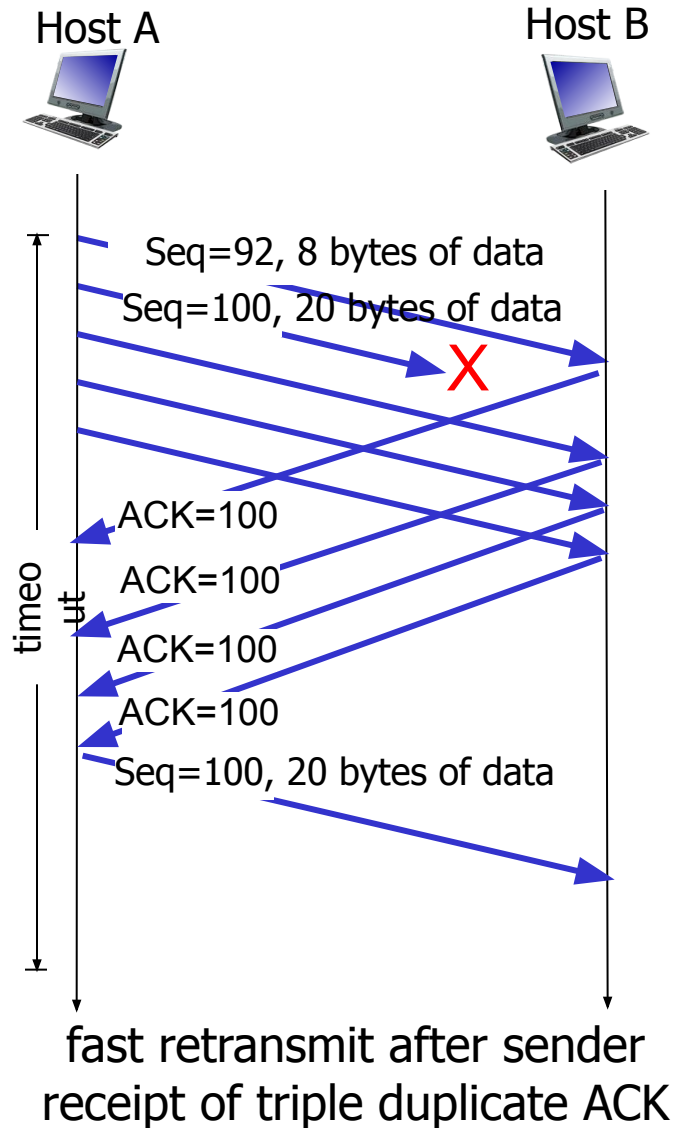
- ❖ time-out period often relatively long:
  - long delay before resending lost packet
- ❖ detect lost segments via duplicate ACKs.
  - sender often sends many segments back-to-back
  - if segment is lost, there will likely be many duplicate ACKs.

## *TCP fast retransmit*

if sender receives 3 ACKs for same data (“triple duplicate ACKs”), resend unacked segment with smallest seq #

- likely that unacked segment lost, so don't wait for timeout

# TCP fast retransmit



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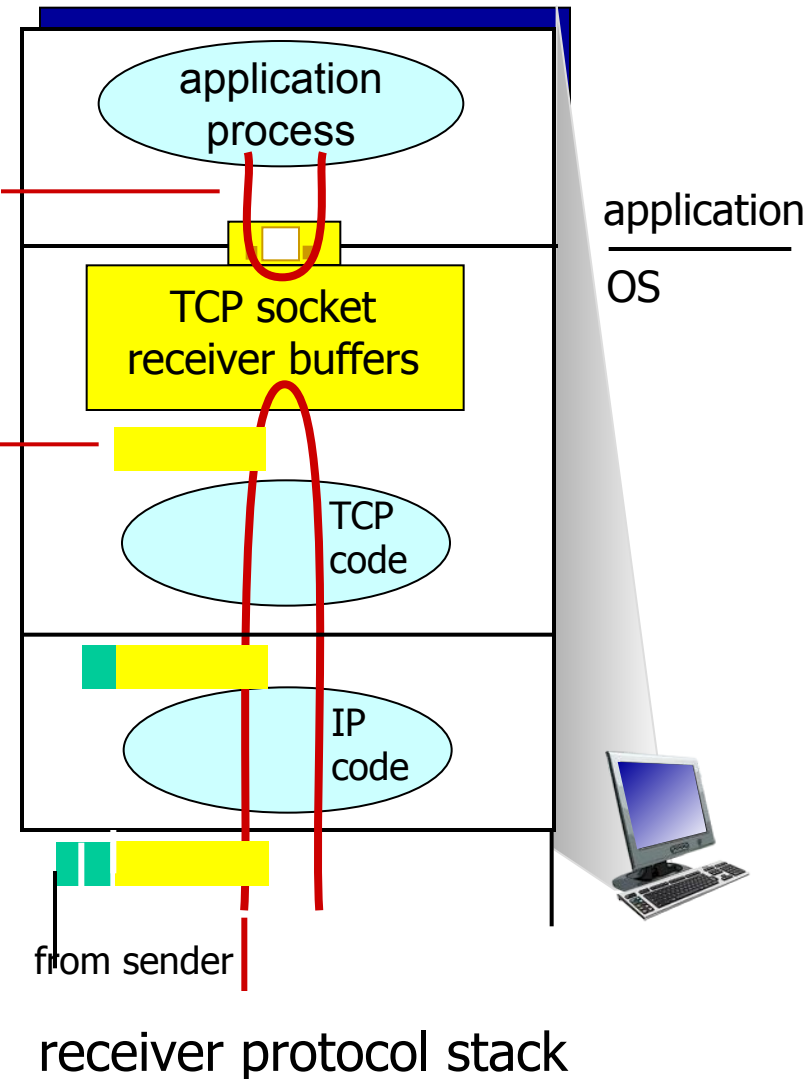
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# TCP flow control

application may  
remove data from  
TCP socket buffers ....

... slower than TCP  
receiver is delivering  
(sender is sending)

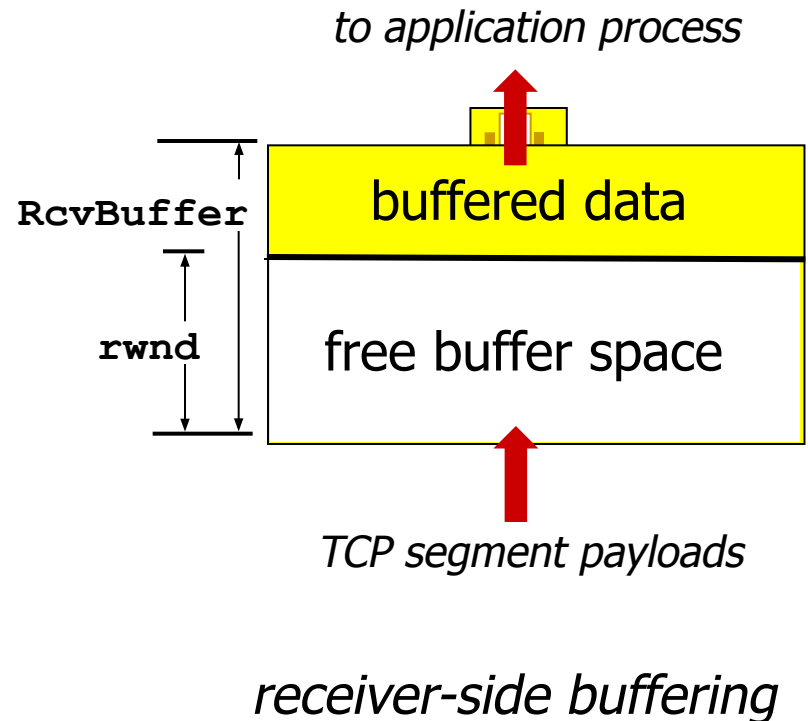
***flow control***  
receiver controls sender, so  
sender won't overflow receiver's  
buffer by transmitting too  
much, too fast





# TCP flow control

- ❖ receiver “advertises” free buffer space by including **rwnd** value in TCP header of receiver-to-sender segments
  - **RcvBuffer** size set via socket options (typical default is 4096 bytes)
  - many operating systems autoadjust **RcvBuffer**
- ❖ sender limits amount of unacked (“in-flight”) data to receiver’s **rwnd** value
- ❖ guarantees receive buffer will not overflow



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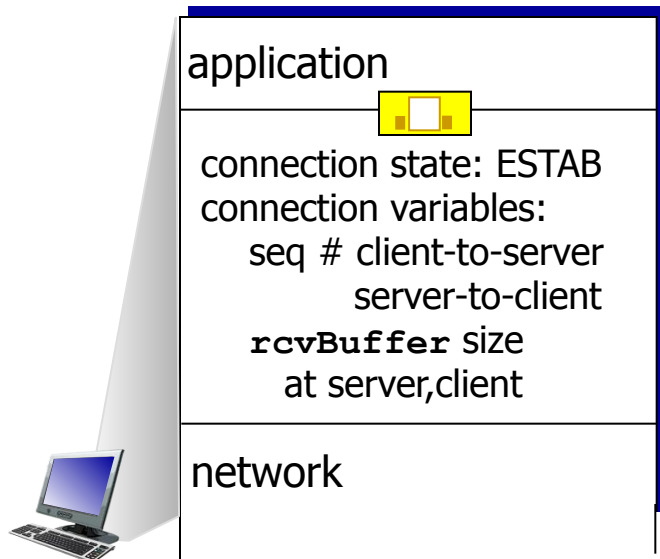
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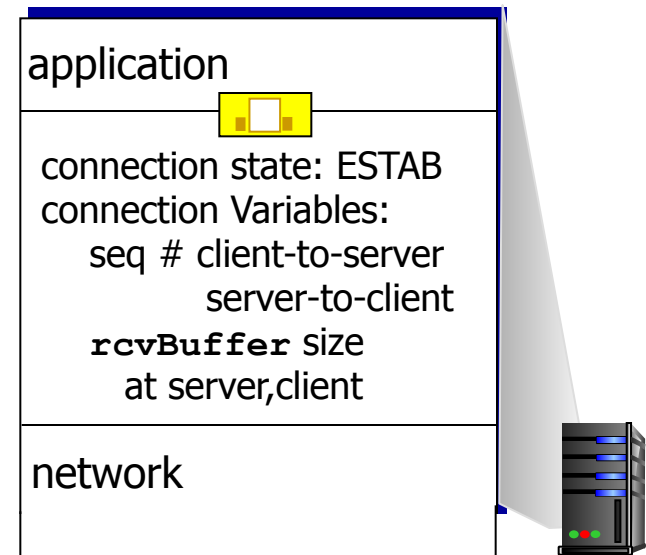
# Connection Management

before exchanging data, sender/receiver “handshake”:

