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EE 455 Performance Management of Computer Networks

2022-2023

MIDTERM EXAM

Q1) Please describe what the term "Keeping the pipe full" means in networking.

*Trying to send as much packet as possible without minimal packet loss.*

Q2) How does statistical multiplexing differ from traditional TDMA ?

*It does not assign equal durations to the nodes, it assigns durations according to their previous bandwidth usage statistics.*

Q3) Up to which layer does a router open to decide whether to forward a packet or not to?

And which layer of OSI is responsible for forwarding the packets to their next hops?

*Network Layer, Data Link Layer*

Q4) Which problem does the interleaving method proposed to solve?

*To reevaluate the lost packet from another one even in case of group lost*

Q5) In a network with 10 nodes,  $L = 50$  bytes/packet and ack size is 45 bytes, if each node transmits a packet at each 10 seconds on average (not periodically) and if the BER (Bit Error Rate) is  $10^{-4}$ , what is the probability of node 3 not to need a ARQ retransmission within 60 seconds?

*1 node transmits 1 packet / 10 seconds*

*10 nodes transmit 10 packets / 10 seconds which corresponds there are 1 packet / second.*

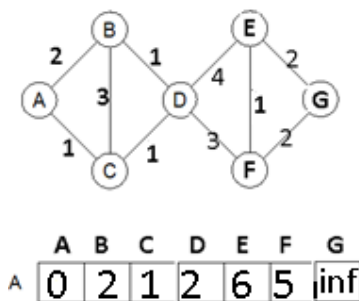
*The probability of node 3 not to successfully send its packet in a second =  $(P_{succ.})$ .*

*$P_{succ.} = 1 \times (1/10) \times (1 - 1/10)^9 \times (1 - (45 + 55) \times 8 \times 10^{-4}) = 0.356 = 35.6\%$*

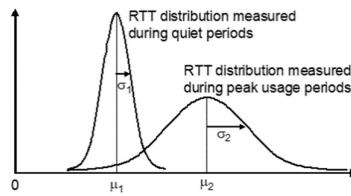
Q6) Why should the RTT not be too long or too short ?

*Too long RTT causes extra wastage of time between arrival of a packet and transmission of the next one, too short RTT causes retransmission of an unlost but late packet and wastes bandwidth and time.*

Q7) According to given figure below and using distance vector routing algorithm please fill the routing table of "node A" **after 3rd Exchange**.



Q8) In Retransmission Time distribution shown below, why the  $\mu$  (mean) and  $\sigma$  (variance) is less in the higher curve?



*Because, in idle networks the mean RTT decreases due to less traffic load and the latency that has an effect on variance has lower value for lower RTT mean cases.*

Q9) What is the difference between Flow control and Congestion Control ?

*Flow control is concerned with the load of receiver window size*

*Congestion control is concerned with the load of the buffers of intermediate routers.*

Q10) What is Flight Size ? Please describe briefly.

*The total size of the packets has been sent but not acknowledged yet.*

2020 – 2021 SPRING

EE 455 Midterm Exam

- 1) In a network in which all the nodes share the same medium, assume we have 15 nodes and each of them sends a single packet in a second, if it takes 1/15 seconds to complete the transmission of a single packet, what is the probability of having an unsuccessful transmission when any of the nodes attempts to transmit a packet at any time...

$$P_{\text{unsuccessful}} = 1 - (15 \times (1/15)^1 \times (1/15)^{14})$$

- 2) In which ARQ (Automatic Repeat Request) mechanism do we make retransmission of all the packets which were already transmitted after a lost packet (or lost ack. of it)? Why do we make retransmission of all the packets which were already transmitted?

Go Back N. Because we don't have the ack of others and we have no idea about if they have been sent or not.

- 3) For what purpose do we apply interleaving in FEC (Forward Error Correction)?

By shuffling, we expect not to lose the compressed copies of the packets in case of group losses

- 4) Why RTT (Retransmission Timer) must be set to an optimal value in connection oriented packet switched networks?

