

Chapter 4 The Data Link Layer

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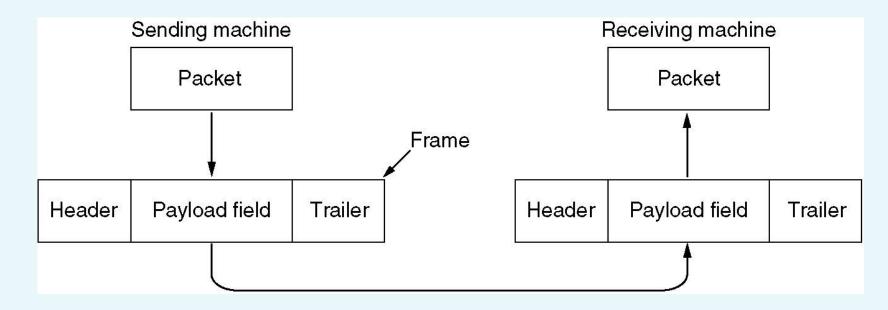
Functions of the Data Link Layer

- Provide service interface to the network layer
- Dealing with transmission errors
- Regulating data flow
 - Slow receivers not swamped by fast senders



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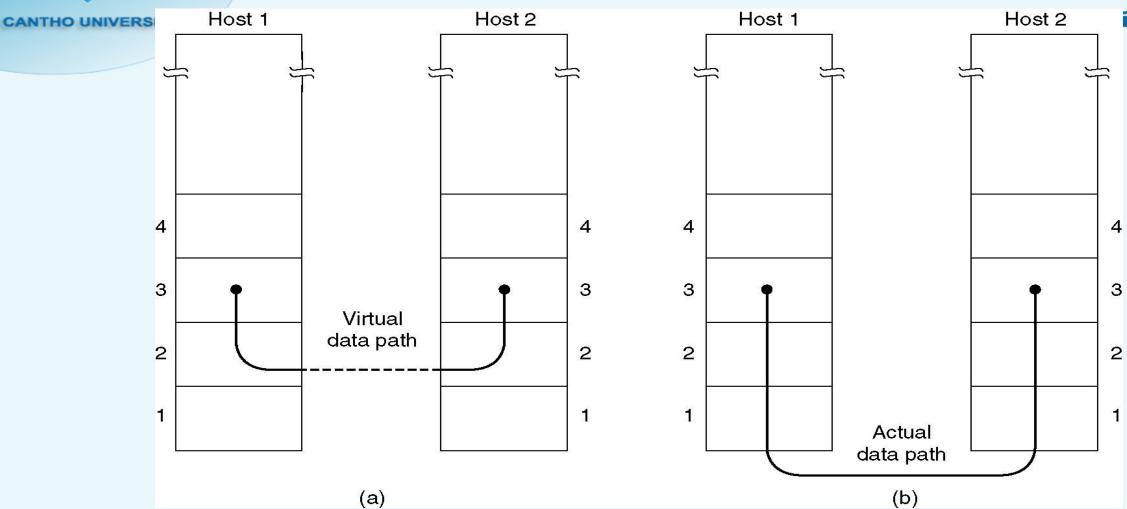
- Providing services the Network layer
- Takes the packets from the network layer and encapsulates them into frames



Relationship between packets and frames.



Services Provided to Network Layer



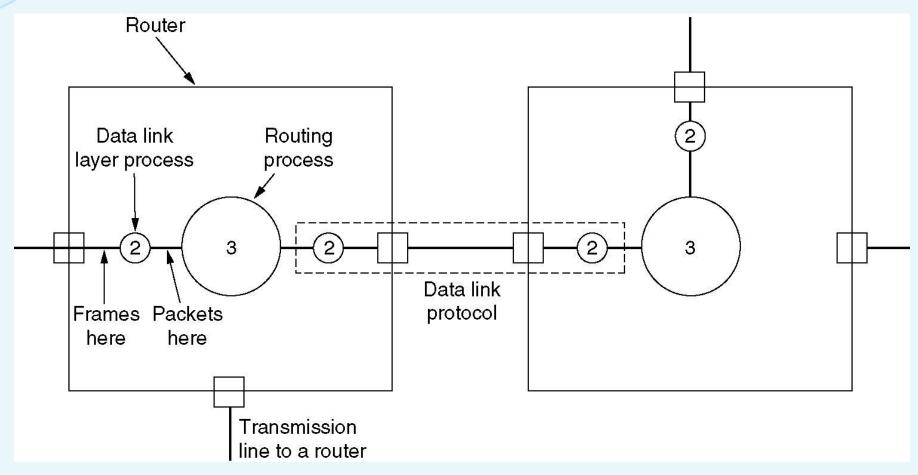
(a) Virtual communication

(b) Actual communication.

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Services Provided to Network Layer



Placement of the data link protocol.



- Bit stream received by the data link layer not guaranteed to be error free:
 - bits inversed
 - Number of bits received may be less than, equal to, or more than number of bits transmitted
- Data link layer:
 - O Break up the bit stream into discrete frames
 - Compute a checksum and include the checksum in the sent frame
 - At the destination, the checksum is recomputed
 - If the computed checksum different from the one in the frame: an error occurred and takes steps to deal with it

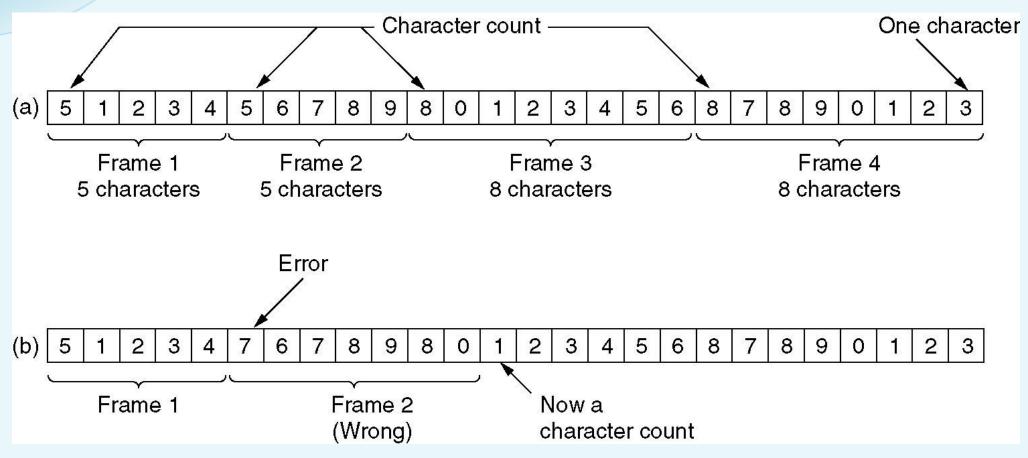


FramingFraming methods

- Byte count
- Flag bytes with byte stuffing
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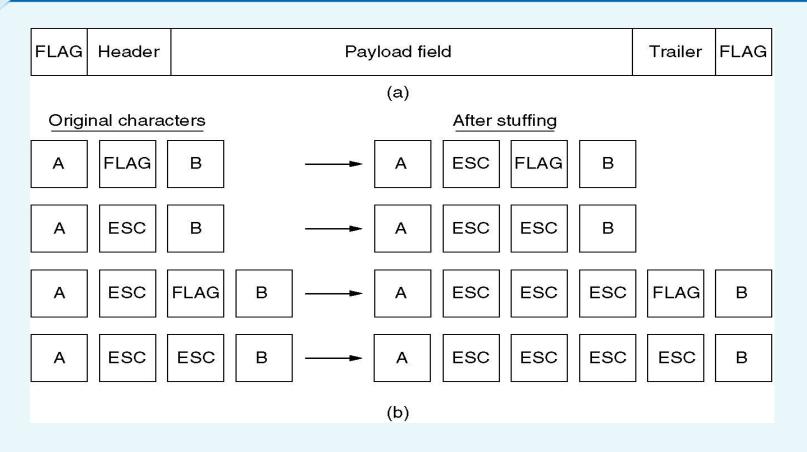
Framing methods: Character count



A character stream. (a) Without errors. (b) With one error.



