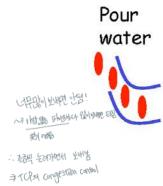
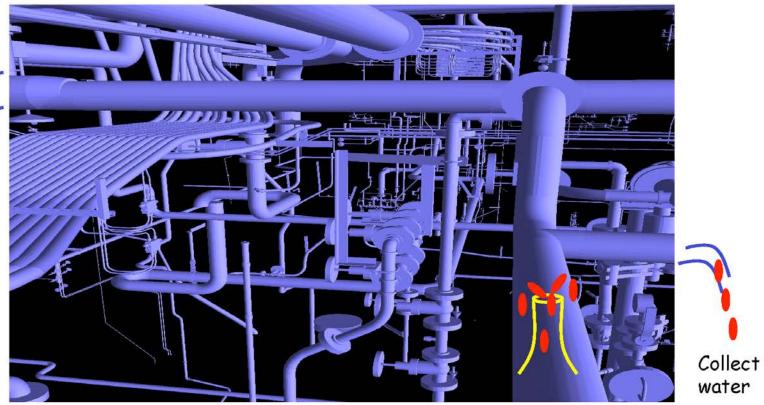
### Chapter 3 outline

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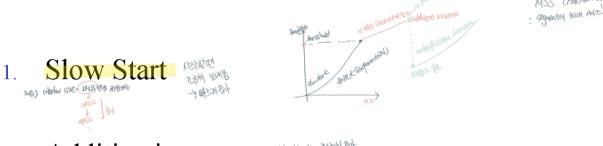
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# TCP Congestion Control

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### **TCP Congestion Control**

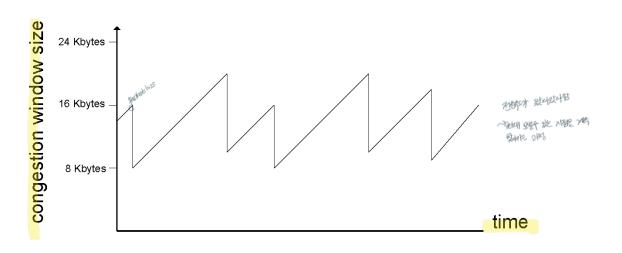
- □ 3 main phases
  - 1. Slow Start: Do not know bottleneck bandwidth
    So start from zero and quickly ramp up
  - 2. Additive increase: Hey, we are getting close to capacity

    Let's be conservative and increase slow
  - 3. Multiplicative decrease: Oops! Packet drop
    Start over from slow start (from scratch)
    Hmm! many ACKs coming, start midway

#### TCP congestion control: additive increase, multiplicative decrease

- □ *Approach*: increase transmission rate (window size), probing for usable bandwidth, until loss occurs
  - o additive increase: increase CongWin by 1 MSS every RTT until loss detected
  - o multiplicative decrease: cut CongWin in half after loss

Saw tooth behavior: probing for bandwidth



#### TCP Congestion Control: details

sender limits transmission:

LastByteSent-LastByteAcked

≤ CongWin

□ Roughly,

■ CongWin is dynamic, function of perceived network congestion

# How does sender perceive congestion?

- □ loss event = timeout *or* 3 duplicate acks
- ☐ TCP sender reduces rate (CongWin) after loss event

#### three mechanisms:

- AIMD
- slow start
- conservative after timeout events

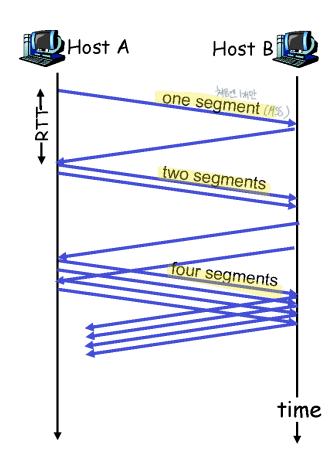
#### TCP Slow Start

- When connection begins, CongWin = 1 MSS
  - O Example: MSS = 500 bytes & RTT = 200 msec
  - $\circ$  initial rate = 20 kbps
- available bandwidth may be
  - >> MSS/RTT
  - desirable to quickly ramp up to respectable rate