- ❖ agree to establish connection (each knowing the other willing to establish connection)
- ❖ agree on connection parameters



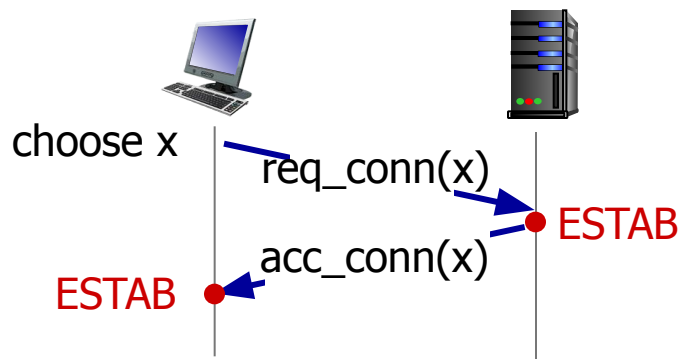
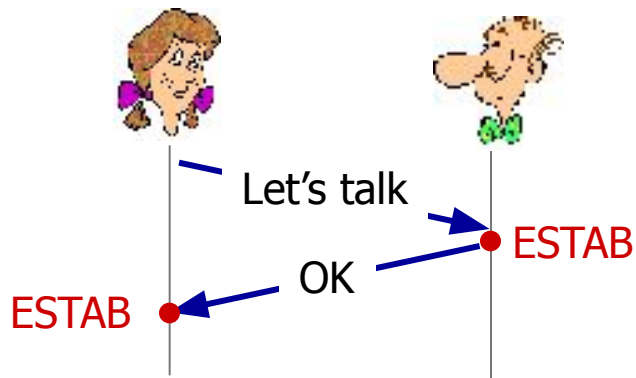
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Socket clientSocket =  
    newSocket("hostname", "port number");
```



