Introduction to Computer Networks

Encoding

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Today

Last lecture

• How fast is the network?

Today

How to transmit bits reliably across the link?

Announcements

- No office hour today
- Office hour this week: Tomorrow 1:30pm 2:30pm

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Q: How to transmit bits reliably across the link?



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Q1: How to represent bits on the link? Q2: How to propagate bits across the link reliably?



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A: Two discrete signals based on the communication media represent low and high.

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Q2: How to propagate bits across the link reliably?



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Invariant: Bits (send) = Bits (receive)



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A: Non-Return to Zero (NRZ) scheme



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Two issues:

- Baseline wander
- Clock synchronization



Terminology

- 1. Host
- 2. NIC
- 3. Multi-port I/O bridge
- 4. Protocol
- 5. RTT
- 6. Packet
- 7. Header
- 8. Payload
- 9. BDP

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Technique

1. NRZ Encoding

Summary

Today's takeaways

#1: Bit representation#2: NRZ encoding

Next lecture

- Better encoding
- Physical layer

