DATA COMMUNICATOIN NETWORKING

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Course Overview

- **Basics of Computer Networks**
  - Internet & Protocol Stack
  - Application Layer
  - Transport Layer
  - Network Layer
  - Data Link Layer

- **Advanced Topics**
  - Case Studies of Computer Networks
  - Internet Applications
  - Network Management
  - Network Security

Pipelined Protocols

Go-back-N:

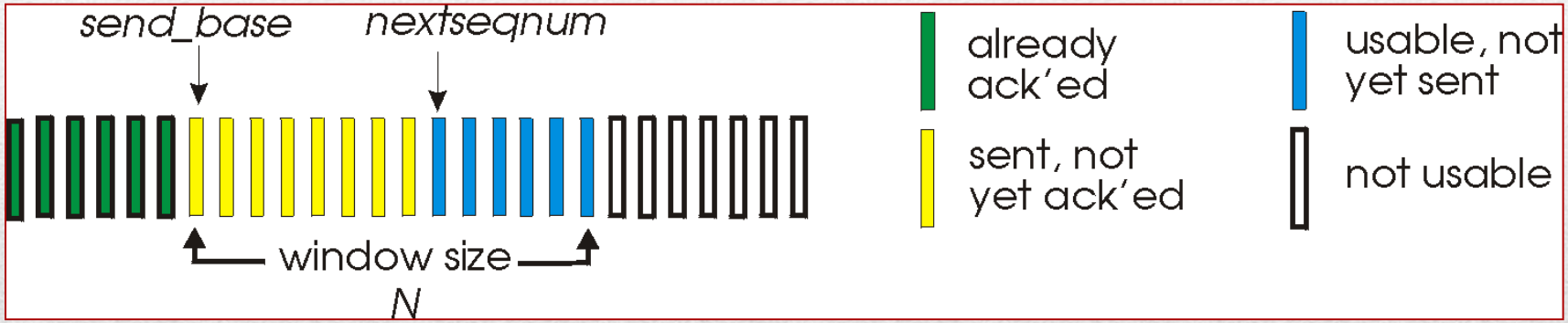
- Sender can have up to N un-ACKed packets in pipeline
- Receiver only sends *cumulative ACK*
  - Does not ACK packet if there is a gap
- Sender has timer for oldest un-ACKed packet
  - When timer expires, retransmit *all* un-ACKed packets

Selective Repeat:

- Sender can have up to N un-ACKed packets in pipeline
- Receiver sends *individual ACKs* for each packet
- Sender maintains timer for each un-ACKed packet
  - When timer expires, retransmit only that un-ACKed packet

