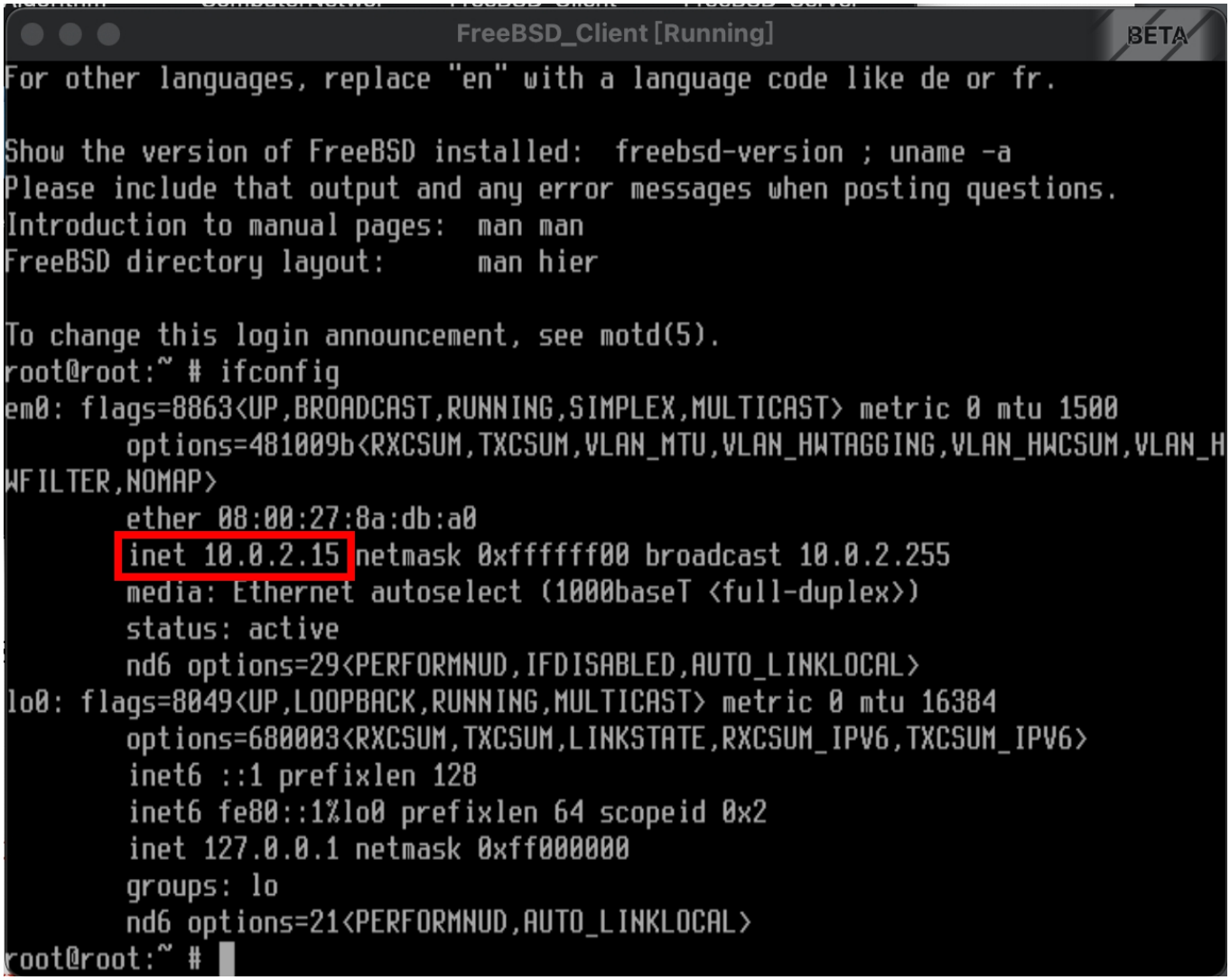
Assignment2 Report

Part1: Environment Setup

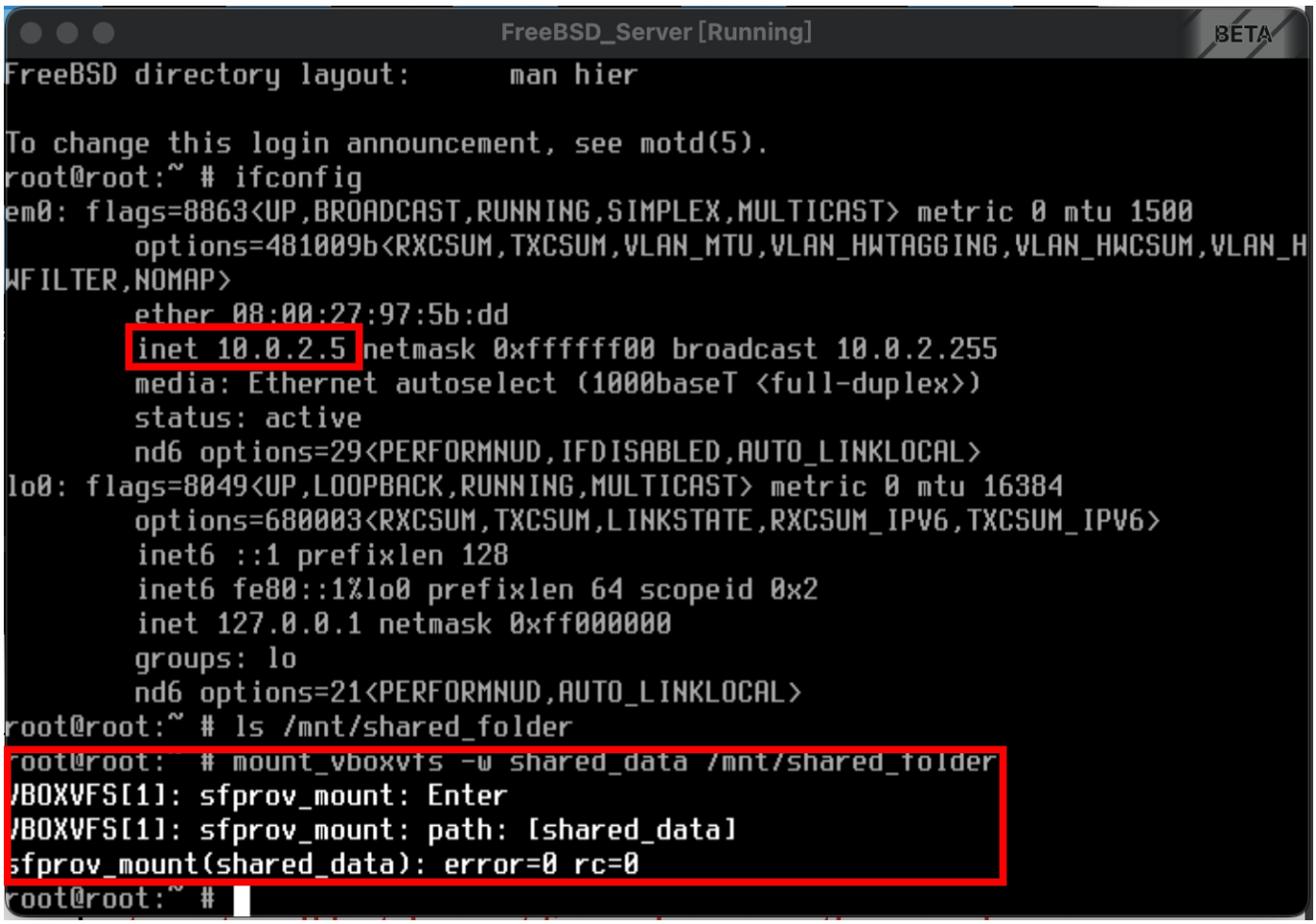
- Problems

- Since my computer is M1 chip, I faced some network problems in part1 when I was setting the network config between client and server. It seems like the IP setting didn't apply to my VMs and two VMs cannot connect with each other. So I went to TA Time and the TAs assisted me to set the IP of both client and server manually.

