

## Medium access control sublayer

- This layer deals with the broadcast networks where the key issue is how to determine who gets to use the channel when there is a competition for it.
- Broadcast channels are called multi-access channels or random access channels.
- The protocols used to determine who goes next on a multi-access channel belong to a sublayer of data link layer called mac medium accessed control sublayer.

Many algorithms for allocating multiple access channels are known.

### 1) At ALOHA

In 1970's, Norman Abramson and a team of members at the University of Hawaii devised a method to solve the problem of channel allocation. They named this work as ~~At~~ ALOHA system which uses the ground based radio broadcasting.

The 2 version of ALOHA are

i) pure ii) slotted

The difference in the 2 method is with respect to the time.

### PURE ALOHA

The basic idea of ALOHA system is let the users transmit whenever they have data to be send which leads to the problem of the collision. Frames may be damaged. The feedback property of

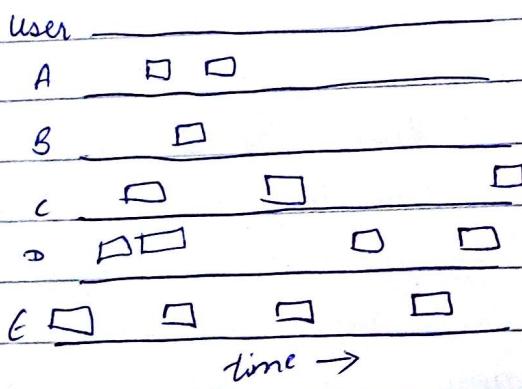
broadcasting tells the sender whether the frame is destroyed by listening to the channel.

With a LAN the feedback is immediate but with wireless networks there may be a delay.

If the frame was destroyed the sender just waits a random amount of time and sends it again.

The waiting time must be random to avoid the collisions over and over. Systems in which multiple users share a common channel in a way that can lead to conflicts are known as contention systems.

In pure ALOHA frames are transmitted at arbitrary times as shown.



whenever 2 frames try to occupy the channel at the same time there will be a collision and both will be garbled.

If the first bit of new frame overlap the last bit of frame almost finished, both the frames will be totally destroyed & need re-transmission.



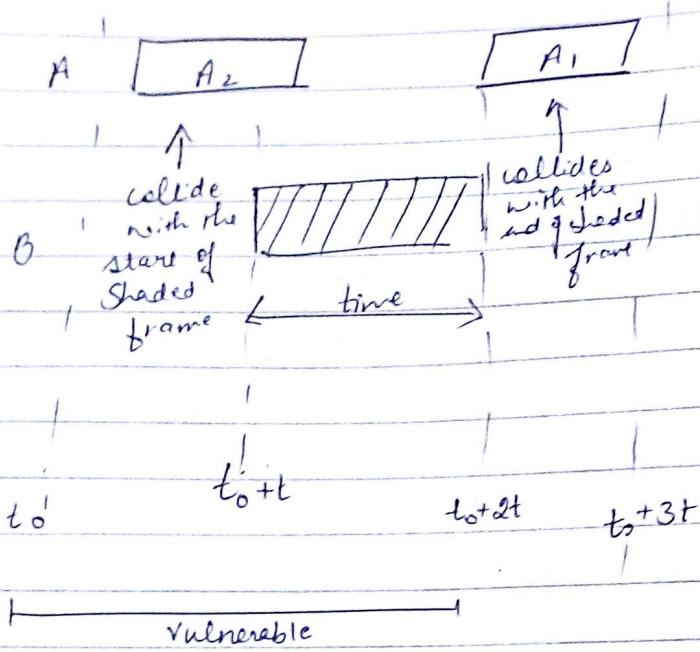
Q what is the efficiency of an ALOHA channel?  
Q what fraction of all transmitted frames escape collision under chaotic circumstances.

Assumption:- An infinite collection of interactive users sitting at their computers. A user is always in one of the 2 states, typing or waiting. Initially all users are in the typing state when a line is finished a user stops typing waiting for a response. The station then transits the frame containing the line and checks the channel to see if it was successful. If so, the user sees a reply and goes back to typing. If not, the user continues to wait for the frame to be retransmitted over & over until it has been successfully sent.

Let the frame time denotes the amount of time needed to transmit fixed length frame. (frame length / bit rate) At this point we assume that infinite users generate new frames with a mean  $\lambda N$  frames/frame time. If  $N > 1$ , the user community is generating frames at a higher rate than the channel can handle and nearly every frame suffers a collision.

In addition to the new frame, the station also generates retransmission of frames that previously suffered collision.

We assume that the probability of  $K$  transmission attempts per frame time.



### Slotted ALOHA

In 1970, Robert Roberts devised a method for further doubling the capacity of ALOHA by dividing the time into discrete intervals. Each interval corresponding to one frame which requires users agreement on slot boundaries. This is called slotted ALOHA.

