

Consider two nodes, A and B, that use the slotted ALOHA protocol to contend for a channel. Suppose node A has more data to transmit than node B, and node A's transmission probability p_A is greater than node B's transmission probability, p_B .

- a. Provide a formula for node A's average throughput. What is the total efficiency of the protocol with these two nodes?
- b. If $p_A = 2p_B$, is node A's average throughput twice as large as that of node B? Why or why not? If not, how can you choose p_A and p_B to make that happen?