Chapter 6
Questions

Q6-1. Describe the goals of multiplexing.

Q6-2. List three main multiplexing techniques mentioned in this chapter.

Q6-3. Distinguish between a link and a channel in multiplexing.

Q6-4. Which of the three multiplexing techniques is (are) used to combine analog signals? Which of the three multiplexing techniques is (are) used to combine digital signals?

Q6-5. Define the analog hierarchy used by telephone companies and list different levels of the hierarchy.

Q6-6. Define the digital hierarchy used by telephone companies and list different levels of the hierarchy.

Q6-7. Which of the three multiplexing techniques is common for fiber-optic links? Explain the reason.

Q6-8. Distinguish between multilevel TDM, multiple-slot TDM, and pulse-stuffed TDM.

Q6-9. Distinguish between synchronous and statistical TDM.

Q6-10. Define spread spectrum and its goal. List the two spread spectrum techniques discussed in this chapter.

Q6-11. Define FHSS and explain how it achieves bandwidth spreading.

Q6-12. Define DSSS and explain how it achieves bandwidth spreading.

Problems

P6-1. Assume that a voice channel occupies a bandwidth of 4 kHz. We need to multiplex 10 voice channels with guard bands of 500 Hz using FDM. Calculate the required bandwidth.

P6-2. We need to transmit 100 digitized voice channels using a passband channel of 20 KHz. What should be the ratio of bits/Hz if we use no guard band?

P6-3. In the analog hierarchy of Figure 6.9, find the overhead (extra bandwidth for guard band or control) in each hierarchy level (group, supergroup, master group, and jumbo group).

P6-4. We need to use synchronous TDM and combine 20 digital sources, each of 100 Kbps. Each output slot carries 1 bit from each digital source, but one extra bit is added to each frame for synchronization. Answer the following questions:

- **a.** What is the size of an output frame in bits?
- **b.** What is the output frame rate?
- **c.** What is the duration of an output frame?
- **d.** What is the output data rate?
- **e.** What is the efficiency of the system (ratio of useful bits to the total bits)?

Figure 6.9 *Analog hierarchy*

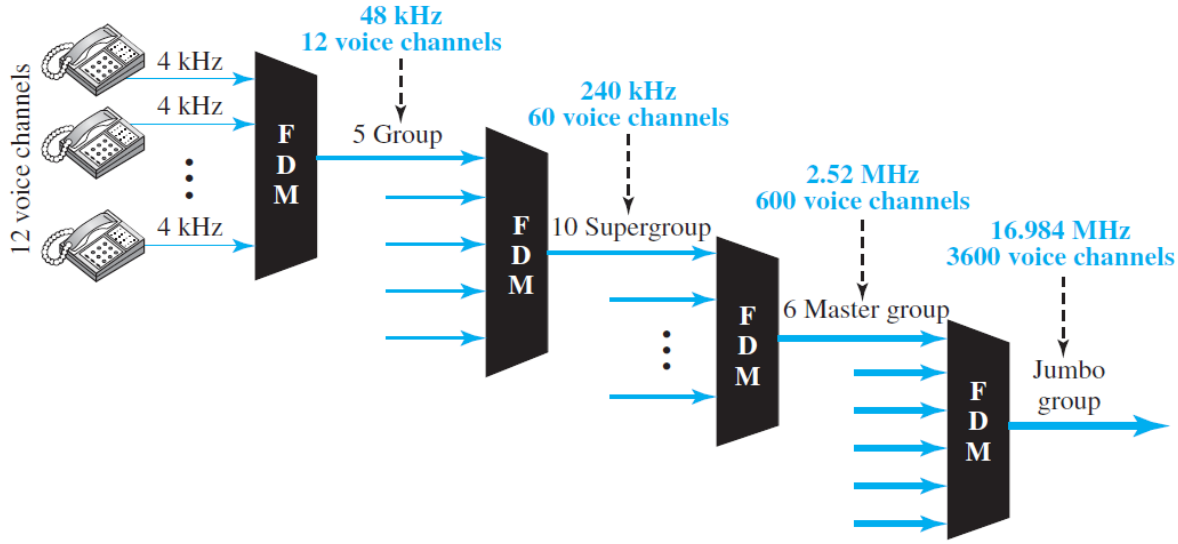
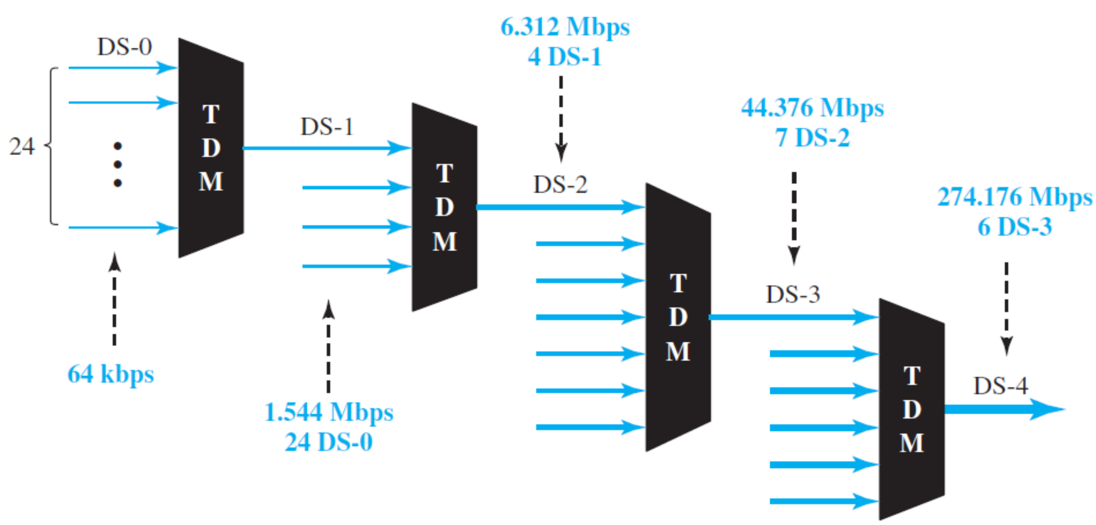


Figure 6.23 *Digital hierarchy*



P6-5. Repeat Problem 6-4 if each output slot carries 2 bits from each source.

