

# COMP 3331/9331: Computer Networks and Applications

Week 8

Network Layer: Control Plane (Routing)

**Chapter 5: Section 5.1 – 5.2, 5.6**

# Network layer, control plane: outline

## 5.1 introduction

### 5.2 routing protocols

- ❖ link state
- ❖ distance vector
- ❖ hierarchical routing

### 5.6 ICMP: The Internet Control Message Protocol



Self study

# Network-layer functions

*Recall: two network-layer functions:*

- ❖ *forwarding*: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output

*data plane*

- *routing*: determine route taken by packets from source to destination

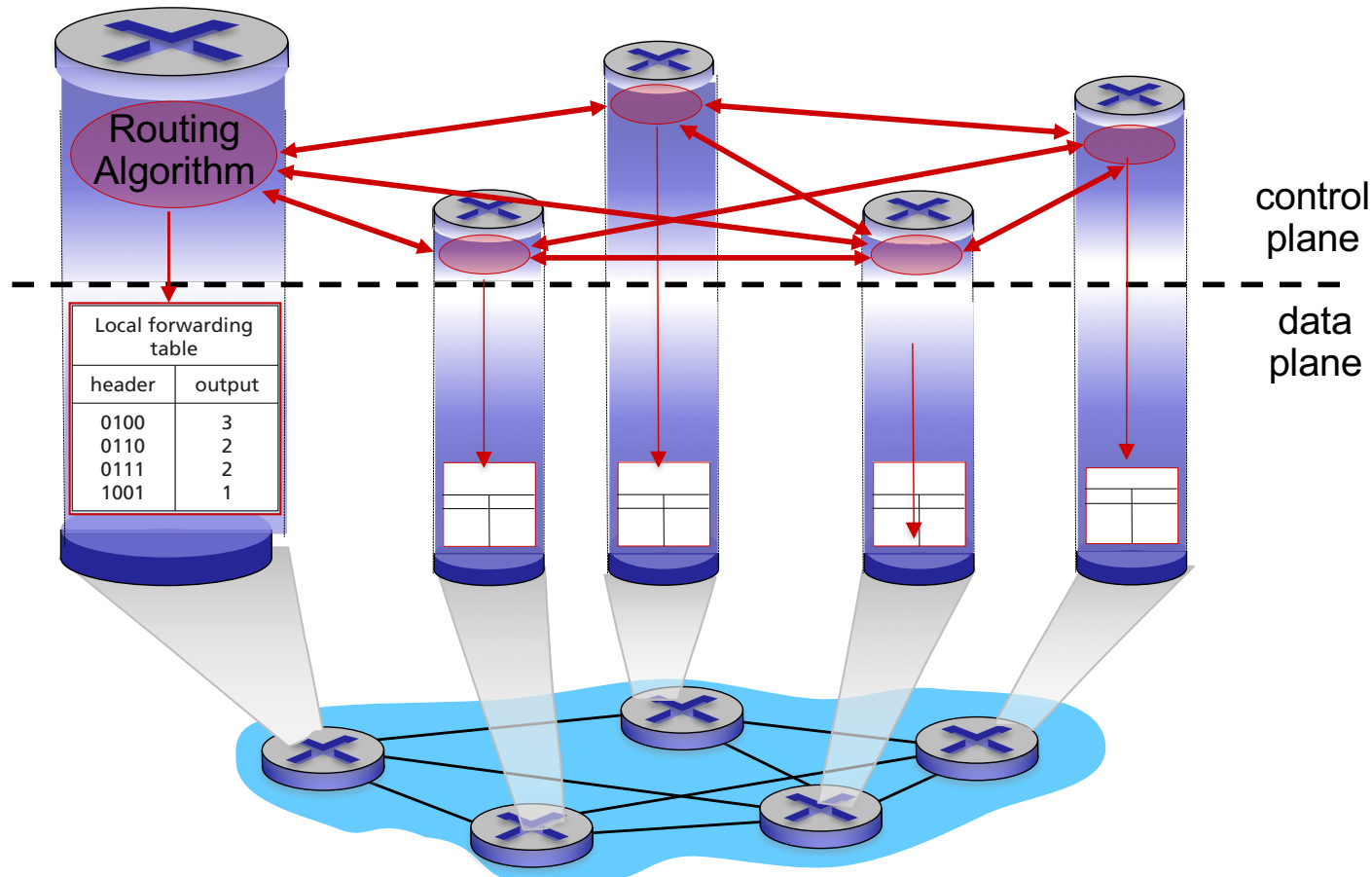
*control plane*

*Two approaches to structuring network control plane:*

- per-router control (traditional)
- logically centralized control (software defined networking)

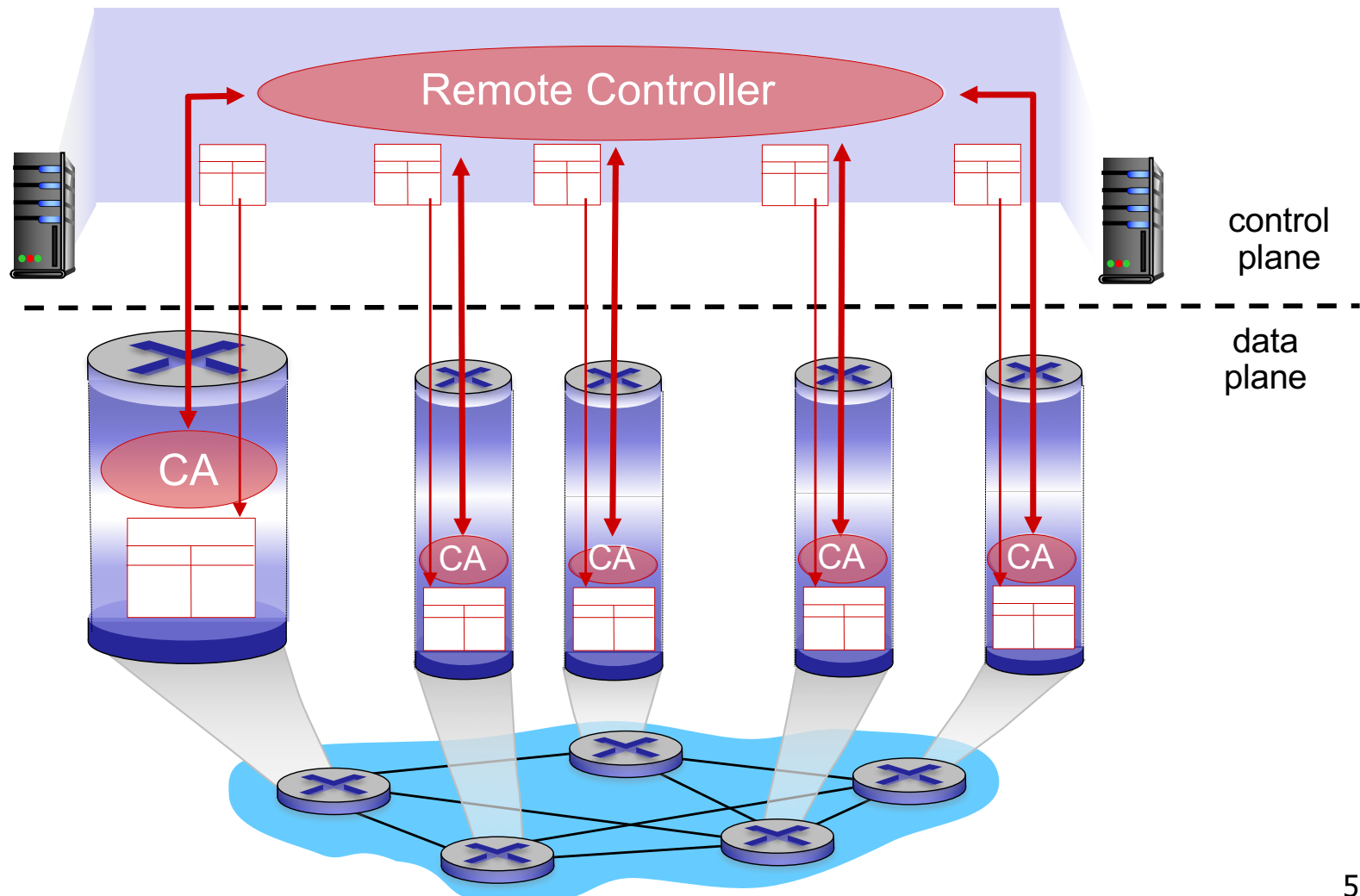
# Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact with each other in control plane to compute forwarding tables



# Logically centralized control plane

A distinct (typically remote) controller interacts with local control agents (CAs) in routers to compute forwarding tables



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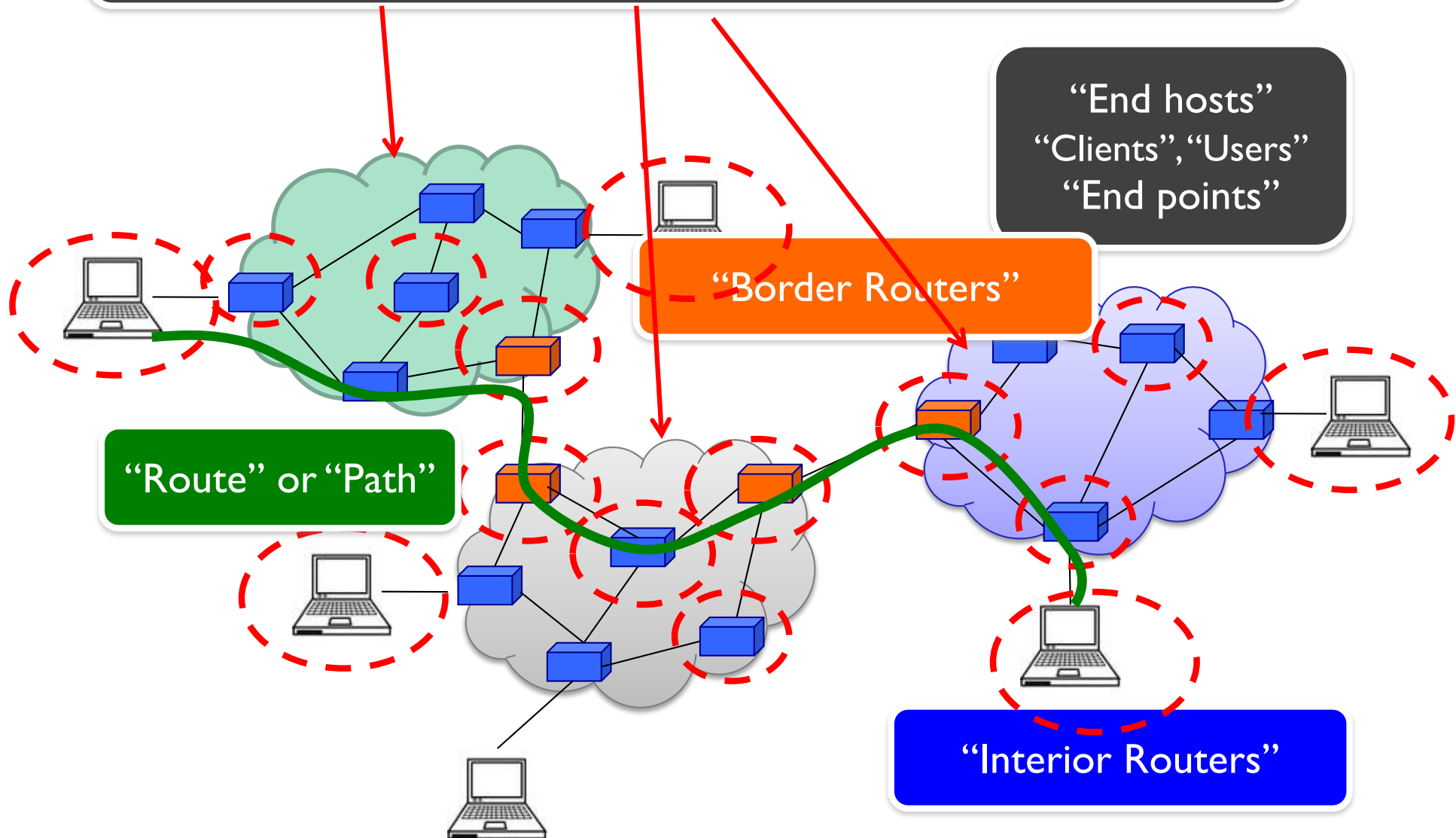
**“Autonomous System (AS)” or “Domain”**  
Region of a network under a single administrative entity

