

B1. Networks (25 points)

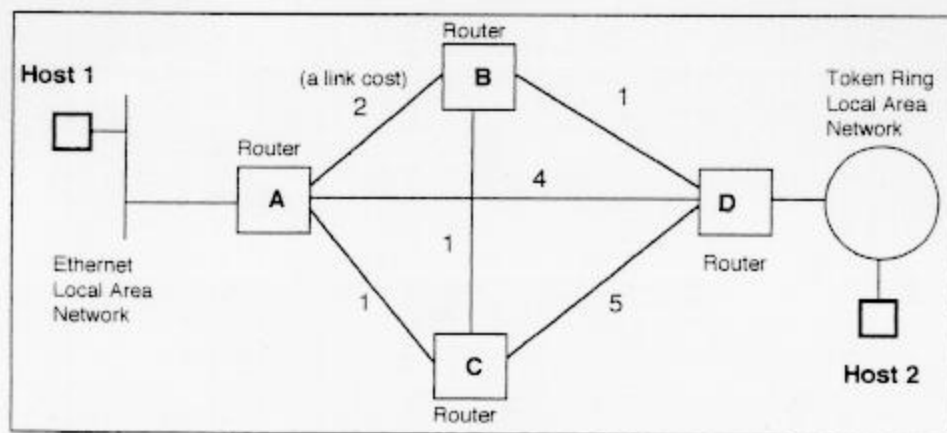
A given network host implements OSPF, PPP, ATM, http, X.25, Ethernet, FR, EGP, SNMP, UDP, LLC, SMTP, BGP, TCP, ICMP, ASN.1 and IP protocols. Draw a layered protocol stack at this host, carefully indicating the protocols at each layer.

At which layers and for which protocols would the concepts of connection-oriented transmission and flow control apply? Why?

B2. Networks (25 points)

Carefully observe the networking environment below:

- (9 points) Assuming that a link state OSPF routing algorithm is used, show all steps in computing the least cost paths from router A to all other router nodes.
- (8 points) Assign consistent network addresses to all the interfaces shown. How many unique networks have you identified?
- (8 points) Using the results of a) and b), determine the routing table at router node A.



B3. Networks (25 points)

Because of different maximum transmission units (MTU) in a particular packet-switched network, routers are often forced to perform fragmentation and reassembly.

- a) (5 points) Explain what determines the MTU size. In your answer, consider both a broadcast medium such as an Ethernet, and a point-to-point link such as a serial line using PPP.
- b) (15 points) When an end-to-end path involves multiple hops, fragmentation/reassembly can be handled in several ways. Tanenbaum calls two approaches: transparent and non-transparent fragmentation. (Note: IPv4 uses non-transparent.) Yet a third approach is used in IPv6. Explain these three methods for handling network layer fragmentation/reassembly, and discuss their tradeoffs. (If you do not know these 3 particular approaches, explain and discuss three 'reasonable' approaches.) In your answer, present a simple example that clearly delineates how your three methods handle fragmentation/reassembly differently.
- c) (5 points) What is meant by a path-MTU? Briefly explain how an end host in today's Internet determines the path-MTU to another end host.

B4. Networks (25 points)

Using timing diagrams and annotations (as demonstrated below), explain the difference between the following:

- Non-persistent http connections
- Persistent http connections without pipelining
- Persistent http connections with pipelining

As an example to distinguish among the three cases, consider a client fetching a particular web page on the server that contains text and URL pointers to 3 embedded images, which are also located on the same server. Your diagrams should show details of both the application (http) layer and transport (TCP) layer traffic between a hypothetical client and server in all three cases.

