

# Routing #2

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# Last Time

- Talked about what a router *is* and why we need/want them.
- Defined routing and forwarding.
- Thought about what makes routing *valid*.
- Demonstrated human-based routing and forwarding.

# Plan for today

- Types of routing protocols.
- More about *Distance-Vector* routing protocols.

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  - Networks differ!
    - Physical size, number of hosts, number of routers, bandwidth, latency, failure rate, topology, support staff size, when they were built, \$ available...
- So...
  - Let individual networks choose how to route *inside* their network (intra-domain)
  - ...have all networks agree on how to route *between* each other (inter-domain)

# Intra-Domain Routing

- ~Within a single network.
  - Technically an “autonomous system”.
  - Run by one operator.
  - Some different protocol requirements – reachability to all different nodes, and to use all capacity efficiently.
  - Base protocols are often called *Interior Gateway Protocols* or IGPs.
    - A number are used actively today – OSPF, IS-IS are the most common.

# Inter-domain Routing

- Routing between networks.
  - Between autonomous systems really.
  - Used to make many networks into the Internet.
  - Protocols are called Exterior Gateway Protocols (EGPs).
  - There is only one – all ASes must agree.
- The Internet has used BGP since the 1990s.



# Choosing Routing Protocols

- Interior and Exterior (intra- and inter-domain) is a convenient shorthand.
- In practice, the lines are more blurred.
  - BGP is used inside some networks as well as at the edges.
- Comes down to what information needs to be propagated and what type of routing decision is needed.
  - We'll cover BGP in more depth later.
- We'll understand the general difference between *Distance-Vector* and *Link-State* protocols.

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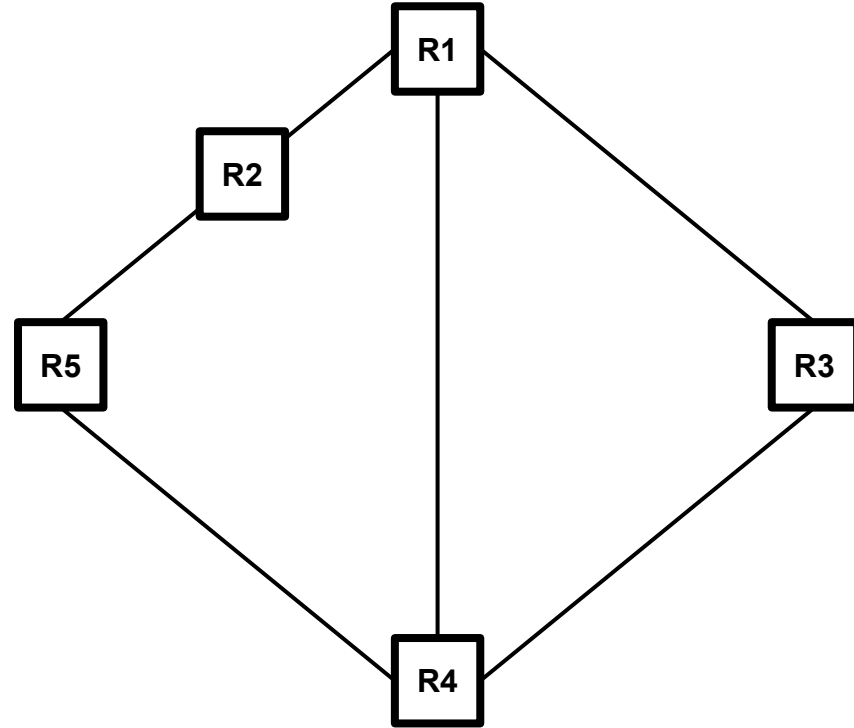
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  - Price
  - Propagation delay
  - Distance
  - Unreliability
  - Bandwidth constraints
- Metrics can be arbitrarily chosen.
  - We can generically refer to this as “cost”.