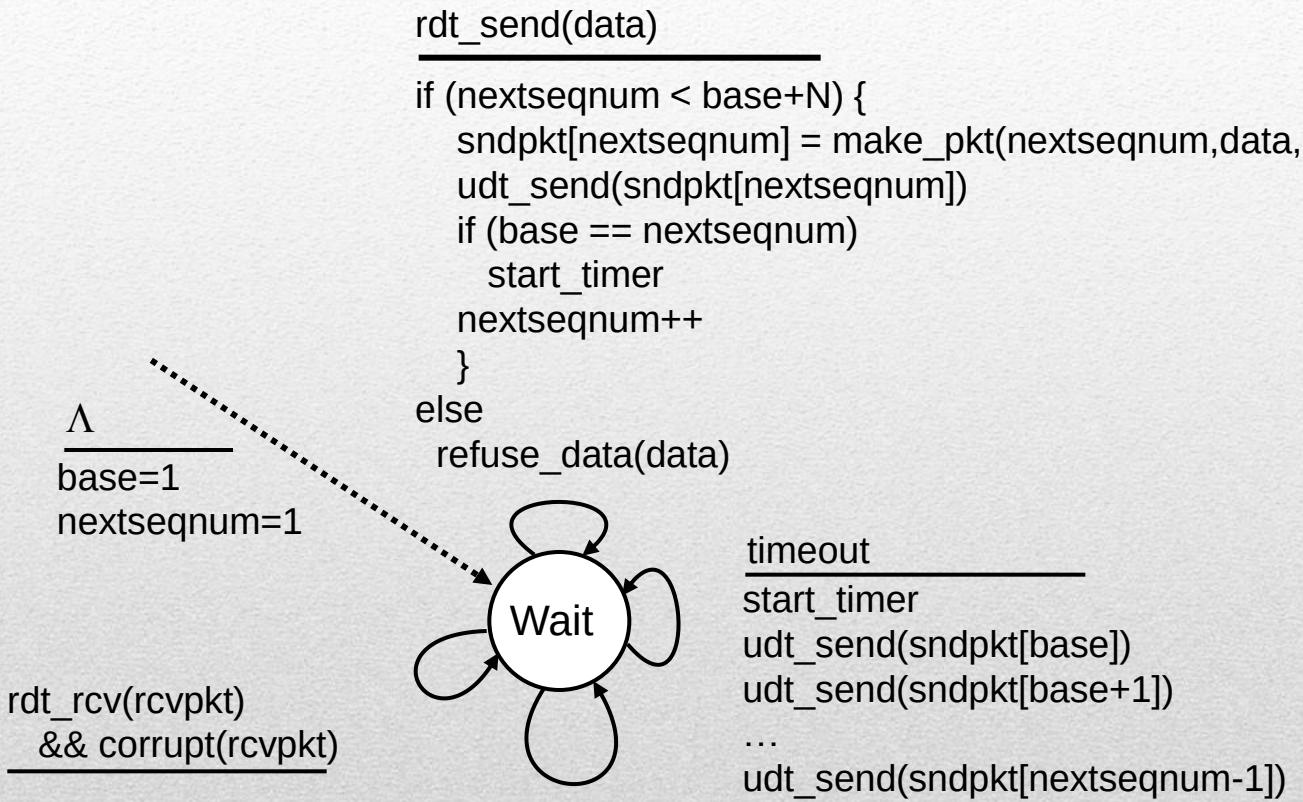
Go-Back-N: Sender

- k-bit sequence number in packet header
- "window" of up to N, consecutive unACKed packets allowed

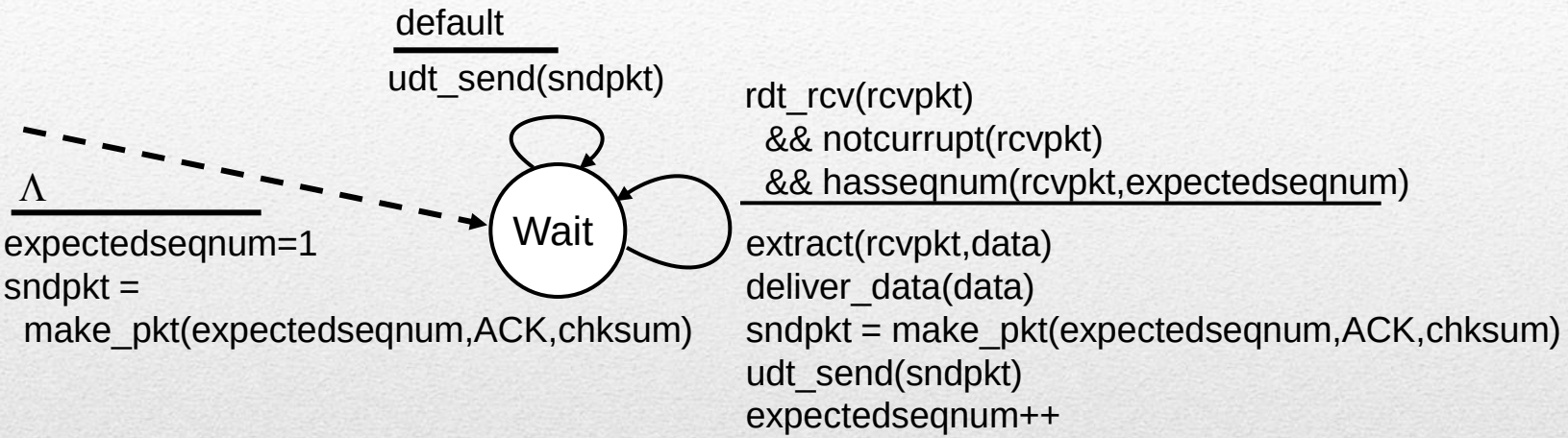


- ACK(n): ACKs all packets up to, including n - *cumulative ACK*
  - May receive duplicate ACKs
  - Timer for oldest in-flight packet
- *Timeout(n):* retransmit packet n and all higher sequence number packets in window

