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Networks & Internet

Dynamic Routing



IP Routing

- There are two approaches for calculating the routing tables

1. Static Routing

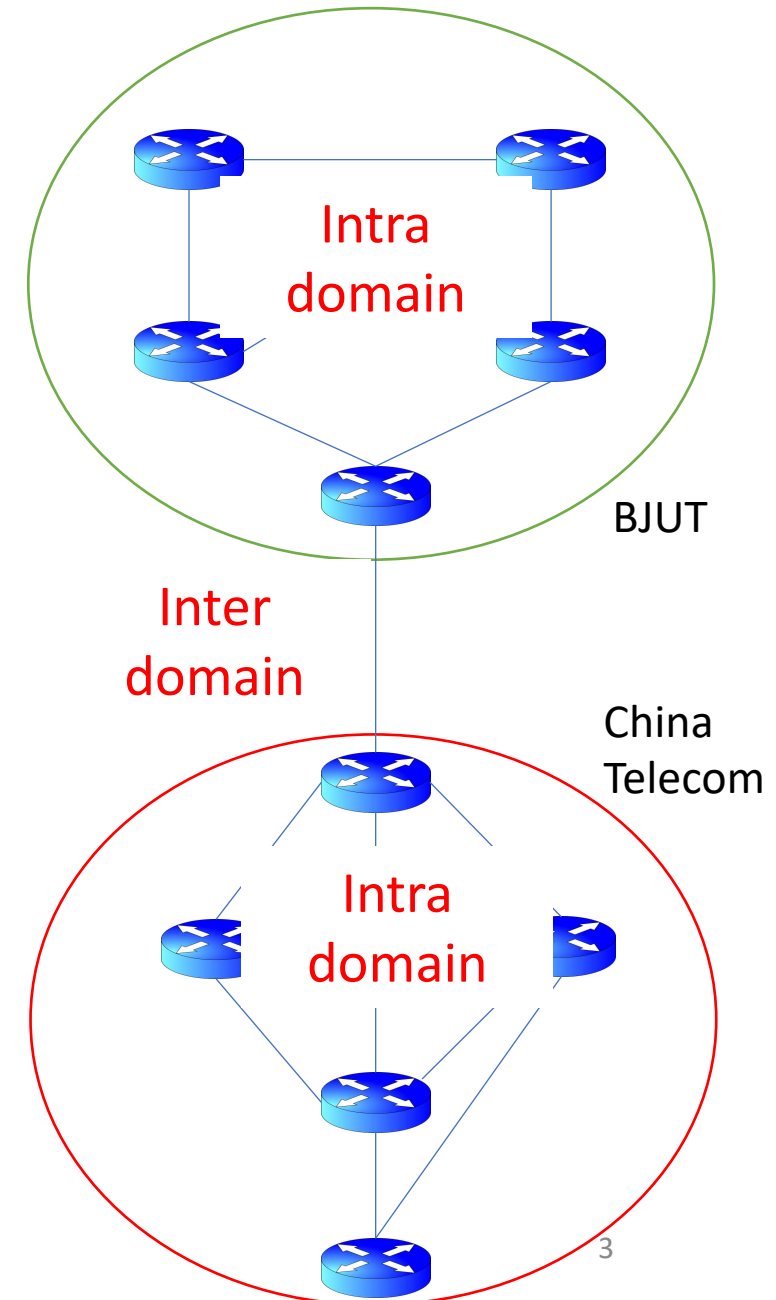
- by hand

2. Dynamic Routing

- automatically calculated by a routing protocol

Autonomous Systems

- An **autonomous system** is a region of the Internet that is administered by a single entity
- E.g.,
 - Campus network
 - Backbone network
 - National Internet Service Provider
- Routing is done differently:
 - **intradomain routing**: within an autonomous system
 - **interdomain routing**: between autonomous system