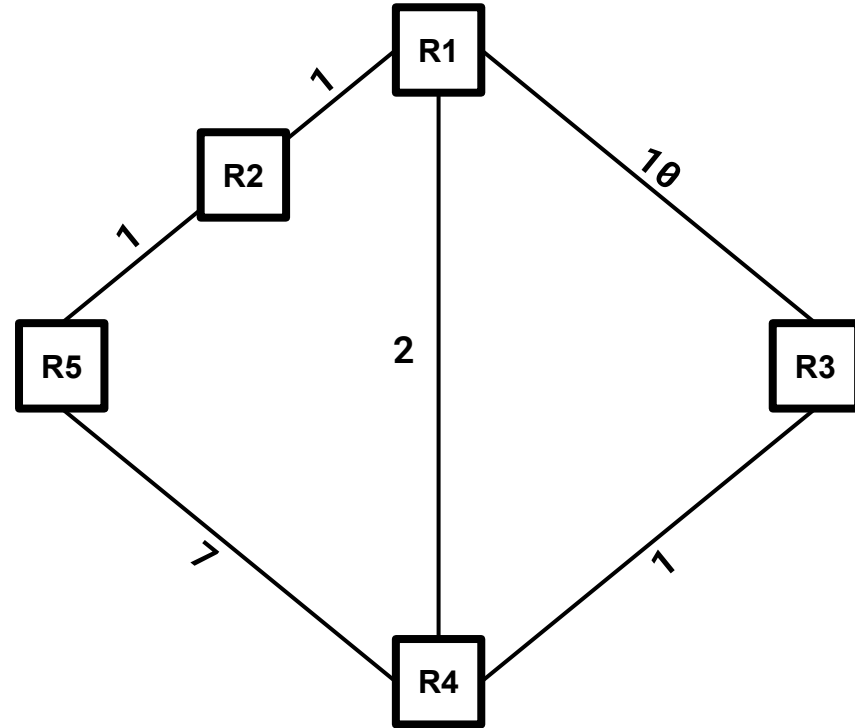
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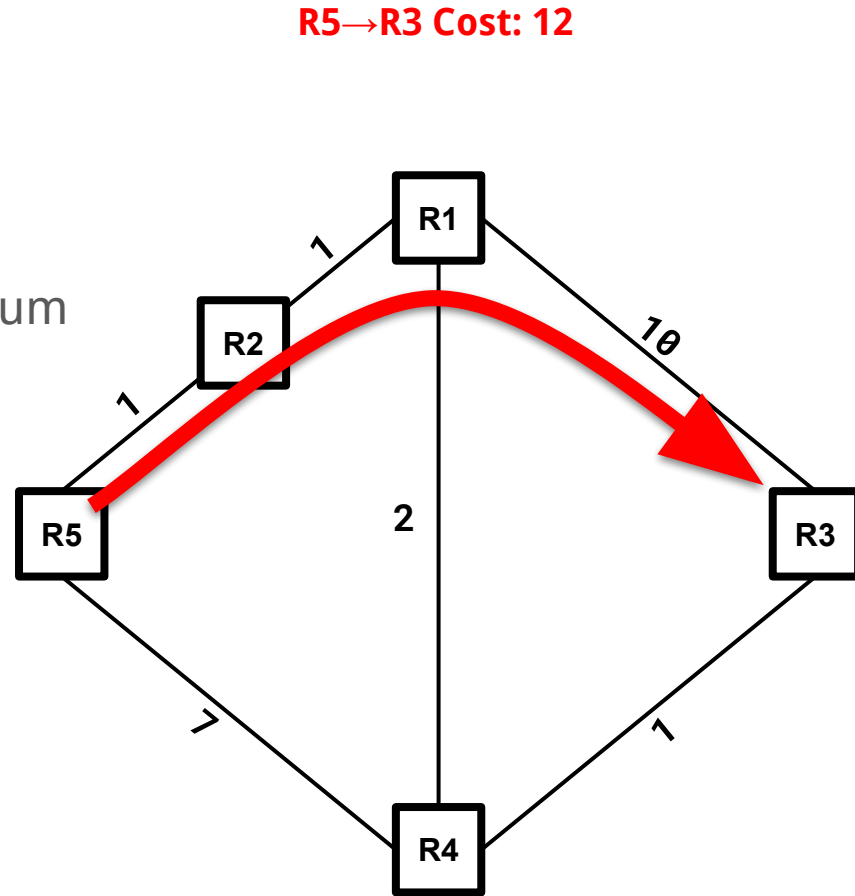
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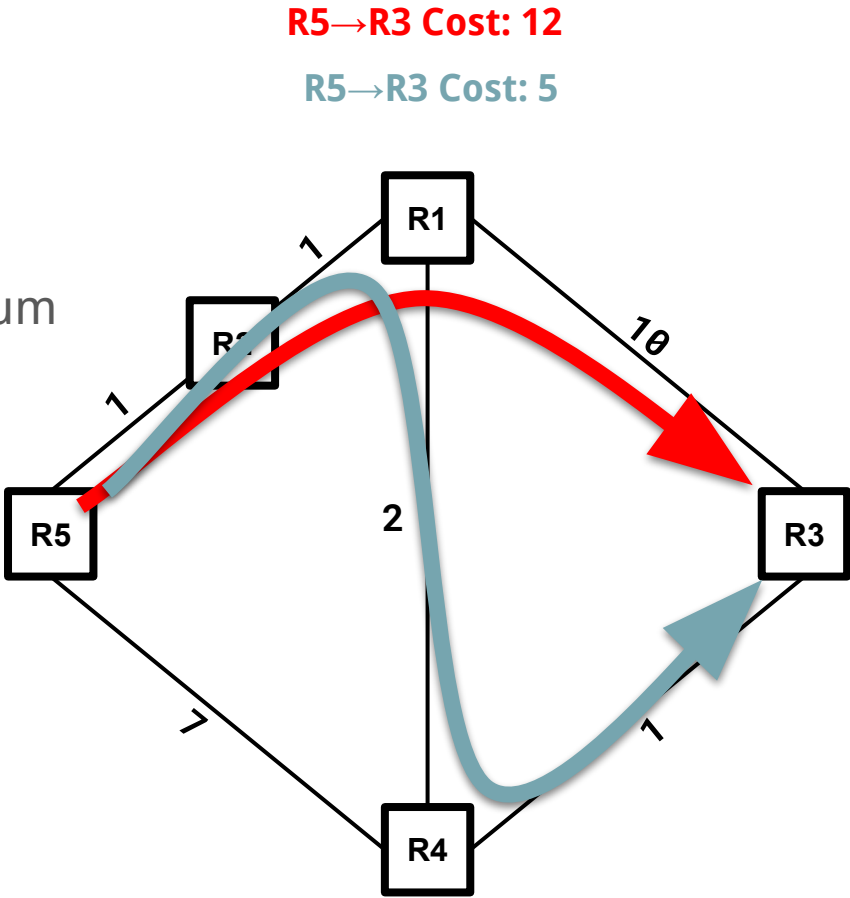
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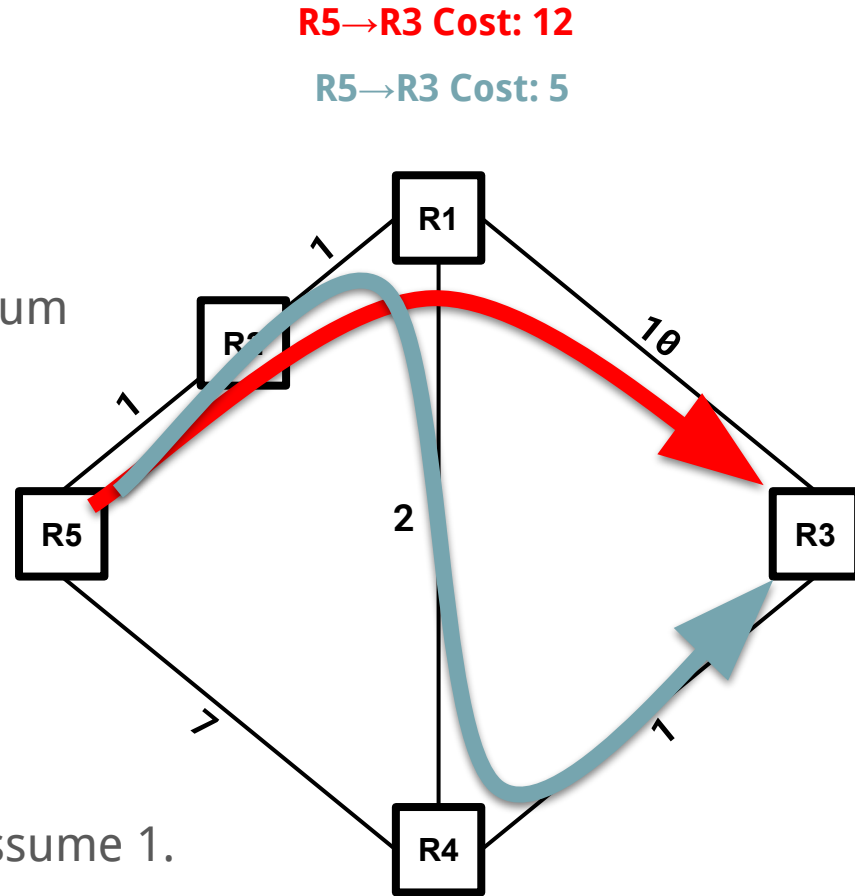
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- In our activity:
    - Every edge had a cost of 1
    - Hence we minimised for the fewest edges
    - $\Rightarrow$  fewest number of hops.
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- Generally, if an edge cost is not given, assume 1.