- Client IP



- Server IP & The result of mounting



Part 2: TCP Data Transmission

- Problems

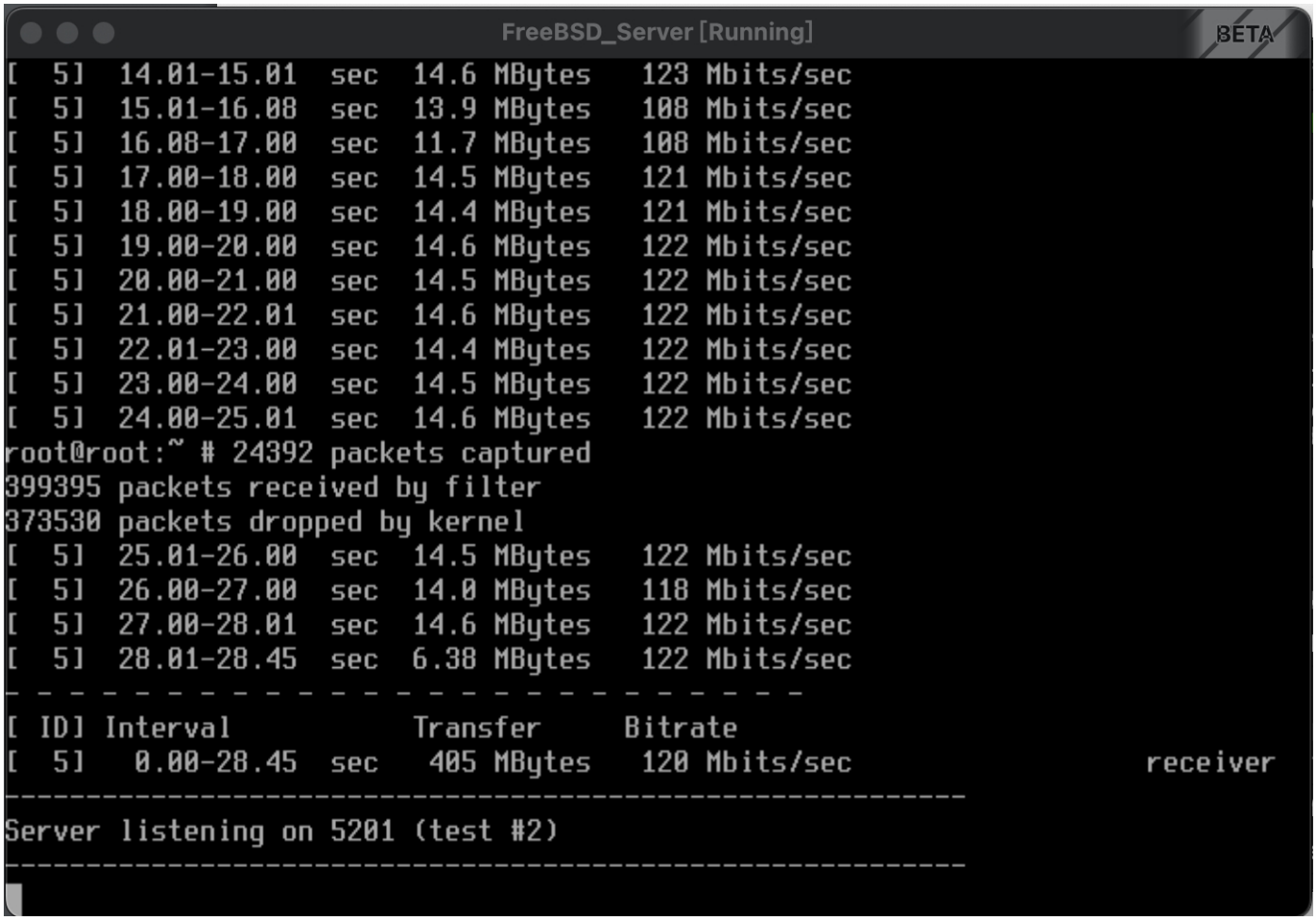
- Since I didn't use any network monitoring tools before this course, I was unfamiliar with iperf, tcpdump and wireshark in the beginning. After searching some useful websites, I realized the meaning of each command and the parameters.

