Assigning Addresses to Hosts and Routers, and DHCP

IP addresses are organized by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). An ISP can request a block of addresses from ICANN. Then, an organization can also request a block of addresses from its ISP. A block of addresses obtained from an ISP can be assigned over hosts, servers, and router interfaces by a network manager.

Different method of assigning addresses to a host is called Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), whereby a host is allocated an IP address automatically.

DHCP allows a host to learn its subnet mask, the address of its first-hop router, or even the address of other major local servers.

DHCP is sometimes called a plug-and-play protocol, whereby hosts can join or leave a network without requiring configuration by network managers.

The convenience of this method of address assignment gives DHCP multiple uses of IP addresses. If any ISP manager does not have a sufficient number of IP addresses, DHCP is used to assign each of its connecting hosts a temporary IP address.

If a host joins the network, the server assigns an available IP address; each time a host leaves, its address is included in the pool of available addresses.

DHCP is especially useful in mobile IP, with mobile hosts joining and leaving an ISP frequently.

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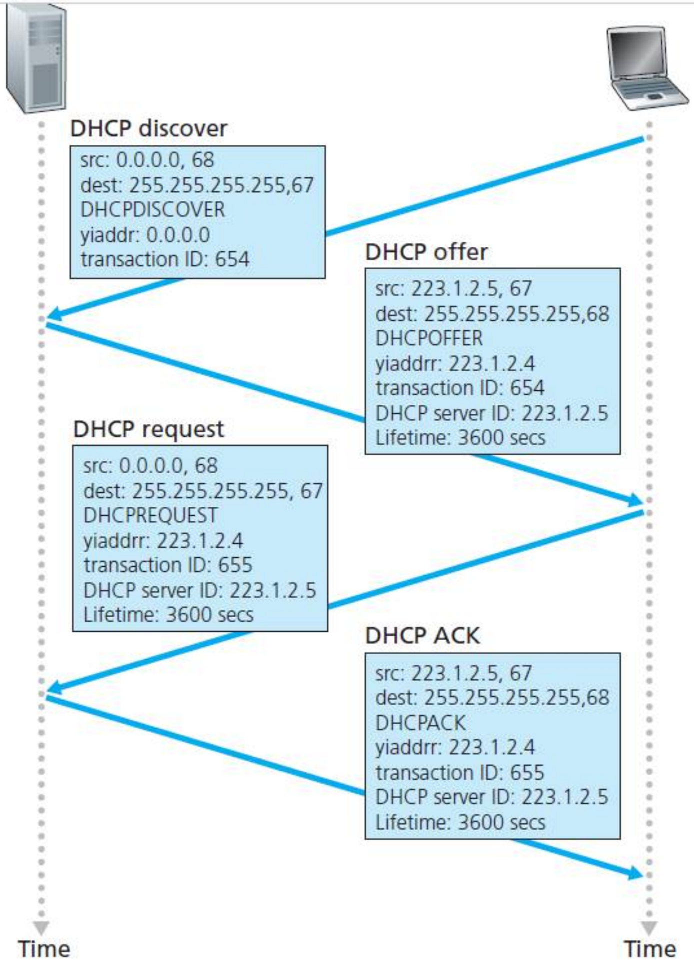

Network Address Translation (NAT)

The idea behind NAT is that all the users and hosts of a private network do not need to have a globally unique addresses. Instead, they can be assigned private and unique addresses within their own private networks, and a NAT-enabled router that connects the private network to the outside world can translate these addresses to globally unique addresses. The NAT-enabled router hides from the outside world the details of the private network. The router acts as a single networking device with a single IP address to the outside world.

Example. Assume that a host with internal address 10.0.0.1 and port number 4527 in a private network requests a connection to a server with IP address 144.55.34.2 and arbitrary port number 3843, which resides in a different country. Suppose that the output port of the connecting NAT router is assigned IP address 197.36.32.4.