**“End hosts”**  
“Clients”, “Users”  
“End points”

**“Border Routers”**

**“Route” or “Path”**

**“Interior Routers”**

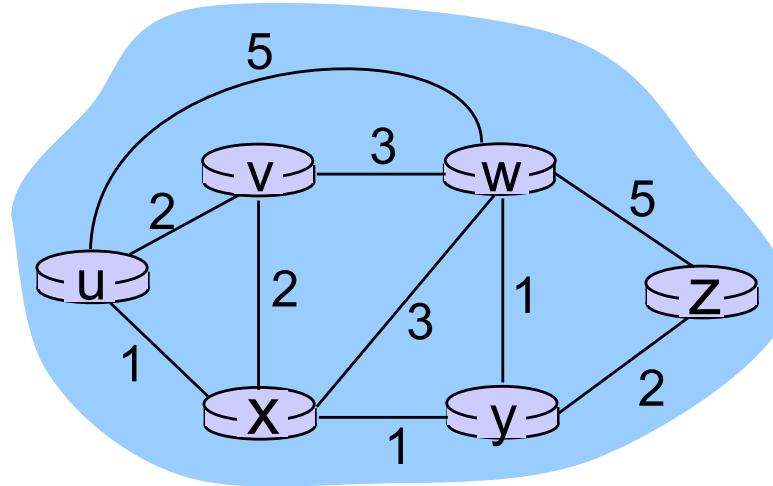


# Internet Routing

- ❖ Internet Routing works at two levels
- ❖ Each AS runs an **intra-domain** routing protocol that establishes routes within its domain
  - AS -- region of network under a single administrative entity
  - Link State, e.g., Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
  - Distance Vector, e.g., Routing Information Protocol (RIP)
- ❖ ASes participate in an **inter-domain** routing protocol that establishes routes between domains
  - Path Vector, e.g., Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)



# Graph abstraction

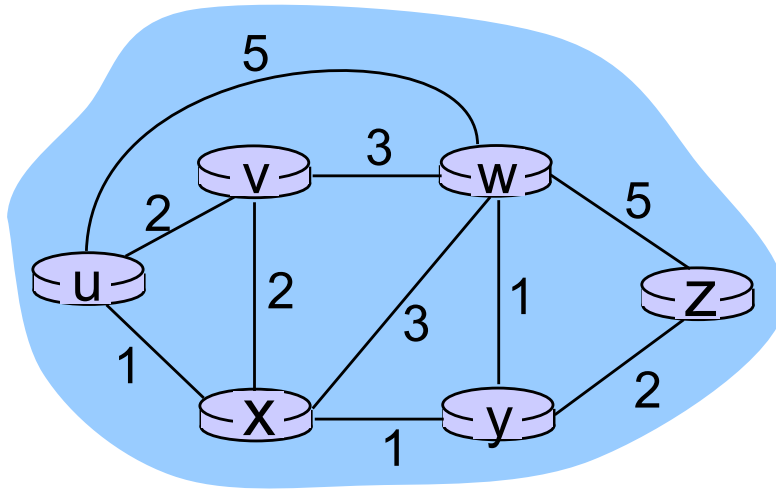


graph:  $G = (N, E)$

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

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

# Graph abstraction: costs



$c(x, x') = \text{cost of link } (x, x')$   
e.g.,  $c(w, z) = 5$

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

**key question:** what is the least-cost path between u and z ?  
**routing algorithm:** algorithm that finds that least cost path

# Link Cost

- ❖ Typically simple: all links are equal
- ❖ Least-cost paths  $\Rightarrow$  shortest paths (hop count)
- ❖ Network operators add policy exceptions
  - Lower operational costs
  - Peering agreements
  - Security concerns

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# Routing algorithm classes

## *Link State (Global)*

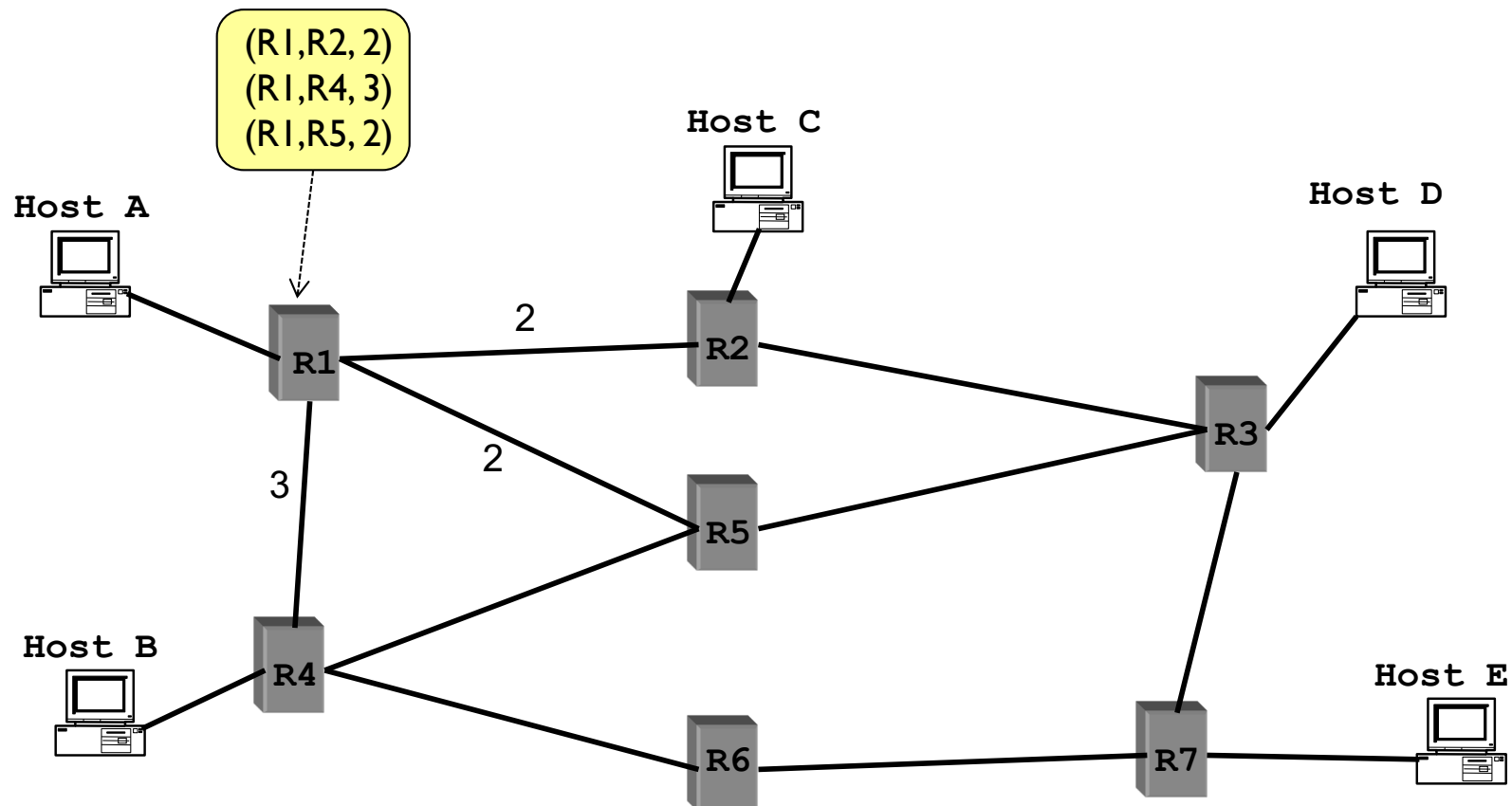
- Routers maintain cost of each link in the network
- Connectivity/cost changes flooded to all routers
- Converges quickly (less inconsistency, looping, etc.)
- Limited network sizes

## *Distance Vector (Decentralised)*

- Routers maintain next hop & cost of each destination.
- Connectivity/cost changes iteratively propagate from neighbour to neighbour
- Requires multiple rounds to converge
- Scales to large networks

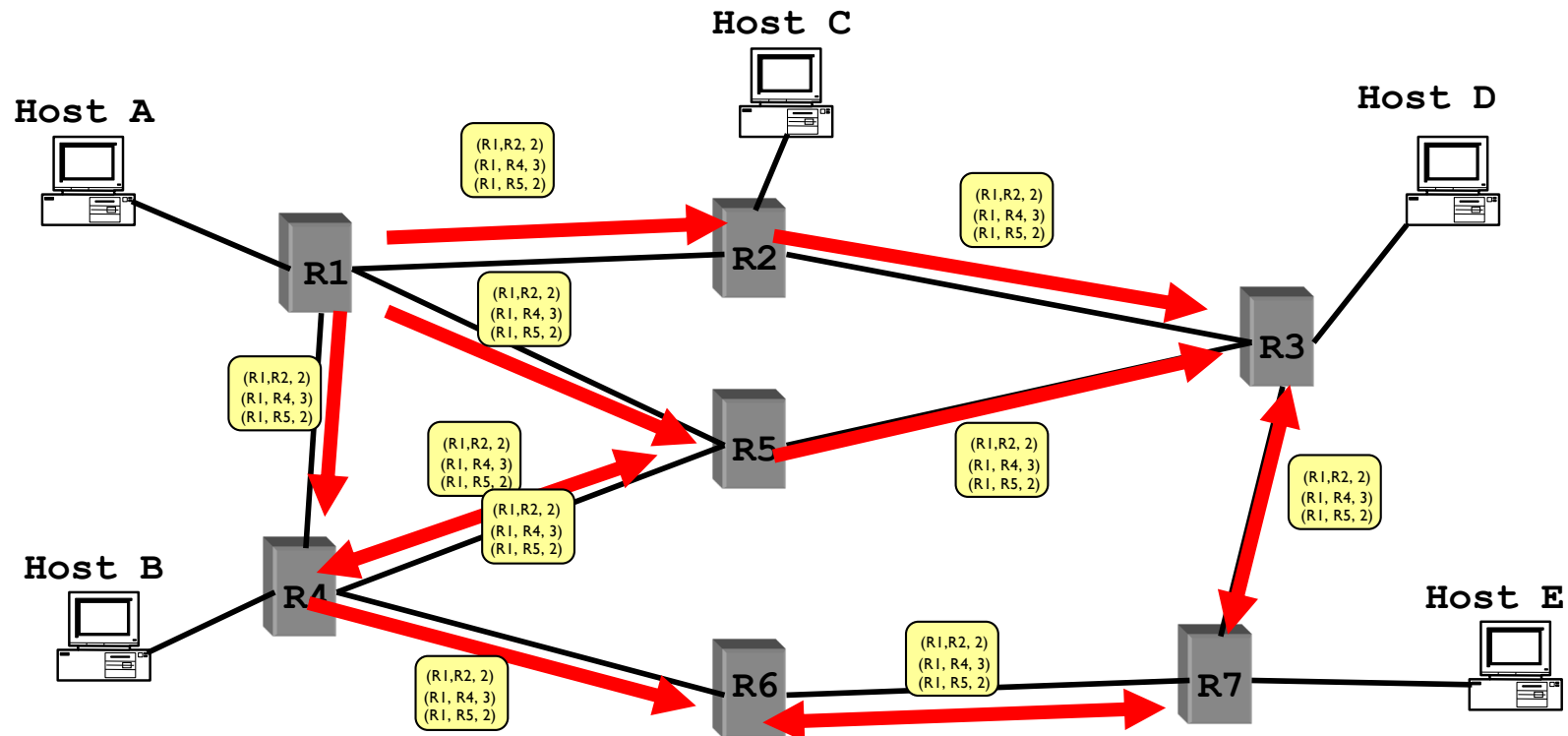
# Link State Routing

- ❖ Each node maintains its **local** “link state” (LS)
  - i.e., a list of its directly attached links and their costs



