

INTRODUCTION TO EECS II DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

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- addressing, forwarding, routing
- liveness, advertisements, integration
- distance-vector routing
- routing loops, counting to infinity

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Forwarding

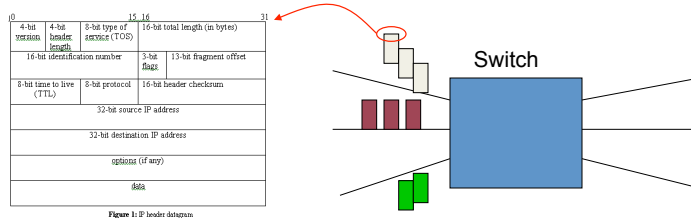


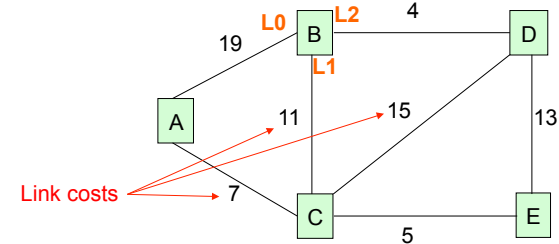
Figure 1: IP header diagram

- Core function is conceptually simple
 - `lookup(dst_addr)` in routing table returns *route* (i.e., *outgoing link*) for packet
 - `enqueue(packet, link_queue)`
 - `send(packet)` along outgoing link
- And do some bookkeeping before enqueue
 - Decrement hop limit (TTL); if 0, discard packet
 - Recalculate checksum (in IP, header checksum)

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The Problem: Finding Paths

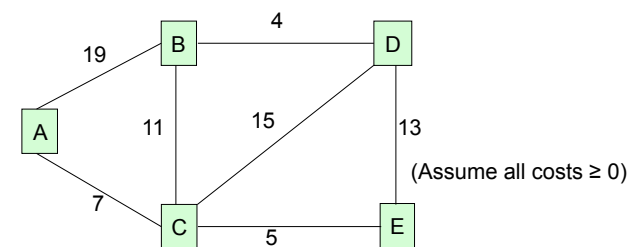


- **Addressing** (how to name nodes?)
 - Unique identifier for global addressing
 - Link name for neighbors
- **Forwarding** (how does a switch process a packet?)
- **Routing** (building and updating data structures to ensure that forwarding works)
- Functions of the *network layer*

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Shortest Path Routing



- Each node wants to find the path with *minimum total cost* to other nodes
 - We use the term “shortest path” even though we’re interested in min cost (and not min #hops)
- Several possible **distributed** approaches
 - Vector protocols, esp. *distance vector* (DV)
 - *Link-state* protocols (LS)

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Routing Table Structure

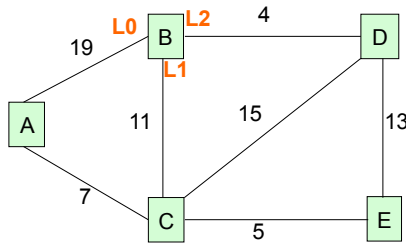


Table @ node B

Destination	Link (next-hop)	Cost
A	ROUTE L1	18
B	'Self'	0
C	L1	11
D	L2	4
E	L1	16

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Distributed Routing: A Common Plan

- Determining live neighbors
 - Common to both DV and LS protocols
 - HELLO protocol (periodic)
 - Send HELLO packet to each neighbor to let them know who's at the end of their outgoing links
 - Use received HELLO packets to build a list of neighbors containing an information tuple for each link: (timestamp, neighbor addr, link)
 - Repeat periodically. Don't hear anything for a while → link is down, so remove from neighbor list.
- Advertisement step (periodic)
 - Send some information to all neighbors
 - Used to determine connectivity & costs to reachable nodes
- Integration step
 - Compute routing table using info from advertisements
 - Dealing with stale data

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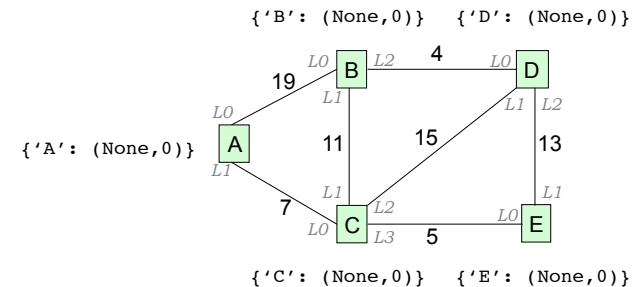
Distance-Vector Routing

