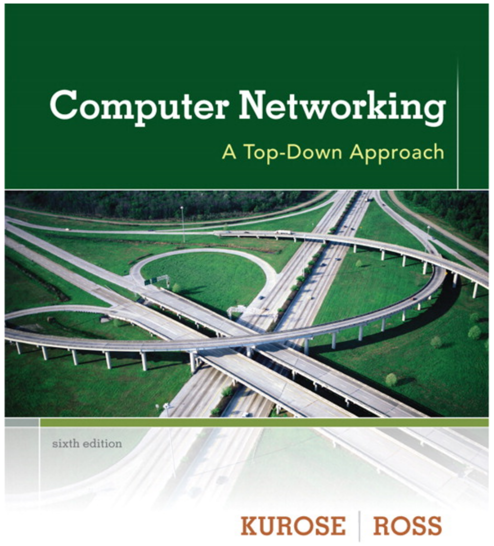
Chapter 4 Network Layer



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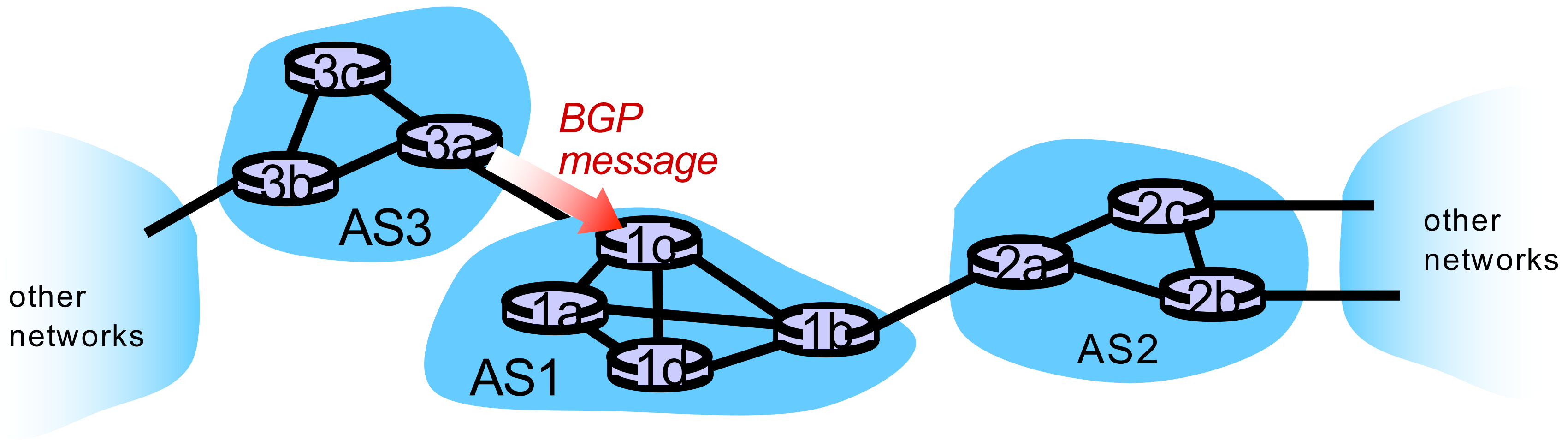
Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): *the* de facto inter-domain routing protocol
  - "glue that holds the Internet together"
- BGP provides each AS a means to:
  - eBGP: obtain subnet reachability information from neighboring ASs.
  - 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"*

BGP basics

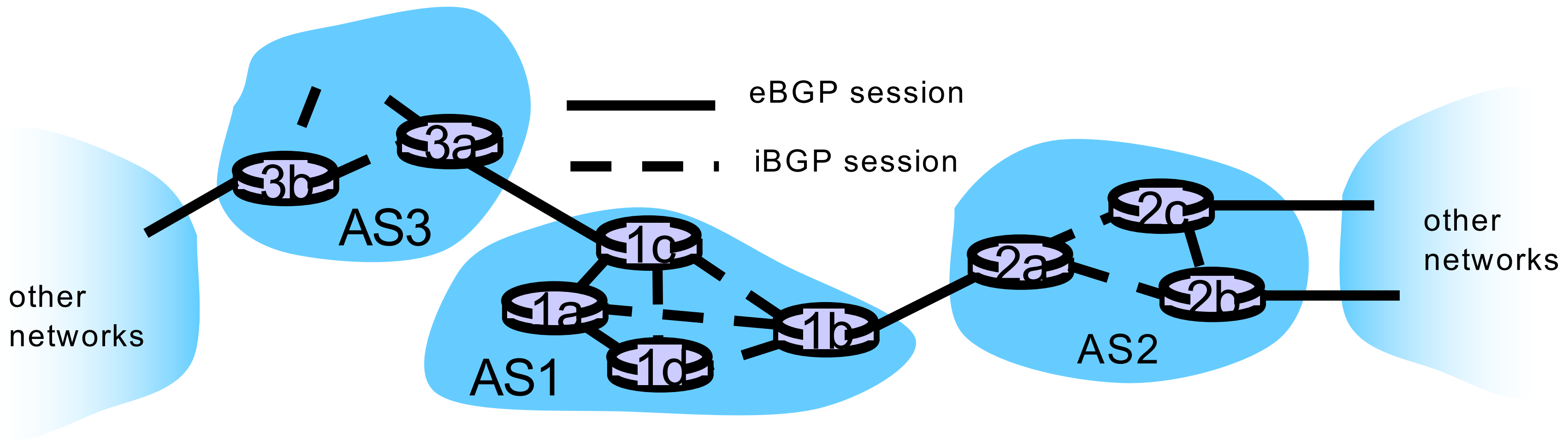
- BGP session: two BGP routers ("peers") exchange BGP messages:
  - advertising *paths* to different destination network prefixes ("path vector" protocol)
  - exchanged over semi-permanent TCP connections

