

CSE 123b

Communications Software

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Lecture 9: Multicast

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Midterm

- May 8th in class
- Covers material through 5/6 (Mobile IP)
 - ♦ Fair game: lectures, reading, homework, project #1
- Closed book, closed notes, but you can bring in one 8.5x11 sheet of paper with notes on it

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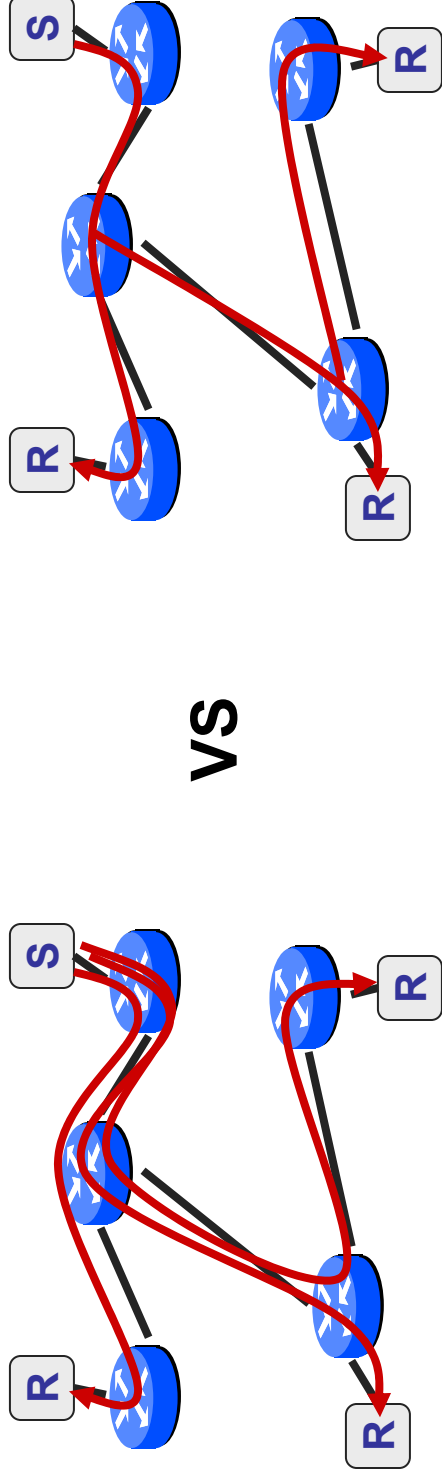
- Inter-domain routing
 - ♦ Routing between different organizations
 - ♦ Policy routing; not based on metrics
 - ♦ BGP
 - ♦ Economics of routing

Today: Multicast routing

- Multicast service model
- Host interface
- Host-router interactions (IGMP)
- Multicast Routing
 - ◆ Distance Vector
 - ◆ Link State
 - ◆ Shared tree
- Limiters
 - ◆ Deployment issues
 - ◆ Inter-domain routing
 - ◆ Operational/Economic issues (SSM)

Motivation

- Efficient delivery to multiple destinations (e.g. video broadcast)



- Network-layer support for one-to-many addressing
 - ♦ Publish/subscribe communications model
 - ♦ Don't need to know destinations

IP Multicast service model

- **Communications based on groups**
 - ◆ Special IP addresses represent “multicast groups”
 - ◆ Anyone can join group to receive
 - ◆ Anyone can send to group
 - » Sender need not be part of group
 - ◆ Dynamic group membership – can join and leave at will
- **Unreliable datagram service**
 - ◆ Extension to unicast IP
 - ◆ Group membership not visible to hosts
 - ◆ No synchronization
- **Explicit scoping to limit spread of packets**

Elements of IP Multicast

- **Host interface**
 - ◆ Application visible multicast API
 - ◆ Multicast addressing
 - ◆ Link-layer mapping
- **Host-Router interface**
 - ◆ IGMP
- **Router-Router interface**
 - ◆ Multicast routing protocols

Host interface

- Senders (not much new)
 - ◆ Set TTL on multicast packets to limit “scope”
 - » Scope can be administratively limited on per-group basis
 - ◆ Send packets to *multicast address*, represents a group
 - ◆ Typically UDP-based transport
- Receivers (two new interfaces)
 - ◆ Join multicast group (group address)
 - ◆ Leave multicast group (group address)
 - ◆ Typically implemented as a socket option in most networking API

