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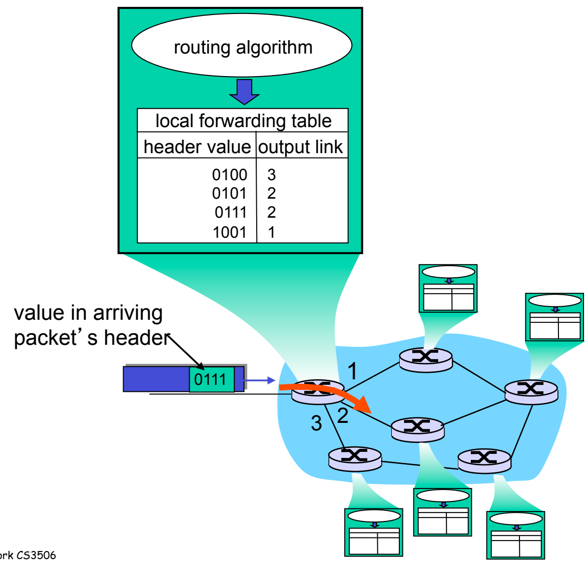
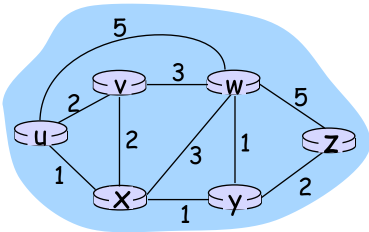
Interplay between routing, forwarding



Graph abstraction



Graph: G = (N,E)

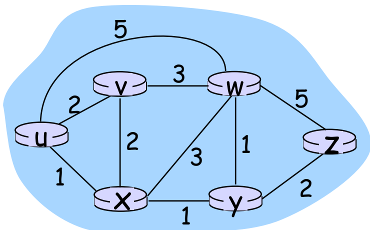
N = set of routers = { u, v, w, x, y, z }

E = set of links ={ (u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z) }

Remark: Graph abstraction is useful in other network contexts

Example: P2P, where N is set of peers and E is set of TCP connections

Graph abstraction: costs



- c(x,x') = cost of link (x,x')

  - e.g., c(w,z) = 5

- cost could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or related to congestion

Cost of path $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_p) = c(x_1,x_2) + c(x_2,x_3) + \ldots + c(x_{p-1},x_p)$

Question: What's the least-cost path between u and z ?

Routing algorithm: algorithm that finds least-cost path

Routing Algorithm classification

Global or decentralized information?

Global:

- all routers have complete topology, link cost info
- "link state" algorithms

Decentralized:

- router knows physically-connected neighbours, link costs to neighbours
- iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbours
- "distance vector" algorithms

Static or dynamic?

Static:

- routes change slowly over time

Dynamic:

- routes change more quickly
  - periodic update
  - in response to link cost changes

A Link-State Routing Algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm

- net topology, link costs known to all nodes
  - accomplished via "link state broadcast"
  - all nodes have same info
- computes least cost paths from one node ('source") to all other nodes
  - gives forwarding table for that node
- iterative: after k iterations, know least cost path to k destinations

Notation:

- $c(x,y)$: link cost from node x to y; $= \infty$ if not direct neighbours
- $D(v)$: current value of cost of path from source to destination v
- $p(v)$: predecessor node along path from source to v
- N': set of nodes whose least cost path definitively known

Dijsktra's Algorithm

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Initialization:
  N' = {u}
  for all nodes v
    if v adjacent to u
        then D(v) = c(u,v)
    else D(v) = ∞

Loop
  find w not in N' such that D(w) is a minimum
   add w to N'
   update D(v) for all v adjacent to w and not in N' :
      D(v) = min( D(v), D(w) + c(w,v) )
   /* new cost to v is either old cost to v or known
    shortest path cost to w plus cost from w to v */
until all nodes in N'
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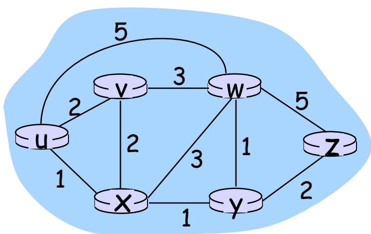
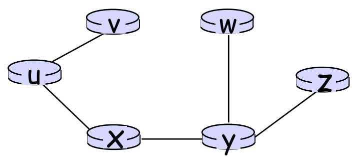
Dijkstra's algorithm: example

Step	N'	D(v),p(v)	D(w),p(w)	D(x),p(x)	D(y),p(y)	D(z),p(z)
0	u	2,u	5,u	1,u	∞	∞
1	ux	2,u	4,x		2,x	∞
2	uxy	2,u	3,y			4,y
3	uxyv		3,y			4,y
4	uxyvw					4,y
5	uxyvwz					



Dijkstra's algorithm: example (2)

Resulting shortest-path tree from u:



Resulting forwarding table in u:

destination	link
v	(u,v)
x	(u,x)
y	(u,x)
w	(u,x)
z	(u,x)

