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Network Lecture 7: Network Layer 2

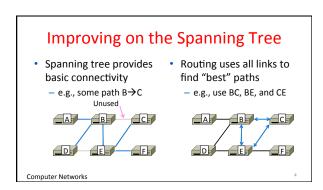
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Where we are in the Course • More fun in the Network Layer! - We've covered packet forwarding - Now we'll learn about routing Application Transport Network

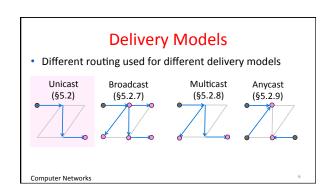
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Routing versus Forwarding • Forwarding is the process of sending a packet on its way • Routing is the process of deciding in which direction to send traffic which way? Which way? Computer Networks



Perspective on Bandwidth Allocation • Routing allocates network bandwidth adapting to failures; other mechanisms used at other timescales | Mechanism | Timescale / Adaptation | | Load-sensitive routing | Seconds / Traffic hotspots | | Routing | Minutes / Equipment failures | | Traffic Engineering | Hours / Network load | | Provisioning | Months / Network customers |



Goals of Routing Algorithms

• We want several properties of any routing scheme:

Property	Meaning	
Correctness	Finds paths that work	
Efficient paths	Uses network bandwidth well	
Fair paths	Doesn't starve any nodes	
Fast convergence	Recovers quickly after changes	
Scalability	Works well as network grows large	

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Rules of Routing Algorithms Decentralized, distributed setting All nodes are alike; no controller

- Nodes only know what they learn by exchanging messages with neighbors
- Nodes operate concurrently
- May be node/link/message failures



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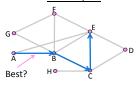
This time

- IPv4, IPv6, NATs and all that
- · Shortest path routing
- · Distance Vector routing
- Flooding
- Link-state routing
- · Equal-cost multi-path
- Inter-domain routing (BGP)

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Shortest Path Routing (§5.2.1-5.2.2)

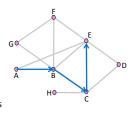
- · Defining "best" paths with link costs
 - These are <u>shortest path</u> routes



What are "Best" paths anyhow?

- Many possibilities:
 - Latency, avoid circuitous paths
 - Bandwidth, avoid slow links
 - Money, avoid expensive links
 - Hops, to reduce switching

· But only consider topology - Ignore workload, e.g., hotspots Computer Networks



Shortest Paths

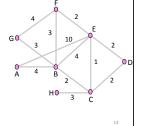
We'll approximate "best" by a cost function that captures the factors

- Often call lowest "shortest"
- 1. Assign each link a cost (distance)
- 2. Define best path between each pair of nodes as the path that has the lowest total cost (or is shortest)
- 3. Pick randomly to any break ties

Shortest Paths (2)

- Find the shortest path A → E
- All links are bidirectional, with equal costs in each direction
 - Can extend model to unequal costs if needed

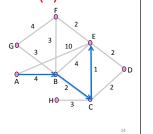
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Shortest Paths (3)

- ABCE is a shortest path
- dist(ABCE) = 4 + 2 + 1 = 7
- This is less than:
 - dist(ABE) = 8
 - dist(ABFE) = 9
- dist(AE) = 10
- dist(ABCDE) = 10

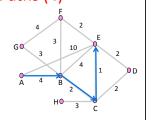
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Shortest Paths (4)

- Optimality property:
 - Subpaths of shortest paths are also shortest paths
- ABCE is a shortest path
 →So are ABC, AB, BCE, BC,
 CE

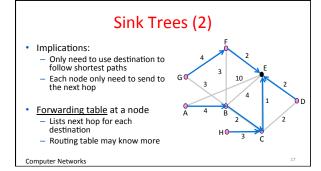
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Sink Trees • Sink tree for a destination is the union of all shortest paths towards the destination – Similarly source tree

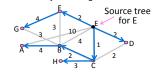
Find the sink tree for E

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Computing Shortest Paths with Dijkstra (§5.2.2)

- How to compute shortest path given the network topology
 - With Dijkstra's algorithm



