Chapter 4
Network Layer

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Chapter 4: Network Layer

Chapter goals:

- understand principles behind network layer services:
  - network layer service models
  - forwarding versus routing
  - how a router works
  - routing (path selection)
  - dealing with scale
  - advanced topics: IPv6, mobility

- instantiation, implementation in the Internet
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Network layer

- transport segment from sending to receiving host
- on sending side, encapsulates segments into datagrams
- on receiving side, delivers segments to transport layer
- network layer protocols in every host, router
- router examines header fields in all IP datagrams passing through it
Two Key Network-Layer Functions

- **forwarding**: move packets from router’s input to appropriate router output
  - analogy:
    - **routing**: process of planning trip from source to dest
- **routing**: determine route taken by packets from source to dest.
  - **routing algorithms**
  - analogy:
    - **forwarding**: process of getting through single interchange
Interplay between routing and forwarding

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>header value</th>
<th>output link</th>
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<tr>
<td>0100</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>0101</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>0111</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>1</td>
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value in arriving packet's header

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**Connection setup**

- 3rd important function in *some* network architectures:
  - ATM, frame relay, X.25
- before datagrams flow, two end hosts *and* intervening routers establish virtual connection
  - routers get involved
- network vs transport layer connection service:
  - network: between two hosts (may also involve intervening routers in case of VCs)
  - transport: between two processes
Network service model

Q: What *service model* for “channel” transporting datagrams from sender to receiver?

Example services for individual datagrams:
- guaranteed delivery
- guaranteed delivery with less than 40 msec delay

Example services for a flow of datagrams:
- in-order datagram delivery
- guaranteed minimum bandwidth to flow
- restrictions on changes in inter-packet spacing
## Network layer service models:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Network Architecture</th>
<th>Service Model</th>
<th>Bandwidth</th>
<th>Loss</th>
<th>Order</th>
<th>Timing</th>
<th>Congestion feedback</th>
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<td>Internet</td>
<td>best effort</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>no (inferred via loss)</td>
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<td>ATM</td>
<td>CBR</td>
<td>constant rate</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>no congestion</td>
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<td>VBR</td>
<td>guaranteed rate</td>
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Network layer connection and connection-less service

- datagram network provides network-layer connectionless service
- VC network provides network-layer connection service
- analogous to the transport-layer services, but:
  - service: host-to-host
  - no choice: network provides one or the other
  - implementation: in network core
Virtual circuits

“source-to-dest path behaves much like telephone circuit”

- performance-wise
- network actions along source-to-dest path

- call setup, teardown for each call before data can flow
- each packet carries VC identifier (not destination host address)
- every router on source-dest path maintains “state” for each passing connection
- link, router resources (bandwidth, buffers) may be allocated to VC (dedicated resources = predictable service)
VC implementation

A VC consists of:

1. path from source to destination
2. VC numbers, one number for each link along path
3. entries in forwarding tables in routers along path

- packet belonging to VC carries VC number (rather than dest address)
- VC number can be changed on each link.
  - New VC number comes from forwarding table
## Forwarding table

### Forwarding table in northwest router:

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<th>Incoming VC #</th>
<th>Outgoing interface</th>
<th>Outgoing VC #</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>87</td>
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Routers maintain connection state information!
Virtual circuits: signaling protocols

- used to setup, maintain, teardown VC
- used in ATM, frame-relay, X.25
- not used in today’s Internet

1. Initiate call
2. incoming call
3. Accept call
4. Call connected
5. Data flow begins
6. Receive data
**Datagram networks**

- no call setup at network layer
- routers: no state about end-to-end connections
  - no network-level concept of “connection”
- packets forwarded using destination host address
  - packets between same source-dest pair may take different paths
### Forwarding Table

**4 billion possible entries**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Destination Address Range</th>
<th>Link Interface</th>
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<tr>
<td>11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00011000 00000000</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11001000 00010111 00010111 11111111 through 11001000 00010111 00011000 00000000</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11001000 00010111 00011001 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00011111 11111111</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>otherwise 11001000 00010111 00011111 11111111</td>
<td>3</td>
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# Longest prefix matching

<table>
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<th>Prefix Match</th>
<th>Link Interface</th>
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<tr>
<td>11001000 00010111 00010</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11001000 00010111 00011000</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11001000 00010111 00011</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>otherwise</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Examples**

**DA:** 11001000 00010111 00010110 10100001

Which interface?

**DA:** 11001000 00010111 00011000 10101010

Which interface?
Datagram or VC network: why?