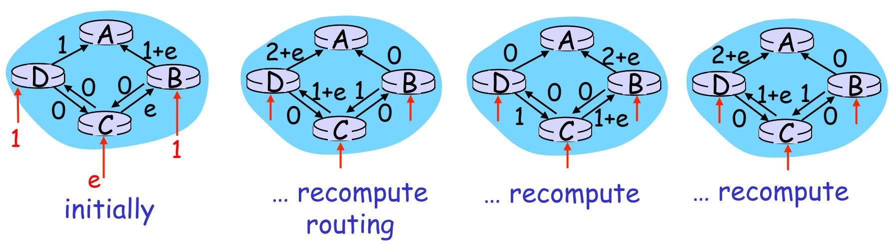
Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

Algorithm complexity: n nodes

- each iteration: need to check all nodes, w, not in N'
- n(n+1)/2 comparisons: $O(n^2)$
- more efficient implementations possible: O(nlogn)

Oscillations possible:

- e.g., link cost = amount of carried traffic



Distance Vector Algorithm

Bellman-Ford Equation (dynamic programming)

Define

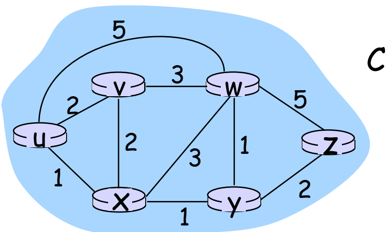
$d_x(y)$:= cost of least-cost path from x to y

Then

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

where min is taken over all neighbours v of x

Bellman-Ford example



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

B-F equation says:

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

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

Distance Vector Algorithm

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

Distance vector algorithm (4)

Basic idea:

- From time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbours
- Asynchronous
- When a node x receives new DV estimate from neighbour, 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 (5)

Iterative, asynchronous: each local iteration caused by:
- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbour

Distributed:
- each node notifies neighbours *only* when its DV changes
  - neighbours then notify their neighbours if necessary

Each node:

wait for (change in local link cost or msg from neighbour)

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recompute estimates

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if DV to any dest has changed, *notify* neighbours

$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\}$
$= \min\{2+0\ ,\ 7+1\} = 2$

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node x table

cost to

from	x	y	z
x	0	2	7
y	∞	∞	∞
z	∞	∞	∞

cost to

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

node y table

cost to

from	x	y	z
x	∞	∞	∞
y	2	0	1
z	∞	∞	∞

node z table

cost to

from	x	y	z
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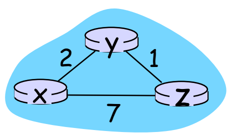
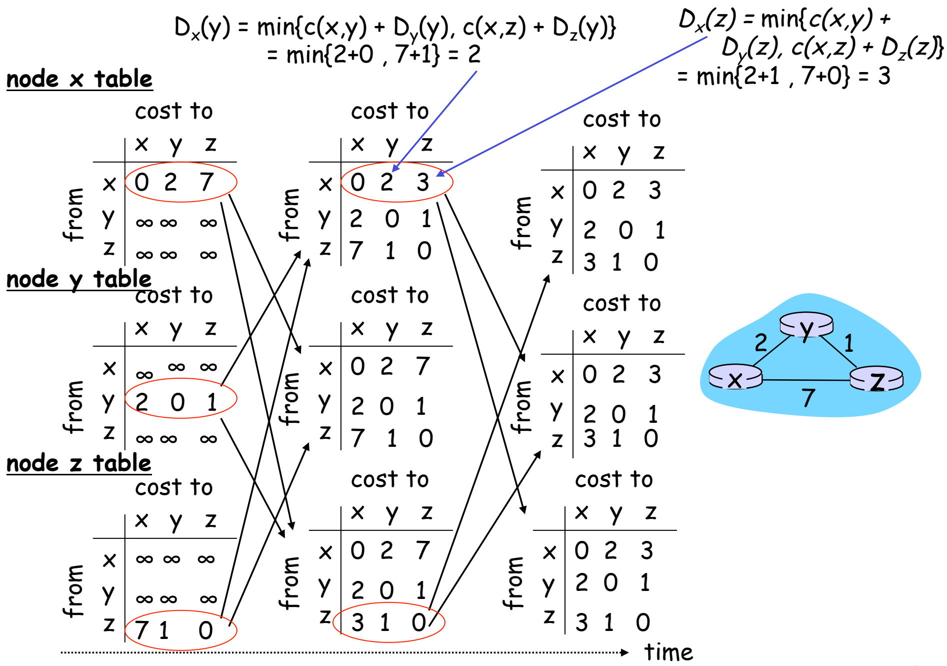
y	∞	∞	∞
z	7	1	0

time

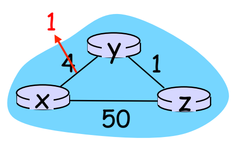




Distance Vector: link cost changes

Link cost changes:

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



"good news travels fast"

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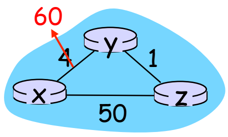


Link cost changes:

- good news travels fast
- bad news travels slowly - "count to infinity" problem!
- 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes: see example in textbook

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 neighbours 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

Hierarchical Routing

Our routing study thus far - idealization

- all routers identical
- network "flat"

… *not* true in practice

scale: with 200 million destinations:

- can't store all dest's in routing tables!
- routing table exchange would swamp links!

administrative autonomy

- internet = network of networks
- each network admin may want to control routing in its own network

