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Network Layer (5): Routing Protocols

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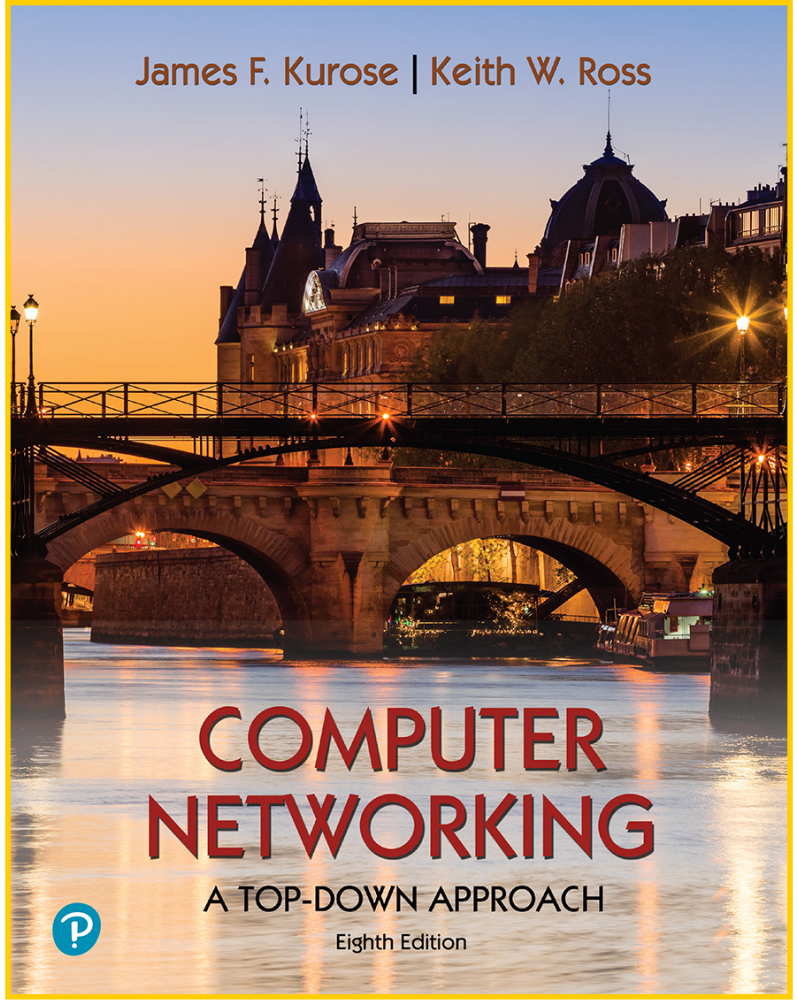
Lecture goals

translating routing algorithms to protocols and practice on the Internet

- *OSPF: intra-AS routing*
- *BGP: inter-AS routing*



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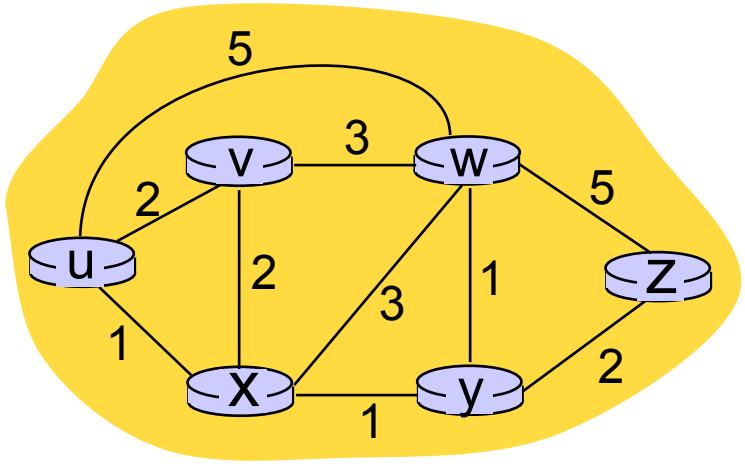


- all routers are **identical**
- network has a **flat structure**
- routers **operate cooperatively** to route packets efficiently to their destination
- … none of these are true in practice!