GBN: Sender FSM

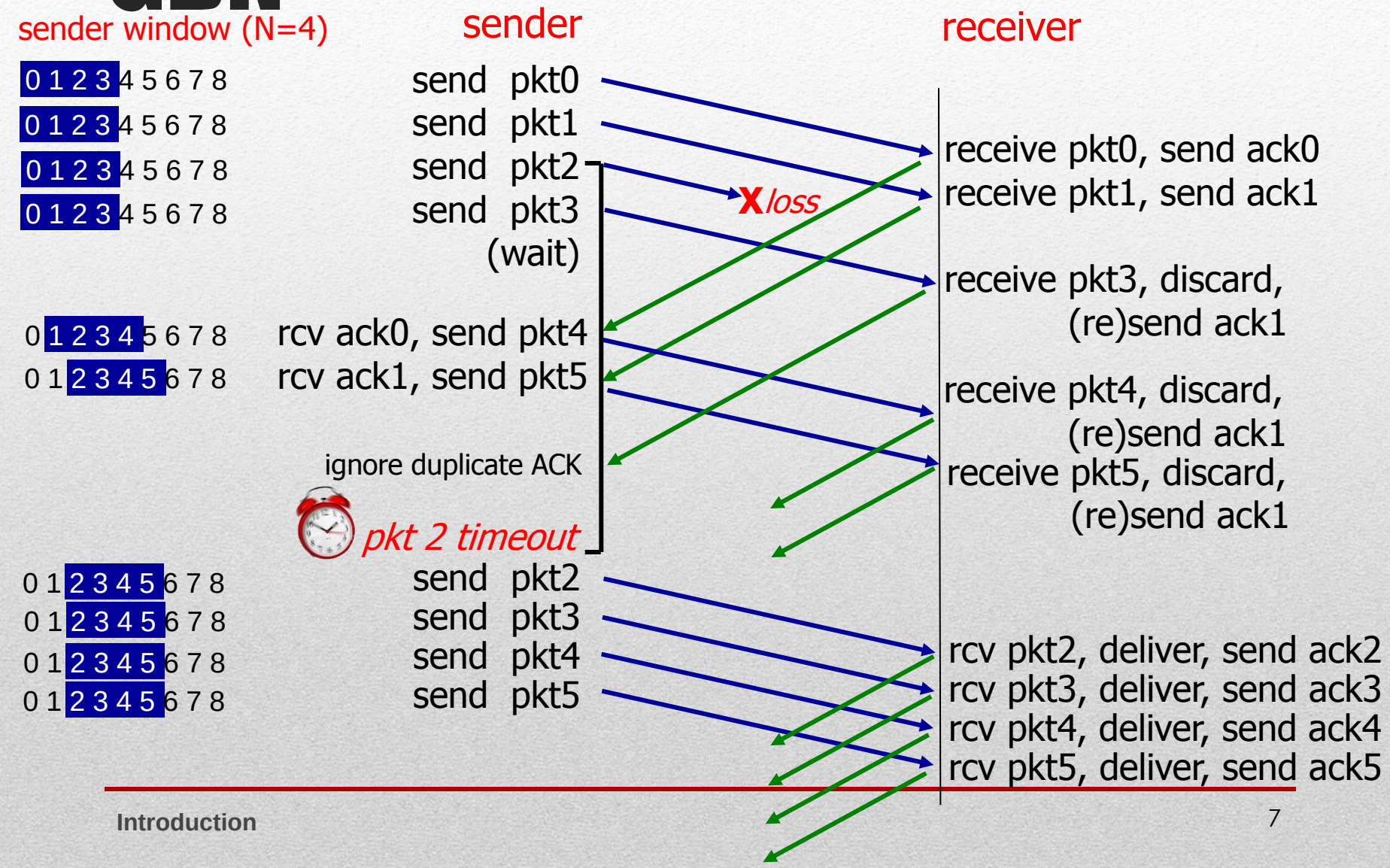


GBN: Receiver FSM



- ACK-only: always send ACK for correctly-received packet with highest in-order sequence number
  - May generate duplicate ACKs
  - Need only remember **`expectedseqnum`**
- Out-of-order packet
  - Discard (do not buffer): no receiver buffering!
  - Re-ACK packet with highest in-order sequence number

