

1. (a) In a communication network with a shared medium, assume all frames have the same size of 1000 bytes and the transmission rate is 8 Mbps. What is the vulnerable period of frame transmission using slotted Aloha? [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vulnerable period for Aloha} &= 2 \times \text{frame time } (T_{Fr}) \\ &= 2 \times \frac{8 \times 10^6 \text{ bps}}{1000 \times 8 \text{ bits}} \\ &= 2 \times 10000 \text{ seconds} \\ &= 20000 \text{ seconds} \end{aligned}$$

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- (b) Use an example to show the hidden terminal problem in wireless ad hoc networks. [1]

Suppose we have the following wireless network configuration:-

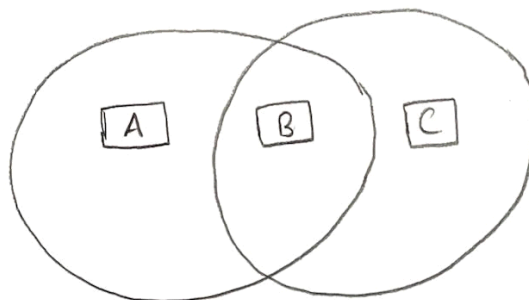


Figure 1.

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In the configuration depicted above, network A and network B are in the range of each other, as are network C and network B. However, network A and network C are outside each other's range and therefore cannot communicate with each other. The problem arises when both network A and network C simultaneously try to communicate with B. As both A and C can't sense each other, when they both communicate with B the packets collide during transmission and are rendered useless. This is what is known as the hidden terminal problem.

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2. (a) Given the frame flag 01111110, please write down the bit stuffed string (including flags) for the following bit string: 0111111111110111110. [2]

Bit stuffing prevents the Flag from appearing in transmitted data.

In this case anytime the data stream has 5 consecutive 1's, a 0 bit is stuffed.

Here is the bit-stuffed string: 0111101111010111100. (3)

- (b) A character is represented in its binary format: 10101111. Please write down the character in Hamming coded format with even parity. [4]

We have a 8-bit character. We need 4 check bits ( $2^0=0$ ,  $2^1=2$ ,  $2^2=4$ ,  $2^3=8$ ).

Binary Table

| Value | $2^3$ | $2^2$ | $2^1$ | $2^0$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     |
| 2     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     |
| 3     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     |
| 4     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     |
| 5     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1     |
| 6     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0     |
| 7     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 1     |
| 8     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 9     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     |
| 10    | 1     | 0     | 1     | 0     |
| 11    | 1     | 0     | 1     | 1     |
| 12    | 1     | 1     | 0     | 0     |

Check bit positions:-

check bit positions for 1:- 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

for 2:- 3, 6, 7, 10, 11

for 4:- 5, 6, 7, 12

for 8:- 9, 10, 11, 12

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| Bit position | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Data Bits    |   |   | 0 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 |   | 1 | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| Check Bits   | 0 | 0 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 1 |   |    |    |    |

After Encoding

0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

- (c) Given the generator polynomial  $x^3 + x + 1$ , please write down the CRC-appended bit string of the following data string: 001100110011. [3]