Solution. To set up this connection, the host sends its request with source address 10.0.0.1,4527 to the NAT router. The router "translates" this address in its NAT routing table by changing the arbitrary port number from 4527 to an official one of 5557 and changing the internal IP address 10.0.0.1 to its own port IP address, 197.36.32.4. The router then makes the connection request to site 144.55.34.2,3843, using address 197.36.32.4,5557. When the router receives the response from the remote site, the router does the reverse translation and delivers the response to host 10.0.0.1. Although NAT protocol solves the shortage of IP addresses in small communities, it has a major drawback of avoiding the assignment of a unique IP address to every networking component

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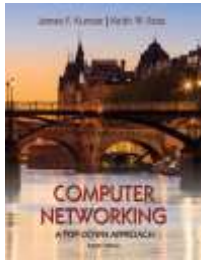

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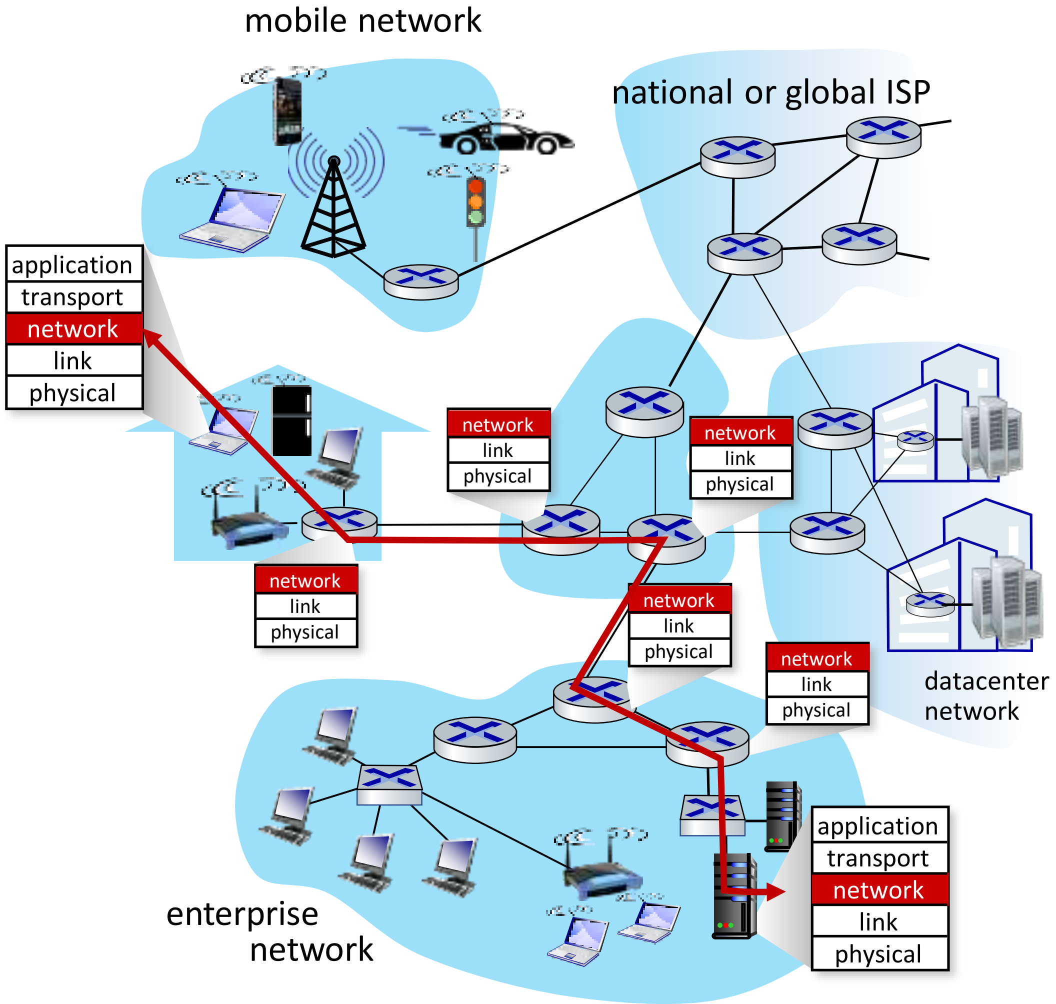
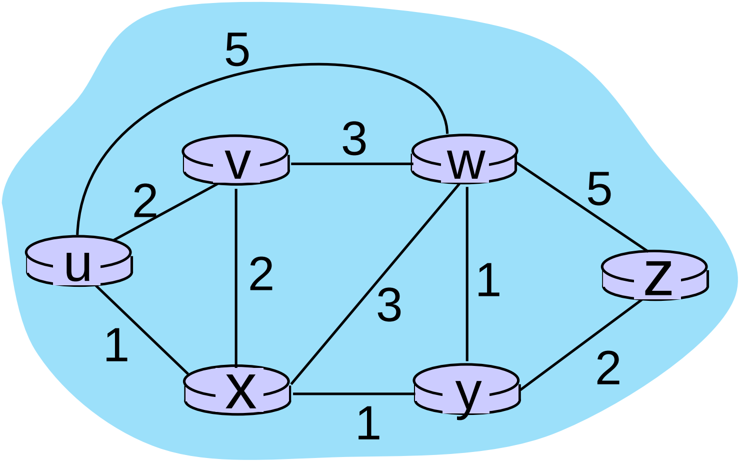
Routing algorithm

Routing algorithm 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!



