

Collision Domain Vs Broadcast Domain

◆ Collision Domain

🧠 Definition:

A **collision domain** is a network segment where **data packets can collide** with one another when being sent on a shared medium or through repeaters/hubs. Collisions occur when two devices try to send data at the same time over the same network medium.

🛠 How it works:

- In traditional Ethernet networks (especially those using **hubs or coaxial cables**), multiple devices share the same communication channel.
- If two devices transmit data simultaneously, the signals interfere — causing a **collision**.
- Devices then stop transmission, wait for a random backoff time, and retry (following the **CSMA/CD** protocol — Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection).

⌚ Effect:

- Collisions **reduce network efficiency**.
- Increase **latency** due to retransmissions.
- The more devices in a collision domain, the **higher the chance of collisions**.

📌 Devices and Collision Domains:

Device Collision Domain Behavior

Hub One big collision domain (shared medium)

Switch Each port is a separate collision domain

Router Segments collision domains and broadcasts

📊 Example:

Imagine 4 PCs connected to a **hub**. All 4 share the same bandwidth. If PC1 and PC3 send data simultaneously, a **collision** occurs. But if connected via a **switch**, each port is isolated, and collisions are avoided.

◆ Broadcast Domain

🧠 Definition:

A **broadcast domain** is a network segment in which a **broadcast sent by any device** is received by all other devices in the same segment.

How it works:

- A **broadcast** is a message sent to **all devices** in a network segment (e.g., ARP requests, DHCP Discover).
- Devices in the same broadcast domain respond or ignore as necessary.
- Broadcasts do **not pass through routers** but can be controlled using VLANs or Layer 3 devices.

Effect:

- Broadcast domains are **useful for discovery** and communication protocols.
- But **too many devices** in a broadcast domain can lead to **broadcast storms**, degrading network performance.

Devices and Broadcast Domains:

Device Broadcast Domain Behavior

Hub One broadcast domain

Switch One broadcast domain unless VLANs are used

Router Breaks broadcast domains

Example:

If 10 computers are on the same switch and PC1 sends a broadcast message (like an ARP request), all 9 others receive it. But if a **router** separates two segments, the broadcast stays **within its segment** and doesn't go across the router.

Difference Between Collision Domain and Broadcast Domain

Feature	Collision Domain	Broadcast Domain
Definition	Area where collisions can occur in data transmission	Area where broadcast packets can be received
Concerned With	Data collisions on shared medium	Broadcast traffic and its scope
Controlled By	Switches (Layer 2)	Routers (Layer 3), VLANs

Feature	Collision Domain	Broadcast Domain
Separated By	Switches, bridges	Routers, Layer 3 switches, VLANs
Example	Devices connected to a hub	Devices connected to the same LAN or VLAN

✿ Summary

- **Collision Domain** is about **data collisions**; reduce them using switches.
- **Broadcast Domain** is about **broadcast traffic**; reduce/control them using routers or VLANs.
- In modern networks, **switches eliminate collisions**, and **VLANs segment broadcasts** for performance and security.

Let me know if you want a **diagram**, **real-world example**, or a **comparison with network layers** too!

● Real-Life Examples & Intuition

◆ Collision Domain – Real-Life Analogy:

Imagine a group of people in a **single room** trying to talk on walkie-talkies. If two people speak at the same time, their voices clash — **nobody understands anything**. They need to pause, wait, and try again. This is a **collision**.

- **Collision Domain** = The room (everyone shares the same space/channel).
- **Solution** = Give each person their own room or channel (like switches do).

◆ Broadcast Domain – Real-Life Analogy:

Imagine someone **shouting a message** in a room. Everyone in the room hears it — whether it's for them or not. This is like a **broadcast**.

- **Broadcast Domain** = The room where everyone hears the shout.
- **Solution** = Use separate rooms (subnetworks/VLANs) so the shout doesn't reach everyone.

● Network Devices: Collision & Broadcast Domains

Device	Collision Domain	Broadcast Domain	How It Affects Them
Repeater	✗ One large collision domain	✗ One large broadcast domain	Simply amplifies signals. No intelligence. Doesn't isolate anything.
Hub	✗ One large collision domain	✗ One large broadcast domain	Just forwards bits to all ports. All devices "talk" on the same line.
Bridge	✓ Each port is a separate collision domain	✗ One broadcast domain	Filters traffic and avoids collisions between segments.
Switch	✓ Each port is a separate collision domain	✗ One broadcast domain (unless VLAN is used)	Switches segment collision domains but not broadcast domains.
Router	✓ Each interface is a separate collision domain	✓ Each interface is a separate broadcast domain	Segments both collision and broadcast domains. Works at Layer 3 (IP layer).

⌚ How Each Device Reduces Domains – In Detail

⌚ Repeater

- 📶 **Purpose:** Boosts signal to cover longer distance.
 - 🚫 **Does Not Reduce** collision or broadcast domains.
 - 🧠 Think of it as an **amplifier** – same traffic, just louder.
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👁️ Hub

- 📶 **Purpose:** Connects multiple devices in a LAN.
 - ❗ Still One Collision Domain – all devices compete.
 - ❗ One Broadcast Domain – all receive all broadcasts.
 - 🧠 Like a group chat where everyone talks at once.
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Bridge

-  **Purpose:** Connects two network segments intelligently.
 -  **Breaks Collision Domains:** Stops collisions between segments.
 -  Same Broadcast Domain – broadcasts are still forwarded.
 -  Like a receptionist letting people pass messages between two rooms but not if they shout.
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Switch

-  **Purpose:** Forwards data based on MAC addresses.
 -  Each port = One Collision Domain → No collisions.
 -  One Broadcast Domain (unless VLANs are used).
 -  Like everyone having their own line to the manager, but everyone hears when someone makes a public announcement (broadcast).
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Router

-  **Purpose:** Connects different networks/subnets.
 -  Each Interface = Separate Collision Domain.
 -  Each Interface = Separate Broadcast Domain.
 -  Like multiple offices with soundproof walls and different language interpreters — nothing crosses without translation/routing.
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Real-World Examples

Example 1: Old Office with a Hub

- 5 PCs connected via a **hub**.
-  Can talk to each other.
-  If two speak → **collision**.
-  Broadcasts (e.g., DHCP) go to all → **broadcast domain = all 5**.

- ✎ Upgrade to **switch** to fix.
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📦 Example 2: Modern Office with Switch + Router

- 10 PCs on a **switch**, connected to a **router** for internet.
 - ✓ Each port = own collision domain.
 - ! One broadcast domain.
 - Add **VLANs** → segment broadcasts.
 - Router segments between departments or internet traffic.
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📦 Example 3: Home Network

- Devices (laptop, phone, TV) connected to a **Wi-Fi router**.
 - ✓ Router separates home from internet (broadcast domain).
 - ✓ Devices on Wi-Fi = separate collision domains (using CSMA/CA).
 - ! But within home LAN, they're in **same broadcast domain** unless segmented.
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✓ Summary Table: Reduction Effect

Device Reduces Collision Domain? Reduces Broadcast Domain?

Repeater	✗ No	✗ No
Hub	✗ No	✗ No
Bridge	✓ Yes	✗ No
Switch	✓ Yes	✗ No (✓ Yes with VLANs)
Router	✓ Yes	✓ Yes

ure! Let's break down **Circuit Switching in Computer Networks** step by step with:

1. 💡 What is Circuit Switching
2. ✓ Advantages & ✗ Disadvantages
3. 📈 Formula to calculate **Total Time**

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- 4.  Numerical Example
 - 5.  Real-Life Applications
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Circuit Switching

1. What is Circuit Switching?

Circuit switching is a **network communication method** where a **dedicated communication path** (circuit) is established between two endpoints before they start communicating. This path remains **reserved for the entire duration** of the session.

How it Works:

It consists of three phases:

- 1. **Connection Establishment (Setup)**
- 2. **Data Transmission**
- 3. **Connection Teardown**

The key idea is that **resources (bandwidth, routers, etc.) are reserved** for the entire communication session.

Example Analogy:

Think of a **traditional telephone call**:

- You dial a number (setup).
- The line is connected and dedicated.
- You talk (data transfer).
- Then hang up (teardown).

During the call, **no one else can use that line**.

2. Advantages & Disadvantages

Advantages of Circuit Switching:

Feature	Description
 Guaranteed Delivery	Fixed path ensures no packet loss.
 No Delay Once Set	After setup, data flows without delay (low latency).
 Reliable	Consistent bandwidth and predictable performance.
 No Reordering	Packets arrive in order – no need for reassembly.

Disadvantages of Circuit Switching:

Feature	Description
 Setup Time	Delay before transmission due to path reservation.
 Resource Wastage	Resources stay reserved even when not used (silence in calls).
 Inefficient for Bursty Data	Not suitable for data like emails, web browsing (which is intermittent).
 Scalability Issues	Harder to scale when many users require circuits.

3. Formula to Calculate Total Time in Circuit Switching

The **Total Time (T)** in circuit switching is:

The basic formula:

$$T = T_s + \frac{M}{R} + T_t$$

includes:

- T_s : **Setup time**
- $\frac{M}{R}$: **Transmission time**
- T_t : **Teardown time**

Where:

Term	Meaning
TsT_sTs	Setup Time – Time to establish the path
MMM	Message Size (in bits)
RRR	Data Rate (in bits/sec)
MR\frac{M}{R}	Transmission Time – Time to send message
TtT_tTt	Teardown Time – Time to release the path

So:

$$\text{Total Time} = \text{Setup Time} + \text{Transmission Time} + \text{Teardown Time}$$

$$\text{Total Time} = \text{Setup Time} + \frac{\text{Message Size}}{\text{Data Rate}} + \text{Teardown Time}$$

4. Numerical Example

Problem:

A message of size **5 MB** is sent over a circuit-switched network.

- **Setup time** = 3 seconds
- **Data rate** = 1 Mbps
- **Teardown time** = 1 second

Convert values:

- $5 \text{ MB} = 5 \times 8 = 40 \text{ Mb}$ (megabits)
- Data rate $R = 1 \text{ Mbps}$

Apply formula:

$$T = T_s + \frac{M}{R} + T_t = 3 + \frac{40}{1} + 1 = 44 \text{ seconds}$$

So, **44 seconds** total to send a 5 MB message.

5. Where is Circuit Switching Used in Real Life?

Area	Application
📞 Traditional Telephony	Landline calls use circuit switching.
słuchawka Old PSTN Systems	Public Switched Telephone Networks (before VoIP).
słuchawka Early ISDN Networks	Used in digital transmission for voice & data.
słuchawka Military or Secure Comms	Where dedicated & reliable channels are crucial.

🌐 Comparison with Packet Switching (for context):

Feature	Circuit Switching	Packet Switching
Path	Fixed	Dynamic
Efficiency	Low (idle line = waste)	High
Delay	Setup delay but no data delay	Possible packet delay
Usage	Voice calls	Internet (web, email, etc.)

✓ Summary

- **Circuit switching** dedicates a fixed path before communication starts.
- Ideal for **constant, real-time** communication (like voice).
- Time calculation involves **setup, transmission, and teardown**.
- Less efficient for bursty data like web browsing.

Let me know if you'd like a visual diagram of how circuit switching works or a comparison chart with **packet switching** and **message switching**!

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You said:

why not the formula have propagation delay?

ChatGPT said:

Great question! You're absolutely right to notice this — **propagation delay** is a real part of any data transmission process. Let's explain **why it's sometimes excluded** from circuit switching formulas and when it should be **included**.

Why Is Propagation Delay Not Always Included?

The basic formula:

$$T = T_s + M \cdot R + T_t = T_s + \frac{M}{R} + T_t = T_s + RM + T_t$$

includes:

- T_s : **Setup time**
- $M \cdot R$: **Transmission time**
- T_t : **Teardown time**

This is a **simplified formula**, mainly used when:

- The focus is on resource reservation time and message size
 - The **propagation delay is negligible** compared to transmission time (for short distances)
 - The **setup phase already accounts for round-trip delays** (as is often assumed in circuit-switched telephone networks)
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When You SHOULD Include Propagation Delay

When you want a **more accurate or detailed total time**, especially over **long distances**, you **must** include propagation delay.

Updated formula:

$$T = T_s + M \cdot R + T_p + T_t = T_s + \frac{M}{R} + T_p + T_t = T_s + RM + T_p + T_t$$

Where:

- T_p : **Propagation Delay**

$$T_p = d \cdot v$$

- d = distance between sender and receiver (in meters)
 - v = propagation speed (usually $\sim 2 \times 10^8$ m/s in fiber or copper)
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Example with Propagation Delay:

Let's say:

- Distance $d=1000d = 1000d=1000 \text{ km} = 1\times10^6 \times 10^3 \text{ meters}$
- Propagation speed $v=2\times10^8v = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
- Message size $M=5M = 5M=5 \text{ MB} = 40 \text{ Mb}$
- Data rate $R=1R = 1R=1 \text{ Mbps}$
- Setup time = 3 sec
- Teardown time = 1 sec

Then:

- Transmission time = $401=40\frac{40}{1} = 40140=40 \text{ sec}$
- Propagation delay = $1062\times108=0.005\frac{10^6}{2} \times 10^8 = 0.0052\times108106 = 0.005 \text{ sec}$

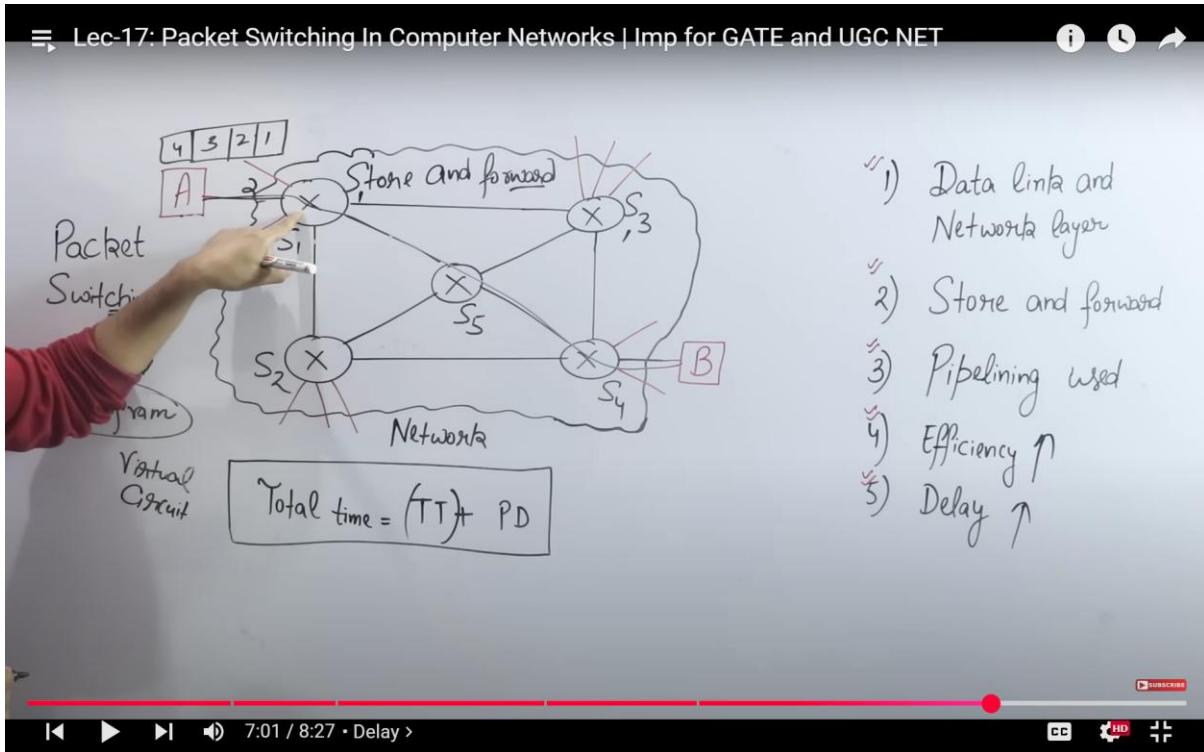
Final Total Time:

$$T=3+40+0.005+1=44.005 \text{ seconds}$$
$$T = 3 + 40 + 0.005 + 1 = \boxed{44.005 \text{ seconds}}$$
$$T=3+40+0.005+1=44.005 \text{ seconds}$$

Summary:

Case	Include Propagation Delay?	Why?
● Short distance, rough estimate	 No	It's negligible and simplifies calculation
● Academic examples	Maybe	Depends on question setup
● Long distance, accurate model	 Yes	Delay becomes significant

Packet Switching



◆ What is Packet Switching?

Packet switching is a method of transmitting data in small units called **packets** over a shared network. Instead of sending the entire message at once (like in circuit switching), the message is **broken into packets**, and each packet is **sent independently**, possibly through **different routes**.

Key Features:

- Data is broken into packets.
- Each packet may take a different path.
- Uses **store-and-forward** mechanism at each router/switch.
- Delays can occur at each intermediate switch due to **queuing** and **processing**.
- Commonly used in **Internet, LANs, VoIP**, etc.

◆ How It Works (Based on Your Image)

In the image:

- Node **A** wants to send 4 packets to **B**.

- Packets go through intermediate switches **S1 → S3 → S4**, using a **store-and-forward** technique.
- **Each packet is stored** at a switch, then **forwarded**.
- **Pipelining** allows multiple packets to be in transit across the network at the same time, improving **efficiency**.

The formula in the image:

$$\text{Total Time} = (\text{Transmission Time}) + \text{Propagation Delay}$$

This means:

- **Transmission Time (TT)**: Time to push bits into the link.
- **Propagation Delay (PD)**: Time for bits to travel across the link.

◆ Difference Between Packet Switching and Circuit Switching

Feature	Circuit Switching	Packet Switching
Path setup	Path is reserved before transmission	No reserved path
Data transmission	Continuous (like a phone call)	Sent in packets (like email)
Resource allocation	Dedicated throughout communication	Shared dynamically
Delay	Fixed once setup is complete	Varies (due to queuing, different paths)
Efficiency	Low (idle time wastes bandwidth)	High (bandwidth shared)
Used in	Telephone networks	Internet, computer networks
Cost	Higher due to reservation	Lower, more efficient

◆ Two Types of Packet Switching:

1. Datagram Packet Switching

- Each packet is routed independently.
- Packets may arrive **out of order**.

- No setup phase required.
- Like sending **individual postcards** via mail.
- **Used in the Internet (IP)**

2. Virtual Circuit Packet Switching

- A **logical path** is established first.
- All packets follow the same path.
- Packets arrive **in order**.
- Like reserving a **train compartment** for your luggage.
- **Used in ATM, Frame Relay**

In your image:

- “Virtual Circuit” is written, meaning the example shows a **pre-established logical path** between A and B.
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◆ **Example to Understand**

 **Internet Browsing (Datagram):**

- You request a webpage.
- The page’s data is split into **packets**.
- Each packet travels independently via routers.
- They’re reassembled at your device.

 **VoIP Call (Virtual Circuit):**

- Logical connection is formed between two phones.
 - Even though packets are used, they follow the **same path** to maintain **order** and **low delay**.
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◆ **Advantages of Packet Switching:**

- Efficient use of network.
- Better fault tolerance.
- Scalable.

- No need to reserve full bandwidth.

◆ **Disadvantages:**

- Variable delay.
 - More complex routing.
 - Packet loss or out-of-order arrival (especially in datagram model).
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 **Summary Table**

Concept	Description
Packet Switching	Data split into packets, sent over shared paths
Circuit Switching	Dedicated path is reserved for the entire session
Datagram Model	No fixed path, packets take different routes
Virtual Circuit	Logical path fixed before sending packets
Store-and-Forward	Each switch stores full packet before forwarding it
Pipelining	Multiple packets move simultaneously on different segments

Let me know if you'd like a comparison animation or diagram of these concepts!

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You said:

also take a example to show numerical calculation also tell what is pipelining how efficiency increases and delay ?with examples

ChatGPT said:

Absolutely! Let's go **step-by-step** to explain the following:

1. **Numerical example of packet switching** (with transmission and propagation delay)
2. What is **pipelining** in packet switching?
3. How **efficiency** increases due to pipelining
4. Why **delay increases** in packet switching
5. A final **real-life analogy**

◆ 1. Numerical Example: Packet Switching Total Time

Assume the following:

- Message size: **4 packets**
 - Each packet size: **1,000 bits**
 - Bandwidth (Transmission rate): **1 Mbps** (1,000,000 bits/sec)
 - Propagation delay between each node: **10 ms**
 - Number of hops (routers): **3** (i.e., 4 links from A to B: A→S1→S2→S3→B)
 - Store-and-forward is used
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◆ Without Pipelining (Sequential Transmission)

Each router waits to receive the **entire packet**, then forwards it.

◆ Transmission time per packet per link:

$$TT = \frac{\text{Packet Size}}{\text{Bandwidth}} = \frac{1000}{1,000,000} = 0.001 \text{ sec} = 1 \text{ ms}$$
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So at each router:

- **1 ms transmission time**
- **10 ms propagation delay**

Total Time to Send 1 Packet over 4 links:

- Link 1: $TT + PD = 1 \text{ ms} + 10 \text{ ms} = 11 \text{ ms}$
- Link 2: $TT + PD = 1 \text{ ms} + 10 \text{ ms} = 11 \text{ ms}$
- Link 3: $TT + PD = 1 \text{ ms} + 10 \text{ ms} = 11 \text{ ms}$
- Link 4: $TT + PD = 1 \text{ ms} + 10 \text{ ms} = 11 \text{ ms}$

So:

$$\text{Total time for 1 packet} = 4 \times (1 + 10) = 44 \text{ ms}$$
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Now, for **4 packets sequentially (without pipelining)**:

Total time=4×44=176 ms\text{Total time} = 4 \times 44 = \boxed{176 \text{ ms}}\text{Total time}=4×44=176 ms

◆ With Pipelining

After sending the first packet to the next switch, the sender **immediately starts sending the second packet**, and so on.

Total time:

- First packet takes: **44 ms** (as above)
- Every next packet reaches destination **after 1 ms (TT)** because they are in **pipeline**.

So:

Total time for 4 pipelined packets=44+(3×1)=47 ms\text{Total time for 4 pipelined packets} = 44 + (3 \times 1) = \boxed{47 \text{ ms}}\text{Total time for 4 pipelined packets}=44+(3×1)=47 ms

Conclusion:

Method	Total Time (4 packets)
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Without pipelining	176 ms
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With pipelining	47 ms 
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◆ 2. What is Pipelining in Packet Switching?

Pipelining is a technique where multiple packets are in **different stages of transmission** across the network at the same time.

Example:

- While **packet 1** is moving from S1 to S2,
- **packet 2** is being sent from A to S1.

Just like an assembly line in a factory: different workers work on different parts **in parallel**.

◆ 3. How Pipelining Increases Efficiency

Instead of waiting for one packet to reach the destination before sending the next, all packets move **simultaneously through different stages**.

Thus:

- **Link utilization increases**
 - **More throughput**
 - **Overall transmission time reduces**
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◆ 4. Why Delay Increases in Packet Switching?

In **store-and-forward**, each router:

- Waits for **entire packet** to arrive before forwarding.
- Adds **processing, queuing, and transmission delay**.

If the network is congested, packets face **more queuing delay**, which can vary per packet.

