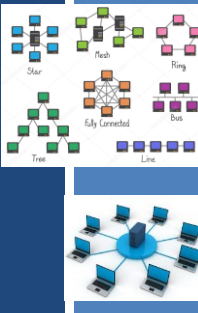


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Points 1

Questions 4

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Question 1

0.5 pts

On a scale of 1 to 10, please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Mostly Review To Me

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Question 2

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■ Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (24 respondents):

■ 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new

■ **Average – 6.17** (↑ - previous 6.16)

■ Please rate the pace of today's class:

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■ **Week 8:**

- Tuesday February 20 – 12:30pm – KEY 102
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■ **Week 10 (Monday and Tuesday):**

- Mar 4, 5, 7 – 1:30pm – room TBA

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■ Earn 3 points for each seminar attended

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ASSIGNMENT 2

- Find Teammates: signup posted on Canvas under ‘People’
- GenericNode.tar.gz includes Dockerfile examples
- GenericNode.tar.gz assumes Java 11
- TCP/UDP/RMI Key Value Store
- Implement a “GenericNode” project which assumes the role of a client or server for a Key/Value Store
- Recommended in Java 11 LTS
- Client node program interacts with server node to put, get, delete, or list items in a key/value store

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USING JAVA 11 IN NETBEANS

- In Netbeans IDE, under Tools menu, ‘Java Platforms’, be sure to install and select JDK 11



- On left-hand Project menu, right-click on ‘GenericNode’ project
- Select Properties
- Under Build | Compile, be sure Java Platform is JDK 11
- Under Sources, be sure Source/Binary Format is 11

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ASSIGNMENT 3 – COMING SOON

- DUE Sunday March 10th
- Goal: Replicated Key Value Store
- Team signup to be posted on Canvas under ‘People’
- Builds off of Assignment 2 GenericNode
- Focus on TCP client/server w/ replication
- How to track membership for data replication?
 - Can implement multiple types of membership tracking for extra credit

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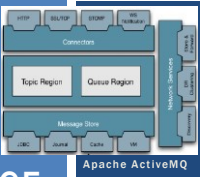
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CH. 4.3: MESSAGE-ORIENTED COMMUNICATION



Apache ActiveMQ

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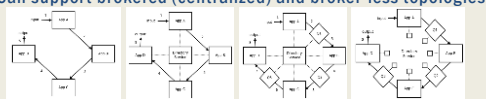
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ZEROMQ – SOCKET LIBRARY

- (0MQ) High performance intelligent **socket library**
- zero broker, zero latency, zero admin, zero cost, zero waste**
- Provides a message queue
- Bulds upon** functionality of traditional sockets
- Implementation in C++
 - 30+ language bindings provided
- Enables support for various messaging patterns
- Can support brokered (centralized) and broker-less topologies



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ZEROMQ – 2

- ZeroMQ is **TCP-connection-oriented communication**
- Provides socket-like primitives with more functionality
 - Basic socket operations **abstracted** away
 - Supports many-to-one, one-to-one, and one-to-many connections
 - Multicast** connections (one-to-many – single server socket simultaneously "connects" to multiple clients)
- Asynchronous messaging
- Supports pairing sockets to support communication patterns

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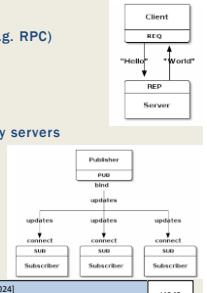
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ZEROMQ - PATTERNS

- Request-reply pattern**
 - Traditional client-server communication (e.g. RPC)
 - Client: request socket (**REQ**)
 - Server: reply socket (**REP**)
- Publish-subscribe pattern**
 - Clients **subscribe** to messages **published** by servers
 - As in event-based coordination (Ch. 1)
 - Supports multicasting messages from server to multiple
 - Client: subscribe socket (**SUB**)
 - Server: publish socket (**PUB**)



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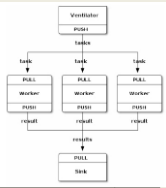
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ZEROMQ – PATTERNS - 2

- **Pipeline pattern (FIFO-queue)**
 - Analogous to a producer/consumer bounded buffer
 - Producing processes generate results, push to pipe
 - Consuming processes consume results, pull from pipe
 - Producers: push socket (**PUSH** socket)
 - Consumers: pull socket (**PULL** socket)
- Push- distributes messages to all pull clients evenly
- Consumers pull results from pipe and push results downstream



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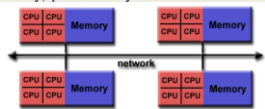
QUEUEING ALTERNATIVES