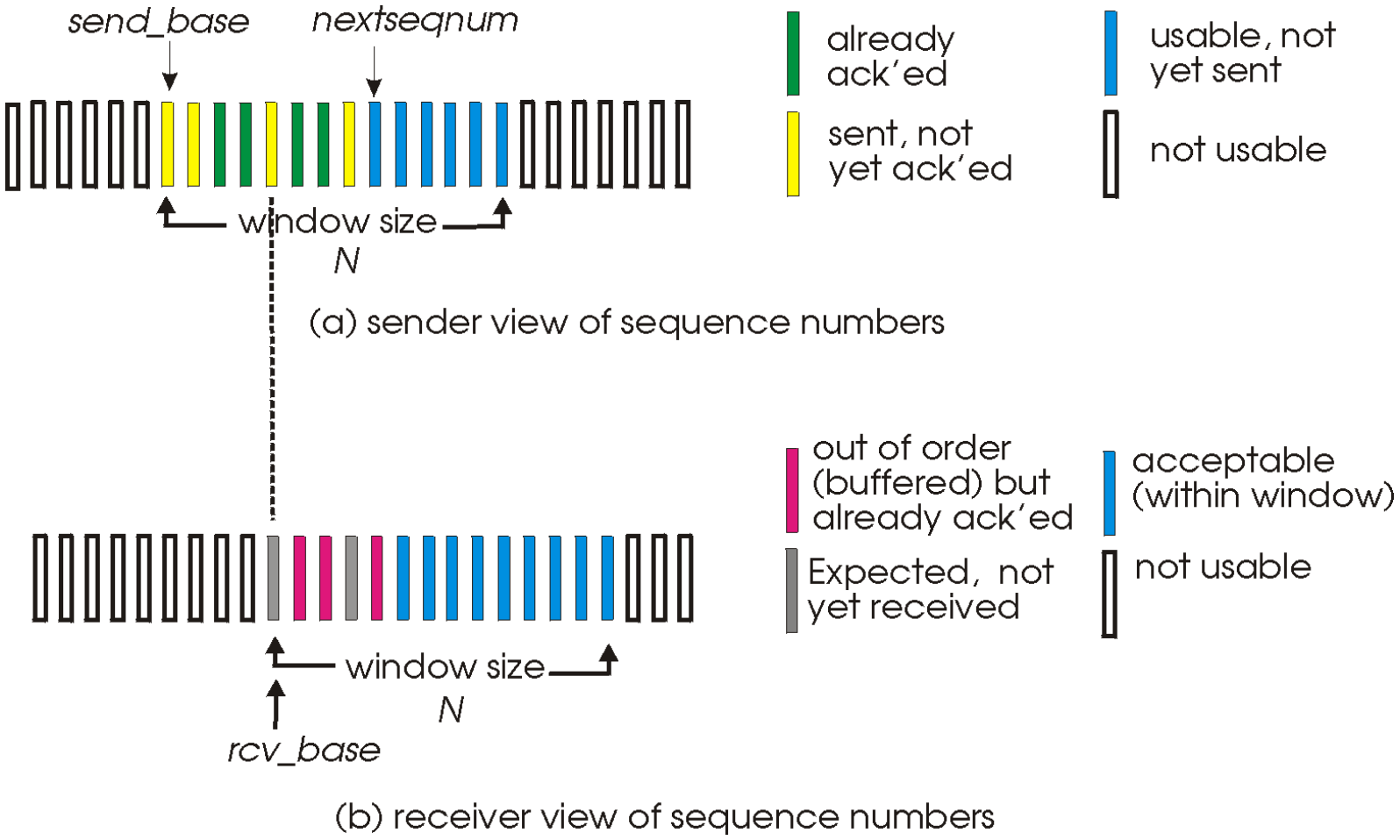
GBN


sender window (N=4)
sender
receiver
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
send pkt0
send pkt1
send pkt2
send pkt3
(wait)
X loss
receive pkt0, send ack0
receive pkt1, send ack1
receive pkt3, discard,
(re)send ack1
rcv ack0, send pkt4
rcv ack1, send pkt5
receive pkt4, discard,
(re)send ack1
receive pkt5, discard,
(re)send ack1
ignore duplicate ACK
pkt 2 timeout
send pkt2
send pkt3
send pkt4
send pkt5
rcv pkt2, deliver, send ack2
rcv pkt3, deliver, send ack3
rcv pkt4, deliver, send ack4
rcv pkt5, deliver, send ack5

Selective Repeat

- **Receiver acknowledges every correctly received packets**
  - Buffers packets, as needed, for eventual in-order delivery to upper layer
- **Sender only resends packets for which ACK not received**
  - Sender timer for each unACKed packet
- **Sender window**
  - N consecutive sequence numbers
  - Limits sequence numbers of sent, unACKed packets

Selective Repeat: Windows



Selective Repeat

Sender

Data from above:

- if next available sequence number in window, send packet

Timeout(n):

- Resend packet n, restart timer

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

- Mark packet n as received
- If n smallest unACKed pkt, advance window base to next unACKed sequence number

Receiver

packet n in [rcvbase, rcvbase+N-1]