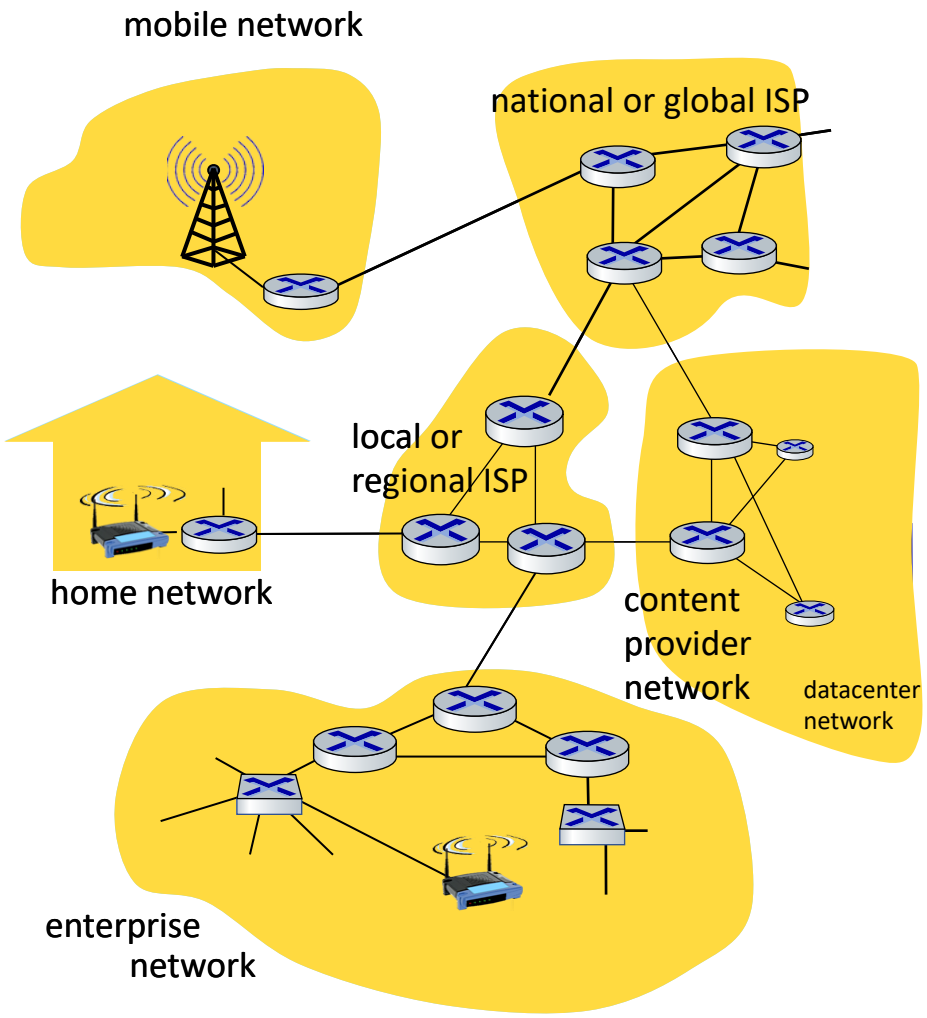
A more realistic picture of the Internet routing

Administrative autonomy

- Internet is a network of networks
- Each network administrator would want to control routing in their own network

Scale: billions of destinations

- can’t store all destinations in routing tables
- exchanging link-state or distance-vector information would swamp links



The Internet's Approach to Routing

aggregate routers into regions known as "domains" or "autonomous systems" (AS)

Intra-AS (or intra-domain) routing

routing within a given AS

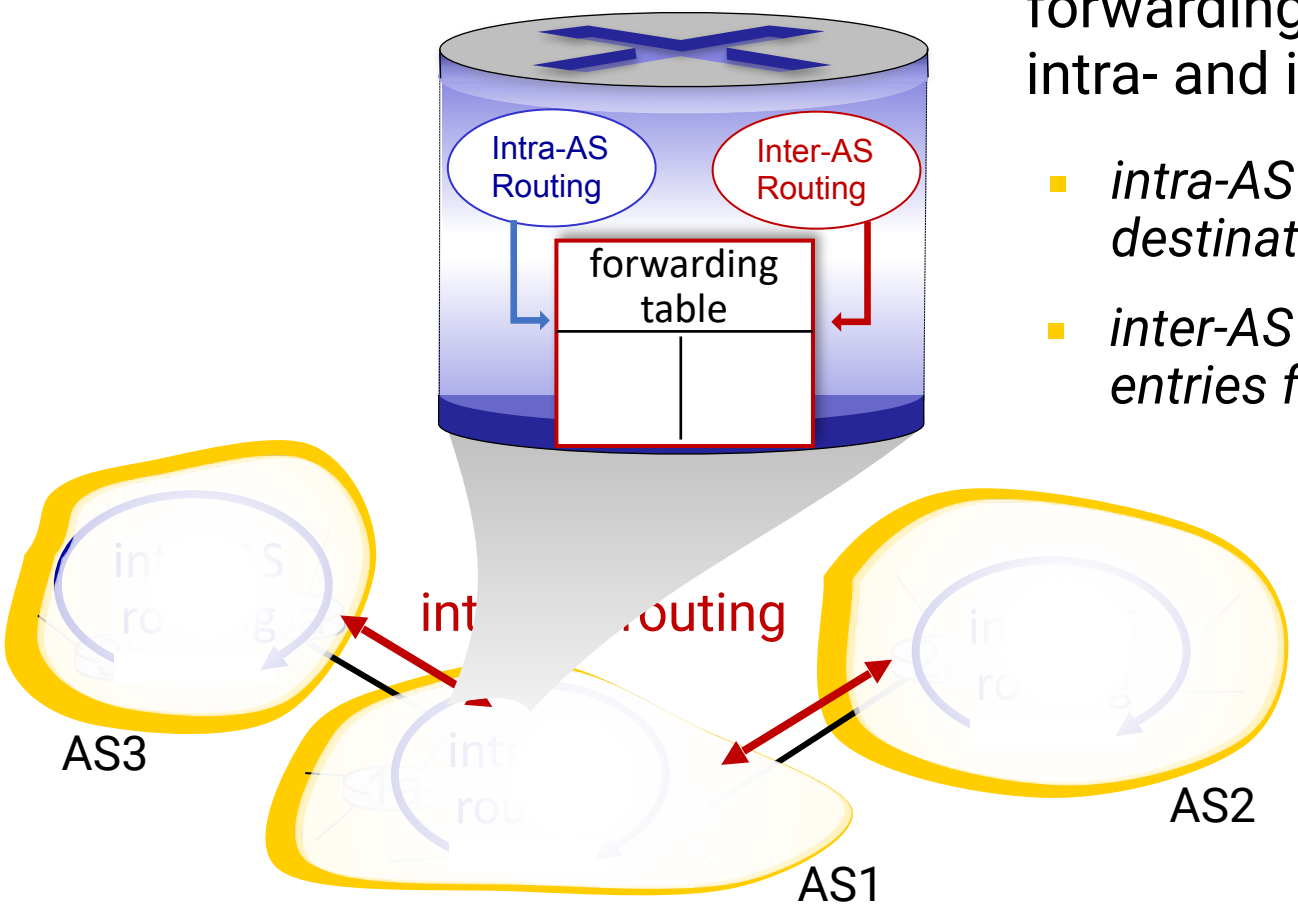
- all routers inside an AS must run the **same** intra-AS routing protocol
- **gateway router**: a router at the edge of an AS that has links to routers in other AS

