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Hierarchical Routing

Our routing study thus far - idealization
- all routers identical
- network "flat"

... *not* true in practice

scale: with 200 million destinations:
- can't store all dest's in routing tables!
- routing table exchange would swamp links!

administrative autonomy
- internet = network of networks
- each network admin may want to control routing in its own network

Hierarchical Routing

- aggregate routers into regions, "autonomous systems" (AS)
- routers in same AS run same routing protocol
  - "intra-AS" routing protocol
  - routers in different AS can run different intra-AS routing protocol

Gateway router

- Direct link to router in another AS

What is an autonomous system?

The Internet is a network of networks*, and autonomous systems are the big networks that make up the Internet. More specifically, an autonomous system (AS) is a large network or group of networks that has a unified routing policy. Every computer or device that connects to the Internet is connected to an AS.

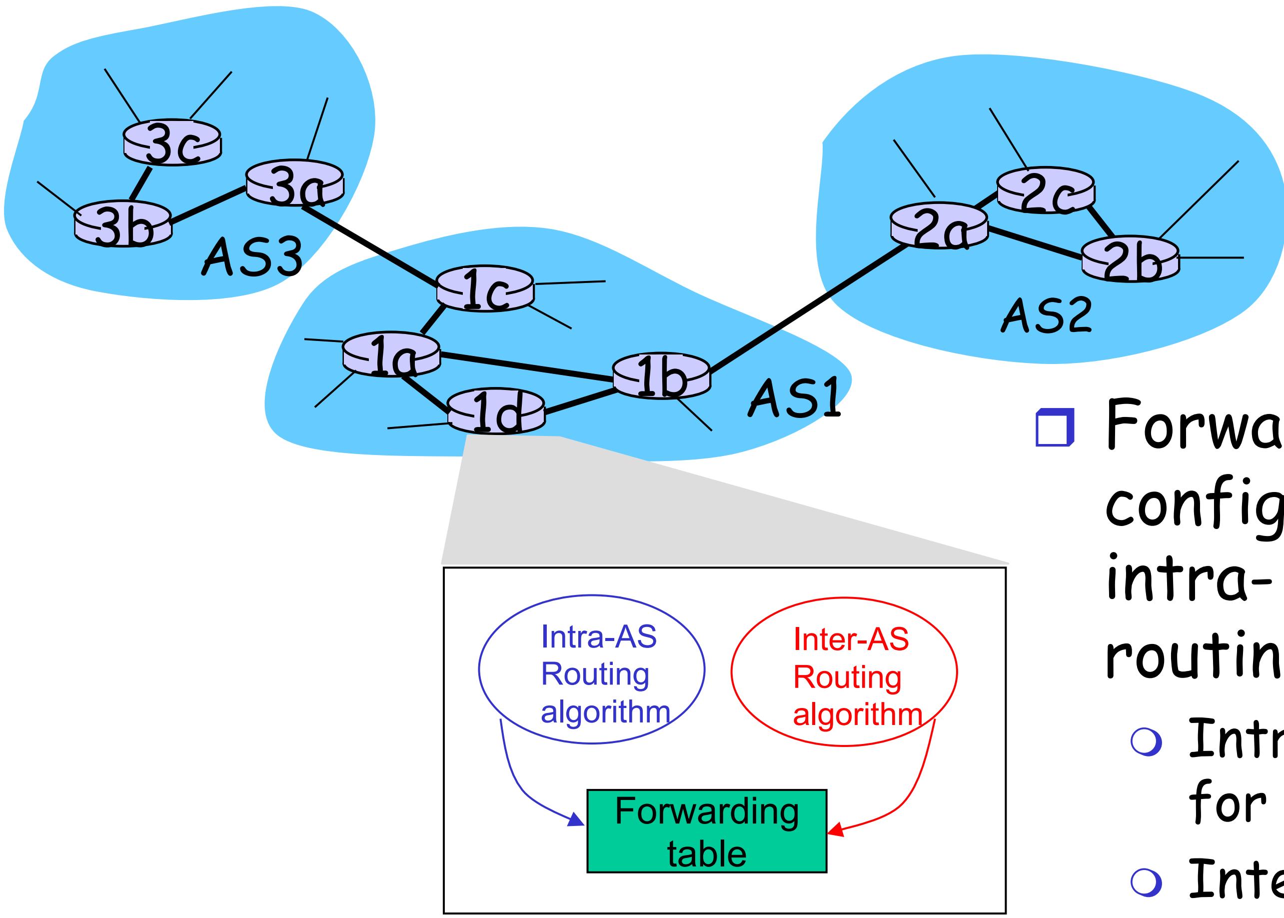
Imagine an AS as being like a town's post office. Mail goes from post office to post office until it reaches the right town, and that town's post office will then deliver the mail within that town. Similarly, data packets cross the Internet by hopping from AS to AS until they reach the AS that contains their destination Internet Protocol (IP) address. Routers within that AS send the packet to the IP address.