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 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)* }

Routing algorithm classification

global: all routers have *complete* topology, link cost info
- "link state" algorithms

How fast do routes change?

static: routes change slowly over time

dynamic: routes change more quickly
- periodic updates or in response to link cost changes

decentralized: iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- routers initially only know link costs to attached neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

global or decentralized information?

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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

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

Dijkstra's link-state routing algorithm

Initialization:
$N' = \{u\}$ /* compute least cost path from u to all other nodes */
for all nodes v
if v adjacent to u /* u initially knows direct-path-cost only to direct neighbors */
then $D(v) = c_{u,v}$ /* but may not be *minimum* cost! */
else $D(v) = \infty$

Loop
Find w not in N' such that $D(w)$ is a minimum
add w to N'
update $D(v)$ for all v adjacent to w and not in N' :
$D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c_{w,v})$
/* new least-path-cost to v is either old least-cost-path to v or known least-cost-path to w plus direct-cost from w to v */
until all nodes in N'

Dijkstra's algorithm: an example

Step	N'	v D(v),p(v)	w D(w),p(w)	x D(x),p(x)	y D(y),p(y)	z D(z),p(z)
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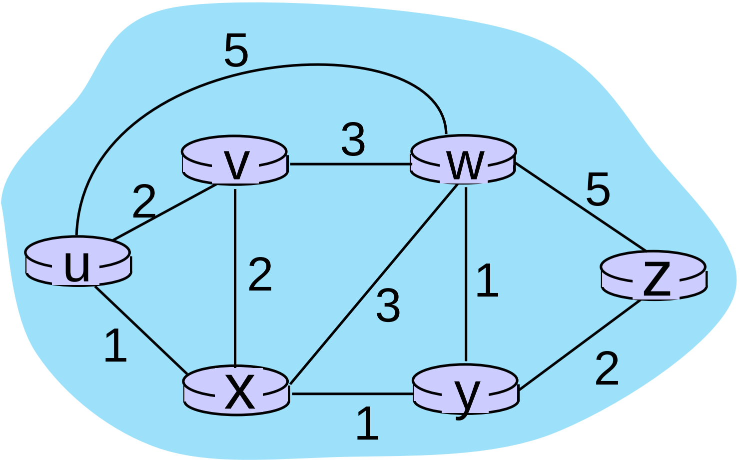

Initialization (step 0):

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

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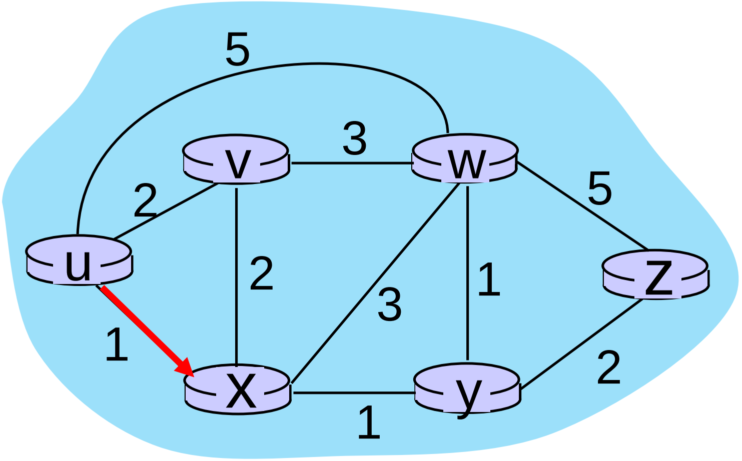

