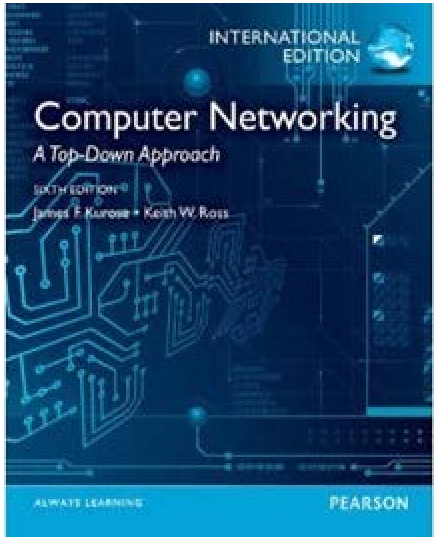
# Chapter 4
# Network Layer

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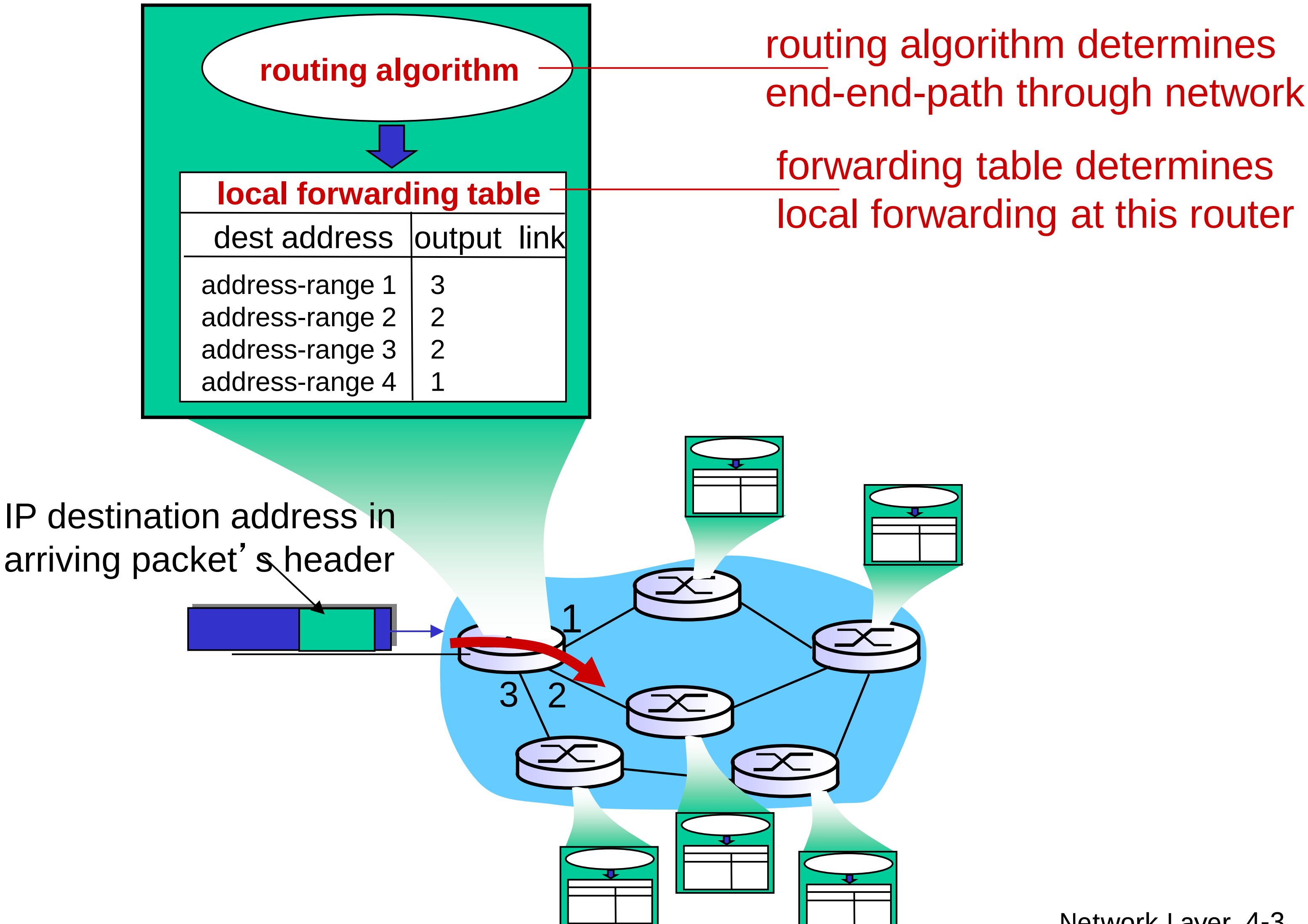
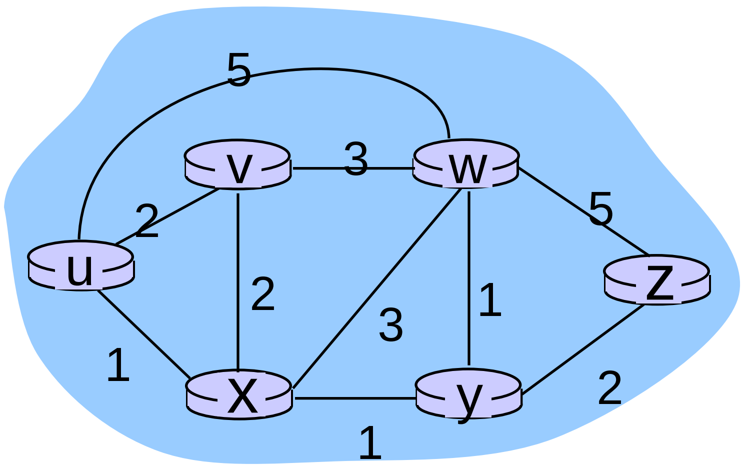
# Interplay between routing, forwarding