So packet switching is efficient but **not delay-guaranteed**.

◆ 5. Real-Life Analogy

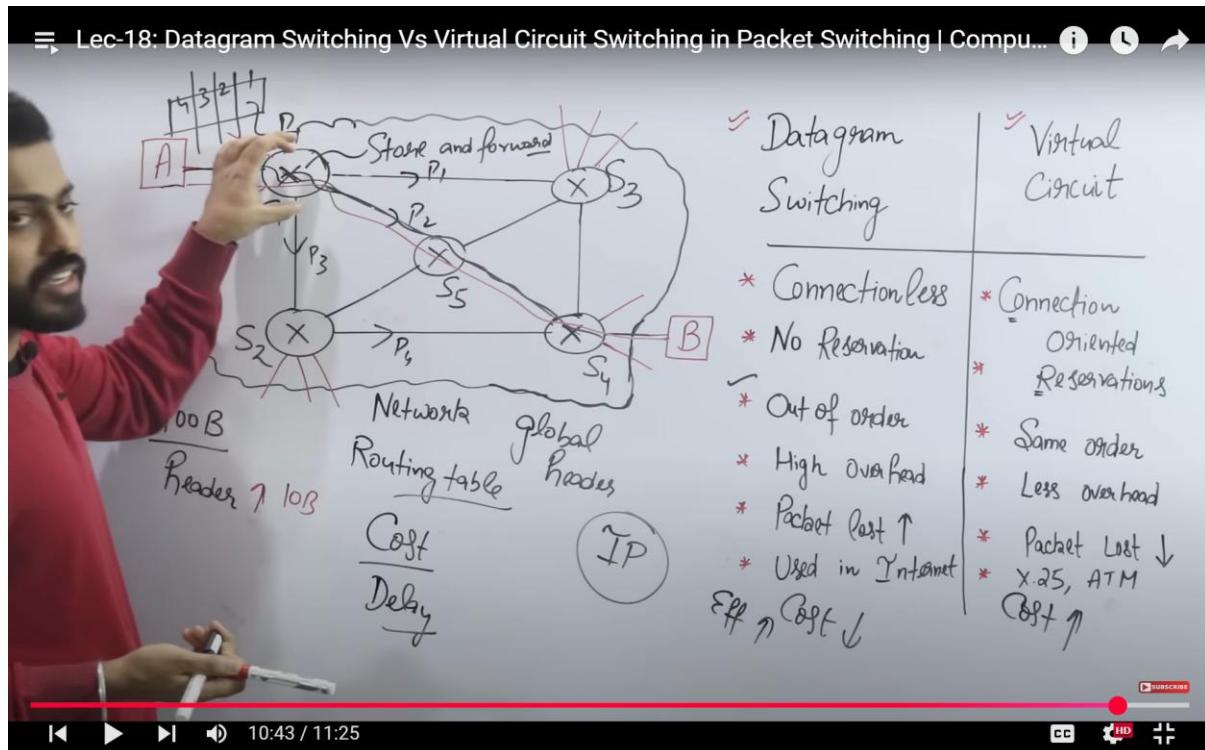
Situation	Analogy
Circuit switching	A phone call: You reserve the line.
Packet switching	Sending a book via courier in parts.
Pipelining	Courier sends chapter 1, then chapter 2 before 1 is delivered.
Store-and-forward	Each courier hub stores a chapter, then forwards.
Virtual Circuit	All book parts go through same courier path.
Datagram	Each chapter sent through different courier paths independently.

◀ Final Summary

Term	Meaning
Transmission Time (TT)	Time to push packet into link
Propagation Delay (PD)	Time for bits to travel physically
Pipelining	Packets sent concurrently over multiple links

Term	Meaning
Efficiency	Improves with pipelining, since links are continuously used
Delay	Increases due to store-and-forward and queuing at routers

Datagram vs Virtual Circuit



🌐 Packet Switching: Datagram vs Virtual Circuit

In packet-switched networks, **data is divided into packets** and transmitted independently. There are two primary types:

✓ 1. DATAGRAM SWITCHING

❖ Definition:

- It is **connectionless** packet switching.
- Each packet is treated **independently**, and may take **different paths** through the network.

⌚ Example from Image:

Let's say we want to send a message from **A** to **B** consisting of **4 packets (P1 to P4)**.

In **Datagram switching**:

- P1 might take path: A → S1 → S3 → S4 → B
- P2 might take: A → S1 → S5 → S4 → B
- P3 might go via: A → S2 → S5 → S4 → B

So, **each packet** may go through a different route.

 **Terminologies from Image (Datagram side):**

Term **Meaning**

Connectionless No need to establish a path before sending packets.

No Reservation No path or bandwidth is reserved in advance.

Out of Order Packets can arrive at B in a different order (P2 before P1).

High Overhead Each packet carries full routing information (adds overhead).

Packet Lost ↑ No dedicated path → more chances of congestion → higher loss.

Used in Internet IP (Internet Protocol) uses datagram switching.

Efficiency ↑ Links are shared and used dynamically.

Cost ↓ No setup cost, less infrastructure required.

 **Real-Life Analogy:**

Imagine sending **4 letters by regular post**. Each might take a different route, and may arrive in a different order depending on traffic, speed, or sorting centers.

 **2. VIRTUAL CIRCUIT SWITCHING**

 **Definition:**

- It is **connection-oriented** packet switching.
- A path is **pre-established** before data is sent.
- All packets follow the **same route** in **same order**.

Example from Image:

If path A → S1 → S5 → S4 → B is set up, **all packets (P1 to P4)** will follow this **fixed path**.

Terminologies from Image (Virtual Circuit side):

Term	Meaning
Connection-oriented	A virtual path is created before communication begins.
Reservations	Resources (path, bandwidth) are reserved in advance.
Same Order	Packets always arrive in the correct sequence.
Less Overhead	Only the virtual circuit number is added (less than full address).
Packet Lost ↓	Guaranteed path → low chances of loss.
Used in X.25, ATM	Older technologies like X.25, Frame Relay, ATM use this method.
Cost ↑	Setup phase adds cost and complexity.

Real-Life Analogy:

It's like booking a **train seat** from A to B. All your luggage (packets) travels the **same route**, in order, without being lost or delayed.

KEY DIFFERENCES (for exams)

Feature	Datagram Switching	Virtual Circuit
Connection Type	Connectionless	Connection-oriented
Setup	No setup	Setup required
Path	Varies per packet	Fixed path
Ordering	May arrive out of order	Arrives in order
Overhead	High (full address in each packet)	Low (VC ID only)
Reliability	Lower (packet loss ↑)	Higher (packet loss ↓)

Feature	Datagram Switching	Virtual Circuit
Used In	IP, Internet	X.25, ATM
Efficiency	High	Lower (reserved resources)
Cost	Lower	Higher
Flexibility	High	Low

Intuition + Exam Hack

Think of **Datagram Switching = WhatsApp**

Each message (packet) is sent independently; if there's congestion, some might come later.

Think of **Virtual Circuit = Phone Call**

You reserve the line (circuit) first, then send all data through it.

Where They're Used

Type Technology Examples

Datagram IP, UDP, VoIP

Virtual Circuit ATM, X.25, Frame Relay, MPLS (internally in ISPs)

BONUS: Why “Store and Forward” Increases Delay?

As shown in the image:

- Each router **stores** the entire packet before **forwarding** it.
- This causes **delay at each hop** = transmission delay + propagation delay.

Delay = No. of hops × (Transmission + Propagation)

But with **pipelining**, we improve this by overlapping transmission stages.

Final Tips for Exams:

- Use the **analogy** of letters vs train for real-life explanation.
- Clearly define **each terminology** in your answer (e.g., overhead, order, connection).

- For short answers: use table format.
 - For long answers: explain with **diagram and example paths** (as in the image).
 - Mention protocols: IP → datagram, ATM → virtual circuit.
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Would you like a hand-drawn-style diagram to include in your notes for these concepts?

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You said:

explain all these terminology descriptively with examples overhead reliability cost flexibility

ChatGPT said:

Absolutely! Let's deeply explain the key **terminologies** you've asked about, with **clear examples** and differences between **Datagram Switching** and **Virtual Circuit Switching**.

📌 1. Overhead

💡 What is it?

Overhead refers to the **extra information** added to each packet (like headers or routing data) that helps it get delivered correctly. This information **doesn't carry actual data**, but is necessary for transmission.

▀ In Datagram Switching:

- Each packet is treated independently.
- So, it must carry **full destination address**, error checks, and routing info.
- This adds **more overhead per packet**.

◆ Example:

If you're sending 1 KB data from your laptop to a server using IP (Internet Protocol), each packet might carry an IP header (~20 bytes), which includes:

- Source address
- Destination address
- Time To Live (TTL), etc.

Overhead = 20 bytes per packet → repeated for each.

In Virtual Circuit Switching:

- A **connection is already established** before sending packets.
- So, each packet **only needs a small virtual circuit ID** (not full address).
- This means **lower overhead** per packet.

◆ Example:

In ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode), each packet has a **Virtual Path Identifier (VPI)** and **Virtual Channel Identifier (VCI)**. These are **just numeric codes**, not full IP addresses.

Summary:

Switching Type Overhead

Datagram **High** – Each packet carries full routing info

Virtual Circuit **Low** – Just carries small circuit ID

2. Reliability

What is it?

Reliability refers to how well the network ensures:

- All packets arrive safely
 - Packets arrive in correct order
 - Minimal packet loss or duplication
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In Datagram Switching:

- No pre-defined path → packets may get **lost**, **delayed**, or arrive **out of order**.
- If a router fails or is congested, packets can be **dropped** or rerouted.
- The **network does not guarantee delivery**; it's up to the end system (like TCP) to manage that.

◆ Example:

Suppose you're streaming video using UDP (uses datagram). Some frames may skip or stutter – that's due to packet loss.

In Virtual Circuit Switching:

- A **dedicated path** is set up first.
- Routers know the path, and **packets follow it exactly**.
- Lower chance of loss, and **packets arrive in order**.
- More **reliable**, especially for real-time apps.

◆ Example:

ATM or Frame Relay ensures your financial transaction packets arrive in order with very low error probability.

Summary:

Switching Type Reliability

Datagram **Low** – Packets can be lost or arrive out of order

Virtual Circuit **High** – Same path, ordered delivery, low loss

3. Cost

What is it?

Cost here refers to the **resources, infrastructure, and time** needed to set up and maintain the communication.

In Datagram Switching:

- No need to establish a connection.
- Routers just need to **know how to route each packet**.
- This makes it **cheaper and more scalable**.

◆ Example:

The public Internet uses IP and Datagram switching because it's **cheap**, works on a **shared infrastructure**, and supports **millions** of users.

In Virtual Circuit Switching:

- You must set up a path before transmitting.
- Routers **store circuit state info**, reserve bandwidth, etc.
- This increases the **complexity and cost**.

◆ Example:

Frame Relay or MPLS inside ISPs are more expensive but provide **guaranteed bandwidth** for paying customers.

Summary:

Switching Type Cost

Datagram **Low** – No setup, shared resources

Virtual Circuit **High** – Setup required, reserved resources

4. Flexibility

What is it?

Flexibility means how easily the network can **adapt to failures, congestion, or new routes**.

In Datagram Switching:

- **Very flexible.**
- Each packet can **reroute** dynamically based on network conditions.
- If one path fails, the router automatically finds another.

◆ Example:

In IP networks, if a router goes down, the packets can be instantly rerouted through another working router.

In Virtual Circuit Switching:

- **Less flexible.**
- Once the path is set, all packets must follow it.
- If one node or link fails, the **entire connection must be re-established.**

◆ Example:

If one switch in an ATM network fails, the entire virtual circuit is broken until a new one is established.

Summary:

Switching Type Flexibility

Datagram **High** – Dynamic routing possible

Virtual Circuit **Low** – Fixed path, re-setup needed on failure

Final Quick Recap Table

Term	Datagram Switching	Virtual Circuit Switching
Overhead	High – carries full address per packet	Low – only circuit ID
Reliability	Low – no guarantee of order or delivery	High – in-order, guaranteed path
Cost	Low – no setup, shared infra	High – setup, reserved path
Flexibility	High – dynamic rerouting	Low – fixed path, less adaptive

Would you like these concepts converted into a printable one-pager for revision or flashcards for practice?

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You said:

also tell how these two types switching works?

ChatGPT said:

Certainly! Let's break down how **Datagram Switching** and **Virtual Circuit Switching** work in a descriptive and visual way, step-by-step.

1. Datagram Switching (Connectionless Packet Switching)

Basic Idea:

- Each packet is treated as **an independent unit**.
 - Packets may take **different paths** to reach the destination.
 - The network **does NOT establish a connection** before data transfer.
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How It Works – Step-by-Step:

◆ Step 1: Packet Creation

- Your data is broken into **multiple packets**.
- Each packet contains:
 - Data
 - Full destination address (IP address)
 - Sequence number (optional, used at receiver)

◆ Step 2: Routing Independently

- Packets are sent into the network.
- Each **router decides** the best path for the packet **individually** (based on routing tables).
- So, packet 1 may go through Route A, packet 2 through Route B, etc.

◆ Step 3: Arrival at Destination

- Packets arrive at the destination **in any order**.
 - The receiver **reorders them** using sequence numbers.
 - If any packet is missing, it may **request a retransmission** (if using a reliable protocol like TCP).
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Example:

You send 3 packets from A to B.

Packet Path	Arrival Order
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P1 A → R1 → R2 → B 2nd

P2 A → R3 → R4 → B 1st

P3 A → R1 → R4 → B 3rd

Even though they take different paths, all reach **B**, which reassembles them.

 **Used In:**

- Internet (IP)
 - UDP (e.g., video streaming, voice calls)
 - Email, file download
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 **2. Virtual Circuit Switching (Connection-Oriented Packet Switching)**

 **Basic Idea:**

- A **logical path (virtual circuit)** is created before data transmission.
 - All packets **follow the same path** in order.
 - Acts like a **temporary private line** within a public network.
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 **How It Works – Step-by-Step:**

◆ **Step 1: Setup Phase**

- Before data is sent, a **setup message** is sent through the network.
- All routers/switches on the path **agree on a route** and assign a **virtual circuit ID**.

◆ **Step 2: Data Transfer**

- Data is split into packets.
- Each packet carries only the **virtual circuit ID** (not full address).
- All packets follow the **same pre-established route**.

◆ **Step 3: Tear Down**

- After all data is transmitted, a **termination message** is sent.
 - Network resources are released (like buffers, bandwidth).
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Example:

You're sending packets from A to B via a virtual circuit:

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Path chosen: A → R1 → R2 → B

Each router sets up a label (VC ID):

- R1: ID = 101
- R2: ID = 202

Each packet carries the VC ID, and routers forward them accordingly, all through the same path.

Used In:

- ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode)
 - Frame Relay
 - MPLS (used in ISPs)
 - TCP (connection-oriented, though built on IP)
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Key Differences in Working:

Feature	Datagram Switching	Virtual Circuit Switching
Setup phase	 No	 Yes
Routing	Per packet	Once, during setup
Packet path	May differ	Always same
Reordering needed	 Yes	 No
Address in packet	Full address	Only VC ID

Feature	Datagram Switching	Virtual Circuit Switching
Failure handling	Easily rerouted	Connection must be re-established

Quick Analogy

Scenario	Analogy
Datagram Switching	Sending individual letters through post – each finds its own way
Virtual Circuit Switching	Making a phone call – connection is established before talking

Message Switching

1. What is Message Switching?

Message Switching is a method of communication in which **entire messages** (not broken into packets) are sent from one switch to another.

Think of it like an email system: a complete message is stored at each intermediate node and then forwarded to the next one — this is called **store and forward**.

2. How It Works — Step by Step

Let's say you're sending a **message from Host A to Host B** through switches (routers) S1, S2, S3:

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A → S1 → S2 → S3 → B

Step 1: Host A sends full message to Switch S1

S1 must **fully receive and store** the entire message before sending it to S2.

Step 2: S1 stores and then forwards the full message to S2

S1 cannot send partial data — it waits to receive the full message and then forwards it.

Step 3: S2 repeats the same

... until the message reaches B.

3. Example:

Given:

- **Message size:** 2000 bits
- **Bandwidth (link speed):** 1 Mbps (1 million bits per second)
- **Switches:** 3 (S1, S2, S3) between A and B
- **No propagation delay or processing delay**

Time per hop (to fully transmit 2000 bits):

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Message Size}}{\text{Bandwidth}} = \frac{2000}{10^6} = 0.002 \text{ seconds (2 ms)}$$

Total time for 3 switches (store and forward):

Each switch **waits to receive full message** before forwarding, so:

$$\text{Total Time} = 3 \times 2 \text{ ms} = \boxed{6 \text{ ms}}$$

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4. Key Terminologies

Term	Meaning
Store and Forward	Each intermediate node must fully receive and store the message before forwarding it.
No Packetization	Message is sent as one large block (unlike packet switching).
Delay	Higher due to full message being stored at each hop.
Routing Table	Used by switches to determine the next hop for the message.
Flexibility	Medium. No fixed path, but routing is dynamic.
Reliability	High (messages are stored safely before being forwarded).

Term	Meaning
Overhead	High (each node needs large buffers to store full messages).
Congestion	High risk if message is large or network is busy.

5. Comparison Table (Message vs Circuit vs Packet Switching)

Feature	Message Switching	Circuit Switching	Packet Switching
Connection Setup	✗ No	✓ Yes	✗ No
Data Sent As	Entire message	Continuous stream	Small packets
Delay	High (store & forward)	Low (once connected)	Low (if network is fast)
Resource Reservation	✗ No	✓ Yes	✗ No
Reliability	✓ High	✓ High	Depends (TCP vs UDP)
Efficiency	✗ Low (due to delay)	✗ Low (idle time)	✓ High
Used In	Telegraph, Email systems	Telephony	Internet (IP)

6. Exam-Oriented Summary

Definition:

Message switching is a switching technique where entire messages are transferred from source to destination via intermediate switches using **store and forward** method.

Key Points to Remember:

- No need to establish a dedicated path.
- High delay due to full message storage at each switch.
- Requires large buffer space.
- No guarantee of real-time delivery.
- Useful for **non-time-sensitive applications** like **email, telephony**.
- Not suitable for **voice or video calls**.

Casting:-Unicast, BroadCast, Multicast

What is Casting in Networking?

Casting refers to the **method of sending data** from one device (sender) to another device (receiver) or multiple devices on a network. It's **how the data is “addressed” and delivered**.

Real-Life Analogy:

Imagine you're sending a **letter**:

- You can send it to **one person** (unicast),
 - Or send **multiple copies to everyone in a colony** (broadcast),
 - Or send it to **a specific group** like club members (multicast).
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Types of Casting:

Type	Sent To	Addressing Type	Example
Unicast	One specific device	IP address	Sending email to one friend
Broadcast	All devices in a network	Broadcast address	Sending an announcement to all in college
Multicast	A group of devices	Multicast group address	Live streaming a webinar to subscribers
Anycast (Optional)	Nearest one in a group	Anycast address	Requesting nearest DNS server

1. Unicast

◆ What: One-to-One communication.

◆ How it works:

- Sender puts **receiver's unique IP address** in the destination field.
- Only that device will accept the packet.
- Others ignore it.

Example:

- Sending a WhatsApp message to your friend.
- Accessing a specific website (you \leftrightarrow server).

💡 **Addressing:**

- Uses **IPv4/IPv6 unicast address**, like 192.168.1.10

🧠 **Real-life Intuition:**

- Calling a specific friend on their phone number.
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📦 **2. Broadcast**

◆ **What: One-to-All communication (in a network).**

◆ **How it works:**

- Packet is sent to a **special address**: 255.255.255.255 (IPv4 broadcast).
- All devices in that **local network** receive it.
- Used when **sender doesn't know who to reach**.

📌 **Example:**

- ARP request: "Who has IP 192.168.1.5?"
- Router advertisements.

💡 **Addressing:**

- Broadcast address in Layer 2: FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
- Layer 3 IPv4: 255.255.255.255 or subnet-based like 192.168.1.255

🧠 **Real-life Intuition:**

- Announcing on a loudspeaker in a society: "Everyone, listen!"
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📦 **3. Multicast**

◆ **What: One-to-Many communication (only to a group, not all).**

◆ **How it works:**

- Sender sends data to a **multicast group IP**, e.g. 224.0.0.1.
- Only devices that have **joined the group** will receive it.

- Others ignore it.

 **Example:**

- Streaming a live match to multiple subscribers.
- Distance vector routing protocols.

 **Addressing:**

- IPv4 multicast: 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255
- Devices **subscribe** to a group using **IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol)**

 **Real-life Intuition:**

- Inviting only club members to a Zoom call — not everyone gets the link.
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 **4. Anycast (Bonus – used in IPv6 and DNS)**

◆ **What: One-to-One-of-Many (closest/optimal device).**

◆ **How it works:**

- Same IP is **assigned to multiple servers**.
- Data is routed to **nearest** one (based on routing protocol metrics).

 **Example:**

- Request to DNS server — Google uses anycast to route to nearest one (8.8.8.8).

 **Addressing:**

- Same IP mapped to many servers.

 **Real-life Intuition:**

- Calling emergency number — the call goes to **nearest police station**.
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 **Summary Table:**

Type	Target	Uses	IP Addressing Example	Protocols Used
Unicast	One device	Web, Email, SSH	192.168.1.1	TCP, UDP

Type	Target	Uses	IP Addressing Example	Protocols Used
Broadcast	All devices in network	ARP, DHCP	255.255.255.255	ARP, DHCP
Multicast	Selected group	IPTV, Online Classes	224.0.0.5 (e.g. OSPF)	IGMP, UDP
Anycast	Closest one	DNS, CDN	Same IP on many servers	BGP, IPv6

Exam Tips:

- **Unicast:** One-to-one → reliable delivery → uses TCP or UDP.
- **Broadcast:** One-to-all → inefficient for large networks → can cause **broadcast storm**.
- **Multicast:** Efficient group delivery → saves bandwidth.
- **Anycast:** Optimized routing → used in **CDNs and DNS**.

Data Link Layer

What is the Data Link Layer?

The **Data Link Layer** is **Layer 2** in the **OSI Model** (Open Systems Interconnection).

It is responsible for **node-to-node data transfer** and **error detection/correction**.

Think of it as:

The **post office clerk** who puts your message in an envelope, adds the correct address and stamps, checks for issues, and ensures it's delivered to the next building in the postal chain.

Functionality of Data Link Layer

Function	Description	Real-life Analogy
Framing	Divides stream of bits into manageable frames	Putting pages into separate envelopes
Error Detection & Correction	Adds extra bits to detect/correct errors	Adding stamps/seals to know if tampered

Function	Description	Real-life Analogy
Flow Control	Ensures sender doesn't overload the receiver	Sending one letter at a time, not dumping all
MAC Addressing	Uses MAC addresses to identify devices on LAN	House address in a colony
Access Control	Determines which device can use the channel (in shared media like Ethernet)	Taking turns to speak in a meeting

Usage of Data Link Layer

- Used in **Ethernet, Wi-Fi, and PPP (Point-to-Point Protocol)**
 - Enables reliable **communication between two directly connected nodes**
 - Found in **LANs, WLANs, Switches, Bridges**
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What are Frames?

