
PRACTICE SET

Questions

- Q19-1.** The protocol field and the port numbers both have the same functionality: multiplexing and demultiplexing. Port numbers are used to do these tasks at the transport layer; the protocol field is used to do the same at the network layer. We need only one protocol field at the network layer because payload taken from a protocol at the source should be delivered to the same protocol at the destination. The client and server processes, on the other hand, normally have different port numbers (ephemeral and well-known), which means we need two port numbers to define the processes. The size of the protocol field defines the total number of different protocols that use the service of the network layer, which is a small number (eight bits is enough for this purpose). On the other hand, many new applications may be added every day that needs a larger size of the port number field (sixteen bits is assigned).
- Q19-2.** MPLS adds an extra header to an IP datagram. This means that MPLS implicitly creates a new layer in which a datagram is encapsulated. This layer is between the network layer and the data-link layer.
- Q19-3.** The minimum length of the IPv4 header is 20 bytes and the maximum is 60 bytes. The value of the header length field defines the header length in multiples of four bytes, which means that HLEN can be between 5 and 15. It cannot be less than 5 and it cannot be greater than 15. It is exactly 5 when there is no option.
- Q19-4.** The ICMP protocol is the carrier of the agent solicitation and advertisement messages.
- Q19-5.** The header length is $6 \times 4 = 24$. The option length is then $24 - 20 = 4$ bytes.
- Q19-6.** The source IP address is the IP address of the router interface from which the original IP datagram is received. The destination IP address is the IP address of the original source host that sent the original datagram. In other words, the

reporting router in this case acts as a source host. This proves that a router needs an IP address for each of its interfaces.

- Q19-7.** If this happens, we may enter a loop, a vicious circle. The first datagram is in error; the second datagram reports error in the first. If the second datagram is also in error, the third datagram will be carrying error information about the second, and so.
- Q19-8.** The identification numbers need to be contiguous. The identification number of the last datagram should be $1024 + 100 - 1 = 1123$.
- Q19-9.** These two messages need new fields and information that is not supported by the ICMP protocol. A new application-layer client and server are needed to send requests and receive responses. The designer of Mobile IP has decided to implement it at the application layer instead of at the network layer, which requires changes in this layer. UDP was selected instead of TCP as the transport layer because of its lower overhead and because the messages exchanged have clear boundaries and fixed size.
- Q19-10.** Two fields, source IP address and the identification, are needed to uniquely define fragments belonging to the same datagram. The value of the identification field is not enough because two sources may start with the same identification number.
- Q19-11.** Since the fragmentation offset field shows the offset from the beginning of the original datagram in multiples of 8 bytes, an offset of 100 indicates that the first byte in this fragment is numbered 800, which means bytes numbered 0 to 799 (for a total of 800 bytes) were sent before.
- Q19-12.** The three auxiliary protocols are ICMP, IGMP, and ARP.
- Q19-13.** An ICMP solicitation message has all the necessary fields to be used as an agent solicitation. No extra fields are needed.
- Q19-14.** It can be 23 or 1. It cannot be 0 because it means the packet cannot travel at all. It cannot be 301, because the length of the value field is 8 bits, which means the maximum value is 255.
- Q19-15.** Each datagram should have a unique identification number that distinguishes it from other datagrams sent by the same source. The identification number is copied into all fragments. In other words, the identification number glues all fragments belonging to the same datagram together.
- Q19-16.** If a mobile host acts as a foreign agent, registration is still required. The mobile host/foreign agent still needs to identify itself to the home agent.

Problems

P19-1. In each case, we first need to think about the value of M and then the value of the offset:

- a. Since $M = 1$, it means there are more fragments and this is the first or middle; since the offset field is zero, it means this is the first fragment.
- b. Since $M = 1$, it means there are more fragments and this the first or middle; since the offset field is nonzero, it means this is a middle fragment.

P19-2.

- a. The number of the first byte is $8 \times 300 = 2400$.
- b. The number of the last byte is $2400 + 100 - 1 = 2499$.

P19-3. Using hexadecimal notations, we have

- a. The wrapped sum can be found by adding the quotient and remainder when dividing the sum by the modulus, which is 2^{16} or $(10000)_{16}$ in this case. Note that the modulus is actually $(FFFF + 1)_{16}$. Since the wrapped sum has less than 8 digits (we can use the following steps); otherwise, we need a loop to continuously find the quotient and remainder. Note that we use the symbol (/) to define quotient and (%) to define remainder. All calculations are in hexadecimal.

$$(\text{Wrapped sum}) = \text{quotient} + \text{remainder}$$

$$(\text{Wrapped sum}) = (\text{sum}) / (10000) + (\text{sum}) \% (10000)$$

$$(\text{Wrapped sum}) = (1344E) / (10000) + (1344E) \% (10000)$$

$$(\text{Wrapped sum}) = (1) + (344E) = \mathbf{344F}$$

- b. The checksum can be calculated from the wrapped sum easily. All calculations are in hexadecimal.

$$(\text{Checksum}) = (\text{modulus} - 1) - (\text{Wrapped Sum})$$

$$(\text{Checksum}) = (FFFF) - (344F) = \mathbf{CBB0}$$

P19-4. We analyze each byte or group of bytes to answer the questions:

- a. The second hex digit in the first byte is 5 (HLEN), which means that the header length is only $5 \times 4 = 20$ bytes.
- b. There are no options because the header size is only 20 bytes.