Internet (datagram)
- data exchange among computers
  - “elastic” service, no strict timing req.
- “smart” end systems (computers)
  - can adapt, perform control, error recovery
  - simple inside network, complexity at “edge”
- many link types
  - different characteristics
  - uniform service difficult

ATM (VC)
- evolved from telephony
- human conversation:
  - strict timing, reliability requirements
  - need for guaranteed service
- “dumb” end systems
  - telephones
  - complexity inside network

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Router Architecture Overview

Two key router functions:
- run routing algorithms/protocol (RIP, OSPF, BGP)
- *forwarding* datagrams from incoming to outgoing link
Input Port Functions

Physical layer:
bit-level reception

Data link layer:
e.g., Ethernet
see chapter 5

Decentralized switching:
- given datagram dest., lookup output port using forwarding table in input port memory
- goal: complete input port processing at 'line speed'
- queuing: if datagrams arrive faster than forwarding rate into switch fabric
Three types of switching fabrics

memory

bus

crossbar

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Switching Via Memory

First generation routers:

- traditional computers with switching under direct control of CPU
- packet copied to system's memory
- speed limited by memory bandwidth (2 bus crossings per datagram)
Switching Via a Bus

- datagram from input port memory to output port memory via a shared bus
- **bus contention**: switching speed limited by bus bandwidth
- 32 Gbps bus, Cisco 5600: sufficient speed for access and enterprise routers
Switching Via An Interconnection Network

- overcome bus bandwidth limitations
- Banyan networks, other interconnection nets initially developed to connect processors in multiprocessor
- advanced design: fragmenting datagram into fixed length cells, switch cells through the fabric.
- Cisco 12000: switches 60 Gbps through the interconnection network
Output Ports

- **Buffering** required when datagrams arrive from fabric faster than the transmission rate
- **Scheduling discipline** chooses among queued datagrams for transmission
Output port queueing

- buffering when arrival rate via switch exceeds output line speed
- queueing (delay) and loss due to output port buffer overflow!
How much buffering?

- RFC 3439 rule of thumb: average buffering equal to “typical” RTT (say 250 msec) times link capacity $C$
  - e.g., $C = 10$ Gbps link: 2.5 Gbit buffer
- Recent recommendation: with $N$ flows, buffering equal to $\frac{\text{RTT} \cdot C}{\sqrt{N}}$
Input Port Queuing

- Fabric slower than input ports combined -> queueing may occur at input queues
- Head-of-the-Line (HOL) blocking: queued datagram at front of queue prevents others in queue from moving forward
- Queueing delay and loss due to input buffer overflow!
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The Internet Network layer

Host, router network layer functions:

Transport layer: TCP, UDP

- Routing protocols
  - path selection
  - RIP, OSPF, BGP

- IP protocol
  - addressing conventions
  - datagram format
  - packet handling conventions

- ICMP protocol
  - error reporting
  - router "signaling"

Network layer

Link layer

physical layer
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## IP datagram format

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>IP protocol version</td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>header length (bytes)</td>
<td>“type” of data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max number remaining</td>
<td>Hops (decremented at each router)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16-bit identifier</td>
<td>Max number for fragmentation/reassembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>time to live</td>
<td>Upper layer protocol to deliver payload to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>upper layer</td>
<td>Protocol to deliver payload to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>checksum</td>
<td>Options (if any)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32 bit source IP address</td>
<td>32 bit destination IP address</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**How much overhead with TCP?**
- 20 bytes of TCP
- 20 bytes of IP
- = 40 bytes + app layer overhead

E.g. timestamp, record route taken, specify list of routers to visit.

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IP Fragmentation & Reassembly

- network links have MTU (max. transfer size) - largest possible link-level frame.
  - different link types, different MTUs
- large IP datagram divided ("fragmented") within network
  - one datagram becomes several datagrams
  - "reassembled" only at final destination
  - IP header bits used to identify, order related fragments
IP Fragmentation and Reassembly

**Example**

- 4000 byte datagram
- MTU = 1500 bytes

One large datagram becomes several smaller datagrams

1480 bytes in data field

offset = \( 1480/8 \)

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IP Addressing: introduction

- **IP address**: 32-bit identifier for host, router *interface*

- **interface**: connection between host/router and physical link
  - router’s typically have multiple interfaces
  - host typically has one interface
  - IP addresses associated with each interface

223.1.1.1 = 11011111 00000001 00000001 00000001

223 1 1 1
Subnets

- **IP address:**
  - subnet part (high order bits)
  - host part (low order bits)

- **What’s a subnet?**
  - device interfaces with same subnet part of IP address
  - can physically reach each other without intervening router

Network consisting of 3 subnets
Subnets

Recipe

- To determine the subnets, detach each interface from its host or router, creating islands of isolated networks. Each isolated network is called a subnet.

Subnet mask: /24
Subnets

How many?
IP addressing: CIDR

**CIDR: Classless InterDomain Routing**

- subnet portion of address of arbitrary length
- address format: \texttt{a.b.c.d/x}, where \( x \) is \# bits in subnet portion of address

11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000

200.23.16.0/23
IP addresses: how to get one?

Q: How does a host get IP address?

