

# CSCI 466: Networks

Network Layer – Routing (Control Plane)

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# Announcements

**NO CLASS** on Monday (10/24)

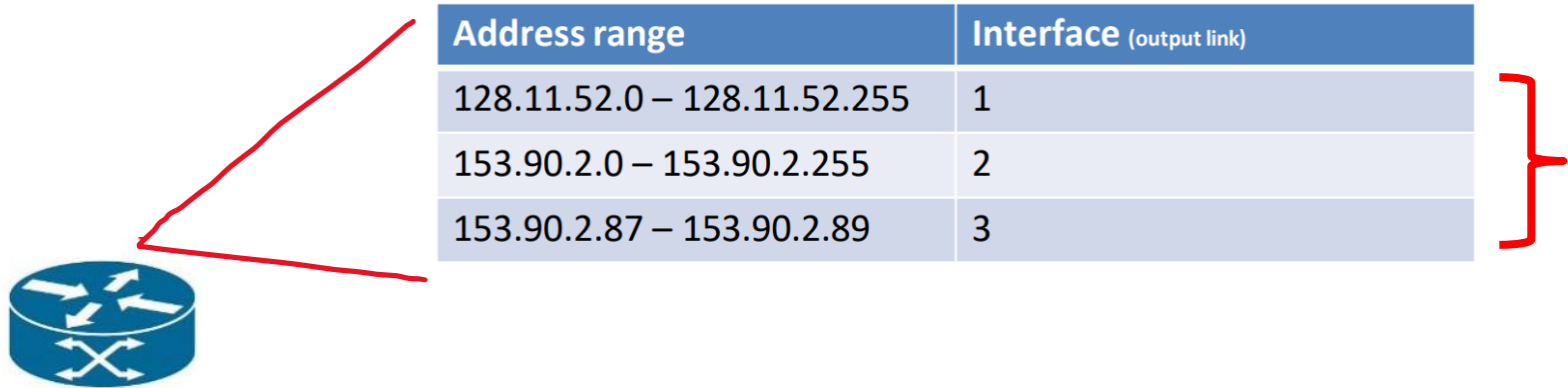
- Email/DM me if you need to chat or have questions

PA2 due **tonight\*** at 11:59 PM

→ You can submit it any time this weekend without a late pass and you won't lose points 😊

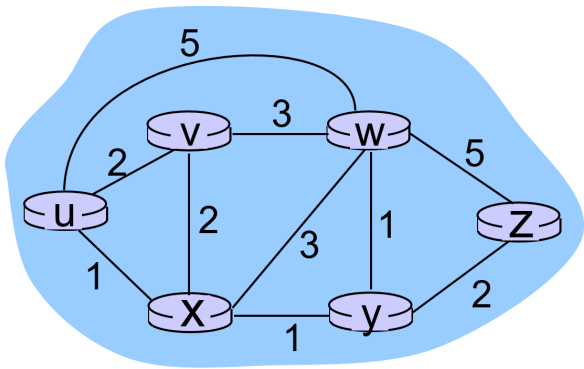
HW2 Released. Due one week from today (10/28)

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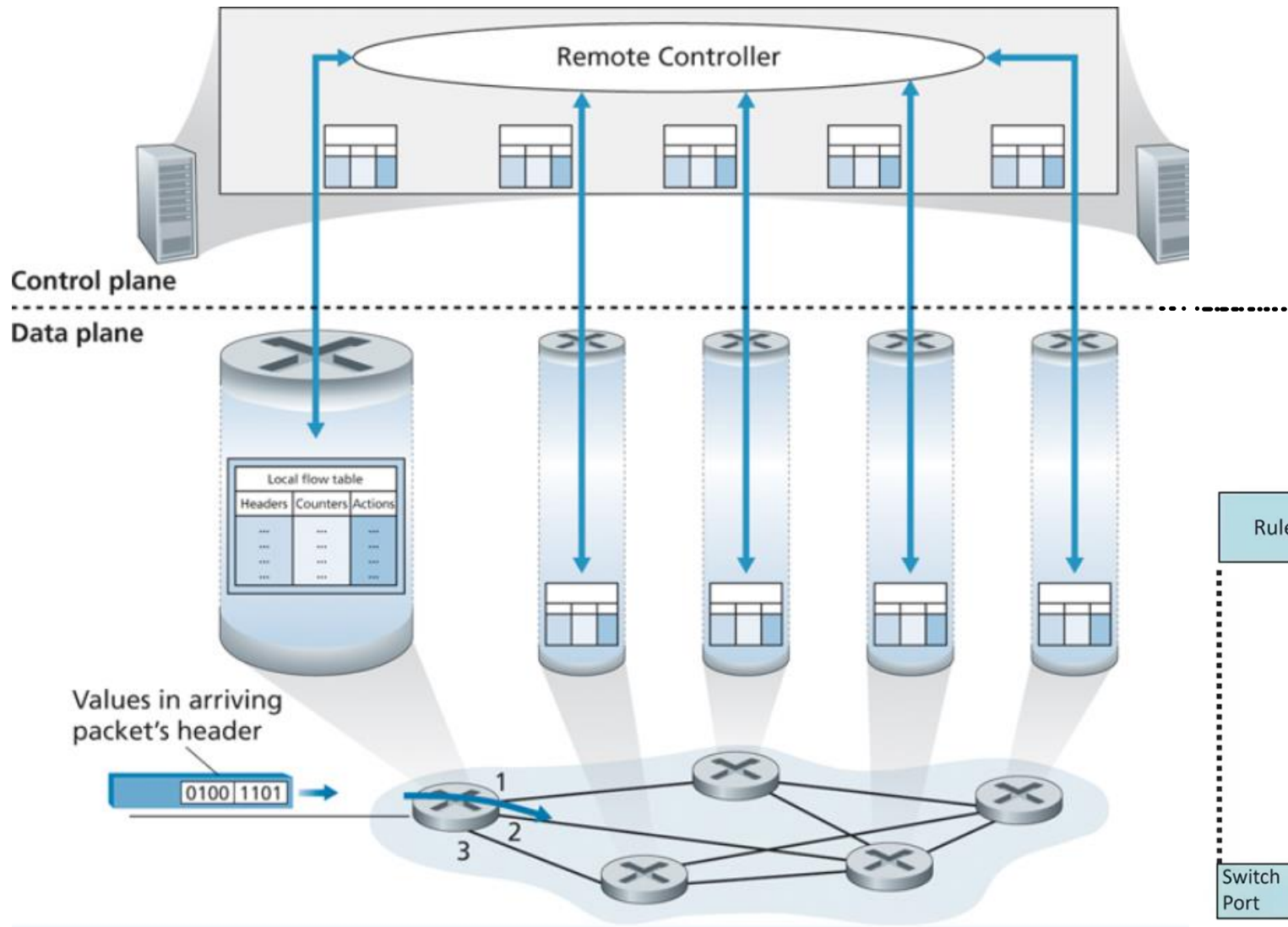
Ideally, this output links are the most optimal path to get to the destination

**Routing** refers to determining the route taken by packets from **source** to **destination**, and is implemented in the control plane.

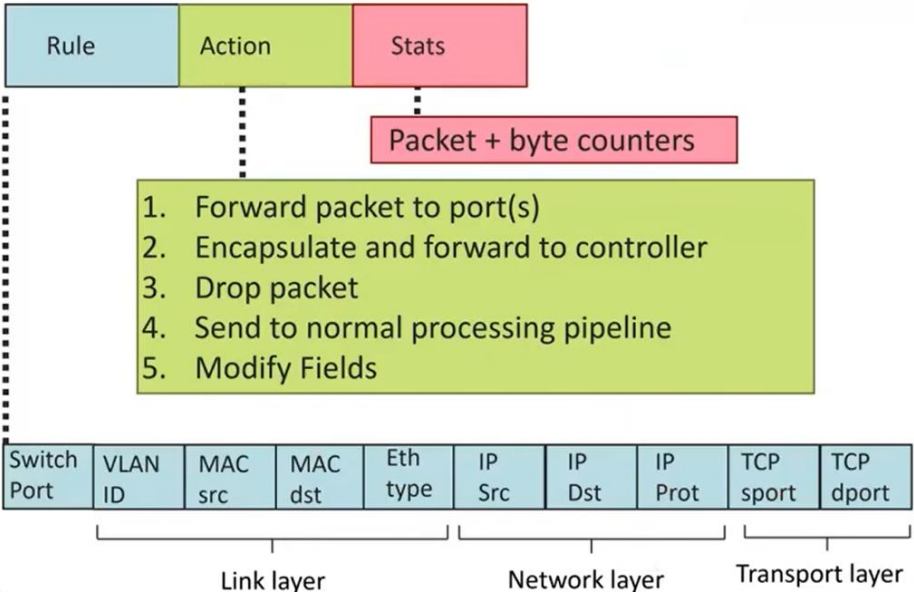


What is the best way to get from **u** to **z**?

# Generalized Forwarding and Software Defines Network (SDN)



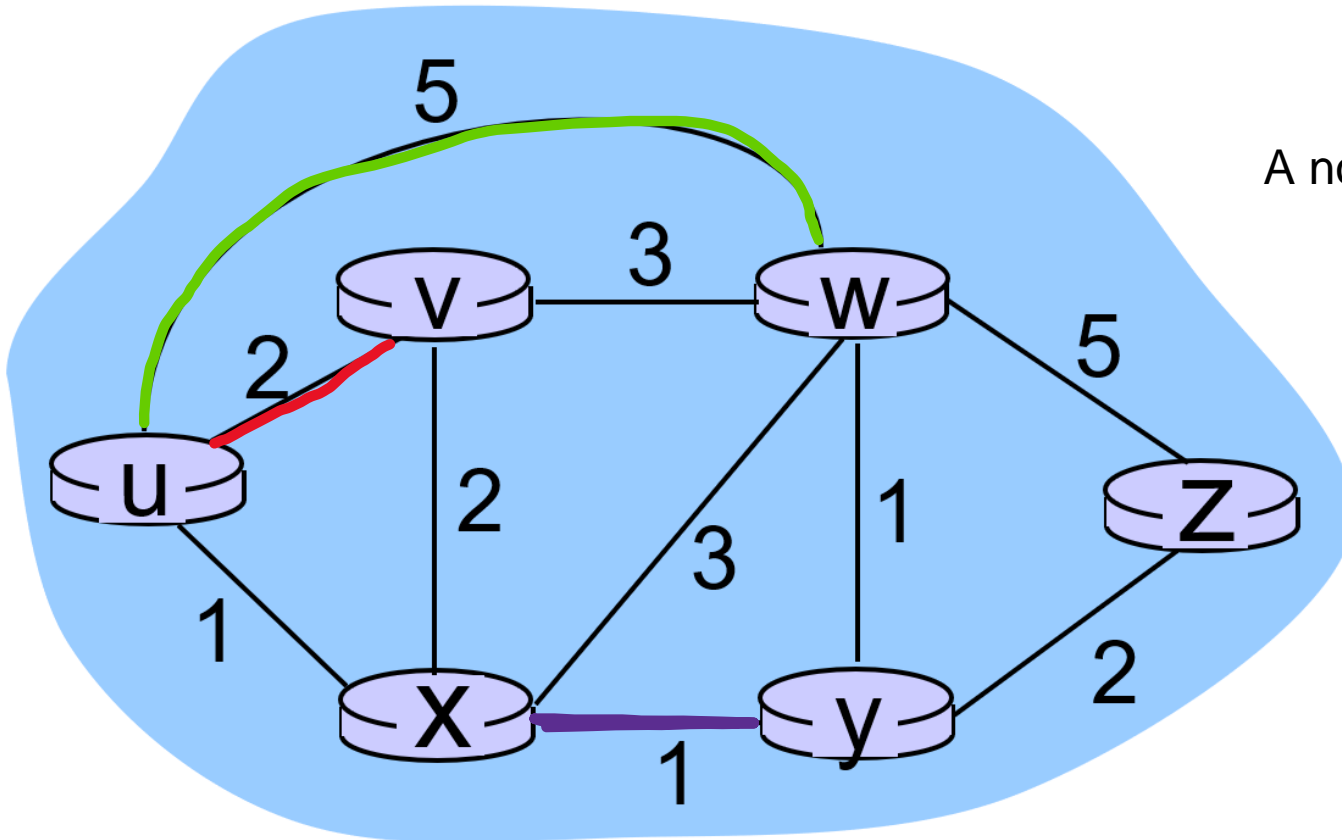
Control Plane and Data Plane need to work together in order to create efficient routing tables



