

Recap.

Medium Access Protocols.

Randomized access

Slotted ALOHA.

$n$  backlogged transmitters  
each sends at each slot  
independently, with probability  $p$ .

Throughput: expected # of pkts received  
per slot

# of pkts received is a  
Bernoulli r.v. i.e. 0/1

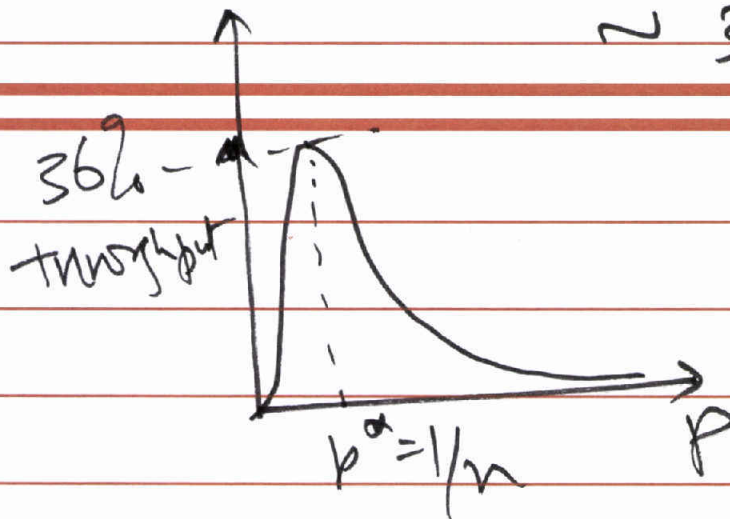
$\therefore$  Expected value =  $\Pr(1 \text{ pkt}$   
is received)  
=  $\Pr(\text{only one transmitter sends})$

Expected throughput:  $n p (1-p)^{n-1}$

maximized when  $p^* = \frac{1}{n}$

$\therefore$  max <sup>total</sup> throughput =  $(1 - \frac{1}{n})^{n-1}$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  <sup>total</sup> Throughput  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{e}$   
 $\sim 36.7\%$



per node throughput =  $\frac{1}{n}$  · total throughput

What if different users want different throughputs?

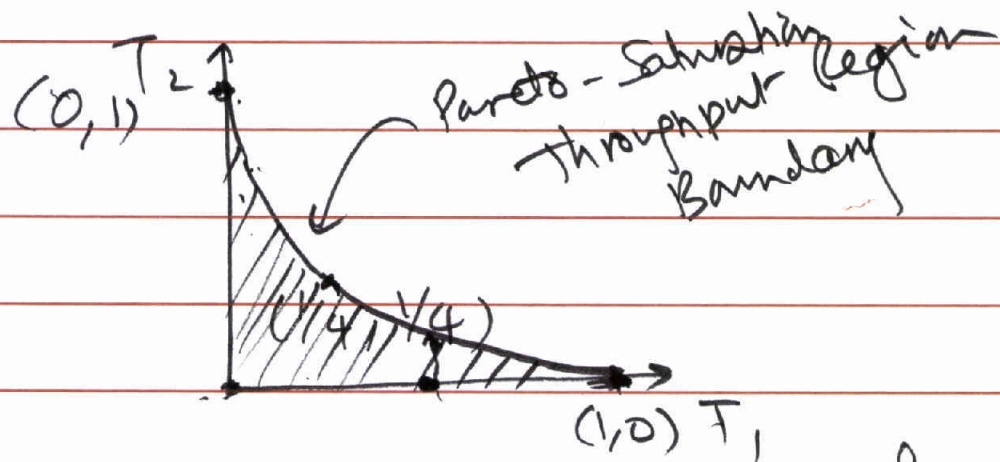
$p_i$ -slotted Aloha

e.g. 2 users:  $p_1, p_2$

throughput for user 1

$$T_1 = p_1 (1 - p_2)$$

$$T_2 = p_2 (1 - p_1)$$



at the boundary

$$p_1 + p_2 = 1$$

why?

finding the boundary:

idea

$$\max T_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad T_1 = c \quad (\text{fixed})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max & \quad p_2(1-p_1) \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad p_1(1-p_2) = T_1 = c \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 = \frac{c}{1-p_2}$$

