

# **Lecture 7-2**

Chap. 5 Network Layer, part II

# Distance Vector Algorithm

## Bellman-Ford Equation (dynamic programming)

Define

$d_x(y)$  := cost of least-cost path from  $x$  to  $y$

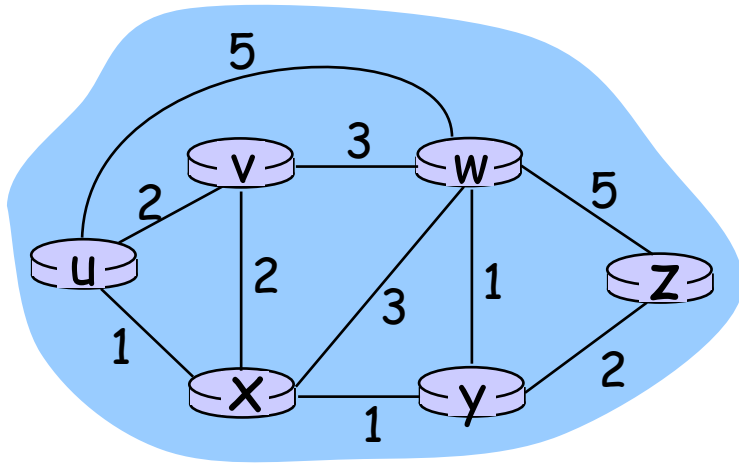
Then

$$d_x(y) = \min_v \{c(x,v) + d_v(y)\}$$

where min is taken over all neighbors  $v$  of  $x$

## Bellman-Ford example

Clearly,  $d_v(z) = 5$ ,  $d_x(z) = 3$ ,  $d_w(z) = 3$



B-F equation says:

$$\begin{aligned} d_u(z) &= \min \{ c(u,v) + d_v(z), \\ &\quad c(u,x) + d_x(z), \\ &\quad c(u,w) + d_w(z) \} \\ &= \min \{ 2 + 5, \\ &\quad 1 + 3, \\ &\quad 5 + 3 \} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Node that achieves minimum is next  
hop in shortest path → forwarding table

# Distance Vector Algorithm (1)

- $D_x(y)$  = estimate of least cost from  $x$  to  $y$
- Distance vector:  $\mathbf{D}_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$
- Node  $x$  knows cost to each neighbor  $v$ :  $c(x,v)$
- Node  $x$  maintains  $\mathbf{D}_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$
- Node  $x$  also maintains its neighbors' distance vectors
  - For each neighbor  $v$ ,  $x$  maintains  $\mathbf{D}_v = [D_v(y): y \in N]$

# Distance vector algorithm (2)

## Basic idea:

- Each node periodically sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- When a node  $x$  receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_v \{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\} \quad \text{for each node } y \in N$$

- Under minor, natural conditions, the estimate  $D_x(y)$  converge to the actual least cost  $d_x(y)$

# Distance Vector Algorithm (3)

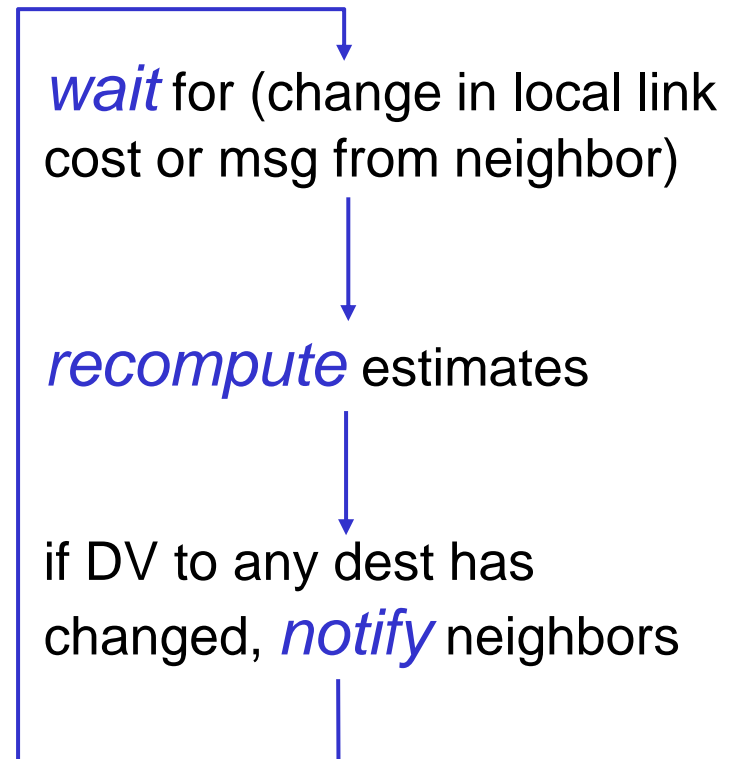
**Iterative, asynchronous:** each local iteration caused by:

- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

**Distributed:**

- each node notifies neighbors *only* when its DV changes
  - neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary

**Each node:**



$$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\}$$

$$= \min\{2+0, 7+1\} = 2$$

$$D_x(z) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(z), c(x,z) + D_z(z)\}$$

$$= \min\{2+1, 7+0\} = 3$$

**node x table**

		cost to		
		x	y	z
from	x	0	2	7
	y	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	z	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$

**node y table**

		cost to		
from		x	y	z
	x	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	y	2	0	1
	z	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$

**node z table**

		cost to		
		x	y	z
from	x	∞	∞	∞
	y	∞	∞	∞
	z	7	1	0

		cost to		
		x	y	z
from	x	0	2	3
	y	2	0	1
	z	7	1	0

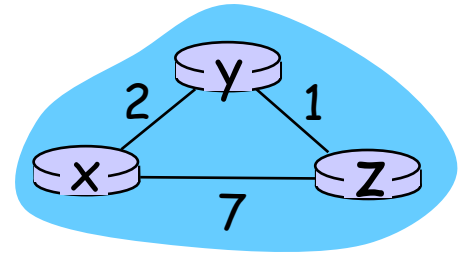
		cost to		
		x	y	z
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y		2	0	1
z		7	1	0

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	x	y	z
x	0	2	7
y	2	0	1
z	3	1	0

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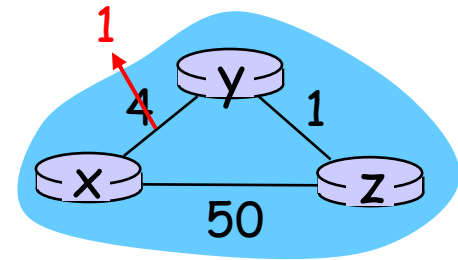


time

## Distance Vector: link cost changes

### Link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- updates routing info, recalculates distance vector
- if DV changes, notify neighbors



At time  $t_0$ ,  $y$  detects the link-cost change, updates its DV, and informs its neighbors.

At time  $t_1$ ,  $z$  receives the update from  $y$  and updates its table. It computes a new least cost to  $x$  and sends its neighbors its DV.

At time  $t_2$ ,  $y$  receives  $z$ 's update and updates its distance table.  $y$ 's least costs do not change and hence  $y$  does *not* send any message to  $z$ .

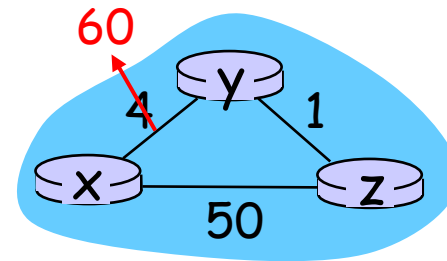
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news  
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fast”



## Distance Vector: link cost changes

### Link cost changes:

- good news travels fast
- bad news travels slow - "count to infinity" problem!
- 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes: see text



### Poisoned reverse:

- If Z routes through Y to get to X :
  - Z tells Y its (Z's) distance to X is infinite (so Y won't route to X via Z)
- will this completely solve count to infinity problem?

## Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

### Message complexity

- LS: with  $n$  nodes,  $E$  links,  $O(nE)$  msgs sent
- DV: exchange between neighbors only
  - convergence time varies

### Speed of Convergence

- LS:  $O(n^2)$  algorithm requires  $O(nE)$  msgs
  - may have oscillations
- DV: convergence time varies
  - may be routing loops
  - count-to-infinity problem

**Robustness:** what happens if router malfunctions?

### LS:

- node can advertise incorrect *link* cost
- each node computes only its *own* table

### DV:

- DV node can advertise incorrect *path* cost
- each node's table used by others
  - error propagate thru network