Multicast addressing

- Special address range:
 - ◆ Class D (3 MSBs set to 1) 224.0.0.1- 239.255.255.255
 - ◆ Reserved by IANA for multicast
- Which address to use for a new group?
 - ◆ No standard
 - ◆ Global random selection
 - ◆ Per-domain addressing (MASC, GLOP)
- Which address to use to join an existing group?
 - ◆ No standard
 - ◆ Separate address distribution protocol (may use multicast)

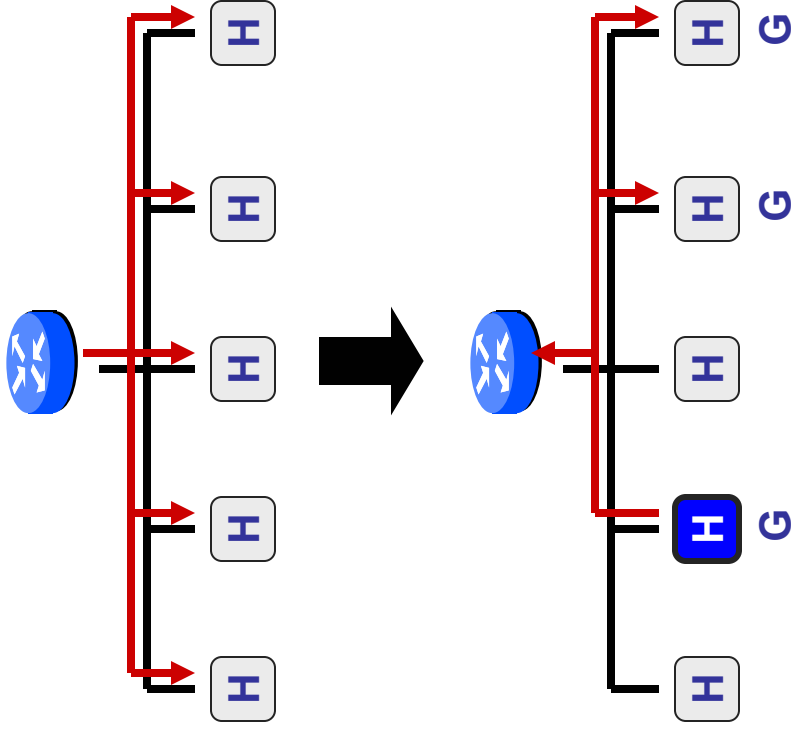
Link-layer multicast

- Many link-layers protocols have multicast capability
 - ◆ Ethernet, FDDI
- Translate IP Multicast address into LL address
 - ◆ E.g. Map 28 bits of IP MC address in 23bit Ethernet MC addresses
 - ◆ Senders send and receive on link-layer MC addresses
 - ◆ Routers must listen on all possible LL MC addresses
- Not an issue for point-to-point links

Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP)

- **Goal: communicate group membership between hosts and routers**
- **Soft-state protocol**
 - ◆ Hosts explicitly inform their router about membership
 - ◆ Must periodically refresh membership report
 - ◆ Routers implicitly timeout groups that aren't refreshed
 - ◆ Why isn't explicit "leave group" message sufficient?
- **Implemented in most of today's routers and switches**

How IGMP works (roughly)



- Router broadcasts *membership query* to 224.0.0.1 (all-systems group) with $\text{ttl}=1$
- Hosts start random timer (0-10 sec) or each group they have joined
- When a host's timer expires for group G, send *membership report* to group G, with $\text{ttl}=1$
- When a member of G hears a report, they reset their timer for G
- Router times out groups that are not “refreshed” by some host's report