- Cloud services
 - Amazon Simple Queueing Service (SQS)
 - Azure service bus
- Open source frameworks
 - Nanomsg
 - ZeroMQ

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MESSAGE PASSING INTERFACE (MPI)

- MPI introduced – version 1.0 March 1994
- Message passing API for parallel programming: **supercomputers**
- Communication protocol for parallel programming for: Supercomputers, High Performance Computing (HPC) clusters
- Point-to-point and collective communication
- Goals: high performance, scalability, portability
- Most implementations in C, C++, Fortran



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MOTIVATIONS FOR MPI

- Motivation: sockets insufficient for interprocess communication on large scale HPC compute clusters and super computers
 - Sockets at the wrong level of abstraction
 - Sockets designed to communicate over the network using general purpose TCP/IP stacks
 - Not designed for proprietary protocols
 - Not designed for high-speed interconnection networks used by supercomputers, HPC-clusters, etc.
 - Better buffering and synchronization needed



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MOTIVATIONS FOR MPI - 2

- Supercomputers had proprietary communication libraries
 - Offer a wealth of efficient communication operations
- All libraries mutually incompatible
- Led to significant portability problems developing parallel code that could migrate across supercomputers
- Led to development of MPI
 - To support transient (non-persistent) communication for parallel programming

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MPI FUNCTIONS / DATATYPES

- Very large library, v1.0 (1994) 128 functions
- Version 3 (2015) 440+
- MPI data types:
- Provide common mappings

MPI datatype	C datatype	MPI datatype	C datatype
MPI_CHAR	signed char	MPI_SHORT	signed short int
MPI_INT	signed int	MPI_LONG	signed long int
MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR	unsigned char	MPI_UNSIGNED_SHORT	unsigned short int
MPI_UNSIGNED_INT	unsigned int	MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG	unsigned long int
MPI_FLOAT	float	MPI_DOUBLE	double
MPI_BYTE	long double	MPI_PACKED	

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COMMON MPI FUNCTIONS

- MPI - no recovery for process crashes, network partitions
- Communication among grouped processes: (groupID, processID)
- IDs used to route messages in place of IP addresses

Operation	Description
MPI_bsend	Append outgoing message to a local send buffer
MPI_send	Send message, wait until copied to local/remote buffer
MPI_ssend	Send message, wait until transmission starts
MPI_sendrecv	Send message, wait for reply
MPI_issend	Pass reference to outgoing message and continue
MPI_issend	Pass reference to outgoing messages, wait until receipt start
MPI_rcv	Receive a message, block if there is none
MPI_irecv	Check for incoming message, do not block

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MESSAGE-ORIENTED-MIDDLEWARE

- Message-queueing systems**
 - Provide extensive support for **persistent** asynchronous communication
 - In contrast to transient systems
 - Temporally decoupled: messages are eventually delivered to recipient queues
- Message transfers may take minutes vs. sec or ms
- Each application has its own private queue to which other applications can send messages

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MESSAGE QUEUEING SYSTEMS:
USE CASES

- Enables communication between applications, or sets of processes
 - User applications
 - App-to-database
 - To support distributed real-time computations
- Use cases
 - Batch processing, Email, workflow, groupware, routing subqueries

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MESSAGE QUEUEING SYSTEMS

- Scenarios:
 - (a) Sender/receiver both running
 - (b) Sender running, receiver offline
 - (c) Sender offline, receiver running
 - (d) Sender/receiver both offline
- Queue persists msgs, and attempts to send them but no one may be available to receive them...

Sender running Sender running Sender passive Sender passive

SENDER

RECEIVER

READS

(a) (b) (c) (d)

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MESSAGE QUEUEING SYSTEMS - 2

- Key:** Truly persistent messaging
- Message queueing systems can persist messages for awhile and senders and receivers can be offline
- Messages**
 - Contain any data, may have size limit
 - Are properly addressed, to a destination queue
- Basic Interface**
 - PUT: called by sender to append msg to specified queue
 - GET: blocking call to remove oldest msg from specified queue
 - Blocked if queue is empty
 - POLL: Non-blocking, gets msg from specified queue

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MESSAGE QUEUEING SYSTEMS
ARCHITECTURE

- Basic Interface cont'd**
 - NOTIFY: install a callback function, for when msg is placed into a queue. Notifies receivers
- Queue managers:** manage individual message queues as a separate process/library
- Applications get/put messages only from **local** queues
- Queue manager and apps share local network
- ISSUES:**
 - How should we reference the destination queue?
 - How should names be resolved (looked-up)?
 - Contact address (host, port) pairs
 - Local look-up tables can be stored at each queue manager

