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 destinations 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

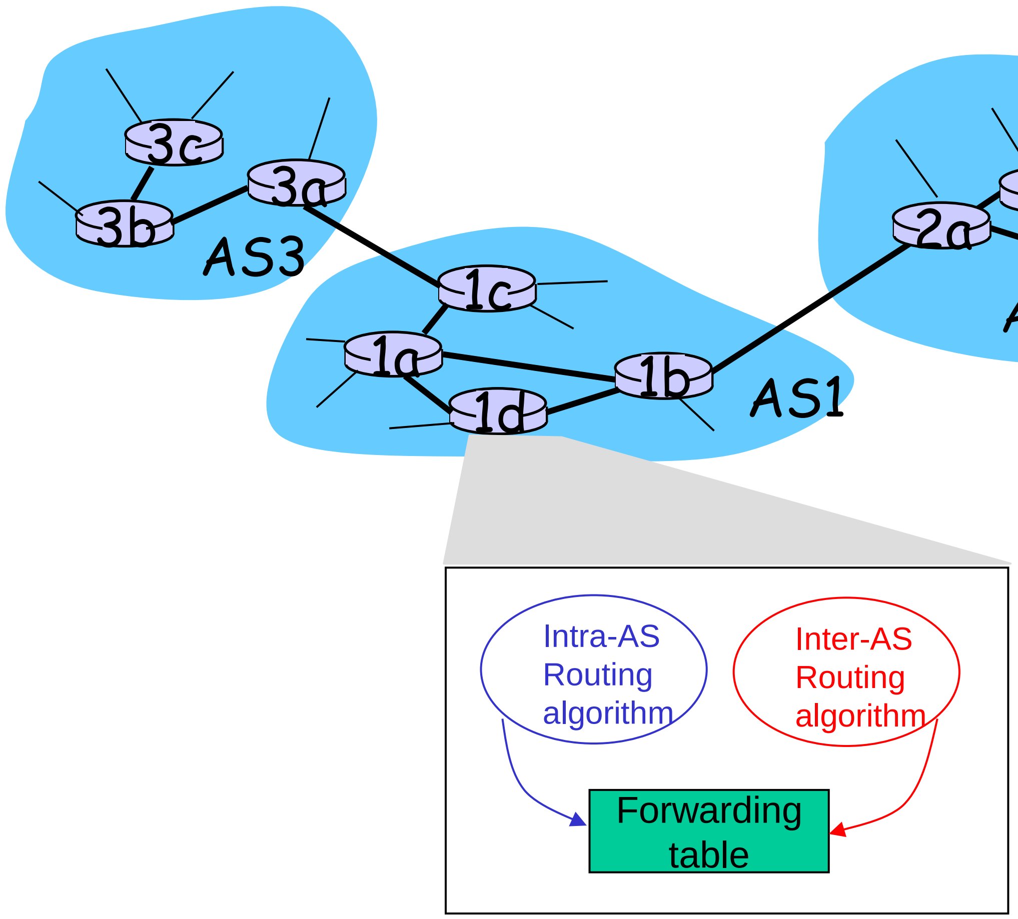
Hierarchical Routing

- 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

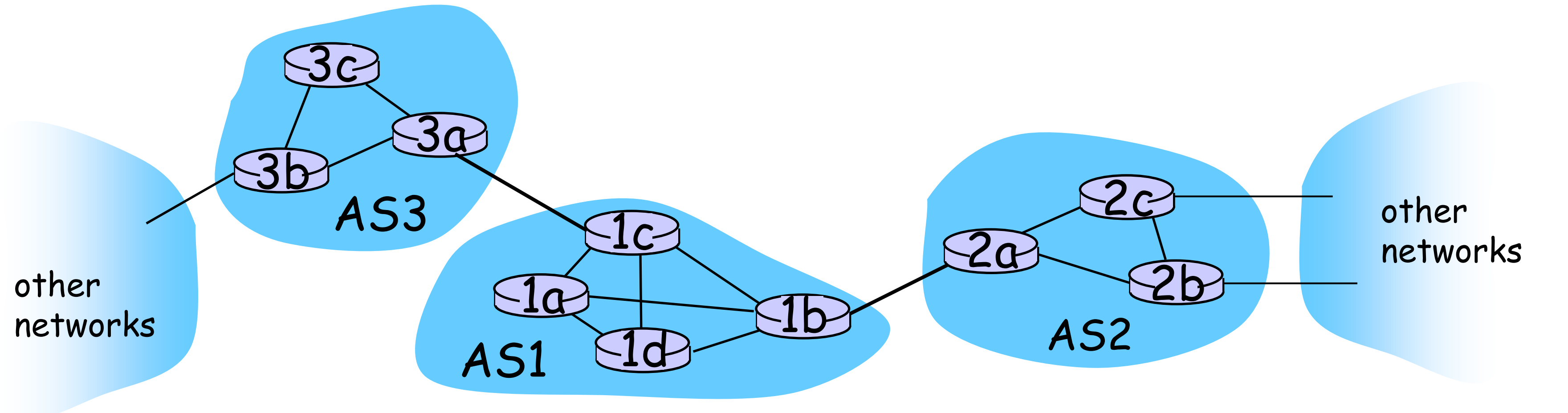
Inter-AS tasks

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

AS1 must:

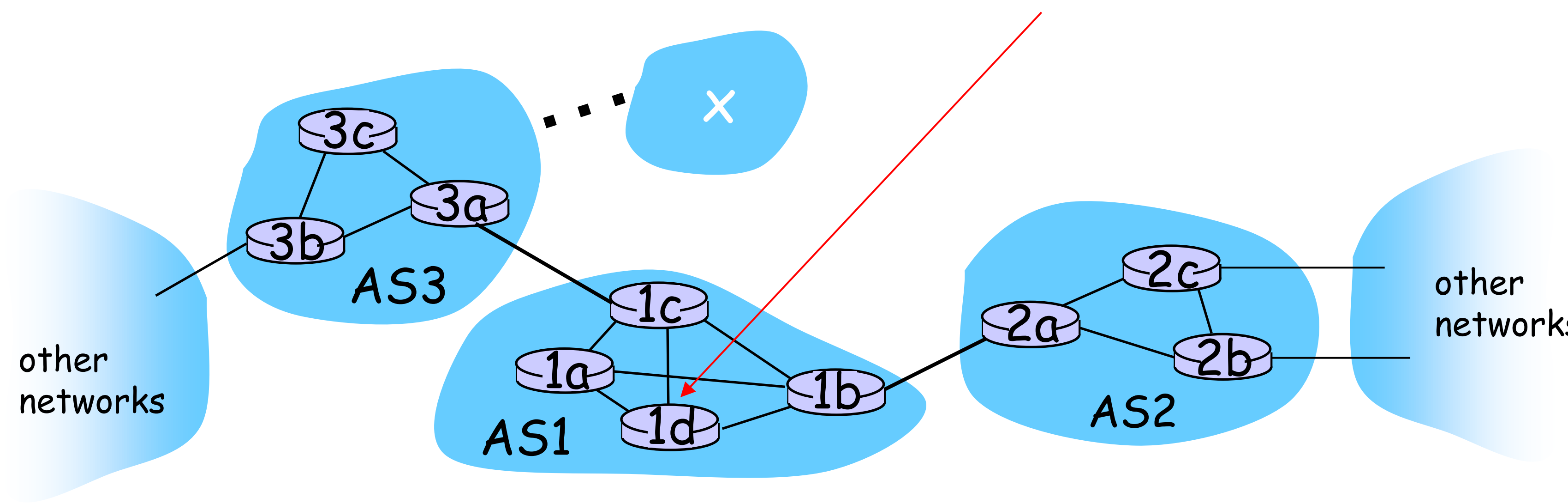
1. learn which dests are reachable through AS2, which through AS3
2. propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

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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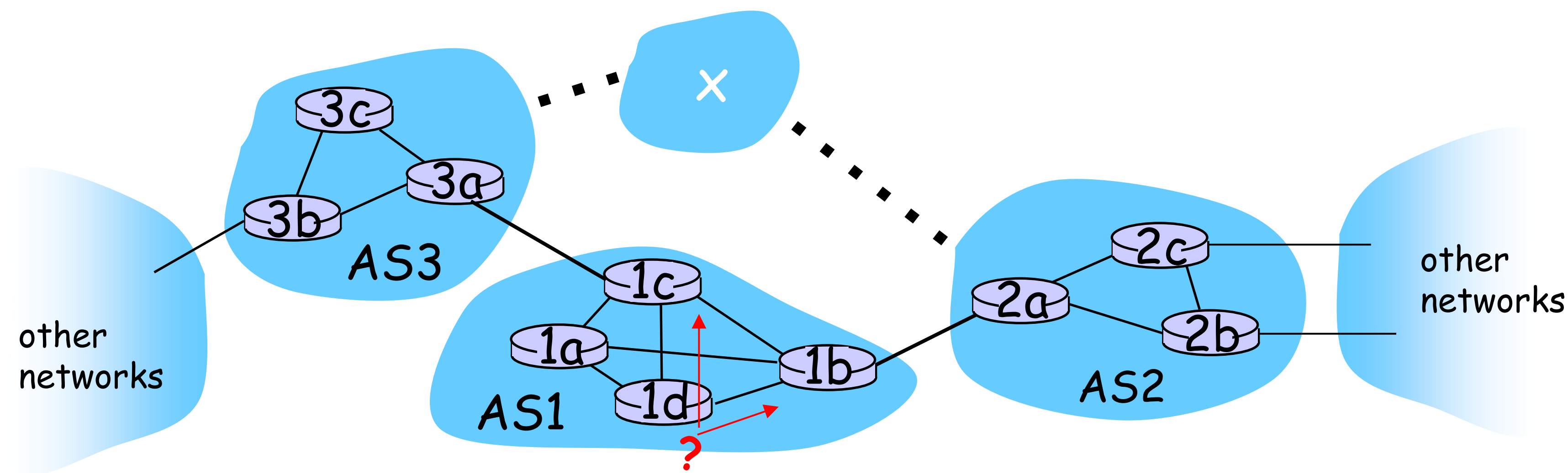