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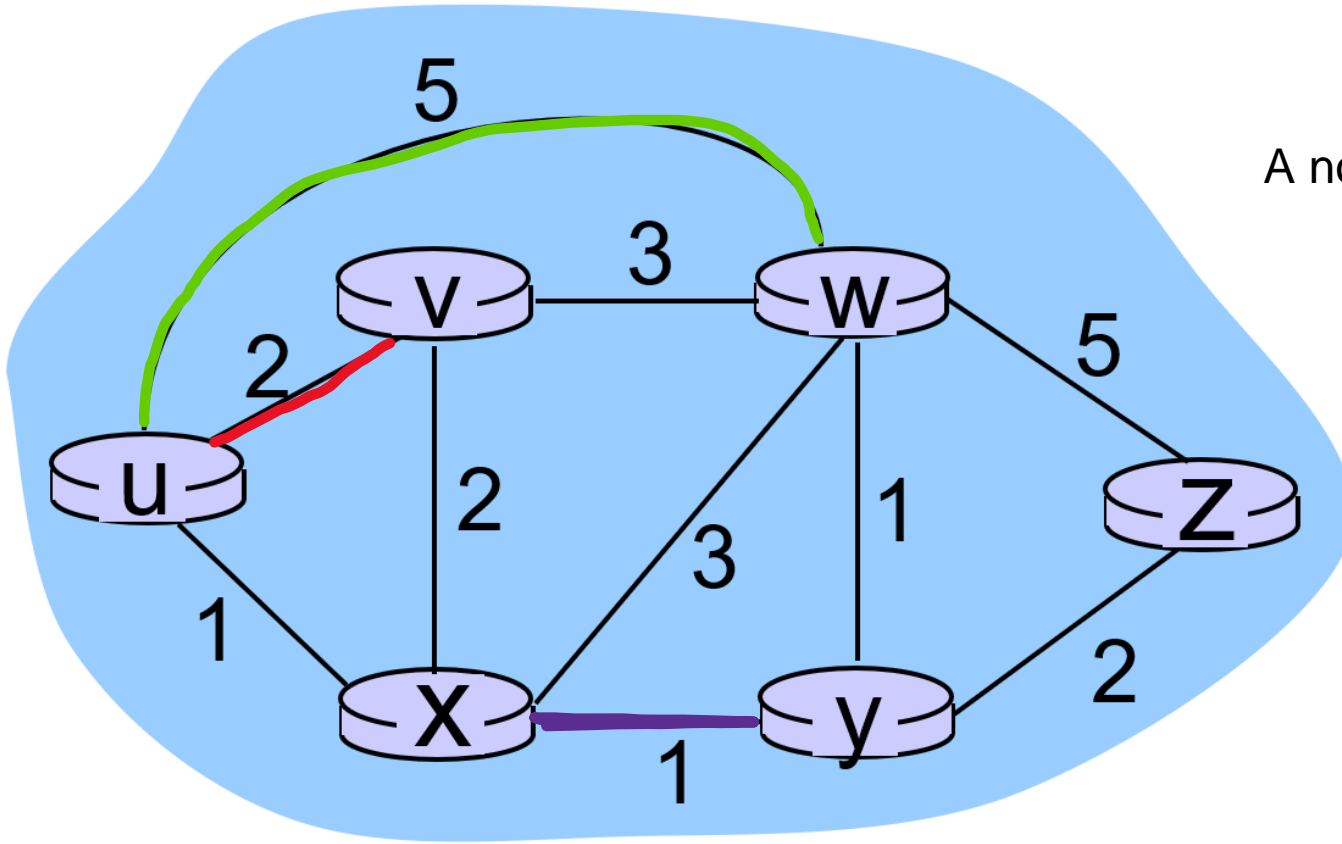
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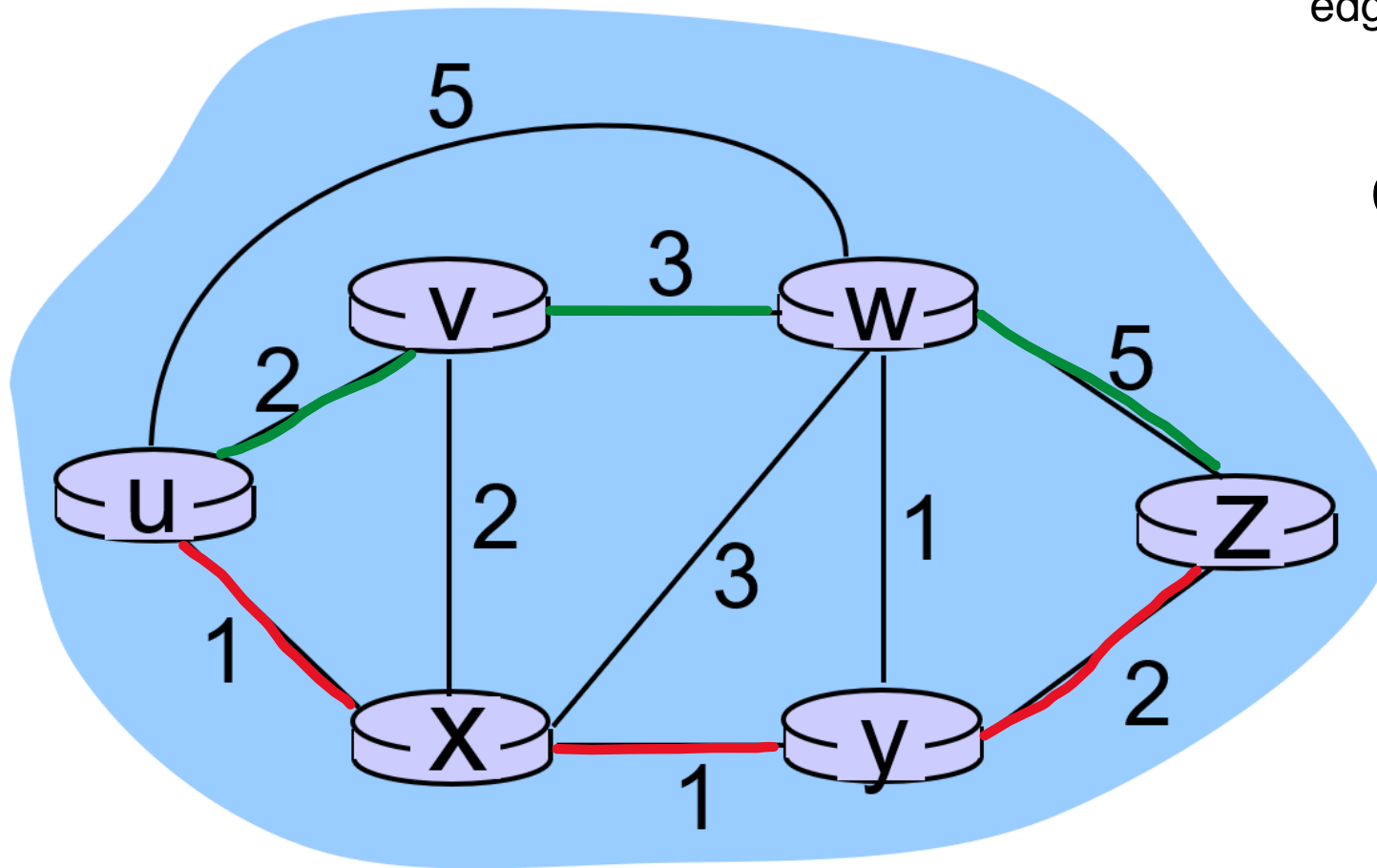
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The cost from A to B is the **sum** of the edge weights of the path taken

$$C(u,z) = 1 + 1 + 2 = 4$$

$$C(u,z) = 2 + 3 + 5 = 10$$

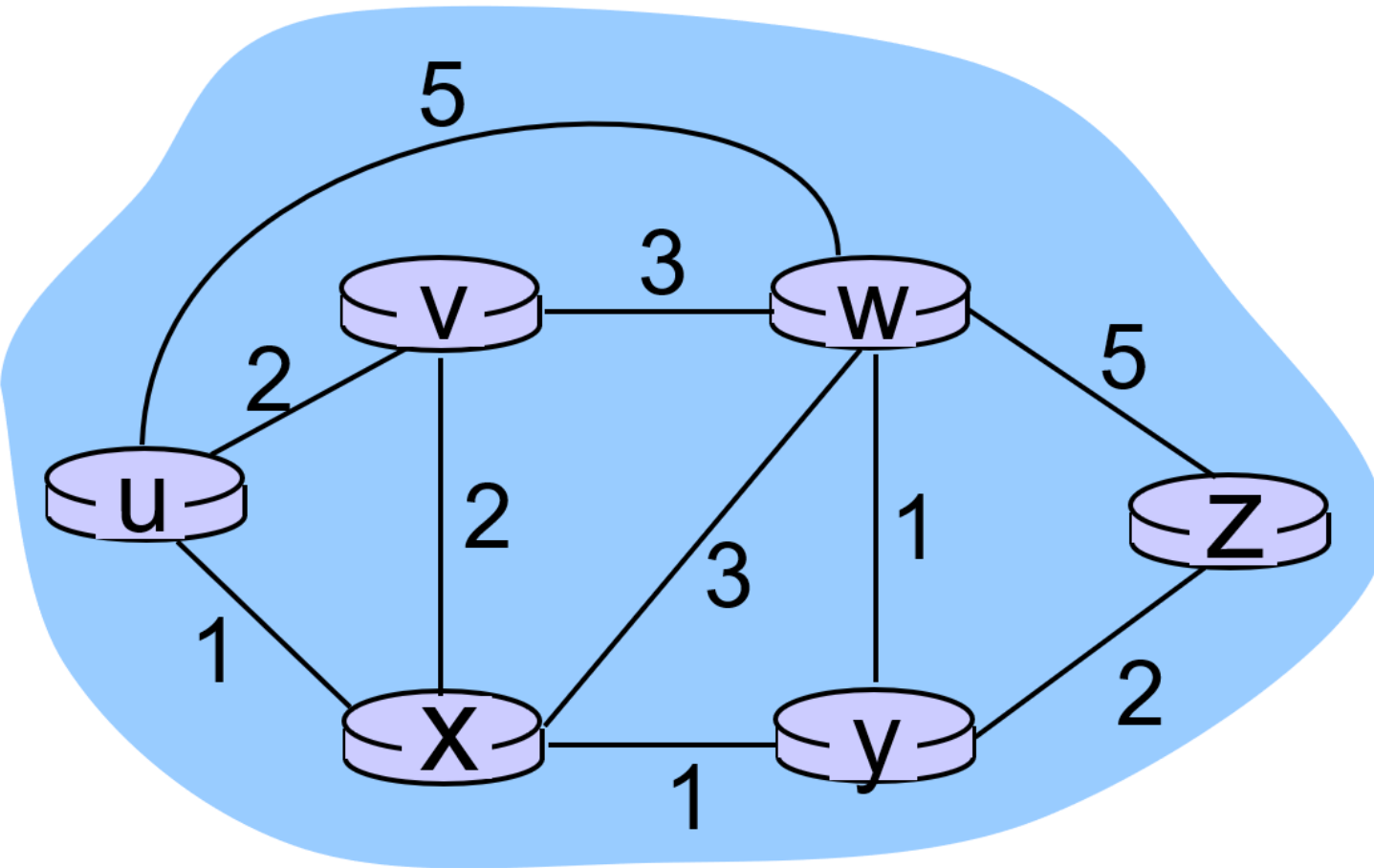
If a packet needs to go from U to Z, we want it to take the most optimal path!