# Graph abstraction



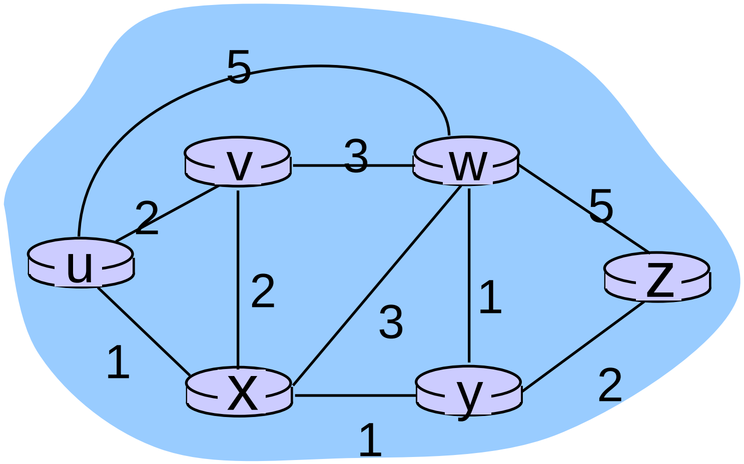

graph: G = (N,E)

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) }

*Besides:* graph abstraction is useful in other network contexts, e.g., 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 $(x_1, x_2, x_3,\ldots, x_p) = c(x_1,x_2) + c(x_2,x_3) + \ldots + c(x_{p-1},x_p)$

*key question:* what is the least-cost path between u and z ?

*routing algorithm:* algorithm that finds that least cost path

# Routing algorithm classification

*Q: 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

*Q: 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 definitively known

# 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 | 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 |
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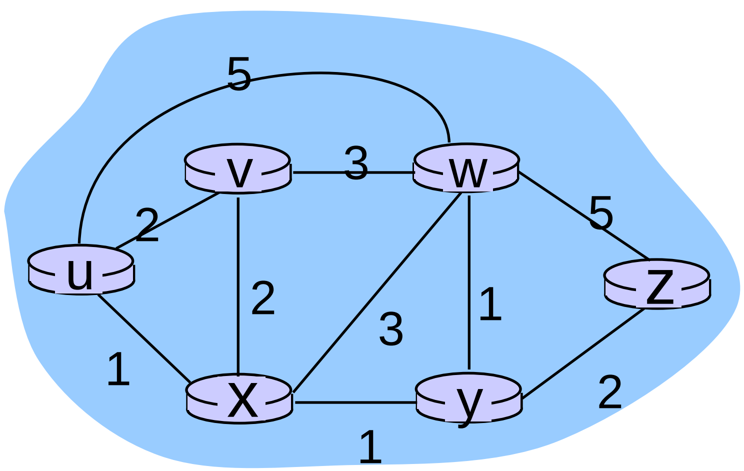
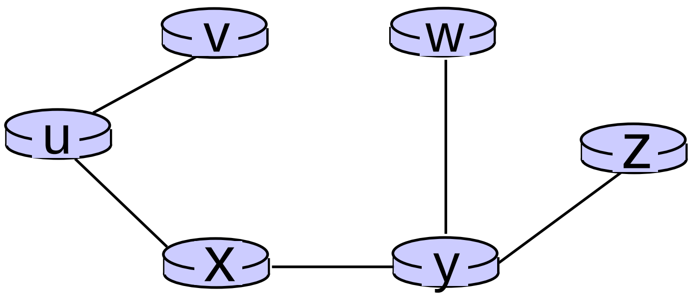
| 5 | uxyvwz | | | | | |




***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'***

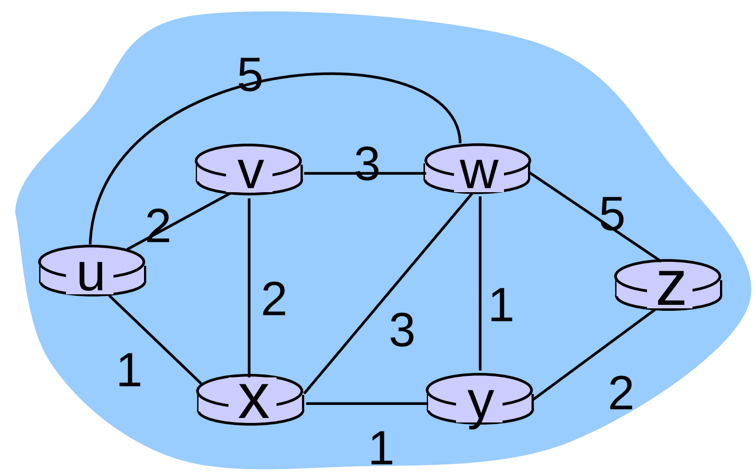
# Dijkstra's algorithm: example (2)

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) |



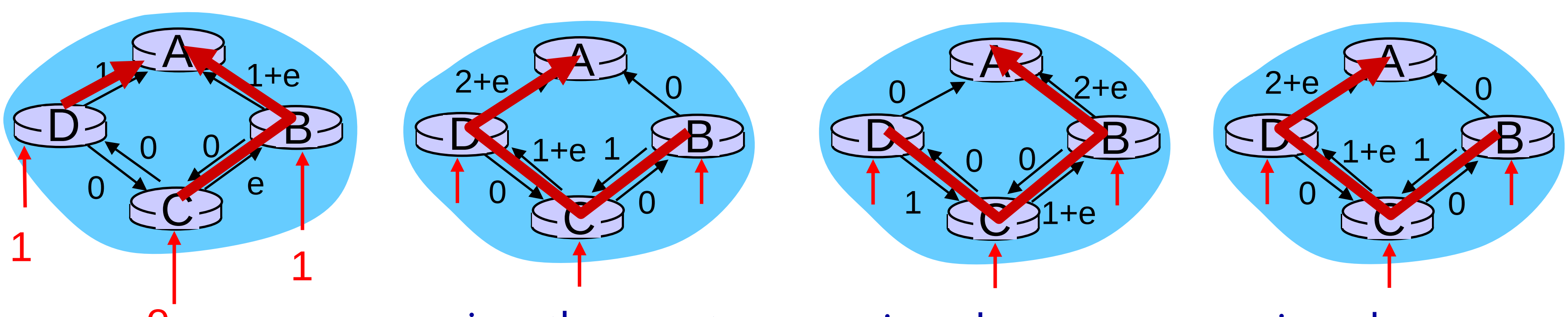
# Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

*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(nlogn)

