Chapter 4 Problems

Problem 1

a) With a connection-oriented network, every router failure will involve the routing of that connection. At a minimum, this will require the router that is "upstream" from the failed router to establish a new downstream part of the path to the destination node, with all of the requisite signaling involved in setting up a path. Moreover, all of the routers on the initial path that are downstream from the failed node must take down the failed connection, with all of the requisite signaling involved to do this.

With a connectionless datagram network, no signaling is required to either set up a new downstream path or take down the old downstream path. We have seen, however, that routing tables will need to be updated (e.g., either via a distance vector algorithm or a link state algorithm) to take the failed router into account. We have seen that with distance vector algorithms, this routing table change can sometimes be localized to the area near the failed router. Thus, a datagram network would be preferable. Interestingly, the design criteria that the initial ARPAnet be able to function under stressful conditions was one of the reasons that datagram architecture was chosen for this Internet ancestor.

b) In order for a router to maintain an available fixed amount of capacity on the path between the source and destination node for that source-destination pair, it would need to know the characteristics of the traffic from all sessions passing through that link. That is, the router must have per-session state in the router. This is possible in a connection-oriented network, but not with a connectionless network. Thus, a connection-oriented VC network would be preferable.

c) In this scenario, datagram architecture has more control traffic overhead. This is due to the various packet headers needed to route the datagrams through the network. But in VC architecture, once all circuits are set up, they will never change. Thus, the signaling overhead is negligible over the long run.

Problem 4

a) Data destined to host H3 is forwarded through interface 3

Destination Address	Link Interface
H3	3

b) No, because forwarding rule is only based on destination address.

c) One possible configuration is:

Incoming interface	Incoming VC#	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VC#
1	12	3	22

2	63	4	18

Note, that the two flows could actually have the same VC numbers.

d) One possible configuration is:

Router B.

Incoming interface	Incoming VC#	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VC#
1	22	2	24

Router C.

Incoming interface	Incoming VC#	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VC#
1	18	2	50

Router D.

Incoming interface	Incoming VC#	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VC#
1	24	3	70
2	50	**3**	**76**

Problem 10

a)

Prefix Match	**Link Interface**
11100000 00	0
11100000 01000000	1
1110000	2
11100001 1	3
otherwise	3

b) Prefix match for first address is 5th entry: link interface 3
Prefix match for second address is 3nd entry: link interface 2
Prefix match for third address is 4th entry: link interface 3

Problem 16

Any IP address in range 128.119.40.128 to 128.119.40.191

Four equal size subnets: 128.119.40.64/28, 128.119.40.80/28, 128.119.40.96/28, 128.119.40.112/28

Problem 20

MP3 file size = 5 million bytes. Assume the data is carried in TCP segments, with each TCP segment also having 20 bytes of header. Then each datagram can carry 1500-40=1460 bytes of the MP3 file

Number of datagrams required $= \left\lceil \frac{5 \times 10^6}{1460} \right\rceil = 3425$. All but the last datagram will be 1,500 bytes; the last datagram will be 960+40 = 1000 bytes. Note that here there is no fragmentation – the source host does not create datagrams larger than 1500 bytes, and these datagrams are smaller than the MTUs of the links.

Problem 26

Step	*N'*	*D(t),p(t)*	*D(u),p(u)*	*D(v),p(v)*	*D(w),p(w)*	*D(y),p(y)*	*D(z),p(z)*
0	x	∞	∞	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
1	xv	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
2	xvu	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
3	xvuw	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
4	xvuwy	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
5	xvuwyt	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
6	xvuwytz	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x

Problem 44

The minimal spanning tree has z connected to y via x at a cost of 14(=8+6).
z connected to v via x at a cost of 11(=8+3);
z connected to u via x and v, at a cost of 14(=8+3+3);
z connected to w via x, v, and u, at a cost of 17(=8+3+3+3).
This can be obtained by Prim's algorithm to grow a minimum spanning tree.