- hard-coded by system admin in a file
  - Windows: control-panel->network->configuration->tcp/ip->properties
  - UNIX: /etc/rc.config
- DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol: dynamically get address from as server
  - “plug-and-play”
**DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol**

**Goal:** allow host to *dynamically* obtain its IP address from network server when it joins network

- Can renew its lease on address in use
- Allows reuse of addresses (only hold address while connected an “on”)
- Support for mobile users who want to join network (more shortly)

**DHCP overview:**

- host broadcasts “DHCP discover” msg
- DHCP server responds with “DHCP offer” msg
- host requests IP address: “DHCP request” msg
- DHCP server sends address: “DHCP ack” msg
DHCP client-server scenario

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DHCP client-server scenario

DHCP server: 223.1.2.5

DHCP discover
- src: 0.0.0.0, 68
- dest.: 255.255.255.255, 67
- yiaddr: 0.0.0.0
- transaction ID: 654

DHCP offer
- src: 223.1.2.5, 67
- dest: 255.255.255.255, 68
- yiaddr: 223.1.2.4
- transaction ID: 654
- Lifetime: 3600 secs

DHCP request
- src: 0.0.0.0, 68
- dest: 255.255.255.255, 67
- yiaddr: 223.1.2.4
- transaction ID: 655
- Lifetime: 3600 secs

DHCP ACK
- src: 223.1.2.5, 67
- dest: 255.255.255.255, 68
- yiaddr: 223.1.2.4
- transaction ID: 655
- Lifetime: 3600 secs
**IP addresses: how to get one?**

**Q:** How does network get subnet part of IP addr?

**A:** gets allocated portion of its provider ISP's address space

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ISP's block</th>
<th>11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000</th>
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<tr>
<td>Organization 0</td>
<td>11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000</td>
<td>200.23.16.0/23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Organization 1</td>
<td>11001000 00010111 00010010 00000000</td>
<td>200.23.18.0/23</td>
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<td>Organization 2</td>
<td>11001000 00010111 00010100 00000000</td>
<td>200.23.20.0/23</td>
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<td>Organization 7</td>
<td>11001000 00010111 00011110 00000000</td>
<td>200.23.30.0/23</td>
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Hierarchical addressing allows efficient advertisement of routing information:

- **Organization 0**: 200.23.16.0/23
- **Organization 1**: 200.23.18.0/23
- **Organization 2**: 200.23.20.0/23
- **Organization 7**: 200.23.30.0/23

**Fly-By-Night-ISP**

- “Send me anything with addresses beginning 200.23.16.0/20”

**ISPs-R-Us**

- “Send me anything with addresses beginning 199.31.0.0/16”

The diagram shows a hierarchical addressing scheme where different organizations are connected to the Internet through a network provider (Fly-By-Night-ISP) and another provider (ISPs-R-Us). The routing information is aggregated to efficiently advertise the network prefixes.
Hierarchical addressing: more specific routes

ISPs-R-Us has a more specific route to Organization 1

Organization 0
200.23.16.0/23

Organization 2
200.23.20.0/23

Organization 7
200.23.30.0/23

Organization 1
200.23.18.0/23

"Send me anything with addresses beginning 200.23.16.0/20"

Fly-By-Night-ISP

ISPs-R-Us

"Send me anything with addresses beginning 199.31.0.0/16 or 200.23.18.0/23"

Internet
IP addressing: the last word...

Q: How does an ISP get block of addresses?

A: ICANN: Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
  - allocates addresses
  - manages DNS
  - assigns domain names, resolves disputes
NAT: Network Address Translation

All datagrams leaving local network have same single source NAT IP address: 138.76.29.7, different source port numbers

Datagrams with source or destination in this network have 10.0.0/24 address for source, destination (as usual)
NAT: Network Address Translation

- **Motivation:** local network uses just one IP address as far as outside world is concerned:
  - range of addresses not needed from ISP: just one IP address for all devices
  - can change addresses of devices in local network without notifying outside world
  - can change ISP without changing addresses of devices in local network
  - devices inside local net not explicitly addressable, visible by outside world (a security plus).
NAT: Network Address Translation

Implementation: NAT router must:

- **outgoing datagrams: replace** (source IP address, port #) of every outgoing datagram to (NAT IP address, new port #)
  
  ...remote clients/servers will respond using (NAT IP address, new port #) as destination addr.

- **remember (in NAT translation table)** every (source IP address, port #) to (NAT IP address, new port #) translation pair

- **incoming datagrams: replace** (NAT IP address, new port #) in dest fields of every incoming datagram with corresponding (source IP address, port #) stored in NAT table
**NAT: Network Address Translation**

1: host 10.0.0.1 sends datagram to 128.119.40.186, 80

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<tr>
<td>WAN side addr</td>
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<td>138.76.29.7, 5001</td>
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<td>……</td>
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</table>

2: NAT router changes datagram source addr from 10.0.0.1, 3345 to 138.76.29.7, 5001, updates table

3: Reply arrives dest. address: 138.76.29.7, 5001

4: NAT router changes datagram dest addr from 138.76.29.7, 5001 to 10.0.0.1, 3345
NAT: Network Address Translation

- 16-bit port-number field:
  - 60,000 simultaneous connections with a single LAN-side address!