# Where do the costs come from?

- Local to a router.
  - Each router knows the cost of its own links.
- Costs are always positive integers.
  - Can't traverse an edge and make a path cheaper!
- Costs are almost always symmetrical.
  - $A \rightarrow B$  generally costs the same as  $B \rightarrow A$ .
  - Some rare exceptions.
- In practice, generally configured by an operator.
- Some protocols allow for autoconfiguration.



# Are least cost routes good routes?

- Least-cost routes are an easy way to avoid loops.
  - No (sensible) metric is minimised by traversing a loop.
- Least-cost routes are destination based.
- They form a spanning tree.

Questions?

# “Simple” Route Types

# “Connected”/“Direct” Routes

- Sometimes we need to be able to route to things that we’re actually connected to directly.
- Host A is directly connected to router 1.
  - These routes are created simply because we tell a router something about its configuration.
- Often created manually by operators.

# “Static” Routes

- Routes that we aren't necessarily directly connected to – but we always want to be there.
- “Static” because they don't change and there's no routing protocol used to discover them.
- Again, often manually created by an operator.

# Distance-Vector Routing

# Distance-Vector Routing Protocols

- Long history on the Internet and ARPANET.
- The prototypical D-V protocol is RIP.
- Strong relationship to the Bellman-Ford shortest path algorithm.
  - Our exercise was a version of Bellman-Ford.
  - With some tweaks to make it a useful routing protocol.
- We'll talk about how such a protocol actually works today.

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And no-one iterated through all the people in the room...  
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# Building a Distance-Vector Protocol

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- Add a new row (for a new destination) Rachel.
- Using the same cost logic.
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- We can keep doing this for all destinations we hear about.