# Link State Routing

- ❖ Each node maintains its local “link state” (LS)
- ❖ Each node floods its local link state
  - on receiving a **new** LS message, a router forwards the message to all its neighbors other than the one it received the message from



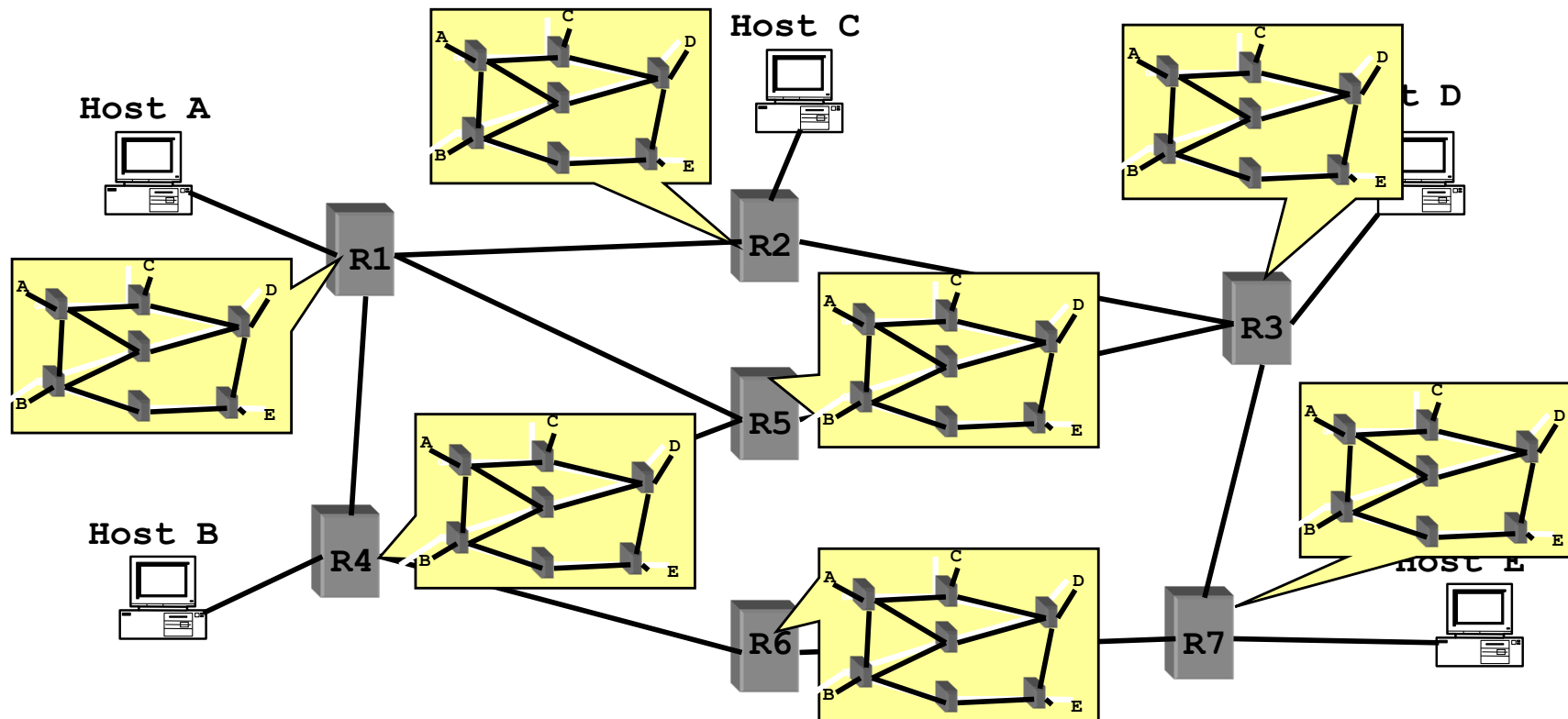
# Flooding LSAs

- ❖ Routers transmit **Link State Advertisement (LSA)** on links
  - A neighbouring router forwards out on all links except incoming
  - Keep a copy locally; don't forward previously-seen LSAs
- ❖ Challenges
  - Packet loss
  - Out of order arrival
- ❖ Solutions
  - Acknowledgements and retransmissions
  - Sequence numbers
  - Time-to-live for each packet



# Link State Routing

- ❖ Each node maintains its local “link state” (LS)
- ❖ Each node floods its local link state
- ❖ Eventually, each node learns the entire network topology
  - Can use Dijkstra's to compute the shortest paths between nodes



# 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 dest.'s

## *notation:*

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

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

1 **Initialization:**

2  $N' = \{u\}$

3 for all nodes  $v$

4 if  $v$  adjacent to  $u$

5 then  $D(v) = c(u, v)$

6 else  $D(v) = \infty$

7

8 **Loop**

9 find  $w$  not in  $N'$  such that  $D(w)$  is a minimum

10 add  $w$  to  $N'$

11 update  $D(v)$  for all  $v$  adjacent to  $w$  and not in  $N'$  :

12  **$D(v) = \min( D(v), D(w) + c(w, v) )$**

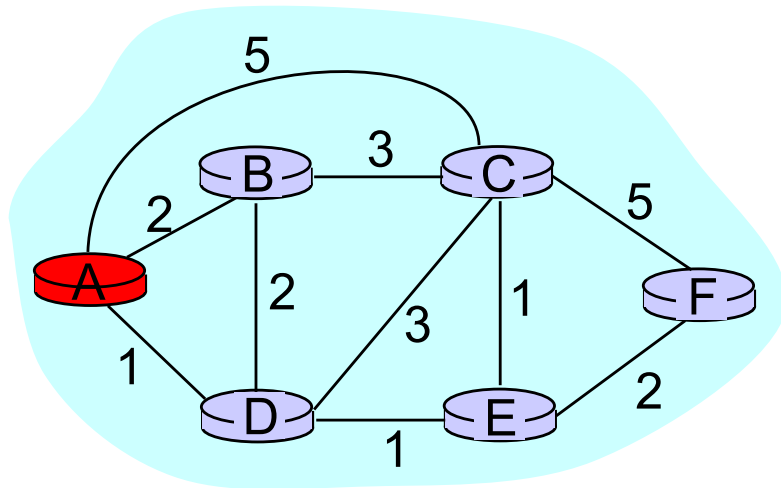
13 /\* new cost to  $v$  is either old cost to  $v$  or known

14 shortest path cost to  $w$  plus cost from  $w$  to  $v$  \*/

15 **until all nodes in  $N'$**

# Example: Dijkstra's Algorithm

Step	Set $N'$	$D(B), p(B)$	$D(C), p(C)$	$D(D), p(D)$	$D(E), p(E)$	$D(F), p(F)$
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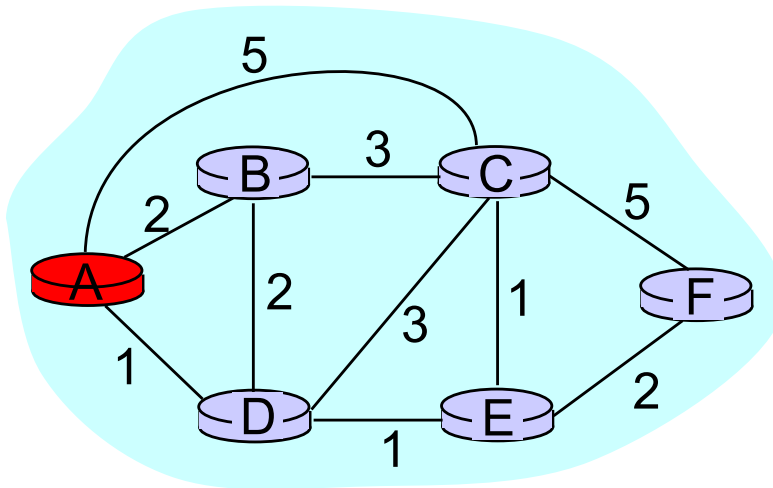


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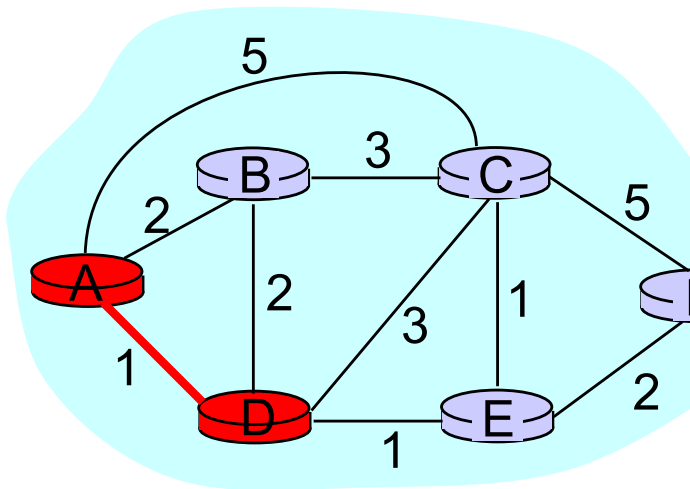


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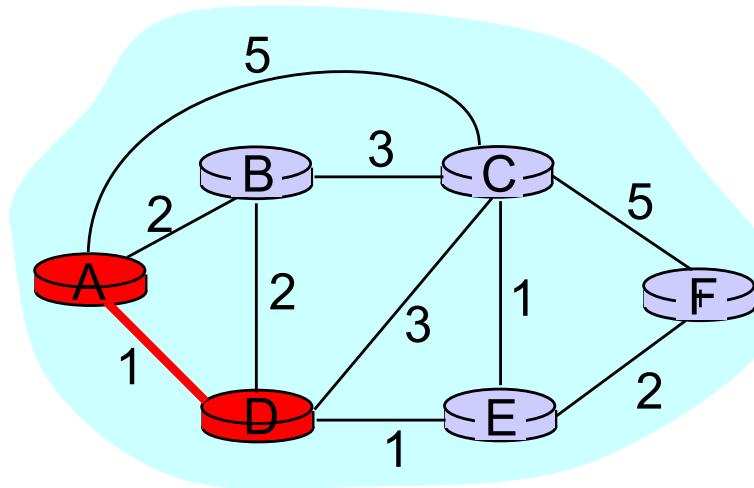


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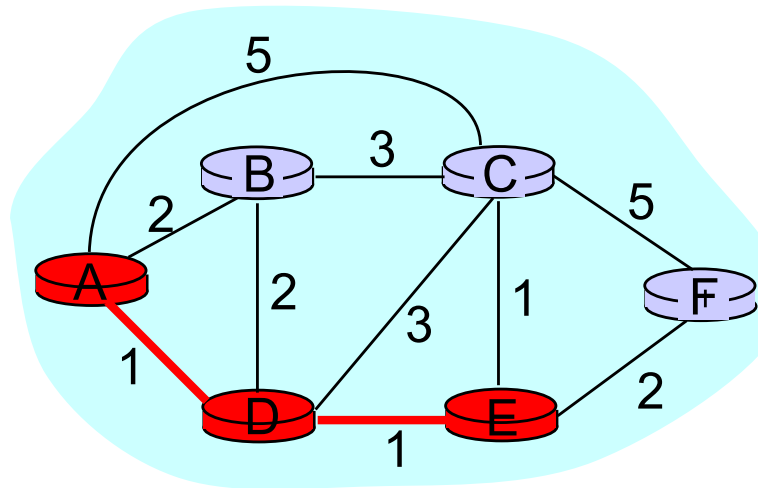