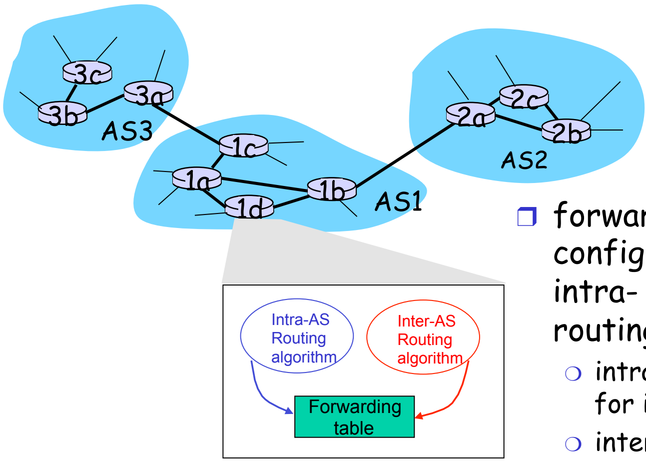
Hierarchical Routing

- aggregate routers into regions, "autonomous systems" (AS)
- routers in same AS run same routing protocol
  - "intra-AS" routing protocol
  - routers in different AS can run different intra-AS routing protocol

Gateway router

- Direct link to router in another AS

Interconnected ASes



- forwarding table configured by both intra- and inter-AS routing algorithm
  - intra-AS sets entries for internal dests
  - inter-AS & intra-As sets entries for external dests

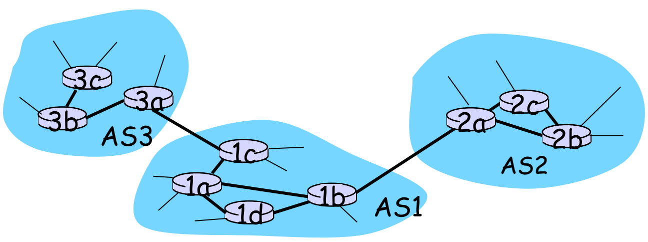
Inter-AS tasks

- suppose router in AS1 receives datagram destined outside of AS1:
  - router should forward packet to gateway router, but which one?

AS1 must:

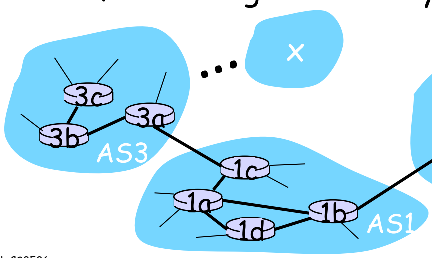
1. learn which dests are reachable through AS2, which through AS3
2. propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

Job of inter-AS routing!



Example: Setting forwarding table in router 1d

- suppose AS1 learns (via inter-AS protocol) that subnet *x* reachable via AS3 (gateway 1c) but not via AS2.
- inter-AS protocol propagates reachability info to all internal routers.
- router 1d determines from intra-AS routing info that its interface *I* is on the least cost path to 1c.
  - installs forwarding table entry *(x,I)*



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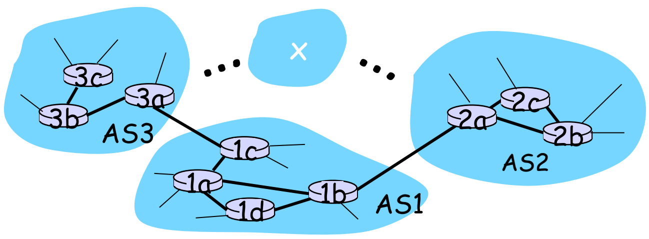

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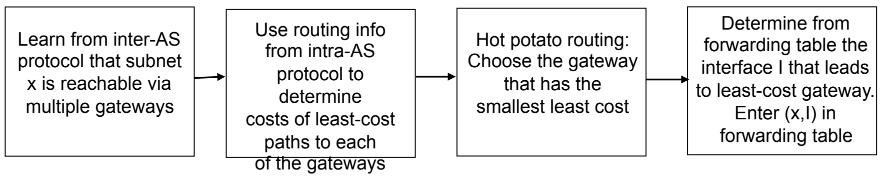
- hot potato routing: send packet towards closest of two routers.



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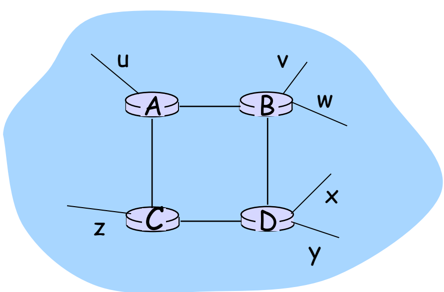
Intra-AS Routing

- also known as Interior Gateway Protocols (IGP)
- most common Intra-AS routing protocols:
  - RIP: Routing Information Protocol
  - OSPF: Open Shortest Path First
  - IGRP: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco proprietary)

RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

- distance vector algorithm
- included in BSD-UNIX Distribution in 1982
- distance metric: # of hops (max = 15 hops)