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MESSAGE QUEUEING SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE - 2

- **ISSUES:**
 - How do we route traffic between queue managers?
 - How are name-to-address mappings efficiently kept?
 - Each queue manager should be known to all others
- **Message brokers**
 - Handle message conversion among different users/formats
 - Addresses cases when senders and receivers don't speak the same protocol (language)
 - Need arises for message protocol converters
 - "Reformatter" of messages
 - Act as application-level gateway

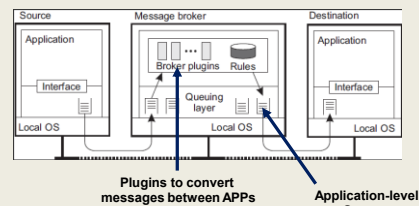
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MESSAGE BROKER ORGANIZATION



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AMQP PROTOCOL

- Message-queueing systems initially developed to enable legacy applications to interoperate
- Decouple inter-application communication to "open" messaging-middleware
- Many are proprietary solutions, **so not very open**
- e.g. Microsoft Message Queueing service, Windows NT 1997
- **Advanced message queueing protocol (AMQP)**, 2006
- Address openness/interoperability of proprietary solutions
- Open wire protocol for messaging with powerful routing capabilities
- Help **abstract** messaging and application interoperability by means of a generic open protocol
- Suffer from incompatibility among protocol versions
- pre-1.0, 1.0+

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AMQP - 2

- Consists of: Applications, Queue managers, Queues
- **Connections:** set up to a queue manager, TCP, with potentially many channels, stable, reused by many channels, long-lived
- **Channels:** support short-lived one-way communication
- **Sessions:** bi-directional communication across two channels
- **Link:** provide fine-grained flow-control of message transfer/status between applications and queue manager

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AMQP MESSAGING

- AMQP nodes: producer, consumer, queue
- Producer/consumer: represent regular applications
- Queues: store/forward messages
- Persistent messaging:
 - **Messages** can be marked **durable**
 - These messages can only be delivered by nodes able to recover in case of failure
 - Non-failure resistant nodes must reject durable messages
 - **Source/target** nodes can be marked **durable**
 - Track what is durable (node state, node+msgs)

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MESSAGE-ORIENTED-MIDDLEWARE EXAMPLES:

- **Some examples:**
 - RabbitMQ, Apache QPid
 - Implement Advanced Message Queueing Protocol (AMQP)
 - Apache Kafka
 - **Dumb broker** (message store), similar to a distributed log file
 - **Smart consumers** - intelligence pushed off to the clients
 - Stores stream of records in categories called topics
 - Supports voluminous data, many consumers, with minimal O/H
 - Kafka **does not track** which messages were read by each consumer
 - Messages are removed after timeout
 - Clients must track their own consumption (*Kafka doesn't help*)
 - Messages have key, value, timestamp
 - Supports high volume pub/sub messaging and streams

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MULTICAST COMMUNICATION

- Sending data to multiple receivers
- Many **failed** proposals for network-level / transport-level protocols to support multicast communication
- Problem:** How to set up communication paths for information dissemination?
- Solutions:** require huge management effort, human intervention
- Focus shifted more recently to **peer-to-peer** networks
 - Structured overlay networks can be setup easily and provide efficient communication paths
 - Application-level multicasting techniques more successful
 - Gossip-based dissemination: unstructured p2p networks

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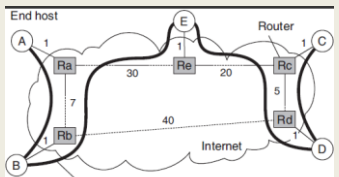
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NETWORK STRUCTURE

- Overlay network**
 - Virtual network implemented on top of an actual physical network
- Underlying network**
 - The actual physical network that implements the overlay



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APPLICATION LEVEL
TREE-BASED MULTICASTING

- Application level multi-casting
 - Nodes organize into an overlay network
 - Network routers not involved in group membership
 - Group membership is managed at the application level (A2)
- Downside:
 - Application-level routing likely less efficient than network-level
 - Necessary tradeoff until having better multicasting protocols at lower layers
- Overlay topologies
 - TREE: top-down, unique paths between nodes
 - MESH: nodes have multiple neighbors; multiple paths between nodes