**Routing algorithm:** algorithm that finds the least cost path

*Do you know any?* ☹️

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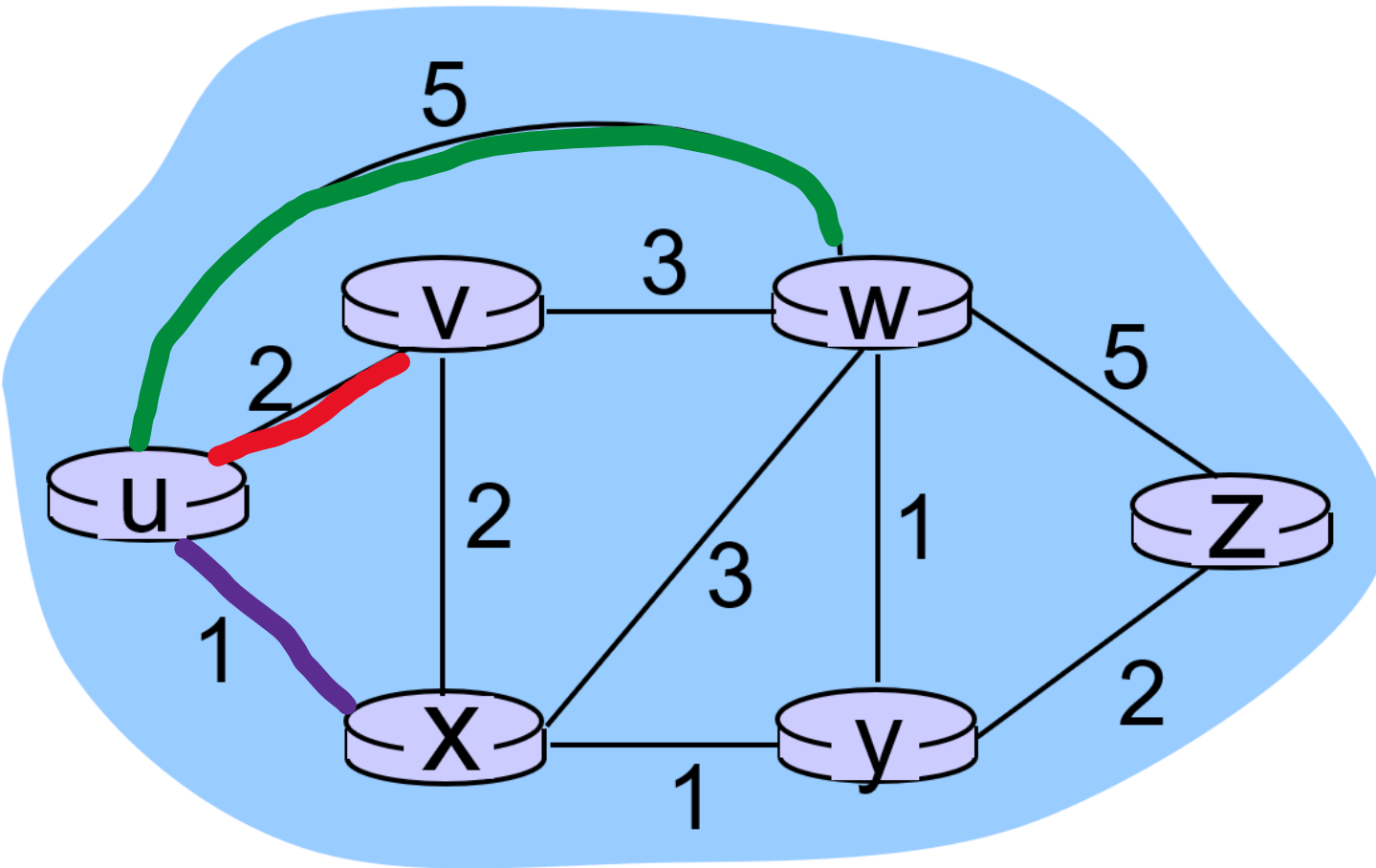
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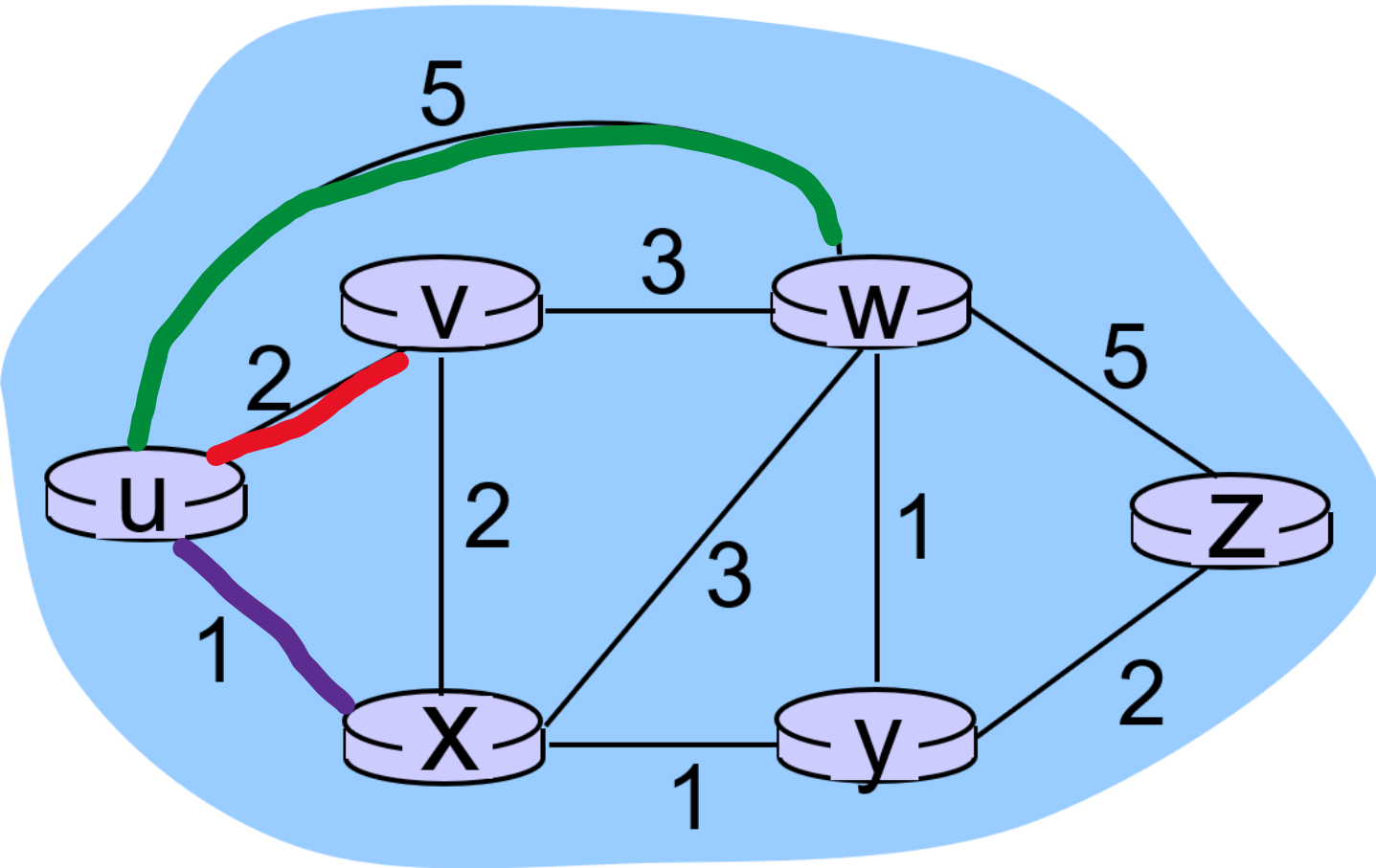
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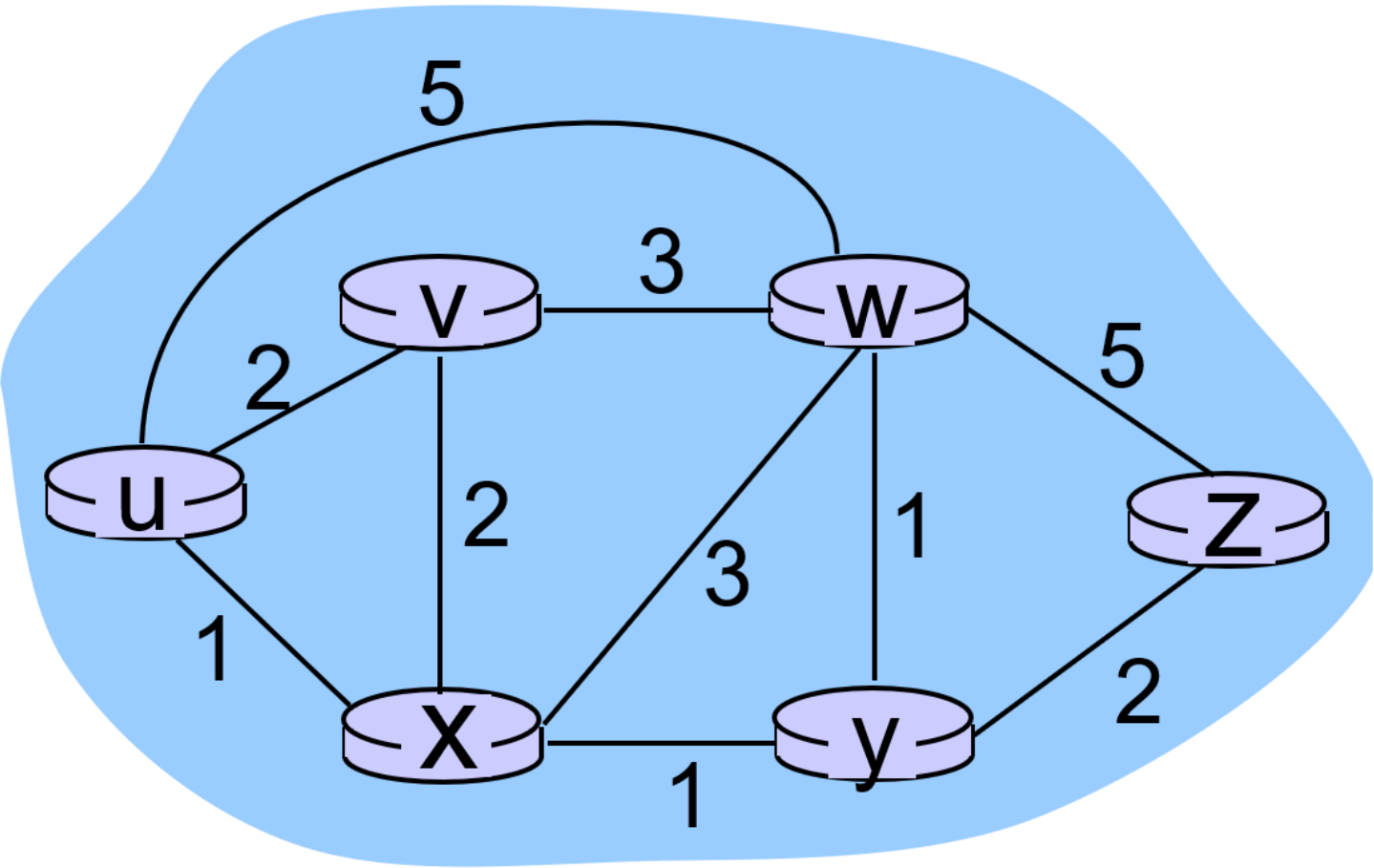
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The path with the least cost is to X, so x will get added onto our path!

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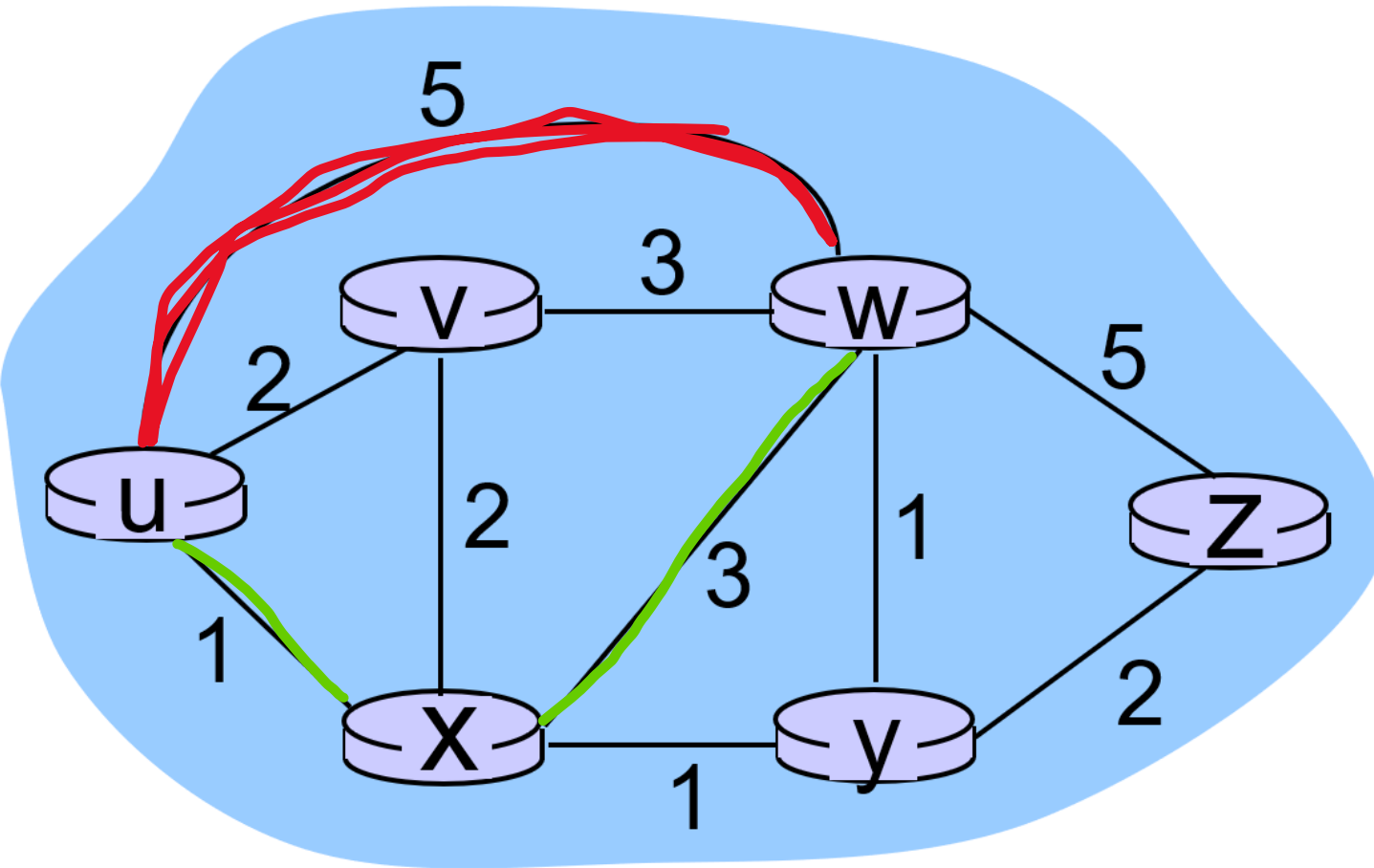


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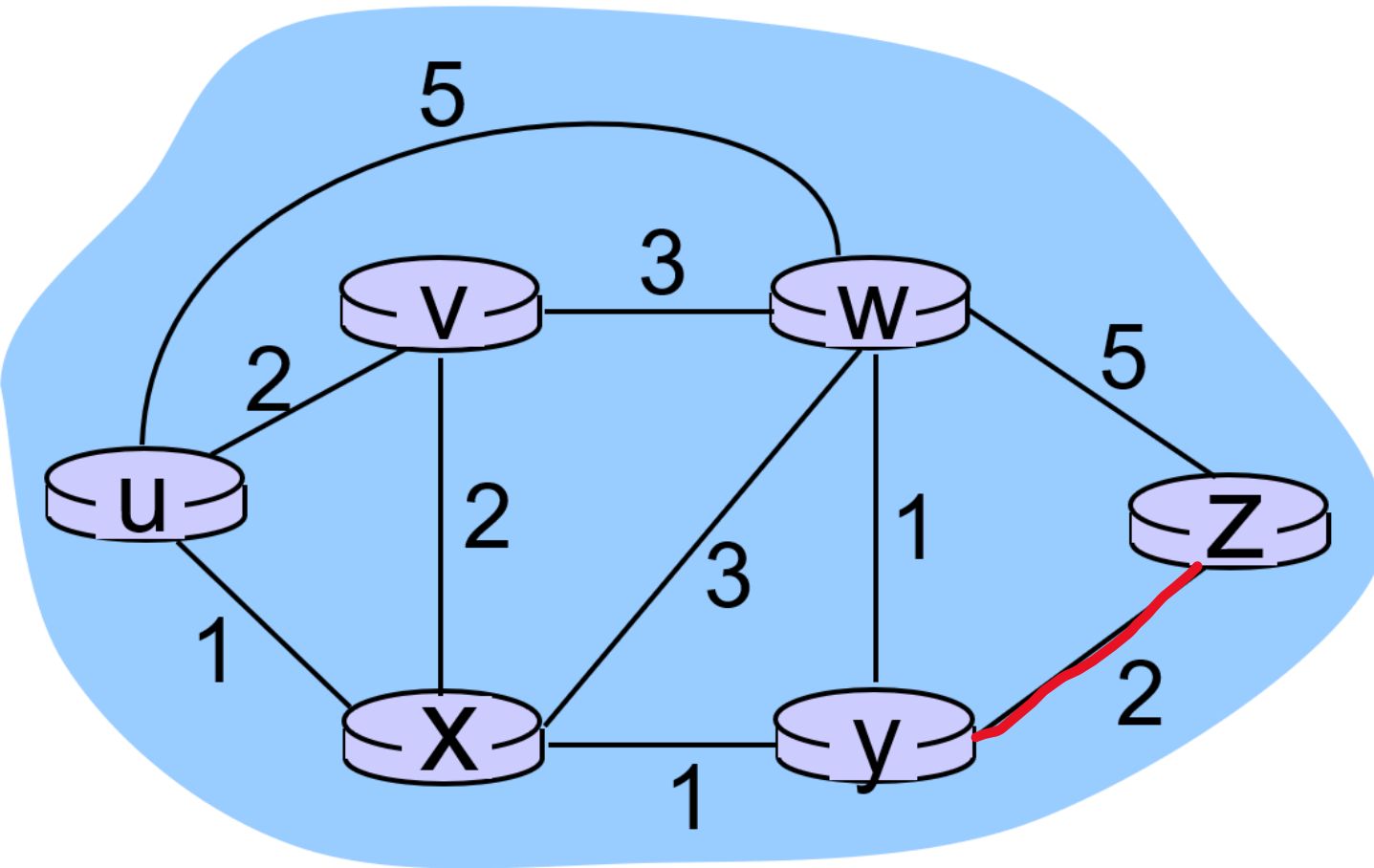
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The shortest path from u to w is now 4 (travel through x) instead of taking the 4 cost path

