

TCP Performance

- Effective over a wide range of capacities
- A lot of operational experience
- Periodic loss (macroscopic) model shows that throughput is inversely proportional to
 - square root of loss probability p
 - RTT
 - average sending rate = $\text{sqrt}(1.5/p) / \text{RTT}$

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TCP Futures: TCP over “long, fat pipes”

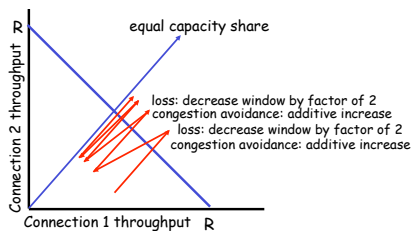
- Example: 10,000-bit segments, 100ms RTT, want 10 Gbps throughput
- Requires window size $W = 100,000$ in-flight segments
- Throughput in terms of loss rate:
$$\frac{1.22}{\text{RTT} \sqrt{p}}$$
- $p = 1.5 \times 10^{-10}$ *Wow*
- New versions of TCP for high-speed

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Why is TCP fair?

Two competing sessions (with same RTT):

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



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Delay modeling

Q: How long does it take to receive an object from a Web server after sending a request?

Ignoring congestion, delay is influenced by:

- TCP connection establishment
- data transmission delay
- slow start

Notation, assumptions:

- Assume one link between client and server of rate C
- S : MSS (bits)
- O : object size (bits)
- no retransmissions (no loss, no corruption)

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TCP Delay Modeling: Slow Start

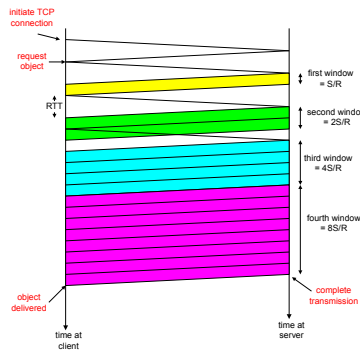
Delay components:

- 2 RTT for connection estab and request
- O/C to transmit object

Example:

- $O/S = 15$ segments

Server idles 2 times due to slow start



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Chapter 3: Summary

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

Next:

- leaving the network "edge" (application, transport layers)
- into the network "core"

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