Network Layer – Part II

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- 3.4 Routing algorithms
  - Link state
  - Distance Vector
  - Hierarchical routing
- 3.5 Routing protocols
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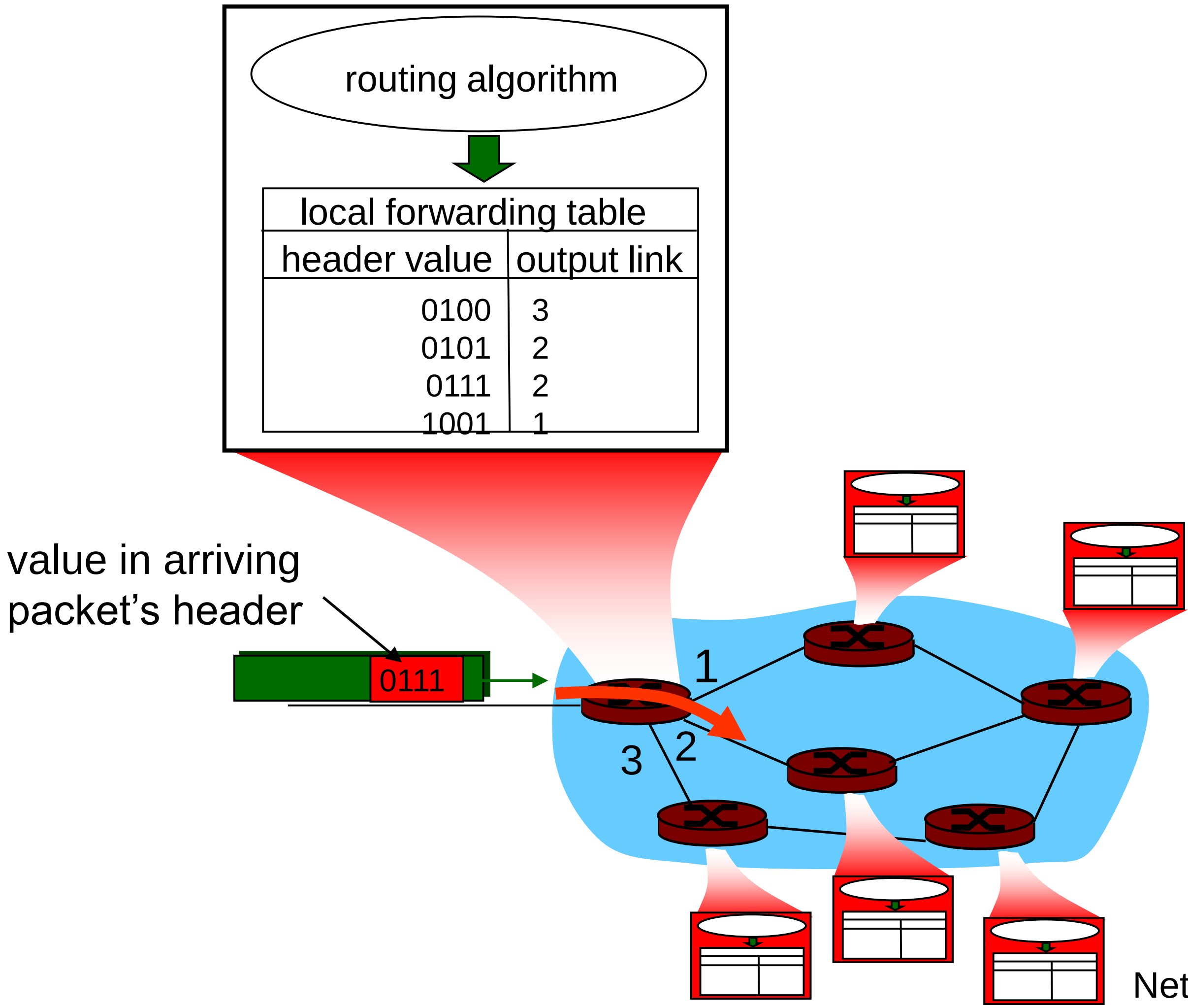
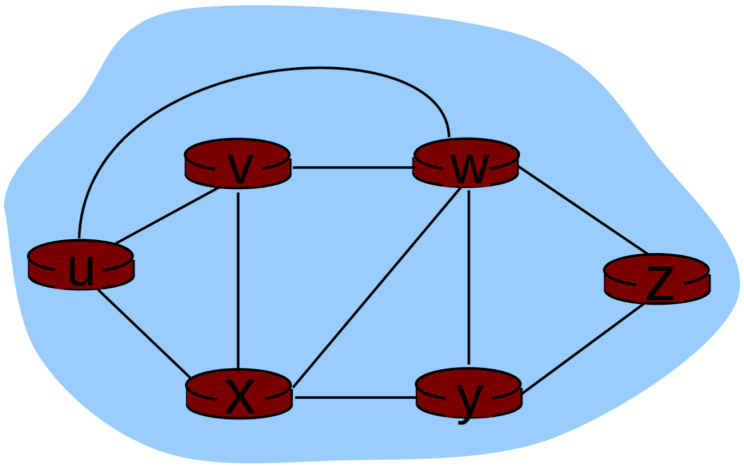
Interplay between routing and forwarding



Graph abstraction



Graph: G = (N,E)

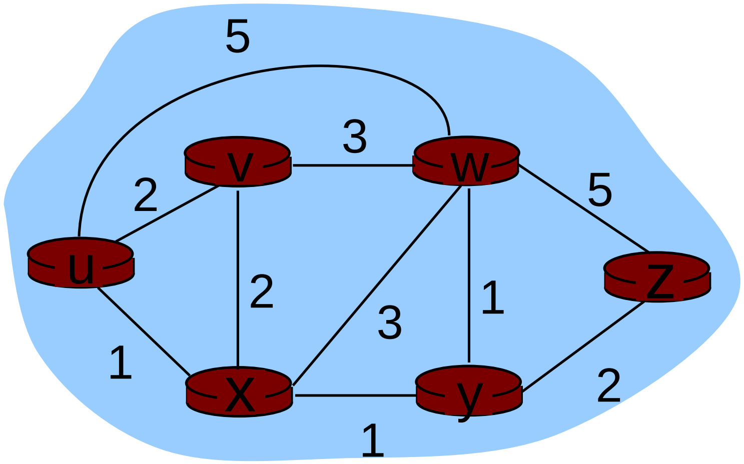
N = set of routers = { u, v, w, x, y, z }

E = set of links ={ (u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z) }

Remark: Graph abstraction is useful in other network contexts

Example: P2P, where N is set of peers and E is set of TCP connections

Graph abstraction: costs



- $c(x,x')$ = cost of link (x,x')

  - e.g., $c(w,z) = 5$

- cost could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

Cost of path $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_p) = c(x_1,x_2) + c(x_2,x_3) + \ldots + c(x_{p-1},x_p)$

Question: What's the least-cost path between u and z ?

Routing algorithm: algorithm that finds least-cost path

Routing Algorithm classification

Global or decentralized information?

- Global:
  - all routers have complete topology, link cost info
  - "link state" algorithms
- Decentralized:
  - router knows physically-connected neighbors, link costs to neighbors
  - iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
  - "distance vector" algorithms

Static or dynamic?

- Static:
  - routes change slowly over time
- Dynamic:
  - routes change more quickly
    - periodic update
    - in response to link cost changes

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A Link-State Routing Algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm

- net 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 dest.'s

Notation

- c(x,y): link cost from node x to y; = ∞ if not direct neighbors
- D(v): current value of cost of path from source to dest. v
- p(v): predecessor node along path from source to v
- N': set of nodes whose least cost path is definitively known

Dijsktra's Algorithm

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Initialization:
  N' = {u}
  for all nodes v
    if v adjacent to u
        then D(v) = c(u,v)
    else D(v) = ∞

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 cost to v is either old cost to v or known
    shortest path cost to w plus cost from w to v */
until all nodes in N'
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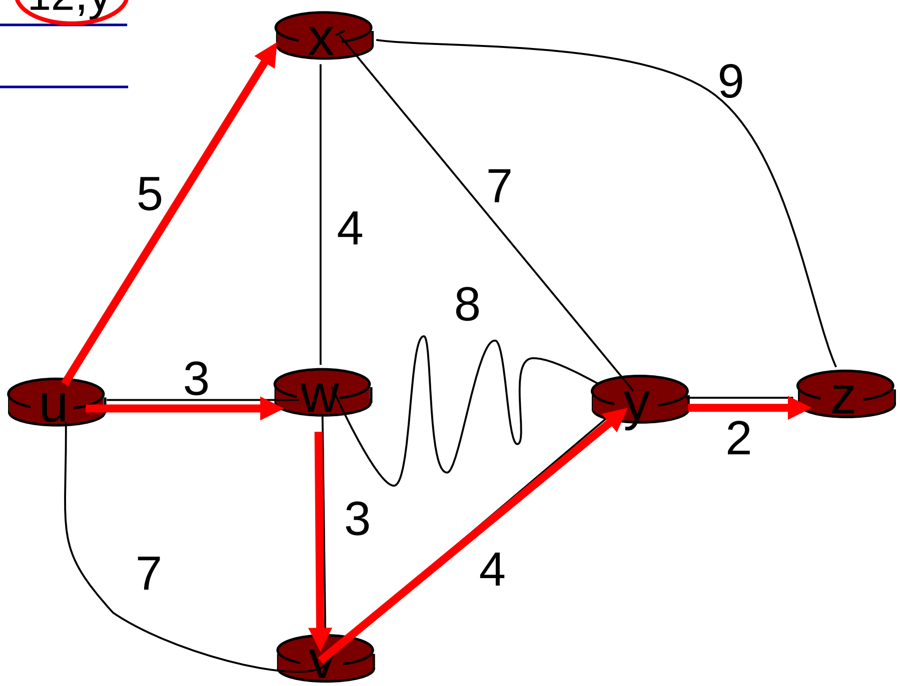
Dijkstra's algorithm: example