- when AS3 advertises a prefix to AS1:
  - AS3 *promises* it will forward datagrams towards that prefix
  - AS3 can aggregate prefixes in its advertisement



BGP basics: distributing path information

- using eBGP session between 3a and 1c, AS3 sends prefix reachability info to AS1.
  - 1c can then use iBGP do distribute new prefix info to all routers in AS1
  - 1b can then re-advertise new reachability info to AS2 over 1b-to-2a eBGP session
- when router learns of new prefix, it creates entry for prefix in its forwarding table.



Path attributes and BGP routes

- advertised prefix includes BGP attributes
  - prefix + attributes = "route"
- two important attributes:
  - AS-PATH: contains ASs through which prefix advertisement has passed: e.g., AS 67, AS 17
  - NEXT-HOP: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS. (may be multiple links from current AS to next-hop-AS)
- gateway router receiving route advertisement uses import policy to accept/decline
  - e.g., never route through AS x
  - *policy-based* routing

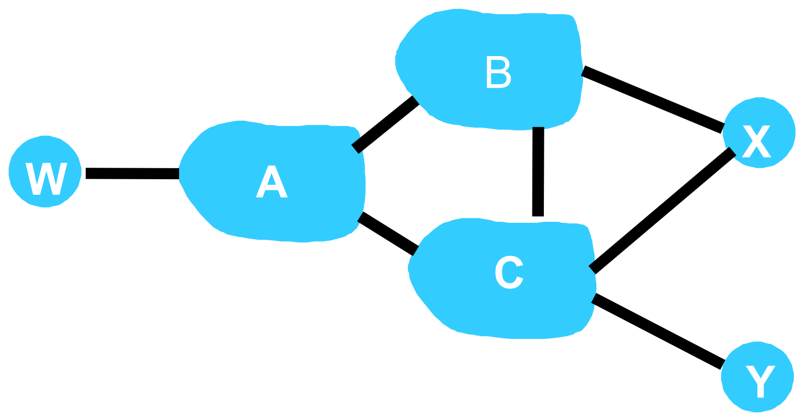
BGP route selection

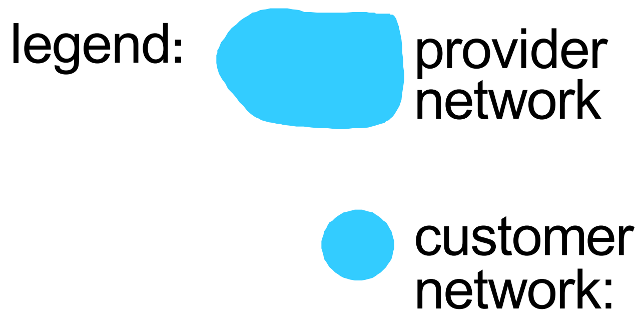
- router may learn about more than 1 route to destination AS, selects route based on:
  1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
  2. shortest AS-PATH
  3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
  4. additional criteria

BGP messages

- BGP messages exchanged between peers over TCP connection
- BGP messages:
  - OPEN: opens TCP connection to peer and authenticates sender
  - 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

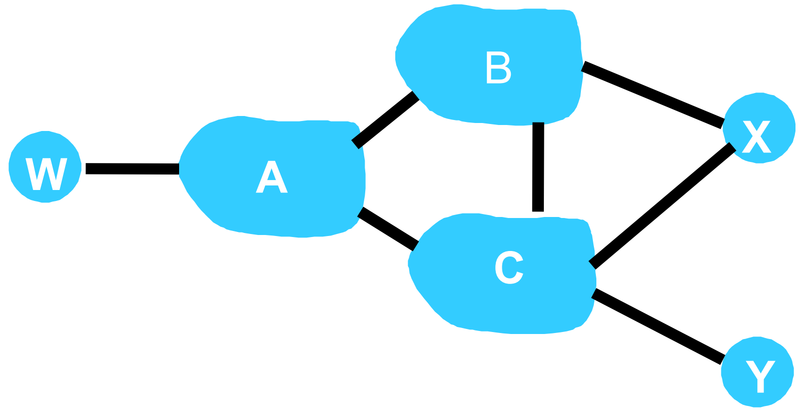
BGP routing policy

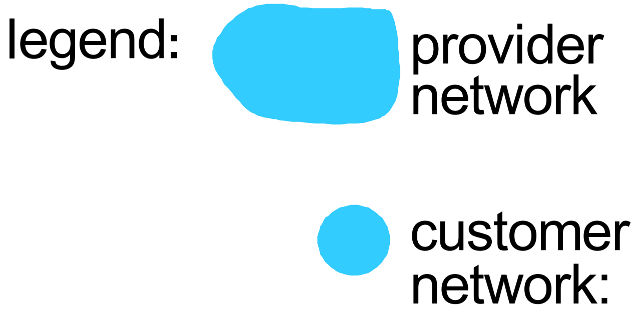




- A,B,C are *provider networks*
- X,W,Y are customer (of provider networks)
- X is *dual-homed:* attached to two networks
  - X does not want to route from B via X to C
  - .. so X will not advertise to B a route to C

