

# CSCI 251

## Systems and Networks

### Datalink Layer

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# Outline

- Connectionless services
- Framing
- Error Control
- Error-Correcting Code
- Error-Detecting Code
- Flow Control
  - Stop and Wait Protocol
  - Sliding Window Protocol with Go Back N
  - Sliding Window Protocol with Selective Repeat

# Connectionless Services

## **Unacknowledged** connectionless service

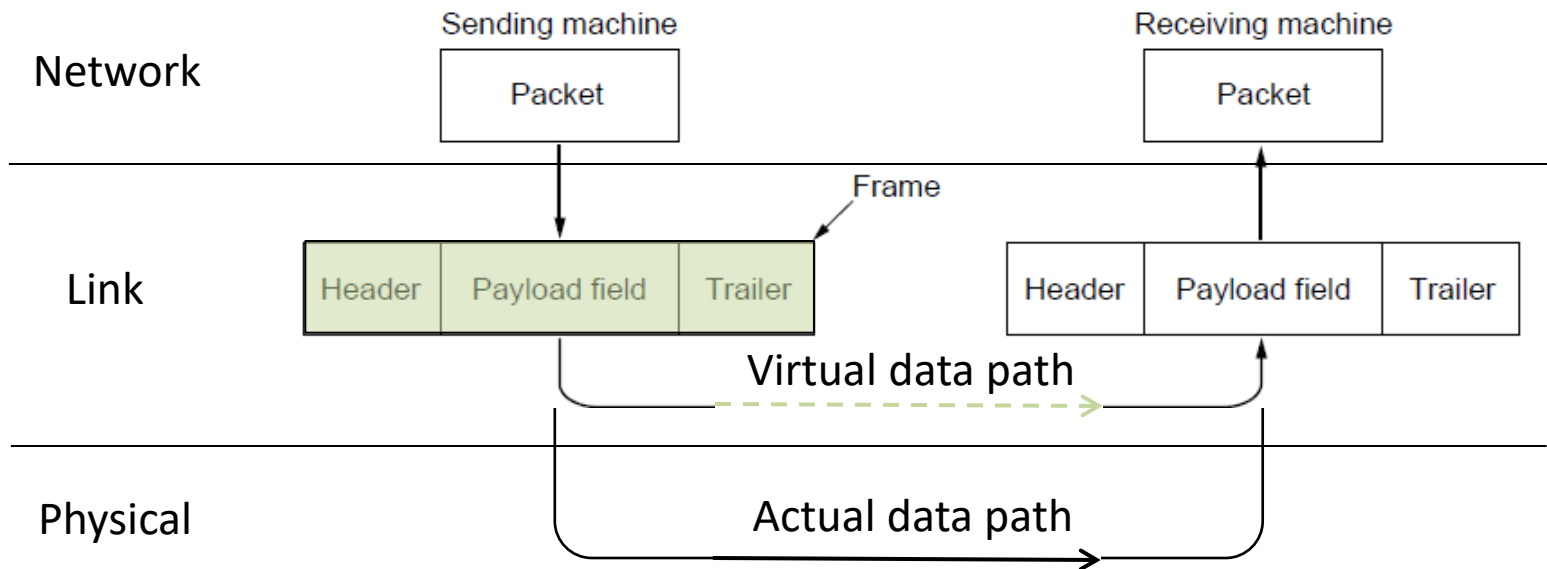
- Frame is sent with no connection and error recovery
- Ethernet is example

## **Acknowledged** connectionless service

- Frame is sent with no connection but with retransmissions if needed
- Example is 802.11

# Frames

Link layer accepts packets from the network layer, and encapsulates them into frames that it sends using the physical layer; reception is the opposite process



# Framing Methods

- Frames need to be delimited from each other by the sender before transmitting over the physical medium in order to facilitate the receiver to separate them upon receptions.
- Once the frames are separated from each other these delimiters have no other usage at the receiver.
- Frame delimiters are not part of data link layer protocol header.

# Framing Methods

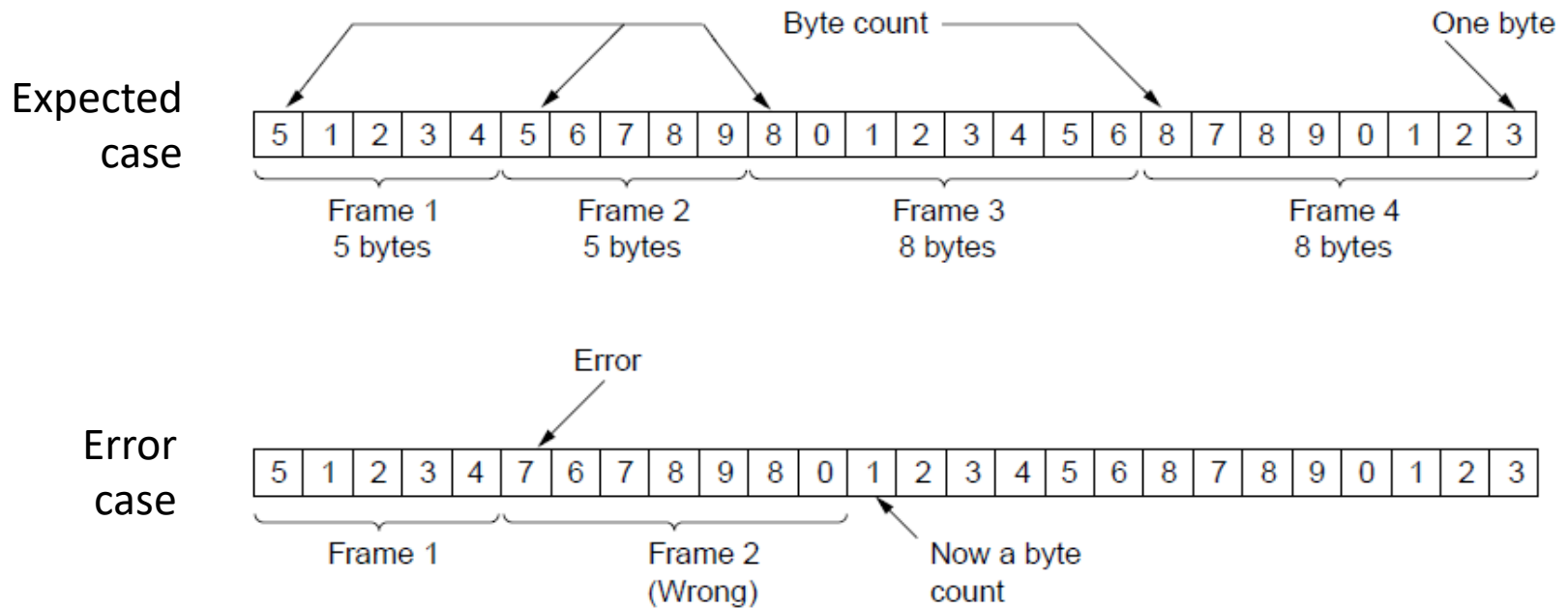
## Frame delimiting methods

- Byte count »
- Flag bytes with byte stuffing »
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- Physical layer coding violations
  - Use non-data symbol to indicate frame

# Framing – Byte count

Frame begins with a count of the number of bytes in it

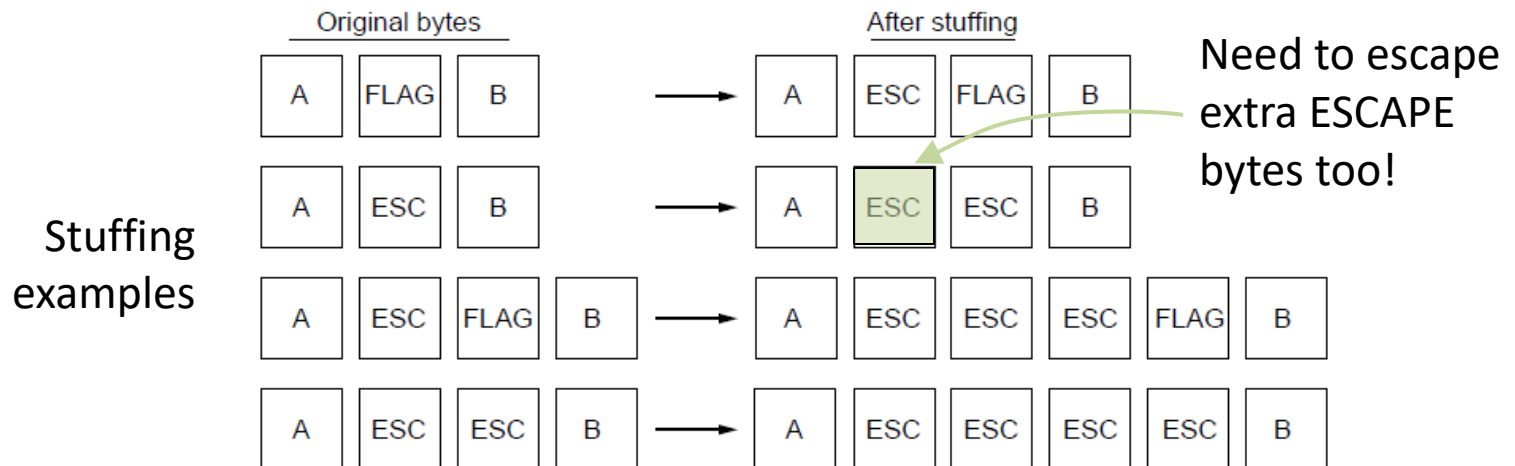
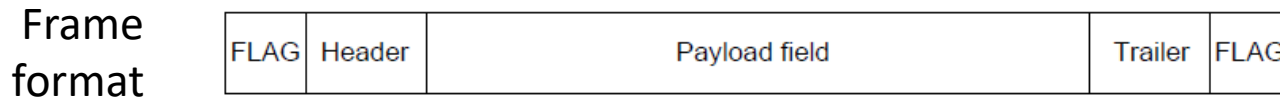
- Simple, but difficult to resynchronize after an error



# Framing – Byte stuffing

Special flag bytes delimit frames; occurrences of flags in the data must be stuffed (escaped)

- Longer, but easy to resynchronize after error





# Error Control

Error control repairs frames that are received in error

- Requires errors to be detected at the receiver
- Requires to acknowledge error free frames
- Typically retransmits the unacknowledged frames
- Timer protects against lost acknowledgements

Error control codes add structured redundancy to data so errors can be either detected, or corrected.

# Error Detection and Correction

Error correction codes:

- Hamming codes »
- Binary convolutional codes »
- Reed-Solomon and Low-Density Parity Check codes
  - Mathematically complex, widely used in real systems

Error detection codes:

- Parity »
- Checksums »
- Cyclic redundancy codes »

# Error Bounds – Hamming distance

Code turns data of  $m$  bits into some codewords of  $(m+r)$  bits  
Hamming distance is the minimum number of bit flips to turn one valid codeword into any other valid one.

- Example with 4 codewords of 10 bits ( $m=2, r=8$ ):
  - 0000**0**00000, 0000**0**11111, 1111**1**00000, and 1111**1**11111
  - Hamming distance is 5

Bounds for a code with distance:

- $2d+1$  – can correct  $d$  errors (e.g., 2 errors above)
- $d+1$  – can detect  $d$  errors (e.g., 4 errors above)

# Error Correction – Hamming code

**Hamming code** gives a simple way to add check bits and correct up to a single bit error:

- Check bits are **parity** over subsets of the codeword
- Re-computing the parity sums (**syndrome**) gives the position of the error to flip, or 0 if there is no error
- (11, 7) Hamming code adds 4 check bits with 7 bits message and can correct 1 bit error either in a check bit or in a message bit

# Error Correction – Hamming code

7-bit message to send      1 0 0 0 0 0 1

- **Check bits** are placed at the **power of twos positions**; e.g. 1, 2, 4, and 8 in the **codeword**.
- **Message bits** are placed at the **rest of the positions**; e.g. 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11 in the **codeword**.
- Codeword with **check bits** and **message bits**:  $P_1P_2M_3P_4M_5M_6M_7P_8M_9M_{10}M_{11}$
- **Check bits** are **parity function** over the subsets of the **message bits**.

# Error Correction – Hamming code

Message to send      1 0 0 0 0 0 1

- Message bit positions can be expressed as the sum of the positions of the check bits with the least number of terms in the sum.