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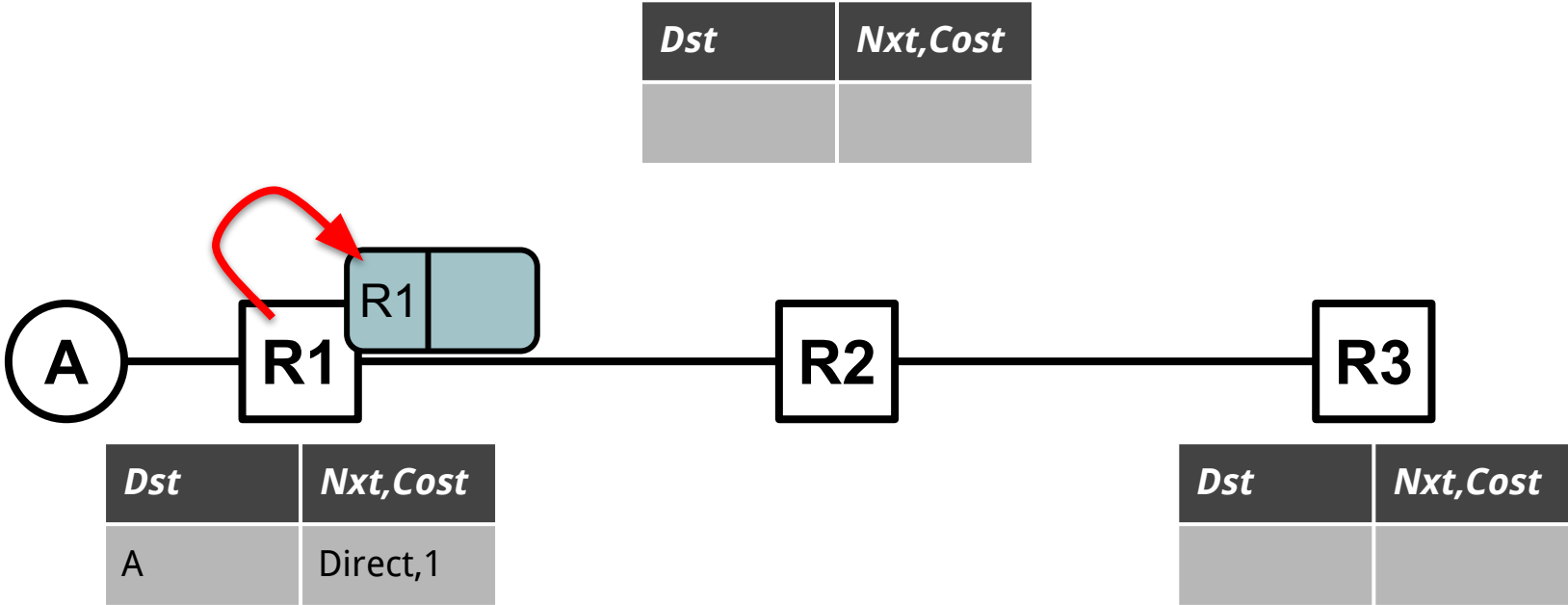
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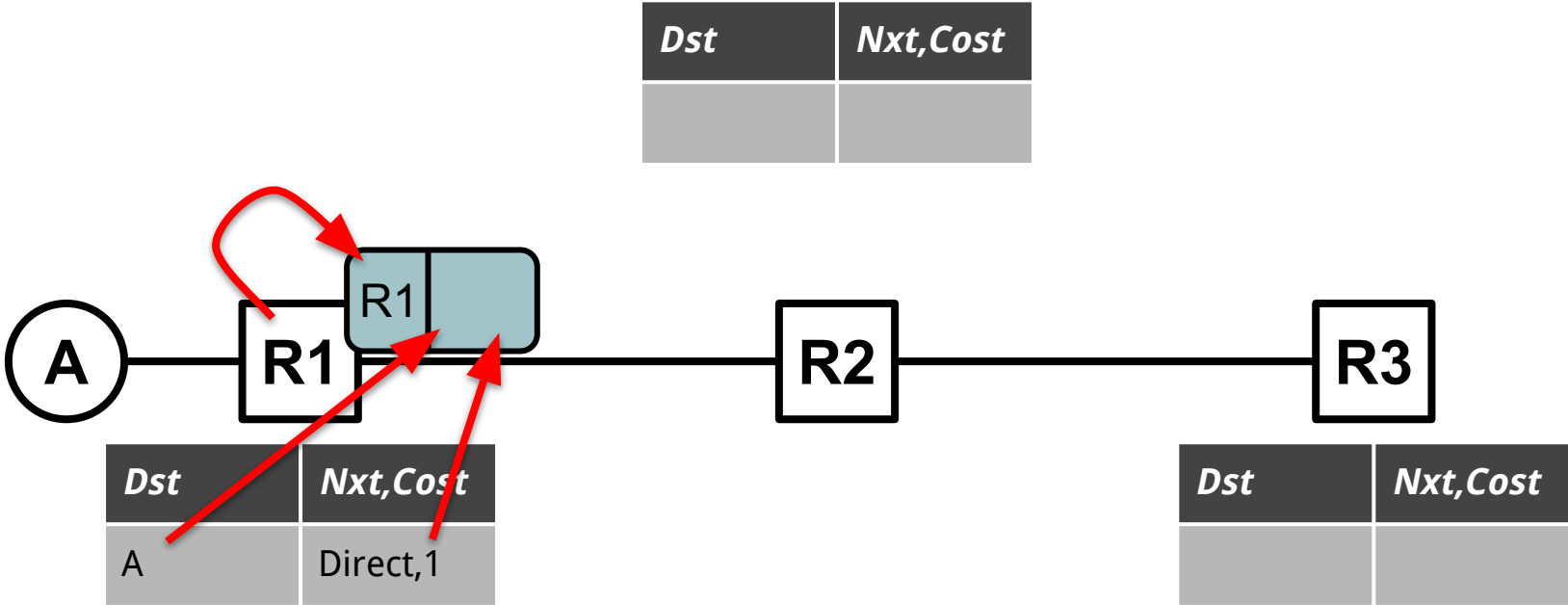
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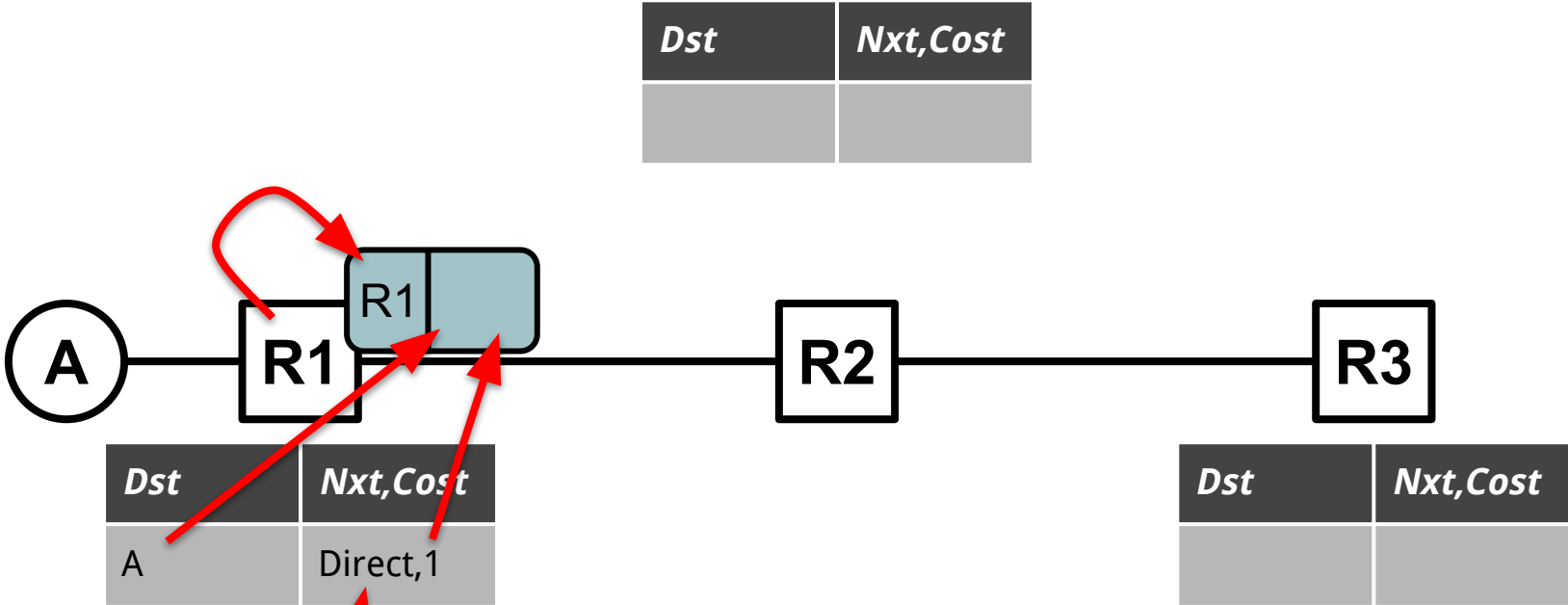