P6-6. We have 14 sources, each creating 500 8-bit characters per second. Since only some of these sources are active at any moment, we use statistical TDM to combine these sources using character interleaving. Each frame carries 6 slots at a time, but we need to add 4-bit addresses to each slot. Answer the following questions:

a. What is the size of an output frame in bits?

b. What is the output frame rate?

c. What is the duration of an output frame?

d. What is the output data rate?

P6-7. Ten sources, six with a bit rate of 200 kbps and four with a bit rate of 400 kbps, are to be combined using multilevel TDM with no synchronizing bits. Answer the following questions about the final stage of the multiplexing:

a. What is the size of a frame in bits?

b. What is the frame rate?

c. What is the duration of a frame?

d. What is the data rate?

P6-8. Four channels, two with a bit rate of 200 kbps and two with a bit rate of 150 kbps, are to be multiplexed using multiple-slot TDM with no synchronization bits. Answer the following questions:

a. What is the size of a frame in bits?

b. What is the frame rate?

c. What is the duration of a frame?

d. What is the data rate?

P6-9. Two channels, one with a bit rate of 190 kbps and another with a bit rate of 180 kbps, are to be multiplexed using pulse-stuffing TDM with no synchronization bits. Answer the following questions:

a. What is the size of a frame in bits?

b. What is the frame rate?

c. What is the duration of a frame?

d. What is the data rate?

P6-10. Answer the following questions about a T-1 line:

a. What is the duration of a frame?

b. What is the overhead (number of extra bits per second)?

P6-11. Show the contents of the five output frames for a synchronous TDM multiplexer that combines four sources sending the following characters. Note that the characters are sent in the same order that they are typed. The third source is silent.

a. Source 1 message: HELLO

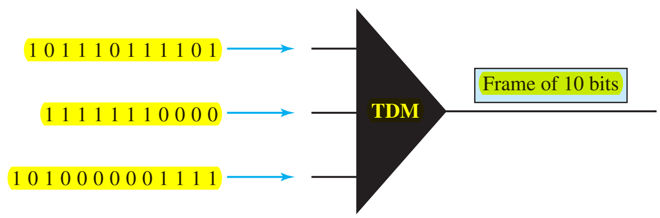
b. Source 2 message: HI

c. Source 3 message:

d. Source 4 message: BYE

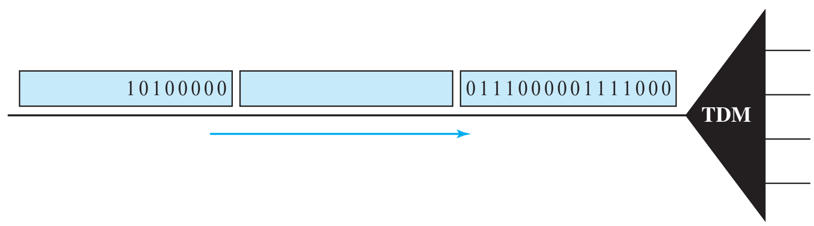
P6-12. Figure 6.34 shows a multiplexer in a synchronous TDM system. Each output slot is only 10 bits long (3 bits taken from each input plus 1 framing bit). What is the output stream? The bits arrive at the multiplexer as shown by the arrows.

Figure 6.34 *Problem P6-12*



P6-13. Figure 6.35 shows a demultiplexer in a synchronous TDM. If the input slot is 16 bits long (no framing bits), what is the bit stream in each output? The bits arrive at the demultiplexer as shown by the arrows.

Figure 6.35 *Problem P6-13*



P6-14. Answer the following questions about the digital hierarchy in Figure 6.23:

a. What is the overhead (number of extra bits) in the DS-1 service?

b. What is the overhead (number of extra bits) in the DS-2 service?

c. What is the overhead (number of extra bits) in the DS-3 service?

d. What is the overhead (number of extra bits) in the DS-4 service?

P6-15. What is the minimum number of bits in a PN sequence if we use FHSS with a channel bandwidth of $B = 4$ KHz and $B_{SS} = 100$ KHz?

P6-16. An FHSS system uses a 4-bit PN sequence. If the bit rate of the PN is 64 bits per second, answer the following questions:

a. What is the total number of possible channels?

b. What is the time needed to finish a complete cycle of PN?

P6-17. A pseudorandom number generator uses the following formula to create a random series:

$$N_{i+1} = (5 + 7N_i) \bmod 17 - 1$$

In which N_i defines the current random number and N_{i+1} defines the next random number. The term *mod* means the value of the remainder when dividing $(5 + 7N_i)$ by 17. Show the sequence created by this generator to be used for spread spectrum.

P6-18. We have a digital medium with a data rate of 10 Mbps. How many 64-kbps voice channels can be carried by this medium if we use DSSS with the Barker sequence?

Chapter 7
Questions

Q7-1. What is the position of the transmission media in the OSI or the Internet model?

Q7-2. Name the two major categories of transmission media.

Q7-3. How do guided media differ from unguided media?

Q7-4. What are the three major classes of guided media?