The shortest path from u to v is still the same

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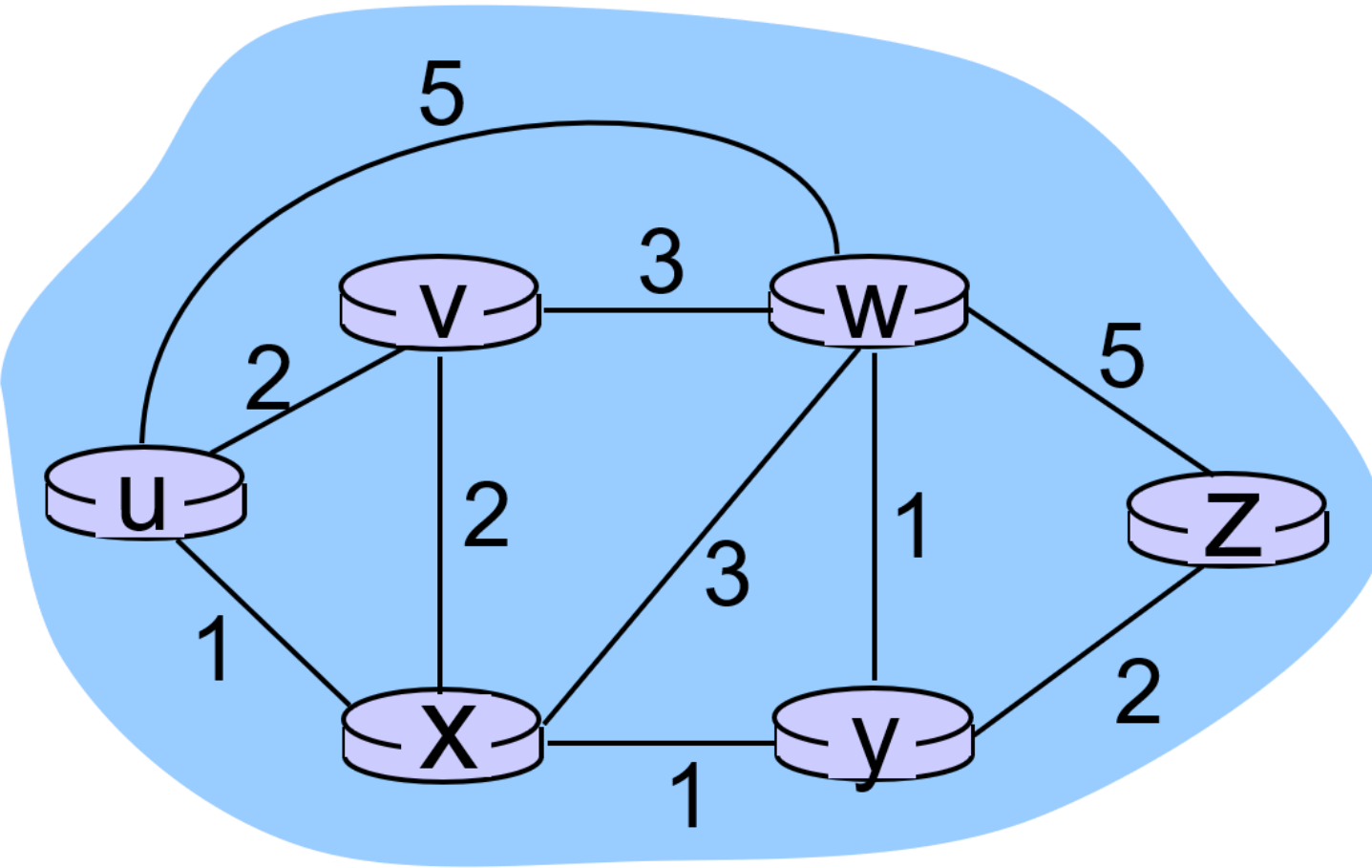
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3		<div>We also have a more optimal path to W now</div>		<div>Now that y is on our path, we can now reach z!</div>		
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Path(u,z) = uxyz  
Cost = 1 +1 + 2 = 4

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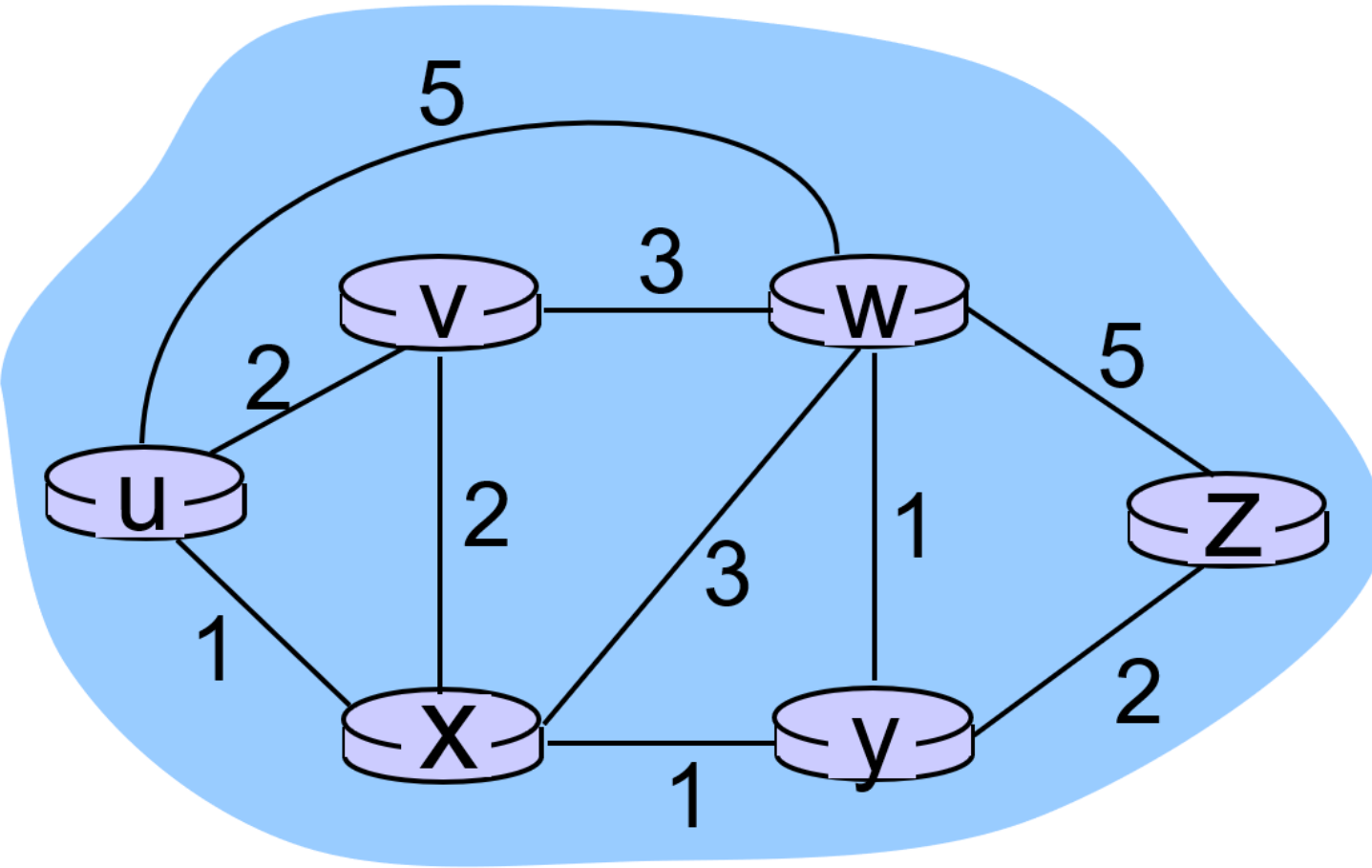


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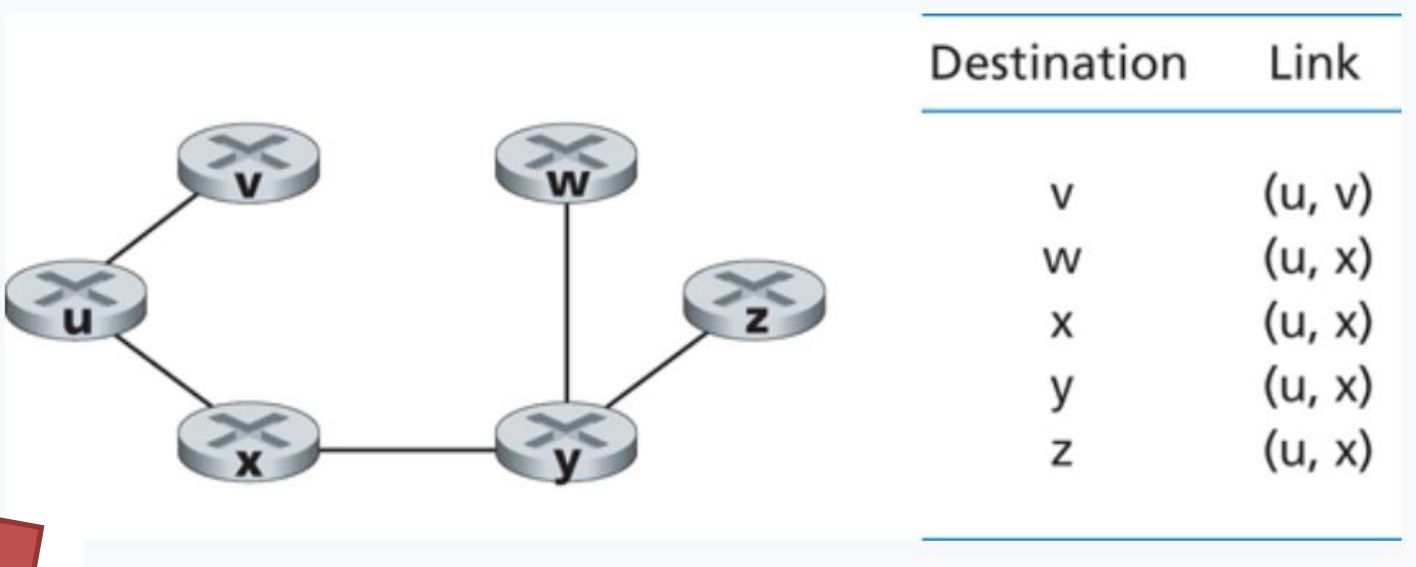
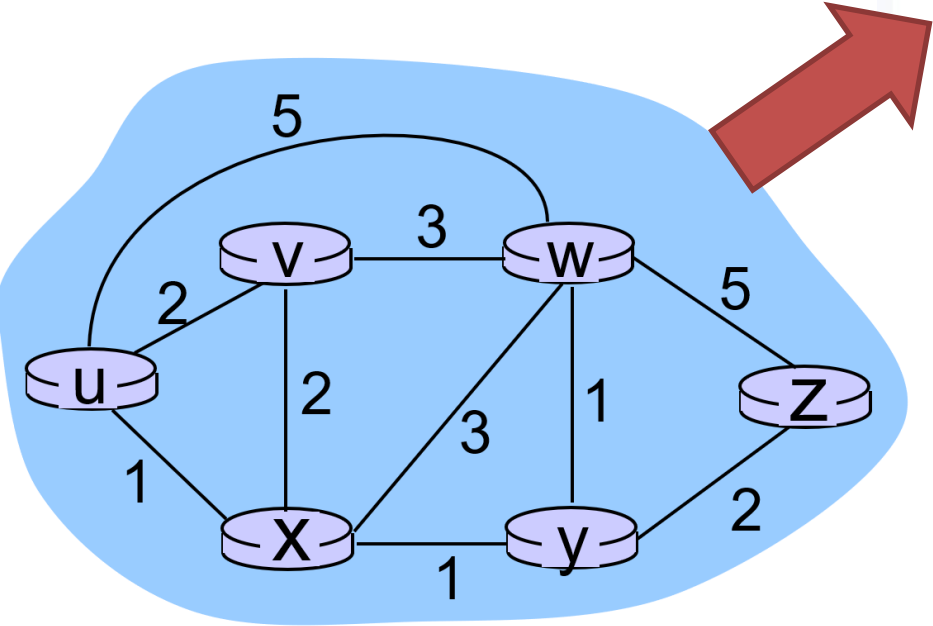
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Link-state Algorithm (Dijkstra's algorithm)

LS complexity =  $O(N^2)$

Issues? Concerns?



Routing table for node u

We will then run the same algorithm on each node to create its forwarding table!

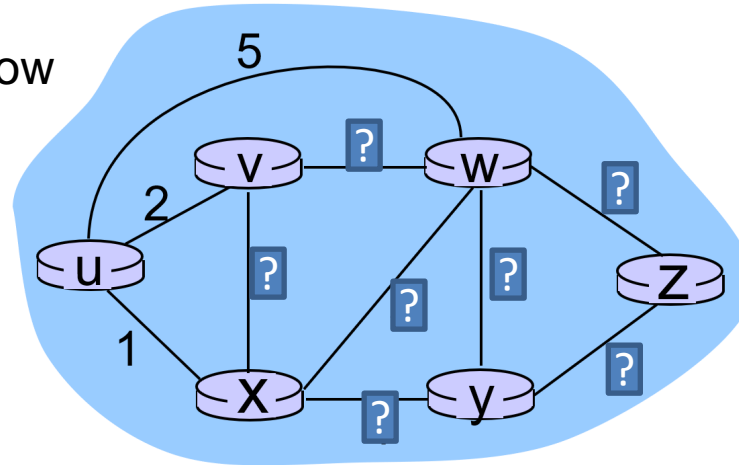


## Link-state Algorithm (Dijkstra's algorithm)

LS is a **centralized** routing algorithm, which means it has global knowledge about all the edge of the network!

However, it is very likely we will not know information about the network beforehand!