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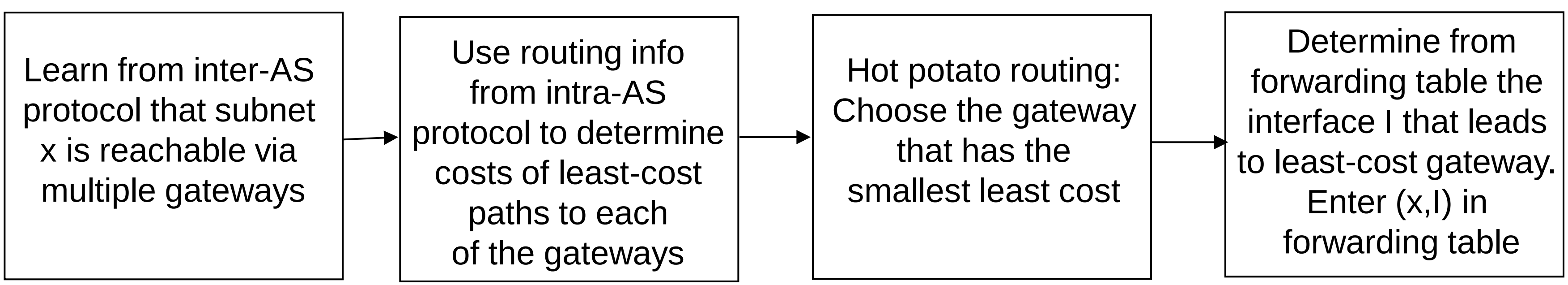
- hot potato routing: send packet towards closest of two routers.

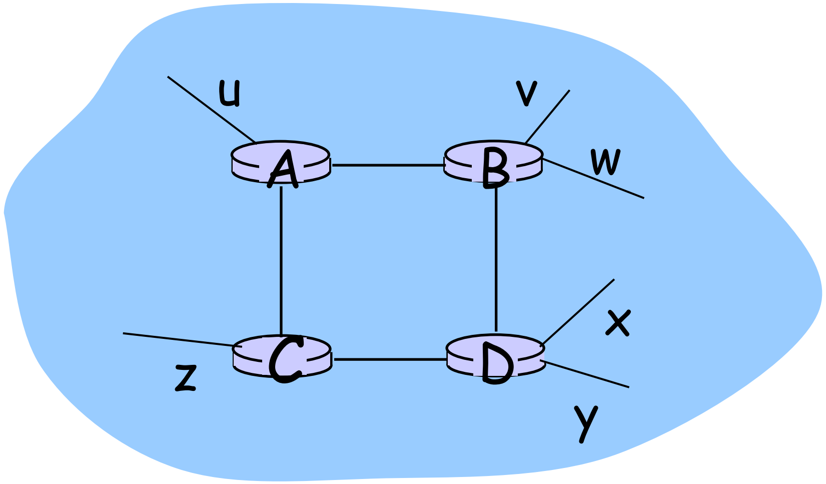


Intra-AS Routing

- 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)

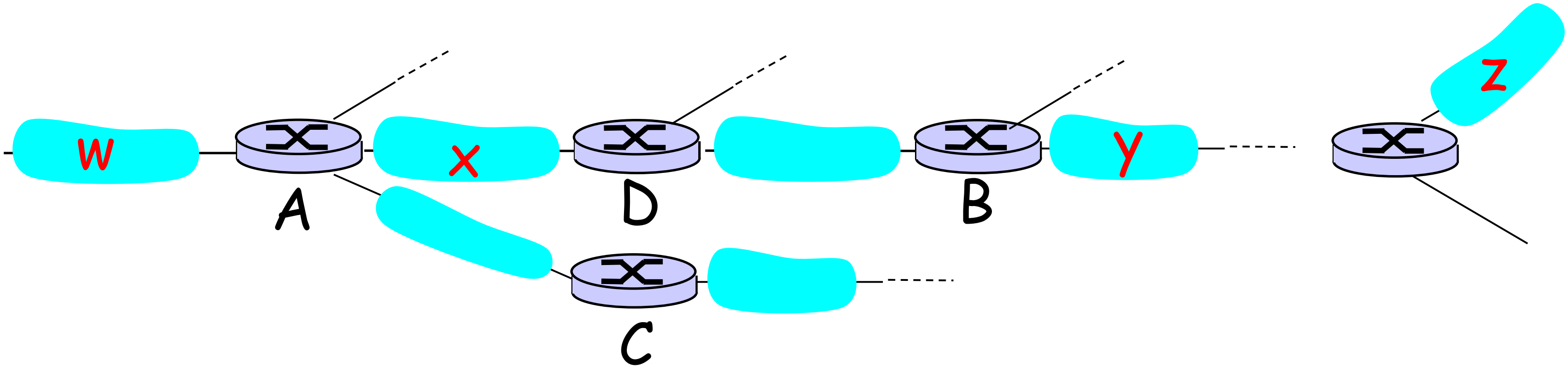
- distance vector algorithm
  - distance metric: # hops (max = 15 hops), each link has cost 1
  - DVs exchanged with neighbors every 30 sec in response message (aka advertisement)
  - each advertisement: list of up to 25 destination *subnets* *(in IP addressing sense)*



from router A to destination subnets:

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

RIP: Example



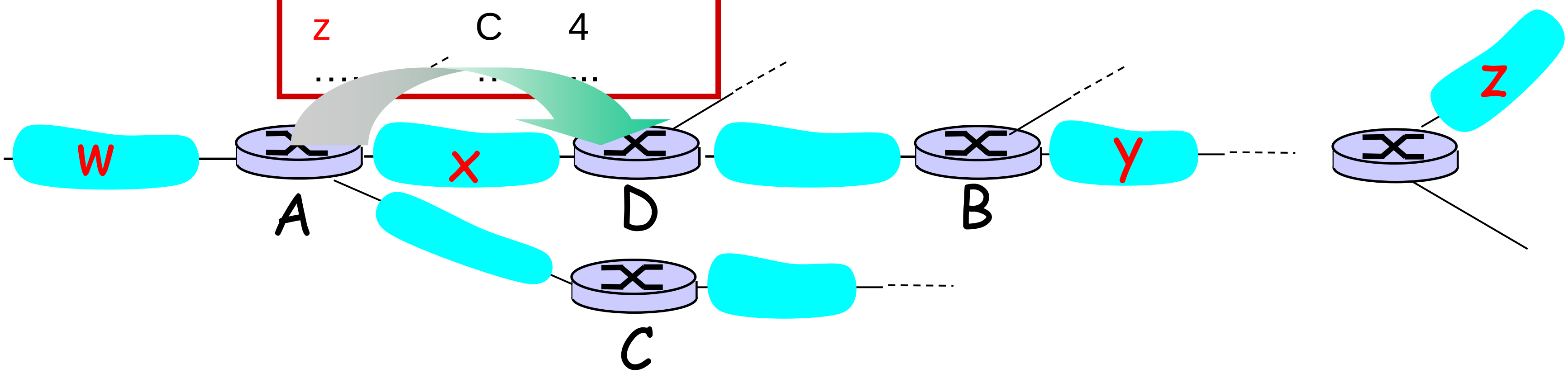
routing table in router D

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

RIP: Example

A-to-D advertisement

dest	next	hops
w	-	1
x	-	1
z	C	4
….	…	...



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y	B	2
z	~~B~~ A	~~7~~ 5
x	--	1
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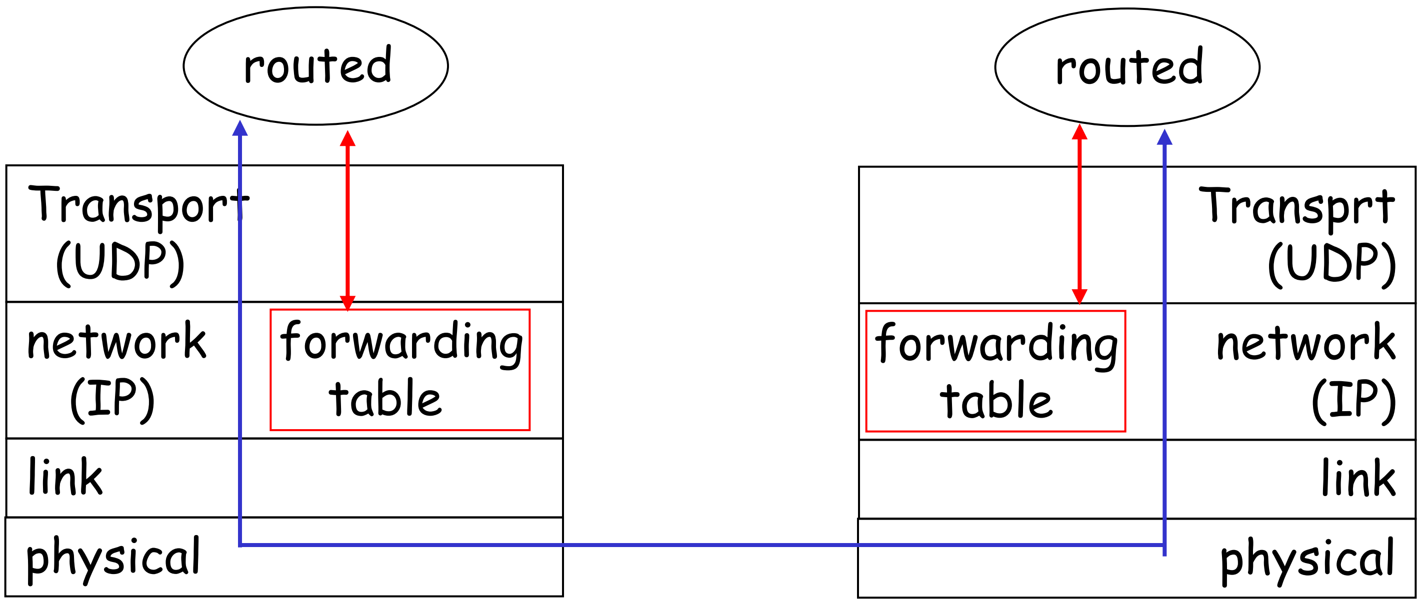
RIP: Link Failure and Recovery

If no advertisement heard after 180 sec --> neighbor/link declared dead

- routes via neighbor invalidated
- new advertisements sent to neighbors
- neighbors in turn send out new advertisements (if tables changed)
- link failure info quickly (?) propagates to entire net
- *poison reverse* used to prevent ping-pong loops (infinite distance = 16 hops)

RIP Table processing

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



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 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)

