

# Chapter 3

## Transport Layer

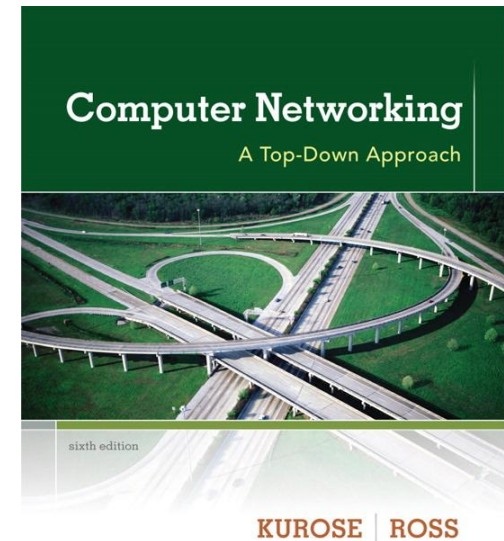
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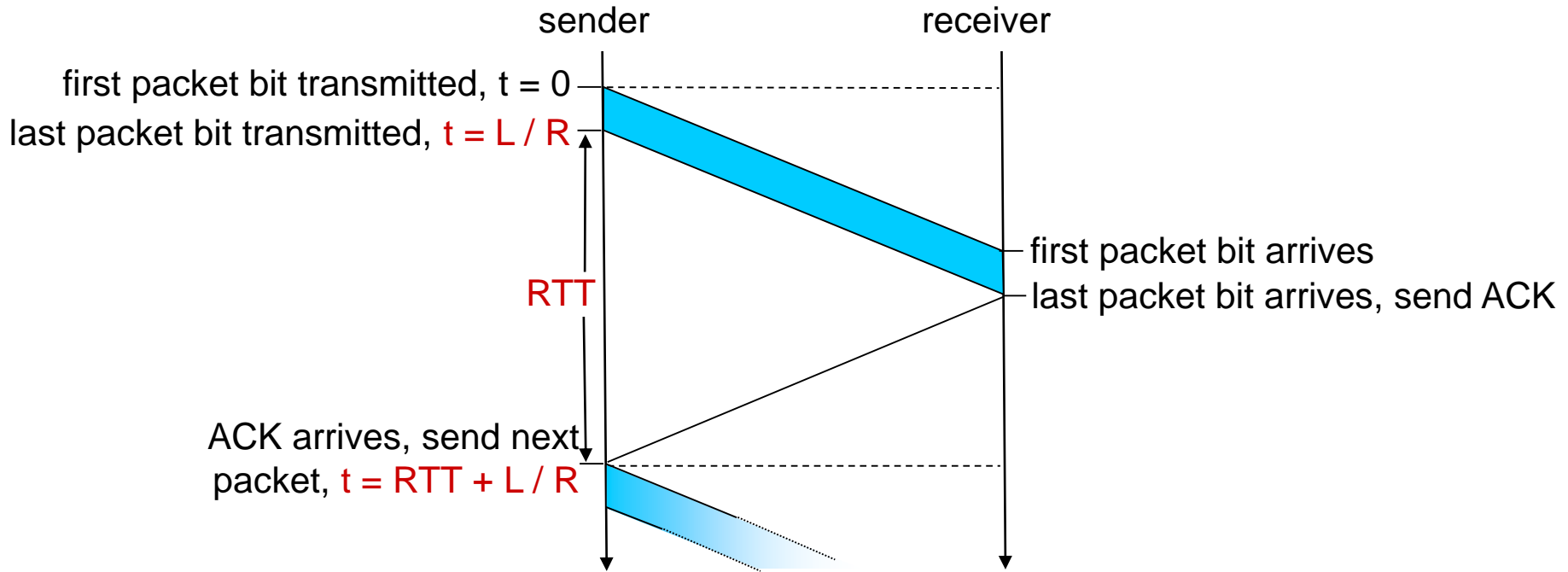
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# rdt3.0: stop-and-wait operation

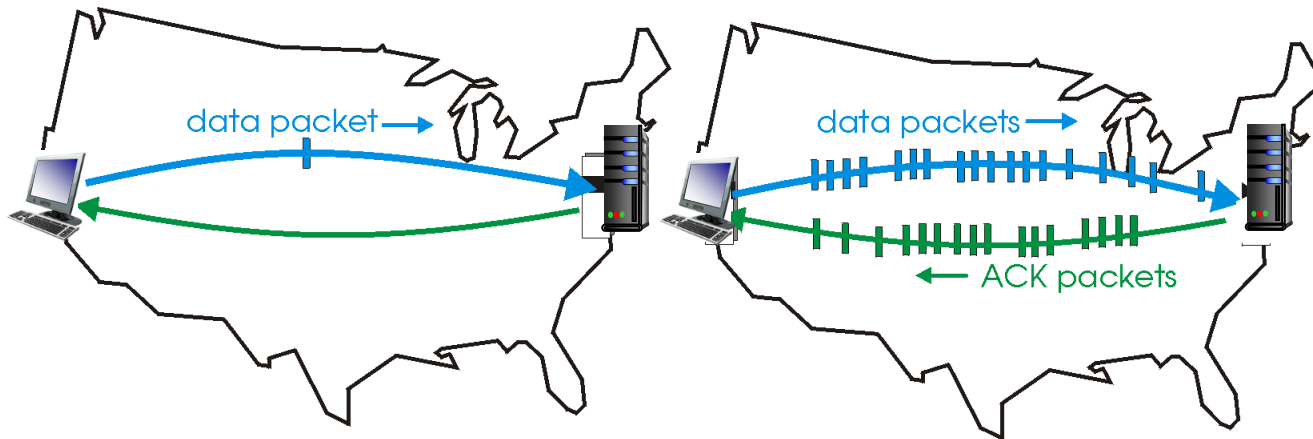


$$U_{sender} = \frac{L/R}{RTT + L/R} = \frac{.008}{30.008} = 0.00027$$

# Pipelined protocols

**pipelining:** sender allows multiple, “in-flight”, yet-to-be-acknowledged pkts

- range of sequence numbers must be increased
- buffering at sender and/or receiver

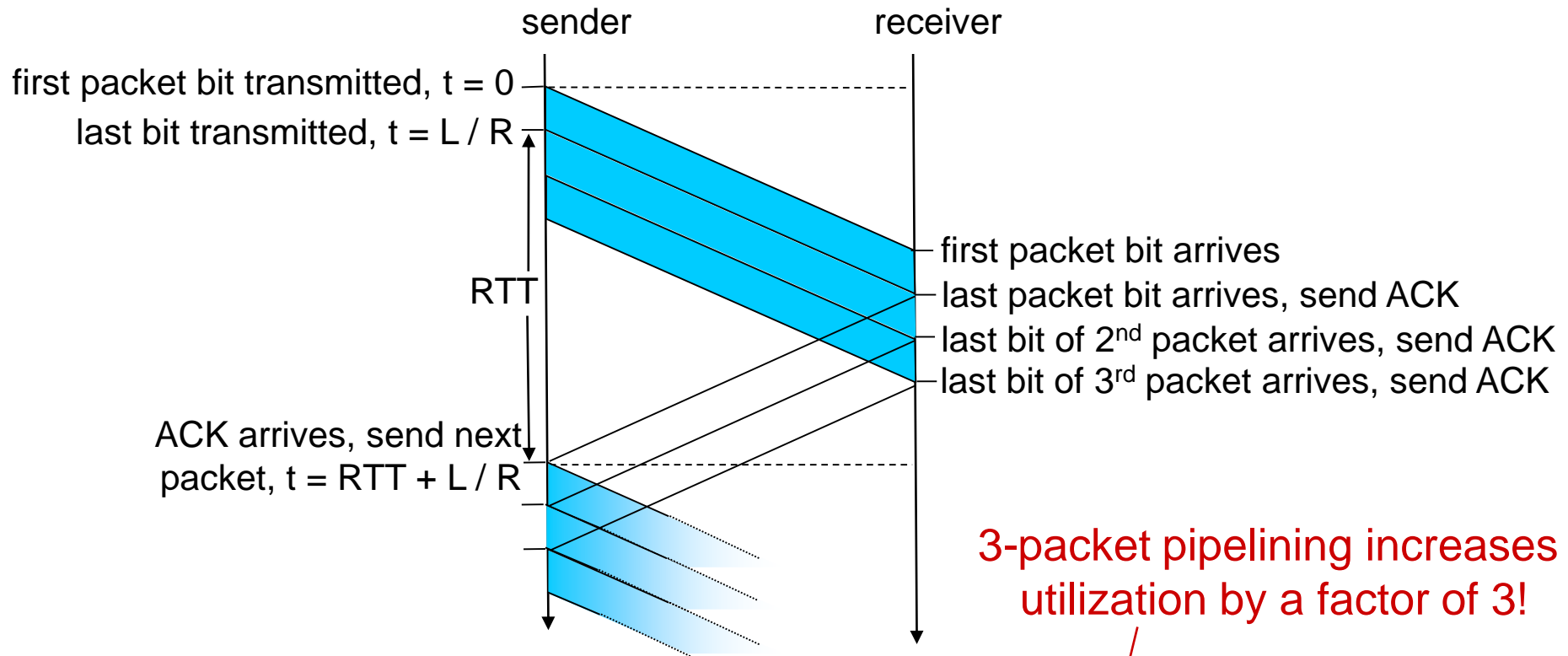


(a) a stop-and-wait protocol in operation

(b) a pipelined protocol in operation

❖ two generic forms of pipelined protocols: *go-Back-N*, *selective repeat*

# Pipelining: increased utilization



3-packet pipelining increases utilization by a factor of 3!

$$U_{sender} = \frac{3L / R}{RTT + L / R} = \frac{.0024}{30.008} = 0.00081$$

# Pipelined protocols: overview

## Go-back-N:

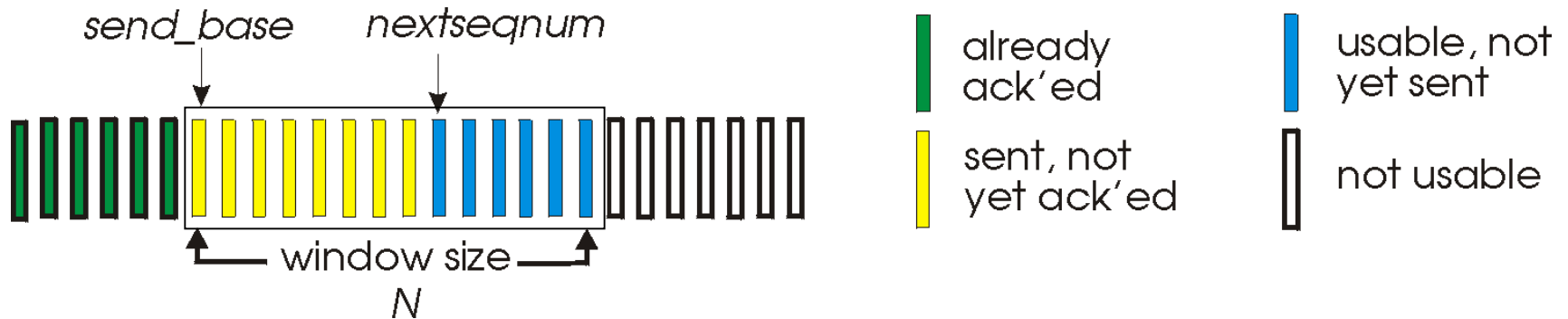
- ❖ sender can have up to N unacked packets in pipeline
- ❖ receiver only sends *cumulative ack*
  - doesn't ack packet if there's a gap
- ❖ sender has timer for oldest unacked packet
  - when timer expires, retransmit *all* unacked packets

## Selective Repeat:

- ❖ sender can have up to N unack'ed packets in pipeline
- ❖ rcvr sends *individual ack* for each packet
- ❖ sender maintains timer for each unacked packet
  - when timer expires, retransmit only that unacked packet

