

Chapter 5

Network Layer: Control Plane

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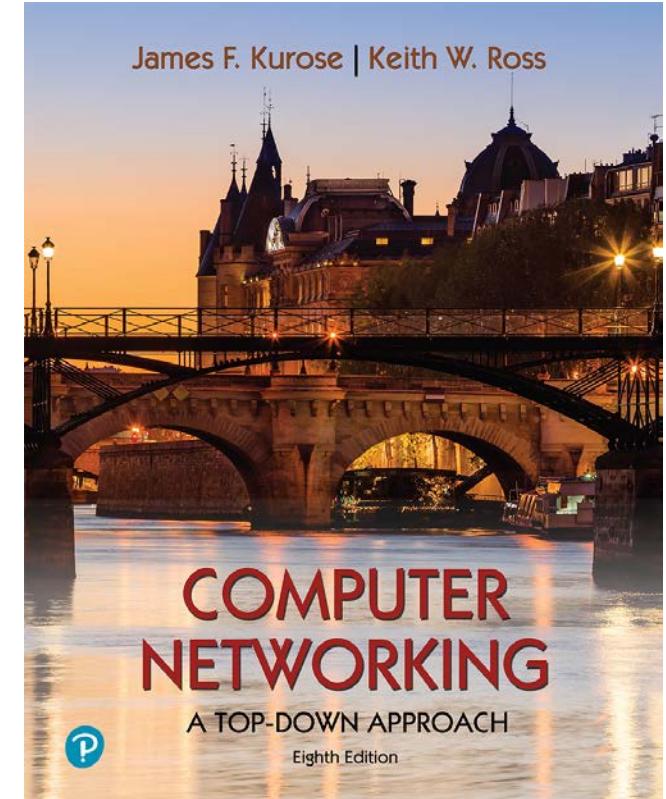
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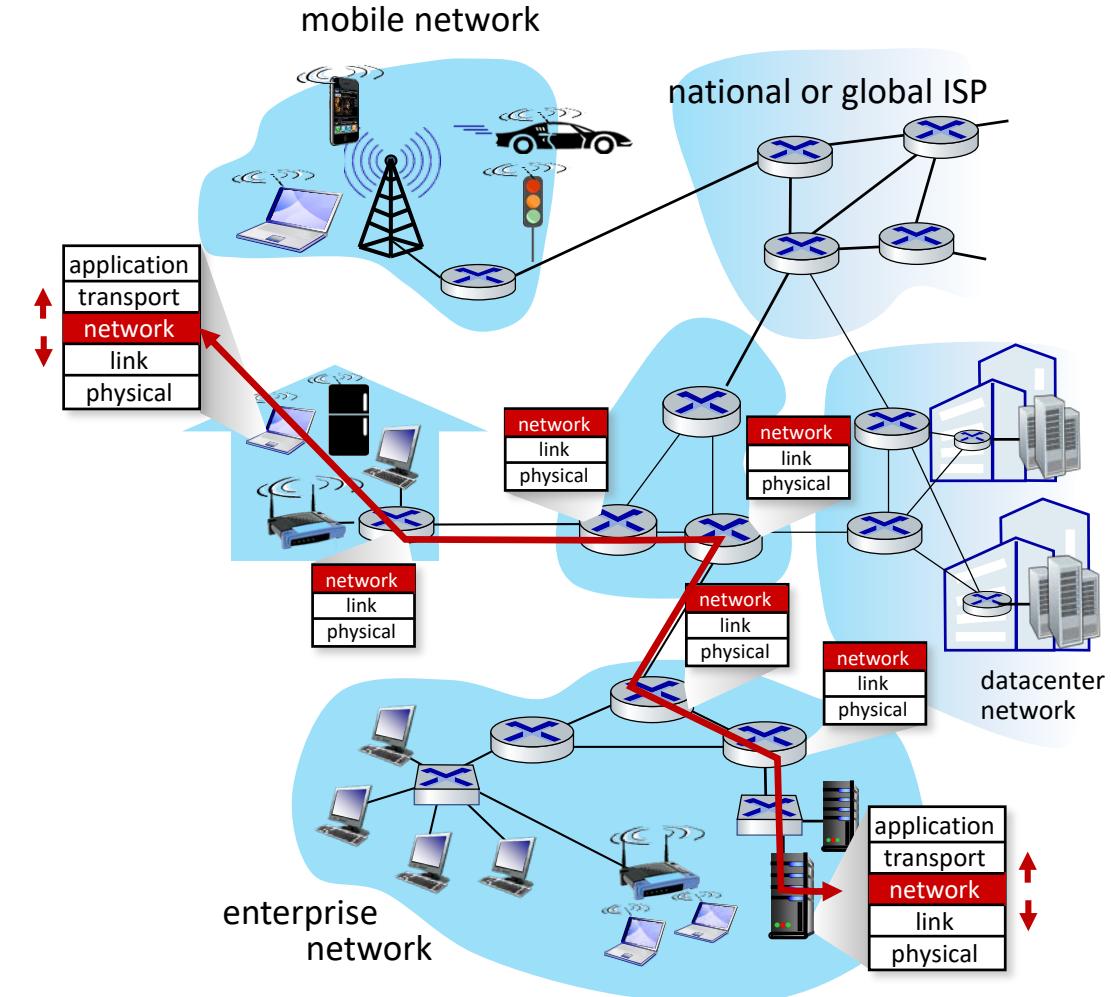
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Network-layer services and protocols

- transport segment from sending to receiving host
 - **sender**: encapsulates segments into datagrams, passes to link layer
 - **receiver**: delivers segments to transport layer protocol
- network layer protocols in *every Internet device*: hosts, routers
- **routers**:
 - examines header fields in all IP datagrams passing through it
 - moves datagrams from input ports to output ports to transfer datagrams along end-end path



Two key network-layer functions

network-layer functions:

- *forwarding*: move packets from a router's input link to appropriate router output link
- *routing*: determine route taken by packets from source to destination
 - *routing algorithms*

analogy: taking a trip

- *forwarding*: process of getting through single interchange
- *routing*: process of planning trip from source to destination



forwarding

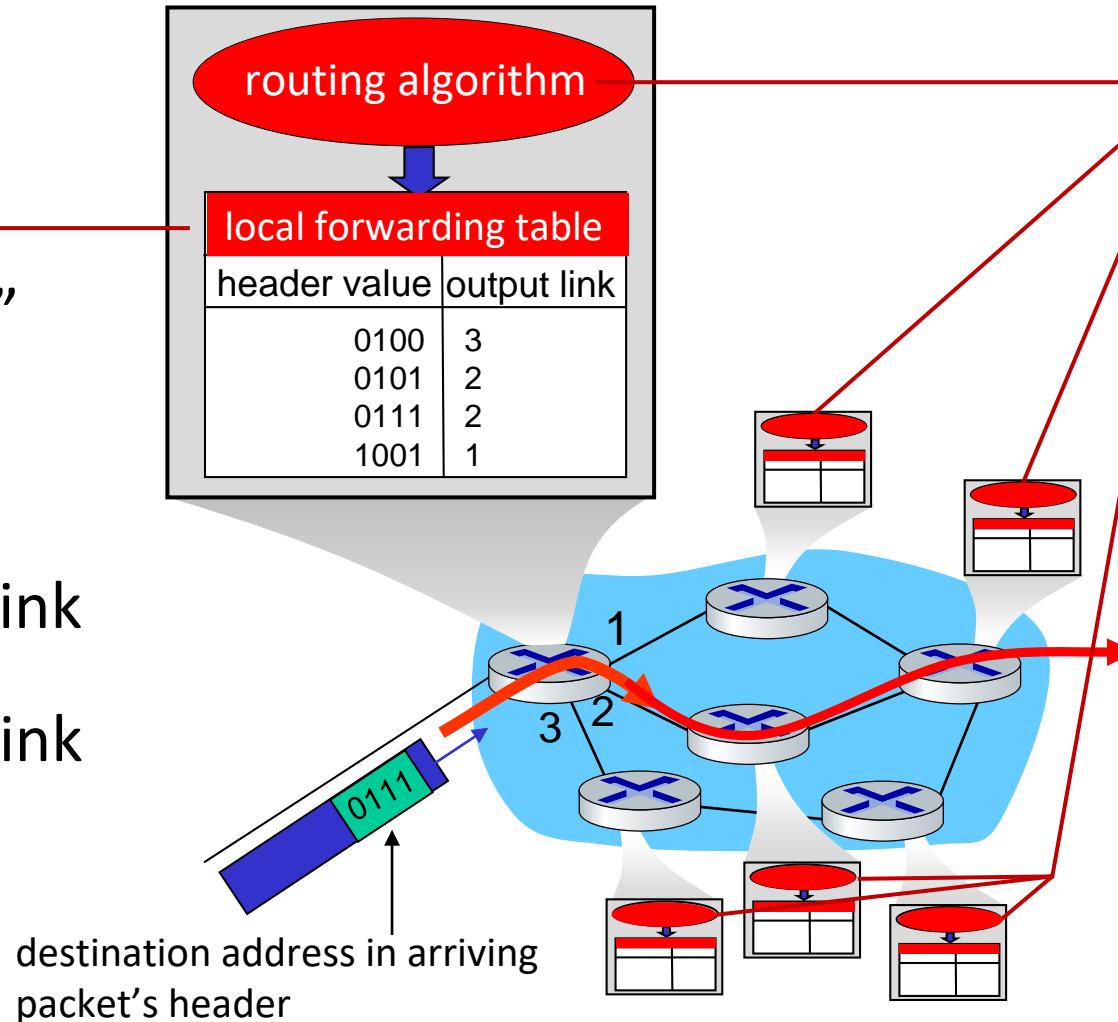


routing

Two key network-core functions

Forwarding:

- aka “switching”
- *local* action:
move arriving
packets from
router’s input link
to appropriate
router output link



Routing:

- *global* action:
determine source-
destination paths
taken by packets
- routing algorithms

