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EXAM  
TCP/IP NETWORKING  
Duration: 3 hours  
**With Solutions**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your solution into this document and return it to us (you do not need to return the figure sheet). You may use additional sheets if needed. Do not forget to write your name on **each of the four problem sheets** and **all** additional sheets of your solution.
2. If you need to make assumptions in order to solve some questions, please write them down explicitly.
3. Figures are on a separate sheet, for your convenience.
4. No documents, no electronic equipments are allowed.
5. Justify every answer with a short explanation.

## PROBLEM 1

Consider the network in Figure 1. *A*, *B*, *C* and *D* are hosts; *X0*, *X1*, *X2*, *X3* and *X4* are dual stack routers (unless otherwise stated). All link costs are equal to 1.

- *A* is IPv6 only
- *B* and *D* are IPv4 only
- *C* is dual stack.
- The dotted circles identify observation points.

1. What is the 24th bit of the IPv6 address of *A* ? of the IPv4 address of *B* ? Note that the first bit is the left-most bit of an IP address.

The 24th bit of *A*'s IPv6 is 0 and that of *B*'s IPv4 address is 1.

Are the IPv6 addresses of *A* and *C* valid ? If so, give their non compressed forms.

Yes the addresses are valid and their non-compressed forms are:

*A*: 2001:0001:0001:000a:0000:0000:0000:000a

*C*: 2001:0001:0001:000c:0000:0000:0000:000c

2. Give possible values for the network masks at all hosts. Give your answer in the table below.

Host	IPv4 mask	IPv6 mask
A	NA	ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff::
B	255.255.255.0	NA
C	255.255.255.0	ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff::
D	255.255.255.0	NA

3. We assume in the rest of this problem that all hosts are configured with correct masks and default gateway and set the TTL or HL value to 64 when generating an IP packet. A video server runs at *D*; the user at *B* downloads a video file from *D* using HTTP. The video file is large and does not fit in one IP packet. Once the transfer of the video file is successfully started, we observe all packets resulting from this activity at observation point 8, video server → host. For each of the packets, give the value of the following fields:

- MAC source address, MAC destination address (use the identifier of the machine on the figure to denote its MAC address; for example, *S1*'s MAC address is *S1*; a machine such as *X1* has several MAC addresses; if necessary, specify for example *X1l* for the left interface of *X1*, *X1t* for the top, *X1b* for the bottom and *X1r* for the right).
- source IP address, destination IP address, Protocol or Next Header, TTL or Hop Limit.

At observation point 8:					
MAC source	MAC dest	IP source	IP dest	Protocol or Next Header	TTL or Hop Limit
X2l	B	1.1.5.5	1.1.3.3	TCP	61

4. The user at *A* also wants to download a video file from *D* using HTTP. *C* is configured as a dual stack application layer gateway acting as web proxy, so that *A* can access the video file at *D* via *C*. The video file is large and does not fit in one IP packet. Once the transfer of the video file is successfully started by *A*, we observe all packets resulting from this activity at observation points 6 and 0, video server → host. For each of the packets, give the value of the same fields:

At observation point 6:					
MAC source	MAC dest	IP source	IP dest	Protocol or Next Header	TTL or Hop Limit
D	X4r	1.1.5.5	1.1.4.4	TCP	64

At observation point 0:					
MAC source	MAC dest	IP source	IP dest	Protocol or Next Header	TTL or Hop Limit
X1l	A	2001:1:1:c::c	2001:1:1:a::a	TCP	61

5. In this question only, *X0* is configured as 6to4 relay router and *D* enables IPv6 using 6to4 (the link between *X4* and *D* is IPv4 only). Give a possible value of *D*'s IPv6 address.