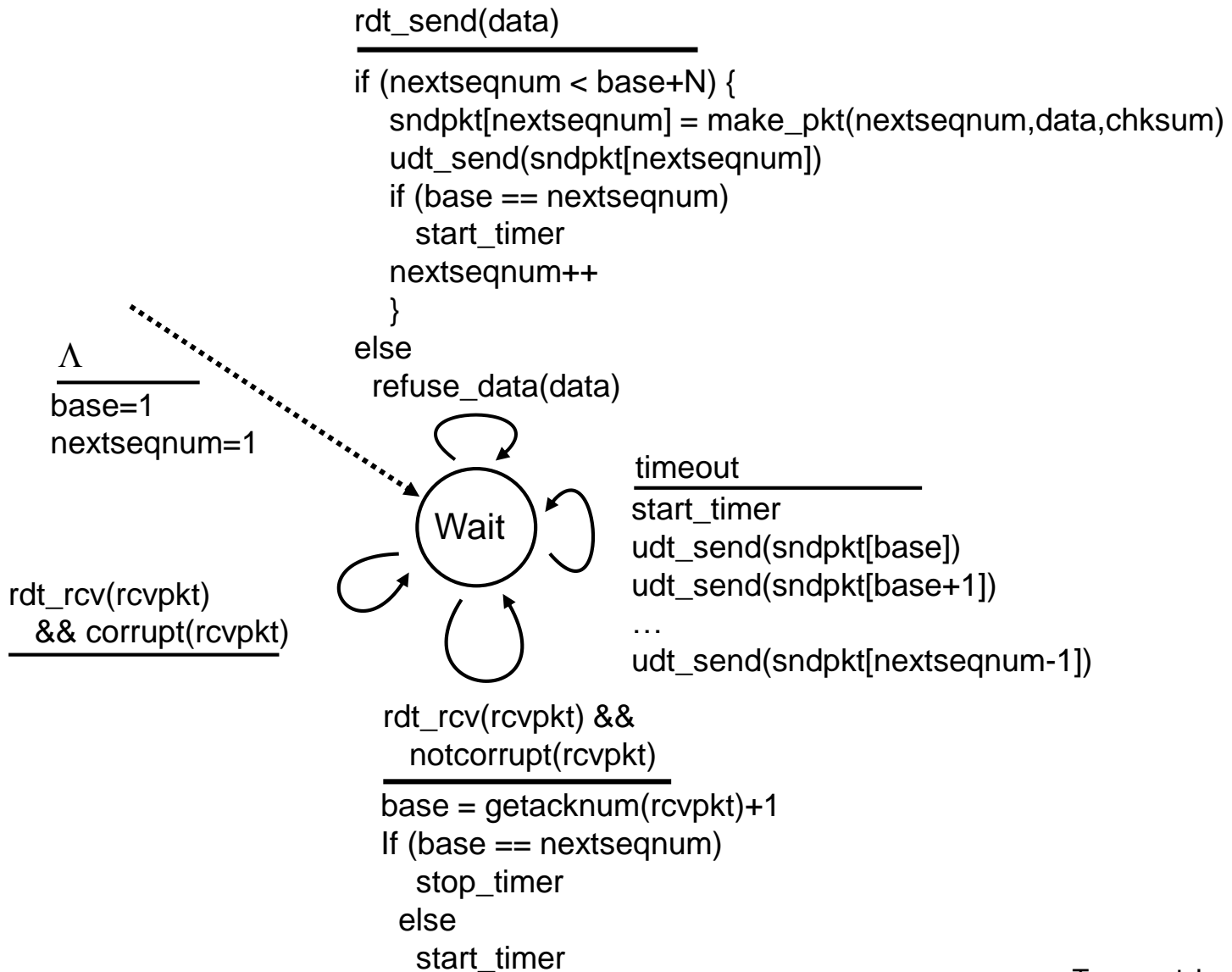
# Go-Back-N: sender

- ❖ k-bit seq # in pkt header
- ❖ “window” of up to N, consecutive unack’ed pkts allowed



- ❖ ACK(n): ACKs all pkts up to, including seq # n - “cumulative ACK”
  - may receive duplicate ACKs (see receiver)
- ❖ timer for oldest in-flight pkt
- ❖ *timeout(n)*: retransmit packet n and all higher seq # pkts in window

# GBN: sender extended FSM







# GBN in action

*sender window (N=4)*

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
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*sender*

send pkt0  
 send pkt1  
 send pkt2  
 send pkt3  
 (wait)

rcv ack0, send pkt4  
 rcv ack1, send pkt5

ignore duplicate ACK



*pkt 2 timeout*

send pkt2  
 send pkt3  
 send pkt4  
 send pkt5

*receiver*

receive pkt0, send ack0  
 receive pkt1, send ack1

receive pkt3, discard,  
 (re)send ack1

receive pkt4, discard,  
 (re)send ack1

receive pkt5, discard,  
 (re)send ack1

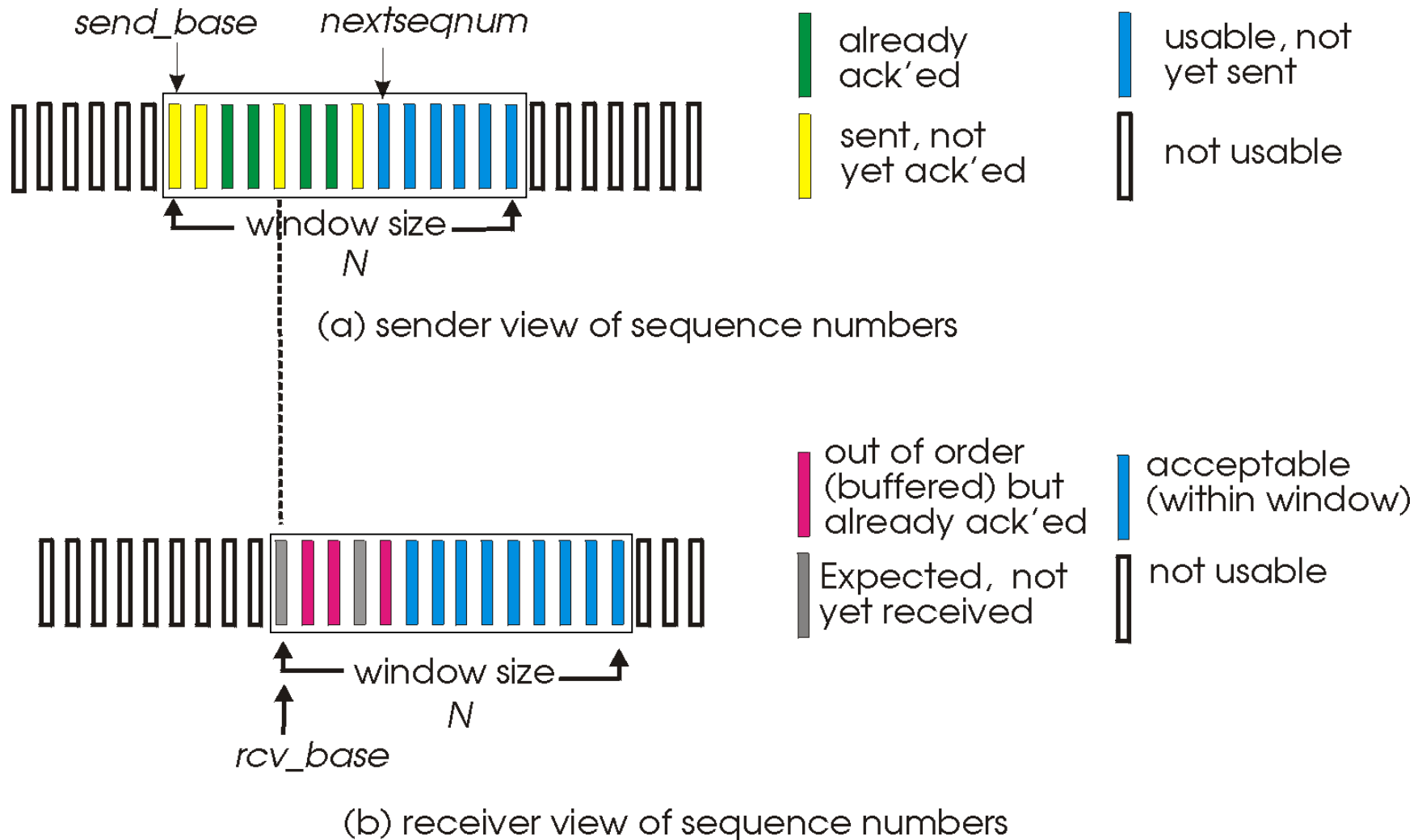
rcv pkt2, deliver, send ack2  
 rcv pkt3, deliver, send ack3  
 rcv pkt4, deliver, send ack4  
 rcv pkt5, deliver, send ack5

*X loss*

# Selective repeat

- ❖ receiver *individually* acknowledges all correctly received pkts
  - buffers pkts, as needed, for eventual in-order delivery to upper layer
- ❖ sender only resends pkts for which ACK not received
  - sender timer for each unACKed pkt
- ❖ sender window
  - $N$  consecutive seq #'s
  - limits seq #'s of sent, unACKed pkts

# Selective repeat: sender, receiver windows



# Selective repeat

## sender

### data from above:

- ❖ if next available seq # in window, send pkt

### timeout(n):

- ❖ resend pkt n, restart timer

### ACK(n) in [sendbase,sendbase+N]:

- ❖ mark pkt n as received
- ❖ if n smallest unACKed pkt, advance window base to next unACKed seq #

## receiver

### pkt n in [rcvbase,rcvbase+N-1]

- ❖ send ACK(n)
- ❖ out-of-order: buffer
- ❖ in-order: deliver (also deliver buffered, in-order pkts), advance window to next not-yet-received pkt

### pkt n in [rcvbase-N,rcvbase-1]

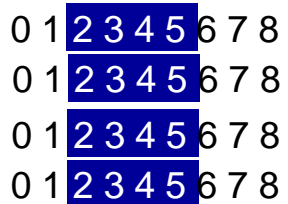
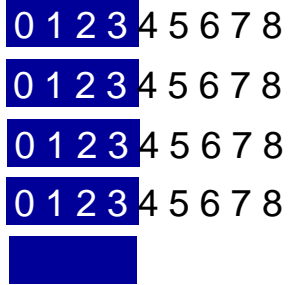
- ❖ ACK(n)

### otherwise:

- ❖ ignore

# Selective repeat in action

sender window (N=4)



sender

send pkt0  
 send pkt1  
 send pkt2  
 send pkt3  
 (wait)

rcv ack0, send pkt4  
 rcv ack1, send pkt5

record ack3 arrived



*pkt 2 timeout*

send pkt2

record ack4 arrived

record ack4 arrived

receiver

receive pkt0, send ack0  
 receive pkt1, send ack1

receive pkt3, buffer,  
 send ack3

receive pkt4, buffer,  
 send ack4

receive pkt5, buffer,  
 send ack5

rcv pkt2; deliver pkt2,  
 pkt3, pkt4, pkt5; send ack2

*X loss*

*Q: what happens when ack2 arrives?*

# Selective repeat: dilemma

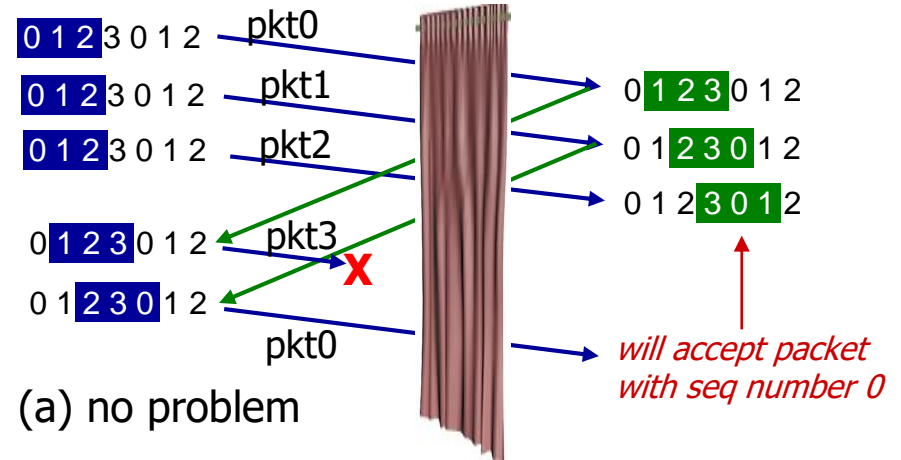
example:

- ❖ seq #'s: 0, 1, 2, 3
- ❖ window size=3
- ❖ receiver sees no difference in two scenarios!
- ❖ duplicate data accepted as new in (b)

Q: what relationship between seq # size and window size to avoid problem in (b)?