Approach 1

$$\max p_2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{c}{1-p_2}\right)$$

$$p_2 \cdot \left(\frac{1-p_2-c}{1-p_2}\right)$$

$$\max_{p_2} (p_2 - p_2^2 - p_2 c)(1-p_2)^{-1}$$



$$(1 - p_2) = \frac{c}{p_1}$$

$$p_2 = 1 - \frac{c}{p_1}$$

Approach 2

$$\max_{p_1} \left(1 - \frac{c}{p_1}\right) (1 - p_1)$$

$$\max_{p_1} 1 - p_1 - \frac{c}{p_1} + c$$

$$\max_{p_1} p_1 - \frac{p_1^2 - c + cp_1}{p_1}$$

$$\max_{p_1} \left( \underbrace{(p_1 - p_1^2 - c + cp_1)}_{f(p_1)} \cdot (p_1)^{-1} \right)$$

$$\frac{df(p_1)}{dp_1} = 0 \Rightarrow (p_1 - p_1^2 - c + cp_1) \cdot -1(p_1)^{-2} + (1 - 2p_1 + c) \cdot (p_1)^{-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-p_1 - p_1^2 - c + c p_1}{p_1^2} + \frac{(1 - 2p_1 + c)}{p_1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-(p_1 - p_1^2 - c + c p_1) + p_1 - 2p_1^2 + c p_1}{p_1^2} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{p_1} \quad c - p_1^2 &= 0 \\ p_1^2 &= c \\ p_1^* &= \sqrt{c} \end{aligned}$$

$$p_2^* = 1 - \frac{c}{p_1^*}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{c}{\sqrt{c}} = 1 - \sqrt{c}$$

$$p_1^* + p_2^* = \sqrt{c} + 1 - \sqrt{c} = 1$$

regardless of  $c = T_1$

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= p_2^* \cdot (1 - p_1^*) \\ &= (1 - \sqrt{c})(1 - \sqrt{c}) = (1 - \sqrt{c})^2 \end{aligned}$$

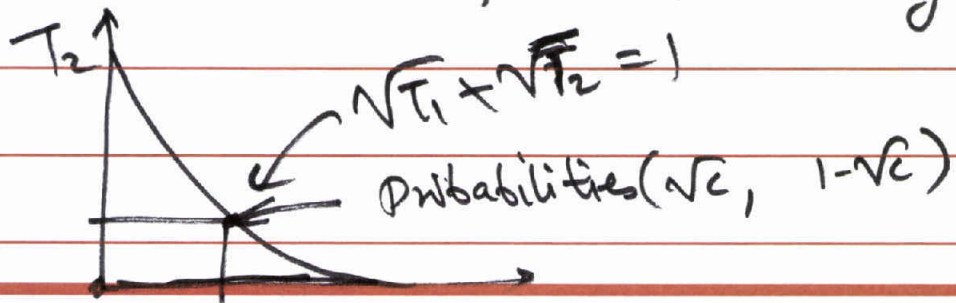
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$$\sqrt{T_2} = 1 - \sqrt{T_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{T_1} + \sqrt{T_2} = 1$$

at the boundary!



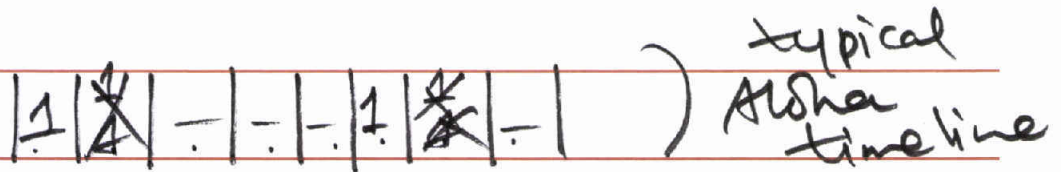
$$T_i = c \quad T_1$$

The result that  $\sum_{i=1}^N p_i^* = 1$

generalizes to any number  
of users.

## CSMA

Carrier Sense Medium Access



the nodes contend over a small slot of size  $\delta$ .

(I) ~~if~~ if no one transmits

in this small slot, go to the next contention slot & repeat.  
( $\delta$ )

(We are looking at a simplified version of CSMA called p-CSMA)

(II) if 2 or more nodes start to transmit in that slot  $\rightarrow$  collision, & the transmission lasts for  $T_c$  time.  
 $T_c$   
 $\uparrow$   
collision time.



during time  $T_c$  there is no more contention from other senders, because when they sense the carrier they will find it busy.