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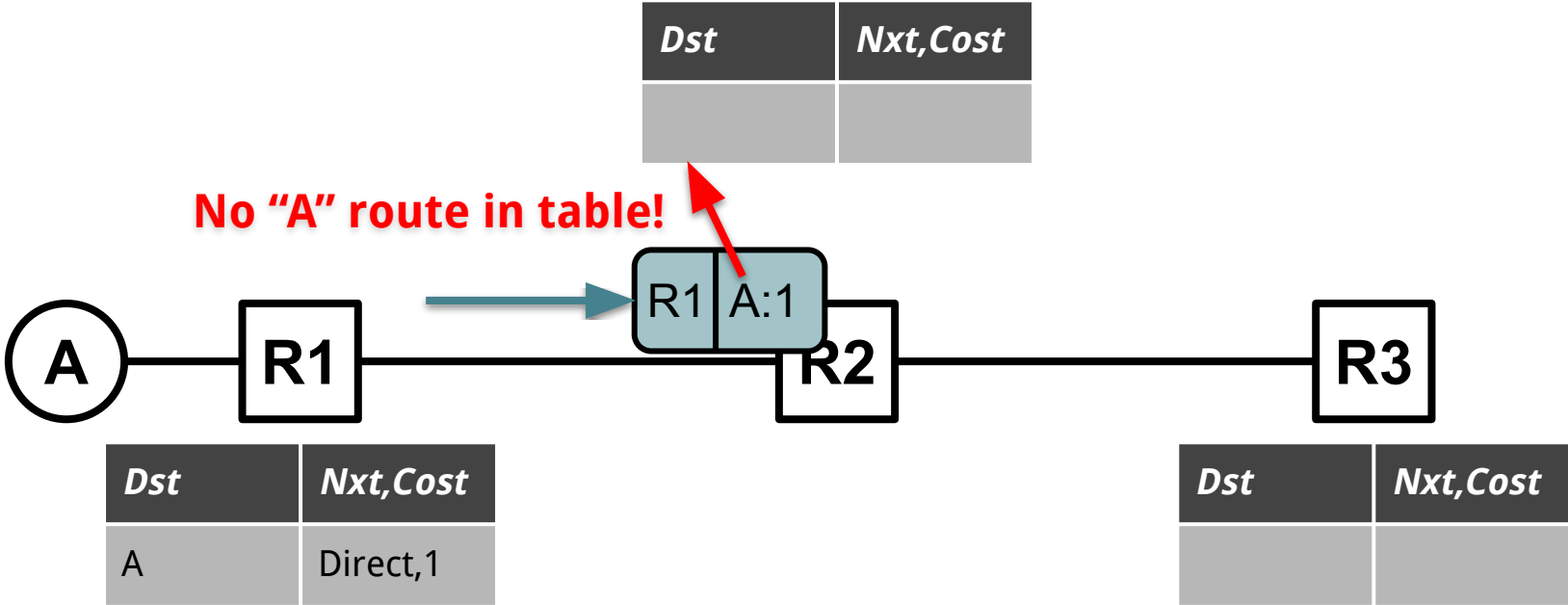