Multicast routing

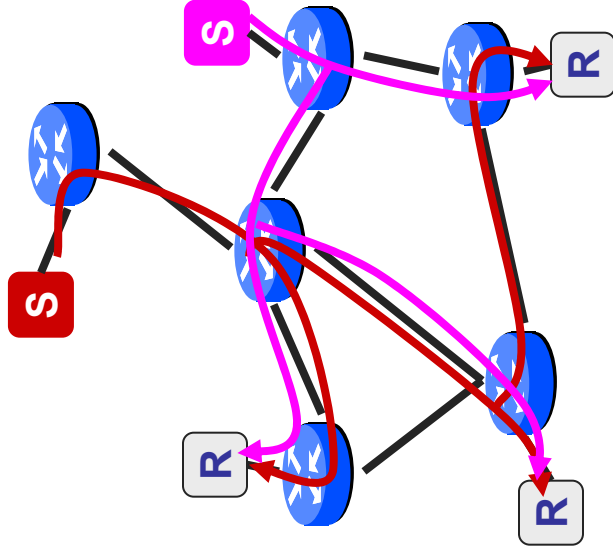
- **Goal: build distribution tree for multicast packets**
 - ◆ Efficient tree (ideally, shortest path)
 - ◆ Low join/leave latency
- **Several approaches**
 - ◆ Distance Vector/Link State
 - » Leverage existing unicast routing protocols
 - ◆ Shared tree
 - » Unicast/multicast hybrids

Multicast routing taxonomy

- **Source-based tree**
 - ♦ *Separate shortest path tree for each source*
 - ♦ **Flood and prune** (DVMRP, PIM-DM)
 - » Send multicast traffic everywhere
 - » Prune edges that are not actively subscribed to group
 - ♦ **Link-state** (MOSPF)
 - » Routers flood groups they would like to receive
 - » Compute shortest-path trees on demand
- **Shared tree** (CBT, PIM-SM)
 - ♦ *Single distributed tree shared among all sources*
 - ♦ Specify rendezvous point (RP) for group
 - ♦ Senders send packets to RP, receivers join at RP
 - ♦ RP multicasts to receivers; Fix-up tree for optimization

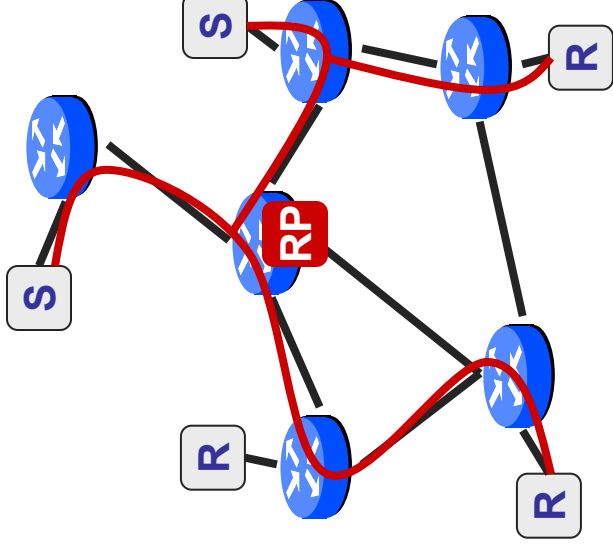
Source-based vs Shared

Source-based tree



- Efficient trees; low delay, even load
- Per-source state in routers (S,G)
- Good for dense-area multicast

Shared-tree



- Higher delay, skewed load
- Per-group state only (G)
- Efficient for sparse-area multicast

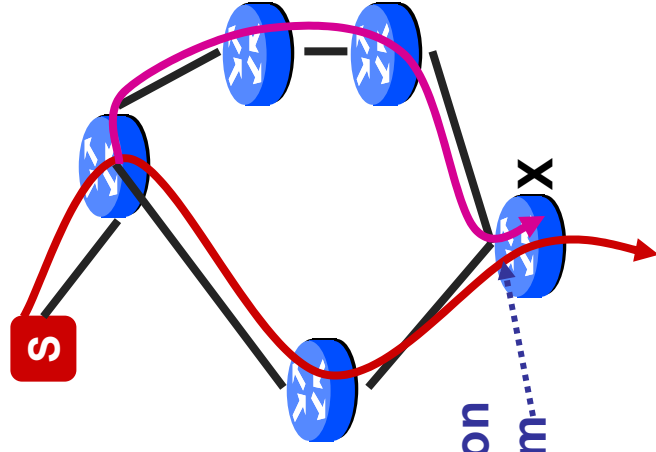
Flood and Prune (DV)