$P_1$   $P_2$   $M_3$   $P_4$   $M_5$   $M_6$   $M_7$   $P_8$   $M_9$   $M_{10}$   $M_{11}$   
 $P_1$   $P_2$  1  $P_4$  0 0 0  $P_8$  0 0 1

$P_1$   $P_2$   $P_4$   $P_8$   
 3 = 1 + 2  
 5 = 1 + 0 + 4  
 6 = 0 + 2 + 4  
 7 = 1 + 2 + 4  
 9 = 1 + 0 + 0 + 8  
 10 = 0 + 2 + 0 + 8  
 11 = 1 + 2 + 0 + 8

$P_1 = f(M_3, M_5, M_7, M_9, M_{11}) = f(1, 0, 0, 0, 1) = 0$   
 $P_2 = f(M_3, M_6, M_7, M_{10}, M_{11}) = f(1, 0, 0, 0, 1) = 0$   
 $P_4 = f(M_5, M_6, M_7) = f(0, 0, 0) = 0$   
 $P_8 = f(M_9, M_{10}, M_{11}) = f(0, 0, 1) = 1$

Codeword sent

$P_1$   $P_2$   $M_3$   $P_4$   $M_5$   $M_6$   $M_7$   $P_8$   $M_9$   $M_{10}$   $M_{11}$   
 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1

# Error Correction – Hamming code

Code word received

$P_1$	$P_2$	$M_3$	$P_4$	$M_5$	$M_6$	$M_7$	$P_8$	$M_9$	$M_{10}$	$M_{11}$
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

Re-compute check bits

$P_1$	$P_2$	$M_3$	$P_4$	$M_5$	$M_6$	$M_7$	$P_8$	$M_9$	$M_{10}$	$M_{11}$
$P_1$	$P_2$	1	$P_4$	1	0	0	$P_8$	0	0	1

	$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_4$	$P_8$				
3	=	1	+	2				
5	=	1	+	0	+	4		
6	=	0	+	2	+	4		
7	=	1	+	2	+	4		
9	=	1	+	0	+	0	+	8
10	=	0	+	2	+	0	+	8
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$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_4$	$P_8$	
0	0	0	1	← Received check bits
1	0	1	1	← Re-computed check bits
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1	0	1	0	Error Syndrom

Error Syndrom not zero, i.e., error in bit  $(1+4) = 5$

Corrected codeword

$P_1$	$P_2$	$M_3$	$P_4$	$M_5$	$M_6$	$M_7$	$P_8$	$M_9$	$M_{10}$	$M_{11}$
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Corrected message

1 0 0 0 0 0 1

# Error Correction – Hamming code

- The **number** of **check bits** required **depends** on the number of message bits.
- Assume  **$m$  message** bits and  **$r$  check** bits in  **$n$ -bit codewords**, i.e.,  **$n = (m + r)$**
- Each message has **1 valid** codeword and  **$n$  invalid** codewords, that can be generated by **flipping** any **single bit** of the valid codeword.
- Each **message** has total  **$(n + 1)$  valid** and **invalid** codewords.
- There could be at most  **$2^m$**  messages by  **$m$ -bits**.
- There could be at most  **$(n + 1) * 2^m$  valid** and **invalid** codewords
- There could be at most  **$2^n$  valid** and **invalid** codewords by  **$n$ -bits**.
- Therefore  **$(n + 1) * 2^m \leq 2^n$**  replacing  **$n = (m + r)$**

$$(m + r + 1) * 2^m \leq 2^{(m + r)}$$
$$\leq 2^m * 2^r$$

$$(m + r + 1) \leq 2^r$$

# Error Correction – Hamming code

$$(m + r + 1) \leq 2^r$$

7-bit message  $m = 7$

$$(7 + r + 1) \leq 2^r$$

$r = 1, 2, 3$  do not satisfy the above inequality

$r = 4$ , i.e., 4 check bits and **(11, 7) Hamming Code**

# Error Detection – Parity

Parity bit is added as the modulo 2 sum of data bits

- Equivalent to XOR; this is even parity
- Ex: 1110000 → 1110000 **1**, sum is **1**
- Detection checks if the sum is wrong (an error)

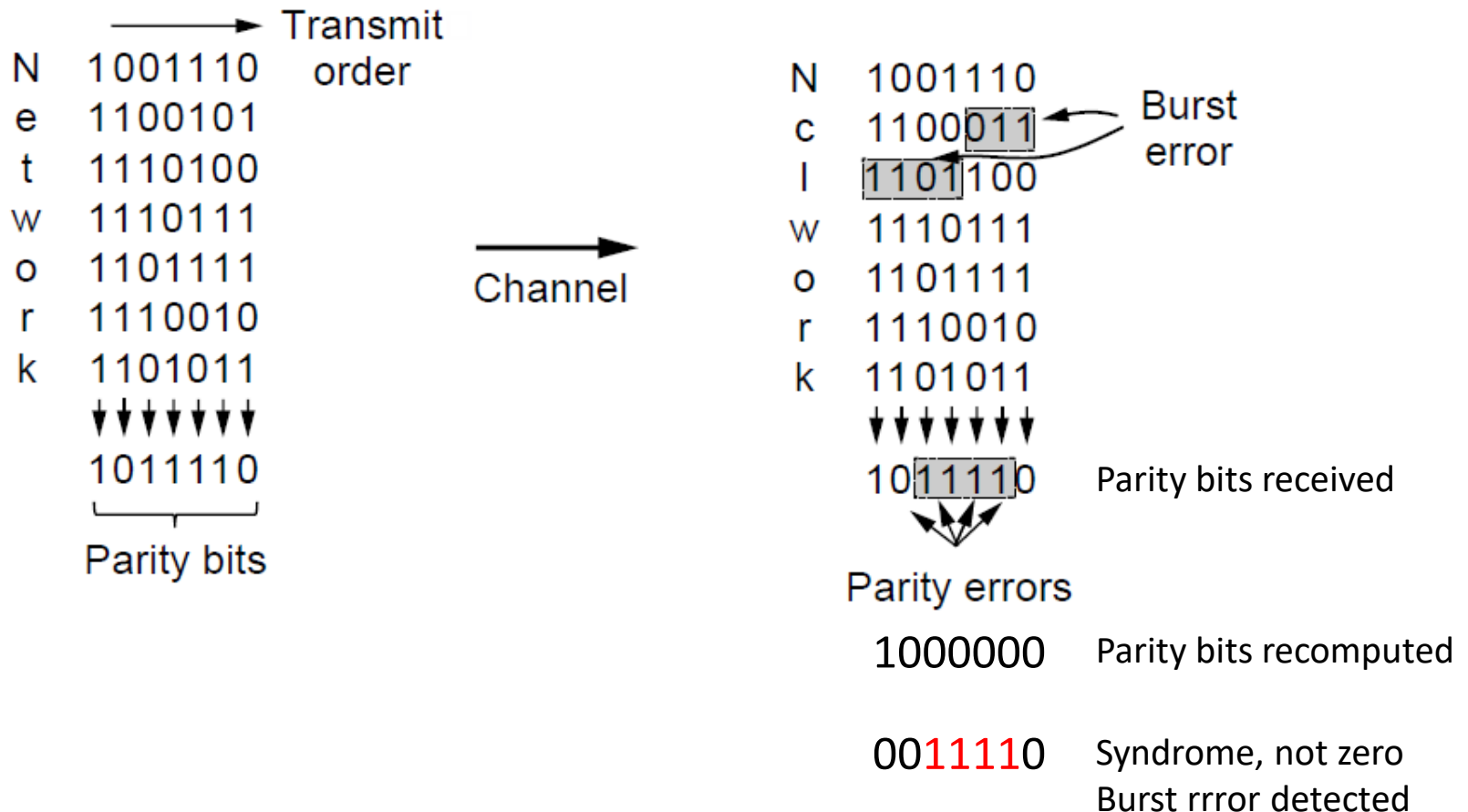
Simple way to detect an *odd* number of errors

- Ex: 1 error, 1110010 **1**; **detected**, sum **0** is wrong
- Ex: 3 errors, 1101100 **1**; **detected** sum **0** is wrong
- Ex: 2 errors, 1110110 **1**; **not detected**, sum **1** is right!
- Error can also be in the parity bit itself
- Random errors are detected with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$

# Error Detection – Parity

Interleaving of N parity bits detects burst errors up to N

- Each parity sum is made over non-adjacent bits
- An even burst of up to N errors will not cause it to fail



# Error Detection – Checksums

Checksum treats data as N-bit words and adds N check bits that are the modulo  $2^N$  sum of the words

- Ex: Internet 16-bit 1s complement checksum

Properties:

- Improved error detection over parity bits
- Detects bursts up to N errors
- Detects random errors with probability  $(1 - \frac{1}{2^n})$

# Error Detection – Checksums

## IP Header Checksum Computation by Sender

20 Bytes IP Header content without checksum

**4500 058c cadd 4000 ef06 0000 825f 808c 80d0 0297**

4500

+058c

+cadd

+4000

+ef06

+0000

+825f

+808c

+80d0

+0297

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3cac1

+3

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cac4

One's complement of **cac4** is **353b**

20 Bytes IP Header content sent with checksum

**4500 058c cadd 4000 ef06 353b 825f 808c 80d0 0297**

# Error Detection – Checksums

## IP Header Checksum Computation by Receiver

20 Bytes IP Header content received with checksum

**4500 058c cadd 4000 ef06 353b 825f 808c 80d0 0297**

$$\begin{array}{r} 4500 \\ +058c \\ +cadd \\ +4000 \\ +ef06 \\ +353b \\ +825f \\ +808c \\ +80d0 \\ +0297 \\ \hline 3ffc \\ +3 \\ \hline ffff \end{array}$$

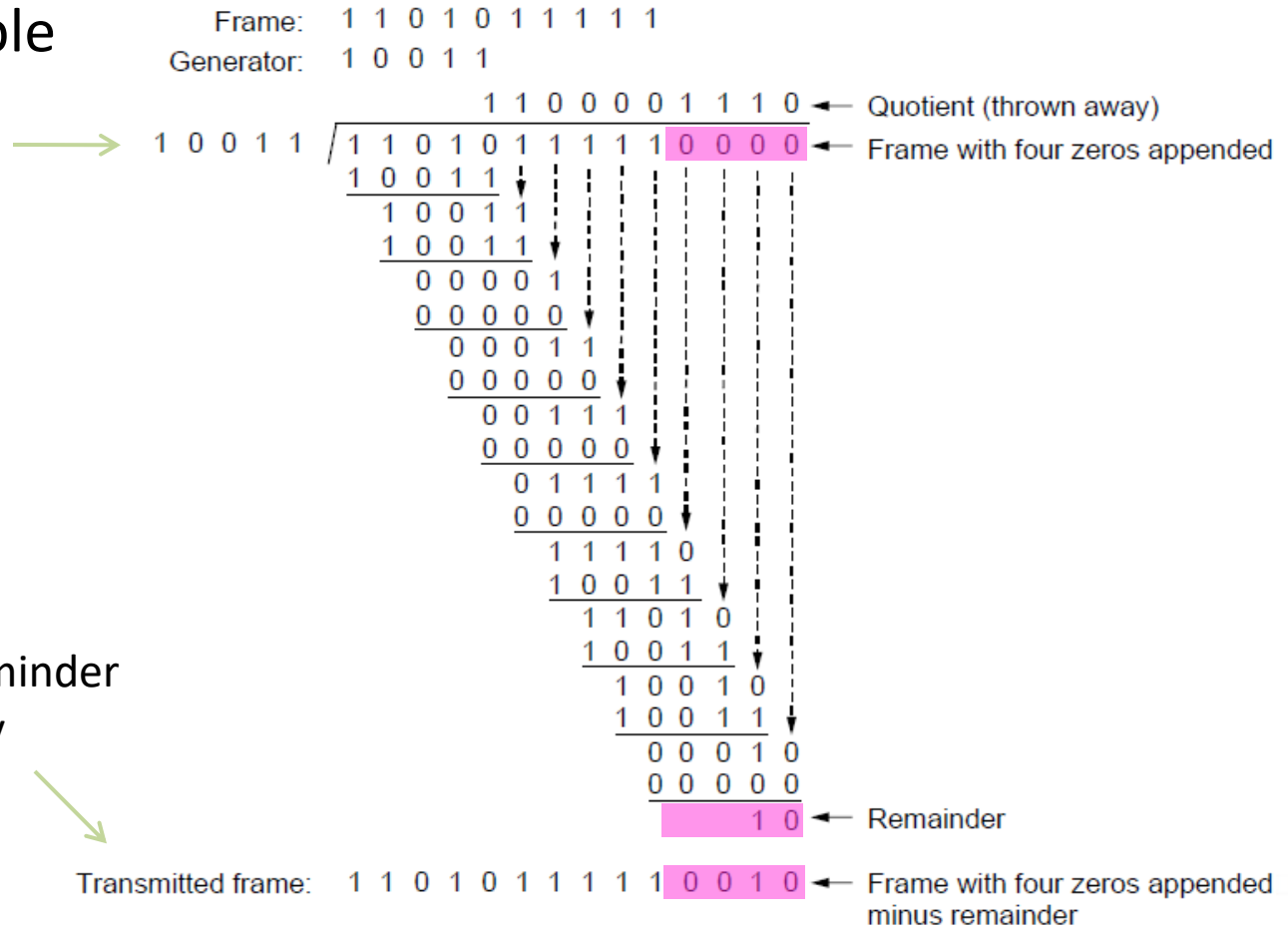
One's complement of **ffff** is **0000**

No errors in the header, if recomputed checksum is **zero**.