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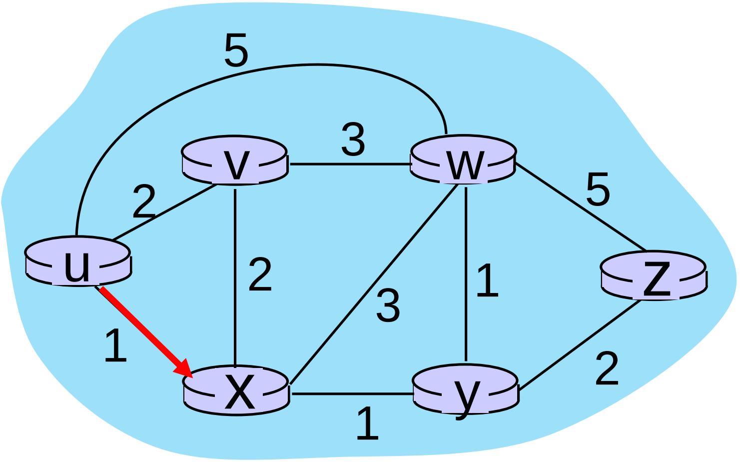

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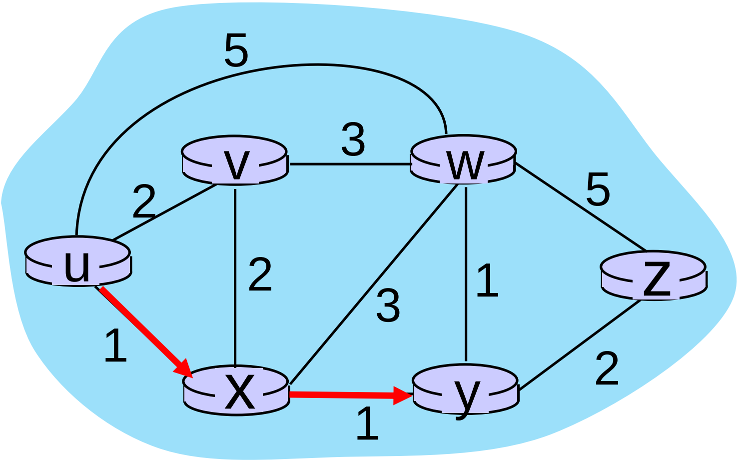

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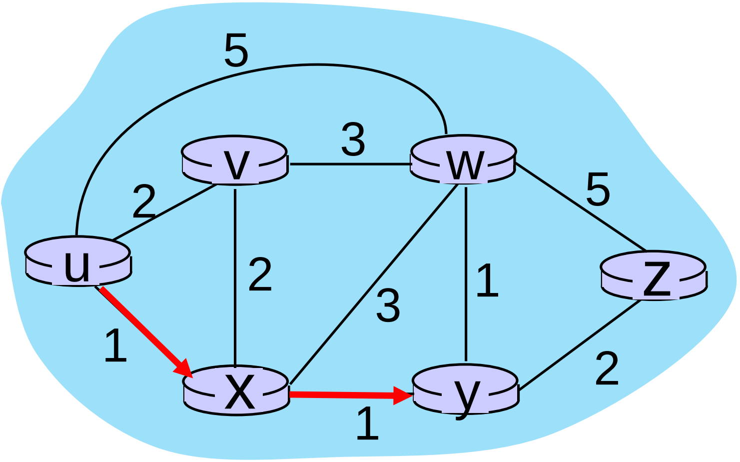

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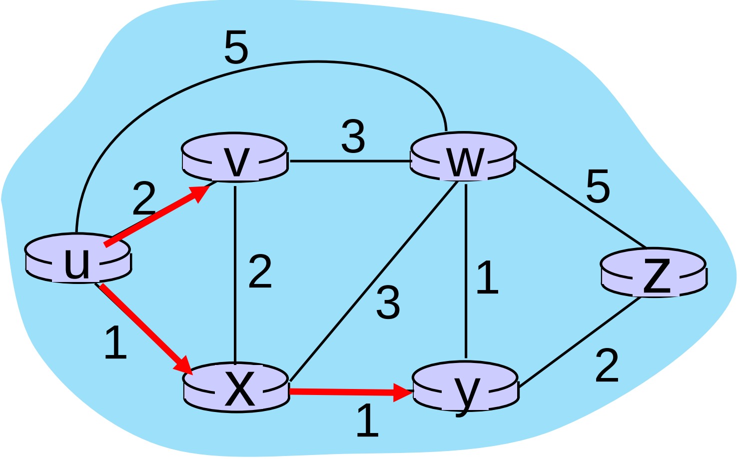

