Principles of Computer Networks

Tutorial 9

Problem 1 Solution:

a)

Router z	Informs w, $D_z(x)=\infty$
	Informs y, $D_z(x)=6$
Router w	Informs y, $D_w(x)=\infty$
	Informs z, $D_w(x)=5$
Router y	Informs w, $D_y(x)=4$
	Informs z, $D_y(x)=4$

b) Yes, there will be a count-to-infinity problem. The following table shows the routing converging process. Assume that at time t0, link cost change happens. At time t1, y updates its distance vector and informs neighbors w and z. In the following table, "→" stands for "informs".

time	t0	t1	t2	t3	t4
Z	→ w, $D_z(x)=\infty$ → y, $D_z(x)=6$		No change	→ w, $D_z(x)=\infty$ → y, $D_z(x)=11$	
W	→ y, $D_w(x)=\infty$ → z, $D_w(x)=5$		→ y, $D_w(x)=\infty$ → z, $D_w(x)=10$		No change
Y	→ w, $D_y(x)=4$ → z, $D_y(x)=4$	→ w, $D_y(x)=9$ → z, $D_y(x)=\infty$		No change	→ w, $D_y(x)=14$ → z, $D_y(x)=\infty$

We see that w, y, z form a loop in their computation of the costs to router x. If we continue the iterations shown in the above table, then we will see that, at t27, z detects that its least cost to x is 50, via its direct link with x. At t29, w learns its least cost to x is 51 via z. At t30, y updates its least cost to x to be 52 (via w). Finally, at time t31, no updating, and the routing is stabilized.

time	t27	t28	t29	t30	t31
Z	→ w, $D_z(x)=50$ → y, $D_z(x)=50$				via w, ∞ via y, 55 via z, 50
W		→ y, $D_w(x)=\infty$ → z, $D_w(x)=50$	→ y, $D_w(x)=51$ → z, $D_w(x)=\infty$		via w, ∞ via y, ∞ via z, 51
Y		→ w, $D_y(x)=53$ → z, $D_y(x)=\infty$		→ w, $D_y(x)=\infty$ → z, $D_y(x)=52$	via w, 52 via y, 60 via z, 53

c) cut the link between y and z.

Problem 2 Solution:

a) eBGP

b) iBGP

c) eBGP

d) iBGP

Problem 3 Solution:

a) I1 because this interface begins the least cost path from 1d towards the gateway router 1c.

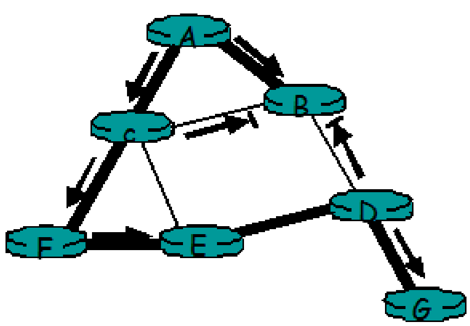
b) I2. Both routes have equal AS-PATH length but I2 begins the path that has the closest NEXT-HOP router.

c) I1. I1 begins the path that has the shortest AS-PATH.

Problem 4 Solution:

The minimal spanning tree has z connected to y via x at a cost of 14(=8+6).
z connected to v via x at a cost of 11(=8+3);
z connected to u via x and v, at a cost of 14(=8+3+3);
z connected to w via x, v, and u, at a cost of 17(=8+3+3+3).

Problem 5 Solution:



The thicker shaded lines represent The shortest path tree from A to all destination. Other solutions are possible, but in these solutions, B can not route to either C or D from A.