# Error Detection – CRCs

- Adds bits so that transmitted frame viewed as a polynomial is evenly divisible

Start by adding  
0s to frame and  
try dividing



Offset by any remainder  
to make it evenly  
divisible

# Error Detection – CRCs

Based on standard polynomials:

- Ex: Ethernet 32-bit CRC is defined by:

$$x^{32} + x^{26} + x^{23} + x^{22} + x^{16} + x^{12} + x^{11} + x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x^1 + 1$$

- Computed with simple shift/XOR circuits

Stronger detection than checksums:

- E.g., can detect all double bit errors
- Not vulnerable to systematic errors

# Flow Control

Prevents a fast sender from out-pacing a slow receiver

- Receiver gives feedback on the data it can accept
- Rare in the Link layer as NICs run at “wire speed”
  - Receiver can take data as fast as it can be sent

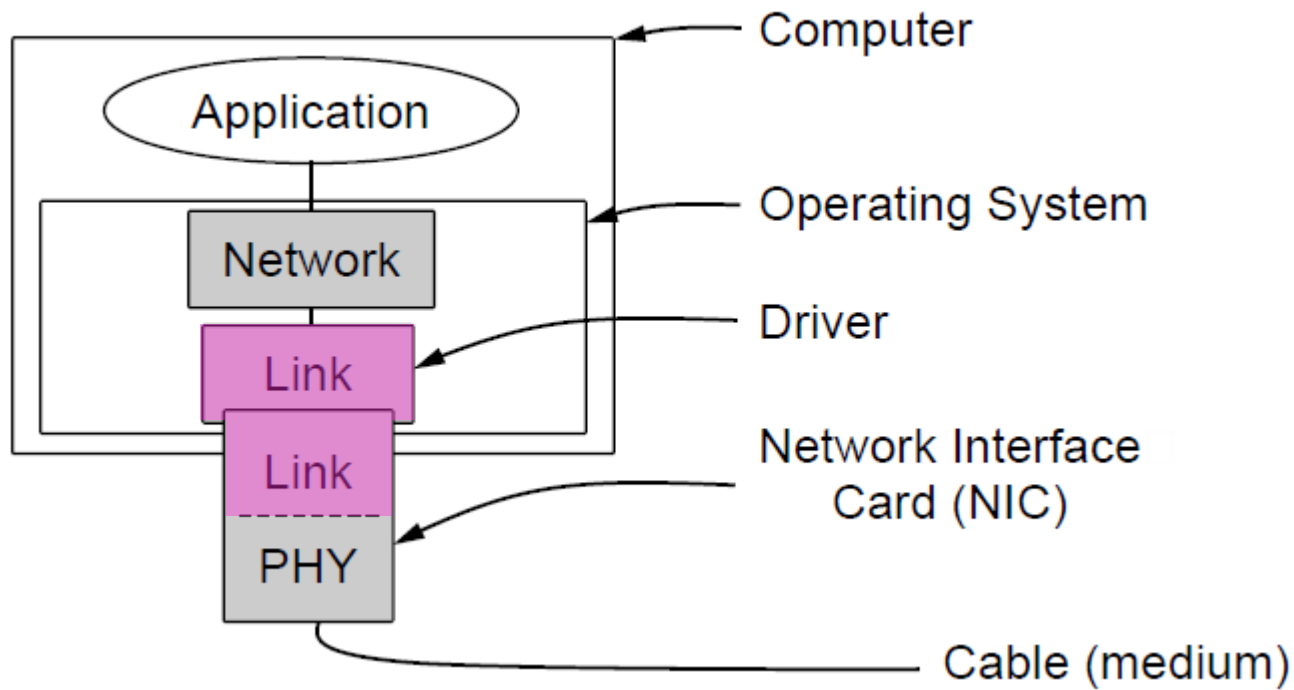
Flow control is a topic in both Link and Transport layers.

# Elementary Data Link Protocols

- Link layer environment »
- Utopian Simplex Protocol »
- Stop-and-Wait Protocol for Error-free channel »
- Stop-and-Wait Protocol for Noisy channel »

# Link layer environment

Commonly implemented as NICs and OS drivers: network layer (IP) is often OS



# Link layer environment

- Link layer protocol implementations use library definitions
  - See code (`protocol.h`) for more details

```
#define MAX_PKT 1024
```

```
typedef unsigned int seq_nr;
```

```
typedef struct {  
    unsigned char data[MAX_PKT];  
} packet;
```

```
typedef enum {data, ack, nak} frame_kind;
```

# Link layer environment

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```
typedef struct {  
    frame_kind kind;  
    seq_nr seq;  
    seq_nr ack;  
    packet info;  
} frame;
```

```
typedef enum {  
    frame_arrival,  
    CKsum_err,  
    timeout,  
    network_layer_ready,  
    ack_timeout  
} event_type;
```

# Link layer environment

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Group	Library Function	Description
Network layer	<code>from_network_layer(&amp;packet)</code> <code>to_network_layer(&amp;packet)</code> <code>enable_network_layer()</code> <code>disable_network_layer()</code>	Take a packet from network layer to send Deliver a received packet to network layer Let network cause “ready” events Prevent network “ready” events
Physical layer	<code>from_physical_layer(&amp;frame)</code> <code>to_physical_layer(&amp;frame)</code>	Get an incoming frame from physical layer Pass an outgoing frame to physical layer
Events & timers	<code>wait_for_event(&amp;event)</code> <code>start_timer(seq_nr)</code> <code>stop_timer(seq_nr)</code> <code>start_ack_timer()</code> <code>stop_ack_timer()</code>	Wait for a packet / frame / timer event Start a countdown timer running Stop a countdown timer from running Start the ACK countdown timer Stop the ACK countdown timer

# Utopian Simplex Protocol

An optimistic protocol (p1) to get us started

- Assumes no errors, and receiver as fast as sender
- Considers one-way data transfer

```
void sender1(void)
{
    frame s;
    packet buffer;

    while (true) {
        from_network_layer(&buffer);
        s.info = buffer;
        to_physical_layer(&s);
    }
}
```

Sender loops blasting frames

```
void receiver1(void)
{
    frame r;
    event_type event;

    while (true) {
        wait_for_event(&event);
        from_physical_layer(&r);
        to_network_layer(&r.info);
    }
}
```

Receiver loops eating frames

- That's it, no error or flow control ...

# Stop-and-Wait – Error-free channel

Protocol (p2) ensures sender can't outpace receiver:

- Receiver returns a dummy frame (ack) when ready
- Only one frame out at a time – called stop-and-wait
- We added flow control!

```
void sender2(void)
{
    frame s;
    packet buffer;
    event_type event;

    while (true) {
        from_network_layer(&buffer);
        s.info = buffer;
        to_physical_layer(&s);
        wait_for_event(&event);
    }
}
```

Sender waits to for ack after passing frame to physical layer

```
void receiver2(void)
{
    frame r, s;
    event_type event;
    while (true) {
        wait_for_event(&event);
        from_physical_layer(&r);
        to_network_layer(&r.info);
        to_physical_layer(&s);
    }
}
```

Receiver sends ack after passing frame to network layer

# Stop-and-Wait – Noisy channel

ARQ (Automatic Repeat reQuest) adds error control

- Receiver acks frames that are correctly delivered
- Sender sets timer and resends frame if no ack received

For correctness, frames and acks must be numbered

- Else receiver can't tell retransmission (due to lost ack or early timer) from new frame
- For stop-and-wait, 2 numbers (**0** and **1**, i.e., **1 bit**) are sufficient

# Stop-and-Wait – Noisy channel

## Sender loop (p3):

Send frame (or retransmission)  
Set timer for retransmission  
Wait for ack or timeout

If a good ack then set up for the next frame to send (else the old frame will be retransmitted)

```
void sender3(void) {
    seq_nr next_frame_to_send;
    frame s;
    packet buffer;
    event_type event;

    next_frame_to_send = 0;
    from_network_layer(&buffer);
    while (true) {
        s.info = buffer;
        s.seq = next_frame_to_send;
        to_physical_layer(&s);
        start_timer(s.seq);
        wait_for_event(&event);
        if (event == frame_arrival) {
            from_physical_layer(&s);
            if (s.ack == next_frame_to_send) {
                stop_timer(s.ack);
                from_network_layer(&buffer);
                inc(next_frame_to_send);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

# Stop-and-Wait – Noisy channel

Receiver loop (p3):

```
void receiver3(void)
{
    seq_nr frame_expected;
    frame r, s;
    event_type event;

    frame_expected = 0;
    while (true) {
        wait_for_event(&event);
        if (event == frame_arrival) {
            from_physical_layer(&r);
            if (r.seq == frame_expected) {
                to_network_layer(&r.info);
                inc(frame_expected);
            }
            s.ack = 1 - frame_expected;
            to_physical_layer(&s);
        }
    }
}
```

Wait for a frame →

If it's new then take it and advance expected frame [

Ack current frame →

# Sliding Window Protocols

- Sliding Window concept »
- One-bit Sliding Window »
- Go-Back-N »
- Selective Repeat »

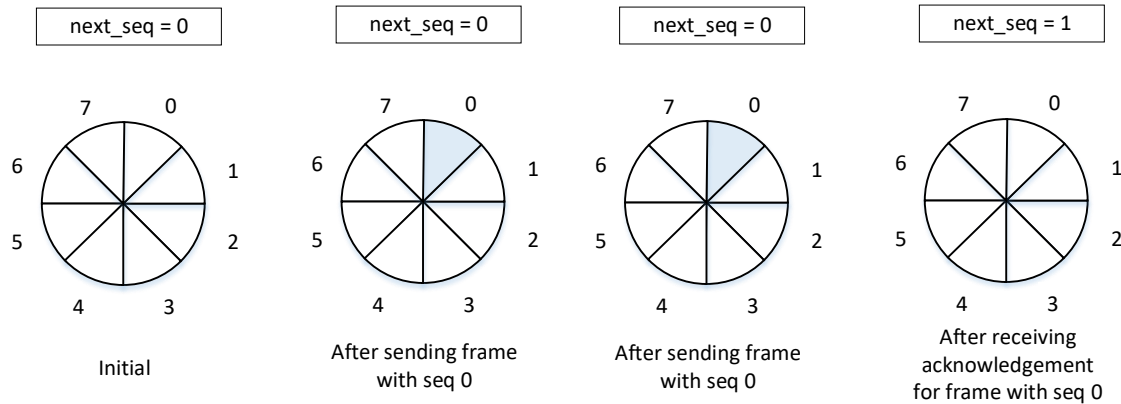
# Sliding Window concept

- Sender maintains a **send window** of frames that it has **sent**
  - Send window has a **max limit**.
  - Needs to **buffer** the sent frames for possible **retransmission**
  - Window **slides** with next **acknowledgements**
- Receiver maintains a **receive window** of frames it can receive
  - Receive window has a **max limit**
  - **Rejects** frames that are **not** in **receive window**
  - Needs to keep **buffer** space for arrivals
  - Window **slides** with **in-order arrivals**

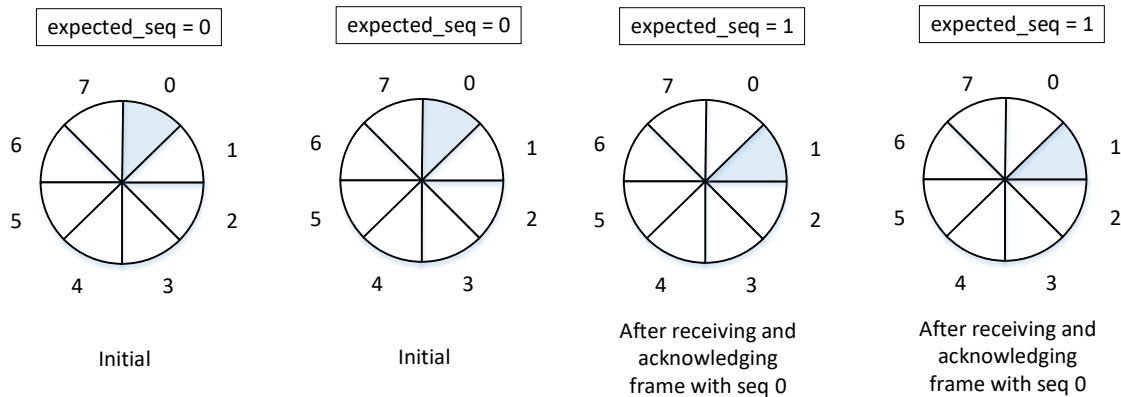
# Sliding Window concept

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size is 1

Sender



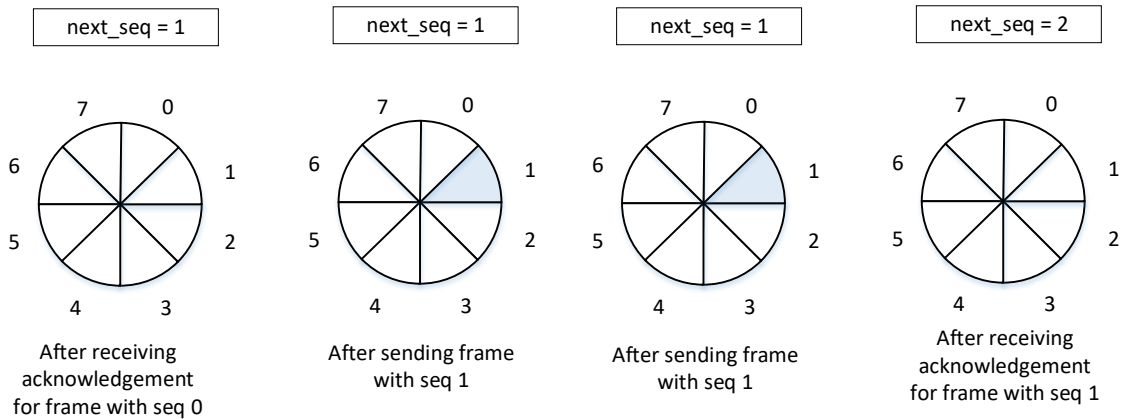
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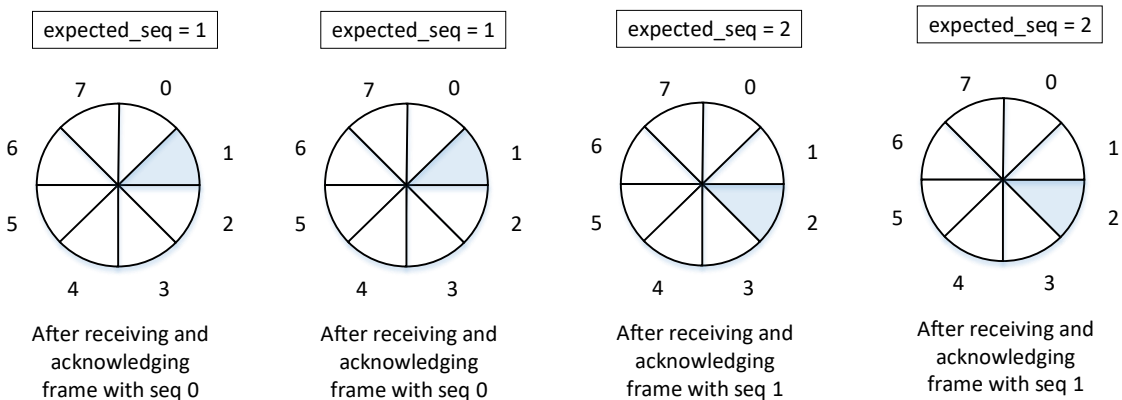
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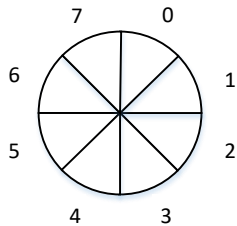


