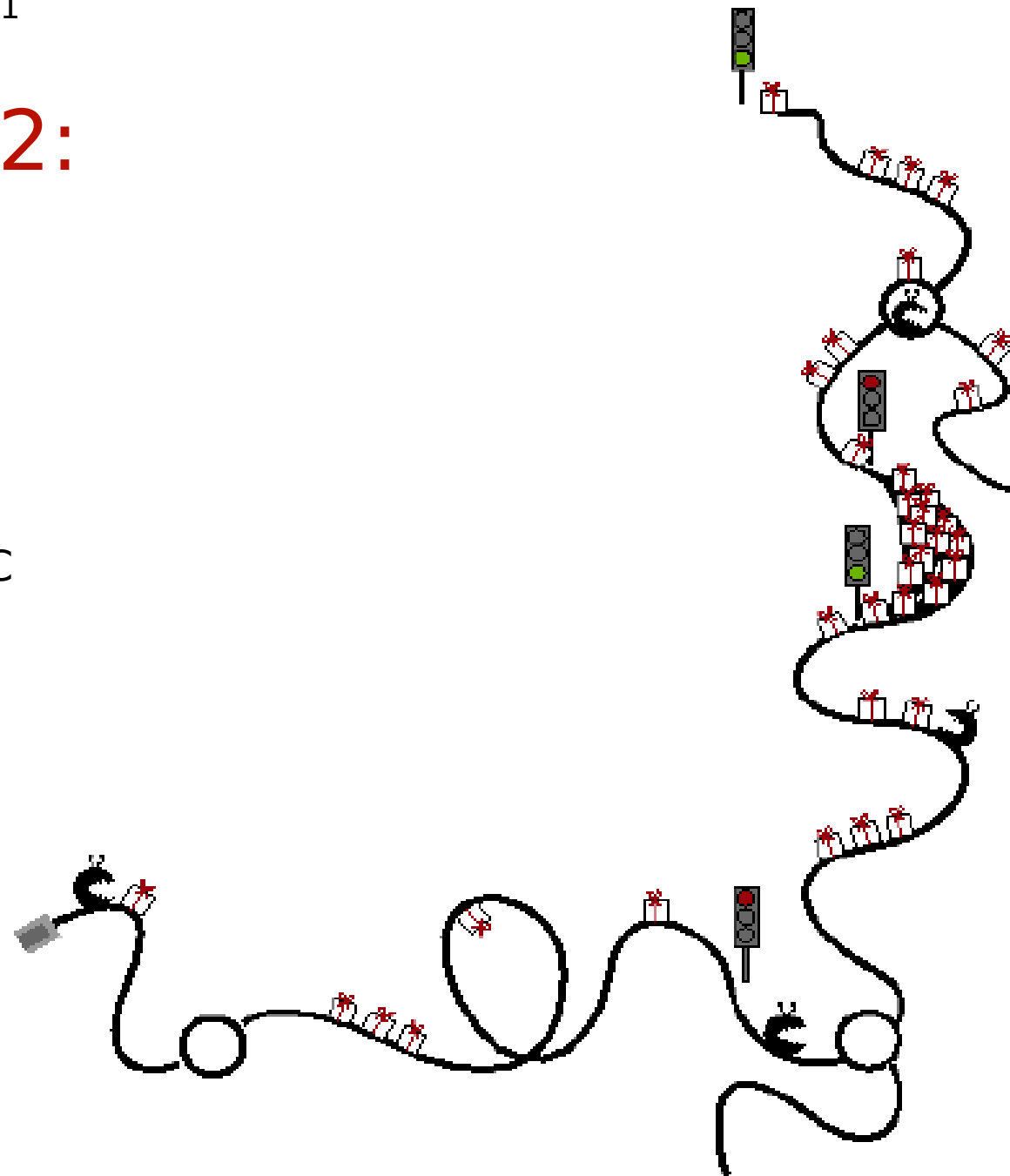


# Lecture 11-12: Routing



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# Reading instructions

Forouzan: TCP/IP Protocol Suite:

Chapter 11: Unicast routing protocols

You need to complement with slides, especially if you do not make the routing lab

11.6 OSPF: Skip detailed packet descriptions

11.8 BGP: Skip detailed packet descriptions

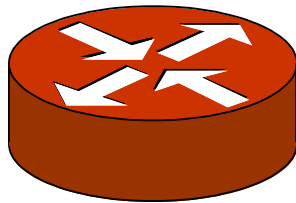
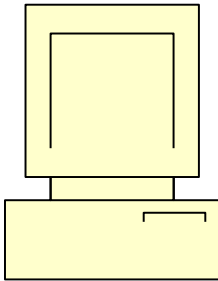
EP2120: Lab4 : Introduction to routing





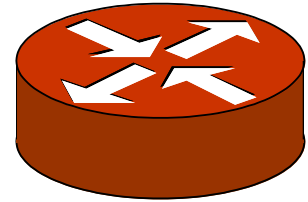
# Routers

# What is a router?



- Host (end-system)
  - One or many network interfaces
  - Cannot forward packets between them
- Router
  - Can forward packets between multiple interfaces
  - Forwarding on Layer 3

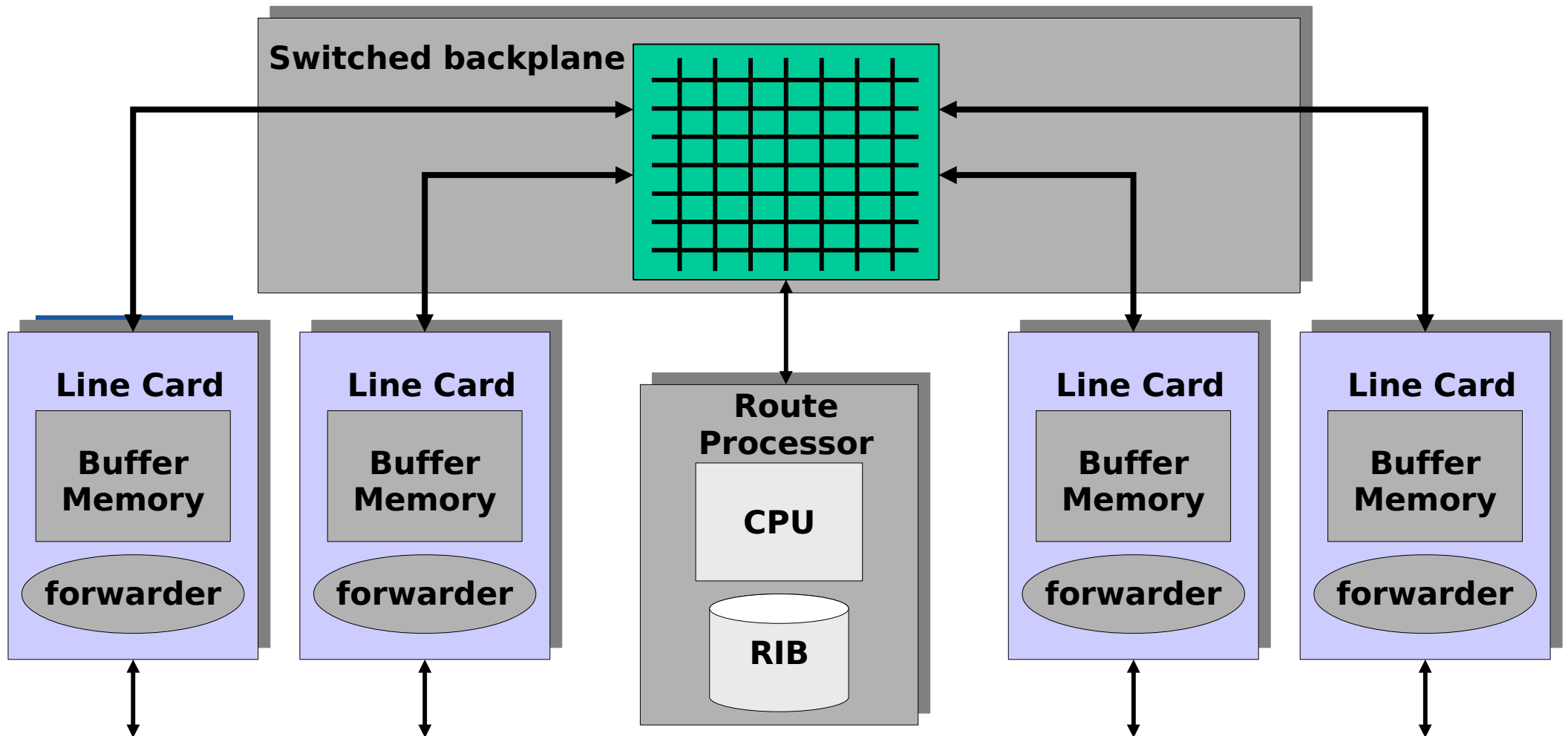
# What does a router do?



- Packet forwarding
- Not only IPv4:
- IPv6, MPLS, Tunneling,...
  - (But never naming,...)
- Filter traffic
  - Access lists based on src/dst, etc.
- Metering/Shaping/Policing
  - Measuring, forming and dropping traffic
- Compute routes: build forwarding table
- In the "background": routing
- In "real-time": forwarding



# Inside a router, example



- A router consists of linecards with ports interconnected by a backplane
- A route processor (RP) runs all routing protocols and management
- Modern routers do forwarding on the linecards (*data-plane*), often in hardware – the RP is only involved with *control-plane* processing.



# Routing algorithms

# Routing algorithms

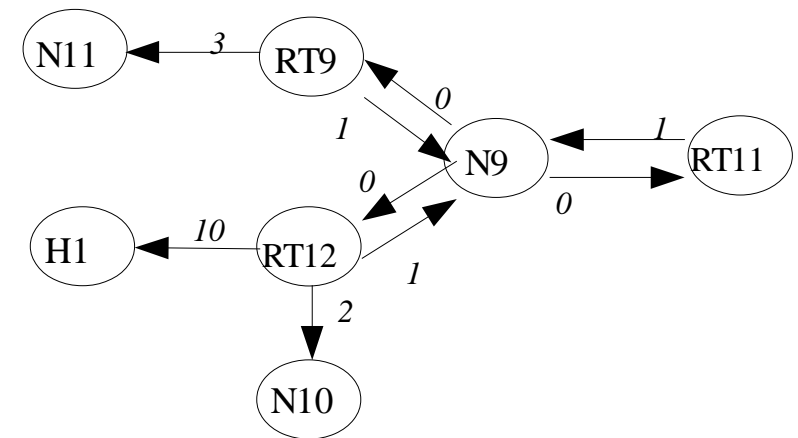
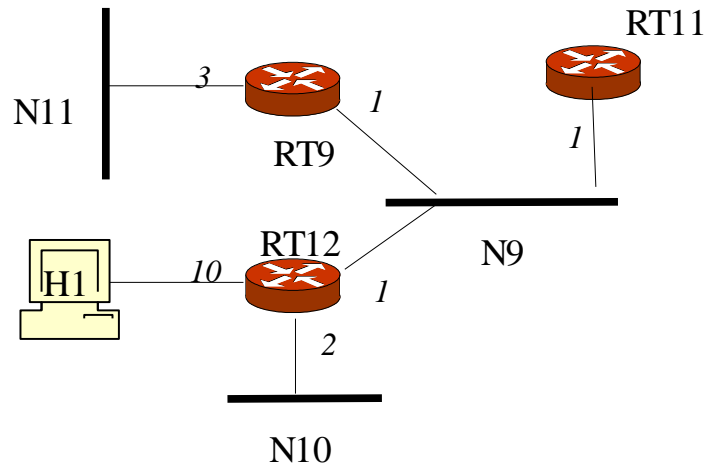
- How does a router find a best path?
- Most solutions based on SPF (Shortest Path First) algorithms that are well known in graph theory.
  - Bellman-Ford
  - Dijkstra
- Link-State protocols (OSPF, IS-IS) use Dijkstra
- Distance-Vector protocols (RIP, IGRP, BGP) use Bellman-Ford
- Apart from that, there may also be other algorithms in
  - Multicast routing
  - Ad-hoc routing
  - Sensor networks
  - Delay-tolerant networks