*oscillations possible:*

- e.g., support link cost equals amount of carried traffic:




initially

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

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# Distance vector algorithm

*Bellman-Ford equation (dynamic programming)*

let

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

then

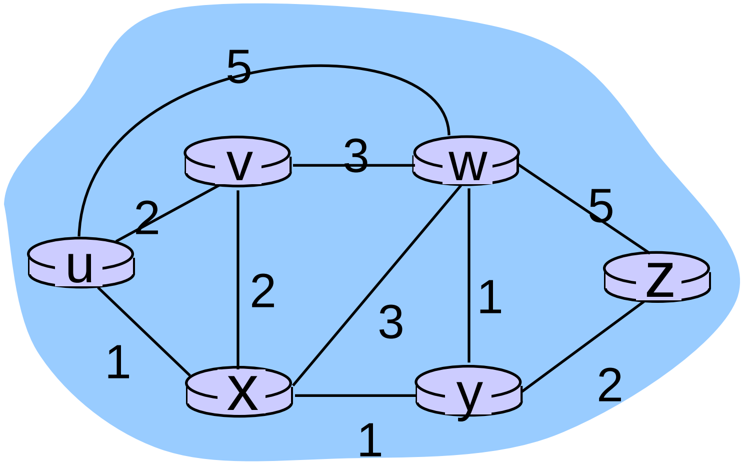
$$d_x(y) = \min_v \{c(x,v) + d_v(y)\}$$

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:

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\begin{aligned}
d_u(z) &= \min \{ c(u,v) + d_v(z), \\
&\qquad c(u,x) + d_x(z), \\
&\qquad c(u,w) + d_w(z) \} \\
&= \min \{2 + 5, \\
&\qquad 1 + 3, \\
&\qquad 5 + 3\} = 4
\end{aligned}
$$

node achieving minimum is next
hop in shortest path, used in forwarding table

# Distance vector algorithm

- Let $\mathbf{D}_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$ be node x's distance vector, which is the vector of cost estimates from x to all other nodes, y, in N.

- Each node x maintains the following routing info:
  - cost to each directly attached neighbor v of x: $c(x,v)$
  - the distance vector containing the estimate of the cost to all destinations, y, in N: $\mathbf{D}_x = [D_x(y): y \in N]$
  - the distance vector of each neighbor v of x: $\mathbf{D}_v = [D_v(y): y \in N]$

# Distance vector algorithm

*key idea:*

- from time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- when x receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_v\{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\} \quad \text{for each node } y \in N$$

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

- under minor, natural conditions, the estimate $D_x(y)$ *converge to the actual least cost* $d_x(y)$

$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,y) + D_y(y), c(x,z) + D_z(y)\}$
$= \min\{2+0 , 7+1\} = 2$

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**node x table**

| from \ cost to | x | y | z |
|---|---|---|---|
| x | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| y | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |
| z | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |

| from \ cost to | x | y | z |
|---|---|---|---|
| x | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| y | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| z | 7 | 1 | 0 |

**node y table**

| from \ cost to | x | y | z |
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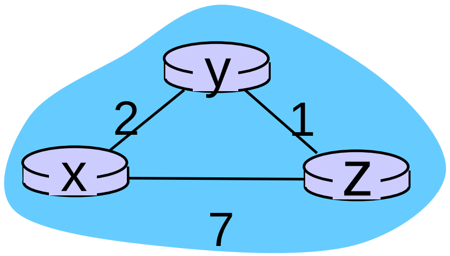


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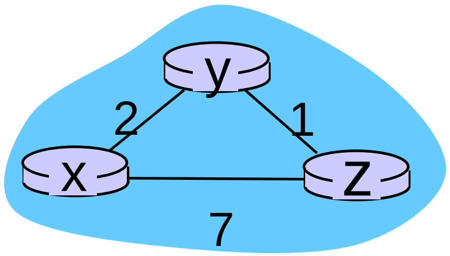


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# Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

*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 thru network

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# Hierarchical routing

our routing study thus far - idealization

- all routers identical
- network "flat"