2002:0101:0505:baba:EUI<sub>D</sub>

Since *A* and *D* are now both IPv6 capable, the user at *A* transfers a video file from *D* using IPv6 (and HTTP), without using any web proxy. The video file is large and does not fit in one IP packet. Once the transfer of the video file is successfully started by *A*, we observe all packets resulting from this activity at observation points 6 and 0, video server → host. For each of the packets, give the value of the same fields:

At observation point 6:				
MAC source	MAC dest	IP source	IP dest	Protocol or Next Header
D	X4r	1.1.5.5	192.88.99.1	41

At observation point 0:				
MAC source	MAC dest	IP source	IP dest	Protocol or Next Header
X11	A	2002:0101:0505:baba:EUI <sub>D</sub>	2001:1:1:a::a	TCP

6. Boxes  $X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3$  and  $X_4$  are now configured as bridges instead of routers. Give possible values of masks at all hosts (in this question,  $D$  is *not* using 6to4). Give your answer in the table below.

Host	IPv4 mask	IPv6 mask
A	NA	ffff:ffff:ffff::
B	255.255.0.0	NA
C	255.255.0.0	ffff:ffff:ffff::
D	255.255.0.0	NA

The user at  $B$  downloads a video file from  $D$  using HTTP. The user at  $A$  downloads a video file from  $D$  via  $C$  used as application layer gateway as in question 4. The video files are large and do not fit in one IP packet. Once the transfer of the video files are successfully started, we observe all packets resulting from this activity at observation points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in the direction video server  $\rightarrow$  host. For each of the packets, indicate in the table below at which observation point the packet is observed and fill in the values in the table below:

Assuming  $X_0$  is the root of the STP, the link  $X_1 \rightarrow X_4$  is disabled

Where observed	IP source	IP dest	Protocol or Next Header	TTL or Hop Limit
2	1.1.5.5	1.1.3.3	TCP	64
3	1.1.5.5	1.1.3.3	TCP	64
4	1.1.5.5	1.1.3.3	TCP	64
4	1.1.5.5	1.1.4.4	TCP	64
1	2001:1:1:c::c	2001:1:1:a::a	TCP	64
2	2001:1:1:c::c	2001:1:1:a::a	TCP	64
3	2001:1:1:c::c	2001:1:1:a::a	TCP	64



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**PROBLEM 2**

Consider the network in Figure 2 on the figure sheet.

- $A1, A2, B, S1$  and  $S2$  are hosts;  $R1, R2$  and  $R3$  are routers with ECN and RED enabled. The user at  $A1$  is sending a very large file to  $S1$  and similarly, the user at  $A2$  is sending a very large file to  $S2$ . The user at  $B$  is either doing nothing or sending a very large file to  $S2$ , as indicated later.
- The link rates are indicated on the figure.
- All links are full duplex with same rate in both directions.
- There is no other system than shown on the figure, and we neglect all flows other than from  $A1, A2$  or  $B$  to  $S1$  and  $S2$ . We also neglect the impact of the acknowledgment flows in the reverse direction.
- All round trip times ( $A1 \rightarrow S1$ ,  $A2 \rightarrow S2$ , and  $B \rightarrow S2$ ) are equal to 100 ms. This number includes all processing times.
- We neglect all overheads and assume that the link capacities can be fully utilized.
- The MSS is the same for all flows and is equal to 1250 Bytes =  $10^4$  bits.

1. Assume that some bandwidth manager is used, which allocates rates to flows according to max-min fairness. In this question, we assume that  $B$  is not sending any traffic, i.e. the rate of the flow  $B \rightarrow S2$  is 0. What are the values of the rates of the flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $A2 \rightarrow S2$ ?

The unique max-min fair allocation is obtained by water-filling. The bottleneck link is  $R1 - R2$  and the two flows get equal share on it. Therefore, both rates are:  $12/2 = 6\text{Mb/s}$ .

2. Same question with proportional fairness instead of max-min fairness (in this question, we continue to assume that  $B$  is not sending any traffic, i.e. the rate of the flow  $B \rightarrow S2$  is 0). What are the values of the rates of the flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $A2 \rightarrow S2$ ?

Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be the rates of the two flows. The link  $R1 - R2$  is shared and must fully utilized since we can always increase  $x_1$ ; so:

$$x_1 + x_2 = 12$$

With proportional fairness the allocation can be found by maximizing:

$$\ln(x_1) + \ln(x_2)$$

Writing the above equation as a function of  $x_1$  only, one has:

$$f(x_1) = \ln(x_1) + \ln(12 - x_1)$$

By taking the derivative of this function we can find its maximum:

$$f'(x_1) = \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{-1}{12 - x_1}$$

By setting  $f'(x_1) = 0$  we get  $x_1 = 6$  and  $x_2 = 12 - 6 = 6\text{Mb/s}$

3. We now assume that the two flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $A2 \rightarrow S2$  are using TCP with ECN enabled. We continue to assume that  $B$  is not sending any traffic, i.e. the rate of the flow  $B \rightarrow S2$  is 0. What are the values of the rates of the flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $A2 \rightarrow S2$ ?

**SOLUTION 1:** When RTTs are identical, TCP is somewhere between max-min fairness and proportional fairness. Since both give the same rates, we obtain  $x_1 = x_2 = 6\text{Mb/s}$ .

**SOLUTION 2:** TCP maximizes a utility function  $U()$  that is the same for the two flows because RTTs and MSSs are the same. Thus  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  maximize  $U(x_1) + U(x_2)$  subject to

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &\leq 8 \\x_1 + x_2 &\leq 12\end{aligned}$$

For the same reason as before, we must have  $x_1 + x_2 = 12$  since there is no constraint on  $x_2$ . Thus we have to maximize  $U(x_2) + U(12 - x_2)$  on  $x_2 \in [0; 8]$ . The derivative is  $U'(x_2) - U'(12 - x_2)$ .  $U()$  is concave thus its derivative is decreasing. Thus  $U'(x_2) < U'(12 - x_2) \Leftrightarrow x_2 > 12 - x_2$ . The sign of the derivative is given below:

$x_2$	0	6	8
$U'(x_2) - U'(12 - x_2)$		+	0 -

thus there is a maximum at  $x_2 = 6$ . The rates are therefore  $x_2 = 6\text{Mb/s}$  and  $x_1 = 12 - x_2 = 6\text{Mb/s}$ . We observe the IP headers of packets on the link from  $R1$  to  $R2$ . For each of the two flows, which proportion of packets do we see marked as “Congestion Experienced” ?

**Solution.** Using the loss-throughput formula  $x_1 = \frac{1.22 \cdot \text{MSS}}{T \sqrt{q_1}}$ , we find that  $q_1 = q_2 = \left( \frac{1.22 \cdot \text{MSS}}{T x_1} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{1.22 \cdot 10^4}{10^{-1} \cdot 6 \cdot 10^6} \right)^2 \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$ .

4. We now assume that the two flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $B \rightarrow S2$  are using TCP with ECN enabled. The flow  $A2 \rightarrow S2$  is now using UDP without any traffic control at a constant rate equal to 6Mb/s. What are the values of the rates of the flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $B \rightarrow S2$ ?

The UDP flow uses all the available capacity, and TCP shares the rest. The rate for the flow  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  is thus 6Mb/s and for the flow  $B \rightarrow S2$  it is 2Mb/s.

5. We now assume that the two flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $A2 \rightarrow S2$  are using TCP with ECN enabled. Also, the flow  $B \rightarrow S2$  is now using UDP without any traffic control at a constant rate equal to 6Mb/s. What are the values of the rates of the flows  $A1 \rightarrow S1$  and  $A2 \rightarrow S2$ ?

The UDP flow uses all the available capacity, and TCP shares the rest. Thus  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  maximize  $U(x_1) + U(x_2)$  subject to

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &\leq 2 \\x_1 + x_2 &\leq 12\end{aligned}$$

For the same reason as before, we must have  $x_1 + x_2 = 12$ . Thus we have to maximize  $U(x_2) + U(12 - x_2)$  on  $x_2 \in [0; 2]$ . Looking at the table of the derivative obtained in the previous question we see that the maximum is for  $x_2 = 2 \text{ Mb/s}$ .

The rates are therefore  $x_2 = 2\text{Mb/s}$  and  $x_1 = 12 - x_2 = 10\text{Mb/s}$ .



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**PROBLEM 3**

Consider the network in Figure 3 on the figure sheet.

