

CSc 361: Computer Communication and Networks
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Midterm Exam 2

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Closed-book exam. Nevertheless, a letter-sized, double-sided cheat sheet is allowed. Please read all questions [marks] on all the **three** pages first. **Duration: 50 minutes**

1. Please answer if the following statements are true or false. **Just answer true or false.**

- F** (a) In Classless InterDomain Routing (CIDR), the subnet portion of an IP address must be no longer than 24 bits, because the host portion of an IP address needs at least 8 bits. [3]
- F** (b) The minimum length of an IP header is 20 bytes, but the maximum length of an IP header can be 65,535 bytes depending on the size of its options. [3]
- T** (c) Assume that a client is communicating with a server and we capture the traffic at the client with Wireshark. Using the captured traffic, we cannot estimate the server-client-server round-trip time. [3]
- F** (d) In link state routing, a router periodically exchanges link state packets (LSP) with its neighbouring routers. [3]
- F** (e) At the network layer, an intermediate router should reassemble fragments if the MTU of the router's next-hop link is big enough. [3]
- F** (f) At the network layer, the functions of the control plane and the functions of the data plane must be implemented at the same router. [3]
- T** (g) The CIDR notation cannot be used directly in the destination IP address field of an IP header. [3]
- F** (h) Assume that a client is assigned a private IP and a server is assigned a public IP. The path from the client to the server cannot include two NAT devices, because otherwise the server cannot send datagrams back to the client. [3]

2. Assume that the host 10.0.0.1 behind a NAT tries to establish a TCP connection to a remote host 128.119.40.186, as shown in the following figure.

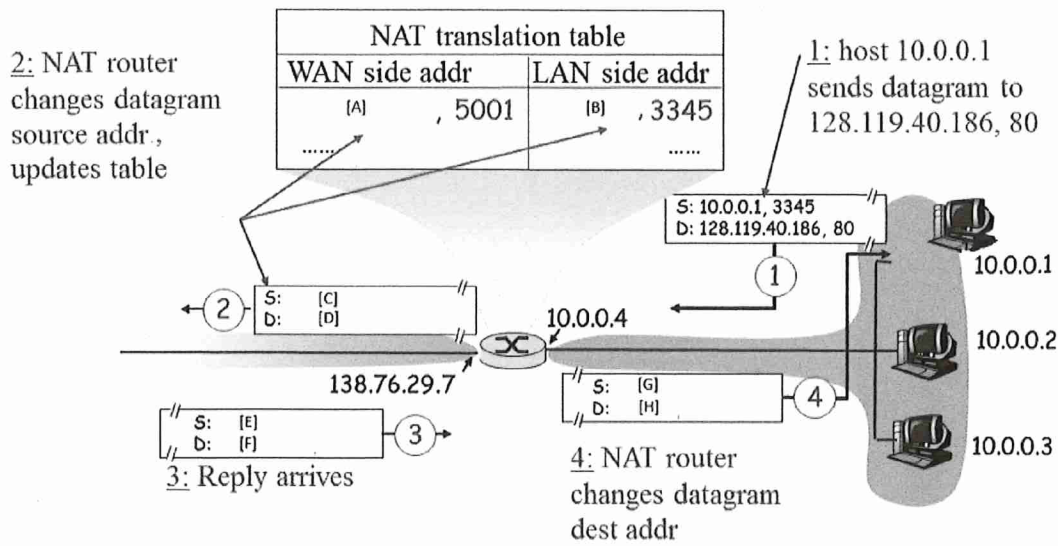


Figure 1: NAT

Fill the IP addresses in the places marked with [A] and [B]. Fill the IP addresses and the port numbers in the places marked with [C], [D], [E], [F], [G], [H]. [30]

- [A] (IP address) [3]: 138.76.29.7
- [B] (IP address) [3]: 10.0.0.1
- [C] (IP address, port number) [4]: 138.76.29.7, 5001
- [D] (IP address, port number) [4]: 128.119.40.186, 80
- [E] (IP address, port number) [4]: 128.119.40.186, 80
- [F] (IP address, port number) [4]: 138.76.29.7, 5001
- [G] (IP address, port number) [4]: 128.119.40.186, 80
- [H] (IP address, port number) [4]: 10.0.0.1, 3345

3. The following question is on how TCP estimates RTT and DevRTT. Suppose that two sequentially measured *SampleRTT* values are 108 ms and 122 ms, respectively. Use $\alpha = 0.6$ and $\beta = 0.6$. Assume that the value of *EstimatedRTT* was 103 ms just before the first of these samples was obtained. Assume that the value of *DevRTT* was 6 ms just before the first of these samples was obtained. In each of the following blanks, **only an integer number is allowed**. Round to the nearest integer (e.g., 4.5 is rounded to 5, 4.4 is rounded to 4). **For each question below, use the integer value in the first blank when you calculate the value in the second blank.** [20]

- After the first *SampleRTT* value is obtained, the value of *EstimatedRTT* is updated to (106) ms. After the second *SampleRTT* value is obtained, the value of *EstimatedRTT* is updated to (116) ms.

$$0.6 \times 108 + 0.4 \times 103 = 106$$

$$0.6 \times 122 + 0.4 \times 106 = 116$$

- After the first *SampleRTT* value is obtained, the value of *DevRTT* is updated to (5) *ms*. After the second *SampleRTT* value is obtained, the value of *DevRTT* is updated to (12) *ms*.

$$0.6 * |108 - 103| + 0.4 * 6 = 5$$

$$0.6 * |122 - 106| + 0.4 * 5 = 12$$

4. Suppose that Host A is connected to a router R1, and R1 is connected to Host B. Suppose that a payload (payload from the viewpoint of the IP layer) of 1300 bytes is passed to the IP layer at Host A for delivery to Host B. Assume that the size of the IP header is 20 bytes. Assume that the MTU of the link between Host A and R1 is 800 bytes, and the MTU of the link between R1 and Host B is 1500 bytes. Clearly, this datagram needs to be fragmented in order to deliver over the link between Host A and R1. Show the total length field, the MF field, and the Fragment offset field of the IP header of the packets transmitted over the link between Host A and R1. [18]

Table 1: Fragmentation

Fragment #	Total Length	MF	Fragment Offset
First	796	1	0
Second	544	0	97

5. The following figure shows a scenario where a TCP connection recovers from an old duplicate SYN. What are the two errors in this figure? [8]

TCP A	TCP B
1. CLOSED	LISTEN
2. SYN-SENT --> <SEQ=100><CTL=SYN>	...
3. (duplicate) ... <SEQ=90><CTL=SYN>	--> SYN-RECEIVED
4. SYN-SENT <-- <SEQ=300><ACK=91><CTL=SYN,ACK>	<-- SYN-RECEIVED
5. SYN-SENT --> <SEQ=91><CTL=RST>	-> SYN-RECEIVED
6. ... <SEQ=100><CTL=SYN>	--> SYN-RECEIVED
7. SYN-SENT <-- <SEQ=400><ACK=101><CTL=SYN,ACK>	<-- SYN-RECEIVED
8. ESTABLISHED --> <SEQ=101><ACK=400><CTL=ACK>	--> ESTABLISHED

ACK=401

Figure 2: Recovery from old duplicate SYN.