- Command

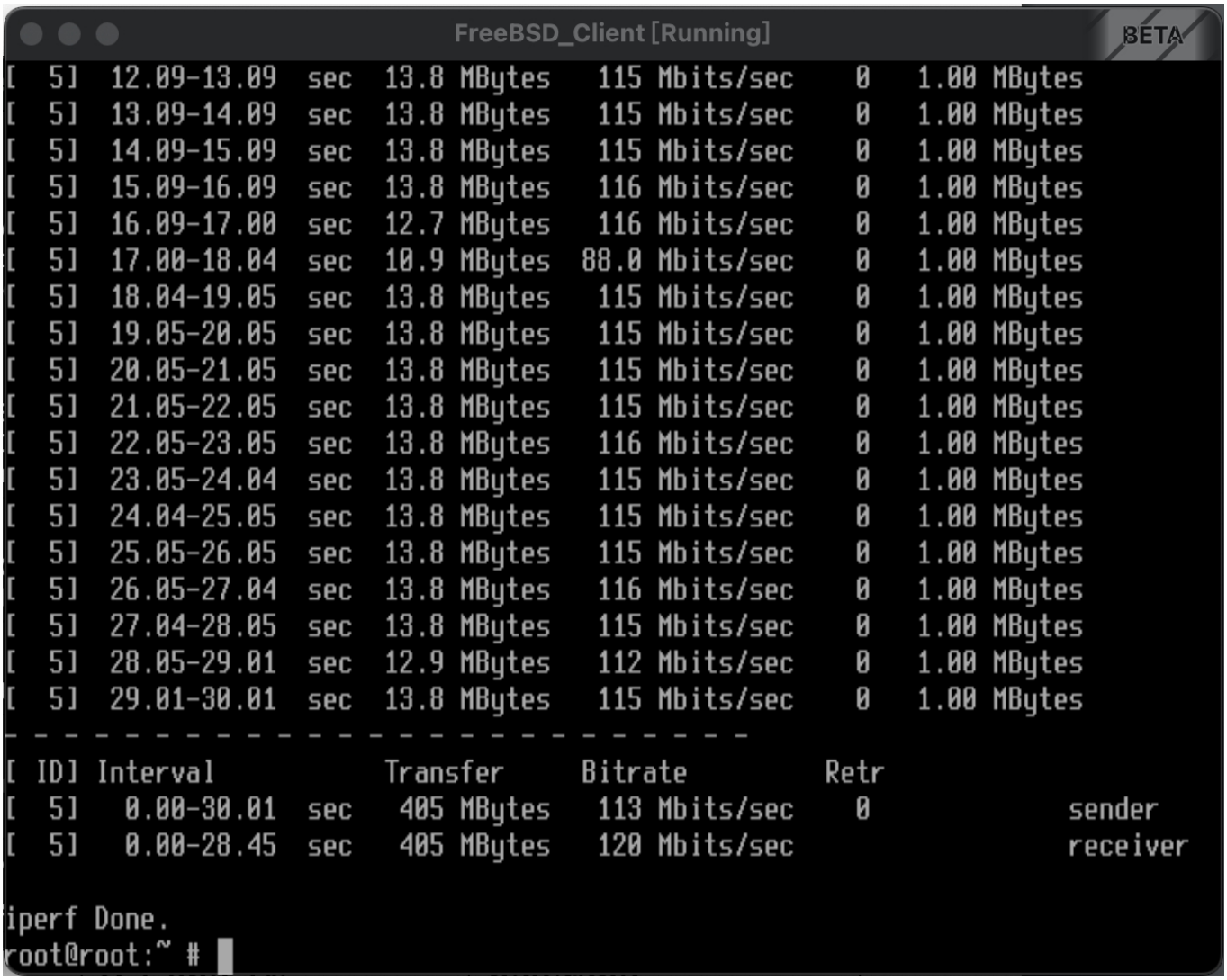
```
iperf3 -c 10.0.2.5 -t 30 -i 1 -w 1M -C newreno
```

- `-c 10.0.2.5`: start an iperf client which is going to send data to 10.0.2.5 (server).
- `-t 30`: transmits the data for 30 seconds.
- `-i 1`: enable periodic bandwidth, jitter, and loss reports for each second.