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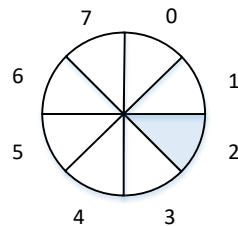
Sender

next\_seq = 2



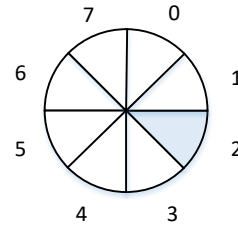
After receiving acknowledgement for frame with seq 1

next\_seq = 2



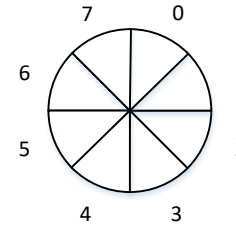
After sending frame with seq 2

next\_seq = 2



After sending frame with seq 2

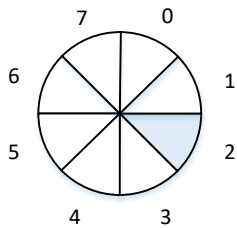
next\_seq = 3



After receiving acknowledgement for frame with seq 2

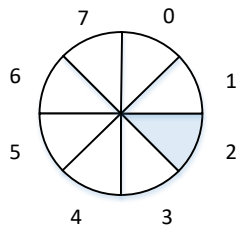
Receiver

expected\_seq = 2



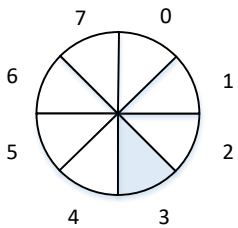
After receiving and acknowledging frame with seq 1

expected\_seq = 2



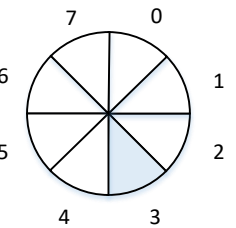
After receiving and acknowledging frame with seq 1

expected\_seq = 3



After receiving and acknowledging frame with seq 2

expected\_seq = 3



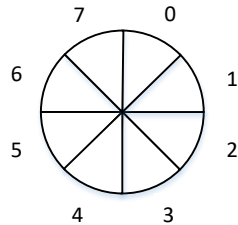
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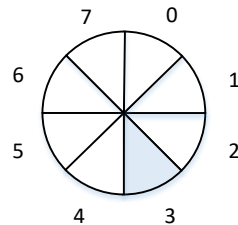
Sender

next\_seq = 3



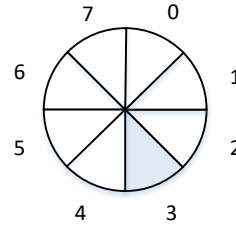
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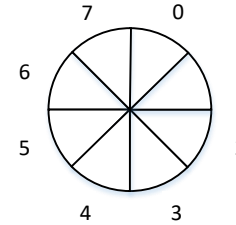
After sending frame with seq 3

next\_seq = 3



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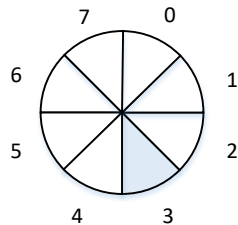
next\_seq = 4



After receiving acknowledgement for frame with seq 3

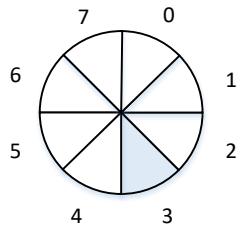
Receiver

expected\_seq = 3



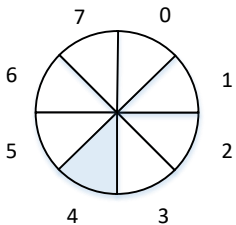
After receiving and acknowledging frame with seq 2

expected\_seq = 3



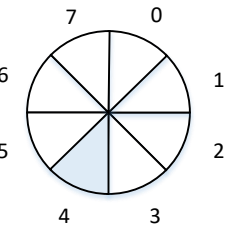
After receiving and acknowledging frame with seq 2

expected\_seq = 4



After receiving and acknowledging frame with seq 3

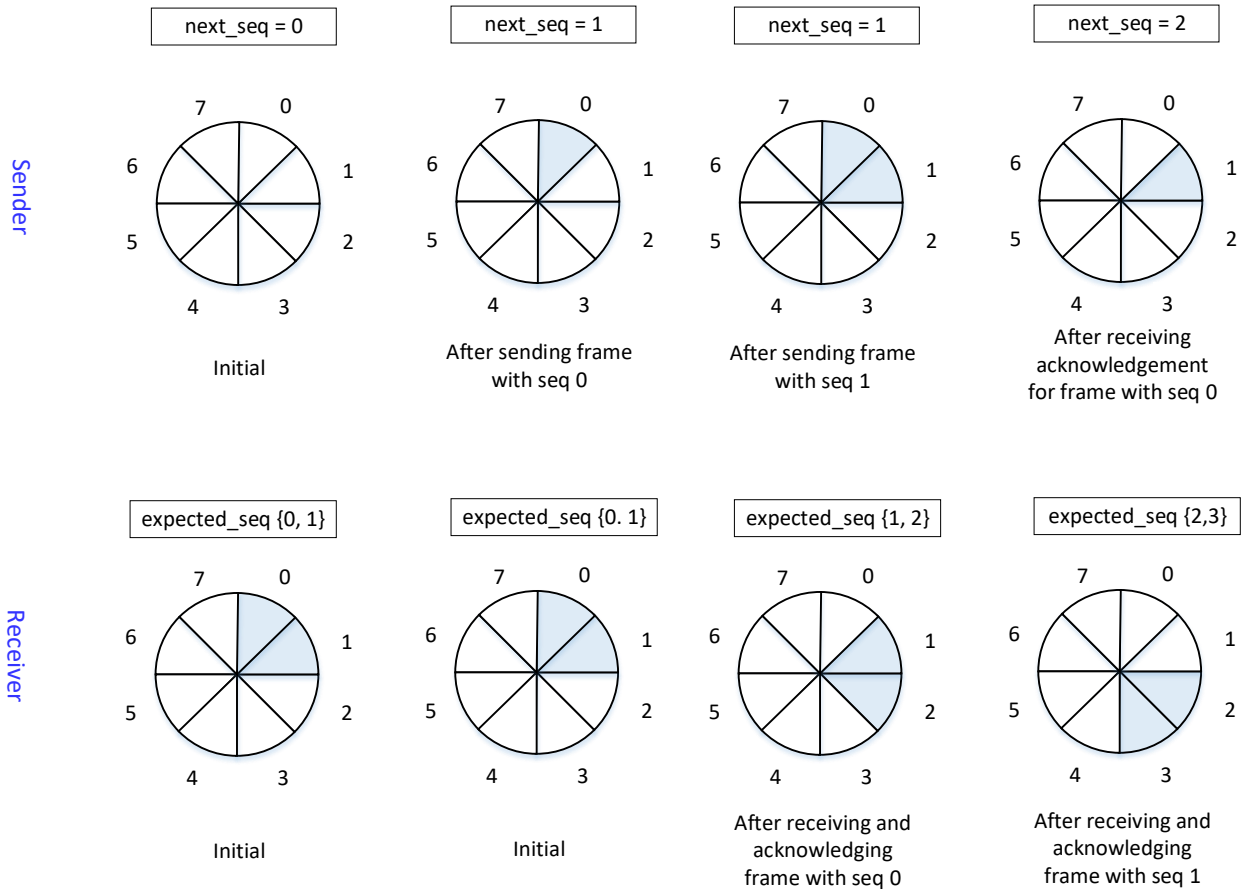
expected\_seq = 4



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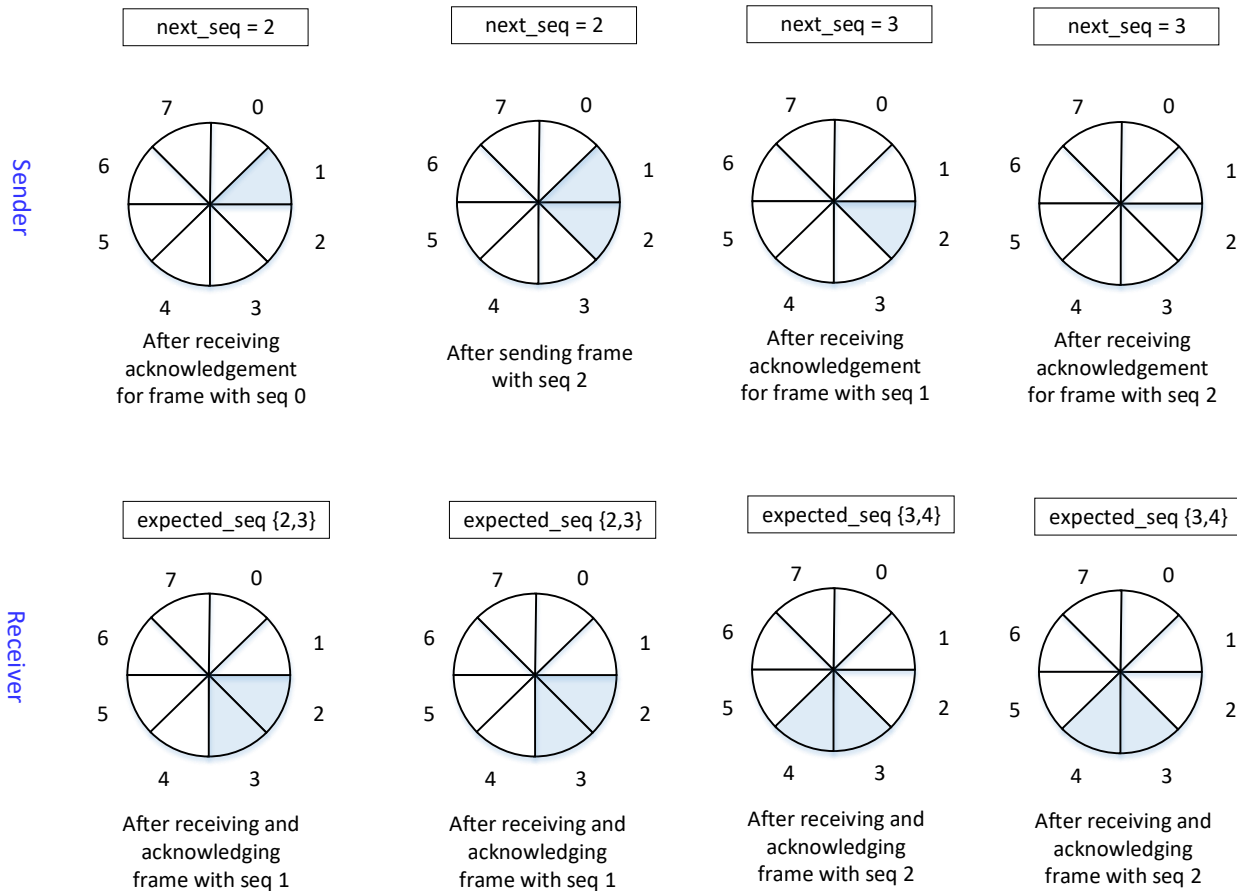
# Sliding Window concept