Additionally, path costs can frequently change based on network congestion



- $D_x(y)$  = estimate of least cost from  $x$  to  $y$   
   $x$  maintains distance vector  $\mathbf{D}_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$
- node  $x$ :  
  knows cost to each neighbor  $v$ :  $c(x,v)$   
  maintains its neighbors' distance vectors. For each neighbor  $v$ ,  $x$  maintains  $\mathbf{D}_v = [D_v(y): y \in N]$

DV is **not** a centralized algorithm, which means that it does not require global knowledge about network edge costs

## *key idea:*

from time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors

when  $x$  receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_v \{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\} \text{ for each node } y \in N$$

# Distance vector algorithm

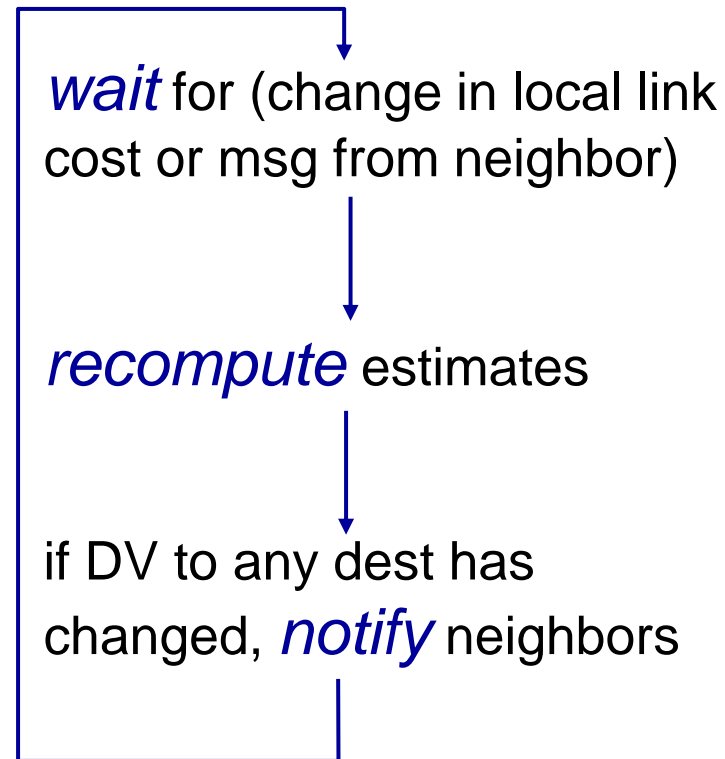
## **iterative, asynchronous:**

each local iteration caused by:  
local link cost change  
DV update message from neighbor

## **distributed:**

each node notifies neighbors  
*only* when its DV changes  
    neighbors then notify their  
    neighbors if necessary

## **each node:**



# Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

## *message complexity*

**LS:** with  $n$  nodes,  $E$  links,  $O(nE)$  msgs sent

**DV:** exchange between neighbors only

- convergence time varies

## *speed of convergence*

- **LS:**  $O(n^2)$  algorithm requires  $O(nE)$  msgs
  - may have oscillations
- **DV:** convergence time varies
  - may be routing loops
  - count-to-infinity problem

**robustness:** what happens if router malfunctions?

## **LS:**

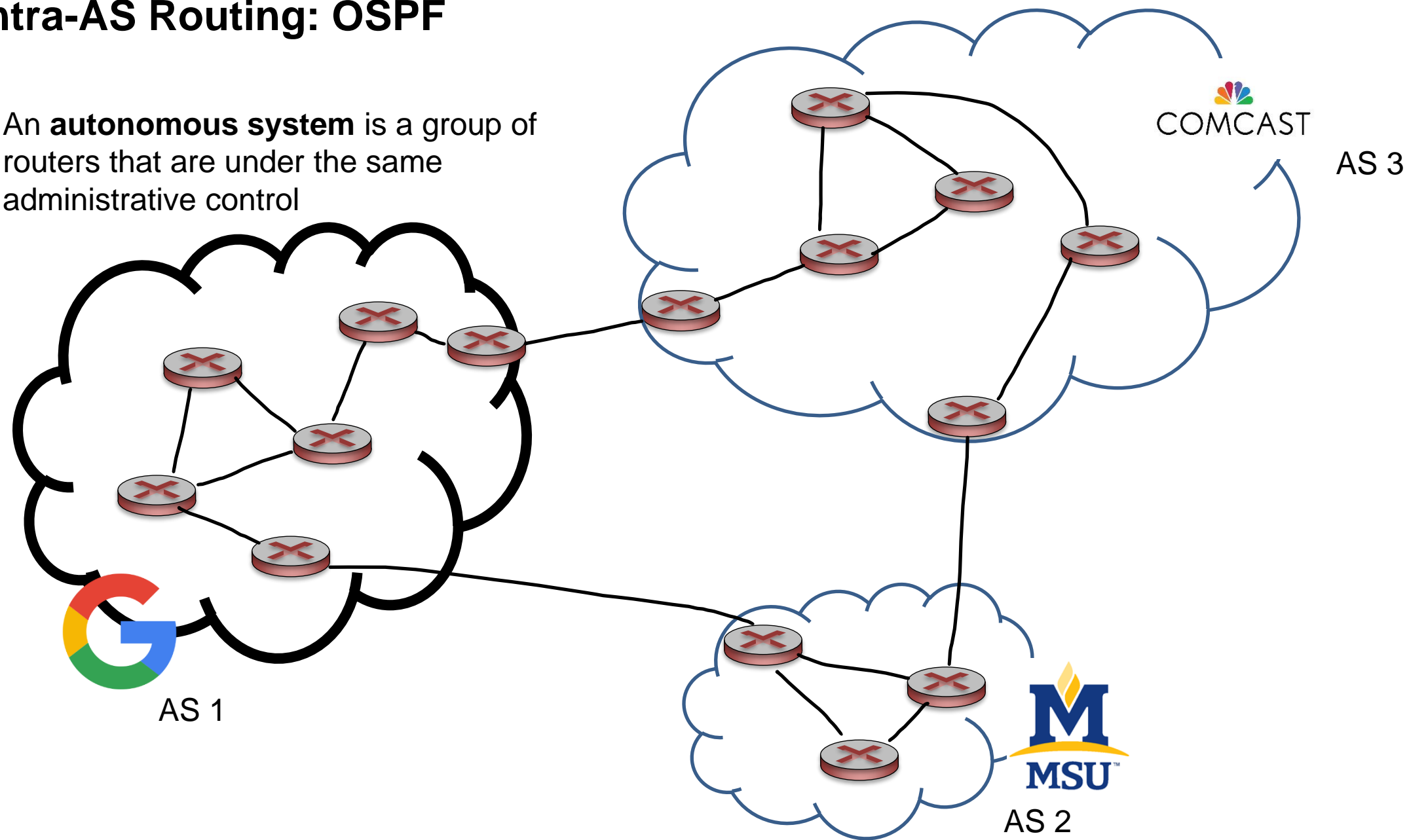
node can advertise incorrect *link* cost  
each node computes only its own table

## **DV:**

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- each node's table used by others  
error propagate thru network

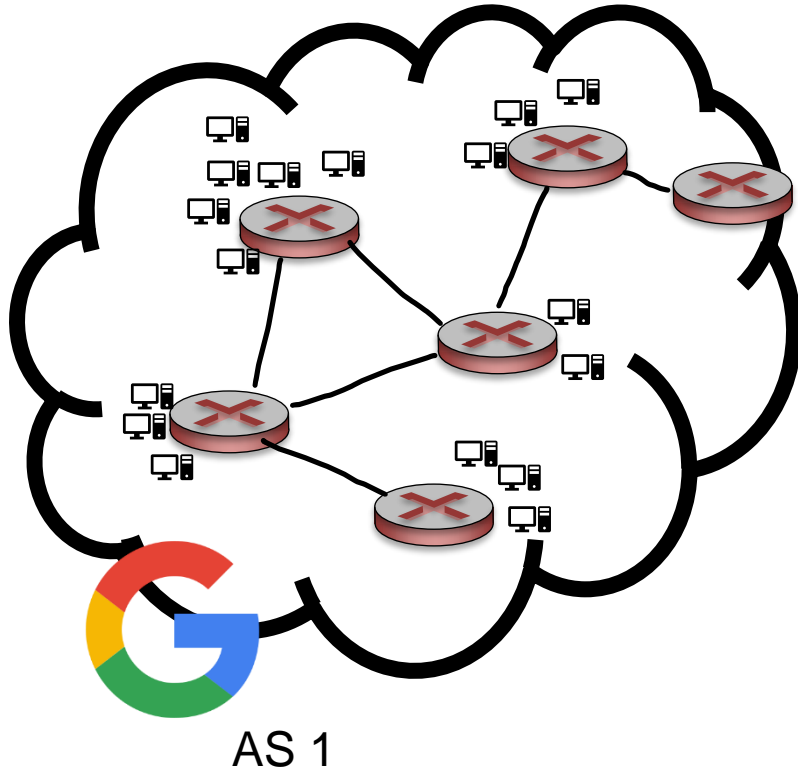
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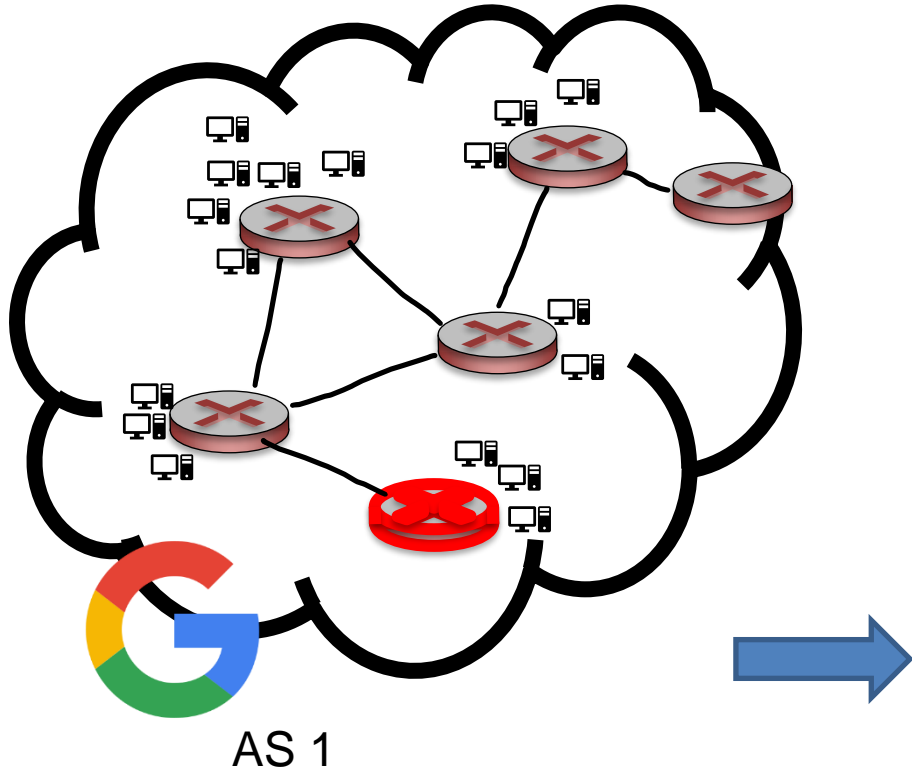


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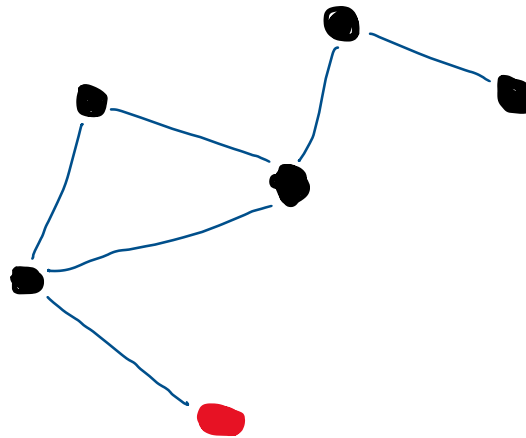
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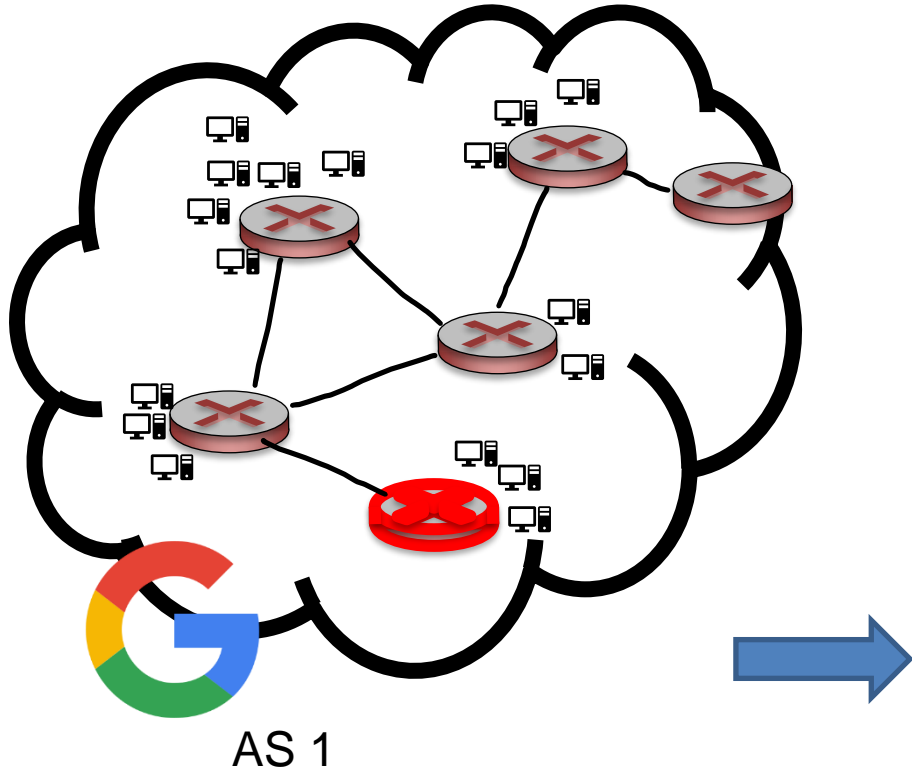