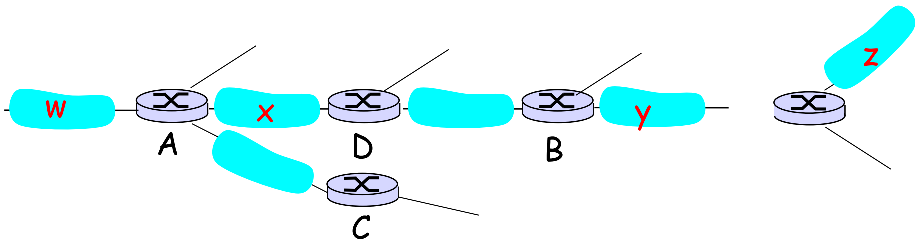
From router A to subnets:

destination	hops
u	1
v	2
w	2
x	3
y	3
z	2

RIP advertisements

- *distance vectors:* exchanged among neighbours every 30 sec via Response Message (also called advertisement)
- each advertisement: list of up to 25 destination subnets within AS

RIP: Example



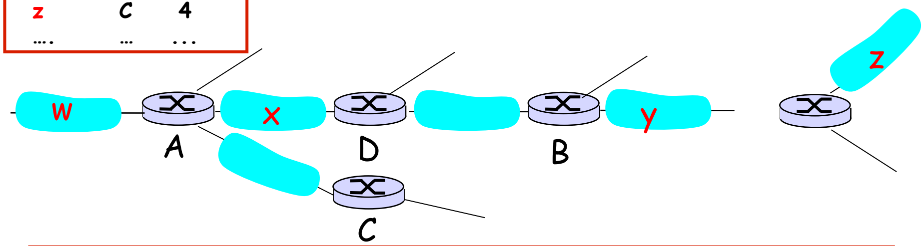
Destination Network	Next Router	Num. of hops to dest.
w	A	2
y	B	2
z	B	7
x	--	1
….	….	….

Routing/Forwarding table in D

RIP: Example

Dest	Next	hops
w	-	1
x	-	1
z	C	4
….	…	...

Advertisement from A to D



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w	A	2
y	B	2
z	~~B~~ A	~~7~~ 5
x	--	1
….	….	....

Routing/Forwarding table in D

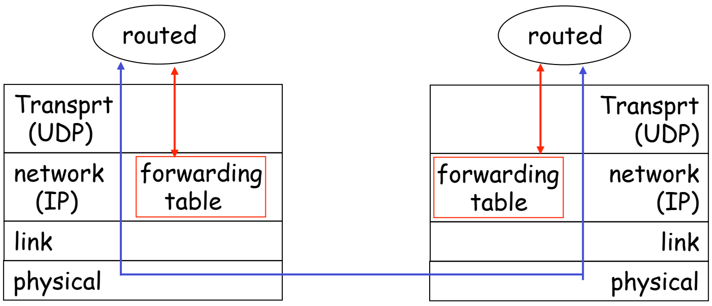
RIP: Link Failure and Recovery

If no advertisement heard after 180 sec --> neighbour/ link declared dead

- routes via neighbour invalidated
- new advertisements sent to neighbours
- neighbours in turn send out new advertisements (if tables changed)
- link failure info quickly (?) propagates to entire net
- *poison reverse* used to prevent ping-pong loops (infinite distance = 16 hops)

RIP Table processing

- RIP routing tables managed by **application-level** process called route-d (daemon)
- advertisements sent in UDP packets, periodically repeated



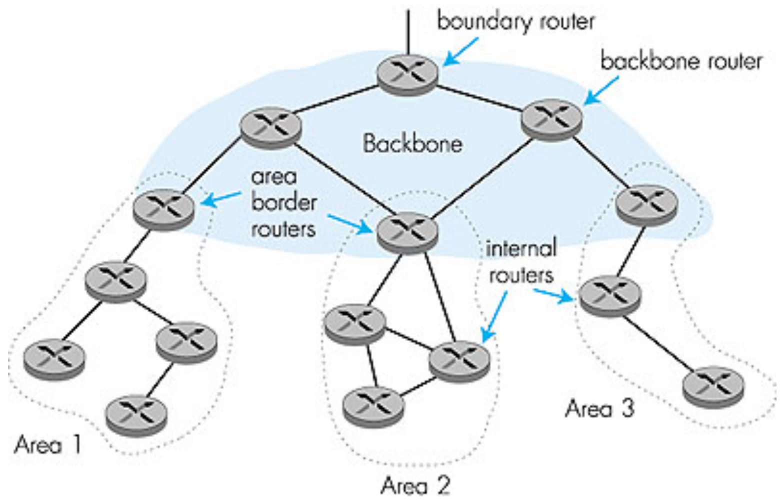
OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- "open": publicly available
- uses Link State algorithm
  - LS packet dissemination
  - topology map at each node
  - route computation using Dijkstra's algorithm
- OSPF advertisement carries one entry per neighbour router
- advertisements disseminated to entire AS (via flooding)
  - carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP

OSPF "advanced" features (not in RIP)

- security: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)
- multiple same-cost paths allowed (only one path in RIP)
- For each link, multiple cost metrics for different TOS (e.g., satellite link cost set "low" for best effort; high for real time)
- integrated uni- and multicast support:
  - Multicast OSPF (MOSPF) uses same topology data base as OSPF
- hierarchical OSPF in large domains.

