

# EXAM II

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## 1) Multiple Choice

(22 Points)

The most popular type of network cable because it is easy to install and inexpensive?

- Coaxial
- twisted-pair ✓
- fiber optic

A bridge filters traffic using which type of address?

- IP address
- MAC address ✓
- TCP address

This network topology uses tokens. Only the computer with the token can send and receive data. Therefore you don't have any collisions.

- Bus
- Ring ✓
- star

Active hubs can \_\_\_?

- route the signal using the most efficient path
- send an acknowledgement once the packet is received
- regenerate the signal like repeaters ✓

One important difference between routers and bridges is that when a bridge can't locate the destination address in its table it \_\_\_?

- sends the transmission to the default router
- dumps the packet
- broadcasts the transmission to all ports ✓

If the destination of the packet is outside the local network then the packet is sent to the \_\_\_?

- ~~• Switch~~
- Bridge
- default router ✓

The most common topology in use today among corporate users?

- Bus
- Ring
- star-bus ✓

Network connection device that is capable of sending packets along multiple paths depending on which path is the most efficient?

- Bridge
- Router ✓
- all of the above

The assignment of a subscriber to a new cell is referred to as

- Power adjustment

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- Ⓐ Handoff ✓
- Conversion

The type of wireless networks that allows 2 clients to communicate directly to each other?

- Ⓑ Ad hoc ✓
- Infrastructure
- Roaming

What is the type of wireless networking that requires the use of access points?

- Ad hoc
- Ⓒ Infrastructure ✓
- Roaming

② TRUE/ FALSE

(9 POINTS)

- The "Base" in 10BaseT refers to the Baseband signaling method. This means that when a station does transmit, it will use the entire bandwidth on the wire and will not share it. T ✓
- Backoff in ETHERNET is when two packets are sent and collide with each other. F ✓
- Adjacent channel interference can be reduced by 3-cell repeat pattern technique. T ✓
- Absence of receiver in coverage area is detected by 4-way handshake procedure. T ✓
- DSSS networks are inherently able to provide 3 to 4 times more total network capacity than FHSS networks. F ✓
- Data from DSSS products is more easily intercepted than data from a FHSS product. T ✓

③ FAST ETHERNET

(10 POINTS)

How many messages per second can a Fast Ethernet LAN handles if it has a normalised throughput of 0.4 and the messages are 100 characters long using ASCII 8 bit codes.

$$R = 100 \text{ Mbps} \quad U_N = 0.4 \quad N = 100 \times 8 = 800 \text{ bits}$$

$$U_N = \frac{X}{R} \Rightarrow X = 0.4 \times 100 \times 10^6 = 40 \times 10^6 \text{ bits} = \text{amount of data transmitted}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{no. of messages} = \frac{40 \times 10^6}{800} = 0.5 \times 10^5 = \boxed{50000 \text{ messages}}$$



4) IDLE RQ (STOP AND WAIT)

(10 POINTS)

A channel has a data rate of 4 Kbit/s and a propagation delay of 20 ms. For which frame size does "stop and wait" give an utilisation of at least 50%?

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$R = 4 \text{ kbps}$     $T_p = 20 \text{ ms}$     $N = ?$  /  $u \geq 0.5$

$$u = \frac{T_{tx}}{T_t} = \frac{T_{tx}}{2T_p + T_{tx}} \Rightarrow 0.5 = \frac{N/R}{N/R + 2T_p} \Rightarrow 0.5 = \frac{N \times 10^{-3}}{4} \div \frac{N \times 10^{-3} + 40 \times 10^{-3}}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} N \times 10^{-3} + 20 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{4} N \times 10^{-3} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} N = 20 \Rightarrow \boxed{N = 160 \text{ bits}}$$

5) THROUGHPUT CALCULATION

(15 POINTS)

Assume that an Ethernet LAN has a throughput of  $U = \frac{1}{1+5a}$  where  $a = \frac{T_p}{T_x}$ .

Which frame size gives you the maximum throughput? Prove your answer numerically.

Consider your LAN is made of a coaxial cable of 500 meters and that the signal velocity is  $2.3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ .

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$$u = \frac{1}{1+5a}$$

$$a = \frac{T_p}{T_x}$$

$N = ?$  /  $u$  is max

$v = 2.3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$   
 $d = 500 \text{ m}$

~~max u = ...~~  $u = \frac{1}{1+5a}$

$$T_p = \frac{d}{v} = \frac{500}{2.3 \times 10^8} = 2.174 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

$$T_x = \frac{N}{R} = 10^{-7} N$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{T_p}{T_x} = \frac{2.174 \times 10^{-6}}{10^{-7} N} = \frac{21.74}{N} \Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{5 \times 21.74}{N}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{108.7}{N}}$$

$$= \frac{N}{N + 108.7}$$

$\Rightarrow u$  is max when  $N$  is max

~~also  $u = \frac{T_x}{T_x + 5T_p} = \frac{10^{-7} N}{10^{-7} N + 4.348 \times 10^{-6}}$~~

~~$u$  is max  $\Rightarrow 1+5a$  is min  $\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dN} = 0$~~

~~If  $u = 1$  then  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . However this is not possible, so we take  $u = 0.99$~~

~~$\Rightarrow 0.99 N + 0.99 \times 108.7 = N \Rightarrow N = 0.99 \times 108.7 = 10,761.3 \text{ bits}$~~

In Ethernet LAN,  $N_{\text{max}} = 1518 \text{ bytes}$

$\Rightarrow N$  should be equal to  $1518 \times 8 = 12,144 \text{ bits}$  ✓

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{12144}{12144 + 108.7} = 0.99112$$

6) STOP & WAIT PROTOCOL

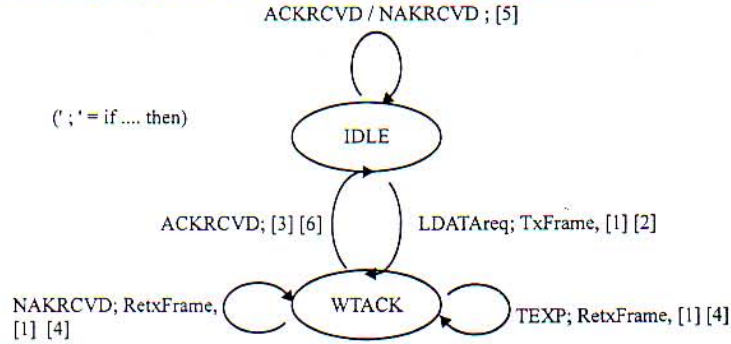
(9 POINTS)

The possible actions taken in Idle RQ protocol, primary are the following:

- [1] start\_timer. [2] Increment Vs. [3] Stop timer. [4] Increment RetxCount.
- [5] Increment ErrorCount. [6] Reset RetxCount to zero.

(where Vs = Send sequence variable)

Fill in the following diagram the 9 missing appropriate actions



**7) LAN Performance POINTS)**

(15)

Assume that a file with a million characters is transmitted from one station to another. Compute the *total transmission time* and the *effective throughput* for the following cases:

A LAN with a bus topology with 2 stations at distance 1km from each other. Each packet is acknowledged with a 100 bit packet before the next packet is sent.

The propagation speed on the bus is  $2 \cdot 10^8$  m/s. The bit rate is 10 Mbps and the packet size is 2560 bits with 80 bits of overhead

~~1000~~  $10^6$  characters

$d = 1 \text{ km}$      $N_{ack} = 100 \text{ bit}$      $v = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$      $R = 10 \text{ Mbps}$   
 $N = 2560 \text{ bit} + 80 \text{ bit} = 2640 \text{ bit}$

a)  $T = T_x + 2T_p + T_{ack} = \frac{2640}{10^7} + \frac{10^3}{2 \times 10^8} + \frac{100}{10^7}$   
 $= 2.64 \times 10^{-4} + 0.5 \times 10^{-5} + 10^{-5} = 2.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s} = 279 \mu\text{s}$

*Handwritten notes:*  $T_p$  for the frame,  $T_p$  for the ack

b)  $U = \frac{\text{data transmitted}}{\text{unit of time}}$      $U = \frac{R}{T_{ix} + T_p}$

$U_{eff} = \frac{2640 \text{ bits}}{2.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}} = 0.981$

or  $U_{eff} = \frac{T_{ix}}{T_{ix} + T_p} = \frac{2.64 \times 10^{-4}}{2.64 \times 10^{-4} + 0.05 \times 10^{-4}} = \frac{2.64}{2.69} = 0.981$

$U_{eff} = \frac{N \text{ bit}}{T_{total}} = \frac{8 \times 10^6}{2.89}$





## 8) Ethernet Hubs

(10 POINTS)

- a) In a switched Ethernet hub the frames are only delivered to the addressed computer. What additional functionality is needed in a switched Ethernet hub compared to an ordinary Ethernet hub?

The additional functionality needed is to have a router.

Switching func-

- b) What is the greatest advantage with using a switched Ethernet hub compared to an ordinary Ethernet hub? Motivate your answer.

First a switched Ethernet hub is more secure than an ordinary Ethernet hub. However, this is not the most important advantage. ~~the~~ The most important advantage is that in switched Ethernet hub, ~~collisions are less possible to occur than in ordinary Ethernet hubs. This is because only~~ more than 1 frame can be sent on the LAN on condition that no 2 frames should be sent to the same receiver or else collision will occur. In ordinary Ethernet hubs, only 1 frame can be transmitted at a time.