Step	N'	D(v) p(v)	D(w) p(w)	D(x) p(x)	D(y) p(y)	D(z) p(z)
0	u	7,u	3,u	5,u	∞	∞
1	uw	6,w		5,u	11,w	∞
2	uwx	6,w			11,w	14,x
3	uwxv				10,v	14,x
4	uwxvy					12,y
5	uwxvyz					

notes:

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



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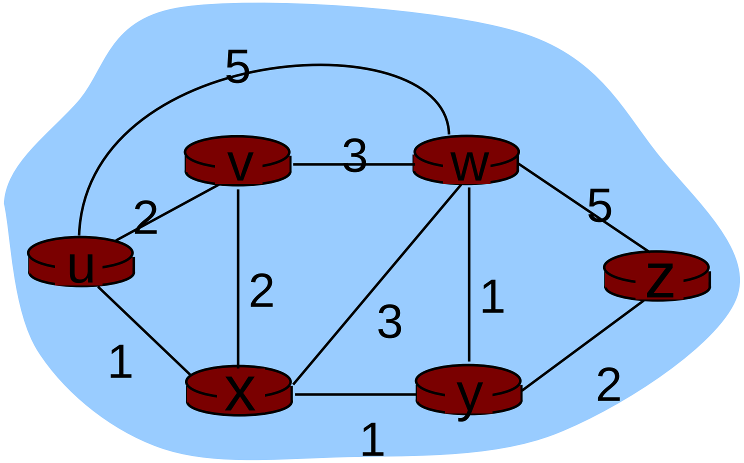
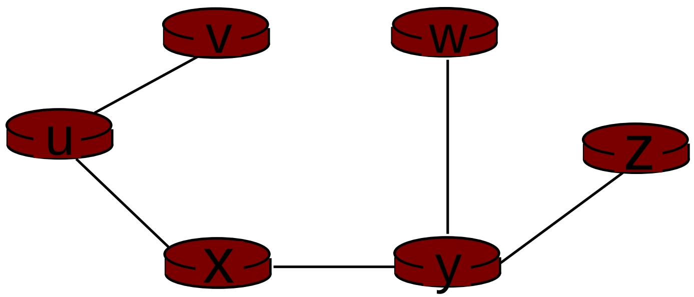
0	u	2,u	5,u	1,u	∞	∞
1	ux	2,u	4,x		2,x	∞
2	uxy	2,u	3,y			4,y
3	uxyv		3,y			4,y
4	uxyvw					4,y
5	uxyvwz					



Dijkstra's algorithm: example (2)

Resulting shortest-path tree from u:



Resulting forwarding table in u:

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

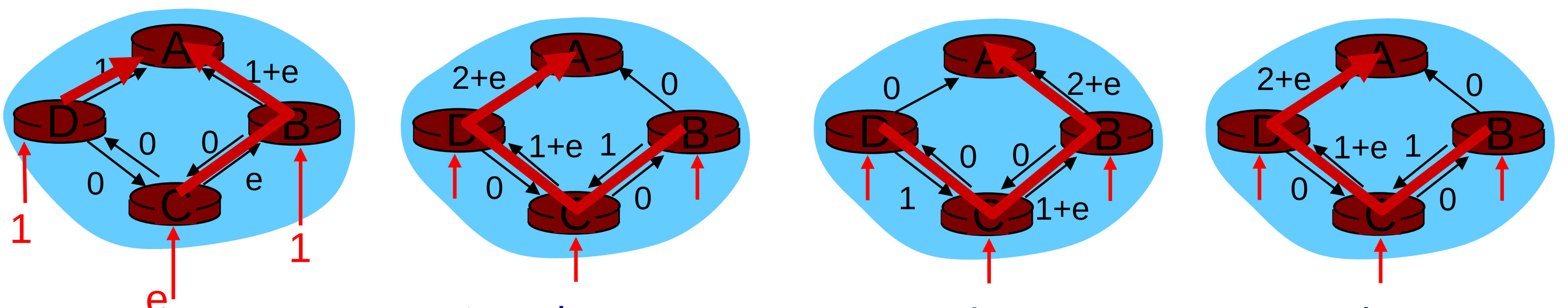
Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

Algorithm complexity: n nodes

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

Oscillations possible:

- e.g., link cost = amount of carried traffic



initially

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

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Bellman–Ford algorithm

- Finds shortest paths in weighted, directed graph for given source

- Approach: relax all edges repeatedly until stable ($|V| - 1$ times)

Distance vector algorithm

Bellman-Ford equation (dynamic programming)

let

$d_x(y)$:= cost of least-cost path from x to y

then

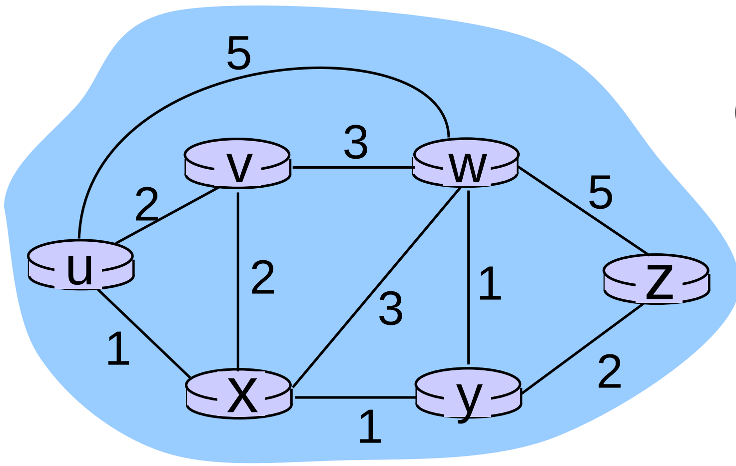
$$d_x(y) = \min_v \{c(x,v) + d_v(y)\}$$

cost from neighbor v to destination y

cost to neighbor v

min taken over all neighbors v of x

Bellman-Ford example



Clearly, $d_v(z) = 5$, $d_x(z) = 3$, $d_w(z) = 3$

B-F 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 that achieves minimum is next hop in shortest path ➜ forwarding table

Distance Vector Algorithm

- $D_x(y)$ = estimate of least cost from x to y
- Node x knows cost to each neighbor v: $c(x,v)$
- Node x maintains distance vector $\mathbf{D}_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$
- Node x also maintains its neighbors' distance vectors
  - For each neighbor v, x maintains $\mathbf{D}_v = [D_v(y): y \in N]$

Distance vector algorithm – Basic Idea

- From time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- Asynchronous
- When x receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using BF 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 Dx(y) converge to the actual least cost dx(y)

Distance Vector Algorithm (cont'd)

Iterative, asynchronous:

each local iteration caused by:

- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

Distributed:

- each node notifies neighbors *only* when its DV changes
  - neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary

Each node:

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

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recompute estimates

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

$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\}$
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node x table

cost to

from	x	y	z
x	0	2	7
y	∞	∞	∞
z	∞	∞	∞

cost to

from	x	y	z
x	0	2	3
y	2	0	1
z	7	1	0

node y table

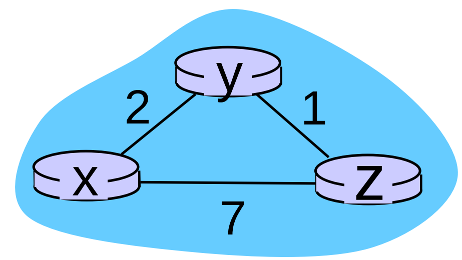
cost to

from	x	y	z
x	∞	∞	∞
y	2	0	1
z	∞	∞	∞

node z table

cost to

from	x	y	z
x	∞	∞	∞
y	∞	∞	∞
z	7	1	0



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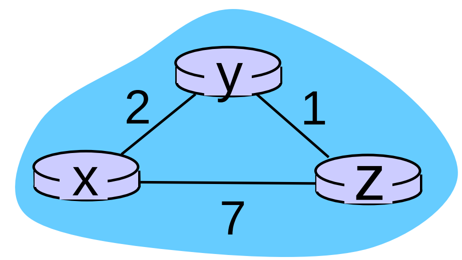
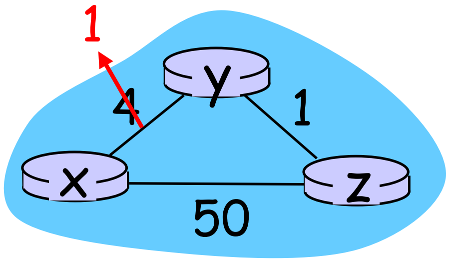


time

Distance Vector: link cost changes

Link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- updates routing info, recalculates distance vector
- if DV changes, notify neighbors



"good news travels fast"

At time t_0, *y* detects the link-cost change, updates its DV, and informs its neighbors.