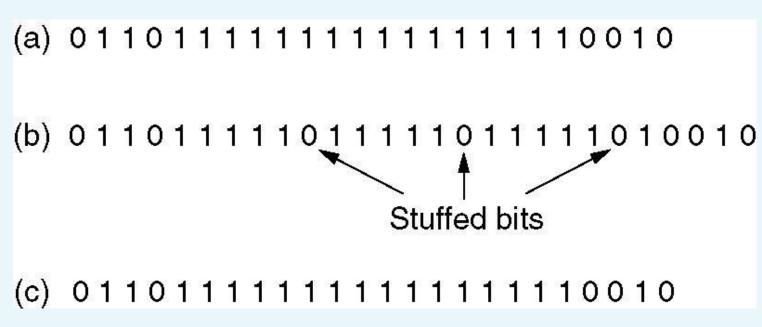
Framing methods: Flag byes and byte stuffing



- (a) A frame delimited by flag bytes.
- (b) Four examples of byte sequences before and after stuffing.



Framing methods: Flag byes and byte stuffing



Bit stuffing

- (a) The original data.
- (b) The data as they appear on the line.
- (c) The data as they are stored in receiver's memory after destuffing.



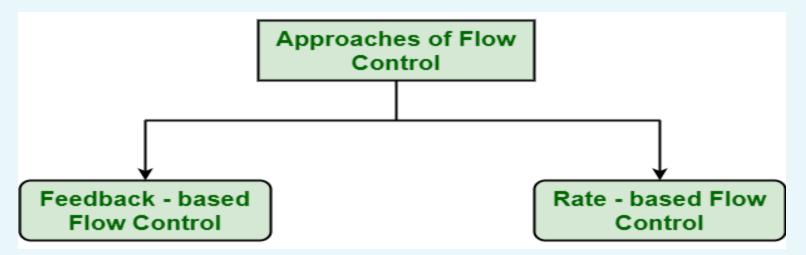
Make sure all frames eventually delivered to the network layer at the destination and in the proper order

- 1) Receiver sending back special control frames bearing positive or negative acknowledgements about the incoming frames:
 - Using acknowledgement frame
- 2) Avoiding the sender to be wait forever when acknowledge frame lost Using a timer and time-out for each sent frame
- 3) Avoiding frame duplication
 - Assign each sent frame a sequence number



Flow Control

- Prevent a sender to transmit frames faster than the receiver can accept them
- Two approaches

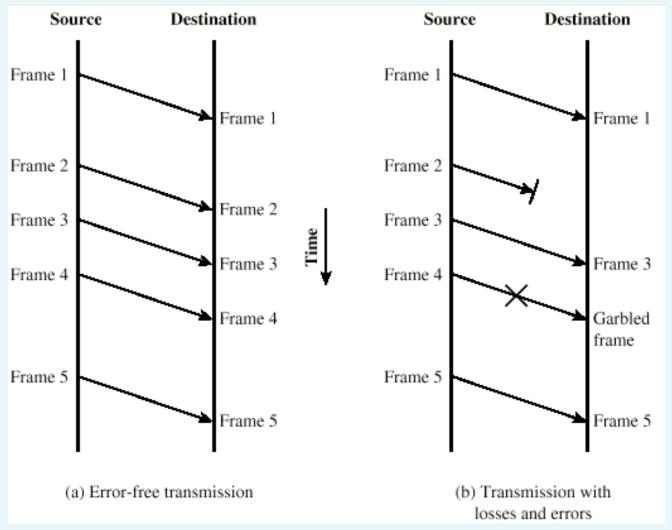


The receiver send back information to sender giving it permission to send more data or at least tell sender what the receiver doing

The protocol has a built-in mechanism that limits the rate at which senders may transmit data, without using feedback from the receiver



Transmission errors





Transmission errors

- Bit 1 becomes bit 0 and reversely
- Error rate

 $\forall \tau = \text{Error bits} / \text{Transmitted bits}$

 $\forall \tau : 10^{-5} \text{ to } 10^{-8}$

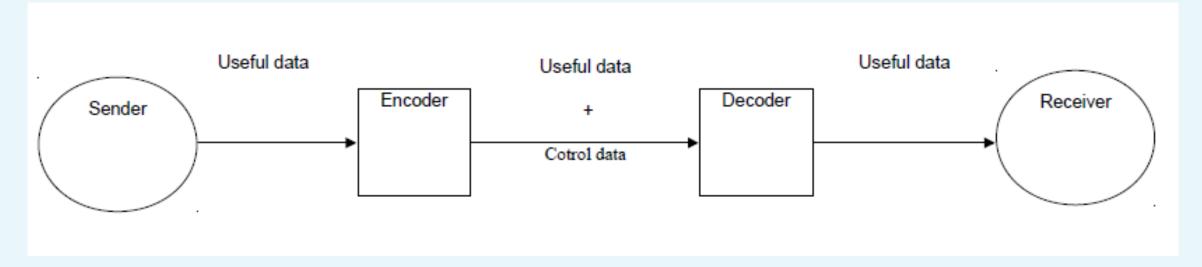
88%: error of one bit

10%: error of two adjacent bits



Error Detection and Correction

- Error-Correcting Codes
- Error-Detecting Codes



- Sender: add control data into useful data for sending
- Receiver: decode control data to determine whether data has errors or not



Error-Correcting Codes

| Char. | ASCII | Check bits |
|-------|---------|---------------------------|
| | | |
| Н | 1001000 | 00110010000 |
| а | 1100001 | 10111001001 |
| m | 1101101 | 11101010101 |
| m | 1101101 | 11101010101 |
| i | 1101001 | 01101011001 |
| n | 1101110 | 01101010110 |
| g | 1100111 | 01111001111 |
| 175a | 0100000 | 10011000000 |
| С | 1100011 | 11111000011 |
| 0 | 1101111 | 10101011111 |
| d | 1100100 | 11111001100 |
| е | 1100101 | 00111000101 |
| | | Order of bit transmission |

Use of a Hamming code to correct burst errors.



Error-Correcting Codes

Allow receivers to identify error data and correct error data

Hamming Code

- For each integer m > 2
 - \circ Code exists with m parity bits and $2^m m 1$
- Basically
 - Parity bit for odd bits
 - Parity bit for each two bits
 - Parity bit for each four bits
 - Parity bit for each eight bits
 - Parity bit for each group of bits that are power of 2
 - 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ...