A **frame** is a **data packet** at the data link layer.

It consists of:

1. **Header**
2. **Payload** (actual data)
3. **Trailer**

Frames = Header + Payload + Trailer

Header and Trailer in a Frame

Header (at the beginning)

Field	Purpose	Example
Destination MAC	Address of receiver	A4:BB:CC:DD:EE:01
Source MAC	Address of sender	A4:BB:CC:DD:EE:02
Type/Length	Type of protocol or length of data 0x0800 = IPv4	

Field	Purpose	Example
Control Info	Flow/Error control (optional)	e.g., flags

Payload

- The actual **data** being sent, usually from **Network layer** (like an IP packet)

Trailer (at the end)

Field	Purpose	Example
FCS (Frame Check Sequence)	Error detection using CRC 32-bit code	

Example Frame (Ethernet)

Header	Payload (Data)	Trailer
MAC Source + MAC Destination + Type Data (like IP packet)		FCS (CRC value)

Numerical Example

Given:

- Payload size = 1500 bytes
- MAC header = 18 bytes (6 Dest + 6 Source + 2 Type + 4 Control)
- Trailer (FCS) = 4 bytes

Find: Total size of Ethernet frame

Solution:

plaintext

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Frame size = Header + Payload + Trailer

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 18 + 1500 + 4 \\
 &= 1522 \text{ bytes}
 \end{aligned}$$

 **Final Answer: 1522 bytes**

Example Question for Exam

Q.1: What are the main responsibilities of the Data Link Layer? Explain with examples.

Answer:

- **Framing:** Dividing bit stream into frames. Eg: Breaking file into packets in Ethernet.
 - **Error Detection:** CRC in trailer checks for corruption.
 - **Flow Control:** Prevents receiver from being overloaded.
 - **MAC Addressing:** Uses hardware addresses like 00:14:22:01:23:45.
 - **Access Control:** In shared media, avoids collision.
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Real-Life Intuition

Concept	Real Life
Framing	Putting chapters into booklets
MAC Address	House number in a building
CRC Error Check	Like checksum in parcels
Flow Control	Don't send 1000 messages at once
Access Control	One person talks at a time in Zoom

Summary Chart

Feature	Purpose	Where used
Framing	Data packaging	Ethernet, Wi-Fi
Error Detection (CRC)	Catch corrupted frames	FCS Trailer
MAC Addressing	Identify devices in LAN	Switches, ARP
Flow/Access Control	Manage congestion	Token Ring, Etherne

Stop and wait protocol

Stop-and-Wait ARQ Protocol – Explained Simply

Stop-and-Wait ARQ (Automatic Repeat reQuest) is a **reliable data transmission protocol** used at the **Data Link Layer**. It ensures that data is correctly received before sending the next one.

How It Works (Step-by-Step):

1. **Sender** sends **one frame** at a time.
 2. **Sender** waits for an **ACK (Acknowledgment)** from the receiver.
 3. If the ACK is received:
 - o It sends the **next frame**.
 4. If the ACK is **not received** within a certain **timeout**:
 - o The sender **retransmits** the same frame.
 5. This process repeats for every frame.
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Real-Life Analogy:

Think of a **walkie-talkie** conversation:

- You say something like "Hello, can you hear me?"
 - Wait for "Yes, I can!" before saying the next thing.
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Drawback:

- **Inefficient** for high-speed or long-distance links (low utilization) since it sends only one frame at a time.
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Definition (Exam-Oriented):

Stop-and-Wait ARQ is a simple error control protocol in which the sender transmits one data frame at a time and waits for its acknowledgment (ACK) from the receiver before sending the next frame. If the acknowledgment is not received within a certain time, the sender retransmits the same frame. This ensures reliable delivery by detecting lost or damaged frames using retransmission.

Key Terms in Stop-and-Wait ARQ:

Term	Description
ACK	Acknowledgment from receiver that data was received correctly.
Timeout	Time the sender waits before assuming the frame or ACK is lost.
Retransmission	Resending a frame when no ACK is received.
Sequence Number	Used to distinguish between new and duplicate frames (usually 0 and 1 only).

Simple Diagram (Text Version):

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Sender → Frame 1 → Receiver

Sender ← ACK 1 ← Receiver

Sender → Frame 2 → Receiver

Sender ← ACK 2 ← Receiver

Go back n arq

Definition (Exam-Oriented):

Go-Back-N ARQ is a **sliding window protocol** in which the sender can transmit **multiple frames** (up to a predefined window size) **without waiting** for an acknowledgment for each individual frame. However, if an error or loss occurs in a frame, the receiver discards that frame and all subsequent frames, and the sender **goes back and retransmits** from the erroneous frame onwards.

How Go-Back-N Protocol Works:

Step-by-Step Working:

1. **Sender** has a **window size (N)** — it can send N frames before waiting for an ACK.
2. Frames are numbered (sequence numbers) from **0 to $(2^k - 1)$** using modulo arithmetic (where k = number of bits for sequence number).
3. The **receiver only accepts frames in order**.

4. If a frame is received correctly, the receiver sends an **ACK** with the sequence number of the **next expected frame**.
 5. If a frame is **lost or has an error**, the receiver **discards it** and all subsequent frames.
 6. **Sender**, after a **timeout**, goes back and retransmits from the **lost or errored frame**.
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Example:

Let's say **window size = 4**, and sequence numbers are: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...

Transmission:

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Sender → sends: Frame 0, 1, 2, 3

Receiver → ACKs: 0, 1, 2, 3

Sender → sends: Frame 4, 5, 6, 7

Suppose Frame 5 is lost

Receiver gets: Frame 4, but 5 is missing, so discards 6, 7

Sends ACK for Frame 5 (next expected)

Sender receives ACK 5 → goes back → retransmits Frame 5, 6, 7

Formulas in Go-Back-N:

Window Size Formula:

If sequence number uses **k bits**, then:

$$\text{Window Size (Max)} = 2^k - 1$$

Example:

- If $k = 3$, then max window size = $2^3 - 1 = 7$

 **Note:** This prevents ambiguity in ACKs and ensures proper sliding.

Components:

Term	Description
Sender Window	Holds the frames sent but not yet acknowledged.
Receiver Window	Fixed size of 1 (accepts only next expected frame).
Sequence Number	Identifies the order of frames.
ACK	Acknowledgment sent by receiver for the last correctly received frame.
Timer	Used for retransmission on timeout.

Advantages:

1.  **Better Utilization** of bandwidth than Stop-and-Wait.
 2.  **Faster** than Stop-and-Wait due to pipelining.
 3.  **Efficient** for long delay links.
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Disadvantages:

1.  **Retransmission Overhead**: If one frame is lost, all following frames are resent.
 2.  **Wasted Bandwidth**: Correct frames may be discarded.
 3.  **Complex Sender Logic**: Requires buffer management and sequence handling.
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Numerical Example:

Q: If sequence number field is 3 bits, what is the max window size?

A:

Window Size=2³-1=7
Window Size=2³-1=7

Q: If sender sends frames 0 to 6, and frame 3 is lost, what happens?

A:

- Frames 0, 1, 2 → ACKed
- Frame 3 → Lost
- Frames 4, 5, 6 → Discarded

- Receiver sends ACK 3 repeatedly
 - Sender retransmits from frame 3
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When to Use Go-Back-N?

- When **delay is moderate** and bandwidth is **not wasted** by re-transmission.
- Used in **wired networks, satellite communication**, and **older TCP implementations**.

Selective repeat arq

Definition (Exam-Oriented):

Selective Repeat ARQ is a **sliding window protocol** where the sender transmits multiple frames at once and **only the erroneous or lost frames are retransmitted**, unlike Go-Back-N where all frames after the lost one are retransmitted. The receiver maintains a **buffer** and accepts **out-of-order frames**, sending **ACKs individually** for each correctly received frame.

How Selective Repeat Works (Step-by-Step):

Let's assume:

- Window size = 4
 - Frames being sent: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...
 - Sequence number size = 3 bits (0–7)
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Transmission Example:

1. **Sender** sends: Frame 0, 1, 2, 3
2. **Receiver** receives:
 - Frame 0 (sends ACK 0)
 - Frame 1 (sends ACK 1)
 - Frame 2 (lost)
 - Frame 3 (sends ACK 3 and stores frame 3 in buffer)
3. Receiver sends **NACK 2** or **repeats ACKs except 2**
4. **Sender**, upon timeout or NACK, retransmits only **Frame 2**

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5. Receiver inserts it in order, delivers 0, 1, 2, 3 to the application layer.

Formulas and Key Concepts:

Maximum Window Size:

If sequence number uses **k bits**,

$$\text{Max Window Size} = 2^k - 1$$

This prevents ambiguity in identifying old and new frames.

◆ Example:

$$\text{If } k = 3 \rightarrow \text{max window size} = 2^3 - 1 = 8 - 1 = 7$$

Sender & Receiver Windows:

- Both sender and receiver maintain **buffers** of window size.
- Receiver stores **out-of-order** frames temporarily.

Example (Exam-Friendly):

Q: Suppose sender has a window size of 4 and sends frames 0–3. Frame 2 is lost. How does Selective Repeat work?

Answer:

- Receiver receives 0 , 1 , 3 
- Sends ACKs for 0, 1, 3
- Detects missing 2 → waits
- Sender retransmits only Frame 2
- Receiver receives and arranges in order: 0, 1, 2, 3

Advantages:

Advantage

Explanation

 Efficient

Only erroneous frames are retransmitted.

Advantage	Explanation
 Bandwidth Saving	No need to resend correctly received frames.
 Out-of-Order Reception	Receiver stores and reorders frames.

Disadvantages:

Disadvantage	Explanation
 Complex Logic	Requires buffering and reordering at receiver.
 More Memory	Receiver needs more memory to store frames.
 Overhead	More control (ACK/NACK) messages needed.

Numerical Example:

Q: If 3 bits are used for the sequence number, what is the maximum window size for Selective Repeat?

A:

$$2^3 - 1 = 4^2 - 1 = 4$$

So, sender and receiver window size = 4

Comparison: Go-Back-N vs Selective Repeat

Feature	Go-Back-N	Selective Repeat
Frame Buffering	No	Yes (at receiver)
Retransmission	All after error	Only the errored one
ACK Type	Cumulative	Individual
Receiver Complexity	Low	High

When to Use?

- **High-latency networks** (like satellites)

- When **bandwidth is precious**
 - For **efficient and reliable communication** in modern protocols (like TCP with selective acknowledgment)
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Let me know if you'd like a visual diagram, practice quiz, or a flowchart to summarize this protocol!

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The whiteboard has three main sections:

- Stop & Wait** (left):
 - Only 1 frame transmit
 - Sender Window = 1
 - Receiver Window = 1
 - $\eta = \frac{1}{1+2\alpha}$
 - $\alpha = \frac{T_p}{T_t}$
 - Retransmission = 1
- GoBackN** (middle):
 - Multiple frames
 - Sender Window = $2^k - 1$
 - Receiver Window = 1
 - $\eta = (2^k - 1) * \frac{1}{1+2\alpha}$
 - Cumulative ACK
 - Retransmission = $2^k - 1$
- Selective Repeat** (right):
 - Multiple frames
 - Sender Window = 2^{k-1}
 - Receiver Window = 2^{k-1}
 - $\eta = 2^{k-1} * \frac{1}{1+2\alpha}$
 - Cumulative & Independent ACK
 - Retransmission = $2^k - 1$

At the bottom of the video frame, there is a progress bar at 2:11 / 16:15, a 'Stop & Wait' button, and a subscribe button.

Frame creation bit oriented protocol bit stuffing

What is a Frame in Data Link Layer? (Exam Definition)

A **frame** is a **data packet at the Data Link Layer** that includes not just the actual data (payload), but also **header and trailer** information like source/destination address, error detection bits, etc.

Framing Intuition:

Imagine sending a message in a **box**:

- The **box = frame**

- The **message inside** = payload
 - The **labels/tape** = header/trailer for source, address, error check, etc.
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Bit-Oriented Protocol:

A **bit-oriented protocol** treats the **entire frame as a sequence of bits** and uses **bit patterns** (not characters) to mark the beginning and end of the frame.

◆ Example Protocols:

- HDLC (High-level Data Link Control)
 - PPP (Point-to-Point Protocol)
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Flag in Bit-Oriented Protocol:

A **special bit pattern** is used as a flag to mark frame boundaries.

◆ Flag pattern = 01111110 (8 bits)

❓ Why needed?

To differentiate between real data and control info (start/end) of a frame.

Problem: What if flag pattern appears inside data?

- Data might **accidentally** contain the flag (01111110)
 - Receiver may think **frame ends prematurely!**
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Solution: Bit Stuffing

Bit stuffing is a technique where the sender inserts a '**0**' after **every 5 consecutive 1s** in the data stream to **avoid accidental flag patterns**.

Rule:

- When sending, if **5 continuous 1s** appear → insert a 0
 - When receiving, after 5 1s, if next bit is 0 → remove that bit
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Example (Sender side):

Original Data:

css

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01111110 → looks like a flag

Bit Stuffing:

- Data becomes: 011111010
-  Now, it's NOT interpreted as a flag
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How framing works with bit stuffing:

Sender:

1. Adds start flag: 01111110
2. Applies bit stuffing on payload
3. Adds end flag: 01111110

Frame sent:

css

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01111110 [stuffed-data] 01111110

Receiver:

1. Detects start flag 01111110
 2. Reads payload
 3. After 5 consecutive 1s, if 6th bit is 0 → removes that 0
 4. Stops reading on end flag 01111110
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Real Life Analogy:

You're reading a sentence. Every time you see 5 words with capital letters (like CODE CODE CODE CODE CODE), you assume a message. But if someone wants to use that pattern **within** the message, they add a small pause (or comma) to tell you it's not the end — that pause = **bit stuffing**.

ESC (Escape) in Byte-Oriented Protocols:

In byte-oriented protocols (not bit-oriented), **ESC (Escape character)** is used when control characters (like FLAG) appear in data.

- For example, in protocols using **ASCII characters**:
 - FLAG = DLE STX (Start)
 - ESC = DLE (Data Link Escape)

If DLE appears in data:

- Sender sends DLE DLE
- Receiver interprets first as ESC, and second as real data

Bit Form Example:

In **bit stream**, ESC isn't usually used, bit stuffing is more common.

Advantages of Bit Stuffing:

Feature	Explanation
Frame Separation	Ensures data never confuses with control flags
Efficient	Only a few extra bits added
Reliable	Works even with continuous 1s in data

Summary for Exam:

Bit stuffing is used in bit-oriented protocols like HDLC to ensure that the **flag pattern (0111110)** does not appear in the payload. The sender inserts a 0 after five consecutive 1s in the data. The receiver removes the extra 0 on reception, restoring the original data. Framing is done using **start and end flags**. Bit stuffing ensures **data transparency and proper frame detection**.

Numerical Example (Exam):

Q: Given a payload bitstream: 111110111111, apply bit stuffing and write the frame to be transmitted with start and end flags.

Solution:

1. Payload = 111110111111
2. After 5 1s → insert 0
Stuffed data = 1111100111110
3. Add flag = 01111110

Final frame:

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01111110 1111100111110 01111110

Error detection and error correction

What is Error Detection and Correction in Data Link Layer?

The **Data Link Layer** ensures reliable transmission of data over a physical link by **detecting and correcting errors** introduced due to noise, distortion, etc.

⭐ Types of Errors

1. ✅ Single Bit Error

- **Only one bit is altered** during transmission.
- **Example:**
Sent: 10010010
Received: 10010110 (4th bit flipped)

Happens mostly in **parallel transmission** over **short distances**.

2. 🔥 Burst Error

- **Two or more consecutive bits are altered.**
- Error affects **a group of bits**.

Caused due to sudden interference like lightning, faulty hardware, etc.

⌚ Error Length:

Number of bits from the **first corrupted bit to the last corrupted bit**.

Eg:

Sent: 1101001110

Received: 1100010010

→ Error length = 6 bits (from bit 3 to bit 8)

Error Detection Techniques

Method	Detects	Corrects Overhead Used in		
Parity Bit	Single-bit	No	Low	Simple systems
Checksum	Burst errors	No	Moderate	IP, TCP
Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)	Burst, multiple errors	No	High	Ethernet, HDLC
Hamming Code	Single-bit	Yes	Moderate	RAM, wireless

1. Parity Bit

- Adds **1 bit** to make total number of 1s either:
 - Even (**even parity**)
 - Odd (**odd parity**)

Eg (Even Parity):

Data: 1011001 → 1s = 4 → already even → Parity bit = 0

Data: 1011011 → 1s = 5 → Parity bit = 1 (to make it 6)

- Detects only **single-bit errors**
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2. Checksum

- Data is divided into **equal-sized segments**
- All segments are **added**
- The **1's complement of sum** is added as checksum

 Receiver adds all + checksum → should result in all 1s (no error)

3. CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check)

Treats data as a polynomial & divides it by a **generator polynomial**

Steps:

1. Sender appends r zeroes (where r = degree of generator)
2. Divide by generator polynomial (using XOR)
3. Remainder = CRC bits (appended to data)

Example:

- Data = 101101
- Generator = 1001 (degree 3, so append 3 zeroes)
- Final sent = 101101 + CRC

 If receiver divides received bits by generator and remainder $\neq 0 \rightarrow$ error detected

 **Numerical: CRC Example**

Q: Data = 1101, Generator = 1011

Find CRC and codeword.

A:

1. Append 3 zeroes to data: 1101000
 2. Divide 1101000 \div 1011 (using XOR long division)
 3. Get remainder (say, 011)
 4. Final codeword: 1101011
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 **Error Correction**

Error correction not only **detects** errors but also **fixes** them without retransmission.

 **Uses Redundant bits to locate and correct errors.**

 **Hamming Code (Single-bit error correction)**

- Adds **r parity bits** to m data bits, where:

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$$2^r \geq m + r + 1$$

- Example:

For $m = 4$ data bits $\rightarrow r = 3$ parity bits

Total = 7 bits

Hamming Example

Data: 1011

\rightarrow Hamming bits placed at 1, 2, 4 positions (powers of 2)

\rightarrow Final code = p1 p2 1 p4 0 1 1

Parity bits p1, p2, p4 are calculated to ensure correct parity at respective positions.

 Receiver can **calculate syndrome bits** to locate and correct the bit.

Important Formulas

Parameter Formula

Hamming

code parity $2r \geq m+r+1 \wedge r \leq m+r+1$

bits

Bit Error	Number of bits in error	Total bits transmitted	$\frac{\text{Number of bits in error}}{\text{Total bits transmitted}}$
Rate (BER)	$\frac{\text{Number of bits in error}}{\text{Total bits transmitted}}$		

Exam-Oriented Definitions Summary

Error Detection:

The process of identifying bits that have been altered during transmission using extra redundant bits.

Error Correction:

The process of **identifying** and **fixing** errors at the receiver without retransmission, using techniques like Hamming Code.

Single-Bit Error:

An error in which **only one bit** is corrupted.

Burst Error:

An error where **two or more bits in sequence** are changed. The **length** of the burst error is the distance from the first to the last corrupted bit.

Real-Life Analogy

Imagine you're typing a message and autocorrect detects and fixes a spelling mistake — that's **error correction**.

If only a warning sign appears without correction — that's **error detection**.

Single parity bits Error detection

Definition (Exam-Oriented)

Single Parity Bit is an error detection technique that appends one extra bit (called the parity bit) to a data unit to make the number of 1s in the unit either even (even parity) or odd (odd parity).

Purpose / Use of Parity Bit

Detects single-bit errors in transmission.

Used in:

RAM

Simple communication systems

Serial data transmission (e.g., UART)

How It Works

There are two types of parity:

Even Parity:

The total number of 1s (including parity bit) should be even.

Odd Parity:

The total number of 1s (including parity bit) should be odd.

Example 1: Even Parity

Data bits: 1011001

Count of 1s = 4 (already even)

So, Parity Bit = 0

 Final transmitted data: 10110010

Data bits: 1011011

Count of 1s = 5 (odd)

So, Parity Bit = 1

 Final transmitted data: 10110111

Example 2: Odd Parity

Data bits: 1001010

Number of 1s = 3 (odd)

So, Parity Bit = 0 (already odd)

 Final transmitted data: 10010100

Data bits: 1001110

Number of 1s = 4 (even)

So, Parity Bit = 1

 Final transmitted data: 10011101

What Can Be Detected?

Single-bit errors →  Detected

Even number of bit errors →  Not detected

 Example: Even number of errors

Original data with even parity: 10110010

If 2 bits flip: 11110010

→ Number of 1s = 6 → still even →  error NOT detected

Exam-Oriented Summary

Point Description

Definition Adding 1 bit to ensure even/odd number of 1s in data

Use Error detection for single-bit errors

Types Even parity & Odd parity

Limitation Cannot detect even number of errors

Advantage Simple and low overhead

Question for Practice

Q. Use even parity to encode the following 7-bit data: 1101101. If during transmission, the 4th bit is flipped, will the receiver detect the error?

Solution:

Original data: 1101101

Number of 1s = 5 → Add parity bit = 1

→ Transmitted data = 11011011

Now, 4th bit flipped → 11001011

New 1s count = 4 (even) → Looks correct

→  Error not detected

Answer: No, the error will not be detected because two bits (one data + parity) are affected, making it even-numbered error.

Real-Life Intuition

Imagine you and a friend agree on a rule:

Every box of apples you send must have an even number of apples.

If they receive a box and count odd apples, they know something went wrong.

CRC

Cyclic Redundancy check (CRC)

→ Based on binary division

total bits = $(m+r)$ message + redundant

$\underline{x^4+x^3+1}$ Polynomial

$\underline{11001}$ Divisor

$5-1=4$

Polynomial = $\frac{10x^4+10x^3}{14}$

→ Polynomial should not be divisible by x^n

→ also not with $(x+1)$

→ Can detect all odd errors, Single bit, burst error of length equal to polynomial degree

Definition (Exam-Oriented)

CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check) is an error-detecting technique used to detect **accidental changes** to raw data in digital networks and storage devices.

It is based on **binary division** of the data using a **generator polynomial**.

🧠 Terminologies in the Image (Explained)

1. CRC is based on Binary Division

CRC performs **modulo-2 division** (XOR instead of subtraction) on the data bits with a **divisor (generator polynomial)**.

2. Total bits = $m + r$

- m = number of bits in the original message.
- r = number of **redundant CRC bits**.
- Total transmitted bits = $m + r$.

3. Divisor Polynomial

Given: 11001 → Generator Polynomial
Polynomial: $x^4 + x^3 + 1$

- The **degree** of the polynomial = 4
 - So, **r = 4**
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4. CRC Rules

- Polynomial should **not** be divisible by **x** (to avoid trivial patterns).
 - Also, not divisible by **(x + 1)** (to detect all odd-bit errors).
 - CRC can detect:
 - All single-bit errors
 - All odd-number bit errors
 - Burst errors of length \leq degree of polynomial
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Example 1: CRC Calculation

Given:

- **Message (M)** = 101101
- **Generator (G)** = 1101 → Polynomial degree = 3 → r = 3

Step 1: Append r zeros to message

M = 101101 → 101101000

Step 2: Divide using XOR (mod-2)

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1101) 101101000

1101 (XOR with first 4 bits)

011011000

1101

001011000

1101

000111000

1101

000010000

1101

000001100

1101

000000100

1101

000000001

1101

000000000

Remainder (CRC bits) = 001

Final Transmitted Data:

Message + CRC → 101101001

Example 2: Check for Error at Receiver

Received Frame = 101101001

Now divide this again with 1101:

- If remainder = 0, data is valid 

- If remainder $\neq 0$, data is corrupted 

(You can follow the same division steps above.)