- DV advertisement
 - Send info from routing table entries: (dest, cost)
 - Initially just (self,0)
- DV integration step [Bellman-Ford]
 - For each (dest, cost) entry in neighbor's advertisement
 - Account for cost to reach neighbor: (dest, my_cost)
 - $my_cost = cost_in_advertisement + link_cost$
 - Are we currently sending packets for dest to this neighbor?
 - See if link matches what we have in routing table
 - If so, update cost in routing table to be my_cost
 - Otherwise, is my_cost smaller than existing route?
 - If so, neighbor is offering a better deal! Use it...
 - update routing table so that packets for dest are sent to this neighbor

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DV Example: round 1



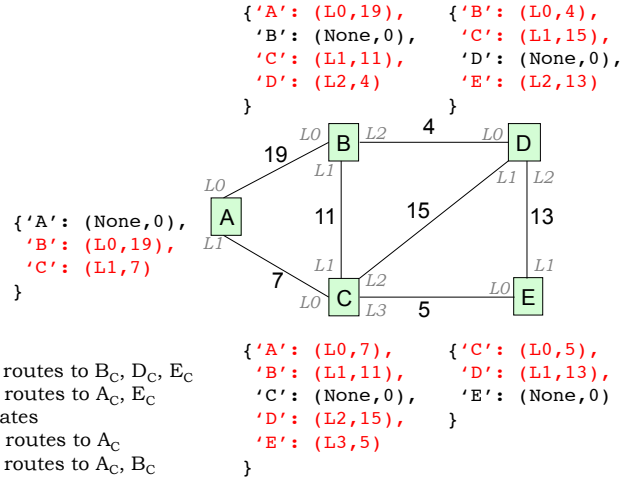
Node A: update routes to B_B, C_C
 Node B: update routes to A_A, C_C, D_D
 Node C: update routes to A_A, B_B, D_D, E_E
 Node D: update routes to B_B, C_C, E_E
 Node E: update routes to C_C, D_D

Subscript indicates node that gave better route

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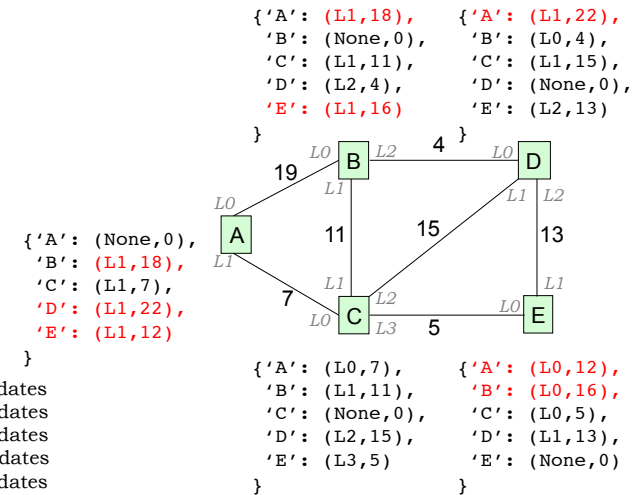
DV Example: round 2



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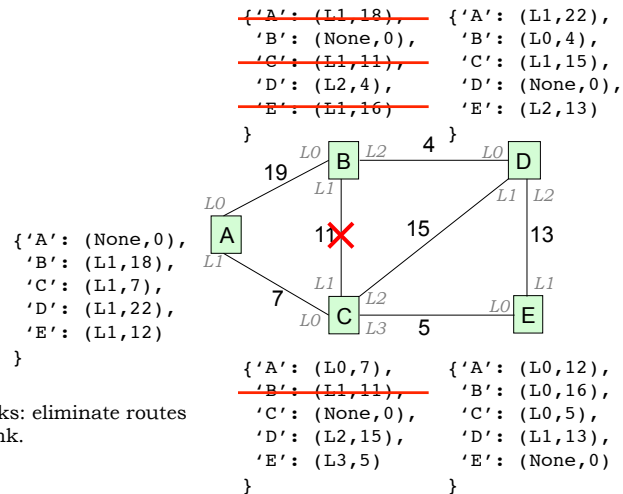
DV Example: round 3



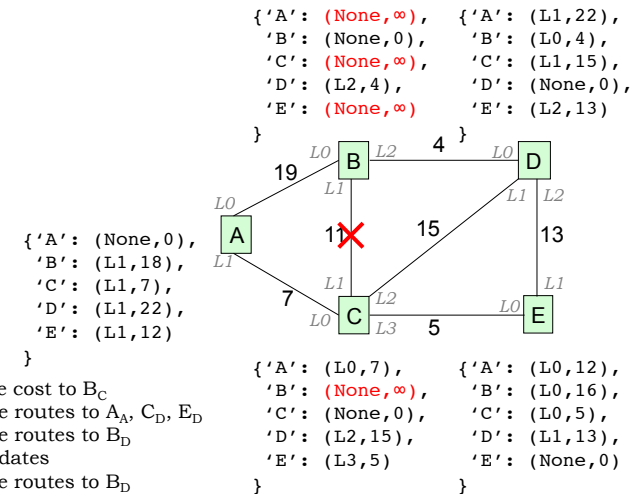
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DV Example: Break a Link