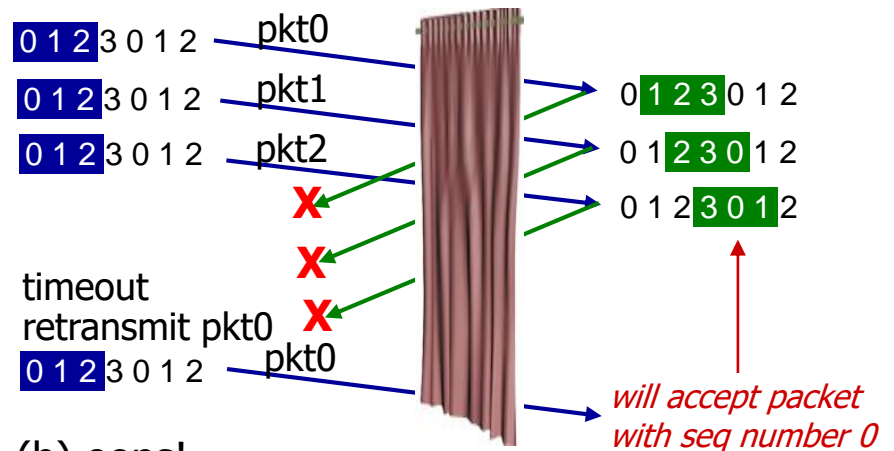
sender window  
(after receipt)

receiver window  
(after receipt)



(a) no problem

receiver can't see sender side.  
receiver behavior identical in both cases!  
*something's (very) wrong!*



(b) oops!

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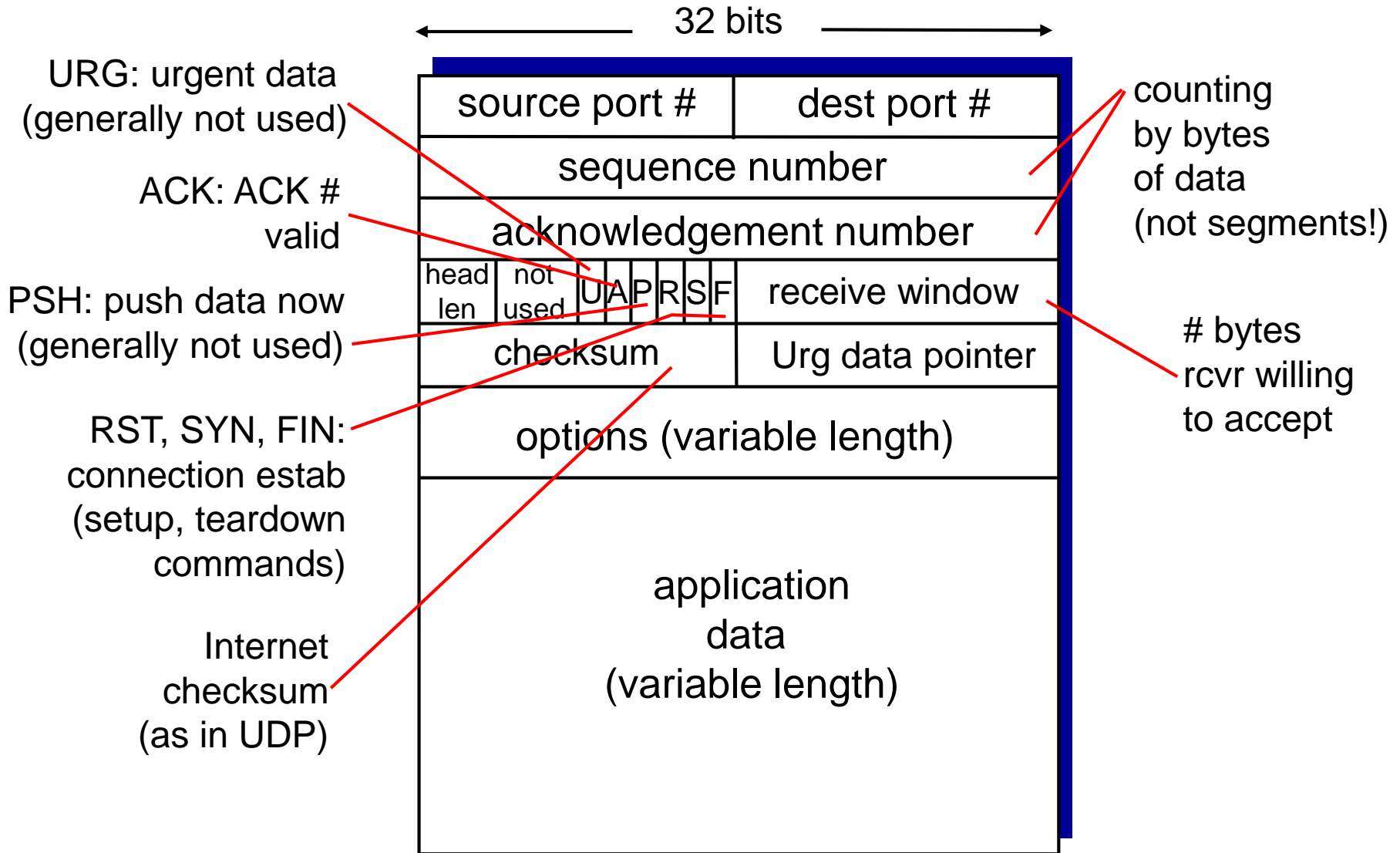
# TCP: Overview

RFCs: 793, 1122, 1323, 2018, 2581

- ❖ **point-to-point:**
  - one sender, one receiver
- ❖ **reliable, in-order *byte stream*:**
  - no “message boundaries”
- ❖ **pipelined:**
  - TCP congestion and flow control set window size
- ❖ **full duplex data:**
  - bi-directional data flow in same connection
  - MSS: maximum segment size
- ❖ **connection-oriented:**
  - handshaking (exchange of control msgs) initializes sender, receiver state before data exchange
- ❖ **flow controlled:**
  - sender will not overwhelm receiver



# TCP segment structure



# TCP seq. numbers, ACKs

## sequence numbers:

- byte stream “number” of first byte in segment’s data

## acknowledgements:

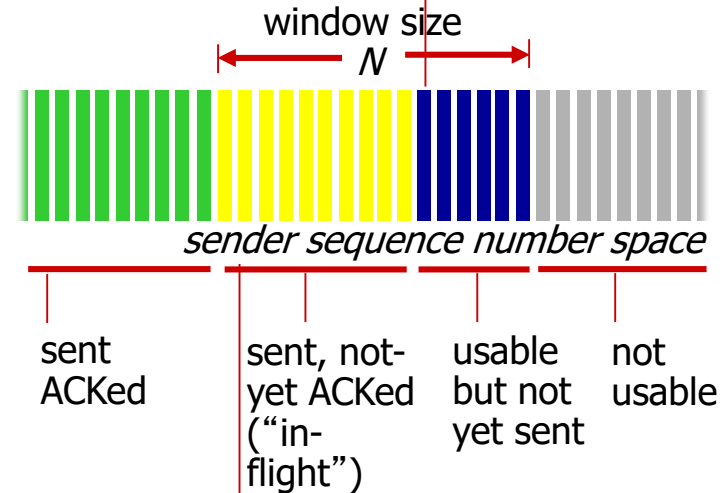
- seq # of next byte expected from other side
- cumulative ACK

**Q:** how receiver handles out-of-order segments

- A:** TCP spec doesn’t say, - up to implementor

outgoing segment from sender

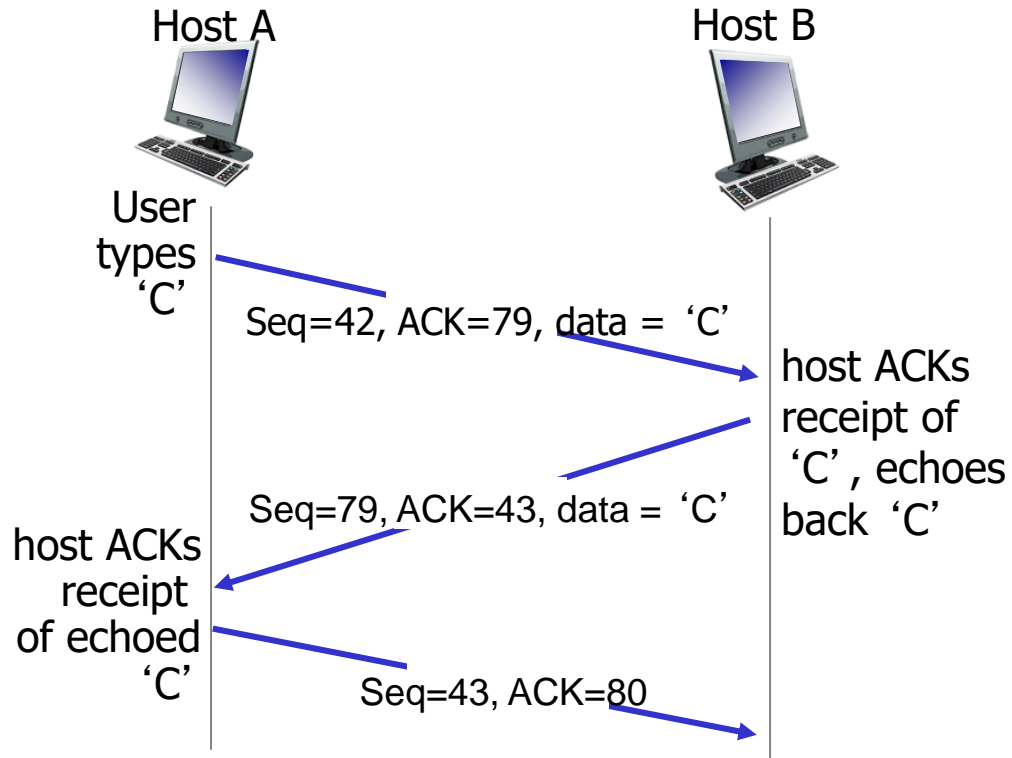
source port #	dest port #
sequence number	
acknowledgement number	
	rwnd
checksum	urg pointer



incoming segment to sender

source port #	dest port #
sequence number	
acknowledgement number	
	A
	rwnd
checksum	urg pointer

# TCP seq. numbers, ACKs



simple telnet scenario

# TCP round trip time, timeout

Q: how to set TCP timeout value?

- ❖ longer than RTT
  - but RTT varies
- ❖ *too short*: premature timeout, unnecessary retransmissions
- ❖ *too long*: slow reaction to segment loss

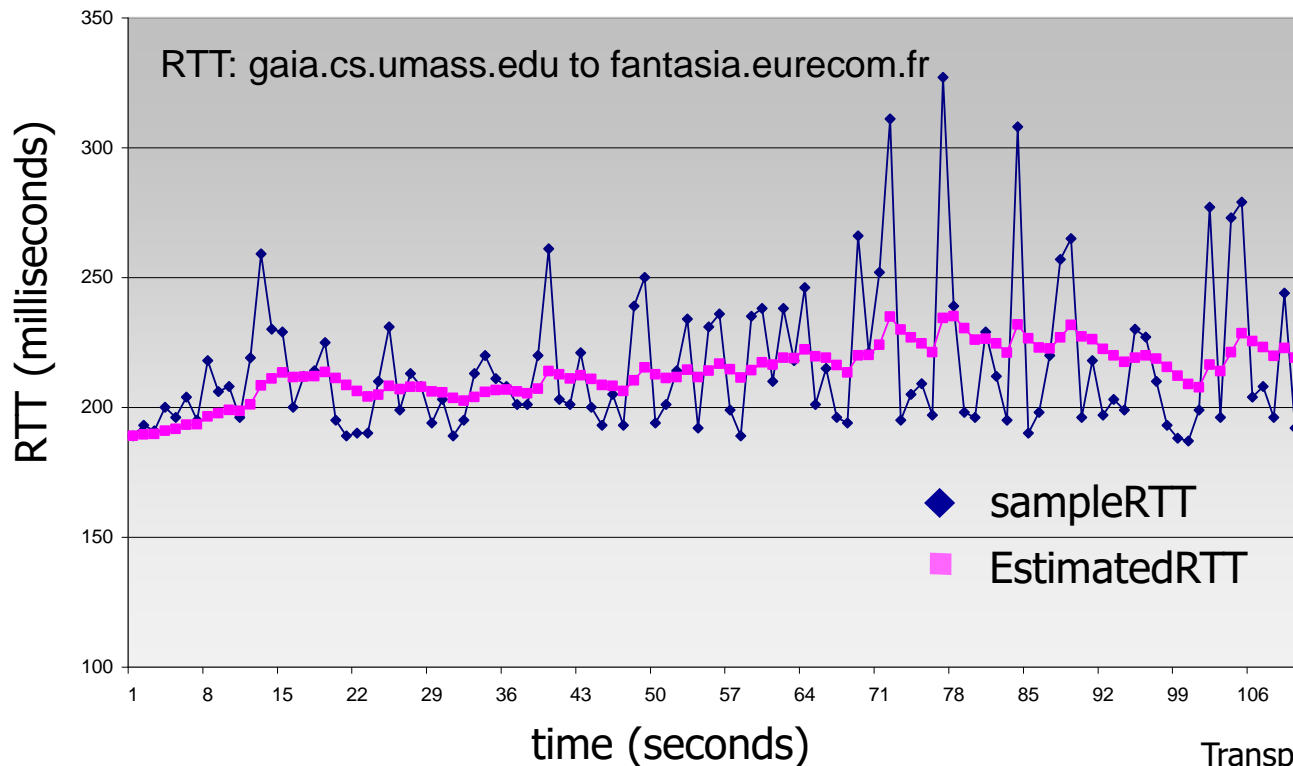
Q: how to estimate RTT?