- NAT is controversial:
  - Routers should only process up to layer 3
  - Violates end-to-end argument
    - NAT possibility must be taken into account by app designers, eg, P2P applications
  - Address shortage should instead be solved by IPv6
NAT traversal problem

- client wants to connect to server with address 10.0.0.1
  - server address 10.0.0.1 local to LAN (client can’t use it as destination addr)
  - only one externally visible NATted address: 138.76.29.7

- solution 1: statically configure NAT to forward incoming connection requests at given port to server
  - e.g., (123.76.29.7, port 2500) always forwarded to 10.0.0.1 port 25000
NAT traversal problem

- solution 2: Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) Internet Gateway Device (IGD) Protocol. Allows NATted host to:
  - learn public IP address (138.76.29.7)
  - add/remove port mappings (with lease times)

i.e., automate static NAT port map configuration
NAT traversal problem

- solution 3: relaying (used in Skype)
  - NATed client establishes connection to relay
  - External client connects to relay
  - relay bridges packets between to connections

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ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

- used by hosts & routers to communicate network-level information
  - error reporting: unreachable host, network, port, protocol
  - echo request/reply (used by ping)
- network-layer “above” IP:
  - ICMP msgs carried in IP datagrams
- ICMP message: type, code plus first 8 bytes of IP datagram causing error

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Code</th>
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<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>echo reply (ping)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>dest. network unreachable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>dest host unreachable</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>dest protocol unreachable</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>dest port unreachable</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>dest network unknown</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>dest host unknown</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>source quench (congestion control - not used)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>echo request (ping)</td>
</tr>
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<td>route advertisement</td>
</tr>
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<td>10</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>router discovery</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>TTL expired</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>bad IP header</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Traceroute and ICMP

- Source sends series of UDP segments to dest
  - First has TTL = 1
  - Second has TTL = 2, etc.
  - Unlikely port number
- When nth datagram arrives to nth router:
  - Router discards datagram
  - And sends to source an ICMP message (type 11, code 0)
  - Message includes name of router & IP address
- When ICMP message arrives, source calculates RTT
- Traceroute does this 3 times

**Stopping criterion**

- UDP segment eventually arrives at destination host
- Destination returns ICMP “host unreachable” packet (type 3, code 3)
- When source gets this ICMP, stops.
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IPv6

- **Initial motivation:** 32-bit address space soon to be completely allocated.
- **Additional motivation:**
  - Header format helps speed processing/forwarding
  - Header changes to facilitate QoS

**IPv6 datagram format:**
- Fixed-length 40 byte header
- No fragmentation allowed
IPv6 Header (Cont)

**Priority:** identify priority among datagrams in flow
**Flow Label:** identify datagrams in same “flow.”
(Concept of “flow” not well defined).
**Next header:** identify upper layer protocol for data

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ver</th>
<th>pri</th>
<th>flow label</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
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<td>next hdr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td></td>
<td>hop limit</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

```
source address
(128 bits)
```

```
destination address
(128 bits)
```

```
data
```

32 bits
Other Changes from IPv4

- **Checksum**: removed entirely to reduce processing time at each hop
- **Options**: allowed, but outside of header, indicated by “Next Header” field
- **ICMPv6**: new version of ICMP
  - additional message types, e.g. “Packet Too Big”
  - multicast group management functions
Transition From IPv4 To IPv6

- Not all routers can be upgraded simultaneously
  - no “flag days”
  - How will the network operate with mixed IPv4 and IPv6 routers?
- **Tunneling**: IPv6 carried as payload in IPv4 datagram among IPv4 routers
Tunneling

Logical view:

IPv6 IPv6 IPv6 IPv6

Physical view:

IPv6 IPv6 IPv4 IPv4 IPv6 IPv6

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Tunneling

Logical view:

IPv6 IPv6 IPv6 IPv6

Physical view:

IPv6 IPv6 IPv4 IPv4 IPv6 IPv6

Flow: X
Src: A
Dest: F

Flow: X
Src: A
Dest: F

Flow: X
Src: A
Dest: F

Flow: X
Src: A
Dest: F

A-to-B: IPv6

B-to-C: IPv6 inside IPv4

B-to-C: IPv6 inside IPv4

E-to-F: IPv6

IPv6 inside IPv4

data

data

data

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Interplay between routing, forwarding

Routing algorithm

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>header value</th>
<th>output link</th>
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<tr>
<td>0100</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0101</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0111</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1001</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Value in arriving packet’s header

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Graph abstraction

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) \}

Remark: Graph abstraction is useful in other network contexts

Example: P2P, where \( N \) is set of peers and \( E \) is set of TCP connections
Graph abstraction: costs

- $c(x,x') = \text{cost of link } (x,x')$
  - e.g., $c(w,z) = 5$

- cost could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

Cost of path $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_p) = c(x_1, x_2) + c(x_2, x_3) + \ldots + c(x_{p-1}, x_p)$

Question: What's the least-cost path between $u$ and $z$?