… *not* true in practice

*scale:* with 600 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

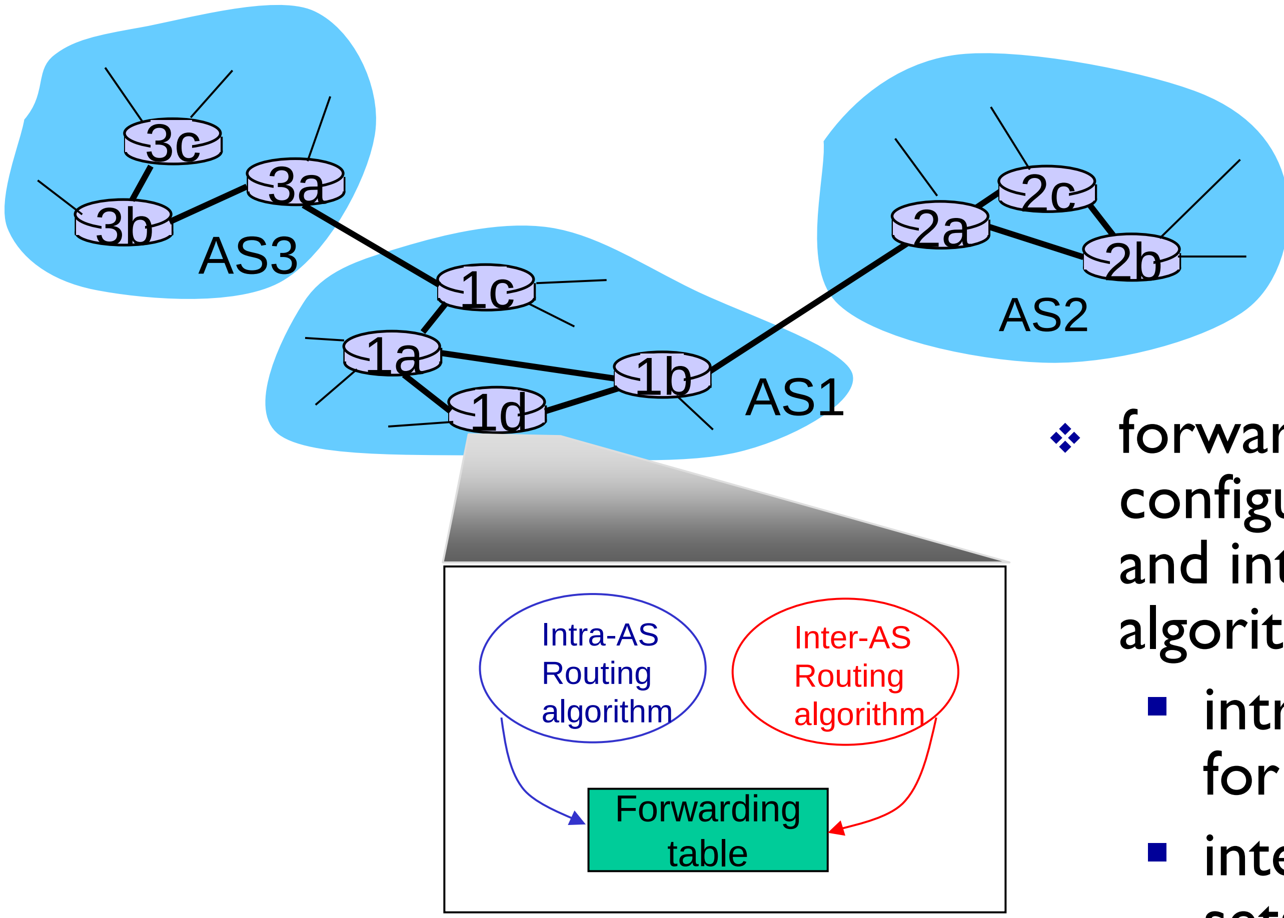
# Hierarchical routing

- 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:*

- at "edge" of its own AS
- has 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

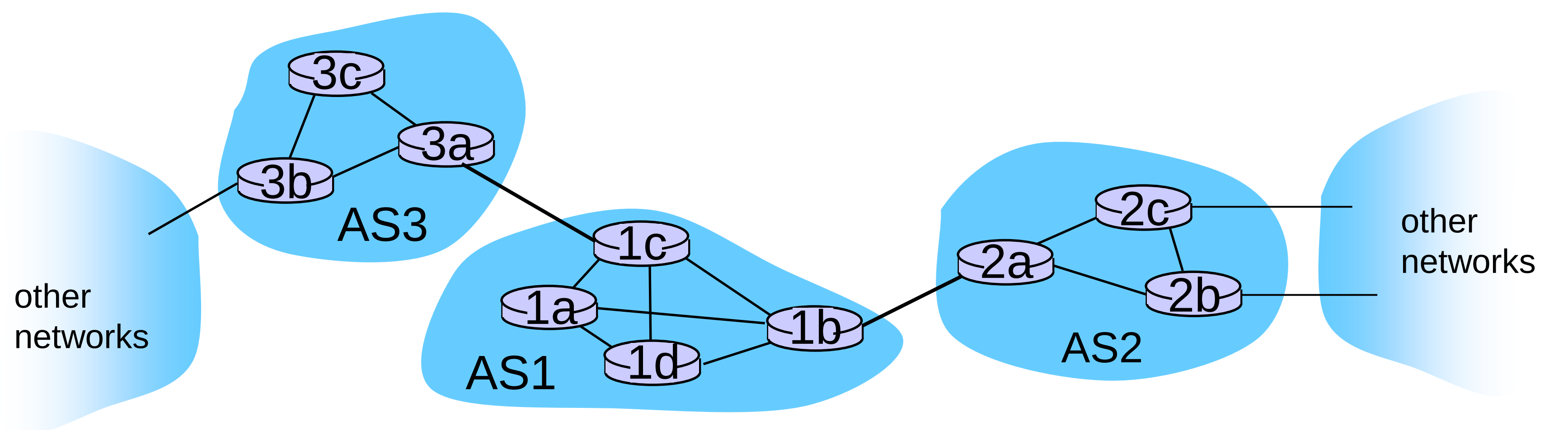
# Inter-AS tasks

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

*AS1 must:*

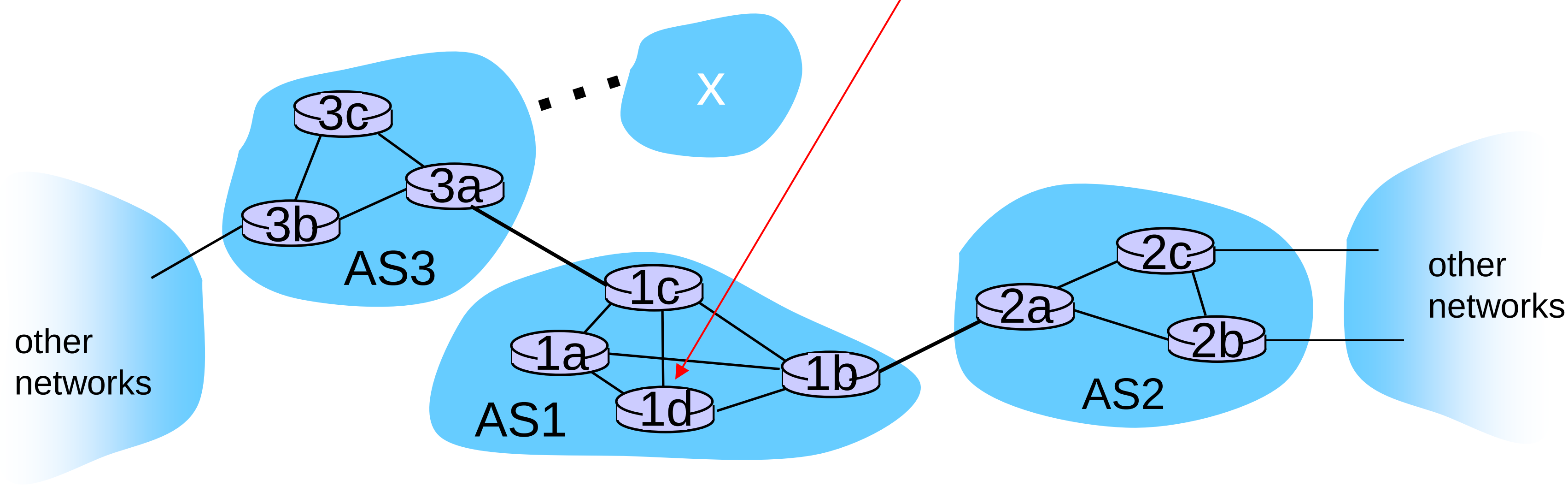
1. learn which dests are reachable through AS2, which through AS3
2. propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