Edsger W. Dijkstra (1930-2002)

- · Famous computer scientist
 - Programming languages
 - Distributed algorithms
 - Program verification
- Dijkstra's algorithm, 1959
 - Single-source shortest paths, given network with non-negative link costs

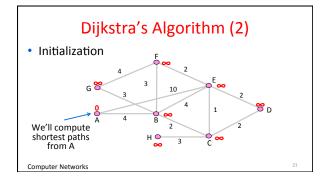


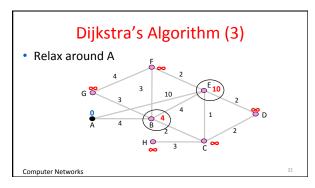
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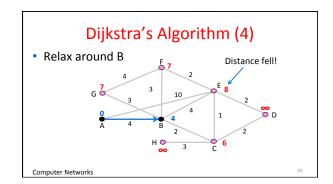
Dijkstra's Algorithm

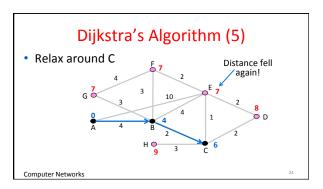
Algorithm:

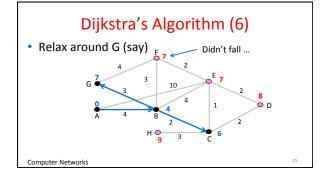
- Mark all nodes tentative, set distances from source to 0 (zero) for source, and ∞ (infinity) for all other nodes
- While tentative nodes remain:
 - Extract N, a node with lowest distance
 - Add link to N to the shortest path tree
 - Relax the distances of neighbors of N by lowering any better distance estimates

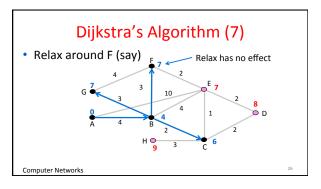


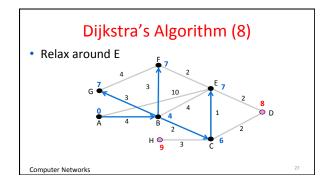


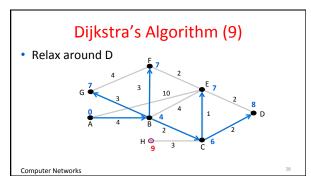


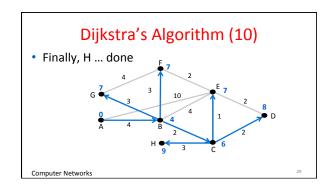


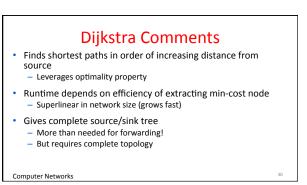












Distance Vector Routing (§5.2.4)

- How to compute shortest paths in a distributed network
 - The Distance Vector (DV) approach



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Distance Vector Routing

- · Simple, early routing approach
 - Used in ARPANET, and RIP (Routing Information Protocol)
- · One of two main approaches to routing
 - Distributed version of Bellman-Ford
 - Works, but very slow convergence after some failures
- Link-state algorithms are now typically used in practice
 - More involved, better behavior

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Distance Vector Setting

Each node computes its forwarding table in a distributed setting:

- Nodes know only the cost to their neighbors; not the topology
- Nodes can talk only to their neighbors using messages
- 3. All nodes run the same algorithm concurrently
- 4. Nodes and links may fail, messages may be lost

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Distance Vector Algorithm

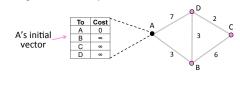
Each node maintains a vector of distances (and next hops) to all destinations

- Initialize vector with 0 (zero) cost to self, ∞ (infinity) to other destinations
- 2. Periodically send vector to neighbors
- Update vector for each destination by selecting the shortest distance heard, after adding cost of neighbor link
 - Use the best neighbor for forwarding

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Distance Vector Example

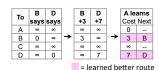
- Consider a simple network. Each node runs on its own
 - E.g., node A can only talk to nodes B and D