Q7-5. What is the function of the twisting in twisted-pair cable?

Q7-6. What is refraction? What is reflection?

Q7-7. What is the purpose of cladding in an optical fiber?

Q7-8. Name the advantages of optical fiber over twisted-pair and coaxial cable.

Q7-9. How does sky propagation differ from line-of-sight propagation?

Q7-10. What is the difference between omnidirectional waves and unidirectional waves?

Problems

P7-1. Using Figure 7.6, tabulate the attenuation (in dB) of a 18-gauge UTP for the indicated frequencies and distances.

Table 7.5 *Attenuation for 18-gauge UTP*

Distance	*dB at 1 KHz*	*dB at 10 KHz*	*dB at 100 KHz*
1 Km			
10 Km			
15 Km			
20 Km			

P7-2. Use the results of Problem P7-1 to infer that the bandwidth of a UTP cable decreases with an increase in distance.

P7-3. If the power at the beginning of a 1 Km 18-gauge UTP is 200 mw, what is the power at the end for frequencies 1 KHz, 10 KHz, and 100 KHz? Use the results of Problem P7-1.

P7-4. Using Figure 7.9, tabulate the attenuation (in dB) of a 2.6/9.5 mm coaxial cable for the indicated frequencies and distances.

Table 7.6 *Attenuation for 2.6/9.5 mm coaxial cable*

Distance	*dB at 1 KHz*	*dB at 10 KHz*	*dB at 100 KHz*
1 Km			
10 Km			
15 Km			
20 Km			

Figure 7.6 *UTP performance*

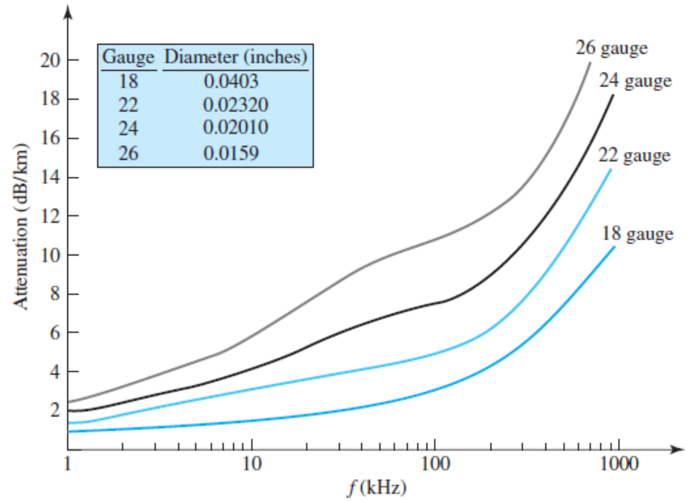


Figure 7.9 *Coaxial cable performance*

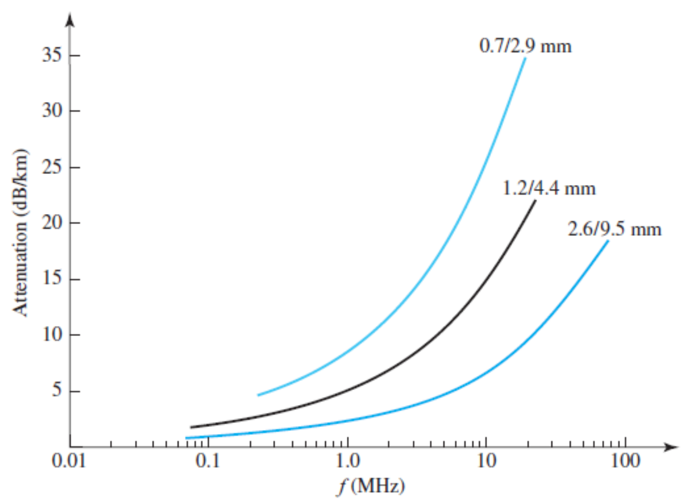
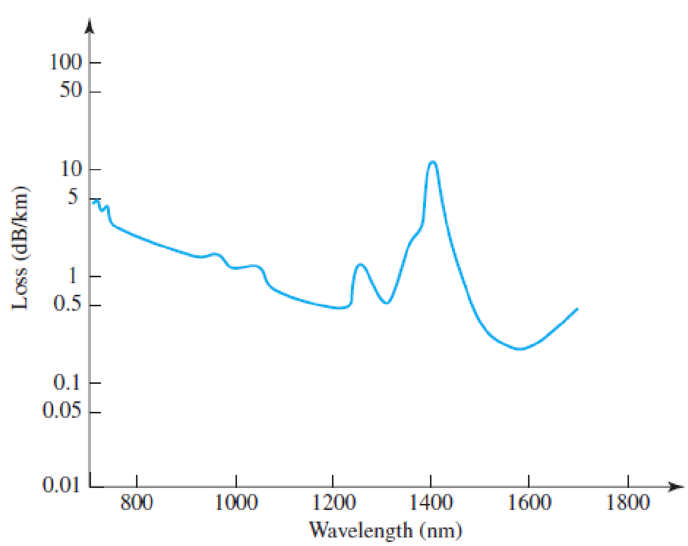


Figure 7.16 *Optical fiber performance*



P7-5. Use the results of Problem P7-4 to infer that the bandwidth of a coaxial cable decreases with the increase in distance.

P7-6. If the power at the beginning of a 1 Km 2.6/9.5 mm coaxial cable is 200 mw, what is the power at the end for frequencies 1 KHz, 10 KHz, and 100 KHz? Use the results of Problem P7-4.