Inter-AS (or inter-domain) routing

routing across different AS'es

- while AS'es are free to run any intra-AS routing protocols, they must run the **same** inter-AS protocol
- gateway routers perform both inter-domain as well as intra-domain routing

Constructing the Forwarding Table



forwarding table is configured by both intra- and inter-AS routing algorithms

- *intra-AS routing determines the entries for destinations within AS*
- *inter-AS & intra-AS together determine the entries for external destinations*

Open Shortest Path First

a widely used intra-domain routing protocol

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Ascend Communications, Inc.
April 1998

OSPF Version 2

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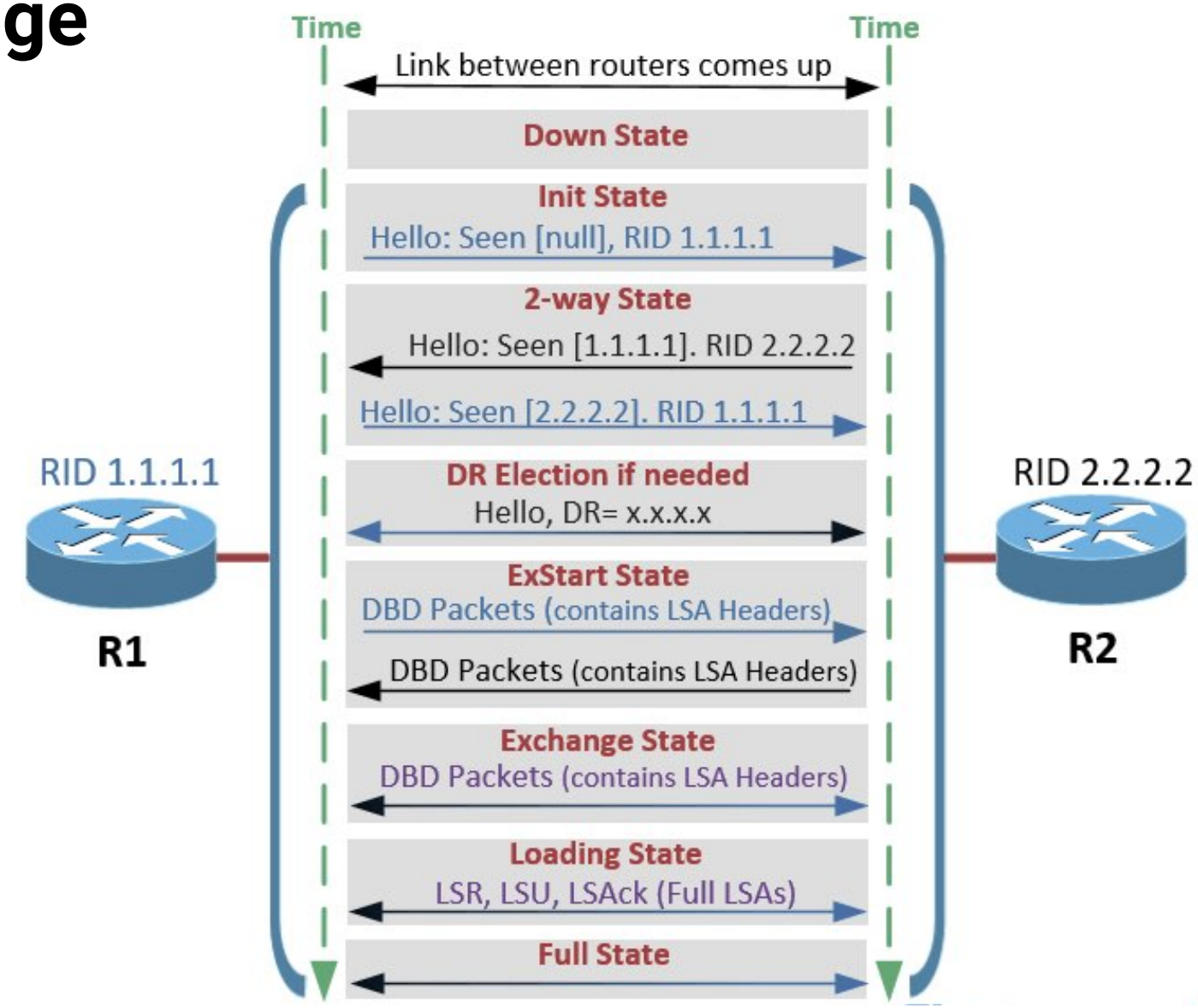
Abstract

This memo documents version 2 of the OSPF protocol. OSPF is a link-state routing protocol. It is designed to be run internal to a single Autonomous System. Each OSPF router maintains an identical database describing the Autonomous System's topology. From this database, a routing table is calculated by constructing a shortest-path tree.