Routing algorithm: algorithm that finds least-cost path
Routing Algorithm classification

Global or decentralized information?
Global:
- all routers have complete topology, link cost info
- “link state” algorithms

Decentralized:
- router knows physically-connected neighbors, link costs to neighbors
- iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- “distance vector” algorithms

Static or dynamic?
Static:
- routes change slowly over time

Dynamic:
- routes change more quickly
  - periodic update
  - in response to link cost changes
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A Link-State Routing Algorithm

Dijkstra’s algorithm
- net 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 $k$ dest.’s

Notation:
- $c(x,y)$: link cost from node $x$ to $y$; $= \infty$ if not direct neighbors
- $D(v)$: current value of cost of path from source to dest. $v$
- $p(v)$: predecessor node along path from source to $v$
- $N'$: set of nodes whose least cost path definitively known
Dijsktra’s Algorithm

1 *Initialization:*
2 \( N' = \{u\} \)
3 for all nodes \( v \)
4 if \( v \) adjacent to \( u \)
5 then \( D(v) = c(u,v) \)
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 cost to \( v \) is either old cost to \( v \) or known
14 shortest path cost to \( w \) plus cost from \( w \) to \( v */
15 until all nodes in \( N' \)
Dijkstra's algorithm: example

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Step</th>
<th>( N' )</th>
<th>( D(v), p(v) )</th>
<th>( D(w), p(w) )</th>
<th>( D(x), p(x) )</th>
<th>( D(y), p(y) )</th>
<th>( D(z), p(z) )</th>
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<td>( \infty )</td>
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</tr>
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</table>

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Dijkstra’s algorithm: example (2)

Resulting shortest-path tree from u:

![Diagram of a network with nodes u, v, w, x, y, z and edges connecting them.]

Resulting forwarding table in u:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>destination</th>
<th>link</th>
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<tr>
<td>v</td>
<td>(u,v)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x</td>
<td>(u,x)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>(u,x)</td>
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<tr>
<td>w</td>
<td>(u,x)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>z</td>
<td>(u,x)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

**Algorithm complexity:** $n$ nodes
- each iteration: need to check all nodes, $w$, not in $N$
- $n(n+1)/2$ comparisons: $O(n^2)$
- more efficient implementations possible: $O(n\log n)$

**Oscillations possible:**
- e.g., link cost = amount of carried traffic

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Distance Vector Algorithm

Bellman-Ford Equation (dynamic programming)
Define
\[ d_x(y) := \text{cost of least-cost path from } x \text{ to } y \]
Then
\[ d_x(y) = \min_v \{ c(x,v) + d_v(y) \} \]
where \( \min \) is taken over all neighbors \( v \) of \( x \)
Bellman-Ford example

Clearly, \( d_v(z) = 5, d_x(z) = 3, d_w(z) = 3 \)

B-F equation says:

\[
d_u(z) = \min \{ c(u,v) + d_v(z), \quad c(u,x) + d_x(z), \quad c(u,w) + d_w(z) \}
\]

\[
= \min \{2 + 5, \quad 1 + 3, \quad 5 + 3\} = 4
\]

Node that achieves minimum is next hop in shortest path \( \rightarrow \) forwarding table
Distance Vector Algorithm

- $D_x(y) =$ estimate of least cost from $x$ to $y$
- Node $x$ knows cost to each neighbor $v$: $c(x,v)$
- Node $x$ maintains distance vector $D_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$ 
- Node $x$ also maintains its neighbors’ distance vectors
  - For each neighbor $v$, $x$ maintains $D_v = [D_v(y): y \in N]$
Distance vector algorithm (4)

Basic idea:
- From time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- Asynchronous
- When a node $x$ receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:
  \[
  D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_v \{ c(x,v) + D_v(y) \}
  \]
  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 (5)

*Iterative, asynchronous:* each local iteration caused by:
- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

*Distributed:* each node notifies neighbors *only when its DV changes*
\[
\text{neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary}
\]

*Each node:*

1. wait for (change in local link cost or msg from neighbor)
2. recompute estimates
3. if DV to any dest has changed, notify neighbors
\[ D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\} \]
\[ = \min\{2+0, 7+1\} = 2 \]

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**node x table**

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**node z table**

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Distance Vector: link cost changes

Link cost changes:
- node detects local link cost change
- updates routing info, recalculates distance vector
- if DV changes, notify neighbors

At time $t_0$, $y$ detects the link-cost change, updates its DV, and informs its neighbors.

