Layered Architecture

Application

Transport

Network

Data Link

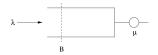
Physical

TCP: Transmission Control Protocol

- Application Multiplexing/Demultiplexing
- Error Detection
- Reliable Data Transfer
- Congestion Control

Congestion Control

- Why is congestion "bad"?
- How does congestion affect performance of applications?
- How to avoid (react to) congestion?
- One of the most important problems in networking



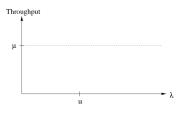
$$p_n = \frac{1-\rho}{1-\rho^{B+1}}\rho^n, \qquad n = 0, ..., B$$

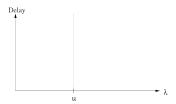
Throughput is equal to
$$(1-p_0)\mu = \mu \rho \frac{(1-\rho^B)}{(1-\rho^{B+1})}$$

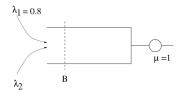
Average delay is equal to $\frac{1}{\mu} + \sum_{n=1}^{B-1} n \frac{1}{\mu} p'_n$

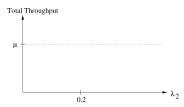


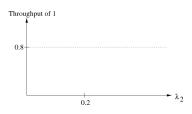
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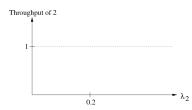


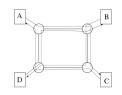


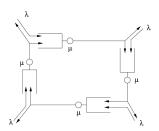


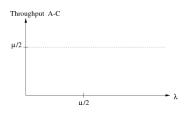


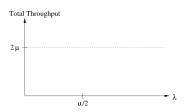












How to Deal with Congestion

- Packet discarding
- Packet blocking
- Call (Session) blocking

Congestion Control: Classification

Open-Loop Control: During connection setup, the transmission rate of a connection is determined.

- Call Admission Control
- Policing: Leaky Bucket

Closed-Loop Control / Feed Back Control: Connections are informed dynamically about the congestion state of the network, and asked to adapted their rate accordingly.

TCP Congestion Control

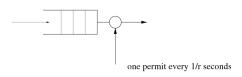
Transmission Rate Policing: Leaky Bucket

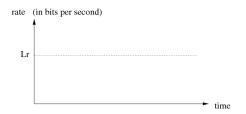
Issue:

- During call admission control, a connection was assigned a rate of r packets per second.
- How do we make sure that the connection does not transmit packets at a higher rate?
- > Leaky Bucket

Leaky Bucket

First Approach

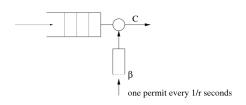




L: length of one packet



Leaky Bucket





Average rate: Lr bits per second

Peak rate: C bits per second for at most $\frac{\beta L}{C}$ seconds

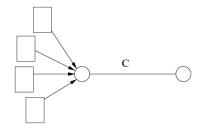
TCP Congestion Control

- Closed-Loop Control
- Dynamically changes sender window size (TCP window size)

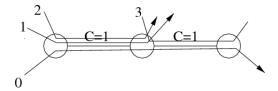
Issue

Fairness

Fairness



Max-Min Fairness



(for exact definition see additional handout)