

Note: We use b as the notation for bits, and B as the notation for bytes. We define 1Kb as 1000 bits, 1 Mb as 1000 Kb, and 1 Gb as 1000 Mb (similarly for bytes).

1. **(KR, Chapter 1, Problem 6)** Consider two hosts, A and B, connected by a single link of rate R bps. Suppose that the two hosts are separated by m meters, and suppose the propagation speed along the link is s meters/sec. Host A is to send a packet of size L bits to Host B.
 - (a) Express the propagation delay, d_{prop} , in terms of m and s .
 - (b) Determine the transmission time of the packet, d_{trans} , in terms of L and R .
 - (c) Ignoring processing and queuing delays, obtain an expression for the end-to-end delay.
 - (d) Suppose Host A begins to transmit the packet at time $t = 0$. At time $t = d_{trans}$, where is the last bit of the packet?
 - (e) Suppose d_{prop} is greater than d_{trans} . At time $t = d_{trans}$, where is the first bit of the packet?
 - (f) Suppose d_{prop} is less than d_{trans} . At time $t = d_{trans}$, where is the first bit of the packet?
 - (g) Suppose $s = 2.5 \times 10^8$, $L = 100$ bits, and $R = 28$ kbps. Find the distance m so that d_{prop} equals d_{trans} .

2. **(KR, Chapter 1, Problem 12)** A packet switch receives a packet P and determines the outbound link to which the packet should be forwarded. When P arrives, one other packet is halfway done being transmitted on this outbound link and four other packets are waiting to be transmitted. Packets are transmitted in order of arrival. Suppose all packets are 1,500 bytes and the link rate is 2 Mbps. What is the queuing delay for the packet P ?

More generally, what is the queuing delay when all packets have length L , the transmission rate is R , x bits of the currently-being-transmitted packet have been transmitted, and n packets are already in the queue?

3. **(KR, Chapter 1, Problem 25)** Suppose two hosts, A and B, are separated by 100,000 kilometers and are connected by a direct link of $R = 1$ Mbps. Suppose the propagation speed over the link is 2.5×10^8 meters/sec.
 - (a) Calculate the bandwidth-delay product, $R \times d_{prop}$.
 - (b) Consider sending a file of 400,000 bits from Host A to Host B. Suppose the file is sent continuously as one big message. What is the maximum number of bits that will be in the link at any given time?
 - (c) Provide an interpretation of the bandwidth-delay product.
 - (d) What is the width (in meters) of a bit in the link? Is it longer than a soccer field? (A standard soccer field is between 90 to 120 m long)
 - (e) Derive a general expression for the width of a bit in terms of the propagation speed s , the transmission rate R , and the length of the link m .

4. **(KR, Chapter 1, Problem 31)** In modern packet-switched networks, the source host segments long, application-layer messages (for example, an image or a music file) into smaller packets and sends the packets into the network. The receiver then reassembles the packets back into the original message. We refer to this process as *message segmentation*. (See Figure 1.27 in KR, page 103).

Consider a message that is 7.5×10^6 bits long that is to be sent from a source to destination, through two packet switches. Suppose each link in the figure is 1.5 Mbps. Ignore propagation, queuing, and processing delays.

- (a) Consider sending the message from source to destination *without* message segmentation. How long does it take to move the message from the source host to the first packet switch? Keeping in mind that each switch uses store-and-forward packet switching, what is the total time to move the message from source host to destination host?
- (b) Now suppose that the message is segmented into 5,000 packets, with each packet being 1,500 bits long. How long does it take to move the first packet from source host to the first switch? When the first packet is being sent from the first switch to the second switch, the second packet is being sent from the source host to the second switch. At what time will the second packet be fully received at the first switch?
- (c) How long does it take to move the file from source host to destination host when message segmentation is used? Compare this result with your answer in part (a) and comment.
- (d) Discuss the drawbacks of message segmentation.