- ❖ **SampleRTT**: measured time from segment transmission until ACK receipt
  - ignore retransmissions
- ❖ **SampleRTT** will vary, want estimated RTT “smoother”
  - average several *recent* measurements, not just current **SampleRTT**

# TCP round trip time, timeout

$$\text{EstimatedRTT} = (1 - \alpha) * \text{EstimatedRTT} + \alpha * \text{SampleRTT}$$

- ❖ exponential weighted moving average
- ❖ influence of past sample decreases exponentially fast
- ❖ typical value:  $\alpha = 0.125$



# TCP round trip time, timeout

- ❖ **timeout interval: EstimatedRTT plus “safety margin”**
  - large variation in **EstimatedRTT** -> larger safety margin
- ❖ estimate **SampleRTT** deviation from **EstimatedRTT**:

$$\text{DevRTT} = (1-\beta) * \text{DevRTT} + \beta * |\text{SampleRTT} - \text{EstimatedRTT}|$$

(typically,  $\beta = 0.25$ )

$$\text{TimeoutInterval} = \text{EstimatedRTT} + 4 * \text{DevRTT}$$



↑  
estimated RTT

↑  
“safety margin”

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# TCP reliable data transfer

❖ TCP creates rdt service on top of IP' s unreliable service

- pipelined segments
- cumulative acks
- single retransmission timer

❖ retransmissions triggered by:

- timeout events
- duplicate acks

let' s initially consider simplified TCP sender:

- ignore duplicate acks
- ignore flow control, congestion control



# TCP sender events:

## *data rcvd from app:*

- ❖ create segment with seq #
- ❖ seq # is byte-stream number of first data byte in segment
- ❖ start timer if not already running
  - think of timer as for oldest unacked segment
  - expiration interval: `TimeoutInterval`

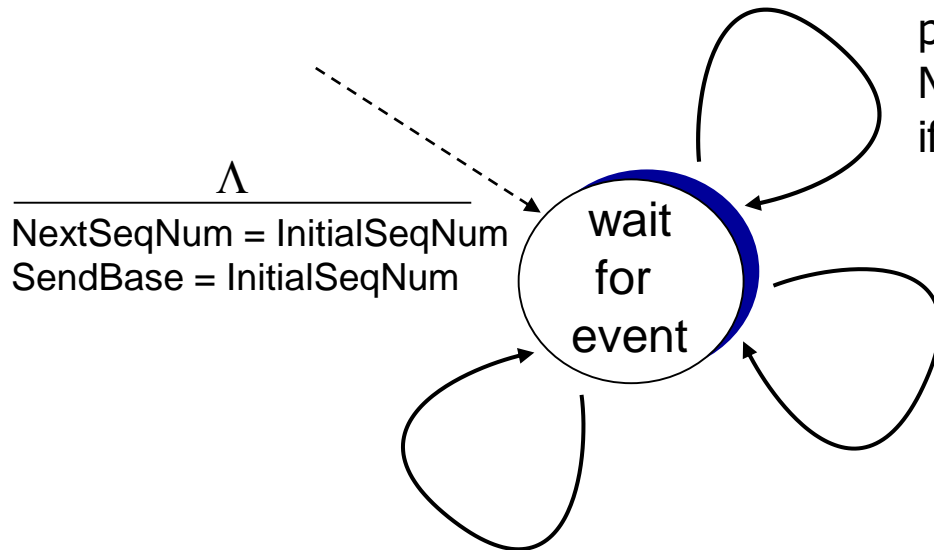
## *timeout:*

- ❖ retransmit segment that caused timeout
- ❖ restart timer

## *ack rcvd:*

- ❖ if ack acknowledges previously unacked segments
  - update what is known to be ACKed
  - start timer if there are still unacked segments

# TCP sender (simplified)



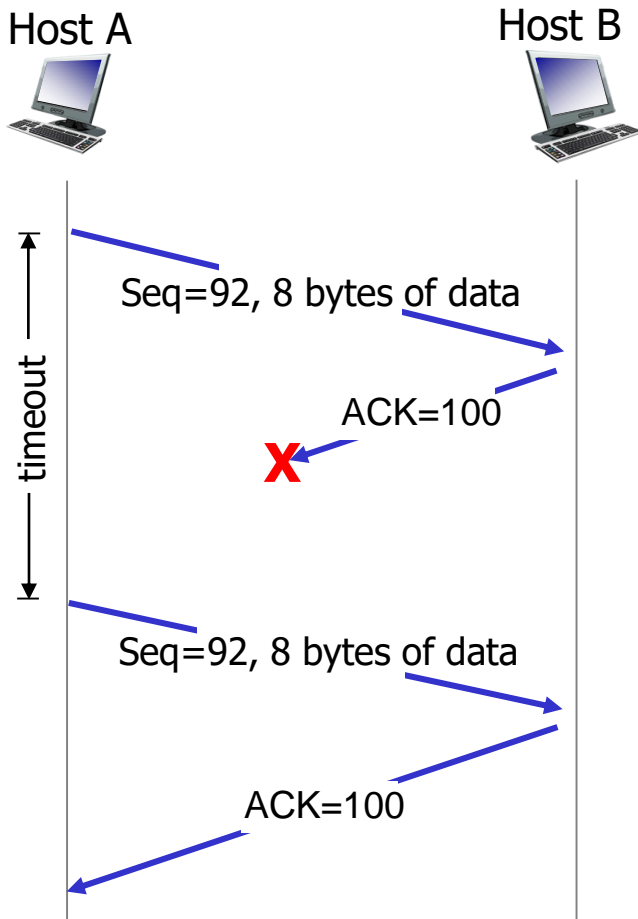
data received from application above  
create segment, seq. #: NextSeqNum  
pass segment to IP (i.e., “send”)  
NextSeqNum = NextSeqNum + length(data)  
if (timer currently not running)  
start timer

timeout  
retransmit not-yet-acked segment  
with smallest seq. #  
start timer

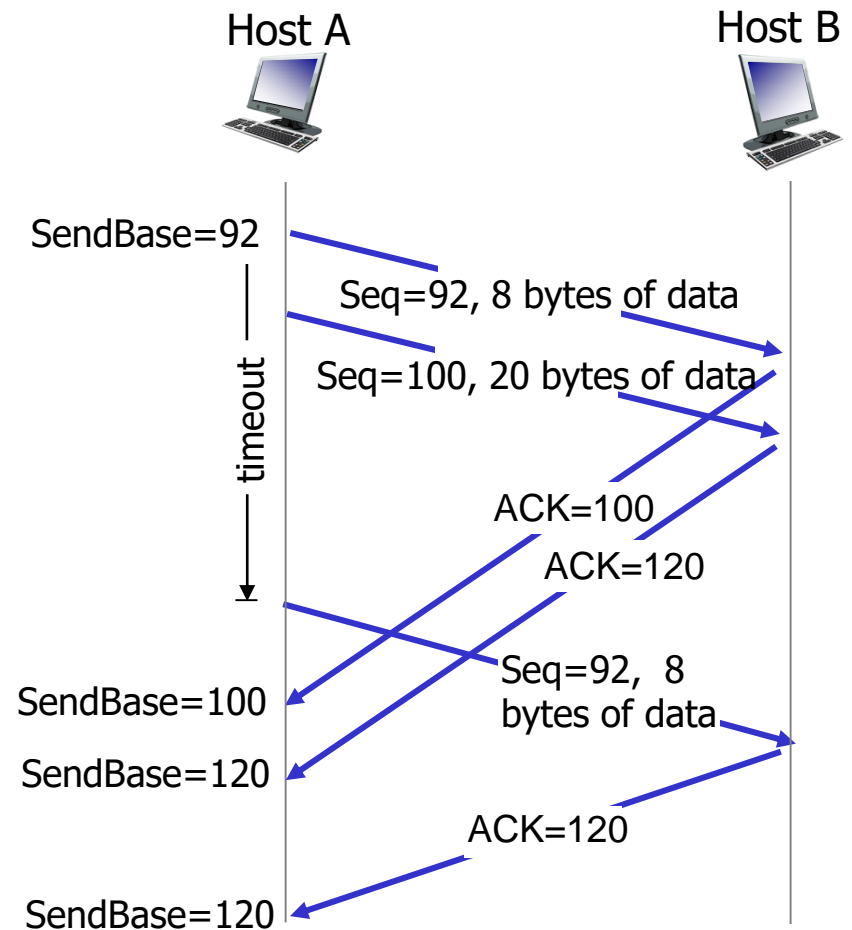
ACK received, with ACK field value y

```
if (y > SendBase) {  
    SendBase = y  
    /* SendBase-1: last cumulatively ACKed byte */  
    if (there are currently not-yet-acked segments)  
        start timer  
    else stop timer  
}
```

# TCP: retransmission scenarios

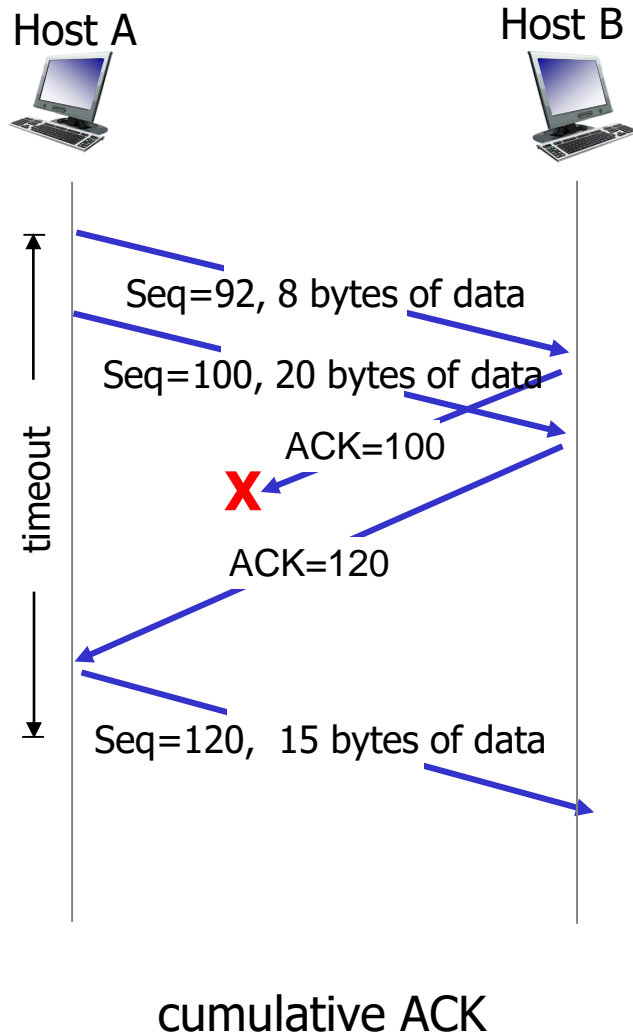


lost ACK scenario



premature timeout

# TCP: retransmission scenarios



# TCP ACK generation [RFC 1122, RFC 2581]

<i>event at receiver</i>	<i>TCP receiver action</i>
arrival of in-order segment with expected seq #. All data up to expected seq # already ACKed	delayed ACK. Wait up to 500ms for next segment. If no next segment, send ACK
arrival of in-order segment with expected seq #. One other segment has ACK pending	immediately send single cumulative ACK, ACKing both in-order segments
arrival of out-of-order segment higher-than-expected seq. # . Gap detected	immediately send <i>duplicate ACK</i> , indicating seq. # of next expected byte
arrival of segment that partially or completely fills gap	immediate send ACK, provided that segment starts at lower end of gap