```
Socket connectionSocket =  
    welcomeSocket.accept();
```

# Agreeing to establish a connection

2-way handshake:

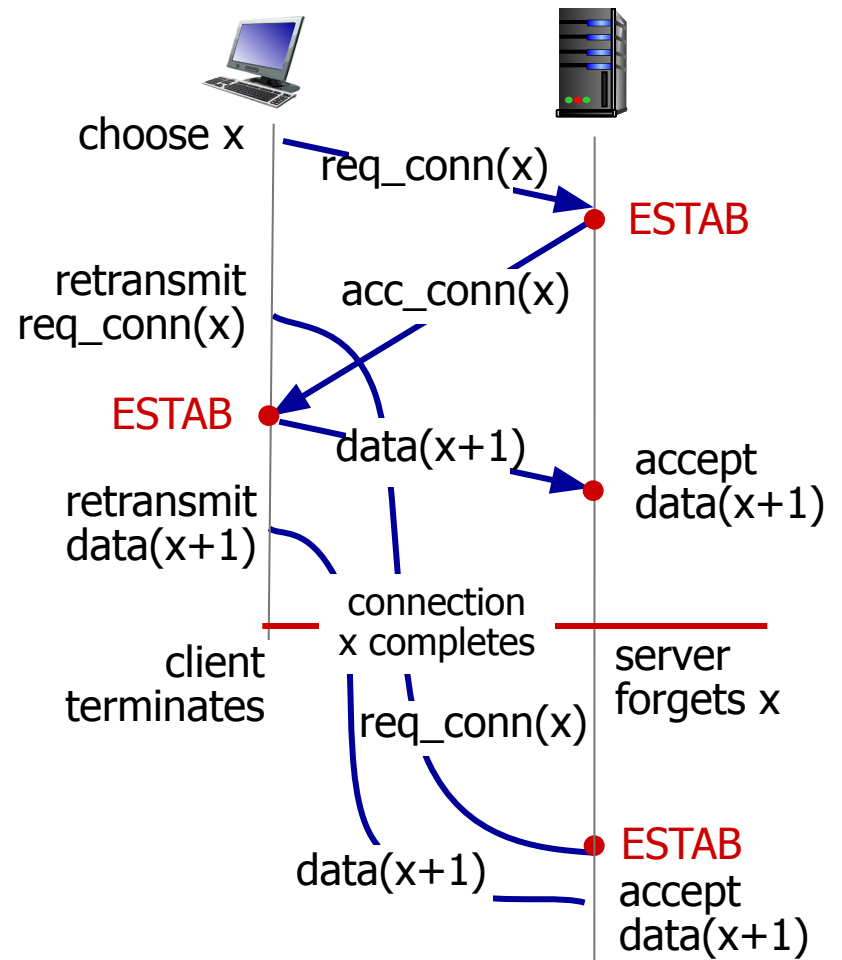
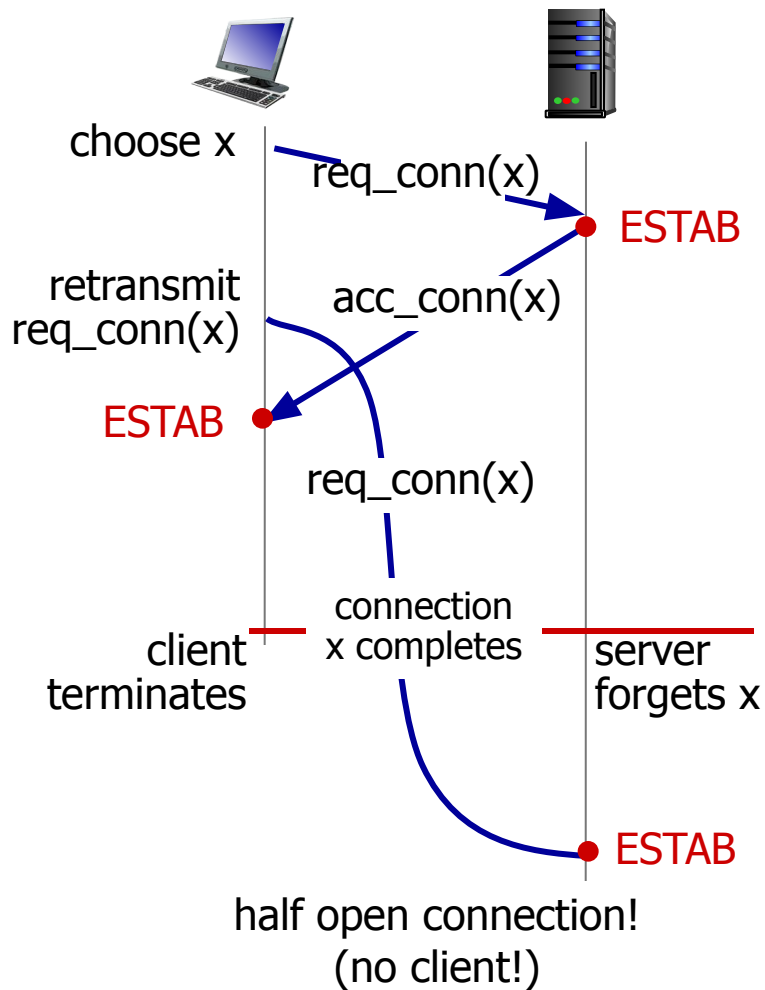


Q: will 2-way handshake always work in network?

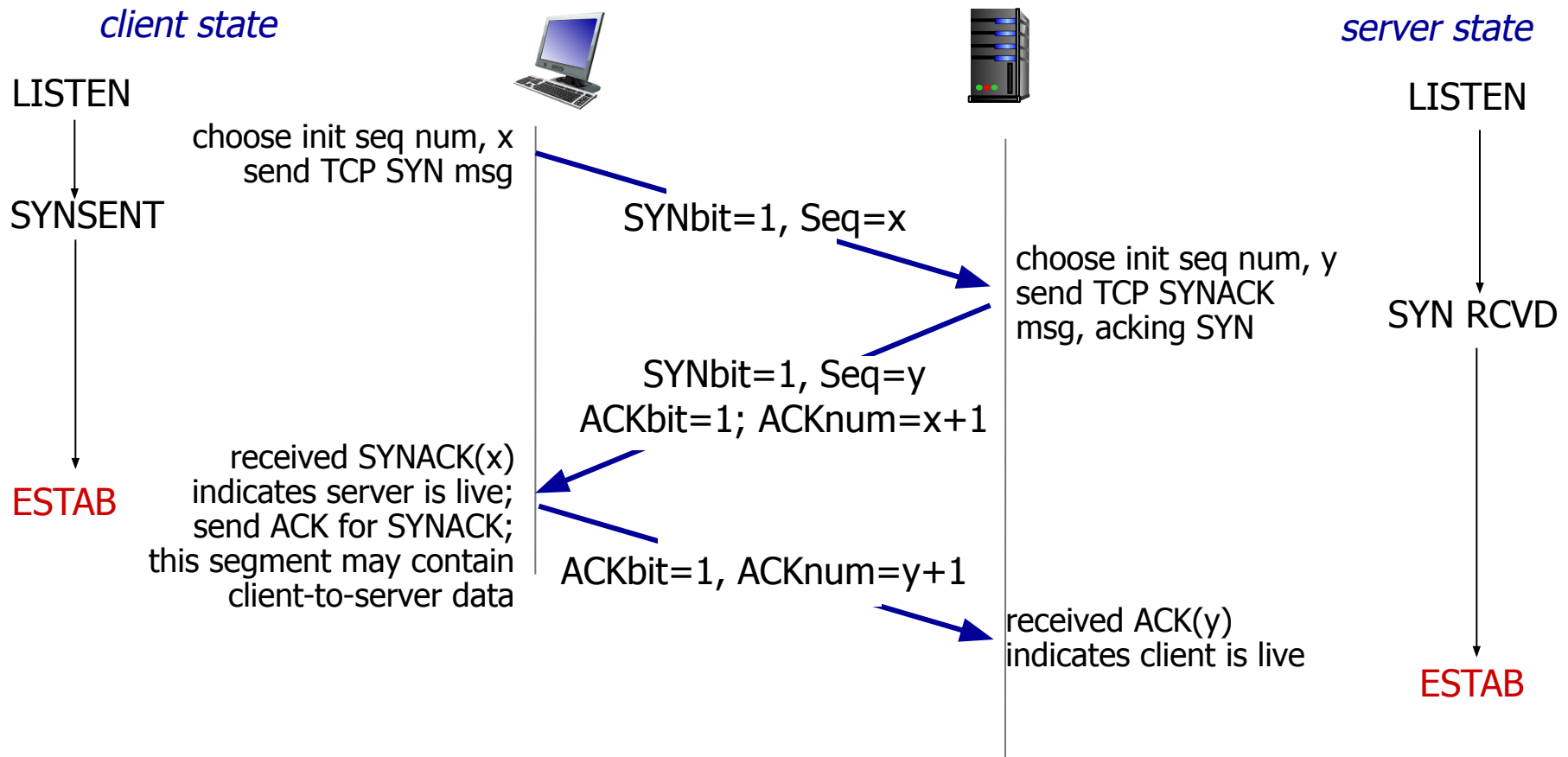
- ❖ variable delays
- ❖ retransmitted messages (e.g. req\_conn(x)) due to message loss
- ❖ message reordering
- ❖ can't "see" other side

# Agreeing to establish a connection

2-way handshake failure scenarios:



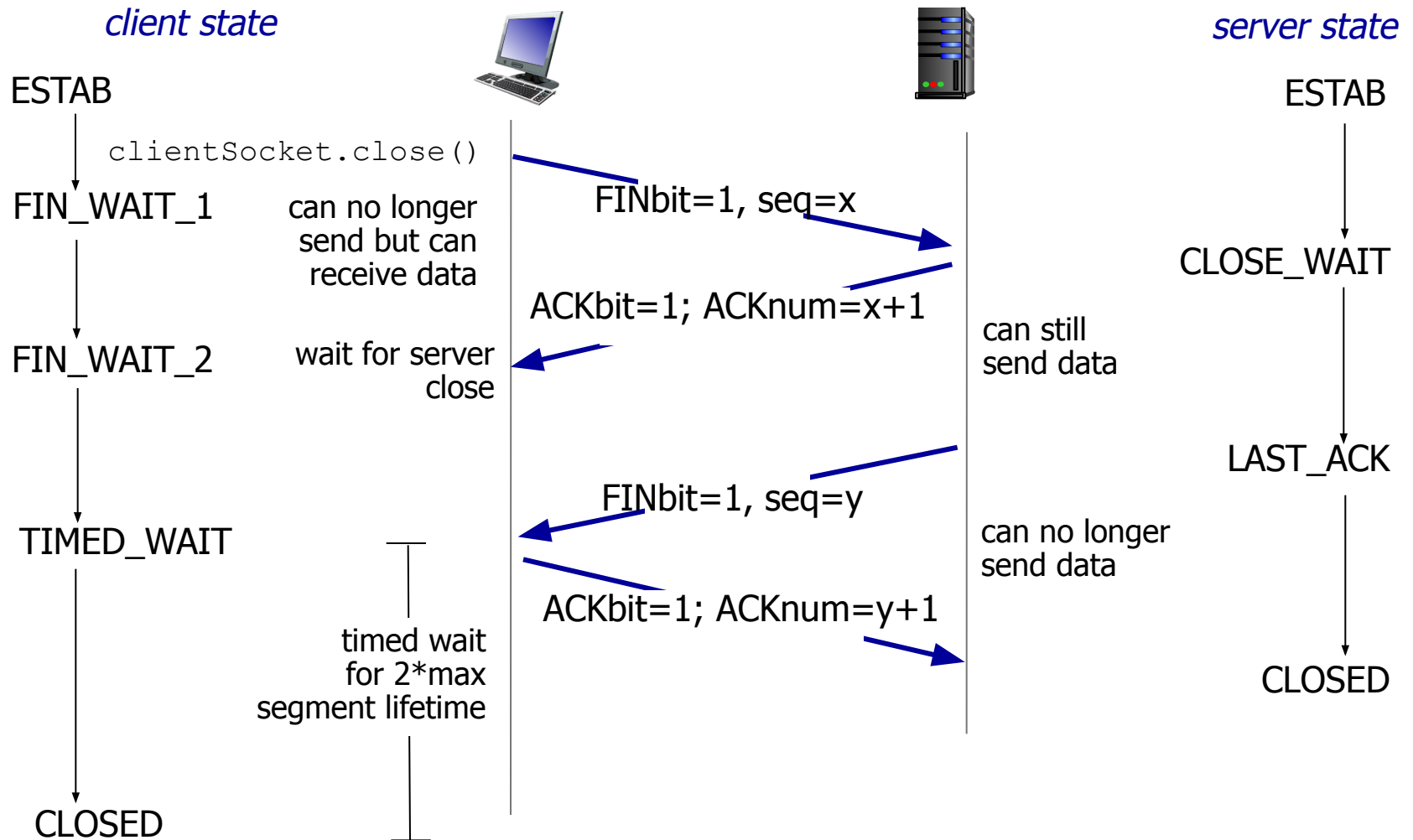
# TCP 3-way handshake



# TCP: closing a connection

- ❖ client, server each close their side of connection
  - send TCP segment with FIN bit = 1
- ❖ respond to received FIN with ACK
  - on receiving FIN, ACK can be combined with own FIN
- ❖ simultaneous FIN exchanges can be handled

# TCP: closing a connection





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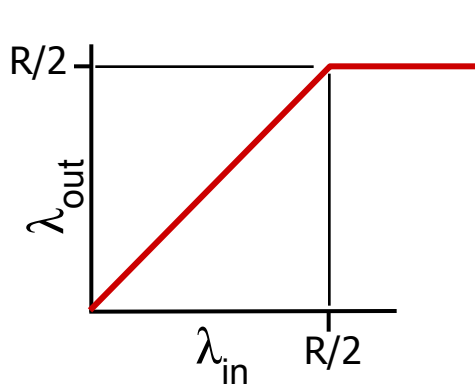
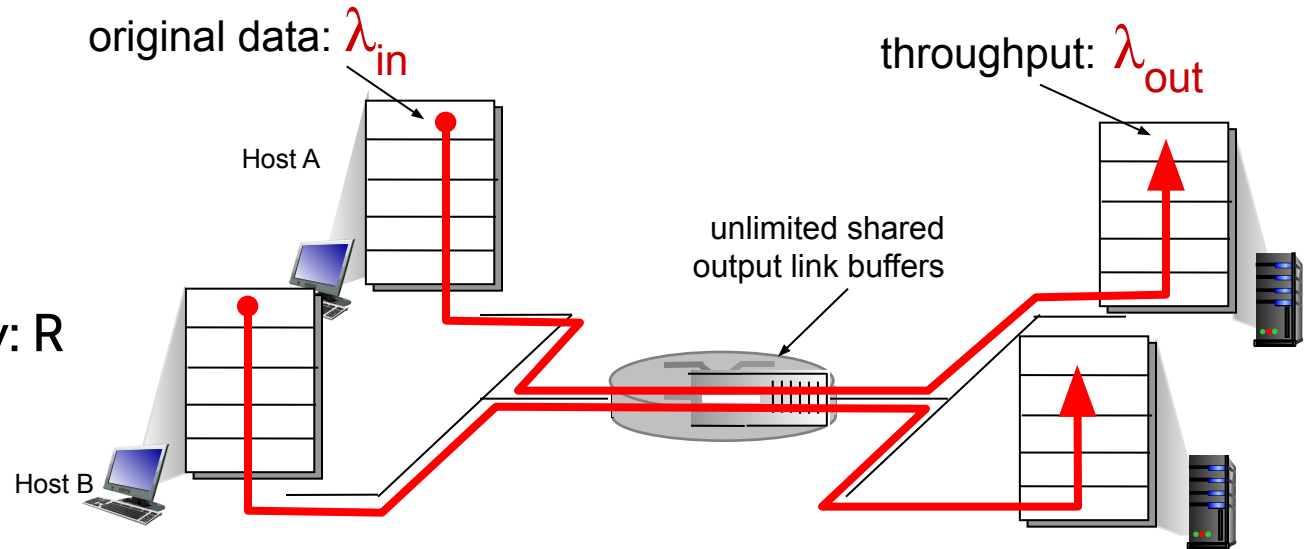
# Principles of congestion control

## *congestion:*

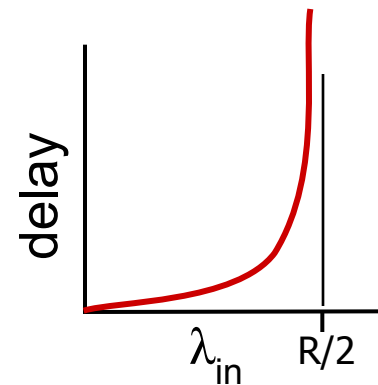
- ❖ informally: “too many sources sending too much data too fast for *network* to handle”
- ❖ different from flow control!
- ❖ manifestations:
  - lost packets (buffer overflow at routers)
  - long delays (queueing in router buffers)
- ❖ a top-10 problem!

# Causes/costs of congestion: scenario 1

- ❖ two senders, two receivers
- ❖ one router, infinite buffers
- ❖ output link capacity:  $R$
- ❖ no retransmission