- Extensions to unicast distance vector algorithm
- Goal
 - ◆ Multicast packets delivered along shortest-path tree from sender to members of the multicast group
 - ◆ Likely have different tree for different senders
- Distance Vector Multicast Routing (DVMRP)
developed as a progression of algorithms
 - ◆ Reverse Path Flooding (RPF)
 - ◆ Reverse Path Broadcast (RPB)
 - ◆ Reverse Path Multicast (RPM)

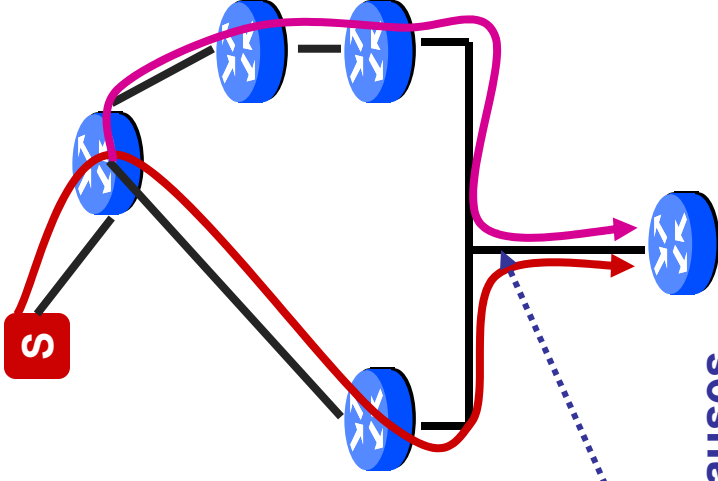
Reverse Path Flooding (RPF)

- Observation: Shortest-path multicast tree is subtree of shortest-path broadcast tree
- Approach: Use shortest-path broadcast tree
- Use **reverse path** to determine shortest path
 - ♦ Router forwards a packet **from S** iff received from the shortest-path link to **S**
 - ♦ Exactly what is in entry in forwarding table
 - » To reach **S** along shortest path, use link **L**
 - » If received packet from **S** on **L**, it came along shortest path
- How are packets forwarded?
 - ♦ **Flooding** – forward packets to multicast address out to all links except incoming link (hence reverse path flooding)

Example: Reverse Path Forwarding



Forward packets on
shortest path from
X to S



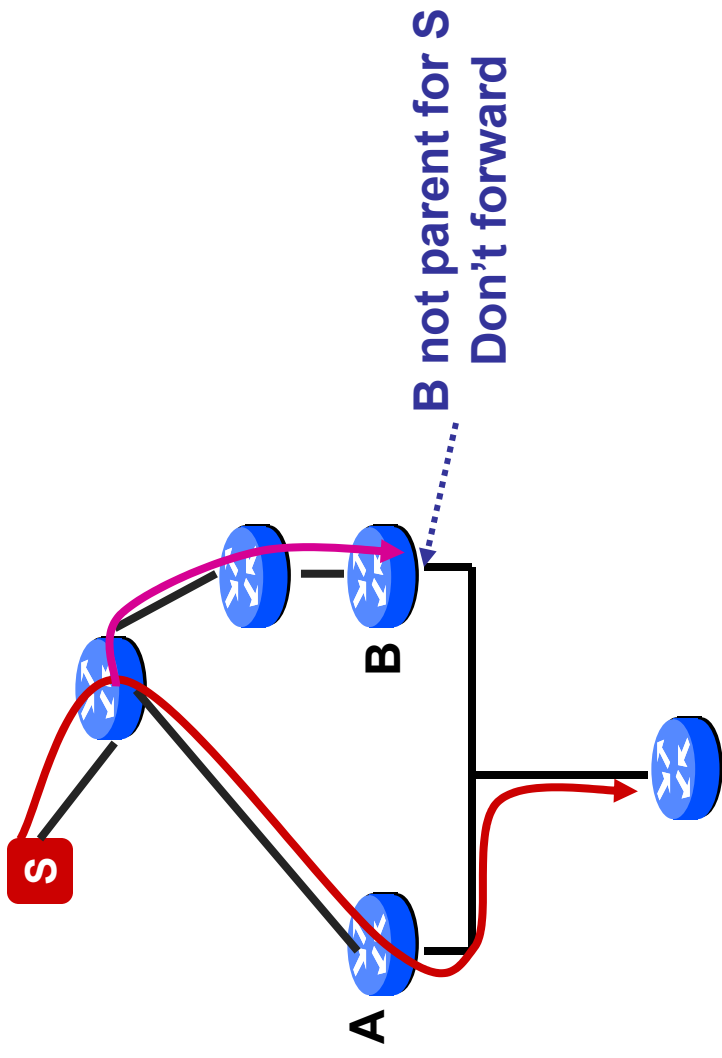
Problem: Flooding causes
duplicate packets to be
sent on LANs