- Server Result



- Client Result

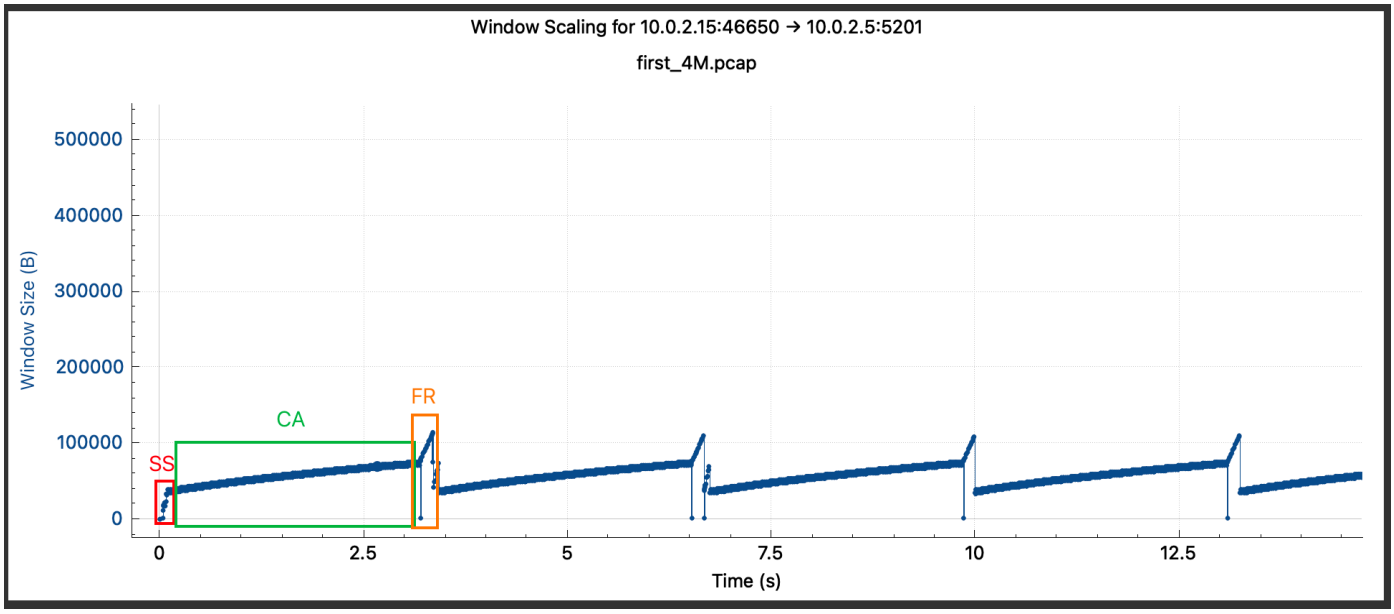


Part3: TCP Congestion Control

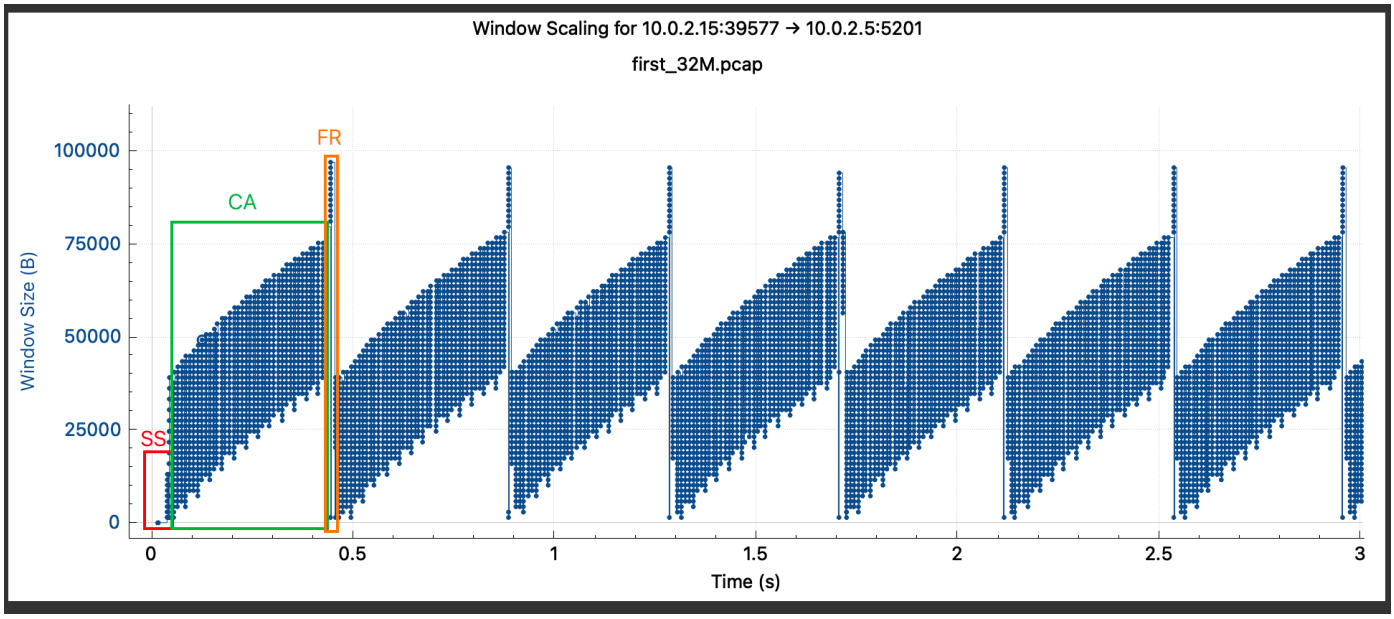
- **Red(SS):** Slow Start, which grows exponentially in ideal and ends when `cwnd` reach the `ssthresh`. (`cwnd < ssthresh`)
- **Green(CA):** Congestion Avoidance, which grows linearly right after the Slow Start in order to avoid the congestion and ends when any congestion being detected. (`cwnd > ssthresh`)
- **Orange(FR):** Fast Recovery, entered after receiving what seems to be the missing segment sent during Fast-Retransmit.