- $A1, B1, C1, C2, C3$  and  $C4$  are BGP routers (unless otherwise specified).  $A, B, C$ , and  $X$  are AS numbers. Thick lines indicate physical connections. There are no other BGP routers in AS  $C$  and no other physical connections than shown on the figure. There **are** other BGP routers in ASs  $A, B$ , and  $X$  that are not shown on the figure.
- Some IP addresses are shown. If you need any IP addresses that are not indicated, please mention them in your solution.
- Only IPv6 is used.
- RIPng is run inside AS  $C$  and all link costs are equal to 1.
- Routers  $C1$  and  $C2$  each announce in RIPng the destination  $::/0$  with cost = 1.
- Routers do not perform aggregation, unless explicitly mentioned.
- BGP routers inject the routes they have learned from BGP into their routing tables.
- There is **no redistribution** of BGP in RIPng and **no redistribution** of RIPng in BGP.
- Recursive lookup is enabled in forwarding tables.

1. At time  $t_0$ ,  $C2$  boots. All other routers are up and running. At time  $t_1 > t_0$ ,  $C2$  receives from  $B1$  the announcements:

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2003::/16, AS path = B X, NEXT-HOP=2001:bc::b
2003:1::/32, AS path = B A, NEXT-HOP=2001:bc::b
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No other announcements were received by  $C2$  before this one. Explain what actions are performed by  $C2$  upon receiving these routes. Say in particular to which BGP routers, if any,  $C2$  will send announcements as a result.

**Solution.**  $C2$  will add both announcements to its Loc-RIB and to its routing table. Then  $C2$  will announce these routes to all its I-BGP neighbors, i.e. to  $C1, C3$ , and  $C4$ .

2. At time  $t_2 > t_1$ ,  $C2$  receives from  $C1$  the announcement

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2003::/16, AS path = A X, NEXT-HOP=2001:ac::a
2003:1::/32, AS path = A, NEXT-HOP=2001:ac::a
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Assume no other announcement than previously shown was sent by either  $B1$  or  $C1$ . At time  $t_3 > t_2$  BGP has stabilized again inside ASs  $A, B, C$ . Explain what actions are performed by  $C2$  upon receiving these routes. Say in particular to which BGP routers, if any,  $C2$  will send announcements as a result.

**Solution.** At  $C2$  the routes are added to the Adj-RIB-in corresponding to  $C1$ . The import policy takes the following decisions:

- For the prefix  $2003::/16$  the AS-path length is the same; the route received from  $B1$  was learned via E-BGP, hence, it is preferred to the one learned from  $C1$  via I-BGP. Thus, the entry in Loc-RIB is preserved and no announcements are sent.
- For the prefix  $2003:1::/32$ , the newly learned route has a shorter AS-path length. Thus,  $C2$  updates its Loc-RIB to route packets for this prefix toward  $C1$ . The new route is learned via I-BGP, hence  $C2$  will only advertise it to  $B1$  (if permitted by the export policy), but not to its I-BGP peers.

3. Still at time  $t_3$ ,  $C3$  has an IP packet to forward with destination address  $2003:1::baba$ . Which path will this packet follow ?

**Solution.** When BGP has stabilized,  $C3$  (who is running BGP) uses the most specific prefix (longest prefix match) to choose the path to route the packet through. Therefore, the packet will follow the route which was announced by  $C1$ , i.e.

$2003:1::/32$ , AS path = A, NEXT-HOP= $2001:ac::a$

Thus, the path it follows is either  $C3 - C4 - C1 - A1$ , or  $C3 - C2 - C1 - A1$ , depending on the IGP.

4. At time  $t_4 > t_3$  the link between  $A1$  and  $C1$  fails. Explain what actions, if any, are performed by  $C1$  as a result. Say in particular to which BGP routers, if any,  $C1$  will send announcements as a result.

**Solution.**  $C1$  detects the link failure (the Keep-alive messages are no longer received, the TCP connection breaks) and invalidates the entries of Adj-RIB-in and Adj-RIB-out corresponding to  $A1$ .  $C1$  sends updates to its I-BGP peers  $C2, C3, C4$  invalidating the routes going through  $A1$ .  $C1$  reexamines the Adj-RIB-in and for the prefix  $2003::/16$  selects the  $C - B - X$  route used (and advertised) by  $C2$ . For the more specific prefix  $2003:1::/32$  there are no entries in the Adj-RIB-in of  $C1$ : for this prefix all the other BGP routers in  $C$  were using  $A1$  as NEXT\_HOP.