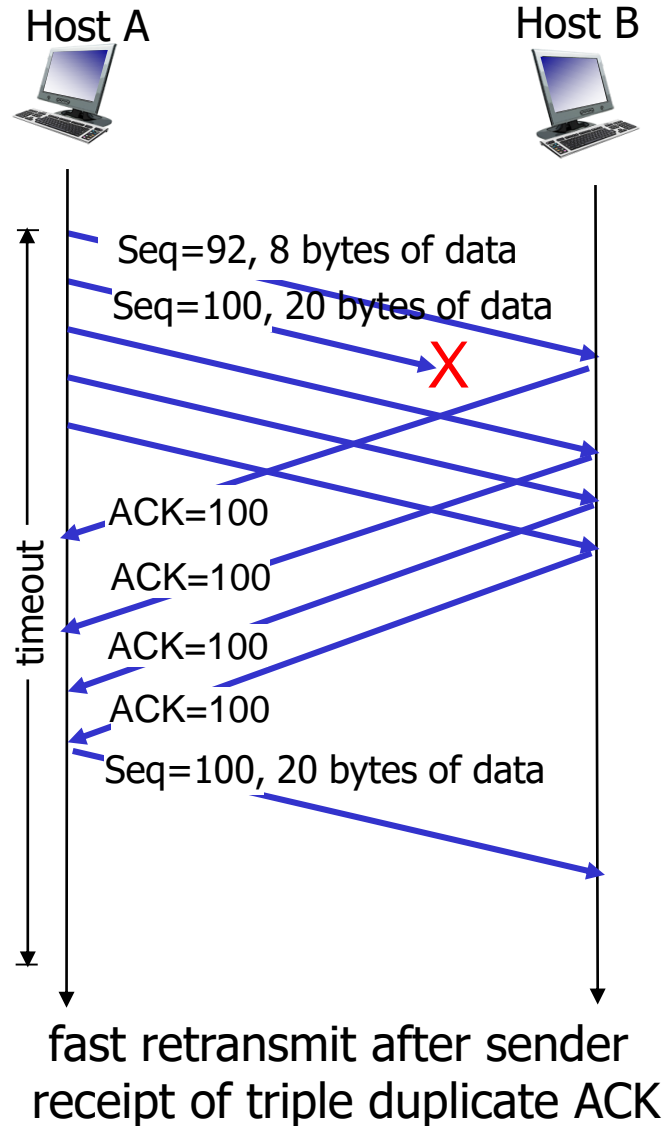
# TCP fast retransmit

- ❖ time-out period often relatively long:
  - long delay before resending lost packet
- ❖ detect lost segments via duplicate ACKs.
  - sender often sends many segments back-to-back
  - if segment is lost, there will likely be many duplicate ACKs.

## *TCP fast retransmit*

- if sender receives 3 ACKs for same data (“triple duplicate ACKs”), resend unacked segment with smallest seq #
- likely that unacked segment lost, so don't wait for timeout

# TCP fast retransmit



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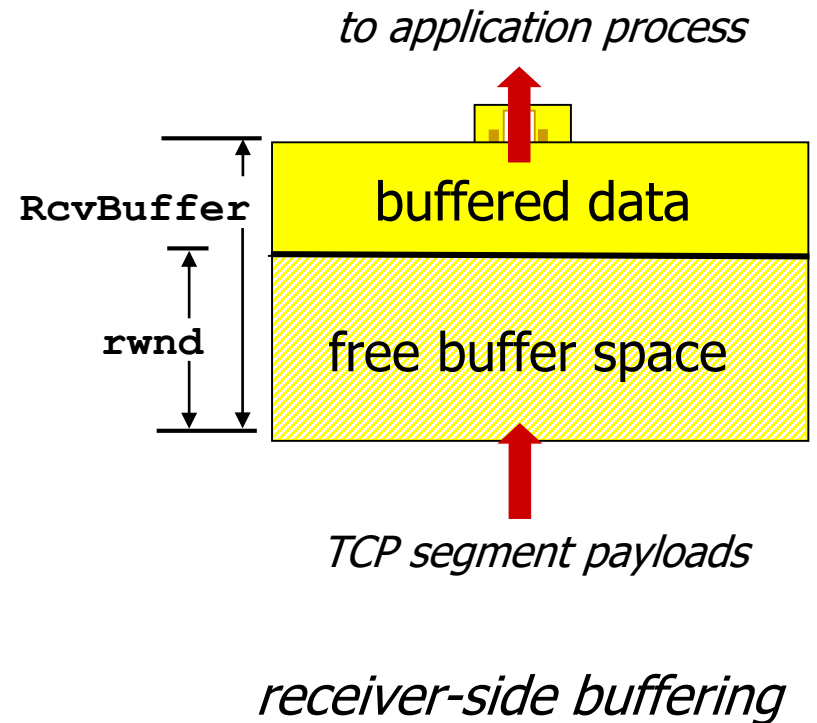
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# TCP flow control

- ❖ receiver “advertises” free buffer space by including **rwnd** value in TCP header of receiver-to-sender segments
  - **RcvBuffer** size set via socket options (typical default is 4096 bytes)
  - many operating systems autoadjust **RcvBuffer**
- ❖ sender limits amount of unacked (“in-flight”) data to receiver’s **rwnd** value
- ❖ guarantees receive buffer will not overflow



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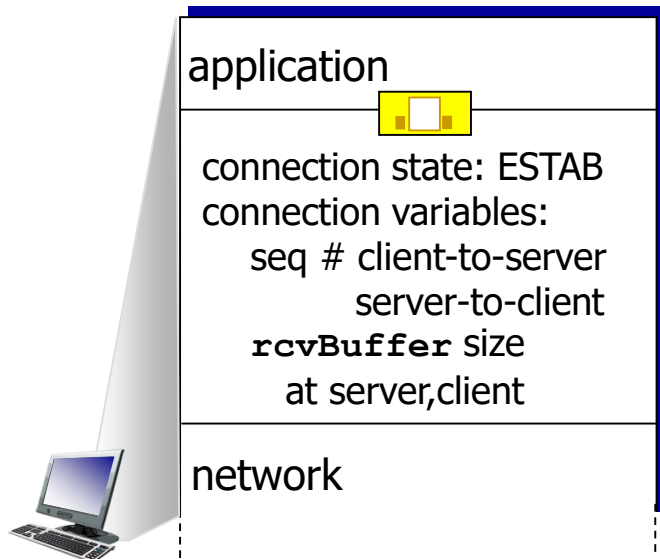
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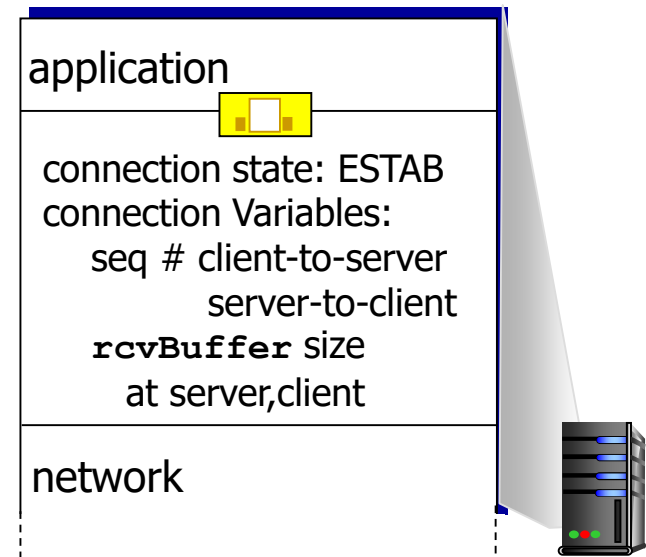
# Connection Management

before exchanging data, sender/receiver “handshake”:

- ❖ agree to establish connection (each knowing the other willing to establish connection)
- ❖ agree on connection parameters



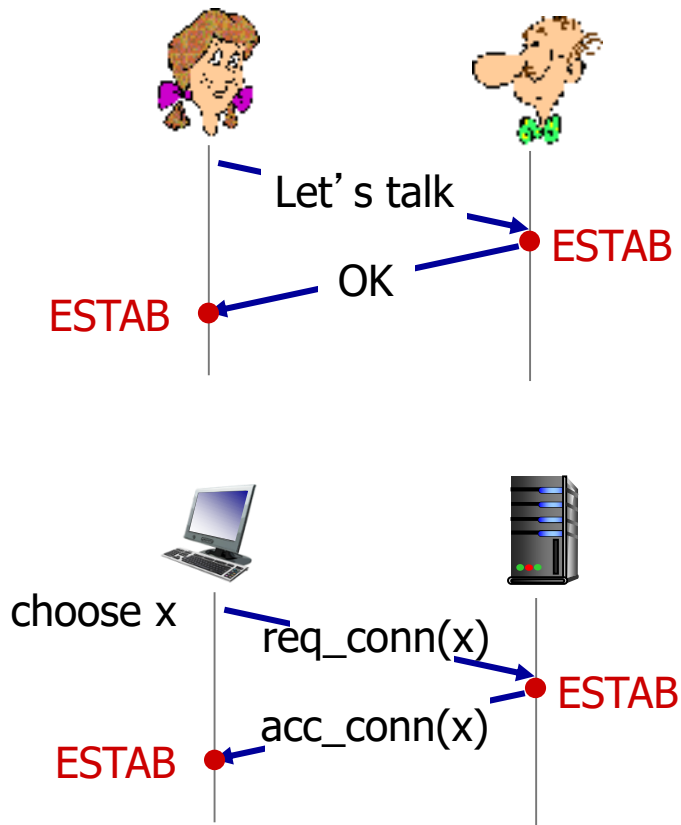
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Socket clientSocket =  
    newSocket("hostname", "port  
    number");
```