*job of inter-AS routing!*



# Example: setting forwarding table in router 1d

- suppose AS1 learns (via inter-AS protocol) that subnet *x* reachable via AS3 (gateway 1c), but not via AS2
  - inter-AS protocol propagates reachability info to all internal routers
- router 1d determines from intra-AS routing info that its interface *I* is on the least cost path to 1c
  - installs forwarding table entry *(x,I)*



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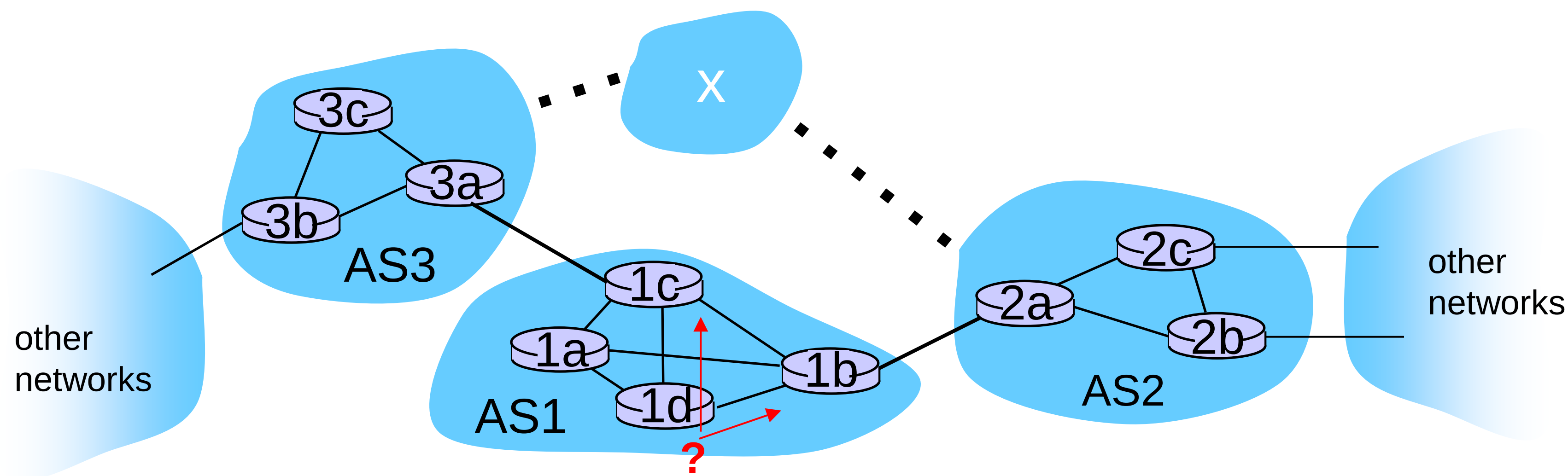

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- *hot potato routing: send* packet towards closest of two routers.

learn from inter-AS protocol that subnet *x* is reachable via multiple gateways
→
use routing info from intra-AS protocol to determine costs of least-cost paths to each of the gateways
→
hot potato routing: choose the gateway that has the smallest least cost
→
determine from forwarding table the interface *I* that leads to least-cost gateway. Enter *(x,I)* in forwarding table

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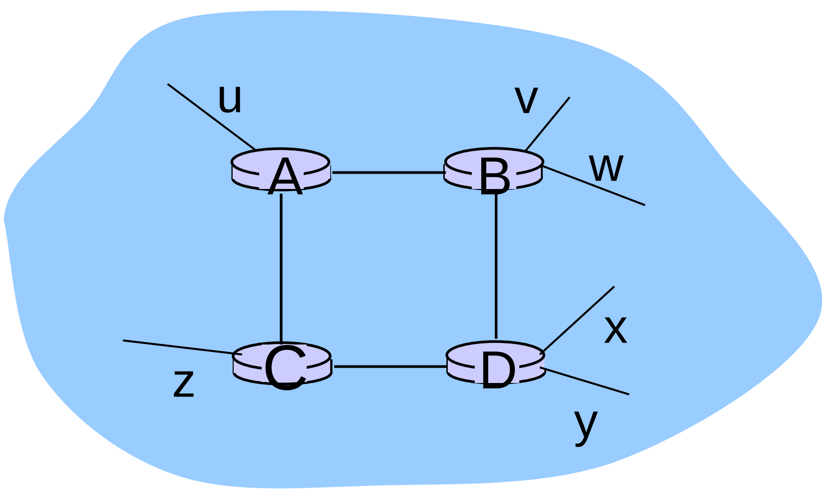
# Intra-AS Routing

- also known as *interior gateway protocols (IGP)*
- most common intra-AS routing protocols:
  - RIP: Routing Information Protocol
  - OSPF: Open Shortest Path First
  - IGRP: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco proprietary)