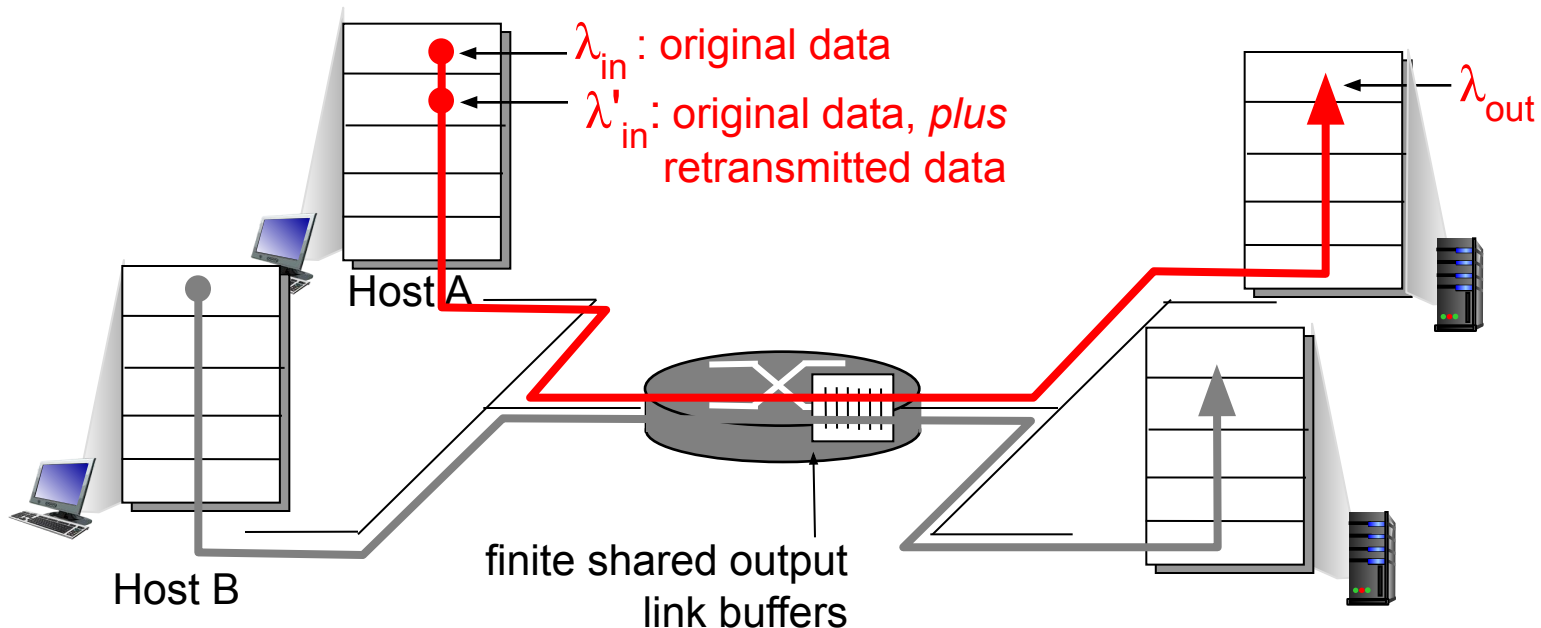
- ❖ maximum per-connection throughput:  $R/2$



- ❖ large delays as arrival rate,  $\lambda_{in}$ , approaches capacity

# Causes/costs of congestion: scenario 2

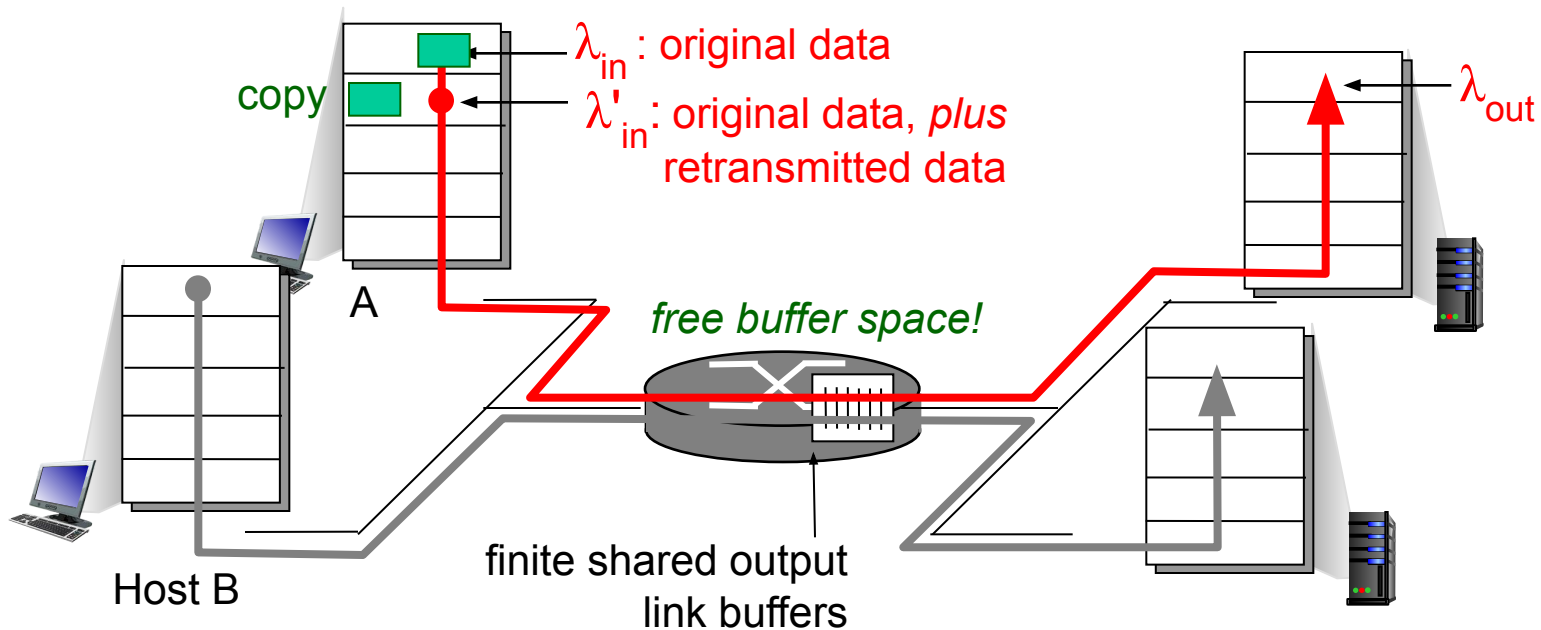
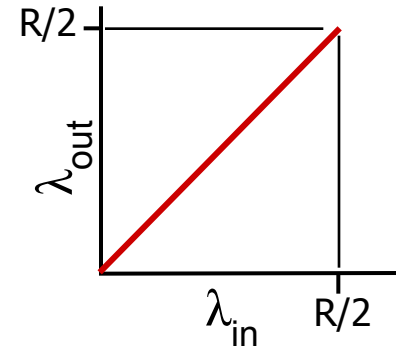
- ❖ one router, *finite* buffers
- ❖ sender retransmission of timed-out packet
  - application-layer input = application-layer output:  $\lambda_{in} = \lambda_{out}$
  - transport-layer input includes *retransmissions*:  $\lambda'_{in} \geq \lambda_{in}$



# Causes/costs of congestion: scenario 2

idealization: perfect knowledge

- ❖ sender sends only when router buffers available

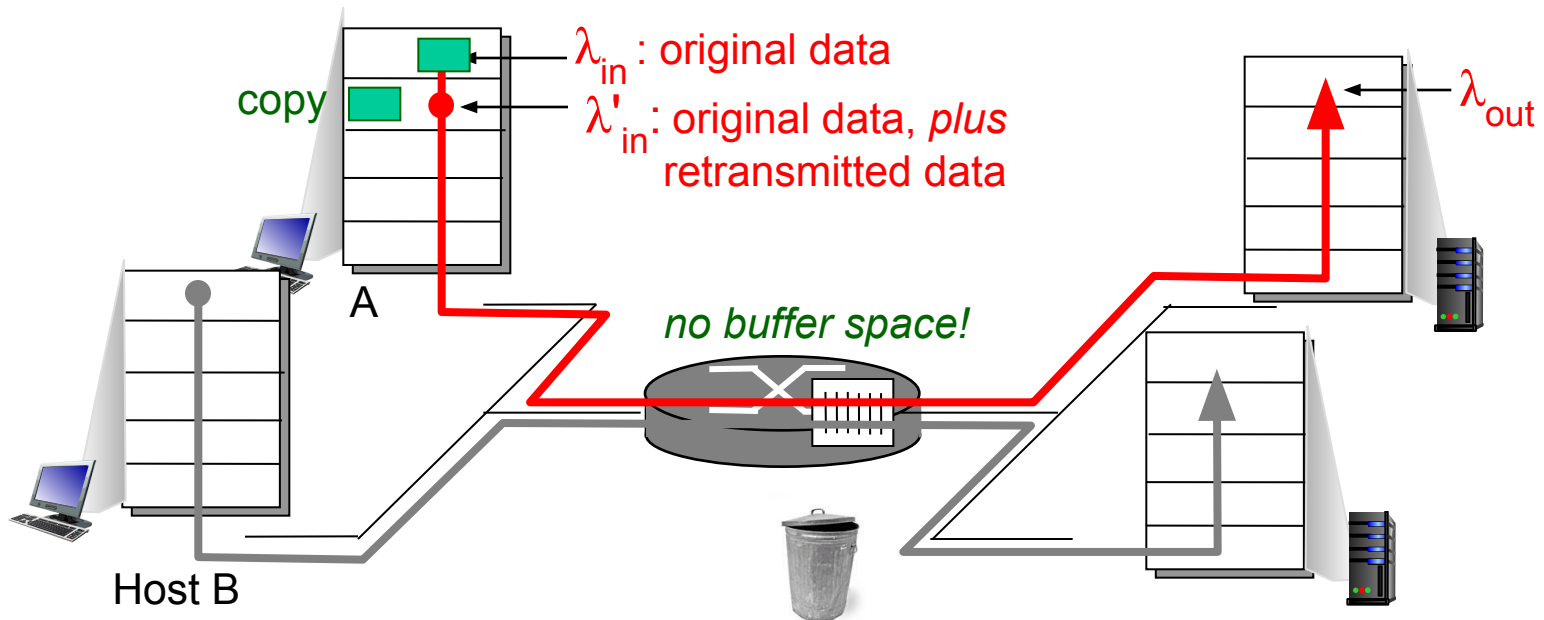


# Causes/costs of congestion: scenario 2

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- ❖ sender only resends if  
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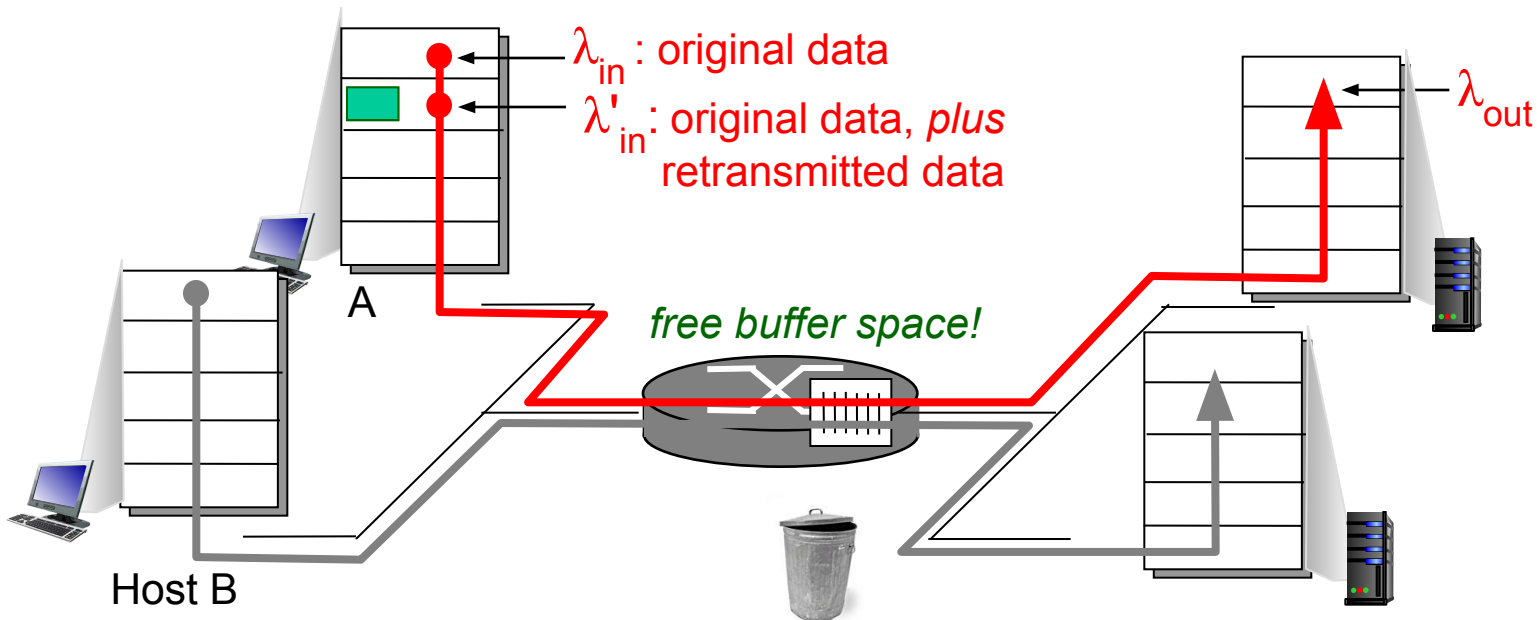
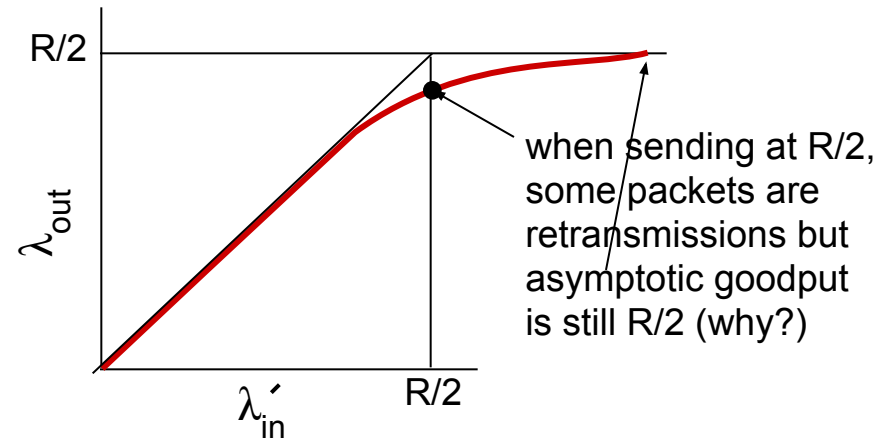


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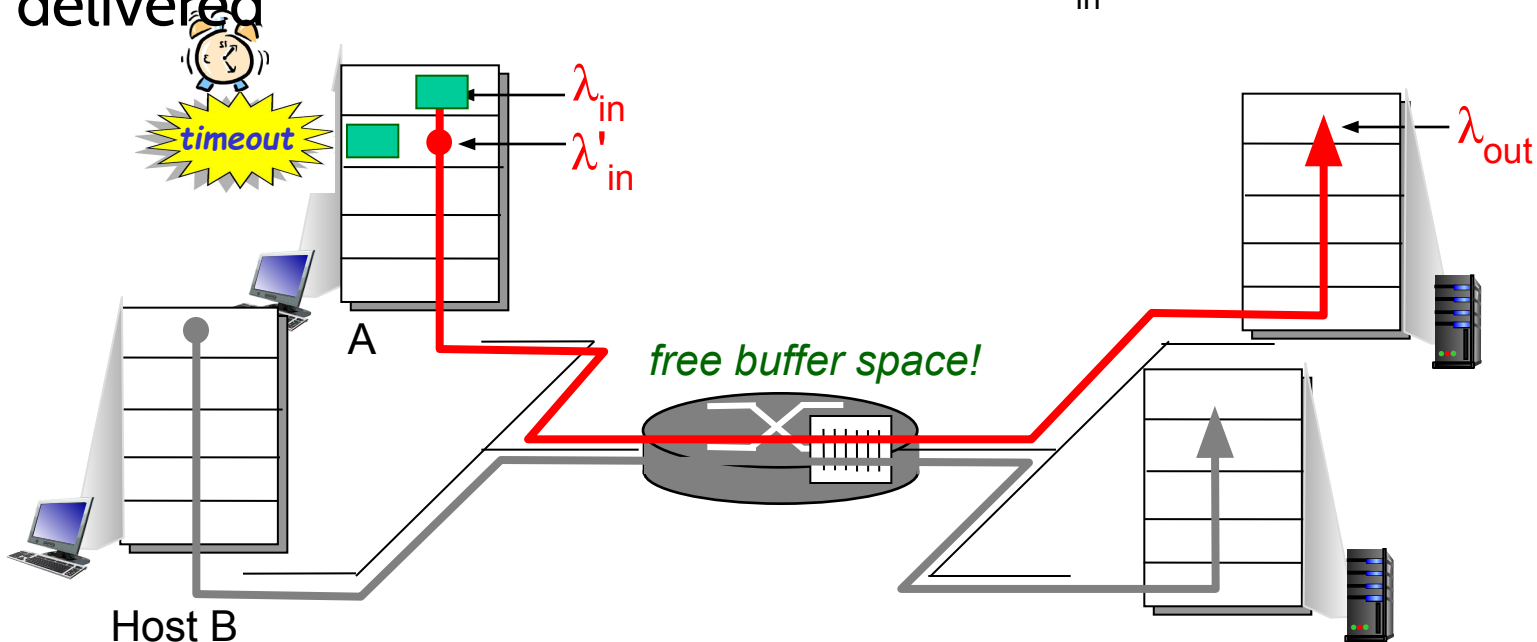
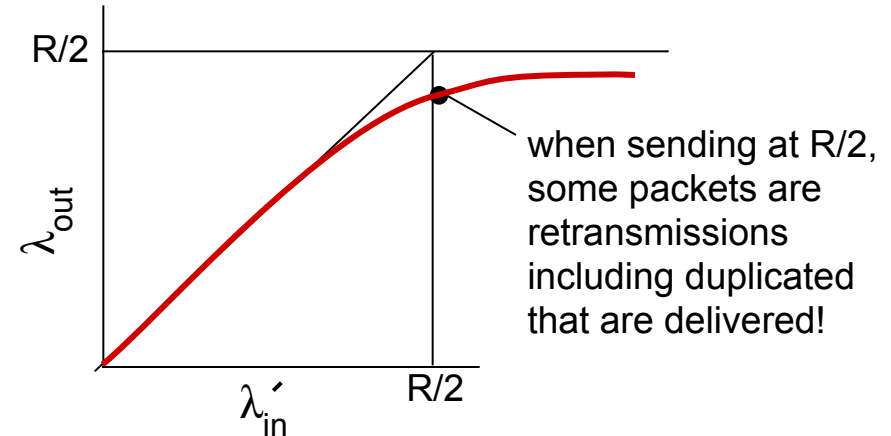
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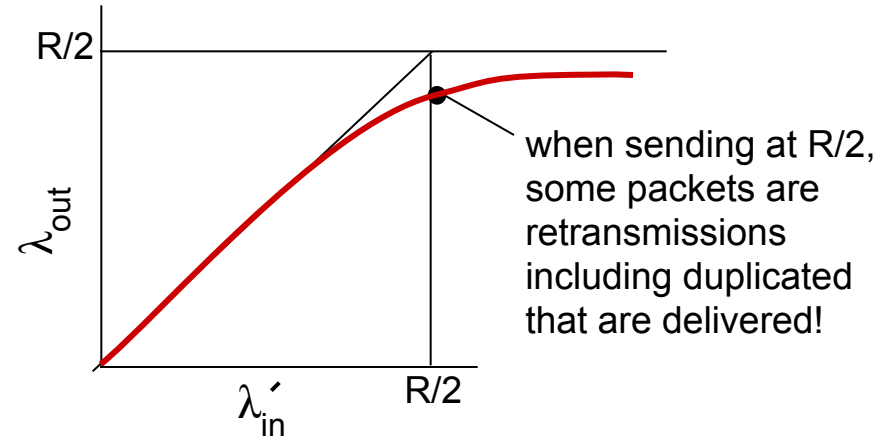




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## *“costs” of congestion:*

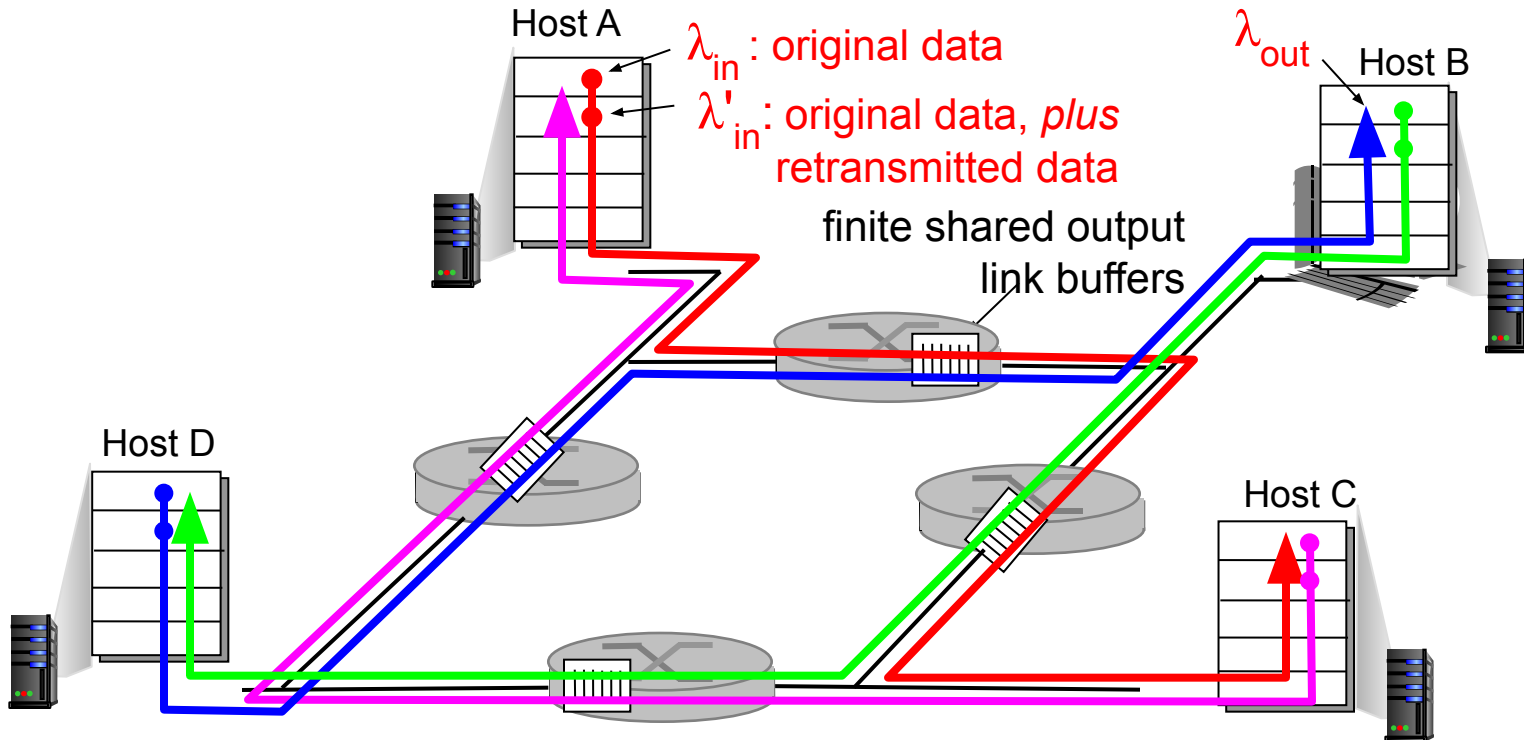
- ❖ more work (retrans) for given “goodput”
- ❖ unneeded retransmissions: link carries multiple copies of pkt
  - decreasing goodput

# Causes/costs of congestion: scenario 3

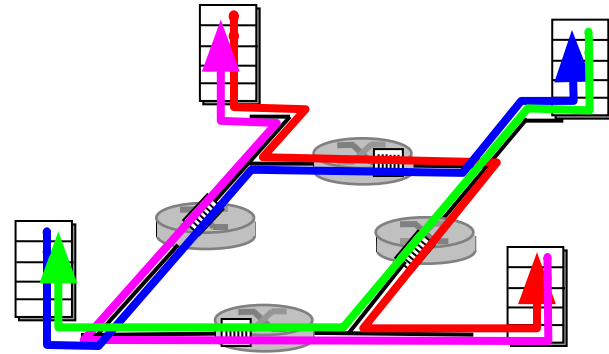
