

Computer Networks CSE 303

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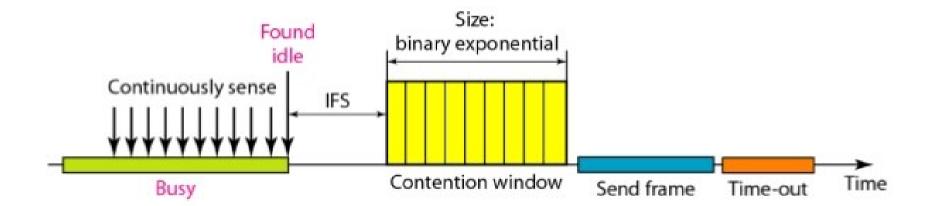
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Unit – II Medium Access Control

Almost all collisions can be avoided in CSMA/CA

But they can still occur during the contention period.



 The collision during the contention period adversely affects the system performance

 This happens when the cable is long and length of packet are short.

 This problem becomes serious as fiber optics network came into use.

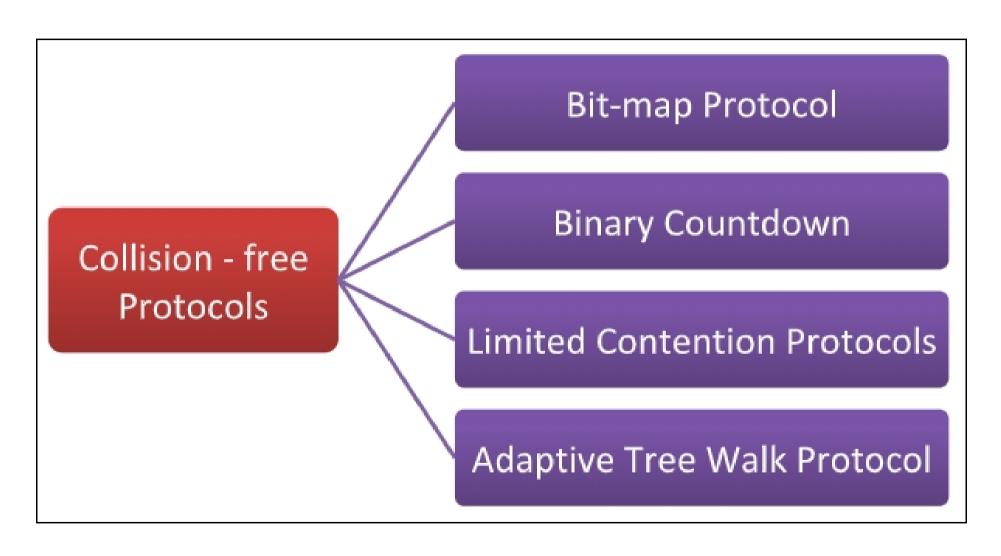
Note:

- Pure and slotted Aloha, CSMA and CSMA/CD are Contention based Protocols:
 - Try-if collide-Retry
 - No guarantee of performance
 - What happen if the network load is high?

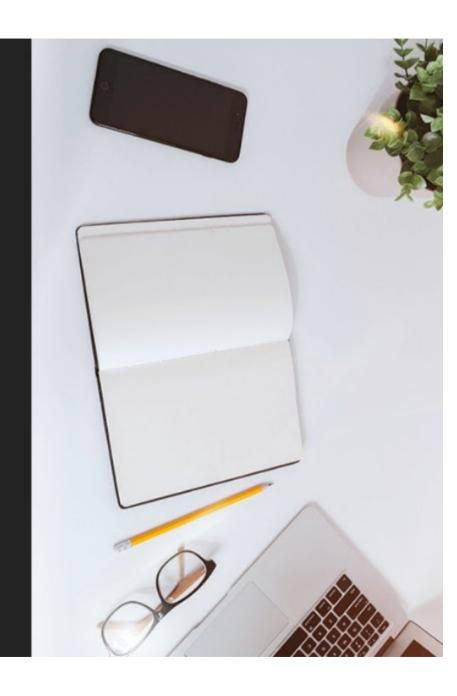
- However, Collision Free Protocols:
 - Pay constant overhead to achieve performance guarantee
 - Good when network load is high

• It provides in order access to shared medium so that every station has chance to transfer (fair protocol)

- Some protocols that resolve the collision during the contention period.
 - Bit-map Protocol
 - Binary Countdown
 - Limited Contention Protocols
 - The Adaptive Tree Walk Protocol



Basic Bit Map



Bit map protocol is collision free Protocol.