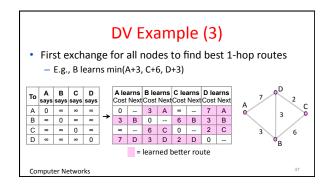
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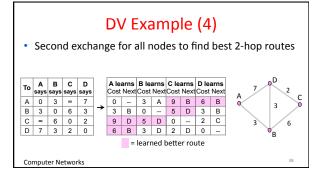
DV Example (2)

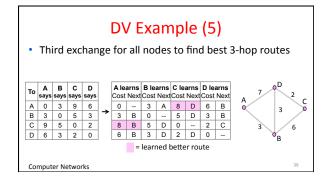
- First exchange, A hears from B, D and finds 1-hop routes
 - A always learns min(B+3, D+7)

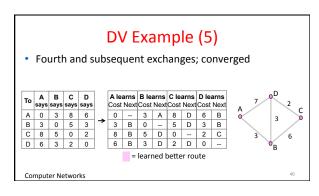




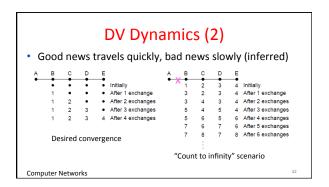








Distance Vector Dynamics Adding routes: News travels one hop per exchange Removing routes When a node fails, no more exchanges, other nodes forget But partitions (unreachable nodes in divided network) are a problem "Count to infinity" scenario



DV Dynamics (3)

- · Various heuristics to address
 - e.g., "Split horizon, poison reverse" (Don't send route back to where you learned it from.)
- · But none are very effective
 - Link state now favored in practice in intra-domain (LAN) settings
 - Except when very resource-limited

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RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

- DV protocol with hop count as metric
 - Infinity is 16 hops; limits network size
 - Includes split horizon, poison reverse
- Routers send vectors every 30 secs
 - Runs on top of UDP
 - Timeout in 180 secs to detect failures
- · RIPv1 specified in RFC1058 (1988)

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Flooding (§5.2.3)

- How to broadcast a message to all nodes in the network with flooding
 - Simple mechanism, but inefficient

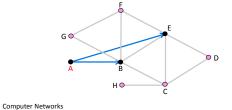


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Flooding

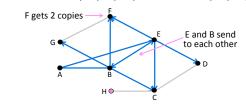
- · Rule used at each node:
 - Sends an incoming message on to all other neighbors
 - Remember the message so that it is only sent once over each link (called duplicate suppression)
- · Inefficient because one node may receive multiple copies of message

Flooding (2) • Consider a flood from A; first reaches B via AB, E via AE

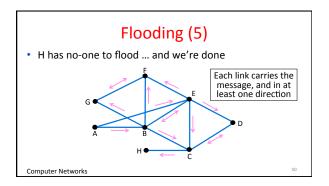


Flooding (3)

• Next B floods BC, BE, BF, BG, and E floods EB, EC, ED, EF



Flooding (4) • C floods CD, CH; D floods DC; F floods FG; G floods GF F gets another copy G H Computer Networks



Flooding Details

- Remember message (to stop flood) using source and sequence number
 - Used for duplicate suppression, so same message is only sent once to neighbors
 - So subsequent message (with higher sequence number) will again be flooded
- To make flooding reliable, use ARQ
 - So receiver acknowledges, and sender resends if needed

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Link State Routing (§5.2.5, 5.6.6)

How to compute shortest paths in a distributed network
 The Link-State (LS) approach



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Link-State Routing

- One of two approaches to routing
 - Trades more computation than distance vector for better dynamics
- · Widely used in practice
 - Used in Internet/ARPANET from 1979
 - Modern networks use OSPF and IS-IS for intra-domain routing

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Link-State Setting

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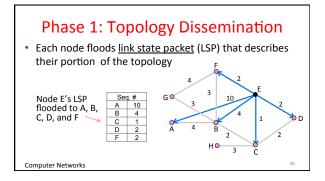
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Link-State Algorithm