P7-7. Calculate the bandwidth of the light for the following wavelength ranges (assume a propagation speed of 2×10^8 m):

a. 1000 to 1200 nm **b.** 1000 to 1400 nm

P7-8. The horizontal axes in Figures 7.6 and 7.9 represent frequencies. The horizontal axis in Figure 7.16 represents wavelength. Can you explain the reason? If the propagation speed in an optical fiber is 2×10^8 m, can you change the units in the horizontal axis to frequency? Should the vertical-axis units be changed too? Should the curve be changed too?

P7-9. Using Figure 7.16, tabulate the attenuation (in dB) of an optical fiber for the indicated wavelength and distances.

Table 7.7 *Attenuation for optical fiber*

Distance	*dB at 800 nm*	*dB at 1000 nm*	*dB at 1200 nm*
1 Km			
10 Km			
15 Km			
20 Km			

P7-10. A light signal is travelling through a fiber. What is the delay in the signal if the length of the fiber-optic cable is 10 m, 100 m, and 1 Km (assume a propagation speed of 2×10^8 m)?

P7-11. A beam of light moves from one medium to another medium with less density. The critical angle is 60°. Do we have refraction or reflection for each of the following incident angles? Show the bending of the light ray in each case.

a. 40° **b.** 60° **c.** 80°

Chapter 8
Questions

Q8-1. Describe the need for switching and define a switch.

Q8-2. List the three traditional switching methods. Which are the most common today?

Q8-3. What are the two approaches to packet switching?

Q8-4. Compare and contrast a circuit-switched network and a packet-switched network.

Q8-5. What is the role of the address field in a packet traveling through a datagram network?

Q8-6. What is the role of the address field in a packet traveling through a virtual-circuit network?

Q8-7. Compare space-division and time-division switches.

Q8-8. What is TSI and what is its role in time-division switching?

Q8-9. Compare and contrast the two major categories of circuit switches.

Q8-10. List four major components of a packet switch and their functions.

Problems

P8-1. A path in a digital circuit-switched network has a data rate of 1 Mbps. The exchange of 1000 bits is required for the setup and teardown phases. The distance between two parties is 5000 km. Answer the following questions if the propagation speed is 2×10^8 m:

a. What is the total delay if 1000 bits of data are exchanged during the data-transfer phase?

b. What is the total delay if 100,000 bits of data are exchanged during the data-transfer phase?

c. What is the total delay if 1,000,000 bits of data are exchanged during the data-transfer phase?

d. Find the delay per 1000 bits of data for each of the above cases and compare them. What can you infer?

P8-2. Five equal-size datagrams belonging to the same message leave for the destination one after another. However, they travel through different paths as shown in Table 8.1.

Table 8.1 *P8-2*

Datagram	*Path Length*	*Visited Switches*
1	3200 km	1, 3, 5
2	11,700 km	1, 2, 5
3	12,200 km	1, 2, 3, 5
4	10,200 km	1, 4, 5
5	10,700 km	1, 4, 3, 5

We assume that the delay for each switch (including waiting and processing) is 3, 10, 20, 7, and 20 ms respectively. Assuming that the propagation speed is 2×10^8 m, find the order the datagrams arrive at the destination and the delay for each. Ignore any other delays in transmission.

P8-3. Transmission of information in any network involves end-to-end addressing and sometimes local addressing (such as VCI). Table 8.2 shows the types of networks and the addressing mechanism used in each of them.

Table 8.2 *P8-3*

Network	*Setup*	*Data Transfer*	*Teardown*
Circuit-switched	End-to-end		End-to-end
Datagram		End-to-end	
Virtual-circuit	End-to-end	Local	End-to-end

Answer the following questions:

a. Why does a circuit-switched network need end-to-end addressing during the setup and teardown phases? Why are no addresses needed during the data transfer phase for this type of network?

b. Why does a datagram network need only end-to-end addressing during the data transfer phase, but no addressing during the setup and teardown phases?

c. Why does a virtual-circuit network need addresses during all three phases?

P8-4. We mentioned that two types of networks, datagram and virtual-circuit, need a routing or switching table to find the output port from which the information belonging to a destination should be sent out, but a circuit-switched network has no need for such a table. Give the reason for this difference.

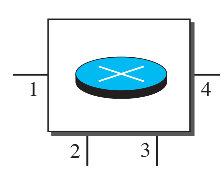
P8-5. An entry in the switching table of a virtual-circuit network is normally created during the setup phase and deleted during the teardown phase. In other words, the entries in this type of network reflect the current connections, the activity in the network. In contrast, the entries in a routing table of a datagram network do not depend on the current connections; they show the configuration of the network and how any packet should be routed to a final destination. The entries may remain the same even if there is no activity in the network. The routing tables, however, are updated if there are changes in the network. Can you explain the reason for these two different characteristics? Can we say that a virtual-circuit is a *connection-oriented* network and a datagram network is a *connectionless* network because of the above characteristics?

P8-6. The minimum number of columns in a datagram network is two; the minimum number of columns in a virtual-circuit network is four. Can you explain the reason? Is the difference related to the type of addresses carried in the packets of each network?

P8-7. Figure 8.27 shows a switch (router) in a datagram network.

Figure 8.27 *Problem P8-7*

Destination address	Output port
1233	3
1456	2
3255	1
4470	4
7176	2
8766	3
9144	2



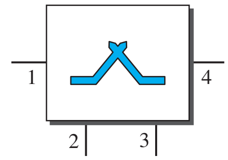
Find the output port for packets with the following destination addresses:

a. Packet 1: 7176
b. Packet 2: 1233
c. Packet 3: 8766
d. Packet 4: 9144

P8-8. Figure 8.28 shows a switch in a virtual-circuit network.