Exam-Focused Summary Table

Term	Description
Message (M)	Original data to be sent
Generator (G)	Polynomial divisor (e.g., 1101)
r	Degree of G (number of appended CRC bits)
Total bits	$m + r$ (message + CRC)
Operation	Binary (mod-2) division using XOR
Detection	Detects all 1-bit errors, odd bit errors, burst errors \leq degree of G

Common Questions in Exams

Q1. Given data 101100, and generator 1101, find the CRC code.

- Append 3 zeros $\rightarrow 101100000$
 - Divide using 1101
 - Final CRC bits = ?
 - Final transmitted data = 101100 + CRC
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Q2. Given transmitted data 110101101 and generator 1011, verify whether it is correct.

- Perform mod-2 division
- If remainder = 0 \rightarrow Correct
- Else \rightarrow Error detected

Hamming code Error detection and error correction

Definition (Exam-Oriented)

Hamming Code is an **error-detection and error-correction** method that can **detect up to two-bit errors** and **correct one-bit errors** in the data.

It is widely used in **data communication** and **memory systems (RAM, ECC memory, etc.)**.

Basic Concepts

What it can do:

- Detect 2-bit errors
 - Correct 1-bit error
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How It Works (Step-by-Step)

1. Determine the number of redundant bits (r)

Use the formula:

$$2r \geq m+r+1 \geq r \geq m+r+1$$

Where:

- m = number of **data bits**
- r = number of **redundant bits**

The "+1" is for error position (including 0 as no error)

2. Position the bits

Place the **redundant bits** at positions that are powers of 2:

- Positions: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, etc.

Then place the **data bits** in the remaining positions.

3. Calculate parity bits (even parity)

Each redundant bit covers certain bit positions.

The position of the redundant bit determines which bits it checks.

For example:

- r1 (position 1) checks bits 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...

- r2 (position 2) checks bits 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, ...
- r4 (position 4) checks bits 4–7, 12–15, etc.

You calculate the **parity** (0 or 1) for each redundant bit so that **total number of 1's** in its group is **even** (or odd, depending on the system).

Example: Hamming Code for 4-bit Data

Let's say we want to send **data = 1011**

► Step 1: Determine r

We need to find minimum r such that:

$$2r \geq m+r+1 \Rightarrow 2r \geq 4+r+1 \geq m+r+1 \Rightarrow 2^r \geq 4+r+1 \Rightarrow 2r \geq 4+r+1$$

Try r = 3:

$$2^3 = 8 \geq 4+3+1=8 \quad \checkmark \quad 2^3 = 8 \geq 4+3+1=8 \quad \checkmark \quad 2^3 = 8 \geq 4+3+1=8 \quad \checkmark$$

So, r = 3, m = 4 → Total bits = 7

► Step 2: Position bits

Position 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bit Type r1 r2 d1 r4 d2 d3 d4

Value ? ? 1 ? 0 1 1

► Step 3: Calculate parity (even parity)

r1 (position 1): checks 1, 3, 5, 7

→ Bits: r1, d1, d2, d4 → r1, 1, 0, 1
 → Total 1s (excluding r1): 1 + 0 + 1 = 2 (even) → r1 = 0

r2 (position 2): checks 2, 3, 6, 7

→ Bits: r2, d1, d3, d4 → r2, 1, 1, 1
 → Total 1s: 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 → r2 = 1 (to make total even)

r4 (position 4): checks 4–7 → r4, d2, d3, d4 → ?, 0, 1, 1

→ Total 1s: 0 + 1 + 1 = 2 → r4 = 0

► Final Hamming Code:

Position 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Value 0 1 1 0 0 1 1

Code Sent = 0110011

 **Error Detection and Correction**

Now suppose receiver gets 1110011

► Step 1: Recalculate parity at receiver

- **r1** checks 1,3,5,7 → $1 + 1 + 0 + 1 = 3$ → odd → error in r1 → set **bit 1**
- **r2** checks 2,3,6,7 → $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$ → even → OK → bit 0
- **r4** checks 4–7 → $0 + 0 + 1 + 1 = 2$ → even → OK → bit 0

→ Error position binary = 001 = 1

So, error is in **bit 1** → flip it to correct

Received: 1110011 → Corrected: 0110011

Recovered data = 1011

 **Summary Table (Cheat Sheet)**

Formula/Concept	Description
$2r \geq m+r+1 \wedge r \leq m+r+1$	To calculate number of redundant bits
Parity Types	Even parity (default), or odd
Redundant Bit Positions	1, 2, 4, 8, ... (powers of 2)
Capable of	Detecting 2-bit errors, Correcting 1-bit errors
Detection logic	XOR parity bits and compute error position

 **Exam Questions Practice**

? Q1. Create Hamming code for data 1101.

(Similar to above; answer: You'll get something like 1010101)

? Q2. Received Hamming code: 1100101, find and correct error.

(Solve using parity checks; calculate error position)

Medium Access Control

DATA LINK LAYER IN OSI MODEL

The Data Link Layer is the **2nd** layer of the OSI model.

 It provides **node-to-node delivery, framing, error detection, and access to the physical medium.**

1. Sublayers of Data Link Layer

◆ a. Logical Link Control (LLC)

- **Function:** Provides interface between **Network Layer** and **MAC sublayer**.
- **Responsible for:**
 - Flow control
 - Error control
 - Logical addressing

Think of LLC as managing **logical communication**.

Example: Adds sequence numbers to frames to control flow.

◆ b. Media Access Control (MAC)

- **Function:** Controls how devices **access the physical medium**.
- **Responsible for:**
 - Frame delimiting
 - Addressing (MAC addresses)
 - Medium access control

MAC is all about **who gets to use the wire or channel**.

Example: Decides when a computer can send data on Ethernet.

2. Medium Access Control (MAC) Protocols

These determine **how multiple devices share the same medium** (like Wi-Fi or Ethernet).

► **MAC protocols are divided into 3 categories:**

Type	Description	Example
Random Access	Devices transmit randomly	ALOHA, CSMA
Controlled Access	Access is coordinated/centralized Polling, Token Passing	
Channelization	Channel is divided among users	FDMA, TDMA, CDMA

2.1 RANDOM ACCESS PROTOCOLS (Contention Based)

Devices transmit **any time**. If collision occurs, retransmit.

◆ a. ALOHA

- Pure ALOHA: Send any time → wait for ACK → resend on failure
 - Efficiency: **18.4%**
- Slotted ALOHA: Send only in time slots
 - Efficiency: **36.8%**

Example: Satellite communication

◆ b. CSMA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access)

Sense the channel before sending

Types:

Type	Description
CSMA	Wait if channel is busy
CSMA/CD	Used in Ethernet (detect collision + resend)

Type	Description
CSMA/CA	Used in Wi-Fi (avoid collision using RTS/CTS)

Example:

- Ethernet = CSMA/CD
 - Wi-Fi = CSMA/CA
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 **2.2 CONTROLLED ACCESS PROTOCOLS**

Devices **take turns** to avoid collision.

◆ **a. Polling**

- Master device asks each device if it has data
- Slow, but avoids collision

Example: Mainframe systems

◆ **b. Token Passing**

- A **token** is passed in a ring
- Only token-holder can transmit

Example: Token Ring network

◆ **c. Reservation**

- Devices reserve slots ahead of time
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 **2.3 CHANNELIZATION PROTOCOLS**

Channel is divided among users using **multiplexing**.

◆ **a. FDMA (Frequency Division Multiple Access)**

- Each user gets a **frequency band**
 - Used in: **1G Mobile systems**
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◆ **b. TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access)**

- Each user gets a **time slot**
 - Used in: **2G GSM**
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◆ **c. CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access)**

- All users share same frequency/time, but with **unique codes**
 - Used in: **3G Mobile systems**
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 **SUMMARY TABLE (Exam Cheat Sheet)**

Category	Protocol	Access Method	Example
Random Access	ALOHA	Send anytime	Satellite
Random Access	CSMA/CD	Sense + detect collision	Ethernet
Random Access	CSMA/CA	Avoid collision	Wi-Fi
Controlled Access	Polling	Master polls devices	Mainframes
Controlled Access	Token Passing	Token passed between devices	Token Ring
Channelization	FDMA	Fixed frequency per user	Analog phones
Channelization	TDMA	Time slots	GSM
Channelization	CDMA	Code-based multiple access	3G phones

 **EXAM-TYPE QUESTION EXAMPLES**

 **Q1. Differentiate between LLC and MAC sublayer.**

→ Write 3-4 points comparison

 **Q2. Explain CSMA/CD with diagram.**

→ Draw a flowchart and explain collision detection

 **Q3. What are the types of MAC protocols? Explain with examples.**

→ Use the 3-category structure: Random, Controlled, Channelization

Pure Aloha

Lec-32: What is Pure Aloha in Hindi | MAC Layer Protocol

Pure Aloha

- Random Access Protocol
- ACK is there
- LAN based
- Only Transmission time
- No propagation time
- Vulnerable time = $2 \times T_t$?
- Efficiency $\eta = G_t \times e^{-2G_t}$?

$VT = \frac{M}{BW} = \frac{1000 \text{ bits} \times 10^{-3}}{100 \text{ B/s}} = 10 \text{ ms}$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dG_t} = G_t \times e^{-2G_t} (-2) + e^{-2G_t} (1) = 0$$
$$e^{-2G_t} (-2G_t + 1) = 0$$
$$-2G_t + 1 = 0$$
$$G_t = \frac{1}{2}$$

PURE ALOHA: EXPLANATION

Pure ALOHA is a **Random Access Protocol** used for data communication where:

- Stations transmit **whenever they have data**.
- If there's a **collision**, the station **waits a random time** and retransmits.

◆ Key Points from the Image

Term	Explanation
Random Access Protocol	Any station can transmit at any time
ACK is there	Acknowledgment is received if data is correctly delivered
LAN based	Assumes it's working in Local Area Networks
Only Transmission Time	Propagation time is considered negligible
Vulnerable Time (VT)	Time during which a collision can occur: $2 \times T_t$

Term	Explanation
Efficiency Formula	$\eta = G \cdot e^{-2G} / \eta = G \cdot e^{-2G}$
G	Average number of frames generated per frame time
Max Efficiency	Happens when $G=0.5$ $G=0.5$, and then $\eta=12e \approx 0.184$ $\eta = \frac{1}{2e} \approx 0.184$ or 18.4%

FORMULAS

1. Vulnerable Time

Time during which a collision can occur.

Formula:

$$VT = 2 \times T_t$$

Where:

- T_t = transmission time

2. Transmission Time

2. Transmission Time

Formula:

$$T_t = \frac{M}{\text{Bandwidth}} = \frac{\text{Message size in bits}}{\text{Bandwidth (bps)}}$$

3. Efficiency of Pure ALOHA

Formula:

3. Efficiency of Pure ALOHA

Formula:

$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-2G}$$

Max efficiency occurs at $G = 0.5$, so:

$$\eta_{max} = 0.5 \cdot e^{-1} \approx \frac{1}{2e} \approx 18.4\%$$

DIFFERENTIATION (as shown in image)

To find maximum efficiency:

To find maximum efficiency:

$$\frac{d\eta}{dG} = G \cdot e^{-2G}(-2) + e^{-2G}(1) = e^{-2G}(-2G + 1)$$

Setting derivative to 0:

$$e^{-2G}(-2G + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow G = \frac{1}{2}$$

NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

Numerical Example 1

Given:

- Message size = 1000 bits
- Bandwidth = 100 kbps = 100,000 bps

Step 1: Calculate Transmission Time

T_t=1000/100,000=0.01 seconds=10 ms
T_t=\frac{1000}{100,000}=0.01 \text{ seconds}=10 ms

Step 2: Calculate Vulnerable Time

$$VT = 2 \times T_t = 2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ ms}$$

Numerical Example 2: Efficiency Calculation

Let's say **G = 0.5**, find efficiency:

$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-2G} = 0.5 \cdot e^{-1} \approx 0.5 \cdot 0.3679 = 0.1839$$
$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-2G} = 0.5 \cdot e^{-1} \approx 0.5 \cdot 0.3679 = 0.1839$$

 So, **Efficiency = 18.4%**

Numerical Example 3: Frame Rate

Suppose:

- Efficiency required = 15%
- Find G

Use:

$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-2G}$$
$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-2G}$$

Trial and error:

Let's try $G=0.3$

$$\eta = 0.3 \cdot e^{-0.6} = 0.3 \cdot 0.5488 = 0.1646 (> 0.15)$$
$$\eta = 0.3 \cdot e^{-0.6} = 0.3 \cdot 0.5488 = 0.1646 (> 0.15)$$

Try $G=0.4$

$$\eta = 0.4 \cdot e^{-0.8} = 0.4 \cdot 0.4493 = 0.1797$$
$$\eta = 0.4 \cdot e^{-0.8} = 0.4 \cdot 0.4493 = 0.1797$$

Try $G=0.2$

$$\eta = 0.2 \cdot e^{-0.4} = 0.2 \cdot 0.6703 = 0.1341$$
$$\eta = 0.2 \cdot e^{-0.4} = 0.2 \cdot 0.6703 = 0.1341$$

 So for 15% efficiency, $G \approx 0.25$

Summary Table

Parameter	Formula/Value
Transmission Time	$T_t = \frac{M}{B \cdot W}$
Vulnerable Time	$V_T = 2 \times T_t$
Efficiency (Pure)	$\eta = G \cdot e - 2G \cdot \ln(e) = G \cdot (e - 2)$
Max Efficiency	$12e \approx 0.184$
At Max Efficiency	$G = 0.5$

Slotted aloha

1. INTRODUCTION TO SLOTTED ALOHA

Slotted ALOHA is an improvement over **Pure ALOHA** to increase efficiency and reduce collisions.

- ◆ **Definition**

In Slotted ALOHA, time is divided into **equal time slots**, and a station **can only send data at the beginning of a time slot**.

- ◆ **Why It Was Needed?**

In Pure ALOHA, data can be sent **any time**, which causes **more collisions**.

So in Slotted ALOHA:

- All stations **synchronize** and send only at **slot boundaries**
 - This **halves the vulnerable time**, reducing the chances of collision.
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2. PURE ALOHA vs. SLOTTED ALOHA: Intuition

Feature	Pure ALOHA	Slotted ALOHA
Transmission Time	Anytime	Only at the beginning of a time slot
Vulnerable Time	$2 \times T_t$	T_t
Max Efficiency	$\sim 18.4\% (1/2e)$	$\sim 36.8\% (1/e)$

Feature	Pure ALOHA	Slotted ALOHA
Synchronization	Not required	Required
Collisions	More frequent	Less frequent

3. REAL LIFE EXAMPLE (INTUITION)

Imagine:

- You're in a classroom where anyone can raise their hand **anytime** (Pure ALOHA) → chaotic!
- Now, the teacher says: "Raise your hand **only at the start of each minute**" (Slotted ALOHA).

This **reduces overlapping (collisions)** and makes communication more efficient.

4. FORMULAS OF SLOTTED ALOHA

Transmission Time:

$$T_t = MBW \quad (M = \text{message size in bits}, BW = \text{bandwidth in bps})$$

$$T_t = \frac{M}{BW} \quad (M = \text{message size in bits}, BW = \text{bandwidth in bps})$$

$$T_t = \frac{M}{BW}$$

Vulnerable Time:

$$VT = T_t \quad (1 \text{ frame time})$$

Efficiency:

$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-G} \quad (\eta = \text{efficiency})$$

Where:

- G = average number of frames generated per frame time
- η = efficiency

Max Efficiency:

Set $\frac{d\eta}{dG} = 0$ to find max.

$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-G}, \frac{d\eta}{dG} = e^{-G}(1 - G) = 0 \Rightarrow G = 1$$

So max efficiency:

$$\eta_{max} = 1 \cdot e^{-1} = 1/e \approx 36.8\%$$

5. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

Example 1: Basic Slot Duration

Given:

- Message size = 1000 bits
- Bandwidth = 100 kbps

Find slot duration T_s

$$T_s = \frac{1000}{100 \text{ kbps}} = \frac{1000}{100 \times 10^3} = 0.01 \text{ sec} = 10 \text{ ms}$$

So each slot is **10 ms** long.

Example 2: Vulnerable Time

$$VT = T_s = 10 \text{ ms}$$

Example 3: Efficiency at $G = 1$

$$\eta = G \cdot e^{-G} = 1 \cdot e^{-1} = 1/e = 36.8\%$$

Example 4: Finding G for Required Efficiency

Say required efficiency = 20%. Find approximate G .

Try $G = 0.5$

Try $G=1.5$ $G = 1.5$ $G=1.5$

$$\eta = 1.5 \cdot e^{-1.5} = 1.5 \cdot 0.2231 = 0.3346 (> 0.2) \quad \text{eta} = 1.5 \cdot e^{-1.5} = 1.5 \cdot 0.2231 = 0.3346$$

$\backslash quad$ (> 0.2)

$$\eta = 1.5 \cdot e^{-1.5} = 1.5 \cdot 0.2231 = 0.3346 (> 0.2)$$

Try $G=2G = 2G=2$

$$\eta = 2 \cdot e^{-2} = 2 \cdot 0.1353 = 0.2706 (> 0.2) \quad | \eta = 2 \cdot e^{-2} = 2 \cdot 0.1353 = 0.2706 \quad (\text{quad } > 0.2)$$

Try $G=3$

$\eta = 3 \cdot e^{-3} = 3 \cdot 0.0498 = 0.1494 < 0.2$

So, G is somewhere between 2 and 3 for 20% efficiency.

6. COMPARISON SUMMARY TABLE

Property	Pure ALOHA	Slotted ALOHA
Time	Continuous	Divided into slots
Transmission	Anytime	Start of slot only
Vulnerable Time	$2 \times T_{t2} \times T_{t2} \times T_t$	$T_t T_{tT} T_t$
Efficiency	$G \cdot e^{-2G} \cdot G \cdot e^{-2G}$	$G \cdot e^{-G} \cdot G \cdot e^{-G}$
Max Efficiency	$12e \approx 18.4\% \approx \frac{1}{e^2} \approx 18.4\%$	$1e \approx 36.8\% \approx \frac{1}{e} \approx 36.8\%$

Summary

- **Slotted ALOHA** improves **Pure ALOHA** by introducing **time slots**.
 - Reduces **collision window** from $2Tt2T_t2Tt$ to TtT_tTt .
 - Requires **synchronization** but offers almost **double the efficiency**.
 - Commonly used in wireless systems, satellite communications, and RFID.

Would you like me to generate a **handwritten-style PDF note**, **comparison chart**, or **quiz** on this topic for practice?

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You said:

how time slots assign in slotted aloha exmplain how it works with example

ChatGPT said:

Great question! Let's explain how **time slots are assigned** and how **Slotted ALOHA works step-by-step**, with a clear example and intuition.

⌚ How Time Slots Are Assigned in Slotted ALOHA

◆ 1. Time Synchronization

- In Slotted ALOHA, time is divided into equal-length slots.
- All nodes (devices) in the network are synchronized to this common clock.
- Each time slot is long enough to send one data frame.

💡 Think of this like a **train station**, where trains are allowed to leave **only at fixed times** (e.g., every 10 minutes). Everyone knows the exact departure schedule.

◆ 2. Slot Numbering

- Time slots are labeled: Slot 1, Slot 2, Slot 3, ...
- Nodes keep an internal timer and always **wait for the next slot to begin** before attempting transmission.

◆ 3. Slot Access Rule

- A node that has data **waits until the next slot starts**, and then **sends the frame**.
- If **two nodes send in the same slot**, a **collision** occurs, and both must **retransmit in a random future slot**.

✓ Step-by-Step Example

Let's take a simple scenario:

Scenario:

3 nodes: A, B, and C

Each time slot = 1 ms

Let's observe **slots 1 to 5**

Timeline:

Slot	Node A	Node B	Node C	Outcome
1	Sends frame	Silent	Silent	 Success
2	Silent	Sends frame	Sends frame	 Collision
3	Silent	Retries	Silent	 Success (B)
4	Silent	Silent	Retries	 Success (C)
5	Silent	Silent	Silent	(Idle)

What Happened?

- In Slot 1: A sent alone → Success 
- In Slot 2: B and C sent at same time → Collision 
- Then, they picked **random future slots** to retransmit:
 - B picked Slot 3 → Success 
 - C picked Slot 4 → Success 

This **random retransmission** avoids repeated collisions.

Important Notes

- Time slots are **not "assigned" permanently** like in TDMA.
- Instead, nodes **decide dynamically** if they want to transmit in the next slot.
- If many nodes transmit in the same slot → collision
- Nodes use **random backoff algorithms** (e.g., exponential backoff) to reduce repeated collisions.

Applications of Slotted ALOHA

- **Satellite communications** (e.g., VSAT)
 - **RFID systems** (tags reply in time slots)
 - **Early Wi-Fi protocols** (though now more advanced CSMA/CA is used)
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Real-Life Analogy

Imagine a Toll Booth with Time Slots

- Cars are allowed to go **only when a green light blinks** every 5 seconds.
- Each car **waits for green**, then goes.
- If **2 cars from different lanes** go on the **same blink**, they crash (collision).
- They both **wait for another green** in future turns, hoping to go alone.

That's Slotted ALOHA — **timed permission to transmit**, but with **no guarantee others won't try** at the same time.

CSMA

What is CSMA?

Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA) is a **network protocol** where a node **senses the carrier (channel)** before transmitting:

- If the channel is **idle**, it transmits.
- If the channel is **busy**, it waits.

This helps **avoid collisions**, unlike ALOHA (which just sends blindly).

Why Subtypes?

To improve efficiency and reduce collision probability, CSMA is divided into:

1. **1-Persistent CSMA**
 2. **Non-Persistent CSMA (0-persistent)**
 3. **p-Persistent CSMA**
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◆ 1. 1-Persistent CSMA

🔧 How it works:

- The node senses the channel:
 - If **idle**, it **immediately transmits** (with probability 1).
 - If **busy**, it **waits until it becomes idle**, and then transmits **immediately**.

🔥 Problem:

- If multiple nodes are waiting for the channel to become idle, they **all transmit at once** → **Collision**.
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✓ Example:

- Node A senses: Channel busy → waits
 - When the channel becomes idle → A transmits **instantly**
 - Node B is also waiting → **transmits at the same time** → ✗ collision
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◆ 2. Non-Persistent CSMA (0-Persistent)

🔧 How it works:

- The node senses the channel:
 - If **idle**, it transmits.
 - If **busy**, it **waits a random amount of time**, then senses again.

✓ Benefit:

- Reduces chances of collision
 - Nodes don't all rush to send when channel becomes idle
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✓ Example:

- Node A senses busy → waits 5ms → senses again
 - Node B senses busy → waits 8ms → senses again
 - **They won't collide immediately** when the channel becomes idle.
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◆ 3. p-Persistent CSMA (Used in Slotted channels like LANs)

How it works:

- Senses the channel:
 - If **idle**, it transmits **with probability p**, and with **1-p** it **waits** for the next slot and retries.
 - If **busy**, it waits until idle and then uses the above strategy again.