At time $t_1$, $z$ receives the update from $y$ and updates its table. It computes a new least cost to $x$ and sends its neighbors its DV.

At time $t_2$, $y$ receives $z$'s update and updates its distance table. $y$'s least costs do not change and hence $y$ does not send any message to $z$. 
Distance Vector: link cost changes

Link cost changes:
- good news travels fast
- bad news travels slow - “count to infinity” problem!
- 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes: see text

Poisoned reverse:
- If Z routes through Y to get to X:
  - Z tells Y its (Z’s) distance to X is infinite (so Y won’t route to X via Z)
- will this completely solve count to infinity problem?
Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

Message complexity
- **LS**: with n nodes, E links, \( O(nE) \) msgs sent
- **DV**: exchange between neighbors only
  - convergence time varies

Speed of Convergence
- **LS**: \( O(n^2) \) algorithm requires \( O(nE) \) msgs
  - may have oscillations
- **DV**: convergence time varies
  - may be routing loops
  - count-to-infinity problem

Robustness: what happens if router malfunctions?
- **LS**:
  - node can advertise incorrect *link* cost
  - each node computes only its *own* table
- **DV**:
  - DV node can advertise incorrect *path* cost
  - each node’s table used by others
    - *error propagate thru network*
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Hierarchical Routing

Our routing study thus far - idealization

- all routers identical
- network “flat”
... not true in practice

scale: with 200 million destinations:
- can’t store all dest’s in routing tables!
- routing table exchange would swamp links!

administrative autonomy
- internet = network of networks
- each network admin may want to control routing in its own network
Hierarchical Routing

- aggregate routers into regions, "autonomous systems" (AS)
- routers in same AS run same routing protocol
  - "intra-AS" routing protocol
  - routers in different AS can run different intra-AS routing protocol

Gateway router
- Direct link to router in another AS
Interconnected ASes

- Forwarding table configured by both intra- and inter-AS routing algorithm
  - Intra-AS sets entries for internal dests
  - Inter-AS & intra-AS sets entries for external dests

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Inter-AS tasks

- suppose router in AS1 receives datagram destined outside of AS1:
  - router should forward packet to gateway router, but which one?

AS1 must:

1. learn which dests are reachable through AS2, which through AS3
2. propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

Job of inter-AS routing!
Example: Setting forwarding table in router 1d

- suppose AS1 learns (via inter-AS protocol) that subnet $x$ is reachable via AS3 (gateway 1c) but not via AS2.
- inter-AS protocol propagates reachability info to all internal routers.
- router 1d determines from intra-AS routing info that its interface $I$ is on the least cost path to 1c.
  - installs forwarding table entry $(x,I)$
Example: Choosing among multiple ASes

- now suppose AS1 learns from inter-AS protocol that subnet x is reachable from AS3 and from AS2.
- to configure forwarding table, router 1d must determine towards which gateway it should forward packets for dest x.
  - this is also job of inter-AS routing protocol!
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- to configure forwarding table, router 1d must determine towards which gateway it should forward packets for dest $x$.
  - this is also job of inter-AS routing protocol!
- **hot potato routing**: send packet towards closest of two routers.

### Flowchart:

1. Learn from inter-AS protocol that subnet $x$ is reachable via multiple gateways
2. Use routing info from intra-AS protocol to determine costs of least-cost paths to each of the gateways
3. Hot potato routing: Choose the gateway that has the smallest least cost
4. Determine from forwarding table the interface $I$ that leads to least-cost gateway. Enter $(x, I)$ in forwarding table
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Intra-AS Routing

- also known as **Interior Gateway Protocols (IGP)**
- most common Intra-AS routing protocols:
  - **RIP**: Routing Information Protocol
  - **OSPF**: Open Shortest Path First
  - **IGRP**: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco proprietary)
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RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

- distance vector algorithm
- included in BSD-UNIX Distribution in 1982
- distance metric: # of hops (max = 15 hops)

From router A to subnets:

<table>
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<th>destination</th>
<th>hops</th>
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<td>u</td>
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Network Layer 4-102
RIP advertisements

- **distance vectors**: exchanged among neighbors every 30 sec via Response Message (also called advertisement)
- each advertisement: list of up to 25 destination subnets within AS

Network Layer 4-103
**RIP: Example**

![Diagram showing network topology with routers and connections]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Destination Network</th>
<th>Next Router</th>
<th>Num. of hops to dest.</th>
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<td>w</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>y</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>z</td>
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<td>7</td>
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<td>x</td>
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</tr>
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Routing/Forwarding table in D

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RIP: Example

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Routing/Forwarding table in D

Network Layer 4-105
RIP: Link Failure and Recovery

If no advertisement heard after 180 sec -->
neighbor/link declared dead

- routes via neighbor invalidated
- new advertisements sent to neighbors
- neighbors in turn send out new advertisements (if tables changed)
- link failure info quickly (?) propagates to entire net
- poison reverse used to prevent ping-pong loops
  (infinite distance = 16 hops)
RIP Table processing

