Lab Exercise 4: Exploring TCP

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Exercise 1: Understanding TCP using Wireshark

Question 1. What is the IP address of gaia.cs.umass.edu? On what port number is it sending and receiving TCP segments for this connection? What is the IP address and TCP port number used by the client computer (source) that is transferring the file to gaia.cs.umass.edu?

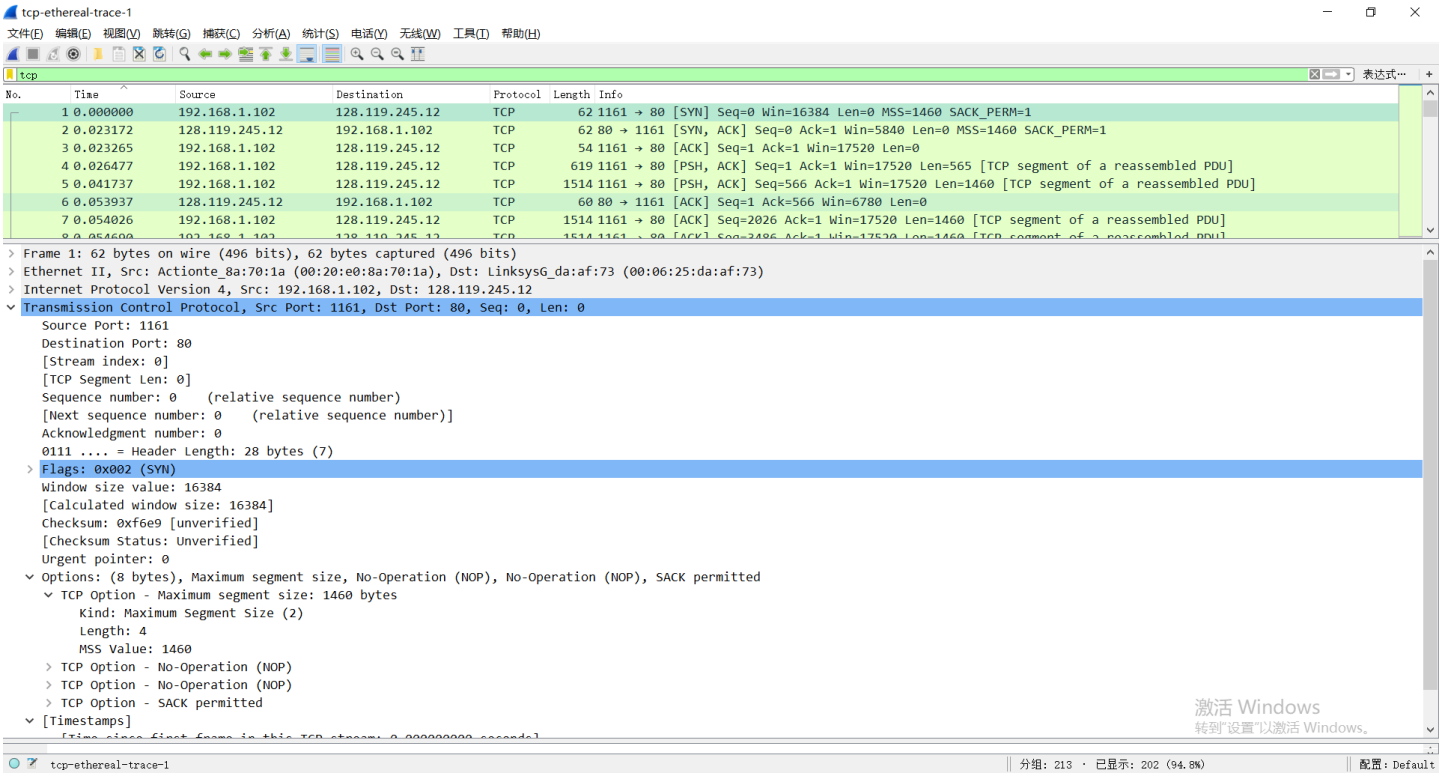
Answer:

As the picture show below,

the IP address of gaia.cs.umass.edu is 128.119.245.12.

For this connection, gaia.cs.umass.edu use port 80 to send and receive TCP segments.