At time t_1, *z* receives the update from *y* and updates its table. It computes a new least cost to *x* and sends its neighbors its DV.

At time t_2, *y* receives *z*'s update and updates its distance table. *y*'s least costs do not change and hence *y* does *not* send any message to *z*.

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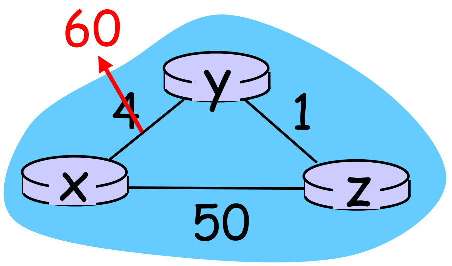

Link cost changes:

- good news travels fast
- bad news travels slow - “count to infinity” problem!
- 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes: see textbook

Poisoned reverse:

- If Z routes through Y to get to X :
  - Z tells Y its (Z’s) distance to X is infinite (so Y won’t route to X via Z)

Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

Message complexity

- LS: with n nodes, E links, O(nE) msgs sent
- DV: exchange between neighbors only
  - convergence time varies

Speed of Convergence

- LS: $O(n^2)$ algorithm requires O(nE) msgs
  - may have oscillations
- DV: convergence time varies
  - may be routing loops
  - count-to-infinity problem

Robustness: what happens if router malfunctions?

LS:

- node can advertise incorrect *link* cost
- each node computes only its *own* table

DV:

- DV node can advertise incorrect *path* cost
- each node's table used by others
  - error propagate through network

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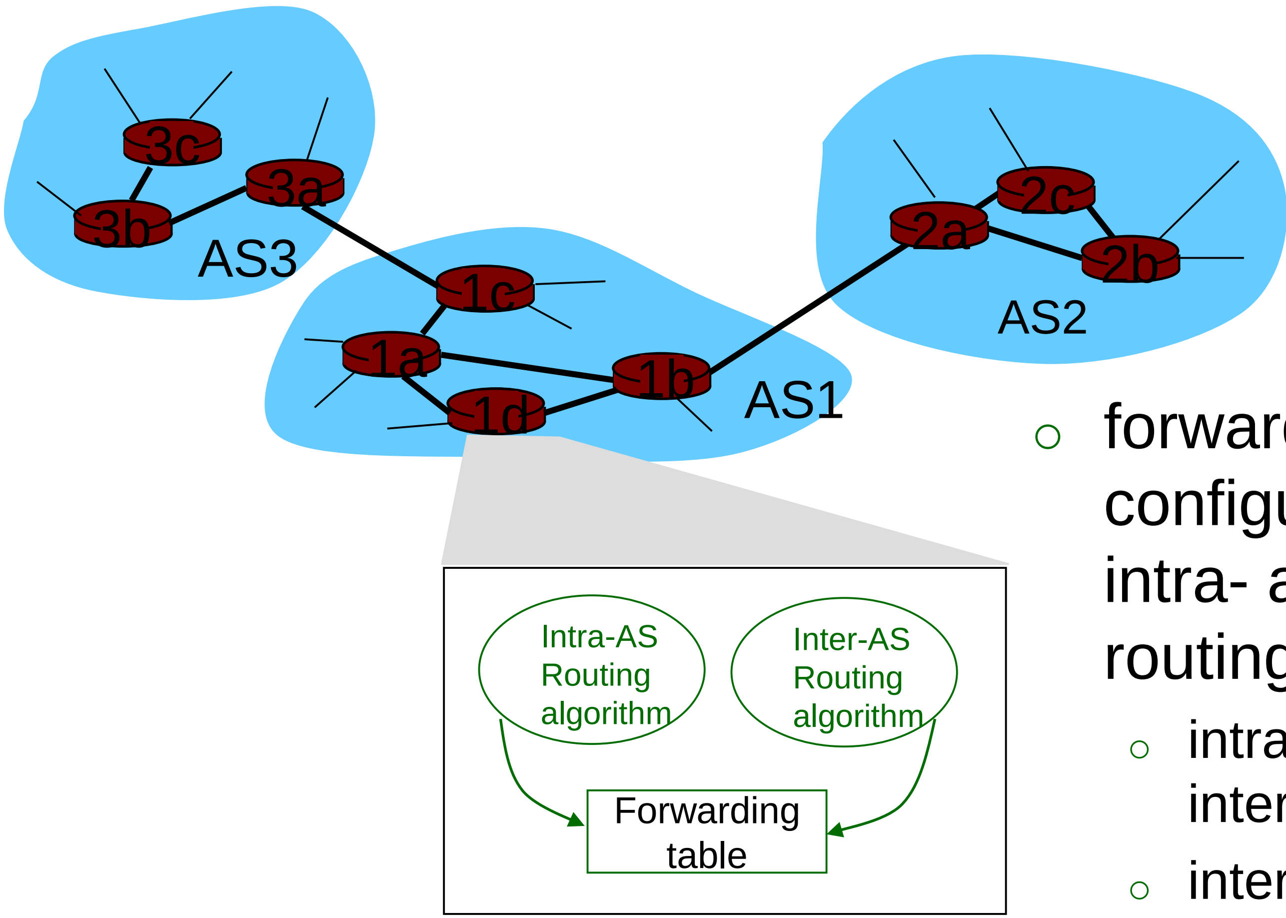
Hierarchical Routing

- Our routing study thus far - idealization
  - all routers identical
  - network "flat"
  - … not true in practice
- Scale: with 200 million destinations:
  - can't store all dest's in routing tables
  - routing table exchange would swamp links
- Administrative autonomy
  - internet = network of networks
  - each network admin may want to control routing in its own network

Hierarchical Routing

- Aggregate routers into regions
  - Autonomous Systems (AS)
- Routers in same AS run same routing protocol
  - “intra-AS” routing protocol
  - routers in different AS can run different intra-AS routing protocol
- Gateway router
  - Direct link to router in another AS

Interconnected ASes



- forwarding table configured by both intra- and inter-AS routing algorithm
  - intra-AS sets entries for internal dests
  - inter-AS & intra-As sets entries for external dests

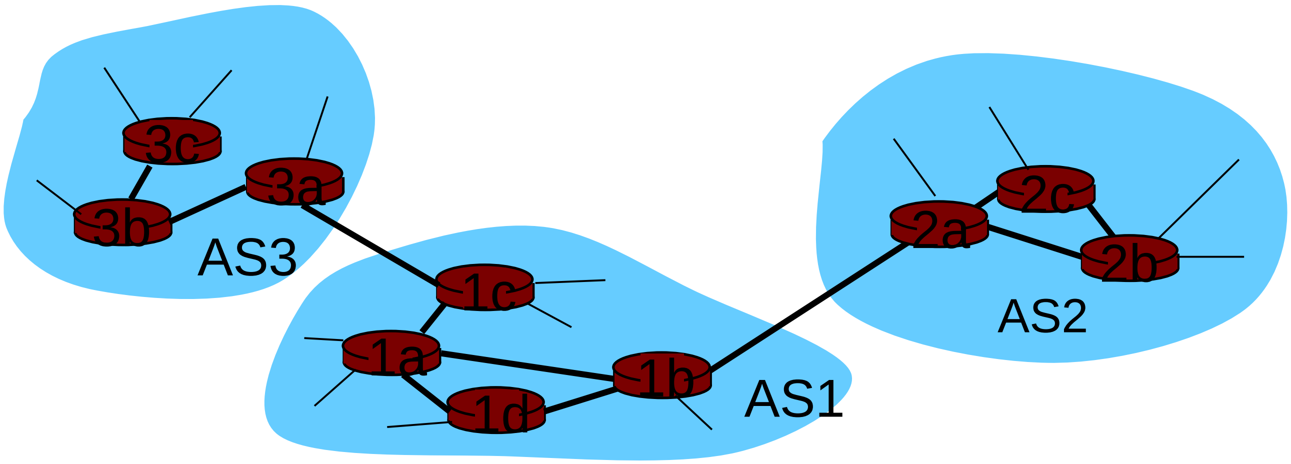
Inter-AS tasks

- suppose router in AS1 receives datagram destined outside of AS1:
  - router should forward packet to gateway router, but which one?

AS1 must:

1. learn which dests are reachable through AS2, which through AS3
2. propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

Job of inter-AS routing!