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

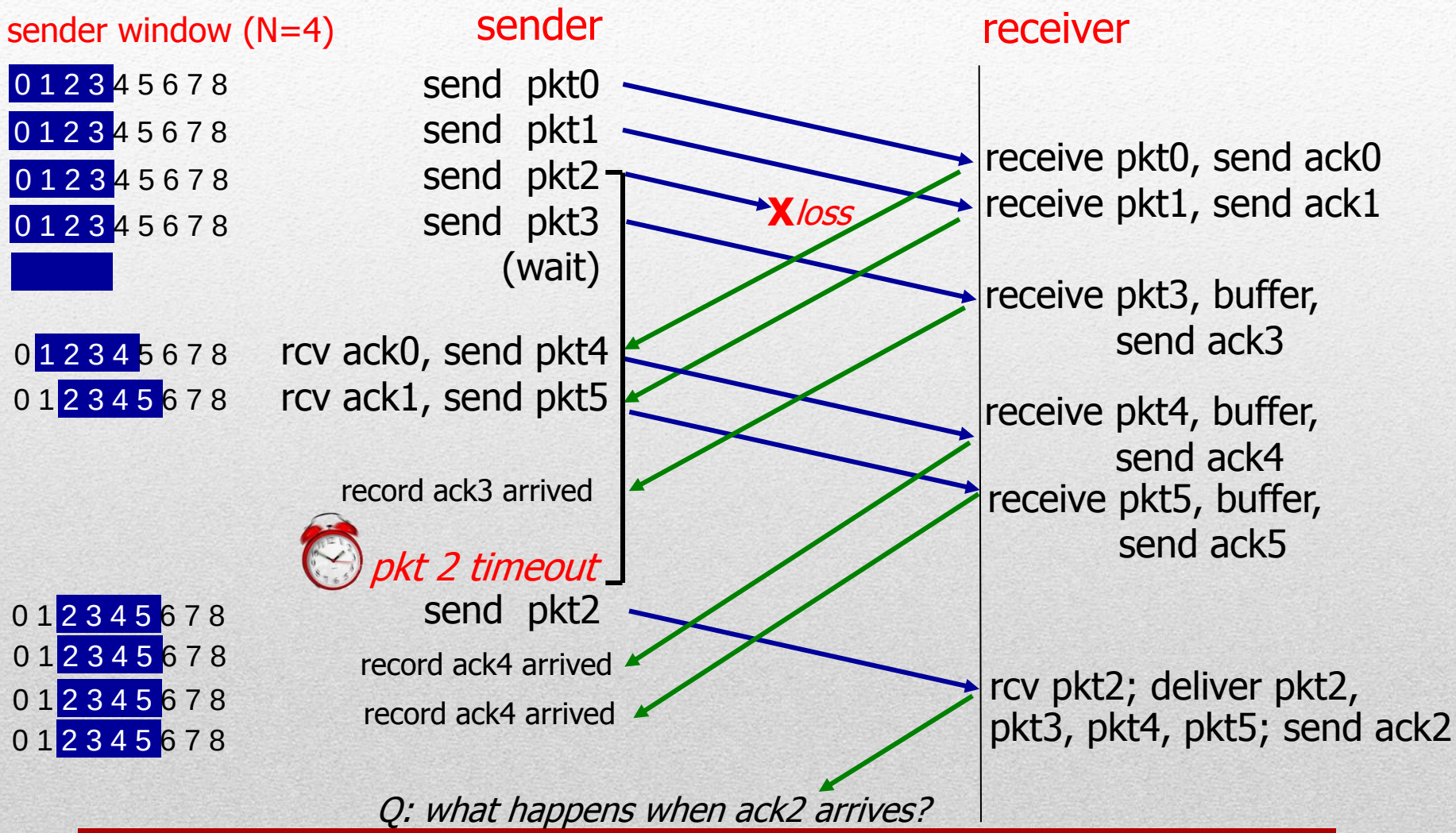
Packet n in [rcvbase-N,rcvbase-1]

- ACK(n)

Otherwise:

- Ignore

Selective Repeat

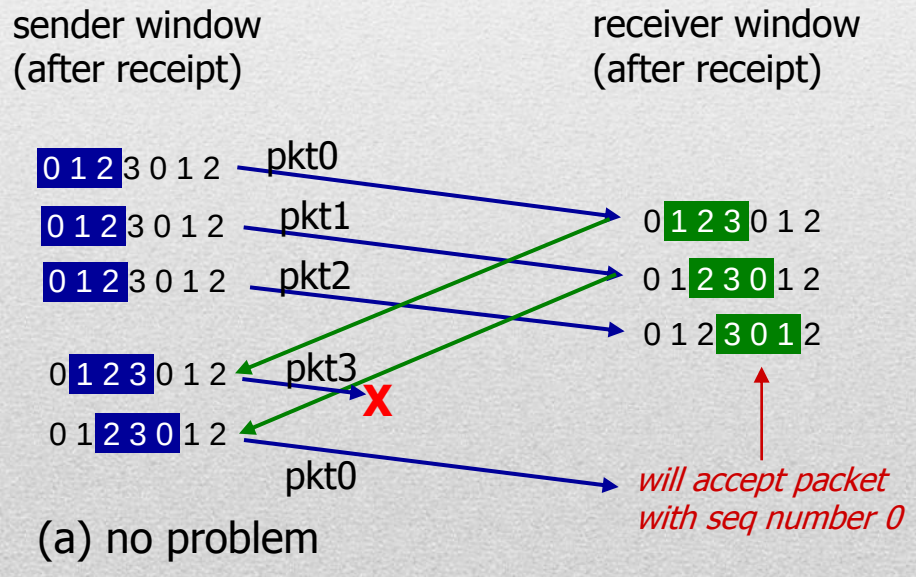


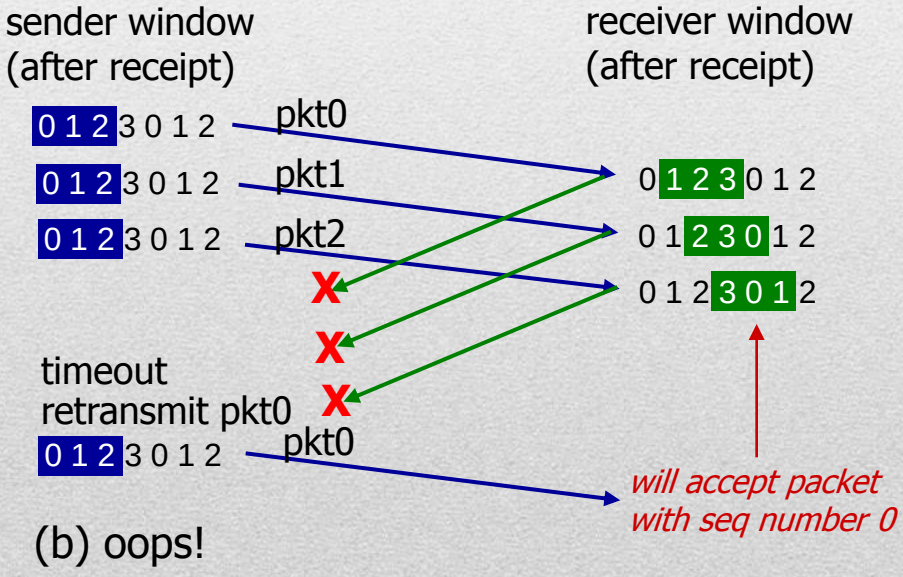
Selective Repeat Dilemma

Example:

- Sequence number'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 sequence number size and window size to avoid problem in (b)?





Receiver can't see sender side. receiver behavior identical in both cases! Something (very) wrong!

TCP Overview

- RFCs: 793,1122,1323, 2018, 2581Application Layer
- **Point-to-point**
  - One sender
  - One receiver
- **Reliable, in-order byte steam**
  - No "message boundaries"
- **Pipelined**
- **Full duplex data**
  - Bi-directional data flow in same connection
  - MSS: maximum segment size
- **Connection-oriented**
  - Handshaking (exchange of control messages) initiates sender, receiver state before data exchange
- **Flow controlled**
  - Sender will not overwhelm receiver

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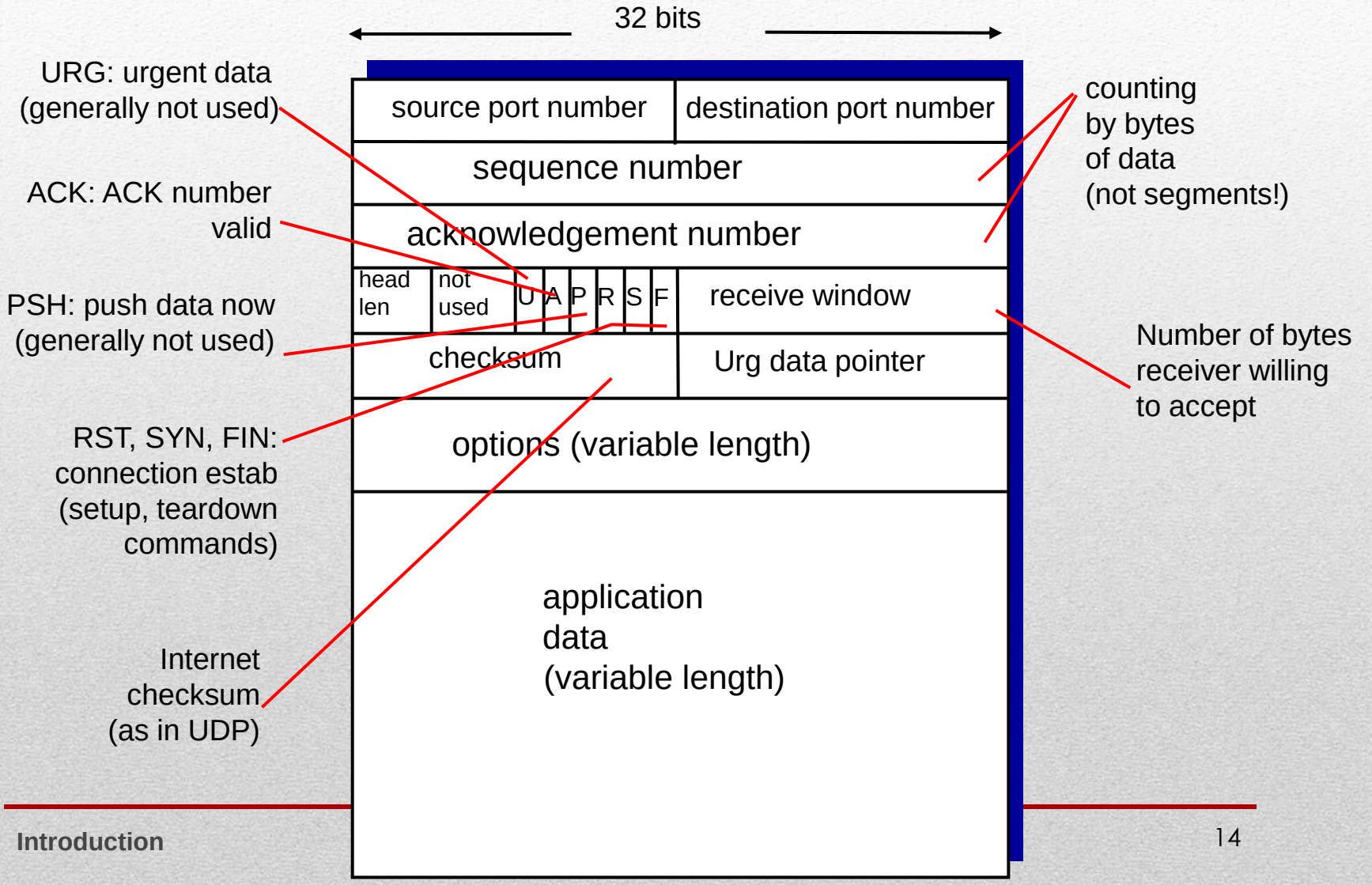