- RIP routing tables managed by application-level process called route-d (daemon)
- advertisements sent in UDP packets, periodically repeated
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OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- “open”: publicly available
- uses Link State algorithm
  - LS packet dissemination
  - topology map at each node
  - route computation using Dijkstra’s algorithm

- OSPF advertisement carries one entry per neighbor router
- advertisements disseminated to entire AS (via flooding)
  - carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP)
OSPF “advanced” features (not in RIP)

- **security**: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)
- **multiple same-cost paths** allowed (only one path in RIP)
- For each link, multiple cost metrics for different **TOS** (e.g., satellite link cost set “low” for best effort; high for real time)
- integrated uni- and **multicast** support:
  - Multicast OSPF (MOSPF) uses same topology database as OSPF
- **hierarchical** OSPF in large domains.
Hierarchical OSPF
Hierarchical OSPF

- **two-level hierarchy**: local area, backbone.
  - Link-state advertisements only in area
  - Each node has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.
- **area border routers**: “summarize” distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- **backbone routers**: run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- **boundary routers**: connect to other AS’s.
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Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): *the de facto* standard
- BGP provides each AS a means to:
  1. Obtain subnet reachability information from neighboring ASs.
  2. Propagate reachability information to all AS-internal routers.
  3. Determine “good” routes to subnets based on reachability information and policy.
- Allows subnet to advertise its existence to rest of Internet: "*I am here*"
BGP basics

- pairs of routers (BGP peers) exchange routing info over semi-permanent TCP connections: BGP sessions
  - BGP sessions need not correspond to physical links.

- when AS2 advertises a prefix to AS1:
  - AS2 promises it will forward datagram grams towards that prefix.
  - AS2 can aggregate prefixes in its advertisement

![BGP diagram](Network Layer 4-115)
Distributing reachability info

- using eBGP session between 3a and 1c, AS3 sends prefix reachability info to AS1.
  - 1c can then use iBGP to distribute new prefix info to all routers in AS1
  - 1b can then re-advertise new reachability info to AS2 over 1b-to-2a eBGP session
- when router learns of new prefix, it creates entry for prefix in its forwarding table.
Path attributes & BGP routes

- advertised prefix includes BGP attributes.
  - prefix + attributes = “route”

- two important attributes:
  - **AS-PATH**: contains ASs through which prefix advertisement has passed: e.g., AS 67, AS 17
  - **NEXT-HOP**: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS. (may be multiple links from current AS to next-hop-AS)

- when gateway router receives route advertisement, uses import policy to accept/decline.
BGP route selection

- router may learn about more than 1 route to some prefix. Router must select route.

- elimination rules:
  1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
  2. shortest AS-PATH
  3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
  4. additional criteria
BGP messages

- BGP messages exchanged using TCP.
- BGP messages:
  - OPEN: opens TCP connection to peer and authenticates sender
  - UPDATE: advertises new path (or withdraws old)
  - KEEPALIVE keeps connection alive in absence of UPDATES; also ACKs OPEN request
  - NOTIFICATION: reports errors in previous msg; also used to close connection
BGP routing policy

- A, B, C are provider networks
- X, W, Y are customer (of provider networks)
- X is dual-homed: attached to two networks
  - X does not want to route from B via X to C
  - .. so X will not advertise to B a route to C
BGP routing policy (2)

- A advertises path AW to B
- B advertises path BAW to X
- Should B advertise path BAW to C?
  - No way! B gets no “revenue” for routing CBAW since neither W nor C are B’s customers
  - B wants to force C to route to w via A
  - B wants to route only to/from its customers!
Why different Intra- and Inter-AS routing?

Policy:
- Inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its net.
- Intra-AS: single admin, so no policy decisions needed.

Scale:
- Hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic.

Performance:
- Intra-AS: can focus on performance.
- Inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance.
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Broadcast Routing

- deliver packets from source to all other nodes
- source duplication is inefficient:

source duplication: how does source determine recipient addresses?
In-network duplication

- Flooding: when node receives broadcast packet, sends copy to all neighbors
  - Problems: cycles & broadcast storm
- Controlled flooding: node only broadcasts packet if it hasn't broadcast the same packet before
  - Node keeps track of packet IDs already broadcasted
  - Or reverse path forwarding (RPF): only forward packet if it arrived on shortest path between node and source
- Spanning tree
  - No redundant packets received by any node
Spanning Tree

- First construct a spanning tree
- Nodes forward copies only along spanning tree

(a) Broadcast initiated at A  
(b) Broadcast initiated at D

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Spanning Tree: Creation

- Center node
- Each node sends unicast join message to center node
  - Message forwarded until it arrives at a node already belonging to spanning tree

(a) Stepwise construction of spanning tree
(b) Constructed spanning tree
Multicast Routing: Problem Statement

