

Assignment 8 Final-Project

1. Introduction

I have built an SDN so each switches and hosts in same subnet can send data between each other efficiently. I have implemented an algorithm to install rules for switches so that each data can go through shortest path to the destination. Also, I have implemented a load balancer which uses virtual IP so that client request can be evenly distributed to server hosts.

2. Proposed Solution & Architecture

I have implemented shortest path method using Bellman-Ford algorithm. There are many other faster algorithms such as Dijkstra's algorithm and Johnson's algorithm to find shortest paths between each pair of nodes in a graph but I have chosen Bellman-Ford for simplicity in implementation.

For load balancer, I have made the rules in two layers so that connection-specific packets and packets to the real hosts can go through the switches without controller interruption, while new connection to a virtual IP can be managed by the controller. I have implemented two layers rules by assign higher priority to packets to real hosts and connection-specific packets.

3. Algorithms

Bellman-Ford algorithm is simple but powerful algorithm which recalculates

distance between source node and all other nodes for $O(V)$ times so that we can achieve shortest path between each node. Asymptotic running time is $O(VE)$, which is not as efficient as Dijkstra's but Bellman-Ford algorithm can be applied to graphs with negative edge weight thus more versatile.

Below is pseudo-code for Bellman-Ford algorithm from (Intro. to Algorithms, CLRS)

BELLMAN-FORD(G, w, s)

```
1  INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ )
2  for  $i = 1$  to  $|G.V| - 1$ 
3      for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ 
4          RELAX( $u, v, w$ )
5  for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ 
6      if  $v.d > u.d + w(u, v)$ 
7          return FALSE
8  return TRUE
```

INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE(G, s)

```
1  for each vertex  $v \in G.V$ 
2       $v.d = \infty$ 
3       $v.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
4   $s.d = 0$ 
```

RELAX(u, v, w)

```
1  if  $v.d > u.d + w(u, v)$ 
2       $v.d = u.d + w(u, v)$ 
3       $v.\pi = u$ 
```

4. Simulations & Results

I have tried various simulation to all the network topologies provided including someloops, mesh, triangle by removing edge between switches and calling pingall such as below picture.