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size is 2



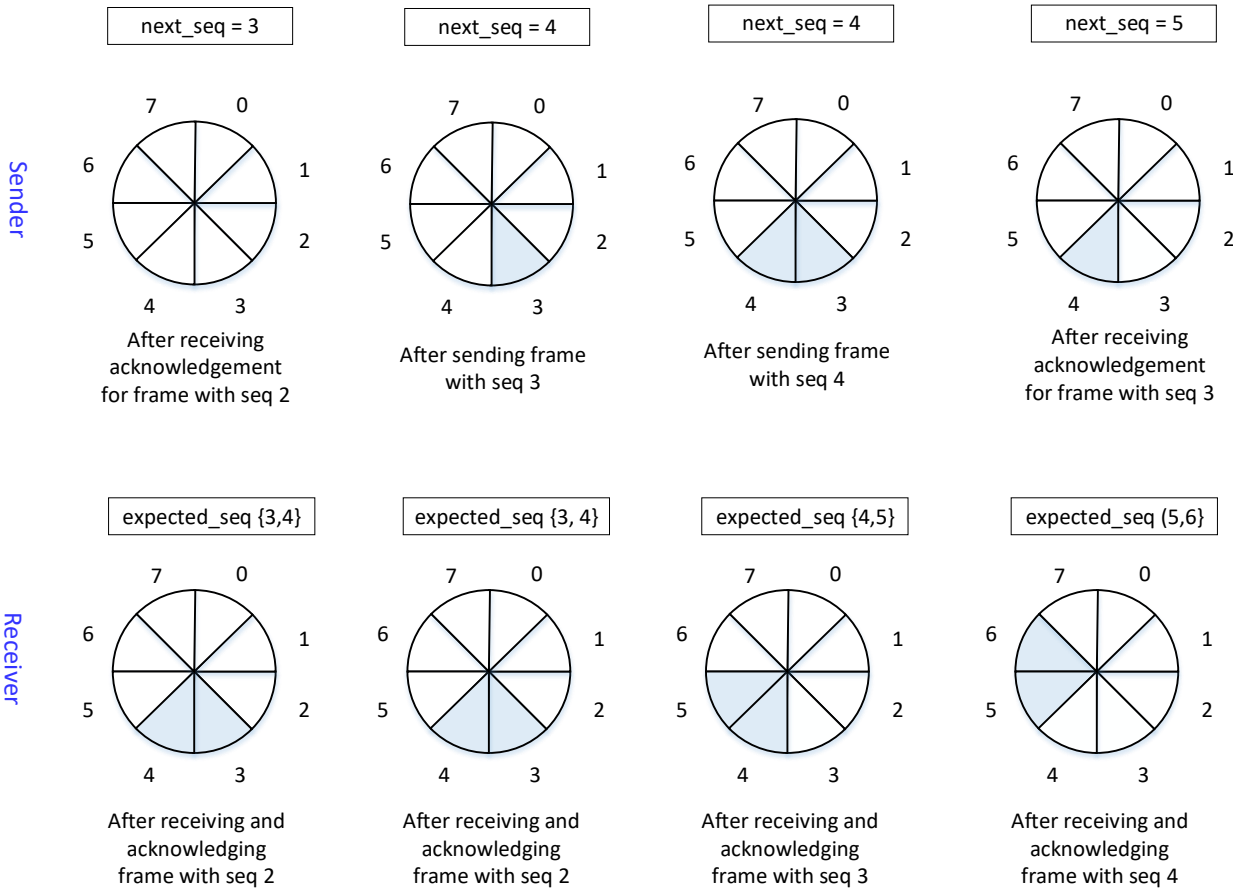
# Sliding Window concept

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size is 2



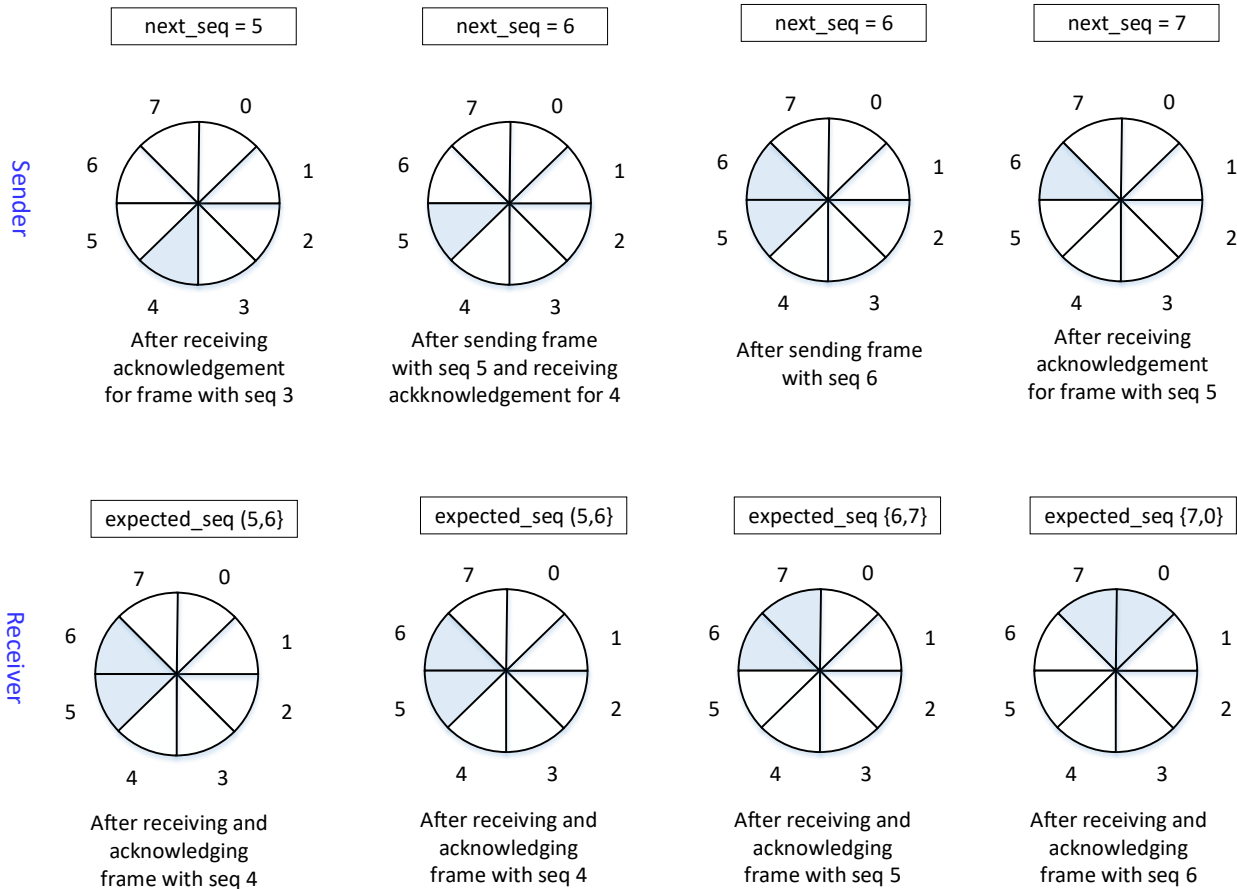
# Sliding Window concept

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size is 2



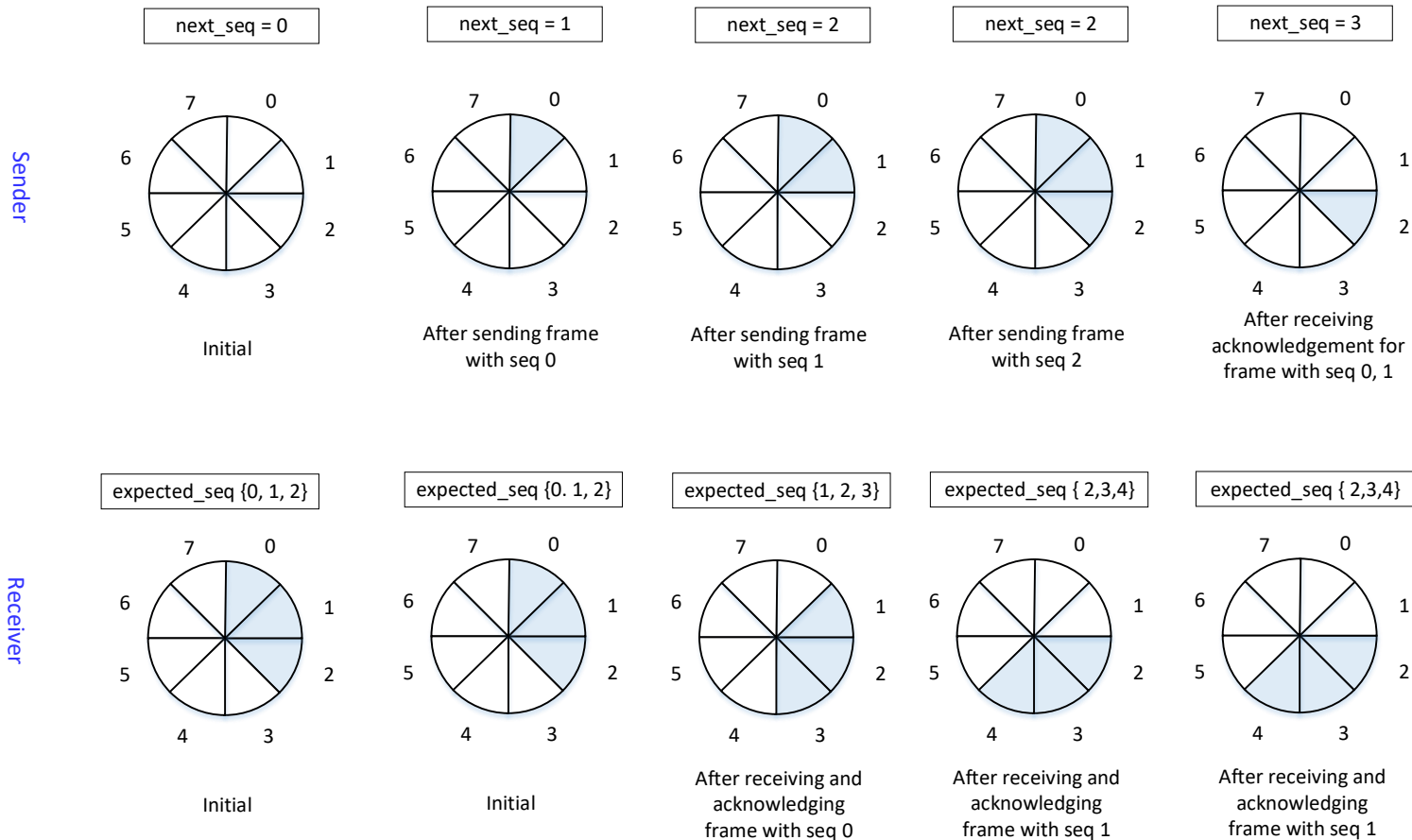
# Sliding Window concept

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size is 2



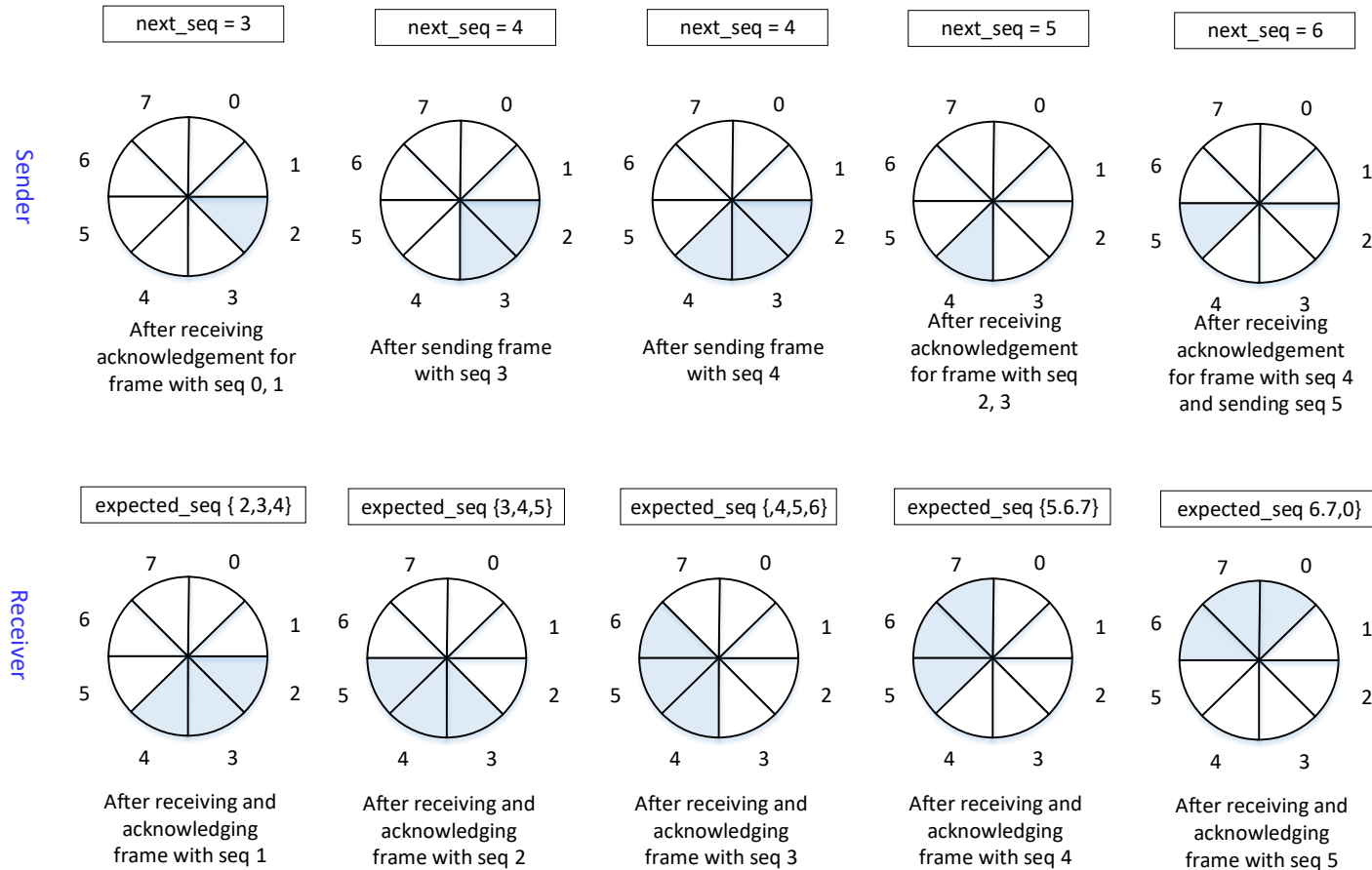
# Sliding Window concept

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size is 3



# Sliding Window concept

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size is 3



# Sliding Window concept

Larger windows enable pipelining for efficient link use

- Stop-and-wait ( $w=1$ ) is inefficient for long links
- Best **window ( $w$ )** depends on one-way **bandwidth-delay ( $BD$ )** of the link and **frame size ( $F$ )**.
- We want to use  $w_{\max} = 2BD/F + 1$  to ensure high link utilization
- Otherwise, link utilization of using any other window size ( $w_a$ ) is computed as  $(w_a/w_{\max})$
- For example, **1Mbps** link with **100ms** delay and **2kb** frame can use **window size 101** to ensure high utilization.
- But using a **window size 16** on the same link give us  $16/101 = 0.158$  link **utilization**.

