

Homework 3

1. Network Layer Functions

What are the two most important network-layer functions in a computer network? What is the difference between them?

The two functions are **routing** and **forwarding**. Routing is algorithmically determining what path a potential piece of data should take between networks, while forwarding is the actual process of sending data between nodes in a network.

2. Finding Subnets

Find all subnets in the following network. Write the IP address of those subnets in the subnet notation (i.e. a.b.c.d/x notation)

The addresses (in order) are:

Subnet A has the following addresses:

- 223.1.1.1
- 223.1.1.2
- 223.1.1.3 (Gateway)
- 223.1.1.4

Since this is a class C network (starts with 223), we can just assume the common /24 subnet for the last octet to represent a host address. So the address of subnet A would be 223.1.1.0/24.

Subnet B has the following addresses:

- 223.1.2.1
- 223.1.2.2
- 223.1.2.6 (Gateway)

This seems to also represent a host address, so using the same process, we end up with 223.1.2.0/24 for subnet B.

Subnet C has the following addresses:

- 223.1.3.1
- 223.1.3.2
- 223.1.3.27 (Gateway)

Using the same process, we end up with 223.1.3.0/24 for subnet C.

It's also fair to assume that since each network subnet has two outgoing addresses towards each other in a triangle shape, these are probably point-to-point links, which would require four addresses: two hosts, one network, and one broadcast. This means a /30 subnet for each of these.

As such, for the following addresses:

Network A-C interconnect:

- 223.1.7.0
- 223.1.7.1

Network B-C interconnect:

- 223.1.8.0
- 223.1.8.1

Network A-B interconnect:

- 223.1.9.1
- 223.1.9.2

We can assume the following subnets for these, given the four address assumption given:

- 223.1.7.0/30
- 223.1.8.0/30
- 223.1.9.0/30

3. Dijkstra's Algorithm

Consider the following network. With the indicated link costs, use Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm to compute the shortest path from x to all network nodes. Show how the algorithm works by computing a table similar to what we use in the lecture notes. Also draw the resulting shortest-path tree from x to all nodes and the resulting forwarding table in x .

Node	Distance
x	0
y	6
z	8
v	3
t	7
u	6
w	6

4. Distance Vector Routing

Consider the network in the figure. Distance vector routing is used, and the following vectors have just come in for router C: from B: (5, 0, 8, 3, 6, 2) from D: (6, 7, 6, 0, 9, 10) from E: (7, 6, 3, 2, 0, 4) The cost of the links from C to B, D, and E, are 6, 3, and 5, respectively. What is C's new routing table? Give both the outgoing line to use and the cost.

Let's assume that the routing vector is in order from networks A-F.

$$C \rightarrow B = 6$$

$$C \rightarrow D = 3$$

$$C \rightarrow E = 5$$

Now, let's calculate each cost:

$$C \rightarrow A:$$

- through B : $(C \rightarrow B) + (B \rightarrow A) = 6 + 5 = 11$
- through D : $(C \rightarrow D) + (D \rightarrow A) = 3 + 6 = 9$

- through $E : (C \rightarrow E) + (E \rightarrow A) = 5 + 7 = 12$

$C \rightarrow A = 9$, via D.

$C \rightarrow B$:

- through $B : (C \rightarrow B) + (B \rightarrow B) = 6 + 0 = 6$
- through $D : (C \rightarrow D) + (D \rightarrow B) = 3 + 7 = 10$
- through $E : (C \rightarrow E) + (E \rightarrow B) = 5 + 6 = 11$

$C \rightarrow A = 6$, via B.

$C \rightarrow C = 0$, via the local interface.

$C \rightarrow D$:

- through $B : (C \rightarrow B) + (B \rightarrow D) = 6 + 3 = 9$
- through $D : (C \rightarrow D) + (D \rightarrow D) = 3 + 0 = 3$
- through $E : (C \rightarrow E) + (E \rightarrow D) = 5 + 2 = 7$

$C \rightarrow D = 3$, via D.

$C \rightarrow E$:

- through $B : (C \rightarrow B) + (B \rightarrow E) = 6 + 6 = 12$
- through $D : (C \rightarrow D) + (D \rightarrow E) = 3 + 9 = 12$
- through $E : (C \rightarrow E) + (E \rightarrow E) = 5 + 0 = 5$

$C \rightarrow E = 5$, via E.

$C \rightarrow F$:

- through $B : (C \rightarrow B) + (B \rightarrow F) = 6 + 2 = 8$
- through $D : (C \rightarrow D) + (D \rightarrow F) = 3 + 10 = 13$
- through $E : (C \rightarrow E) + (E \rightarrow F) = 5 + 4 = 9$

$C \rightarrow E = 8$, via B.

This is the routing table for these minimum distances:

Destination	Outgoing Node	Cost
C	n/a	0
A	D	9
B	B	6
D	D	3
E	E	5
F	B	8