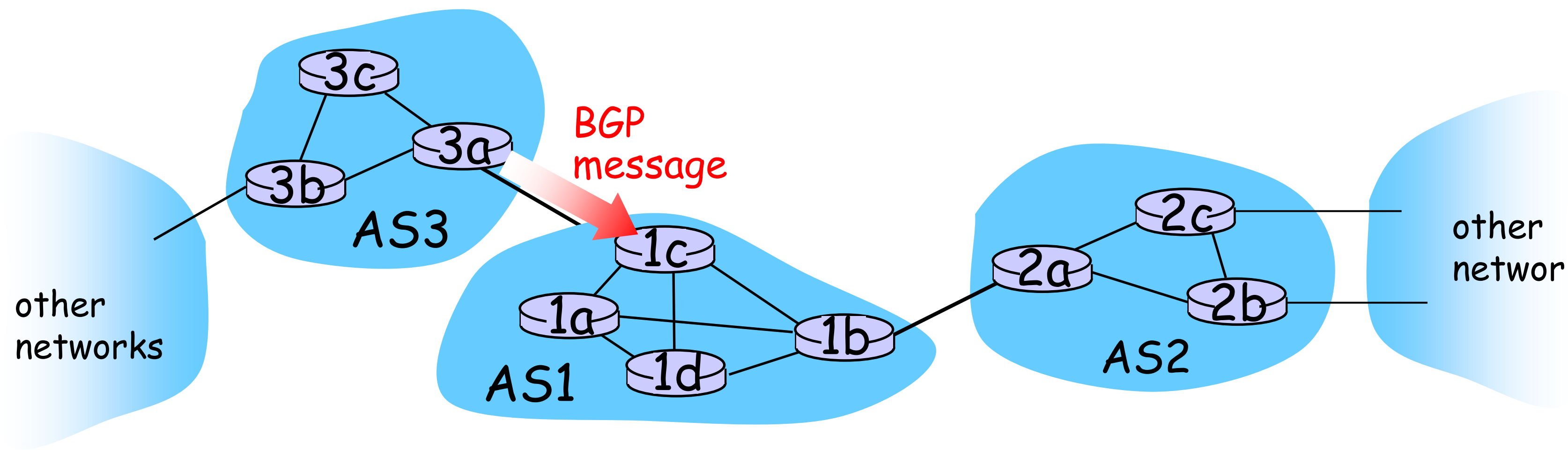
- security: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)
- multiple same-cost paths allowed (only one path in RIP)
- for each link, multiple cost metrics for different TOS (Type of Service) (e.g., satellite link cost set "low" for best effort ToS; high for real time ToS)
- integrated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

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"*

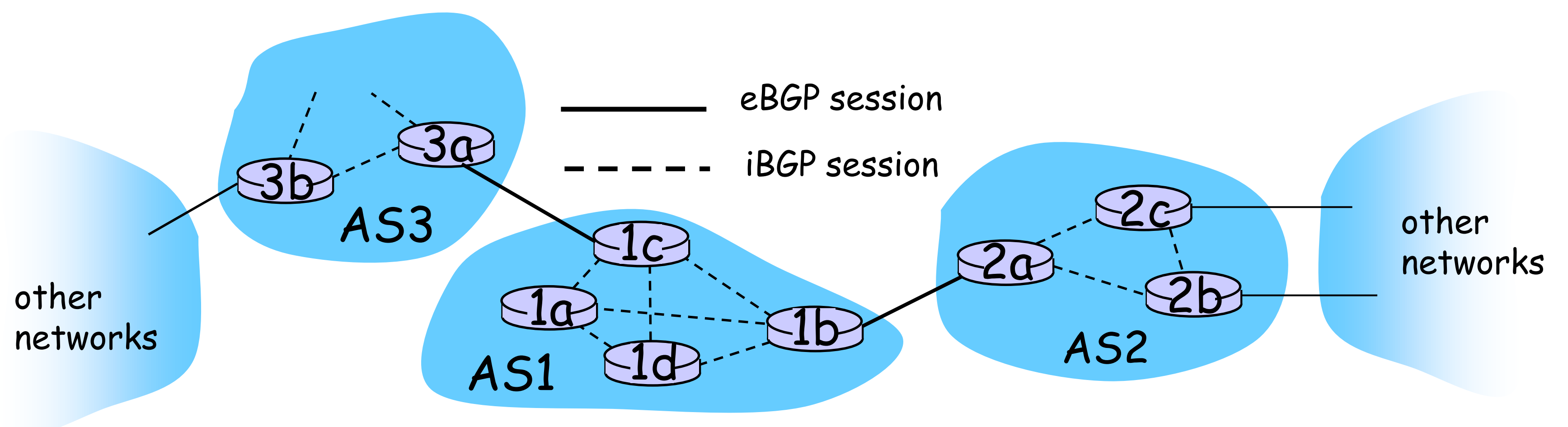
BGP basics

- **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.