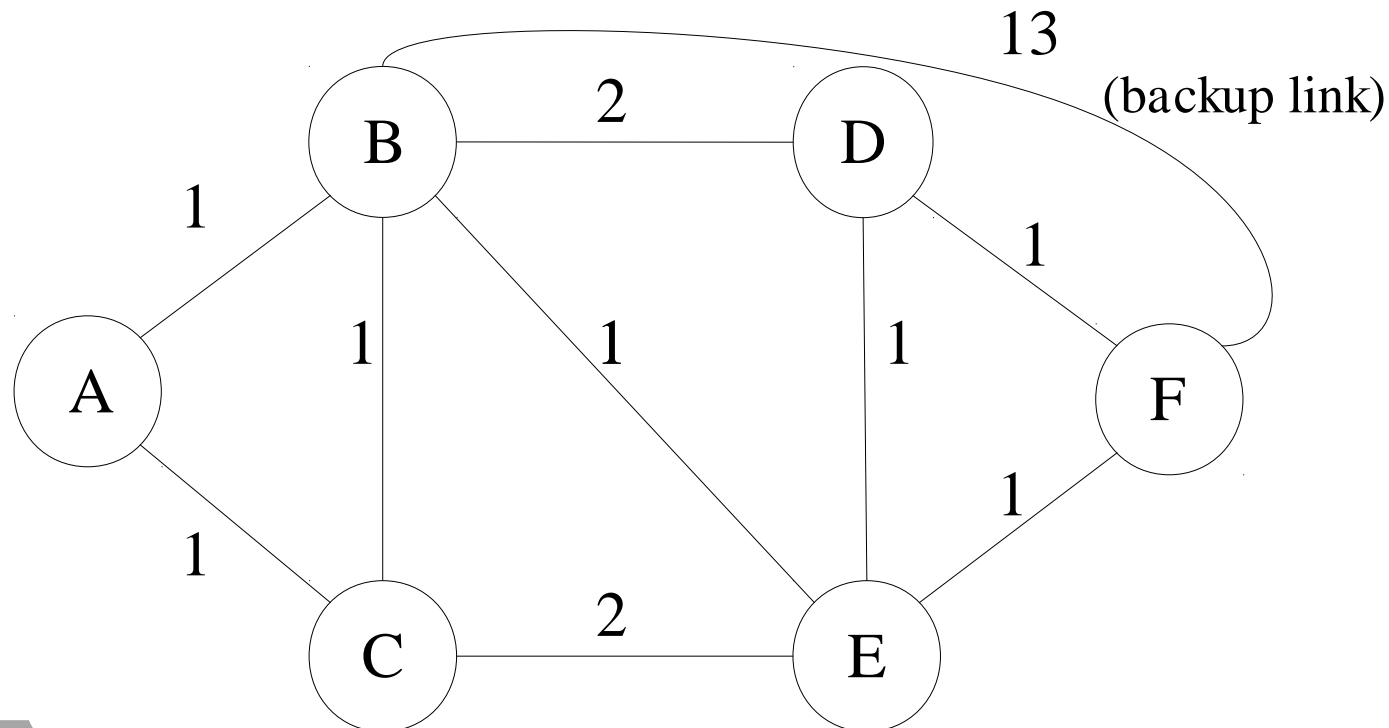
# Graphs vs networks

- Algorithms are usually defined on graphs whereas protocols work on networks
- Graphs have nodes and edges whereas networks have interfaces, broadcast links, addresses, hierarchical layering, etc.
- Note the modelling of the broadcast link N9



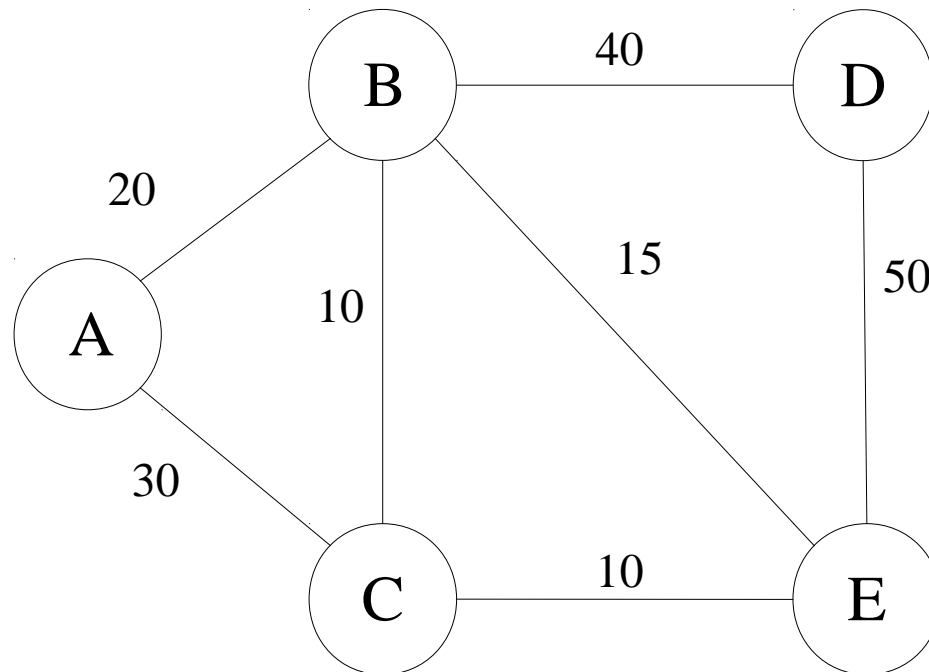
# Shortest Path First (SPF)

- Given link metrics (weights) on each individual link
- Find the path (sequence of links) where the sum of the metrics of all links (cumulative cost) is lowest
- Equal cost multipath (ECMP): A set of paths with the least (same) cost
- What is the SPF from A to F?



# Alternative: Widest path first

- Numbers denote width: load or bandwidth
  - Available bandwidth
- It is easy to extend SPF algorithms with a widest-path computation rather than shortest path.
- What is the widest path from A -> E?



# Distance-Vector/Bellman-Ford



- Each router sends a list of distance-vectors (route with costs) to each neighbour periodically
- Every router selects the route with smallest metric (positive integer)
- The underlying algorithm is called Bellman-Ford.
- Protocols that use Bellman-Ford are called Distance-vector protocols

# Example: Distance-vector

**A:s initial state: (directly connected networks)**

Dest	Cost	NextHop
B	1	-
D	3	-

**A distributes this DV to its neighbours (B and D)**

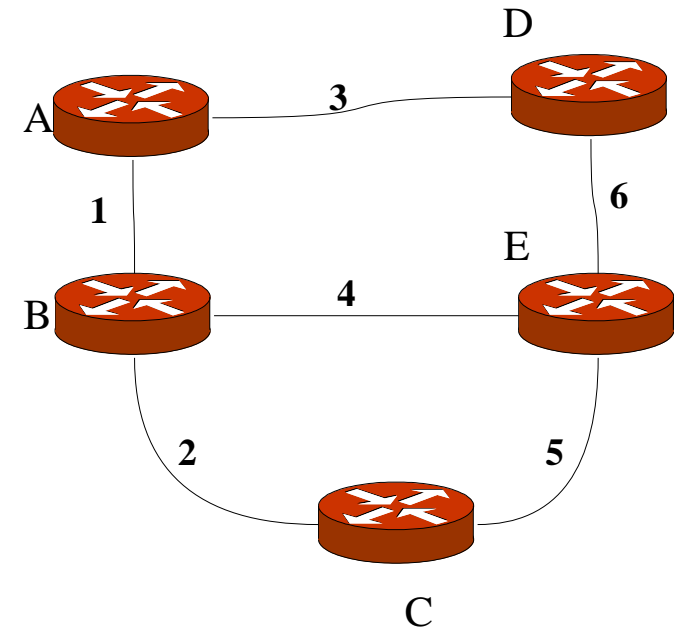
**A receives B:s (initial) distance vector**

Dest	Cost
A	1
C	2
E	4

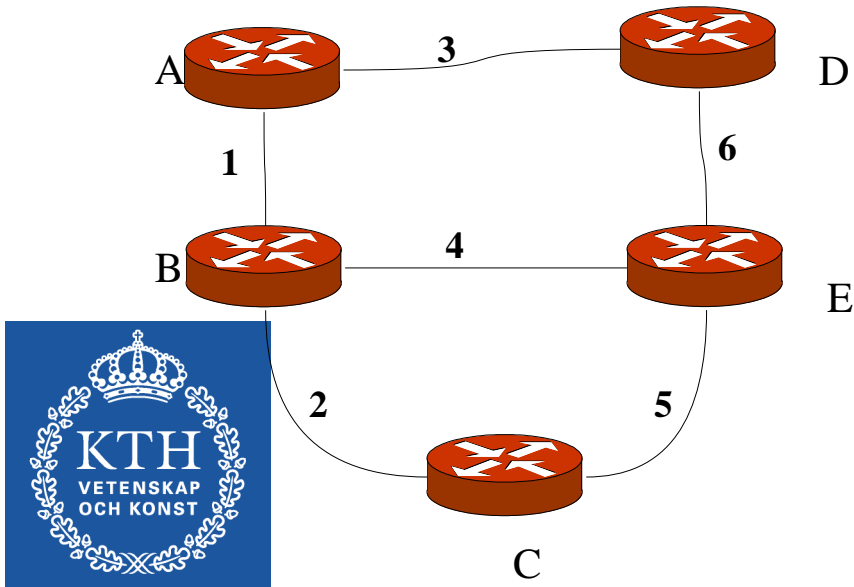
**A:s state after merging B:s DV:**

Dest	Cost	NextHop
B	1	-
C	3	B
D	3	-
E	5	B

**A distributes this DV to its neighbours (B and D)**



# Example: Complete and final state



	A	B	C	D	E
A		1		3	
B	1		2		4
C		2			5
D	3				6
E		4	5	6	

**Link metric matrix**

A's Distance-Vector

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0				
B		0			
C			0		
D				0	
E					0

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	1	3	3	5
B	1	0	2	4	4
C	3	2	0	6	5
D	3	4	6	0	6
E	5	4	5	6	0

**Initial state**

**Final state**

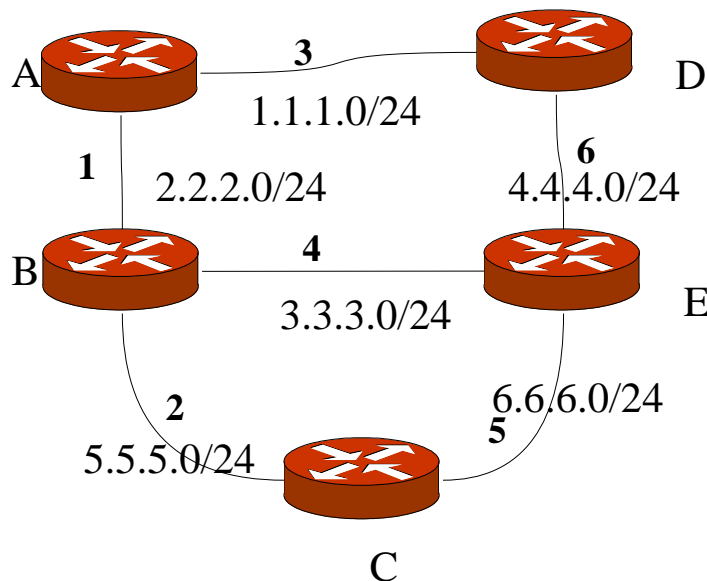
# The algorithm

- Keep a table with an entry for each destination  $D$  in the network.
- Store the metric  $M$  (distance) and next-hop  $N$  for each  $D$  in the table.
- Periodically, send the table to all neighbors (the distance-vector).
- For each update that comes in from neighbor  $N'$  (to  $D$  with a new metric):
  - Add the cost of the link to  $N'$  to the new metric to get  $M'$ .
  - Replace the route if  $M' < M$ .
  - If  $N = N'$ , always replace the route.
- In most protocols,  $M$  is bounded, typically to 16. This upper bound is defined as unreachable(infinity).



# Going to real networks

- IP networks require destinations and nexthops (not just nodes)
  - Destinations are networks eg 192.16.32.0/24
  - Next-hops are IP addresses, eg 192.16.32.1
- Suppose the topology changes , eg routers, links crash?
  - Use timers (counters) and age the entries
  - Send updates every (e.g.) 30s
  - If you do not hear from a router in (e.g.) 180s, mark it as invalid



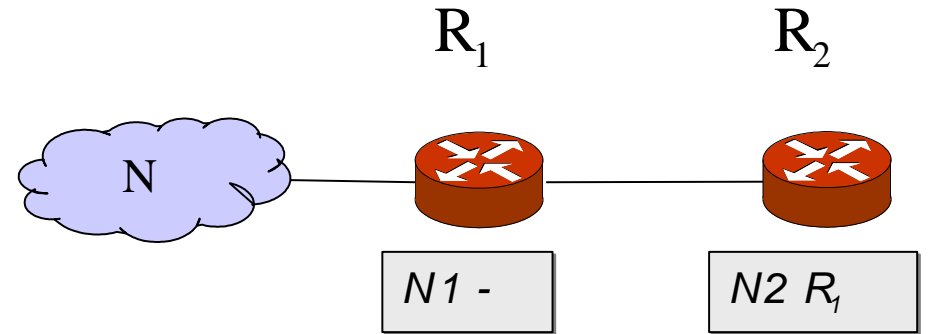
Dest	Cost	NextHop
1.1.1.0/24	3	-
2.2.2.0/24	1	-
3.3.3.0/24	5	2.2.2.2
4.4.4.0/24	9	1.1.1.2
5.5.5.0/24	3	2.2.2.2
6.6.6.0/24	8	2.2.2.2

**Converged routing state of A**

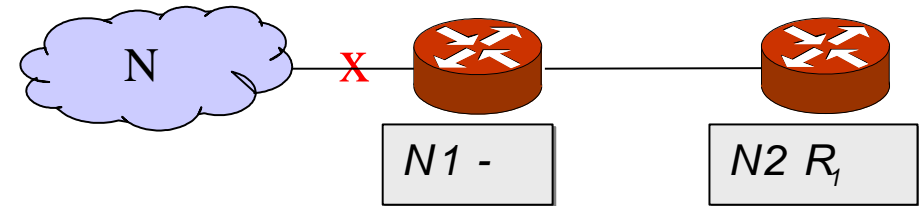


# D.V. Problem: Count to Infinity (Two-node instability)

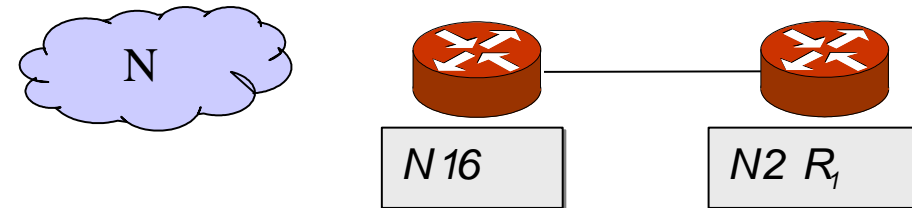
Initially,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  both have a route to  $N$  with metric 1 and 2, respectively.