Interdomain vs Intradomain Routing

- **Intradomain Routing**

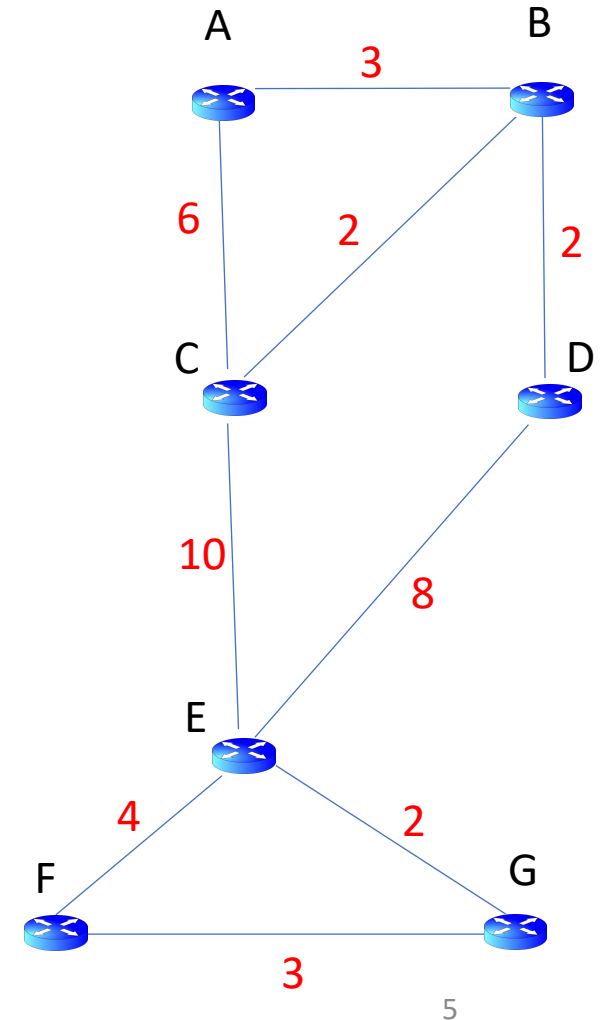
- Routing within an AS
- Ignores the Internet outside the AS
- Protocols for Intradomain routing are also called **Interior Gateway Protocols** or **IGP's**
- Popular protocols: RIP (simple, old), OSPF (better)

- **Interdomain Routing**

- Routing between AS's
- Assumes that the Internet consists of a collection of interconnected AS's
- Normally, there is one dedicated router in each AS that handles interdomain traffic
- Protocols for interdomain routing are also called **Exterior Gateway Protocols** or **EGP's**
- Popular protocols: EGP, BGP (more recent)

Why Do We Need a Routing Algorithm?

- Need to make sure that every network is reachable!
- In a network, there might be different paths to go from a node to another
- In addition, links do not have equal costs
 - E.g., latency
 - We need to find the best path
- Static routing not ideal. Why?
 - Cost on links keeps changing
 - We need a dynamic routing



Requirements of a dynamic Routing?

1. Send and Receive reachability information about network to other routers
2. Calculate optimal routes using a shortest path algorithm
3. Advertise and react to topology changes

Routing Algorithms

- There are two main types of routing algorithms:

Distance Vector Routing

- Every node knows the distance (i.e., cost) to its directly-connected neighbours
- A node sends periodically a list of routing updates to its directly-connected neighbours
- If all nodes update their distances, the routing tables eventually converge

Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP)

Link State Routing

- Each node knows the distance (i.e., cost) to its directly connected neighbours
- The distance information of every link is broadcasted to all nodes in the network
- Each node calculates the routing tables independently

Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

Distance Vector Routing

- A.k.a., Bellman-Ford forwarding
- Idea:
 - Each router holds a Distance Vector (DV) for all available destinations
 - Each router shares information it has about the network with its neighbours
 - Repeated until all routers have all the information necessary to route to all routers (converge)