Proceeds in two phases:

- 1. Nodes flood topology in the form of link state packets
 - Each node learns full topology
- 2. Each node computes its own forwarding table
 - By running Dijkstra (or equivalent)

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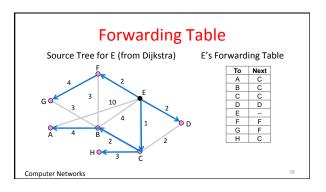


Phase 2: Route Computation

- Each node has full topology
 - By combining all LSPs
- · Each node simply runs Dijkstra
 - Some replicated computation, but finds required routes directly
 - Compile forwarding table from sink/source tree
 - That's it folks!

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Handling Changes • On change, flood updated LSPs, and re-compute routes - E.g., nodes adjacent to failed link or node initiate B's LSP Seq. # A 4 4 B 3 3 C Seq. # A 4 B 2 B 3 C B 3 C B 4 B 3 C B 5

Handling Changes (2)

- Link failure
 - Both nodes notice, send updated LSPs
 - Link is removed from topology
- Node failure
 - All neighbors notice a link has failed
 - Failed node can't update its own LSP
 - But it is OK: all links to node removed

Handling Changes (3)

- · Addition of a link or node
 - Add LSP of new node to topology
 - Old LSPs are updated with new link
- Additions are the easy case ...

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Link-State Complications

- · Things that can go wrong:
 - Seq. number reaches max, or is corrupted
 - Node crashes and loses seq. number
- Network partitions then heals
- Strategy:
- Include age on LSPs and forget old information that is not refreshed
- Much of the complexity is due to handling corner cases (as usual!)

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DV/LS Comparison

Goal	Distance Vector	Link-State
Correctness	Distributed Bellman-Ford	Replicated Dijkstra
Efficient paths	Approx. with shortest paths	Approx. with shortest paths
Fair paths	Approx. with shortest paths	Approx. with shortest paths
Fast convergence	Slow – many exchanges	Fast – flood and compute
Scalability	Excellent – storage/compute	Moderate – storage/compute

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IS-IS and OSPF Protocols

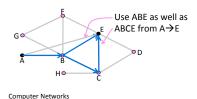
- · Widely used in large enterprise and ISP networks
 - IS-IS = Intermediate System to Intermediate System
 - OSPF = Open Shortest Path First
- Link-state protocol with many added features
 - E.g., "Areas" for scalability

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Equal-Cost Multi-Path Routing (§5.2.1, 5.6.6)

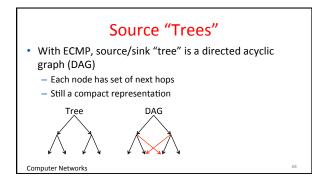
- More on shortest path routes
 - Allow multiple shortest paths

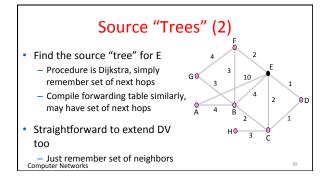


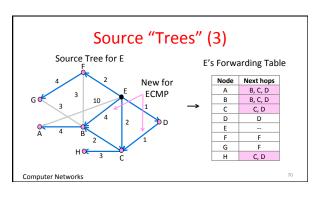
Multipath Routing

- Allow multiple routing paths from node to destination be used at once
 - Topology has them for redundancy
 - Using them can improve performance
- Questions:
 - How do we find multiple paths?
 - How do we send traffic along them?

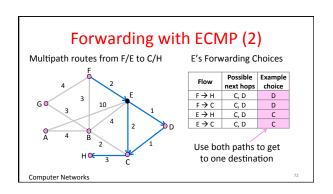
Equal-Cost Multipath Routes • One form of multipath routing - Extends shortest path model by keeping set if there are ties • Consider A→E - ABC = 4 + 4 + 8 - ABCDE = 4 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 8 - Use them all!