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Routing Protocols

- Intra-AS routing aka Interior Gateway Protocols (IGP)
  - Routing Information Protocol (RIP)
  - Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
  - Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP) (Cisco proprietary for decades, until 2016)
- Inter-AS routing
  - Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
  - Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP)

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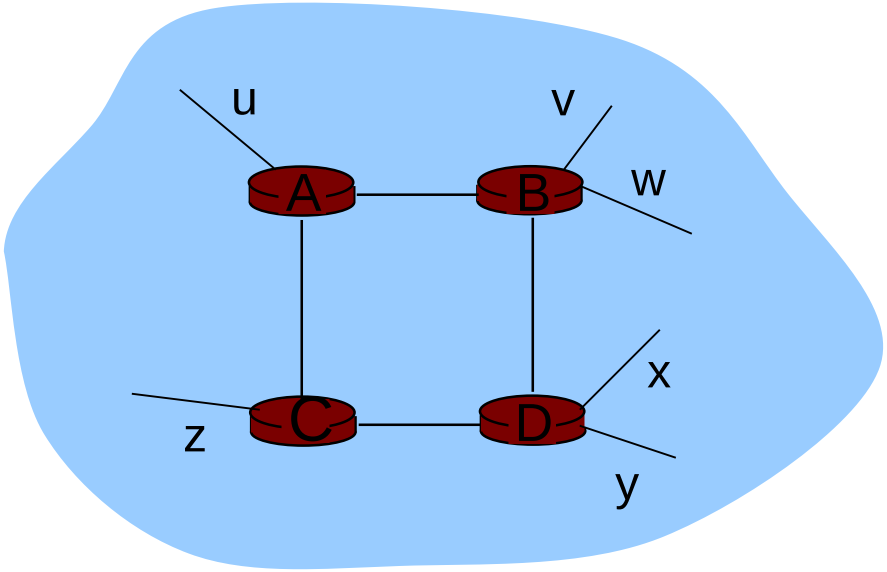
Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

- distance vector algorithm
- included in BSD-UNIX Distribution in 1982
- distance metric: # of hops (max = 15 hops)



From router A to subnets:

destination	hops
u	1
v	2
w	2
x	3
y	3
z	2

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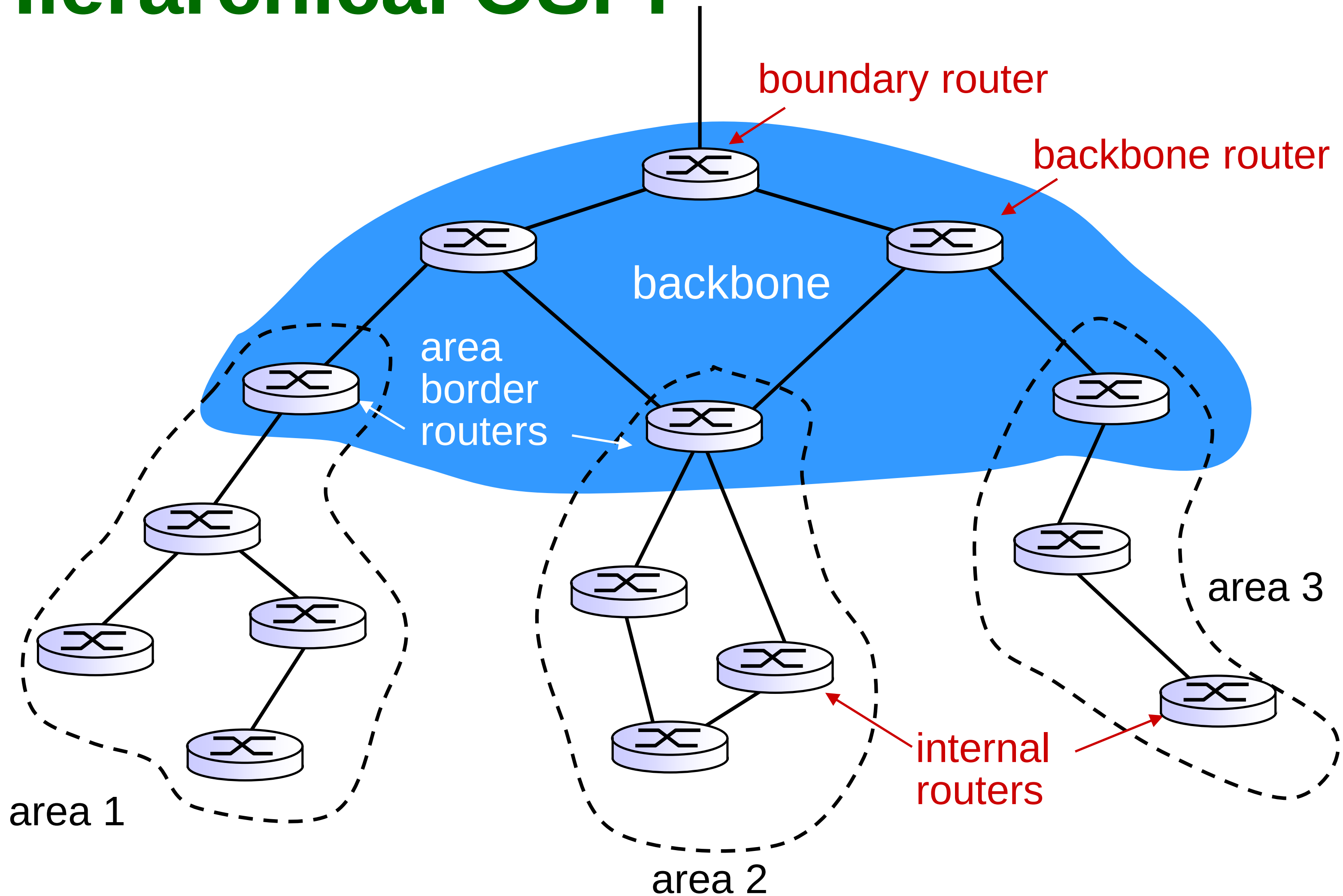
Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

- “open”: publicly available
- uses Link State algorithm
  - LS packet dissemination
  - topology map at each node
  - route computation using Dijkstra’s algorithm
- OSPF advertisement carries one entry per neighbor router
- advertisements disseminated to entire AS (via flooding)
  - carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP

OSPF "advanced" features (not in RIP)

- Security: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)
- multiple same-cost paths allowed (only one path in RIP)
- for each link, multiple cost metrics for different TOS (e.g., satellite link cost set low for best effort ToS; high for real-time ToS)
- Integrated uni- and multicast support:
  - Multicast OSPF (MOSPF) uses same topology data base as OSPF
- Hierarchical OSPF in large domains.

Hierarchical OSPF



Hierarchical OSPF

- two-level hierarchy: local area, backbone.
  - Link-state advertisements only in area
  - each node has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.
- area border routers: "summarize" distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- backbone routers: run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- boundary routers: connect to other AS's.

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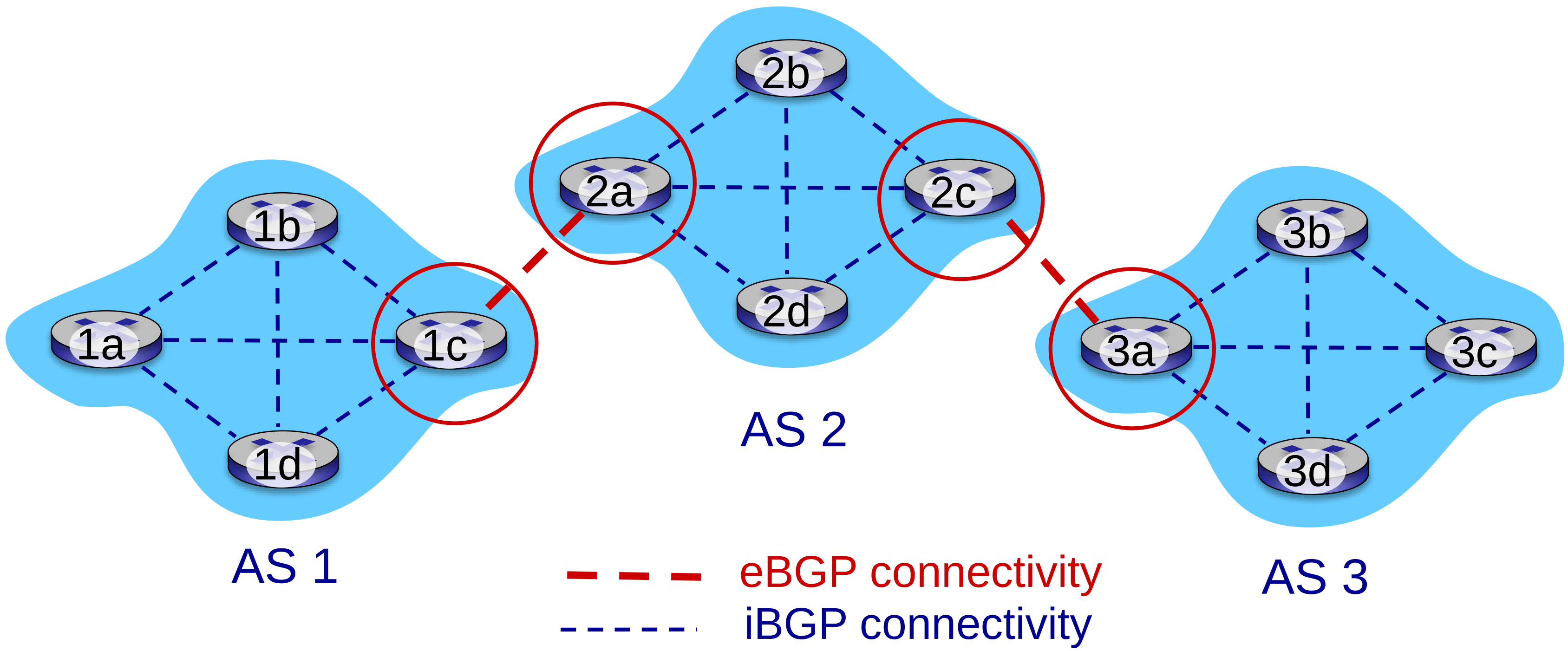
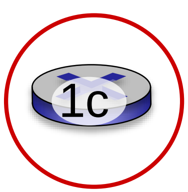
Inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): the de facto standard
- BGP provides each AS means to:
  - eBGP: obtain subnet reachability information from neighboring ASes
  - iBGP: propagate reachability information to all AS-internal routers.
  - determine "good" routes to other networks based on reachability information and *policy*
- allows subnet to advertise its existence to rest of Internet: "I am here"