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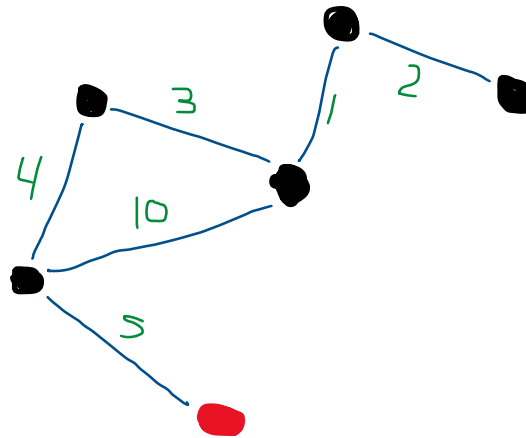
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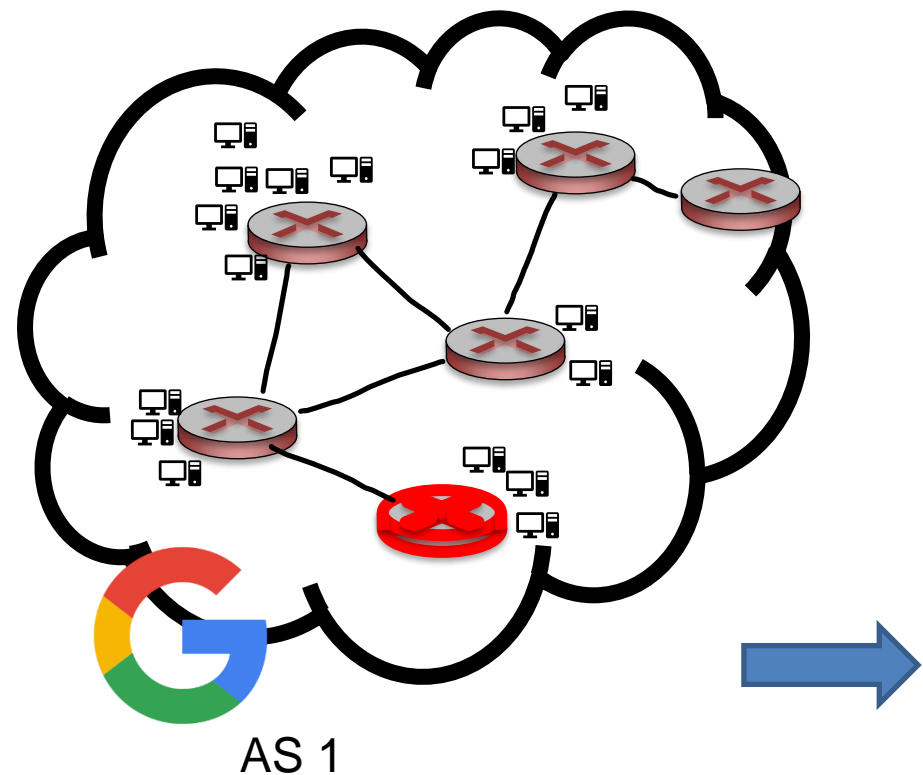
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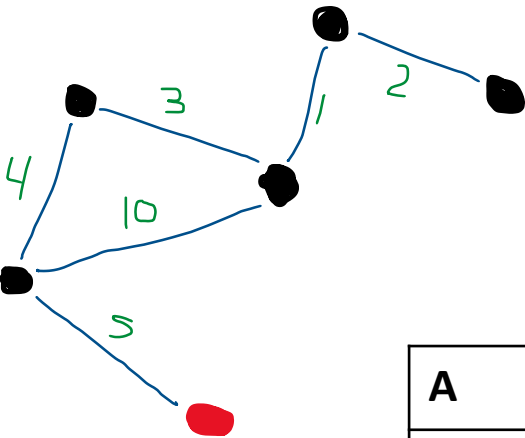
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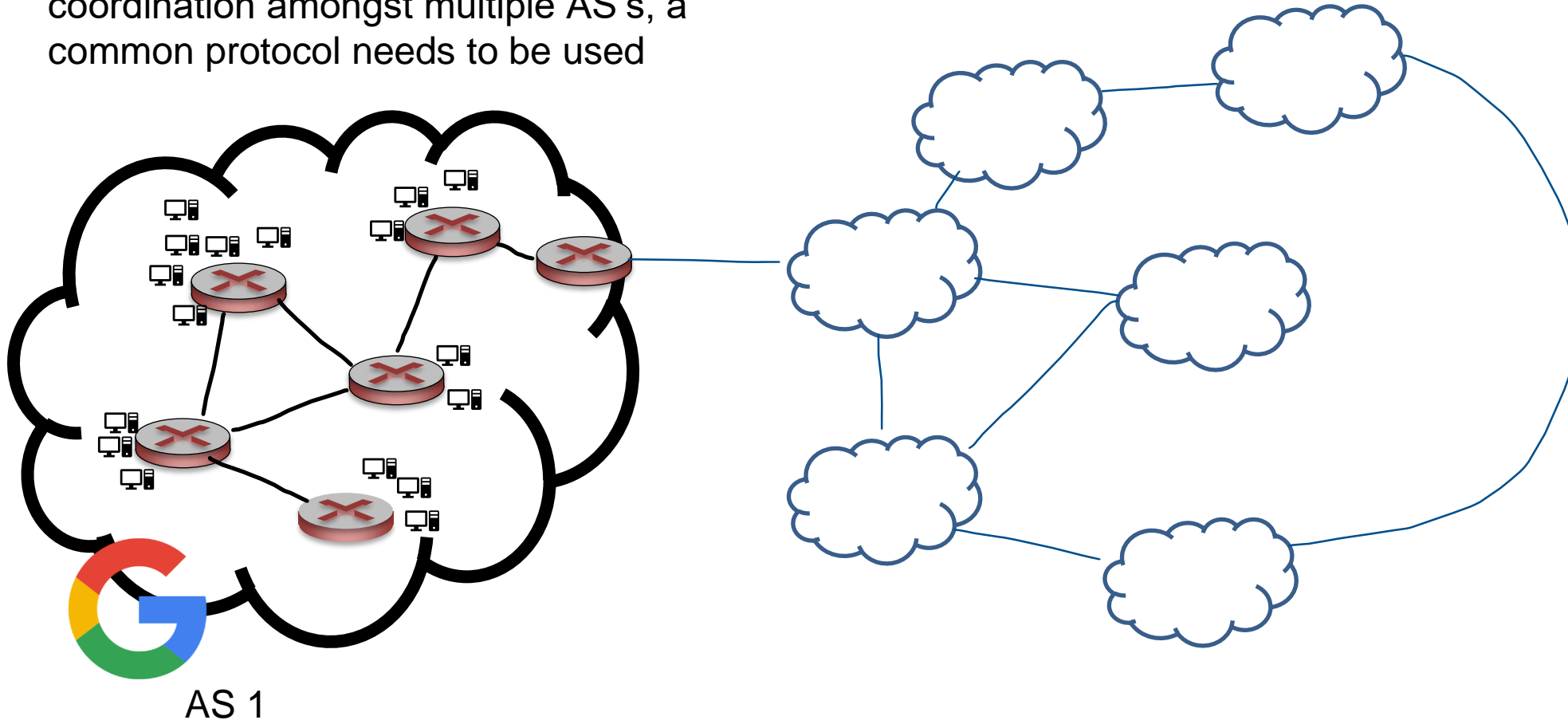
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- 3. Fill in routing table

A	1
B	2
C	3
...	...