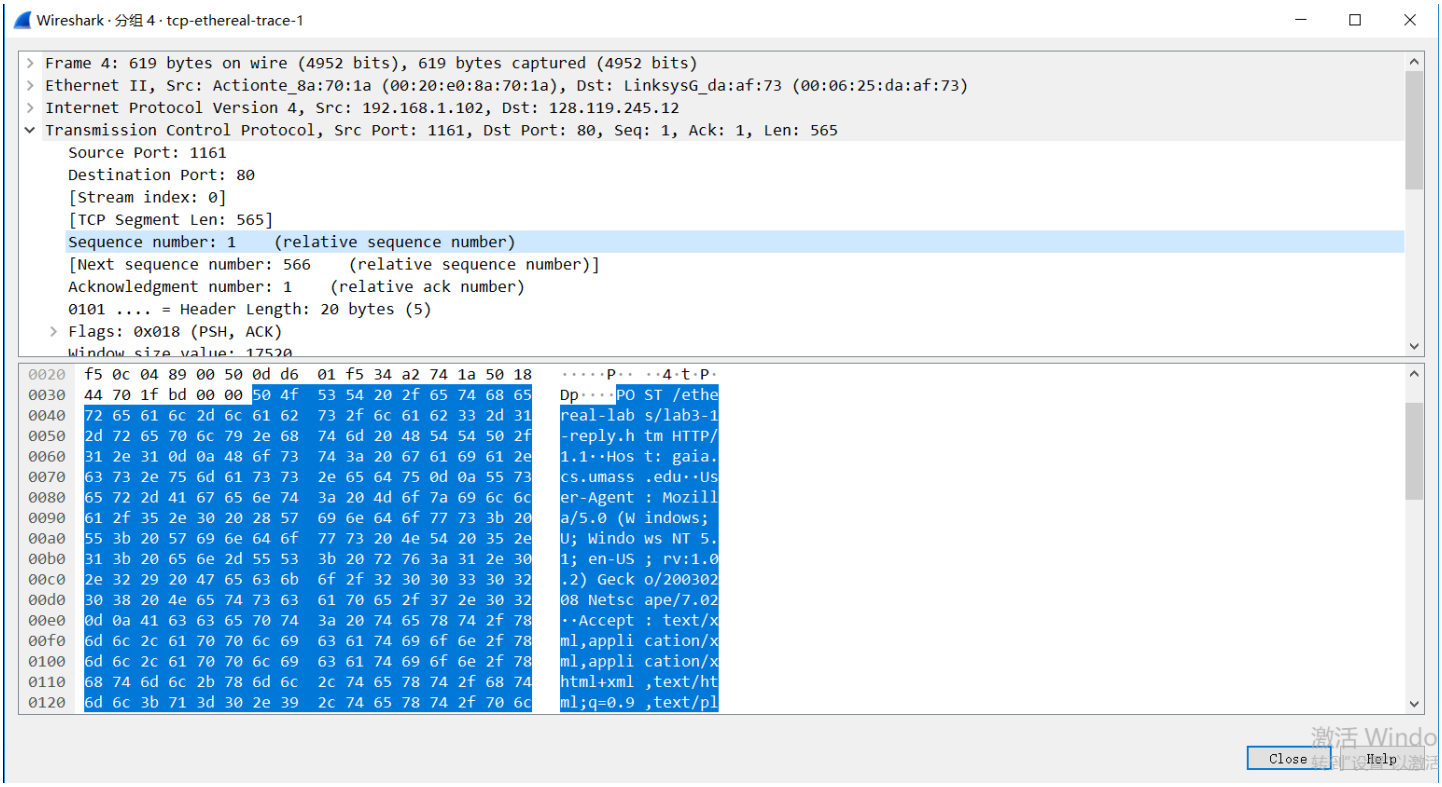
The IP address of client computer(source) is 192.168.1.102, use port 1161 to transfer file.



Question 2. What is the sequence number of the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST command? Note that in order to find the POST command, you'll need to dig into the packet content field at the bottom of the Ethereal window, looking for a segment with a "POST" within its DATA field.

Answer:

As the picture showed below, the sequence number of the TCP segment is 1.



