COMP 3331/9331: Computer Networks and Applications Week 8 Control Plane (Routing) Chapter 5: Section 5.1 – 5.2, 5.6

### Network layer, control plane: outline

- 5.1 introduction
- 5.2 routing protocols
- link state
- distance vector
- Hierarchical routing (NOT ON EXAM)

5.6 ICMP: The Internet Control Message Protocol

# Network-layer functions

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

data plane

control plane

Two approaches to structuring network control plane:
\* per-router control (traditional)
\* logically centralized control (software defined networking)

# Per-router control plane

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



### Software-Defined Networking (SDN) control plane

Remote controller computes, installs forwarding tables in routers



# 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!





### Internet Routing

- Internet Routing works at two levels
- Each AS runs an intra-domain routing protocol that establishes routes within its domain
  - AS -- region of network under a single administrative entity
  - Link State, e.g., Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
  - Distance Vector, e.g., Routing Information Protocol (RIP)
- ASes participate in an inter-domain routing protocol that establishes routes between domains
  - Path Vector, e.g., Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)

### Graph abstraction: link costs



 $c_{a,b}$ : 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

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) }



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  - i.e., a list of its directly attached links and their costs



### Link State Routing

- Each node maintains its local "link state" (LS)
- Each node floods its local link state
  - on receiving a new LS message, a router forwards the message to all its neighbors other than the one it received the message from



# Flooding LSAs

- Routers transmit Link State Advertisement (LSA) on links
  - A neighbouring router forwards out on all links except incoming
  - Keep a copy locally; don't forward previously-seen LSAs
- Challenges
  - Packet loss
  - Out of order arrival
- Solutions
  - Acknowledgements and retransmissions
  - Sequence numbers
  - Time-to-live for each packet

# Link State Routing

- Each node maintains its local "link state" (LS)
- Each node floods its local link state
- Eventually, each node learns the entire network topology
  - Can use Dijkstra's to compute the shortest paths between nodes



# 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<sub>x,y</sub>: <u>direct</u> link cost from node x to y; = ∞ 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 leastcost-path definitively known

# Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

#### I Initialization:

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- $N' = \{u\}$  /\* compute least cost path from u to all other nodes \*/
- 3 for all nodes v
- 4 if v adjacent to u
- 5 then  $D(v) = c_{u,v}$
- 6 else  $D(v) = \infty$

- /\* u initially knows direct-path-cost only to direct neighbors
- /\* but may not be *minimum* cost!

#### Loop

- 9 find w not in N' such that D(w) is a minimum
- 10 add w to N'
- | | update D(v) for all v adjacent to w and not in N':

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D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c_{w,v})
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- 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 \*/
- **5** until all nodes in N'









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Step	Set N'	D(B),p(B)	D(C),p(C)	D(D),p(D)	D(E),p(E)	D(F),p(F)
0	А	2,A	5,A	1,A	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	AD	2, A	4,D		2,D	
→2	ADE	2, A	3,E			4,E
3						
4						
5						



 • 8	Loop
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10	add <b>w</b> to <b>N</b> ';
11	update D(v) for all <b>v</b> adjacent
	to <b>w</b> and not in <b>N'</b> :
12	If $D(w) + c(w,v) < D(v)$ then
13	D(v) = D(w) + c(w,v); p(v) = w;
14	until all nodes in N';

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0	А	2,A	5,A	(1,A)	8	$\infty$
1	AD		4,D		(2,D)	
2	ADE		(3,E			4,E
3	ADEB					
4	ADEBC					
5	ADEBCF					



To determine path  $A \rightarrow C$  (say), work backward from C via p(v)



resulting least-cost-path tree from A:

resulting forwarding table in A:





### Dijkstra's algorithm: another example





#### notes:

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

# Dijkstra's algorithm: discussion

### algorithm complexity: n nodes

- each of n iteration: need to check all nodes, w, not in N
- n(n+1)/2 comparisons: O(n<sup>2</sup>) complexity
- more efficient implementations possible: O(nlogn)

#### message complexity:

- each router must broadcast its link state information to other n routers
- efficient (and interesting!) broadcast algorithms: O(n) link crossings to disseminate a broadcast message from one source
- each router's message crosses O(n) links: overall message complexity:  $O(n^2)$

# Dijkstra's algorithm: oscillations possible

- when link costs depend on traffic volume, route oscillations possible
- sample scenario:
  - routing to destination a, traffic entering at d, c, e with rates I, e (< I), I
  - link costs are directional, and volume-dependent



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### Distance vector algorithm

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



### **Bellman-Ford Example**

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



Bellman-Ford equation says:  $D_u(z) = \min \{ c_{u,v} + D_v(z), c_{u,x} + D_x(z), c_{u,w} + D_w(z) \}$  $= \min \{2 + 5, 1 + 3, 5 + 3\} = 4$ 

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:

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

 under minor, natural conditions, the estimate D<sub>x</sub>(y) converge to the actual least cost d<sub>x</sub>(y)