$$x^3 + x + 1 = 1x^3 + 0x^2 + 1x + 1$$

$$\therefore G(x) = 1011$$

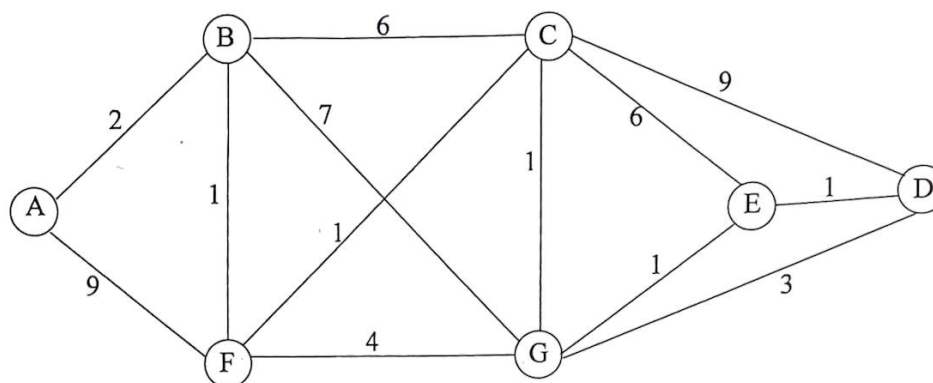
Now compute polynomial division

$$\begin{array}{r}
 001110101101 \\
 1011 \overline{) 001100110011000} \\
 \underline{0000} \downarrow \\
 0110 \\
 \underline{0000} \downarrow \\
 1100 \\
 \underline{1011} \downarrow \\
 1111 \\
 \underline{1011} \downarrow \\
 1001 \\
 \underline{1011} \downarrow \\
 0100 \\
 \underline{0000} \downarrow \\
 1000 \\
 \underline{1011} \downarrow \\
 0111 \\
 \underline{0000} \downarrow \\
 1111 \\
 \underline{1011} \downarrow \\
 1000 \\
 \underline{1011} \downarrow \\
 0110 \\
 \underline{0000} \downarrow \\
 1100 \\
 \underline{1011} \downarrow \\
 111
 \end{array}$$

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CRC append bit string = 001100110011111

3. In the following graph that represents the topology of a network, vertexes represent network routers, and edges represent bidirectional, symmetric communication links and are labeled by the link cost.



With link-state routing, please find the paths with the least cost from router A to all other routers, respectively. You need to show each step of your work using the following tables. [6]

| Iterations | B      | C               | D               | E               | F      | G               |
|------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| Initially  | (2, A) | ( $\infty$ , .) | ( $\infty$ , .) | ( $\infty$ , .) | (9, A) | ( $\infty$ , .) |
| 1          | (2, A) | (8, B)          | ( $\infty$ , .) | ( $\infty$ , .) | (3, B) | (9, B)          |
| 2          | (2, A) | (4, F)          | ( $\infty$ , .) | ( $\infty$ , .) | (3, B) | (7, F)          |
| 3          | (2, A) | (4, F)          | (13, C)         | (10, C)         | (3, B) | (5, C)          |
| 4          | (2, A) | (4, F)          | (13, C)         | (6, G)          | (3, D) | (5, C)          |
| 5          | (2, A) | (4, F)          | (7, E)          | (6, G)          | (3, B) | (5, C)          |

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Give the least cost **path** and cost from A to other routers in the following table.

|              | Full Path   | Cost |
|--------------|---|------|
| From A to B: | A $\rightarrow$ B   | 2 ✓  |
| From A to C: | A $\rightarrow$ F $\rightarrow$ C   | 4 ✓  |
| From A to D: | A $\rightarrow$ B $\rightarrow$ F $\rightarrow$ C $\rightarrow$ G $\rightarrow$ E $\rightarrow$ D | 7 ✓  |
| From A to E: | A $\rightarrow$ B $\rightarrow$ F $\rightarrow$ C $\rightarrow$ G $\rightarrow$ E                 | 6 ✓  |
| From A to F: | A $\rightarrow$ B $\rightarrow$ F   | 3 ✓  |
| From A to G: | A $\rightarrow$ B $\rightarrow$ F $\rightarrow$ C $\rightarrow$ G                                 | 5 ✓  |

4. An IP packet (with no IP header options) has the length of 4000 bytes. The packet has been forwarded through a link that can only support IP packets up to 2308 bytes. Then, these fragments have been forwarded to the next link that can only support IP packets up to 1500 bytes. Please write down the following IP header fields of all IP fragments of the original 4000-byte IP packet after the above two links: "Total length", "Fragment offset" and "More Fragment (MF)". [3]

$$\text{No. of fragments required} = \frac{4000}{2308 - 20} = 1.75 = 2 \text{ fragments}$$

|             | length | Frag offset | M.F. |
|-------------|--------|-------------|------|
| fragment 1: | 2308   | 0           | 1    |
| fragment 2: | 1692   | 286         | 0    |

$$\text{No. of fragments needed for fragment 1} = \frac{2308}{1500 - 20} = 1.56 = 2 \text{ fragments}$$