```
Socket connectionSocket =  
    welcomeSocket.accept();
```

# Agreeing to establish a connection

2-way handshake:

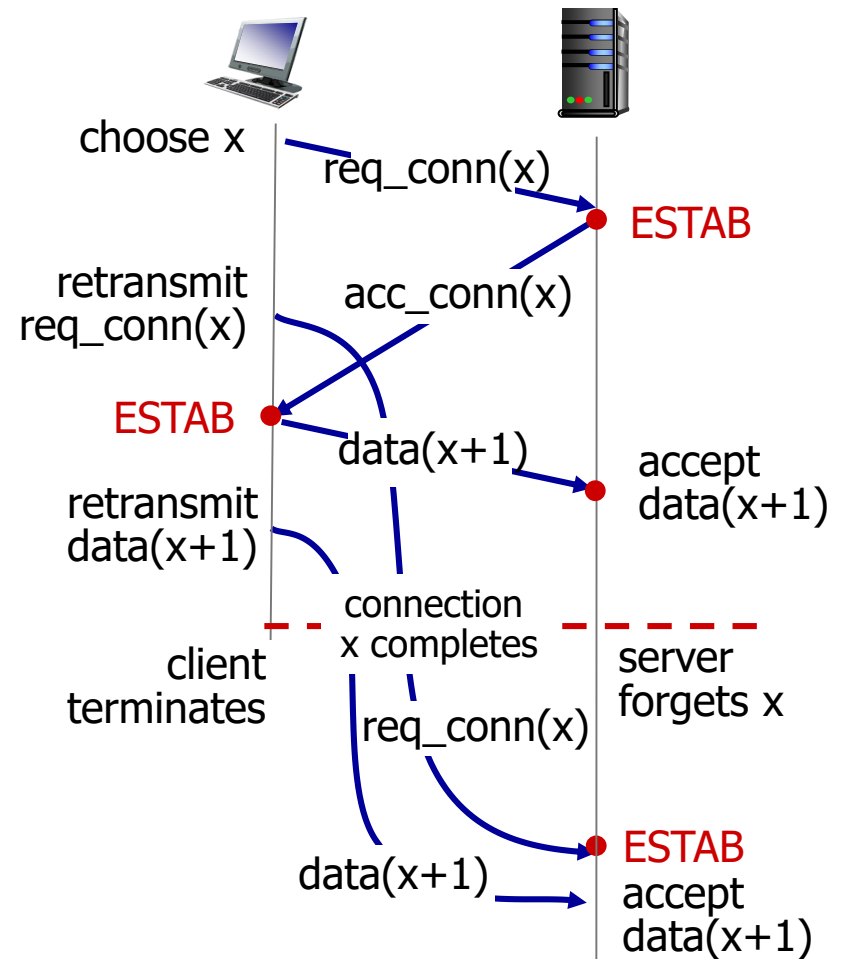
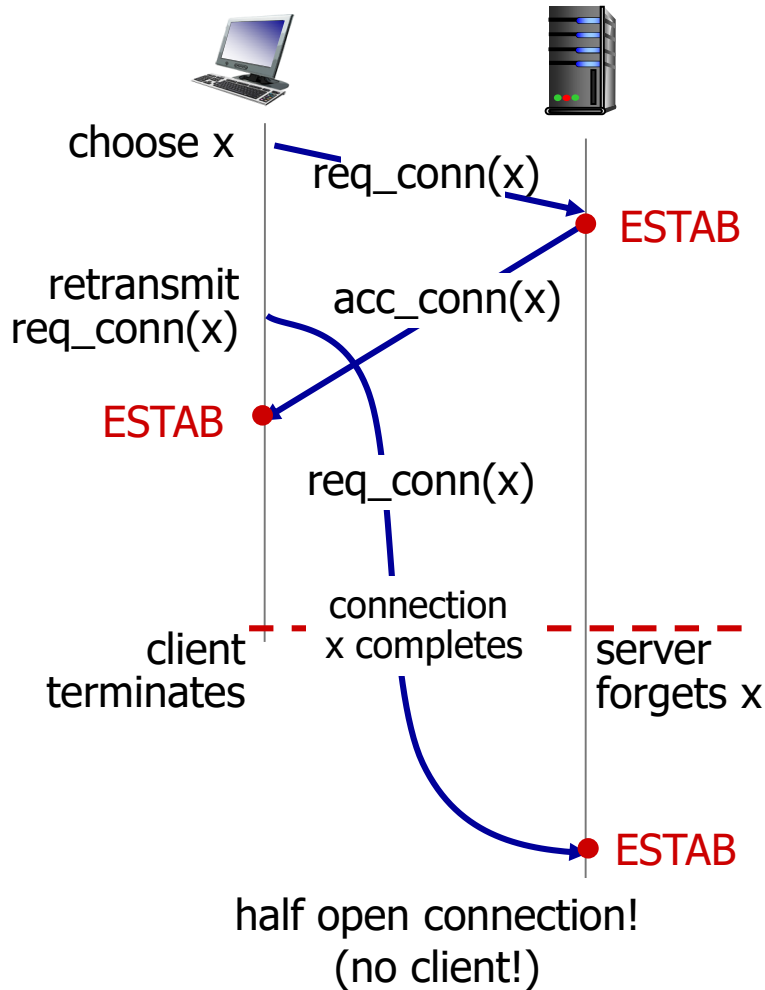


**Q:** will 2-way handshake always work in network?

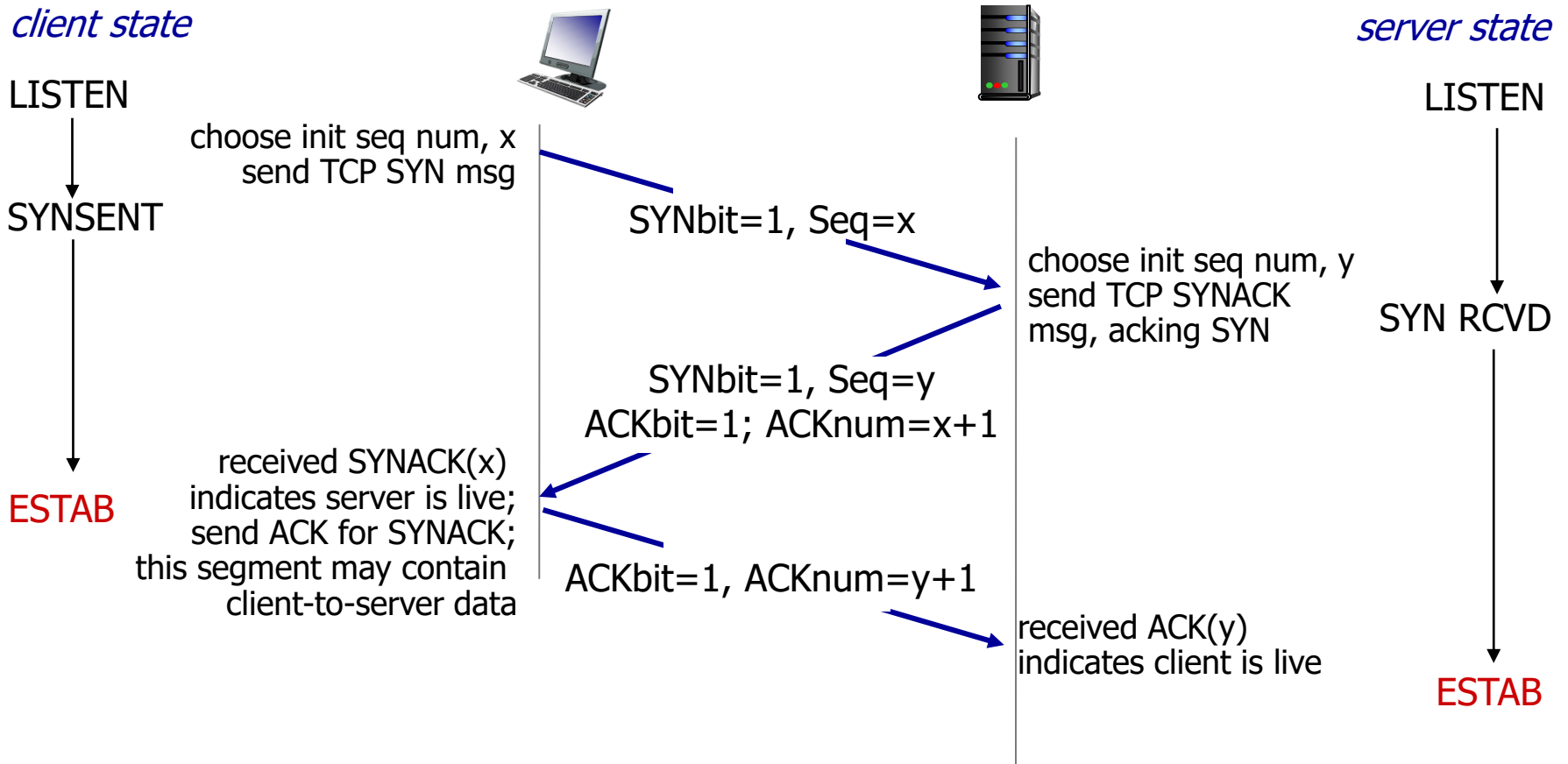
- ❖ variable delays
- ❖ retransmitted messages (e.g. req\_conn(x)) due to message loss
- ❖ message reordering
- ❖ can't "see" other side

# Agreeing to establish a connection

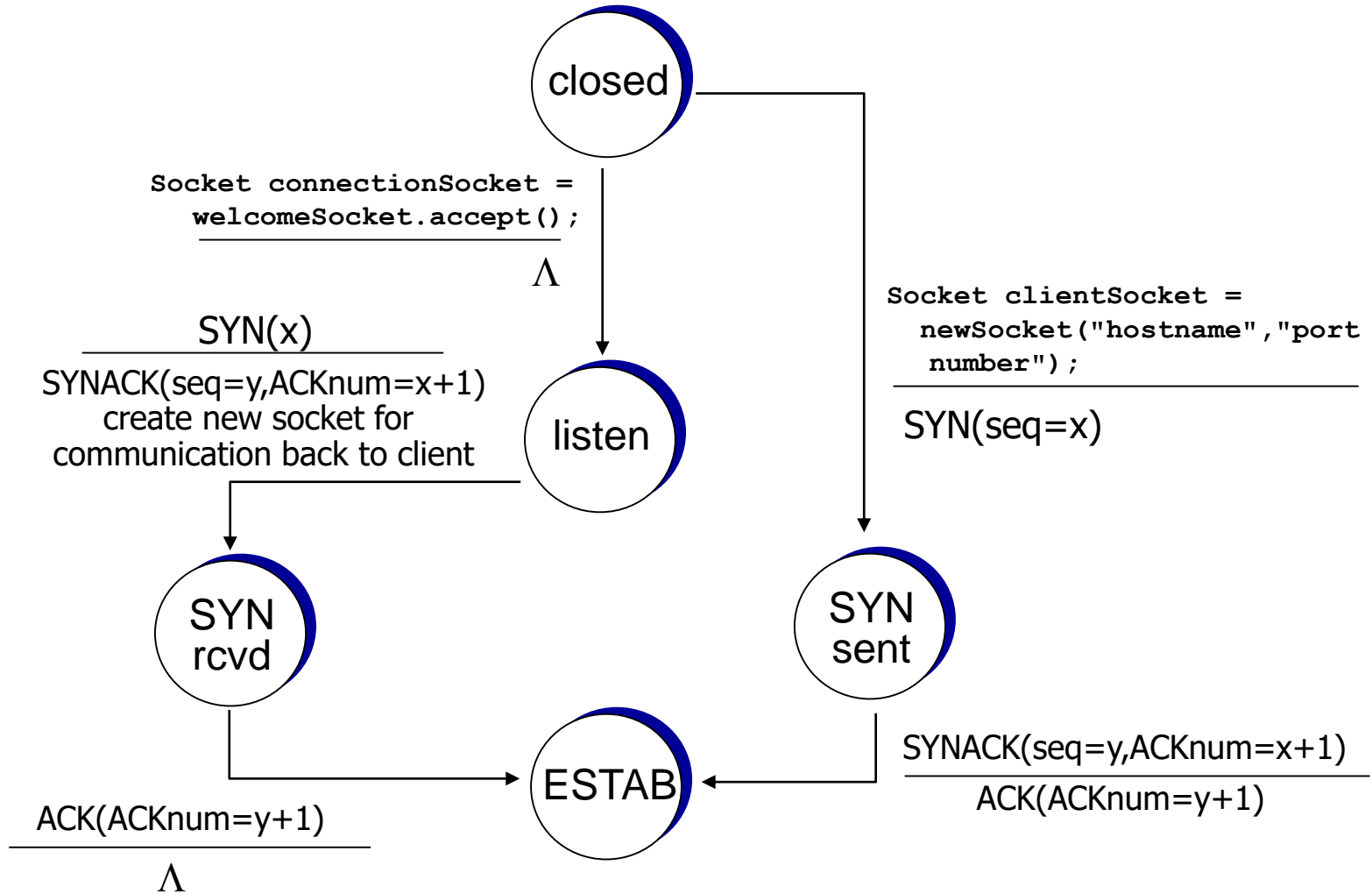
2-way handshake failure scenarios:



# TCP 3-way handshake



# TCP 3-way handshake: FSM





# TCP: closing a connection

- ❖ client, server each close their side of connection
  - send TCP segment with FIN bit = 1
- ❖ respond to received FIN with ACK
  - on receiving FIN, ACK can be combined with own FIN
- ❖ simultaneous FIN exchanges can be handled

# TCP: closing a connection

*client state*

ESTAB

`clientSocket.close()`

FIN\_WAIT\_1

can no longer  
send but can  
receive data

FIN\_WAIT\_2

wait for server  
close

TIMED\_WAIT

timed wait  
for  $2 * \text{max}$   
segment lifetime

CLOSED



FINbit=1, seq=x

ACKbit=1; ACKnum=x+1

FINbit=1, seq=y

ACKbit=1; ACKnum=y+1

can still  
send data

can no longer  
send data

*server state*

ESTAB

CLOSE\_WAIT

LAST\_ACK

CLOSED

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# Principles of congestion control

## *congestion:*

- ❖ informally: “too many sources sending too much data too fast for *network* to handle”
- ❖ different from flow control!
- ❖ manifestations:
  - lost packets (buffer overflow at routers)
  - long delays (queueing in router buffers)
- ❖ a top-10 problem!

# Approaches towards congestion control

two broad approaches towards congestion control:

## end-end congestion control:

- ❖ no explicit feedback from network
- ❖ congestion inferred from end-system observed loss, delay
- ❖ approach taken by TCP

## network-assisted congestion control:

- ❖ routers provide feedback to end systems
  - single bit indicating congestion (SNA, DECbit, TCP/IP ECN, ATM)
  - explicit rate for sender to send at

# Case study: ATM ABR congestion control

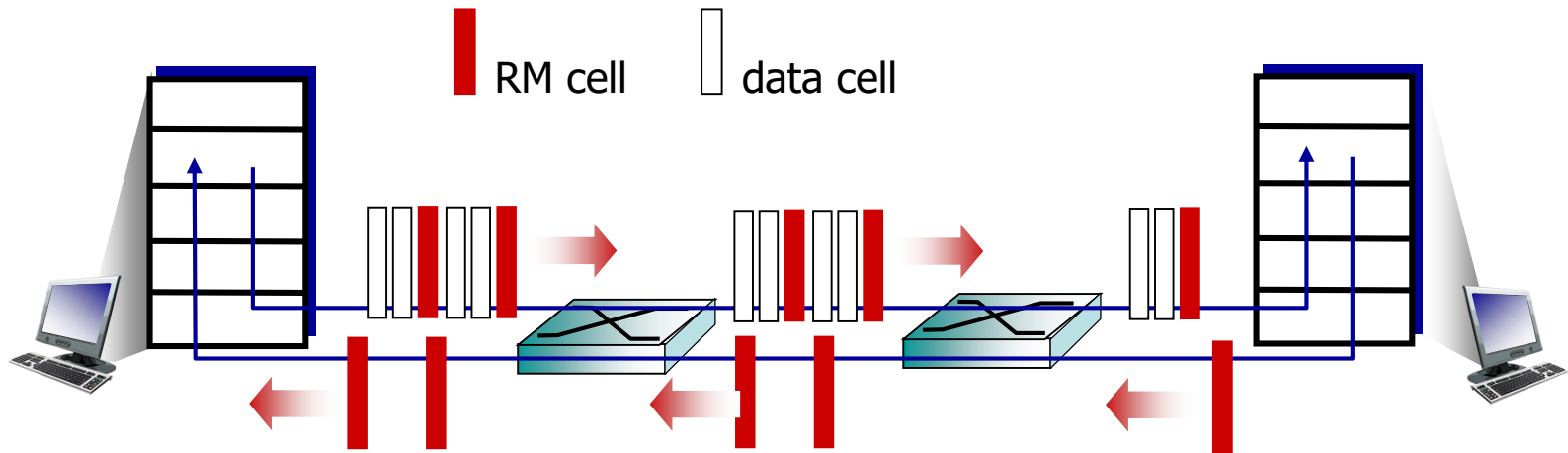
## ABR: available bit rate:

- ❖ “elastic service”
- ❖ if sender’s path “underloaded”:
  - sender should use available bandwidth
- ❖ if sender’s path congested:
  - sender throttled to minimum guaranteed rate