Every AS controls a specific set of IP addresses, just as every town's post office is responsible for delivering mail to all the addresses within that town. The range of IP addresses that a given AS has control over is called their "IP address space."

Most ASes connect to several other ASes. If an AS connects to only one other AS and shares the same routing policy, it may instead be considered a subnetwork of the first AS.

Typically, each AS is operated by a single large organization, such as an Internet service provider (ISP), a large enterprise technology company, a university, or a government agency.

Interconnected ASes



- Forwarding table is configured by both intra- and inter-AS routing algorithm
  - Intra-AS sets entries for internal dests
  - Inter-AS & Intra-As sets entries for external dests

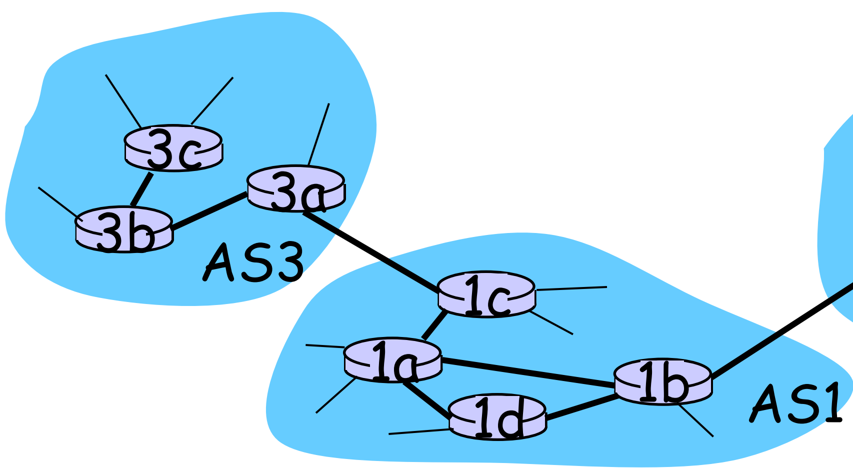
Inter-AS tasks

- Suppose router in AS1 receives datagram for which dest is outside of AS1
  - Router should forward packet towards one of the gateway routers, but which one?