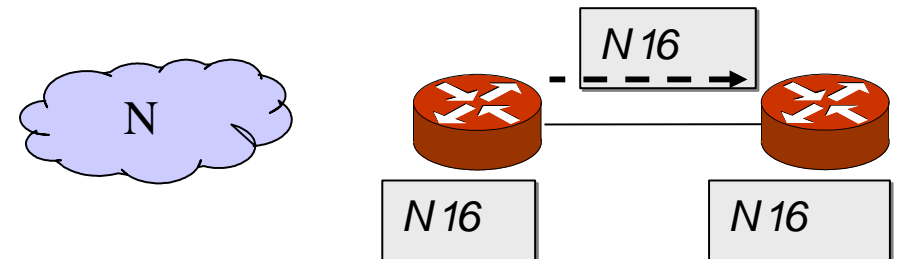
The link between  $R_1$  and  $N$  fails.



Now  $R_1$  removes its route to  $N$ , by setting its metric to 16 (infinity).



Now two things can happen: Either  $R_1$  reports its route to  $R_2$ . Everything is fine.



# D.V. Problem: Count to Infinity

The other alternative is that  $R_2$ , which still has a route to  $N$ , advertises it to  $R_1$ . Now things start to go wrong: packets to  $N$  are looped until their TTL expires!

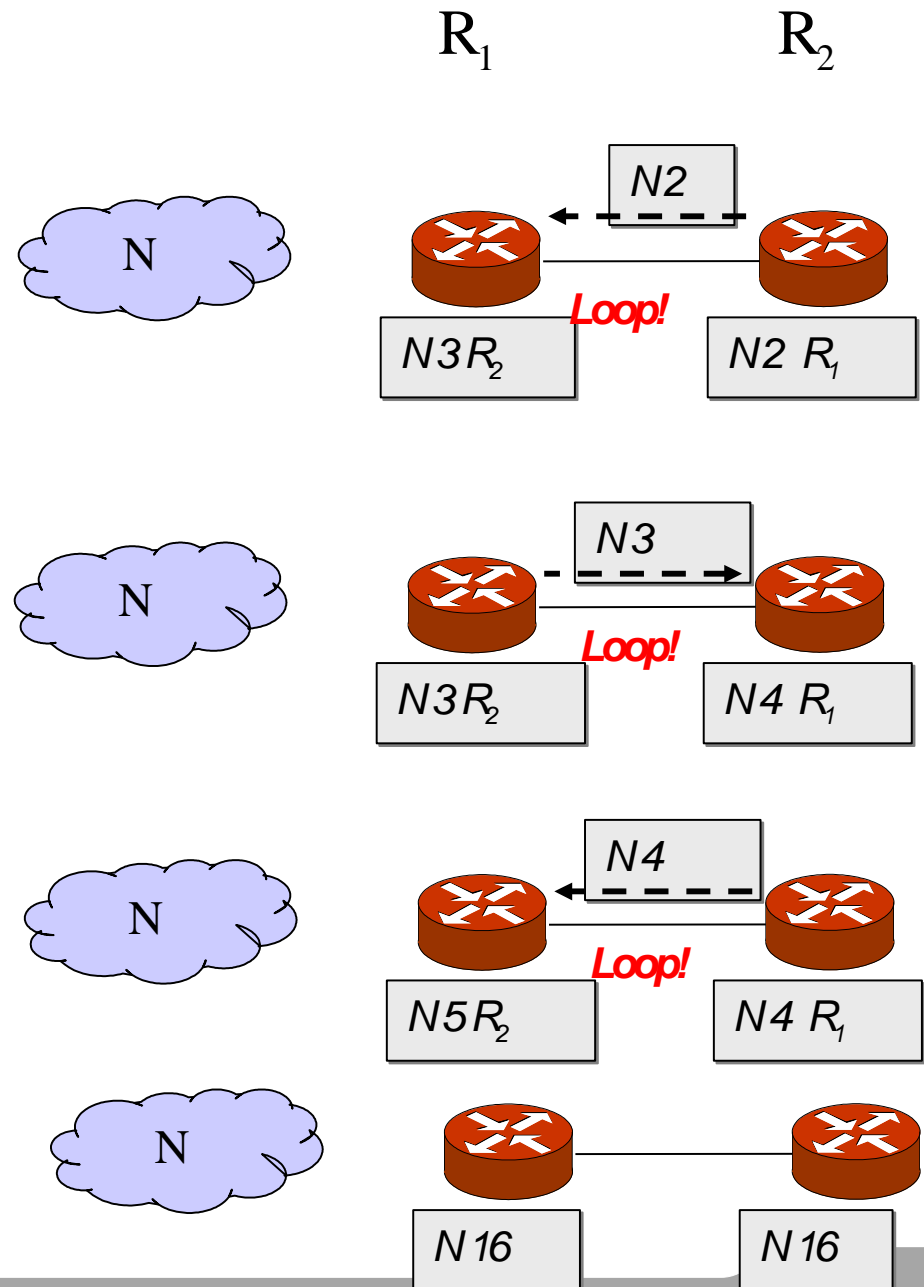


Eventually (~10-20s),  $R_1$  sends an update to  $R_2$ . The cost to  $N$  increases, but the loop remains.

Yet some time later,  $R_2$  sends an update to  $R_1$ .

...

Finally, the cost reaches infinity at 16, and  $N$  is unreachable. The loop is broken!



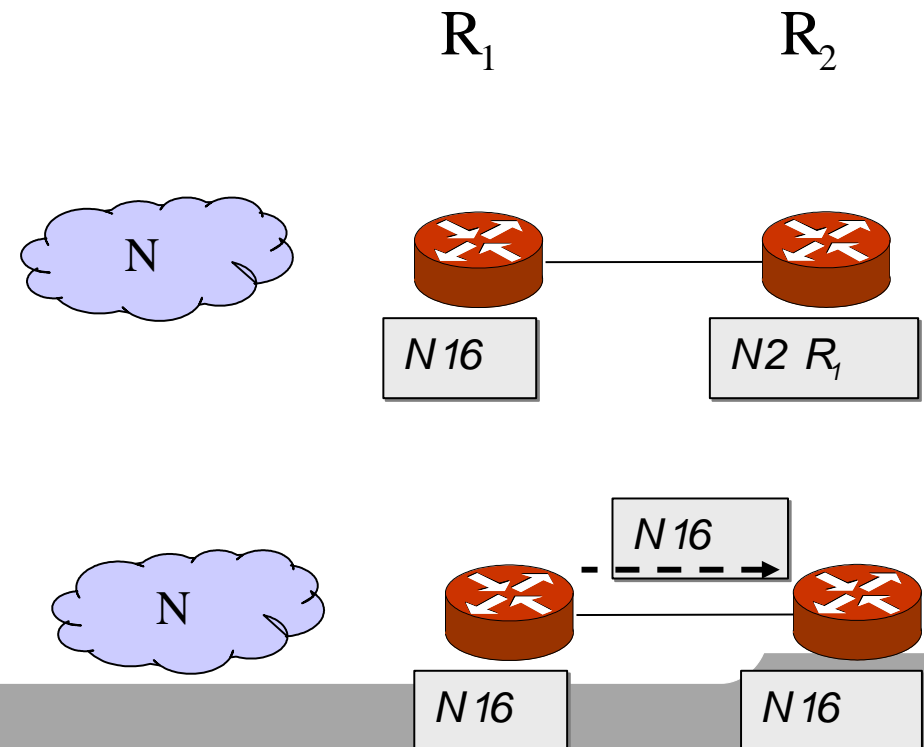
# Solution: Split Horizon

- *Do not send routes back over the same interface from where the route 'arrived'.*
- This helps in avoiding “mutual deception”: two routers tell each other they can reach a destination via each other.



$R_2$ , does not announce the route to N to  $R_1$  since that is where it was learnt.

Eventually,  $R_1$  reports its route to  $R_2$  and everything is fine.



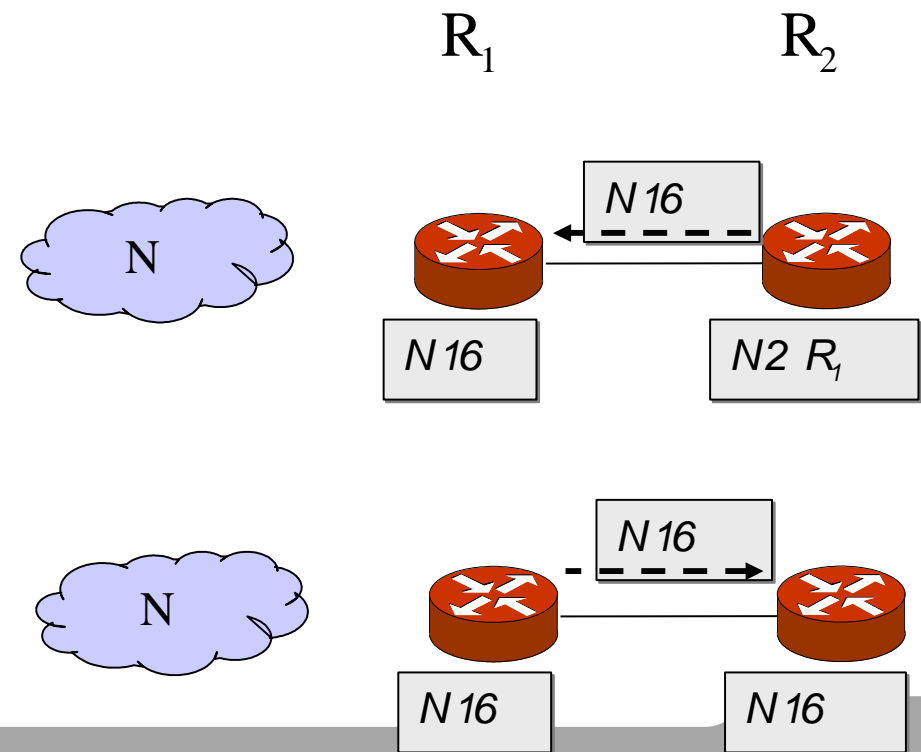
# Solution: Split Horizon + Poison Reverse

- *Advertise reverse routes with a metric of 16 (i.e., unreachable).*
- Does not add information but breaks loops faster
- Adds protocol overhead



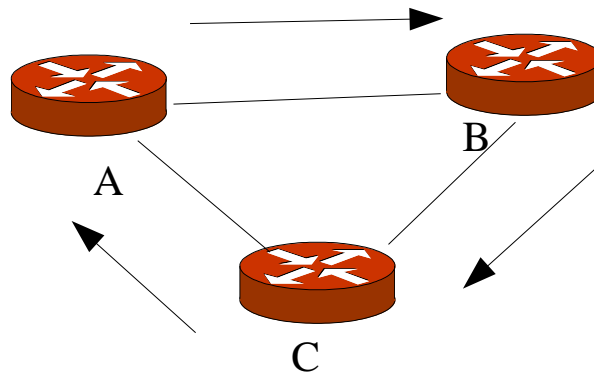
$R_2$  always announces an unreachable route to N to  $R_1$ .

Eventually,  $R_1$  reports its route to  $R_2$  and everything is fine.



# Remaining problems

- More than two routers involved in mutual deception
  - A may believe it has a route through B, B through C, and C through A
- In this case, split horizon with poison reverse does not help

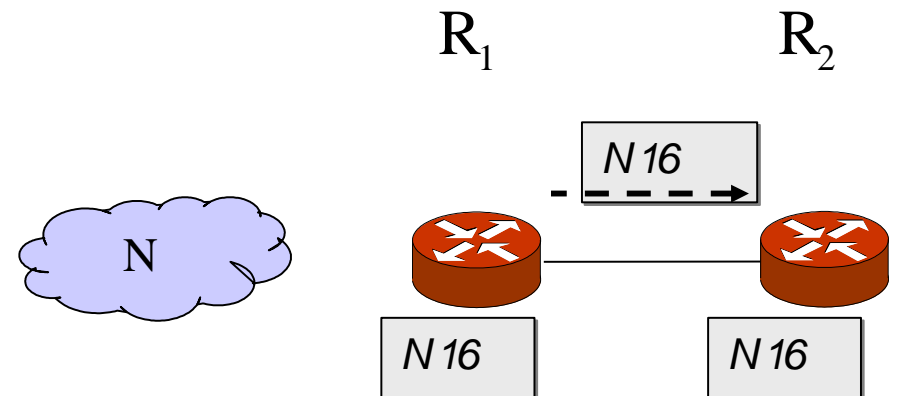


# Solution: Triggered Update

- *Send out update immediately when metrics change*
- But only the changed route, not the complete table
- This may lead to a cascade of updates
  - Apply the rule above recursively!
  - Therefore, triggered updates are not allowed more often than, for example 1-5 seconds.
- A router may use triggered update only when deleting routes (16).