DV Example: round 4



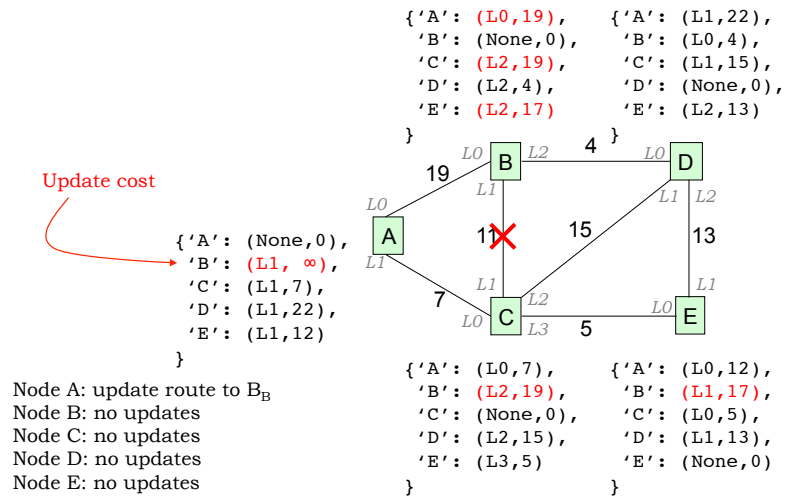
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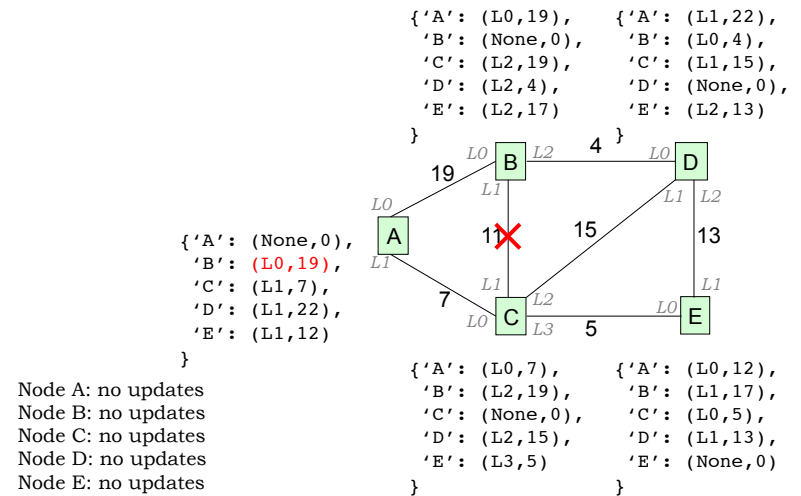
DV Example: round 5



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DV Example: final state



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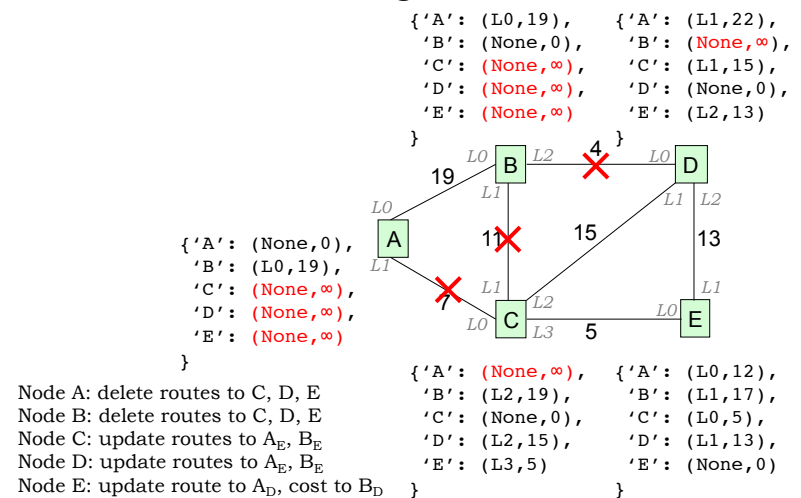
Correctness & Performance

- Optimal substructure property fundamental to correctness of both Bellman-Ford and Dijkstra's shortest path algorithms
 - Suppose shortest path from X to Y goes through Z. Then, the sub-path from X to Z must be a shortest path.**
- Proof of Bellman-Ford via induction on number of walks on shortest (min-cost) paths
 - Easy when all costs > 0 and *synchronous model* (see notes)
 - Harder with distributed async model (not in 6.02)
- How long does it take for distance-vector routing protocol to *converge*?
 - Time proportional to largest number of hops considering all the min-cost paths