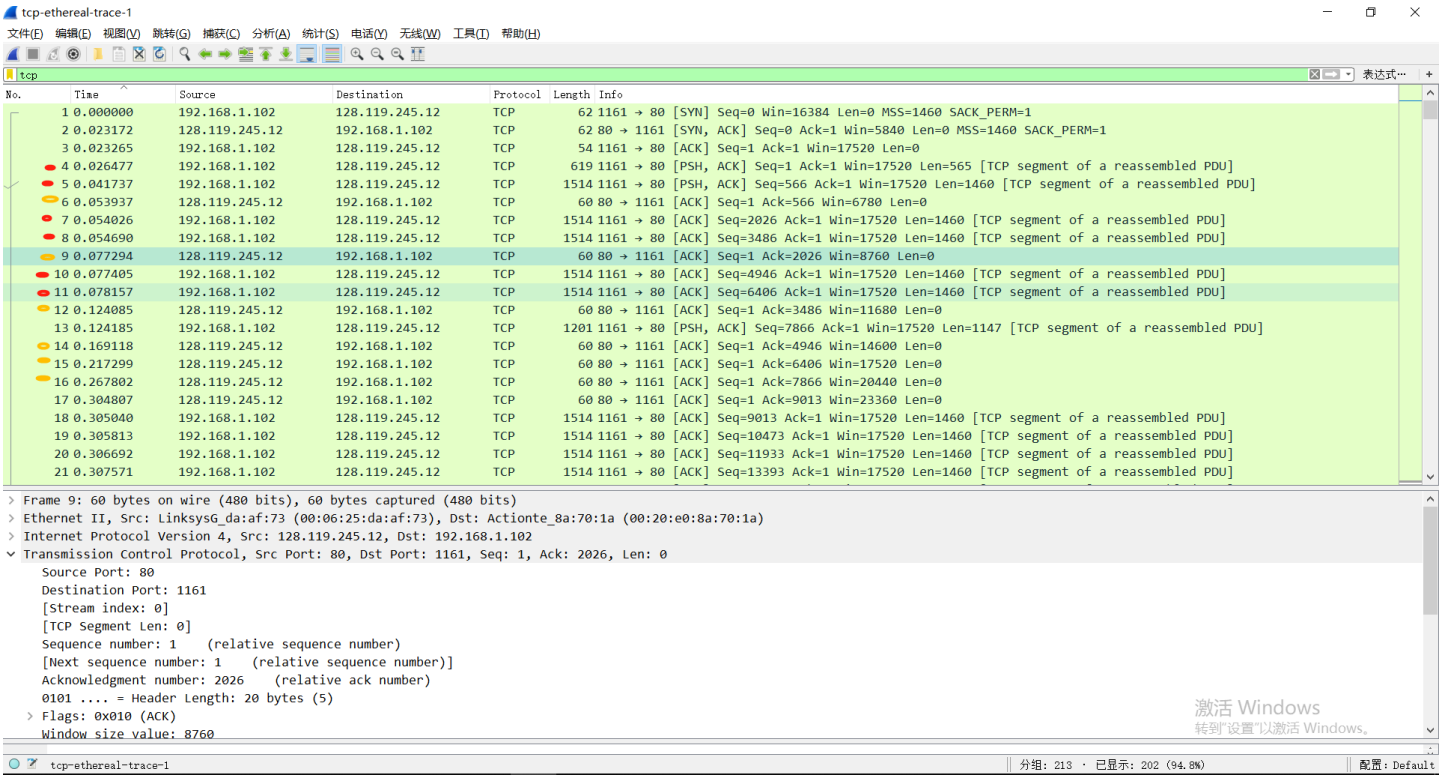
Question 3. Consider the TCP segment containing the HTTP POST as the first segment in the TCP connection. What are the sequence numbers of the first six segments in the TCP connection (including the segment containing the HTTP POST) sent from the client to the web server (Do not consider the ACKs received from the server as part of these six segments)? At what time was each segment sent? When was the ACK for each segment received? Given the difference between when each TCP segment was sent, and when its acknowledgement was received, what is the RTT value for each of the six segments? What is the EstimatedRTT value (see relevant parts of Section 3.5 or lecture slides) after the receipt of each ACK? Assume that the initial value of EstimatedRTT is equal to the measured RTT (SampleRTT) for the first segment, and then is computed using the EstimatedRTT equation for all subsequent segments. Set alpha to 0.125.