$R_1$  immediately announces the broken link when it happens.



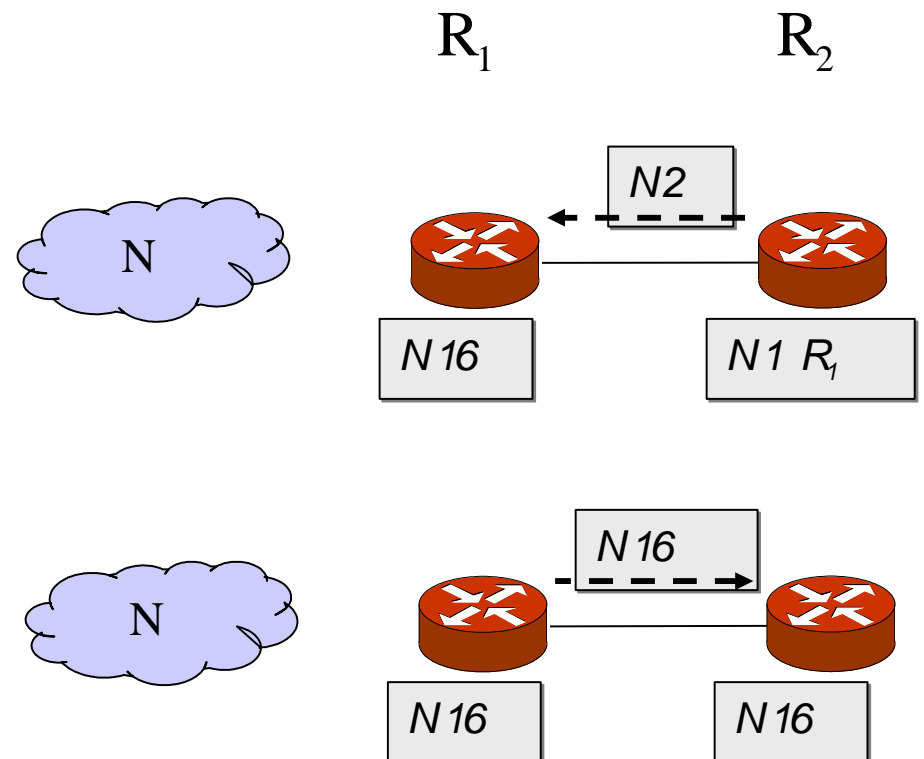
# Solution: Hold Down

- *When a route is removed, no update of this route is accepted for some period of time (hold-down time)- to give everyone a chance to remove the route.*



$R_1$  ignores updates to N from  $R_2$  for some period of time.

Eventually,  $R_1$  sends the update to  $R_2$ .



# Dijkstra's shortest path first

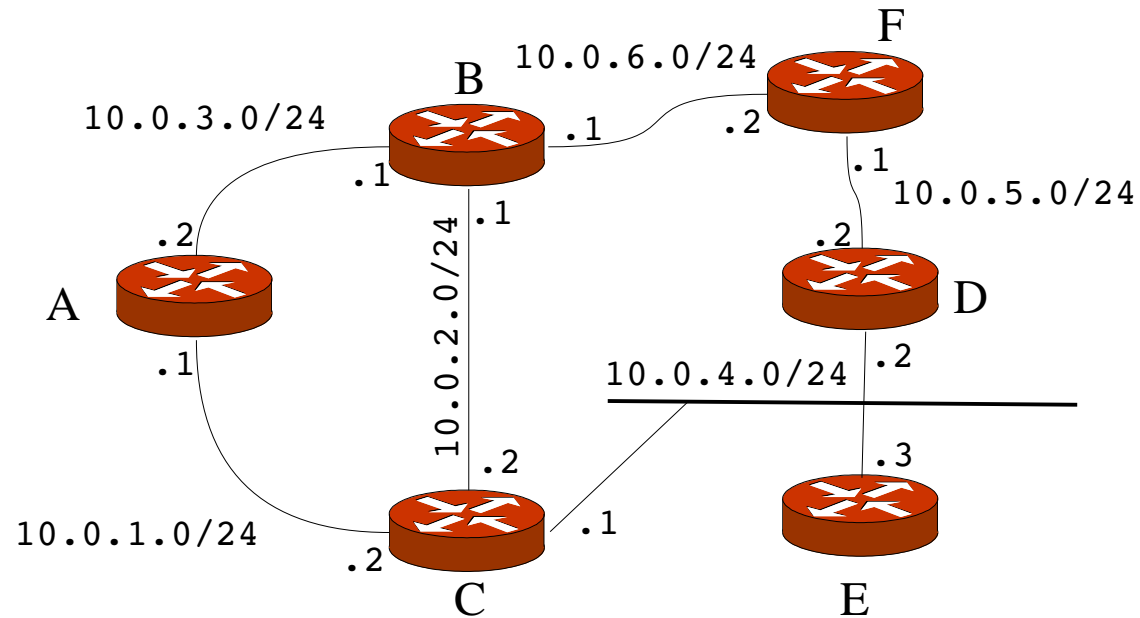
From the link-state database, compute a shortest path delivery tree using a permanent set  $S$  and a tentative set  $Q$ :

1. Define the root of the tree: the router
2. Assign a cost of 0 to this node and make it the first permanent node.
3. Examine each neighbor node of the last permanent node.
4. Assign a cumulative cost to each node and make it tentative.
5. Among the list of tentative nodes:
  - Find the node with the smallest cumulative cost and make it permanent.
  - If a node can be reached from more than one direction, select the direction with the smallest cumulative cost.
6. Repeat steps 3 to 5 until every node is permanent.

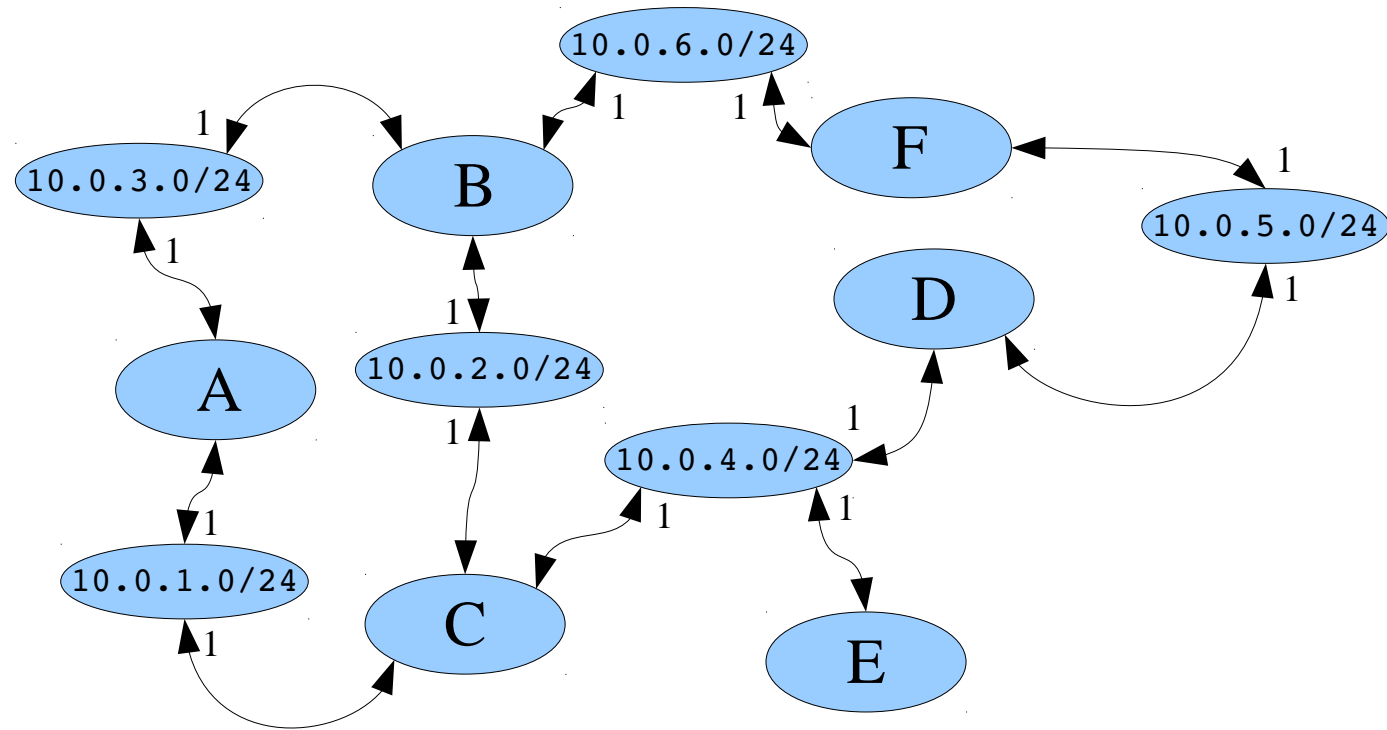




# Example network



# Example graph



# Exercise: Dijkstra from A



Permanent set	Tentative set
A 0 -	10.0.3.0/24 1 - 10.0.1.0/24 1 -

# Exercise: Dijkstra



Permanent set

Tentative set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -

~~10.0.3.0/24 1 -~~  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -

# Exercise: Dijkstra



Permanent set

Tentative set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -

10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
~~B 1 -~~  
10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.6.0/24 2 B

# Exercise: Dijkstra



Permanent set

Tentative set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -

~~10.0.1.0/24 1 -~~  
10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.6.0/24 2 B  
C 1 -

# Exercise: Dijkstra



Permanent set

Tentative set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
C 1 -

10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.6.0/24 2 B  
~~C 1 -~~  
10.0.2.0/24 2 C  
10.0.4.0/24 2 C

# Exercise: Dijkstra



Note: ECMP

Permanent set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
C 1 -  
10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.2.0/24 2 C

Tentative set

~~10.0.2.0/24 2 B~~  
10.0.6.0/24 2 B  
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10.0.4.0/24 2 C

ECMP: Equal Cost MultiPath. More than



# Exercise: Dijkstra



Permanent set

Tentative set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
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10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.2.0/24 2 C  
10.0.4.0/24 2 C

10.0.6.0/24 2 B

~~10.0.4.0/24 2 C~~

D 2 C

E 2 C

# Exercise: Dijkstra



## Permanent set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
C 1 -  
10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.2.0/24 2 C  
10.0.4.0/24 2 C  
~~E 2 C~~  
~~D 2 C~~

## Tentative set

10.0.6.0/24 2 B

~~D 2 C~~  
~~E 2 C~~  
10.0.5.0/24 3 C

# Exercise: Dijkstra



## Permanent set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
C 1 -  
10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.2.0/24 2 C  
10.0.4.0/24 2 C  
E 2 C  
D 2 C  
10.0.6.0/24 2 B

## Tentative set

~~10.0.6.0/24 2 B~~

10.0.5.0/24 3 C  
F 2 B

# Exercise: Dijkstra



Permanent set

Tentative set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
C 1 -  
10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
10.0.2.0/24 2 C  
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E 2 C  
D 2 C  
10.0.6.0/24 2 B  
F 2 B

10.0.5.0/24 3 C  
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# Exercise: Dijkstra (complete)