5. At time  $t_5 > t_4$  BGP has stabilized.  $C1$  has two IP packets to forward. One with destination address  $2003:1::baba$  and the other one with destination address  $2003:2::baba$ . Which paths will each of these packets follow ?

**Solution.** Upon receiving at  $t_4$  a message from  $C1$  that invalidates the route going through  $A1$ ,  $C2$  reexamines the routes in Adj-RIB-in and chooses the one announced by  $B1$  at  $t_1$  for the prefix  $2003:1::/32$ . Next, it updates all its neighbors via I-BGP (including  $C1$ ). The packet with destination  $2003:1::baba$  goes via  $C1 - C2 - B1 - A1$  and the one with destination  $2003:2::baba$  via  $C1 - C2 - B1$ .

6. At time  $t_6 > t_5$  the BGP processes at routers  $C3$  and  $C4$  are killed – BGP is disabled in these two routers. From now on, routers  $C3$  and  $C4$  do *not* run BGP and they forget all routes learned via BGP (they run only RIPng). All other routers continue to work correctly and RIPng continues to work correctly in all routers inside AS  $C$ . In particular,  $C1$  and  $C2$  continue to announce the destination  $::/0$  with cost = 1 in RIPng inside AS  $C$ .

Explain what actions, if any, are performed by  $C1$  as a result of this change. Say in particular to which BGP routers, if any,  $C1$  will send announcements as a result.

**Solution.**  $C1$  deletes the Adj-RIB-in and Adj-RIB-out corresponding to  $C3$  and to  $C4$ . No announcements are sent. The only remaining BGP peer is  $C2$ .

At time  $t_7 > t_6$  BGP has converged again.  $C3$  has an IP packet to forward with destination address  $2003:1::baba$ . Which path will this packet follow ?

**Solution.**  $C1$  and  $C2$  advertise  $::/0$  with cost 1 and  $C2$  is closer to  $C3$ , hence the first hop is  $C2$ . Next, since  $C2$  has reverted to the  $C - B - A$  path to  $2003:1::/32$  (it's the path advertised by  $B1$  at time  $t_1$  which is selected as best path due to the failure of link  $C1 - A1$ ), the packet will be forwarded along the path  $C3 - C2 - B1 - A1$ .

7. At time  $t_8 > t_7$  the link between  $C1$  and  $C2$  fails. Explain what actions, if any, are performed by  $C1$  as a result. Say in particular to which BGP routers, if any,  $C1$  will send announcements as a result.

**Solution.** The TCP connection from  $C1$  to  $C2$  is broken and will be reestablished via  $C4$  and  $C3$ . The two remain IBGP peers. No changes are announced.

At time  $t_9 > t_8$  BGP and RIPng have converged again.  $C4$  has an IP packet to forward with destination address  $2003:1::baba$ . Which path will this packet follow ?

**Solution.**  $C1$  keeps advertising via RIPng a cost 1 to  $::/0$  and is closest to  $C4$ , hence  $C4$  will select  $C1$  as a next hop. However  $C1$  can only reach AS  $A$  via  $C2$  (since the link to  $A1$  is broken). Thus, upon receiving the packet from  $C4$  it performs a recursive lookup and selects  $C4$  as the next hop (to reach  $C2$ ). Hence a routing loop is created and the packet will never be delivered (its TTL is

decremented as it is exchanged between  $C1$  and  $C4$ ).



**PROBLEM 4**

The Simpson Routing Protocol (SRP) is a variant of distance vector routing, which works as follows.

- Every SRP router has a 16 bit “router id” and keeps a record of the router ids of all other SRP routers.
- An SRP router knows all its directly-attached prefixes. The router with id  $i$ , is configured with the (static) cost  $c(i, j)$  of going from  $i$  to  $j$ , for every SRP router  $j$  that is a neighbor of  $i$ . We assume that  $c(i, j) = 1$  when  $i$  and  $j$  are neighbors (*i.e.*, when  $i$  and  $j$  are directly connected).
- An SRP router periodically (every  $T_1$  seconds) sends to all neighbors the list of all IPv4 and IPv6 destination prefixes it knows of and the distance to such destinations. Such information is read from the routing table and is called a “distance vector”
- An SRP router keeps one RIB-IN table for each neighboring router, which contains the list of all IP destinations and the associated distances advertised by the neighbor.