Answer:

As the graph show below, I make the table for indicating.

$$EstimatedRTT = 0.875 * EstimatedRTT + 0.125 * SampleRTT$$

sequence	sent time	ACK receive time	RTT	EstimatedRTT	Length
1	0.026477	0.053937	0.027460	0.027460	565
566	0.041737	0.077294	0.035557	0.028472	1460
2026	0.054026	0.124085	0.070059	0.033670	1460
3486	0.054690	0.169118	0.114428	0.043765	1460
4946	0.077405	0.217299	0.139894	0.055781	1460
6406	0.078157	0.267802	0.189645	0.072514	1460



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Question 4. What is the length of each of the first six TCP segments?

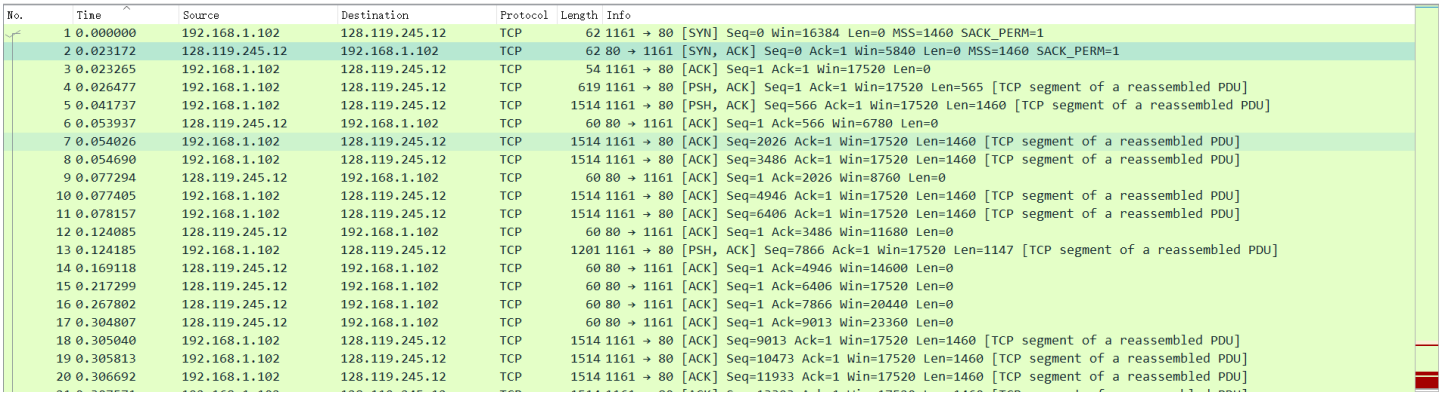
Answer:

As the table show in Quesion 3, we can know the length of each of first six TCP segments.

Question 5. What is the minimum amount of available buffer space advertised at the receiver for the entire trace? Does the lack of receiver buffer space ever throttle the sender?

Answer:

As the pictuer below show that, the minimun amount of available buffer space advertised at the receiver for the entire trace is 5840. It's not likely to throttle the sender because the buffer size always big than segment size.