Works best with **slotted channels**, like **Ethernet**.

Example:

- $p = 0.5$ (50% chance to send when idle)
- Node A senses idle:
 - It **flips a coin**:
 - Heads → send 
 - Tails → wait one slot, try again
- If two nodes try, they won't **always** send at the same time → fewer collisions.

Numerical: Probability of successful transmission (p-Persistent)

Let's say:

- p = probability of a node sending in a slot
- $q = (1 - p)$ = probability of not sending
- Suppose **k nodes are contending**

Probability of exactly one node transmitting in a time slot:

$$P_{\text{success}} = k \cdot p \cdot (1-p)^{k-1} P_{\text{success}} = k \cdot p \cdot (1-p)^{k-1}$$

Example:

Let's calculate if:

- $k = 3$ nodes
- $p = 0.2$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{success}} &= 3 \cdot 0.2 \cdot (1 - 0.2)^2 = 3 \cdot 0.2 \cdot (0.8)^2 = 3 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.64 = 0.384 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

 So, **38.4% chance** that exactly one node transmits successfully in a slot.

Summary Table:

Type	Senses? If Idle	If Busy	Pros	Cons
1-Persistent	Yes	Transmit	Wait until idle	Simple High collision chance
Non-Persistent	Yes	Transmit	Wait random time	Lower collisions Higher delay
p-Persistent	Yes	Transmit with p	Wait next slot, try again	Balance between delay and collisions Requires tuning p

Real-Life Analogy

Imagine 5 people trying to speak in a Zoom meeting:

- **1-persistent:** All wait for silence → speak instantly = chaos
- **Non-persistent:** Wait, count to a random number, then speak = more organized
- **p-persistent:** Flip a coin — if heads, speak; else wait again = smooth coordination

CSMA/CD

What is CSMA/CD?

Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection is a **MAC (Medium Access Control)** protocol used in **wired LANs (like Ethernet)** to handle the problem of **collisions** during transmission.

How CSMA/CD Works

1. **Carrier Sense (CS):** Before transmitting, the station **listens to the channel**.
2. **Multiple Access (MA):** All stations have **equal access** to the medium.
3. **Collision Detection (CD):**

- Even after starting transmission, the station **keeps listening** to check for **collisions**.
 - If a collision is detected, it **stops transmission** and sends a **jamming signal** to notify others.
 - Then it waits a **random backoff time** and tries again.
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Intuition: Why CD?

Think of several people trying to talk on a single telephone line.

- Everyone listens.
- One person talks.
- If two talk together, they both realize it (hear noise) and stop, then try again after waiting.

That's **CSMA/CD**.

Example:

1. **Station A** and **Station B** both want to send.
 2. A senses the line idle → starts sending.
 3. B also senses idle (propagation delay!) → starts sending.
 4. A & B **collide** → both detect the noise.
 5. They stop and send **jamming signal**.
 6. Each waits a **random time** (backoff) before retrying.
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Backoff Time (Binary Exponential Backoff)

After n collisions, the backoff time is chosen as:

Backoff Time=Random(0,1,2,...,2n-1)×Slot Time
Backoff Time=Random(0, 1, 2, ..., 2ⁿ⁻¹) × Slot Time

- n = number of collisions (up to 10 or 16)
 - Slot Time = maximum round-trip propagation time (for Ethernet, **512 bits** or **51.2 μs**)
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Numerical Example:

Let's say:

- 1st collision ($n = 1$)
- Slot Time = 51.2 μs

Then possible backoff times are:

- $0 \times 51.2 = 0 \mu\text{s}$
- $1 \times 51.2 = 51.2 \mu\text{s}$

After 2nd collision ($n = 2$):

- Choose random value from 0 to 3
 - Possible backoff times: 0, 51.2, 102.4, 153.6 μs
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Efficiency of CSMA/CD

Efficiency = Proportion of time used for successful transmission (vs. time wasted in collisions or idle time)

Formula:

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{1 + 5 \times \frac{t_p}{t_t}}{1 + 5 \times \frac{t_p}{t_t}}$$

Where:

- t_{pt_ptp} = propagation delay
 - t_{tt_ttt} = transmission time
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Example:

Let:

- Propagation delay $t_p = 25 \mu\text{s}$
- Transmission time $t_t = 100 \mu\text{s}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Efficiency} &= \frac{1 + 5 \times \frac{25}{100}}{1 + 5 \times \frac{25}{100}} = \frac{1 + 1.25}{1 + 1.25} = \frac{2.25}{2.25} \approx 0.444 \\ &\text{Efficiency} = 1 + 5 \times \frac{25}{100} = 1 + 1.25 = 2.25 \approx 0.444\end{aligned}$$

 So, about **44.4%** of time is effectively used.

Key Terminology:

Term	Meaning
Carrier Sense	Station listens before transmitting
Collision	Two or more devices transmit simultaneously
Collision Detection	Devices detect the collision and stop transmitting
Jamming Signal	Special signal to alert others of collision
Backoff Time	Random wait time after collision to avoid repeated collisions
Slot Time	Max time it takes for a signal to propagate from one end to another
Efficiency	Time spent successfully transmitting / Total time

Where is CSMA/CD Used?

- **Wired LANs (Ethernet)** — mainly older **10Base-T, 100Base-T**
 - **Not used in modern Wi-Fi** (Wi-Fi uses **CSMA/CA**)
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Summary

Feature	CSMA/CD
Medium	Wired
Collision Detection	Yes
Key Method	Listen → Transmit → Detect → Backoff
Formula	$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{1 + 5(\text{tp}/\text{tt})}{1 + 5(\text{t}_p/\text{t}_t) + 5(\text{tp}/\text{tt})}$

Want More?

I can provide:

- A numerical **quiz** for practice
- Python **simulation** of CSMA/CD

- Comparison with **CSMA/CA** (used in Wi-Fi)

CSMA/CA

Sure! Let's break down **CSMA/CA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance)** in detail from both **intuition and engineering exam** perspectives — with **examples, usage, formulas, numericals, and possible exam questions**.

What is CSMA/CA?

Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance is a **MAC (Medium Access Control)** protocol used in **wireless networks** to avoid data collisions before they happen.

Why NOT CSMA/CD in wireless?

- In **wired networks**, we can **listen while sending** (collision detection).
 - In **wireless networks**, a device **cannot listen and transmit at the same time** (due to hardware constraints and signal interference).
 - So **collision detection (CD)** is not possible.
 - Instead, we use **collision avoidance (CA)** to **prevent** collisions.
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Intuition Behind CSMA/CA

Imagine you're in a classroom and want to ask a question:

- You look around to see if the teacher is free (**Carrier Sense**).
- If free, you raise your hand first (**send a request**).
- Then when allowed, you speak.
- Others wait till you're done to avoid confusion (**Collision Avoidance**).

This is how **CSMA/CA** works.

How CSMA/CA Works – Step by Step

1. Carrier Sense:

- Device listens to the channel.

- If **idle**, go to step 2.
 - If **busy**, wait for it to become idle.
2. **Wait Inter-Frame Space (IFS):**
- Short pause to give priority to some frames.
3. **Choose Random Backoff Time:**
- Device chooses a random number of time slots to wait.
 - This reduces chances that two devices transmit together.
4. **Countdown:**
- For each idle slot, decrement counter.
 - If the channel becomes busy → **pause countdown** and wait again.
5. **When Counter Hits Zero → Transmit:**
- Send the data frame.
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Optional: ACK Mechanism (Acknowledgment)

- Receiver sends **ACK** if it received frame successfully.
 - If sender doesn't receive ACK → assumes **collision occurred** → retries.
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Example of CSMA/CA

Let's say 3 laptops want to send data over Wi-Fi:

- **Laptop A** checks the channel. It's idle.
 - It waits for IFS → then chooses a backoff of 4 slots.
 - After 4 idle slots → transmits.
 - **Laptop B** also finds channel idle, but randomly selects 6 slots.
 - So B waits longer than A → avoids collision.
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Where is CSMA/CA Used?

- **Wi-Fi networks (IEEE 802.11)** → Uses **CSMA/CA with ACK**
- **Zigbee, Bluetooth**, and other wireless protocols

Numerical Example: CSMA/CA

Assume:

- **Backoff window** = 8 (i.e., pick random between 0–7)
- Two devices pick:
 - Device A → Random slot = 2
 - Device B → Random slot = 5

After 2 idle slots, **A transmits**, and B waits (free channel again) → **no collision** occurs.

Key Terminology

Term	Meaning
IFS (Inter-frame Space)	Short delay to prioritize types of traffic
Backoff Window	Range of random values for waiting
ACK	Acknowledgment from receiver
DIFS, SIFS	Different inter-frame spaces in Wi-Fi (for different priorities)
NAV	Network Allocation Vector: predicts how long medium will be busy

CSMA/CA vs CSMA/CD

Feature	CSMA/CD (Ethernet)	CSMA/CA (Wi-Fi)
Medium	Wired	Wireless
Collision Detection	Yes	No
Action on Collision	Stop + Retry	Avoid + Retry
Used In	Ethernet (IEEE 802.3)	Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11)
Jamming Signal	Yes	No
ACK Used	No	Yes



Formulas (Not many in CSMA/CA, but here are key concepts):

1. Throughput depends on:

- Backoff window size (larger window = less collision but more delay)
- IFS timing
- Frame size and ACK time

No direct universal formula like CSMA/CD's efficiency, but simulation or protocol-specific models (e.g., IEEE 802.11 throughput) are used.



Engineering Exam Questions on CSMA/CA (with Answers)

Q1. Why is CSMA/CD not used in wireless networks?

A: Because in wireless networks, a device cannot detect a collision while transmitting due to the inability to sense while sending.

Q2. Describe the backoff mechanism in CSMA/CA.

A: After detecting idle channel and waiting for IFS, device selects a random backoff slot and waits that long before transmitting. If the channel is busy again, it pauses the countdown and resumes after idle.

Q3. In a CSMA/CA network, a device selects a random backoff between 0 and 7. What is the probability that it selects 3?

$$P=18=0.125 P = \frac{1}{8} = 0.125 P=81=0.125$$

Q4. Compare CSMA/CD and CSMA/CA based on use-case and mechanism.

A: CSMA/CD is used in Ethernet for collision detection and stops on collision. CSMA/CA is used in wireless (Wi-Fi) and avoids collision by waiting random backoff and using ACK.



Summary

Feature	Value
Protocol Type	MAC (Medium Access Control)
Used In	Wireless (Wi-Fi, Zigbee)

Feature	Value
Core Idea	Avoid collisions using sensing, IFS, and backoff
Intuition	Wait, pick random time, sense, transmit
Backoff Time Formula	$\text{Random}(0, \text{CWmin} - 1) \times \text{Slot Time}$
Engineering Questions	Conceptual + small numericals on backoff or probability

Would you like:

- A flowchart or diagram showing CSMA/CA in action?
- A Python or C++ simulation of the protocol?
- Extra numericals with increasing difficulty?

Let me know how you'd like to continue!

Ring

1. What is Token Ring?

Token Ring is a **LAN protocol** where computers (nodes) are connected in a **logical ring topology**, and a special data packet called a **token** is passed around to control access to the network.

Developed by: IBM

Standard: IEEE 802.5

Speed: Typically 4 Mbps or 16 Mbps (can go higher)

2. How Does Token Ring Work?

► Step-by-step Process:

1. Token Circulation:

- A small frame called a **token** circulates continuously around the ring.

2. Idle Token:

- If no one is sending data, the token keeps moving node to node.

3. Data Transmission:

- If a node wants to send data:

- It waits for the token.
- Grabs the token, **modifies it to a data frame**, and sends it.
- Token is now "**busy**".

4. Ring Traversal:

- The data frame goes around the ring till it reaches the destination.
- Destination reads it, marks it as **received**, and sends it forward.

5. Token Release:

- Once data comes back to sender, sender removes the frame and sends a new **idle token** into the ring.

Only **one token** exists in the ring at a time, so only **one node** can transmit at any moment → **Collision-free communication**.

3. Key Concepts

Term	Description
Token	A special 3-byte control frame indicating permission to send data.
Logical Ring	The data flows in one direction even if the physical topology is star (via a hub called MSAU).
MSAU	Multistation Access Unit, works like a hub in Token Ring networks.
Priority Bits	Allow high-priority devices to gain token access faster.
Monitor Station	A node that oversees the health of the ring (detects lost tokens, duplicates, etc.)

4. Real-Life Analogy

Imagine people sitting in a circle passing around a "**talking stick**" (**token**). Only the person holding the stick can speak (transmit data). Others must wait for their turn.

This ensures **orderly communication** and **no one speaks over others** (no collision).

5. Why Use Token Ring?

Feature	Purpose
Collision Avoidance	Only one token = no simultaneous transmissions.
Fairness	Every node gets equal chance to transmit.
Deterministic Access	Helps real-time systems that can't tolerate random delays.

6. Token Ring Frame Format (IEEE 802.5)

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Start	Access	Frame	Destination	Source	Data	
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Delim.	Control	Control	Address	Address		
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FCS	End		
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	Delim.		
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- **Access Control** field holds token bits and priority info.
- **FCS:** Frame Check Sequence (used for error checking)

7. Efficiency and Delay (Token Ring)

Token Ring Efficiency (η):

$$\eta = \frac{T_{frame}}{T_{frame} + T_{token} + T_{propagation}}$$

Where:

- T_{frame} = Time to transmit the data frame
- T_{token} = Token holding time
- $T_{propagation}$ = Delay for frame to propagate around the ring

Token Rotation Time:

$$T_{\text{rotation}} = N \times (T_{\text{propagation}} + T_{\text{processing}})$$
$$T_{\text{rotation}} = N \times (T_{\text{propagation}} + T_{\text{processing}})$$

Where N = number of stations

8. Token Management Problems (and Solutions)

Problem	Solution
Lost Token	Monitor creates new token
Duplicate Token	Monitor removes one
Token Holding Too Long	Timer enforces max holding time

9. Advantages vs Disadvantages

Advantages	Disadvantages
Collision-free	Slower than Ethernet at scale
Fair access	Complex and expensive
Deterministic (good for real-time)	If one node fails, whole ring fails
Low latency for token-holding node	Token loss causes network delays

10. Where is Token Ring Used?

- Legacy IBM LANs
 - Industrial systems needing deterministic access
 - Replaced mostly by **Ethernet** now due to lower cost and higher speeds
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11. Exam-Oriented Questions (with Answers)

Q1. What is the function of a token in a Token Ring network?

A: A token is a special frame that grants permission to a node to transmit data on the network.

Q2. What happens if a token is lost in a Token Ring network?

A: The **monitor station** detects the loss and generates a new token.

Q3. Compare Token Ring with Ethernet.

A: Token Ring is collision-free and provides fair access, but slower and more complex than Ethernet which uses CSMA/CD.

Q4. What is token holding time and how does it affect performance?

A: Maximum time a station can hold a token. Short token holding = fair access; long token holding = higher throughput but less fairness.

Q5. Numerical Example

Given:

- Frame size = 1000 bits
- Token size = 24 bits
- Data rate = 10 Mbps
- Propagation delay = 10 μ s

Calculate efficiency.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{frame} &= \frac{1000}{10 \text{ Mbps}} = \frac{1000}{10^7} = 100 \mu\text{s} \\ T_{frame} &= 100 \mu\text{s} \\ T_{token} &= \frac{24}{10 \text{ Mbps}} = \frac{24}{10^7} = 2.4 \mu\text{s} \\ T_{token} &= 2.4 \mu\text{s} \\ \eta &= \frac{100 \mu\text{s}}{100 \mu\text{s} + 2.4 \mu\text{s}} = \frac{100}{100 + 2.4} \approx 0.976 = 97.6\% \end{aligned}$$

Summary

Key Point Value

Protocol Token Ring (IEEE 802.5)

Topology Logical ring

Collision-Free?
Yes

Key Point Value

Token Purpose	Grants permission to transmit
Used In	Legacy LANs, real-time systems
Efficiency Formula	$T_{frame} + T_{token} + T_{prop}$ / $\frac{T_{frame}}{T_{frame} + T_{token} + T_{prop}}$ + $T_{token} + T_{prop}$

Network Layer

What is the Network Layer?

The **Network Layer** is the **third layer** in the **OSI (Open Systems Interconnection)** model. Its primary role is to **manage the delivery of packets** from the source to the destination **across multiple networks** (i.e., routing through different intermediary devices like routers).

Think of it as a **navigation system** that finds the best path between two cities (devices) in different countries (networks).

💡 Primary Responsibilities of the Network Layer:

1. **Logical Addressing** – Assigning IP addresses.
2. **Routing** – Determining the best path for data packets.
3. **Fragmentation and Reassembly** – Breaking down packets to fit MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) sizes.
4. **Congestion Control** – Preventing overload of network resources.

🚀 Why Was the Network Layer Needed?

Earlier networks were **simple and local**. But as networks grew (LAN to WAN to Internet), there arose a need to:

- **Send data between networks** (not just devices on the same network),
- **Identify devices uniquely** across a global system (hence IP addresses),
- **Decide routes** intelligently among multiple paths,
- **Deal with different network technologies** (Ethernet, Wi-Fi, etc.),
- **Handle overloads and errors in transmission.**

Hence, the **Network Layer was born** to handle these complexities.

What is Routing?

Routing is the process of **selecting a path** for traffic in a network. Routers use routing algorithms to find the **most efficient path** from sender to receiver.

Example:

If a packet is sent from New York to Tokyo:

- The router checks **routing tables**,
- Determines that the best path goes via London and then to Tokyo,
- Forwards the packet accordingly.

 Think of it like Google Maps choosing the best route for your trip.

What is Congestion Control?

When too many packets enter a network too fast for it to handle, **congestion** occurs — like a traffic jam.

Congestion control involves techniques to:

- Reduce incoming traffic,
- Prioritize packets,
- Drop packets strategically,
- Notify senders to slow down.

Example:

If a router is overloaded:

- It may drop lower-priority packets,
 - It might send ICMP "source quench" messages,
 - Use algorithms like **Random Early Detection (RED)** or **ECN (Explicit Congestion Notification)**.
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What is Fragmentation?

Fragmentation is the process of **breaking a large data packet into smaller fragments** to fit the MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) of a network.

Each network has a limit on how big a packet can be. If the packet is larger:

- The **Network Layer** breaks it into pieces (fragments),
- Sends each fragment independently,
- **Reassembles** them at the destination.

Example:

- Ethernet MTU is 1500 bytes.
- If an IP packet is 3000 bytes:
 - It is divided into 2 or 3 fragments.
 - Each gets sent with fragment info.
 - Destination reassembles them.

What is the Use of Logical IP Addressing?

A **logical IP address** (e.g., 192.168.1.1) is an identifier assigned to each device so it can be **uniquely identified and located** on a network.

Unlike MAC addresses (which are **physical hardware IDs**), **IP addresses**:

- Can change depending on the network,
- Help in **routing and delivery**,
- Are required to **communicate across networks**.

Example:

- Your laptop has IP 192.168.1.10.
- A server on the internet has IP 142.250.190.78 (like Google).
- Routers use these IPs to guide data packets across networks.

How the Whole System Works (Simplified Flow):

1. **Application Layer:** User sends a message (e.g., sending an email).
2. **Transport Layer:** Message is broken into TCP segments.

3. Network Layer:

- Assigns **IP addresses** to each segment,
- **Decides the route** using routing tables,
- If needed, **fragments** the packets.

4. Data Link Layer:

Adds MAC addresses, converts into frames.

5. Physical Layer:

Sends bits through cables or wireless.

6. At each router:

- The **Network Layer reads the IP**, checks the best next hop.
- Forwards packet.

7. At destination:

- Fragments are **reassembled**,
 - Delivered up the stack to the application.
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Summary Table:

Concept	Purpose	Example
Network Layer	Handles delivery across networks	Packet from Delhi to New York
Routing	Chooses best path	Path via London instead of Dubai
Congestion Control	Prevent overload	Router dropping low-priority packets
Fragmentation	Fit data into MTU	3000B packet split for 1500B Ethernet
Logical IP Addressing	Unique device ID	192.168.0.1 for PC, 8.8.8.8 for Google

Real-World Analogy:

- **IP Address** = Postal Address
- **Routing** = Postal route planning
- **Packet Fragmentation** = Splitting a bulky parcel into smaller boxes

- **Congestion Control** = Managing postal office traffic to prevent overflow
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Let me know if you'd like a diagram or animation to visualize this better!

Classfull addressing Class A address

What is Classful Addressing?

Classful Addressing is a method used in the early days of IP networking where the **IPv4 address space (32-bit addresses)** was divided into **five fixed classes: A, B, C, D, and E** based on their **first few bits**.

Each class had a **fixed range, default subnet mask**, and a **specific number of networks and hosts per network**.

 This system is now mostly replaced by **Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR)**, but it is still important for academic and exam purposes.

IP Address Basics:

- IP address: 32-bit number (e.g., 192.168.1.1)
 - Written in **dotted decimal format** (4 octets): xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx
 - Each octet = 8 bits = 0–255
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Class A Addressing

Characteristics:

Property	Class A
Starting Bit(s)	0
First Octet Range	1 to 126
Default Subnet Mask	255.0.0.0 or /8

Property	Class A
Network Bits	8 bits (1st octet)
Host Bits	24 bits (last 3 octets)
Number of Networks	$2^7 - 2 = 126$
Number of Hosts per Network	$2^{24} - 2 = 16,777,214$
Address Range	1.0.0.0 to 126.255.255.255
Reserved Address	127.0.0.0 is reserved for loopback

Explanation of Calculations:

1. Number of Networks in Class A:

- First bit is fixed (0)
- Remaining 7 bits used for networks
- So:

Number of networks= $2^7 - 2 = 128 - 2 = 126$
 $\boxed{126}$

(We subtract 2 because 0.0.0.0 is reserved and 127.x.x.x is loopback.)

2. Number of Hosts per Network:

- 24 bits for hosts (last 3 octets)
- So:

Number of hosts= $2^{24} - 2 = 16,777,216 - 2 = 16,777,214$
 $\boxed{16,777,214}$

(Subtract 2 for network ID and broadcast address.)

Class A Address Format:

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	0 Net ID (7 bits)	Host ID (24 bits)
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Example IPs in Class A:

- 10.0.0.1  (Private IP – commonly used)
 - 50.12.23.5 
 - 126.255.255.254 
 - 127.0.0.1  (Loopback – not used for network)
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Numericals:

Q1: Given an IP Address 10.5.6.7, determine:

- (a) Is it Class A?
- (b) What is the network and host portion?
- (c) How many total hosts possible?

Solution:

- (a) **10** lies between 1 and 126 → **Class A**
 - (b) Network part = 10; Host part = 5.6.7
 - (c) Hosts = $2^{24} - 2 = 16,777,214$
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Q2: Calculate the total number of usable IP addresses in Class A.

Usable IPs=Number of networks×Number of hosts
= $126 \times (2^{24} - 2) = 2,113,928,964$

Q3: What is the subnet mask of Class A? Convert to binary.