Permanent set

Tentative set

A 0 -  
10.0.3.0/24 1 -  
B 1 -  
10.0.1.0/24 1 -  
C 1 -  
10.0.2.0/24 2 B  
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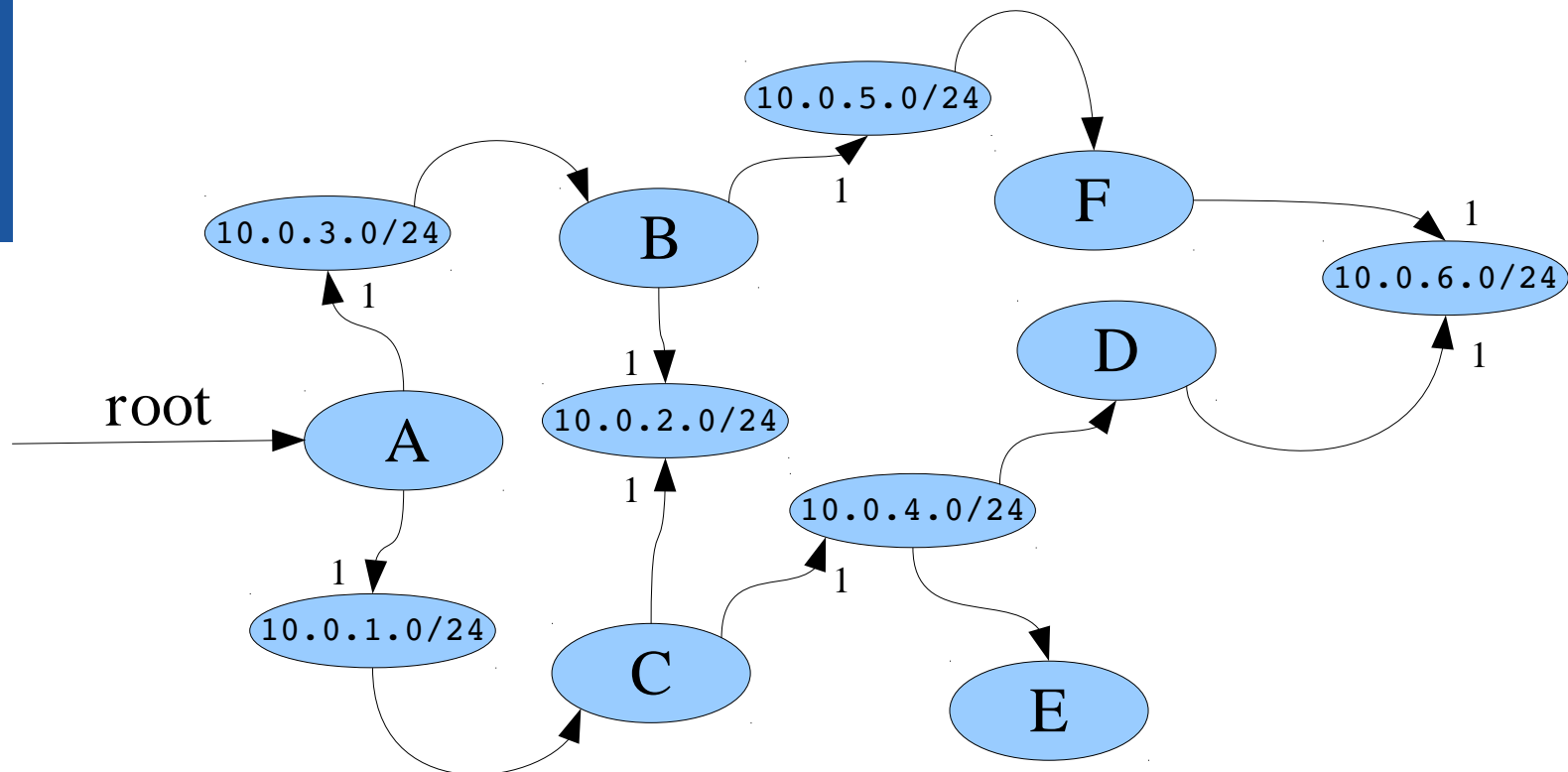
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Note: ECMP

# Exercise: Dijkstra tree graph view

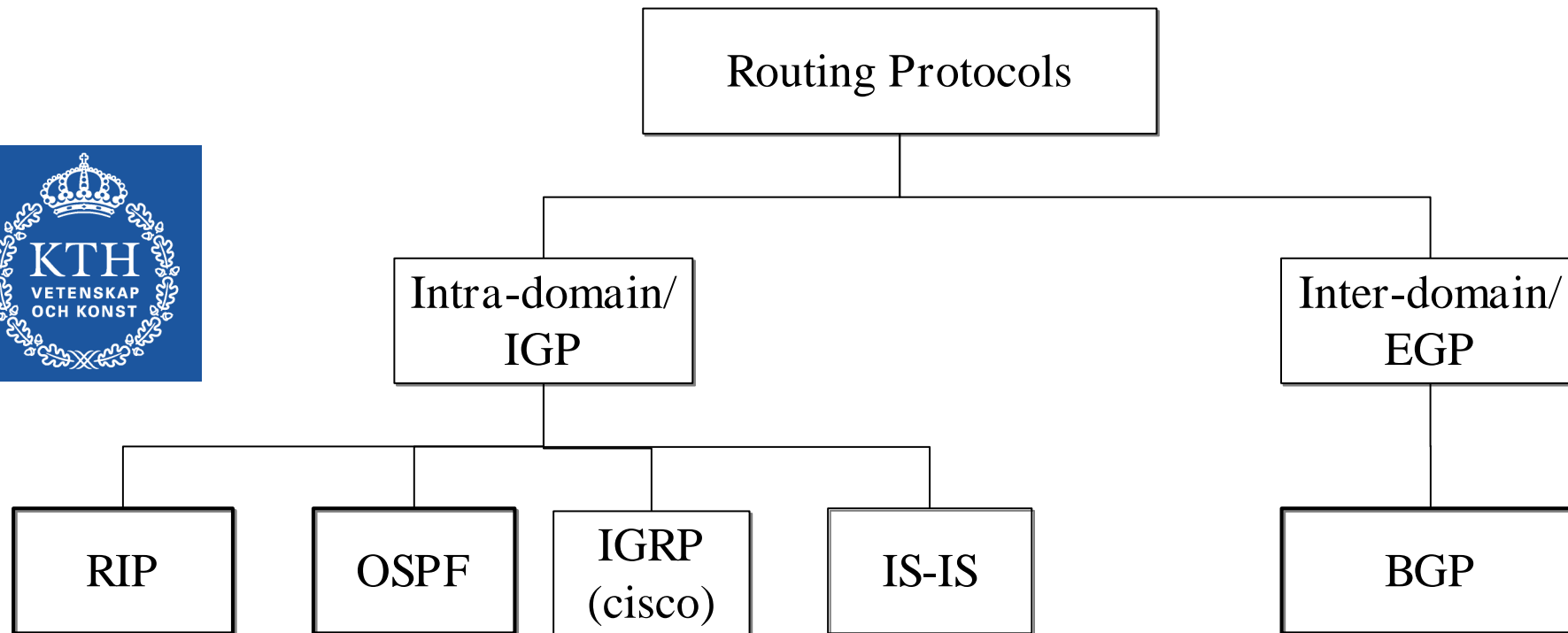
- Compare with table view in the previous slide
- Note the ECMP routes to 10.0.2.0/24 and 10.0.6.0/24





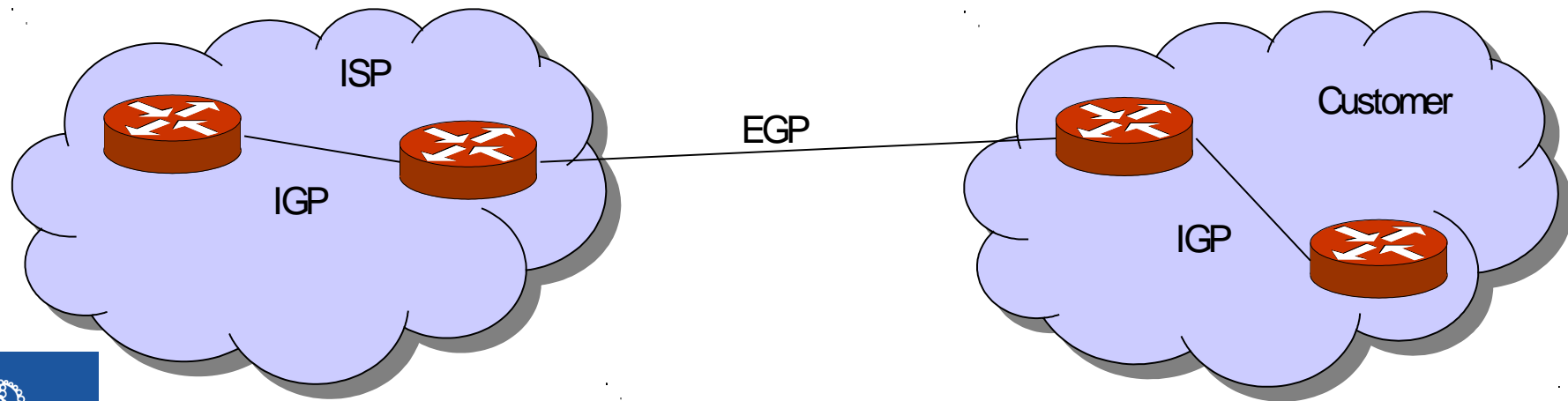
# Intra-domain routing protocols

# Popular Unicast Routing Protocols





# IGP/EGP



## IGP

- Interior Gateway Protocol.
- Runs within a network/domain (intra-domain)
- Handles *internal* routes within a domain
- Examples: RIP, OSPF, IS-IS.

## EGP

- Exterior Gateway Protocol.
- Primarily exchanges routes between networks/domains (inter-domain)
- Handles *external* routes
- Examples: BGP, static routing
- Note: an EGP can handle *external* routes *within* a domain (IBGP)

# Routing Information Protocol - RIP

- RIP-1 (RFC 1058), RIP-2 (RFC 2453)
- Metric is hop counts
  - 1: directly connected
  - 16: infinity
  - RIP cannot support networks with diameter > 14.
- RIP uses distance vector
- RIP messages are carried via UDP datagrams.
  - IP Multicast (RIP-2): 224.0.0.9
  - Broadcast (RIP-1)



# Disadvantages with RIP

- Slow convergence
  - Changes propagate slowly
  - Each neighbor only speaks ~every 30 seconds; information propagation time over several hops is long
- Instability
  - After a router or link failure RIP takes minutes to stabilize.
- Hops count may not be the best indication for which is the best route.
- The maximum useful metric value is 15
  - Network diameter must be less than or equal to 15.
- RIP uses lots of bandwidth
  - It sends the whole routing table in updates.



# Why would anyone use RIP?

- It is easy to implement
- It is generally available
- Implementations have been rigorously tested
- It is simple to configure.
- It has little overhead (for small networks)



# Link-state routing



- Each router spreads information about its links to its neighbours.
- This information is flooded to every router in the routing domain so that every router has knowledge of the entire network topology.
- Using Dijkstra's algorithm, the shortest path to each prefix in the network is calculated
- OSPF and IS-IS are two well-known link-state routing protocols
- OSPF is popular among organizations (KTH uses OSPF)
- IS-IS is popular among operators (SUNET uses IS-IS)

# Comparison with distance-vector

- Link-state uses a distributed database model
- Distance-vector uses a distributed processing model
- Link-state pros:
  - More functionality due to distribution of original data, no dependency on intermediate routers
    - Easier to troubleshoot
  - Fast convergence: when the network changes, new routes are computed quickly
  - Less bandwidth consuming
- Distance-vector pros:
  - Less complex - easier to implement and administrate
  - Needs less memory



# The OSPF protocol



## 1) The *hello* protocol

- Is there anybody out there?
- Detection of neighboring routers
- Election of designated routers

## 2) The *exchange* protocol

- Exchange database between neighbours

## 3) Reliable *flooding*

- When links change/age send: update to neighbours and flood *recursively*.

## 4) *Shortest path* calculation

- Dijkstra's algorithm
- Compute shortest path tree to all destinations

# The link-state

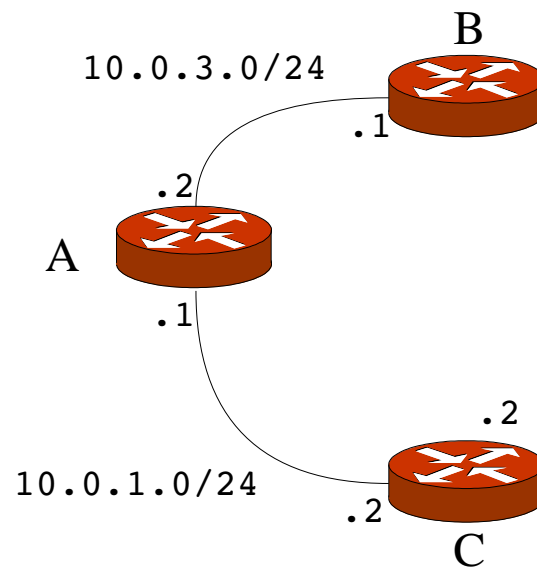
- Each router describes its environment in the form of networks (links) that it is connected to
- These link-states are the elements of the distributed database
- Fundamental task in OSPF is to distribute the link-states to all nodes in a reliable way
- Then, each node can compute Dijkstra on the *same* database
  - The result (shortest path) is consistent everywhere





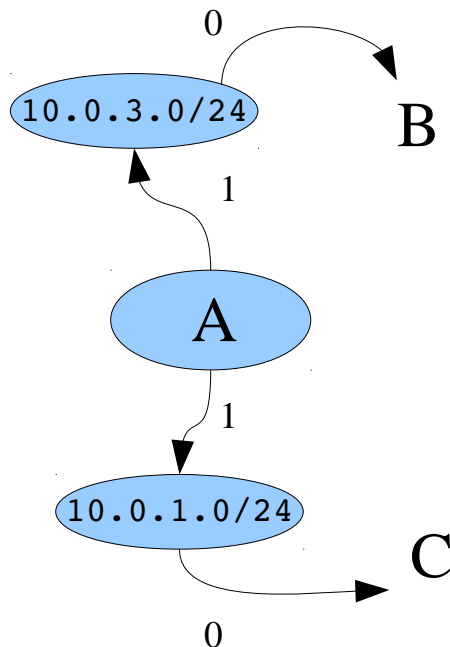
# Example: OSPF link state

- Translate the network below to link states (from As point of view)