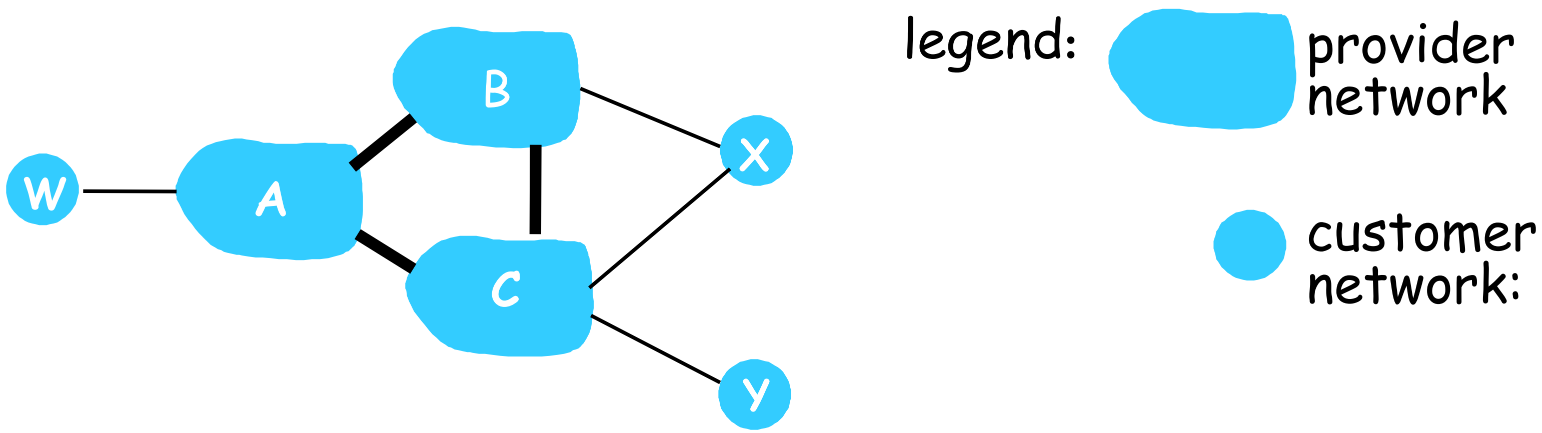
Path attributes & BGP routes

- 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

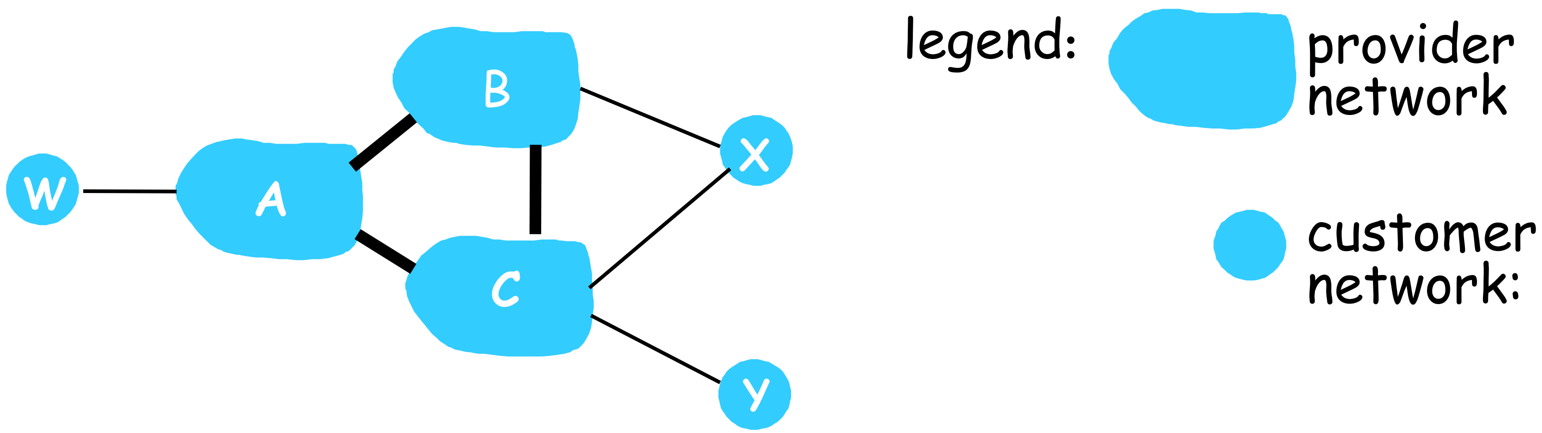
- router may learn about more than one route to destination AS, selects route based on:
  1. local preference value attribute: policy decision
  2. shortest AS-PATH
  3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
  4. additional criteria

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- 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:

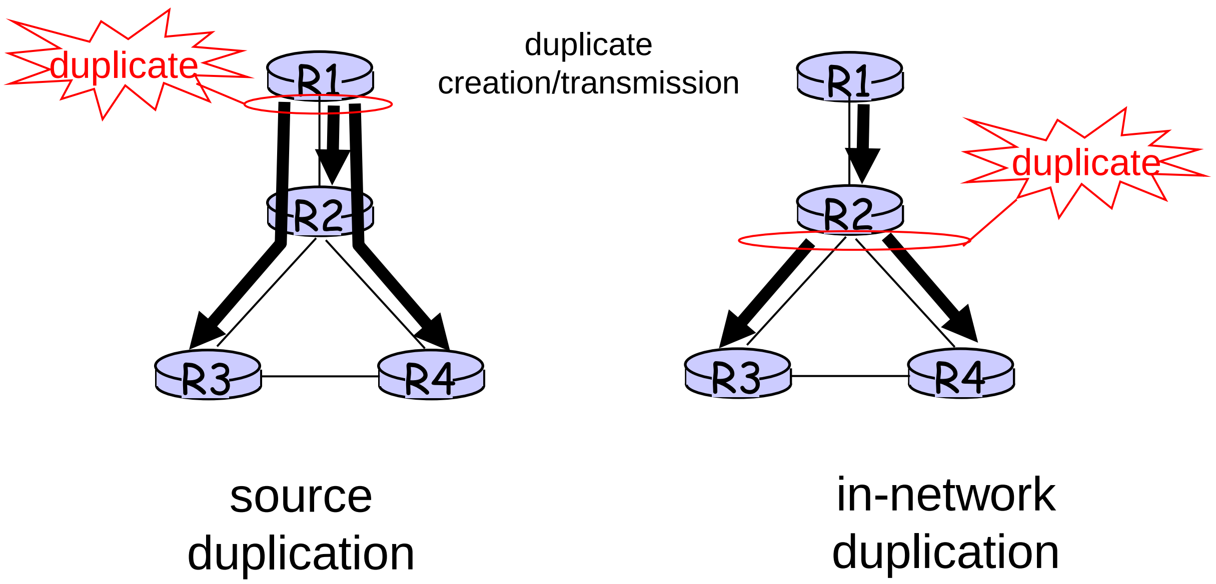
- hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

