

- 1a. What is the difference between the advertised window and the congestion window in TCP?
  - b. Explain the Fair Queuing mechanism for congestion control at a router. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this scheme?
  - c. Explain the differences between slow start, fast retransmit and fast recovery in TCP.
- 2a. Explain RED.
    - b. Discuss the parameters and the normal parameter settings initially suggested by Sally Floyd.
    - c. What were the significant conclusions of the "RED Tuning" paper?
- 3a. Describe and explain CSFQ, AVQ and XCP.
    - b. Explain the difference between the efficiently and fairness controllers in XCP.
    - c. Discuss three performance measures that can be used to compare these three congestion control strategies.
    - d. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of these mechanisms with respect to handling Web traffic, UDP traffic, and traffic with specific Quality of Service requirements.
- 4a. Explain why drop tail routers are unfair to Mice as compared to Elephants.
    - b. Explain the RIO-PS scheme.
    - c. Discuss the key strategy proposed in the "Mice and Elephants" paper.
    - d. How does this improve performance?
    - e. In what circumstances could the proposed strategy not improve performance?
- 5a. What does it mean for a flow to be TCP-Friendly, and why is this important in the Internet today?
    - b. Explain the concept of unresponsive flows.
    - c. Explain two forms of congestion collapse.
    - d. What techniques can be used to determine disproportionate bandwidths?
- 6a. Discuss the assumptions of Firoiu and Borden in their model of the n-flow feedback system for a network of TCP flows.
    - b. Explain how the queue function  $G(p)$  and the control function  $H(q)$  are used to establish an equilibrium point for RED.
    - c. Are the recommendations for configuring the RED control function practical? Explain why or why not.
- 7a. Explain the processes involved when a Mobile Host [MH] switches cells.
    - b. Discuss the differences in throughput that depends on whether a MH is moving between overlapping or non-overlapping cells.
    - c. Explain the concept of triggering a fast retransmit upon a cell crossing.

- 8a. Explain how TCP Westwood differ from TCP Reno.
- b. How does TCPW achieve better utilization for wireless links?
  - c. Compare TCPW and TCP Reno in terms of friendliness and fairness.
- 9a. Explain the principle by which Biaz and Vaidya propose to distinguish between a congestion loss and a wireless loss.
- b. How does the ratio of wired link bandwidth to wireless link bandwidth affect the identification of the losses?
  - c. How does the bandwidth-delay product affect the performance improvement of the TCP-Aware strategy?
- 10a. Explain briefly the difference between Dynamic Source Routing (DSR) and Destination-Sequenced Distance Vector (DSDV) used in wireless ad-hoc networking.
- b. Describe the three metrics used to measure the routing protocols and how each of these measurements relate to ad-hoc networking.
  - c. Discuss the impact of routing overhead on TORA and AODV.
- 11a. What are the key results of the paper by Fu et al?
- b. Explain the distributed LRED algorithm.
  - c. Explain the advantages of Adaptive Pacing.
- 12a. What are the important resource issues for proxy-based TCP-friendly streaming to work effectively over mobile networks?
- b. What performance improvements are possible with a proxy-based system?
  - c. Why are streaming media fluctuations important to the design of the proxy-based system?
- 13a. Describe how firewalls and intrusion detection systems operate.
- b. What are the advantages and disadvantages of detection of DOS beyond the perimeter ?
  - c. Explain how direct and reflector DDoS attacks work.
  - d. Briefly discuss the Distributed Attack Detection Approach.
- 14a. What are the various components of the secure overlay solution ?
- b. How does it provide more protection than the traditional methods of network security?
  - c. What overhead is there in the overlay approach.
- 15a. Why would you want to extend Kerberos to use Public Key Encryption?
- b. How does the choice of public or private key encryption affect performance?
  - c. What are differences between PKINIT and PKCROSS?
- 16a. Describe some network protocols/events that make traceback of a single IP packet complicated.

- b. Briefly describe the three parts of the SPIE architecture and how they fit into an ISP network
  - c. Why is only a packet digest stored and not the entire packet header?
- 17a. What is distributed priority scheduling and multi-hop co-ordination for ad-hoc wireless networks?
- b. Discuss the simulation topology used in this paper. Suggest two alternate topologies that would demonstrate the robustness of the proposed algorithms.
  - c. Discuss whether the assumptions for the probability of collision,  $p$ , that are used in the analytic model are realistic.
- 18a. Explain the principle components of DiffServ.
- b. Discuss the main ideas of MPLS.
  - c. How does the paper propose to merge DiffServ and MPLS?
- 19a. Describe the difference between a standard firewall and a DTE firewall.
- b. How does a non-DTE client communicate with a DTE firewall?
  - c. Which protocols performed the best under DTE firewalls? Why?
  - d. Which performed the worst? Why?
- 20a. What is Aggregate-based Congestion Control?
- b. How does it detect congestion?
  - c. How does it identify responsible aggregates?
  - d. Discuss the difficulties of implementing pushback.