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```
mininet@mininet-VirtualBox: ~/openflow
*** ARPing from host h2
*** Starting SimpleHTTPServer on host h2
*** ARPing from host h3
*** Starting SimpleHTTPServer on host h3
*** ARPing from host h4
*** Starting SimpleHTTPServer on host h4
*** Starting CLI:
mininet> pingall
*** Ping: testing ping reachability
h1 -> h2 h3 h4
h2 -> h1 h3 h4
h3 -> h1 h2 h4
h4 -> h1 h2 h3
*** Results: 0% dropped (12/12 received)
mininet> link s1 s2 down
mininet> pingall
*** Ping: testing ping reachability
h1 -> h2 h3 h4
h2 -> h1 h3 h4
h3 -> h1 h2 h4
h4 -> h1 h2 h3
*** Results: 0% dropped (12/12 received)
mininet>
```

For simulating load balancer I have opened new terminal for the host and made web request such as curl to virtual IP.

<pre>mininet@mininet-VirtualBox: ~/openflow *** Starting SimpleHTTPServer on host h2 *** ARPing from host h3 *** Starting SimpleHTTPServer on host h3 *** ARPing from host h4 *** Starting SimpleHTTPServer on host h4 *** Starting CLI: mininet> pingall *** Ping: testing ping reachability h1 -> h2 h3 h4 h2 -> h1 h3 h4 h3 -> h1 h2 h4 h4 -> h1 h2 h3 *** Results: 0% dropped (12/12 received) mininet> link s1 s2 down mininet> pingall *** Ping: testing ping reachability h1 -> h2 h3 h4 h2 -> h1 h3 h4 h3 -> h1 h2 h4 h4 -> h1 h2 h3 *** Results: 0% dropped (12/12 received) mininet> xterm h1 mininet></pre>	<pre>Node: h1 root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1 WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h2 root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1 WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h3 root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1 WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h2 root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow#</pre>
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5. Result & Conclusion

Every implementation worked correctly. It seemed simple and easy when I just read about the work, but it was quite tricky to make a real implementation to work. It was much difficult to debug because network keeps changing. However, it was really good to make a real feeling of what network is.

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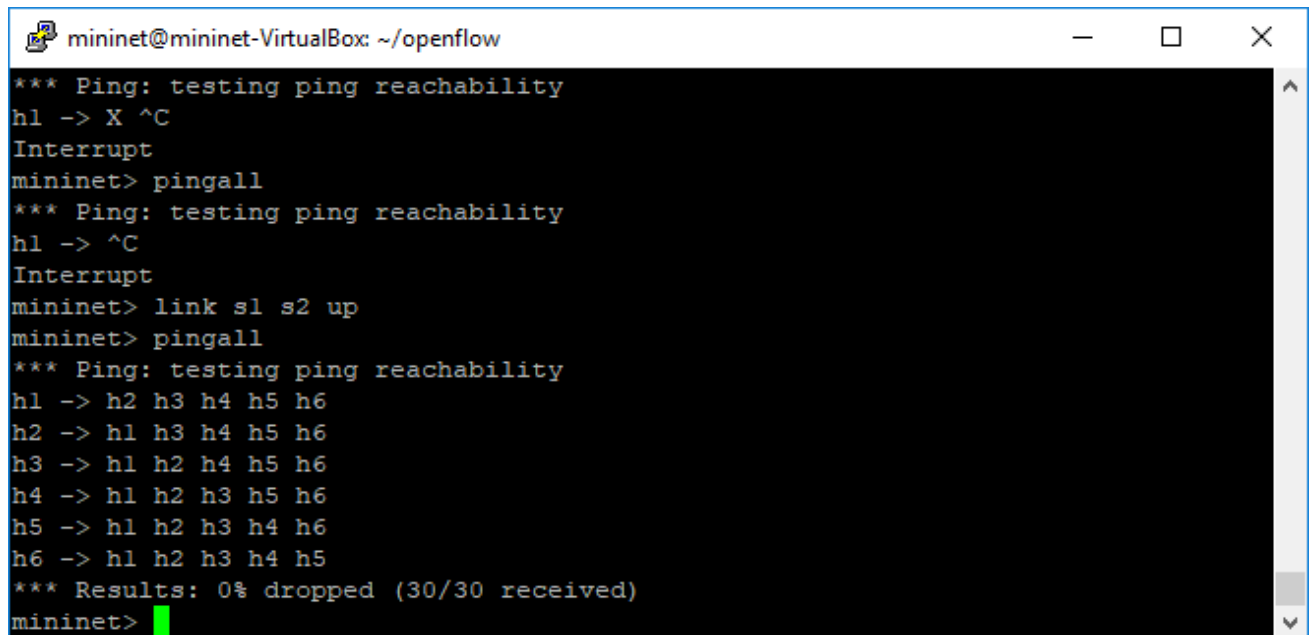
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Tests

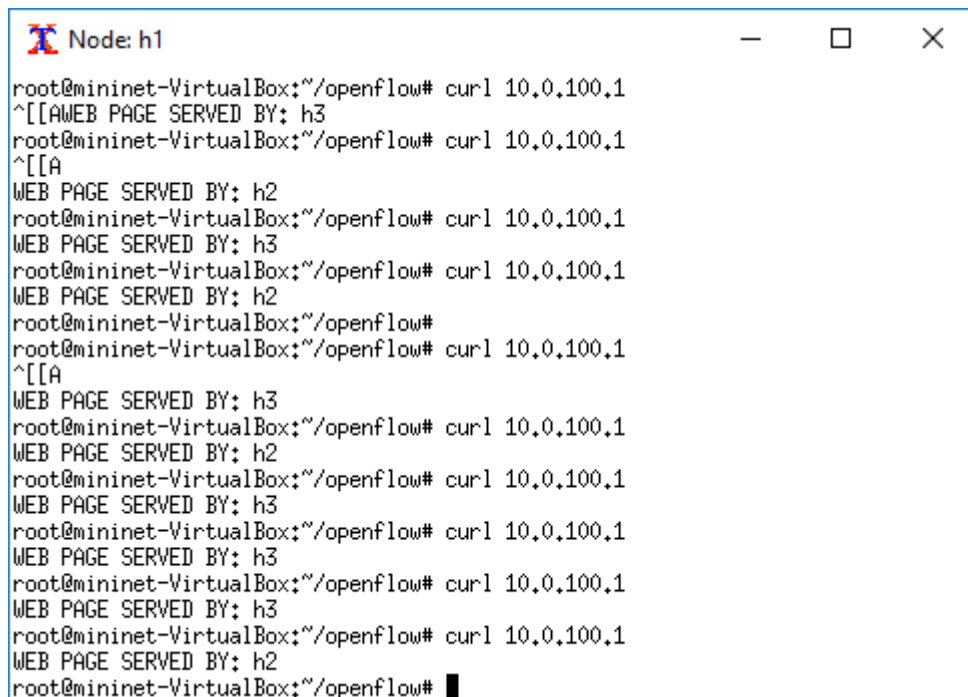
I have tested and debugged the algorithm using

1. Mininet commands such as pingall, link up& down