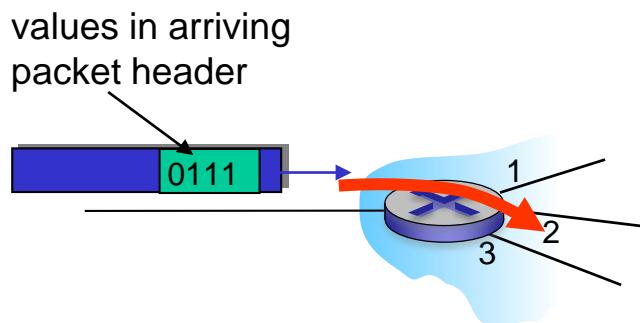
Network layer: data plane, control plane

Data plane:

- *local*, per-router function
- determines how datagram arriving on router input port is forwarded to router output port

Control plane

- *network-wide* logic
- determines how datagram is routed among routers along end-end path from source host to destination host



Network-layer functions

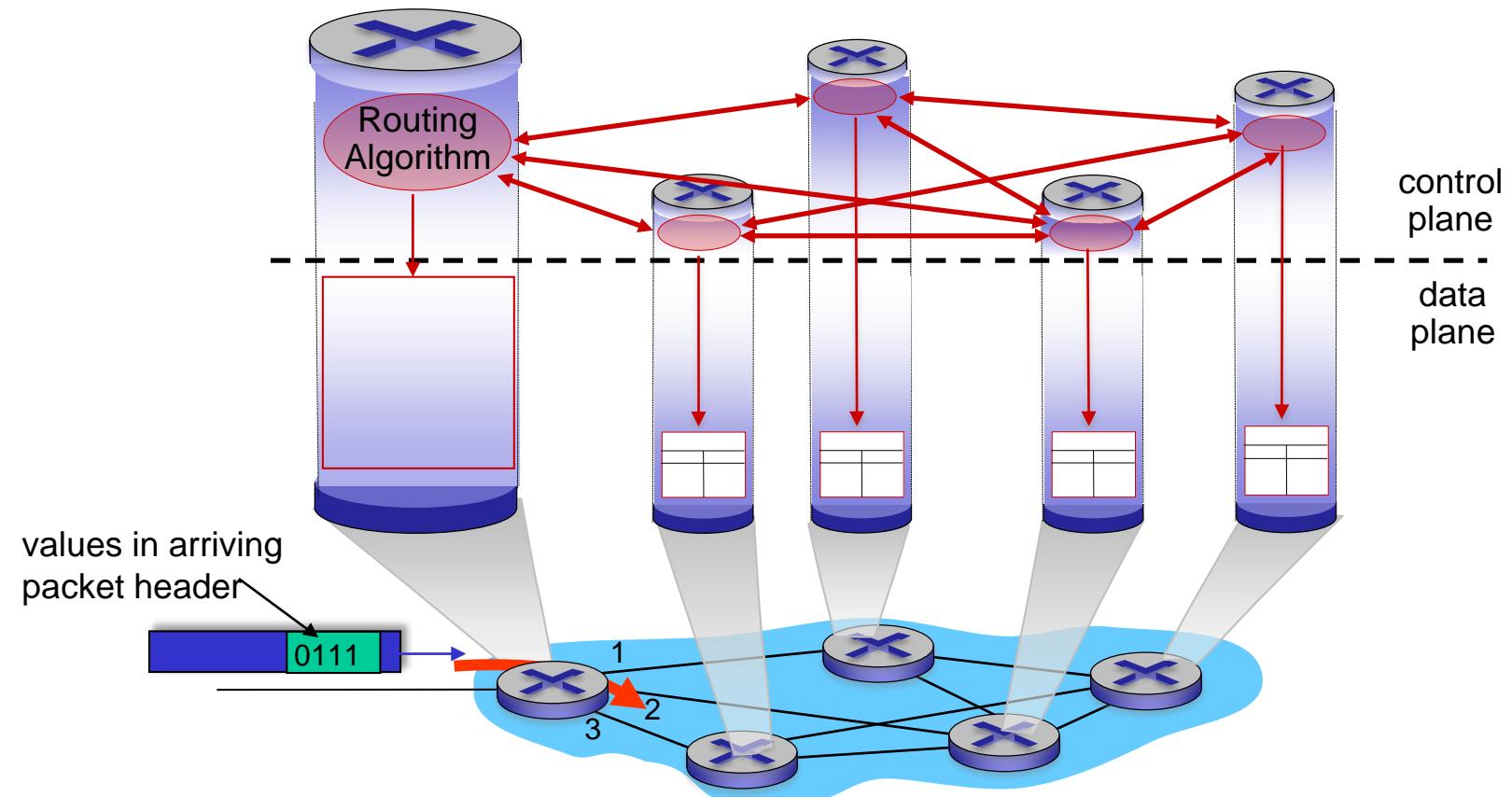
- **forwarding:** move packets from router's input to appropriate router output
- **routing:** determine route taken by packets from source to destination
- two control-plane approaches:
 - *traditional routing algorithms:* implemented in routers
 - *software-defined networking (SDN):* implemented in (remote) servers

data plane

control plane

Per-router control plane

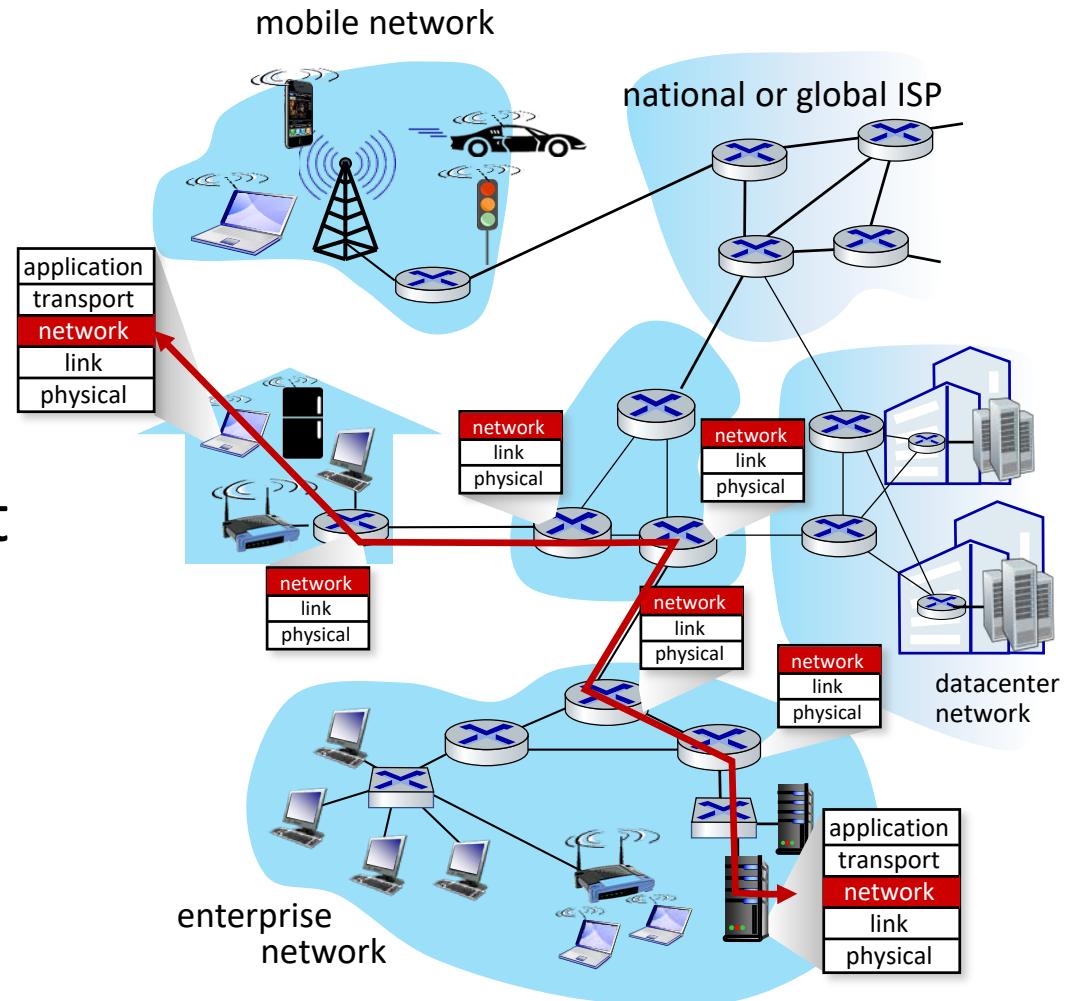
Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact in the control plane



Routing protocols

Routing protocol goal: determine “good” paths (equivalently, routes), from sending hosts to receiving host, through network of routers

- **path:** sequence of routers packets traverse from given initial source host to final destination host
- **“good”:** least “cost”, “fastest”, “least congested”
- **routing:** a “top-10” networking challenge!