Consider as example the network in Figure 4 on the figure sheet, where  $R1, R2, R3, R4$  and  $R5$  are SRP routers, with router ids 1, resp. 2, 3, 4 and 5. When the routing protocol has converged, the RIB-INs and the routing table at router  $R1$  are shown below.

Routing table at 1			RIB-IN at 1 for neighbor 2		RIB-IN at 1 for neighbor 4	
destination	distance	next-hop	destination	distance	destination	distance
12.12.12/24	1	direct	12.12.12/24	1	12.12.12/24	2
14.14.14/24	1	direct	14.14.14/24	2	14.14.14/24	1
23.23.23/24	2	2	23.23.23/24	1	23.23.23/24	3
25.25.25/24	2	2	25.25.25/24	1	25.25.25/24	2
35.35.35/24	3	2	35.35.35/24	2	35.35.35/24	2
45.45.45/24	2	4	45.45.45/24	2	45.45.45/24	1

- When an SRP process boots or when a new neighbor appears, the corresponding RIB-IN is initially empty and the routing tables contain only the directly-attached prefixes.
- An SRP router runs a “decision process” whenever it receives a new distance vector from a neighbor. The decision process does the following.

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i = router id of this router
for every destination prefix n that is in the received distance vector
    find a neighbor j that minimizes  $D_j(n) + c(i, j)$ 
    call  $j_0$  such a neighbor
    set the distance to n in routing table to  $D_i(n) = D_{j_0}(n) + c(i, j_0)$ 
    set the next-hop to n in routing table to  $j_0$ 

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In the above,  $D_j(n)$  is the distance to destination  $n$  stored in the RIB-IN at  $i$  for neighbor  $j$  if it exists; if there is no entry for destination  $n$  stored in the RIB-IN at  $i$  for neighbor  $j$ , then we take  $D_j(n) = +\infty$ . If there are several neighbors  $j$  that minimize  $D_j(n) + c(i, j)$ , the one with the smallest router id is selected.

- When an SRP router has not received any distance vector from a neighbor  $j_0$  for a duration  $T_2 > 3T_1$ , it clears the RIB-IN for neighbor  $j_0$  and applies the decision process, with  $D_{j_0}(n) = \infty$  for all  $n$ .

1. Assume the network is as in in Figure 4 and the state (routing table, RIB-INs) of router R1 is as given above. At time  $t_1$  R1 receives from R2 the information:

Received by 1 at time $t_1$ from neighbor 2		Routing table at 1 at time $t_2$		
destination	distance	destination	distance	next-hop
12.12.12/24	1	12.12.12/24	1	direct
14.14.14/24	2	14.14.14/24	1	direct
23.23.23/24	1	23.23.23/24		
25.25.25/24	1	25.25.25/24		
35.35.35/24	1	35.35.35/24		
45.45.45/24	2	45.45.45/24		

As a result, R1 runs its decision process. Give in the table above the state of the routing table at R1 at time  $t_2 > t_1$  when the decision process has completed.

**Solution.** The new routing table contains the entrees:

23.23.23/24	2	2
25.25.25/24	2	2
35.35.35/24	2	2
45.45.45/24	2	4

2. Marge claims that SRP eventually computes the shortest paths to all destinations and is able to recover from topology changes. Is this true ?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

Justify your answer (Be concise: 1 to 5 lines maximum).

**Solution.** Marge's claim is true.

**Justification:** SRP implements a variant of the distributed Bellman-Ford algorithm called the distributed BF-prelim.(Theorem in slide 14 of the exam booklet 2013). It works for all initial condition and is therefore able to adapt to changes.

