# **Packet Delay**

CS168 and EE122 GSIs past and present

### What We're Doing Today

- Review of delays
- Crash course on "virtual circuits"
- Work through worksheet in pairs

## Nodal Delay Sum of several types of delay



(Diagram from Kurose & Ross)

### Delays

#### **Processing Delay**

- Processing on reception
- Examine header and determine where to send
- Error checking (maybe)



### Delays

#### **Queuing Delay**

- Time packet spends in buffer/queue
- Only when arrival rate > service rate
- Especially significant when packet arrivals are *bursty*



### **Queuing Delay**





#### BC's transmission delay is twice that of AB

### Sidenote: Burstiness





## Delays

#### **Transmission Delay**

- Time taken to push data onto link
- Measured...
  - .. from when first bit of data pushed onto link
  - .. until last bit of data is pushed onto the link
- Limited by the link *Bandwidth*

### **Propagation Delay**

- Time taken by data to traverse link
- Limited by the speed of light
- Latency of a link is the propagation delay to traverse the link



(Diagram from Kurose & Ross)

### **Transmission & Propagation**

- How fast is my speech?
  - ~1000 ft/s (speed of sound)
  - ~125 words/minute
- What about Sean Shannon?
  - ~1000 ft/s (speed of sound)
  - ~655 words/minute
- How long would it take:
  - to hear me or Sean, if we shout "Help" (very loudly) from Stanford? (~40 miles [~200,000 feet] away)
  - me or Sean to dictate War and Peace? (~600,000 words)

### **Transmission & Propagation**



### **Beyond Nodal Delays**

• End-to-End Delay

– Just the sum of the nodal delays along a path

- Round Trip Time (RTT)
  - Time for packet to reach destination
  - .. and for response to return to source



### **TL;DR Delays**



- Covered more in section 4.2 of text

   which you may not have read yet!
- With what you got in lecture and from section 1.3.2, here's what you need to know for the worksheet...
- Basic idea:
  - Make a packet switched network a bit more like a circuit switched network
  - How?



(From lecture)

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  - Source sends a setup packet to switches along path/ circuit toward destination
  - Switches along path set up connection
  - At end of path, destination sends confirmation back
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### WORKSHEET!