Hierarchical OSPF



Hierarchical OSPF

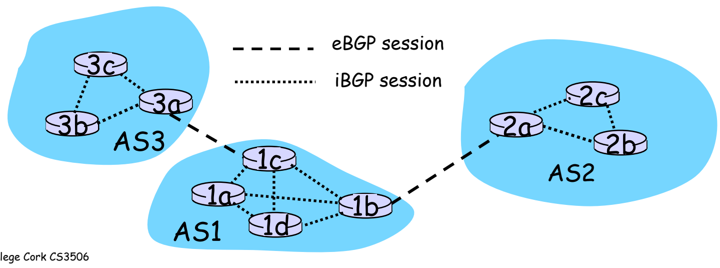
- two-level hierarchy: local area, backbone.
  - Link-state advertisements only in area
  - each nodes has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.
- *area border routers:* "summarize" distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- *backbone routers:* run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- *boundary routers:* connect to other AS's.

Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): *the* de facto standard
- BGP provides each AS a means to:
  1. Obtain subnet reachability information from neighbouring ASs.
  2. Propagate reachability information to all AS-internal routers.
  3. Determine "good" routes to subnets based on reachability information and policy.
- allows subnet to advertise its existence to rest of Internet: *"I am here"*

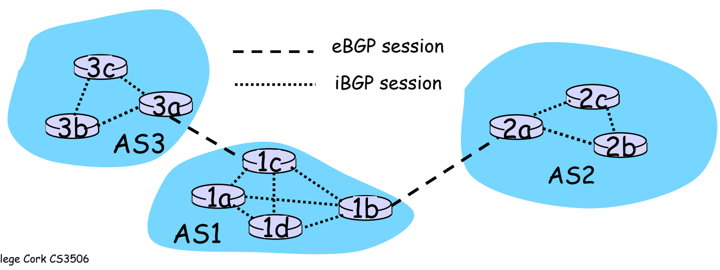
BGP basics

- pairs of routers (BGP peers) exchange routing info over semi-permanent TCP connections: BGP sessions
  - BGP sessions need not correspond to physical links.
- when AS2 advertises a prefix to AS1:
  - AS2 *promises* it will forward datagrams towards that prefix.
  - AS2 can aggregate prefixes in its advertisement



Distributing reachability info

- using eBGP session between 3a and 1c, AS3 sends prefix reachability info to AS1.
  - 1c can then use iBGP do distribute new prefix info to all routers in AS1
  - 1b can then re-advertise new reachability info to AS2 over 1b-to-2a eBGP session
- when router learns of new prefix, it creates entry for prefix in its forwarding table.



Path attributes & BGP routes

- advertised prefix includes BGP attributes.
  - prefix + attributes = "route"
- two important attributes:
  - AS-PATH: contains ASs through which prefix advertisement has passed: e.g, AS 67, AS 17
  - NEXT-HOP: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS. (may be multiple links from current AS to next-hop-AS)
- when gateway router receives route advertisement, uses import policy to accept/ decline.

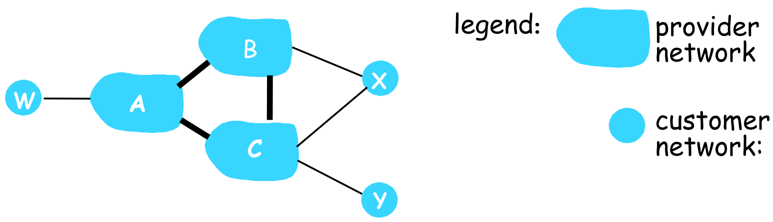
BGP route selection

- router may learn about more than 1 route to some prefix. Router must select route.
- elimination rules:
  1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
  2. shortest AS-PATH
  3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
  4. additional criteria

BGP messages

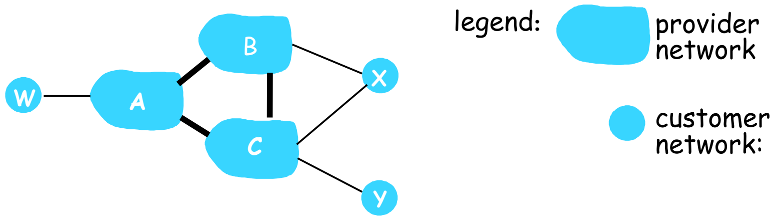
- BGP messages exchanged using TCP.
- BGP messages:
  - OPEN: opens TCP connection to peer and authenticates sender
  - UPDATE: advertises new path (or withdraws old)
  - KEEPALIVE keeps connection alive in absence of UPDATES; also ACKs OPEN request
  - NOTIFICATION: reports errors in previous msg; also used to close connection

BGP routing policy



- A,B,C are provider networks
- X,W,Y are customer (of provider networks)
- X is dual-homed: attached to two networks
  - X does not want to route from B via X to C
  - .. so X will not advertise to B a route to C

BGP routing policy (2)



- A advertises path AW to B
- B advertises path BAW to X
- Should B advertise path BAW to C?
  - No way! B gets no "revenue" for routing CBAW since neither W nor C are B's customers
  - B wants to force C to route to w via A
  - B wants to route *only* to/from its customers!

Why different Intra- and Inter-AS routing ?