BGP routing policy (2)





- 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-, 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

Chapter 4: outline

4.1 introduction

4.2 virtual circuit and datagram networks

4.3 what' s inside a router

4.4 IP: Internet Protocol
- datagram format
- IPv4 addressing
- ICMP
- IPv6

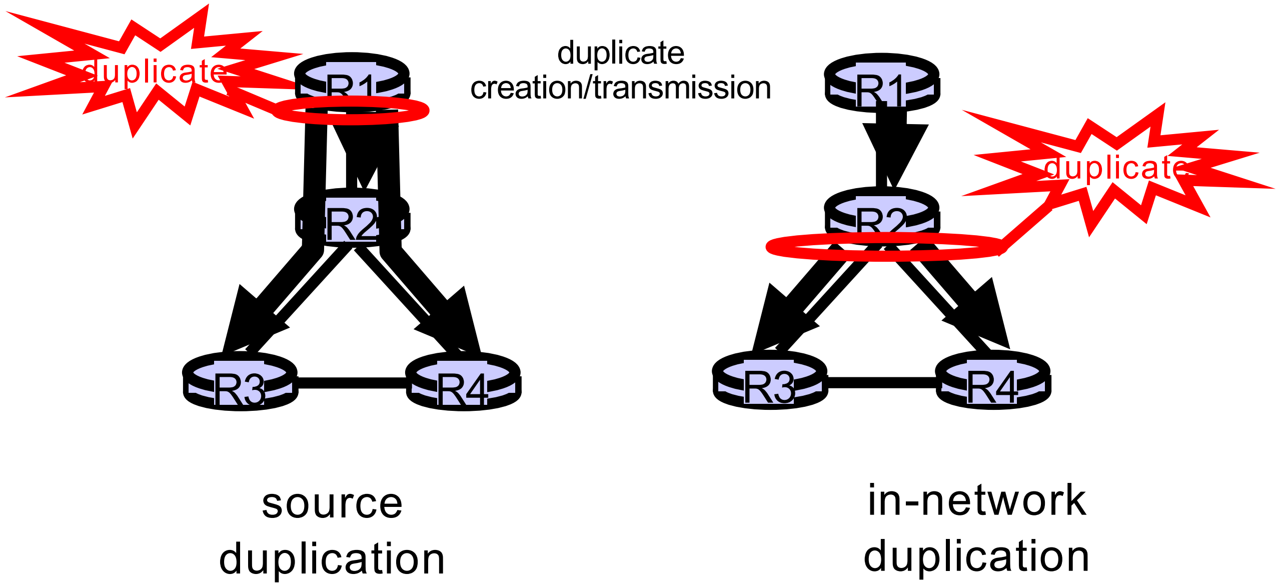
4.5 routing algorithms
- link state
- distance vector
- hierarchical routing

4.6 routing in the Internet
- RIP
- OSPF
- BGP

4.7 broadcast and multicast routing

Broadcast routing

- deliver packets from source to all other nodes
- source duplication is inefficient:



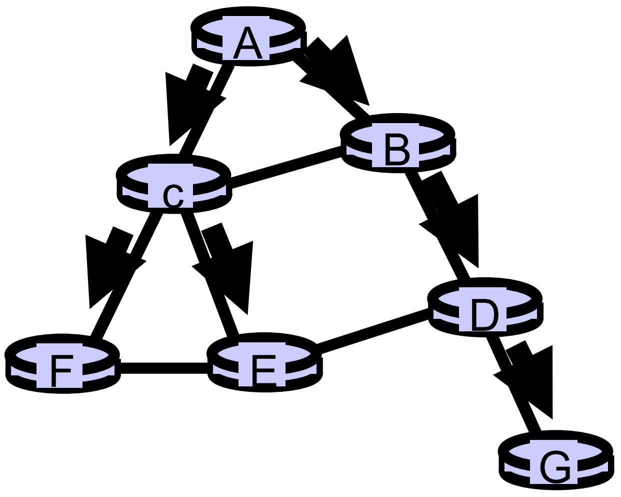
- source duplication: how does source determine recipient addresses?

In-network duplication

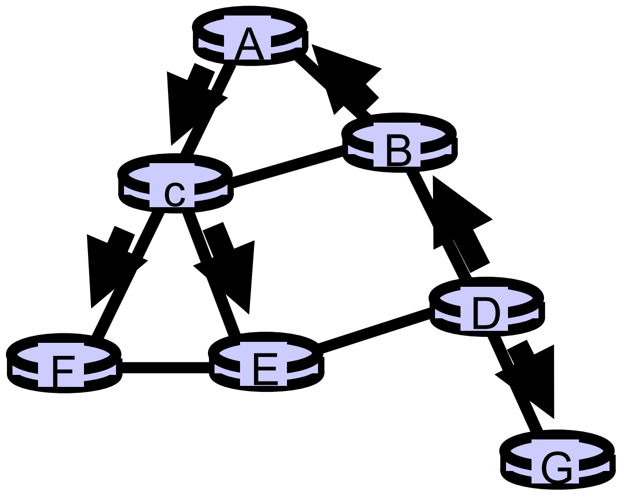
- *flooding:* when node receives broadcast packet, sends copy to all neighbors
  - problems: cycles & broadcast storm
- *controlled flooding:* node only broadcasts pkt if it hasn't broadcast same packet before
  - node keeps track of packet ids already broadacsted
  - or reverse path forwarding (RPF): only forward packet if it arrived on shortest path between node and source
- *spanning tree:*
  - no redundant packets received by any node