3. Bart proposes to simplify SRP as follows. The RIB-INs are eliminated. The rest remains unchanged, except for the decision process, which, as before, is run whenever a new distance vector is received from a neighbor, but is now modified as follows

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i = router id of this router
new distance vector is received from neighbor j
for every destination prefix n that is in the received distance vector
    if  $D_j(n) + c(i, j) < D_i(n)$ 
        set the distance to n in routing table to
             $D_i(n) = D_j(n) + c(i, j)$ 
        set the next-hop to n in routing table to j

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Does Marge's claim continue to hold with Bart's modification ?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

Justify your answer (Be concise: 1 to 5 lines maximum).

**Solution.** Marge's claim does not continue to hold.

Justification: the distance  $D_i(n)$  to a destination can only decrease. Hence, it cannot recover from topology changes. For example, if we add a link between 1 and 5 to Figure 4, wait for convergence, and then remove it, the distance  $D_1(5)$  will equal to 1.

4. Mr. Burns proposes to ignore Bart's modification; instead, he proposes to replace the periodic sending of the distance vector by an update scheme, where only modifications to the routing table distances are announced. When a destination is removed from the routing table, this is considered as setting the distance to infinity and is therefore announced. All messages are transmitted via TCP; hence, no messages are lost. In addition, a keep-alive message is sent to every neighbor every  $T_1$  second; if no keep-alive mechanism has been received by  $i$  from neighbor  $j$  for  $T_2$  seconds, then  $i$  declares  $j$  as dead, clears the RIB-IN for  $j$  and runs the (unmodified) decision process.

Does Marge's claim continue to hold with this modification ?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

Justify your answer (Be concise: 1 to 5 lines maximum).

**Solution.** The only problem that can happen is in the initialization phase. When a new nodes enters the system, it has to announce himself to the others. Then the updates done by Mr. Burns' algorithm will be exactly the same as Marge's initial algorithm.

As a consequence: yes, Marge's claim continue to hold.





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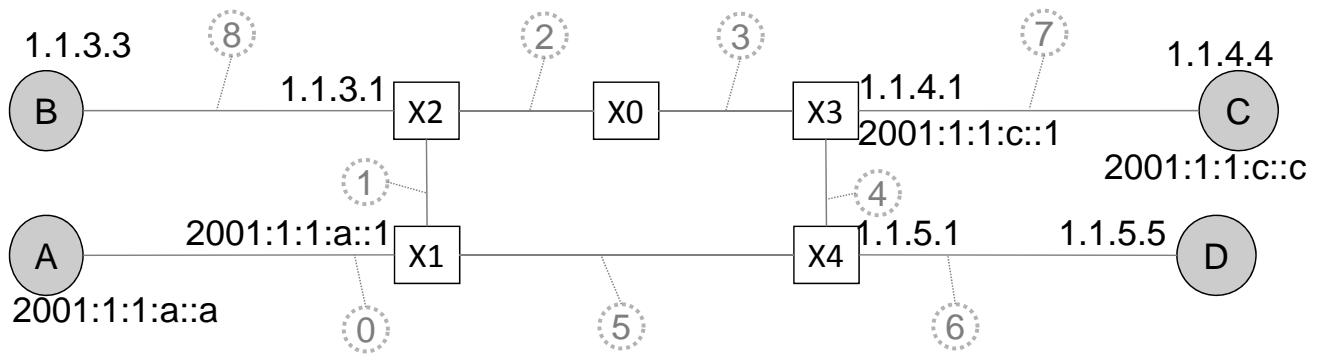