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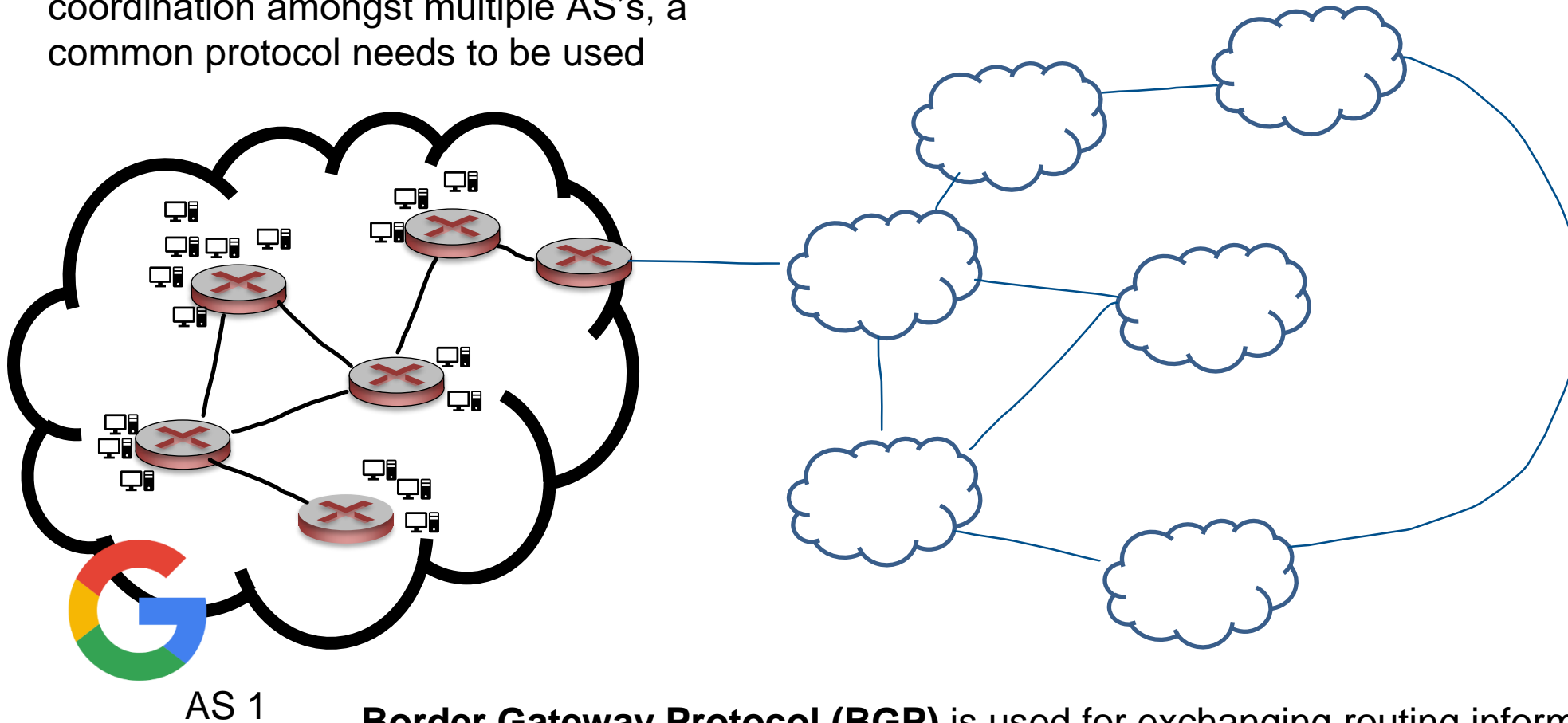
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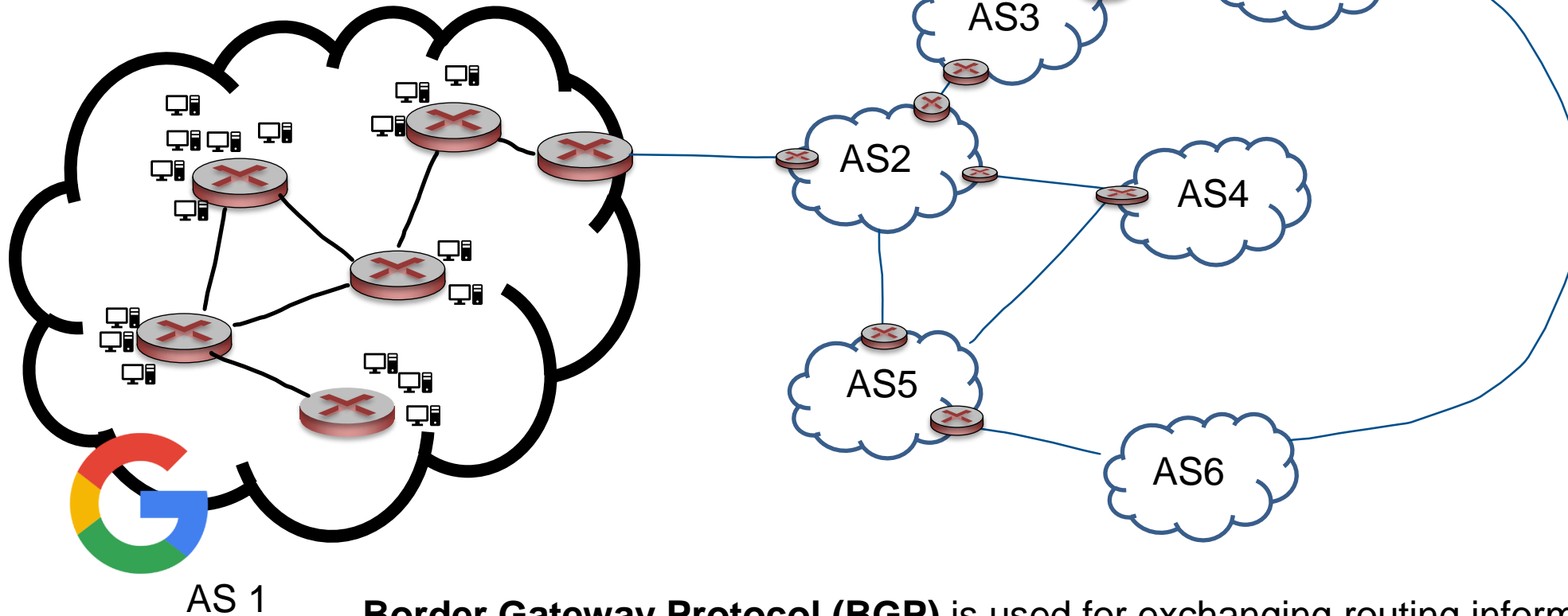
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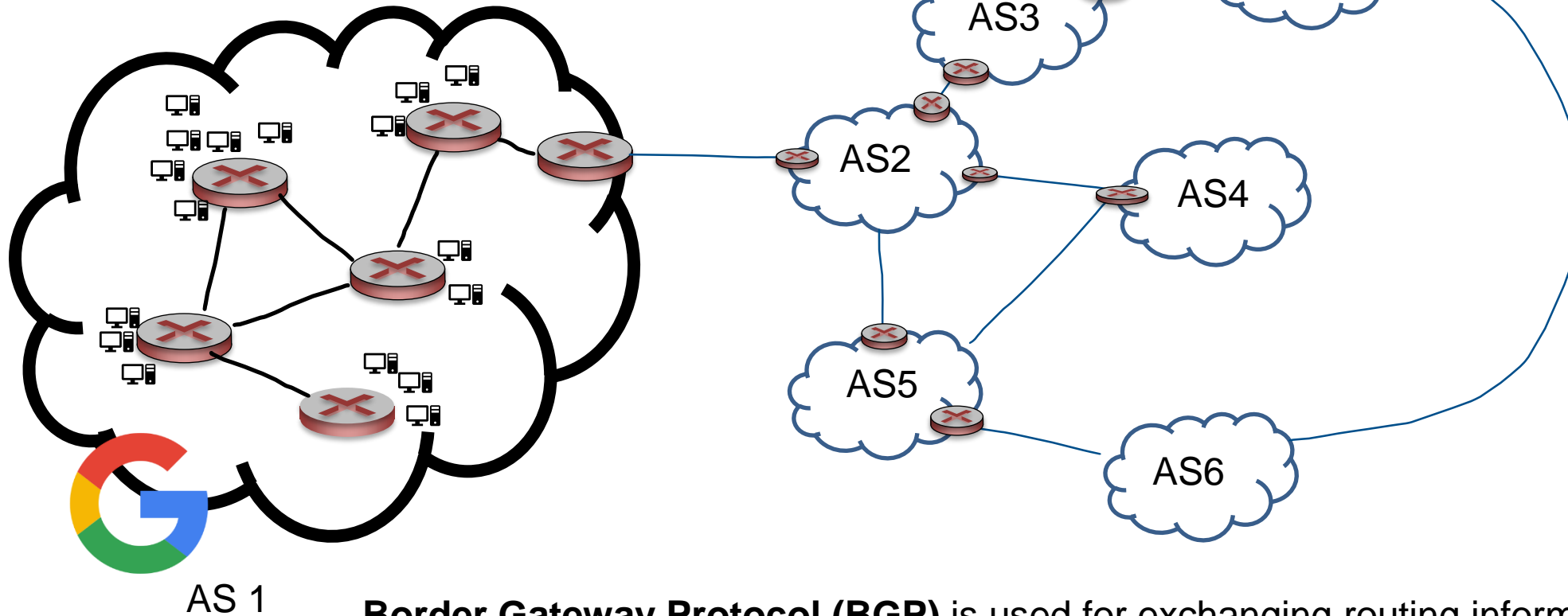
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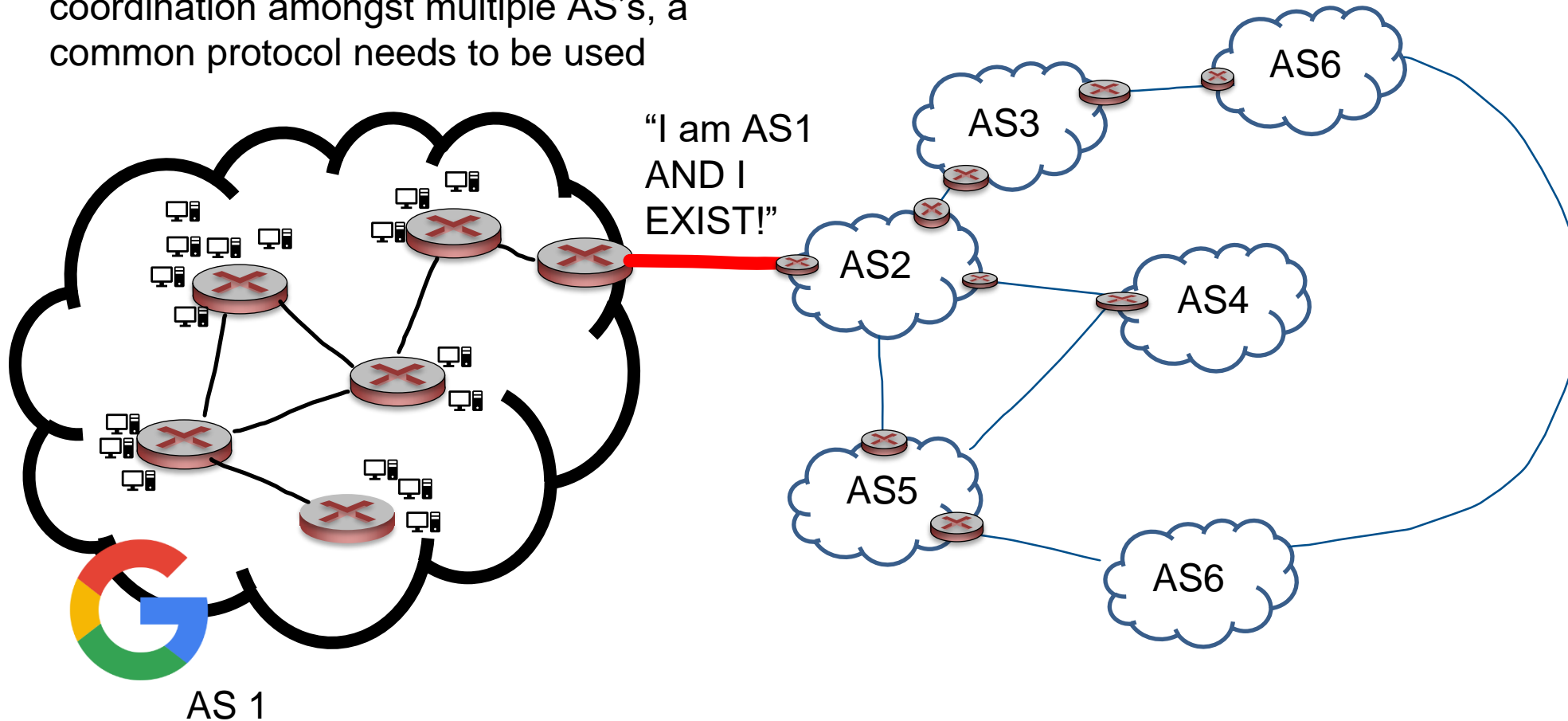
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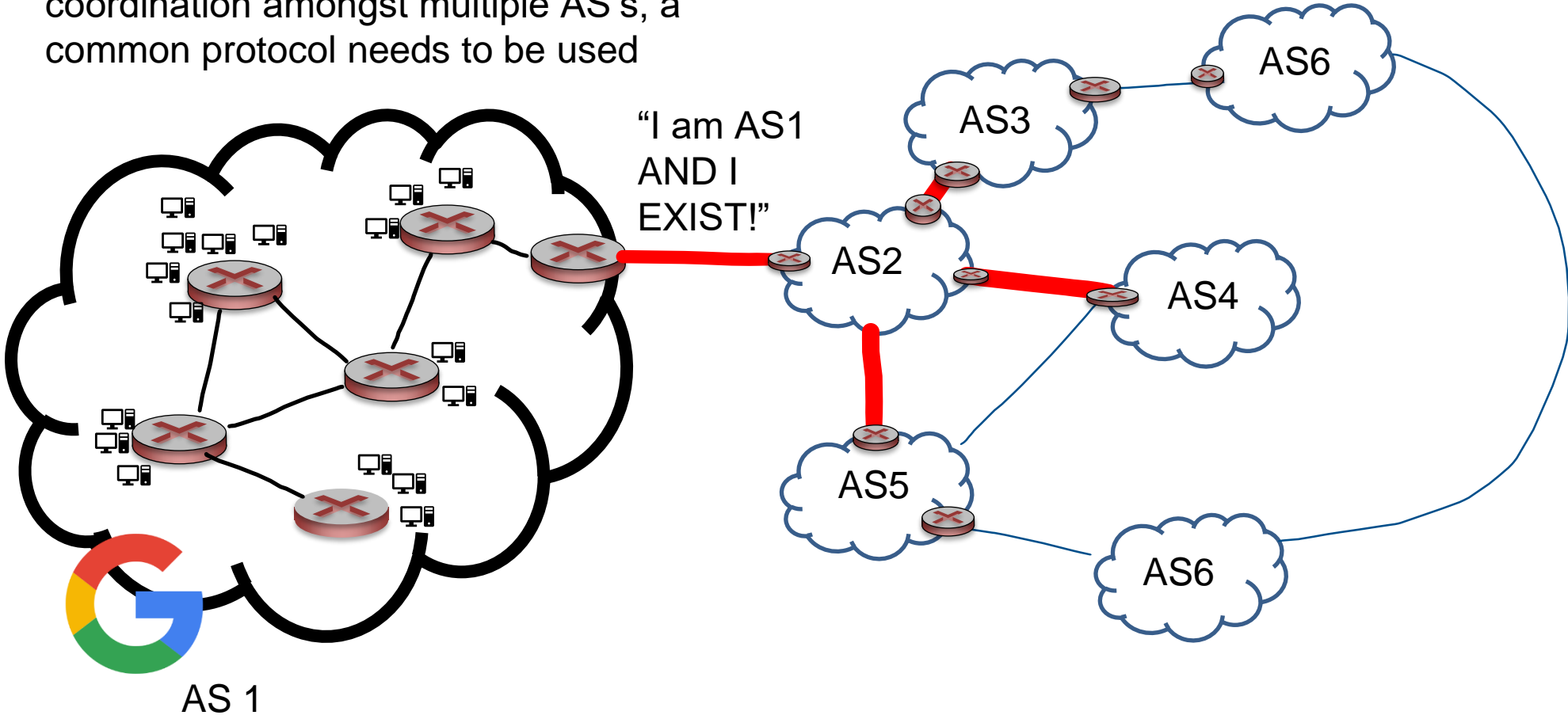
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"A1 EXISTS AND FOUND THROUGH AS2"

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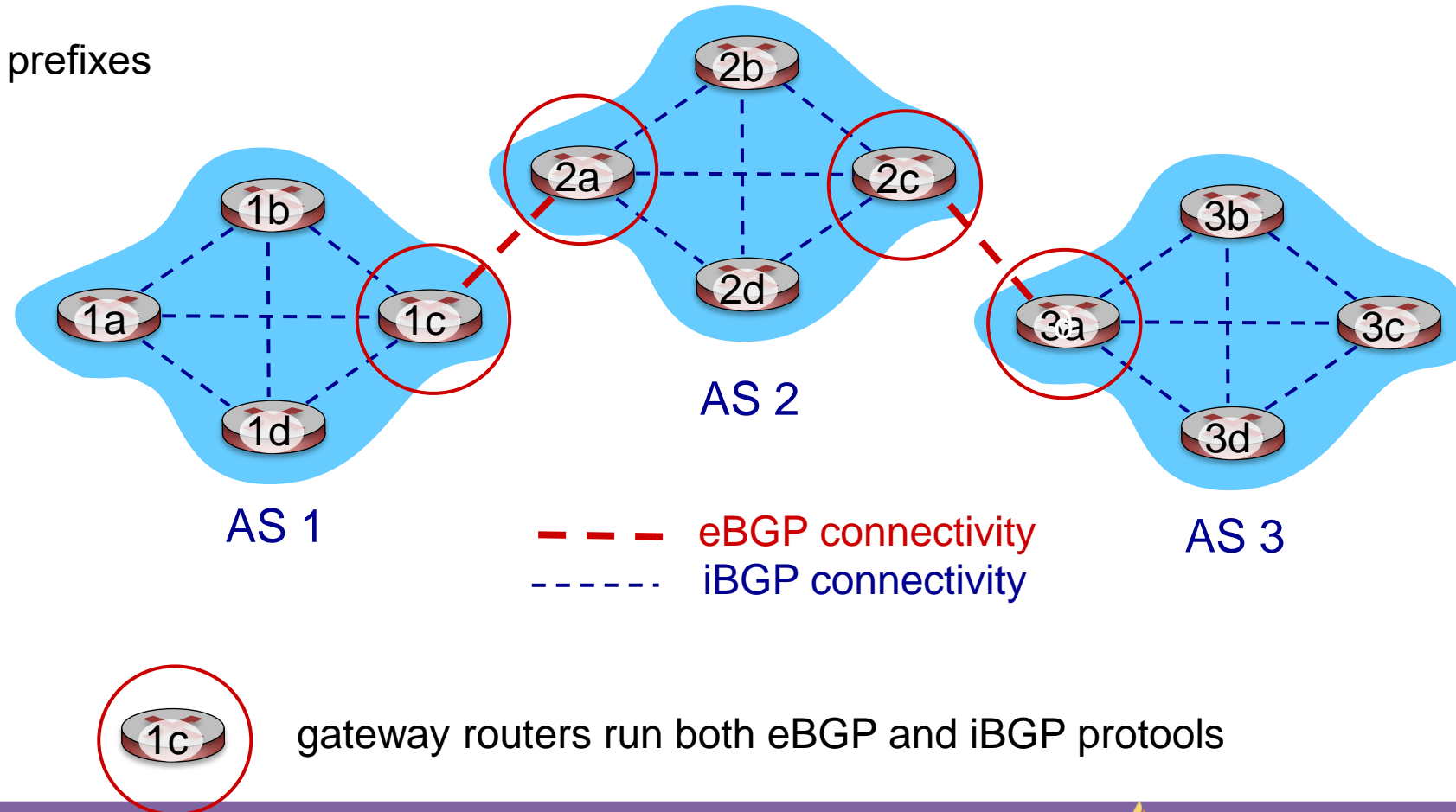
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Prefix **X** connect

## External BGP (eBGP)

3a → 2c “Hey I have X”