Policy:
- Inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its net.
- Intra-AS: single admin, so no policy decisions needed

Scale:
- hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

Performance:
- Intra-AS: can focus on performance
- Inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance

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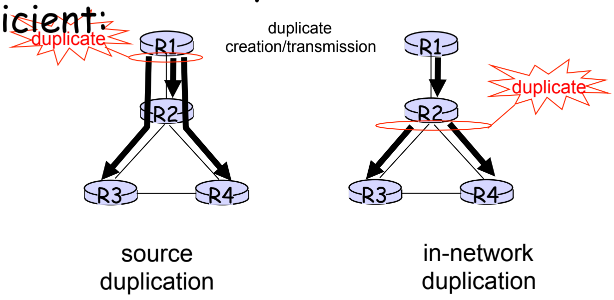
Broadcast Routing

- deliver packets from source to all other nodes (contrast with unicast routing)
- Could use source duplication, but it's inefficient:



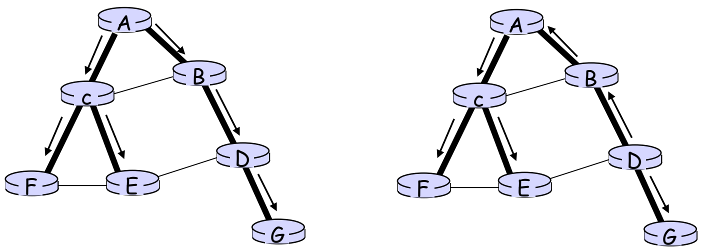
- Another problem for source duplication: how does source determine recipient addresses?

In-network duplication

- flooding: when node receives brdcst pckt, sends copy to all neighbours
  - Problems: cycles & broadcast storm
- controlled flooding: node only brdcsts pkt if it hasn't brdcst same packet before
  - Node keeps track of pckt ids already brdcsted
  - Or reverse path forwarding (RPF): only forward pckt if it arrived on shortest path between node and source
- Or use a spanning tree
  - No redundant packets received by any node

Spanning Tree

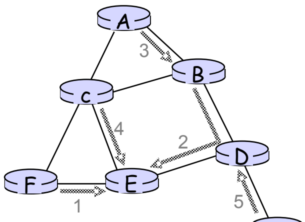
- First construct a spanning tree
- Nodes forward copies only along spanning tree



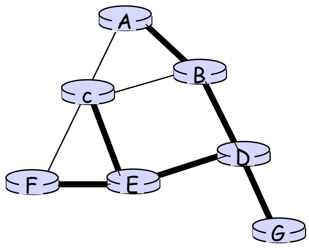
(a) Broadcast initiated at A (b) Broadcast initiated at D

Spanning Tree: Creation

- Center node
- Each node sends unicast join message to center node
  - Message forwarded until it arrives at a node already belonging to spanning tree



(a) Stepwise construction of spanning tree



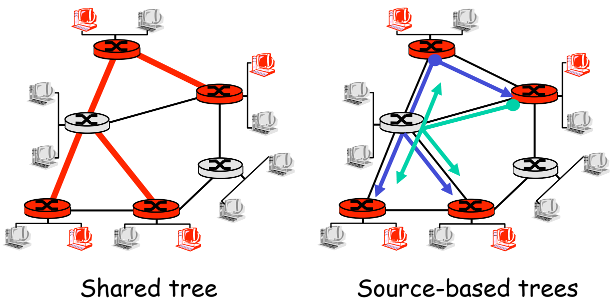
(b) Constructed spanning tree

Multicast Routing

- Unlike broadcast routing, the goal of multicast is to deliver a packet to a defined *subset* of the network hosts
- Ideal for live events such as concerts, live TV, etc
  - A subset of network hosts are interested
  - Sending a unicast to each interested host doesn't scale
    - Each packet must be sent once for each interested host
    - Same content traverses a link multiple times

Multicast Routing: Problem Statement

- ***Goal:*** find a tree (or trees) connecting routers having local mcast group members
  - *tree:* not all paths between routers used
  - *source-based:* different tree from each sender to rcvrs
  - *shared-tree:* same tree used by all group members



Approaches for building mcast trees

- source-based tree: one tree per source
  - shortest path trees
  - reverse path forwarding
- group-shared tree: group uses one tree
  - minimal spanning tree (known as a Steiner tree)
  - tree based at center node (i.e. router)
- A variety of protocols in use including
  - DVMRP – distance vector multicast
  - PIM – Protocol Independent Multicast

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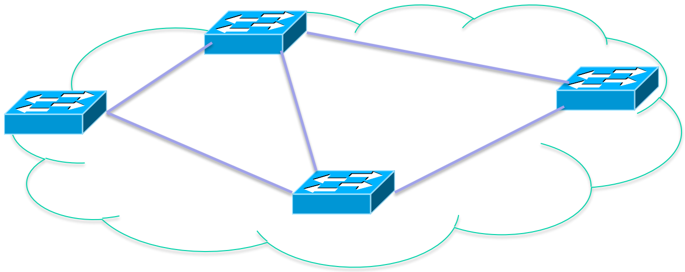
Software-Defined Networks