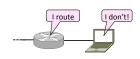


Forwarding with ECMP Could randomly pick a next hop for each packet based on destination Balances load, but adds jitter Instead, try to send packets from a given source/destination pair on the same path Source/destination pair is called a flow Map flow identifier to single next hop No jitter within flow, but less balanced



Combining Hosts and Routers

- · How routing protocols work with IP
 - The Host/Router distinction



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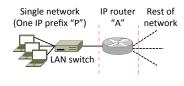
Recap

- In the Internet:
 - Hosts on same network have IP addresses in the same <u>IP</u> prefix
 - Hosts just send off-network traffic to the nearest router to handle
 - Routers discover the routes to use
 - Routers use <u>longest prefix matching</u> to send packets to the right next hop

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Host/Router Combination

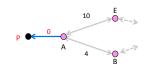
- Hosts attach to routers as IP prefixes
 - Router needs table to reach all hosts



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Network Topology for Routing

- Group hosts under IP prefix connected directly to router
 - One entry for all hosts



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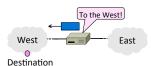
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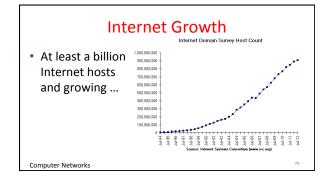
- Routing now works as before!
 - Routers advertise IP prefixes for hosts
 - Router addresses are "/32" prefixes
 - Lets all routers find a path to hosts
 - Hosts find by sending to their router

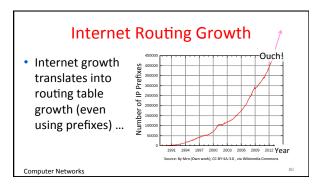
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Hierarchical Routing (§5.2.6)

- How to scale routing with hierarchy in the form of regions
 - Route to regions, not individual nodes







Impact of Routing Growth

- 1. Forwarding tables grow
 - Larger router memories, may increase lookup time
- 2. Routing messages grow
 - Need to keeps all nodes informed of larger topology
- 3. Routing computation grows
 - Shortest path calculations grow faster than the size of the network

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Techniques to Scale Routing 1. IP prefixes - Route to blocks of hosts Last time

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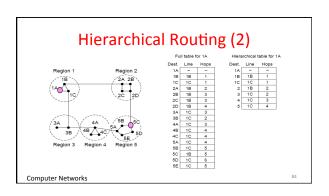
- 2. Network hierarchy
 - Route to network regions
- 3. IP prefix aggregation

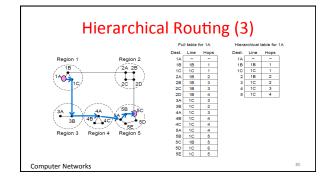
Combine, and split, prefixes

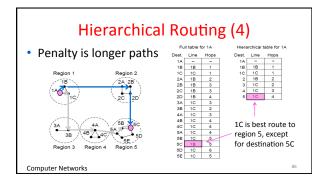
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Hierarchical Routing

- Introduce a larger routing unit
 - IP prefix (hosts) ← from one host
 - Region, e.g., ISP network
- Route first to the region, then to the IP prefix within the region
 - Hide details within a region from outside of the region







Observations

- Outside a region, nodes have <u>one route</u> to all hosts within the region
 - This gives savings in table size, messages and computation
- However, each node may have a <u>different route</u> to an outside region
 - Routing decisions are still made by individual nodes; there is no single decision made by a region

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IP Prefix Aggregation and Subnets (§5.6.2)

- How to help scale routing by adjusting the size of IP prefixes
 - Split (subnets) and join (aggregation)



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Recall

- IP addresses are allocated in blocks called <u>IP</u> prefixes, e.g., 18.31.0.0/16
 - Hosts on one network in same prefix
- A "/N" prefix has the first N bits fixed and contains 2^{32-N} addresses
 - E.g., "/24"
 - E.g., "/16"

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Key Flexibility

- · Routers keep track of prefix lengths
 - Use it for longest prefix matching

Routers can change prefix lengths without affecting hosts

- More specific IP prefix
 - Longer prefix, fewer IP addresses
- Less specific IP prefix
 - Shorter prefix, more IP addresses