- Subnet mask = 255.0.0.0

=Binary: 11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000=/8= \text{Binary: }

11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000 =

\boxed{/8}=Binary: 11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000=/8

Uses of Class A

- Used in **very large organizations** or **ISPs** (Internet Service Providers)
 - Provides support for millions of hosts in a single network
 - Example: 10.0.0.0/8 is reserved for **private networks** (used in LANs, enterprise networks)
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Important Points to Remember for Exam:

- **Class A:**
 - Starts with 0, first octet 1–126
 - Default mask: 255.0.0.0
 - Hosts per network: $2^{24} - 2 = 16,777,214$
 - Number of networks: 126
 - Loopback: 127.0.0.1
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Tip:

You can identify the class by checking the **first octet**:

- 1–126 → Class A
 - 128–191 → Class B
 - 192–223 → Class C
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Would you like a **summary sheet or chart** for all IP classes (A to E) with similar details?

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You said:

explain why 127 and 0 . is not used in network addressing?

ChatGPT said:

Great question! Let's break this down clearly for **exam purposes**:

Why 0.0.0.0 and 127.0.0.0 are not used for regular network addressing:

1. 0.0.0.0 – Used as a Default or "This" Address

Meaning:

- 0.0.0.0 **does not refer to any specific device.**
- It represents “**this host**” or “**any address**”.

Used in:

- When a device does not know its own IP yet (like during DHCP).
- As a **default route** (0.0.0.0/0) → means **any destination**.
- Binding a server to **all available interfaces**.

Why it's not used in host addresses:

- It's not a valid IP address for communication.
- It cannot identify a unique device in the network.

Example:

- When a device boots up and sends a **DHCP request**, it uses:
 - **Source IP**: 0.0.0.0 (because it doesn't know its own IP yet)
 - **Destination IP**: 255.255.255.255 (broadcast)

2. 127.0.0.0/8 – Loopback Range

Meaning:

- IPs from 127.0.0.1 to 127.255.255.254 are reserved for **loopback addresses**.

Used for:

- **Self-testing** and internal communication within the device.
- **Software testing** without network hardware.
- Running **local servers** like localhost.

🚫 Why it's not used in networks:

- Packets sent to 127.x.x.x **never leave the device.**
- They **loop back to the source.**

📘 Example:

- 127.0.0.1 = **localhost**
 - Ping it to check if TCP/IP stack is working:

bash

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ping 127.0.0.1

📌 Summary Table

Address/Range	Purpose	Why Not Used in Network Addressing
0.0.0.0	Default / Unknown address	Used only for bootstrapping, not for real communication
127.0.0.0/8	Loopback / Self-testing	Packets don't go out to the network

🧠 Memory Tip for Exams:

- 0 means "**I don't know** my IP yet."
 - 127 means "**I'm talking to myself.**"
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If you'd like a visual diagram of IP ranges and their uses, I can create that too!

Class B address

What is Class B?

Class B is one of the five IP address classes in **Classful Addressing** (used in traditional IP networks). It is designed for **medium-sized to large-sized networks.**

📌 Key Properties of Class B

Property	Class B
First Bit Pattern	10
First Octet Range	128 – 191
Default Subnet Mask	255.255.0.0 or /16
Network Bits	16 bits (First 2 octets)
Host Bits	16 bits (Last 2 octets)
Number of Networks	$2^{14} = 16,384$
Hosts per Network	$2^{16} - 2 = 65,534$
IP Address Range	128.0.0.0 to 191.255.255.255

Key Terms to Understand:

1. IP Address

- A 32-bit number that uniquely identifies a device on a network.
 - Example: 172.16.10.25
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2. Network ID

- The part of the IP address that identifies the **network**.
 - In Class B: **First 2 octets** (16 bits).
 - Example: In 172.16.10.25, the **Network ID = 172.16**
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3. Host ID

- The part that identifies the **host (device)** within the network.
 - In Class B: **Last 2 octets** (16 bits).
 - Example: In 172.16.10.25, the **Host ID = 10.25**
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4. Broadcast Address

- The highest IP in a network, used to send a message to **all hosts** in that network.

- Formula:

$\text{Broadcast} = \text{All host bits} = 1$

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For example: For network 172.16.0.0, the **broadcast address** is:

172.16.255.255 172.16.255.255 172.16.255.255

5. Subnet Mask

- It defines which portion of an IP is **network** and which is **host**.
- Class B default subnet mask:

$255.255.0.0 = 11111111.11111111.00000000.00000000 = /16$

 $255.255.0.0 = 11111111.11111111.00000000.00000000 = /16$
 $255.255.0.0 = 11111111.11111111.00000000.00000000 = /16$

Breakdown of Class B IP (Structure):

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| 10 | Net ID (14 bits) | Host ID (16 bits) |

FORMULAS for Class B

1. Number of Networks:

14 bits for network (after the fixed 2 bits 10):

$2^{14} = 16,384 \text{ networks}$

2. Number of Hosts per Network:

16 bits for host:

$2^{16} - 2 = 65,534 \text{ hosts per network}$

(Subtract 2 for Network ID and Broadcast ID)

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Example 1: Identify Class, Network ID, Host ID

IP Address: 172.30.25.10

Subnet Mask: 255.255.0.0

→ First octet = 172 → Class B ✓

- Network ID = 172.30
 - Host ID = 25.10
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💡 **Example 2: Calculate Broadcast Address for 150.10.0.0**

- Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0 (Class B default)
 - Broadcast address = Replace host bits with 1s
 - Answer: 150.10.255.255
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💡 **Example 3: How many total hosts can be assigned in a Class B network?**

- Host bits = 16
- Formula:

$$2^{16} - 2 = 65,534 \text{ hosts}$$

💡 **Example 4: Total number of Class B networks?**

- Network bits = 14
- Formula:

$$2^{14} = 16,384 \text{ networks}$$

🧠 **Real-World Usage of Class B**

- Used by **medium-sized organizations** like universities or corporate offices.
 - Example of a private Class B block:
 - 172.16.0.0 to 172.31.255.255 (used in LANs)
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📊 **Summary Table (For Class B)**

Field	Value
Starting Bit Pattern	10
First Octet Range	128–191
Subnet Mask (Default)	255.255.0.0 or /16
Network Bits	16
Host Bits	16
Total Networks	$2^{14} = 16,384$
Hosts per Network	$2^{16} - 2 = 65,534$
Broadcast Address	Last IP in network
Private IP Range (Class B)	172.16.0.0 – 172.31.255.255

Class C address

Class C Addressing – Complete Descriptive Explanation

What is Class C Address?

Class C is a part of the **classful IP addressing system**. It is mainly used in **small networks**, like homes, small offices, or startups.

◆ Key Properties of Class C

Property	Value
Starting Bits	110
First Octet Range	192 to 223
Default Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0 (or /24)
Total Network Bits	24 bits (First 3 octets)
Total Host Bits	8 bits (Last octet)

Property	Value
Total Networks	$2^{21} = 2,097,152$
Hosts per Network	$2^{28-2} = 254$ hosts
IP Address Range	192.0.0.0 to 223.255.255.255
Private IP Range	192.168.0.0 to 192.168.255.255

IP Address Structure of Class C

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| 110 | Network ID (21 bits) | Host ID (8 bits) |

- IP addresses are **32 bits**, written in 4 octets (each 8 bits).
 - In Class C:
 - **First 3 octets** (24 bits) = Network ID
 - **Last octet** (8 bits) = Host ID
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Terminologies with Examples

1. Network ID

The portion of the IP address that identifies the **network**.

- **Example:**
IP: 192.168.1.25
Network ID: 192.168.1.0
(With subnet mask 255.255.255.0)
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2. Host ID

Identifies a specific **device (host)** in that network.

- **Example:**
IP: 192.168.1.25

Host ID: 0.0.0.25
(25 is the host part in the last octet)

3. Broadcast Address

Sent to **all devices** in the network.

- Formula: Replace all host bits with 1s
 - For 192.168.1.0, broadcast = 192.168.1.255
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4. Subnet Mask

Defines how many bits are for **network** and **host**.

- Default Class C subnet:
255.255.255.0 → /24 → Network: 24 bits, Host: 8 bits
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Example Breakdown

Example IP: 192.168.4.20

- Class: **C**
 - Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
 - **Network ID:** 192.168.4.0
 - **Host ID:** 0.0.0.20
 - **Broadcast address:** 192.168.4.255
 - **Total Hosts:** $2^8 - 2 = 254$
 - **First usable host:** 192.168.4.1
 - **Last usable host:** 192.168.4.254
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Numericals on Class C

► Q1: How many Class C networks are possible?

- First 3 bits fixed as 110

- That leaves **21 bits** for network (32 total - 3 fixed - 8 host bits)

Number of networks = $2^{21} = 2,097,152$
 Number of networks = $2^{21} = 2,097,152$

► Q2: How many hosts per Class C network?

- Host bits = 8

$2^8 - 2 = 254$ usable hosts

► Q3: What is the broadcast address of 198.51.100.0?

- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
 - Broadcast address: last octet = 255
 $\rightarrow 198.51.100.255$
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► Q4: What is the first usable and last usable IP of 203.0.113.0?

- First usable = 203.0.113.1
 - Last usable = 203.0.113.254
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✳ Difference from Class A and B

Feature	Class A	Class B	Class C
First Octet	1–126	128–191	192–223
Default Subnet	255.0.0.0	255.255.0.0	255.255.255.0
Network Bits	8	16	24
Host Bits	24	16	8
Hosts per Net	16 million	65,534	254
Networks	128	16,384	2 million+
Used By	Very large orgs	Medium orgs, colleges	Small offices, homes



Real-World Usage of Class C

- Home WiFi networks
 - Small business networks
 - IoT and local device addressing
 - Private addressing using 192.168.x.x
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Summary – Class C Addressing (For Revision)

Feature	Value
Starting Bits	110
First Octet Range	192 – 223
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0 or /24
Network Bits	24
Host Bits	8
Networks Possible	2,097,152
Hosts per Network	254
Private IP Range	192.168.0.0 – 192.168.255.255

Class D and Class E network id

Class D and Class E IP Addressing – Descriptive Notes



Overview of IP Address Classes

IP addresses are divided into five classes:

Class A, B, C, D, and E, each serving different purposes.

- **Class A–C**: Used for unicast addressing in public/private networks.
 - **Class D**: Used for **Multicasting**.
 - **Class E**: Reserved for **Experimental and Research** purposes.
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Class D Addressing (Multicast)

◆ Purpose:

- Used for multicasting, i.e., sending a single packet to **multiple hosts** (a group).
 - Not used for normal host communication (no concept of host ID).
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◆ Range:

Class Starting Bits Range (1st Octet) IP Address Range

D	1110	224 – 239	224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255
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◆ No Subnetting or Broadcast:

- Class D does **not** have subnet masks.
 - Does **not support broadcast** or network/host IDs.
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◆ Use Cases:

- **Live streaming**, webinars
 - **IPTV, Online gaming**
 - **Routing protocols** (e.g., OSPF, RIPng)
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◆ Multicast Group ID:

- The remaining **28 bits** after the first 4 bits (1110) form the **Multicast Group ID**.
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Example:

IP Address	Valid Multicast?	Description
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224.0.0.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	All systems on a subnet
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224.0.0.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Used by RIP Version 2
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IP Address	Valid Multicast?	Description
239.255.255.250	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	SSDP (used in UPnP)
192.168.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> No	This is Class C – not multicast

Class E Addressing (Experimental)

◆ Purpose:

- Reserved for experimental or future use.
 - Not used for regular communication on the Internet.
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◆ Range:

Class Starting Bits Range (1st Octet) IP Address Range

E 1111 240 – 255 240.0.0.0 to 255.255.255.255

◆ Special Notes:

- Not assigned to hosts.
 - No subnet mask defined.
 - Mostly blocked or ignored by network hardware.
 - Used in research labs or protocol testing.
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◆ Use Cases:

- Protocol testing
 - Reserved for future technologies
 - Reserved for special internal systems
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◆ Special Address Inside Class E:

- 255.255.255.255 = Limited Broadcast Address

- Sends to **all hosts on the local network**.
 - Used during **bootstrapping or network discovery**.
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Summary Table (Quick Revision)

Feature	Class D	Class E
Purpose	Multicast	Experimental/Future use
Starting Bits	1110	1111
First Octet Range	224–239	240–255
IP Address Range	224.0.0.0 – 239.255.255.255	240.0.0.0 – 255.255.255.255
Subnet Mask	 Not applicable	 Not applicable
Usable by Hosts	 Group multicast only	 Not usable by hosts
Example Address	224.0.0.1 (multicast)	255.255.255.255 (broadcast only)
Broadcast Supported?		

Numericals and MCQ-based Prep (Exam Style)

► Q1. Which of the following IPs is a multicast address?

- A) 192.168.1.1
- B) 10.0.0.1
- C) 224.0.0.5 
- D) 240.0.0.1

Answer: C – It belongs to Class D.

► Q2. What is the purpose of the IP address 255.255.255.255?

Answer: It is the **limited broadcast address** used to communicate with all devices in the local network.

► Q3. Can we assign 224.1.1.1 to a normal device?

Answer: ❌ No. Class D addresses are used for multicast groups, not assigned to individual hosts.

💡 Mnemonics to Remember

Class Range	Use	Mnemonic
A 1 – 126	Large networks	A = Alone (big companies)
B 128 – 191	Medium	B = Big schools, campuses
C 192 – 223	Small networks	C = Companies, homes
D 224 – 239	Multicast	D = Distribution (one-to-many)
E 240 – 255	Experimental	E = Experiments, reserved

Direct and limited broadcast address

Limited Broadcast vs Direct Broadcast Address

1. Limited Broadcast Address

✓ Definition:

A **limited broadcast address** is used to send a message to **all hosts on the local network (LAN) without knowing the network address**.

It is mainly used **during the boot process** or when the host **does not know its IP address**.

📍 Address:

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255.255.255.255

◆ Key Characteristics:

Property	Value
Scope	Local network only
Forwarded by routers?	✗ No (never forwarded beyond router)
Requires network ID?	✗ No
Used during	Bootstrapping (e.g., DHCP Discover)

Example:

A new device without an IP sends:

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Source IP: 0.0.0.0

Destination IP: 255.255.255.255

→ This message is broadcast to all devices on the local subnet.

2. Direct Broadcast Address

Definition:

A **direct broadcast address** is used to send a message to **all hosts on a specific remote network** using its **network ID**.

Format:

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<Network ID> + all 1s in Host bits

◆ Key Characteristics:

Property	Value
Scope	Specific remote network
Forwarded by routers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (if enabled)
Requires network ID?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Used for	Broadcasting to all hosts in remote LAN

Example:

Assume IP: 192.168.10.0/24

→ Network ID: 192.168.10.0

→ Direct Broadcast Address = 192.168.10.255

If a device wants to send a message to all hosts on network 192.168.10.0, it sends the packet to:

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Destination IP: 192.168.10.255

Comparison Table (Exam Friendly)

Feature	Limited Broadcast	Direct Broadcast
Destination Address	255.255.255.255	NetworkID + all 1s in host bits
Known Network ID Needed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Forwarded by Routers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (if not blocked)
Used for	Local subnet only	Remote subnet broadcast
Common Use Case	DHCP Discover	Broadcast messages in other subnets
Works without IP?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (requires known IP structure)

Quick Numericals

◆ Q: What is the direct broadcast address of network 10.20.30.0/24?

- Solution:

- Network ID = 10.20.30.0
 - Subnet Mask = 255.255.255.0 → 8 host bits → all 1s = 255
 - Answer: 10.20.30.255
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◆ Q: Can 255.255.255.255 be routed?

- ✗ No, it is a **non-routable address** used only for local broadcasts.
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 Use Case in DHCP (Limited Broadcast)

When a device boots up:

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Source IP: 0.0.0.0

Destination IP: 255.255.255.255

Message: DHCP Discover

→ The DHCP server on the same network replies with an offer.

 Summary

Type	Address Format	Used For	Router Behavior
Limited Broadcast	255.255.255.255	Local network broadcast	Blocked (not forwarded)
Direct Broadcast	e.g., 192.168.1.255	Remote network broadcast	Can be forwarded

Problems with classfull addressing

Classful addressing is an **old IP addressing method** used before **CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing)** was introduced. It divides the IP address space into **five classes (A, B, C, D, E)** with fixed block sizes. While it was simple, it had **many problems**, especially with scalability and address space efficiency.

Problems with Classful Addressing

1. Wastage of IP Addresses

Explanation:

- In classful addressing, address blocks were assigned based on class:
 - **Class A:** ~16 million hosts ($2^{24} - 2$ usable)
 - **Class B:** ~65,000 hosts
 - **Class C:** 254 hosts

Many organizations received **Class A or B** blocks even though they only needed a few hundred IPs.

Example:

A company needing 500 IPs would get:

- **1 Class B:** 65,534 usable IPs
- Wasted = $65,534 - 500 = \text{~65,000 IPs wasted}$

2. Maintainability

Explanation:

- Managing routing tables was hard because networks had **fixed boundaries**.
- Network admins had to deal with **rigid classes**, making subnetting complex.

Example:

- If you need 1000 IPs in a branch, Class C isn't enough (only 254), so you'd need to **merge multiple Class C networks**.
- This increases the number of routes in routers, making routing harder to maintain.

3. Lack of Flexibility

Explanation:

- You couldn't customize the subnet sizes based on actual need.

- Fixed size classes made it hard to match address allocations with actual requirements.

Example:

- A small office may get Class B just for 800 hosts.
 - Can't use remaining ~64,000 IPs elsewhere — very **inflexible**.
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4. More Prone to Error

Explanation:

- Manual address management for large networks leads to **misconfiguration**, duplicate IPs, overlapping subnets.
- The rigid system encouraged **inefficient planning**.

Example:

- Two departments might overlap IPs if subnetting isn't properly done due to limitations in Classful design.
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✓ How These Problems Are Tackled

► Solution: CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing)

CIDR introduced in 1993 replaced classful addressing. It uses **variable-length subnet masking (VLSM)** to allocate IPs based on need.

◆ 1. Avoiding Wastage (Efficient Allocation)

CIDR allows IP blocks of any size, e.g., /22, /28.

Example:

If you need 500 IPs:

- CIDR allocation: /23 gives 512 usable IPs
- Wastage: only 12 IPs (compared to 65,000+ in classful!)

Numerical Example:

You are given IP block: 192.168.0.0/23

Find number of usable IPs.

- Subnet size = $2^{32} - 2^3 = 2^9 = 512$
 - Usable = $512 - 2 = \mathbf{510 \text{ hosts}}$
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◆ 2. Better Maintainability

CIDR enables **route aggregation (supernetting)**.

Example:

Instead of:

- 8 Class C routes: 192.168.1.0/24, 192.168.2.0/24, ... 192.168.8.0/24
You advertise:
 - Single route: 192.168.0.0/21 → covers all 8 blocks
Reduces **routing table entries**, easier to maintain.
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◆ 3. Increased Flexibility

CIDR supports **custom subnetting** based on need.

Example:

- Branch A needs 100 IPs → /25 (128 IPs)
- Branch B needs 30 IPs → /27 (32 IPs)
- Branch C needs 10 IPs → /28 (16 IPs)

You divide 192.168.1.0/24 into smaller subnets.

◆ 4. Less Prone to Error

- Automated IP management (DHCP + CIDR)
- Easier subnet planning with tools
- Clear boundaries reduce overlaps

Example:

Using a **subnet calculator**:

- You allocate 192.168.1.0/28 → 16 IPs
 - System automatically calculates range (network, broadcast, usable hosts)
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Numerical Example for Exam (Subnetting using CIDR)

Q: Design subnets for a company needing:

- Branch 1: 100 hosts
- Branch 2: 50 hosts
- Branch 3: 25 hosts
- From network 192.168.0.0/24

Solution:

1. Sort by size:

- 100 → needs /25 (128 IPs)
- 50 → needs /26 (64 IPs)
- 25 → needs /27 (32 IPs)

2. Assign subnets:

Branch	Subnet	Hosts
Branch 1	192.168.0.0/25	126
Branch 2	192.168.0.128/26	62
Branch 3	192.168.0.192/27	30

- Total used: $128 + 64 + 32 = 224$ IPs (out of 256)
- Only 32 IPs wasted (vs classful where you'd use 3 full Class C blocks = 768 IPs)

Conclusion

Problem	Classful Issue	CIDR Solution
IP wastage	Fixed large blocks	Variable size allocation (/x)
Maintainability	Routing table bloated	Aggregated routes
Flexibility	Can't match subnet sizes with need	VLSM allows precise subnetting
Prone to error	Manual config, overlap risk	Subnet calculators, DHCP, clear planning

Class less address

1. What is a Classless IP Address?

◆ Definition:

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IP Address / Subnet Prefix

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- **Host ID:** Remaining bits that identify individual **devices (hosts)** within the network.

◆ **Example:**

IP: 192.168.1.10/24

- First 24 bits → **Network ID** = 192.168.1
 - Last 8 bits → **Host ID** (e.g., 00001010)
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◆ **Formula:**

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Number of Hosts = $2^{(\text{Number of Host bits})} - 2$

(We subtract 2 for **network ID** and **broadcast address**)

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192.168.1.0/26

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Yes.

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You said:

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ChatGPT said:

Great! Let's dive deep into **Subnetting**—a core networking concept.

✓ What is Subnetting?

◆ Definition:

Subnetting is the process of dividing a larger network into **smaller logical sub-networks** (subnets) to improve routing efficiency, security, and network management.

Each subnet behaves like an independent smaller network.

✓ What is MSB (Most Significant Bits)?

- **MSB** are the **leftmost bits** in a binary number.
- In subnetting, **MSB** of the host portion is borrowed to create subnets.

- For example, converting /24 to /26 means you borrow **2 MSBs** from the host portion.
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Is Subnetting done in both Classful and Classless Addressing?

Type	Subnetting Possible?	Flexibility	Notes
Classful	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited	Only by default classes (A: /8, B: /16, C: /24)
Classless (CIDR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full	More flexible using CIDR notation

Why Subnetting is Needed?

1. Efficient use of IP addresses
2. Reduces network traffic (only local broadcast)
3. Adds security and control (isolation)
4. Better routing (smaller routing tables)

How to Do Subnetting – Step-by-Step

Let's break it down with an **example** and then solve **numericals**.

Example 1: Subnet 192.168.1.0/24 into 4 Subnets

Step 1: Identify the default subnet

- IP is Class C → Default mask = **/24** (255.255.255.0)

Step 2: Determine how many subnets are needed

- Need = **4 subnets**
- Formula: $2^n \geq \text{required_subnets} \rightarrow 2^2 = 4 \rightarrow \text{borrow 2 bits}$

Step 3: New Subnet Mask

- Original = **/24**
- Borrow 2 bits → New mask = **/26**

- New Mask: 255.255.255.192

Step 4: Calculate subnet blocks

- 2 host bits left $\rightarrow 2^6 = 64$ addresses per block

	Subnet Network Address Range	Broadcast
1	192.168.1.0/26	192.168.1.1 – 192.168.1.62
2	192.168.1.64/26	192.168.1.65 – 192.168.1.126
3	192.168.1.128/26	192.168.1.129 – 192.168.1.190
4	192.168.1.192/26	192.168.1.193 – 192.168.1.254
		192.168.1.192

How Does a Packet Know Which Subnet It Belongs To?