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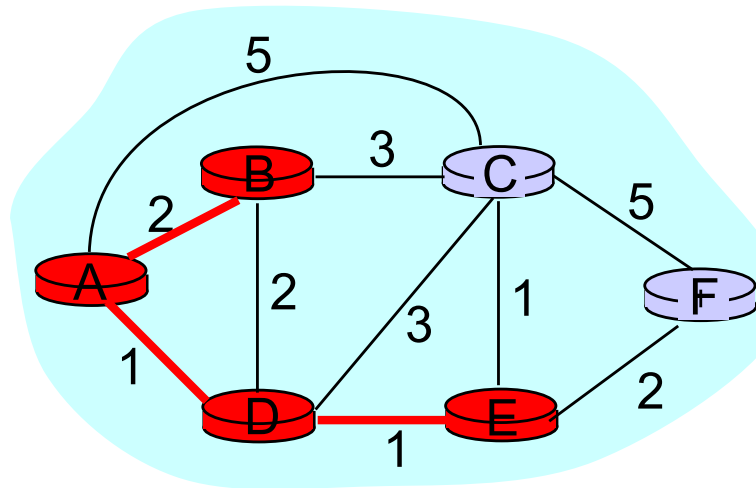
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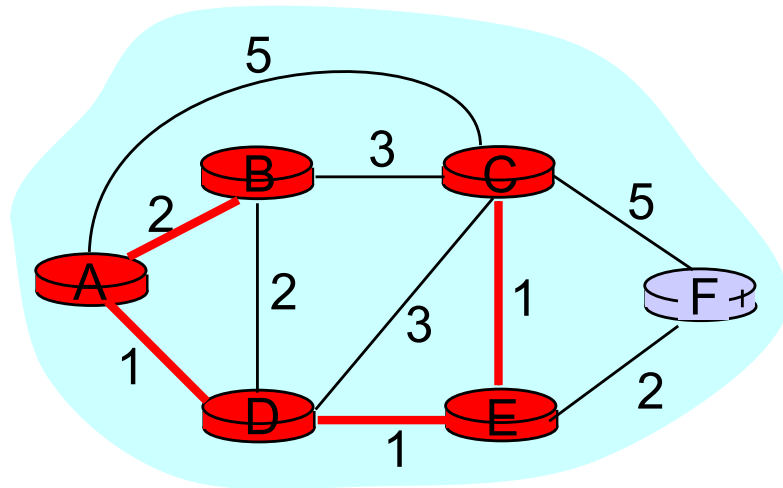


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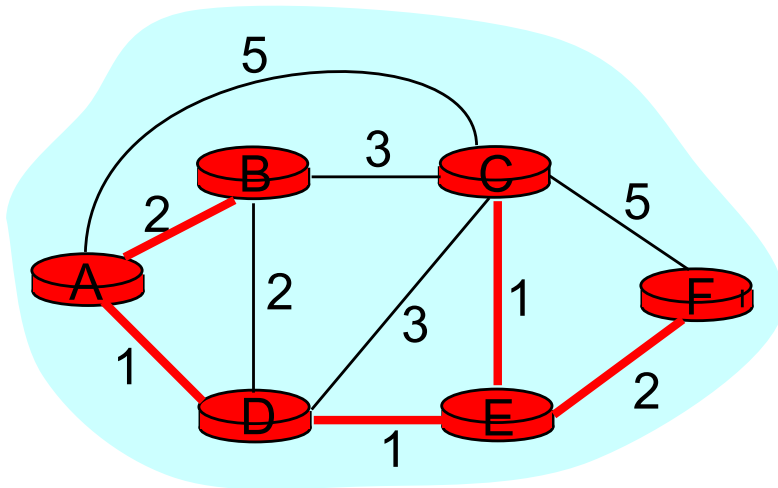


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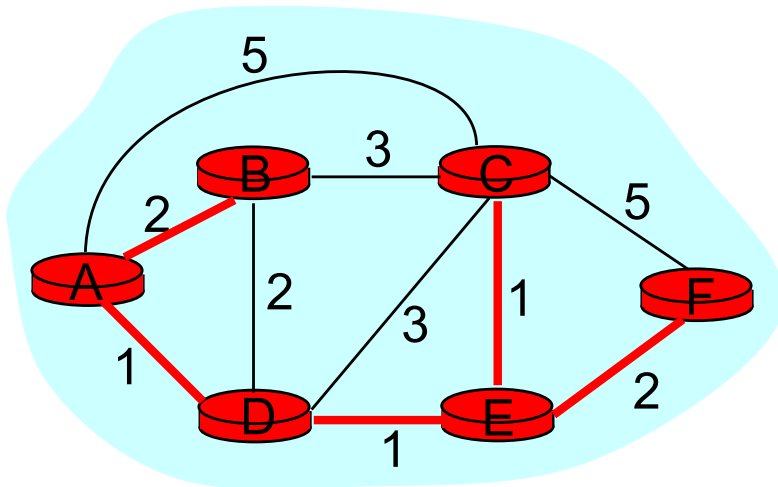
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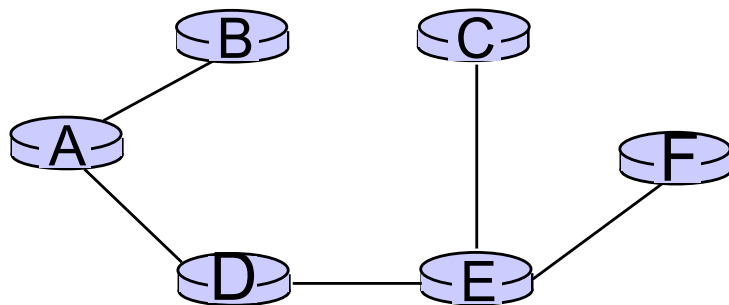


To determine path  $A \rightarrow C$  (say),  
work backward from C via  $p(v)$

# The Forwarding Table

- Running Dijkstra at node A gives the shortest path from A to all destinations
- We then construct the *forwarding table*

resulting shortest-path tree from A:



Destination	Link
B	(A,B)
C	(A,D)
D	(A,D)
E	(A,D)
F	(A,D)

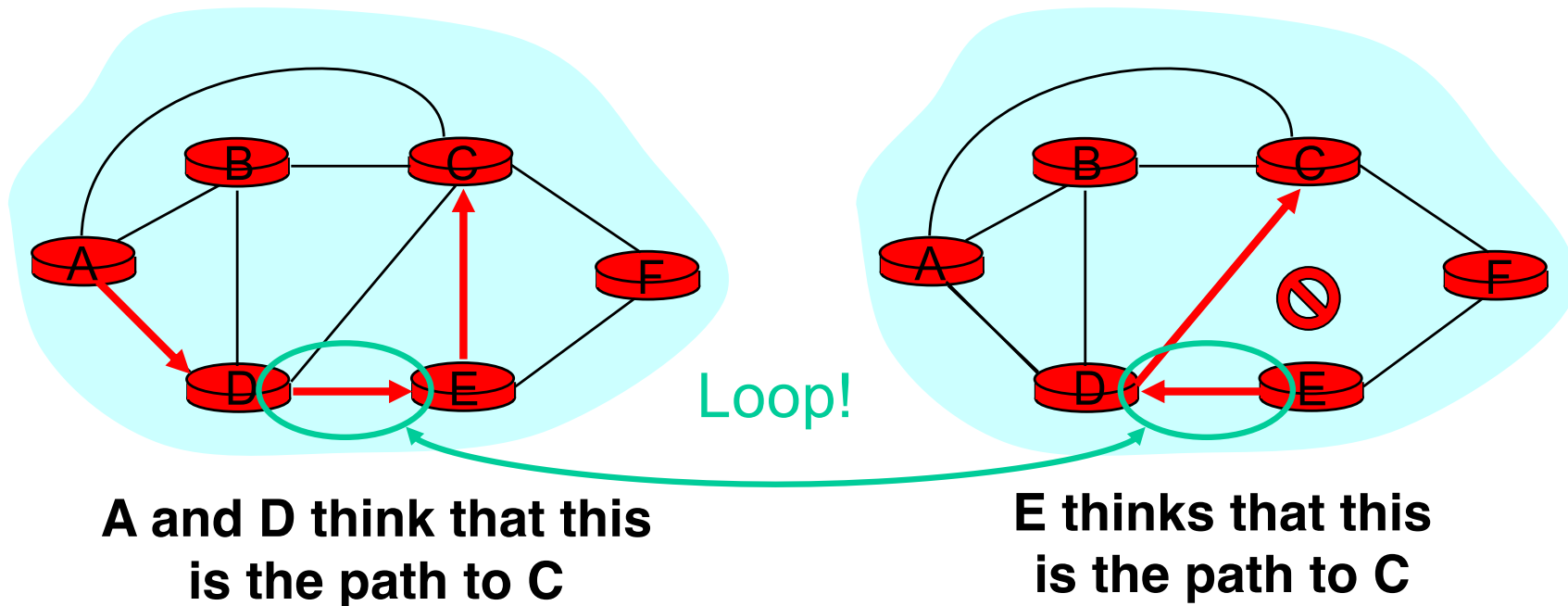
# Issue #1: Scalability

- ❖ How many messages needed to flood link state messages?
  - $O(N \times E)$ , where  $N$  is #nodes;  $E$  is #edges in graph
- ❖ Processing complexity for Dijkstra's algorithm?
  - $O(N^2)$ , because we check all nodes  $w$  not in  $N'$  at each iteration and we have  $O(N)$  iterations
- ❖ How many entries in the LS topology database?  $O(E)$
- ❖ How many entries in the forwarding table?  $O(N)$

# Issue#2: Transient Disruptions

## ❖ Inconsistent link-state database

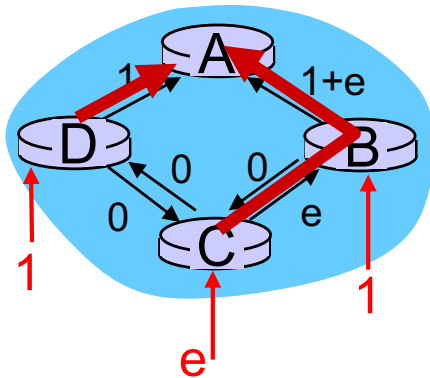
- Some routers know about failure before others
- The shortest paths are no longer consistent
- Can cause **transient forwarding loops**



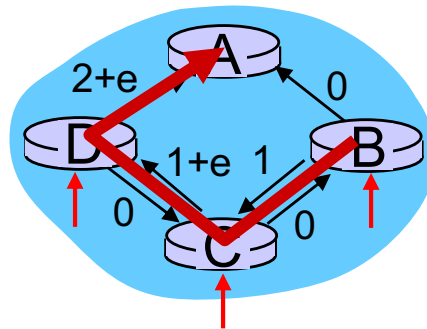
# Oscillations

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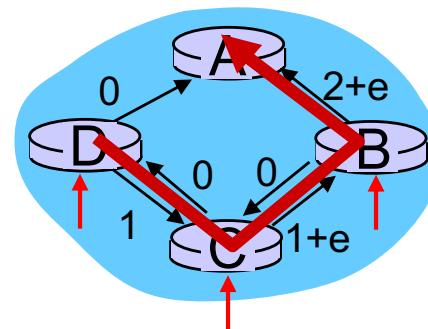
- ❖ e.g., suppose link cost equals amount of carried traffic:



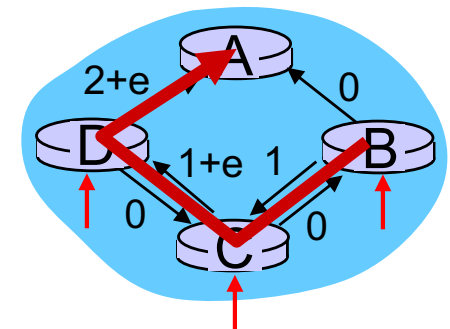
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# Distance vector algorithm

