EE 607: Advanced Network Algorithms

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- □ **Brief Course Description:** The course will cover algorithms that are used in network research and implementation. These include graph algorithms, transmission scheduling, traffic management, and control algorithms for certain switch/router architectures. There will be an emphasis on TCP/IP as a case study. See the list of topics below.
- □ **Prerequisite**: EE 367 (data structures) and knowledge of C programming, or consent of instructor. Knowledge of C programming is required of everyone. Knowledge of undergraduate probability (e.g., EE 342) will be helpful, but not necessary.
- **□** Textbooks:
 - Stevens, TCP/IP Illustrated, Vol. 1, Addison-Wesley
 - Cormen, Leiserson, and Rivest, Introduction to Algorithms, MacGraw Hill.
- □ **Grading:** Grading will be based on a midterm exam [20%], a final exam [20%], homework + midterm projects [40%], and final project [20%].
- ☐ List of topics (tenative, with a possibility of some minor modifications. A final list will be given before the semester begins.):
 - Overview of the Internet Architecture
 - Overview of computer communication, computer networks, and TCP/IP
 - Packet switching, store-and-forwarding, connection-oriented and connectionless routing, routing tables, and source routing.

• Graph Algorithms

- Algorithms and their performance.
- Graphs, breadth-first-search, spanning trees, minimum weighted spanning trees.
- Shortest path problem, Dijkstra and Bellman-Ford algorithms, and applications to networks.
- Max-flow problem, Ford-Fulkerson labeling algorithm, max-flow min-cut theorem, applications, bipartite matching.
- NP-Completeness, approximation algorithms, greedy algorithms.
- Broadcasting and multicasting.

TCP/IP

- IP architecture
- Flow control algorithms: sliding window, max-min fairness, leaky-bucket, leaky-bucket traffic model, TCP flow control
- Error control algorithms: CRC, stop-and-wait, go-back-N, selective repeat.

Routers and Switches

- Router and switch architecture overview: bus, crossbars, input and output queueing
- Nonblocking definitions, 3-stage clos, TSI algorithms
- Regular interconnection topologies: hypercubes and other hypecubic topologies like the omega network, torus, grids, low-latency routing.
- If time permits:
 - Link bandwidth/buffer scheduling, partitioning, management, active queue management (e.g., RED).
 - Earliest deadline first scheduling, virtual clock service, work conservation, statistical multiplexing, WFQ end-to-end performance