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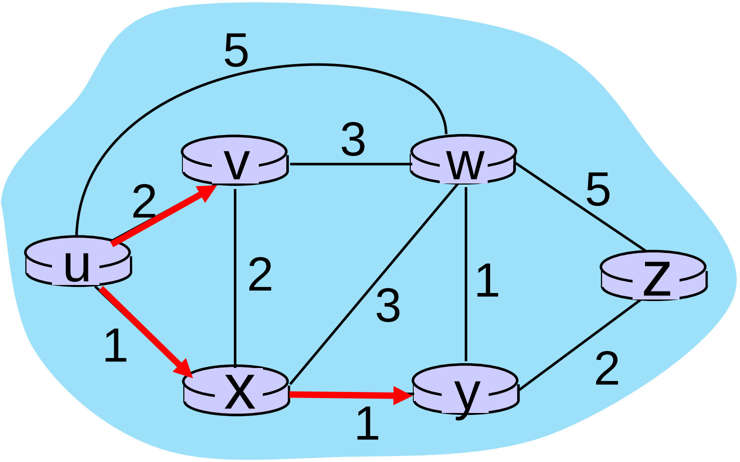

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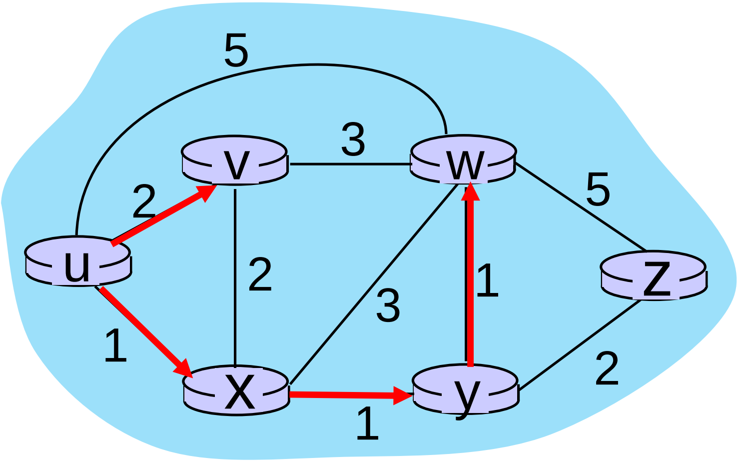

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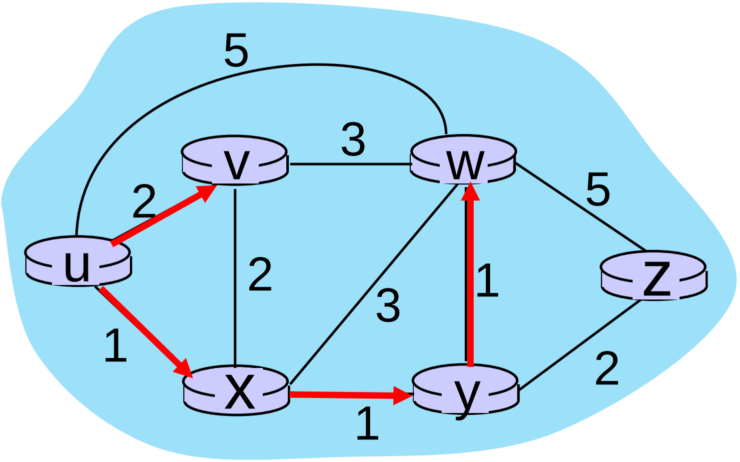

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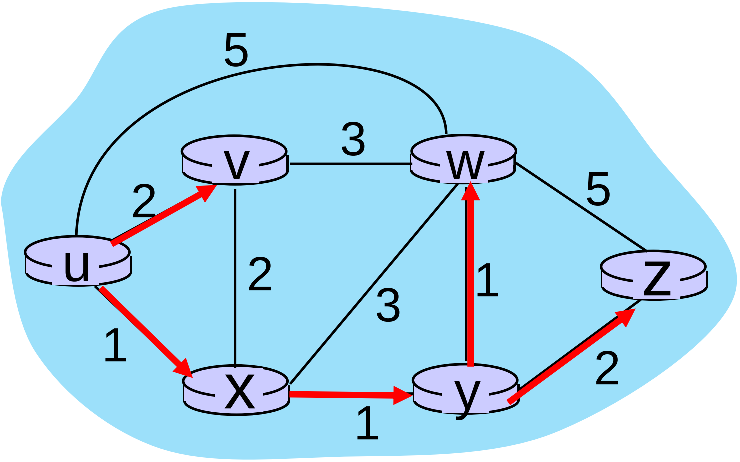