## RM (resource management) cells:

- ❖ sent by sender, interspersed with data cells
- ❖ bits in RM cell set by switches (“*network-assisted*”)
  - *NI bit*: no increase in rate (mild congestion)
  - *CI bit*: congestion indication
- ❖ RM cells returned to sender by receiver, with bits intact

# Case study: ATM ABR congestion control



- ❖ two-byte ER (explicit rate) field in RM cell
  - congested switch may lower ER value in cell
  - senders' send rate thus max supportable rate on path
- ❖ EFCI bit in data cells: set to 1 in congested switch
  - if data cell preceding RM cell has EFCI set, receiver sets CI bit in returned RM cell

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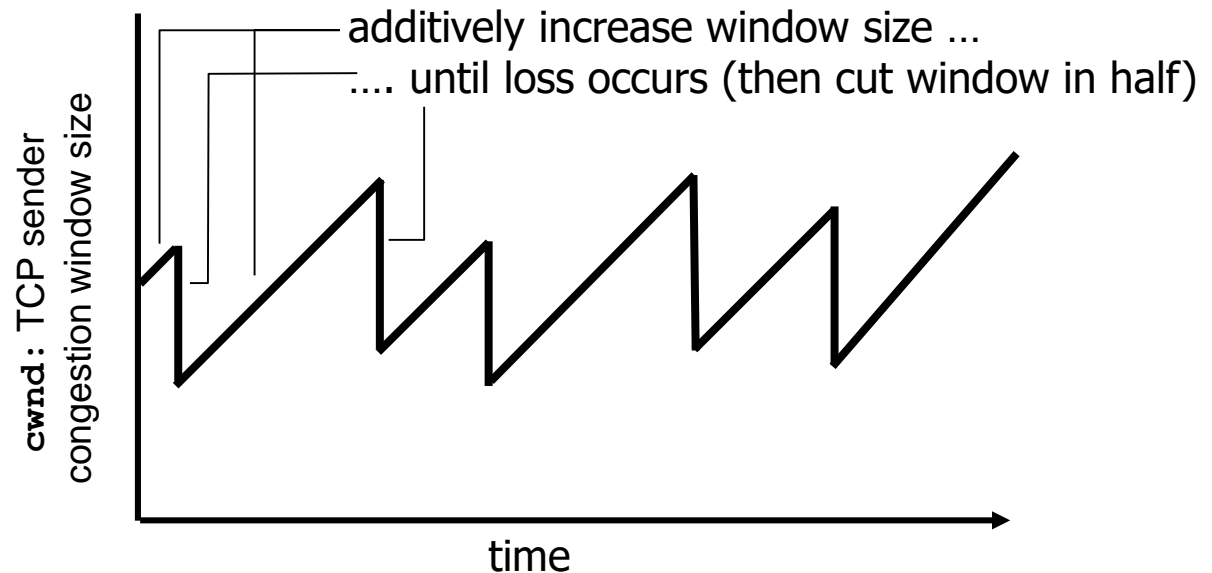
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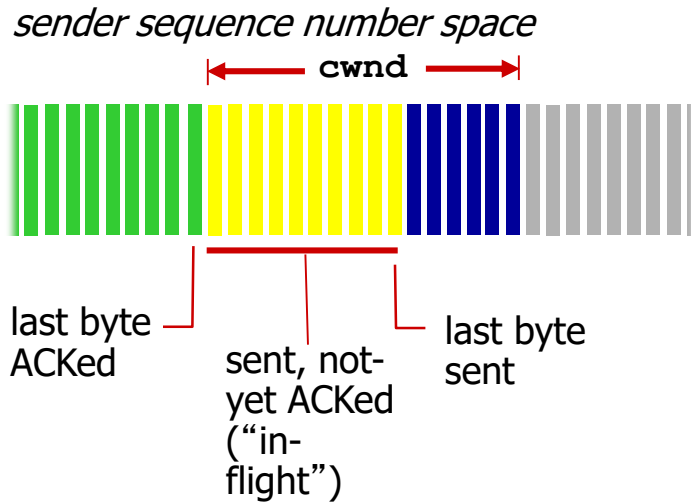
# TCP congestion control: additive increase multiplicative decrease

- ❖ *approach*: sender increases transmission rate (window size), probing for usable bandwidth, until loss occurs
  - *additive increase*: increase **cwnd** by 1 MSS every RTT until loss detected
  - *multiplicative decrease*: cut **cwnd** in half after loss

AIMD saw tooth behavior: probing for bandwidth



# TCP Congestion Control: details



- ❖ sender limits transmission:

$$\text{LastByteSent} - \text{LastByteAked} \leq \text{cwnd}$$

- ❖ **cwnd** is dynamic, function of perceived network congestion

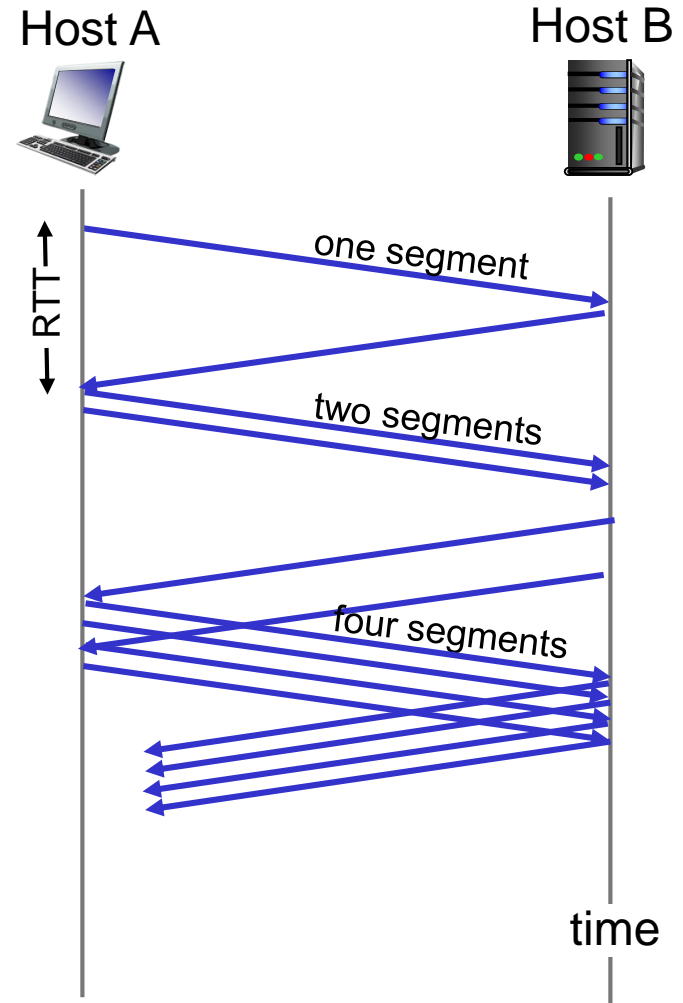
TCP sending rate:

- ❖ roughly: send cwnd bytes, wait RTT for ACKS, then send more bytes

$$\text{rate} \approx \frac{\text{cwnd}}{\text{RTT}} \text{ bytes/sec}$$

# TCP Slow Start

- ❖ when connection begins, increase rate exponentially until first loss event:
  - initially `cwnd` = 1 MSS
  - double `cwnd` every RTT
  - done by incrementing `cwnd` for every ACK received
- ❖ summary: initial rate is slow but ramps up exponentially fast



# TCP: detecting, reacting to loss

- ❖ loss indicated by timeout:
  - `cwnd` set to 1 MSS;
  - window then grows exponentially (as in slow start) to threshold, then grows linearly
- ❖ loss indicated by 3 duplicate ACKs: TCP RENO
  - dup ACKs indicate network capable of delivering some segments
  - `cwnd` is cut in half window then grows linearly
- ❖ TCP Tahoe always sets `cwnd` to 1 (timeout or 3 duplicate acks)

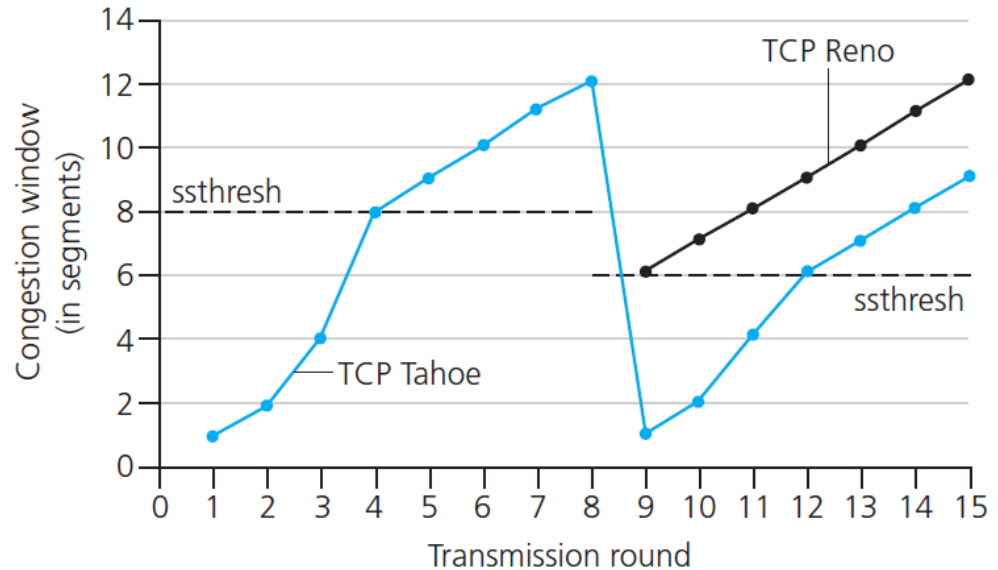
# TCP: switching from slow start to CA

**Q:** when should the exponential increase switch to linear?

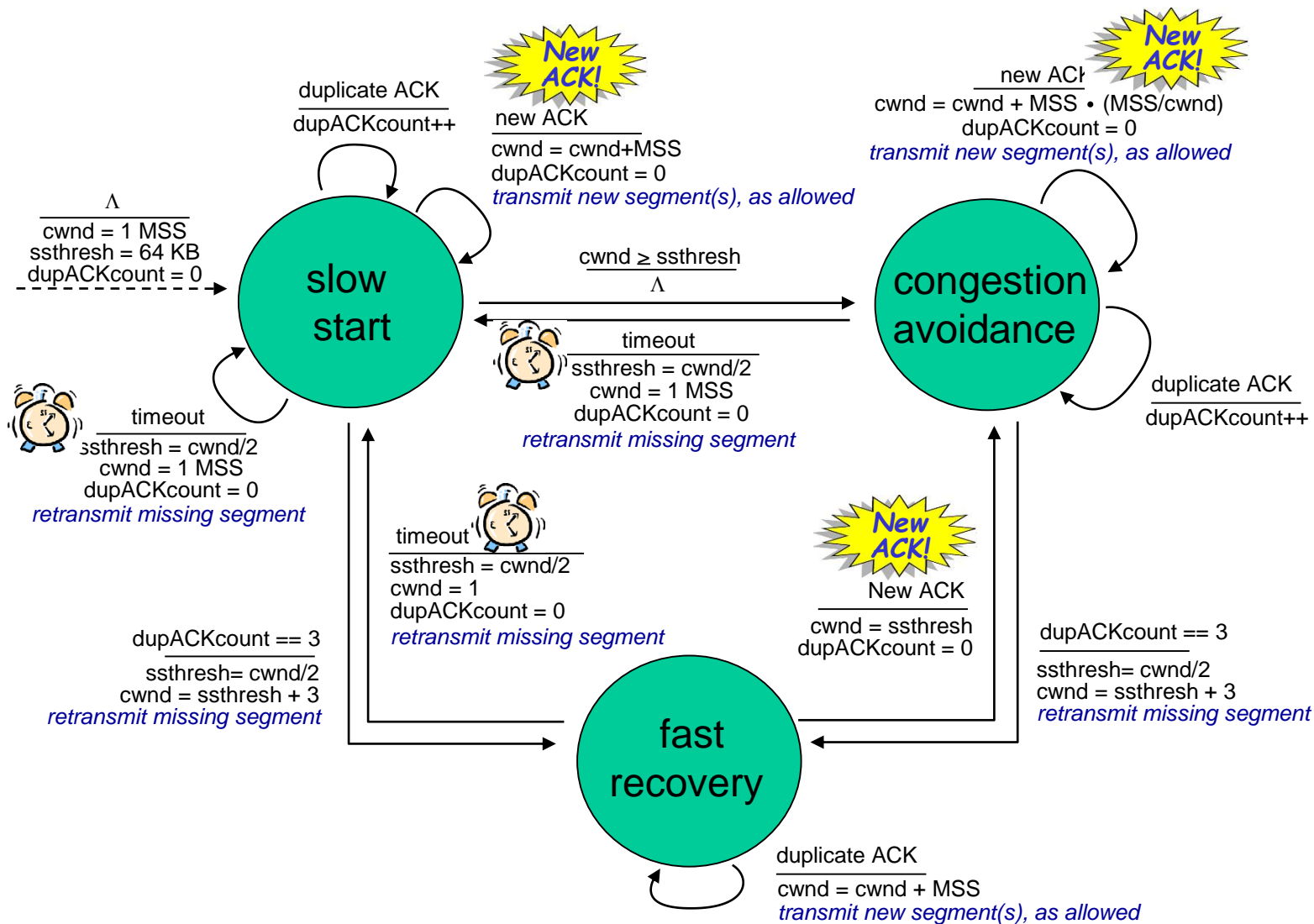