## *Bellman-Ford equation*

let

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

then

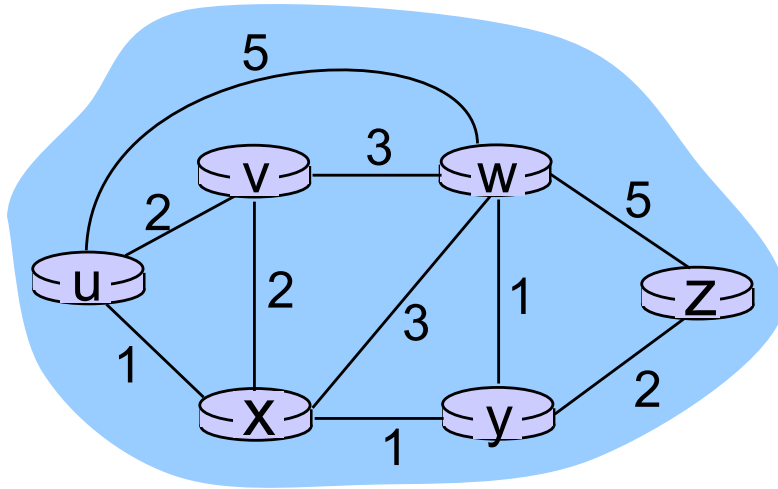
$$d_x(y) = \min_v \{ c(x,v) + d_v(y) \}$$

cost from neighbor  $v$  to destination  $y$

cost to neighbor  $v$

$\min$  taken over all neighbors  $v$  of  $x$

# Bellman-Ford example



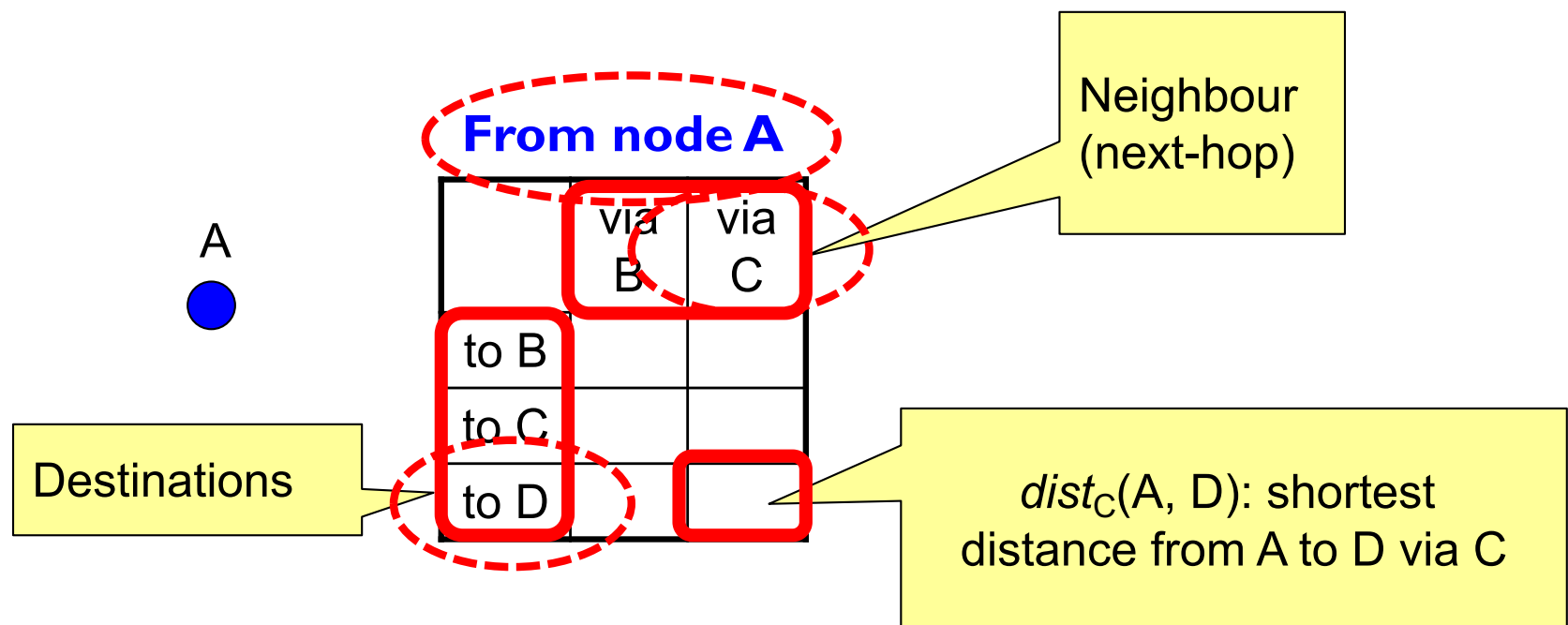
clearly,  $d_v(z) = 5$ ,  $d_x(z) = 3$ ,  $d_w(z) = 3$

B-F equation says:

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

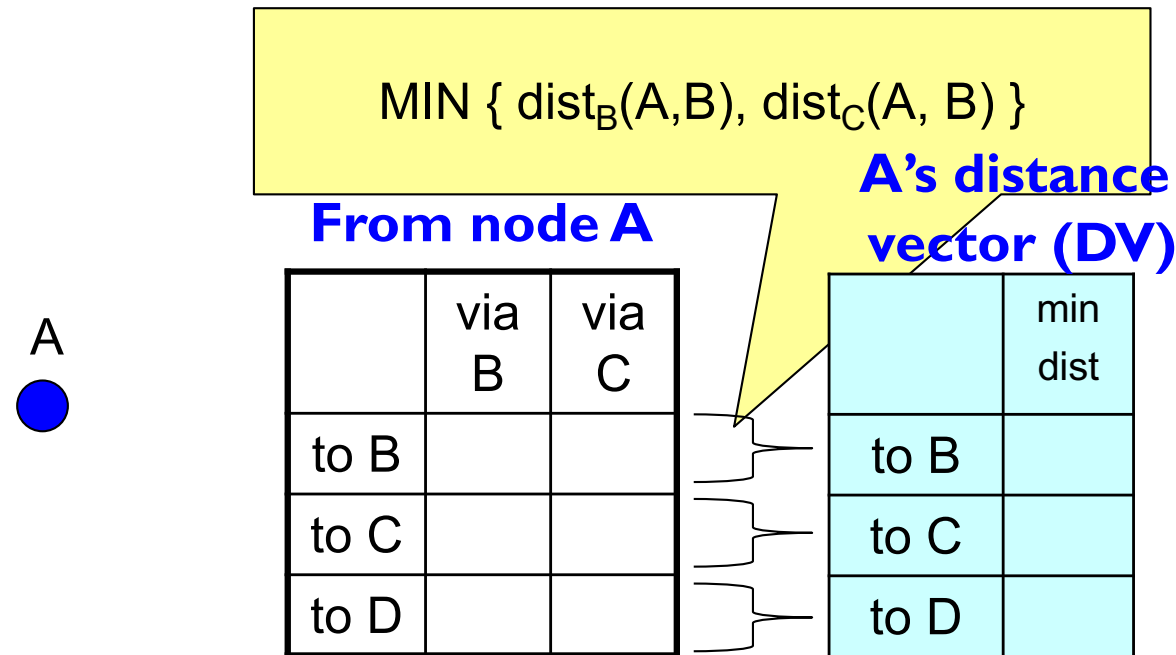
node achieving minimum is next  
hop in shortest path, used in forwarding table

# How Distance-Vector (DV) works



Each router maintains its shortest distance to every destination via each of its neighbours

# How Distance-Vector (DV) works



Each router computes its shortest distance to every destination via any of its neighbors

# How Distance-Vector (DV) works

A  


**From node A**

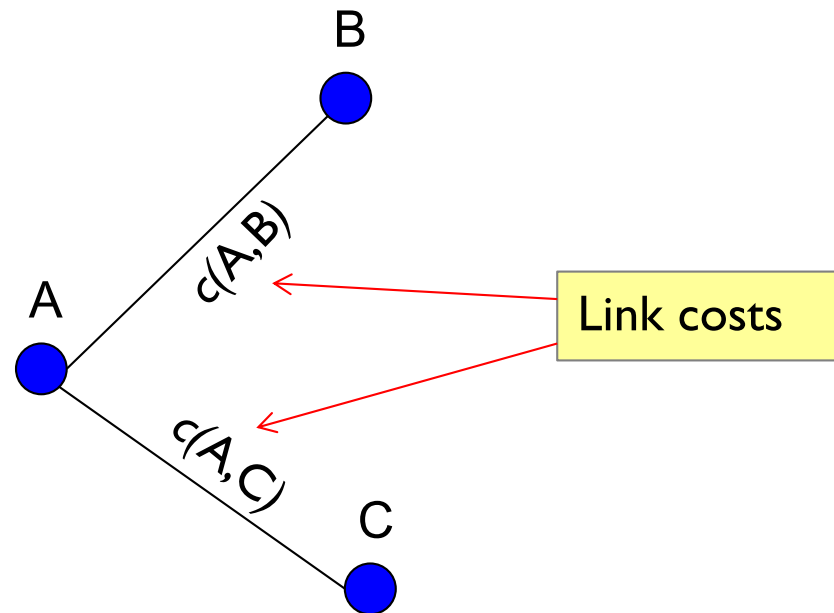
	via B	via C
to B	?	?
to C	?	?
to D	?	?

**A's DV**

	min dist
to B	?
to C	?
to D	?

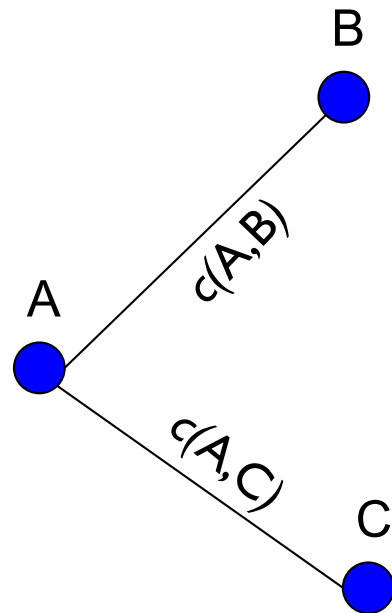
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**From node A**

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to C	$\infty$	$c(A,C)$
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$

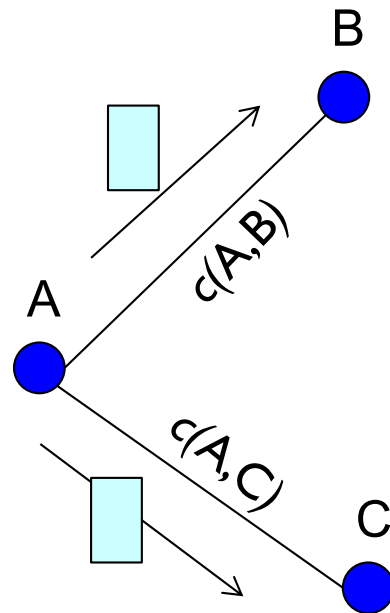
**A's DV**

	mindist
to B	$c(A,B)$
to C	$c(A,C)$
to D	$\infty$

Each router initializes its *dist()* table based on its immediate neighbors and link costs