# RIP ( Routing Information Protocol)

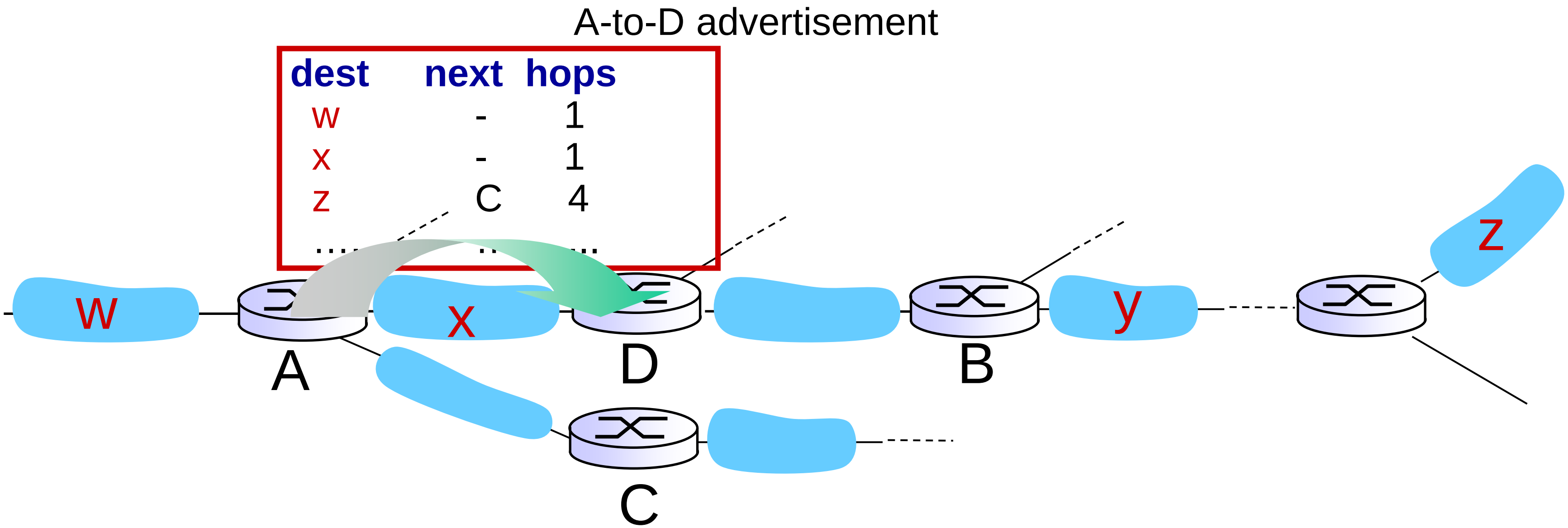
- included in BSD-UNIX distribution in 1982
- distance vector algorithm
  - distance metric: # hops (max = 15 hops), each link has cost 1
  - DVs exchanged with neighbors every 30 sec in response message (aka advertisement)
  - Links are declared dead after 180 sec of no advertisement
  - each advertisement: list of up to 25 destination *subnets (in IP addressing sense)*




from router A to destination *subnets:*

| subnet | hops |
|---|---|
| u | 1 |
| v | 2 |
| w | 2 |
| x | 3 |
| y | 3 |
| z | 2 |

# RIP: example

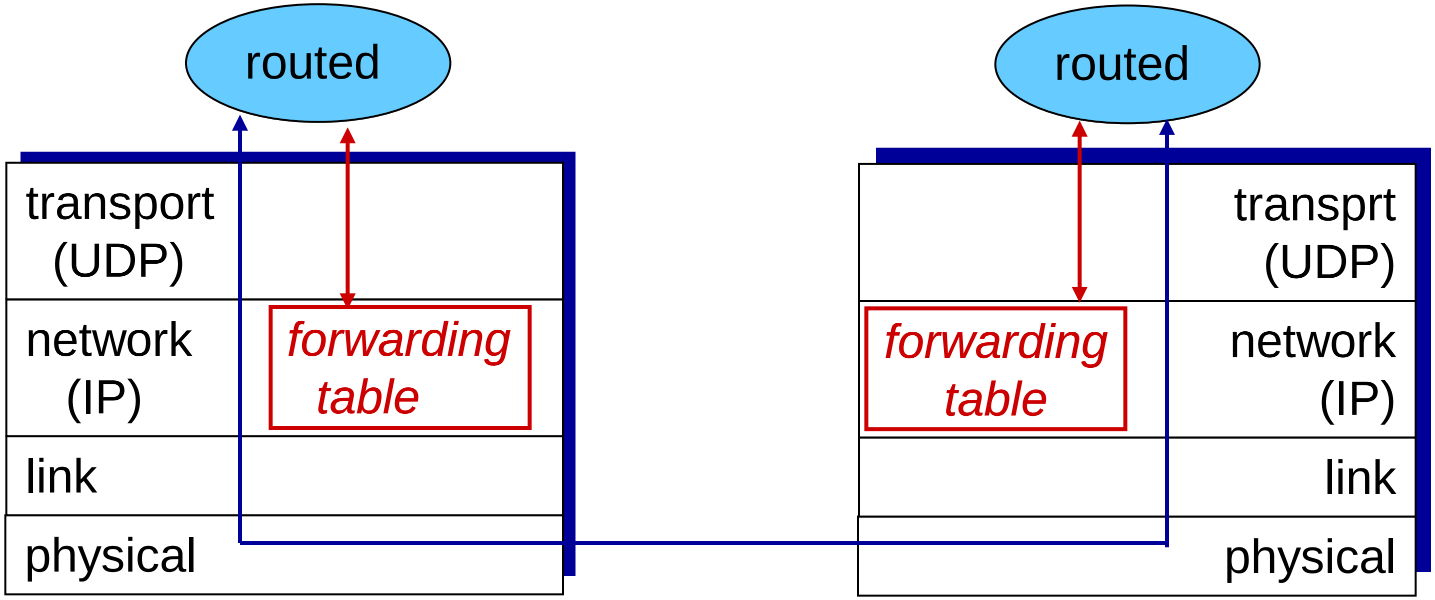



routing table in router D

| destination subnet | next router | # hops to dest |
|---|---|---|
| w | A | 2 |
| y | B | 2 |
| z | ~~B~~ A | ~~7~~ 5 |
| x | -- | 1 |
| …. | …. | …. |

# RIP table processing

- RIP routing tables managed by *application-level* process called route-d (daemon)
- advertisements sent in UDP packets, periodically repeated