OSPF: message exchange

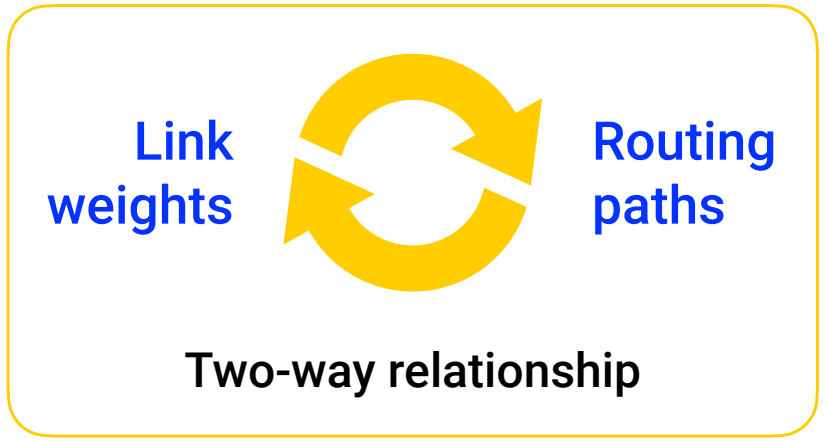
Five Messages

- **Hello**: discover and maintain adjacencies with neighboring routers
- **Database Description:** exchange contents of the link-state database with an adjacent router
- **Link-State Request**: request a specific link-state record
- **Link-State Response**: send the link-state record of a specific link(s)
- **Link-State Ack**: provide reliability to the link-state exchange process



OSPF practices and operation

- **Security**: all OSPF messages are authenticated to prevent malicious intrusions. OSPF supports MD5
- **No transport layer protocol**: all OSPF messages are sent as payload in IP datagrams. Accordingly, OSPF implements its own reliable data transport mechanism.
- **Hierarchical OSPF:** allows separating the network into multiple areas, connected via a backbone network. Each area then runs OSPF by itself and summarize routes across areas using designated ***area border routers***
- **Multiple paths**: when multiple paths to a destination have the same cost, OSPF allows multiple paths to be used (*this allows admins to perform advanced traffic engineering*)



Link weights: setting all weights ==1, results in minimum hop routing; whereas setting weights = 1/link-capacity, discourages traffic to flow through low-capacity links

Intra-AS Routing Protocols

RIP *(RFC 1723)*

Routing Information Protocol
Distance-Vector algorithm
Not widely used

OSPF *(RFC 2328)*

Open Shortest Path First
Link-state algorithm
Most commonly used

EIGRP *(RFC 7868)*

Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing
Distance-Vector algorithm
Proprietary but became open in 2013