Performance:

- Intra-AS: can focus on performance
- Inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance

Broadcast Routing

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



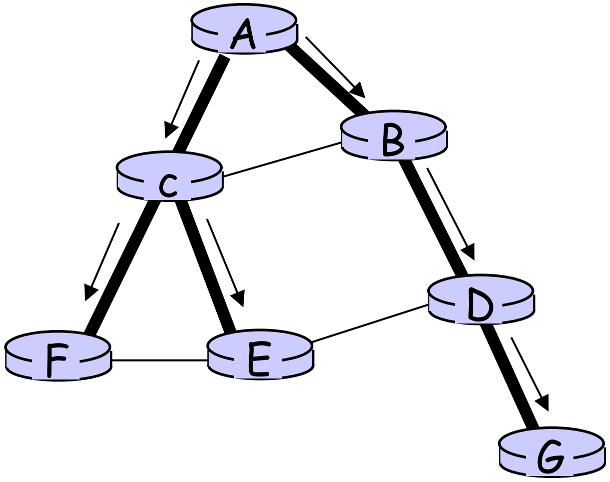
- source duplication: how does source determine recipient addresses?

In-network duplication

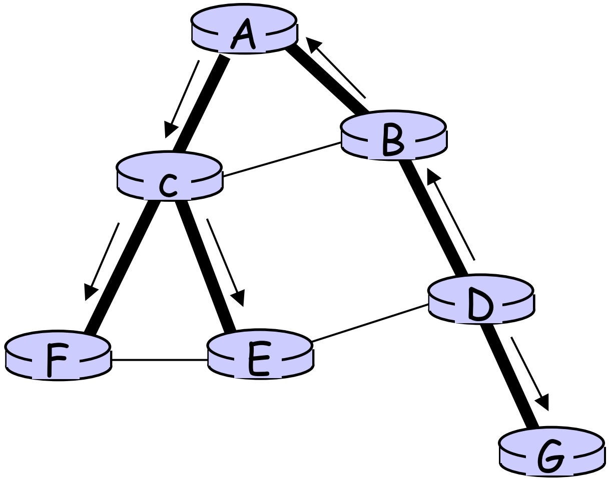
- flooding: when node receives broadcast packet, sends copy to all neighbors
  - problems: cycles & broadcast storm
- controlled flooding: node only broadcasts packet if it hasn't broadcast same packet before
  - node keeps track of packet its already broadcasted
  - or reverse path forwarding (RPF): 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 forward copies only along spanning tree