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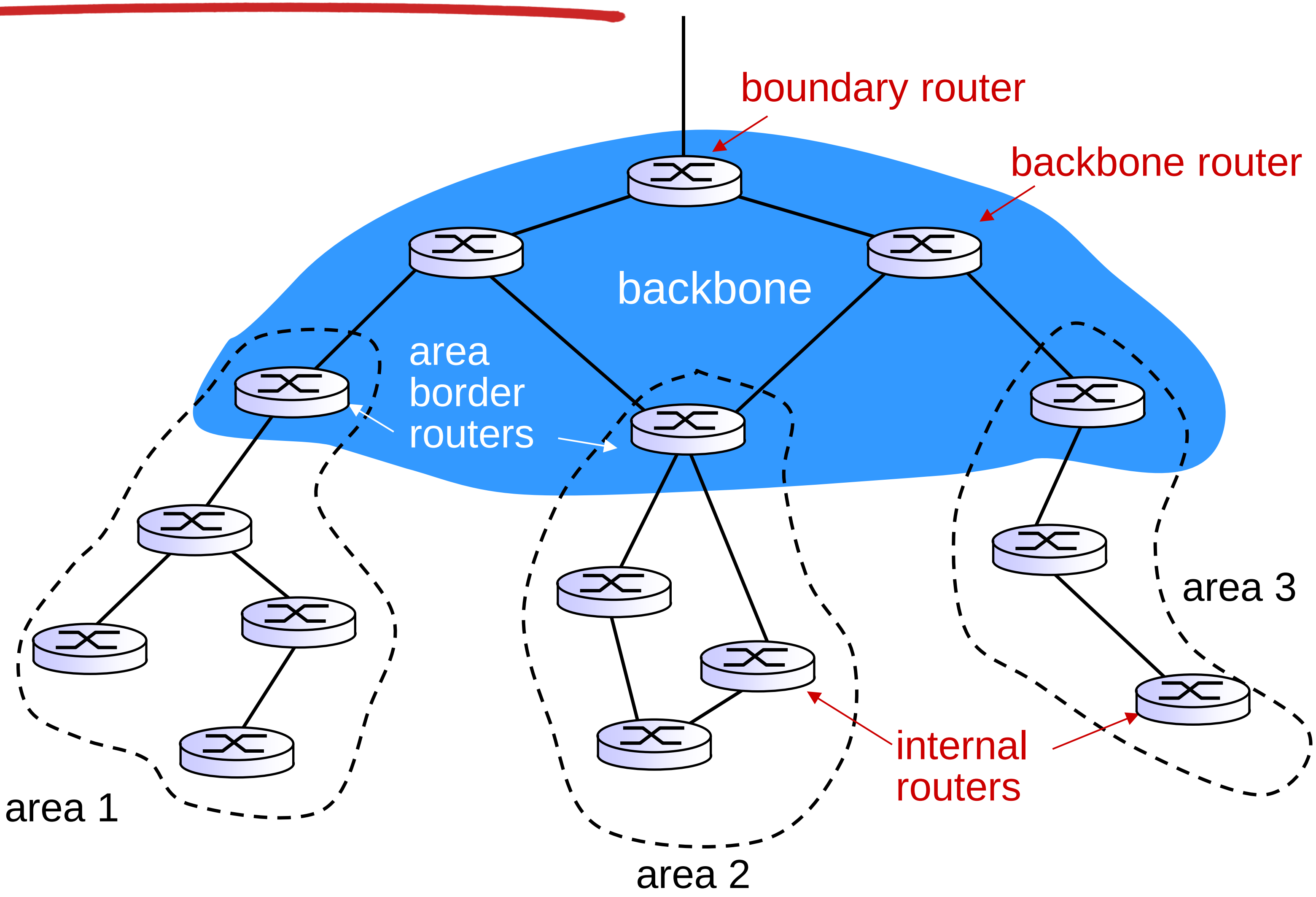
# OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- "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
- advertisements flooded to *entire* AS
  - carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP
- *IS-IS routing* protocol: nearly identical to OSPF

# 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 nodes 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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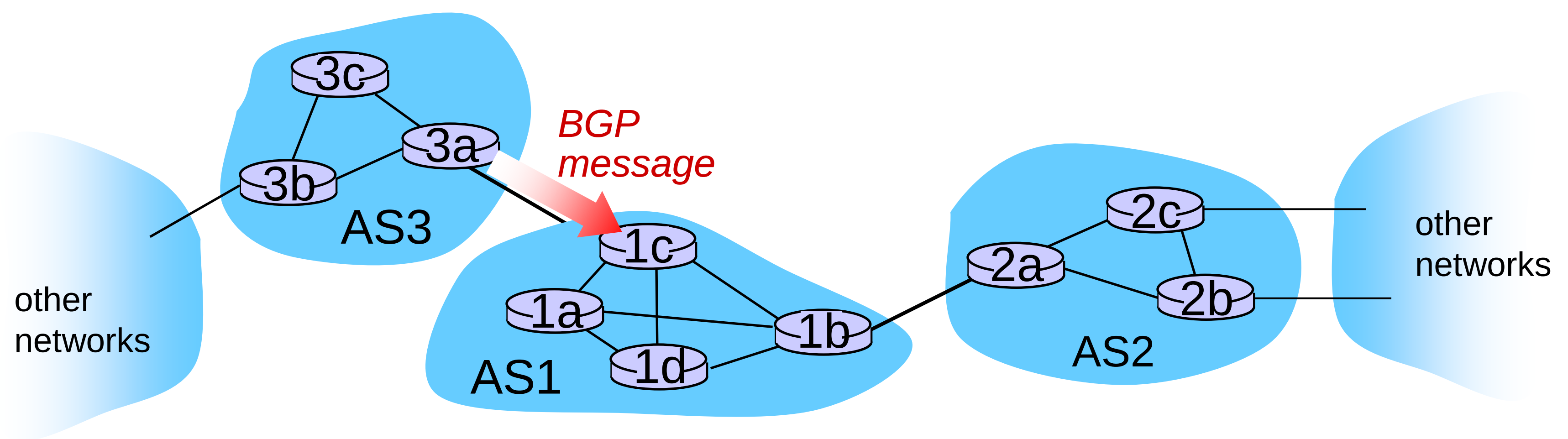
# Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- 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