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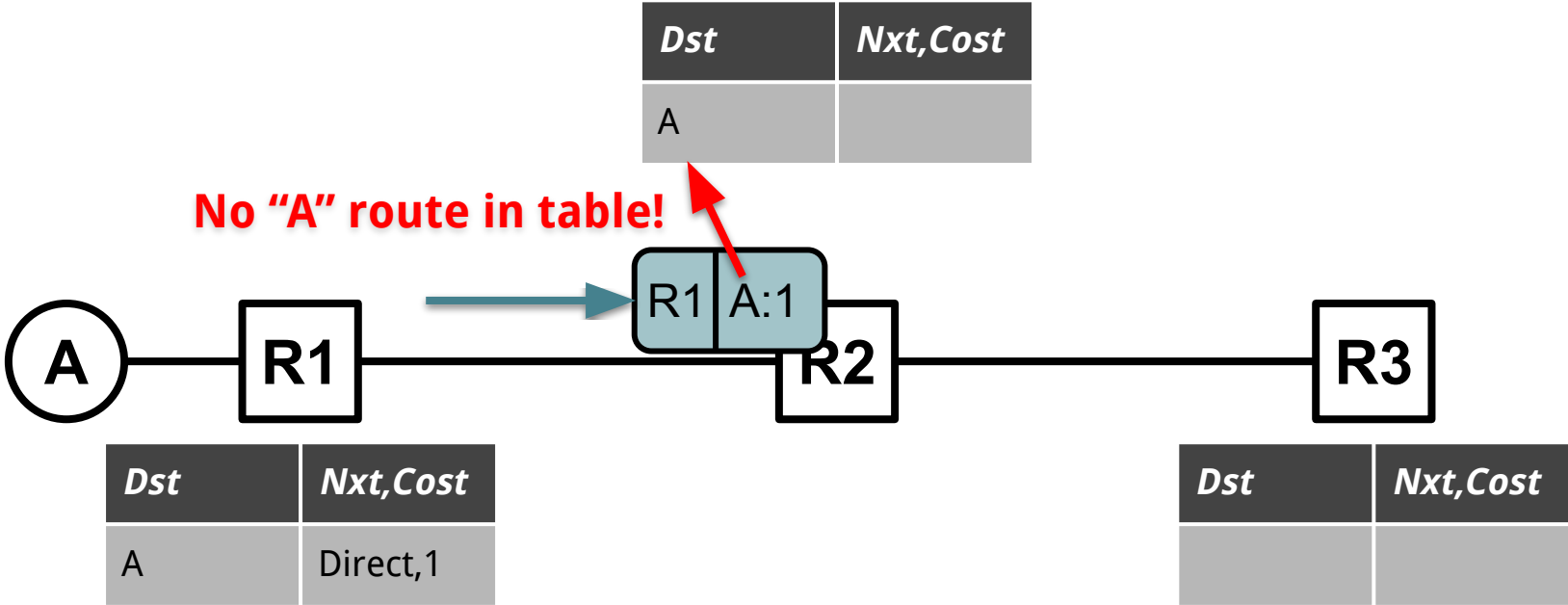