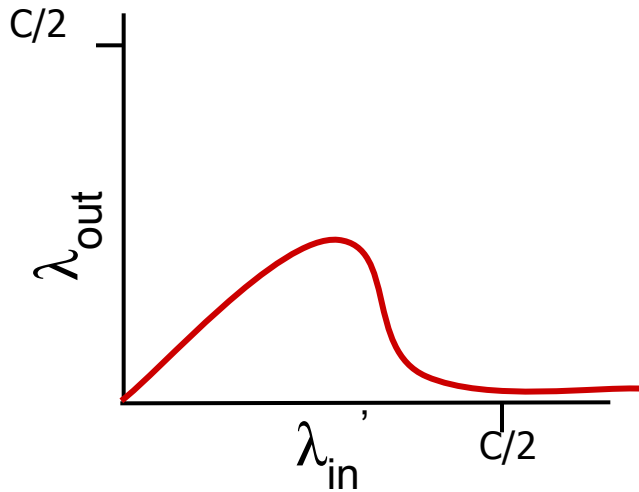
- ❖ four senders
- ❖ multihop paths
- ❖ timeout/retransmit

Q: what happens as  $\lambda_{in}$  and  $\lambda'_{in}$  increase ?

A: as red  $\lambda'_{in}$  increases, all arriving blue pkts at upper queue are dropped, blue throughput  $\rightarrow 0$



# Causes/costs of congestion: scenario 3



another “cost” of congestion:

- ❖ when packet dropped, any “upstream transmission capacity used for that packet was wasted!

# Approaches towards congestion control

two broad approaches towards congestion control:

## end-end congestion control:

- ❖ no explicit feedback from network
- ❖ congestion inferred from end-system observed loss, delay
- ❖ approach taken by TCP

## network-assisted congestion control:

- ❖ routers provide feedback to end systems
  - single bit indicating congestion (SNA, DECbit, TCP/IP ECN, ATM)
  - explicit rate for sender to send at

# Case study: ATM ABR congestion control

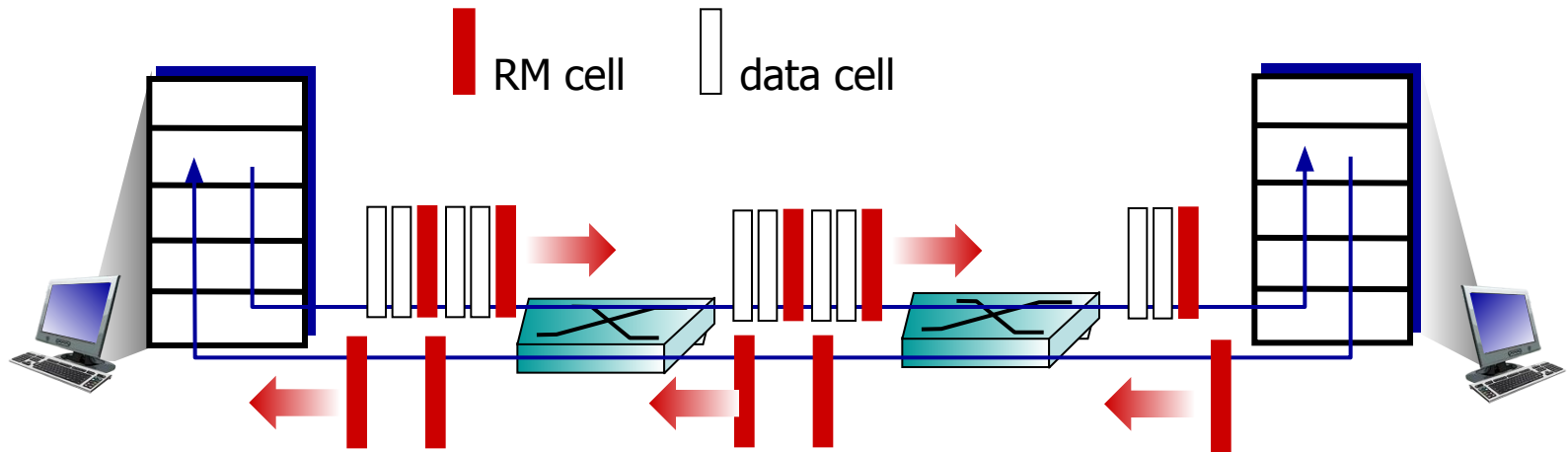
## ABR: available bit rate:

- ❖ “elastic service”
- ❖ if sender’s path “underloaded”:
  - sender should use available bandwidth
- ❖ if sender’s path congested:
  - sender throttled to minimum guaranteed rate

## RM (resource management) cells:

- ❖ sent by sender, interspersed with data cells
- ❖ bits in RM cell set by switches (“*network-assisted*”)
  - *NI bit*: no increase in rate (mild congestion)
  - *CI bit*: congestion indication
- ❖ RM cells returned to sender by receiver, with bits intact