Because too big RTT value causes wastage of time and decreases the throughput, and too small RTT value causes some of the non-lost but late packets to be assumed as lost which also decreases the throughput

- 5) Which communication types have less tolerance to jitter (delay variety) than delay?

Non-real time Streaming communications such as IPTV or Youtube

# SOLUTIONS

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EE 455 Midterm Exam

2018-2019

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2. SIGN THE BOXES IN FRONT OF THE SELECTED QUESTIONS WITH CROSS SIGN (X)
3. The selections exceeding 10 questions will cancel your exceeding number of CORRECT answers
4. The texts (written as answers) out of the boxes will be ignored
5. No extra paper usage is allowed.

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## QUESTIONS

- 1) Write an example IP address which belongs to Class B.

130.14.46.72

- 2) What is a netmask used for in IP networks?

To find Host IP from the net ID

- 3) In which cases of the network conditions, the Slotted aloha is more preferable?

Higher traffic conditions

- 4) What is small device called terminator used for in bus topologies?

to avoid reflection of the signal

- 5) if the netmask of a network is given as 255.255.255.192 how many IP addresses can be assigned to different computers in the same network?

$2^6 - 2 = 62$

- 6) For what kind of Lambda values is TDMA most usefull for minimal delay ?

High  $\lambda$  values

7) How does CSMA/CA avoid collision?

By generating Random time value to transmit

8) What disadvantage can be experienced if MTU is selected too high?

Processing delay increases and packet queue extends which increases delay

9) What disadvantage can be experienced if MTU is selected too low?

Message overhead increases

10) In sliding Windows techniques in which cases of the network conditions the selective repeat is less useful than go back n?

Low packet losses ...

11) How/why is FEC (forward error correction) a receiver based recovery algorithm?

Because it extracts next packet to have the lost one, at the receiver side

12) What is the most important criterion of service quality (QoS) from the end user point of view?

Throughput (Data Rate)

13) Which layer of OSI is responsible for determining the complete packet transmission route?

Network layer

14) What is the advantage of DAF w.r.t AAF in forwarding the incoming packets?

Does not amplify the noise of signal

15) In CSMA/CD why a node throws random number before speaking even if it senses that the line is idle?

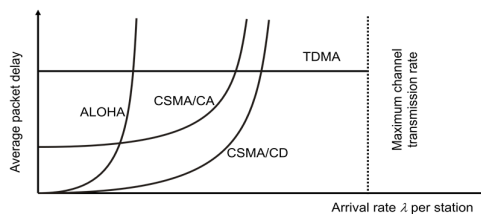
To avoid second collision with the same host

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## MIDTERM EXAMINATION

## Solutions

- 1) In CSMA\CD what is the most important advantage of Slotted Aloha method ?  
Decreases the possibility of being interrupted after starting a transmission
- 2) In CSMA\CD why a node throw a dice or coin even if it senses that the line is idle ?  
To avoid simultaneous attempts of more than 1 nodes waiting for an idle line and to avoid collision
- 3) In a bus topology network, 12 computers are connected to each other and one of them send a packet in any second with the probability of 5 % calculate the probability of successful transmission in a second.  
 $(0.05) \times (1-0.05)^{11}$
- 4) According to the graph given below please sort the algorithms such that the best of them for crowded networks is done first.



TDMA, CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA, ALOHA

- 5) Write the name of the OSI layer that is responsible for the controls the flow control on the network  
Transport layer
- 6) What is the name of the field in IPv4 header that counts down one by one, and drops the packet when the value reaches to zero  
TTL (Time to Live)
- 7) Which IP number class does the IP number 24.23.1.44 belong to ?  
Class A
- 8) Give an example protocol name that is a protocol for a connectionless service  
UDP
- 9) Which of the sliding window techniques is useful for crowded networks ?  
Stop and wait Go back N, and lastly Selective Repeat
- 10) What does flight size mean ?  
The packets have been transmitted by the transmitter but have not arrived to the destination