Figure 1: The network used in Problem 1

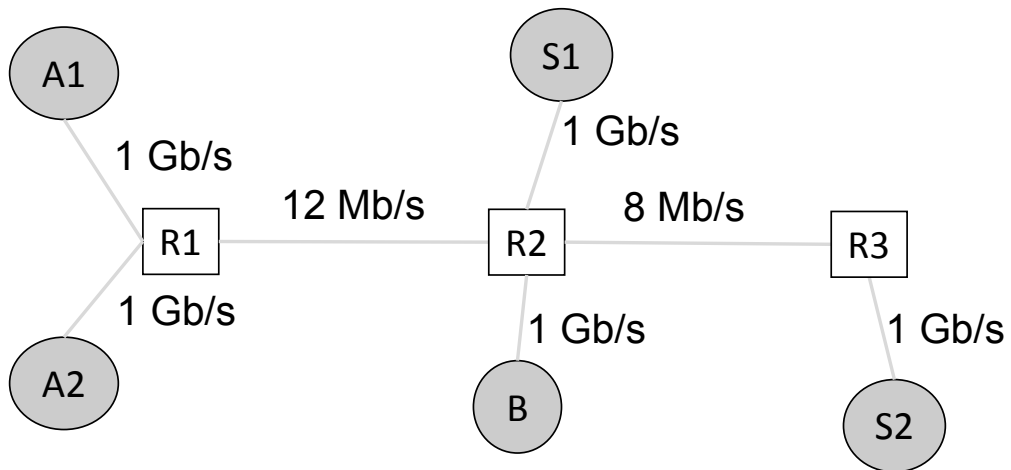


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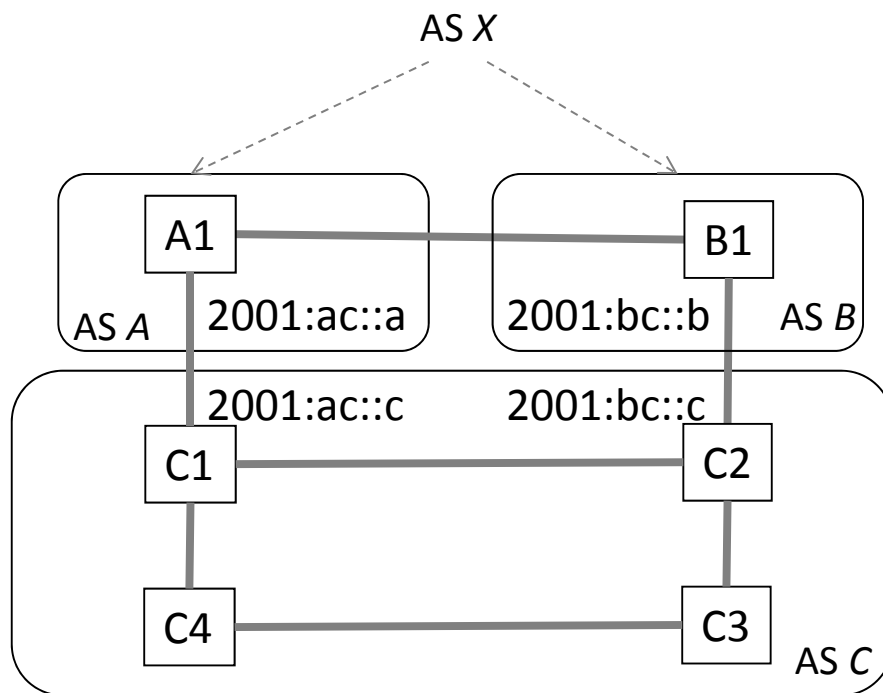


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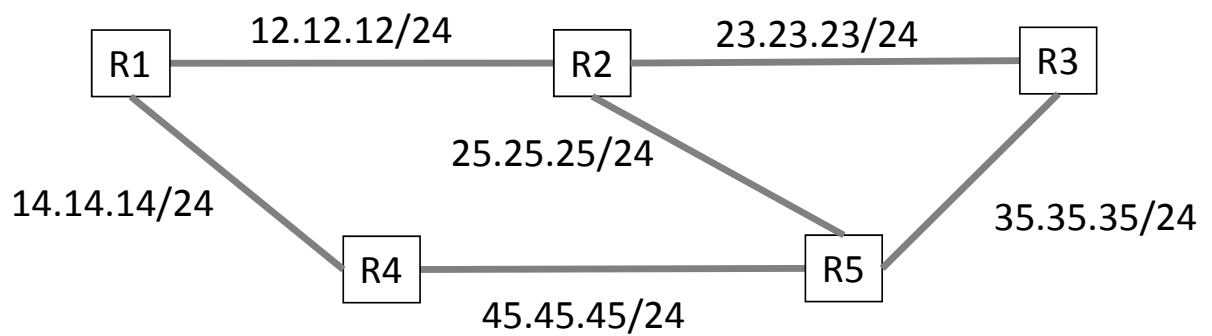


Figure 4: Network example for Problem 4