Solution:

Reverse Path Broadcast (RPB)

- Flooding vs. broadcast
 - ♦ With flooding, a single packet can be sent along an individual link multiple times
 - » Each router attached to link can potentially forward same packet
 - ♦ RPB sends a packet along a link at most once
- Approach: Define **parent** and **child** routers for each link
 - ♦ Relative to each link and each source S
 - ♦ Router is a parent for link if it has minimum path to S
 - ♦ All other routers on the link are children
 - ♦ Only parent router is allowed to forward multicast packets on link
- How to decide parent and children routers for link?
 - ♦ In routing updates; router determines if is parent

Example: Reverse Path Broadcasting



Reverse Path Multicast (RPM)

- Problem: Still **broadcasting** up to leaf networks
- Idea: Instead of **actively building tree**, use reports to **actively prune tree**
- Start with a full broadcast tree to all links (RPB),
- Prune (S,G) at leaf if it has no members
 - ◆ Send Non-Membership Report (NMR) to prev-hop for S
- If all children of router R prune (S,G)
 - ◆ Send NMR for (S,G) to parent of R
- Soft-state management (must refresh NMR or rejoin)
- New group member sends graft (anti-prune) message

Link State

- Use existing link-state routing algorithm (e.g. OSPF)
- Idea: include active groups in LSPs
 - ♦ Each router can compute shortest path tree from source to all destinations for any group
 - ♦ Trigger new flood on group membership change
- Performance issues
 - ♦ Expensive to precompute all (S,G) trees
 - ♦ Keep cache of trees and compute new trees on demand when new (S,G) packet arrives
 - ♦ Workload/topology dependant
- Best known example: MOSPF

Shared tree approaches

- Unicast packets to Rendezvous Point (RP), which multicasts packet on shared tree
- Tree construction
 - ◆ Receivers send join messages to RP
 - ◆ Intermediate routers install state to create per-group tree
 - ◆ Key advantage is routers only store $O(G)$ state
 - ◆ Potential optimizations: reroute to source-specific trees for local group members or high data-rate sources
 - ◆ Example: CBT, PIM-SM
- Issues
 - ◆ Delay, fault tolerance, RP selection