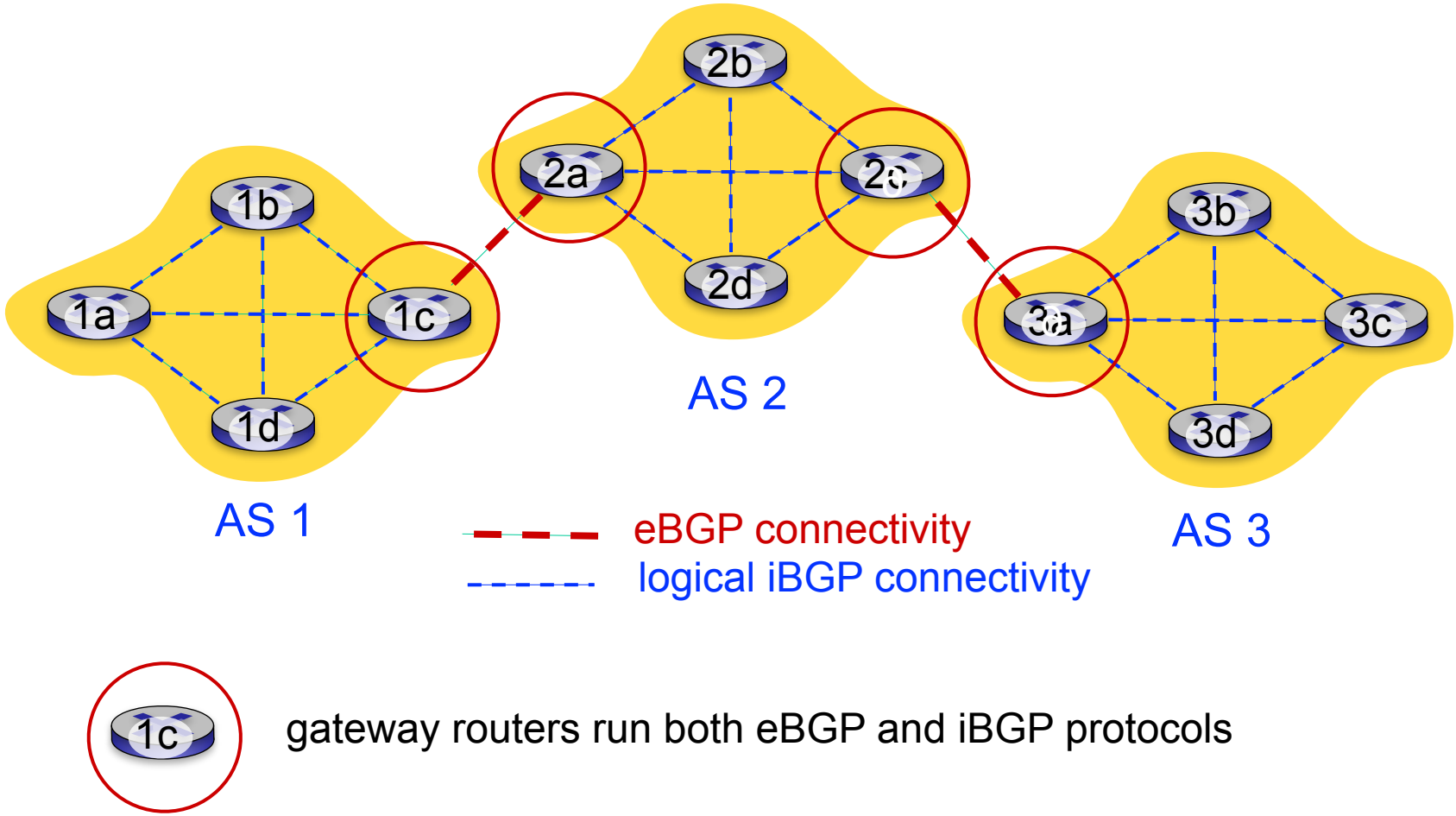
Border Gateway Protocol

glue that holds the Internet together!

Border Gateway Protocol

- The ***de-facto*** inter-domain routing protocol. The first version was defined in RFC 1105 (in 1989); BGPv4 defined in RFC 4271 (in 2006) is the latest.
- **Goal**: allow autonomous systems to advertise their existence, the destinations they can reach, and thus, enable routing across the wide-area Internet
- More specifically, BGP provides each AS the ability:
  - to obtain destination network reachability info from neighboring AS'es (**eBGP**)
  - to compute routes to other networks based on eBGP info and policy
  - to propagate reachability information to all routers internal to the AS (**iBGP**)
  - to advertise its own reachability info to its neighboring AS'es (**eBGP**)

BGP basics: eBGP and iBGP



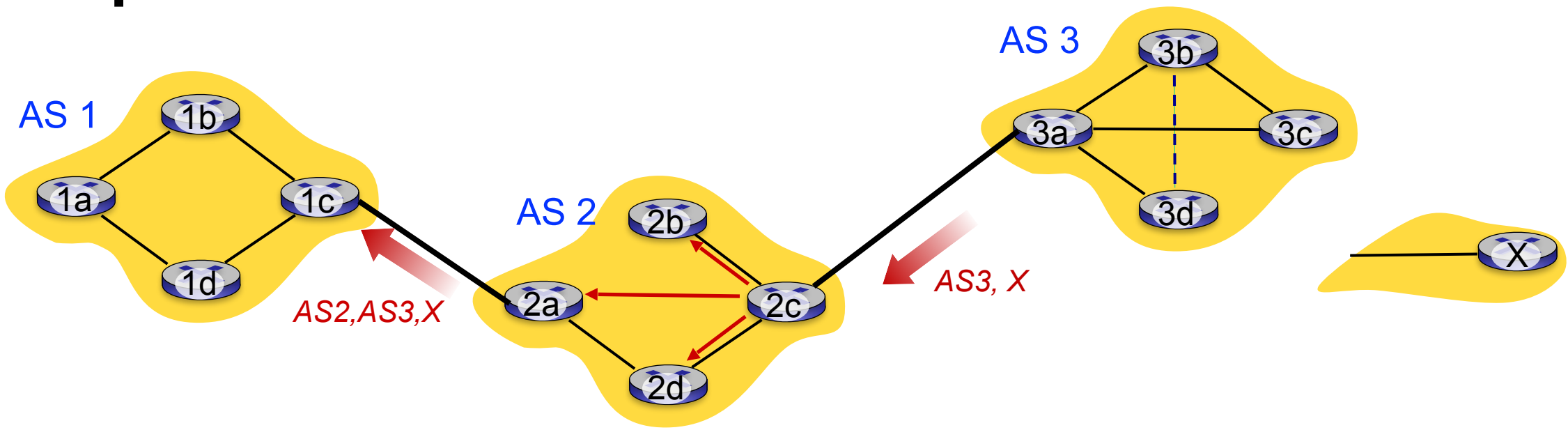
BGP basics: session and advertisements

- **BGP session**: two BGP routers exchange BGP messages over TCP connection
- BGP is a **distance vector** protocol, where advertisements contain the IP prefix of the destination network and a “path vector”
- BGP advertisement is a **promise** that the AS is *willing and able* to forward all datagrams to the advertised prefix

Policy-based routing

- BGP router, upon receiving route advertisement to destination X, uses policy to accept/reject a path (e.g., never route through AS W, or country Y).
- BGP router uses policy to decide whether to advertise a path to a neighboring AS Z (do I want to route traffic forwarded from Z destined to X?)