# How Distance-Vector (DV) works



Assume that A's DV is as follows at some later time

**From node A**

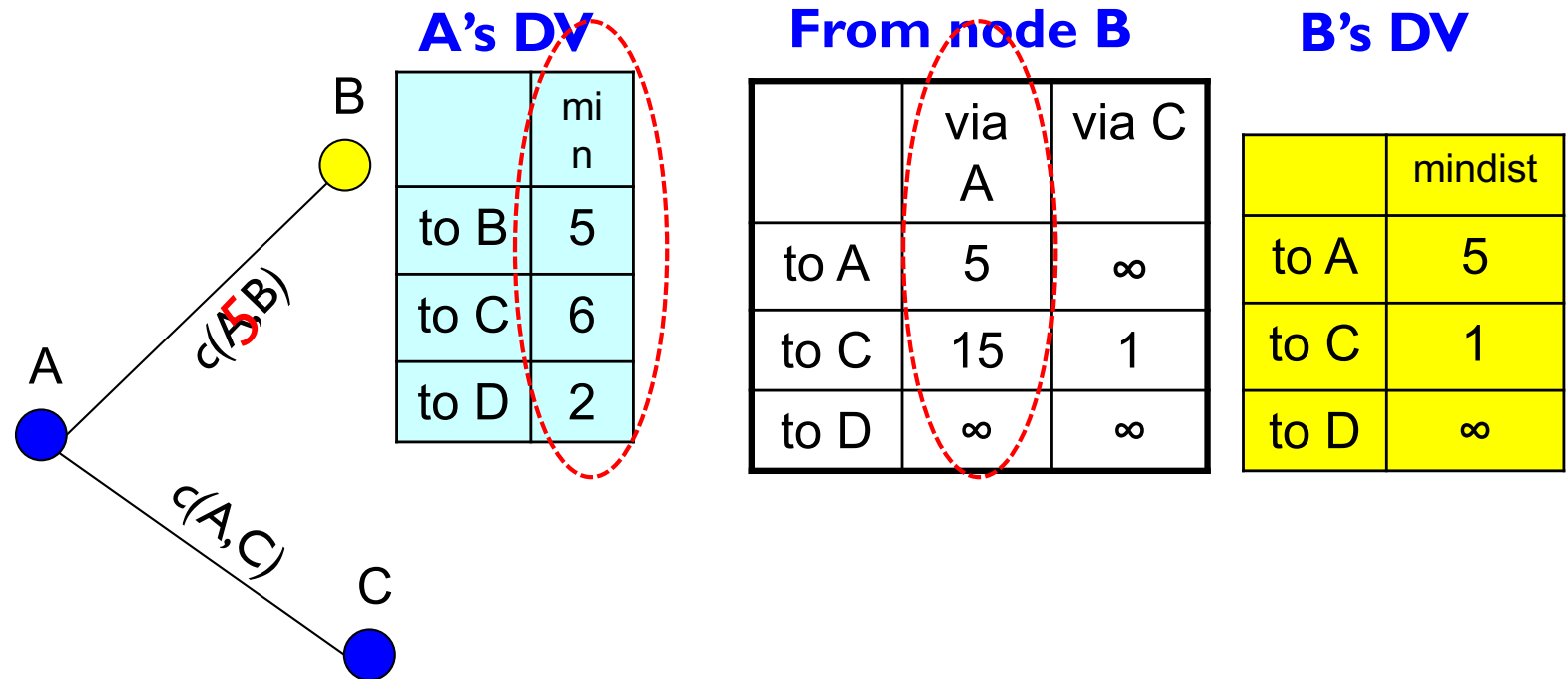
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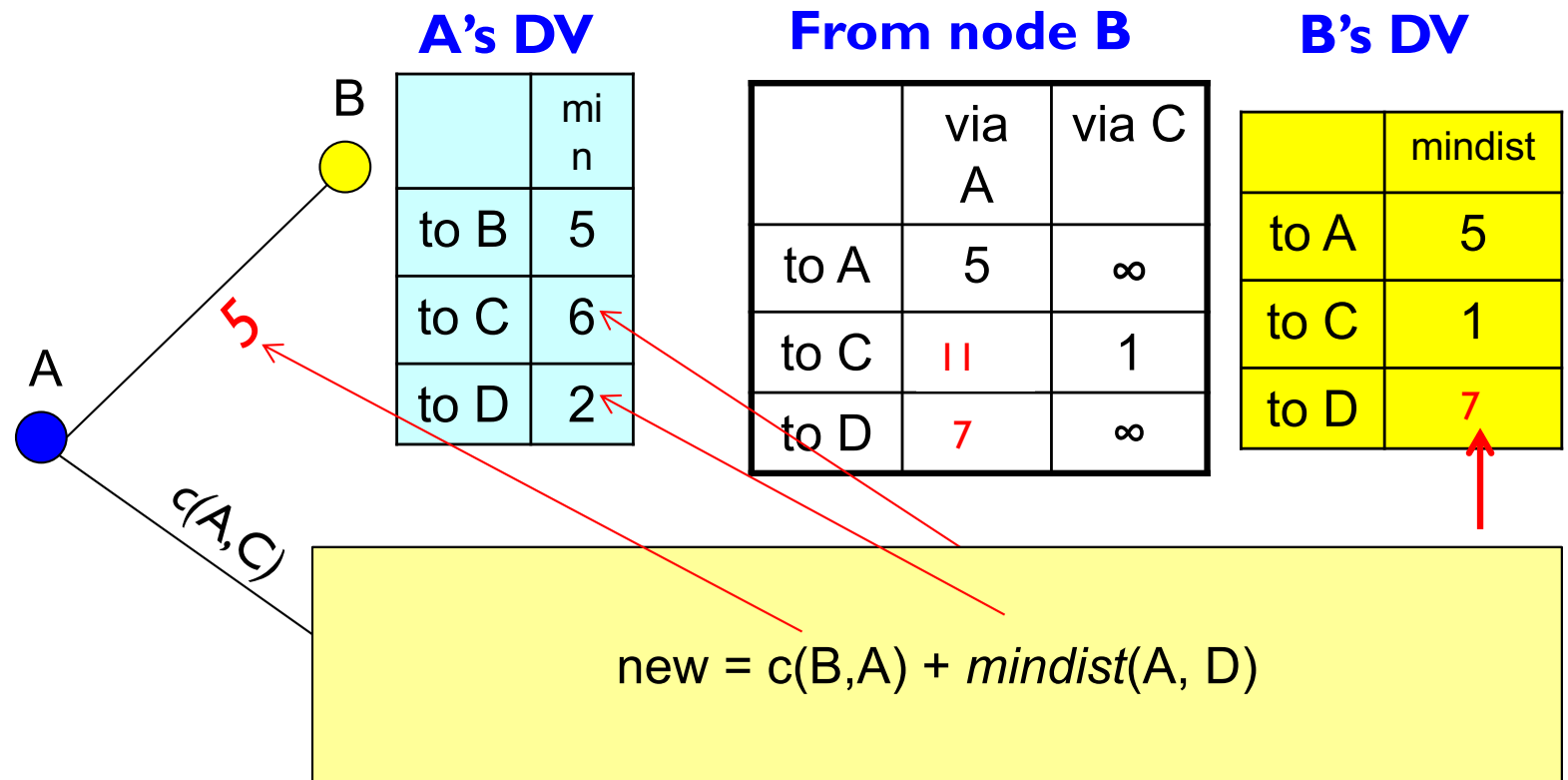
Each router sends its DV to its immediate neighbors

# How Distance-Vector (DV) works



Routers process received DVs

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Routers process received DVs

And repeat...

# Distance Vector Routing

- ❖ Each router knows the links to its neighbors
- ❖ Each router has provisional “shortest path” to **every** other router -- its **distance vector (DV)**
- ❖ Routers exchange this DV with their neighbors
- ❖ Routers look over the set of options offered by their neighbors and select the best one
- ❖ Iterative process converges to set of shortest paths

# Distance vector routing

## *iterative, asynchronous:*

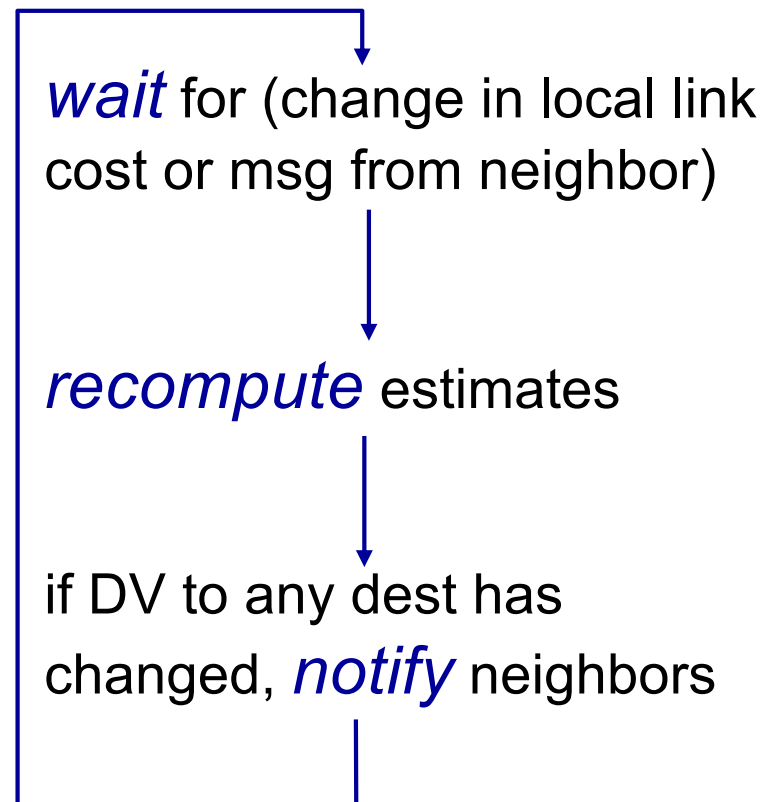
each local iteration  
caused by:

- ❖ 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:*



# Distance Vector


- ❖  $c(i,j)$ : link cost from node  $i$  to  $j$
- ❖  $\text{dist}_Z(A,V)$ : shortest dist. from  $A$  to  $V$  via  $Z$
- ❖  $\text{mindist}(A,V)$ : shortest dist. from  $A$  to  $V$

## 0 At node A

### 1 Initialization:

```
2 for all destinations V do
3     if V is neighbor of A
4          $\text{dist}_V(A, V) = \text{mindist}(A,V) = c(A, V)$ ;
5     else
6          $\text{dist}_V(A, V) = \text{mindist}(A,V) = \infty$ ;
7 send  $\text{mindist}(A, *)$  to all neighbors
```

