

CMSC417 Spring 2016 Lecture #18 4/13/2016

Agenda

⇒ p4 assigned, done 4/22 (in 9 days)

⇒ p3 grades up

⇒ Ethernet MAC

⇒ Error Detection

□ checksums

⇒ missed why bother detecting collisions

⇒ missed why invert internet checksum

⇒ missed why we need a jamming signal

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Ethernet MAC

⇒ MAC = Media Access Control

- how do a bunch of devices share a wire?
- who talks when?
- for how long?
- what if people talk over each other?
- ...

⇒ Ethernet MAC is CSMA/CD

- Carrier Sense (CS)
- Multiple Access (MA)
- With Collision Detection (CD)

⇒ Origins in Aloha Net

- goal was to use wireless links to connect Hawaiian islands
- everyone had to share the same air so focused on sharing
- Ethernet shares the wire the way AlohaNet shared the air

⇒ Ethernet Frame

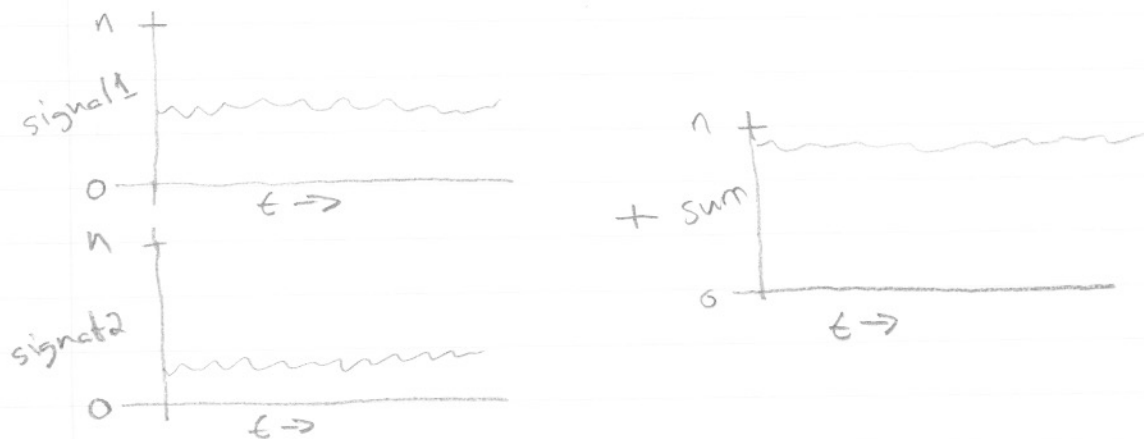
- 64-bit fixed preamble — used to tell when a message starts and synchronize clocks
- 48-bit source and dest addresses
- 16-bit type
- 46-1500 byte body
- 32-bit CRC error checking code

MAC algorithm (transmitter)

- ⇒ if you have something to send
- check if the wire is busy (CS)
 - if it's free
 - send immediately
 - if it's busy
 - poll continuously until it's free and send immediately
- ⇒ multiple people can sense the wire is free and send at the same time (MA)
- if they do, it's called a collision
 - detect the collision (CD)
 - wait a while
 - sense the channel and try again

Collision Detection

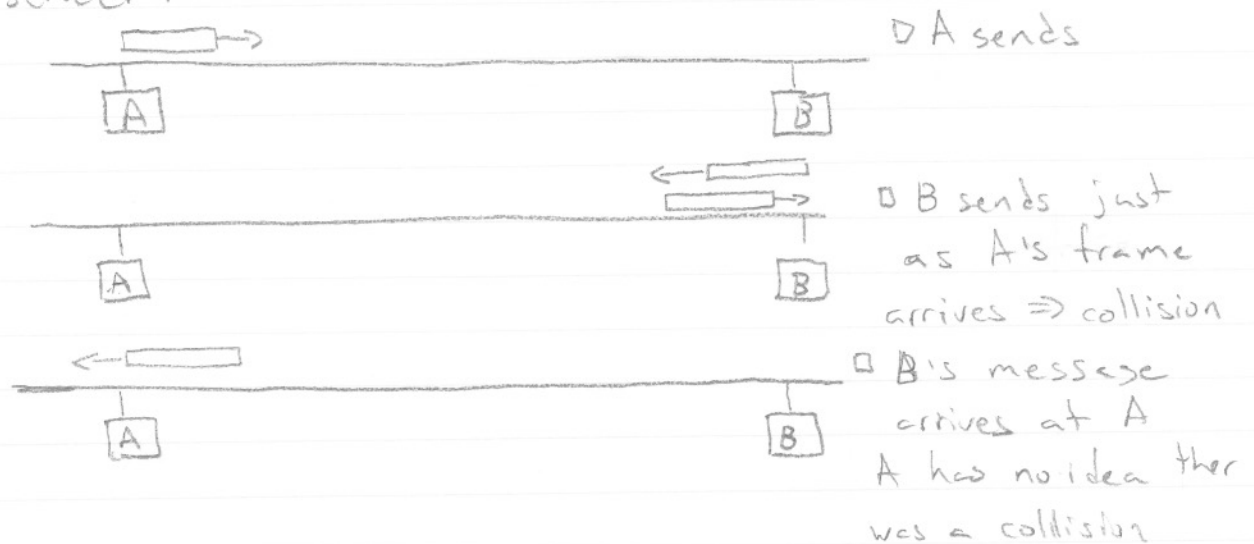
- ⇒ how can you tell something went wrong?
- listen on the channel to see if you hear (only) what you sent
 - check to see if there's too much signal strength on the wire



- ⇒ expect one transmitter to be $\leq X$ volts, if you see $> X$ volts ⇒ collision

Collision Detection (cont'd)

⇒ what if the collision occurs not at the sender?