- Distributed implementation of network control (eg. Routing, NAT, firewalls)
- Difficult to make changes to network behaviour
  - Features implemented in software provided by router/switch vendors
  - Long delays waiting for protocol standardisation
  - Stifles innovation
- Difficult to manage large networks with many routers/switches

Today's Internet: Data Plane

Data plane:
Packet streaming



Forward, filter, buffer, mark, rate-limit, and measure packets

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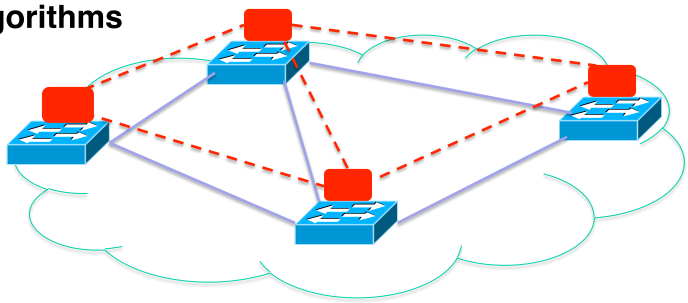
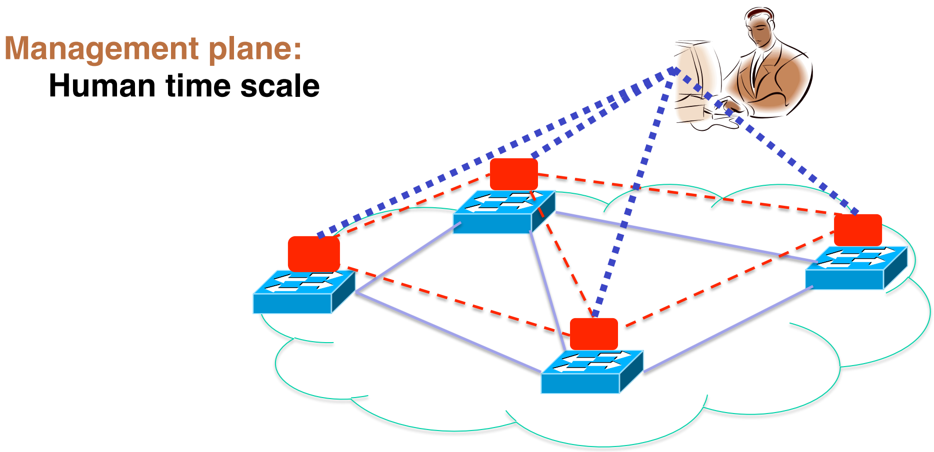
Today's Internet: Control Plane

Control plane:
Distributed algorithms



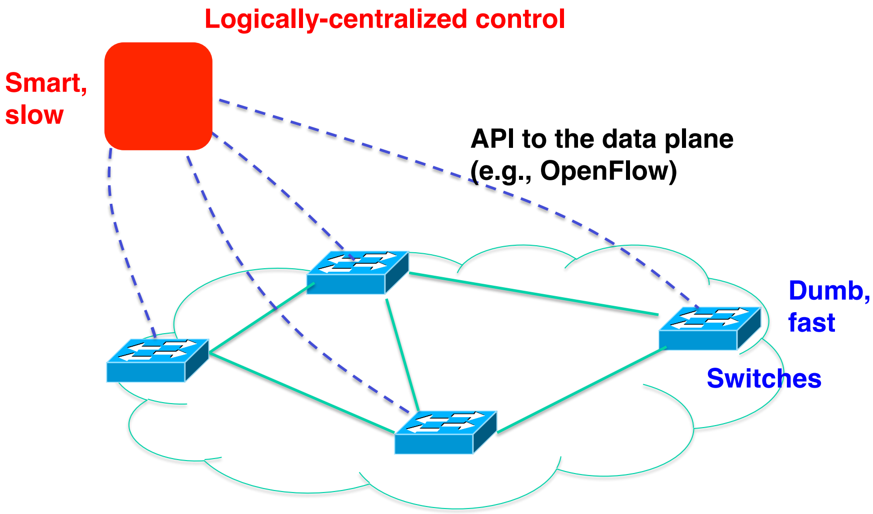
Track topology changes, compute routes, install forwarding rules

Today's Internet: Management



Collect measurements and configure the equipment

Software-Defined Networking



Data-Plane: Simple Packet Handling

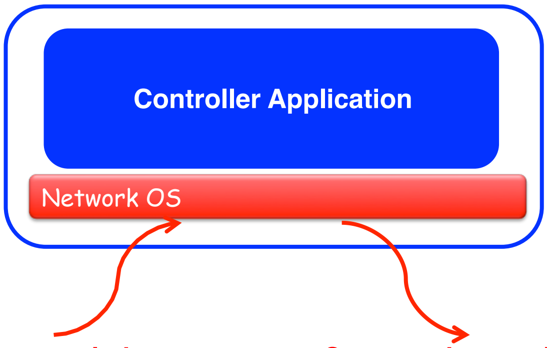
- Simple packet-handling rules
  - Pattern: match packet header bits
  - Actions: drop, forward, modify, send to controller
  - Priority: disambiguate overlapping patterns
  - Counters: #bytes and #packets

1. src=1.2.*.*, dest=3.4.5.* → drop
2. src = *.*.*.*, dest=3.4.*.* → forward(2)
3. src=10.1.2.3, dest=*.*.*.* → send to controller