■ When connection begins, increase rate exponentially fast until first loss event

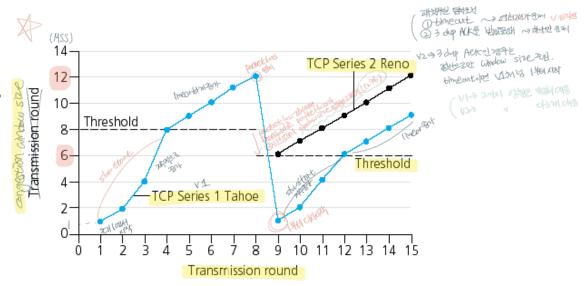
#### TCP Slow Start (more)

- When connection begins, increase rate exponentially until first loss event:
  - double CongWin every RTT
  - done by incrementing
     CongWin for every ACK
     received
- □ Summary: initial rate is slow but ramps up exponentially fast



#### Refinement

- Q: When should the exponential increase switch to linear?
- A: When **CongWin** gets to 1/2 of its value before timeout.



#### **Implementation:**

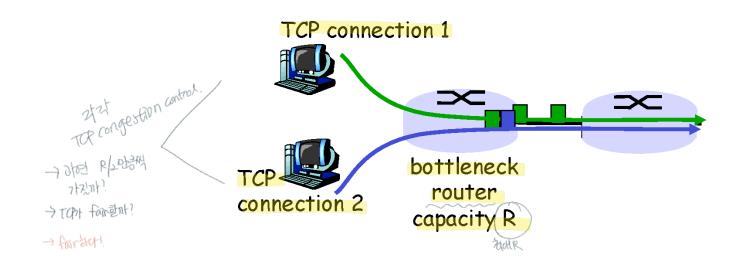
- Variable Threshold
- □ At loss event, Threshold is set to 1/2 of CongWin just before loss event

#### **Summary: TCP Congestion Control**

- When CongWin is below Threshold, sender in slow-start phase, window grows exponentially.
- When CongWin is above Threshold, sender is in congestion-avoidance phase, window grows linearly.
- □ When a triple duplicate ACK occurs, Threshold set to CongWin/2 and CongWin set to Threshold.
- When timeout occurs, Threshold set to CongWin/2 and CongWin is set to 1 MSS.

#### TCP Fairness

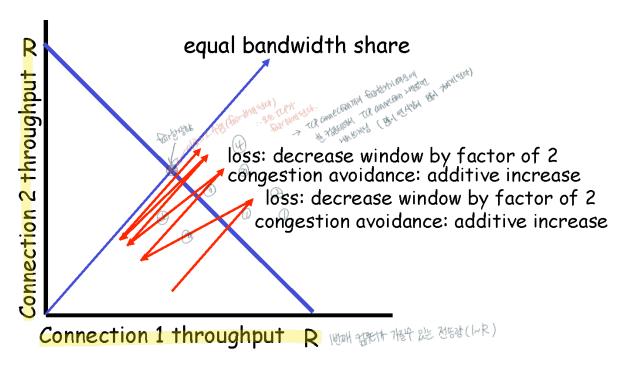
Fairness goal: if K TCP sessions share same bottleneck link of bandwidth R, each should have average rate of R/K



### Why is TCP fair?

#### Two competing sessions:

- □ Additive increase gives slope of 1, as throughout increases
- multiplicative decrease decreases throughput proportionally



### Chapter 3: Summary

- principles behind transport layer services:
  - multiplexing, demultiplexing
  - o reliable data transfer
  - o flow control
  - congestion control
- instantiation and implementation in the Internet
  - o UDP
  - **O** TCP

#### Next:

- □ leaving the network "edge" (application, transport layers)
- □ into the network "core"