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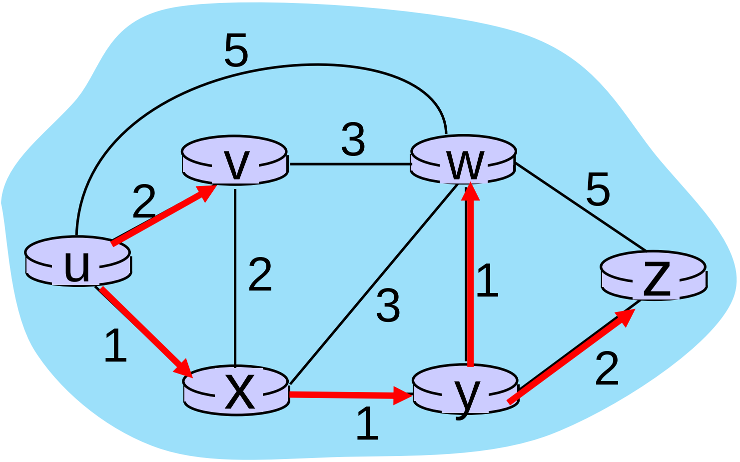

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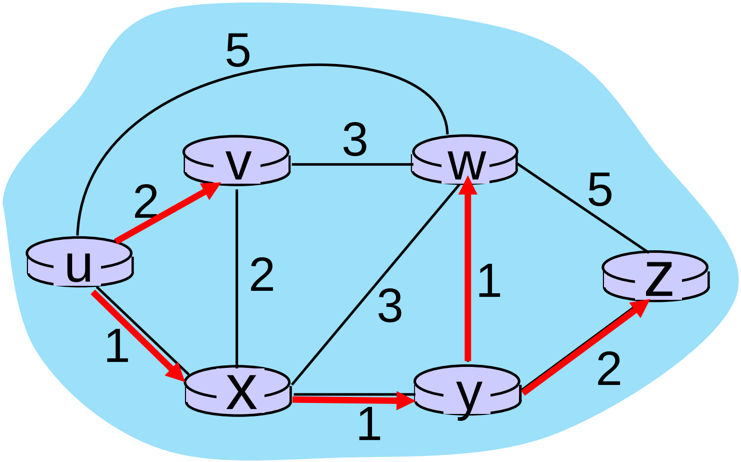
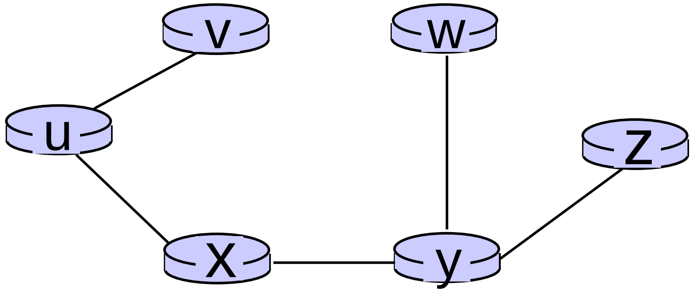


resulting least-cost-path tree from u:



resulting forwarding table in u:

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

route from *u* to *v* directly

route from u to all other destinations via *x*

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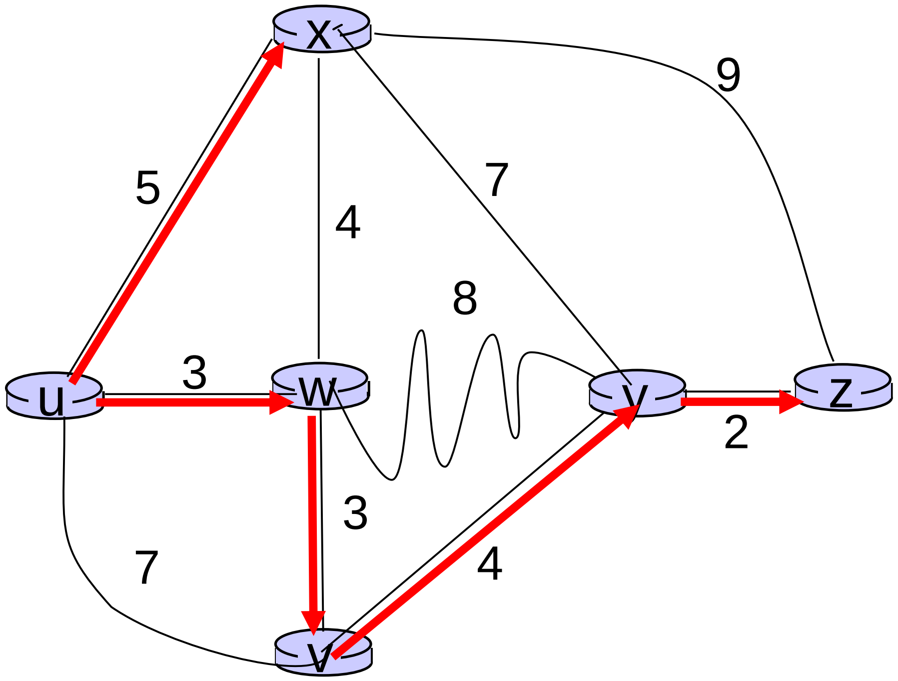


notes:

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

Dijkstra's algorithm: discussion

algorithm complexity: *n* nodes

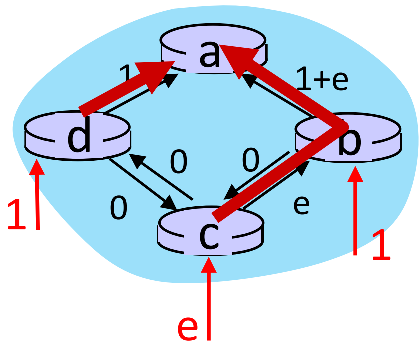
- each of *n* iteration: need to check all nodes, *w*, not in *N*
- $n(n+1)/2$ comparisons: $O(n^2)$ complexity
- more efficient implementations possible: $O(n \log n)$

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
- 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 1, e (<1), 1
  - link costs are directional, and volume-dependent



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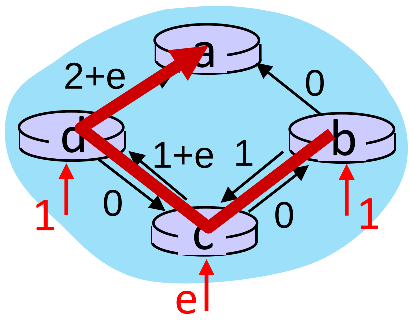
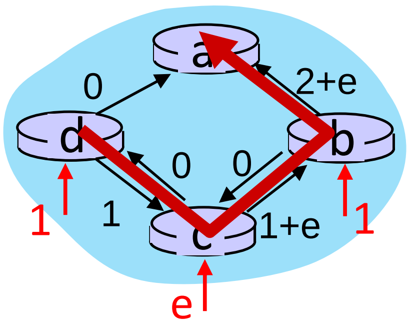


given these costs,
find new routing….
resulting in new costs



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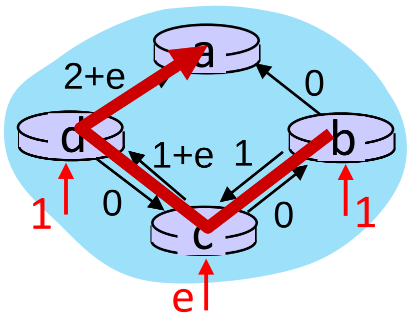

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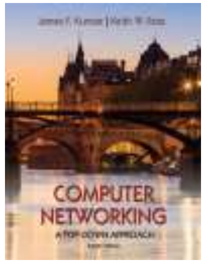


Distance vector algorithm

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:

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

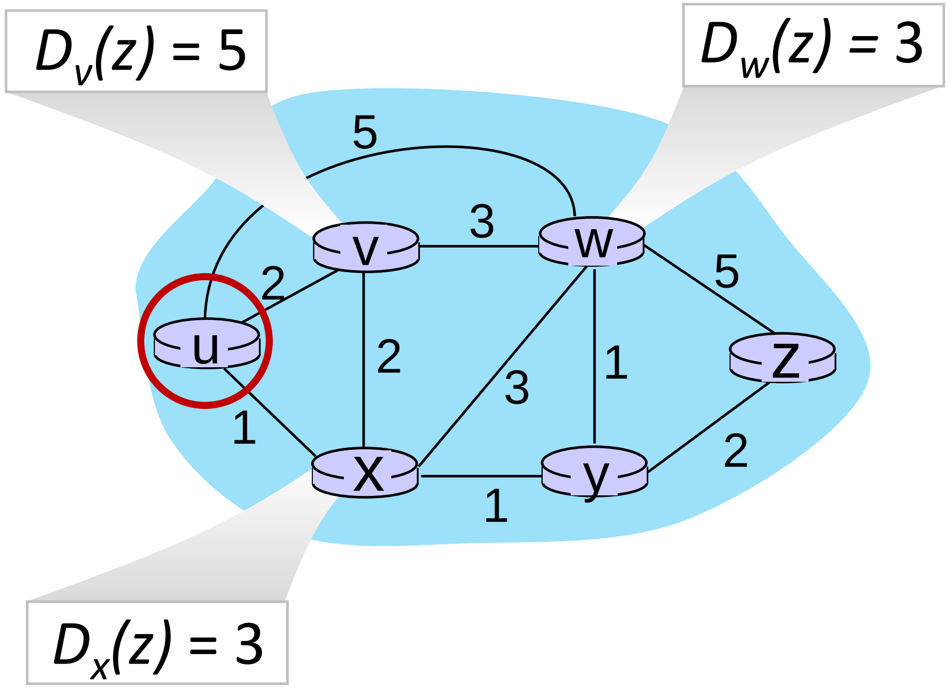
v's estimated least-cost-path cost to y

min taken over all neighbors v of x

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:

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

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:

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

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

Distance vector algorithm:

each node:

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

↓

recompute my DV estimates using DV received from neighbor

↓

if my DV to any destination has changed, *send my new DV* my neighbors, else do nothing.

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 (DV) Algorithm

At each node, *x*:

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Initialization:
   for all destinations y in N:
      D_x(y) = c(x,y)   /* if y is not a neighbor then c(x,y) = ∞ */
   for each neighbor w
      D_w(y) = ? for all destinations y in N
   for each neighbor w
      send distance vector D_x = [D_x(y): y in N] to w

loop
   wait (until I see a link cost change to some neighbor w or
         until I receive a distance vector from some neighbor w)

   for each y in N:
      D_x(y) = min_v{c(x,v) + D_v(y)}

   if D_x(y) changed for any destination y
      send distance vector D_x = [D_x(y): y in N] to all neighbors

forever
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$$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\} = \min\{2+0 , 7+1\} = 2$$

$$D_x(z) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(z), c(x,z) + D_z(z)\} = \min\{2+1 , 7+0\} = 3$$

node x table

from \ cost to	x	y	z
x	0	2	7
y	∞	∞	∞
z	∞	∞	∞

from \ cost to	x	y	z
x	0	2	3
y	2	0	1
z	7	1	0

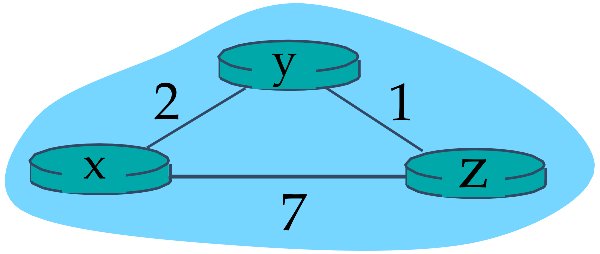
node y table

from \ cost to	x	y	z
x	∞	∞	∞
y	2	0	1
z	∞	∞	∞

node z table

from \ cost to	x	y	z
x	∞	∞	∞
y	∞	∞	∞
z	7	1	0

time



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node y table

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z	∞	∞	∞

from \ cost to	x	y	z
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z	3	1	0

node z table

from \ cost to	x	y	z
x	∞	∞	∞
y	∞	∞	∞
z	7	1	0

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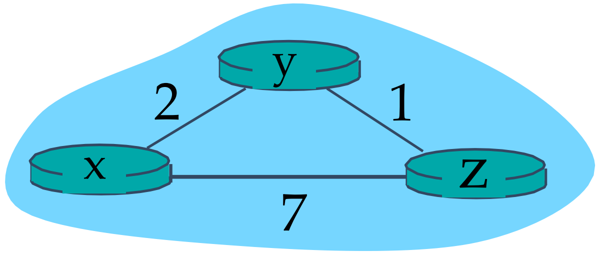

Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

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 DV is used by others: error propagate thru network