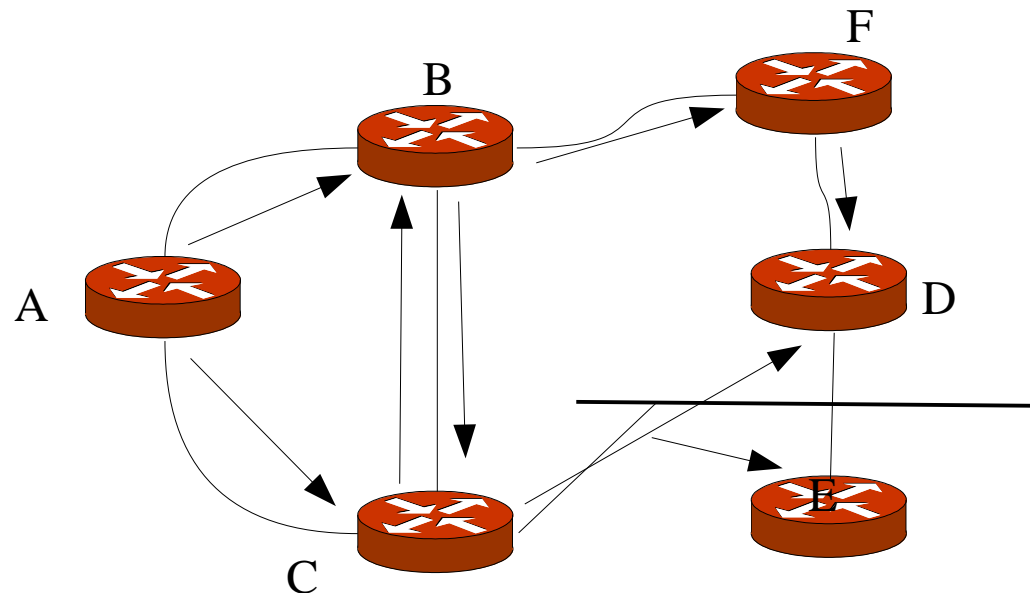
# Example: OSPF link state

- Every node creates the link-state of its connected links
- Example: A is connected to two 'transit' links, which are in-turn connected to B and C respectively
- The transit links in this case 'belongs' to A, since A is *designated router* of these sub-networks.
- A therefore distributes the three link-states in the figure:
  - One for A itself (it is connected to two transit networks)
  - Two transit links which are connected to A and B, and A and C respectively.



# Flooding link-state

- Every node distributes its link-state to all others
- Initially and after link changes (also every ~30 mins)
- Example: 'A' floods its link-state by sending it to its neighbors, who in turn distributes it to their neighbors, etc
- Flooding is made reliably and to all routers
  - No need for periodic retransmit - no waste of bandwidth
- The flooding protocol is the most complex part of OSPF (not Dijkstra!)





# Inter-domain routing

# Inter-domain routing

- The objective of inter-domain routing is to bind together the hundreds of thousands of independent IP networks that constitute the Internet

Perspective from one network:

- Spread routing information to the outside world
  - Originate and aggregate address prefixes
  - Announce prefixes to other domains
  - Tag prefixes with routing information
- Receive information from the outside world
  - Receive and choose (filter) between prefixes from other domains
- Transfer information through your routing domain
  - Received information from one domain may be transferred (and possibly modified) to other domains



# What is BGP?

- Border Gateway Protocol version 4
- An inter-domain routing protocol
- Uses the *destination-based* forwarding paradigm
  - Other relations are not expressed: sources, tos, link load
- Uses path-vector routing
- Views the Internet as a collection of autonomous systems
- Exchanges information between peers using TCP as underlying protocol
- Maintains a database (RIBs) of network layer reachability information
- Tags destinations with *path attributes* which describes different properties of the destination
- Supports a toolkit of mechanisms to express and enforce policy decisions at AS level

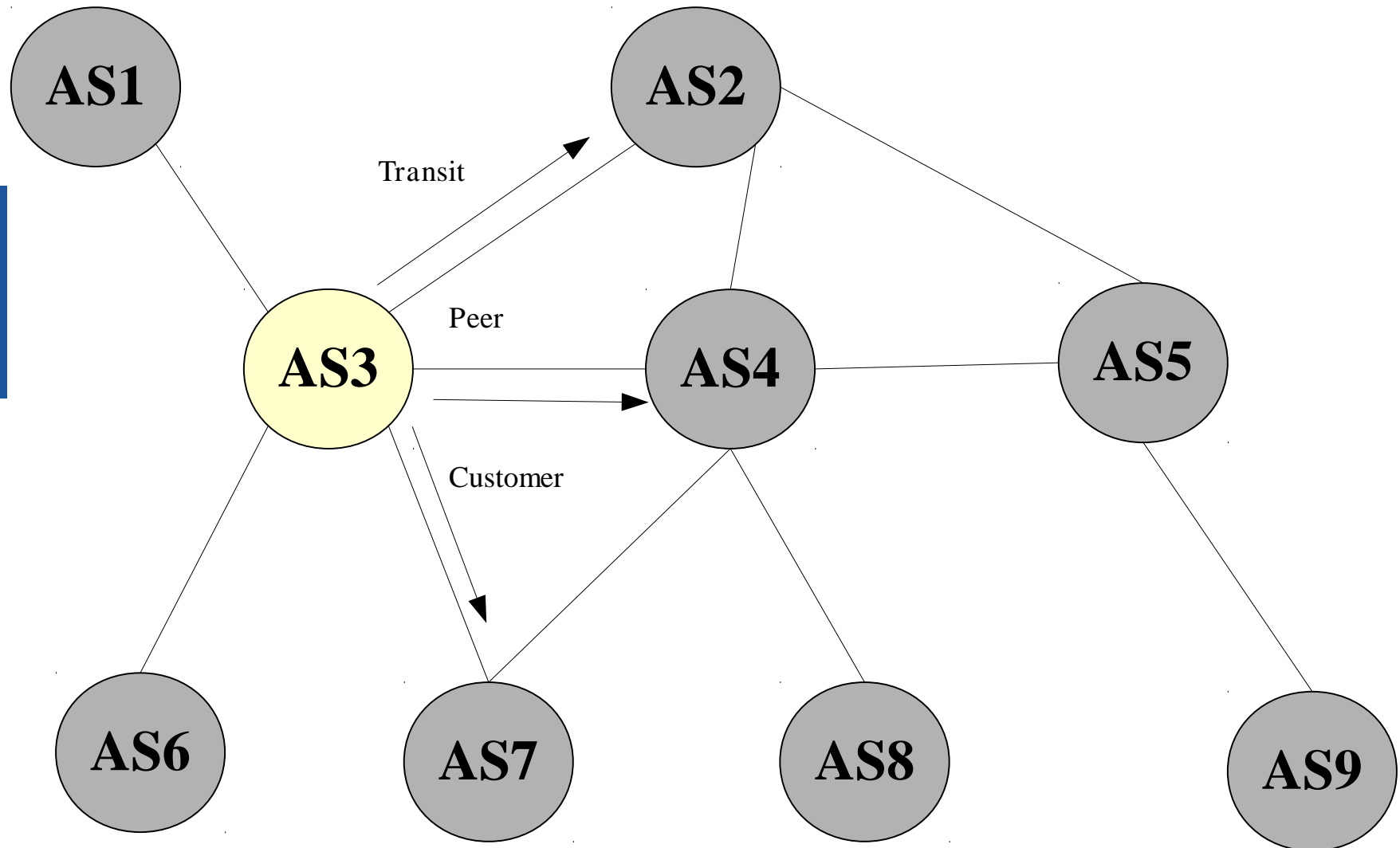


# Autonomous Systems (AS)

- A set of routers that has a single routing policy, that run under a single technical administration
  - A single network or group of networks
  - University, business, organization, operator
- This is viewed by the outside world as an Autonomous System
  - All interior policies, protocols, etc are hidden within the AS
- Represented in the Internet by an Autonomous System Number (ASN). 0-65535
  - Example: ASN 1653 for SUNET
- Currently, operators are switching to four-byte ASNs
  - RFC 4893: BGP Support for Four-octet AS Number Space



# AS peering relations





# Whois example



```
gelimer.kthnoc.net> whois -h whois.ripe.net AS1653
aut-num:          AS1653
as-name:          SUNET
descr:            SUNET Swedish University Network
import:           from AS42 accept AS42
export:           to AS42 announce AS-SUNET
import:           from AS702 accept AS702:RS-EURO AS702:RS-CUSTOMER
export:           to AS702 announce AS-SUNET
import:           from AS2603 accept any
export:           to AS2603 announce AS-SUNET
import:           from AS2831 accept AS2831 AS2832
export:           to AS2831 announce any
import:           from AS2833 accept AS2833
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import:           from AS2834 accept AS2834
export:           to AS2834 announce any
```

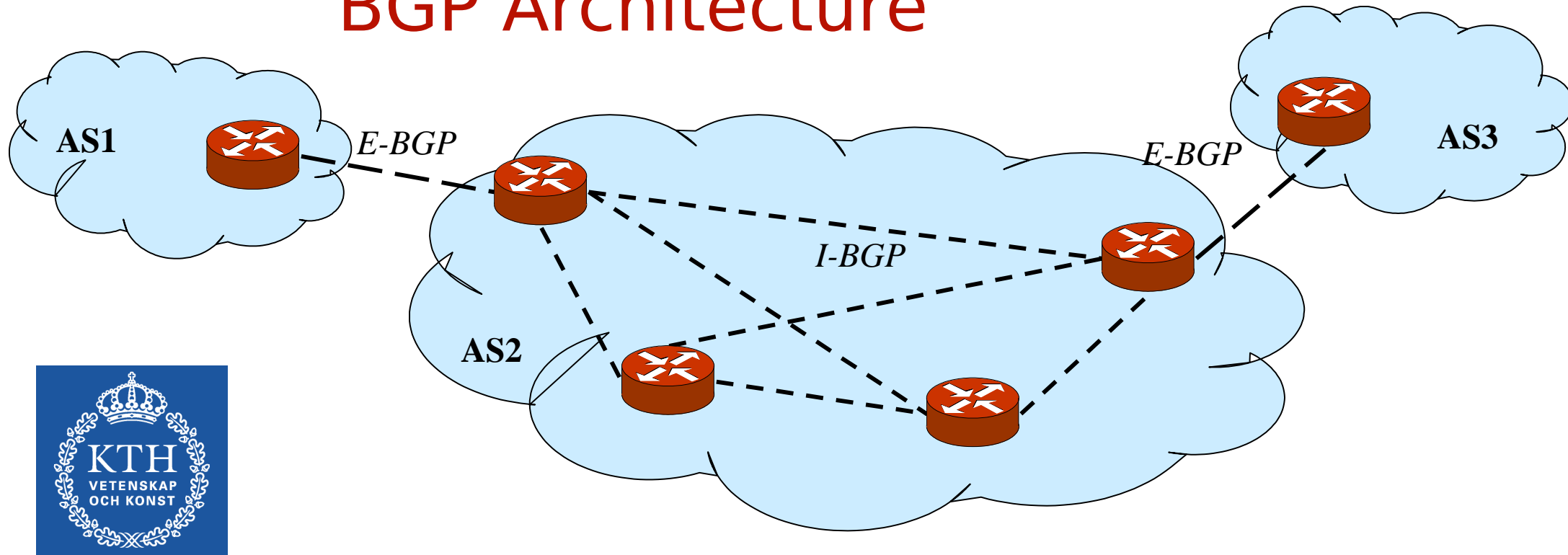
```
gelimer.kthnoc.net> whois -h whois.ripe.net AS-SUNET
as-set:           AS-SUNET
descr:            SUNET AS Macro
descr:            ASes served by SUNET
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members:          AS2838, AS2839, AS2840, AS2841, AS2842, AS2843, AS2844
members:          AS2845, AS2846, AS3224, AS5601, AS8748, AS8973, AS9088
members:          AS12384, AS15980, AS16251, AS20513, AS25072, AS28726
members:          AS-NETNOD
```

# Peering relations

- An abstract way of defining peering relations is for example:
- Prefix sets:
  - Define a customer set, a peering set and a transit set
- Example rules:
  - Customer prefixes should be announced to transit and peers
  - Peer and transit prefixes should be announced to customers
  - Prefer prefixes from peers over prefixes from transit
  - Do not accept illegal prefixes (RFC 1918 for example), or unknown prefixes from customers
  - Load balance over several transit providers
  - Filter traffic (eg src addresses) according to the prefixes announced