Scenario1: (Bandwidth)

- 4 Mbit/s



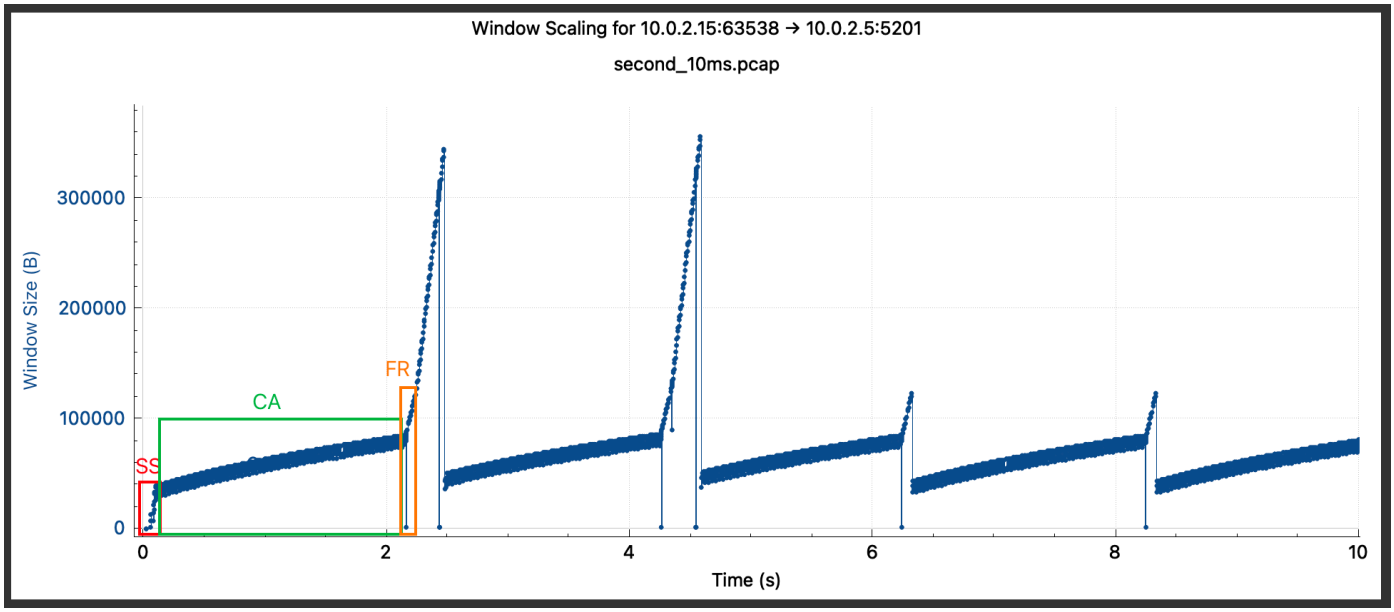
- 32 Mbit/s



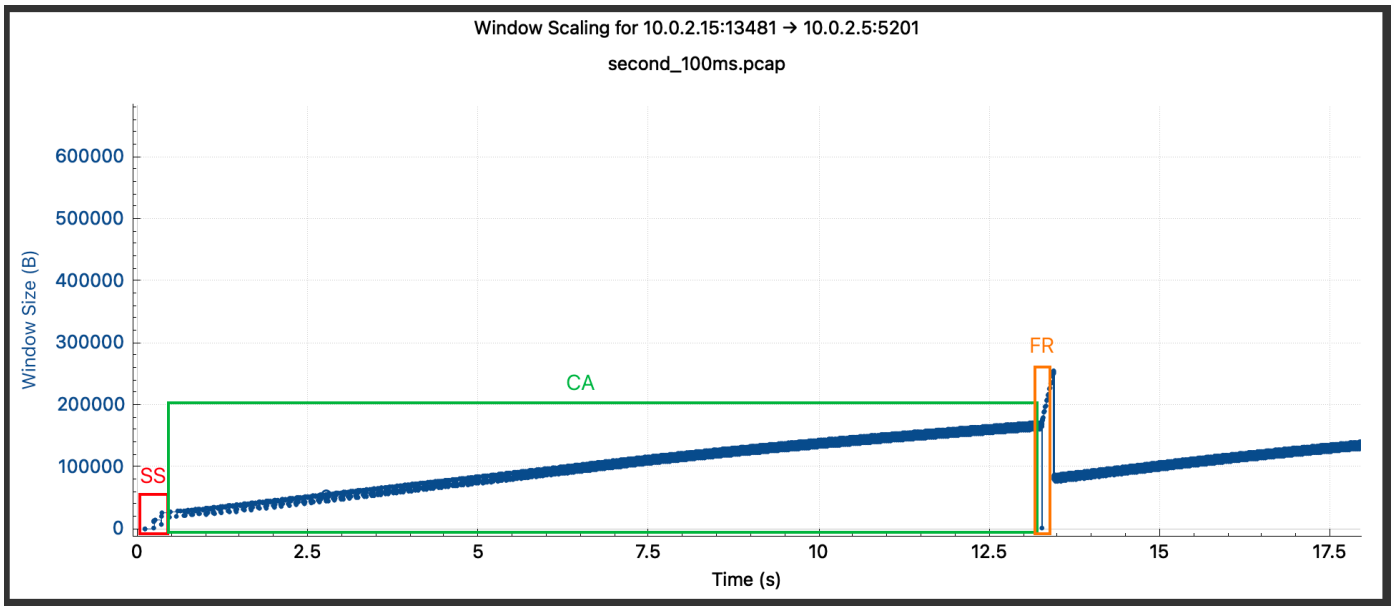
- Since the bandwidth is different between these two cases, the Congestion Avoidance period of `4 Mbit/s` is obviously longer than the Congestion Avoidance period of `32 Mbit/s` as the figure shown.
- In my opnion, I guess the smaller bandwidth will take longer to detect the congestion.