Spanning tree

- first construct a spanning tree
- nodes then forward/make copies only along spanning tree



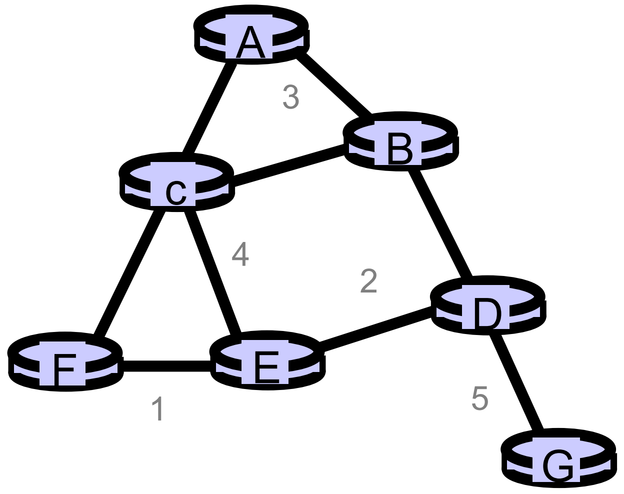
(a) broadcast initiated at A



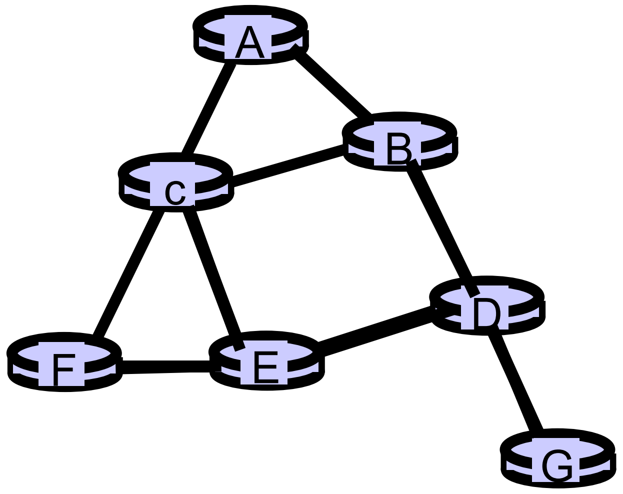
(b) broadcast initiated at D

Spanning tree: creation

- center node
- each node sends unicast join message to center node
  - message forwarded until it arrives at a node already belonging to spanning tree



(a) stepwise construction of spanning tree (center: E)

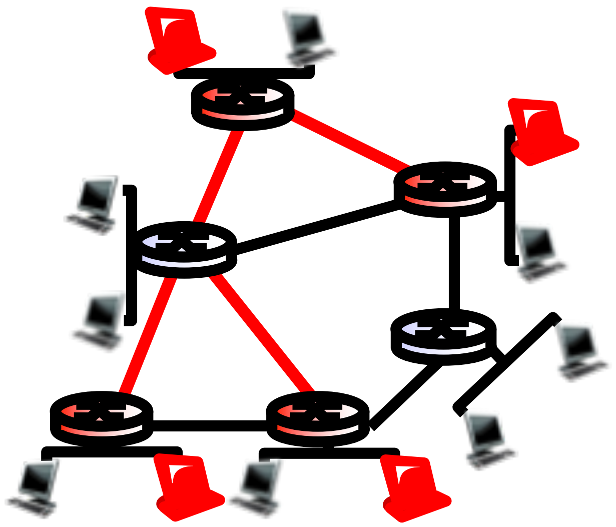


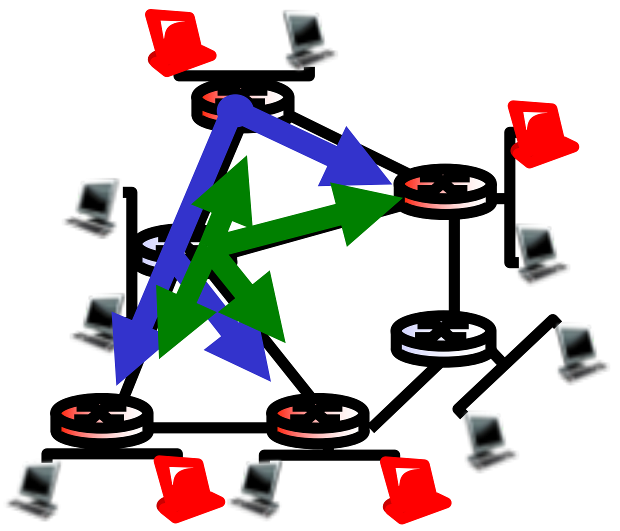
(b) constructed spanning tree

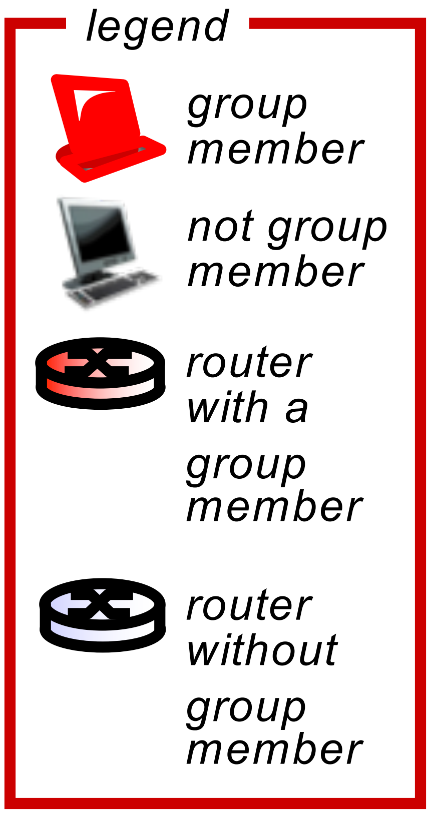
Multicast routing: problem statement

goal: find a tree (or trees) connecting routers having local mcast group members

- *tree:* not all paths between routers used
- *shared-tree:* same tree used by all group members
- *source-based:* different tree from each sender to rcvrs