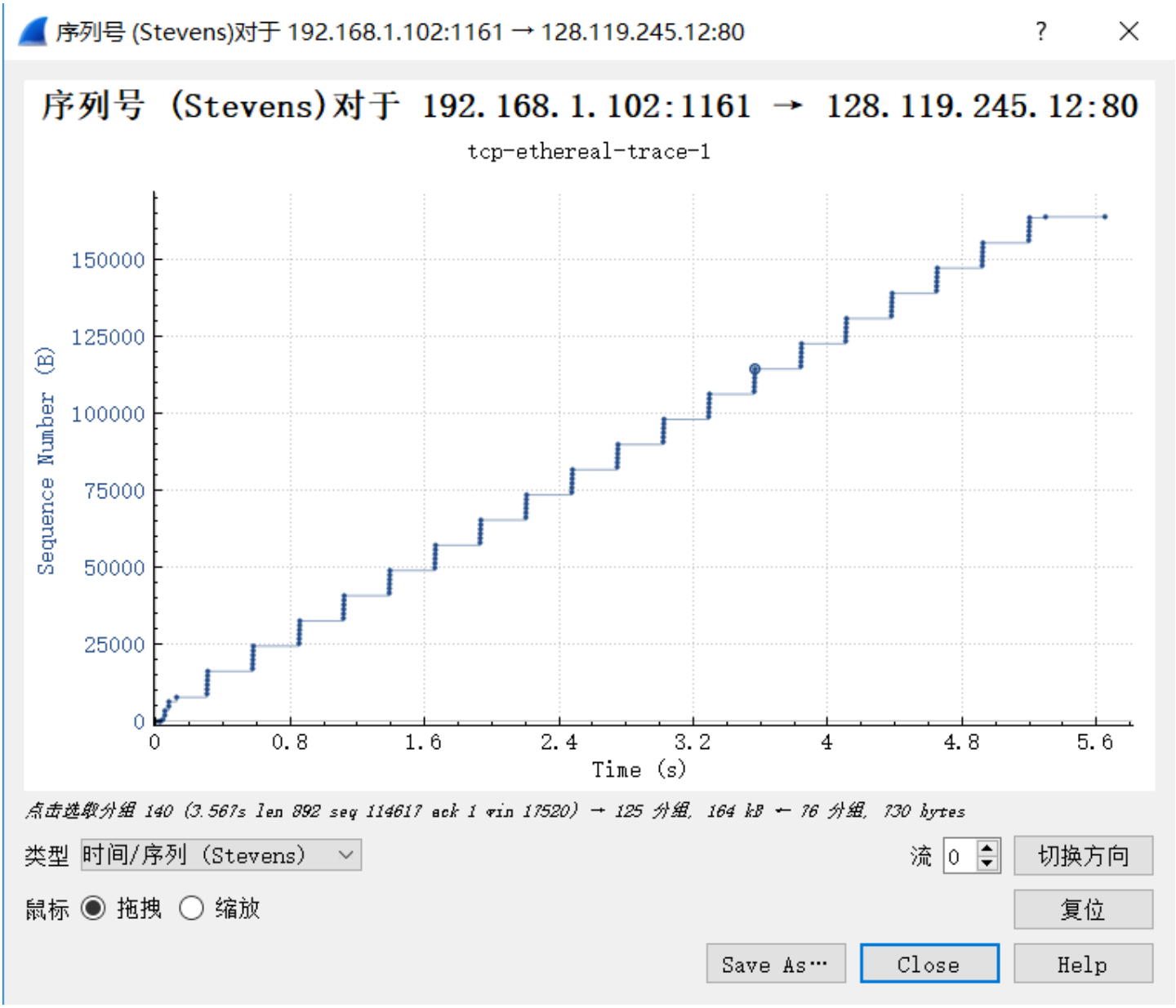


Question 6. Are there any retransmitted segments in the trace file? What did you check for (in the trace) in order to answer this question?

Answer:

It doesn't have any retransmitted segments in the trace file because no two requests have same sequence from 192.168.1.102

to 128.119.245.12.



Question 7. How much data does the receiver typically acknowledge in an ACK? Can you identify cases where the receiver is ACKing every other received segment (recall the discussion about delayed acks from the lecture notes or Section 3.5 of the text).

Answer:

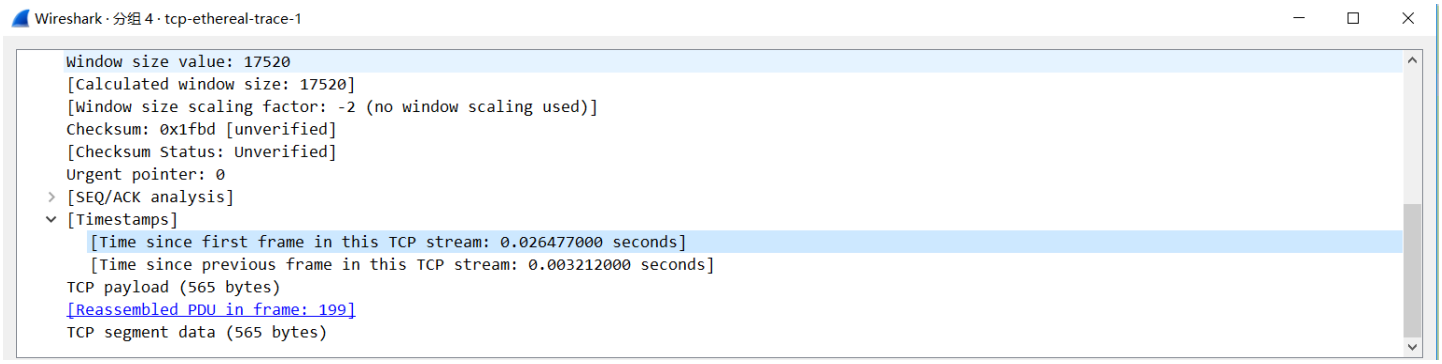
As the picture showed below, 1460 bytes of data is sent in an ACK. And among that graph, there is a case that No.87 acking