Figure 8.28 *Problem P8-8*

Incoming		Outgoing	
Port	VCI	Port	VCI
1	14	3	22
2	71	4	41
2	92	1	45
3	58	2	43
3	78	2	70
4	56	3	11



Find the output port and the output VCI for packets with the following input port and input VCI addresses:

a. Packet 1: 3, 78
b. Packet 2: 2, 92
c. Packet 3: 4, 56
d. Packet 4: 2, 71

P8-9. Answer the following questions:

a. Can a routing table in a datagram network have two entries with the same destination address? Explain.

b. Can a switching table in a virtual-circuit network have two entries with the same input port number? With the same output port number? With the same incoming VCIs? With the same outgoing VCIs? With the same incoming values (port, VCI)? With the same outgoing values (port, VCI)?

P8-10. It is obvious that a router or a switch needs to search to find information in the corresponding table. The searching in a routing table for a datagram network is based on the destination address; the searching in a switching table in a virtual-circuit network is based on the combination of incoming port and incoming VCI. Explain the reason and define how these tables must be ordered (sorted) based on these values.

P8-11. Consider an $n \times k$ crossbar switch with n inputs and k outputs.

a. Can we say that the switch acts as a multiplexer if $n > k$?

b. Can we say that the switch acts as a demultiplexer if $n < k$?

P8-12. We need a three-stage space-division switch with $N = 100$. We use 10 crossbars at the first and third stages and 4 crossbars at the middle stage.

a. Draw the configuration diagram.

b. Calculate the total number of crosspoints.

c. Find the possible number of simultaneous connections.

d. Find the possible number of simultaneous connections if we use a single crossbar (100×100).

e. Find the blocking factor, the ratio of the number of connections in part c and in part d.

P8-13. Repeat Problem 8-12 if we use 6 crossbars at the middle stage.

P8-14. Redesign the configuration of Problem 8-12 using the Clos criteria.

P8-15. We need to have a space-division switch with 1000 inputs and outputs. What is the total number of crosspoints in each of the following cases?

a. Using a single crossbar.

b. Using a multi-stage switch based on the Clos criteria.

P8-16. We need a three-stage time-space-time switch with $N = 100$. We use 10 TSIs at the first and third stages and 4 crossbars at the middle stage.

a. Draw the configuration diagram.

b. Calculate the total number of crosspoints.

c. Calculate the total number of memory locations we need for the TSIs.

Chapter 9
Questions

Q9-1. Distinguish between communication at the network layer and communication at the data-link layer.

Q9-2. Distinguish between a point-to-point link and a broadcast link.

Q9-3. Can two hosts in two different networks have the same link-layer address?

Q9-4. Is the size of the ARP packet fixed? Explain.

Q9-5. What is the size of an ARP packet when the protocol is IPv4 and the hardware

Q9-6. Assume we have an isolated link (not connected to any other link) such as a private network in a company. Do we still need addresses in both the network layer and the data-link layer? Explain.

Q9-7. In Figure 9.9, why is the destination hardware address all 0s in the ARP request message?

Q9-8. In Figure 9.9, why is the destination hardware address of the frame from A to B a broadcast address?

Q9-9. In Figure 9.9, how does system A know what the link-layer address of system B is when it receives the ARP reply?

Q9-10. When we talkabout the broadcast address in a link, do we mean sending a message to all hosts and routers in the link or to all hosts and routers in the Internet? In other words, does a broadcast address have a local jurisdiction or a universal jurisdiction? Explain.

Q9-11. Why does a host or a router need to run the ARP program all of the time in the background?

Q9-12. Why does a router normally have more than one interface?

Q9-13. Why is it better not to change an end-to-end address from the source to the destination?

Q9-14. How many IP addresses and how many link-layer addresses should a router have when it is connected to five links?

Problems

P9-1. Assume we have an internet (a private small internet) in which all hosts are connected in a mesh topology. Do we need routers in this internet? Explain.

P9-2. In the previous problem, do we need both network and data-link layers?

P9-3. Explain why we do not need the router in Figure 9.15.