shared tree


source-based trees



Approaches for building mcast trees

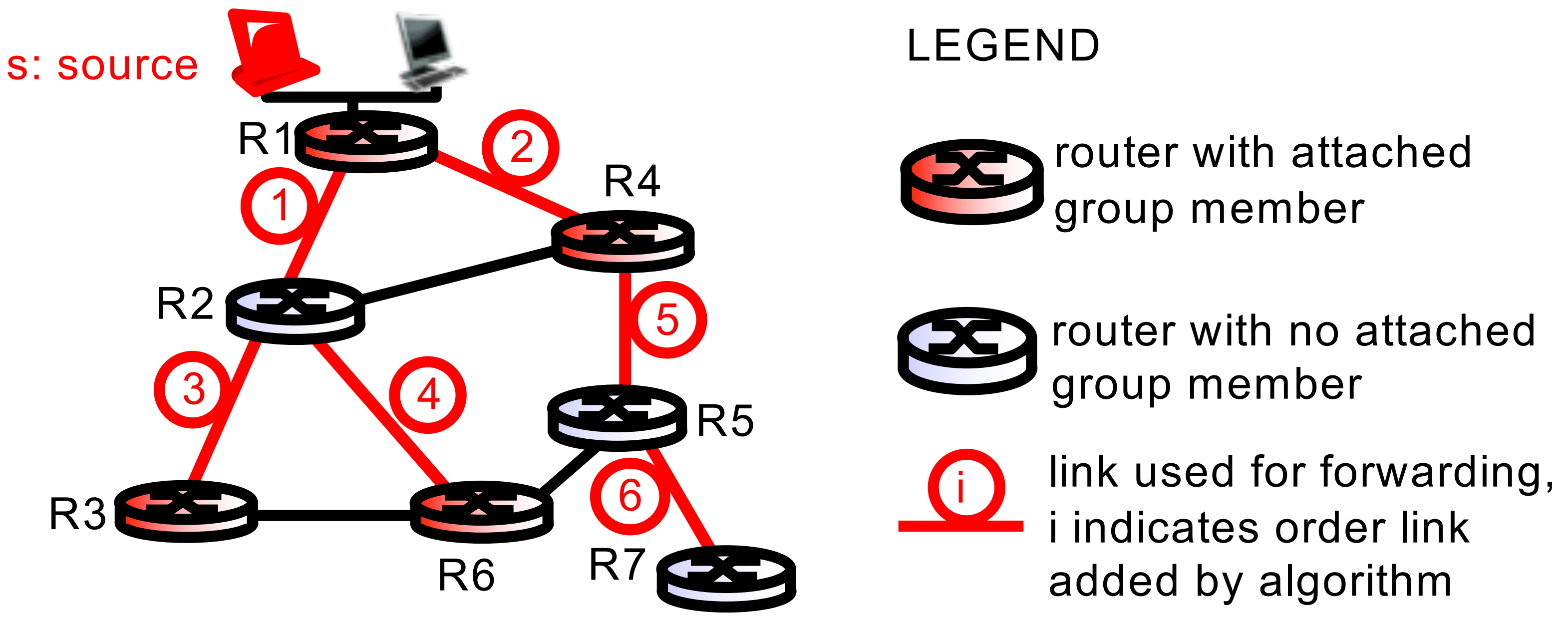
approaches:

- *source-based tree:* one tree per source
  - shortest path trees
  - reverse path forwarding
- *group-shared tree:* group uses one tree
  - minimal spanning (Steiner)
  - center-based trees

…we first look at basic approaches, then specific protocols adopting these approaches

Shortest path tree

- mcast forwarding tree: tree of shortest path routes from source to all receivers
  - Dijkstra's algorithm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R1
R2
R3
R4
R5
R6
R7
1
2
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4
5
6
LEGEND
router with attached group member
router with no attached group member
i
link used for forwarding, i indicates order link added by algorithm

Reverse path forwarding

- rely on router's knowledge of unicast shortest path from it to sender
- each router has simple forwarding behavior:

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if (mcast datagram received on incoming link on
     shortest path back to center)
   then flood datagram onto all outgoing links
   else ignore datagram
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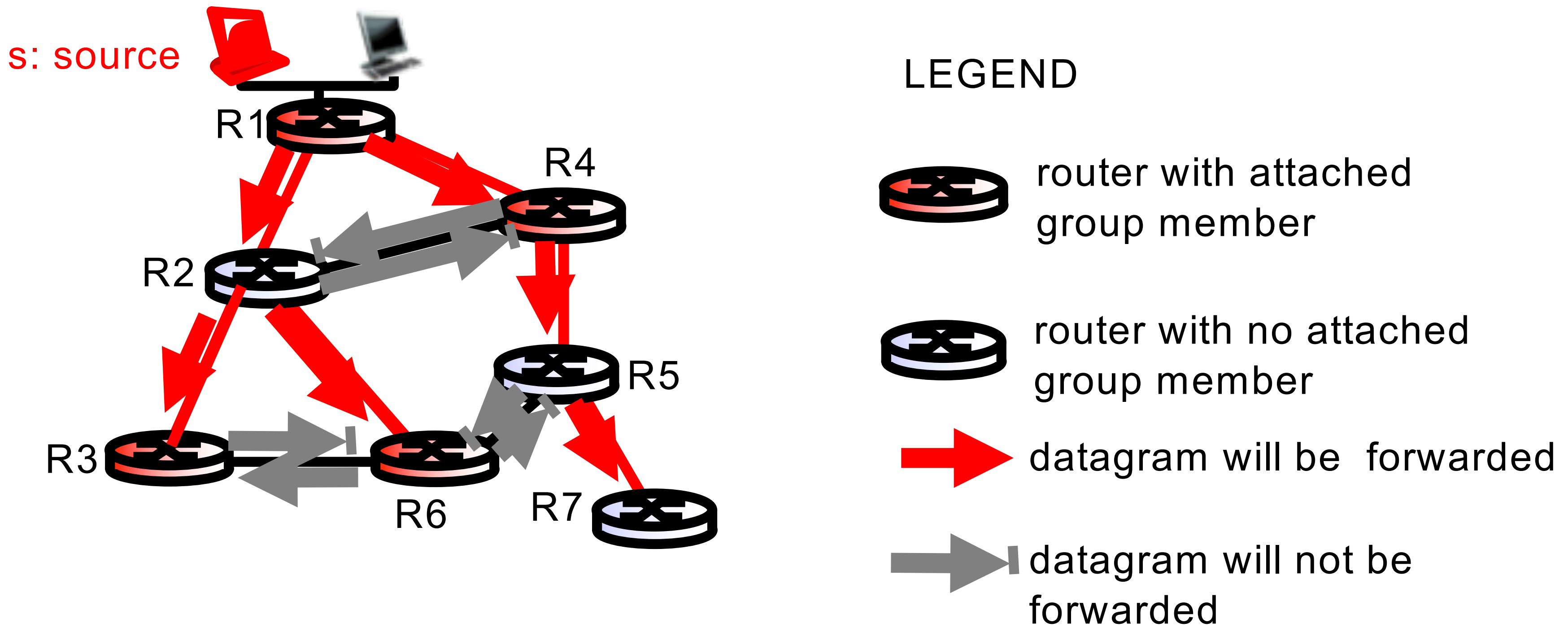
Reverse path forwarding: example


s: source
R1
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R3
R4
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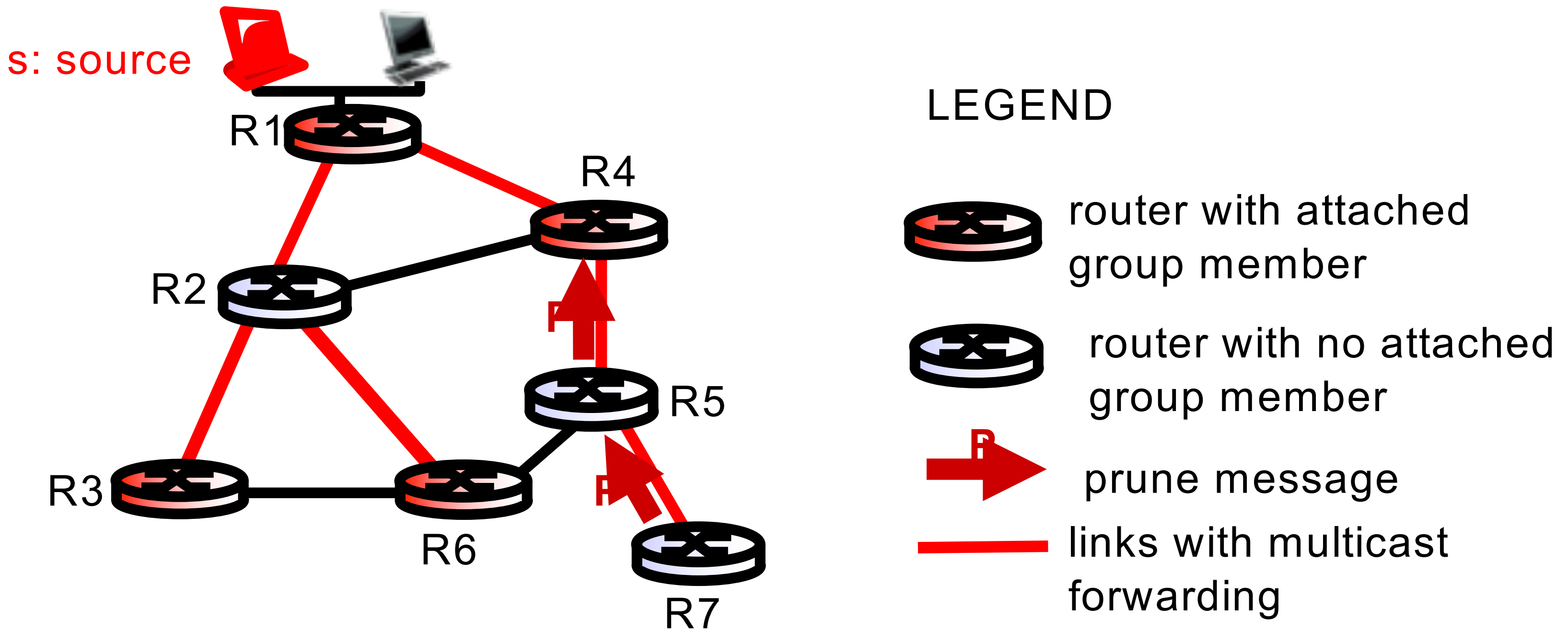
R6
R7
LEGEND
router with attached group member
router with no attached group member
datagram will be forwarded
datagram will not be forwarded