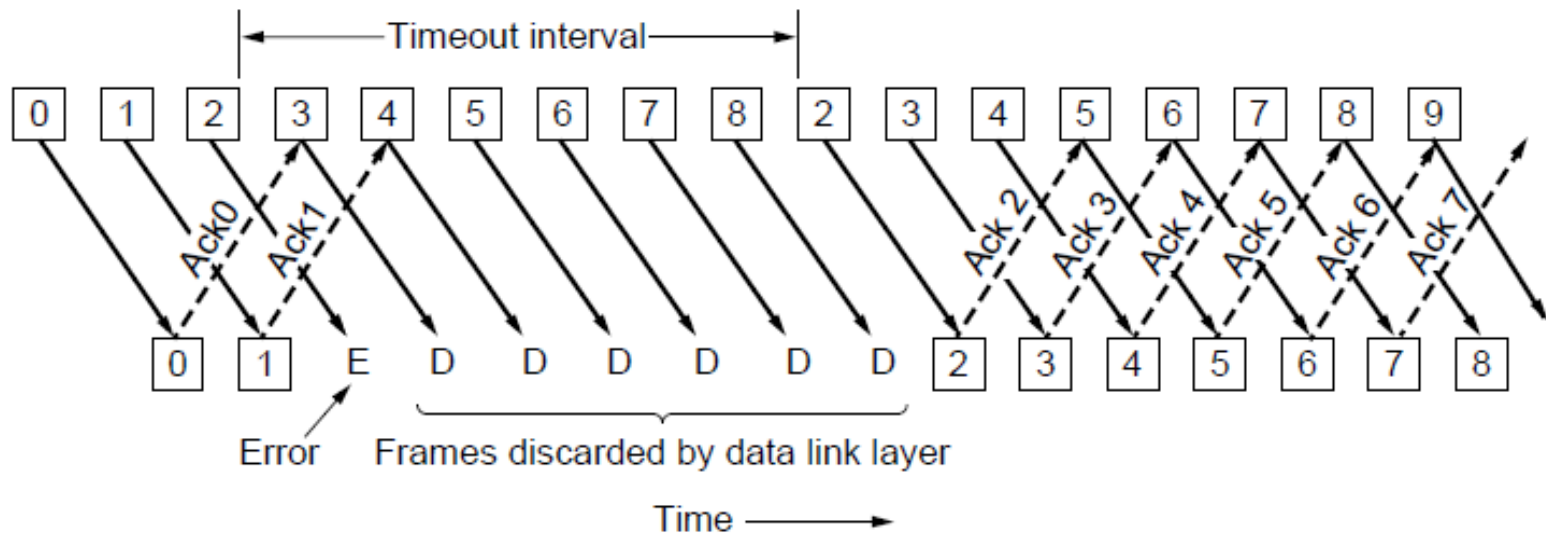
# Sliding Window concept

Pipelining leads to different choices for errors/buffering

- We will consider **Go-Back-N** and **Selective Repeat**
- Go-Back-N
  - Receiver does not use buffer.
  - Receiver only accepts and acknowledges frames that arrive in order
  - Receive window size 1 is sufficient
- Selective Repeat
  - Receiver uses buffer to save the out of order received frames.
  - Receiver accepts frames anywhere in receive window.
  - Receive window size must be equal to send window max size.

# Go-Back-N

- Discards frames that follow a missing or errored frame
- Sender times out and resends all the outstanding frames



# Go-Back-N

## Sender Max Window Size with respect to sequence number

- With **n-bit sequence numbers**, sequence numbers **range** is **0** to **( $2^n-1$ )** and max sequence number is **( $2^n-1$ )**
- For example, for 3-bit sequence numbers, sequence numbers range is **0** to **( $2^3-1$ )** or **0** to **7** (0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7) and the max sequence number is **7**

# Go-Back-N

## Sender Max Window Size with respect to sequence number

- In Go-Back-N if the sender is allowed to use the maximum possible window size, i.e.,  $2^n$  or **8** (in above scenario), it will be allowed to send 8 frames using all the sequence numbers, i.e., 0,1,2,3,4,5,6, and 7
- Assume receiver has received and acknowledged 8 frames but all the acknowledgements get lost.
- Sender times out for not receiving the acknowledgments and retransmits 8 frames successively with the sequence numbers 0,1,2,3,4,5,6, and 7.

# Go-Back-N

## Sender Max Window Size with respect to sequence number

- Receiver incorrectly assumes 8 new frame arrivals instead of frame retransmissions as it is expecting a new frame with sequence number 0, then 1, and so on, i.e., the protocol fails.
- If the sender is allowed to use one less than the maximum possible window size, i.e.,  $2^n - 1$  or **7** (in above scenario), it will be allowed to send 7 frames using the sequence numbers, i.e., 0,1,2,3,4,5, and 6
- If receiver has received and acknowledged 7 frames but all the acknowledgements get lost.

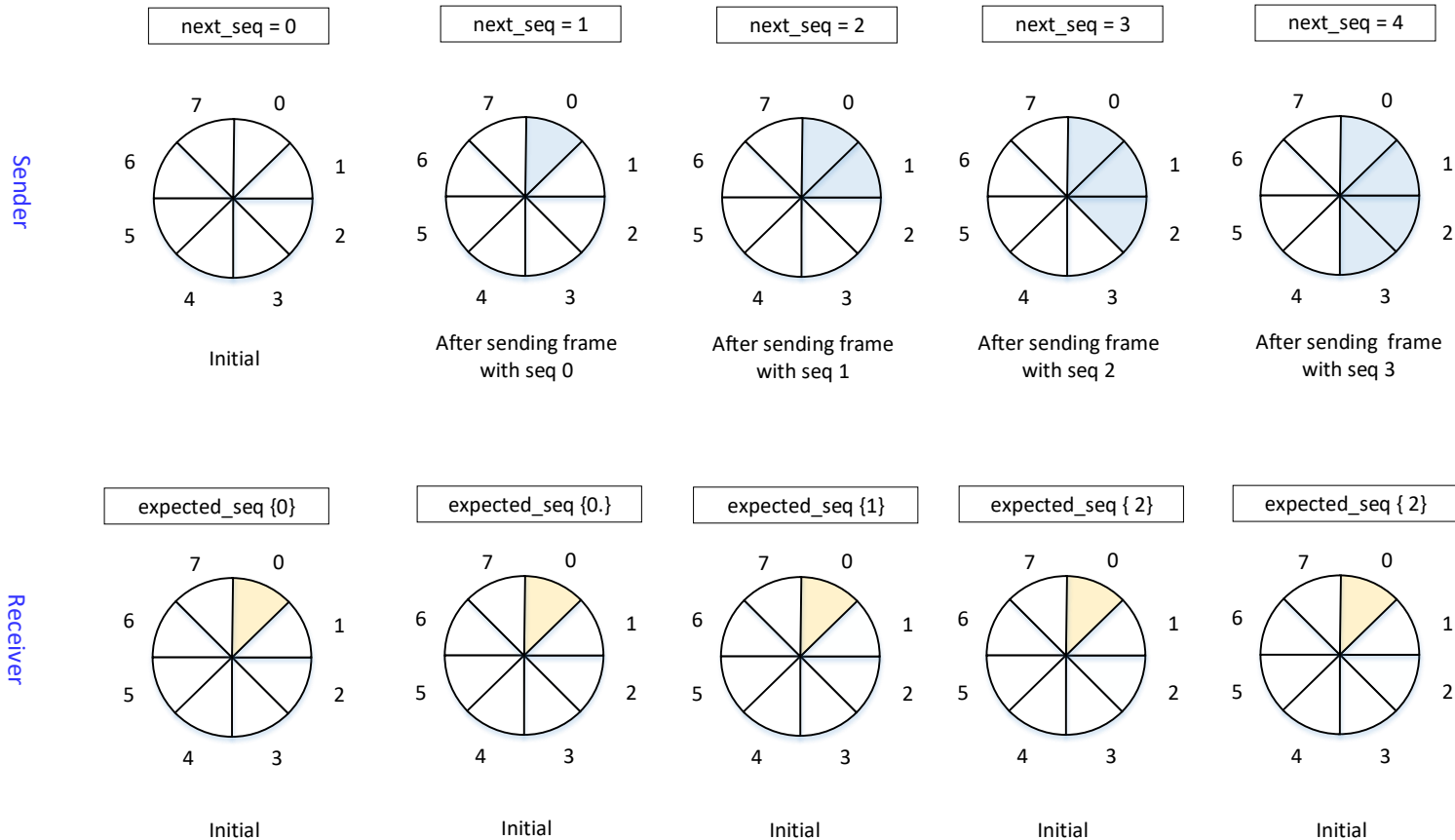
# Go-Back-N

## Sender Max Window Size with respect to sequence number

- Sender times out for not receiving the acknowledgments and retransmits 7 frames successively with the sequence numbers 0,1,2,3,4,5, and 6.
- Receiver will not assume 7 new frame arrivals instead of frame retransmissions as it is expecting a new frame with sequence number 7 not 0 and so on, i.e., the protocol succeeds.
- For this reason, sender window size in Go-Back-N is  $(2^n - 1)$  with **n-bit sequence numbers**.