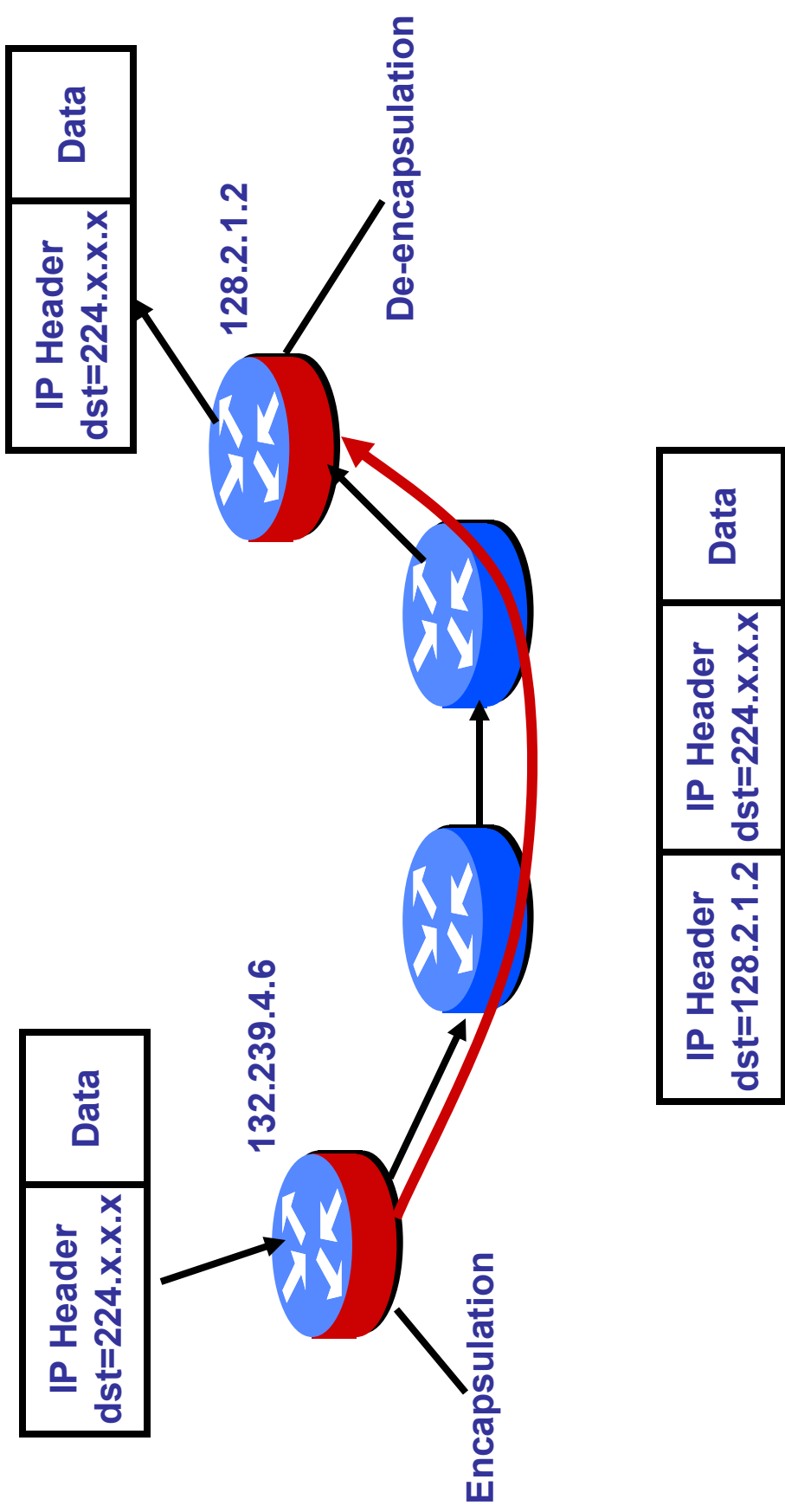
IP Multicast today

- IP Multicast has generated 1000s of papers, but has not been widely deployed in the Internet...
- Why?
 - ◆ General deployment difficulties (Mbone)
 - ◆ Inter-domain multicast complexity
 - ◆ Economics of multi-source multicast