- result is a source-specific *reverse* SPT
  - may be a bad choice with asymmetric links

Reverse path forwarding: pruning

- forwarding tree contains subtrees with no mcast group members
  - no need to forward datagrams down subtree
  - "prune" msgs sent upstream by router with no downstream group members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LEGEND
router with attached group member
router with no attached group member
P
prune message
links with multicast forwarding

Shared-tree: steiner tree

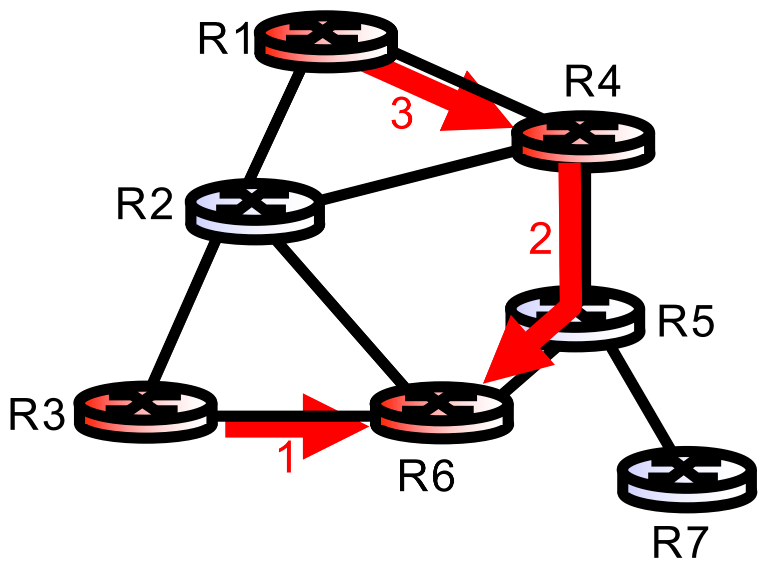
- *steiner tree:* minimum cost tree connecting all routers with attached group members
- problem is NP-complete
- excellent heuristics exists
- not used in practice:
  - computational complexity
  - information about entire network needed
  - monolithic: rerun whenever a router needs to join/leave

Center-based trees

- single delivery tree shared by all
- one router identified as "*center*" of tree
- to join:
  - edge router sends unicast *join-msg* addressed to center router
  - *join-msg* "processed" by intermediate routers and forwarded towards center
  - *join-msg* either hits existing tree branch for this center, or arrives at center
  - path taken by *join-msg* becomes new branch of tree for this router

Center-based trees: example

suppose R6 chosen as center:



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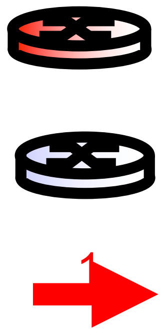


router with attached group member

router with no attached group member

path order in which join messages generated

Internet Multicasting Routing: DVMRP

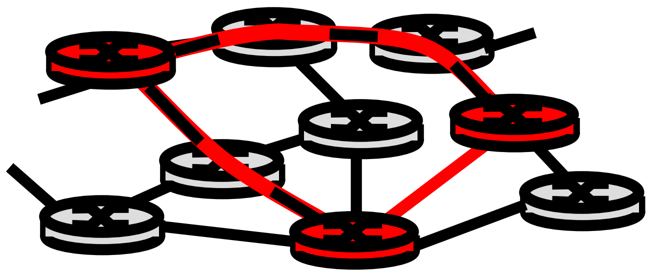
- DVMRP: distance vector multicast routing protocol, RFC1075
- *flood and prune:* reverse path forwarding, source-based tree
  - RPF tree based on DVMRP's own routing tables constructed by communicating DVMRP routers
  - no assumptions about underlying unicast
  - initial datagram to mcast group flooded everywhere via RPF
  - routers not wanting group: send upstream prune msgs

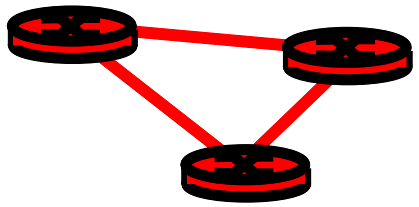
DVMRP: continued…

- *soft state:* DVMRP router periodically (1 min.) "forgets" branches are pruned:
  - mcast data again flows down unpruned branch
  - downstream router: reprune or else continue to receive data
- routers can quickly regraft to tree
  - following IGMP join at leaf
- odds and ends
  - commonly implemented in commercial router

Tunneling

Q: how to connect "islands" of multicast routers in a "sea" of unicast routers?


physical topology


logical topology

- mcast datagram encapsulated inside "normal" (non-multicast-addressed) datagram
- normal IP datagram sent thru "tunnel" via regular IP unicast to receiving mcast router (recall IPv6 inside IPv4 tunneling)
- receiving mcast router unencapsulates to get mcast datagram