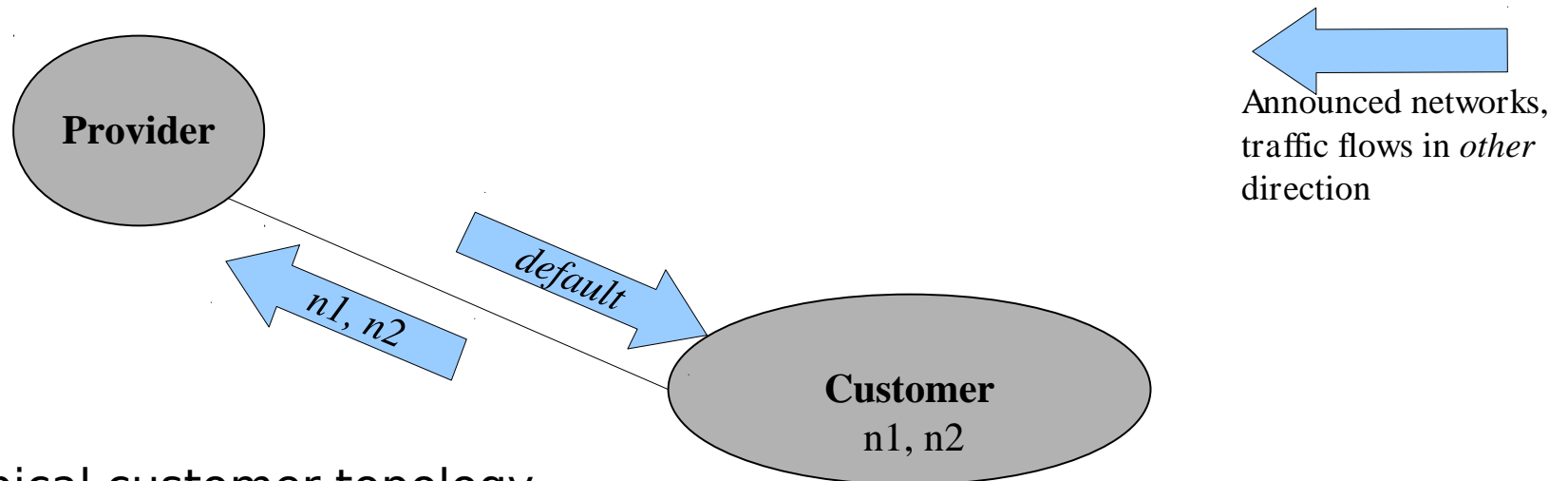


# BGP Architecture



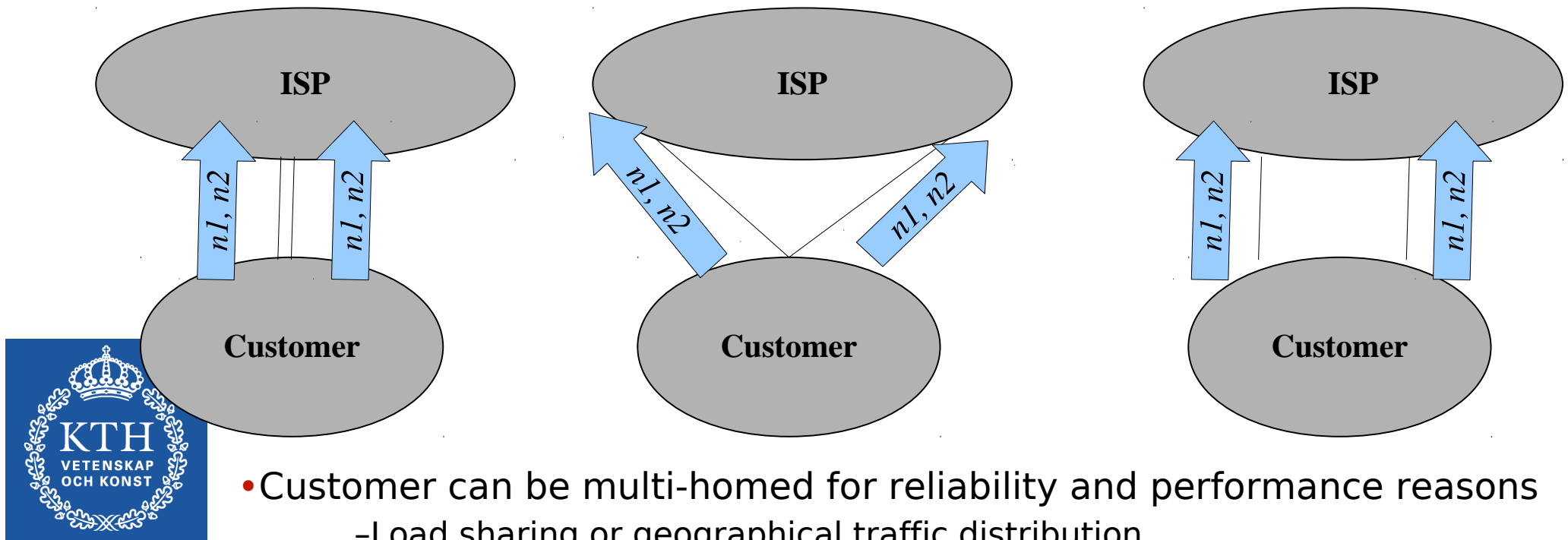
- BGP interacts with the Internal routing (OSPF/IS-IS/RIP/...)
  - *Redistributes* internal / external routes between the two protocols
- BGP really consists of two variants:
  - E-BGP: exchanges external routes between border routers *between* AS:s
  - I-BGP : synchronises *external* routes *within* an AS (IGP takes care of internal routes)

# Customer / ISP Relations: Stub AS



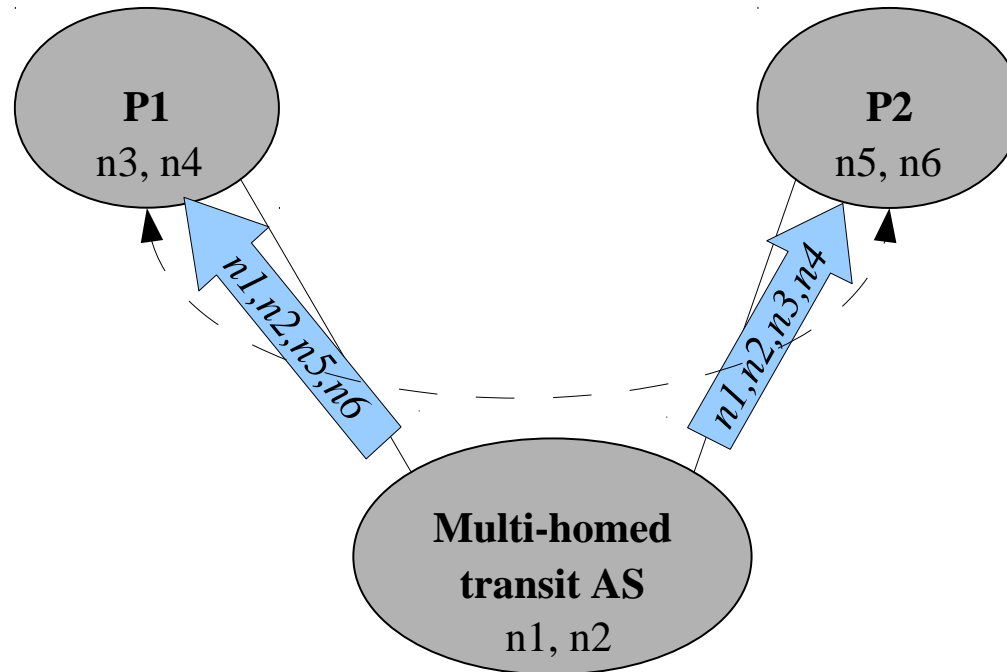
- Typical customer topology
- Can use default route to reach the Provider and Internet
- Customer can use address block of provider
- Customer does not need to be a separate AS
- Typically use static routing but can also use BGP

# Multi-homed customer



- Customer can be multi-homed for reliability and performance reasons
  - Load sharing or geographical traffic distribution
- Multi-homed non-transit AS
  - Non Transit AS does now allow external traffic to pass through
- What to think about:
  - How to announce the prefixes
  - Default routes
  - Symmetrical routing
  - Packet filtering,
  - Address aggregation, etc

# Provider: Multi-homed Transit AS



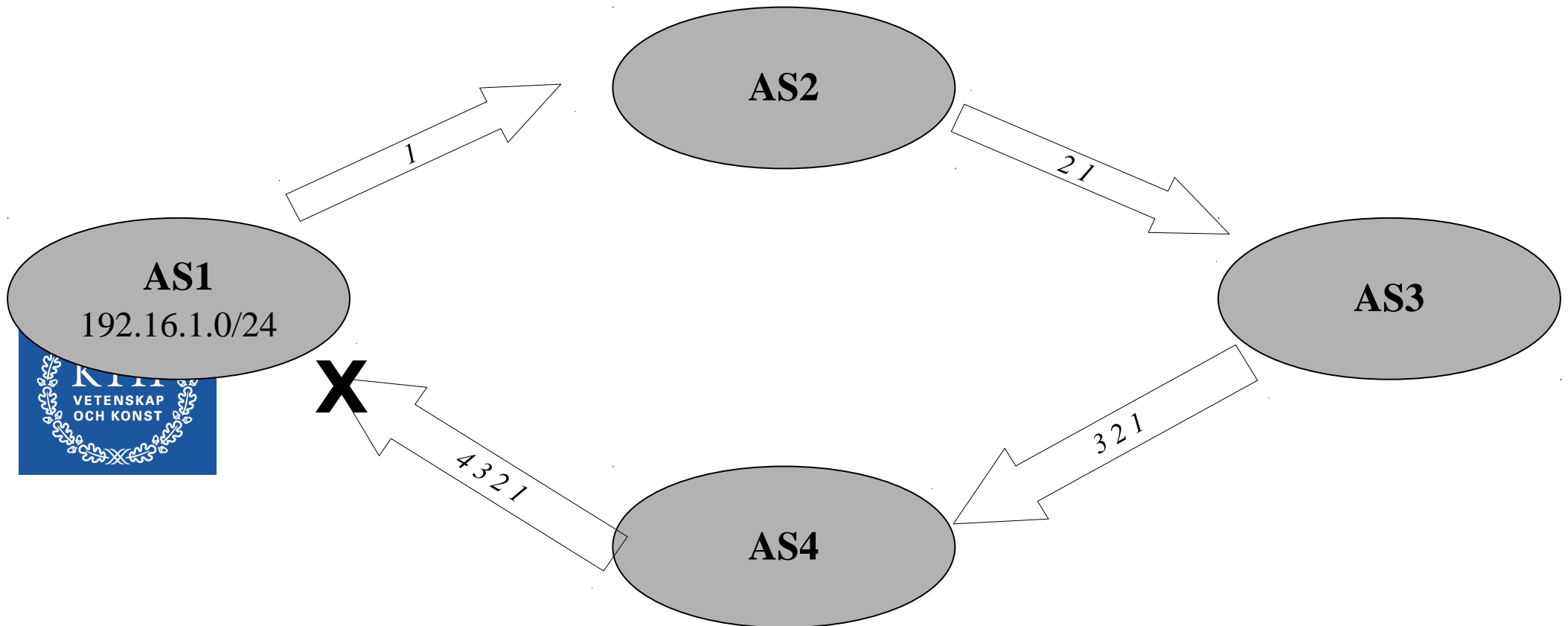
- Transits traffic within own network
- This the most general configuration and is how an internet provider works.

# Path vector protocol

- In a distance-vector protocol, vectors with destination information are distributed between routers:
  - Example:
    - <dst: 10.1.10/24, metric: 5, nexthop: 10.2.3.4>
  - Distance-vector has problems with converging
    - Example: count-to-infinity
  - Path-vector extends the information with a *path* to the destination
    - This enables immediate loop detection
    - Several other attributes associated with path
  - Also, in BGP, the path vector uses AS:s, not IP addresses
    - This hides internal structure in the domains
    - Loop detection only on AS-numbers!
  - Example:
    - <dst: 10.1.10/24, path: AS1:AS3:AS5, nexthop: 10.2.3.4>



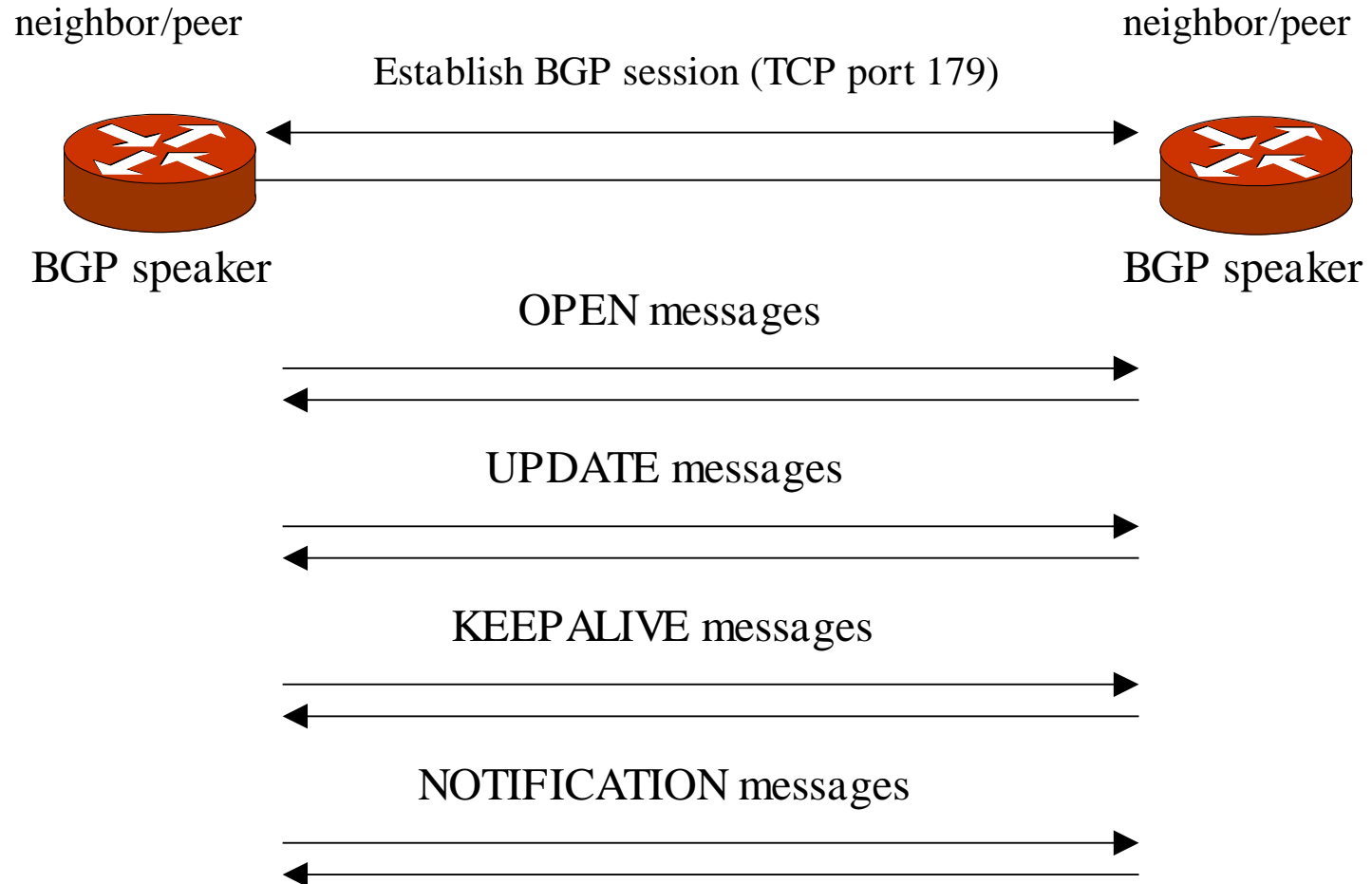
# AS\_PATH



- AS-PATH is used to break loops (between AS:s)
- AS1 announces 192.16.1.0/24 to AS2 and detects its own ASN when received from AS4
- AS-PATH is the most well-known path-attribute, there are several others