Figure 9.15 *Problem 9-3*

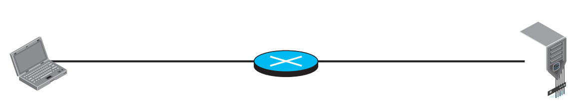


Figure 9.5 *IP addresses and link-layer addresses in a small internet*

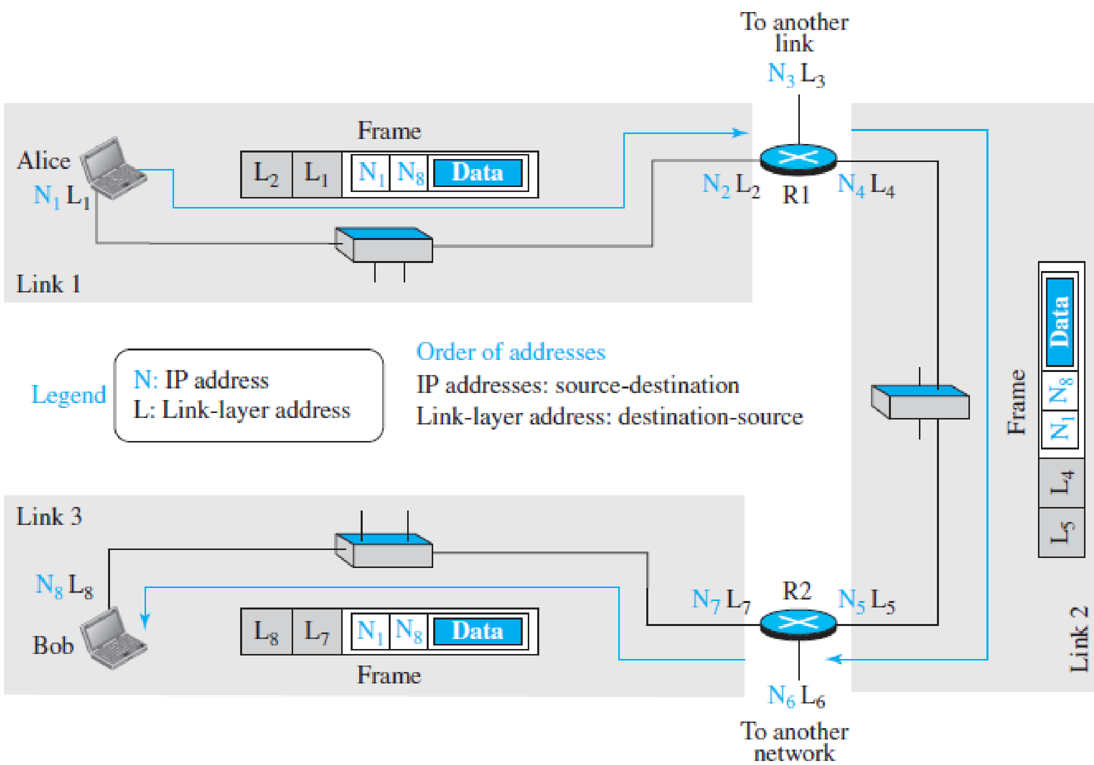
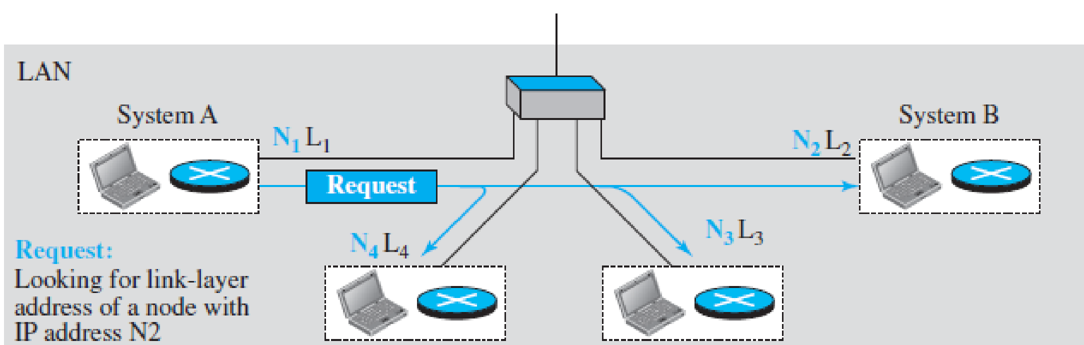
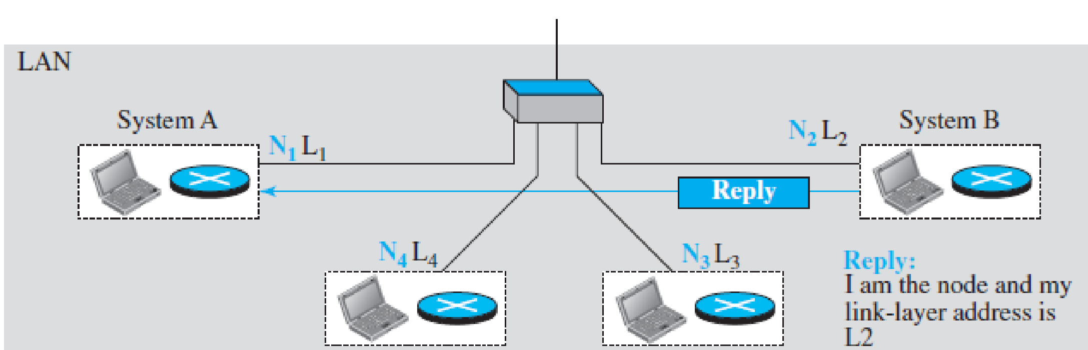