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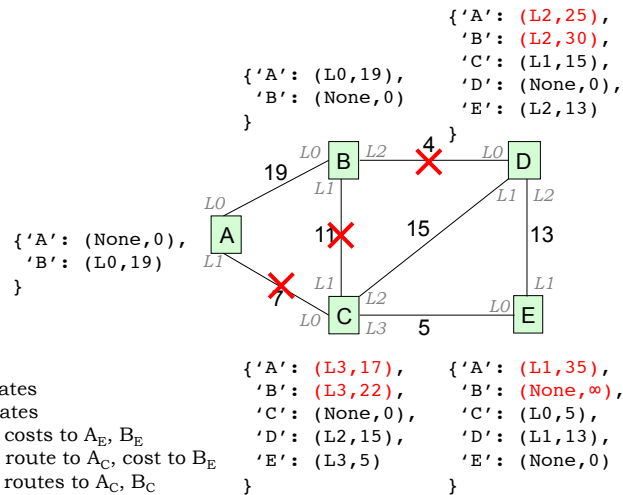
Partitioning the Network



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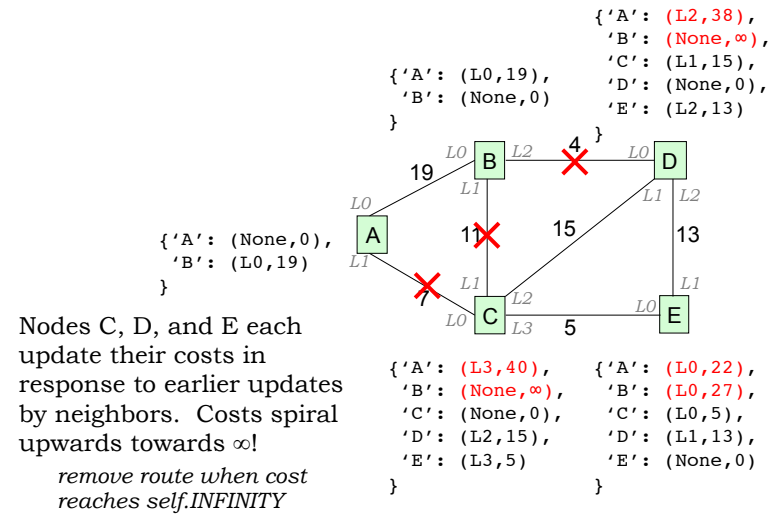
DV Example: round 6



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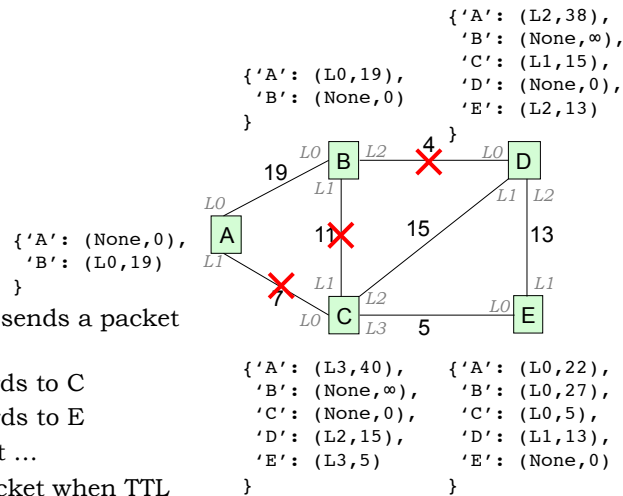
Counting to Infinity



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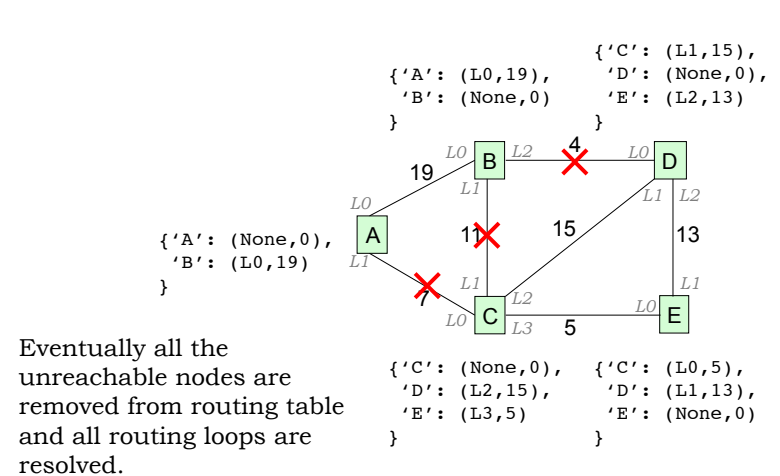
Routing Loop!



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Eventual Final State



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