eBGP, iBGP connections





gateway routers run both eBGP and iBGP protools

BGP basics

- BGP session: two BGP routers ("peers") exchange BGP messages over semi-permanent TCP connection:
  - advertising *paths* to different destination network prefixes (BGP is a "path vector" protocol)
- when AS3 gateway router 3a advertises path AS3,X to AS2 gateway router 2c:
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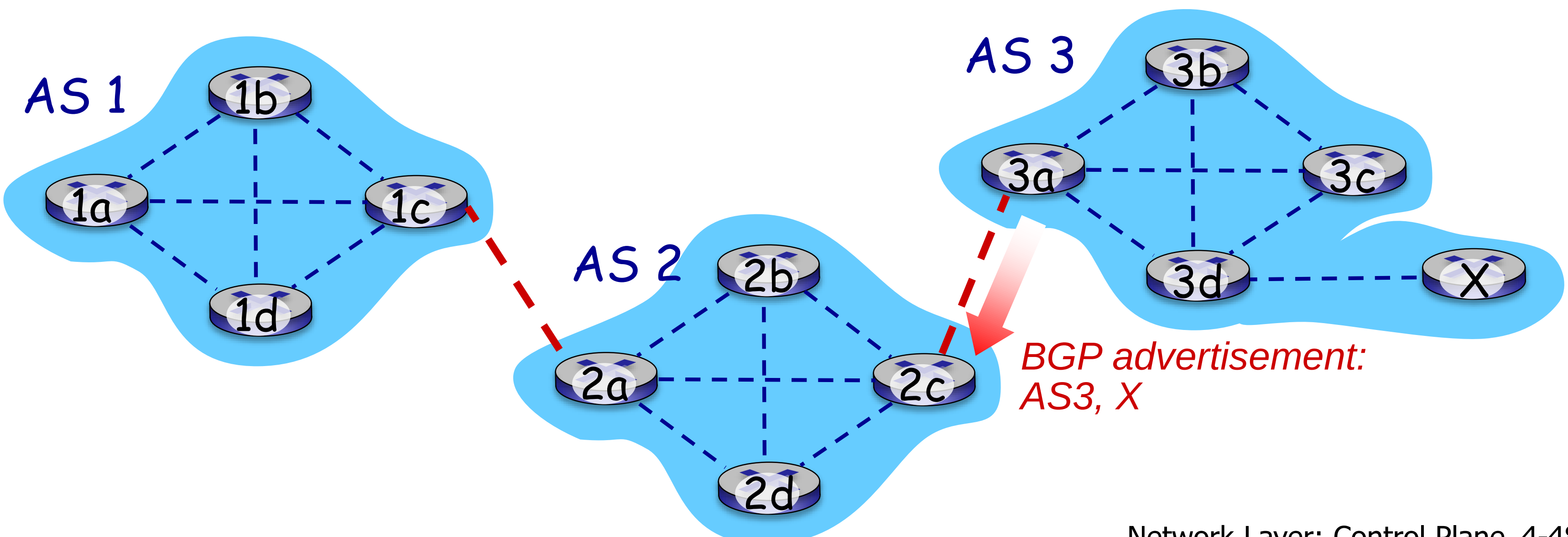

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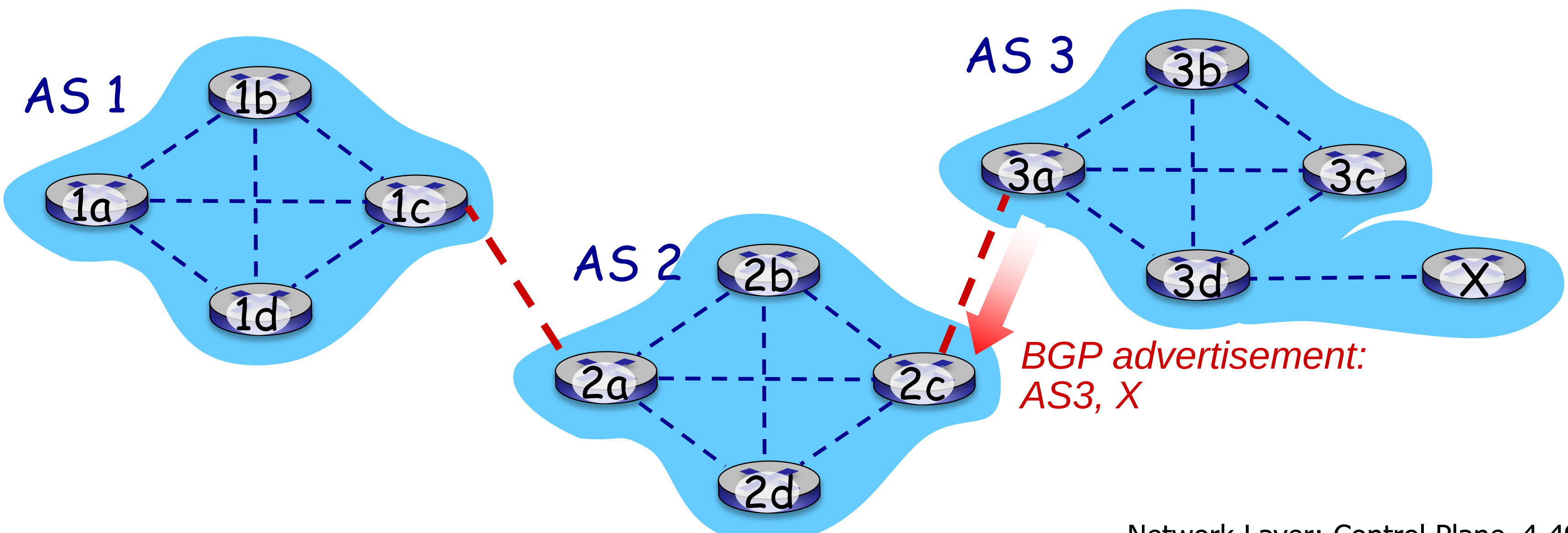
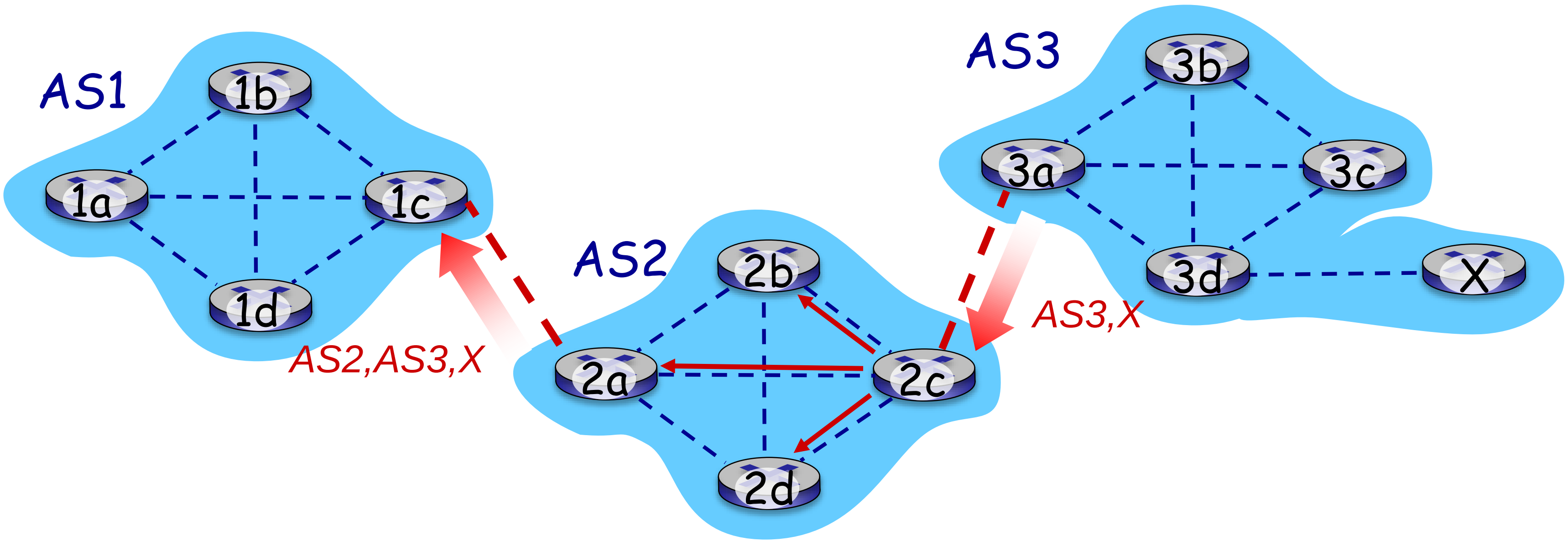