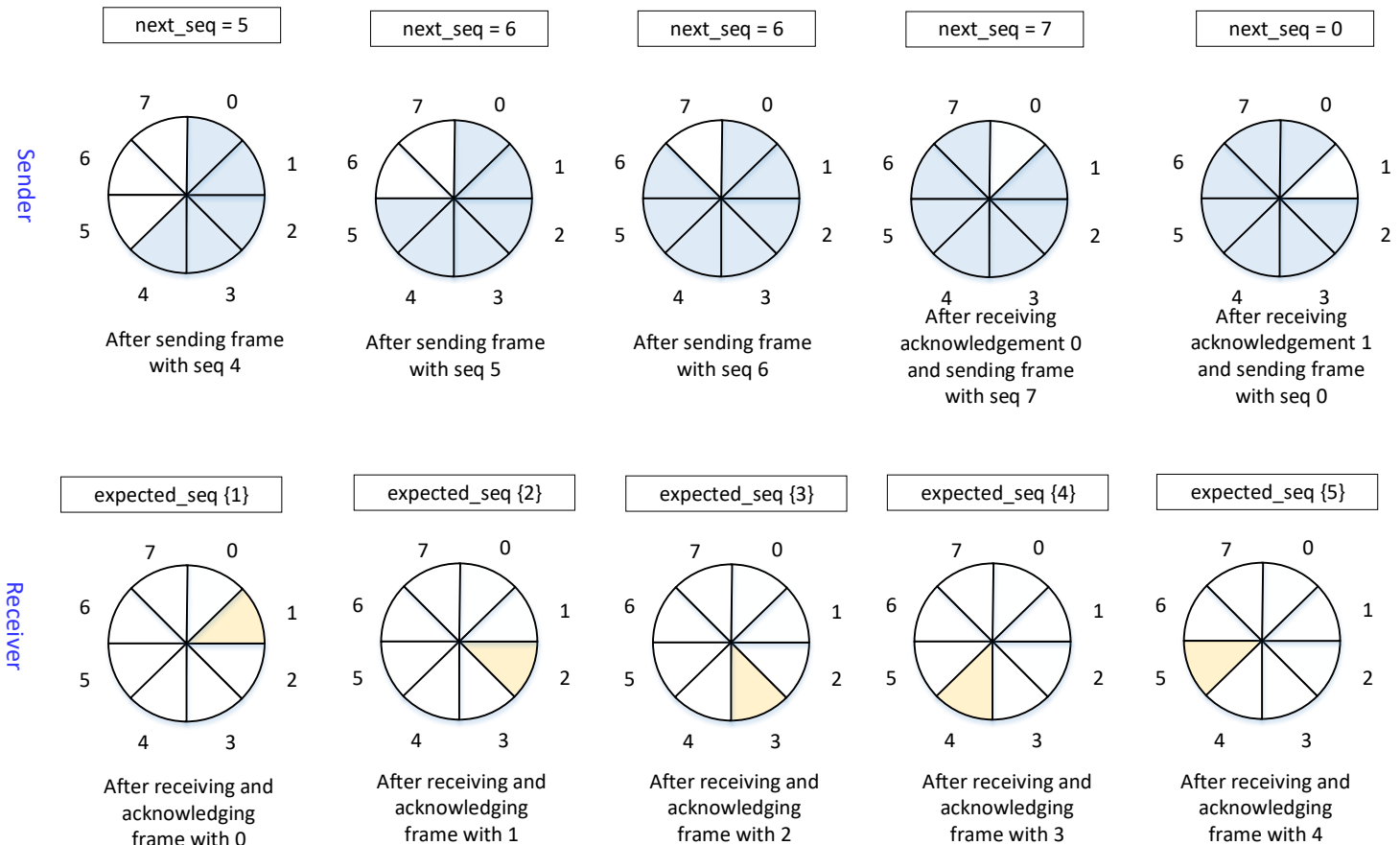
# Go-Back-N

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size, Sender 7 Receiver 1



# Go-Back-N

Sequence number 3-bit, Window size, Sender 7 Receiver 1

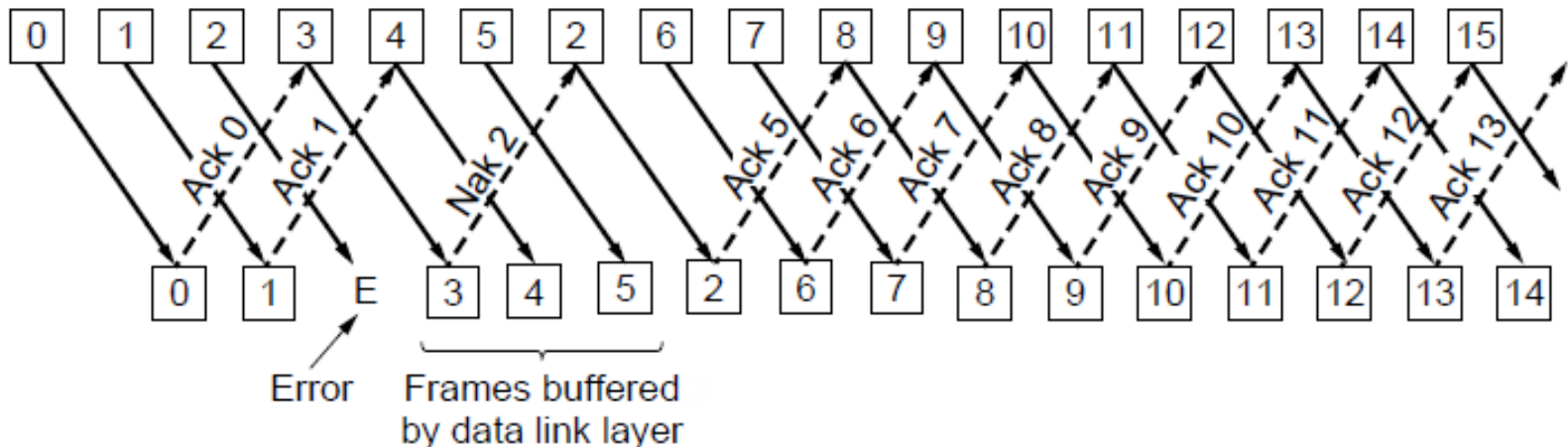


# Go-Back-N

- Tradeoff made for Go-Back-N:
  - Simple strategy for receiver; needs only 1 frame
  - Wastes link bandwidth for errors with large windows; entire window is retransmitted
- Implemented as p5 (see code in book)

# Selective Repeat

- Cumulative ack indicates highest in-order frame
- NAK (negative ack) causes sender retransmission of a missing frame before a timeout resends window



# Selective Repeat

## Max window size with respect to sequence number

- In Selective Repeat if the sender is allowed to use one less than the maximum possible window size, i.e.,  $(2^n - 1)$  or **7** (in above scenario) as in Go-Back-N, it will be allowed to send 7 frames using all the sequence numbers, i.e., 0,1,2,3,4,5,and 6
- Assume receiver has received and acknowledged 7 frames but all the acknowledgements get lost.

# Selective Repeat

## Max window size with respect to sequence number

- Sender times out for not receiving the acknowledgments and retransmits 7 frames successively with the sequence numbers 0,1,2,3,4,5, and 6.
- Receiver incorrectly assumes 6 new frame arrivals instead of frame retransmissions as it is expecting new frames with sequence number 7,0,1,2,3,4,5, i.e., the protocol fails.
- If the sender is allowed to use only the half of the maximum possible window size, i.e.,  $2^{n-1}$  or 4 (in above scenario), it will be allowed to send only 4 frames using the sequence numbers, i.e., 0,1,2,and 3
- If receiver has received and acknowledged 4 frames but all the acknowledgements get lost.

# Selective Repeat

## Max window size with respect to sequence number

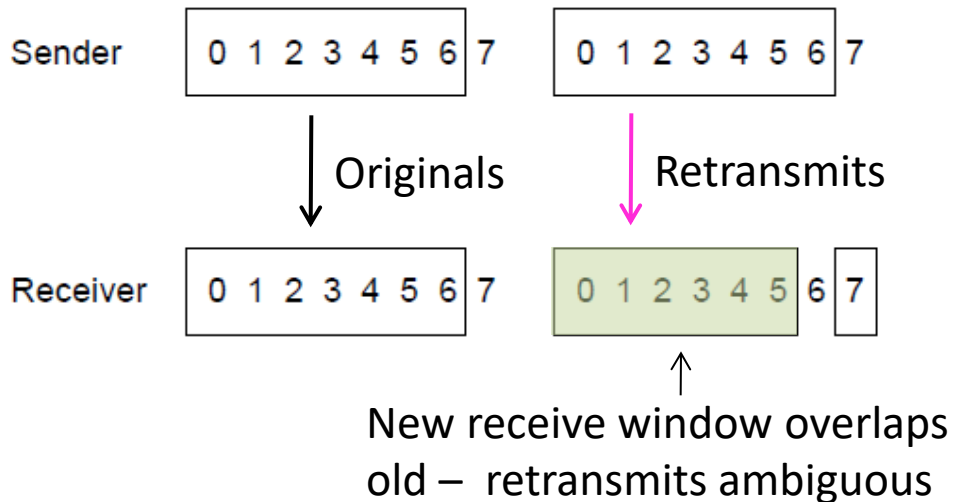
- Sender times out for not receiving the acknowledgments and retransmits 4 frames successively with the sequence numbers 0,1,2, and 3.
- Receiver will not assume 4 new frame arrivals instead of frame retransmissions as it is expecting the new frames with sequence numbers 4,5,6,and 7 not 0,1,2, and 3, i.e., the protocol succeeds.
- For this reason, sender window size in Selective Repeat is  $(2^{n-1})$  with **n-bit sequence numbers**.

# Selective Repeat

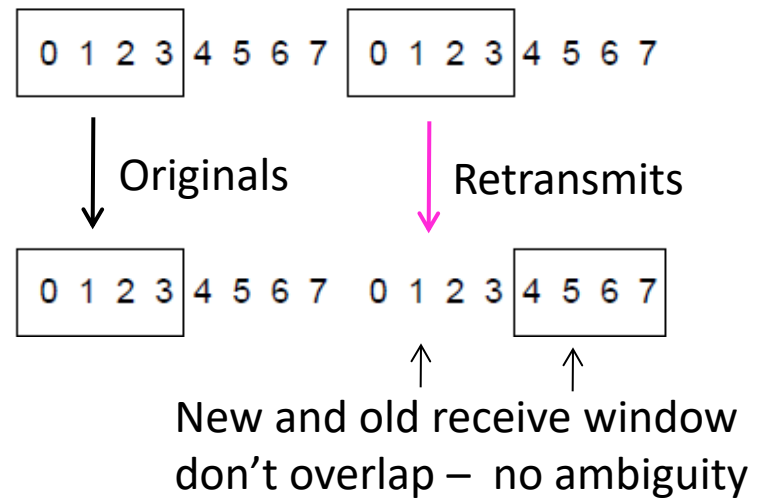
For correctness, we require:

- Sequence numbers ( $s$ ) at least twice the window ( $w$ )