- c. The total length of the packet is $(0054)_{16}$ or 84 bytes. Since the header is 20 bytes, it means the packet is carrying 64 bytes of data.
- d. Since the flags field fragmentation offset bit is all 0s, the packet is not fragmented.
- e. The value of the TTL field is $(20)_{16}$ or 32 in decimal, which means the packet may visit up to 32 more routers.
- f. The value of the protocol field is 6, which means that the packet is carrying a segment from the TCP protocol.

P19-5. See the following figure:

ICMP Advertisement Message			
16	8	1456	
10800		0	Reserved

P19-6. We show the value of each word in decimal and then add them to get the sum. Note the value of the sum in this case is less than 65536, so we do not need to wrap the sum using quotient and remainder. We subtract the sum from the 65535 to get the checksum.

Words	Decimal values
8 & 0	2048
0	0
1	1
9	9
T & E	21573
S & T	21332
Sum	44963
Checksum	20572

P19-7. We show the value of each word in hexadecimal and then add them to get the sum. Note the value of the sum in this case is less than $FFFF + 1$, so we do not need to wrap the sum using quotient and remainder. We subtract the sum from the $FFFF$ to get the checksum.

Words	Hex values
8 & 0	0800
0	0000
1	0001
9	0009
T & E	5445
S & T	5354
Sum	AFA3
Checksum	505C

P19-8. See the following figure:

4	5	0	length	
42			0	0
15	Protocol		Header checksum	
200.4.7.14				
130.45.6.7				
Data				

P19-9. Let us discuss each case separately:

- Packet sniffing can be defeated if the datagram is encrypted at the source and decrypted at the destination using an unbreakable scheme.
- Packet modification can be defeated using a strong message integrity scheme.
- IP spoofing can be defeated using a strong entity authentication scheme.

P19-10. The following fields can be changed from one router to another:

- HLEN: If there is option change
- Total length: If fragmented or options change
- Flags: If fragmented
- Fragmentation Offset: If fragmented
- Time-to-Live; Decrement at each router
- Header Checksum: Need to change because of other changes

P19-11. We can calculate the sum, wrapped sum and checksum after each word if we keep track of the sum in each step. The following shows the process. The value of the last row in the last column shows the final checksum. All calculations are in decimal.

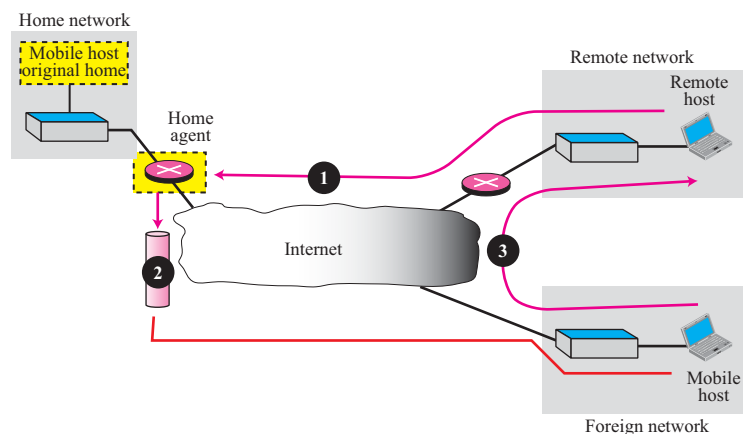
word	sum	wrapped sum	checksum
17664	17664	17664	47871
28	17692	17692	47843
49153	66845	1310	64225
0	66845	1310	64225
1041	67886	2351	63184
0	67886	2351	63184
2572	70458	4923	60612
3589	74047	8512	57023
3078	77125	11590	53945
1801	78926	13391	52144

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word	sum	wrapped sum	checksum
4500	4500	4500	BAFF
001C	451C	451C	BAE3
C001	1051D	051E	FAE1
0000	1051D	051E	FAE1
0411	1092E	092F	F6D0
0000	1092E	092F	F6D0
0A0C	1133A	0133B	ECC4
0E05	1213F	2140	DEBF
0C06	12D45	2D46	D2B9
0709	1344E	344F	CBB0

P19-13. The total length of the datagram is $(00A0)_{16} = 160$ bytes. The header length is $5 \times 4 = 20$. The size of the payload is then $160 - 20 = 140$. The efficiency = $140 / 160 = 87.5\%$.

P19-14. See the following figure:



P19-15. See the following figure:

ICMP Advertisement Message		
16	20	1672
14400	0	Reserved
128.1.1.2		
128.1.1.3		
128.1.1.4		