### CSMA protocols

In LAN, if it is possible for stations to detect what other stations are doing & adapt their behaviour accordingly.

Protocols in which station listens for a carrier and act accordingly are called carrier sense protocols.

### 1-Persistent and Non-persistent CSMA

The first carrier sense protocol is called 1-persistent when a station has data to send, it listens to the channel to see if anyone else is transmitting at that moment.

If the channel is busy, the station waits until it becomes idle. When the station detects an idle channel, it transmits a frame.

If collision occurs the station waits a random amount of time & retransmits again.

If the first station signal has not yet reached the second one the latter will sense an idle channel & will also begin transmission resulting in collision.

non-persistent CSMA      conscious  
In this protocol a ~~random~~ attempt is made to be less greedy than previous. Before sending, station <sup>continuously</sup> sense the channel, if no one else is sending the station begins doing itself. However if channel is already <sup>already in use, the station does not continuously</sup> sense it for the purpose of <sup>sizing it</sup> immediately upon detecting the end of previous transmission instead it waits a random amount of time and then repeats the algo.

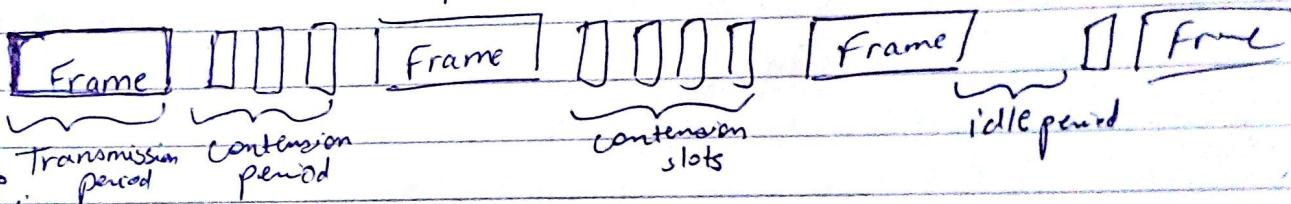
p-persistent CSMA

This is applied to slotted channels where when a station becomes ready to send, it sends the channel. If it is idle it transmits with a probability  $p$  with a probability  $q = 1 - p$  it defers until ~~the next slot~~. If that slot is also idle, it either transmits or defers again. This process is repeated until either the frame has been transmitted or another station has begun transmission.

## CSMA with collision detection

Persistent & non-persistent CSMA are better as compared to ALOHA because they ensure that no station begins to transmit when it senses the channel busy. Another improvement is for stations to <sup>abort</sup> their transmission immediately as they detect collision. Rather than finishing the transmission of the frames which are garbled, the sender should stop transmission as well as soon as collision is detected which says time of bandwidth. This protocol is known as CSMA/CD.

CSMA uses the conceptual model



## 3/ Ethernet

The IEEE has standardized a no. of LAN's & MAN's under the name of IEEE 802. The most important are IEEE 802.11 wireless LAN. IEEE 802.15 → wiim bluetoot, IEEE 802.16 → wireless man.

### Ethernet cabling

Ethernet refers to the cable i.e. ether cable.  
4 types of cabling are commonly used

| Name                       | cable        | Max Seg | Nodes/Seg | Advantages                       |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 10 Base 5 (Thick ethernet) | Thick coax   | 500m    | 100       | Obsolete                         |
| 10 Base2                   | Thin coax    | 185m    | 30        | No hubs needed & easy to install |
| 10 Base-T                  | Twisted pair | 100m    | 1024      | cheapest                         |
| 10 Base-F                  | Fiber optics | 2000m   | 1024      | Best b/w buildings               |