# Case study: ATM ABR congestion control



- ❖ two-byte ER (explicit rate) field in RM cell
  - congested switch may lower ER value in cell
  - senders' send rate thus max supportable rate on path
- ❖ EFCI bit in data cells: set to 1 in congested switch
  - if data cell preceding RM cell has EFCI set, receiver sets CI bit in returned RM cell

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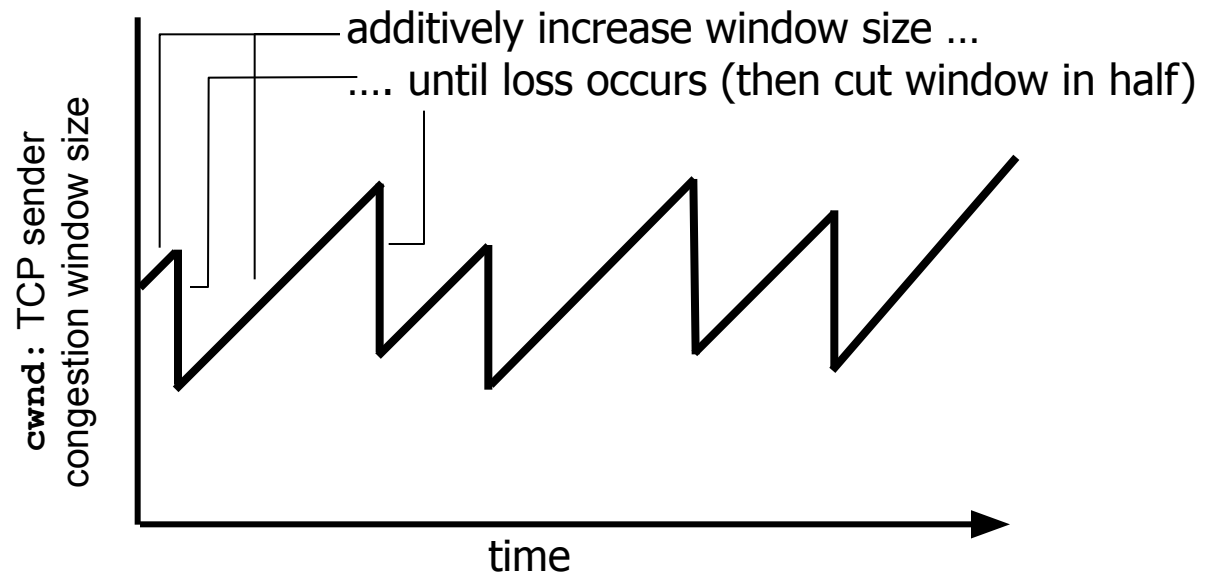
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# TCP congestion control: additive increase multiplicative decrease

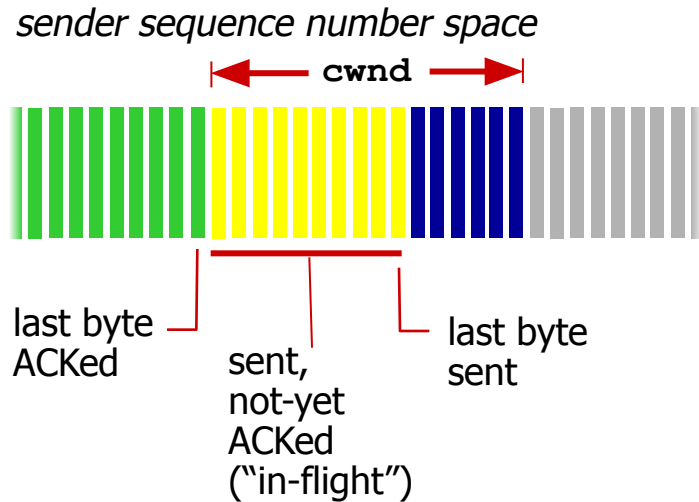
- ❖ *approach*: sender increases transmission rate (window size), probing for usable bandwidth, until loss occurs
  - *additive increase*: increase **cwnd** by 1 MSS every RTT until loss detected
  - *multiplicative decrease*: cut **cwnd** in half after loss

AIMD saw tooth behavior: probing for bandwidth





# TCP Congestion Control: details



- ❖ sender limits transmission:

$$\text{LastByteSent} - \text{LastByteAcked} \leq \text{cwnd}$$

- ❖ **cwnd** is dynamic, function of perceived network congestion

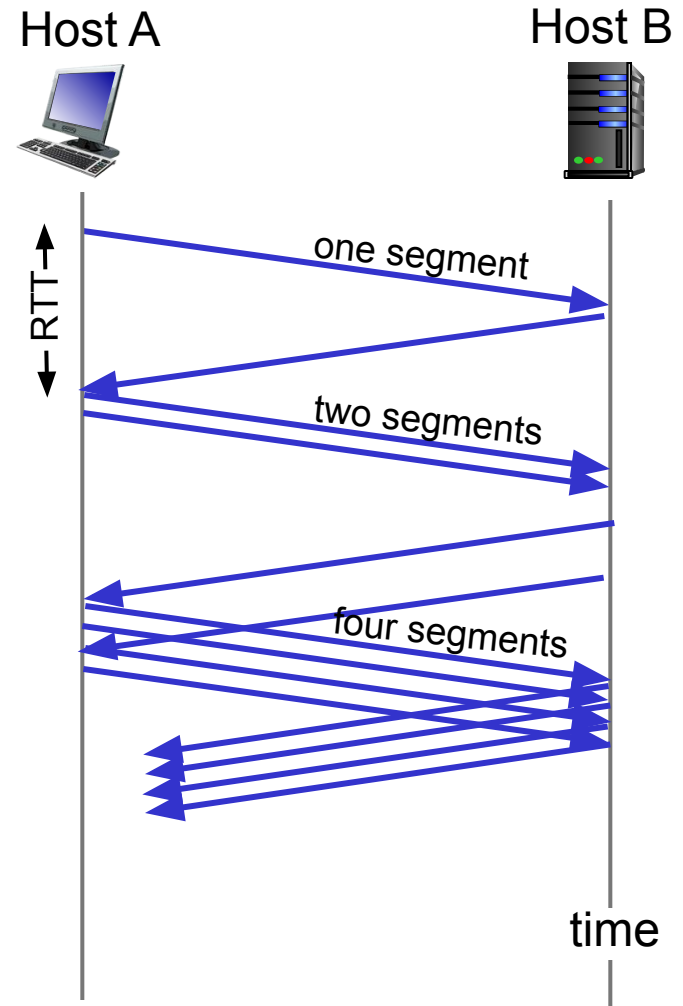
*TCP sending rate:*

- ❖ *roughly*: send cwnd bytes, wait RTT for ACKS, then send more bytes

$$\text{rate} \approx \frac{\text{cwnd}}{\text{RTT}} \text{ bytes/sec}$$

# TCP Slow Start

- ❖ when connection begins, increase rate exponentially until first loss event:
  - initially `cwnd` = 1 MSS
  - double `cwnd` every RTT
  - done by incrementing `cwnd` for every ACK received