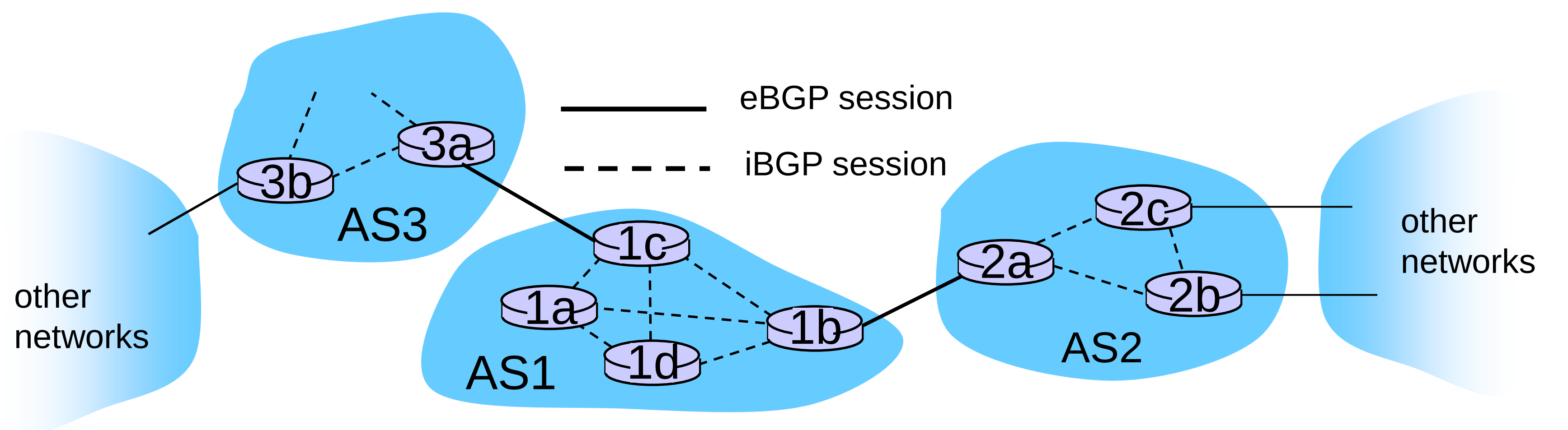
- BGP session: two BGP routers ("peers") exchange BGP messages:
  - advertising *paths* to different destination network prefixes ("path vector" protocol)
  - exchanged over semi-permanent TCP connections

- 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.



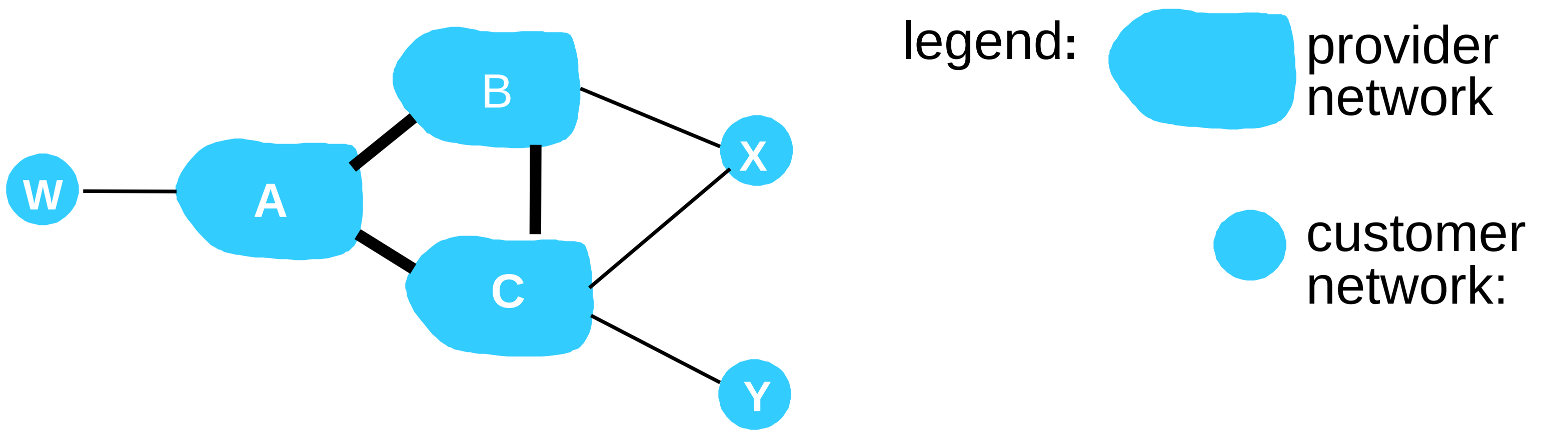
# Path attributes and BGP routes

- 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

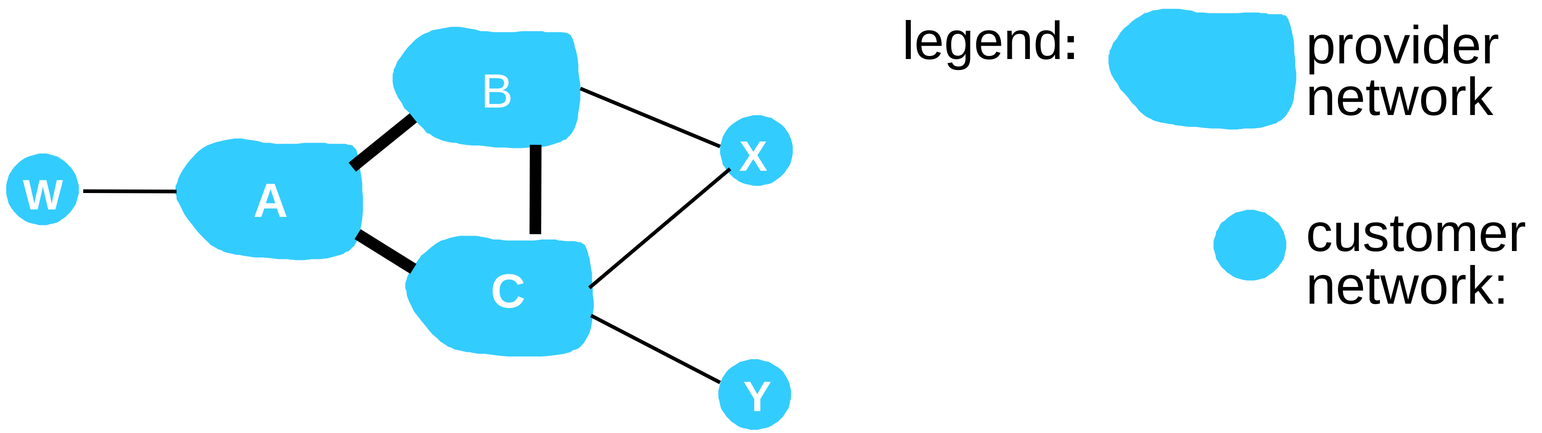
- router may learn about more than 1 route to destination AS, selects route based on:
  1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
  2. shortest AS-PATH
  3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
  4. additional criteria

# BGP 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