Path attributes and BGP routes

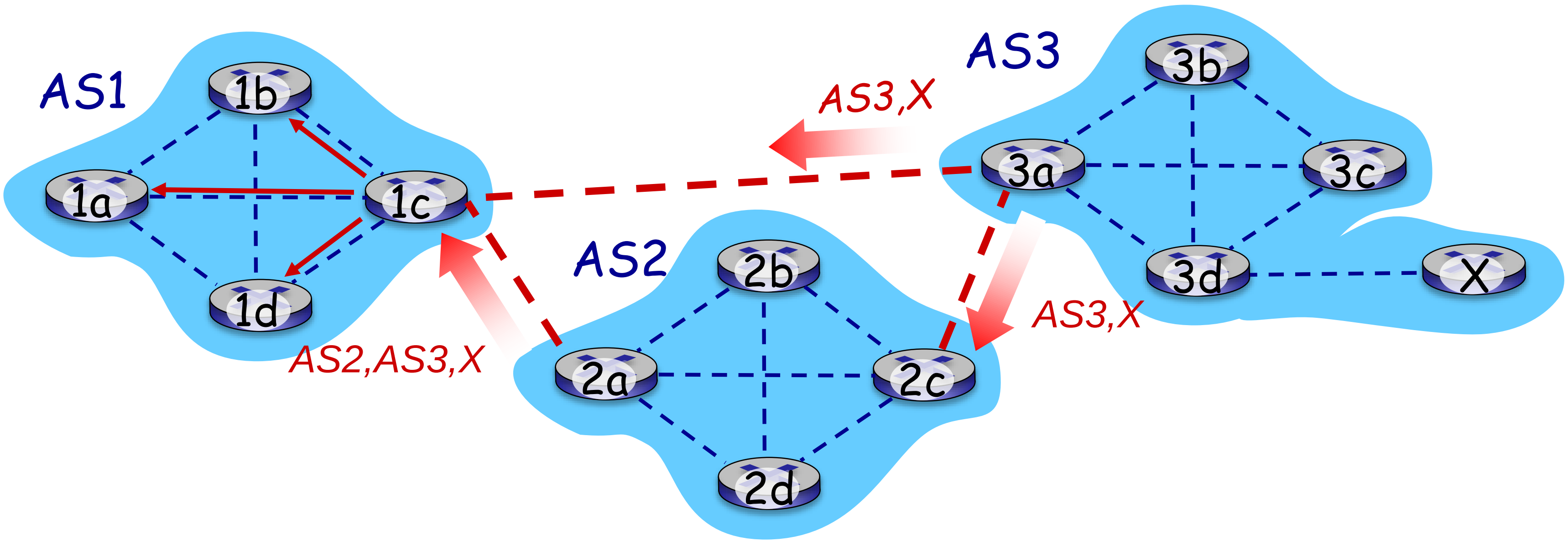
- advertised prefix includes BGP attributes
  - prefix + attributes = "route"
- two important attributes:
  - AS-PATH: list of ASes through which prefix advertisement has passed
  - NEXT-HOP: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS
- *Policy-based routing:*
  - gateway receiving route advertisement uses *import policy* to accept/decline path (e.g., never route through AS Y).
  - AS policy also determines whether to *advertise* path to other other neighboring ASes

BGP path advertisement



- AS2 router 2c receives path advertisement AS3,X (via eBGP) from AS3 router 3a
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2c accepts path AS3,X, propagates (via iBGP) to all AS2 routers
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2a advertises (via eBGP) path AS2, AS3, X to AS1 router 1c

BGP path advertisement



gateway router may learn about multiple paths to destination:

- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path *AS2,AS3,X* from 2a
- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path *AS3,X* from 3a
- Based on policy, AS1 gateway router 1c chooses path *AS3,X, and advertises path within AS1 via iBGP*

BGP messages

- BGP messages exchanged between peers over TCP connection
- BGP messages:
  - OPEN: opens TCP connection to remote BGP peer and authenticates sending BGP peer
  - UPDATE: advertises new path (or withdraws old)
  - KEEPALIVE: keeps connection alive in absence of UPDATES; also ACKs OPEN request
  - NOTIFICATION: reports errors in previous msg; also used to close connection

BGP, OSPF, forwarding table entries

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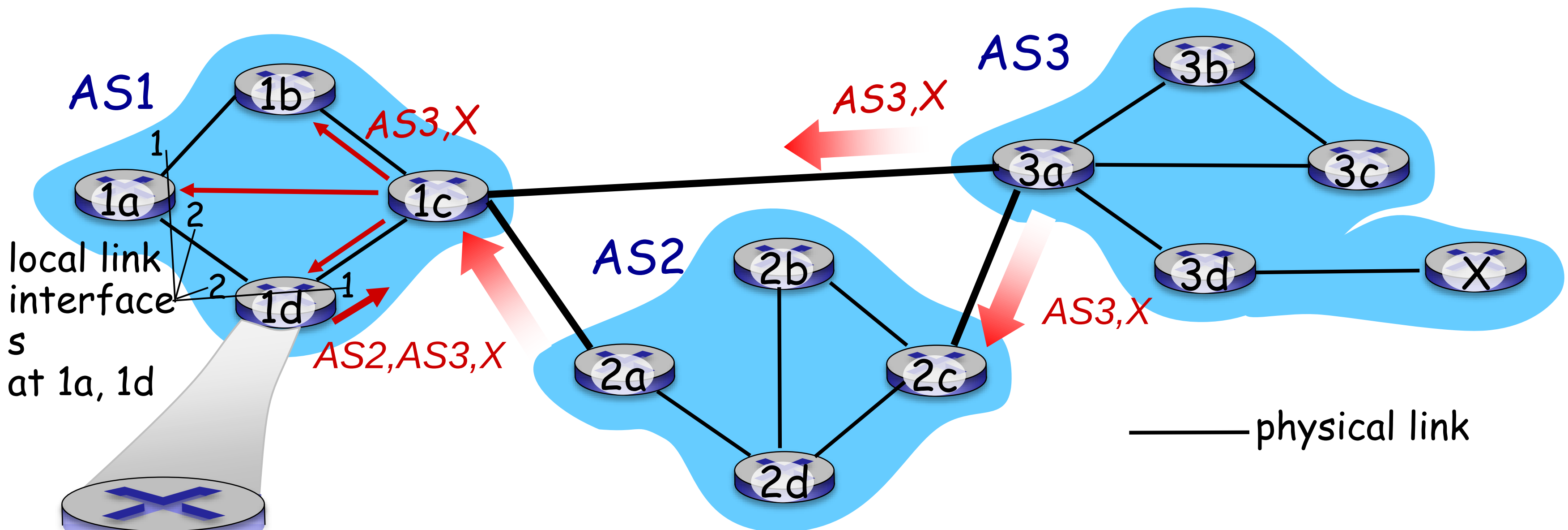

dest	interface
…	…
X	1
…	…

- recall: 1a, 1b, 1c learn about dest X via iBGP from 1c: "path to X goes through 1c"
- 1d: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 1

BGP, OSPF, forwarding table entries

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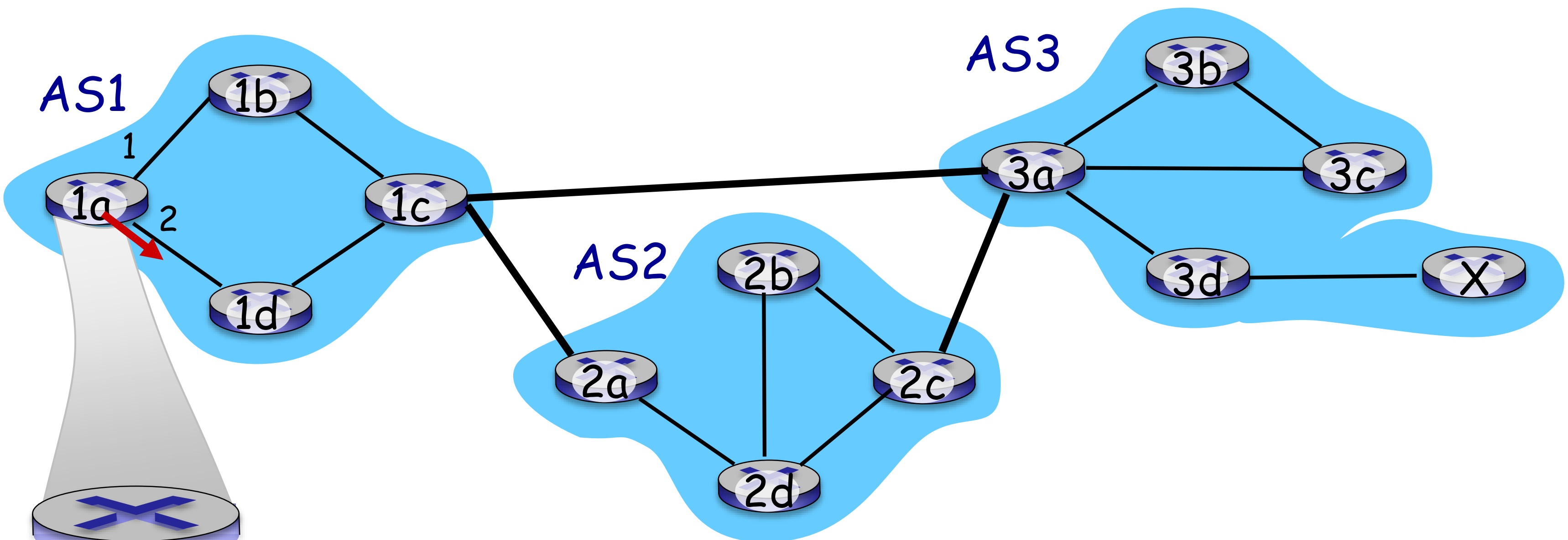
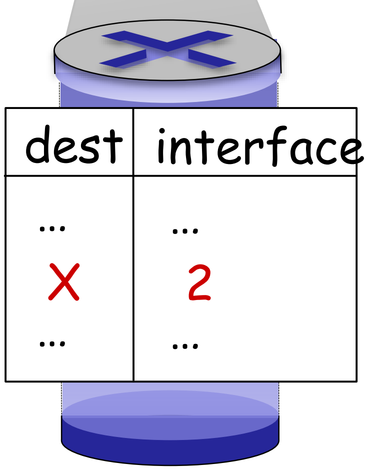