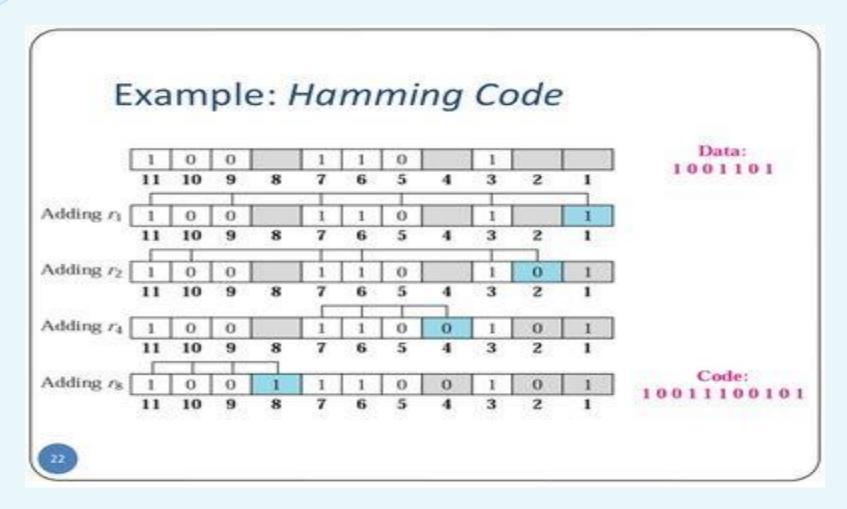
Error-Correcting Codes

Calculating Hamming Code

- Mark all bit positions that are powers of two parity bit 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, etc
- 2. All other bit positions are for the data to be encoded 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, etc.
- Each parity bit calculates the parity for some of the bits in the code word
 - The position of the parity bit determines the sequence of bits that it alternately checks and skips
 - Position I: check I bit, skip I bit, check I bit, skip I bit, etc. (1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,...)
 - Position 2: check 2 bits, skip 2 bits, check 2 bits, skip 2 bits, etc. (2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15,...)
 - Position 4: check 4 bits, skip 4 bits, check 4 bits, skip 4 bits, etc. (4,5,6,7,12,13,14,15,20,21,22,23,...)
 - Position 8: check 8 bits, skip 8 bits, check 8 bits, skip 8 bits, etc. (8-15,24-31,40-47,...)
- 4. Set a parity bit to 1 if the total number of ones in the positions it checks is odd. Set a parity bit to 0 if the total number of ones in the positions it checks is even



Error-Correcting Codes





Error ControlError-Detecting Codes

- Allow receivers to determine whether received data has error or not
- If error is detected in received data, request for resending data
- Popular error-detecting codes
 - ✓ Parity checks
 - ✓ Check sum
 - ✓ Cyclic redundancy check



Error-Detecting Codes: Parity Check

- xxxxxxxx: Useful data need to be transmitted
- One parity bit is appended to useful data
- Transmitted stream of bits: xxxxxxxp
- Calculation of p
 - ✓ Event parity: xxxxxxxxp consists of an event number of bits 1
 - ✓ Odd parity: xxxxxxxxp consists of an odd number of bits 1



Error-Detecting Codes: Parity Check

Detecting error in a stream of bits xxxxxxxxp:

- In even parity check:
 - ✓ If there is an even number of bits $1 \rightarrow$ data xxxxxxx are error-free
 - ✓ Else data xxxxxxx has error
- In odd parity check:
 - ✓ If there is an odd number of bits $1 \rightarrow$ data xxxxxxx are error-free
 - ✓ Else data xxxxxxx has error

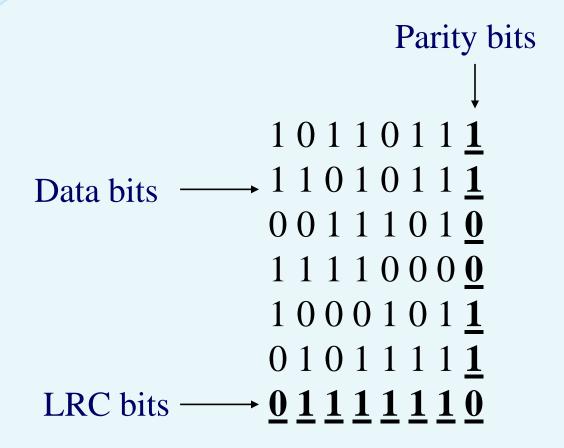


Error-Detecting Codes: Parity Check

- Example: G = 1110001 are useful data
- Using even parity check:
 - ✓ p=0
 - ✓ Transmitted data: 11100010
- Different cases of received data:
 - ✓ 11100010: 4 bits 1=> Error-free
 - ✓ 11000010: 3 bits 1 = Error
 - ✓ 11000110: 4 bits 1=> Error ???



Error-Detecting Codes: Longitudinal Redundancy Check





Error-Detecting Codes: Cyclic Redundancy Check

Different methods of implementation:

- Modulo 2,
- Polynomial
- Shift register
- Exclusive-or gate



Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Modulo 2

- M: Message of k bits need to send
- F: frame check sequence of r bits (control data appended to M to detect error on M)
- T =MF: the transmitted frame of (k + r) bits created by concatenating M and F, with r < k
- P (r+1 bits): a prior defined sequence
- F computed as follows:
 - 1) Appending r bits 0 to the end of M, or multiply M with 2r
 - 2) Using binary division to divide M*2r by P.
 - 3) F is the remainder of the binary division



Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Modulo 2

- Appending F to M to create transmitted frame T
 - ✓ Note: P has to be longer than F one bit and the values of its most significant bit and the least significant must be 1
- Receiver applies binary division to divide T by P:
 - ✓ No remainder: Error-free, M extracted from (T k) high order bits
 - ✓ Remainder existed: Transmission of T is error

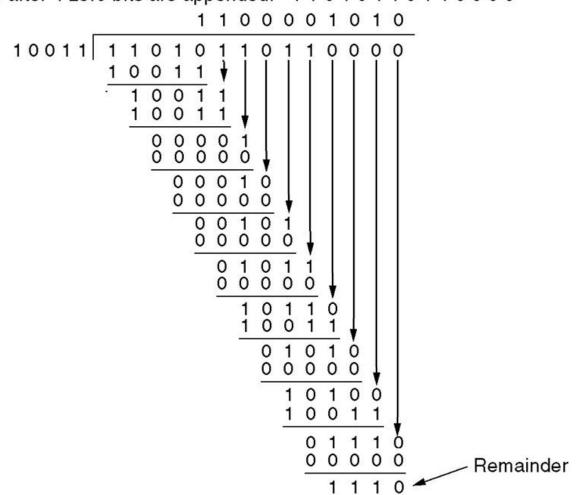


Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Modulo 2

Frame : 1101011011

Generator: 10011

Message after 4 zero bits are appended: 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0



Transmitted frame 11010110111110

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Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Modulo 2

- M = 1010001101 (k=10 bits)
- P = 110101 (r+1=6 bits)
- Steps to calculate FCS (r=5bits):
 - 1) Calculate $M*2^5 = 101000110100000$.
 - 2) Apply binary division to divide M*2⁵ by P

 Get remainder F = **01110**
- Create transmitted frame
 - \checkmark T = M*2^r + F = 1010001101**011110**



Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Modulo 2

- Bài tập 1: Bên gởi va nhận đa thống nhất chọn P=110101 Cho biết các khung T nhận được sau có lỗi hay không?
- a) T=101.0001.1010.1110
- **b**) **T=101.0101.1010.1110**



Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Polynomial

- Supposing that M=110011 and P = 11001, then M and P are represented by two following polynomials:
 - $M(x) = x^5 + x^4 + x + 1$
 - $P(x) = x^4 + x^3 + 1$
- Algorithm for computing the CRC is represented as follows:

$$\frac{X^r M(X)}{P(X)} = Q(X) + \frac{F(X)}{P(X)}$$

$$=> T(X)=X^nM(X)+R(X)$$



Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Polynomial

Popular versions of P

$$CRC-12 = X^{12} + X^{11} + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1$$

$$CRC-16 = X^{16} + X^{15} + X^2 + 1$$

$$CRC-CCITT = X^{16} + X^{12} + X^5 + 1$$

$$CRC-32 = X^{32} + X^{26} + X^{23} + X^{22} + X^{16} + X^{12} + X^{11} + X^{10} + + X^{8} + X^{7} + X + X^{4} + X^{2} + X + 1$$

Error-Detecting Codes: CRC-Polynomial

Example

M=1010001101, P=110101 => r=5

$$M(X) = X^9 + X^7 + X^3 + X^2 + 1$$

$$X^5 M(X) = X^{14} + X^{12} + X^8 + X^7 + X^5$$

$$P(X) = X^5 + X^4 + X^2 + 1$$

Compute

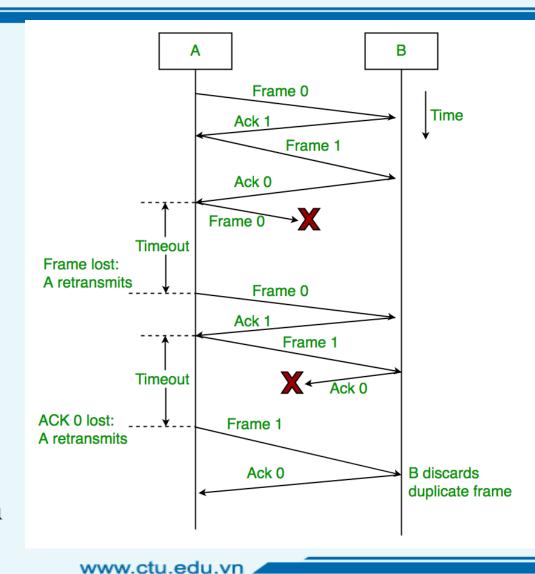
$$\frac{X^r M(X)}{P(X)} = Q(X) + \frac{F(X)}{P(X)} = > F(X) = X^3 + X^2 + X^1$$
 Or $F = 0.1110$

=> Final transmission data: T = 101000110101110



Stop and Wait protocol

- Sender doesn't know whether the frame was transmitted successfully.
 - ✓ Solution: Use acknowledgement frame
- Acknowledgement frame could be lost.
 - ✓ Solutions:
 - o Timer.
 - o Time-out
 - Resend
- Receiver receives duplicate frames
 - ✓ Solution: Assign a sequence number for each frame



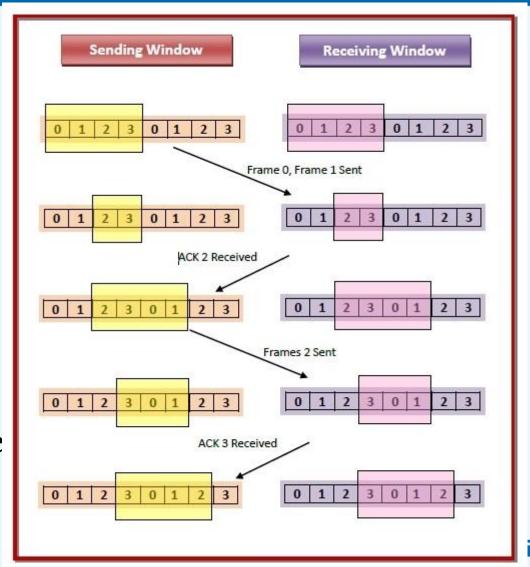


Duplex data transmission

- Stop and Wait: Simplex data transmission
- Need to achieve duplex data transmission to exploit maximum channel capacity
- Principle for archiving duplex data transmission:
 - ✓ Define frame types: DATA, ACK, NACK
 - ✓ Using **piggyback** technology

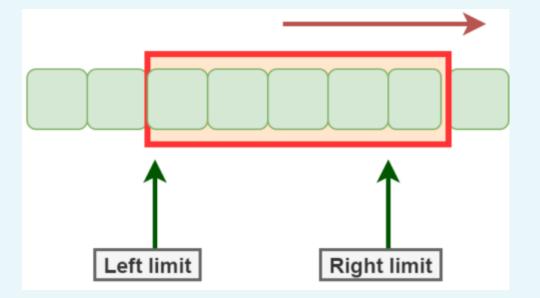


- Sliding window protocol allows a sender to send multiple frames before waiting for acknowledgement
- Sending Windows: used by sender to monitor sent frames that acknowledgement frames are being waited for
- Receiving Windows: used by receiver to monitor the frames that are permitted to receive



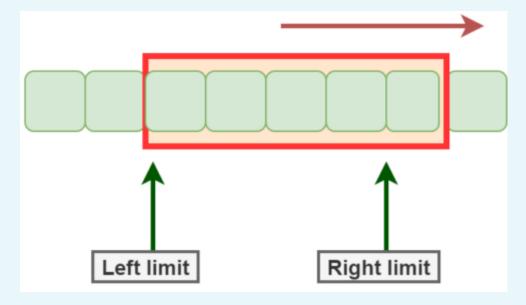


- Two leaves:
 - ✓ Front and back
 - ✓ Move the same direction
 - ✓ The size of the windows from the back to the front
- For sending window:
 - ✓ Potions inside the window represent the sequence numbers of frames sent and waiting for acknowledgements
 - ✓ Potions outside the window represent the sequence numbers of frames can send.
 - ✓ The size of the window not larger than the maximum size of the window



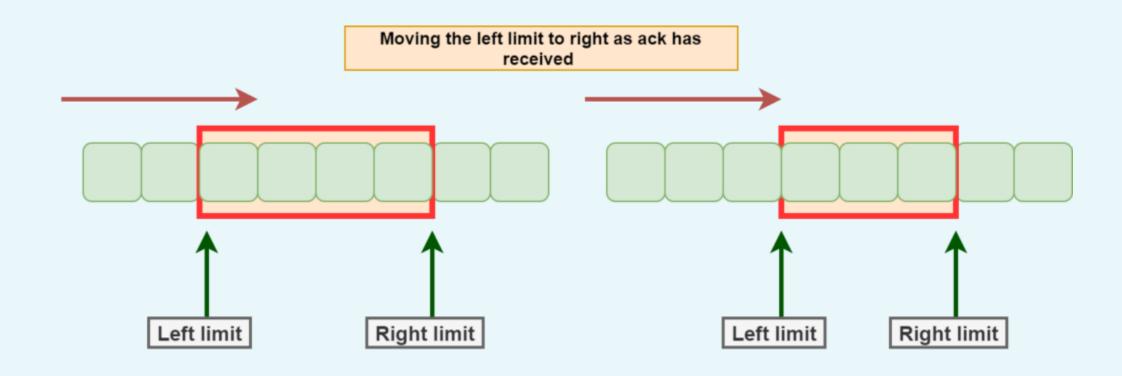


- For receiving window:
 - ✓ the positions inside its sliding window represent the sequence numbers of frame the receiver permitted to receive

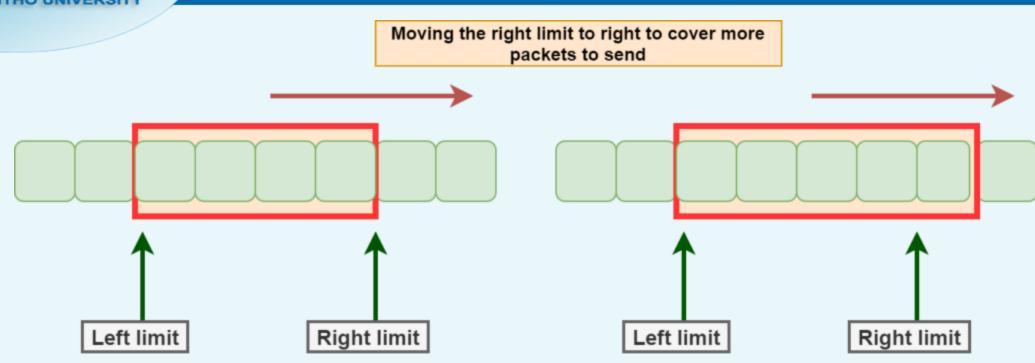


- Maximum size of a sliding window represents the size of buffer for storing temporarily received frames before processing them
- Supposing that the receiver has a buffer of 4 frame sizes, then the maximum size of the sliding window will be 4.