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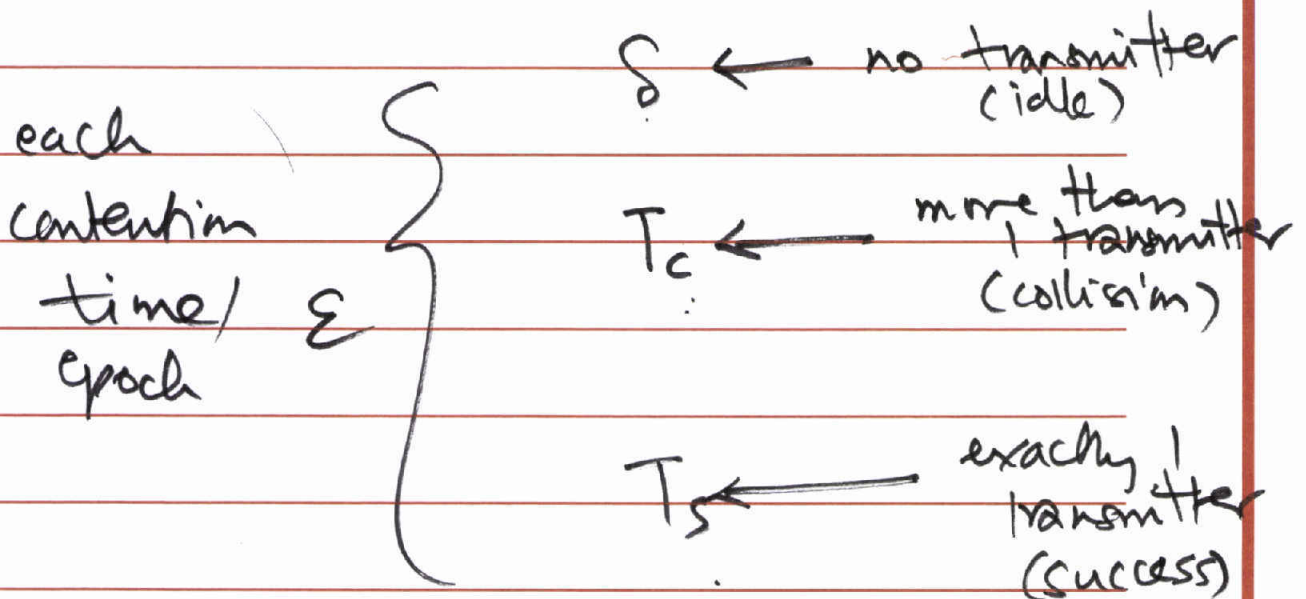
if only 1 node transmits, it transmits for time  $T_s$ .

No one else will contend / try to

↑  
successful transmission time

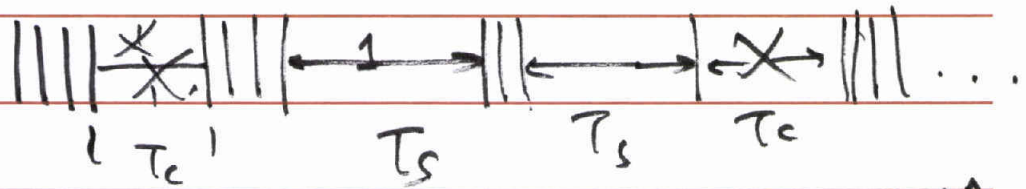
transmit during this time.

(because they will sense the carrier to be busy).



$$\delta \leq T_c \leq T_s$$

Expected throughput for p-CSMA = ?



typical CSMA  
timeline

intuitively if  $\delta \ll T_s$ , then  
the throughput for CSMA should  
be better than slotted ALOHA.

in fact, one can even view  
slotted ALOHA as a special  
case of p-CSMA when  $\delta = T_c = T_s$ .

Expected throughput

Key Renewal Theorem

$$= \frac{\text{prob. of success} \cdot T_s}{\text{Expected Epoch duration}}$$

Epoch duration — time between contention events.  
↳ a random variable

pmf of the epoch duration:

$$P_E = \begin{cases} \delta & \text{w/ pmf: } (1-p)^n \\ T_s & n p (1-p)^{n-1} \\ T_c & 1 - (1-p)^n - n p (1-p)^{n-1} \end{cases}$$

Expected Throughput:

$$n p (1-p)^{n-1} T_s$$

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$$(1-p)^n \delta + n p (1-p)^{n-1} T_s + \left(1 - \frac{(1-p)^n}{n p (1-p)^{n-1}}\right) \cdot T_c$$