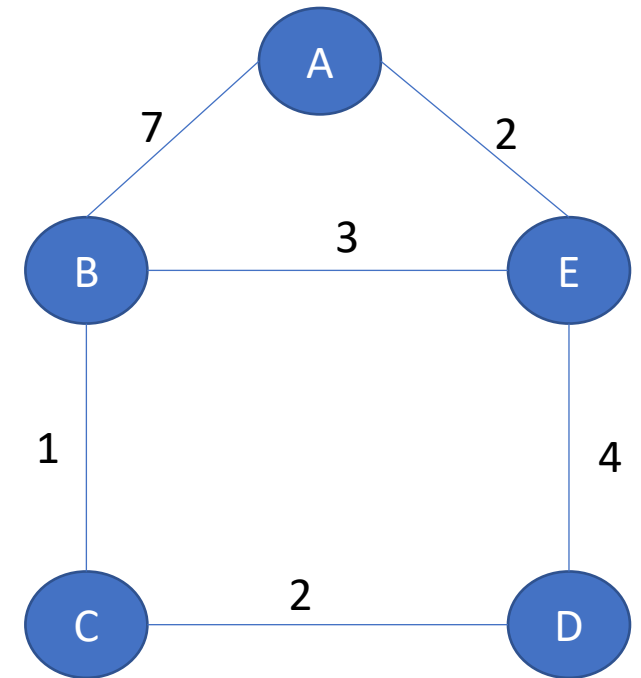
When to Update Tables in Distance Vector Routing

1. **Periodic Updates:** every time period (e.g., every 90s)
2. **Triggered Updates:** If a metric changes on a link, a router immediately sends out an update without waiting for the end of the update period
3. **Full Routing Table Update:** send the entire routing table to the neighbours (not only entries which change).
4. **Route invalidation timers:** Routing table entries are invalid if they are not refreshed for a certain number of updates (e.g., no updates received after 6 update periods)

Example

Initial State: every node knows the distance to his direct neighbours

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	7	∞	∞	2
B	7	0	1	∞	3
C	∞	1	0	2	∞
D	∞	∞	2	0	4
E	2	3	∞	4	0



Example

B sends its distance vector to its neighbours: **A**, **E**, **C**

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	7	∞	∞	2
B	7	0	1	∞	3
C	∞	1	0	2	∞
D	∞	∞	2	0	4
E	2	3	∞	4	0

A receives **B**'s distance vector

7	0	1	∞	3
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Adds the distance between **A** and **B** (i.e., 7)

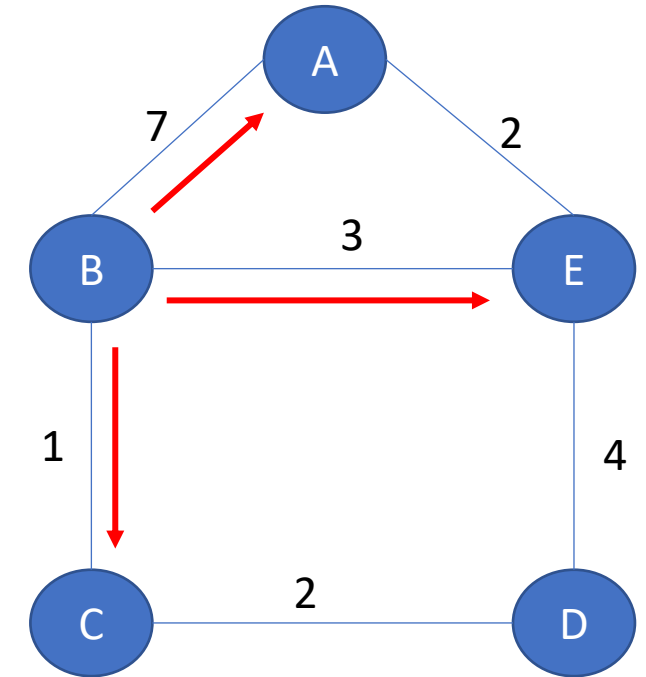
14	7	7	∞	10
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Compares the results to its current distance vector