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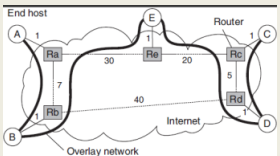
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MULTICAST TREE METRICS

- Measure quality of application-level multicast tree
- Link stress:** is defined per link, counts how often a packet crosses same link (*Ideally not more than 1*)
- Stretch:** ratio in delay between two nodes in the **overlay** vs. the **underlying** networks

Numbers represent network delay between nodes



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MULTICAST TREE METRICS - 2

- Stretch (Relative Delay Penalty RDP)**
- CONSIDER routing from B to C
- What is the Stretch?**
- Stretch (delay ratio) = Overlay-delay / Underlying-delay
- Overlay:** B → Rb → Ra → Re → E → Re → Rc → Rd → D → Rd → Rc → C = 73
- Underlying:** B → Rb → Rd → Rc → C = 47
- Stretch = 73 / 47 = 1.55
- Captures additional time (stretch) to transfer msg on overlay net
- Tree cost:** Overall cost of the overlay network
- Ideally would like to minimize network costs
- Find a minimal spanning tree which minimizes total time for disseminating information to all nodes

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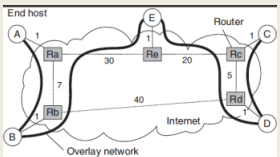
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FLOOD-BASED MULTICASTING

- Broadcasting: every node in overlay network receives message



- How many nodes are in the overlay network?
- How many nodes are in the underlying network?

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FLOOD-BASED MULTICASTING

- Broadcasting: every node in overlay network receives message
- Key design issue: minimize the use of intermediate nodes for which the message is not intended
- If only leaf nodes are to receive the multicast message, many intermediate nodes are involved in **storing and forwarding** the message *not meant for them*
- Solution: construct an overlay network for each multicast group
 - Sending a message to the group, becomes the same as broadcasting to the multicast group (*group of nodes that listen and receive traffic for a shared IP address*)
- Flooding:** each node simply forwards a message to each of its neighbors, except to the message originator

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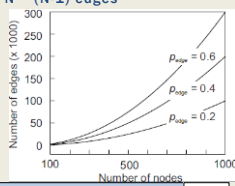
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RANDOM GRAPHS

- When there is no information on the structure of the overlay network
- Assume network can be represented as a **Random graph**
- Random graphs are described by a probability distribution
- Probability P_{edge} that two nodes are joined
- Overlay network will have: $\frac{1}{2} * P_{edge} * N * (N-1)$ edges

Random graphs allow us to assume some structure (# of nodes, # of edges) regarding the network by scaling the P_{edge} probability



Assumptions may help then to reason or rationalize about the network...


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PROBABILISTIC FLOODING



-Washington state in winter?
- When a node is flooding a message, concept is to enforce a probability that the message is spread (p_{flood})
- Throttle message flooding based on a probability
- Implementation needs to consider # of neighbors to achieve various p_{flood} scores
- With lower p_{flood} messages may not reach all nodes
- USEFULNESS:** For random network with 10,000 nodes
- With $p_{edge} = 0.1$ and $p_{flood} = .01$
- Achieves 50-fold reduction in messages vs. full flooding


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- if $n = 10$, $p = (1 - .01)^{10} = .904$ (pretty likely)
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- V
- if $n = 100$, $p = (1 - .01)^{100} = .366$ (less likely)
- V
- if $n = 1000$, $p = (1 - .01)^{298} = .05$ (unlikely)
- Achieves 50-fold reduction in messages vs. full flooding

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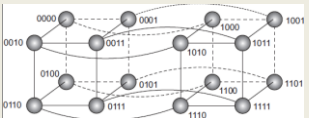
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MESSAGE FLOODING

- For deterministic topologies (such as hypercube), design of efficient flooding scheme is much simpler
- If the overlay network is structured, this gives us a deterministic topology
- Schlosser et al [2002] – offer simple and efficient broadcasting scheme that relies on keeping track of neighbors per dimension



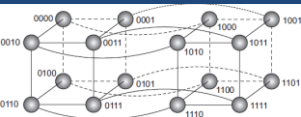
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MESSAGE FLOODING - 2



- Hypercube Broadcast**
- N(1001) starts the network broadcast
- N(1001) neighbors {0001, 1000, 1011, 1101}
- N(1001) Sends message to all neighbors
- >>Edge Labels (which bit is changed?, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th...)**
- Edge to 0001 – labeled 1 – change the 1st bit
- Edge to 1000 – labeled 4 – change the 4th bit
- Edge to 1011 – labeled 3 – change the 3rd bit
- Edge to 1101 – labeled 2 – change the 2nd bit
- RULE: nodes only forward along edges with a higher dimension**
- Node 1101 receives message on edge labeled 2
- Broadcast msg is only forwarded on **higher** valued edges (>2)