TCP Sequence Numbers & ACKs

Sequence numbers

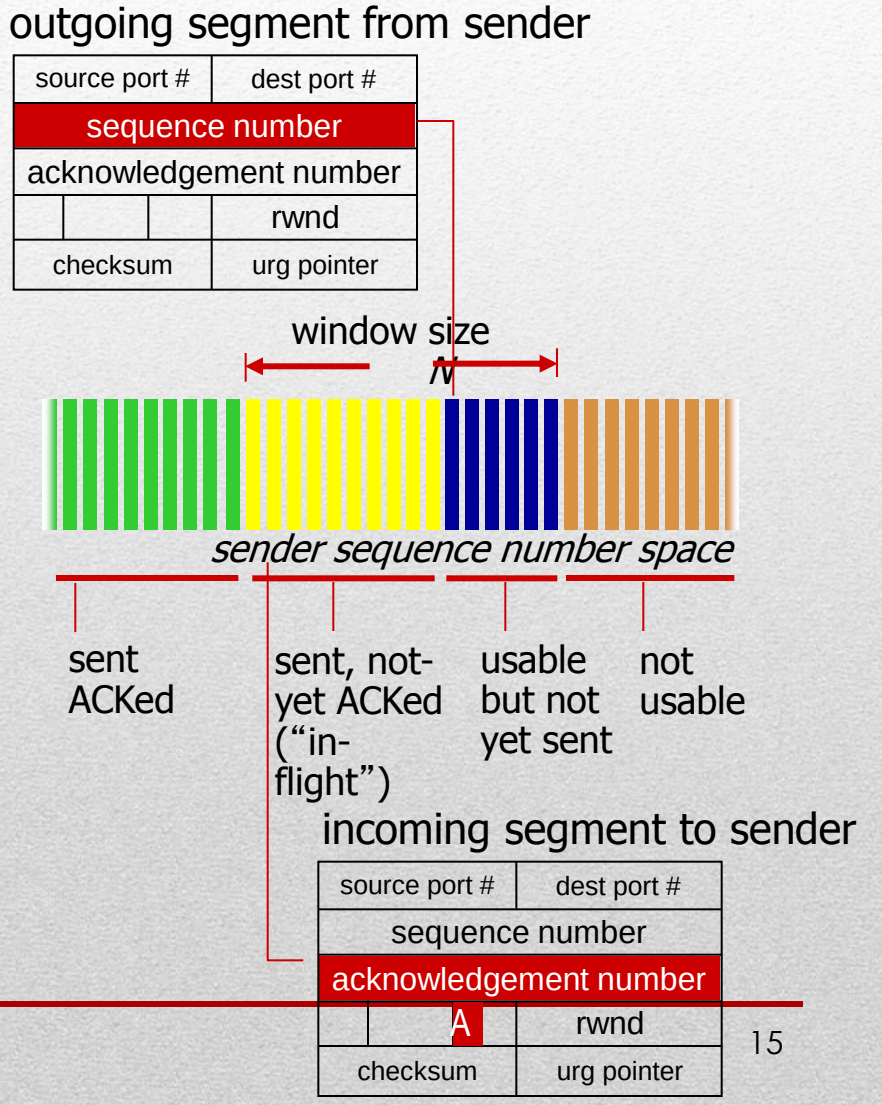
- Byte stream "number" of first byte in segment's data

Acknowledgements

- Sequence number of next byte expected from other side
- Cumulative ACK

Q: How receiver handles out-of-order segments?