## MEMORY UTILISATION

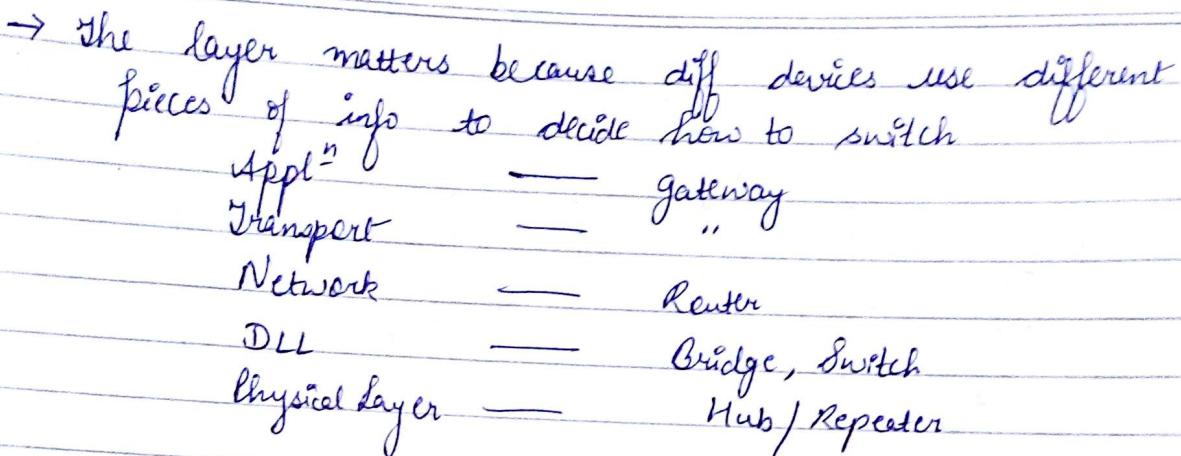
- 10 Base 5 is also known as thick ethernet connections to the cable are generally made with the help of vampire taps (we can tightly bind wires by vampire taps)
- 10 Base 2 is also known as thin ethernet. It bends easily. Connections to this are made using ~~TM~~ BNC connectors to form T-junction. It is cheaper & easier to install. Detecting cable breakages, excessive length, bad taps or loose connectors can be a problem. different techniques are used to deal with these problems. e.g - a pulse of known shape is injected into the cable if the pulse hits an obstacle or end of the cable an echo will be generated and sent back. By looking at timing interval b/w signal sent & echo received, it is possible to localise the origin of the echo. This technique is known as time domain reflectometry.
- 10 Base-T - In this, all the stations have a cable running to a central hub in which they all are connected. these wires are twisted pairs. Hubs do not buffer incoming traffic.
- 10 Base-F uses fibre optics which makes it expensive due to the cost of connectors and terminators but it has excellent noise immunity.
- There are different ways of wiring a building

## Ethernet MAC sublayer protocol

| 8        | 6   | 6                         | 2          | 0-1500 | 0-46 | 4             |
|----------|---|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|---------------|
| Preamble | Dest <sup>n</sup> address<br>DIX ethernet | Source Add                | Type       | Data   | Pad  | Check Sum     |
|          | S   | Dest <sup>n</sup> address | Source Add | Length | Data | Pad Check Sum |

Size 8 Oct. 3

- The high order bit i.e preamble of 8 bytes contains the bit pattern 10101010.
- Destination address - The highest order bit of destination address defines whether it's an ordinary or group address. 0 define ordinary & 1 define group address.
- Group address allow multiple stations to listen to a single address when a frame is sent to a group address all the stations in the group receive it.
- Sending a message to a group is called multi-cast. The address consisting of all 1 bits is reserved for broadcasting.
- Type field tells the receiver what to do with the frame (it specifies which process to give the frame to)
- Data field specifies the data to be transmitted.
- If the data portion of the frame is less than 46 bytes then padding field is used to fill out the frame to min. size of 64 bytes.
- Checksum - This field is basically used for error detection.
- The length field is used to measure the length of frame
- Any no. less than or equal to 1500, can be interpreted as length any no greater than 1500 can be interpreted as type.



- \* Repeaters are analogic devices connected to 2 cable segments. Signal appearing on one cable is amplified and put on the other cable.

- \* Hubs - A hub has a no. of input lines that it joins electrically. Frames arriving on any of the lines are sent out on all the others.

All the lines coming into a hub must operate at the same speed. Hubs do not amplify the incoming signals.

- \* Bridge - A bridge connects 2 or more LAN's when a frame arrives software in the bridge extracts the dest<sup>n</sup> address from the frame header and looks it up in a table to see where to send a frame.

- \* Switch - Switches are similar to bridge. Both route on frame addresses. Switches are most used to connect individual computers. Each switch port usually goes to a single computer. Modern switches start forwarding frames as soon as the <sup>header</sup> destination field has come in. Smart switches are also known as cut-through switches.

- \* Gateways - These are used to connect 2 computers that use different connection oriented transport protocols. The transport gateways copy the packets from one connection to the other referring them as needed. It helps to

translate the messages from one format to other.

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At 1 Kbps

~~D.T.~~ D.I.Y. → receiver can interpret  
faster.

$$\frac{D.I}{100} \times \frac{1 \text{ Kbps}}{1000}$$

$$= \frac{2+1}{1000} \times 1000 = \dots$$

line coding schemes  
only 3 in syllabus

i) unipolar - NRZ (not return to zero)  
Polar

Bipolar - AMI (alternate mark inversion)

unipolar

0 → +ve voltage  
1 → 0 voltage

polar NRZ-L level

0 → +ve  
1 → -ve

NRZ-I

inversion

0 → no charge  
1 → charge.

Biphase

Manchester

0 → high to low  
1 → low to high