0	7	∞	∞	2
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Update distances with shorter ones if they exist

0	7	8	∞	2
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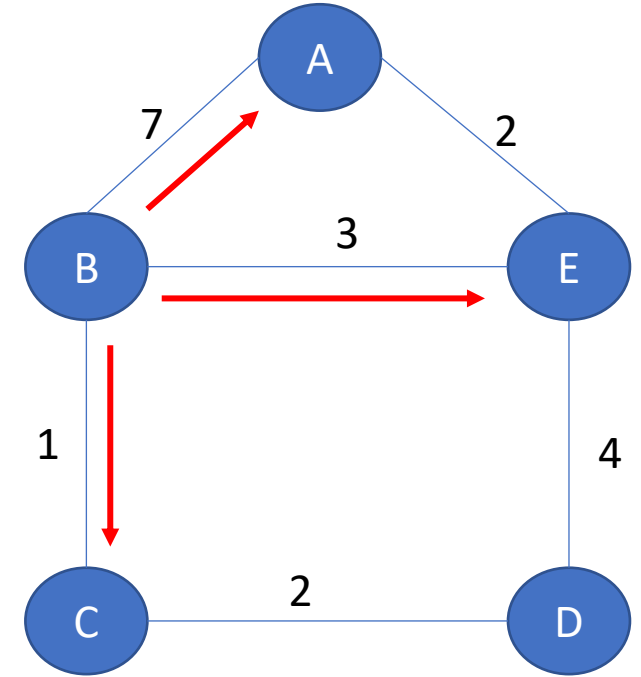


A changed his distance vector \rightarrow **A** has to inform his neighbours

Example

B sends its distance vector to its neighbours: **A**, **E**, **C**

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	7	8	∞	2
B	7	0	1	∞	3
C	∞	1	0	2	∞
D	∞	∞	2	0	4
E	2	3	∞	4	0



E receives **B**'s distance vector

7	0	1	∞	3
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Adds the distance between **E** and **B** (i.e., 3)

10	3	4	∞	6
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Compares the results to its current distance vector

2	3	∞	4	0
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Update distances with shorter ones if they exist

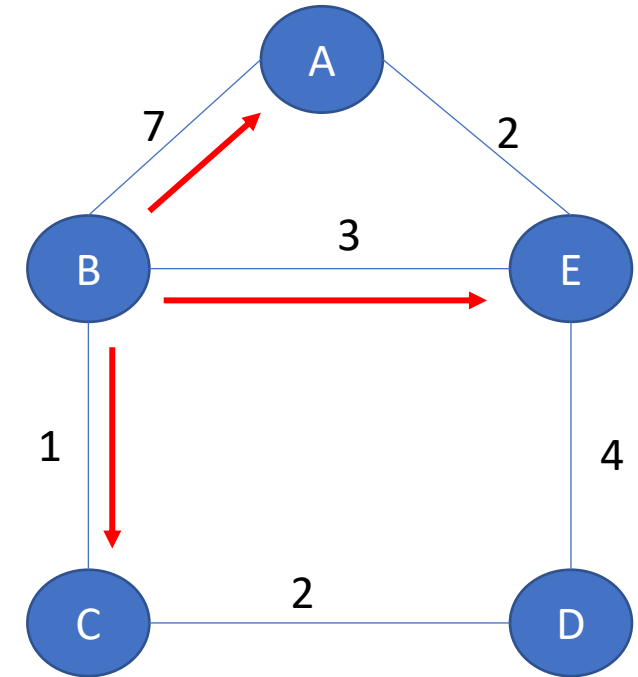
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E changed his distance vector → **E** has to inform his neighbours

Example

B sends its distance vector to its neighbours: **A**, **E**, **C**

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	7	8	∞	2
B	7	0	1	∞	3
C	∞	1	0	2	∞
D	∞	∞	2	0	4
E	2	3	4	4	0



C receives **B**'s distance vector

7	0	1	∞	3
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Adds the distance between **C** and **B** (i.e., 1)