Scenario2: (Delay)

- 10 ms



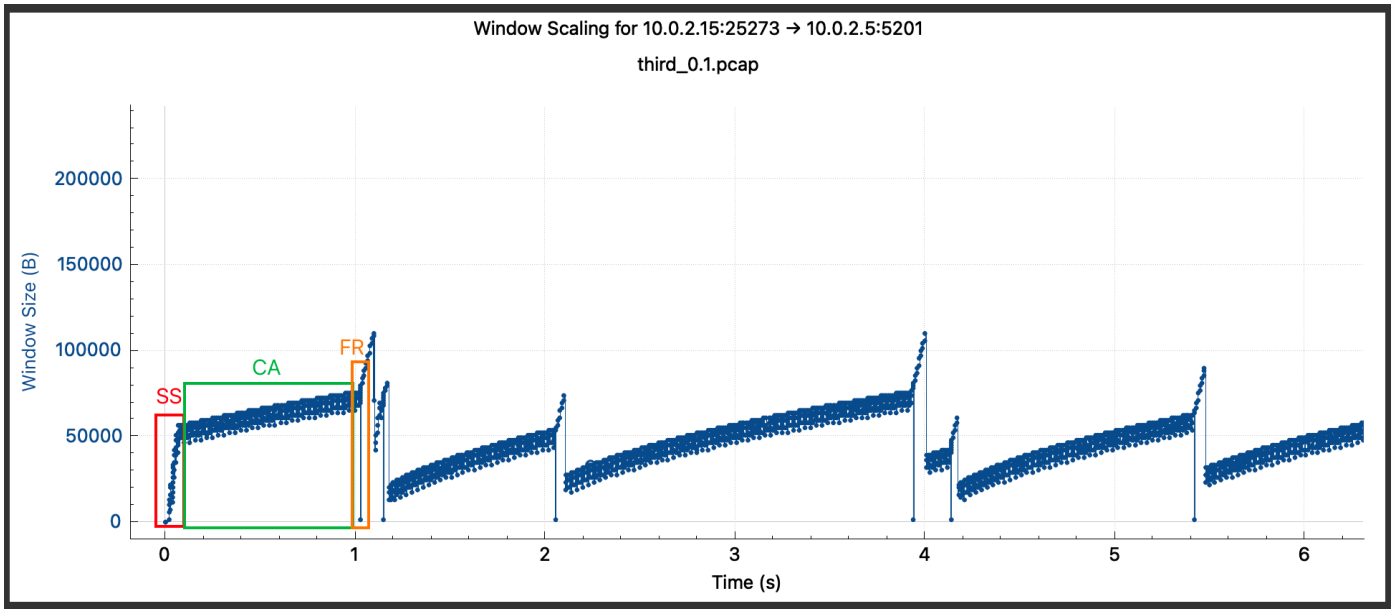
- 100 ms



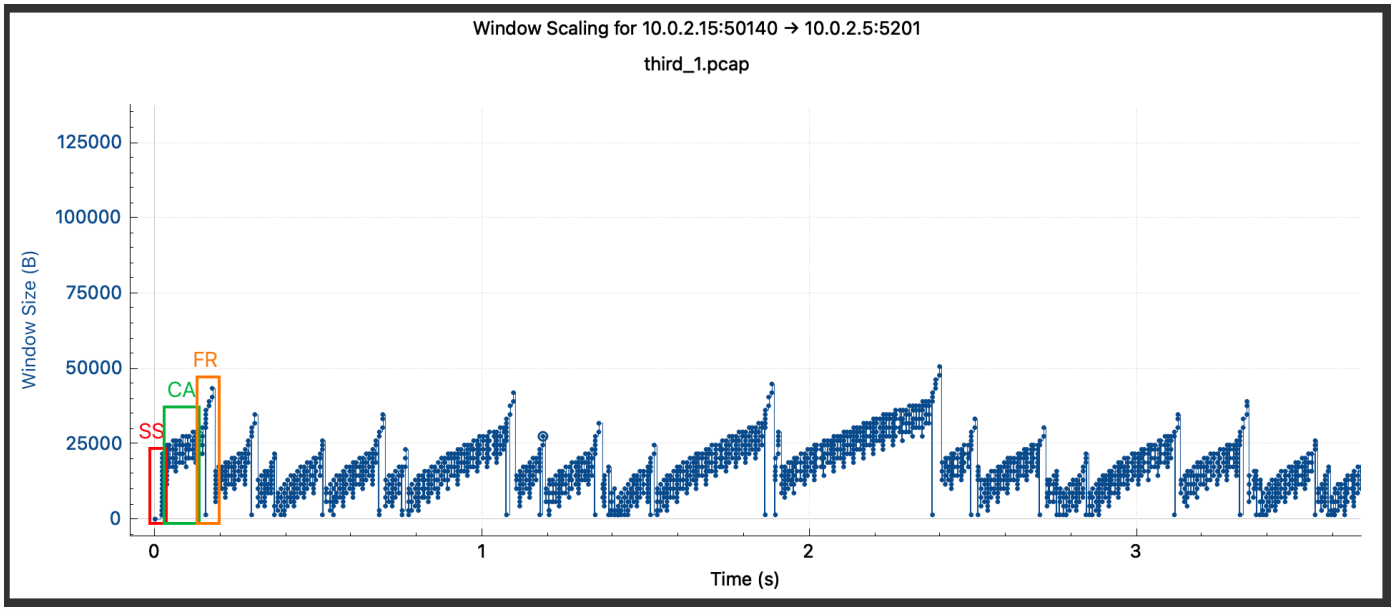
- Due to the difference of delay in these two cases, we know that the period of Congestion Avoidance will take much longer if we increase the delay time.
- Besides, the congestion window size will also be larger if we have larger delay.