Every **subnet** has:

- A **network address**
- A **subnet mask**

When a packet arrives:

1. The router does a **bitwise AND** of IP and subnet mask.
 2. The result is compared with the network address of the subnets.
 3. The matching result tells which subnet it belongs to.
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Example 2: Find Subnet of IP 192.168.1.66 in /26 subnetting

- IP: 192.168.1.66
- Subnet Mask: /26 \rightarrow 255.255.255.192
- Subnet blocks: 192.168.1.0, 192.168.1.64, 192.168.1.128...

Step:

- 66 lies between 64–127 \rightarrow So it's in subnet 192.168.1.64/26
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Numericals for Exam

◆ **Q1: Subnet 10.0.0.0/8 to support 1000 subnets. Find:**

- New subnet mask
- Hosts per subnet

Solution:

1. Default class A → /8
 2. Need 1000 subnets
→ $2^n \geq 1000 \rightarrow n = 10$
→ New mask = /8 + 10 = **/18**
 3. Host bits = $32 - 18 = 14$
→ Hosts per subnet = $2^{14} - 2 = 16382$
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◆ **Q2: Subnet 192.168.0.0/24 to support at least 20 hosts per subnet.**

Solution:

1. Hosts needed = 20
→ $2^n - 2 \geq 20$
→ $n = 5$ ($2^5 - 2 = 30$)
 2. Host bits = 5
→ Subnet bits = $32 - 5 = /27$
→ Mask = 255.255.255.224
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✓ **Subnetting Quick Reference Table**

New Mask # Subnets from /24 IPs/Subnet Usable Hosts

/25	2	128	126
/26	4	64	62
/27	8	32	30
/28	16	16	14
/29	32	8	6
/30	64	4	2

Visual Example

Let's visualize 192.168.1.0/24 subnetted into 4 subnets:

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Subnet 1: 192.168.1.0 - 192.168.1.63

Subnet 2: 192.168.1.64 - 192.168.1.127

Subnet 3: 192.168.1.128 - 192.168.1.191

Subnet 4: 192.168.1.192 - 192.168.1.255

Exam Tips

Topic	Tip
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MSB	Borrow from host portion
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Formula	Use 2^n for subnets or hosts
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Range	Use block size to find ranges
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Reserved IPs	Always subtract 2 for network/broadcast
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Binary	Convert to binary if confused with ranges
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VLSM

What is VLSM (Variable Length Subnet Masking)?

◆ Definition:

VLSM allows a network to be **subnetted into different sizes**, rather than equal-sized subnets.

It is an advanced form of subnetting where we assign different subnet masks to different subnets based on **actual number of hosts** required.

✓ Why is VLSM Used?

Reason	Explanation
Efficient IP utilization	No waste of IPs; assigns only what is needed
Supports hierarchical design	Useful in complex networks like LAN + WAN
Better scalability	Subnets can be tailored for current and future growth

✓ VLSM vs FLSM (Fixed Length Subnet Masking)

Feature	FLSM (Fixed)	VLSM (Variable)
Subnet Size	Same for all	Different per requirement
IP Wastage	High	Minimal
Flexibility	Low	High
Real World Usage	Rare	Very Common

✓ How to Do VLSM (Step-by-Step)

We'll solve a **numerical example** to explain it clearly.

◆ Example Question:

You are given a network **192.168.10.0/24**. Divide it among the following departments:

- Dept A: 100 Hosts

- Dept B: 50 Hosts
 - Dept C: 25 Hosts
 - Dept D: 10 Hosts
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Step 1: List Host Requirements (Descending Order)

Department Hosts Needed Add 2 (Net + Bcast) Total

A	100	+2	102
B	50	+2	52
C	25	+2	27
D	10	+2	12

Step 2: Find Required Subnet Masks

Use formula:

$$2^n - 2 \geq \text{Hosts}$$

Dept Required Hosts Needed Bits Subnet Mask Subnet Size

A	102	7	/25	128
B	52	6	/26	64
C	27	5	/27	32
D	12	4	/28	16

Step 3: Assign IP Ranges

Start from **192.168.10.0**

Dept	Subnet Mask Range		Network ID	Broadcast ID
A	/25	192.168.10.0 – 192.168.10.127	192.168.10.0	192.168.10.127
B	/26	192.168.10.128 – 192.168.10.191	192.168.10.128	192.168.10.191

Dept	Subnet Mask Range	Network ID	Broadcast ID
C	/27	192.168.10.192 – 192.168.10.223	192.168.10.192 192.168.10.223
D	/28	192.168.10.224 – 192.168.10.239	192.168.10.224 192.168.10.239

👉 IPs from **192.168.10.240** to **192.168.10.255** are still **unused**.

✓ Summary of Rules in VLSM

Rule	Description
Sort by largest host requirement	To avoid overlap
Calculate minimum subnet size	Using $2^n \geq$ needed hosts + 2
Allocate subnet, move to next	Adjust range based on previous broadcast
Use CIDR notation	Represent using /mask
No overlapping ranges	Ensure each subnet has unique IP range

✓ Real World Use Case:

Suppose a company has:

- A head office (needs 100 hosts)
- 3 branch offices (needs 25, 10, 5 hosts)

Instead of giving each office a /24 block (256 IPs), VLSM lets you allocate:

- Head: /25 (128 IPs)
- Branches: /27, /28, /29 (32, 16, 8 IPs)

→ Saving hundreds of IP addresses.

✓ Exam-Oriented Questions

◆ **Q1: You have 192.168.0.0/24. Allocate subnets for networks needing: 60, 30, and 10 hosts using VLSM.**

Ans:

- 60 → /26 (64 IPs) → 192.168.0.0 – 63

- 30 → /27 (32 IPs) → 192.168.0.64 – 95
 - 10 → /28 (16 IPs) → 192.168.0.96 – 111
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◆ Q2: What is the subnet mask needed to support 1000 hosts using VLSM?

Use: $2^n - 2 \geq 1000$

→ $2^{10} = 1024 \rightarrow$ So, 10 host bits

→ Mask = $32 - 10 = 22 \rightarrow /22$

→ Mask = 255.255.252.0

✓ Quick VLSM Cheat Table (For Hosts)

Needed Hosts Subnet Mask Total IPs

2	/30	4
6	/29	8
14	/28	16
30	/27	32
62	/26	64
126	/25	128
254	/24	256

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Ipv4 header

IPv4 Header Format Overview

An **IPv4 Header** is the part of a packet that carries **routing and control information**.

- ✓ **Total Size:** Minimum **20 bytes** (160 bits)
 - ✓ Can be extended using optional fields (up to 60 bytes max)
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✓ IPv4 Header Fields – All 13 Parts

No.	Field Name	Size (Bits)	Description (Use)
1	Version	4	Indicates IP version (4 for IPv4)
2	IHL (Header Length)	4	Length of header in 32-bit words (min = 5)
3	Type of Service (ToS)	8	Priority & QoS (e.g., delay, throughput)
4	Total Length	16	Full size of packet (header + data)
5	Identification	16	Unique ID for fragmentation and reassembly
6	Flags	3	Control fragmentation (e.g., Don't Fragment)
7	Fragment Offset	13	Offset of fragment if packet is split
8	Time to Live (TTL)	8	Packet lifetime (number of hops it can travel)
9	Protocol	8	Indicates the next layer (TCP=6, UDP=17, ICMP=1)
10	Header Checksum	16	Used for error checking of header only
11	Source IP Address	32	IP address of sender
12	Destination IP Address	32	IP address of receiver
13	Options + Padding	0–320	Optional features (e.g., timestamp, security) – multiple of 32 bits

IPv4 Header Fields with Use

1 Version (4 bits)

- Always set to **4** for IPv4.
 - Tells the protocol version so routers interpret header correctly.
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2 IHL – Internet Header Length (4 bits)

- Measured in **32-bit words**
- Min = 5 (i.e., 5×4 bytes = 20 bytes)

→ Example:

If IHL = 5, header size = $5 \times 4 = 20$ bytes

If IHL = 6, header size = 24 bytes

3 Type of Service (8 bits)

- Used for **QoS (Quality of Service)**
- Helps routers prioritize traffic (e.g., low delay, high throughput)

→ Example: VoIP calls can use low delay ToS for better quality.

4 Total Length (16 bits)

- Full packet size = header + data
- Max value: $2^{16} - 1 = 65535$ bytes

→ Example:

If header = 20 bytes and data = 1480 bytes → Total = 1500

5 Identification (16 bits)

- Unique ID for each IP packet
- Helps in **fragment reassembly** if a packet is split across routers

→ Example: Packet ID 12345 used to recognize all fragments of that packet

6 Flags (3 bits)

- Bit 0: Reserved
- Bit 1: Don't Fragment (DF)
- Bit 2: More Fragments (MF)

→ Used to control or identify fragmentation

7 Fragment Offset (13 bits)

- Indicates **where** this fragment belongs in the original data

- Unit = 8 bytes (means offset value \times 8 = actual byte location)

→ **Example:**

Offset = 100 → Starts from byte **800**

8 Time To Live (TTL) – 8 bits

- Prevents infinite loops
- Each router decrements TTL by 1
- When TTL = 0 → packet is dropped

→ **Example:** TTL = 10 → Max 10 hops before packet dies

9 Protocol (8 bits)

- Indicates which **transport layer** protocol to send the data to

Value Protocol

1	ICMP
6	TCP
17	UDP

10 Header Checksum (16 bits)

- For error-checking of only the **header**
 - If error found → packet is discarded
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11 Source IP (32 bits)

- Sender's IP Address
 - Example: 192.168.1.1
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12 Destination IP (32 bits)

- Receiver's IP Address

- Example: 8.8.8.8
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13 Options (Variable)

- Optional features like:
 - **Timestamp**
 - **Security level**
 - **Record route**
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Example Numerical for Exam

 Given:

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Version: 4

IHL: 5

Type of Service: 0

Total Length: 60 bytes

Identification: 54321

Flags: 010 (DF = 1, MF = 0)

Fragment Offset: 0

TTL: 64

Protocol: 6 (TCP)

Checksum: 0x1C46

Source IP: 10.0.0.1

Destination IP: 10.0.0.2

 Q1: What is the header length in bytes?

 IHL = 5 → $5 \times 4 = 20$ bytes

 **Q2: What is the payload size (data size)?**

-  Total Length = 60 bytes
 -  Header = 20 bytes
 -  Data = $60 - 20 = 40$ bytes
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 **Q3: Is this packet fragmented?**

-  Flags = 010 → DF = 1 (Don't Fragment), MF = 0
 -  Not fragmented.
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 **Quick Revision Table**

Field	Size	Purpose
Version	4	Protocol version (4 for IPv4)
IHL	4	Header length in 32-bit words
ToS	8	Quality of service
Total Length	16	Header + Data size
Identification	16	Fragmentation ID
Flags	3	Fragment control
Fragment Offset	13	Position of fragment
TTL	8	Packet lifetime
Protocol	8	Next layer protocol
Header Checksum	16	Header error check
Source IP	32	Sender IP
Destination IP	32	Receiver IP
Options	Var	Optional services

 **Exam Tips:**

- ✓ Always memorize sizes (Version = 4 bits, TTL = 8 bits, etc.)
 - ✓ Understand fragmentation, TTL, and protocol field
 - ✓ Know how to calculate data = Total length – IHL × 4
 - ✓ Be ready to identify protocol from protocol number
 - ✓ Be able to analyze a packet's field and deduce answers
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Would you like a **diagram** of the IPv4 header or **practice MCQs with ans**

Ipv4 Fragmantation

What is IP Fragmentation?

IP Fragmentation is the process of breaking a large IP packet into smaller pieces (fragments) so that it can pass through a network with a **smaller Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU)**.

🔧 Why Fragmentation is Needed?

- Different networks support different **MTUs** (maximum size of packets).
 - Example:
 - Ethernet MTU = **1500 bytes**
 - If IP packet > 1500 → **fragmentation is needed**
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✿ Parts of IPv4 Header Used in Fragmentation

Field Name	Size	Use
Identification	16	Same for all fragments of original packet
Flags	3	Used to control fragmentation
Fragment Offset	13	Shows fragment's position in original packet
Total Length	16	Tells size of fragment (header + data)

🚩 Flags (3 bits)

Bit Name	Meaning
0 Reserved	Always 0

Bit Name	Meaning
1 DF (Don't Frag)	1 = Don't fragment; 0 = Can be fragmented
2 MF (More Frag)	1 = More fragments coming; 0 = This is last fragment

Fragment Offset (13 bits)

- Shows **starting point** of fragment in **units of 8 bytes (64 bits)**
 - Example: Offset = 1 → Starts from byte $1 \times 8 = 8$
 - Range: 0 to $(8191 \times 8) = 65528$
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Easy Numerical Example

Q1:

Given:

- MTU = 100 bytes
- IP Header = 20 bytes
- Data to send = 200 bytes

 How will the data be fragmented?

Step 1: Max data per fragment

MTU – Header = 100 – 20 = **80 bytes** (actual payload)

Step 2: Divide data

Fragment	Data Size	Offset	MF Flag
1	80	0	1
2	80	$80/8 = 10$	1
3	40	$160/8 = 20$	0

Result:

- Fragment 1:
 - Total Length = 100
 - Offset = 0
 - MF = 1
 - Fragment 2:
 - Total Length = 100
 - Offset = 10
 - MF = 1
 - Fragment 3:
 - Total Length = 60 (40 data + 20 header)
 - Offset = 20
 - MF = 0
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Medium Level Numerical

Q2:

Given:

- Original Data = 3000 bytes
 - MTU = 1024 bytes
 - Header = 20 bytes
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 **Max Data = $1024 - 20 = 1004$ bytes**

 But! Fragmented data **must be a multiple of 8** → Nearest = **1000 bytes**

Fragment Division:

Fragment	Data	Offset	MF
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1	1000	0	1
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Fragment Data Offset MF

2 $1000 \text{ bytes} / 8 = 125$ 1

3 $1000 \text{ bytes} / 8 = 250$ 0

Each has 20 bytes header → Total lengths: 1020, 1020, 1020

Hard Numerical Example

Q3:

Given:

- Original Data = 5000 bytes
- MTU = 1500 bytes
- Header = 20 bytes

 **Max data per fragment: $1500 - 20 = 1480$**

 Nearest multiple of 8 = **1472 bytes**

Division:

Fragment Data Offset MF Total Length

1 1472 0 1 $1472 + 20 = 1492$

2 1472 $1472 / 8 = 184$ 1 1492

3 1472 $2944 / 8 = 368$ 1 1492

4 584 $4416 / 8 = 552$ 0 $584 + 20 = 604$

All Fragmentation Terms Explained

Term Meaning

MTU Maximum size of a frame (data + header) that a network can handle

Fragment A smaller piece of a large packet

Term	Meaning
Identification	Unique number for all fragments of one packet
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MF Flag	More fragments exist (1 = yes, 0 = last fragment)
Fragment Offset	Byte offset of fragment in data (in units of 8 bytes)

Key Exam Concepts

Concept	Key Point
Max payload per fragment	MTU – Header (and must be multiple of 8)
Offset units	Always in multiples of 8
MF Flag	1 = More fragments; 0 = Last fragment
Reassembly	Done at destination , not by intermediate routers
Errors due to DF=1	If a router needs to fragment but DF=1 → it drops the packet

MCQ Style Practice (Exam Prep)

Q1: If MTU = 1400 and header = 20, what's the max data in each fragment?

- A. 1380
- B. 1376
- C. 1400
- D. 1392

 **Answer: B (1376)** → Nearest multiple of 8

Q2: If MF = 0, what does it mean?

- A. Packet is fragmented
- B. Last fragment
- C. Don't fragment
- D. Checksum failed

 **Answer: B** – No more fragments

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ChatGPT said:

Great! Let's explain each term using a **realistic IPv4 header format** and show **how each field is used in fragmentation**, with practical examples and exam-friendly explanations.

IPv4 Header (Simplified for Fragmentation)

Here's the standard 20-byte IPv4 header with fields relevant to **fragmentation**:

Field	Size (bits)	Description
Version	4	IP version (IPv4)
IHL	4	Header length
Type of Service	8	QoS handling
Total Length	16	Header + Data length (important for fragmentation)
Identification	16	Same ID for all fragments of one original packet
Flags	3	Includes DF (Don't Fragment) and MF (More Fragments)
Fragment Offset	13	Position of the fragment in the original packet
TTL	8	Time to live
Protocol	8	Next layer (e.g., TCP, UDP)
Header Checksum	16	For error detection
Source Address	32	Sender IP

Field	Size (bits)	Description
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Destination Address 32	Receiver IP
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Detailed Explanation of Fragmentation Terms (With Usage)

◆ 1. MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit)

- **Definition:** Max packet size a network can handle.
 - **Not in header**, but it **affects fragmentation**.
 - **Example:** Ethernet MTU = **1500 bytes**
 - Header = 20 bytes → Max data = **1480 bytes**
 - If original data = 3000 bytes → needs **fragmentation**.
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◆ 2. Fragment

- **Definition:** A piece of a larger IP packet.
 - **Created** when total data size > MTU.
 - Each fragment is sent as a separate IP packet.
 - Each has:
 - Unique **Offset**
 - **MF flag** (1 if more fragments follow)
 - **Same Identification value**
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◆ 3. Identification (16 bits)

- **Purpose:** Tag all fragments of the **same packet** with a unique ID.
- All fragments of a given original packet will have the **same ID**.

Usage:

Let's say Identification = **12345**

Then all fragments will have:

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Fragment 1: Identification = 12345

Fragment 2: Identification = 12345

Fragment 3: Identification = 12345

So the receiver knows to **reassemble** them together.

◆ **4. DF (Don't Fragment) Flag – 1 bit in the Flags field**

- Bit = 1 → Routers are **not allowed to fragment** the packet.
- Bit = 0 → Routers **can fragment** the packet if needed.

 **Usage:**

- If DF = 1 and packet > MTU → router drops it and sends ICMP "Fragmentation Needed" message (used in **Path MTU Discovery**)
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◆ **5. MF (More Fragments) Flag – 1 bit in the Flags field**

- Bit = 1 → **More fragments** of the same packet follow.
- Bit = 0 → **Last fragment**.

 **Usage:**

Fragment MF Flag

1 1

2 1

3 0

Receiver stops waiting for more fragments when MF = 0.

◆ **6. Fragment Offset (13 bits)**

- Tells where this fragment's **data** starts in the original packet.
- It's measured in **units of 8 bytes (64 bits)**.

 **Usage:**

Let's say data is fragmented into 3 parts (using MTU = 1500, so data = 1480):

Fragment Data Offset	Byte Position
1	1480 0 0–1479
2	1480 1480/8 = 185 1480–2959
3	1040 2960/8 = 370 2960–3999

So, Fragment Offset in IPv4 header is set to 0, 185, and 370 for each fragment respectively.

Putting It All Together: Fragmented IPv4 Packet

Assume:

- **Original Data** = 4000 bytes
- **MTU** = 1500 bytes → Max data = 1480
- **Fragments:**
 - F1: Data = 1480, Offset = 0, MF = 1, ID = 999
 - F2: Data = 1480, Offset = 185, MF = 1, ID = 999
 - F3: Data = 1040, Offset = 370, MF = 0, ID = 999

Example Numerical for Exam

Question:

A 3000-byte packet (header = 20 bytes) needs to be sent over a network with MTU = 1024 bytes. Show fragmentation headers for each fragment.

Step-by-step:

- Max data per fragment = $1024 - 20 = 1004$
- Closest multiple of 8 = **1000 bytes**
- Remaining data = $3000 - 2000 = 1000 \text{ bytes}$

Fragments:

Fragment Data Offset		MF Total Length
1	1000 0	1 1020
2	1000 1000/8 = 125 1	1020
3	1000 2000/8 = 250 0	1020

Each will have:

- ID = Same (e.g., 56789)
 - MF = 1 for first two, 0 for last
 - Fragment Offset set in 13-bit field
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💡 Summary Table

Field	Size	Role in Fragmentation
MTU	–	Determines max size of each packet
Fragment	–	A broken part of the original data packet
Identification	16	Same for all fragments of one packet
DF (Don't Frag)	1	Prevents fragmentation if set
MF (More Frag)	1	Tells if more fragments follow
Fragment Offset	13	Tells starting point of this fragment in original data

Option and padding

IPv4 Header Overview (Context)

The standard IPv4 header is 20 bytes (160 bits) long. But it can be extended up to 60 bytes (480 bits) using the Options and Padding fields.

✅ Where Do Options and Padding Appear?

Field Name Size (Bits) Purpose

Options Variable Provides extra control info

Field Name Size (Bits) Purpose

Padding Variable Aligns the header to 32-bit boundaries

- These fields are present only when IHL > 5.
 - IHL (Internet Header Length) is a 4-bit field indicating the number of **32-bit words** (1 word = 4 bytes).
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📘 What is the Options Field?

📌 Definition:

- The Options field is used for **control, testing, debugging, or special routing requirements**.
- It's **not commonly used today**, but it's essential for **networking exams**.

🧱 Structure of an Option:

Each option has **variable size**, but follows this general format:

Bits Name	Description
1	Copy Flag Copy to all fragments (1) or not (0)
2	Option Class Control or debugging
5	Option Number Indicates the specific option type
8	Length Total size of the option (if applicable)
n	Data Depends on the option

⌚ Common IPv4 Options (Exam-Important)

Let's explain the **3 main options**:

◆ 1. Record Route (Option Type: 7)

- **Purpose:** Records the IP addresses of routers as the packet travels.
- Used for **diagnostics or path tracing**.
- Each router that receives the packet **adds its IP address**.

Format:

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| Option Type (7) | Length | Pointer | Route Data (IP addresses) |

- **Length:** Total bytes (e.g., 3 header bytes + 4 bytes per router)
- **Pointer:** Byte location to write the next IP
- Max 9 IPs (36 bytes) can be stored (due to 40 bytes max for options)

Example:

A packet with Record Route enabled passes through:

1. 192.168.1.1
2. 192.168.2.1
3. 192.168.3.1

 These IPs get added sequentially into the Route Data.

2. Source Routing

There are two types:

a) Strict Source Route (Option Type: 137)

- Sender **specifies every router** the packet must go through.
- If a router isn't in the list → packet is dropped.

b) Loose Source Route (Option Type: 131)

- Sender specifies some routers → packet must pass through them, **but can take any path between them.**

Format:

Same as Record Route, but Route Data contains **pre-defined IP hops**.

Example:

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Source wants packet to go:

Host A → R1 → R3 → Destination

- Strict Source Route: Must follow this exact path.
 - Loose Source Route: Can go via R1, then **any route to R3**.
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◆ 3. Padding

- **Purpose:** Ensures the IPv4 header is a multiple of **32 bits (4 bytes)**.
 - If the header after adding options is not divisible by 4 bytes, **Padding = 0x00** bytes are added.
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Numerical Example (Exam Style)

? Question:

A packet uses the Record Route option. The current IPv4 header is 20 bytes. The record route option adds 20 bytes. How many IPs can be recorded? What will be the value of IHL?