### loop:



```
8 wait (until A sees a link cost change to neighbor V /* case 1 */
9     or until A receives  $\text{mindist}(V,*)$  from neighbor V) /* case 2 */
10 if ( $c(A,V)$  changes by  $\pm d$ ) /*  $\Leftarrow$  case 1 */
11     for all destinations Y do
12          $\text{dist}_V(A, Y) = \text{dist}_V(A, Y) \pm d$ 
13 else /*  $\Leftarrow$  case 2: */
14     for all destinations Y do
15          $\text{dist}_V(A, Y) = c(A, V) + \text{mindist}(V, Y)$ ;
16 update  $\text{mindist}(A, *)$ 
15 if (there is a change in  $\text{mindist}(A, *)$ )
16     send  $\text{mindist}(A, *)$  to all neighbors
17 forever
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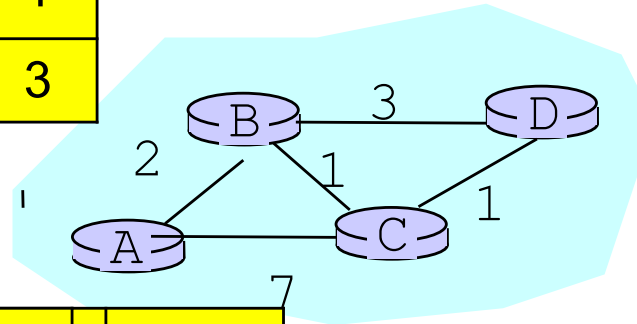
# Example: Initialization

from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	3	3

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
to B	3	$\infty$	3
to C	$\infty$	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist	min dist
to A	-	-	0	0
to B	2	$\infty$	2	2
to C	$\infty$	7	7	7
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	$\infty$	$\infty$	7
to B	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	1	1



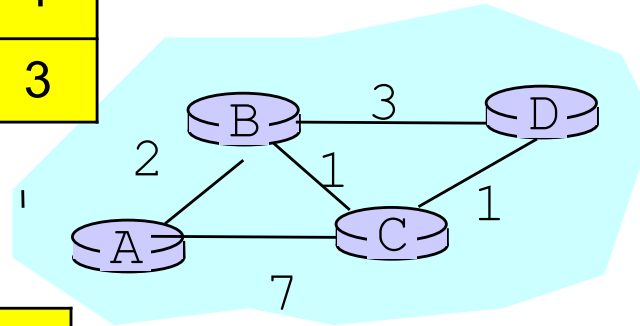
# Example: C sends update to A

from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	3	3

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
to B	3	$\infty$	3
to C	$\infty$	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	$\infty$	2
to C	$\infty$	7	7
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$

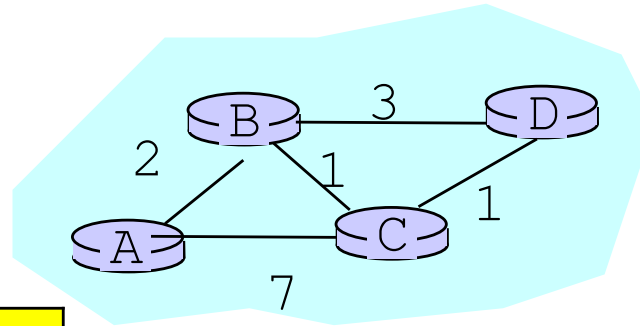
from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	$\infty$	$\infty$	7
to B	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	1	1

# Example: C sends update to A

from Node A ↓

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	$\infty$	2
to C	$\infty$	7	7
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$



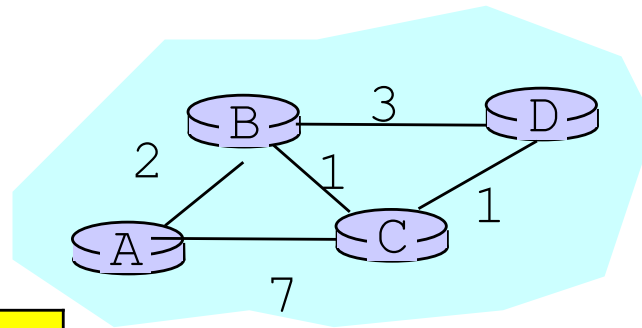
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0
1

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# Example: C sends update to A

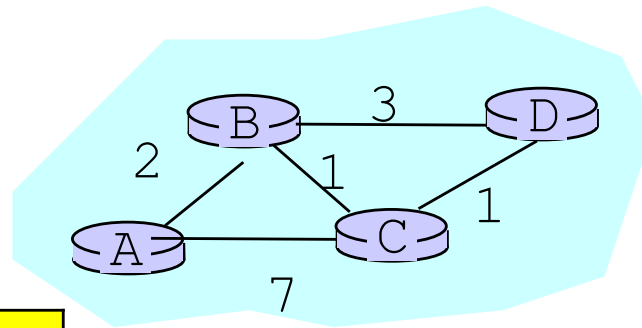
from Node A ↓

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	$\infty$	7	7
to D	$\infty$	8	$\infty$



min dist
7
1
0
1

# Example: C sends update to A



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	$\infty$	7	7
to D	$\infty$	8	8

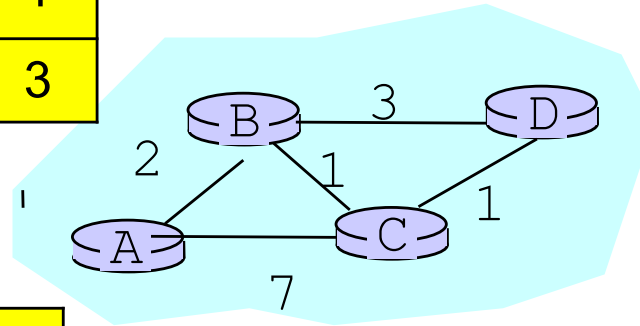
# Example: now B sends update to A

from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	3	3

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
to B	3	$\infty$	3
to C	$\infty$	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	$\infty$	7	7
to D	$\infty$	8	8

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	$\infty$	$\infty$	7
to B	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	1	1

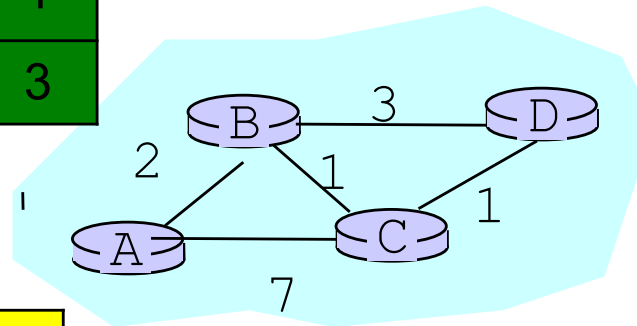
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	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	3	3

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
to B	3	$\infty$	3
to C	$\infty$	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	$\infty$	7	7
to D	$\infty$	8	8

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	$\infty$	$\infty$	7
to B	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	1	1

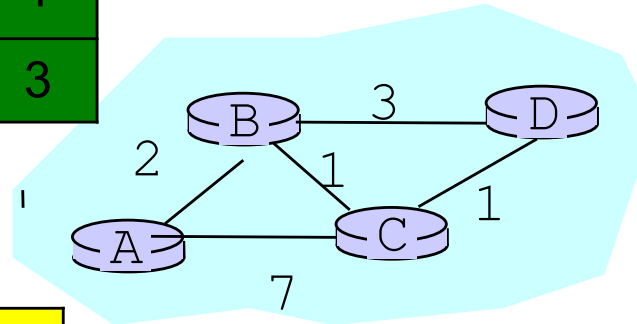
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to A	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	2
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to C	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	3	3

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
to B	3	$\infty$	3
to C	$\infty$	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	3	7	7
to D	5	8	8

from Node C

	via B	via D	min dist
to A	$\infty$	$\infty$	7
to B	3	8	3
to C	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	1	1

Make sure you know why this is 5, not 4!

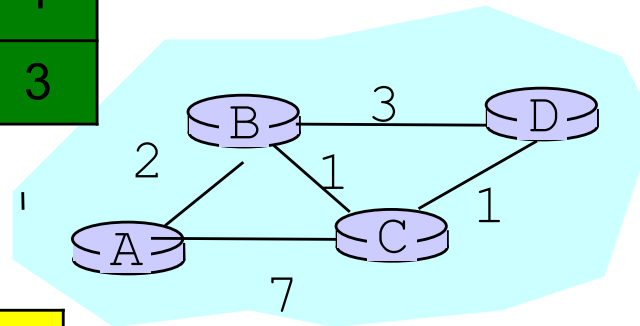
# Example: now B sends update to A

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to A	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	3	3

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
to B	3	$\infty$	3
to C	$\infty$	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	3	7	3
to D	5	8	5

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	$\infty$	$\infty$	7
to B	$\infty$	1	$\infty$	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	$\infty$	1	1



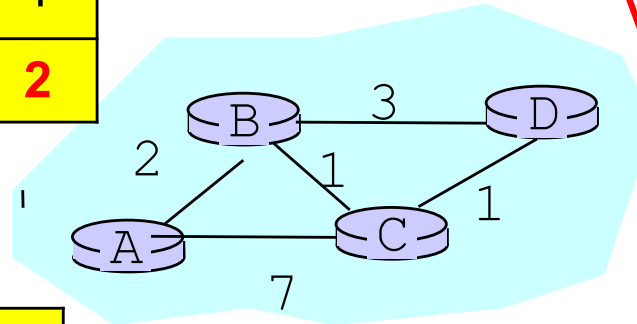
*All nodes know the best **two**-hop paths.  
Make sure you believe this*

from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	8	$\infty$	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	9	1	4	1
to D	$\infty$	2	3	2

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	5	8	5
to B	3	2	2
to C	4	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	3	7	3
to D	5	8	5

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	3	$\infty$	3
to B	9	1	4	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	4	1	1

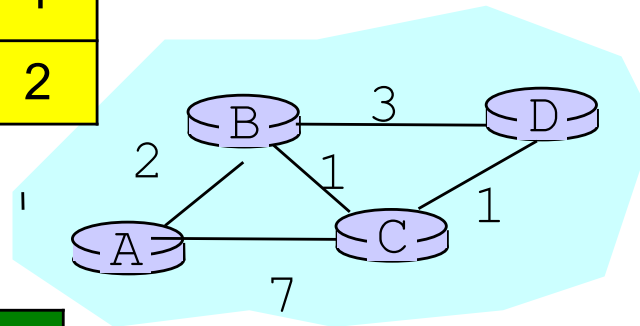
# Example: Now A sends update to B

from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	8	$\infty$	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	9	1	4	1
to D	$\infty$	2	3	2

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	5	8	5
to B	3	2	2
to C	4	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	3	7	3
to D	5	8	5

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	3	$\infty$	3
to B	9	1	4	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	4	1	1

# Example: Now

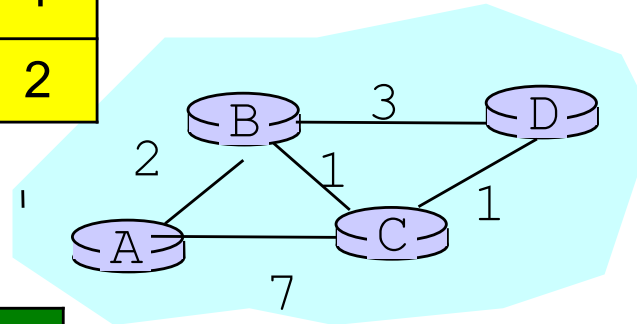
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from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	8	$\infty$	
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	5	1	4	1
to D	7	2	3	2

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	5	8	5
to B	3	2	2
to C	4	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	3	7	3
to D	5	8	5

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	3	$\infty$	3
to B	9	1	4	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	$\infty$	4	1	1