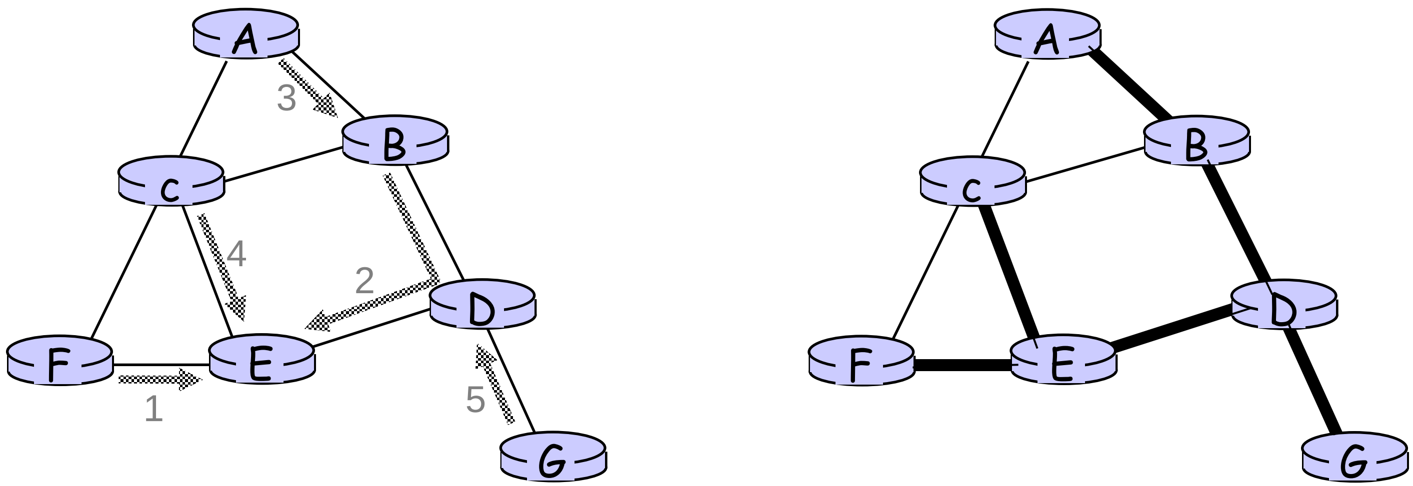
(a) Broadcast initiated at A



(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

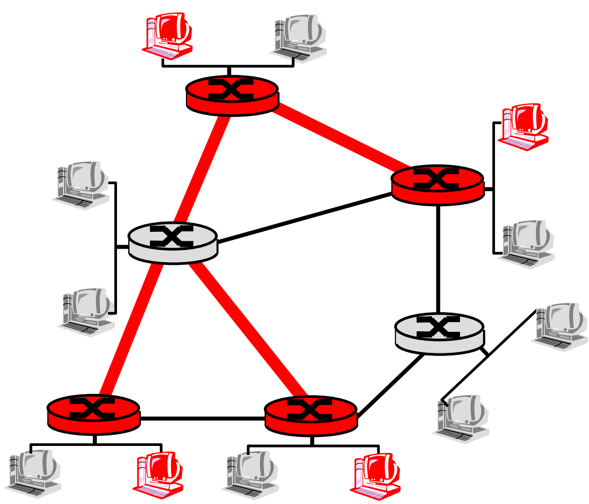


(a) Stepwise construction of spanning tree

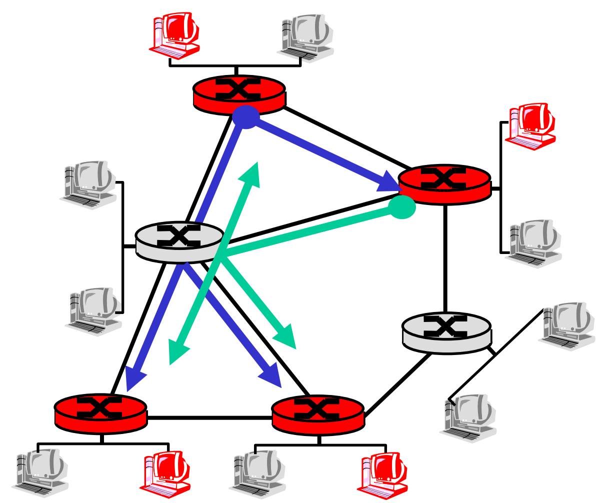
(b) Constructed spanning tree

Multicast Routing: Problem Statement

- ***Goal:*** find a tree (or trees) connecting routers having local multicast group members
  - *tree:* not all paths between routers used
  - *source-based:* different tree from each sender to receivers
  - *shared-tree:* same tree used by all group members



Shared tree



Source-based trees

Approaches for building multicast trees

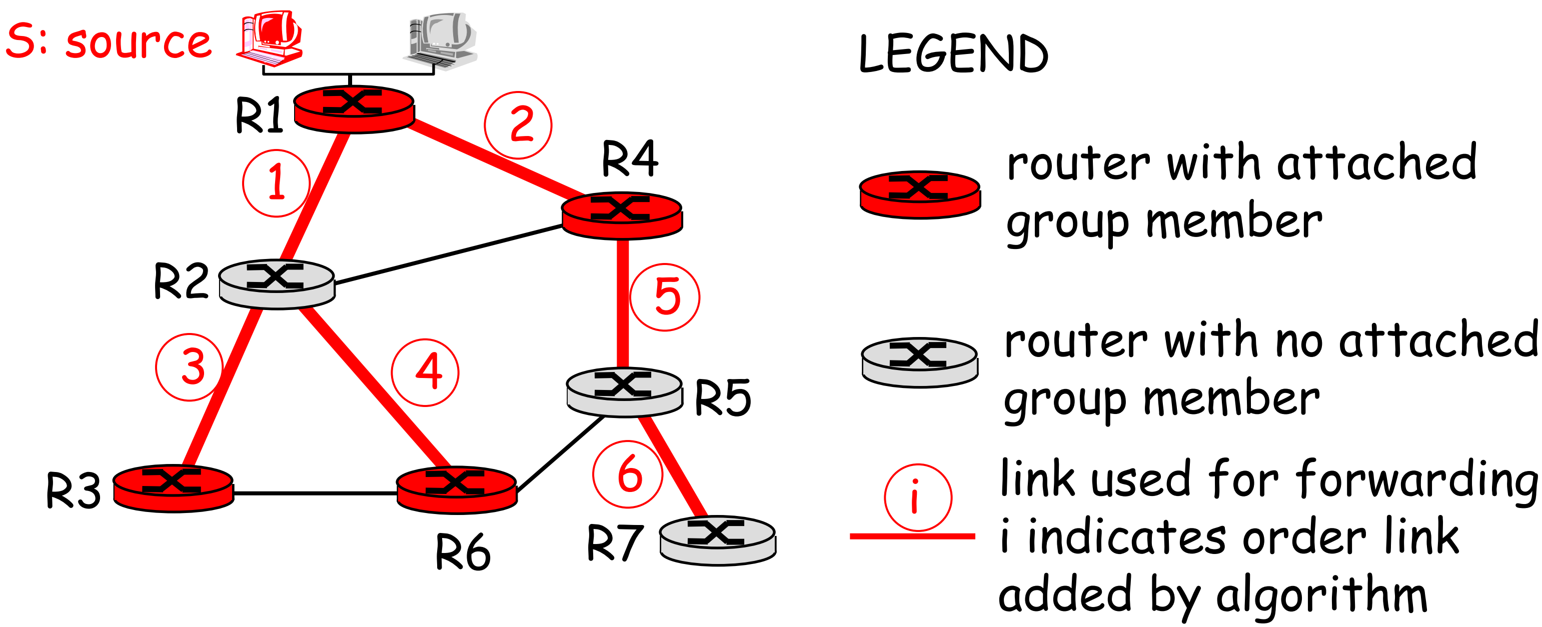
Approaches:

- 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

- multicast forwarding tree: tree of shortest path routes from source to all receivers
  - Dijkstra's algorithm



Reverse Path Forwarding

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

if (multicast datagram received on incoming link on shortest path back to center)

then flood datagram onto all outgoing links

else ignore datagram