Network-layer service model

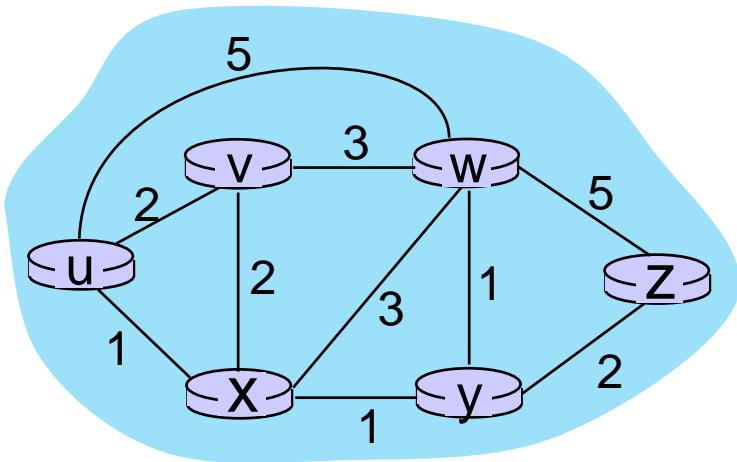
Network Architecture	Service Model	Quality of Service (QoS) Guarantees ?			
		Bandwidth	Loss	Order	Timing
Internet	best effort	none	no	no	no

Internet “best effort” service model

No guarantees on:

- i. successful datagram delivery to destination
- ii. timing or order of delivery
- iii. bandwidth available to end-end flow

Graph abstraction: link costs



graph: $G = (N, E)$

N : set of routers = { u, v, w, x, y, z }

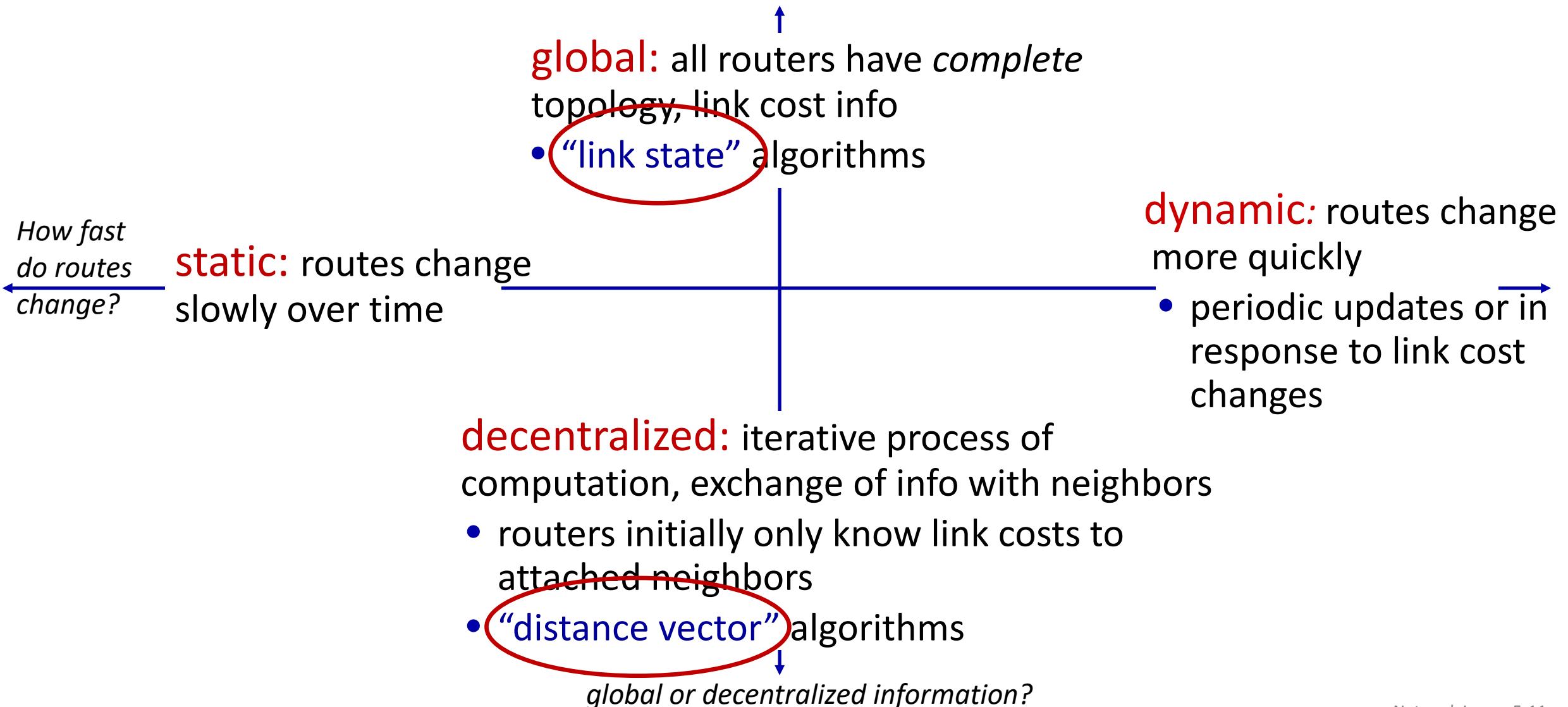
E : set of links = { $(u, v), (u, x), (v, x), (v, w), (x, w), (x, y), (w, y), (w, z), (y, z)$ }

$c_{a,b}$: cost of *direct* link connecting a and b

e.g., $c_{w,z} = 5, c_{u,z} = \infty$

cost defined by network operator:
could always be 1, or inversely related
to bandwidth, or inversely related to
congestion

Routing algorithm classification



Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

- **centralized:** network topology, link costs known to *all* nodes
 - accomplished via “link state broadcast”
 - all nodes have same info
- computes least cost paths from one node (“source”) to all other nodes
 - gives *forwarding table* for that node
- **iterative:** after k iterations, know least cost path to k destinations

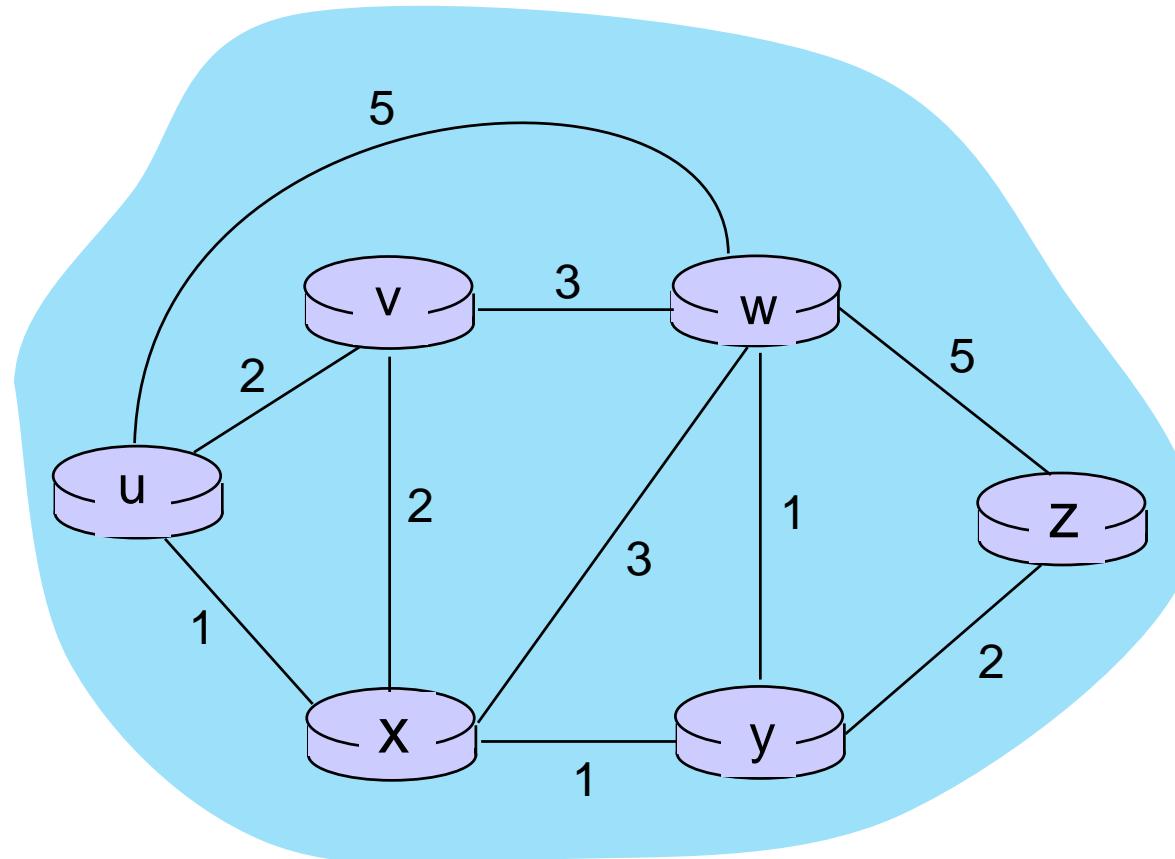
notation

- $c_{x,y}$: direct link cost from node x to y ; $= \infty$ if not direct neighbors
- $D(v)$: *current* estimate of cost of least-cost-path from source to destination v
- $p(v)$: predecessor node along path from source to v
- N' : set of nodes whose least-cost-path *definitively* known

Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

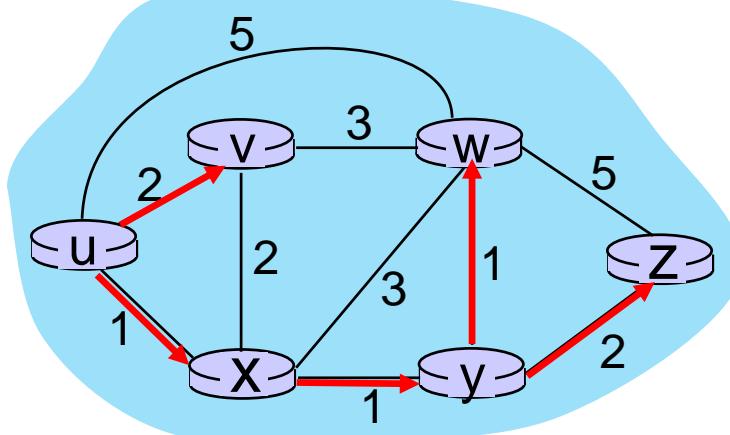
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1 Initialization:
2    $N' = \{u\}$                                 /* compute least cost path from u to all other nodes */
3   for all nodes  $v$ 
4     if  $v$  adjacent to  $u$                       /*  $u$  initially knows direct-path-cost only to direct neighbors */
5       then  $D(v) = c_{u,v}$                       /* but may not be minimum cost!
6     else  $D(v) = \infty$ 
7
8 Loop
9   find  $w$  not in  $N'$  such that  $D(w)$  is a minimum
10  add  $w$  to  $N'$ 
11  update  $D(v)$  for all  $v$  adjacent to  $w$  and not in  $N'$  :
12     $D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c_{w,v})$ 
13  /* new least-path-cost to  $v$  is either old least-cost-path to  $v$  or known
14  least-cost-path to  $w$  plus direct-cost from  $w$  to  $v$  */
15 until all nodes in  $N'$ 
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Routing Algorithm: An Example