- ❖ summary: initial rate is slow but ramps up exponentially fast



# TCP: detecting, reacting to loss

- ❖ loss indicated by timeout:
  - `cwnd` set to 1 MSS;
  - window then grows exponentially (as in slow start) to threshold, then grows linearly
- ❖ loss indicated by 3 duplicate ACKs: TCP RENO
  - dup ACKs indicate network capable of delivering some segments
  - `cwnd` is cut in half window then grows linearly
- ❖ TCP Tahoe always sets `cwnd` to 1 (timeout or 3 duplicate acks)

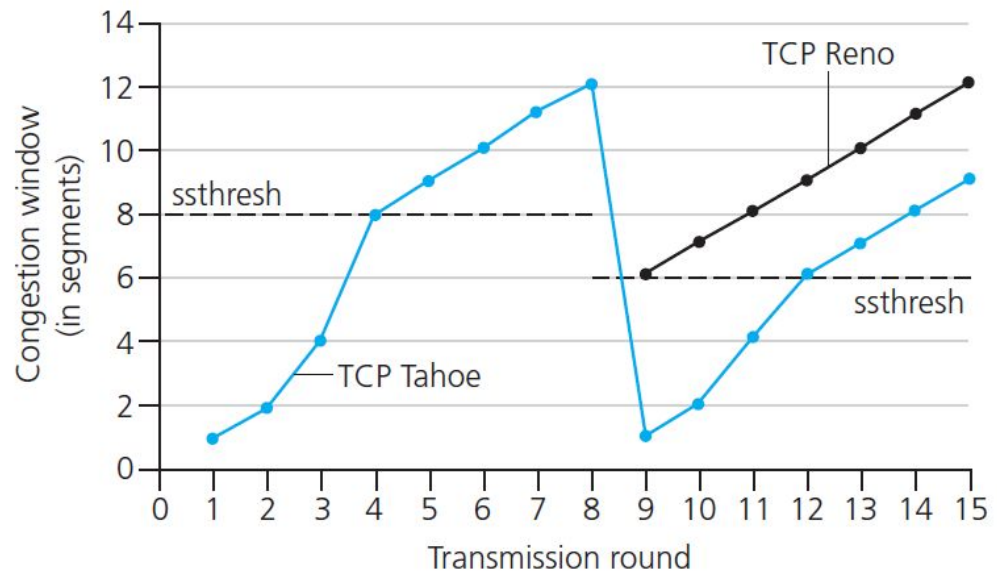
# TCP: switching from slow start to CA

**Q:** when should the exponential increase switch to linear?

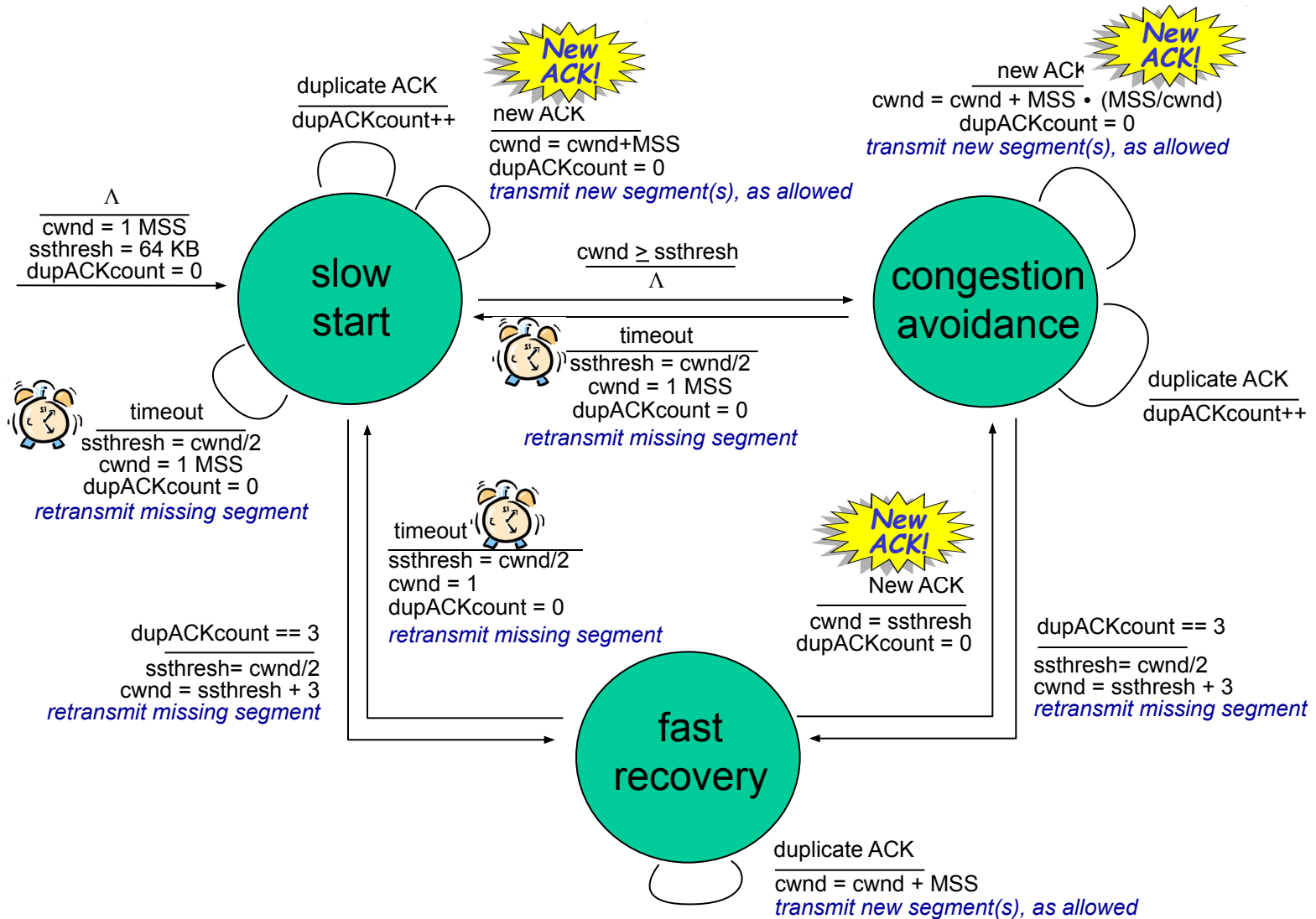
**A:** when **cwnd** gets to 1/2 of its value before timeout.

## Implementation:

- ❖ variable **ssthresh**
- ❖ on loss event, **ssthresh** is set to 1/2 of **cwnd** just before loss event



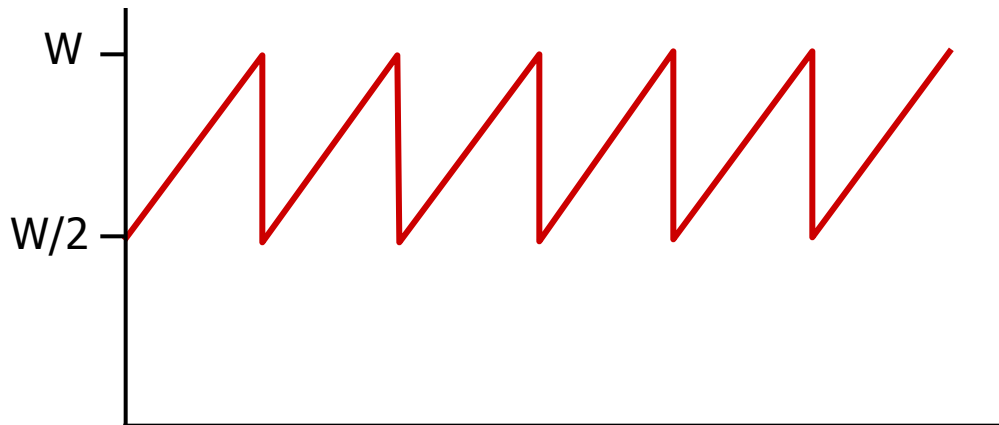
# Summary: TCP Congestion Control



# TCP throughput

- ❖ avg. TCP thruput as function of window size, RTT?
  - ignore slow start, assume always data to send
- ❖ **W: window size** (measured in bytes) **where loss occurs**
  - avg. window size (# in-flight bytes) is  $\frac{3}{4} W$
  - avg. thruput is  $\frac{3}{4}W$  per RTT

$$\text{avg TCP thruput} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{W}{\text{RTT}} \text{ bytes/sec}$$



# TCP Futures: TCP over “long, fat pipes”

- ❖ example: 1500 byte segments, 100ms RTT, want 10 Gbps throughput
- ❖ requires  $W = 83,333$  in-flight segments