Figure 9.7 *ARP operation*



a. ARP request is broadcast



b. ARP reply is unicast

Figure 9.9 *Example 9.4*

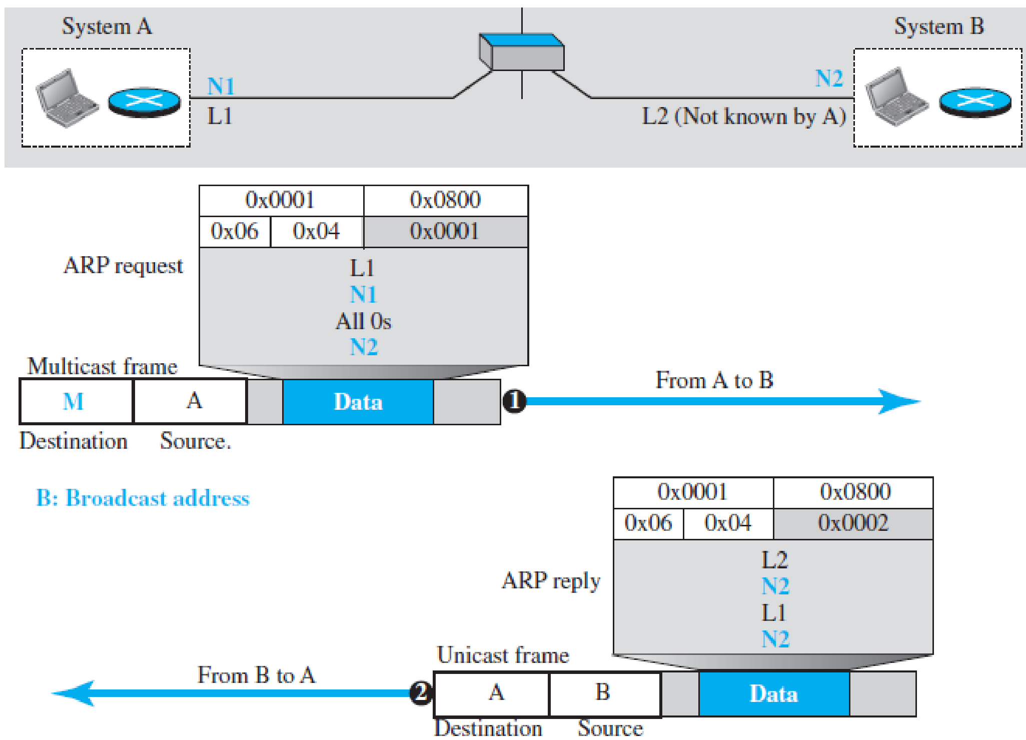


Figure 9.11 *Flow of packets at Alice's computer*

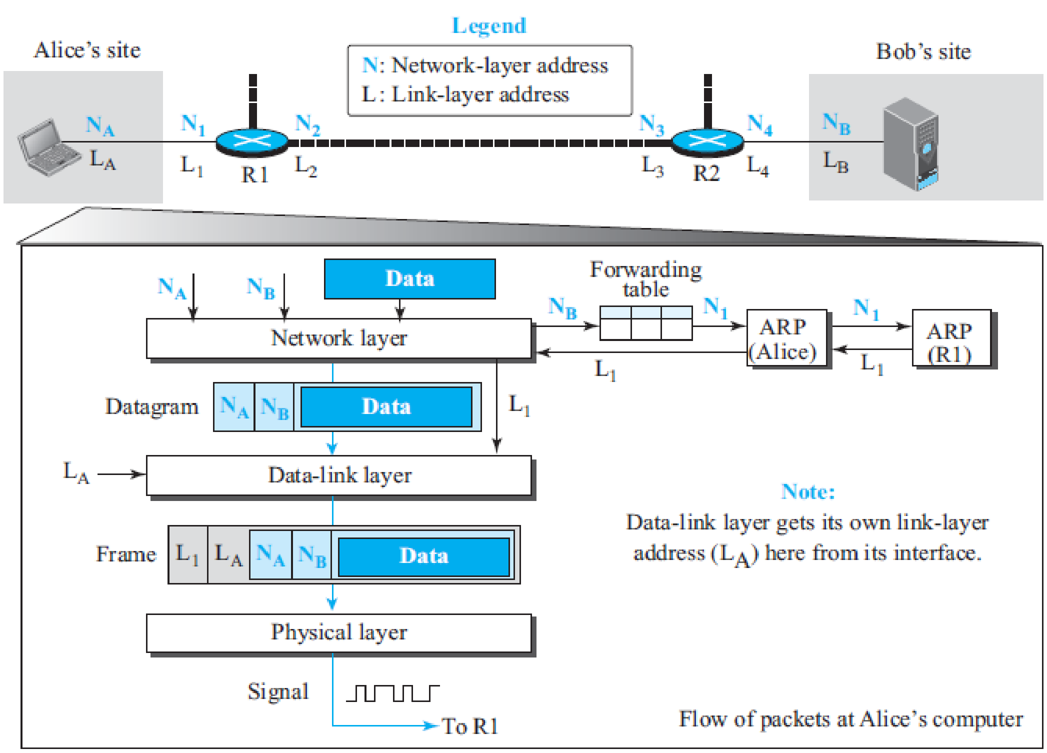


Figure 9.12 *Flow of activities at router R1*

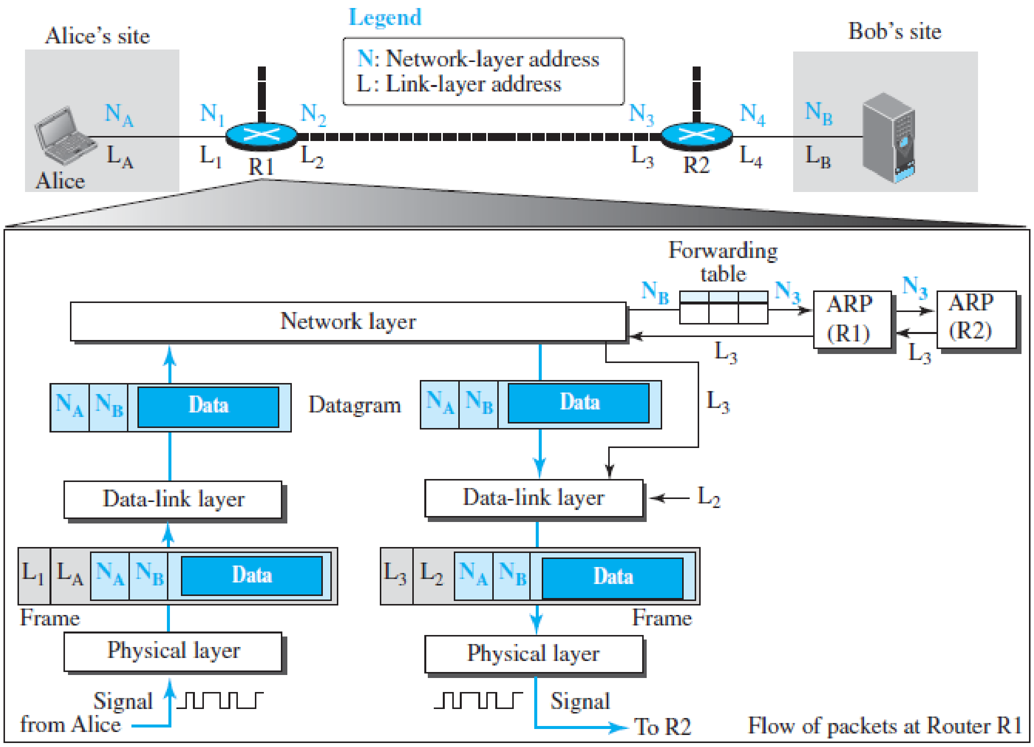
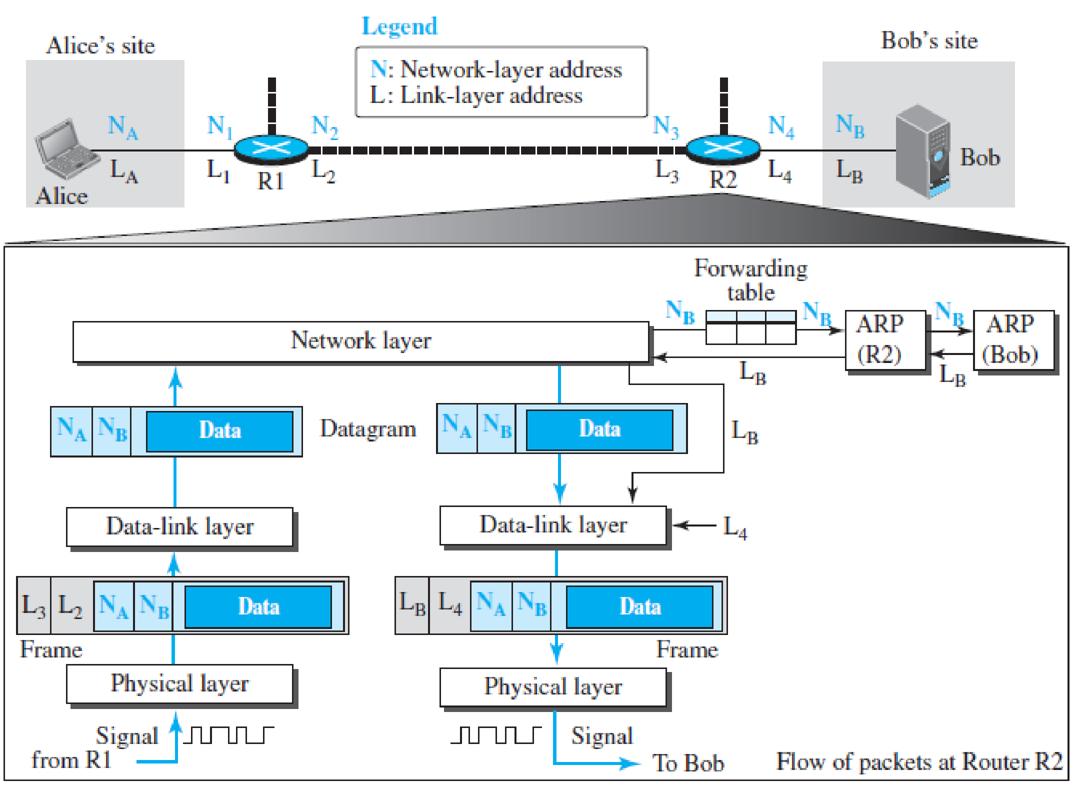
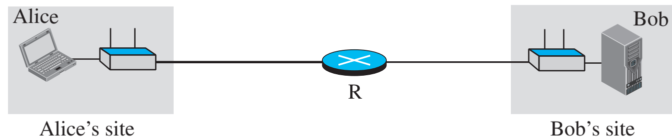


Figure 9.13 *Activities at router R2.*



P9-4. Explain why we may need a router in Figure 9.16.

Figure 9.16 *Problem 9-4*



P9-5. Is the current Internet using circuit-switching or packet-switching at the data-link layer? Explain.

P9-6. Assume Alice is travelling from 2020 Main Street in Los Angeles to 1432 American Boulevard in Chicago. If she is travelling by air from Los Angeles Airport to Chicago Airport,

a. find the end-to-end addresses in this scenario.

b. find the link-layer addresses in this scenario.

P9-7. In the previous problem, assume Alice cannot find a direct flight from the Los Angeles to the Chicago. If she needs to change flights in Denver,

a. find the end-to-end addresses in this scenario.

b. find the link-layer addresses in this scenario.

P9-8. When we send a letter using the services provided by the post office, do we use an end-to-end address? Does the post office necessarily use an end-to-end address to deliver the mail? Explain.

P9-9. In Figure 9.5, assume Link 2 is broken. How can Alice communicate with Bob?

P9-10. In Figure 9.5, show the process of frame change in routers R1 and R2.

P9-11. In Figure 9.7, assume system B is not running the ARP program. What would happen?

P9-12. In Figure 9.7, do you think that system A should first check its cache for mapping from N2 to L2 before even broadcasting the ARP request?

P9-13. Assume the network in Figure 9.7 does not support broadcasting. What do you suggest for sending the ARP request in this network?

P9-14. In Figures 9.11 to 9.13, both the forwarding table and ARP are doing a kind of mapping. Show the difference between them by listing the input and output of mapping for a forwarding table and ARP.

P9-15. Figure 9.7 shows a system as either a host or a router. What would be the actual entity (host or router) of system A and B in each of the following cases:

a. If the link is the first one in the path?

b. If the link is the middle one in the path?

c. If the link is the last one in the path?

d. If there is only one link in the path (local communication)?