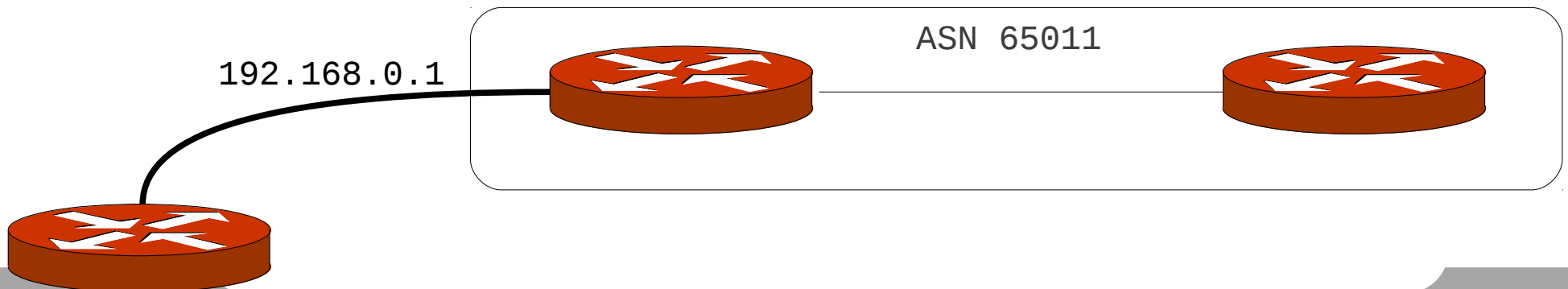


# BGP Operation

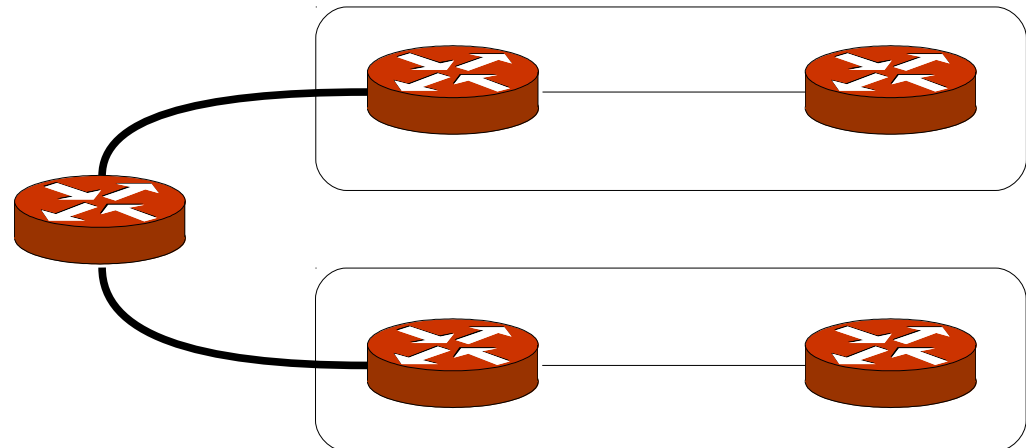


# Example: JunOS BGP configuration

```
routing-options {  
  autonomous-system 65011;  
}  
protocols {  
  bgp {  
    group EXTERN {  
      type external;  
      peer-as 65001;  
      export MYNETWORK;  
      neighbour 192.168.0.1;  
    }  
  }  
}
```



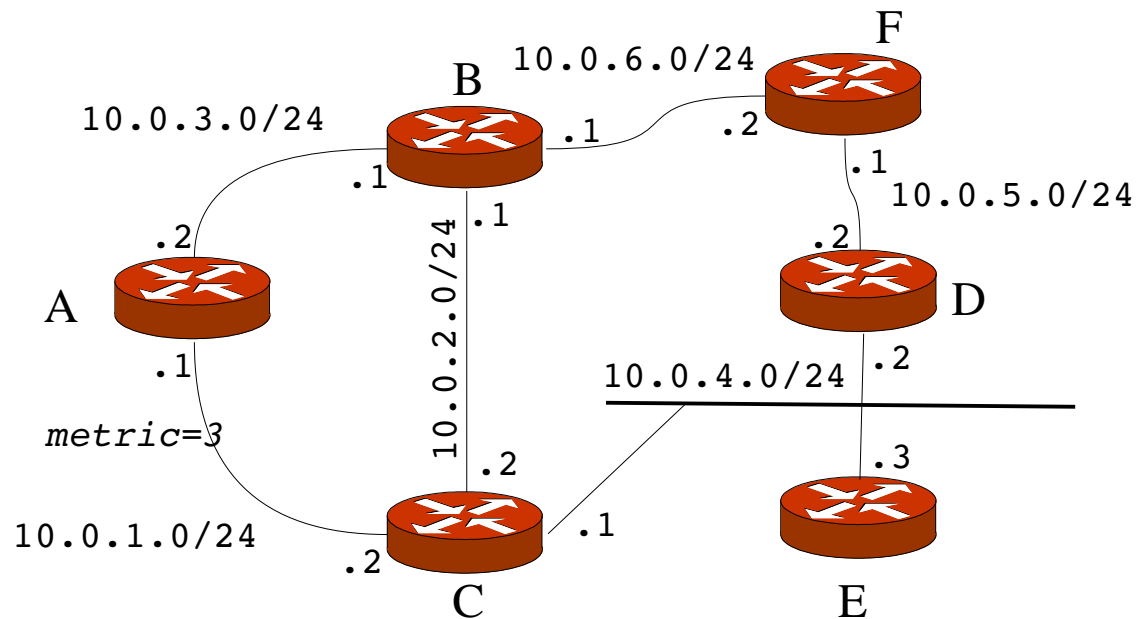
# (EP2120 only) Lab 4: Dynamic routing



- Four parts:
  - JunOS CLI
  - Static configuration
  - OSPF
  - BGP
- Make preparation questions in advance!

# Homework

- Second part of homework 3 is a distance-vector exercise.
- Fill in routing tables and distance-vectors from A's perspective on the following network:

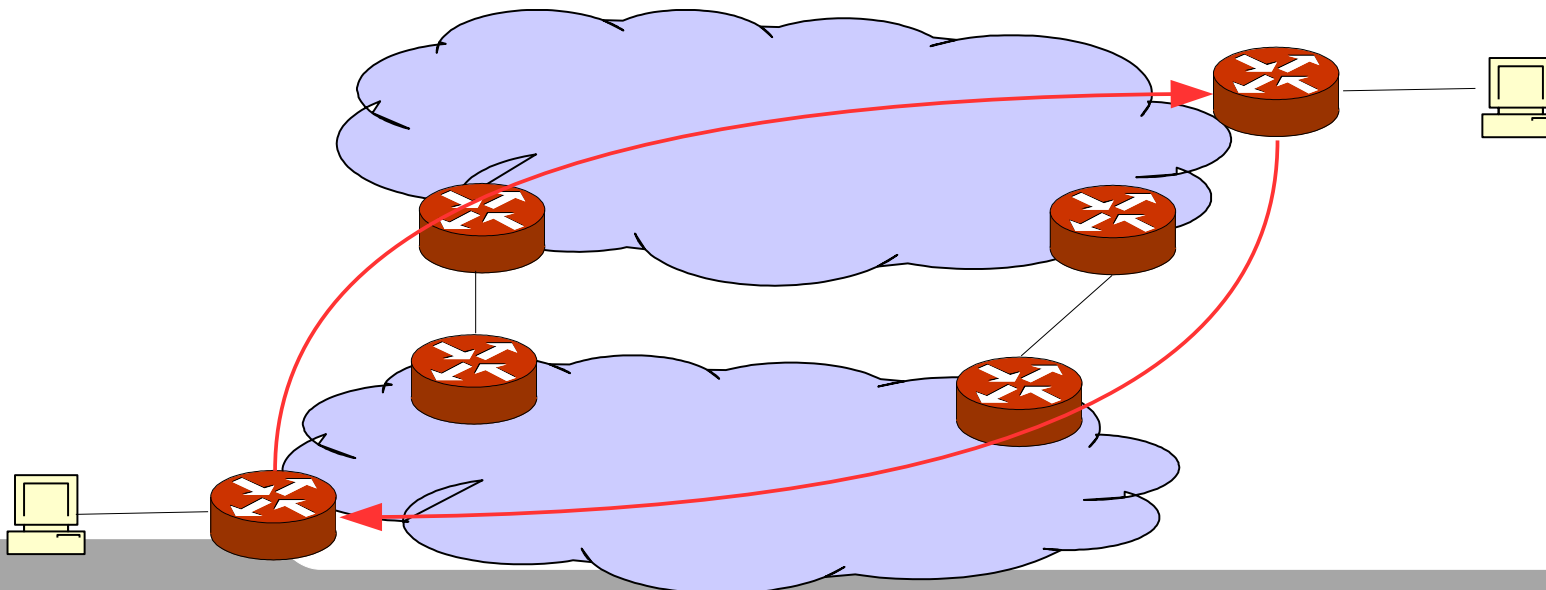




# Extra material

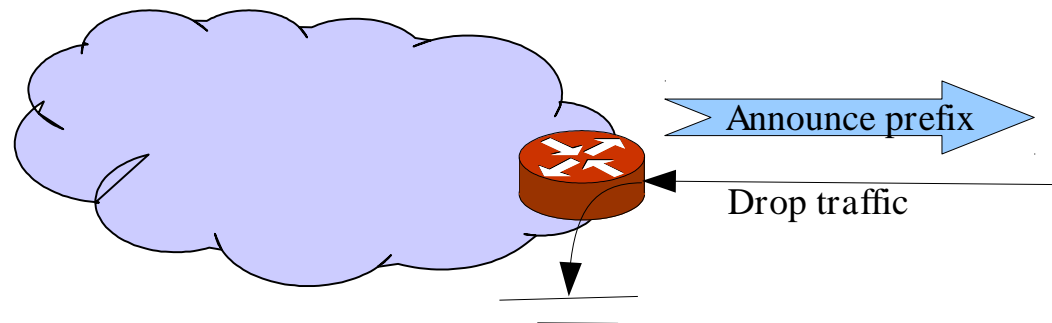
# Asymmetric Routing

- A rule rather than an exception:
  - To- traffic and from- traffic take different paths
- Hot-potato routing
  - Send traffic out of your AS as soon as possible
- Cold-potato
  - Try to keep your traffic as long as possible.



# Black-holing

- Black-holing: announce prefix, but traffic to the prefix is dropped (not delivered)
- Loops: circular announcements causing packet loops
  - TTL is decremented until packet drops -> same symptom as black-holing
- Reasons:
  - Transient errors due to long convergence (see count-to-infinity in distance-vector)
  - Misconfigurations
  - Attacks (DOS, man-in-the-middle)
  - Response to attacks: create a black-hole for attacked prefixes which removes DOS traffic



# Redistribution of routing information



- If several protocols are running on the same router
  - E.g., an OSPF as interior and BGP as exterior
- The router can distribute routes from one protocol to another
  - Interior routes need to be advertized to the Internet
    - Typically these routes are aggregated
  - Exterior routes (or a default) may need to be injected into the interior network
    - But only a subset - the backbone tables are very large
    - Necessary for domain carrying *transit* traffic
    - Not necessary for a domain using only a default route
- Typically, redistributed routes are filtered in different ways due to routing policies