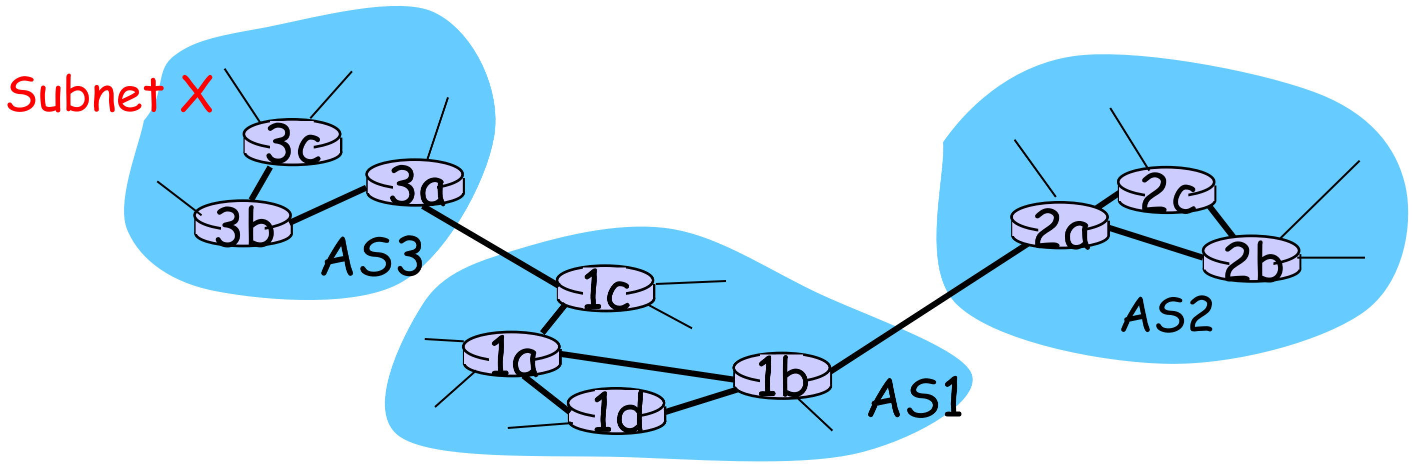
AS1 needs:

1. to learn which dests are reachable through AS2 and which through AS3
2. to propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

Job of inter-AS routing!



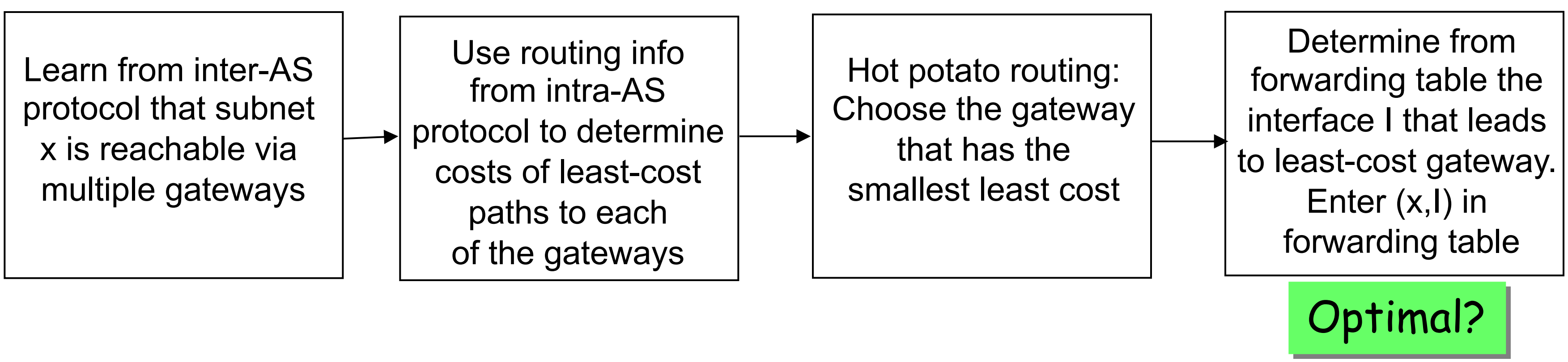
Set forwarding table in router 1d



- Suppose AS1 learns from the inter-AS protocol that subnet *x* is reachable from AS3 (gateway 1c) but not from AS2.
- Inter-AS protocol propagates reachability info to all internal routers.
- Router 1d determines from intra-AS routing info that its interface *I* is on the least cost path to 1c.
- Puts in forwarding table entry *(x,I)*.