8	1	2	∞	4
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Compares the results to its current distance vector

∞	1	0	2	∞
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Update distances with shorter ones if they exist

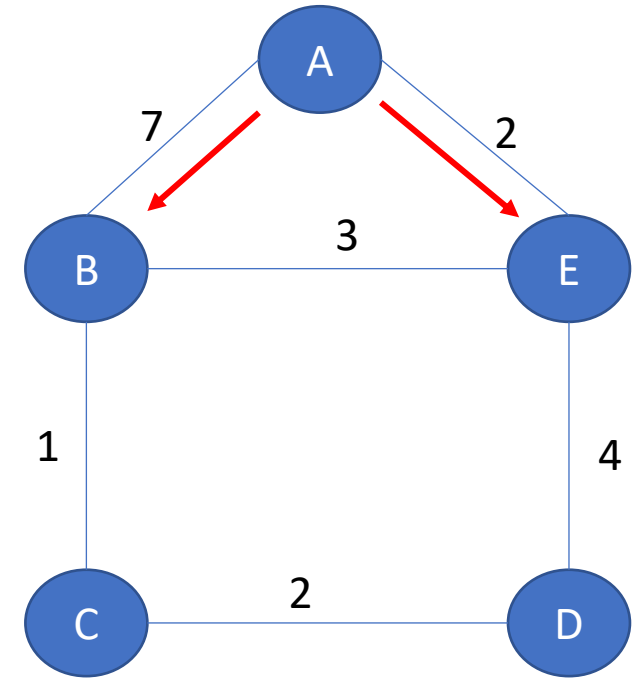
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C changed his distance vector → **C** has to inform his neighbours

Example

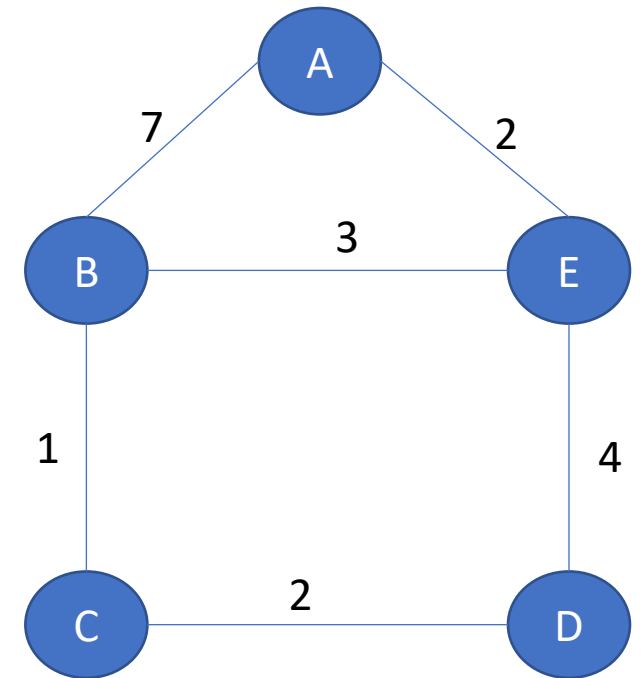
A sends its distance vector to its neighbours: B, E

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B	7	0	1	∞	3
C	8	1	0	2	4
D	∞	∞	2	0	4
E	2	3	4	4	0



We keep repeating this until convergence

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	5	6	6	2
B	5	0	1	3	3
C	6	1	0	2	4
D	6	3	2	0	4
E	2	3	4	4	0