⇒ collision can happen at sender or receiver

⇒ sender wants to know to resend

□ why? why not let the higher layer deal with retransmission?

□ assume that people sent a frame b/c they wanted it to get there

□ you can fix the problem (much) faster here, avoid hurting TCP

Jamming signal

⇒ on detecting collision, switch from sending frame to sending a 32-bit jamming signal

⇒ lets the other end know there was a collision

⇒ how can you tell a jamming signal from a 32-bit message with the same value? no CRC

⇒ what if the jamming signal is corrupted?

□ let higher levels retransmit

Collision Detection (cont'd)

⇒ In example, A discovers its collision with B on receiving the jamming signal

□ when?

□ is A still listening?

⇒ after an RTT, so is A still listening?

□ two solns

- A listens for a full RTT after sending
- limit the RTT so that A must still be listening

□ Ethernet uses the second

□ min frame size is 512 bits (w/o preamble)

$$\bullet 48 + 48 + 16 + 46 \times 8 + 32 = 512 \text{ bits}$$

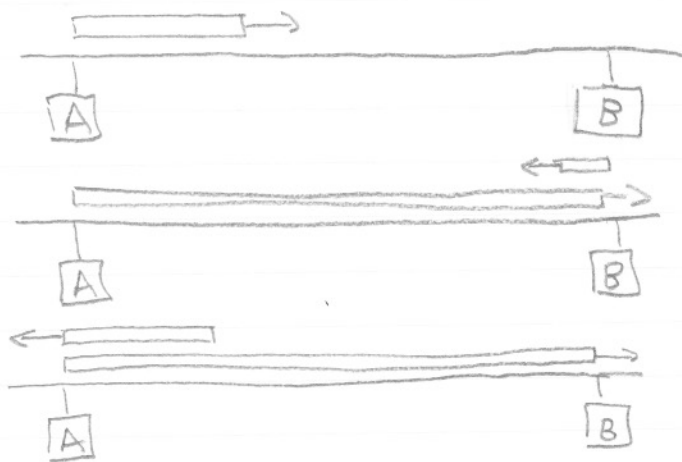
dst src type body CRC

□ it takes 51.2 μs to send 512 bits @ 10 Mbps

- 10 Mbps was Ethernet's original rate

□ limit RTT of Ethernet to 51.2 μs

- A will still be sending (and listening) when the jamming signal comes back



with receiver's help, sender can always detect collisions

A is still sending and listening to get B's

Exponential Backoff

⇒ how long should you wait to try again on a collision?

□ ≥ 0 ms

□ clearly different times for different transmitters

□ randomly pick 0 or 51.2ms?

⇒ good for 2 people

⇒ exponentially worse as # of transmitters grows

□ make progress as long as min randomly generated wait time is unique

⇒ i.e., somebody goes first

□ to get this regularity, need $v = n$ slots for n transmitters

soln

⇒ generate a random integer, n , from 0 to $2^c - 1$ when you've had c collisions

⇒ wait for $n \times 51.2$ ms

⇒ dynamically spreads senders out until you're sending w/o conflicts

⇒ called exponential backoff b/c avg. wait after c collisions is

$$\frac{2^c - 1}{2} = 2^{c-1} - \frac{1}{2} = \Theta(2^c)$$

⇒ in practice systems have a max # of retries and a maximum value of c to bound delay

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Ethernet Max Cable Length revisited

⇒ Speed of light/electricity in fiber/copper is about $\frac{2}{3} \times C = 2 \times 10^8$ m/s

⇒ $51.2 \mu\text{s} \times 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \approx 10^4 \text{ m}$

⇒ it needs to be round trip, so half that $5 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$

⇒ 5 segments allowed (really 4 repeaters) 10^3 m

⇒ half it for safety ⇒ 500m (cable length in original Ethernet)

Internet Checksum

⇒ sum all 16-bit words using ones complement arithmetic

⇒ use ones complement (negation) of that as the checksum. why?

⇒ ones complement is where $-x$ is represented by flipping the bits of x

□ e.g., 4-bits, $3 = 0011$, $-3 = 1100$

$5 = 0101$, $-5 = 1010$

⇒ when summing, you need to add shifted overflow bits to make thing work

□ $-5 + -3$ should be -8

□ $1100 \ // -3$

$+1010 \ // -5$

$\hline 10110$

$+ \leftarrow 1$

$\hline 0111 = -8 \quad \text{b/c } 8 = 1000$