Example: Choosing among multiple ASes

- Now suppose AS1 learns from the inter-AS protocol that subnet *x* is reachable from AS3 *and* from AS2.
- To configure forwarding table, router 1d must determine towards which gateway it should forward packets for dest x.
- This is also the job on inter-AS routing protocol!
- Hot potato routing: send packet towards closest of two routers.



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Intra-AS Routing

- Also known as Interior Gateway Protocols (IGP)
- Most common Intra-AS routing protocols:
  - RIP: Routing Information Protocol
  - OSPF: Open Shortest Path First
  - IGRP: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco proprietary)

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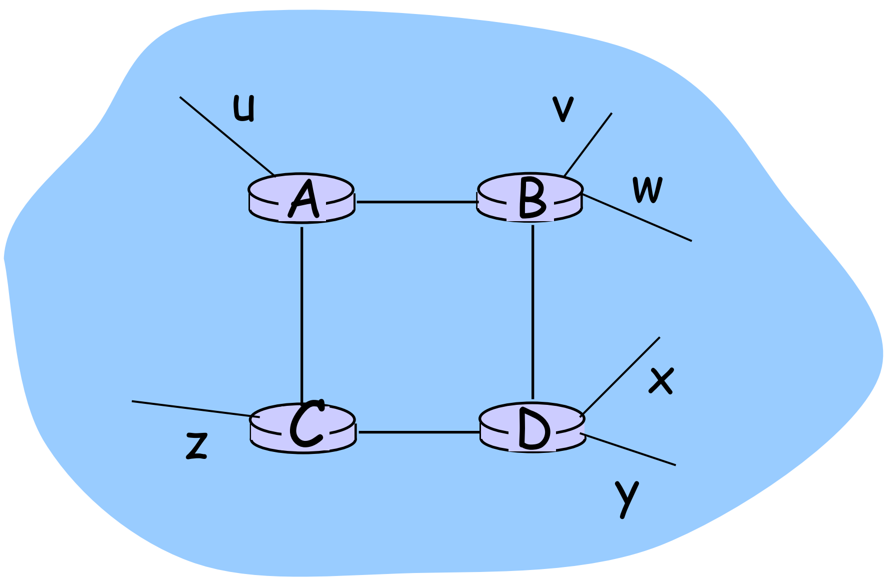
RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

- Distance vector algorithm
- Included in BSD-UNIX Distribution in 1982
- Distance metric: # of hops (max = 15 hops)



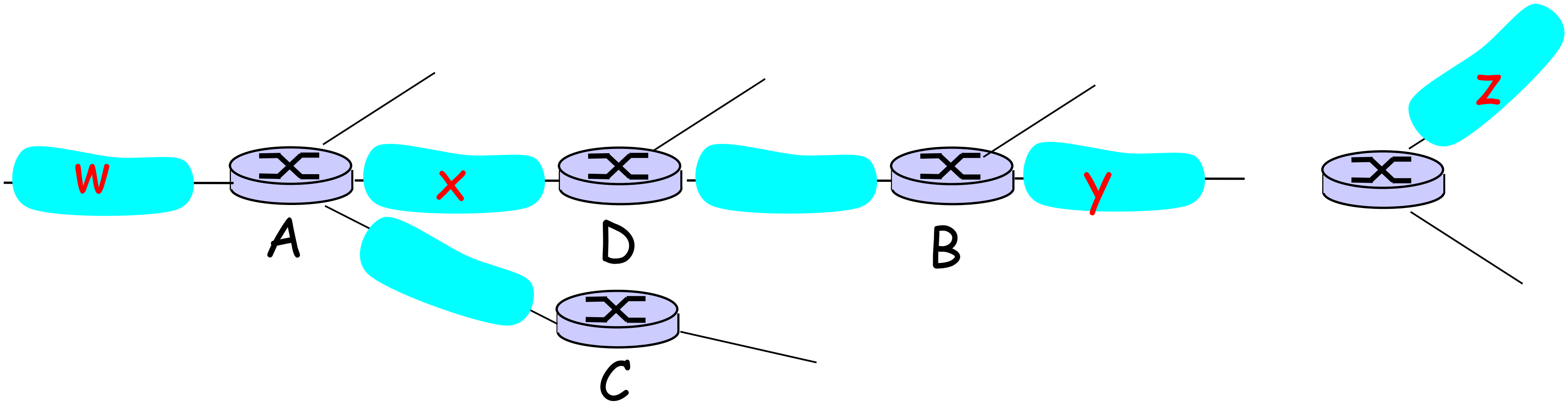
From router A to subsets:

destination	hops
u	1
v	2
w	2
x	3
y	3
z	2

RIP advertisements

- Distance vectors: exchanged among neighbors every 30 sec via Response Message (also called advertisement)
- Each advertisement: list of up to 25 destination nets within AS

RIP: Example



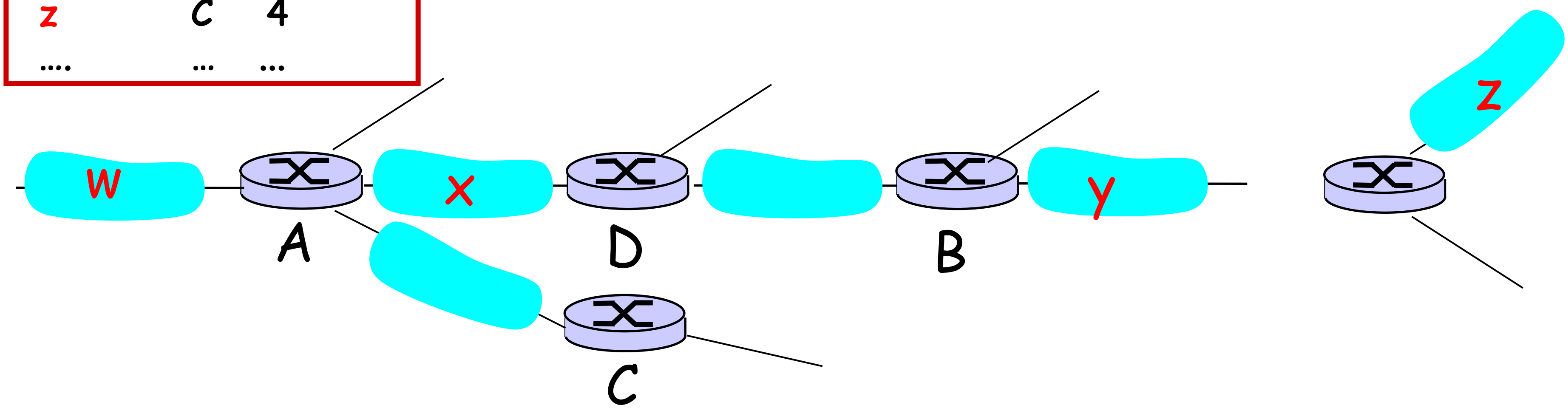
Routing table in D

Destination Network	Next Router	Num. of hops to dest.
w	A	2
y	B	2
z	B	7
x	--	1
….	….	….

RIP: Example

Dest	Next	hops
w	-	1
x	-	1
z	C	4
....	...	...

Advertisement from A to D



Destination Network	Next Router	Num. of hops to dest.
w	A	2
y	B	2
z	~~B~~ A	~~7~~ 5
x	--	1
....	....	....