We repeat this processes until no change in the distance vector of all nodes

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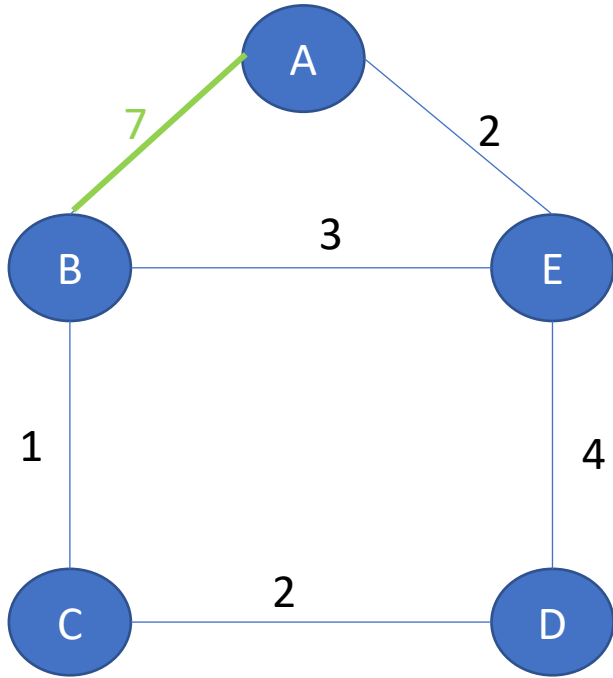
Link State Routing

- Each router shares information about its neighbours with the rest of the network
- Each router stores the complete topology of the network
- All routers on the network store the same information
- Each router uses an algorithm to solve the best path using:
 - Dijkstra's algorithm
- “Flood” link information throughout the network using Link State Packets (LSPs)
- Convergence occurs when all routers have received a LSP from each other router in the network

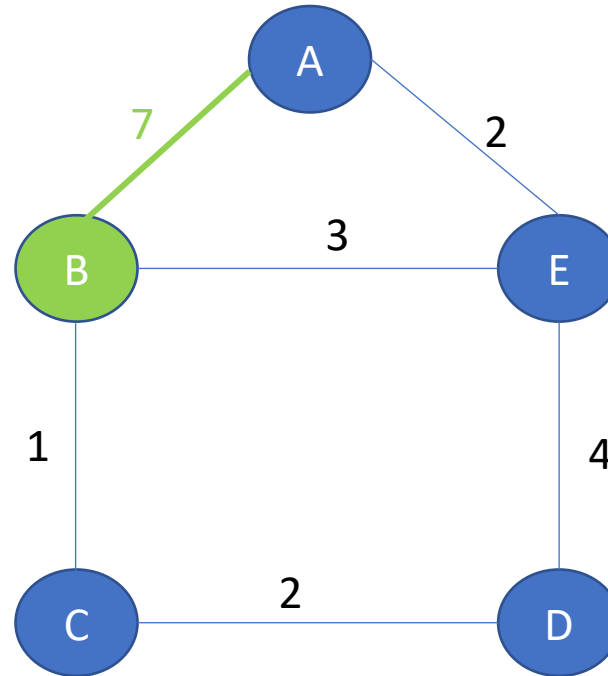
Broadcasting LSPs

- Reliable Flooding
 - Each router transmits a Link State Packet (LSP) on all links
 - A neighbouring router:
 - Keeps a copy for the LSP
 - Forwards all LSPs except those seen previously