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MESSAGE FLOODING - 3

- Hypercube:** forward msg along edges with higher dimension
- Node(1101) – neighbors {0101, 1100, 1001, 1111}
- Node (1101) - incoming broadcast edge = 2
- Label Edges:**
- Edge to 0101 – labeled 1 – change the 1st bit
- Edge to 1100 – labeled 4 – change the 4th bit **<FORWARD>***
- Edge to 1001 – labeled 2 – change the 2nd bit
- Edge to 1111 – labeled 3 – change the 3rd bit **<FORWARD>***
- N(1101) broadcast – forward only to N(1100) and N(1111)
- (1100) and (1111) are the **higher dimension edges**
- Broadcast requires just: N-1 messages, where nodes $N = 2^n$, $n = \text{dimensions of hypercube}$

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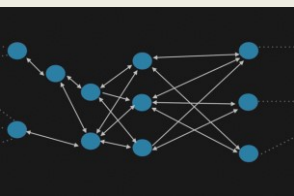
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GOSSIP BASED DATA DISSEMINATION

- When structured peer-to-peer topologies are not available
- Gossip based approaches support multicast communication over unstructured peer-to-peer networks
- General approach is to leverage how gossip spreads across a group
- This is also called "epidemic behavior"...
- Data updates for a specific item begin at a specific node



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INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

- **Epidemic algorithms:** algorithms for large-scale distributed systems that spread information
- Goal: “infect” all nodes with new information as fast as possible
- **Infected:** node with data that can spread to other nodes
- **Susceptible:** node without data
- **Removed:** node with data that is unable to spread data

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EPIDEMIC PROTOCOLS

- **Gossiping**
- Nodes are randomly selected
- One node, randomly selects any other node in the network to propagate the network
- Complete set of nodes is known to each member

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ANTI ENTROPY DISSEMINATION MODEL FOR GOSSIPING

- **Anti-entropy:** Propagation model where node P picks node Q at random and exchanges message updates
- Akin to random walk
- **Types of message exchange:**
 - **PUSH:** P only **pushes** its own updates to Q
 - **PULL:** P only **pulls** in new updates from Q
 - **TWO-WAY:** P and Q send updates to each other (i.e. a push-pull approach)
- Push only: hard to propagate updates to last few hidden susceptible nodes
- Pull: better because susceptible nodes can pull updates from infected nodes
- Push-pull is better still

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ANTI ENTROPY EFFECTIVENESS

- **Round:** span of time during which every node takes initiative to exchange updates with a randomly chosen node
- The number of rounds to propagate a single update to all nodes requires $O(\log(N))$, where N =number of nodes
- Let p_i denote probability that node P has not received msg m after the i^{th} round.
- For pull, push, and push-pull based approaches:

10,000 nodes →

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RUMOR SPREADING

- Variant of epidemic protocols
- Provides an approach to “stop” message spreading
- Mimics “gossiping” in real life
- **Rumor spreading:**
 - **Node P** receives new data **Item X**
 - Contacts an arbitrary **node Q** to push update
 - **Node Q** reports already receiving **Item X** from another node
 - **Node P** may loose interest in spreading the rumor with probability = p_{stop} , let's say 20% . . . (or 0.20)

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RUMOR SPREADING - 2

- p_{stop} is the probability node will stop spreading once contacting a node that already has the message
- Does not guarantee all nodes will be updated
- The fraction of nodes s , that remain susceptible grows relative to the probability that node P stops propagating when finding a node already having the message
- Fraction of nodes not updated remains < 0.20 with high p_{stop}
- Susceptible nodes (s) vs. probability of stopping →

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REMOVING DATA

- Gossiping is good for spreading data
- But how can data be removed from the system?**
- Idea is to issue **"death certificates"**
- Act like data records, which are spread like data
- When death certificate is received, data is deleted
- Certificate is held to prevent data element from reinitializing from gossip from other nodes
- Death certificates time-out after expected time required for data element to clear out of entire system
- A few nodes maintain death certificates forever

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DEATH CERTIFICATE EXAMPLE

- For example:**
- Node P** keeps death certificates forever
- Item X** is removed from the system
- Node P** receives an update request for **Item X**, but also holds the death certificate for **Item X**
- Node P** will recirculate the death certificate across the network for **Item X**


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