```
mininet@mininet-VirtualBox: ~/openflow
*** Ping: testing ping reachability
h1 -> X ^C
Interrupt
mininet> pingall
*** Ping: testing ping reachability
h1 -> ^C
Interrupt
mininet> link s1 s2 up
mininet> pingall
*** Ping: testing ping reachability
h1 -> h2 h3 h4 h5 h6
h2 -> h1 h3 h4 h5 h6
h3 -> h1 h2 h4 h5 h6
h4 -> h1 h2 h3 h5 h6
h5 -> h1 h2 h3 h4 h6
h6 -> h1 h2 h3 h4 h5
*** Results: 0% dropped (30/30 received)
mininet>
```

2. I used xterm to send ping and curl from one host to the other



```
Node: h1
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
^[[AMEB PAGE SERVED BY: h3
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
^[[A
WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h2
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h3
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h2
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow#
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
^[[A
WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h3
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h2
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
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WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h3
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow# curl 10.0.100.1
WEB PAGE SERVED BY: h2
root@mininet-VirtualBox:~/openflow#
```

3. Inserted logs between source code

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mininet> pingall
*** Ping: testing ping reachability
h1 -> h2 h3 h4 h5 h6
h2 -> h1 h3 h4 h5 h6
h3 -> h1 h2 h4 h5 h6
h4 -> h1 h2 h3 h5 h6
h5 -> h1 h2 h3 h4 h6
h6 -> h1 h2 h3 h4 h5
*** Results: 0% dropped (30/30 received)
mininet> █
```

Vulnerabilities

1. Unknown port number

: There exist unknown port number -2, which appears on log but can't be identified in mininet

```
19:52:06.666 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:Topology Updates] Link s3:-2 -> host updated
19:52:06.675 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:Topology Updates] Link s4:0 -> host updated
19:52:06.707 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:Topology Updates] Link s3:1 -> host updated
19:52:06.708 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:Topology Updates] Link s3:4 -> host updated
19:52:06.708 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:Topology Updates] Link s3:2 -> host updated
19:52:06.710 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:Topology Updates] Link s3:3 -> host updated
```

dump result

```
mininet> dump
<Host h1: h1-eth0:10.0.0.1 pid=6199>
<Host h2: h2-eth0:10.0.0.2 pid=6200>
<Host h3: h3-eth0:10.0.0.3 pid=6201>
<Host h4: h4-eth0:10.0.0.4 pid=6203>
<OVSSwitch s1: 10:127.0.0.1,s1-eth1:None,s1-eth2:None,s1-eth3:None,s1-eth4:None pid=6207>
<OVSSwitch s2: 10:127.0.0.1,s2-eth1:None,s2-eth2:None,s2-eth3:None,s2-eth4:None pid=6214>
<OVSSwitch s3: 10:127.0.0.1,s3-eth1:None,s3-eth2:None,s3-eth3:None,s3-eth4:None pid=6219>
<OVSSwitch s4: 10:127.0.0.1,s4-eth1:None,s4-eth2:None,s4-eth3:None,s4-eth4:None pid=6224>
<RemoteController c0: 127.0.0.1:6633 pid=6192>
```

2. Phantom host

: Phantom host with weird number frequently disappears. It only disappears but can't be identified when it was created. It doesn't have IP address nor any other attributes. I have inserted if clause to sort it out when calculating shortest path

```
19:51:06.037 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:Scheduled-2] Host h51260762254292 is no longer attached to a switch
19:51:06.174 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:New I/O server worker #2-2] Host h2 added
19:51:06.176 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:New I/O server worker #2-2] address 167772162 rule...
19:51:06.178 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:New I/O server worker #2-2] installing h2 rule...
19:51:06.180 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:New I/O server worker #2-2] id 2 rule...
19:51:07.255 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:New I/O server worker #2-3] Host h3 added
19:51:07.258 INFO [ShortestPathSwitching:New I/O server worker #2-3] address 167772163 rule...
```