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
- $\div$  link state
- <sup>v</sup> distance vector
- \* Hierarchical routing (NOT ON EXAM)

5.6 ICMP: The Internet Control Message Protocol

# Network-layer functions

- forwarding: move packets from router's **ior warding.** move packets from router's data plane
- routing: determine route taken by **control plane** packets from source to destination

Two approaches to structuring network control plane: <sup>v</sup> 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 mobile network

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
- <sup>v</sup> "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



*ca,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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### Link State Routing

- <sup>v</sup> Each node maintains its local "link state" (LS)
	- i.e., a list of its directly attached links and their costs



### Link State Routing

- ◆ Each node maintains its local "link state" (LS)
- $\div$  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
- $\div$  Challenges
	- Packet loss
	- Out of order arrival
- $\div$  Solutions
	- **E** Acknowledgements and retransmissions
	- **Sequence numbers**
	- **Time-to-live for each packet**

# Link State Routing

- ◆ Each node maintains its local "link state" (LS)
- $\div$  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

- $c_{x,y}$ : 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 leastcost-path *definitively* known

# Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

### 1 *Initialization:*

- $2 \quad N' = \{u\}$  /\* compute least cost path from u to all other nodes \*/
- 3 for all nodes *v*
- \*/
- \*/
- 6 else  $D(v) = \infty$

4 if *v* adjacent to *u* /\* *u* initially knows direct-path-cost only to direct neighbors

then  $D(v) = c_{uv}$  /\* but may not be *minimum* cost!

#### 8 *Loop*

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- 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'* :

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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* \*/
- **15** *until all nodes in N'*

 $D \rightarrow$ 

 $\degree$  2

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8 *Loop* 9 find **w** not in **N'** s.t. 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 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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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:  $O(n^2)$  complexity
- § more efficient implementations possible: O(*n*log*n*)

### 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
- **E** 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 node*s, x,v,w,* know that for destination *z*:



 $D_u(z)$  = min {  $c_{u,v}$  +  $D_v(z)$ , *cu,x + Dx(z),*  $c_{u,w} + D_w(z)$ }  $=$  min  $\{2 + 5,$  $1 + 3$ ,  $5 + 3\mathbf{\overline{) = 4}$ 

*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:

 $D_y(y) \leftarrow min_y\{c_{x,y} + D_y(y)\}$  for each node  $y \in N$ 

■ under minor, natural conditions, the estimate  $D_y(y)$  converge to *the actual least cost*  $d_x(y)$ 

# 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:

- **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



- 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



■ b receives DVs from a, c, e







## Distance vector example:



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D_{c}(a) = \infty
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D_{c}(b) = 1
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D_{c}(c) = 0
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D_{c}(d) = \infty
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D_{c}(e) = \infty
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D_{c}(f) = \infty
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D_{c}(g) = \infty
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D_{c}(h) = \infty
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D_{c}(i) = \infty
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■ c receives DVs from b computes:

$D_c(a) = min{c_{c,b} + D_b(a)} = 1 + 8 = 9$	$D_c(b) = min{c_{c,b} + D_b(b)} = 1 + 0 = 1$	$D_c(a) = 9$
$D_c(d) = min{c_{c,b} + D_b(d)} = 1 + ∞ = ∞$	$D_c(a) = 9$	
$D_c(e) = min{c_{c,b} + D_b(e)} = 1 + 1 = 2$	$D_c(b) = 1$	
$D_c(e) = min{c_{c,b} + D_b(b)} = 1 + ∞ = ∞$	$D_c(c) = 0$	
$D_c(f) = min{c_{c,b} + D_b(g)} = 1 + ∞ = ∞$	$D_c(e) = 2$	
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## 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



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 vector computations up to **2** hops away, i.e., at b and now at a, e as well  $t=2$ 

 $t=3$ 

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

- $\triangleright$  A number of problems can occur in a network using distance vector algorithm
- <sup>Ø</sup> Most of these problems are caused by slow convergence or routers converging on incorrect information
- <sup>Ø</sup> *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
- $\triangleright$  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

- $\div$  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



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**Link cost changes here**



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 $A$   $\overbrace{C}$ 

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 $4 \times 1$ 

 $60$   $\overline{B}$ 

### 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(*n2*) messages sent DV: exchange between neighbors; convergence time varies

### speed of convergence

- LS: O(*n<sup>2</sup>*) algorithm, O(*n2*) 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

- $\cdot$  In link state routing, each node sends information of its direct links  $(i.e., link state) to$   $\qquad \qquad$  ?
- 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  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ 

- 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)
- $\div$  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



## Traceroute and ICMP

- $\triangleright$  Source sends series of UDP segments to dest
	- $\cdot$  first set has  $TTI = I$
	- second set has TTL=2, etc.
	- unlikely port number
- <sup>Ø</sup> When *n*th 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

 $\triangleright$  when ICMP messages arrives, source records RTTs

#### *stopping criteria:*

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



# Summary

- \* Network Layer: Data Plane
	- **Overview**
	- $\blacksquare$  IP
- \* Network Layer: Control Plane
	- Routing Protocols
		- Link—state
		- Distance Vector
	- § ICMP