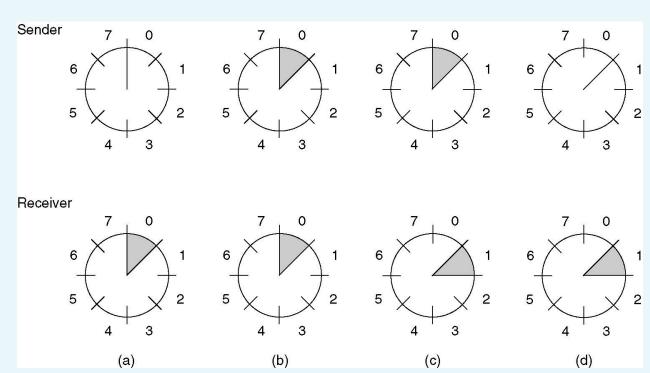
- The smallest size is 0
- The largest size is 2^k -1: k is number of bits for sequence number



Sliding Window Protocols

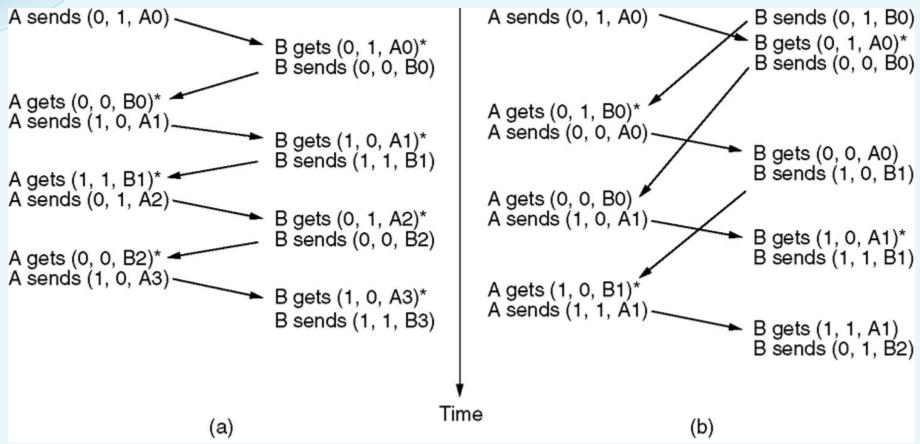
A sliding window of size 1, with a 3-bit sequence number.

- (a) Initially.
- (b) After the first frame has been sent.
- (c) After the first frame has been received.
- (d) After the first acknowledgement has been received.





Sliding Window Protocols

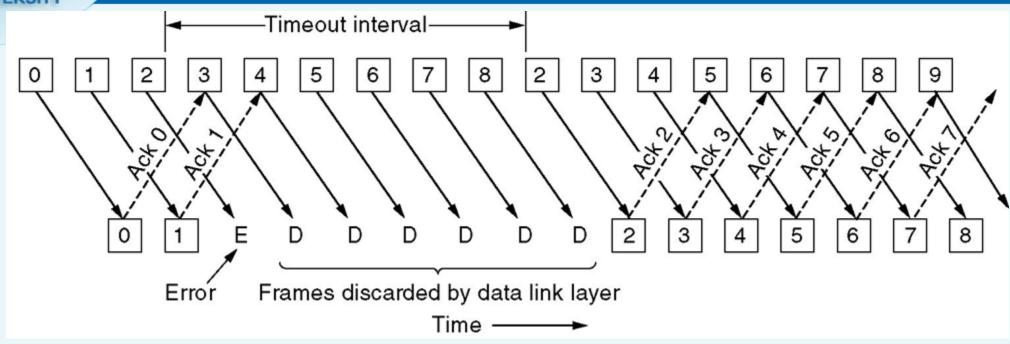


The notation is (seq, ack, packet number).

An asterisk indicates where a network layer accepts a packet.



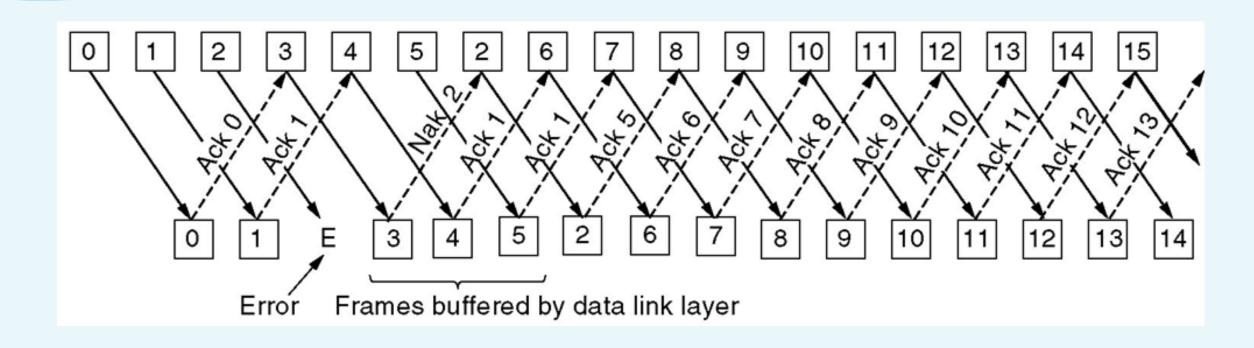
Sliding Window Protocols: Go Back N



- When a receiver receives an error frame it discards the frame.
- Because there is no acknowledgement frame for the error frame:
 - ✓ A time-out event for this error frame
 - ✓ The sender resends the error frame and all the following frames



Sliding Window Protocols: Selective Repeat





Sliding Window Protocols: Maximum sliding window size

- 3 bits sequence number
 - ✓ The frames numbered from 0-7
 - \checkmark The maximum sliding window is 7

Sender

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 1

Sent and waiting for Acknowledgement for frames 0,1,2,3,4,5,6

Receiver



Ready receiving frames 0,1,2,3,4,5,6



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Receiver



Frames 0,1,2,3,4,5,6 received Checking Error



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- 1) Frames 0,1,2,3,4,5,6 error-free
- 2) Sending ACK for these frames
- 3) Move the receiving windows for accept new frames





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Sender

3 4 5 6 7 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 1

Transmission error

Sent and waiting for Acknowledgement for frames 0,1,2,3,4,5,6

ACK frame not reaches sender

- Frames 0,1,2,3,4,5,6 error-free
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Time-out for frame 0