Error case ( $s=8, w=7$ ) – too few sequence numbers

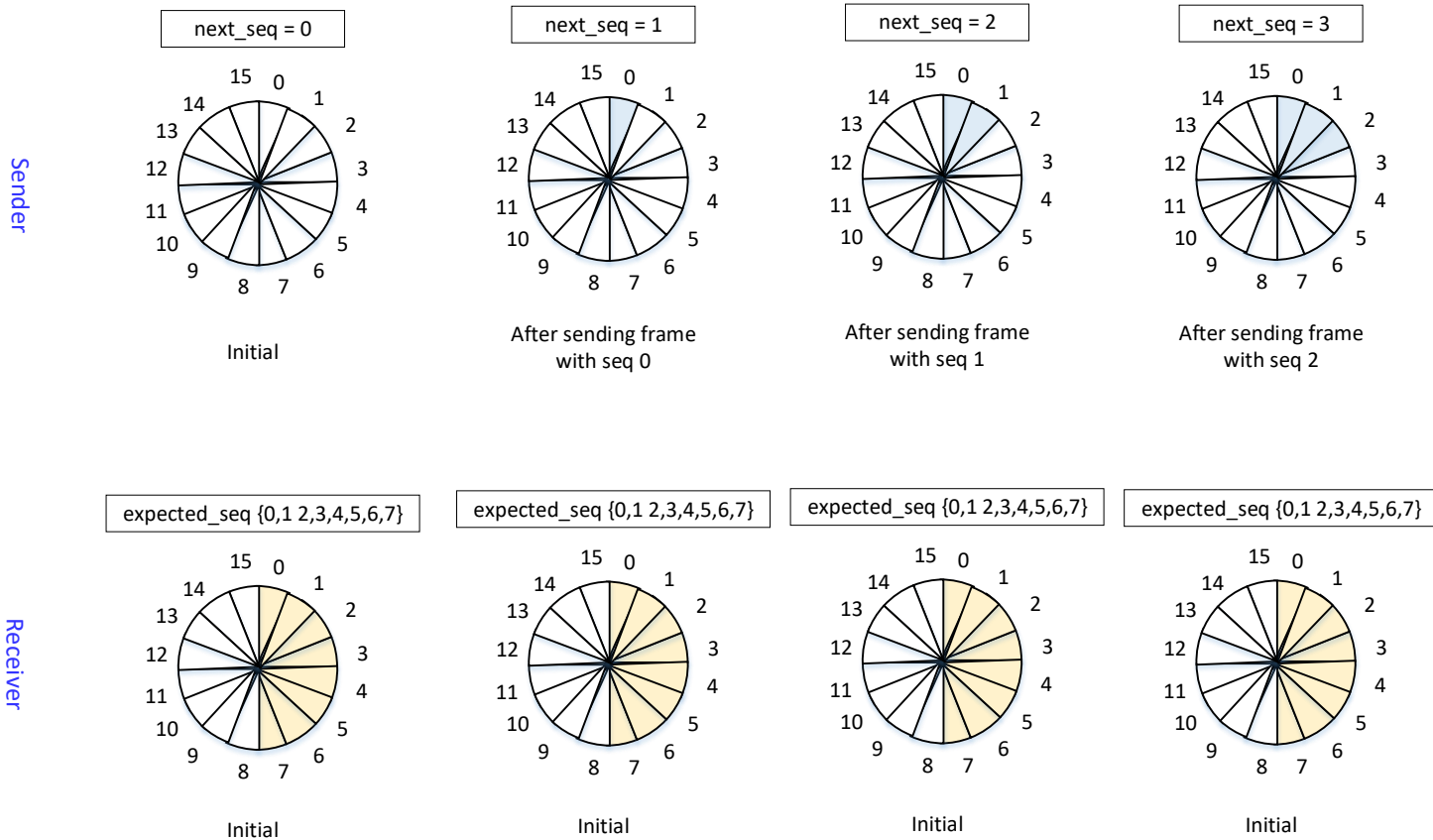


Correct ( $s=8, w=4$ ) – enough sequence numbers



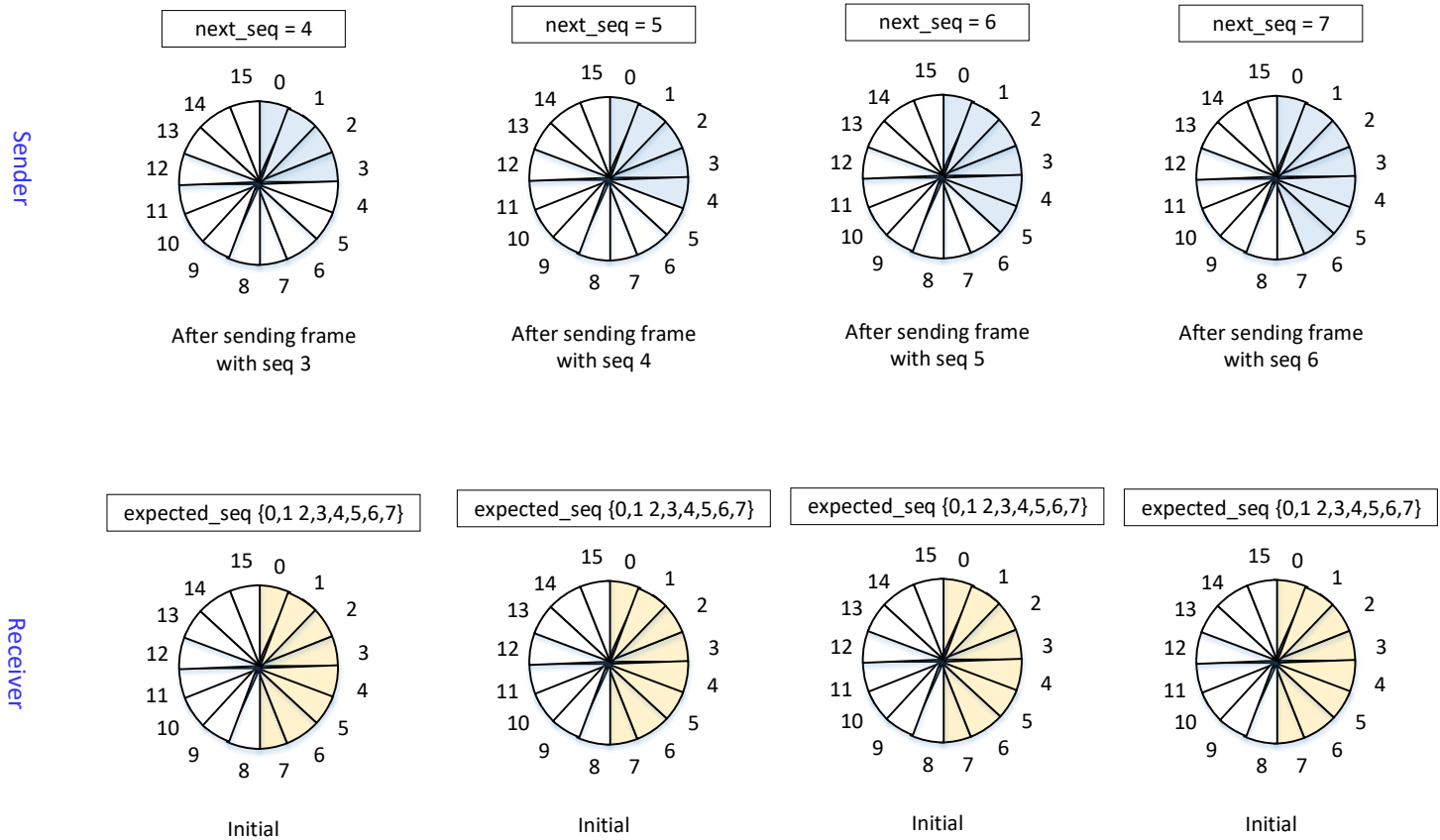
# Selective Repeat

Sequence number 4-bit, Window size, Sender 8 Receiver 8



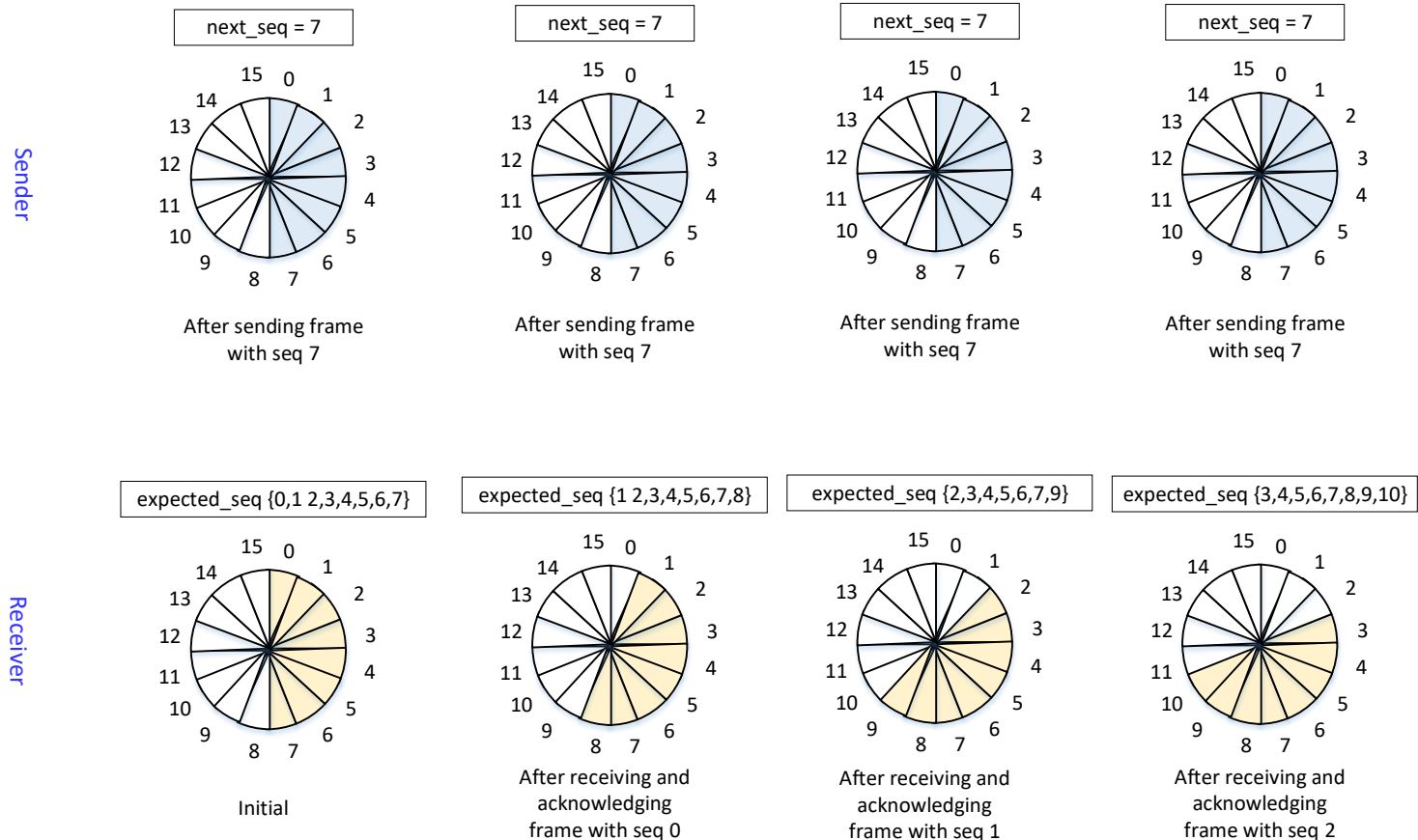
# Selective Repeat

Sequence number 4-bit, Window size, Sender 8 Receiver 8



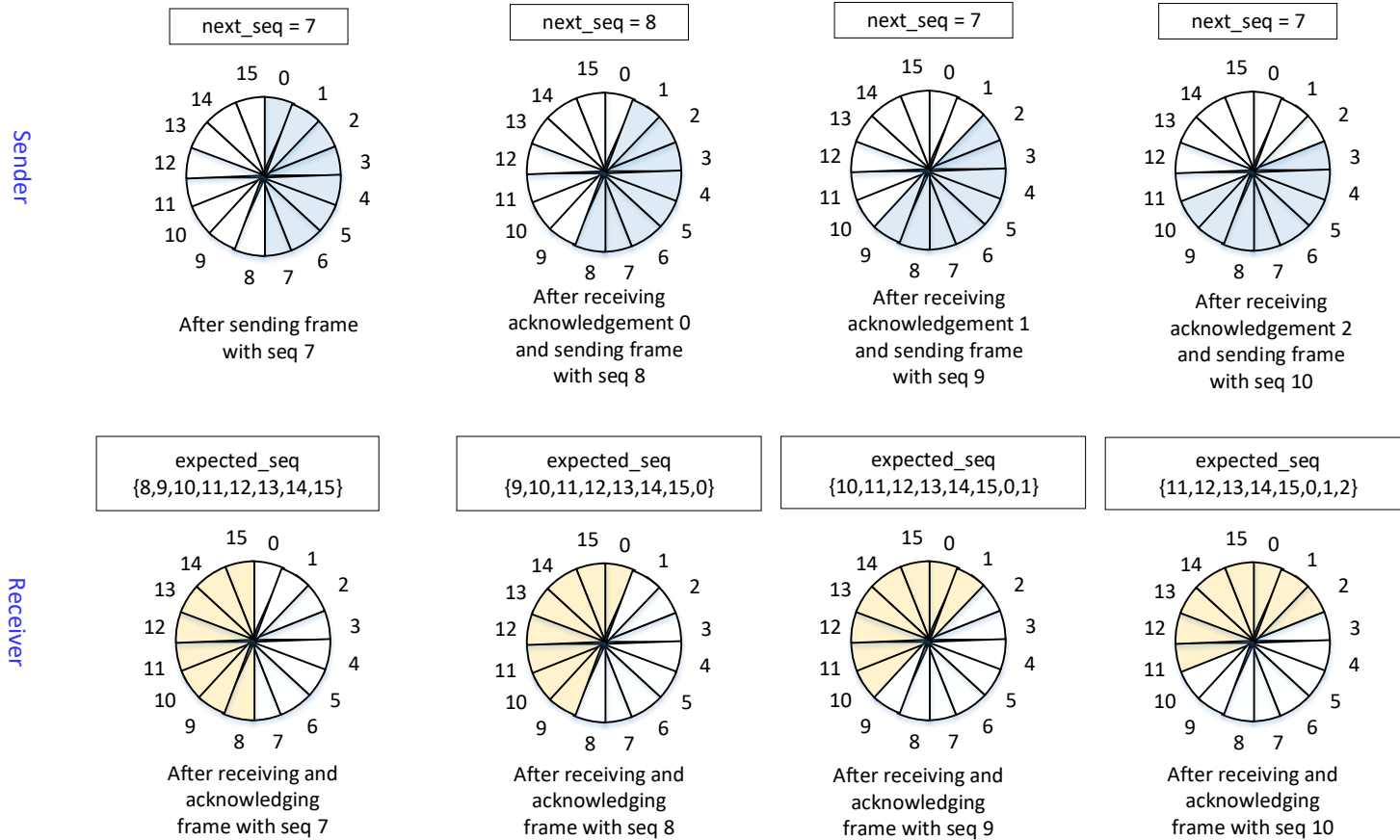
# Selective Repeat

Sequence number 4-bit, Window size, Sender 8 Receiver 8



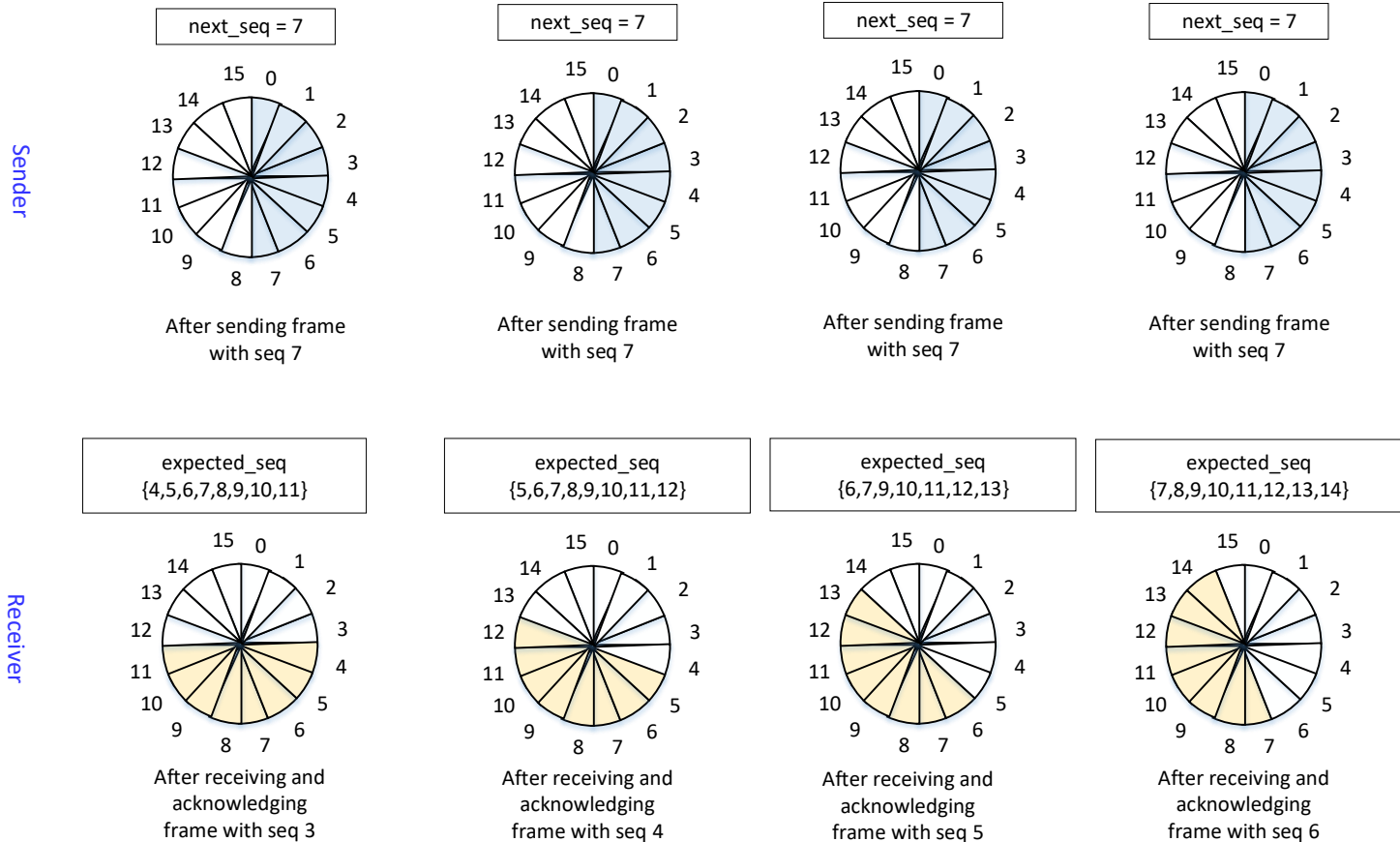
# Selective Repeat

Sequence number 4-bit, Window size, Sender 8 Receiver 8



# Selective Repeat

Sequence number 4-bit, Window size, Sender 8 Receiver 8



# Selective Repeat

- Tradeoff made for Selective Repeat:
  - More complex than Go-Back-N due to buffering at receiver and multiple timers at sender
  - More efficient use of link bandwidth as only lost frames are resent (with low error rates)
- Implemented as p6 (see code in book)

# Summary

- Connectionless services
- Framing
- Error Control
- Error-Correcting Code
- Error-Detecting Code
- Flow Control
- Data Link Layer Protocols
  - Stop and Wait Protocol
  - Sliding Window Protocol with Go Back N
  - Sliding Window Protocol with Selective Repeat

# Next

## Medium Access Control Sublayer

- Channel Allocation Problem
- Multiple Access Protocols
  - Pure and Slotted ALOHA
  - Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)
  - CSMA with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)
  - Binary Exponential Backoff Algorithm
  - CSMA with Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA)
- Ethernet and WiFi
- Repeaters, Hubs, Bridges, and Switches