- It has Two Rounds of transmission cycle
 - First Round (Contention Period)
 - Second Round (Transmission Period)

First Round (Contention Period)

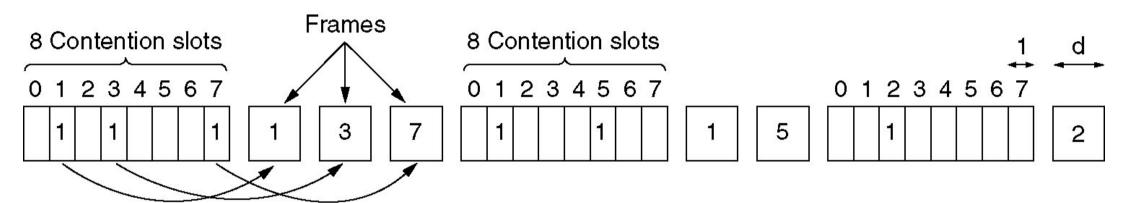
- each contention period consists of exactly N slots.
- each slot reserved for a particular station
- In this period, each station transmits
 - 1 if it has a frame to transmit
 - 0 if it has no frame to transmit
- At the completion of the first round everybody knows who wants to transmit

Second Round (Transmission Period)

 Stations transmit according to the order formed in the first round

- There will never be any collisions
 - because everyone agrees on who goes next.

• Protocols like this in which the desire to transmit is broadcasting for the actual transmission are called **Reservation Protocols**.



Bit-map Protocol Performance Analysis

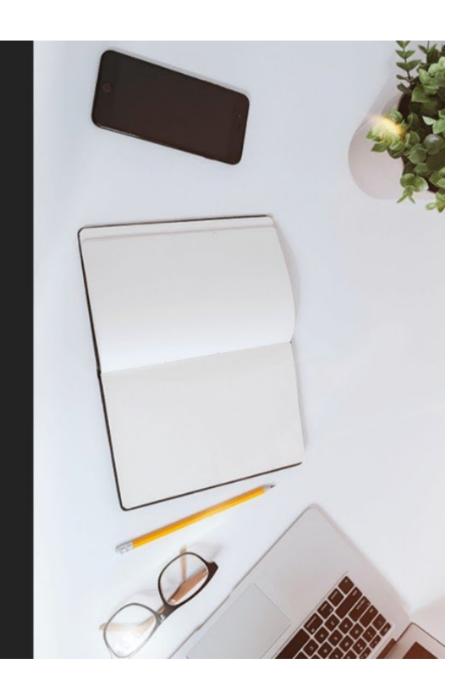
- For analyzing the performance of this protocol,
 - We will measure time in units of the contention bits slot, with a data frame consisting of d time units.
- Under low load conditions:
 - the bitmap will simply be repeated over and over
 - due to lack of data frames.

Bit-map Protocol Performance Analysis

- Under high load conditions:
 - All the stations have something to send all the time
 - The N bit contention period is prorated over N frames
 - This yielding an overhead of only 1 bit per frame.

- If the N is higher, overhead will be high.
- How about the Station Wait Time??

Binary Countdown



This is used to overcome the overhead 1 bit per binary station.

In binary countdown, binary station addresses are used.

 A station wanting to use the channel broadcast its address as binary bit string starting with the high order bit.

• All addresses are assumed of the same length.

Example to illustrate the working of the binary countdown.

- In this method, different station addresses are read together
- This decide the priority of transmitting.
- If these stations **0001**, **1001**, **1100**, **1011** all are trying to seize the channel for transmission.

 All the station at first broadcast their most significant address bit

• that is **0**, **1**, **1**, **1** respectively.

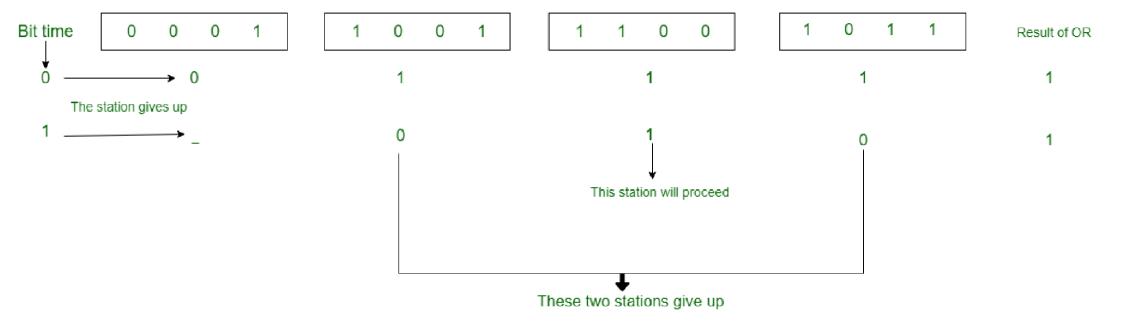
- The most significant bits are read together.
 - i.e., **0 1 1 1**

Station 0001 see the 1 MSB in another station address

 Station 0001 understands that a higher numbered station is competing for the channel

• So, it gives up for the current round.