BGP path advertisements



- AS2 router 2c receives path advertisement **AS3,X** (via eBGP) from AS3 router 3a
- based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2c accepts path **AS3,X**, propagates (via iBGP) to all AS2 routers
- based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2a advertises (via eBGP) path **AS2,AS3,X** to AS1 router 1c

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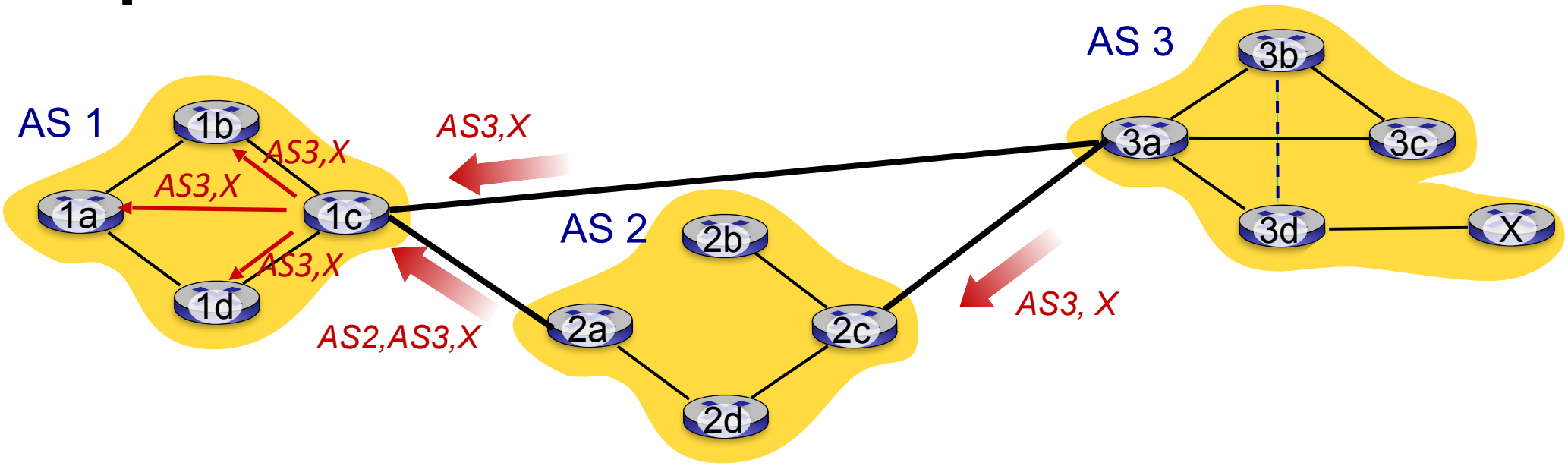
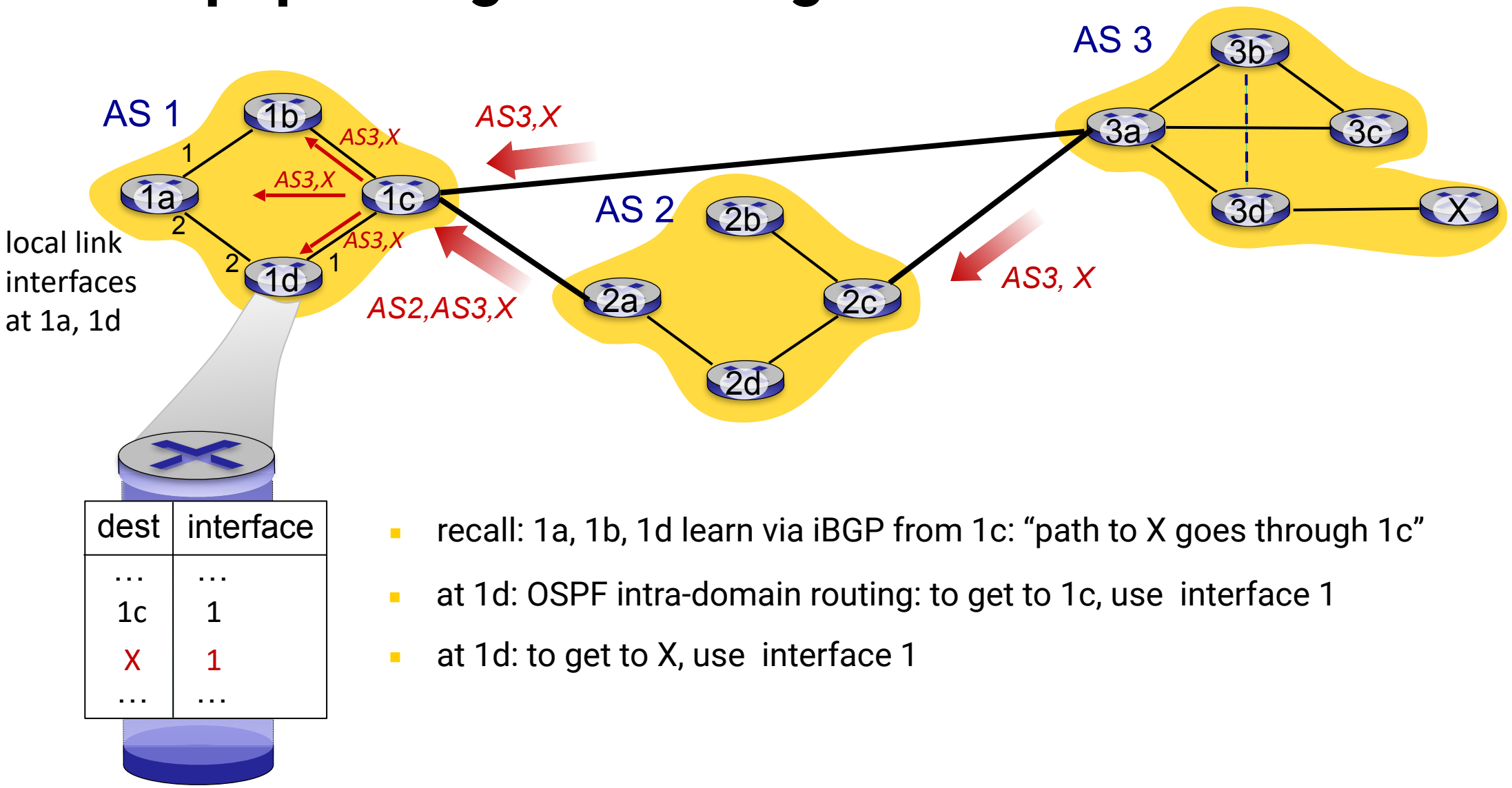