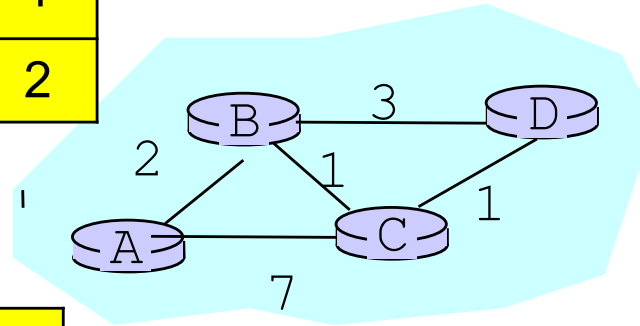
Check: *All nodes know the best **three**-hop paths.*

from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	4	8	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	5	1	4	1
to D	7	2	3	2

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	5	4	4
to B	3	2	2
to C	4	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	3	7	3
to D	4	8	4

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	3	6	3
to B	9	1	3	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	12	3	1	1

Check

# Example: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Exchange

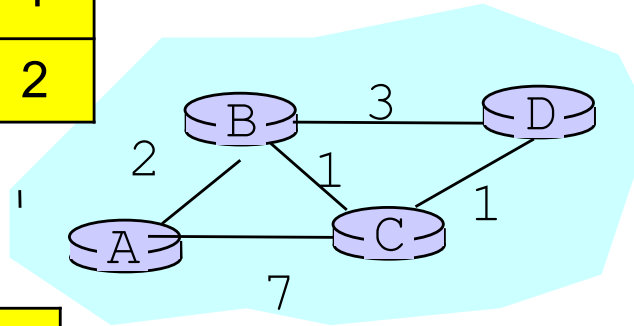
No further change in DVs → Convergence!

from Node B

	via A	via C	via D	min dist
to A	2	4	7	2
to B	-	-	-	0
to C	5	1	4	1
to D	6	2	3	2

from Node D

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	5	4	4
to B	3	2	2
to C	4	1	1
to D	-	-	0



from Node A

	via B	via C	min dist
to A	-	-	0
to B	2	8	2
to C	3	7	3
to D	4	8	4

from Node C

	via A	via B	via D	min dist
to A	7	3	5	3
to B	9	1	3	1
to C	-	-	-	0
to D	11	3	1	1

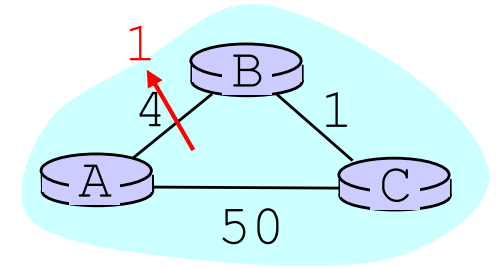
# Intuition

- ❖ Initial state: best one-hop paths
- ❖ One simultaneous round: best two-hop paths
- ❖ Two simultaneous rounds: best three-hop paths
- ❖ ...
- ❖ Kth simultaneous round: best  $(k+1)$  hop paths
- ❖ Must eventually converge
  - as soon as it reaches longest best path
- ❖ .....but how does it respond to changes in cost?

# Problems with Distance Vector

- A number of problems can occur in a network using distance vector algorithm
- Most of these problems are caused by slow convergence or routers converging on incorrect information
- **Convergence** is the time during which all routers come to an agreement about the best paths through the internetwork
  - whenever topology changes there is a period of instability in the network as the routers converge
- Reacts rapidly to good news, but leisurely to bad news

# DV: Link Cost Changes



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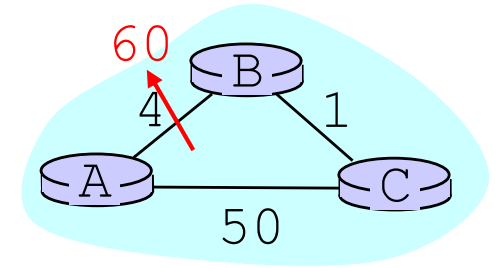
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**“good news travels fast”**



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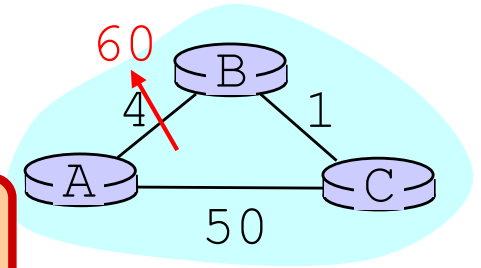


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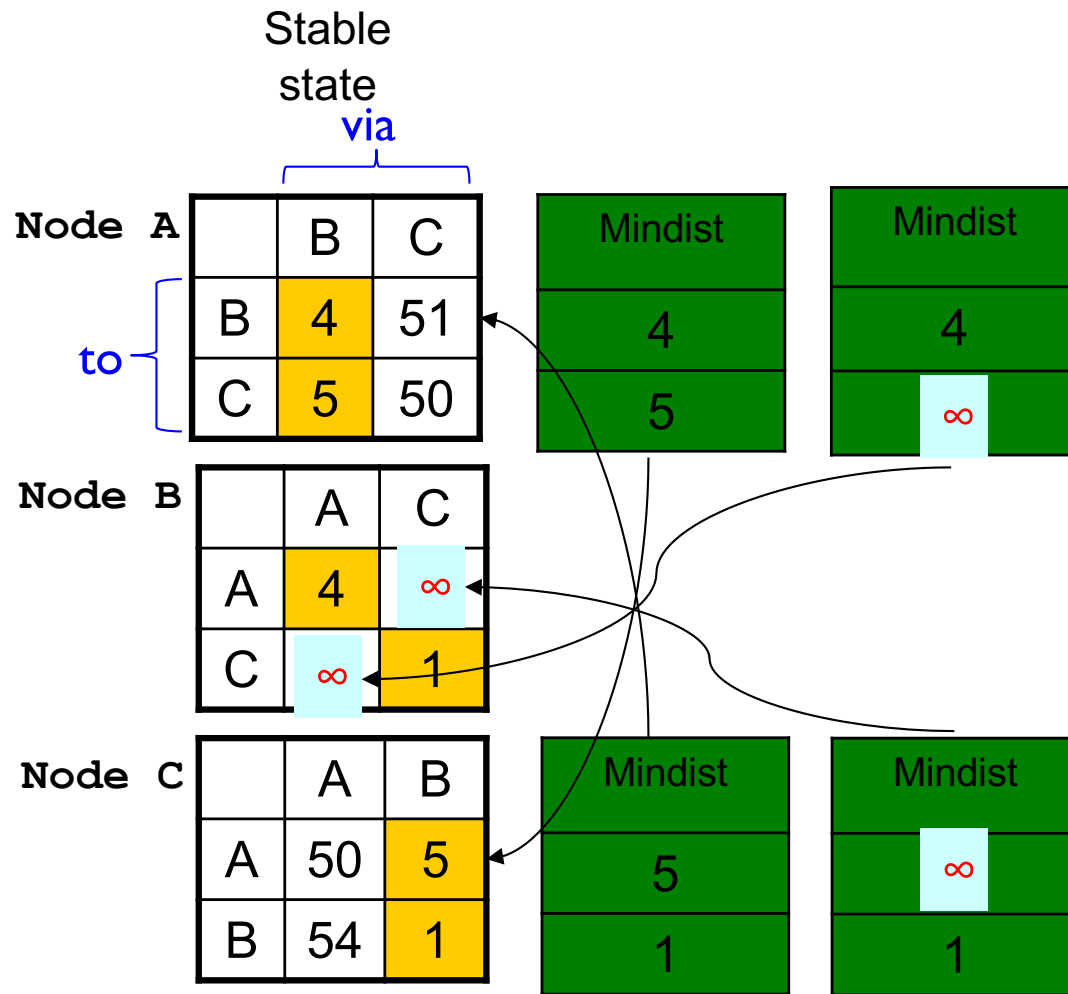
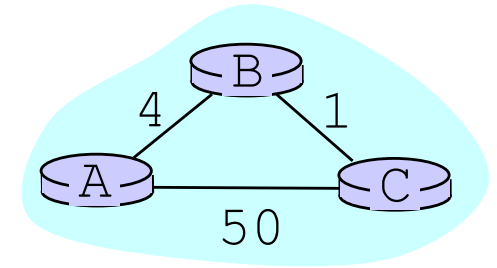
# The “Poisoned Reverse” Rule

- ❖ Heuristic to avoid count-to-infinity
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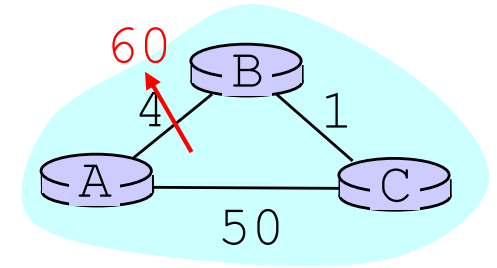
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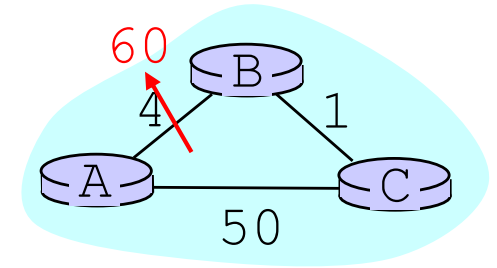
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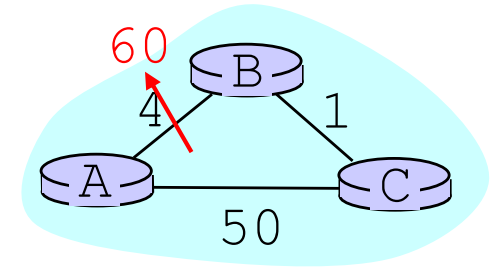
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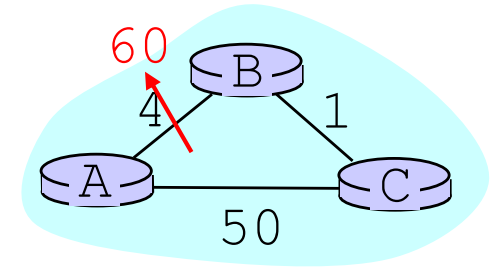
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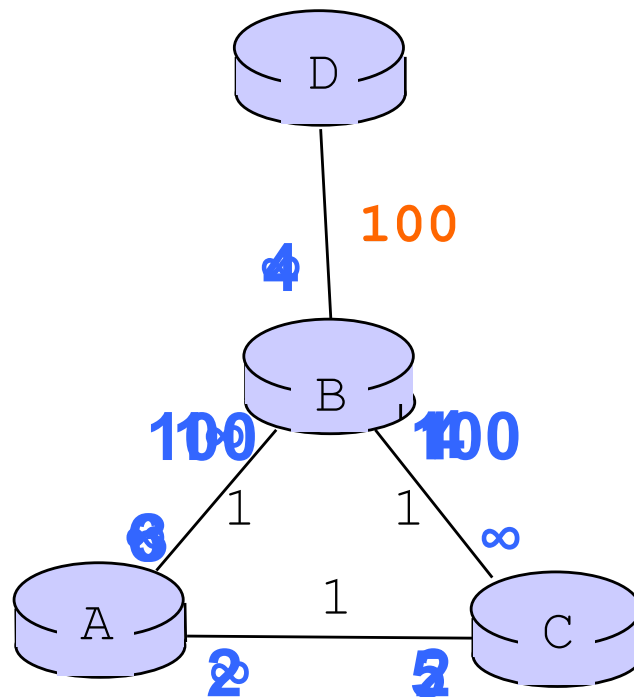
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Link cost changes here

Converges after C receives  
another update from B



# Will Poison-Reverse Completely Solve the Count-to-Infinity Problem?



Numbers in blue denote the best cost to destination D advertised along the link

# Quiz: Link-state routing

- ❖ In link state routing, each node sends information of its direct links (i.e., link state) to \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. Immediate neighbours
- B. All nodes in the network
- C. Any one neighbor
- D. No one

# Quiz: Distance-vector routing

- ❖ In distance vector routing, each node shares its distance table with \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. Immediate neighbours
- B. All nodes in the network
- C. Any one neighbor
- D. No one

# Quiz: Distance-vector routing

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- ❖ Which of the following is true of distance vector routing?
  - A. Convergence delay depends on the topology (nodes and links) and link weights
  - B. Convergence delay depends on the number of nodes and links
  - C. Each node knows the entire topology
  - D. A and C
  - E. B and C

# 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

# Real Protocols

## *Link State*

Open Shortest Path  
First (OSPF)

Intermediate system to  
intermediate system (IS-  
IS)

## *Distance Vector*

Routing Information  
Protocol (RIP)

Interior Gateway  
Routing Protocol  
(IGRP-Cisco)

Border Gateway  
Protocol (BGP)

# Network layer, control plane: outline

5.1 introduction

5.2 routing protocols

- ❖ link state
- ❖ distance vector
- ❖ hierarchical routing

5.6 ICMP: The Internet  
Control Message  
Protocol

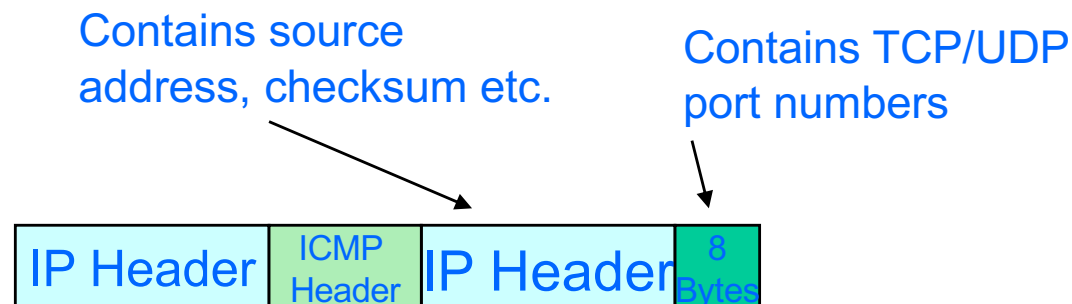


Self study

# ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

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- ❖ Used by hosts & routers to communicate network level information
  - Error reporting: unreachable host, network, port
  - Echo request/reply (used by ping)
- ❖ Works above IP layer
  - ICMP messages carried in IP datagrams
- ❖ ICMP message: type, code plus IP header and first 8 bytes of IP datagram payload causing error





# ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

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❖ Type	Code	Description
0	0	echo reply(ping)
3	0	dest. network unreachable
3	1	dest host unreachable
3	3	dest port unreachable
3	4	frag needed; DF set
8	0	echo request(ping)
11	0	TTL expired
11	1	frag reassembly time exceeded
12	0	bad IP header

# Traceroute and ICMP

- Source sends series of UDP segments to dest
  - first set has TTL = 1
  - second set has TTL=2, etc.
  - unlikely port number
- When *n*th set of datagrams arrives to *n*th router:
  - router discards datagrams
  - and sends source ICMP messages (type 11, code 0)
  - ICMP messages includes IP address of router

- when ICMP messages arrives, source records RTTs

## *stopping criteria:*

- UDP segment eventually arrives at destination host
- destination returns ICMP “port unreachable” message (type 3, code 3)
- source stops