Scenario3: (Packet Loss Rate)

- 0.1 %



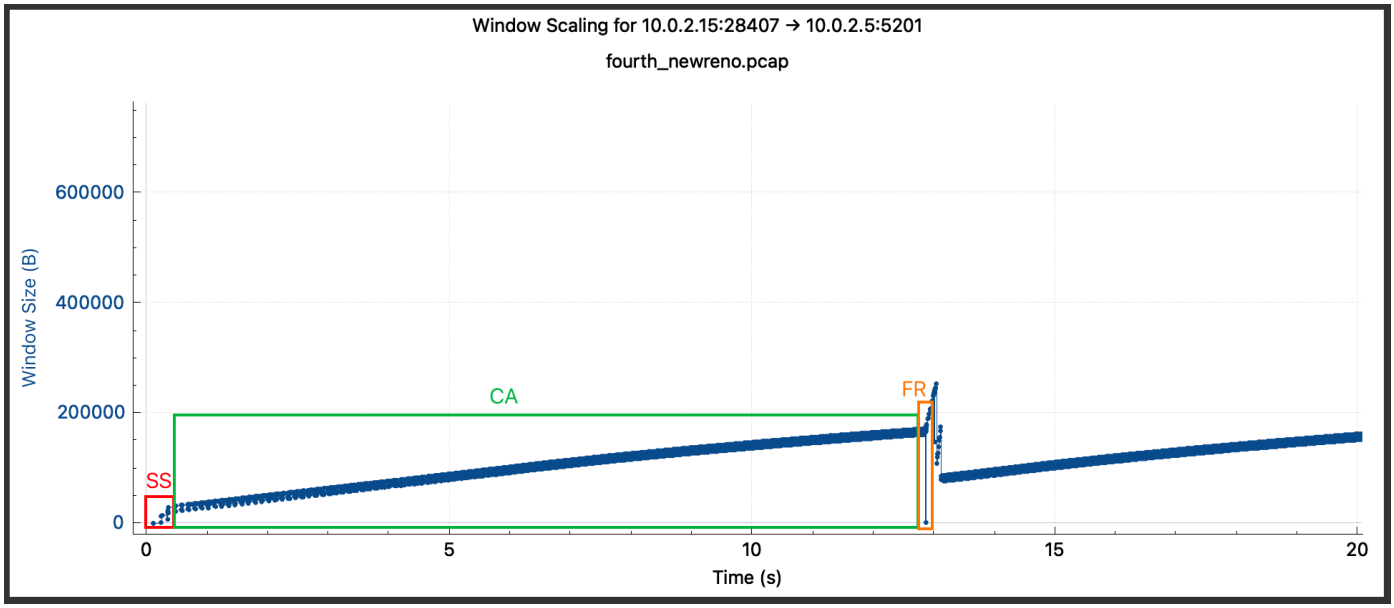
- 1 %



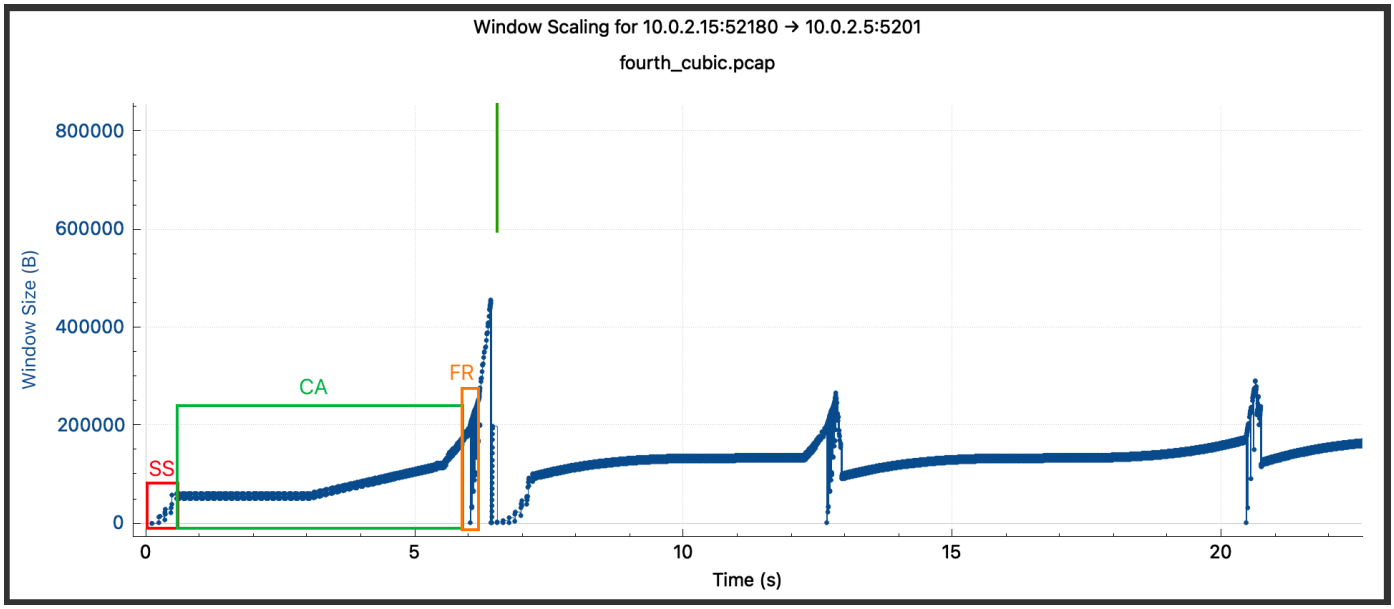
- Since the packet loss rate is different between these two cases, the congestion window size and the frequency of transmission may have little differences.
- In my opnion, I guess the case with higher packet loss rate (1%) will re-transmit the data more often, so the frequency is higher than the other one (`0.1%`).