- **Goal:** find a tree (or trees) connecting routers having local mcast group members
  - **tree:** not all paths between routers used
  - **source-based:** different tree from each sender to rcvrs
  - **shared-tree:** same tree used by all group members
Approaches for building mcast trees

Approaches:

- **Source-based tree**: one tree per source
  - shortest path trees
  - reverse path forwarding

- **Group-shared tree**: group uses one tree
  - minimal spanning (Steiner)
  - center-based trees

...we first look at basic approaches, then specific protocols adopting these approaches
Shortest Path Tree

- mcast forwarding tree: tree of shortest path routes from source to all receivers
  - Dijkstra’s algorithm

LEGEND
- router with attached group member
- router with no attached group member
- link used for forwarding, i indicates order link added by algorithm
Reverse Path Forwarding

- rely on router’s knowledge of unicast shortest path from it to sender
- each router has simple forwarding behavior:

  \[
  \text{if (mcast datagram received on incoming link on shortest path back to center)}
  \]

  \[
  \text{then flood datagram onto all outgoing links}
  \]

  \[
  \text{else ignore datagram}
  \]
Reverse Path Forwarding: example

- result is a source-specific reverse SPT
  - may be a bad choice with asymmetric links
Reverse Path Forwarding: pruning

- forwarding tree contains subtrees with no mcast group members
  - no need to forward datagrams down subtree
  - “prune” msgs sent upstream by router with no downstream group members

LEGEND
- router with attached group member
- router with no attached group member
- prune message
- links with multicast forwarding
Shared-Tree: Steiner Tree

- Steiner Tree: minimum cost tree connecting all routers with attached group members
- problem is NP-complete
- excellent heuristics exists
- not used in practice:
  - computational complexity
  - information about entire network needed
  - monolithic: rerun whenever a router needs to join/leave
Center-based trees

- single delivery tree shared by all
- one router identified as "center" of tree
- to join:
  - edge router sends unicast join-msg addressed to center router
  - join-msg "processed" by intermediate routers and forwarded towards center
  - join-msg either hits existing tree branch for this center, or arrives at center
  - path taken by join-msg becomes new branch of tree for this router
Center-based trees: an example

Suppose R6 chosen as center:

LEGEND
- router with attached group member
- router with no attached group member
- path order in which join messages generated
Internet Multicasting Routing: DVMRP

- **DVMRP**: distance vector multicast routing protocol, RFC1075
- **flood and prune**: reverse path forwarding, source-based tree
  - RPF tree based on DVMRP’s own routing tables constructed by communicating DVMRP routers
  - no assumptions about underlying unicast
  - initial datagram to mcast group flooded everywhere via RPF
  - routers not wanting group: send upstream prune msgs
DVMRP: continued...

- **soft state:** DVMRP router periodically (1 min.) “forgets” branches are pruned:
  - mcast data again flows down unpruned branch
  - downstream router: reprune or else continue to receive data

- routers can quickly regraft to tree
  - following IGMP join at leaf

- odds and ends
  - commonly implemented in commercial routers
  - Mbone routing done using DVMRP
Tunneling

**Q:** How to connect “islands” of multicast routers in a “sea” of unicast routers?

- mcast datagram encapsulated inside “normal” (non-multicast-addressed) datagram
- normal IP datagram sent thru “tunnel” via regular IP unicast to receiving mcast router
- receiving mcast router unencapsulates to get mcast datagram
PIM: Protocol Independent Multicast

- not dependent on any specific underlying unicast routing algorithm (works with all)

- two different multicast distribution scenarios:

  **Dense:**
  - group members densely packed, in “close” proximity.
  - bandwidth more plentiful

  **Sparse:**
  - # networks with group members small wrt # interconnected networks
  - group members “widely dispersed”
  - bandwidth not plentiful
Consequences of Sparse-Dense Dichotomy:

**Dense**
- group membership by routers *assumed* until routers explicitly prune
- *data-driven* construction on mcast tree (e.g., RPF)
- bandwidth and non-group-router processing *profligate*

**Sparse:**
- no membership until routers explicitly join
- *receiver-driven* construction of mcast tree (e.g., center-based)
- bandwidth and non-group-router processing *conservative*
PIM- Dense Mode

flood-and-prune RPF, similar to DVMRP but

- underlying unicast protocol provides RPF info for incoming datagram
- less complicated (less efficient) downstream flood than DVMRP reduces reliance on underlying routing algorithm
- has protocol mechanism for router to detect it is a leaf-node router
PIM - Sparse Mode

- center-based approach
- router sends *join* msg to rendezvous point (RP)
  - intermediate routers update state and forward *join*
- after joining via RP, router can switch to source-specific tree
  - increased performance: less concentration, shorter paths
sender(s):
- unicast data to RP, which distributes down RP-rooted tree
- RP can extend mcast tree upstream to source
- RP can send *stop* msg if no attached receivers
  - “no one is listening!”
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