Dijkstra's algorithm: an example

Step	N'	$D(v), p(v)$	$D(w), p(w)$	$D(x), p(x)$	$D(y), p(y)$	$D(z), p(z)$
0	u	2, u	5, u	1, u	∞	∞
1	u, x	2, u	4, x	2, x	∞	∞
2	u, x, y	2, u	3, y	∞	4, y	∞
3	u, x, y, v	∞	3, y	∞	4, y	∞
4	u, x, y, v, w	∞	∞	∞	4, y	∞
5	u, x, y, v, w, z	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞

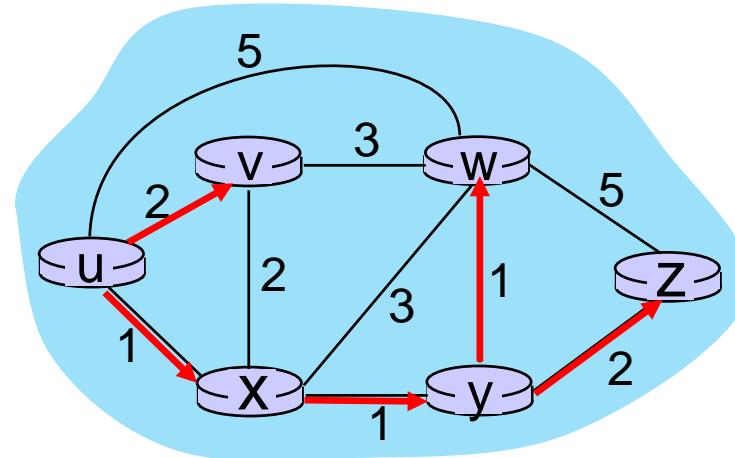


Initialization (step 0): For all a : if a adjacent to u then $D(a) = c_{u,a}$

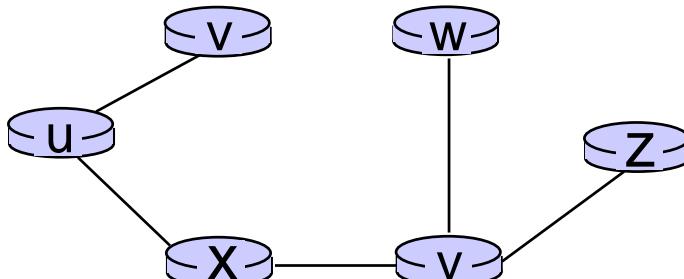
find a not in N' such that $D(a)$ is a minimum
 add a to N'
 update $D(b)$ for all b adjacent to a and not in N' :

$$D(b) = \min(D(b), D(a) + c_{a,b})$$

Dijkstra's algorithm: an example



resulting least-cost-path tree from u:



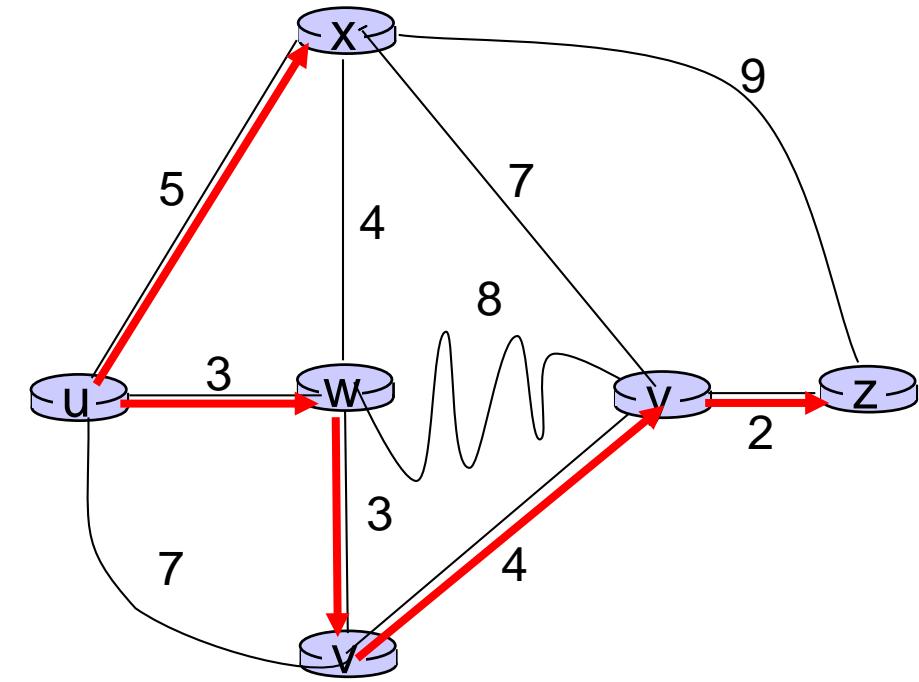
resulting forwarding table in u:

destination	outgoing link
v	(u,v)
x	(u,x)
y	(u,x)
w	(u,x)
x	(u,x)

route from u to v directly
route from u to all other destinations via x

■ Dijkstra's algorithm: another example

Step	N'	v	w	x	y	z
0	u	$D(v), p(v)$	$D(w), p(w)$	$D(x), p(x)$	$D(y), p(y)$	$D(z), p(z)$
1	uw	$7, u$	$3, u$	$5, u$	∞	∞
2	uwx	$6, w$	$5, u$	$11, w$	∞	
3	$uwxv$			$11, w$	$14, x$	
4	$uwxvy$			$10, v$	$14, x$	
5	$uwxvzy$				$12, y$	



notes:

- construct least-cost-path tree by tracing predecessor nodes
- ties can exist (can be broken arbitrarily)

Distance vector algorithm

Based on *Bellman-Ford* (BF) equation (dynamic programming):

Bellman-Ford equation

Let $D_x(y)$: cost of least-cost path from x to y .

Then:

$$D_x(y) = \min_v \{ c_{x,v} + D_v(y) \}$$

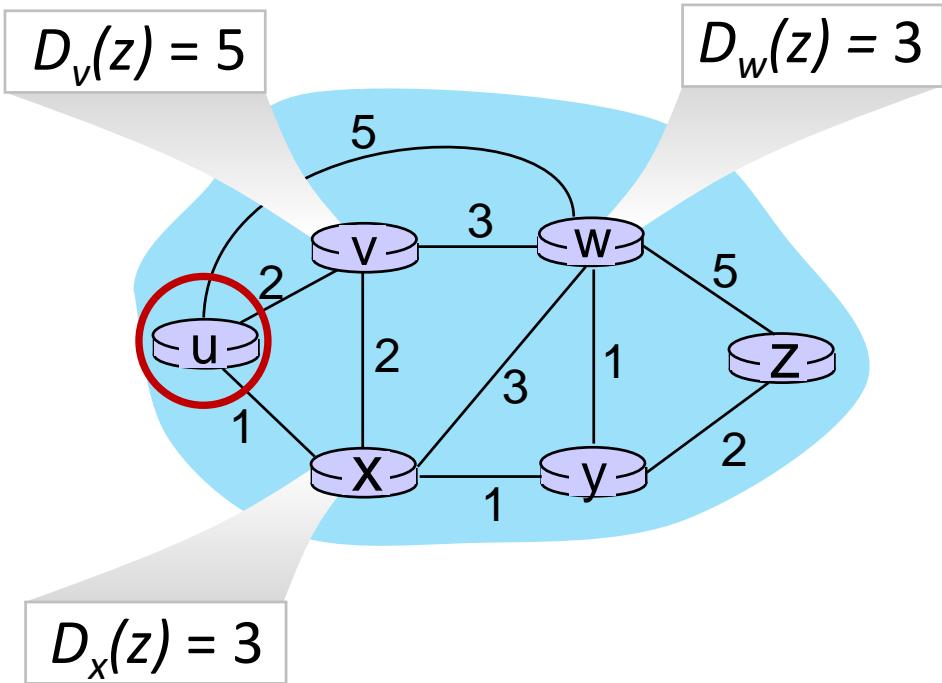
\min taken over all neighbors v of x

v 's estimated least-cost-path cost to y

direct cost of link from x to v

Bellman-Ford Example

Suppose that u 's neighboring nodes, x, v, w , know that for destination z :



Bellman-Ford equation says:

$$\begin{aligned} D_u(z) &= \min \{ c_{u,v} + D_v(z), \\ &\quad c_{u,x} + D_x(z), \\ &\quad c_{u,w} + D_w(z) \} \\ &= \min \{ 2 + 5, \\ &\quad 1 + 3, \\ &\quad 5 + 3 \} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

node achieving minimum (x) is next hop on estimated least-cost path to destination (z)

Distance vector algorithm

key idea:

- from time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- when x receives new DV estimate from any neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_v \{c_{x,v} + D_v(y)\} \text{ for each node } y \in N$$

- under minor, natural conditions, the estimate $D_x(y)$ converge to the actual least cost $d_x(y)$

Distance vector algorithm:

each node:

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- ```
graph TD; A[wait for (change in local link cost or msg from neighbor)] --> B[recompute DV estimates using DV received from neighbor]; B --> C;if DV to any destination has changed, notify neighbors
```



**iterative, asynchronous:** each local iteration caused by:

- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

**distributed, self-stopping:** each node notifies neighbors *only* when its DV changes

- neighbors then notify their neighbors – *only if necessary*
- no notification received, no actions taken!

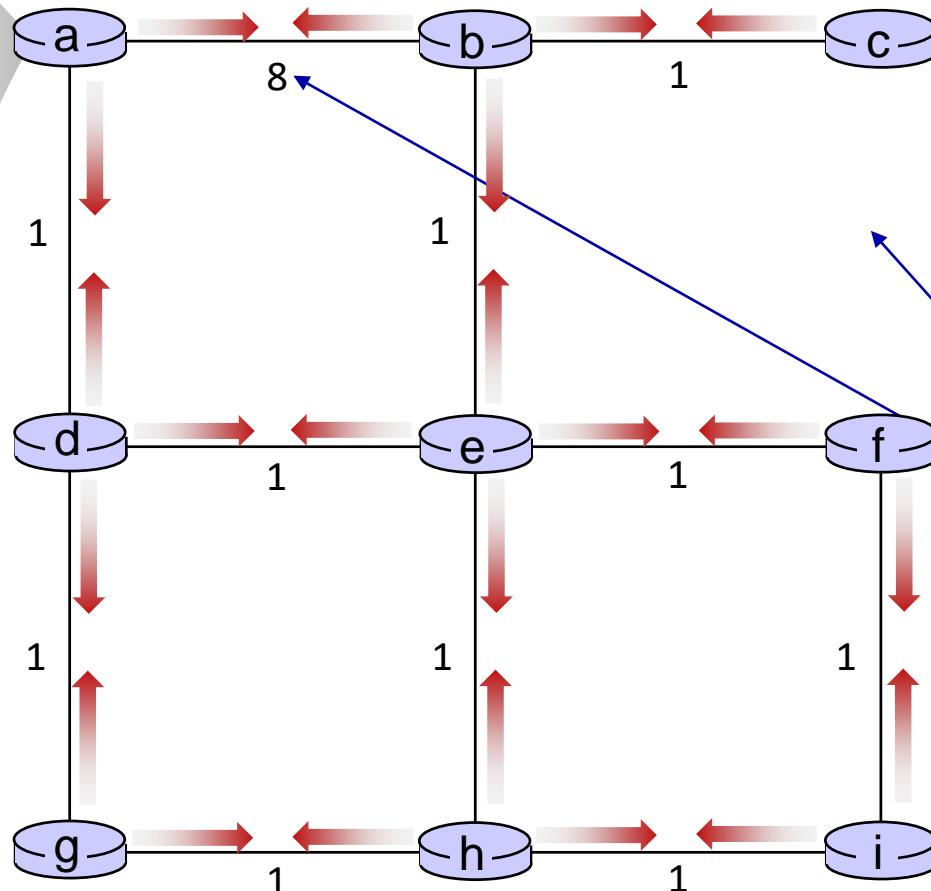
# Distance vector: example



$t=0$

- All nodes have distance estimates to nearest neighbors (only)
- All nodes send their local distance vector to their neighbors

| DV in a:          |
|-------------------|
| $D_a(a)=0$        |
| $D_a(b) = 8$      |
| $D_a(c) = \infty$ |
| $D_a(d) = 1$      |
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A few asymmetries:  
▪ missing link  
▪ larger cost

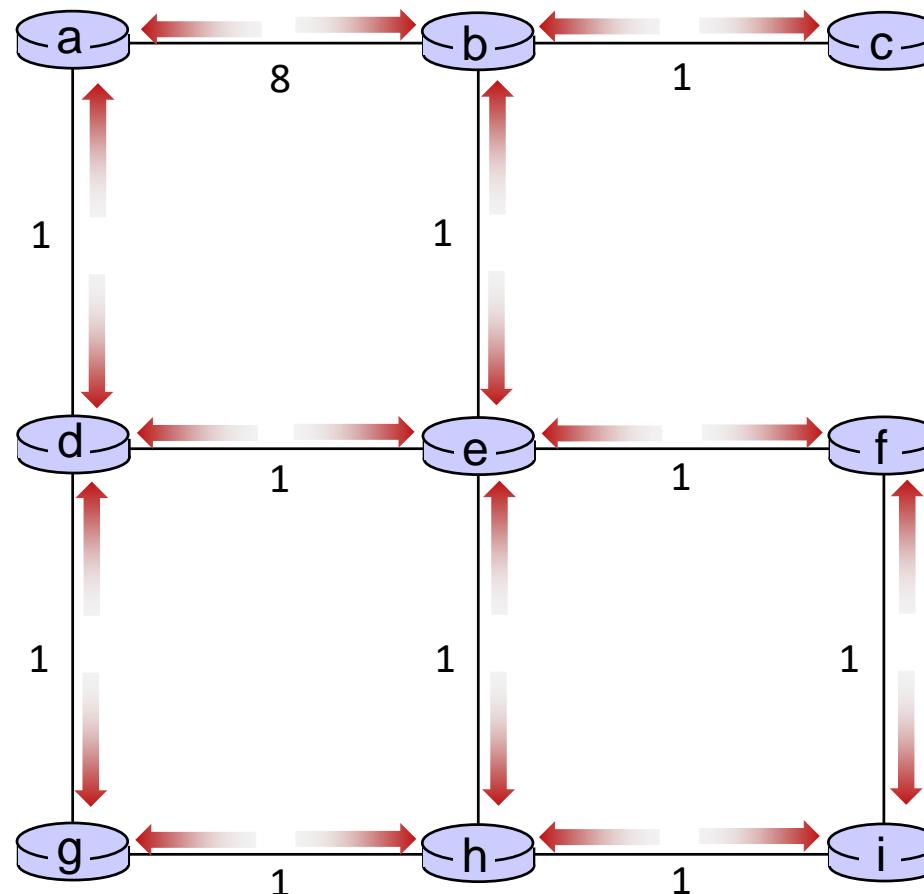
# Distance vector example: iteration



$t=1$

All nodes:

- receive distance vectors from neighbors
- compute their new local distance vector
- send their new local distance vector to neighbors



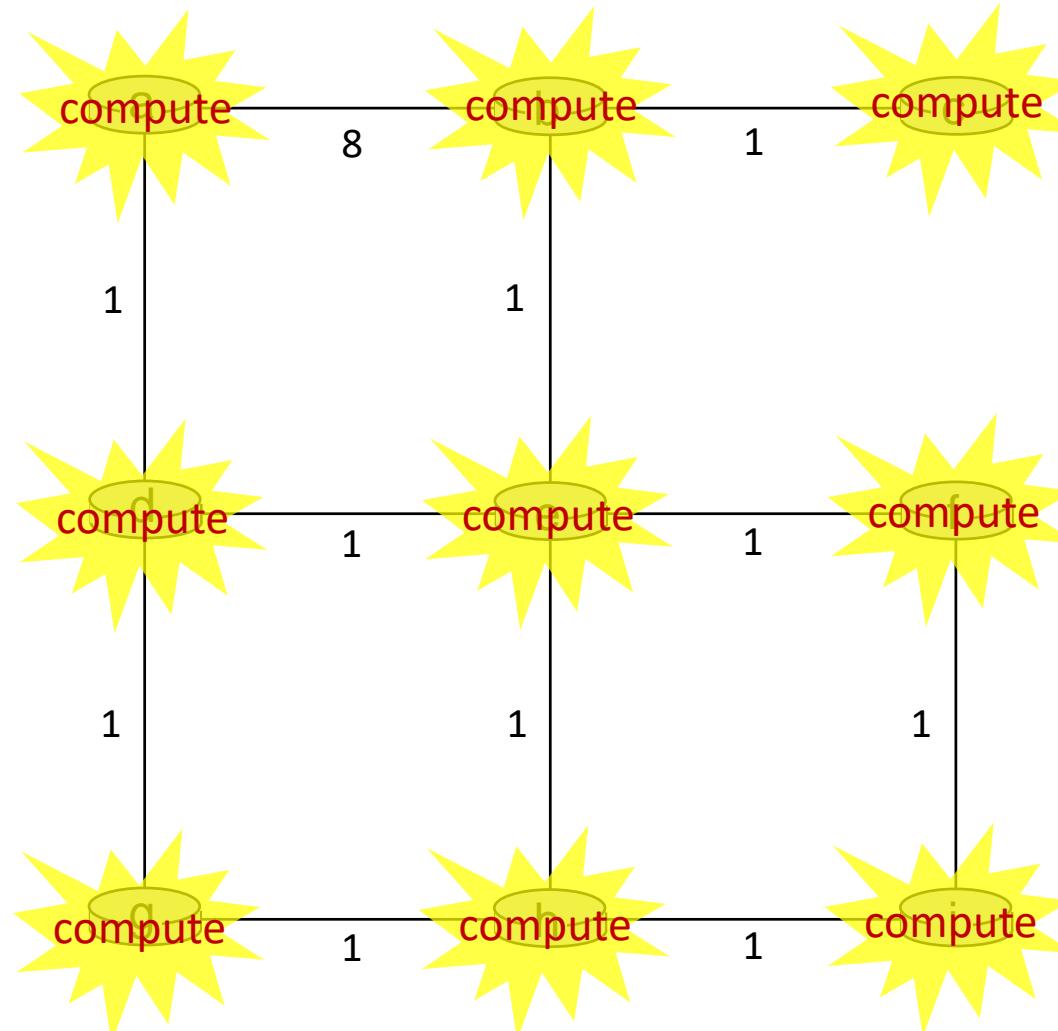
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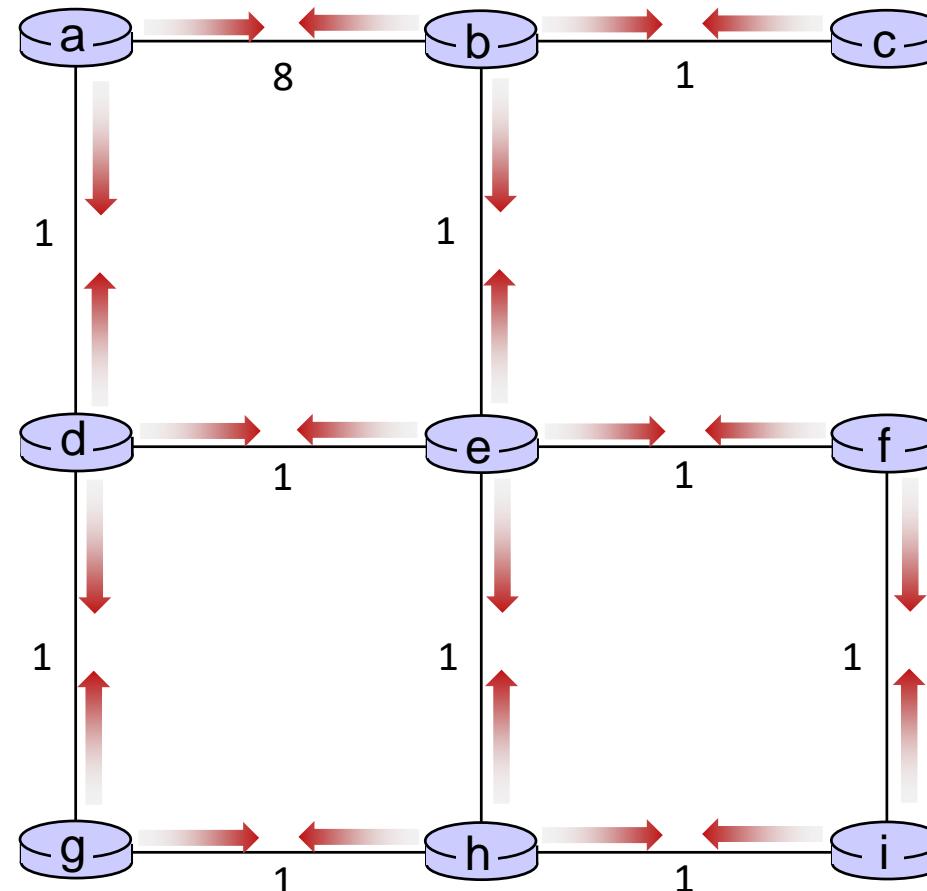
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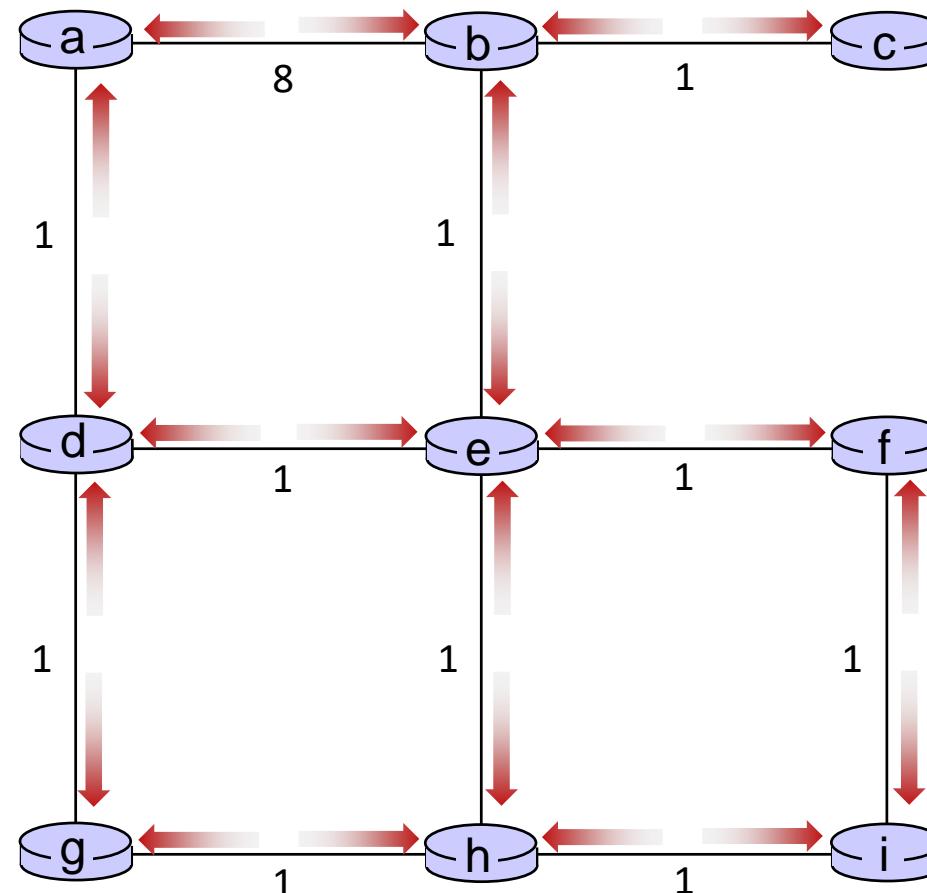
# Distance vector example: iteration



$t=2$

All nodes:

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- compute their new local distance vector
- send their new local distance vector to neighbors



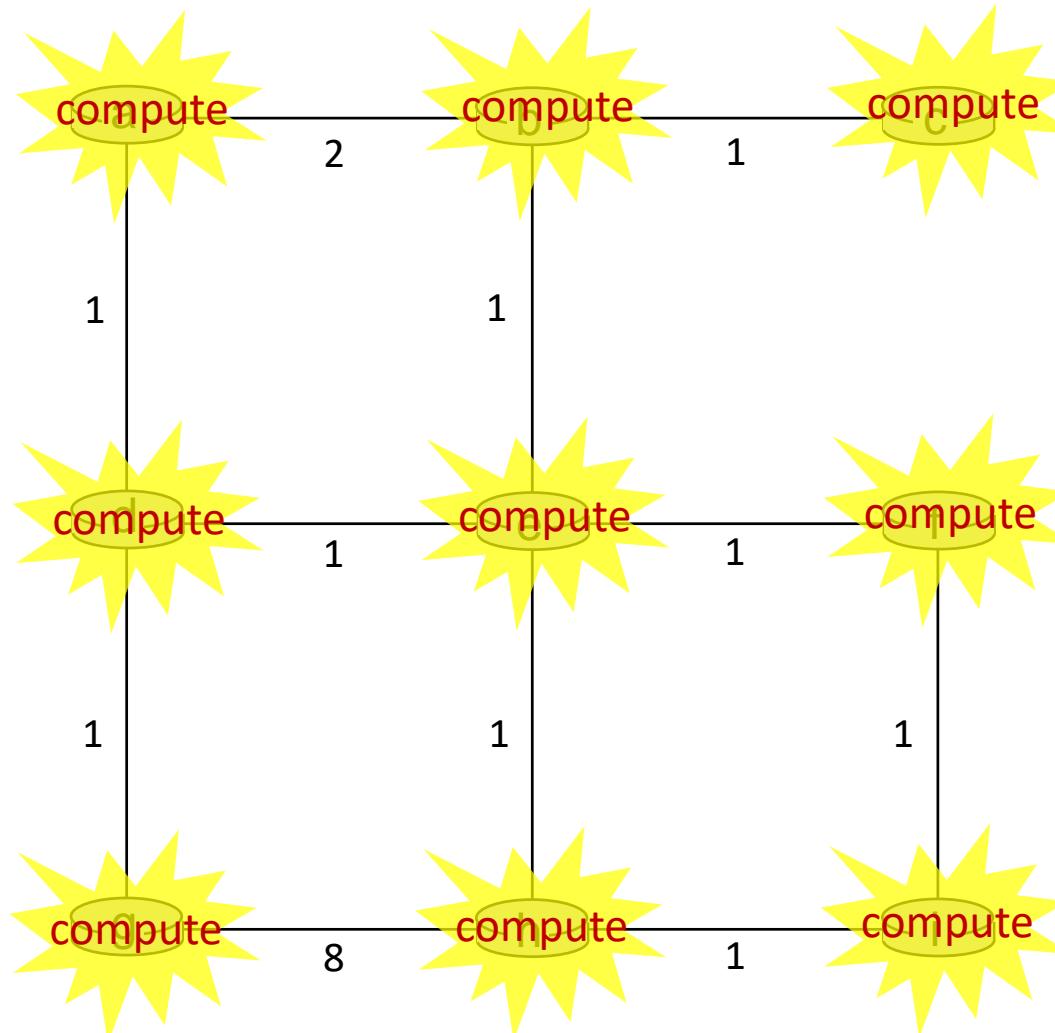
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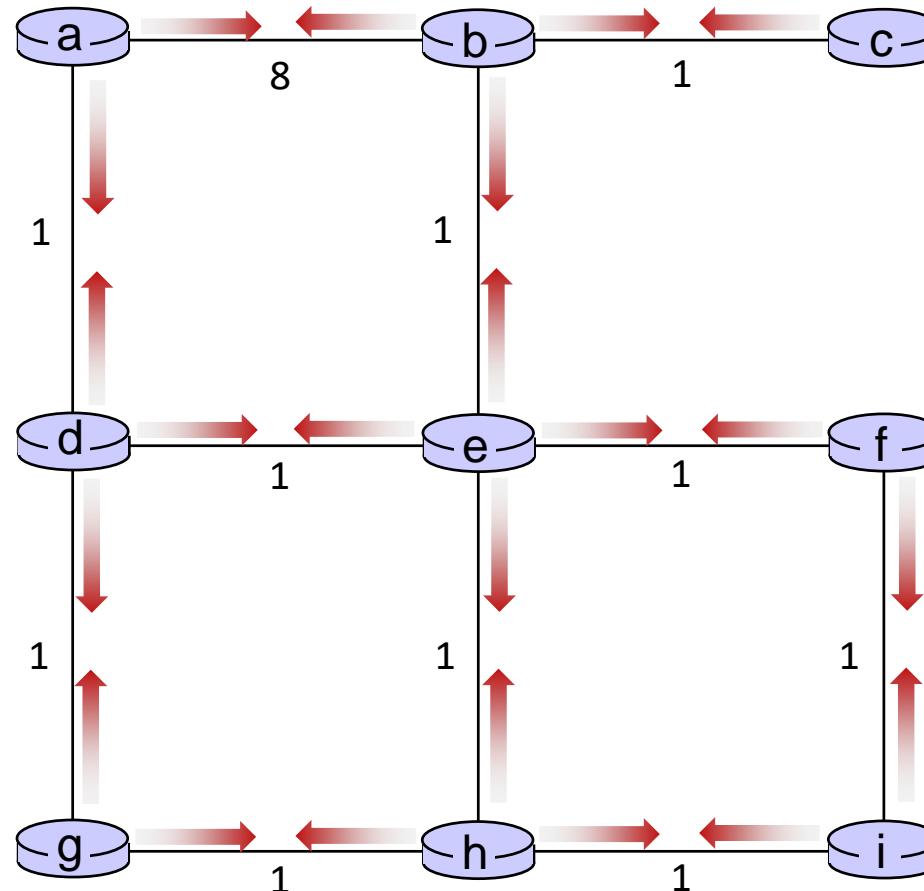
# Distance vector example: iteration



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# Distance vector example: iteration

.... and so on

Let's next take a look at the iterative *computations* at nodes

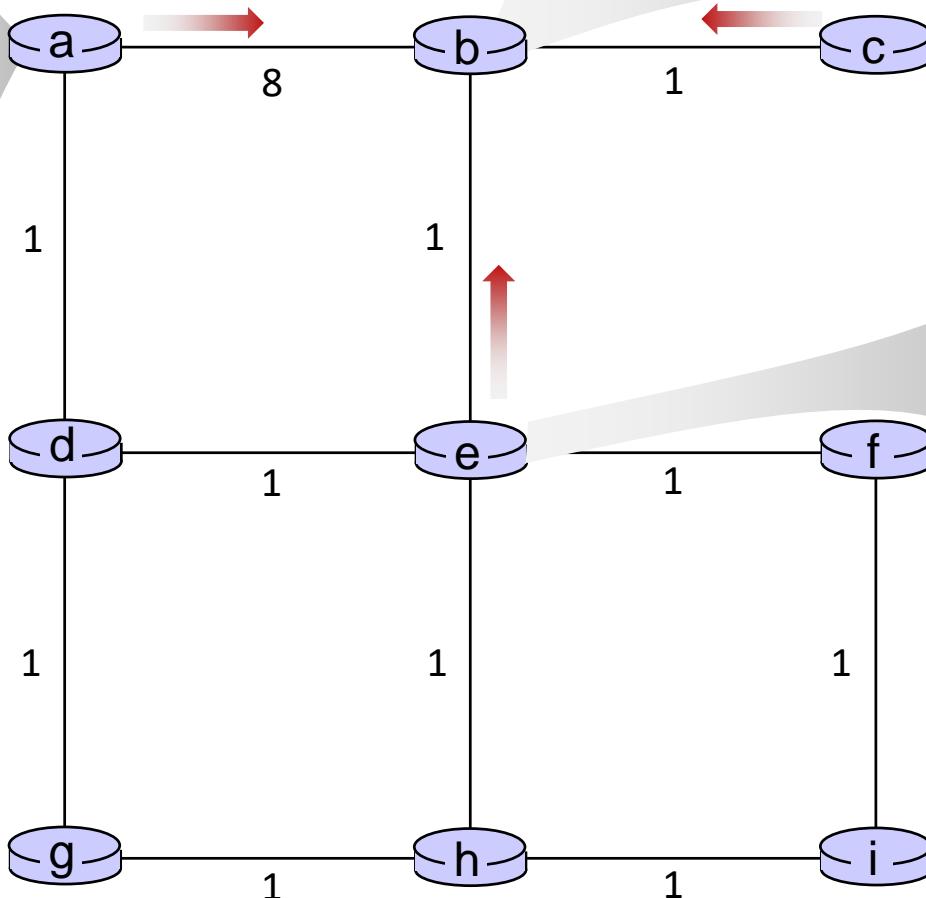
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**t=1**

- b receives DVs from a, c, e

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| DV in b:          |                   |