Unifies Different Core Devices

- Router
  - Match: longest destination IP prefix
  - Action: forward out a link
- Switch
  - Match: destination MAC address
  - Action: forward or flood
- Firewall
  - Match: IP addresses and TCP/UDP port numbers
  - Action: permit or deny
- NAT
  - Match: IP address and port
  - Action: rewrite address and port

Programmable Net. Controllers



Events from switches
Topology changes,
Traffic statistics,
Arriving packets

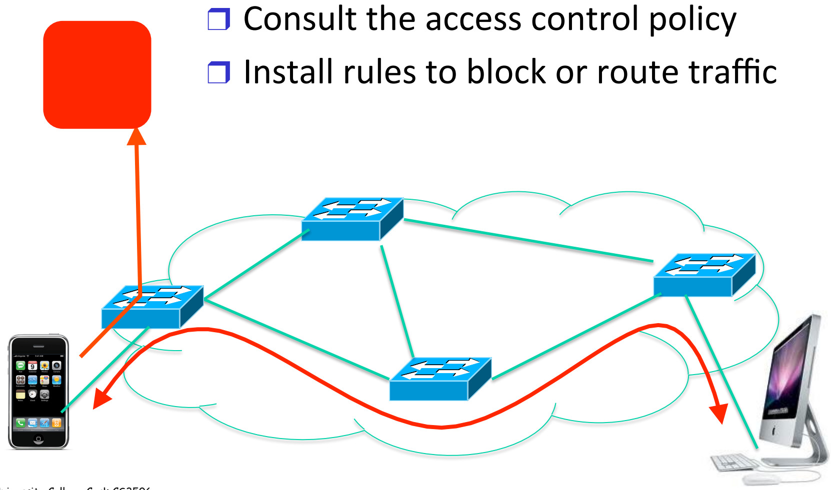
Commands to switches
(Un)install rules,
Query statistics,
Send packets

Example Applications

- **Dynamic access control**
- Seamless mobility/migration
- **Server load balancing**
- Network virtualization
- Using multiple wireless access points
- Energy-efficient networking
- Adaptive traffic monitoring
- Denial-of-Service attack detection

Dynamic Access Control

- Inspect first packet of a connection
- Consult the access control policy
- Install rules to block or route traffic



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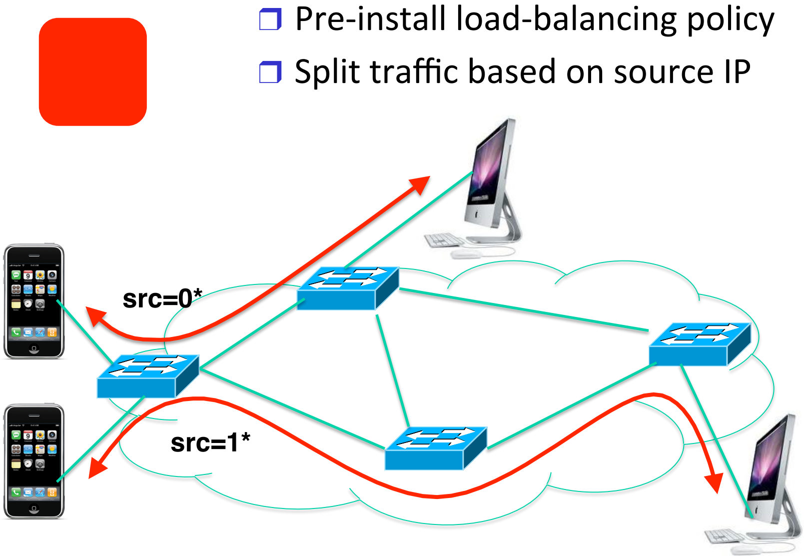
Server Load Balancing

- Pre-install load-balancing policy
- Split traffic based on source IP



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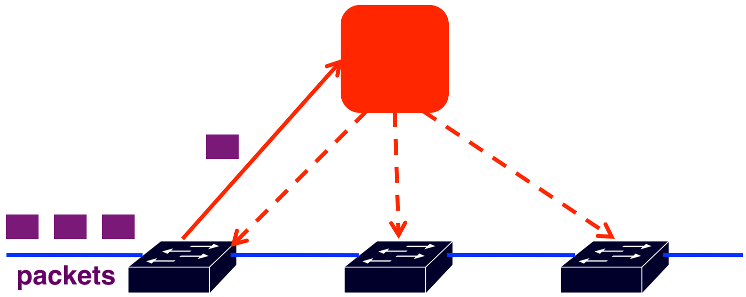
Controller Delays

- ❒ Controller is much slower the the switch
- ❒ Processing packets leads to delay and overhead
- ❒ Need to keep most packets in the "fast path"



Programming

- ❒ SDN makes programming possible
  - ❍ Network-wide view at controller
  - ❍ Direct control over data plane
  - ❍ Need for high-level abstractions
- ❒ Plenty of room for bugs
  - ❍ Still a complex, distributed system, concurrency issues
- ❒ Need for testing techniques
  - ❍ Controller applications
  - ❍ Controller and switches
  - ❍ Rules installed in the switches

SDN has significant industry momentum

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