- Other three stations 1001, 1100, 1011 continue.
- The next station at which next bit is 1 is at station 1100,
- so station 1011 and 1001 give up because there 2nd bit is 0.
- Then station 1100 starts transmitting a frame
- After which another bidding cycle starts.

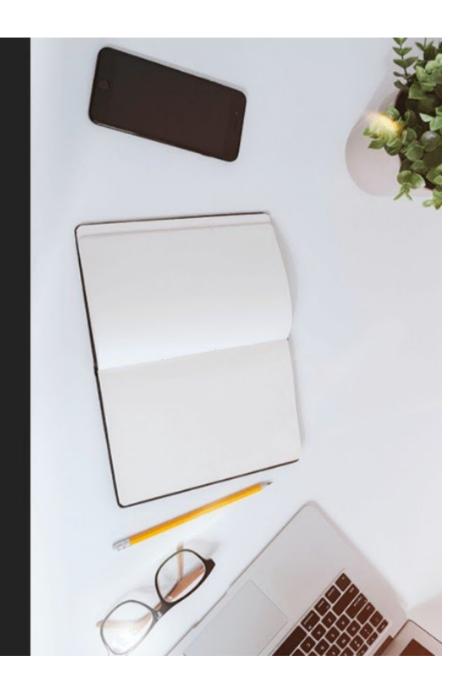


Binary countdown

Bit time 0 1 2 3 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 Result Stations 0010 Station 1001 and 0100 see this sees this 1 1 and give up and gives up

^{*}A dash indicates silence.

Limited Contention Protocols



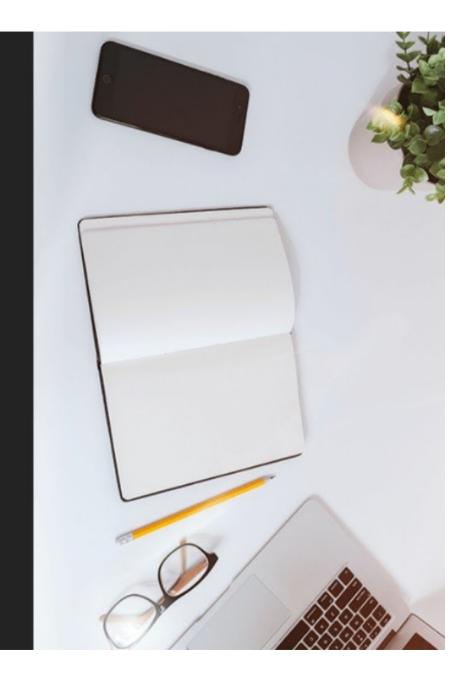
Limited Contention Protocols

- Collision/Contention based protocols are good, When?
 - if the network load is low.
 - Less collisions under low load.
 - Protocols: pure and slotted ALOHA, CSMA/CD
- Collision free protocols are good, When?
 - if the network load is high.
 - Channel utilization is better at high load.
 - Protocols: bitmap, binary Countdown

Limited Contention Protocols

- How about combining their advantages:
 - Behave like the ALOHA scheme under light load.
 - Behave like the bitmap scheme under heavy load.

Adaptive Tree Walk Protocol



Adaptive Tree Walk Protocol

Core Idea:

- Partition the stations into groups
- Limit the contention for each slot.

- Under light load, everyone can try for each slot like aloha
- Under heavy load, only a group can try for each slot

Adaptive Tree Walk Protocol

How do we do it:

- treat every stations as the leaf of a binary tree
- First slot (after successful transmission), all stations can try to get the slot (under the root node).
- If no conflict, fine.
- Else, in case of conflict, only nodes under a sub-tree get to try for the next one. (depth first search)

Adaptive Tree Walk Protocol

Slot-0: C*, E*, F*, H* (all nodes under node 0 can try which are going to send), conflict

Slot-1: C* (all nodes under node 1 can try), C sends

Slot-2: E*, F*, H*(all nodes under node 2 can try), conflict

Slot-3: E*, F* (all nodes under node 5 can try to send), conflict

Slot-4: E* (all nodes under E can try), E sends

Slot-5: F* (all nodes under F can try), F sends

Slot-6: H* (all nodes under node 6 can try to send), H sends.