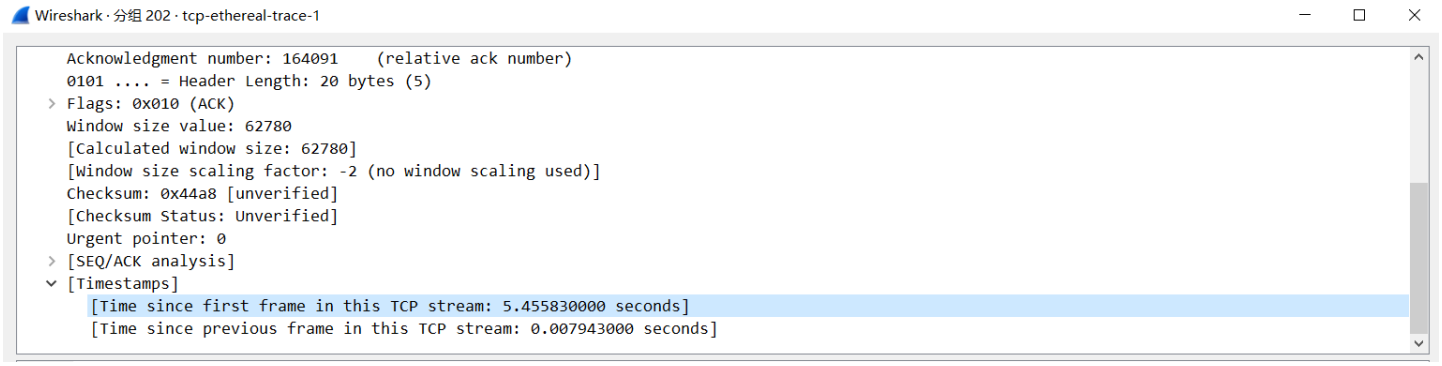
No.81 and No.82 received, and there are more cases in trace file.

79	1.860063	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=55813 Win=62780 Len=0
80	1.930880	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=58165 Win=62780 Len=0
81	1.931099	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=58165 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
82	1.931879	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=59625 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
83	1.932757	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=61085 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
84	1.933636	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=62545 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
85	1.934770	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64005 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
86	1.935586	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	946	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=65465 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=892 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
87	2.029069	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=61085 Win=62780 Len=0
88	2.126682	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=64005 Win=62780 Len=0
89	2.203195	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=66357 Win=62780 Len=0
90	2.203411	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=66357 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
91	2.204125	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=67817 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
92	2.204962	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=69277 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
93	2.205836	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=70737 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
94	2.206824	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=72197 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
95	2.207746	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	946	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=73657 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=892 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
96	2.311413	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=69277 Win=62780 Len=0
97	2.404228	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=72197 Win=62780 Len=0
98	2.476576	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=74549 Win=62780 Len=0
99	2.476801	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=74549 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
100	2.477515	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=76009 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
101	2.478415	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=77469 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
102	2.479341	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=78929 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
103	2.480356	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=80389 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
104	2.481218	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	946	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=81849 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=892 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
105	2.576633	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=77469 Win=62780 Len=0
106	2.672045	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=80389 Win=62780 Len=0
107	2.747257	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=82741 Win=62780 Len=0
108	2.747468	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=82741 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
109	2.748321	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=84201 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
110	2.749246	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=85661 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]

Question 8. What is the throughput (bytes transferred per unit time) for the TCP connection? Explain how you calculated this value.