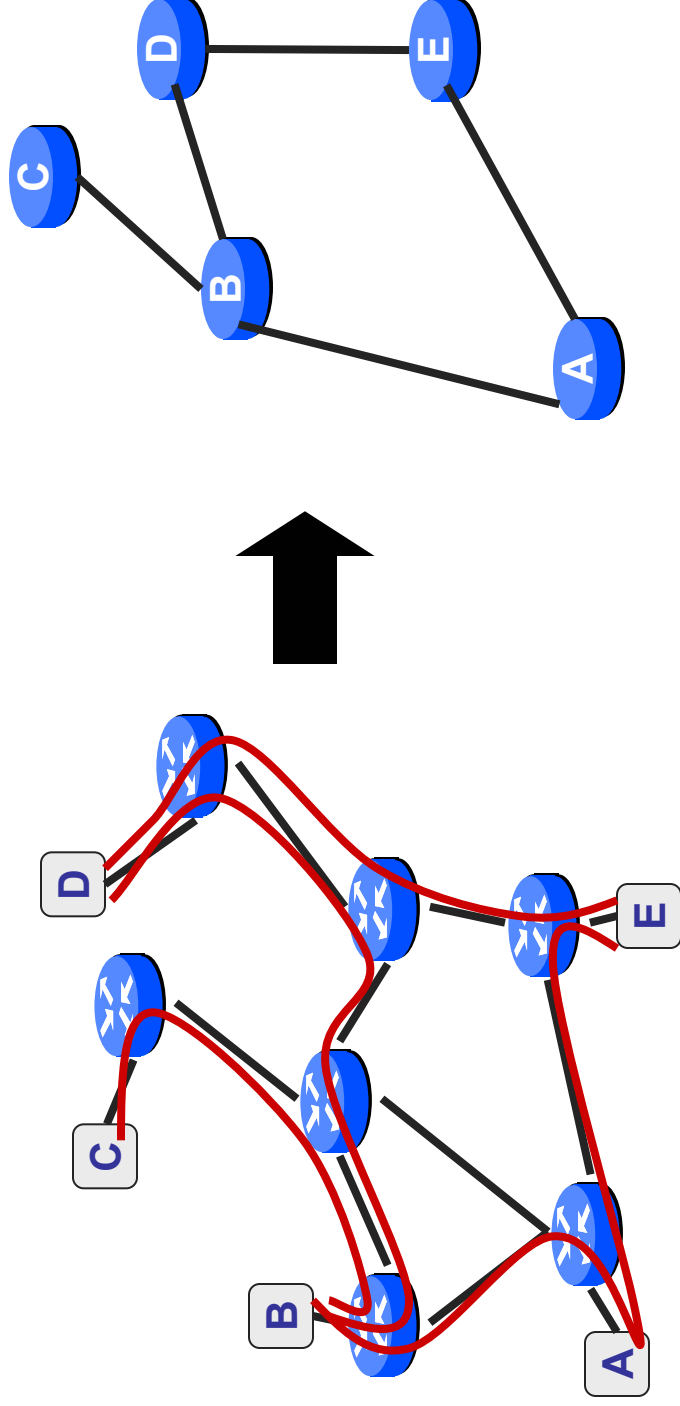
Multicast evolution

- How to deploy a new network-layer service?
 - ◆ Difficult to change router software
 - ◆ Difficult to change all routers
- Mbone (tunneling)
 - ◆ Special multicast routers (built from PCs/Workstations)
 - ◆ Construct virtual topology between them (overlay)
 - ◆ Run routing protocol over virtual topology
 - ◆ Virtual point-to-point links called **tunnels**
 - » Multicast traffic encapsulated in IP datagrams
 - » Multicast routers forward over tunnels according to computed virtual next-hop

Tunnelling



Virtual overlay network



Real topology with tunnels

Virtual overlay topology

Mbone Pro/Con

- Success story
 - ◆ Multicast video to 20 sites in 1992
 - ◆ Easy to deploy, no explicit router support
 - ◆ Ran DVMRP and had 100s of routers
- Drawbacks
 - ◆ Manual tunnel creation/maintenance
 - ◆ Inefficient
 - ◆ No routing policy (single tree)
 - ◆ Why would an ISP deploy a new mbone node?

Inter-domain multicast routing

- Technical issues
 - ◆ How to exchange reachability information?
 - ◆ How to construct trees?
 - ◆ Who controls RP in shared tree?
- MBGP: reachability to multicast sources per prefix
- PIM-SM: shared tree multicast protocol
- MSDP: RP per group per AS, communication presence of group sources between RPs
- BGMP: alternative proposal, single shared tree with group addresses owned by individual ASs

Economic issues

- ISP router migration cycle
 - ♦ Can't afford new routers on edge
- Domain independence
 - ♦ Do I want my customers MC controlled by an RP in a competitors domain?
 - ♦ Why run an RP for which I have no senders or receivers?
- Billing model
 - ♦ Inconsistent with input-rate-based billing
 - ♦ No group management (how big is group?)
- Group management
 - ♦ Who is in the group? Who can send? Security
- Network management
- Limited Multicast addresses

Summary

- Multicast service model
 - ◆ One-to-many, anonymous communication
 - ◆ Simple host interface
- Per-source tree routing
 - ◆ Efficient trees
 - ◆ S*G state explosion for large networks/groups
- Shared tree
 - ◆ More complex, fragile, hard to manage
 - ◆ Trees inefficient by as much as 2x
 - ◆ Only requires G state on routers
- Operational and Economic issues matter in deployment
- Killer app not found

For next time...

- Mobile IP and Mobile routing; P&D 4.2.5