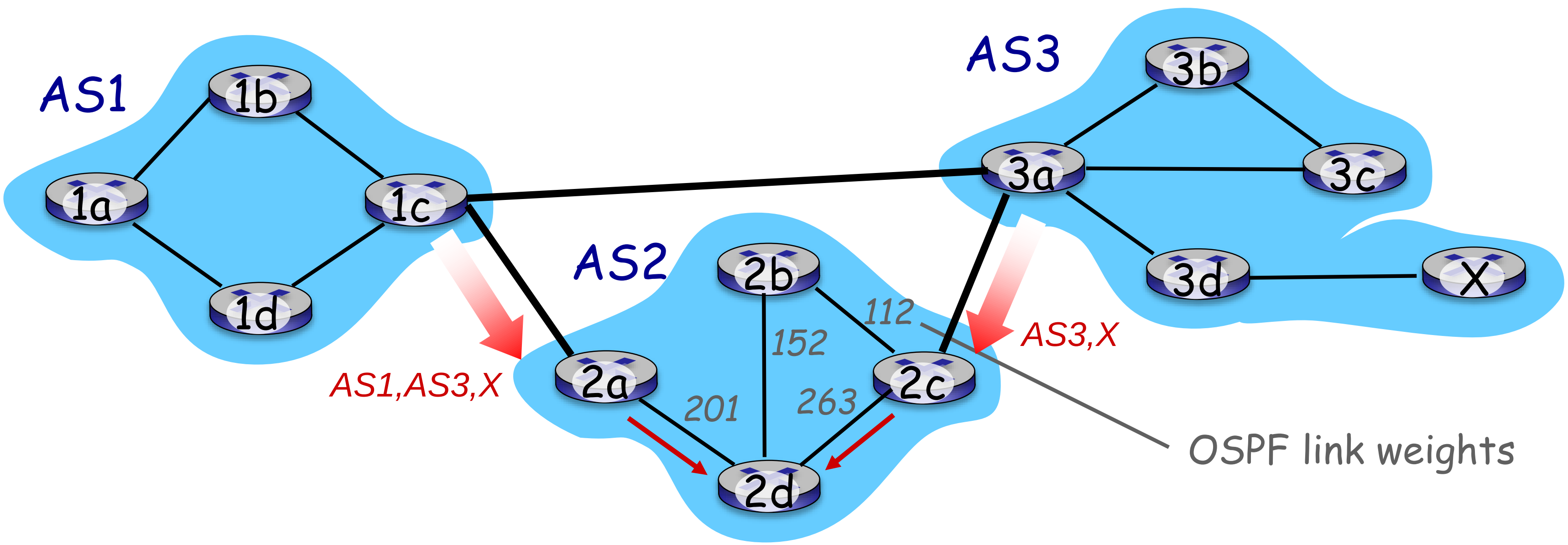
dest	interface
…	…
X	2
…	…

- recall: 1a, 1b, 1c learn about dest X via iBGP from 1c: "path to X goes through 1c"
- 1d: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 1
- 1a: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 2

BGP route selection

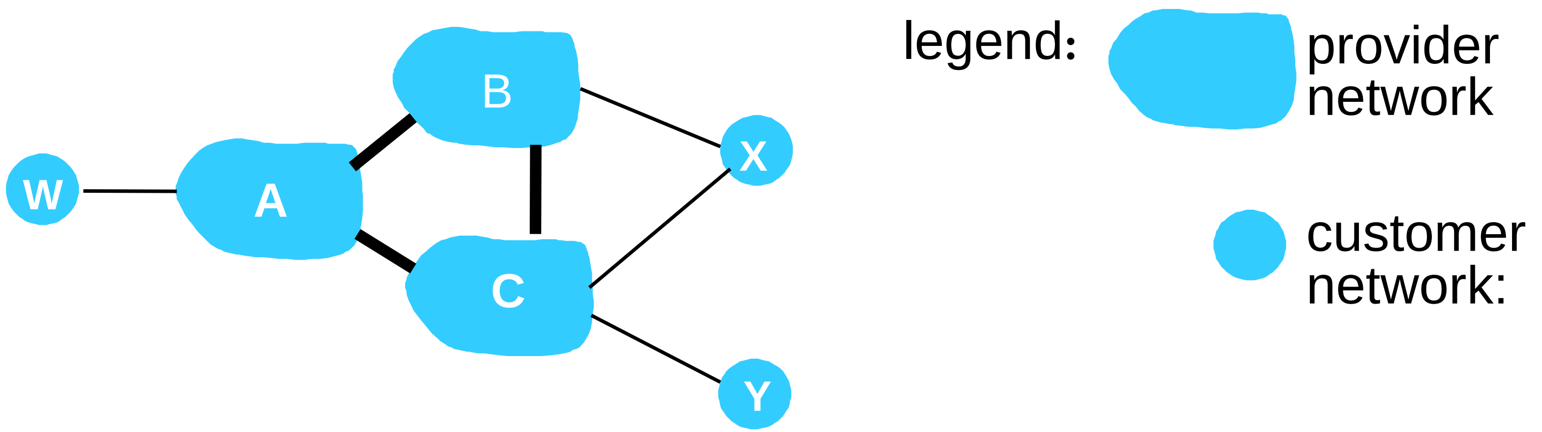
- router may learn about more than one route to destination AS, selects route based on:
  1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
  2. shortest AS-PATH
  3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
  4. additional criteria

Hot Potato Routing



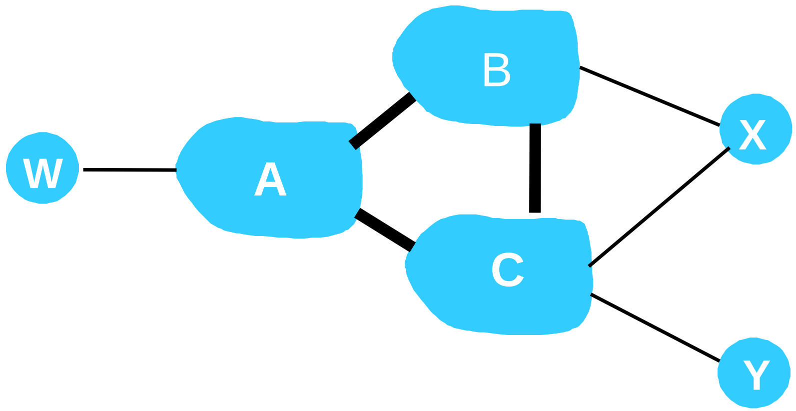
- 2d learns (via iBGP) it can route to X via 2a or 2c
- *hot potato routing:* choose local gateway that has least intra-domain cost (e.g., 2d chooses 2a, even though more AS hops to *X*): don't worry about inter-domain cost!