Scenario4: (Different Algorithm with 100ms Delay)

- newreno



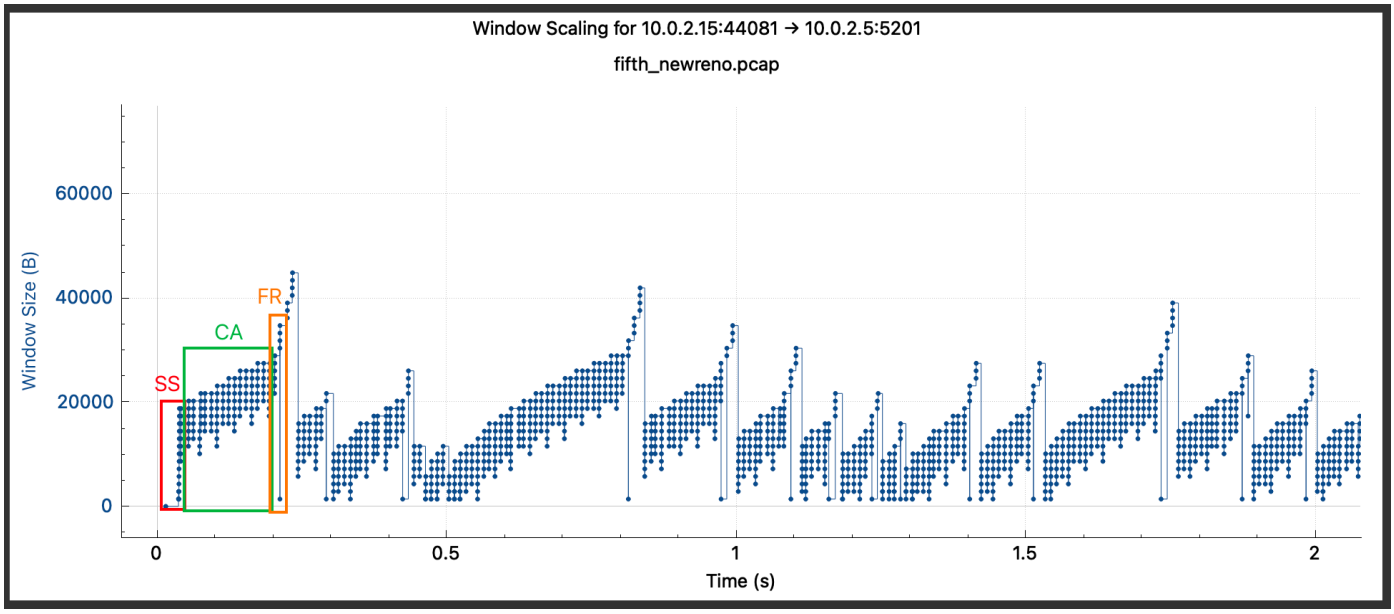
- cubic



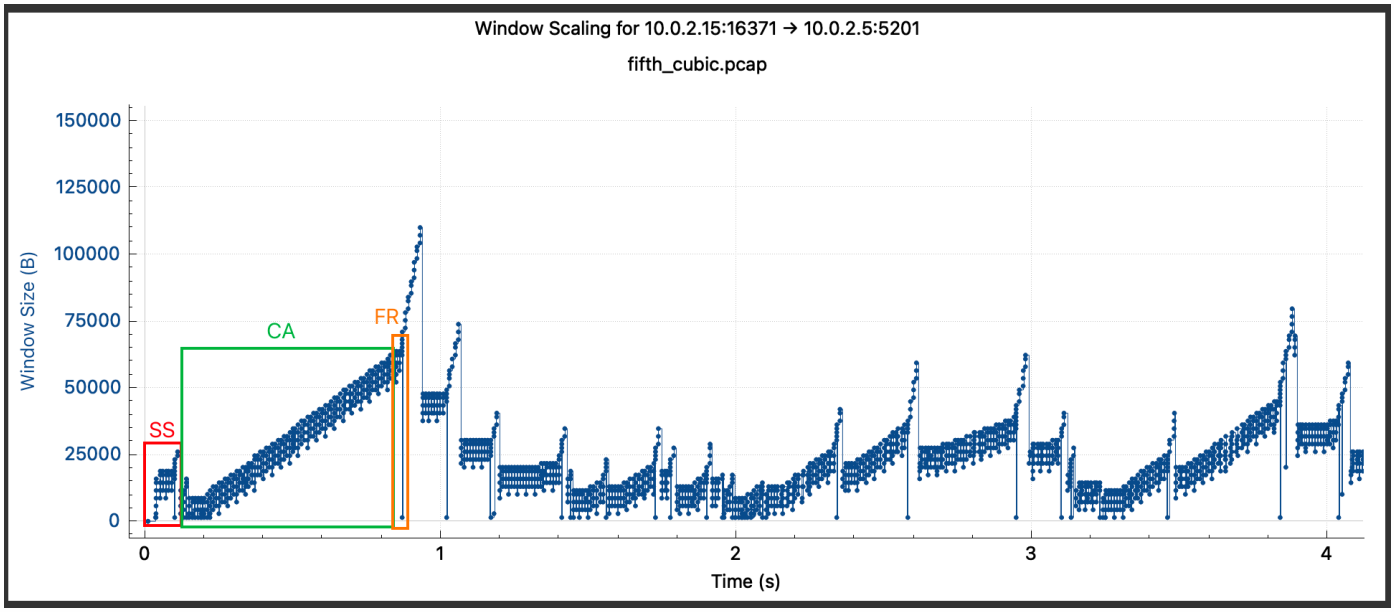
- In the same delay time, we can observe that the period of Congestion Avoidance with `newreno` is obviously larger than the one with `cubic`.
- Since the congestion window size increasing function is different between these two algorithm, the Congestion Avoidance length may be different.

Scenario5: (Different Algorithm with 1% Packet Loss Rate)

- newreno



- cubic



- In the same Packet Loss Rate, we can observe that the period and the increasing speed of Congestion Avoidance is quite different.
- In my opnion, I think the reason which makes the period different is the difference of congestion window size increasing function between `cubic` and `newreno`.