Resend frame 0

Waiting ACK for frames 0-6

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Sender



Time-out for frame 0

Resend frame 0

Waiting ACK for frames 0-6

Ready receiving Frames 7,0,1,2,3,4,5 Frame 0 arrives:

- ✓ It is in the receive window
- ✓ Receive frame 0
- ✓ Duplicate frame 0





Sliding Window Protocols: Maximum sliding window size

- The new receiving windows must not overlap the old
- Maximum size of sliding window just half of the frame sequence number
- Example:
 - If 3 bits used for frame sequence number then Maximum size of sliding window is $2^3/2=4$
 - If 4 bits used for frame sequence number then Maximum size of sliding window is $2^4/2=8$



Sliding Window Protocols: Maximum sliding window size

- 3 bits sequence number
 - ✓ The frames numbered from 0-7
 - ✓ The maximum sliding window is 4

Sender

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 1

Sent and waiting for Acknowledgement for frames 0,1,2,3

Receiver



Ready receiving frames 0,1,2,3



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Sliding Window Protocols: Maximum sliding window size

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Sender



Time-out for frame 0

Resend frame 0

Waiting ACK for frames 0-3

Ready receiving Frames 4,5,6,7

Frame 0 arrives:

- ✓ It is not in the receive window
- ✓ Discard it





Sliding Window Protocols: the size off the buffer

- Size of buffer is just equal to the maximum size of receiving window.
- Example: If 3 bits used for the sequence number of frames (from 0 to 7):
 - ✓ The maximum size of receiving window is $2^3/2 = 4$
 - ✓ The size of the buffer is also 4



Sliding Window Protocols: Time to send acknowledgement frames

- Piggy-back: Attach acknowledgement into data frame
- In case the receiver has no data to send back to the sender
 - ✓ Start a timer for each received frame
 - ✓ Time-out event occurs, send an acknowledgement frame

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High Level Data Link Control

- A transmission protocol used at the data link layer (layer 2) of the OSI model
- HDLC protocol embeds information in a data frame that allows devices to control data flow and correct errors.
- HDLC is an ISO standard developed from the Synchronous Data Link Control (SDLC) standard proposed by IBM in the 1970's.
- HDLC is a bit oriented protocol that supports both half-duplex and full-duplex communication over point to point & multipoint link.



High Level Data Link Control: Station Types

- For any **HDLC communications session**, one station is designated primary and the other secondary
- Primary station
 - ✓ Control connection links
 - ✓ Send frames as commands
 - ✓ Maintain many logical links to secondary station
- Secondary station
 - ✓ Controlled by primary station
 - ✓ Send frames as responses to correspondent commands
- Combined station
 - ✓ Play both roles of Primary station and Secondary station
 - ✓ Can send commands or responses

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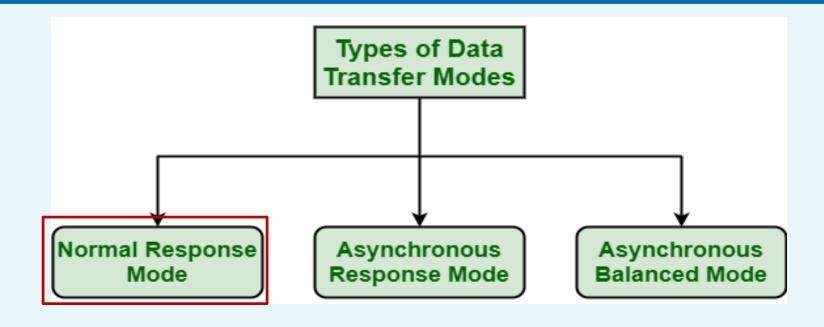


High Level Data Link Control: Link Configuration

- Unbalanced configuration
 - ✓ One Primary station and one or many secondary stations
 - ✓ Support full duplex and half duplex
- Balanced configuration
 - ✓ Two combined stations
 - ✓ Support full duplex and half duplex



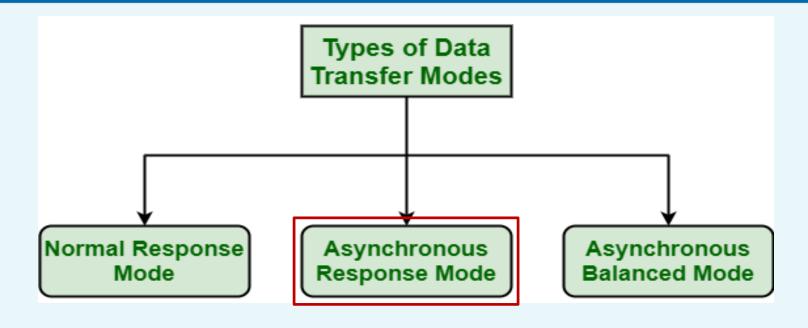
High Level Data Link Control: Transfer Modes



- Use unbalanced configuration
- Primary station initializes a data transmission to a secondary station
- A secondary station can only transfer data in form of the responses to the requests of primary station



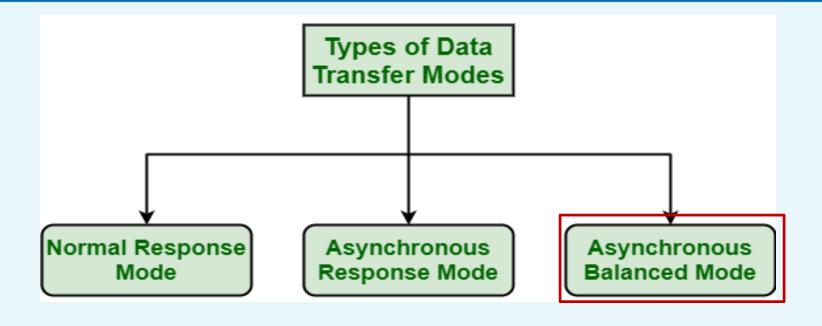
High Level Data Link Control: Transfer Modes



- Use balanced configuration
- All stations can initialize a data transmission without a permission from a primary station
- Used popularly



High Level Data Link Control: Transfer Modes



- Use unbalanced configuration
- Secondary can initialize a data transmission without a permission from a primary
- Primary maintains connections
- Used rarely



High Level Data Link Control: Frame structure

| Bits | 8 | 8 | 8 | ≥ 0 | 16 | 8 |
|------|----------|---------|---------|------|----------|----------|
| | 01111110 | Address | Control | Data | Checksum | 01111110 |