Gateway routers may learn about **multiple** paths to destination

- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path **AS2,AS3,X** from 2a
- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path **AS3,X** from 3a
- based on policy, AS1 gateway router 1c chooses path **AS3,X** and advertises path within AS1 via iBGP

BGP: populating forwarding tables



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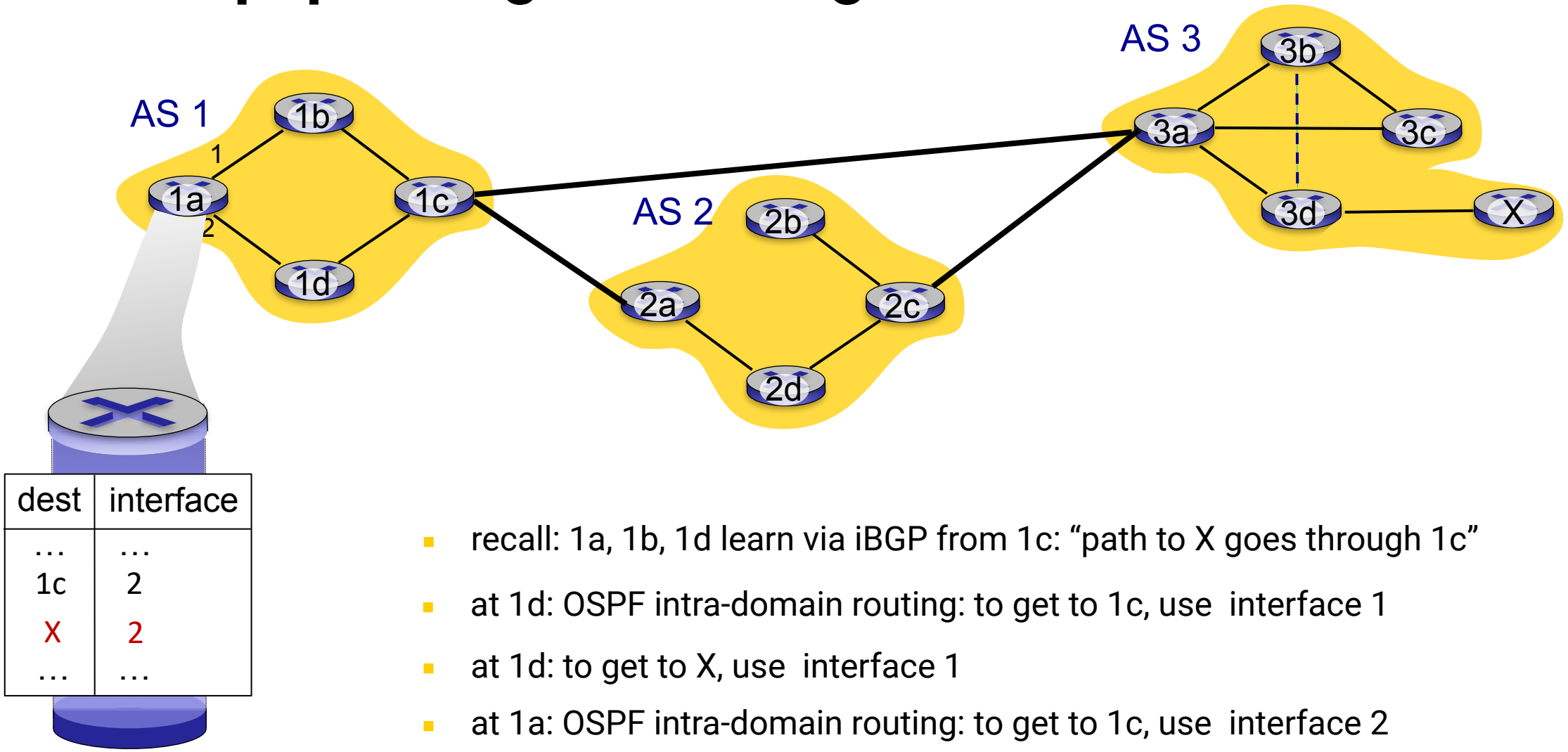

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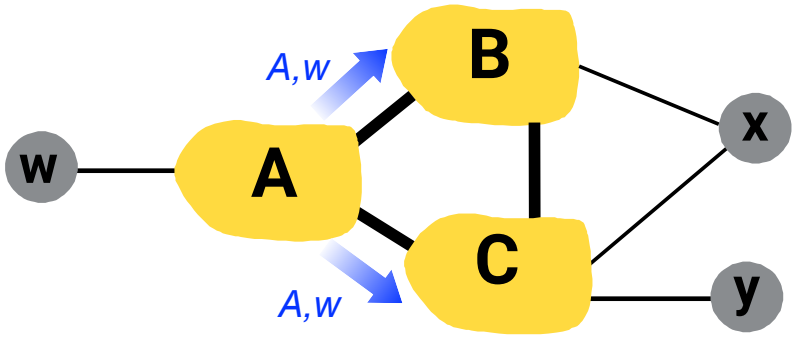
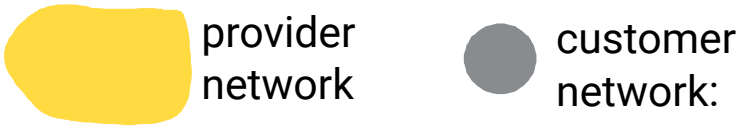
- at 1a: to get to X, use interface 2