Routing table in D

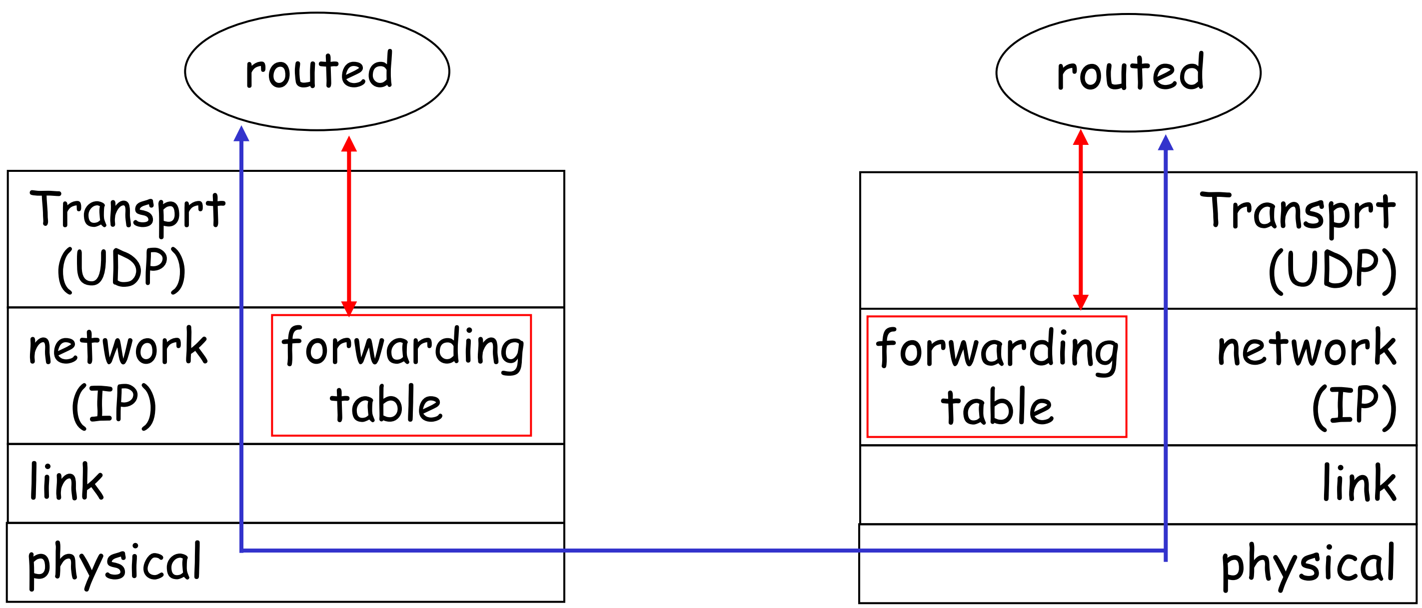
RIP: Link Failure and Recovery

If no advertisement heard after 180 sec --> neighbor/link declared dead

- routes via neighbor invalidated
- new advertisements sent to neighbors
- neighbors in turn send out new advertisements (if tables changed)
- link failure info quickly propagates to entire net
- poison reverse used to prevent ping-pong loops (infinite distance = 16 hops)

RIP Table processing

- RIP routing tables managed by **application-level** process called route-d (daemon)
- advertisements sent in UDP packets, periodically repeated



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OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- "open": publicly available
- Uses Link State algorithm
  - LS packet dissemination
  - Topology map at each node
  - Route computation using Dijkstra's algorithm