- ❖ throughput in terms of segment loss probability,  $L$  [Mathis 1997]:

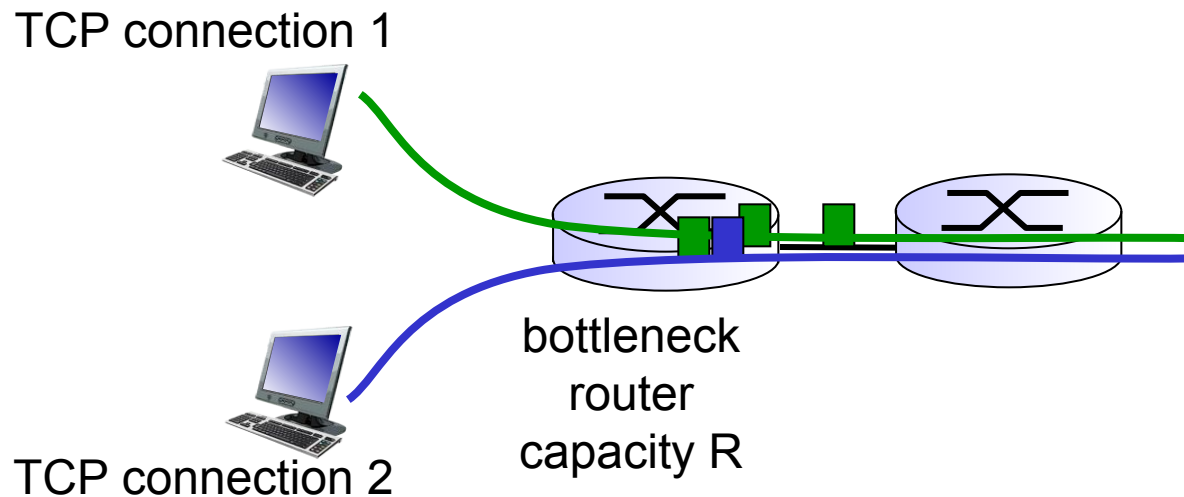
$$\text{TCP throughput} = \frac{1.22 \cdot \text{MSS}}{\text{RTT} \sqrt{L}}$$

→ to achieve 10 Gbps throughput, need a loss rate of  $L = 2 \cdot 10^{-10}$  — *a very small loss rate!*

- ❖ new versions of TCP for high-speed

# TCP Fairness

*fairness goal:* if  $K$  TCP sessions share same bottleneck link of bandwidth  $R$ , each should have average rate of  $R/K$

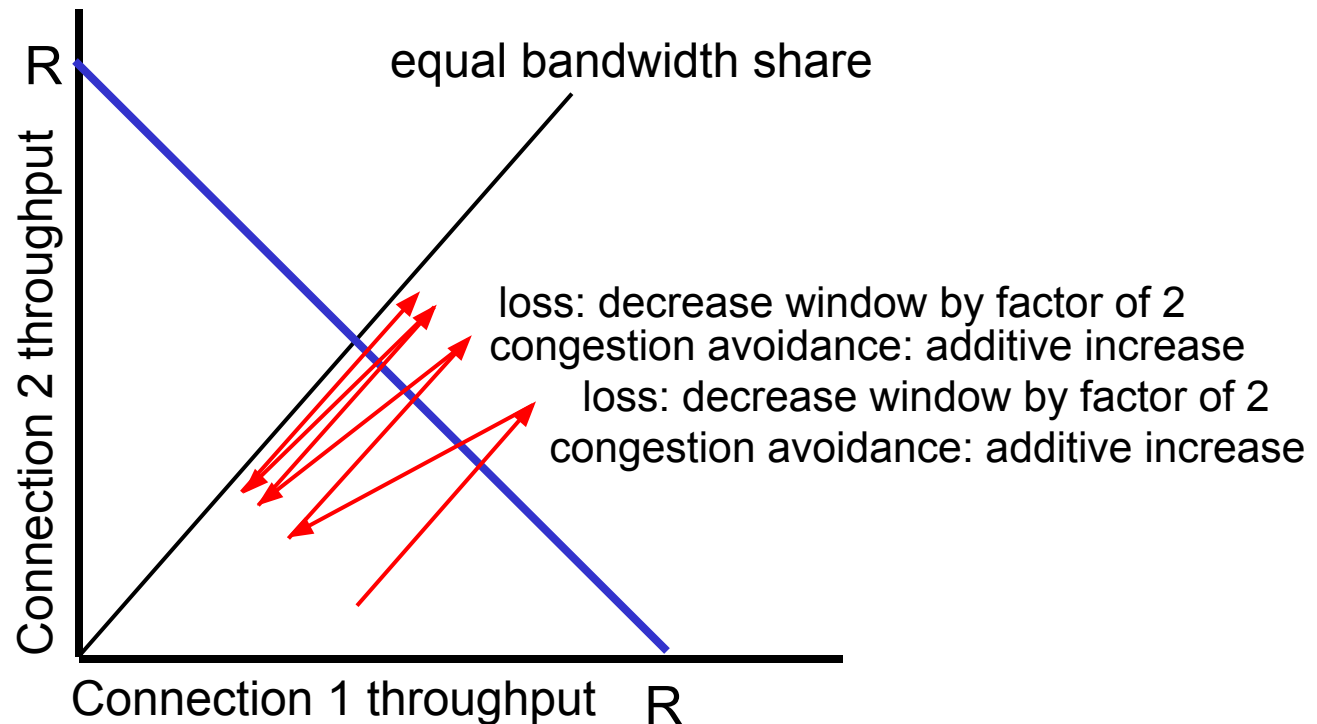




# Why is TCP fair?

two competing sessions:

- ❖ additive increase gives slope of 1, as throughput increases
- ❖ multiplicative decrease decreases throughput proportionally



# Fairness (more)

## *Fairness and UDP*

- ❖ multimedia apps often do not use TCP
  - do not want rate throttled by congestion control
- ❖ instead use UDP:
  - send audio/video at constant rate, tolerate packet loss

## *Fairness, parallel TCP connections*

- ❖ application can open multiple parallel connections between two hosts
- ❖ web browsers do this
- ❖ e.g., link of rate  $R$  with 9 existing connections:
  - new app asks for 1 TCP, gets rate  $R/10$
  - new app asks for 11 TCPs, gets  $R/2$

# Chapter 3: summary

- ❖ principles behind transport layer services:
  - multiplexing, demultiplexing
  - reliable data transfer
  - flow control
  - congestion control
- ❖ instantiation, implementation in the Internet
  - UDP
  - TCP

## next:

- ❖ leaving the network “edge” (application, transport layers)
- ❖ into the network “core”