Achieving policy via BGP advertisements





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- A advertises path **A,w** to B and to C
- B chooses not to advertise **B,A,w** to C
  - B gets no “revenue” for routing **C,B,A,w** since none of C, A, w are B’s customers
  - C does not learn about CBAw path
- C will route **C,A,w** to get to w

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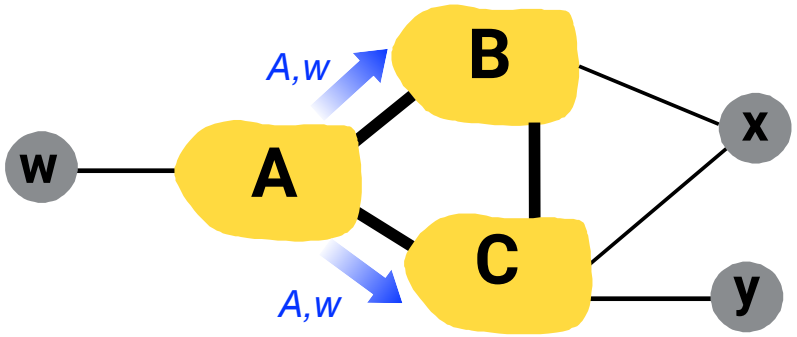

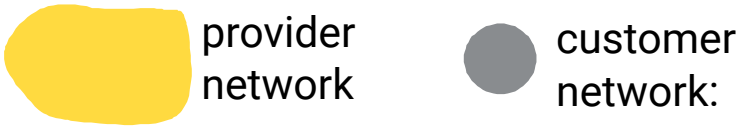

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- A, B, C are service provider networks
- w, x, y are customers (of service provider networks)
- x is dual-homed: attached to two networks
- policy decision: x does not want to route traffic from B to C via x
  - ➡ *So, x will not advertise to routes to B (to C) or to C (to B)*

Why different protocols for Intra- and Inter-AS routing?

Policy vs Performance

- Inter-AS: administrators want control over how the AS traffic is routed, who routes through its network (balancing economics and geopolitics)
- Intra-AS: single administration; policy not an issue, instead focus on performance

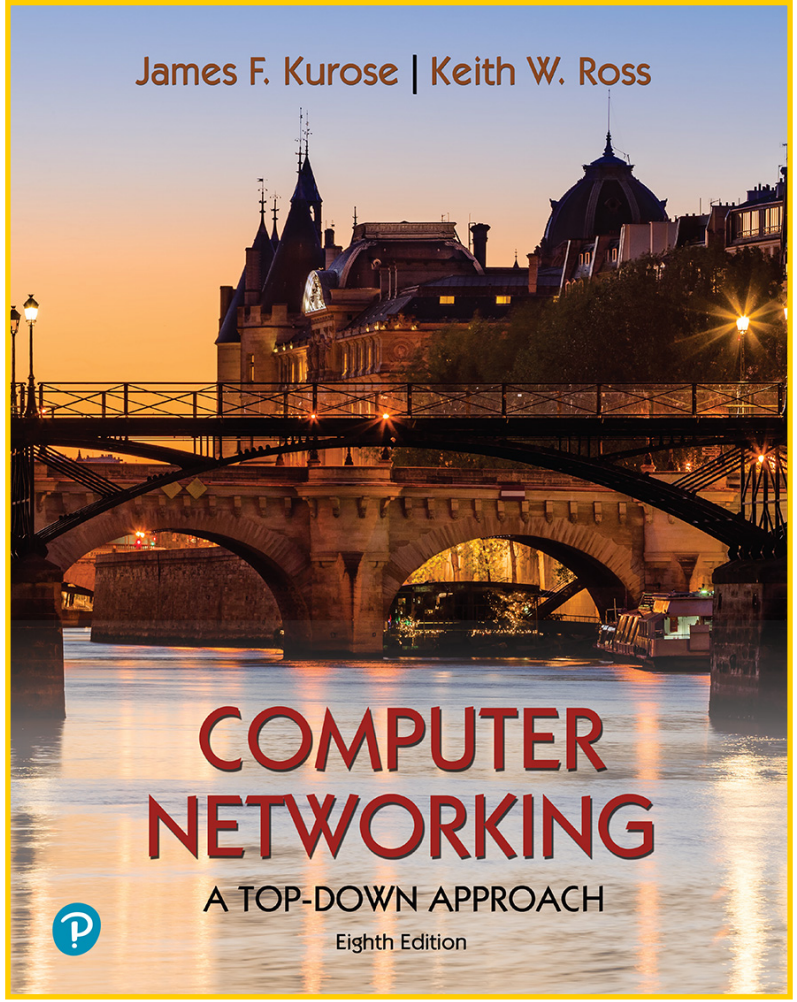
Scale: reducing forwarding table size, routing update traffic

- Inter-AS: the routing algorithm, its data structures and protocol operations have to scale to large number of networks
- Intra-AS: scalability it not a concern. Even if an ISP becomes big, they can employ hierarchical OSPF.

Next lecture

a technical overview of the Internet link layer

- *Link layer services*
- *Network Interface Controller (NIC)*
- *Multiple Access Channels*



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