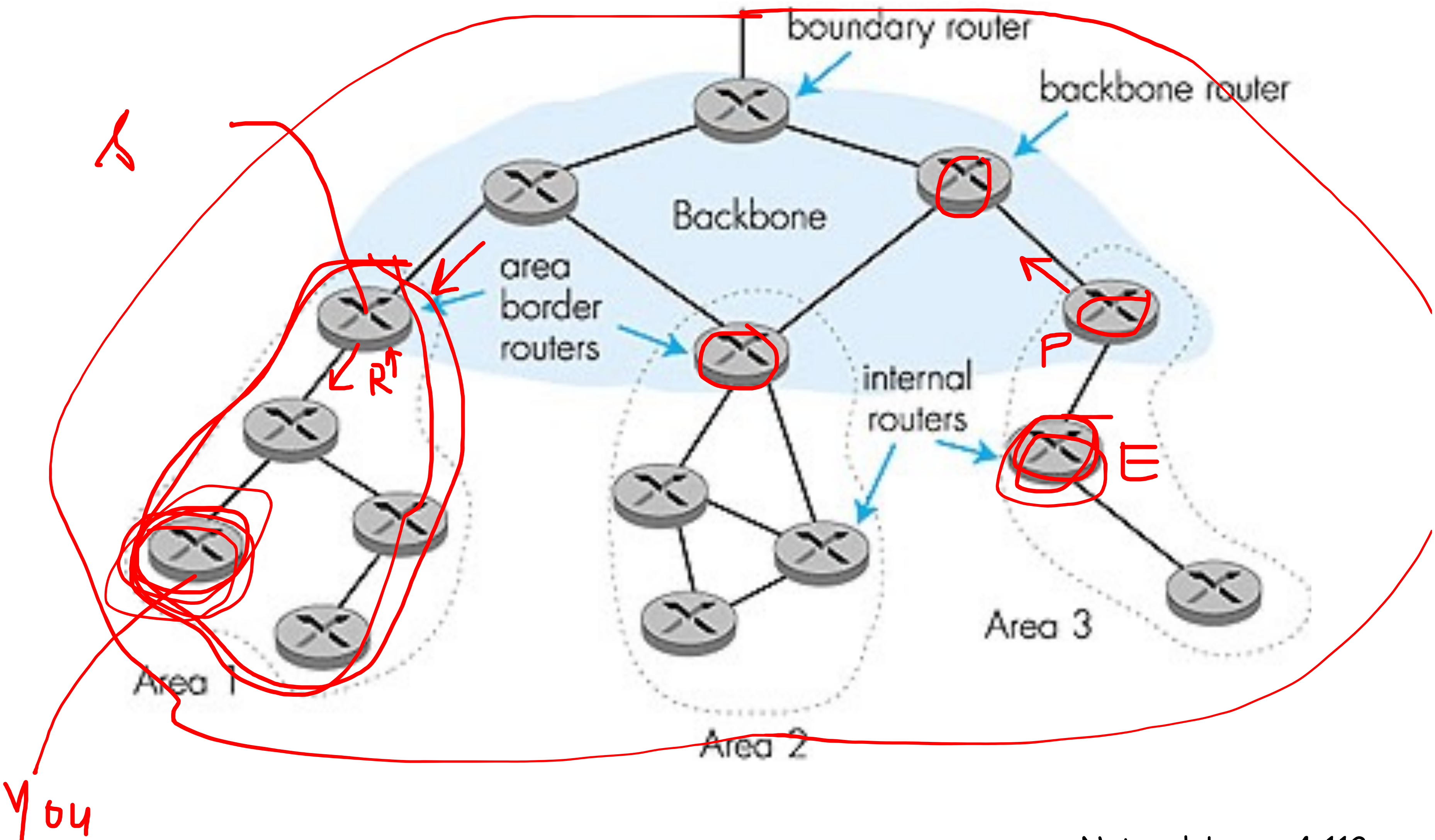
- OSPF advertisement carries one entry per neighbor router
- Advertisements disseminated to entire AS (via flooding)
  - Carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP

OSPF "advanced" features (not in RIP)

- Security: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)
- Multiple same-cost paths allowed (only one path in RIP)
- For each link, multiple cost metrics for different TOS (e.g., satellite link cost set "low" for best effort; high for real time)
- Integrated uni- and multicast support:
  - Multicast OSPF (MOSPF) uses same topology data base as OSPF
- Hierarchical OSPF in large domains.

Hierarchical OSPF

X,Y → C(x,y)
X(x1, x2, x3 … x9)



Hierarchical OSPF

- Two-level hierarchy: local area, backbone.
  - Link-state advertisements only in area
  - each nodes has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.

- Area border routers: "summarize" distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- Backbone routers: run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- Boundary routers: connect to other AS's.

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