Prefixes and Hierarchy

- IP prefixes already help to scale routing, but we can go further
 - Can use a less specific prefix to name a region made up of several prefixes



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Subnets and Aggregation

Two use cases for adjusting the size of IP prefixes; both reduce routing table size

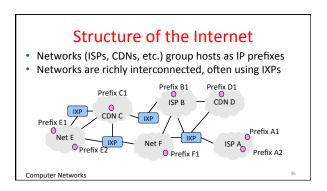
- 1. Subnets
 - Internally split one less specific prefix into multiple more specific prefixes
- 2. Aggregation
 - Externally join multiple more specific prefixes into one large prefix

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Subnets · Internally split up one IP prefix One prefix sent to rest of Internet 64K addresses

Aggregation • Externally join multiple separate IP prefixes One prefix sent to rest of Internet 192.24.16.0/20 Rest of Internet | ISP

Routing with Multiple Parties (§5.6.7) · Routing when there are multiple parties, each with their own goals - Like Internet routing across ISPs ... Source Destination Computer Networks



Internet-wide Routing Issues

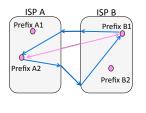
- Two problems beyond routing within an individual network
- 1. Scaling to very large networks
 - Techniques of IP prefixes, hierarchy, prefix aggregation
- 2. Incorporating policy decisions
 - Letting different parties choose their routes to suit their own needs
 Yikes!

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Effects of Independent Parties • Each party selects routes to suit its own interests – e.g., shortest path in ISP • What path will be chosen for A2→B1 and B1→A2? – What is the best path? SP A Prefix A1 Prefix B1 Prefix B2 Prefix B2

Effects of Independent Parties (2)

- Selected paths are longer than overall shortest path
 - And asymmetric too!
- This is a consequence of independent goals and decisions, not hierarchy



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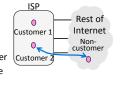
Routing Policies

- Capture the goals of different parties could be anything
 - E.g., Internet2 only carries non-commercial traffic
- Common policies we'll look at:
 - ISPs give TRANSIT service to customers
 - ISPs give PEER service to each other

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Routing Policies – Transit

- One party (customer) gets TRANSIT service from another party (ISP)
 - ISP accepts traffic from customer to deliver to the rest of Internet
 - ISP accepts traffic from the rest of the Internet to delivery to customer
 - Customer pays ISP for the privilege



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Routing Policies – Peer

- Both party (ISPs in example) get PEER service from each other
 - Each ISP accepts traffic from the other ISP only for their customers
 - ISPs do not carry traffic to the rest of the Internet for each other
 - ISPs don't pay each other

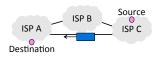
ISP A ISP B

Customer A1 Customer B1

Customer A2 Customer B2

Border Gateway Protocol (§5.6.7)

- How to route with multiple parties, each with their own routing policies
 - BGP computes Internet-wide routes

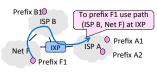


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• Internet is made up of independently run networks • Each network has its own route preferences (policies) Prefix E1 Prefix E1 Prefix E1 Prefix E1 Prefix A1 ISP A Prefix A1 Prefix A2 Computer Networks

BGP (Border Gateway Protocol)

- BGP is the protocol that computes interdomain routes in the Internet
 - Path vector, a kind of distance vector



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BGP (2)

- Different parties like ISPs are called AS (Autonomous Systems)
- Border routers of ASes announce BGP routes to each other
- Route announcements contain an IP prefix, path vector, next hop
 - Path vector is list of ASes on the way to the prefix; list is to find loops
- Route announcements move in the opposite direction to traffic

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BGP (3)
Profix AS path NextHop

C, AS2AS3, R1a C, AS2AS3, R2a C, AS3, R3a

R2a R2c R3a Path of packets

R1b R2b R2d R3b R3b

AS1 AS2 AS3

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BGP (4)

Policy is implemented in two ways:

- Border routers of ISP announce paths only to other parties who may use those paths
 - Filter out paths others can't use
- 2. Border routers of ISP select the best path of the ones they hear in any, non-shortest way

