

### Question 1:

1. Create a simple dumbbell topology, two client Node1 and Node2 on the left side of the dumbbell and server nodes Node3 and Node4 on the right side of the dumbbell. Let Node5 and Node6 form the bridge of the dumbbell. Use point to point links.
2. Install a TCP socket instance on Node1 that will connect to Node3.
3. Install a UDP socket instance on Node2 that will connect to Node4.
4. Start the TCP application at time 1s.
5. Start the UDP application at time 20s at rate Rate1 such that it clogs half the dumbbell bridge's link capacity.
6. Increase the UDP application's rate at time 30s to rate Rate2 such that it clogs the whole of the dumbbell bridge's capacity.
7. Use the ns-3 tracing mechanism to record changes in congestion window size of the TCP instance over time. Use gnuplot/matplotlib to visualise plots of cwnd vs time.
8. Mark points of fast recovery and slow start in the graphs.
9. Perform the above experiment for TCP variants Tahoe, Reno and New Reno, all of which are available with ns-3.

### Question 2:

1. As in previous question, create a simple dumbbell topology, two client Node1 and Node2 on the left side of the dumbbell and server nodes Node3 and Node4 on the right side of the dumbbell. Let Node5 and Node6 form the bridge of the dumbbell. Use point to point links.
2. Add drop tail queues of size QueueSize5 and QueueSize6 to Node5 and Node6, respectively.
3. Install a TCP socket instance on Node1 that will connect to Node3.
4. Install a TCP socket instance on Node2 that will connect to Node3.
5. Install a TCP socket instance on Node2 that will connect to Node4.
6. Start Node1--Node3 flow at time 1s, then measure its throughput. How long does it take to fill link's entire capacity?
7. Start Node2--Node3 and Node2--Node4 flows at time 15s, measure their throughput.
8. Measure packet loss and cwnd size, and plot graphs throughput/time, cwnd/time and packet loss/time for each of the flows.
9. Plot graph throughput/cwnd and packet loss/cwnd for the first flow. Is there an optimal value for cwnd?
10. Vary QueueSize5 and QueueSize6. Which one has immediate effect on cwnd size of the first flow? Explain why.