- Synchronous transmission
- One frame structure for both data and control



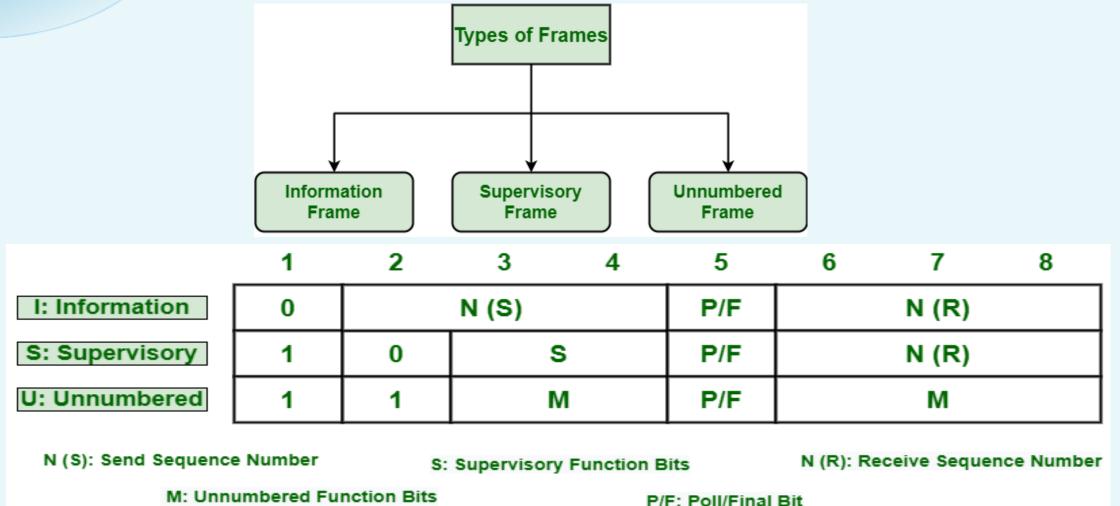
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- One frame structure for both data and control
- Flag (8 bit): 011111110, uses bit stuffing technique
- Address (8 bit): Address of secondary station permitted to transfer or receive frames
- Control (8bit): Type of frames
- Data (128-1024 bytes): Data to transfer
- FCS (Frame Check Sequence- 16 bit): $CRC-CCITT = X^{16} + X^{12} + X^5 + 1$



High Level Data Link Control: Types of Frames



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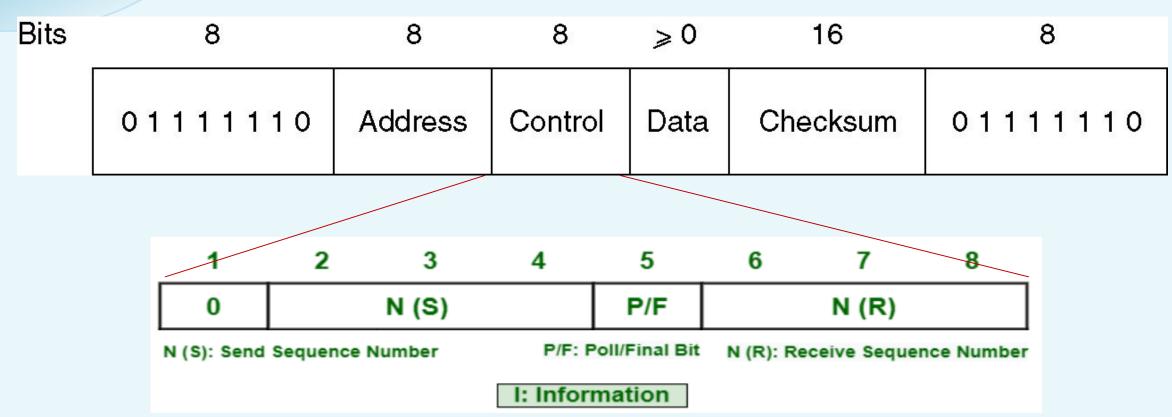
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
|---|---------------------|-------|-------------|---|-------|-------|---|------------|--|
| I: Information | 0 | N (S) | | | P/F | N (R) | | | |
| S: Supervisory | 1 | 0 | S P/F N (R) | | | | | | |
| U: Unnumbered | 1 | 1 | N | 1 | P/F M | | | | |
| N (S): Send Sequence Number S: Supervisory Function Bits N (R): Receive Sequence Number | | | | | | | | nce Number | |
| M: Unn | P/F: Poll/Final Bit | | | | | | | | |

Poll/Final Bit:

- Frame sent by a primary station to secondary: Poll
- Frame sent by secondary to a primary: Final



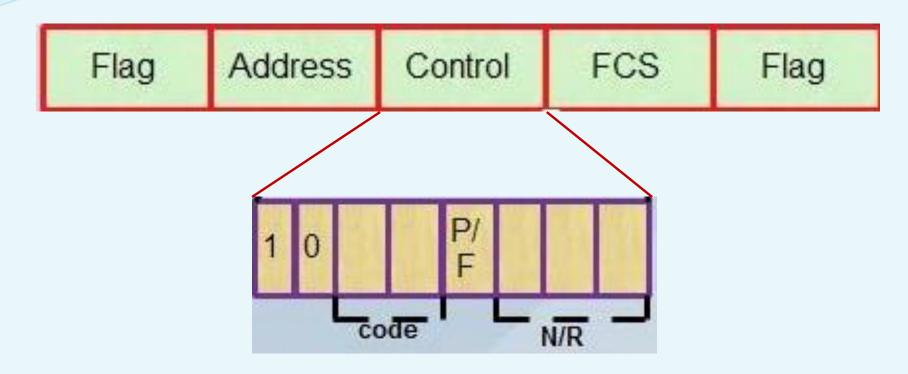
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• I-frames carry user's data and acknowledgement about user's data.



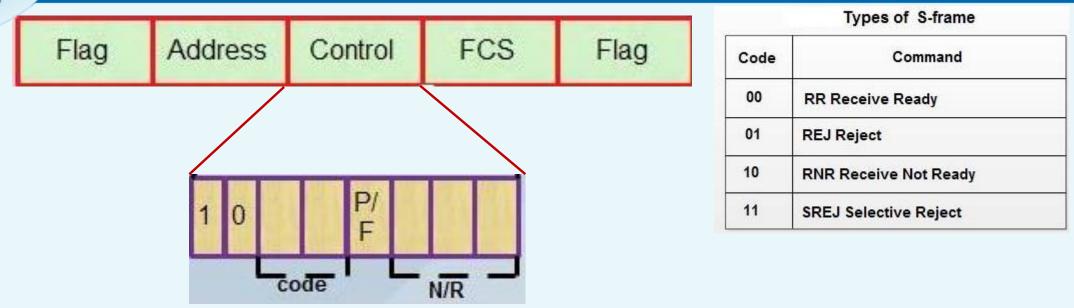
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- S-frame carries control information, primarily data link layer flow and error controls
- There is no N(S) field in control field of S-frame as S-frames do not transmit data.



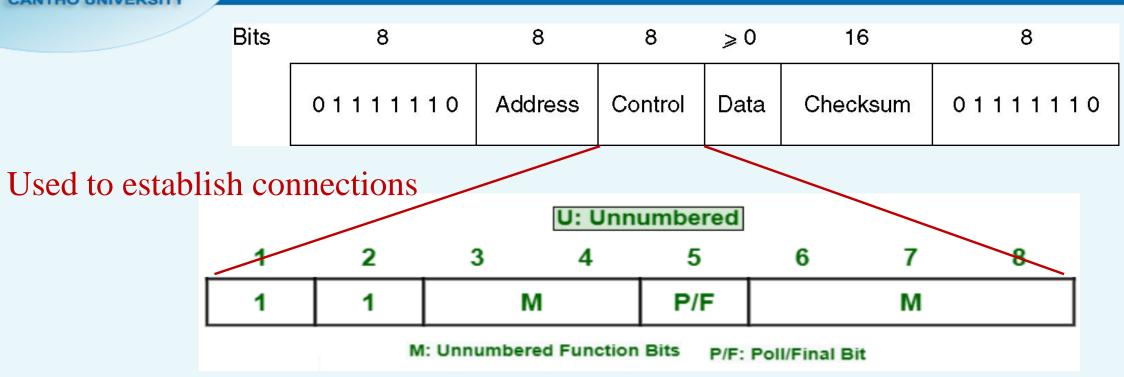
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- RR: Acknowledge frames when no I-frames available to piggyback the ACK
- REJ: Send a NAK when error has occurred.
- RNR: not ready to receive frame N(R)
- SREJ: request to retransmit the frame indicated in the N(R) subfield.