PIM: Protocol Independent Multicast

- not dependent on any specific underlying unicast routing algorithm (works with all)
- two different multicast distribution scenarios :

dense:

- group members densely packed, in "close" proximity.
- bandwidth more plentiful

sparse:

- # networks with group members small wrt # interconnected networks
- group members "widely dispersed"
- bandwidth not plentiful

Consequences of sparse-dense dichotomy:

dense

- group membership by routers *assumed* until routers explicitly prune
- *data-driven* construction on mcast tree (e.g., RPF)
- bandwidth and non-group-router processing *profligate*

sparse:

- no membership until routers explicitly join
- *receiver- driven* construction of mcast tree (e.g., center-based)
- bandwidth and non-group-router processing *conservative*

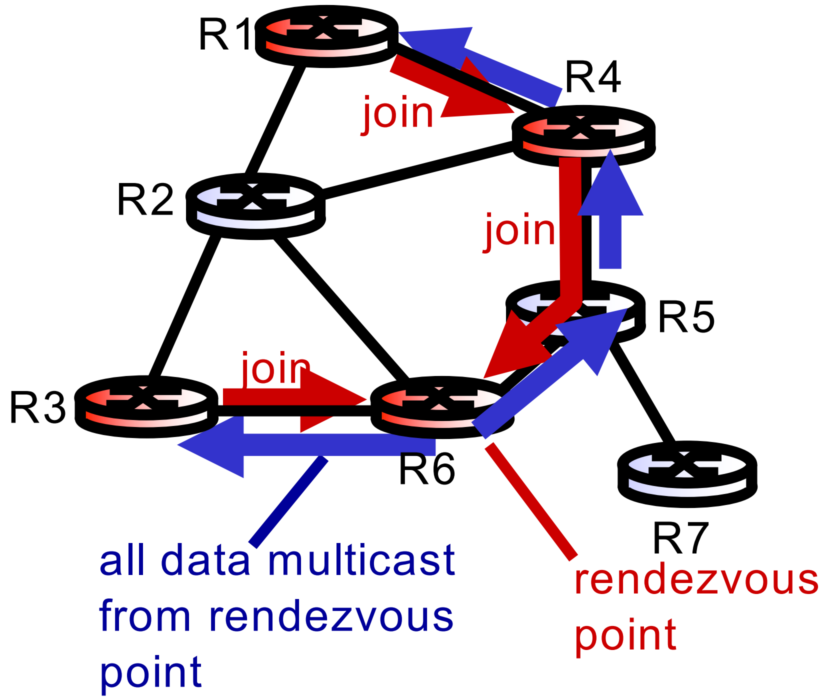
PIM- dense mode

flood-and-prune RPF: similar to DVMRP but…

- underlying unicast protocol provides RPF info for incoming datagram
- less complicated (less efficient) downstream flood than DVMRP reduces reliance on underlying routing algorithm
- has protocol mechanism for router to detect it is a leaf-node router

PIM - sparse mode

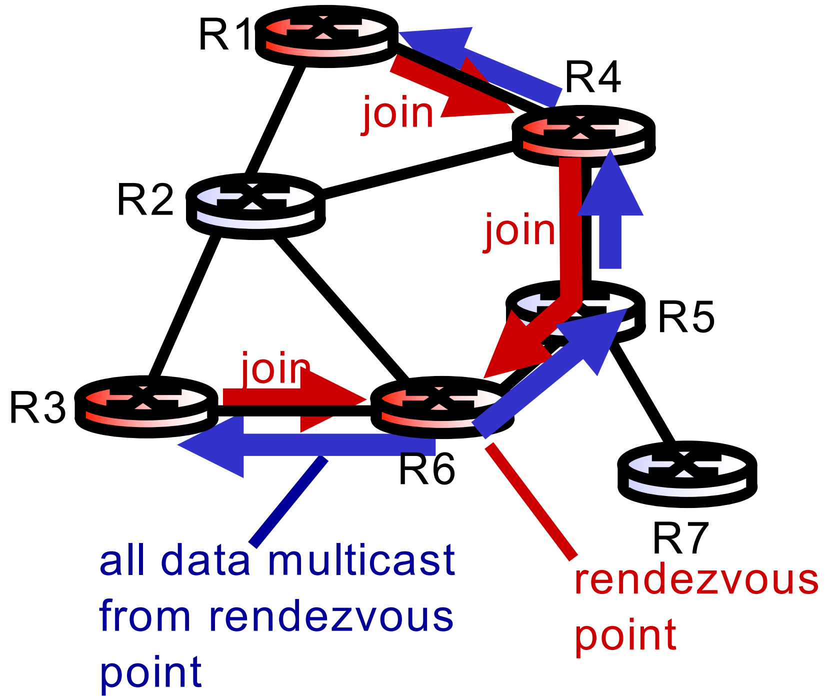
- center-based approach
- router sends *join* msg to rendezvous point (RP)
  - intermediate routers update state and forward *join*
- after joining via RP, router can switch to source-specific tree
  - increased performance: less concentration, shorter paths



PIM - sparse mode

sender(s):

- unicast data to RP, which distributes down RP-rooted tree
- RP can extend mcast tree upstream to source
- RP can send *stop* msg if no attached receivers
  - "no one is listening!"



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- RIP, OSPF, BGP

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- understand principles behind network layer services:
  - network layer service models, forwarding versus routing how a router works, routing (path selection), broadcast, multicast
- instantiation, implementation in the Internet