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| DV in c:          |
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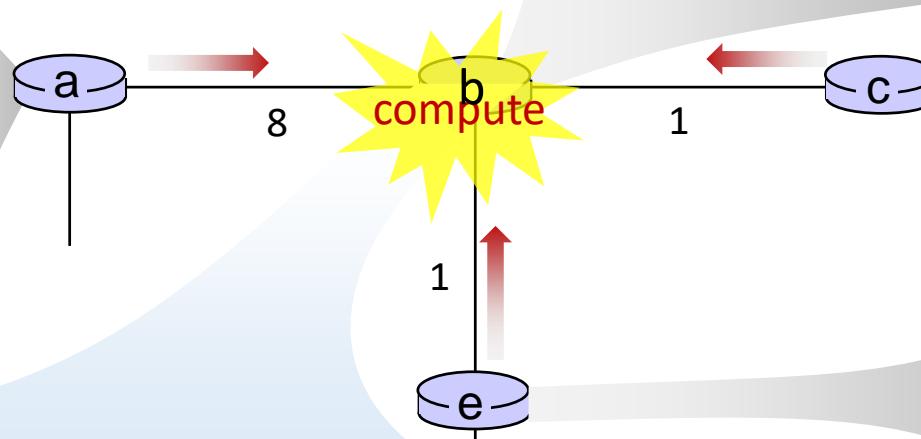


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 D_b(c) &= \min\{c_{b,a}+D_a(c), c_{b,c}+D_c(c), c_{b,e}+D_e(c)\} = \min\{\infty, 1, \infty\} = 1 \\
 D_b(d) &= \min\{c_{b,a}+D_a(d), c_{b,c}+D_c(d), c_{b,e}+D_e(d)\} = \min\{9, 2, \infty\} = 2 \\
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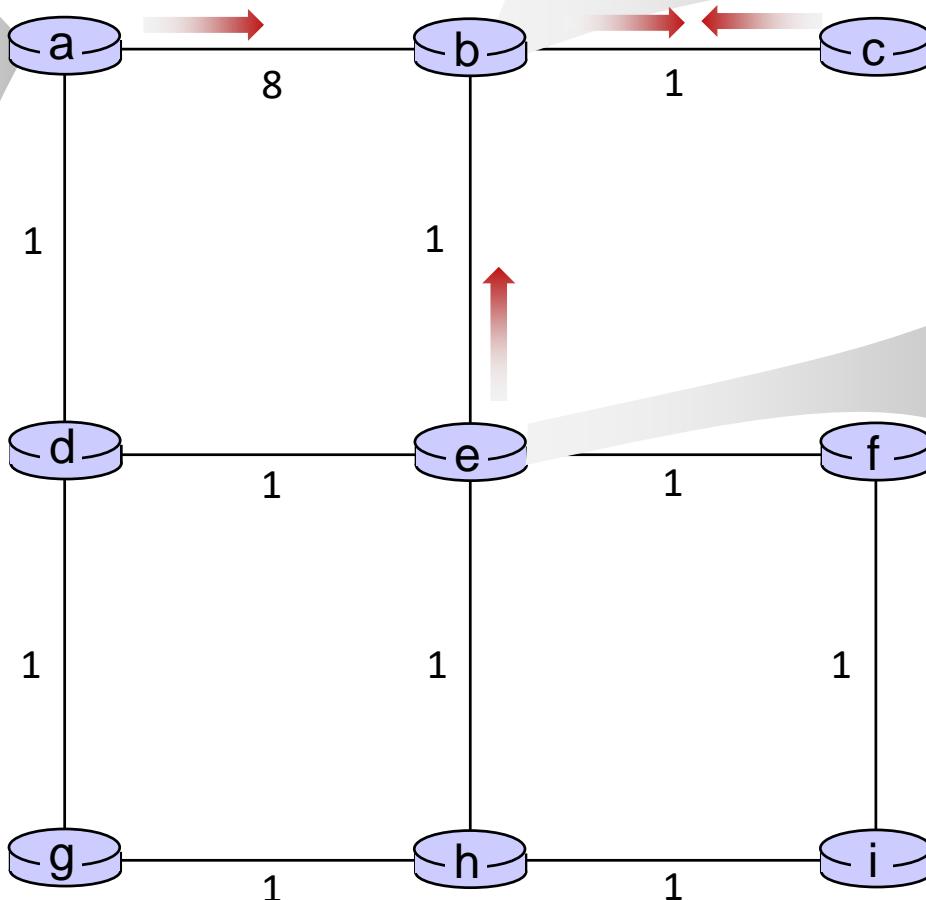
# Distance vector example: t=1



**t=1**

- c receives DVs from b

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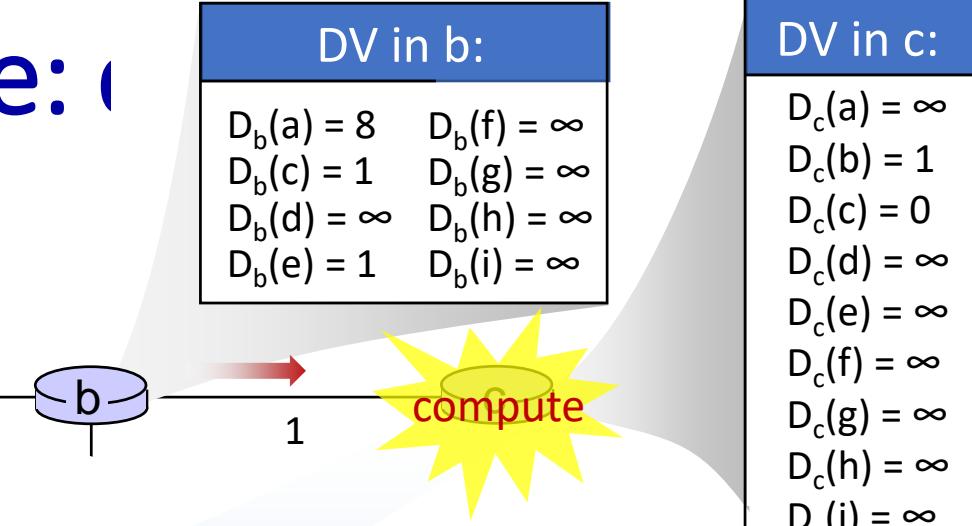
# Distance vector example: (t=1)



t=1

- c receives DVs from b computes:

$$\begin{aligned}D_c(a) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(a)\} = 1 + 8 = 9 \\D_c(b) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(b)\} = 1 + 0 = 1 \\D_c(d) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(d)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\D_c(e) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(e)\} = 1 + 1 = 2 \\D_c(f) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(f)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\D_c(g) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(g)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\D_c(h) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(h)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\D_c(i) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(i)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty\end{aligned}$$



DV in c:

|                   |
|-------------------|
| $D_c(a) = 9$      |
| $D_c(b) = 1$      |
| $D_c(c) = 0$      |
| $D_c(d) = 2$      |
| $D_c(e) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(f) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(g) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(h) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(i) = \infty$ |

\* Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples:  
[http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\\_ross/interactive/](http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive/)

# Distance vector example: t=1

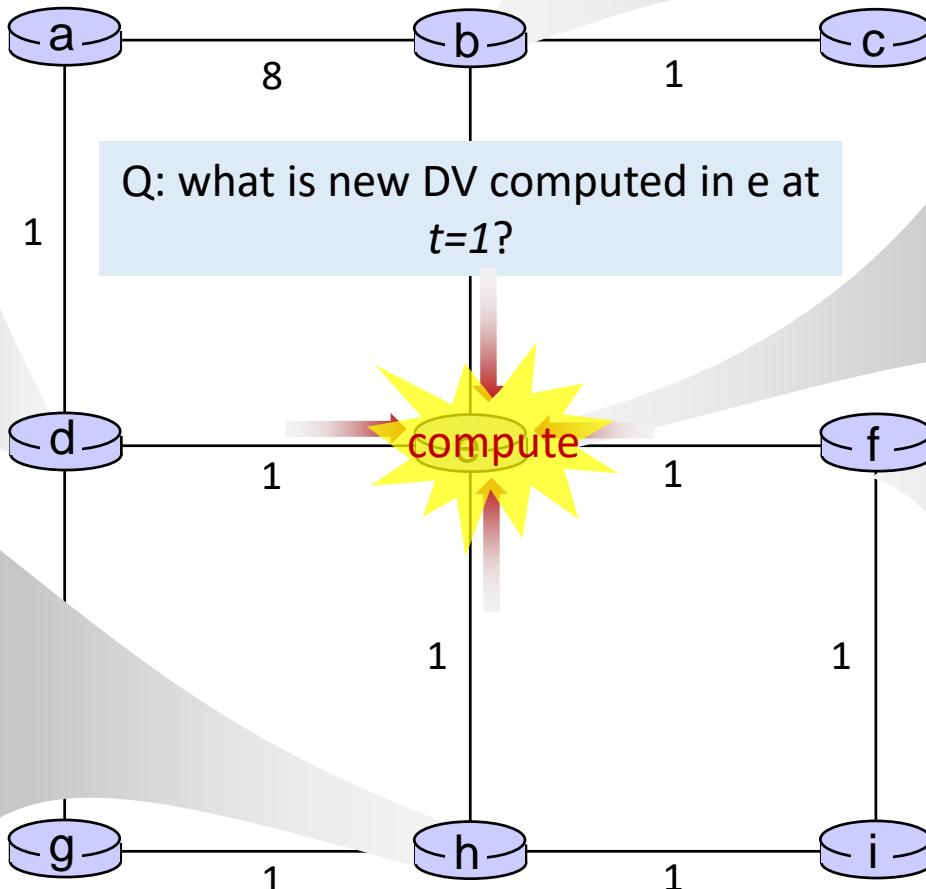


**t=1**

- e receives DVs from b, d, f, h