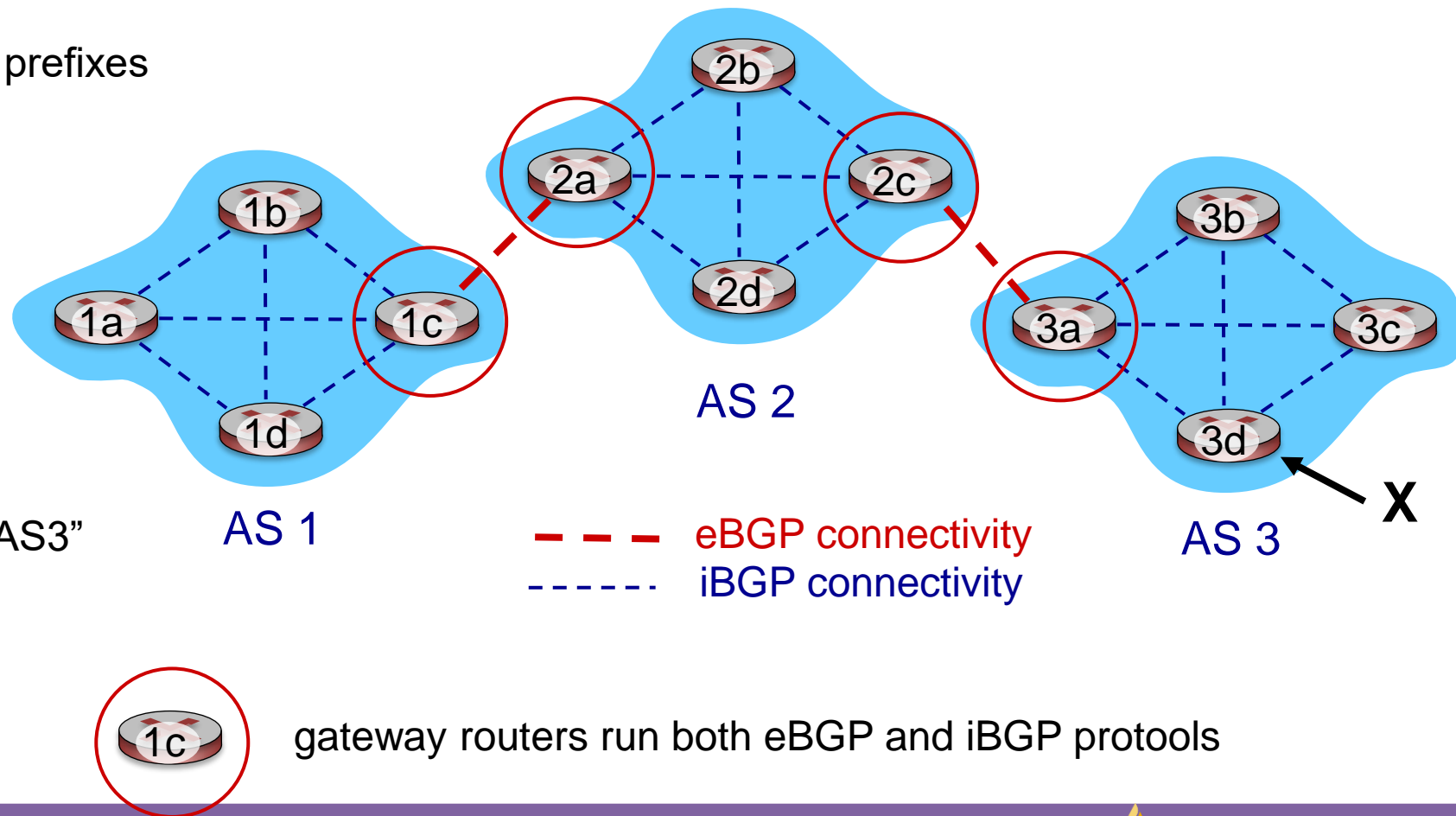
2a → 1c “Hey AS 3 has X and I have AS3”

## Internal BGP (iBGP)

2c → 2b

2c → 2d

2c → 2a

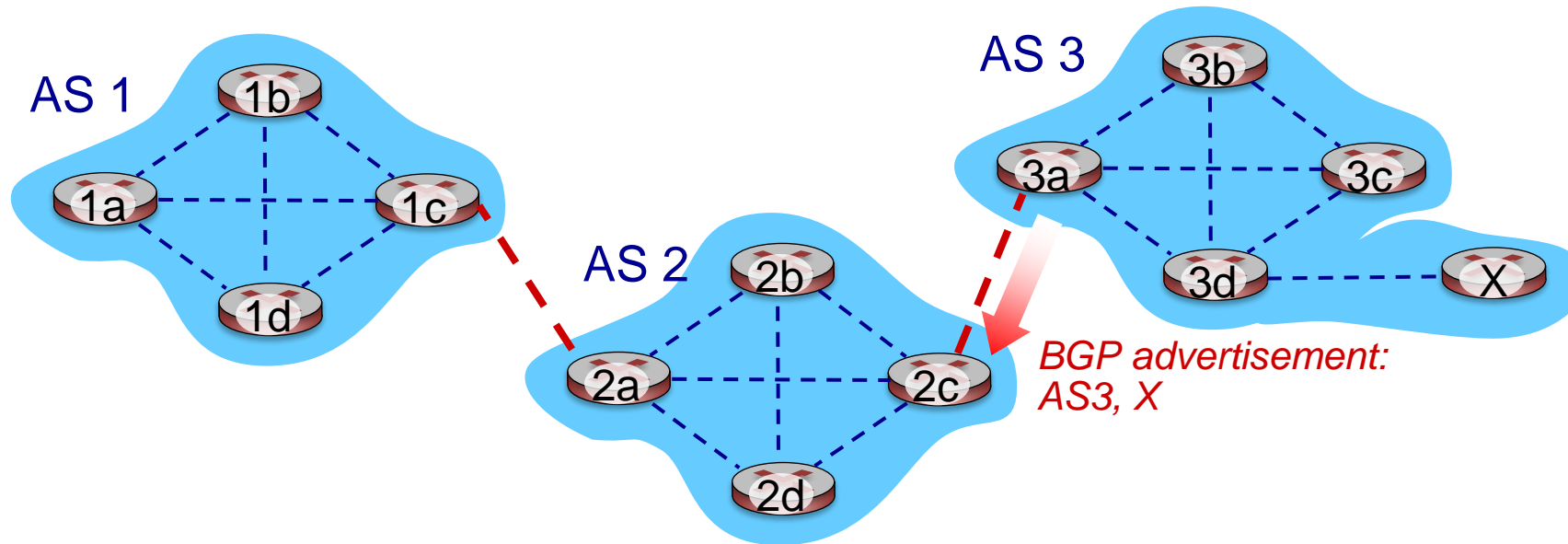


# BGP basics

- **BGP session:** two BGP routers (“peers”) exchange BGP messages over semi-permanent TCP connection:
  - advertising *paths* to different destination network prefixes (BGP is a “path vector” protocol)

when AS3 gateway router 3a advertises path **AS3,X** to AS2 gateway router 2c:

AS3 *promises* to AS2 it will forward datagrams towards X



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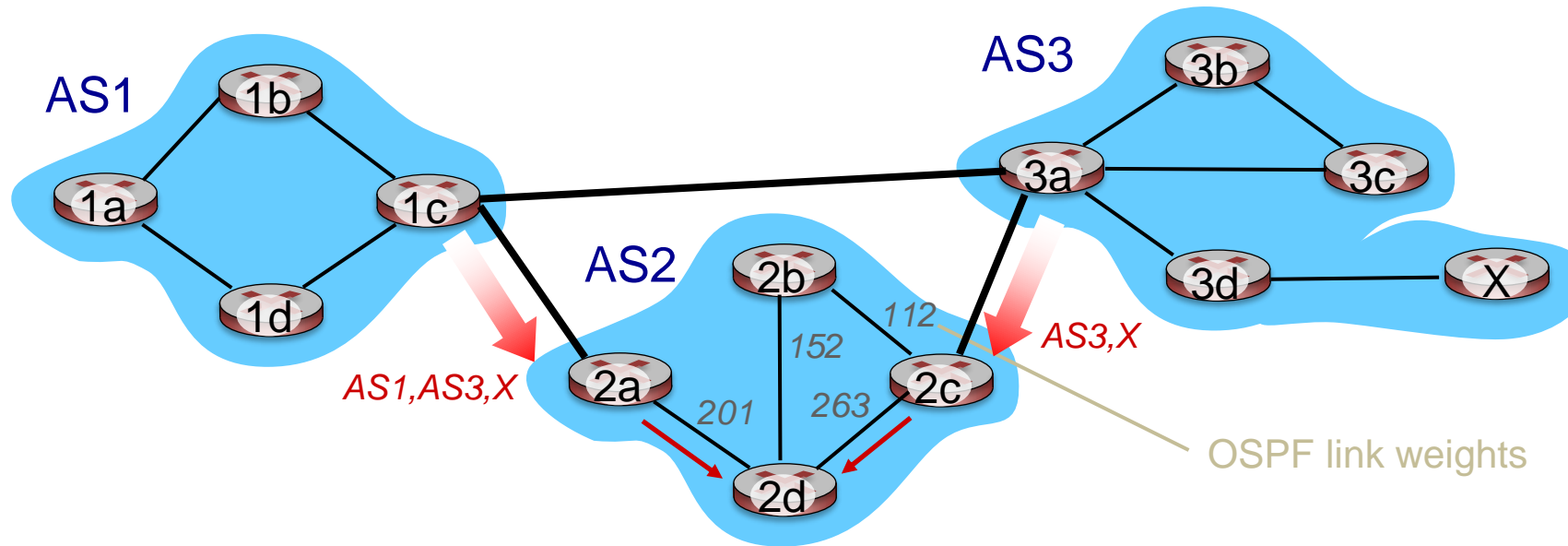
Advertisements with BGP also include “BGP attributes”

**Prefix** (ip address or subnet) + **attributes** = “**route**”

Two important attributes:

- **AS-PATH**: list of ASes through which prefix advertisement has passed
- **NEXT-HOP**: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS

# Hot Potato Routing



- 2d learns (via iBGP) it can route to X via 2a or 2c
- *hot potato routing*: choose local gateway that has least intra-domain cost (e.g., 2d chooses 2a, even though more AS hops to X): don't worry about inter-domain cost!

# ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol)

used by hosts & routers to  
communicate network-level  
information

error reporting: unreachable  
host, network, port, protocol  
echo request/reply (used by  
ping)

network-layer “above” IP:

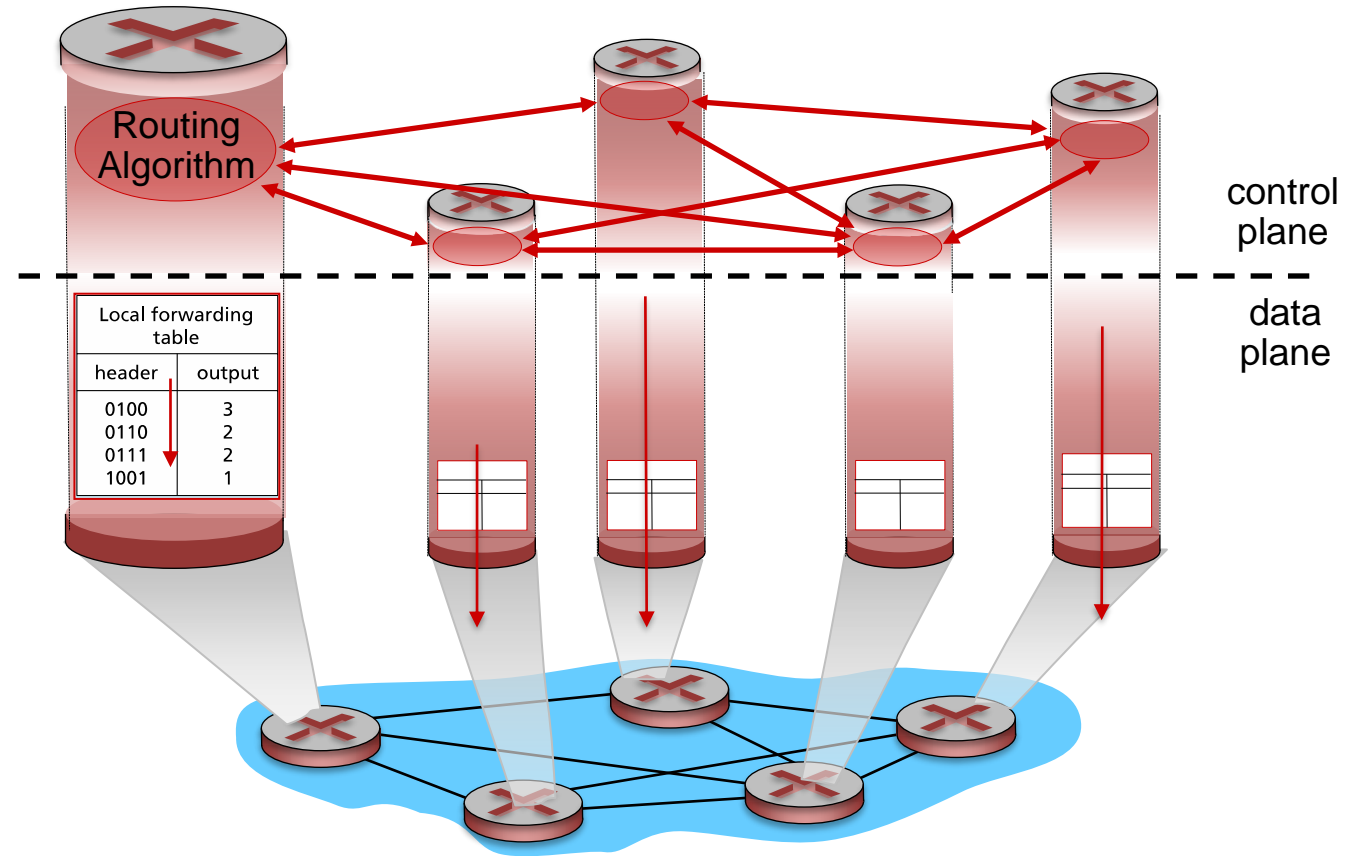
ICMP msgs carried in IP  
datagrams

**ICMP message:** type, code plus  
first 8 bytes of IP datagram  
causing error

<u>Type</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>description</u>
0	0	echo reply (ping)
3	0	dest. network unreachable
3	1	dest host unreachable
3	2	dest protocol unreachable
3	3	dest port unreachable
3	6	dest network unknown
3	7	dest host unknown
4	0	source quench (congestion control - not used)
8	0	echo request (ping)
9	0	route advertisement
10	0	router discovery
11	0	TTL expired
12	0	bad IP header

# Control Plane Wrap up

- approaches to network control plane
  - per-router control (traditional)
  - logically centralized control (software defined networking)
- traditional routing algorithms
  - routing: link state, distance vectors
  - implementation in Internet: OSPF, BGP
- Internet Control Message Protocol



Next:

1. Link Layer
2. Security
3. Random Topics in session, presentation, and physical layers