### Distance vector algorithm:

### each node:

*wait* for (change in local link cost or DV from neighbor)

*recompute* DV estimates using DV received from neighbor

if DV to any destination has changed, *notify* neighbors

iterative, asynchronous: each local iteration caused by:

- Iocal 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



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





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





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.... and so on

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

### Distance vector example:



b receives DVs from a, c, e







### Distance vector example:



DV in c:
D <sub>c</sub> (a) = ∞
$D_{c}(b) = 1$
$D_{c}(c) = 0$
D <sub>c</sub> (d) = ∞
D <sub>c</sub> (e) = ∞
$D_{c}(f) = \infty$
D <sub>c</sub> (g) = ∞
D <sub>c</sub> (h) = ∞
D <sub>c</sub> (i) = ∞



 c receives DVs from b computes:

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

DV in c:
$D_{c}(a) = 9$ $D_{c}(b) = 1$ $D_{c}(c) = 0$
$D_{c}(d) = \infty$ $D_{c}(e) = 2$ $D_{c}(f) = \infty$
$D_{c}(f) = \infty$ $D_{c}(g) = \infty$ $D_{c}(h) = \infty$
D <sub>c</sub> (i) = ∞



### Distance vector: state information diffusion

Iterative communication, computation steps diffuses information through network:

c's state at t=0 is at c only t=0



c's state at t=0 has propagated to b, and t=1 may influence distance vector computations up to **1** hop away, i.e., at b

c's state at t=0 may now influence distance t=2 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

c's state at t=0 may influence distance t=4 vector computations up to **4** hops away, i.e., at b,a,e, c, f, h and now at g,i as well



### Problems with Distance Vector

- A number of problems can occur in a network using distance vector algorithm
- Most of these problems are caused by slow convergence or routers converging on incorrect information
- Convergence is the time during which all routers come to an agreement about the best paths through the internetwork
  - whenever topology changes there is a period of instability in the network as the routers converge
- Reacts rapidly to good news, but leisurely to bad news

### **DV: Link Cost Changes**

#### NOTE: DIFFERENT REPRESENTATION FROM BEFORE. YELLOW ENTRIES ARE THE DV







### **DV: Link Cost Changes**





### The "Poisoned Reverse" Rule

- Heuristic to avoid count-to-infinity
- ✤ If B routes via C to get to A:
  - B tells C its (B's) distance to A is infinite (so C won't route to A via B)

If B routes through C to get to A: B tells C its (B's) distance to A is infinite



Stable state



If B routes through C to get to A: B tells C its (B's) distance to A is infinite



Link cost changes here



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# Will Poison-Reverse Completely Solve the Count-to-Infinity Problem?



Numbers in blue denote the best cost to destination D advertised along the link

# 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

### **Real Protocols**

Link State

Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

Intermediate system to intermediate system (IS-IS)

**Distance Vector** 

Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (IGRP-Cisco)

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) - variant

# Quiz: Link-state routing

- In link state routing, each node sends information of its direct links (i.e., link state) to \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. Immediate neighbours
- B. All nodes in the network
- C. Any one neighbor
- D. No one

Answer: B

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# Quiz: Distance-vector routing

In distance vector routing, each node shares its distance table with \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. All Immediate neighbours
- B. All nodes in the network
- C. Any one neighbor
- D. No one

Answer: A

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# Quiz: Distance-vector routing

- Which of the following is true of distance vector routing?
- A. Convergence delay depends on the topology (nodes and links) and link weights
- B. Convergence delay depends on the number of nodes and links
- C. Each node knows the entire topology
- D. A and C
- E. B and C

Answer: A

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Self study (not on exam)

### ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

- Used by hosts & routers to communicate network level infromation
  - Error reporting: unreachable host, network, port
  - Echo request/reply (used by ping)
- Works above IP layer
  - ICMP messages carried in IP datagrams
- ICMP message: type, code plus IP header and first 8 bytes of IP datagram payload causing error



### ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

Code	Description
0	echo reply(ping)
0	dest. network unreachable
I	dest host unreachable
3	dest port unreachable
4	frag needed; DF set
0	echo request(ping)
0	TTL expired
I	frag reassembly time exceeded
0	bad IP header
	0 0 1 3 4 0 0 0 1 0

### **Traceroute and ICMP**

- Source sends series of UDP segments to dest
  - first set has TTL = I
  - second set has TTL=2, etc.
  - unlikely port number
- When nth set of datagrams arrives to nth router:
  - router discards datagrams
  - and sends source ICMP messages (type 11, code 0)
  - ICMP messages includes IP address of router

 when ICMP messages arrives, source records RTTs

#### stopping criteria:

- UDP segment eventually arrives at destination host
- destination returns ICMP "port unreachable" message (type 3, code 3)
- source stops



# Summary

- Network Layer: Data Plane
  - Overview
  - IP

- Network Layer: Control Plane
  - Routing Protocols
    - Link—state
    - Distance Vector
  - ICMP