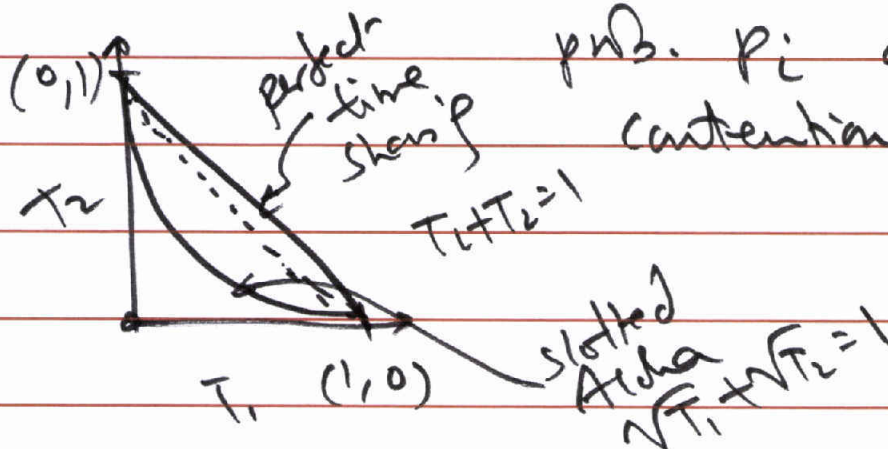
as  $T_s \uparrow$  compared to  $\delta, T_c$ ,  
the throughput increases.

PCSA → Pi-CSMA

transmitter  $i$  chooses

to contend w/

prob.  $p_i$  during  
contention slots





At the Pareto-Boundary of the saturation throughput region of p<sub>i</sub>-CSMA, the following condition holds:

$$1 - \prod_i (1 - p_i) + \frac{T}{\delta} \left( \sum p_i + \prod_i (1 - p_i) - 1 \right) = 1$$

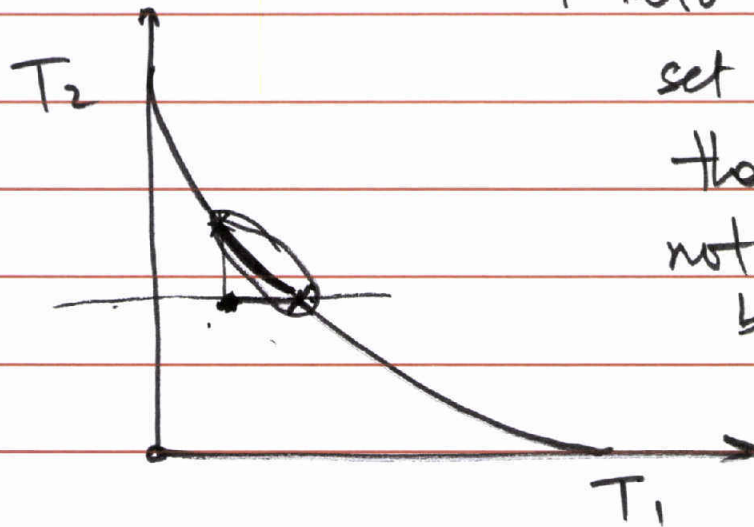
(assuming  $T_s = T_c = T$ )

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{T}{\delta} \left( \sum p_i + \prod_i (1 - p_i) - 1 \right) = \prod_i (1 - p_i)$$

When  $\frac{T}{\delta} = 1$ , this is just called Alpha

Note in this case the above simplifies to

$$\sum p_i = 1.$$



Pareto-boundary:  
 set of points  
 that are  
 not "dominated"  
 by any other  
 throughput  
 vector.

IEEE 802.11a, b, g, n use the same  
 access prob. for  
 all sources

IEEE 802.11e

↳ wireless LANs w/  
 QoS.

different applications  
 can use different-  
 access "probabilities"

CSMA implemented in  
IEEE 802.11 standards:

① Instead of choosing to access  
w/ prob  $p$  at each slot  
( $\Rightarrow$  geometrically distributed  
access time) as in  
 $p$ -CSMA, in 802.11, the  
access time is chosen to  
be a uniform random

variable from  $[0, \text{backoff window}]$

Binary-exponential Backoff

② The backoff period (~~now~~  
size of the window) is  
increased each time  
there is a collision - doubled -  
up to a maximum  
window size.



stages of Backoff:

$W_0$     $W_1$     $\dots$     $W_m$

$W_1 = 2 W_0$  ← initial backoff window size.

$W_2 = 2 W_1 = 2^2 W_0$

$\vdots$

$W_m = 2^m W_0$

↑ maximum backoff window size.

Can model the backoff counter's value along with the backoff stage as a Markov chain.

Given  $W_0, n, n', T_s, \delta, T_c$   
can calculate the saturation throughput for IEEE 802.11.

G. Bianchi's analysis