✓ Solution:

- Each IP address = 4 bytes
- Record Route overhead = 3 bytes (Type, Length, Pointer)
- Remaining for IPs = $20 - 3 = 17$ bytes → $\text{floor}(17/4) = 4 \text{ IPs}$

IHL:

- Original header = 20 bytes
 - New header = $20 + 20 = 40 \text{ bytes}$
 - $IHL = 40 / 4 = 10$
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Summary Table

Option	Code Description	Typical Use Case
Record Route	7	Records router IPs in packet path
Loose Source Route	131	Some hops predefined

Option	Code Description	Typical Use Case
Strict Source Route	137 All hops fixed	Military/secured networks
Padding	– Makes header multiple of 4 bytes	Alignment requirement

Exam Tip

You should be able to:

- Identify which fields affect fragmentation and routing.
- Solve numerical problems involving IHL and options.
- Recognize **limitations** (e.g., max 9 IPs in Record Route).
- Understand practical use and **why modern networks rarely use options** (due to overhead and inefficiency).

IPv6 Header Explained (Exam Point of View)

IPv6 was introduced to overcome limitations of IPv4 like address exhaustion, inefficient header format, and lack of built-in security.

IPv6 Header Format (Fixed Size = 40 Bytes = 320 Bits)

Field Name	Size (Bits)	Description
Version	4	IP version (always 6)
Traffic Class	8	Like DSCP in IPv4 – used for priority
Flow Label	20	For special packet flows like VoIP
Payload Length	16	Length of data (excluding header)
Next Header	8	Identifies next protocol (TCP, UDP, ICMPv6, etc.)
Hop Limit	8	Like TTL – how many routers can forward the packet
Source Address	128	Sender's IPv6 address
Destination Address	128	Receiver's IPv6 address

 **Total: 40 bytes (fixed length unlike IPv4)**

Field-by-Field Explanation

Version (4 bits)

- Always **0110** in binary = **6** in decimal (IPv6)
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Traffic Class (8 bits)

- Same as **Type of Service (ToS)** in IPv4
- Used by routers to **prioritize packets**
- Helps in **Quality of Service (QoS)**

 *Example use: Voice-over-IP packets might be marked for high priority*

Flow Label (20 bits)

- Used to **identify packets belonging to the same flow**
- Flow = a sequence of packets requiring **special handling** (e.g., real-time video)
- Routers can recognize and treat the entire flow similarly without inspecting deeper

 *Think of it like "group ID" for packets in a session*

Example:

- A video call app assigns Flow Label 0x0005F (binary: 0000 0000 0000 0101 1111)
 - Routers use this to identify and fast-forward such packets
-

Payload Length (16 bits)

- Indicates **size of the payload (data) in bytes**
- Maximum: 65,535 bytes

 *Example: If Payload Length = 1000, it means **1000 bytes of data follows***

Next Header (8 bits)

- Tells what protocol comes **after the IPv6 header**
- Can point to:

- **TCP** (6)
- **UDP** (17)
- **ICMPv6** (58)
- **Extension Headers** (e.g., Routing Header, Fragment Header)

 This replaces **Protocol field** in IPv4.

 *Example:* If Next Header = 6 → Payload is TCP segment.

6 Hop Limit (8 bits)

- Same as **TTL in IPv4**
- Decreases by 1 at each router → when it becomes 0 → packet is dropped

 *Prevents infinite loops*

 *Example:*

- If Hop Limit = 10, packet can pass through 10 routers maximum.
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7 Source & Destination Addresses (128 bits each)

- Huge address space: 2^{128} (~ 3.4×10^{38} addresses)
- Written in hexadecimal and separated by colons

 *Example IPv6 Address:*

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2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334

💡 Summary Table

Field	Size	Purpose
Version	4 bits	IP version (always 6)
Traffic Class	8 bits	QoS / packet priority

Field	Size	Purpose
Flow Label	20 bits	Flow identification
Payload Length	16 bits	Size of data (not header)
Next Header	8 bits	Protocol after header
Hop Limit	8 bits	Router hop limit (like TTL)
Source Addr	128 bits	Sender's IPv6 address
Dest Addr	128 bits	Receiver's IPv6 address

💡 Example Numerical Question (Exam Point of View)

❓ Question:

An IPv6 packet has:

- Flow Label: 0x002FA
- Next Header: 17
- Hop Limit: 64
- Payload Length: 512

Q1: What is the transport protocol?

Q2: How many bytes of data follow the header?

Q3: What does the flow label indicate?

✅ Answer:

A1: Next Header = 17 → UDP protocol

A2: Payload Length = 512 bytes

A3: Flow label 0x002FA is used by routers to identify that all packets with this label belong to the same flow (like video call), ensuring fast processing.

🆚 IPv4 vs IPv6 Header (Exam Comparison Table)

Feature	IPv4	IPv6
Header Size	Variable (20–60 B)	Fixed (40 B)

Feature	IPv4	IPv6
Address Size	32 bits	128 bits
Fragmentation	Routers can fragment	Done only by source
Options	Present	Extension headers
TTL	TTL	Hop Limit
Checksum	Present	Removed
QoS Field	ToS	Traffic Class + Flow Label

Extension Headers (Brief Overview – for Exam MCQs)

IPv6 uses **extension headers** instead of options like IPv4. These are chained using **Next Header**.

Common ones:

Extension Header	Next Header Value Use
Hop-by-Hop Options	0 Options processed by every router
Routing Header	43 Source routing
Fragment Header	44 Packet fragmentation
Destination Options	60 Options for destination node
Authentication Header	51 IPsec security
Encapsulating Security	50 IPsec payload encryption

Final Exam Tips

- Memorize all field sizes and meanings
- Understand how Flow Label and Next Header work
- Compare IPv4 vs IPv6 headers
- Practice numerical questions on Hop Limit, Payload Length, and Flow Labels
- Understand role of extension headers in replacing IPv4 options

Routing protocols

What is a Routing Protocol?

Routing protocols are **rules and algorithms** used by routers to **decide the best path** for forwarding data packets across a network.

📦 In simple terms: Routing protocols help routers determine **how** to send data from **source to destination**, efficiently.

🌐 Real-Life Analogy

Imagine you're using **Google Maps** to go from **Delhi to Jaipur**:

- It shows multiple **routes**
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Similarly, routing protocols:

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◆ Intra-domain Routing Protocols

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Types:

A. Distance Vector Routing Protocol

- Router shares info with **direct neighbors**
- Each router tells others "**distance to destination**"
- **Slow convergence, less efficient**

 Example: **RIP (Routing Information Protocol)**

 RIP Example:

- Max hop count = 15
- Router updates table every 30 seconds

B. Link State Routing Protocol

- Each router **knows full map of the network**
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 Example: **OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)**

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- Uses **Dijkstra's Algorithm**
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Main Example:

 **BGP (Border Gateway Protocol)**

- Uses **Path Vector** routing
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Static Routing Example:

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→ Forward packets to 192.168.2.0 via next-hop 192.168.1.2

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 - Subnet mask
 - Next-hop IP
 - Interface
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 Example Routing Table:

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10.0.0.0/8	RIP learned	eth1	2

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what is distance routing vector with explain with example also with numericals

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What is Distance Vector Routing?

Distance Vector Routing is a routing protocol algorithm where each router shares its **routing table** with its **immediate neighbors** periodically.

Routers use this info to determine the **shortest path (least number of hops)** to reach a destination.

Key Concepts

Term	Meaning
Distance	Usually the number of hops (routers) to reach a destination
Vector	The direction or next hop router to reach the destination
Periodic Updates	Routing tables are shared at regular intervals (e.g., every 30 seconds)
Hop Count	Metric used to find the best route (RIP uses max 15 hops)
Count to Infinity	A problem when routers slowly increase hop count in loops

Working Mechanism

1. Each router knows **only its directly connected networks** at start.
2. Routers **send entire routing table** to neighbors periodically.
3. Routers **update their table** using Bellman-Ford algorithm:

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New cost = cost to neighbor + neighbor's cost to destination

4. If a **shorter path is found**, update the routing table.
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Example of Distance Vector Routing

Network Topology

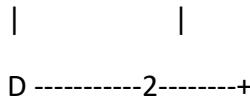
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A ---1--- B ---1--- C

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Step 1: Initial Routing Tables

Each router only knows its directly connected neighbors.

- **Router A:**
 - B: 1 hop
 - D: 3 hops
 - **Router B:**
 - A: 1 hop
 - C: 1 hop
 - **Router C:**
 - B: 1 hop
 - D: 1 hop
 - **Router D:**
 - A: 3 hops
 - C: 2 hops
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Step 2: After Exchange

Let's say A gets routing info from B.

B tells A:

- C is 1 hop from B → A calculates: A → B → C = 1 + 1 = 2 hops
- So A adds C in its table with 2 hops.

Similarly, C tells B:

- D is 2 hops → B updates D as 3 hops (B → C → D)
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Final Routing Table at Router A:

Destination	Next Hop	Hop Count
B	B	1
D	D	3
C	B	2

B	B	1
D	D	3
C	B	2

Problems with Distance Vector Routing

1. **Slow Convergence:** Takes time to adapt to changes
 2. **Count to Infinity Problem:** Loops may cause hop count to increase slowly to infinity
 3. **No complete network view:** Each router only knows its neighbors
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Count to Infinity Problem (Example)

- A → B → C (All working)
- Suppose C goes down.
- B tells A that it still reaches C via A (because B hasn't updated yet)
- A says it reaches C in 2 hops, B believes and says 3 hops, then 4... (loop)

Solution:

- Max hop count in RIP is **15**, so “infinity” is 16.
- Also uses techniques like:
 - **Split Horizon**
 - **Route Poisoning**
 - **Hold-down Timers**

Numerical Problem

Q:

In a small network, routers A, B, and C are connected:

- A ↔ B = 1 hop
- B ↔ C = 2 hops

- A \leftrightarrow C = no direct link

Initial Table at A:

Destination Next Hop Hops

B	B	1
C	?	∞

If A gets routing info from B:

B says:

- C is 2 hops from B

👉 A updates:

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A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C = 1 (to B) + 2 (B to C) = 3 hops

Updated Table at A:

Destination Next Hop Hops

B	B	1
C	B	3



Common Exam Questions

♦ **Theoretical:**

1. Define Distance Vector Routing. Explain with example and diagram.
2. What is the Count-to-Infinity problem in Distance Vector Routing? How is it solved?
3. Compare Distance Vector and Link State routing.

♦ **MCQs:**

Q1. Which routing protocol uses hop count as a metric?

- a) OSPF
- b) RIP
- c) BGP
- d) EIGRP

Q2. In RIP, what is considered as “infinity”?

- a) 10
 - b) 15
 - c) 16
 - d) 255
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Count-to-Infinity Problem in Distance Vector Routing (DVR)

What is Count-to-Infinity Problem?

In Distance Vector Routing, **routers share their routing tables with neighbors**. When a network goes **down**, routers may **incorrectly believe a longer path still exists**, causing them to **increase hop counts indefinitely**—this is called the **Count-to-Infinity Problem**.

Why It Happens?

Because routers **only know what their neighbors tell them**, not the full network topology.

Real-Life Analogy

Imagine 3 people (A, B, C) passing a rumor.

- A hears from B, B hears from C, C hears from A.
 - If the source of the rumor disappears, they keep saying “I heard it from him,” and the loop continues.
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Topology Example

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A --- B --- C

All links have a cost (hop) of 1.

Let’s say all routers initially have the following tables:

Initial Routing Tables

Router Destination Next Hop Hop Count

A	B	B	1
A	C	B	2
B	A	A	1
B	C	C	1
C	B	B	1
C	A	B	2

✗ Now C Goes Down

- B loses connection to C.
 - So B **removes C** from its table.
 - But A **still thinks** C is reachable via B ($A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$).
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⌚ The Loop Begins

- B receives A's update:
 - A says: "I can reach C in 2 hops"
- B thinks:
 - "Maybe I can still reach C through A"
 - So B updates: C via A = 1 (to A) + 2 = **3 hops**

Next round:

- A receives B's update:
 - B says: "I can reach C in 3 hops"
- A updates: C via B = 1 + 3 = **4 hops**

This continues:

Round A thinks C is B thinks C is

1 2 hops (C down)

Round A thinks C is B thinks C is

2	2	3
3	4	5
4	6	7
...
∞	∞	∞

This is the Count-to-Infinity Problem

Routers increase the hop count gradually, never knowing the destination is **permanently unreachable**.

Solution Techniques

Technique	Explanation
Split Horizon	Don't advertise a route back in the direction from where it was learned. (If A learned about C from B, it doesn't tell B about C again)
Route Poisoning	Advertise the unreachable route with hop count = 16 (infinity) immediately.
Hold-Down Timer	After detecting a route failure, ignore updates for that route for a while.
Triggered Updates	Send immediate updates when a route fails, rather than waiting for the next update cycle.

Numerical Question (Exam-Oriented)

- ◆ Q: Consider 3 routers A, B, and C:

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A --1-- B --1-- C

All routers initially have full connectivity. Then, router C fails. Show how A and B gradually increase hop counts, and explain how Split Horizon and Route Poisoning would stop this.

Answer:

- Initial hop count from A to C: **2 (via B)**
- C fails:
 - B sets hop count to C = 16 (unreachable)
 - If A sends “C is 2 hops away”, B updates to 3 hops
- Next round: A updates to 4 hops, and so on...

With Route Poisoning:

- B immediately tells A: “C is 16 hops”
- A doesn’t increase its hop count.

With Split Horizon:

- A never tells B about C again (because it learned it from B)
 - Loop is avoided
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Important Exam Points

Short Questions:

- Define Count-to-Infinity problem.
- What is the hop count used in RIP to declare a network unreachable?
→ **16**

Long Questions:

- Explain Count-to-Infinity with example and numerical.
 - How do Split Horizon and Route Poisoning solve the problem?
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Link State routing protocols

[Link State Routing Protocol – Full Explanation with Examples and Numericals](#)

What is Link State Routing?

Link State Routing (LSR) is a routing protocol where **each router has a complete map (topology) of the network**. Routers use this global knowledge to compute the **shortest path** to every other router using algorithms like **Dijkstra's Shortest Path First (SPF)**.

How It Works (Step-by-Step)

1. Neighbor Discovery:

- Each router sends a special packet (HELLO) to discover its directly connected neighbors.

2. Link-State Advertisement (LSA):

- Routers send LSA packets to all other routers in the network.
- These packets describe:
 - ID of the router
 - List of directly connected neighbors
 - Cost (weight) of the links

3. Flooding of LSAs:

- LSAs are **flooded** across the network so **all routers receive them**.

4. Link State Database (LSDB):

- Every router builds a **complete map** (graph) of the network using all LSAs.

5. Shortest Path Calculation:

- Each router runs **Dijkstra's algorithm** to compute the shortest path to all destinations.
 - Builds its **own routing table**.
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Real-Life Analogy

Imagine a group of cities connected by roads:

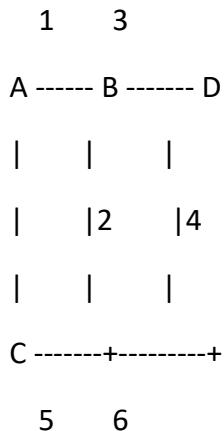
- Each city (router) sends out a map with road distances (LSA).
- Every city receives all maps and builds a complete road atlas.

- Each city then finds the shortest path to all other cities.
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Example Network Topology

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Step 1: LSA Creation by Each Router

For example:

- **Router A's LSA:** B (cost=1), C (cost=5)
 - **Router B's LSA:** A(1), C(2), D(3)
 - **Router C's LSA:** A(5), B(2), D(6)
 - **Router D's LSA:** B(3), C(6)
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Numerical: Apply Dijkstra's Algorithm from A

We want to calculate the shortest path from A to all other routers.

Step-by-Step:

Step Visited Node Distance to A Previous Node

Init	A	0	-
1	B	1	A
2	C	1 (to B) + 2 = 3	B
3	D	1 (to B) + 3 = 4	B

Final Routing Table for A

Destination Cost Next Hop

B	1	B
C	3	B
D	4	B

Key Features of Link State Protocols

Feature	Description
Algorithm	Dijkstra (SPF)
Convergence Speed	Fast (since routers have full map)
Bandwidth Usage	More than DVR (due to flooding LSAs)
Routing Table Accuracy	High (each router calculates independently)
Example Protocols	OSPF (Open Shortest Path First), IS-IS

Exam-Oriented Q&A

Short Questions

- What is a Link State Routing Protocol?
- Name two examples of LSR protocols.
- What is the purpose of Link State Advertisements?

Long Questions

1. Explain how Link State Routing works with an example.
 2. Apply Dijkstra's algorithm on a given topology and create the routing table for a router.
 3. Compare Distance Vector vs Link State.
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Distance Vector vs Link State Summary

Feature	Distance Vector	Link State
Info Shared	Neighbors only	Whole network info via LSAs
Convergence	Slower (count-to-infinity)	Faster
Algorithm	Bellman-Ford	Dijkstra
Knowledge	Partial view	Complete network topology
Protocol Examples	RIP	OSPF, IS-IS

ARP

What is ARP?

ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) is a network protocol used to **map an IP address to a MAC address in a local network (LAN)**.

 Think of it like:

"I know the IP address, but what's the physical hardware address (MAC) to actually deliver the packet to?"

Why ARP is Needed

In IPv4 networks, communication is done via **IP addresses**, but data link layer (Ethernet) uses **MAC addresses**.

So, ARP **translates an IP address to a MAC address** when sending data on the same network.

ARP Working Example

Suppose:

- Host A (192.168.1.10) wants to send data to Host B (192.168.1.20)
- Host A doesn't know Host B's MAC address

Step-by-Step:

1. **Host A broadcasts an ARP Request:**

► "Who has IP 192.168.1.20? Tell 192.168.1.10."

2. **Host B receives it and replies:**
 - "I am 192.168.1.20, my MAC is AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF."
 3. **Host A caches this info in its ARP table and sends the packet.**
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 **ARP Header Format (28 bytes total)**

Field	Size (bits)	Description
Hardware Type	16	Type of link (1 = Ethernet)
Protocol Type	16	Type of protocol (0x0800 = IPv4)
Hardware Size	8	Size of MAC (6 bytes)
Protocol Size	8	Size of IP (4 bytes)
Opcode	16	1 = Request, 2 = Reply
Sender MAC Address	48	MAC of sender
Sender IP Address	32	IP of sender
Target MAC Address	48	(Unknown in request)
Target IP Address	32	IP to resolve

Total: 224 bits = 28 bytes

 **Example: ARP Packet (Numerical)**

Assume:

- Sender IP: 192.168.1.10
- Sender MAC: A1:B2:C3:D4:E5:F6
- Target IP: 192.168.1.20
- Target MAC: unknown (for request)

ARP Request Frame Fields:

Field	Value
Hardware Type	1 (Ethernet)

Field	Value
Protocol Type	0x0800 (IPv4)
Hardware Size	6
Protocol Size	4
Opcode	1 (Request)
Sender MAC	A1:B2:C3:D4:E5:F6
Sender IP	192.168.1.10
Target MAC	00:00:00:00:00:00
Target IP	192.168.1.20

Types of ARP

Type	Description
ARP Request	Sent by a device to ask for a MAC address of an IP
ARP Reply	Sent in response with the MAC address
Gratuitous ARP	A device announces its own IP–MAC mapping
Proxy ARP	A router responds on behalf of another device

Reverse ARP (RARP) Used to find IP when MAC is known (obsolete now)

ARP Cache Table Example

IP Address MAC Address

192.168.1.10 A1:B2:C3:D4:E5:F6

192.168.1.20 AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF

Devices store this in RAM to avoid repeated ARP requests.

Important Notes (Exam Pointers)

- ARP operates at Layer 2.5 (between Data Link & Network layer)
 - Only works **within the same subnet**
 - If the IP is **outside the subnet**, ARP is used to find the **MAC of the router**
 - **TTL (Time To Live)** of ARP entries in the cache depends on OS
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Practice Questions

Q1. What is the purpose of ARP?

To resolve an IP address to its corresponding MAC address.

Q2. What is the size of an ARP header?

28 bytes (224 bits)

Q3. A host with IP 10.0.0.2 wants to communicate with 10.0.0.3 but doesn't know its MAC. What protocol is used?

ARP Request

Q4. What's the value of Opcode for ARP reply?

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NAT

What is NAT?

NAT (Network Address Translation) is a method used by routers to **translate private IP addresses into a public IP address** (and vice versa) to enable communication between devices in a private network and the internet.

Why NAT is Needed?

Problem:

IPv4 has **limited number of public IP addresses** (only about 4.3 billion), but there are **billions of devices**.

Solution:

NAT allows **multiple private IP addresses** (within LAN) to **share a single public IP address** to connect to the internet.



Real-Life Analogy

Think of your **home (private network)**:

- You have multiple **devices (PC, phone, TV)** using the **same Wi-Fi router**.
 - Only **one public IP** is assigned to your router by the ISP.
 - NAT allows all devices to **use internet** using that one IP.
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Private IP Ranges (RFC 1918)

Class Private IP Range

- A 10.0.0.0 – 10.255.255.255
B 172.16.0.0 – 172.31.255.255
C 192.168.0.0 – 192.168.255.255

These addresses are **not routable on the internet**, hence need **NAT** to access public networks.



Types of NAT

Type	Description
Static NAT	One-to-one mapping of private IP to public IP
Dynamic NAT	Many private IPs are mapped from a pool of public IPs
PAT (Port Address Translation) / NAT Overload	Many private IPs share one public IP using different port numbers



Example: PAT (Most Common NAT)

Network:

- Private IP of PC1: 192.168.1.2
- Private IP of PC2: 192.168.1.3
- Public IP of router: 100.20.30.40

Example: How NAT Works (PAT)

1. **PC1 sends request** to open google.com:80
 - Source IP: 192.168.1.2:52341
 - NAT translates → 100.20.30.40:40001
 2. **PC2 sends request** to open youtube.com:443
 - Source IP: 192.168.1.3:48852
 - NAT translates → 100.20.30.40:40002
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NAT Table Example

Private IP & Port Public IP & Port

192.168.1.2:52341 100.20.30.40:40001

192.168.1.3:48852 100.20.30.40:40002

Router uses this table to map incoming responses from the internet back to the correct private device.

Return Packet Flow:

When response comes from Google to 100.20.30.40:40001, the router looks up the NAT table and forwards it to:

➤ 192.168.1.2:52341

Static NAT Example

Private IP Public IP

192.168.1.10 203.0.113.10

- Useful for **servers inside LAN** that need to be accessible from internet.
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Exam-Based Questions

Q1. Why is NAT used?

To allow private IP addresses to access the public internet using a shared public IP.

Q2. What is PAT?

Port Address Translation — allows multiple devices to share a single public IP using port numbers.

Q3. Draw NAT table for:

- 192.168.1.4:23455 → Internet
- 192.168.1.5:34566 → Internet
- Public IP: 100.50.10.20

Answer:

Private IP & Port Public IP & Port

192.168.1.4:23455 100.50.10.20:50001

192.168.1.5:34566 100.50.10.20:50002

Benefits of NAT

- Conserves public IP addresses
 - Adds a layer of security by hiding internal IPs
 - Enables multiple devices to share one public IP
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Limitations of NAT

- Not all protocols work well (e.g., some VoIP apps)
- Breaks end-to-end connectivity
- Adds processing overhead to routers