**A:** when **cwnd** gets to 1/2 of its value before timeout.

## Implementation:

- ❖ variable **ssthresh**
- ❖ on loss event, **ssthresh** is set to 1/2 of **cwnd** just before loss event



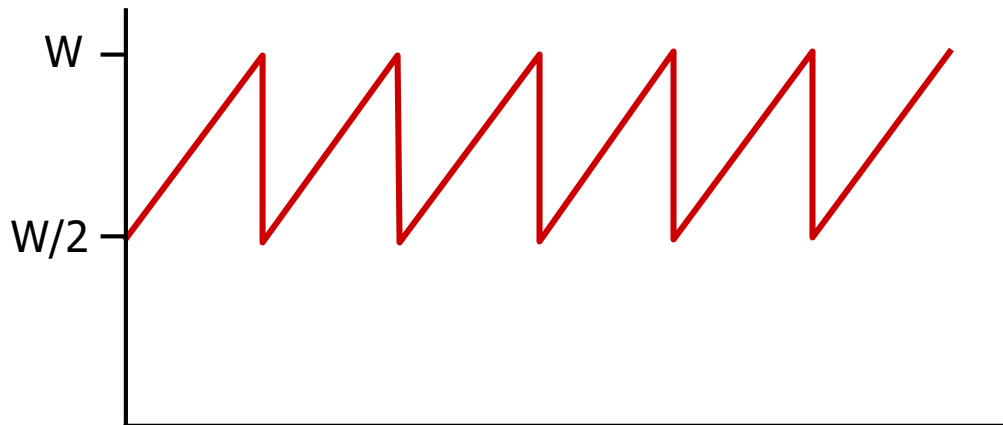
# Summary: TCP Congestion Control



# TCP throughput

- ❖ avg. TCP thruput as function of window size, RTT?
  - ignore slow start, assume always data to send
- ❖ **W: window size** (measured in bytes) **where loss occurs**
  - avg. window size (# in-flight bytes) is  $\frac{3}{4} W$
  - avg. thruput is  $\frac{3}{4}W$  per RTT

$$\text{avg TCP thruput} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{W}{\text{RTT}} \text{ bytes/sec}$$



# TCP Futures: TCP over “long, fat pipes”

- ❖ example: 1500 byte segments, 100ms RTT, want 10 Gbps throughput
- ❖ requires  $W = 83,333$  in-flight segments
- ❖ throughput in terms of segment loss probability,  $L$  [Mathis 1997]:

$$\text{TCP throughput} = \frac{1.22 \cdot \text{MSS}}{\text{RTT} \sqrt{L}}$$

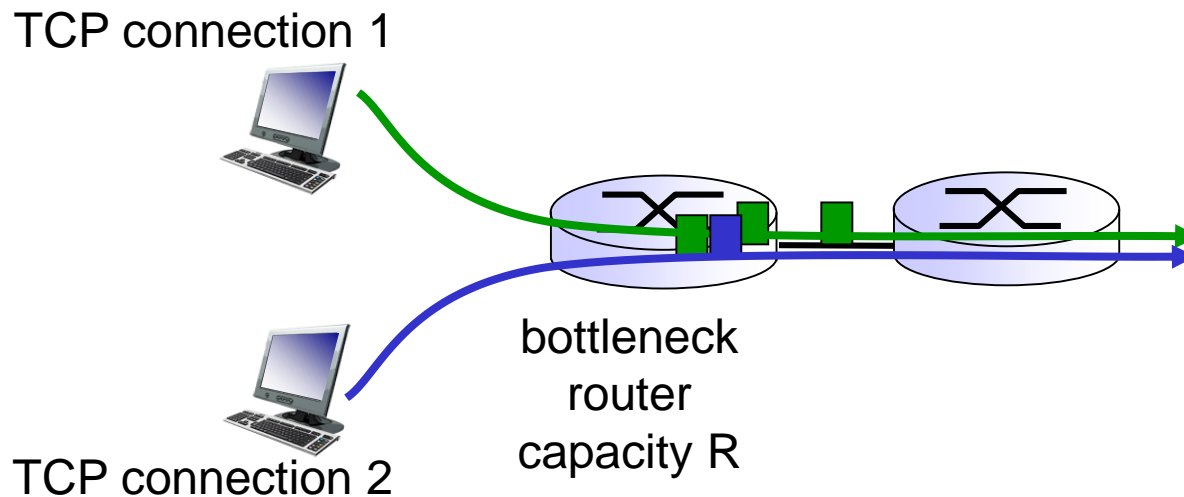
→ to achieve 10 Gbps throughput, need a loss rate of  $L = 2 \cdot 10^{-10}$  – *a very small loss rate!*

- ❖ new versions of TCP for high-speed



# TCP Fairness

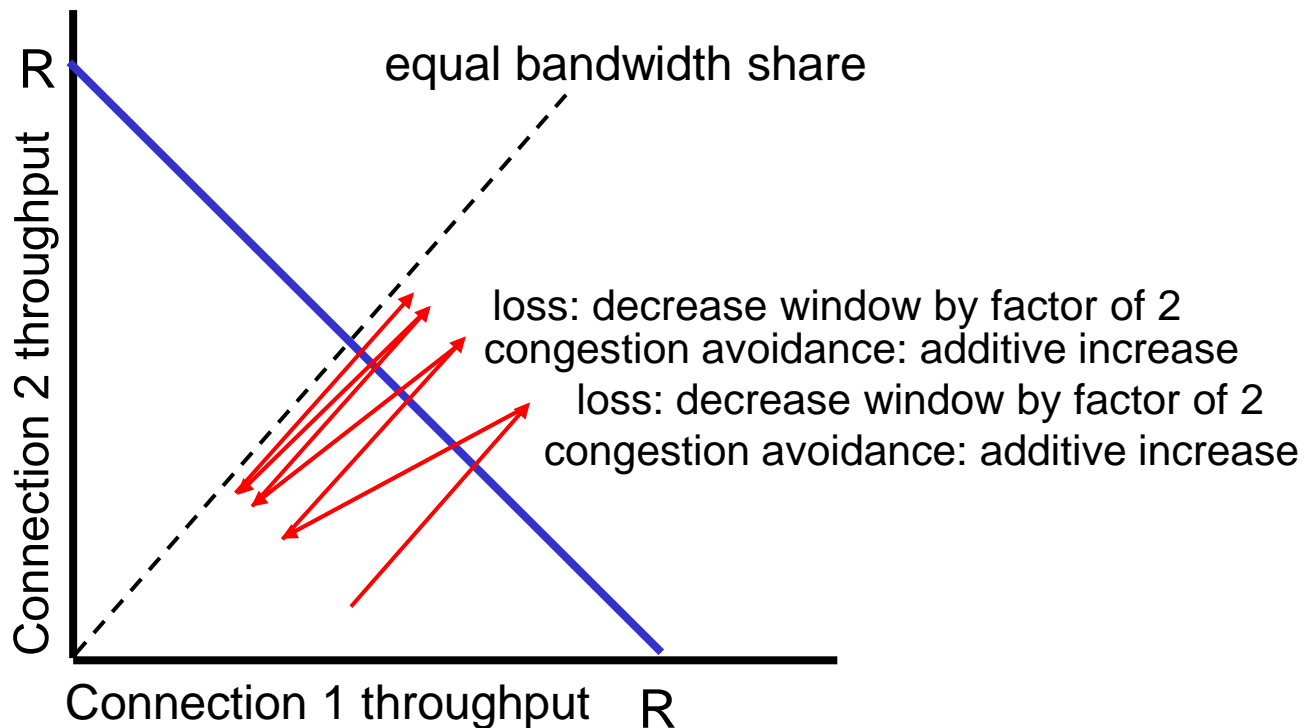
*fairness goal:* if  $K$  TCP sessions share same bottleneck link of bandwidth  $R$ , each should have average rate of  $R/K$



# Why is TCP fair?

two competing sessions:

- ❖ additive increase gives slope of 1, as throughput increases
- ❖ multiplicative decrease decreases throughput proportionally



# Fairness (more)

## *Fairness and UDP*

- ❖ multimedia apps often do not use TCP
  - do not want rate throttled by congestion control
- ❖ instead use UDP:
  - send audio/video at constant rate, tolerate packet loss

## *Fairness, parallel TCP connections*

- ❖ application can open multiple parallel connections between two hosts
- ❖ web browsers do this
- ❖ e.g., link of rate  $R$  with 9 existing connections:
  - new app asks for 1 TCP, gets rate  $R/10$
  - new app asks for 11 TCPs, gets  $R/2$

# Chapter 3: summary

- ❖ principles behind transport layer services:
  - multiplexing, demultiplexing
  - reliable data transfer
  - flow control
  - congestion control
- ❖ instantiation, implementation in the Internet
  - UDP
  - TCP

## next:

- ❖ leaving the network “edge” (application, transport layers)
- ❖ into the network “core”