| DV in d:          |
|-------------------|
| $D_c(a) = 1$      |
| $D_c(b) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(c) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(d) = 0$      |
| $D_c(e) = 1$      |
| $D_c(f) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(g) = 1$      |
| $D_c(h) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(i) = \infty$ |

| DV in h:          |
|-------------------|
| $D_c(a) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(b) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(c) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(d) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(e) = 1$      |
| $D_c(f) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(g) = 1$      |
| $D_c(h) = 0$      |
| $D_c(i) = 1$      |



| DV in b:          |
|-------------------|
| $D_b(a) = 8$      |
| $D_b(f) = \infty$ |
| $D_b(c) = 1$      |
| $D_b(g) = \infty$ |
| $D_b(d) = \infty$ |
| $D_b(h) = \infty$ |
| $D_b(e) = 1$      |
| $D_b(i) = \infty$ |

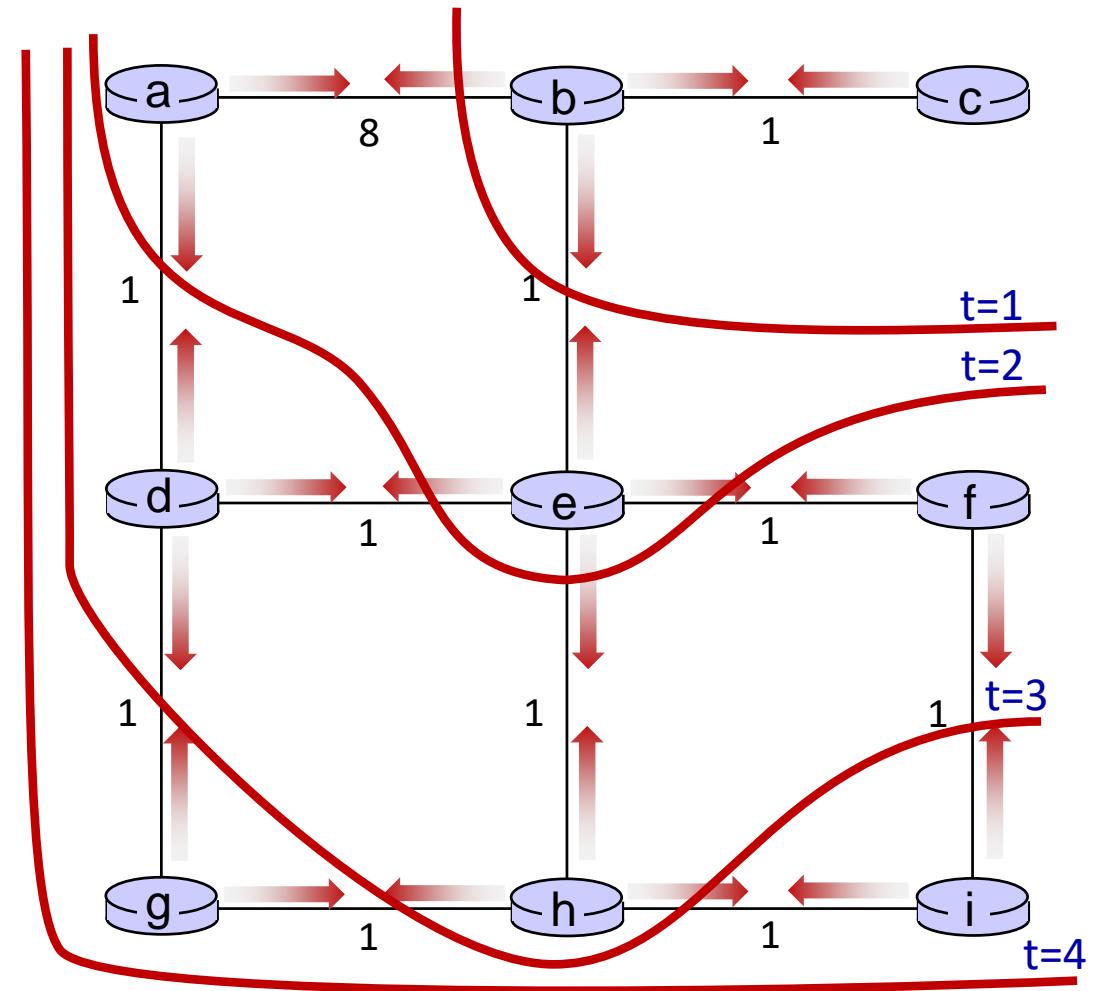
| DV in e:          |
|-------------------|
| $D_e(a) = \infty$ |
| $D_e(b) = 1$      |
| $D_e(c) = \infty$ |
| $D_e(d) = 1$      |
| $D_e(e) = 0$      |
| $D_e(f) = 1$      |
| $D_e(g) = \infty$ |
| $D_e(h) = 1$      |
| $D_e(i) = \infty$ |

| DV in f:          |
|-------------------|
| $D_c(a) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(b) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(c) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(d) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(e) = 1$      |
| $D_c(f) = 0$      |
| $D_c(g) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(h) = \infty$ |
| $D_c(i) = 1$      |

# Distance vector: state information diffusion

Iterative communication, computation steps diffuses information through network:

-  t=0 c's state at t=0 is at c only
-  t=1 c's state at t=0 has propagated to b, and may influence distance vector computations up to **1** hop away, i.e., at b
-  t=2 c's state at t=0 may now influence distance vector computations up to **2** hops away, i.e., at b and now at a, e as well
-  t=3 c's state at t=0 may influence distance vector computations up to **3** hops away, i.e., at b,a,e and now at c,f,h as well