A: TCP spec does not say



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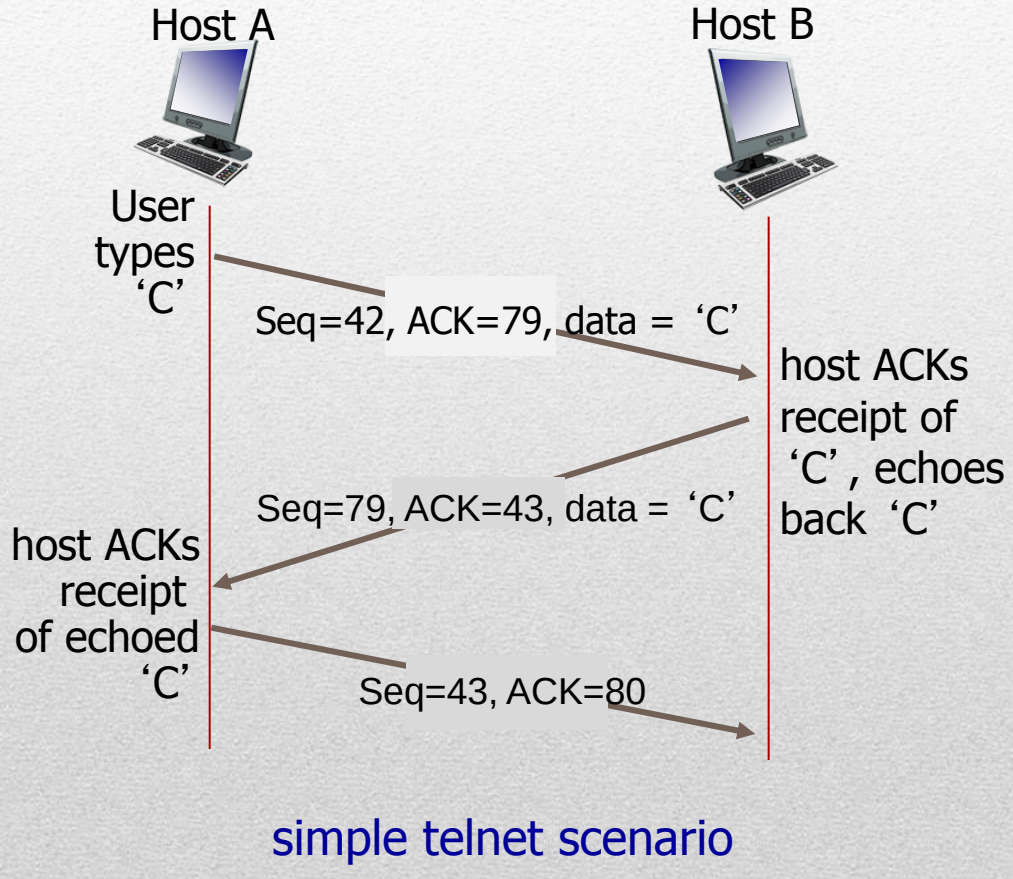


simple telnet scenario

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

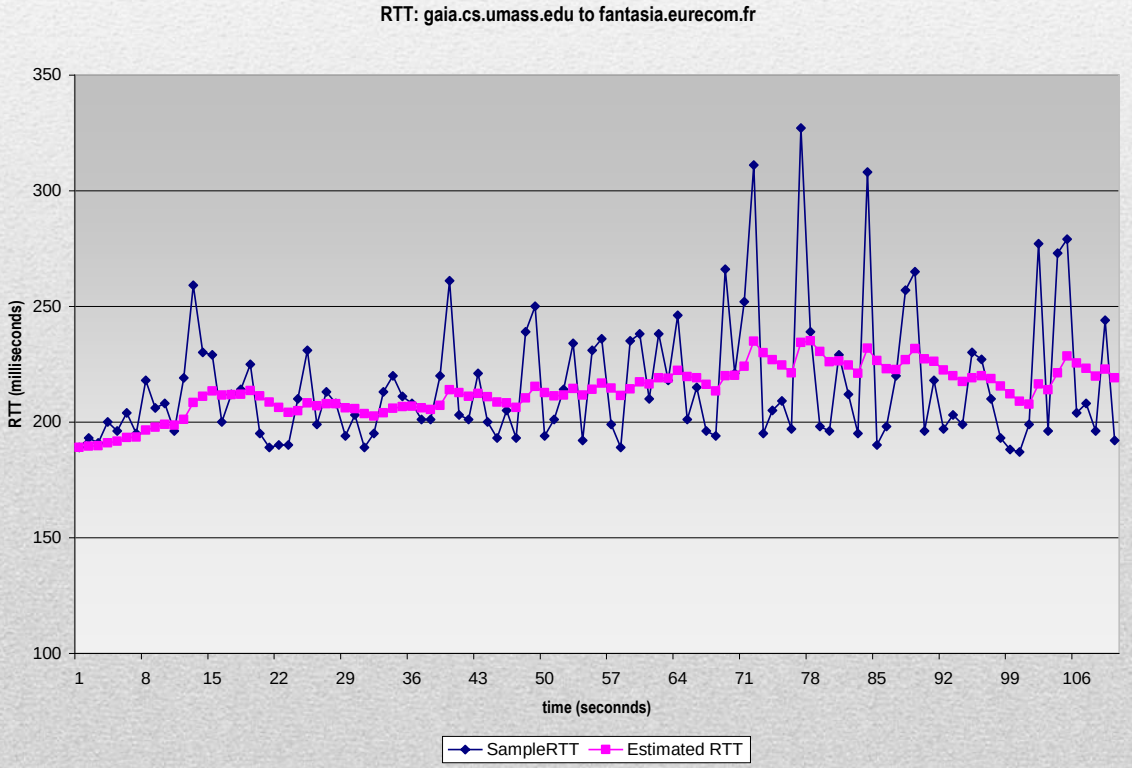
Q: How to estimate RTT?

- **`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

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

- 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

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

(typically, $\beta = 0.25$)

$$TimeoutInterval = EstimatedRTT + 4*DevRTT$$

estimated RTT

"safety margin"