BGP routing policy



- A,B,C are provider networks
- X,W,Y are customer networks
- X is dual-homed: attached to two networks
  - X does not want to route from B via X to C
  - .. so X will not advertise to B a route to C

BGP routing policy (2)



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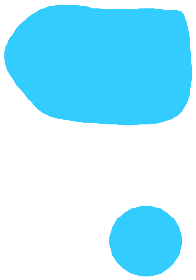
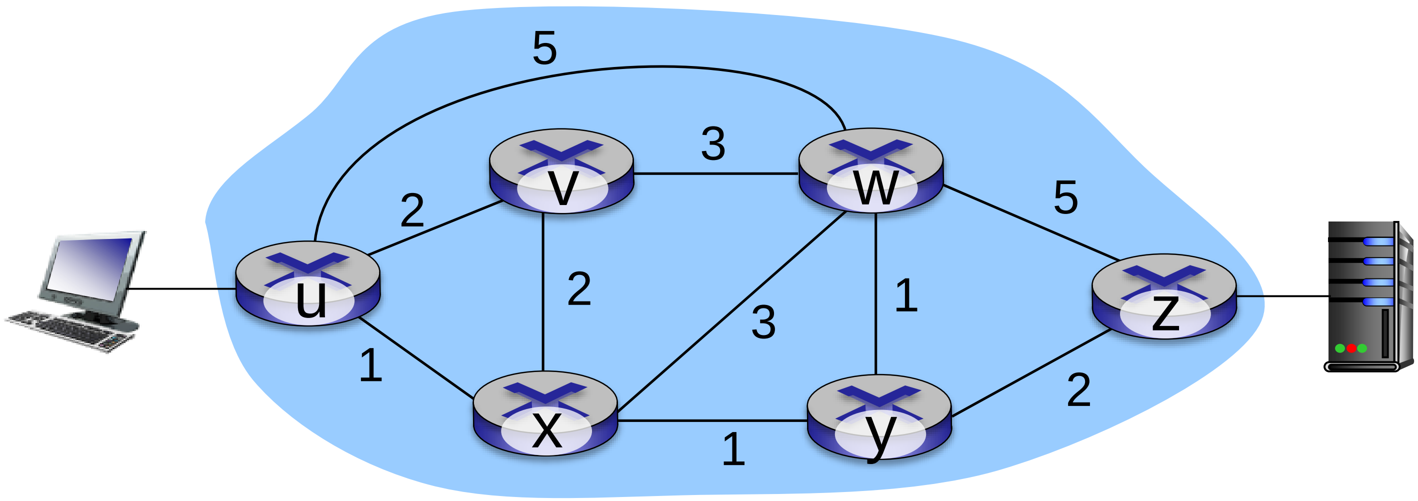


- A advertises path AW to B
- B advertises path BAW to X
- Should B advertise path BAW to C?
  - No way! B gets no “revenue” for routing CBAW since neither W nor C are B’s customers
  - B wants to force C to route to w via A
  - B wants to route *only* to/from its customers!

Why different Intra- and Inter-AS routing?

- Policy
  - Inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its net.
  - Intra-AS: single admin, so no policy decisions needed
- Scale
  - hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic
- Performance
  - Intra-AS: can focus on performance
  - Inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance

Traffic engineering: difficult traditional routing

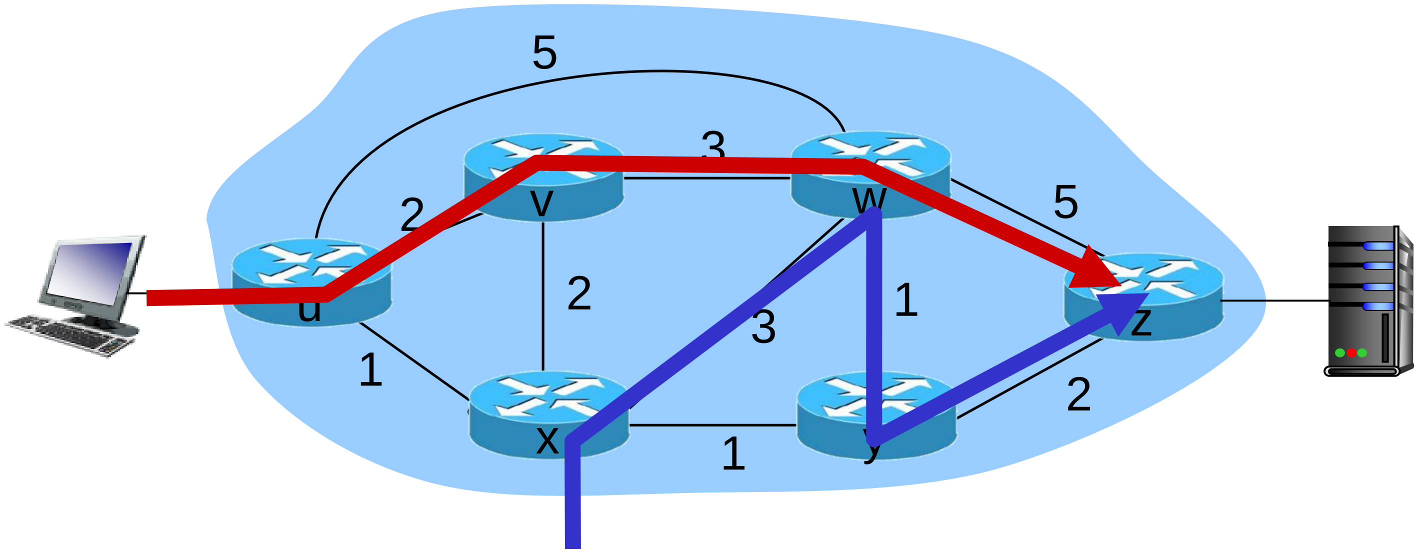


Q: what if network operator wants u-to-z traffic to flow along *uvwz*, x-to-z traffic to flow *xwyz*?

A: need to define link weights so traffic routing algorithm computes routes accordingly (or need a new routing algorithm)!

Link weights are only control "knobs": wrong!

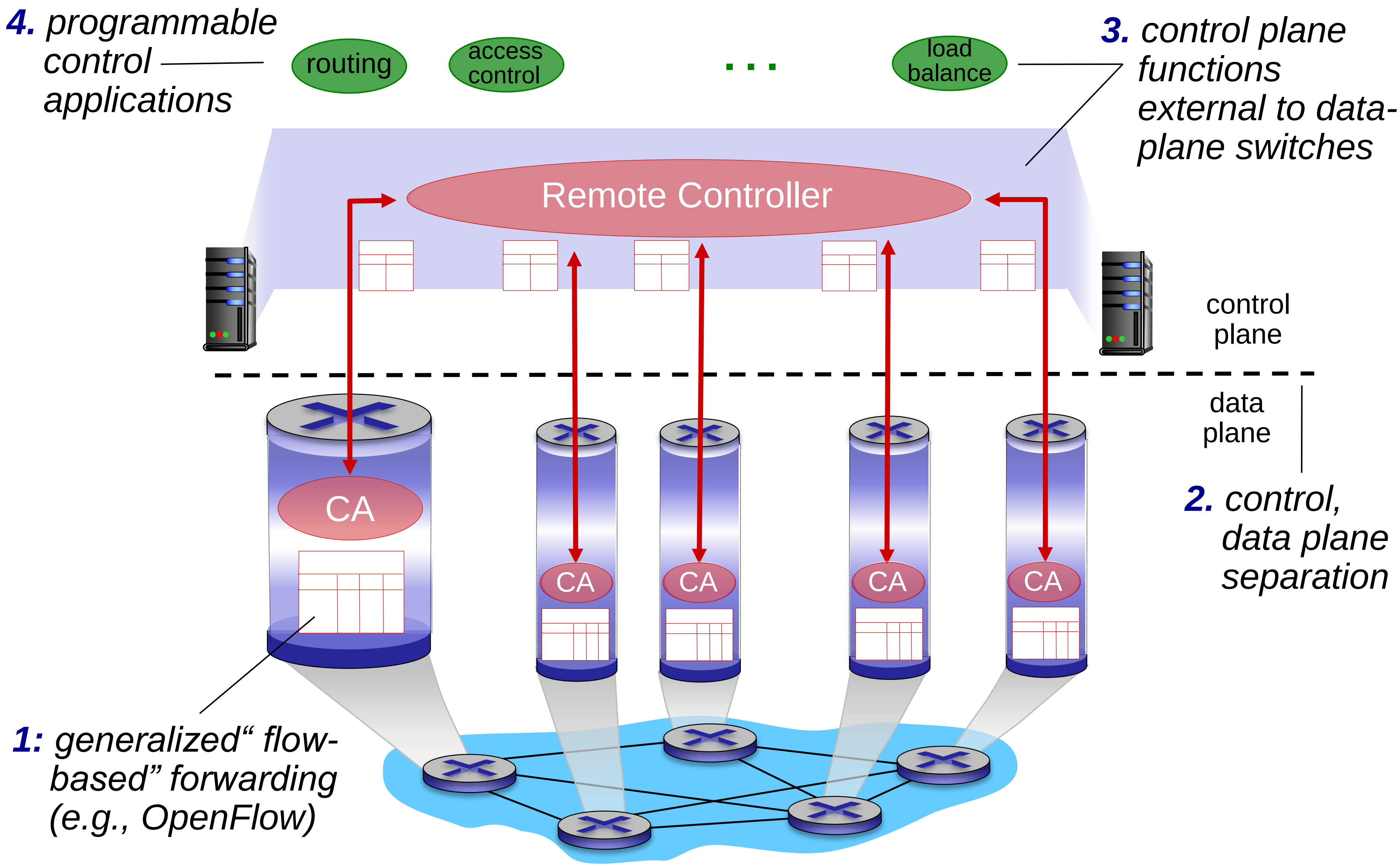
Traffic engineering: difficult



Q: what if w wants to route blue and red traffic differently?

A: can't do it (with destination based forwarding, and LS, DV routing)

Software defined networking (SDN)



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Any questions?