-  t=4 c's state at t=0 may influence distance vector computations up to **4** hops away, i.e., at b,a,e, c, f, h and now at g,i as well



# Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

## message complexity

LS:  $n$  routers,  $O(n^2)$  messages sent



DV: exchange between neighbors;  
convergence time varies

## speed of convergence

LS:  $O(n^2)$  algorithm,  $O(n^2)$  messages  
• may have oscillations

DV: convergence time varies  
• may have routing loops  
• count-to-infinity problem

**robustness:** what happens if router malfunctions, or is compromised?

### LS:

- router can advertise incorrect *link* cost
- each router computes only its *own* table

### DV:

- DV router can advertise incorrect *path* cost (“I have a *really* low cost path to everywhere”): black-holing
- each router’s table used by others: error propagate thru network

# Distance vector: another example

$D_x()$

|   | x        | y        | z        |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| x | 0        | 2        | 7        |
| y | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
| z | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |

$cost \text{ to}$

|   | x | y | z |
|---|---|---|---|
| x | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| y | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| z | 7 | 1 | 0 |

*from*

$$D_x(z) = \min\{c_{x,y} + D_y(z), c_{x,z} + D_z(z)\}$$

$$= \min\{2+1, 7+0\} = 3$$

$D_y()$

|   | x        | y        | z        |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| x | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
| y | 2        | 0        | 1        |
| z | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |

$$D_x(y) = \min\{c_{x,y} + D_y(y), c_{x,z} + D_z(y)\}$$

$$= \min\{2+0, 7+1\} = 2$$

$D_z()$

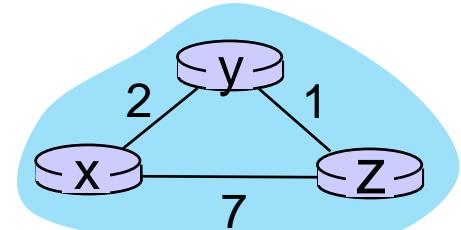
|   | x        | y        | z        |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| x | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
| y | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | $\infty$ |
| z | 7        | 1        | 0        |

$cost \text{ to}$

|   | x | y | z |
|---|---|---|---|
| x | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| y | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| z | 7 | 1 | 0 |

*from*

*time*



# Distance vector: another example