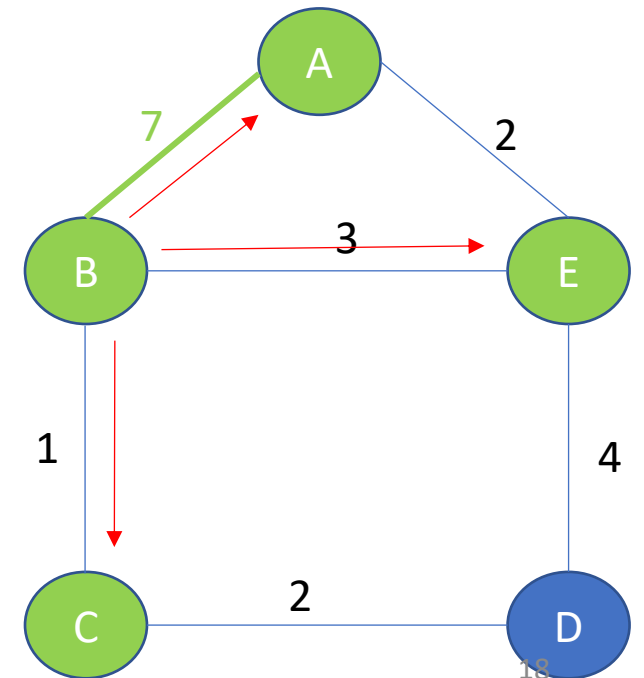
Example of LSP Broadcasting



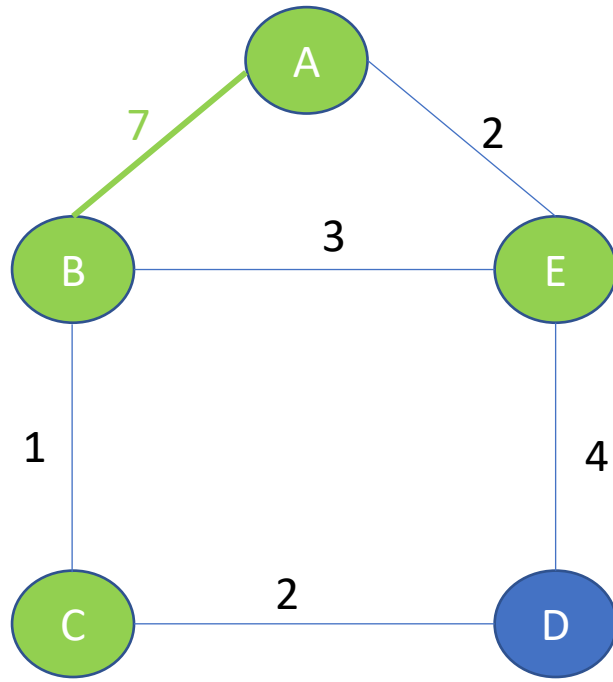
B generates the LSP



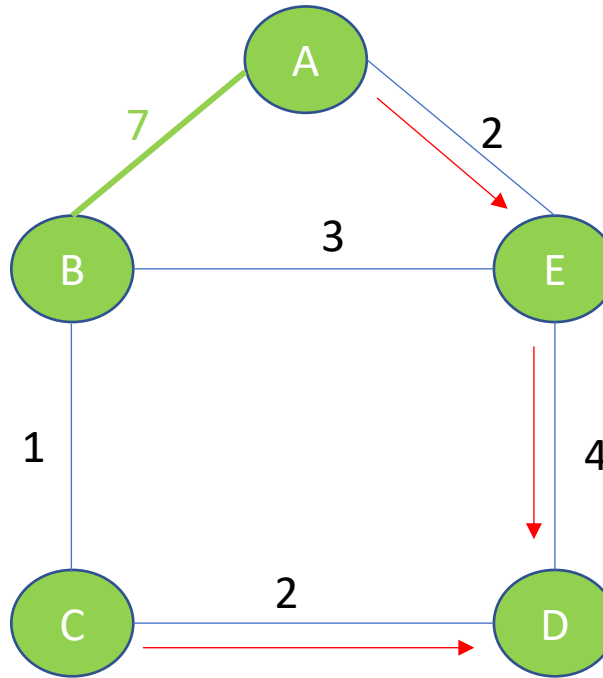
B forwards LSP



Example of LSP Broadcasting



A, C and E forward LSP



E ignore LSP
received from A as
already received

D received the same
LSP from C and E, so
it ignores one of
them.

Done with this LSP

We have to do the same
with all links

When to Flood ?

- Periodically:
 - For example: every 30 minutes
- After a topology change
 - Link or node failure
 - Modification in link metric

After Sending all LSPs

- All nodes should have the same link-state database
- Each node calculates the shortest paths
 - Using Dijkstra Algorithm
 - You will study this algorithm in your Data Structure and algorithms 2 module
- Forwards its packets on the shortest path