Answer:





183	4.922820	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=152657 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
184	4.923863	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=154117 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
185	4.924667	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	946	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=155577 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=892 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
186	5.019189	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=151197 Win=62780 Len=0
187	5.104175	Intel_52:2b:23	Broadcast	ARP	42	Who has 192.168.1.1? Tell 192.168.1.100
188	5.105060	LinksysG_da:af:73	Intel_52:2b:23	ARP	42	192.168.1.1 is at 00:06:25:da:af:73
189	5.106121	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	175	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
190	5.125019	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=154117 Win=62780 Len=0
191	5.197286	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=156469 Win=62780 Len=0
192	5.197508	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=156469 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
193	5.198388	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=157929 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
194	5.199275	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=159389 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
195	5.200252	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=160849 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
196	5.201150	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	1514	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=162309 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=1460 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
197	5.202024	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	326	1161 → 80 [PSH, ACK] Seq=163769 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=272 [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
198	5.297257	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=159389 Win=62780 Len=0
199	5.297341	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	HTTP	104	POST /ethereal-labs/lab3-1-reply.htm HTTP/1.1 (text/plain)
200	5.389471	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=162309 Win=62780 Len=0
201	5.447887	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=164041 Win=62780 Len=0
202	5.455830	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	TCP	60	80 → 1161 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=164091 Win=62780 Len=0
203	5.461175	128.119.245.12	192.168.1.102	HTTP	784	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
204	5.598090	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	174	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
205	5.599082	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	175	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
206	5.651141	192.168.1.102	128.119.245.12	TCP	54	1161 → 80 [ACK] Seq=164091 Ack=731 Win=16790 Len=0
207	6.101044	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	174	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
208	6.102069	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	175	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
209	6.600152	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	174	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
210	6.601063	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	175	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
211	7.102852	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	174	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
212	7.103780	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.1	SSDP	175	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
213	7.595557	192.168.1.102	199.2.53.206	TCP	62	1162 → 631 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=16384 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1

$$Throughput = \frac{Number\ of\ bytes\ recevied}{Cost\ time}$$

From the group below, the sequence number of last TCP response message is 164091. But TCP is cumulative acknowledge, so we know 164090 bytes has received.
Then cost time = 5.45583-0.026477 = 5.429353s,
So,

$$Throughout = \frac{164090}{5.429353} = 30222.75 bytes/s$$

Exercise 2: TCP Connection Management

Question 1. What is the sequence number of the TCP SYN segment that is used to initiate the TCP connection between the client computer and server?

Answer:

As the picture showed in the question, the sequence number is 2818463618.

Question 2. What is the sequence number of the SYNACK segment sent by the server to the client computer in reply to the SYN? What is the value of the Acknowledgement field in the SYNACK segment? How did the server determine that value?

Answer:

The sequence number of the SYNACK segment is 1247095790.

The value of the Acknowledgement field in the SYNACK segment is 2818463619. The value is get from the initial serial number sent by the client + 1.

Question 3. What is the sequence number of the ACK segment sent by the client computer in response to the SYNACK? What is the value of the Acknowledgment field in this ACK segment? Does this segment contain any data?

Answer:

The sequence number of the ACK segment sent by the client computer in response to the SYNACK is 2818463619.

The value of the Acknowledgment field in this ACK segment is 1247095791.

This segment contain 2818463652-2818463619=33bytes data, because in No.301 ACK field is 2818463652.

Question 4. Who has done the active close? client or the server? how you have determined this? What type of closure has been performed? 3 Segment (FIN/FINACK/ACK), 4 Segment (FIN/ACK/FIN/ACK) or Simultaneous close?

Answer:

Both server and client do the active close at the same time. From the given graph, we find that they both generate the FIN segment before receiving the FIN segment from the other. We can determine it by No.304 and No.305. Therefore, the type is Simltaneous close.

Question 5. How many data bytes have been transferred from the client to the server and from the server to the client during the whole duration of the connection? What relationship does this have with the Initial Sequence Number and the final ACK received from the other side?

Answer: The number of data transferred between server and client can determinded by the last sequence number and Initial sequence number of two sides. So the data transferred from client to server is 2818463652-2818463619=33bytes, and the data transferred from server to client is 124709831 - 1247095791 = 40 bytes. According to TCP connecting and disconecting process, the relationship is (final ACK received from the other side - 1) - (Initial sequence number + 1) = number of transferred data.