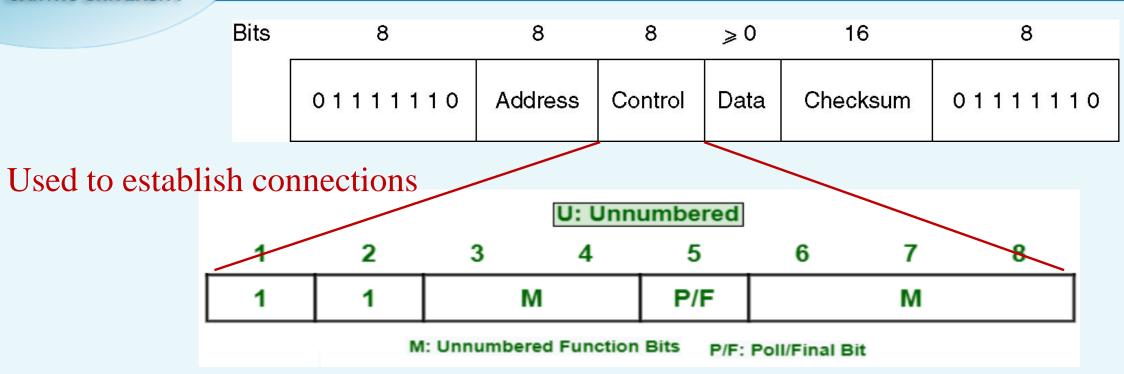
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- 1111P100: Setup connection in Balanced mode (Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode)
- 1100P001: setup connection in Normal response mode(Set Normal Response Mode)
- 1111P000: setup connection in Asynchronous response mode (Set Asynchronous Response Mode)



High Level Data Link Control: Types of Frames

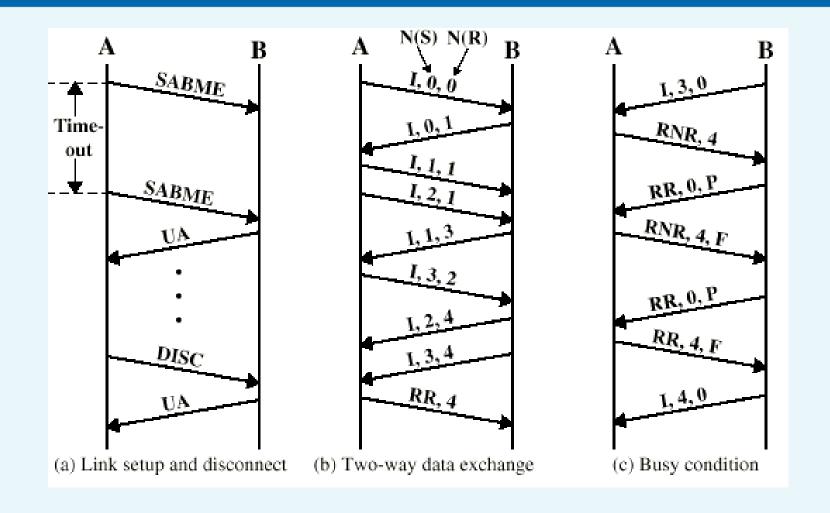


- 1100P010: requests to release a connection (DISC Disconnect)
- 1100F110: Accepted all above U commands (UA Unumbered Acknowledgment)
- 1100F001: doesn't accept a well-received command (CMDR/FRMR Command Reject/Frame Reject)

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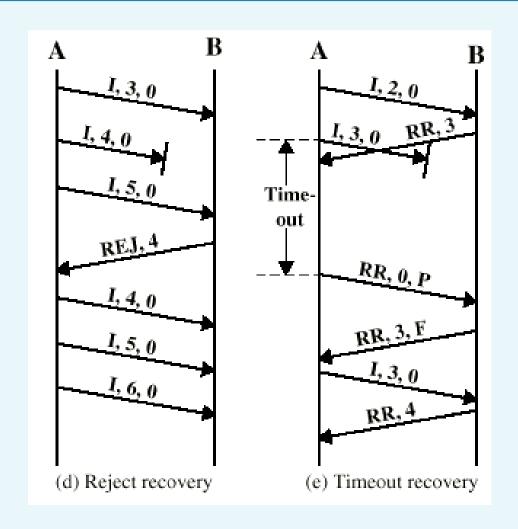


High Level Data Link Control: Scenarios



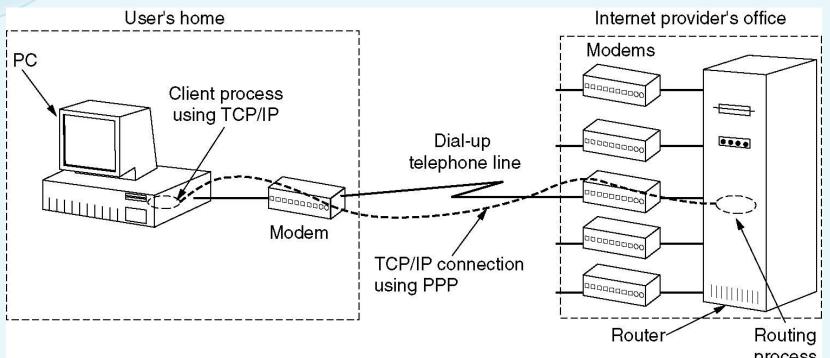


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PPP - Point to Point Protocol

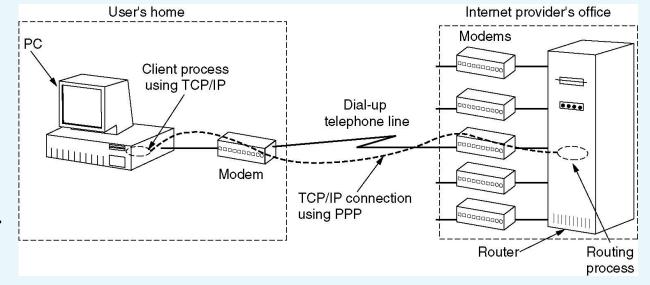


- Used to transfer data between routers in a network or used to connect user's home machine to a network of a Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- LCP (Link Control Protocol).
- NCP (Network Control Protocol): choose network protocol used by network layer



PPP - Point to Point Protocol

- LCP (Link Control Protocol):
 - ✓ Establishing the link between two devices
 - ✓ Maintaining this established link
 - ✓ Configuring this link
 - ✓ Terminating this link after the transfer



- NCP (Network Control Protocol): negotiating the parameters and facilities for the network layer. Examples:
 - ✓ Internet Protocol Control Protocol (IPCP): establishes and configures Internet Protocol (IP) over a PPP link.
 - ✓ **IPv6 Control Protocol (IPV6CP):** configures the IPv6 addresses



PPP – Point to Point Protocol

| Bytes | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 or 2 | Variable | 2 or 4 | 1 |
|-------|---|--------------------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------|
| _ | Flag 01111110 | Address 11111111 | Control 00000011 | Protocol | Payload | Checksum | Flag 01111110 |
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- Address field: always 111111111 (the broadcast address *i.e.* all the stations accept this frame)
- Control field: Uses the format of the U-frame (unnumbered) in HDLC
- **Protocol field**: specify the kind of packet in the data field
- Data field: It carries user data or other information.
- **FCS field**: The frame checks sequence.