**Only R1 needs to know its own next hop!**

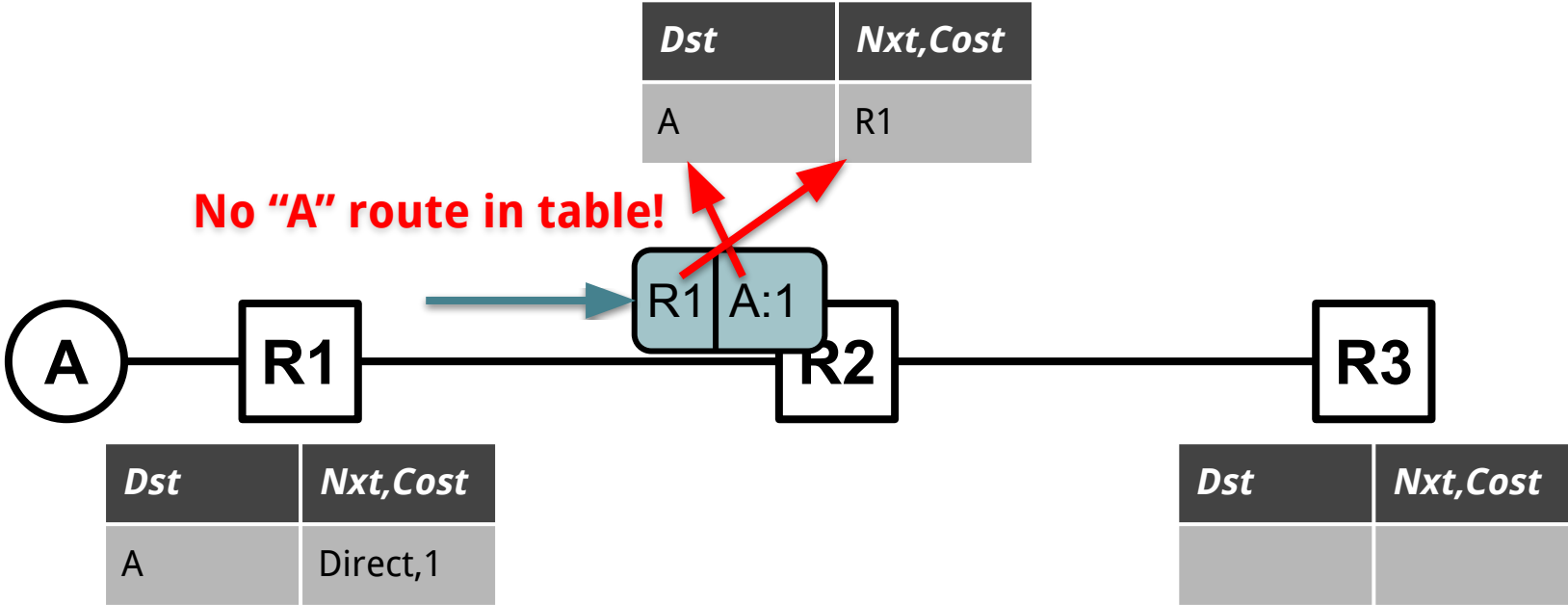
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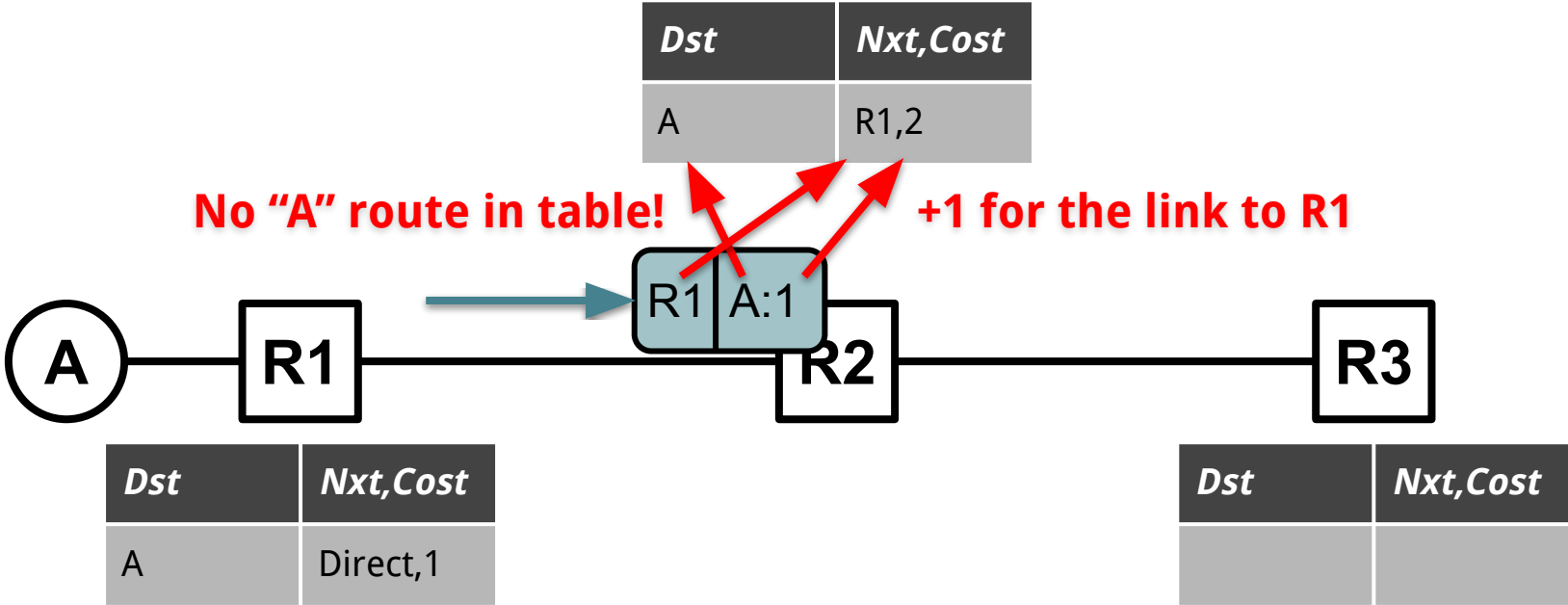
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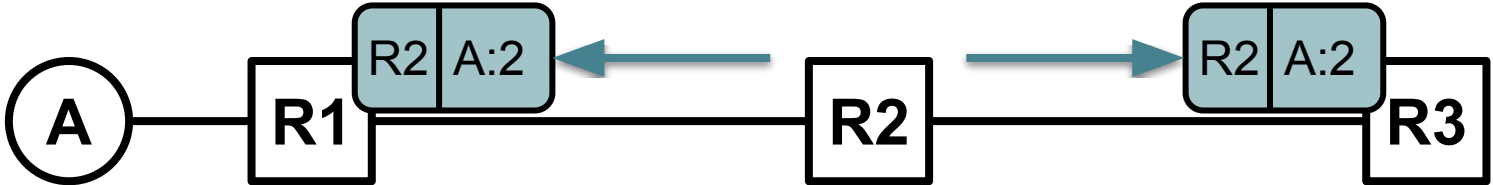


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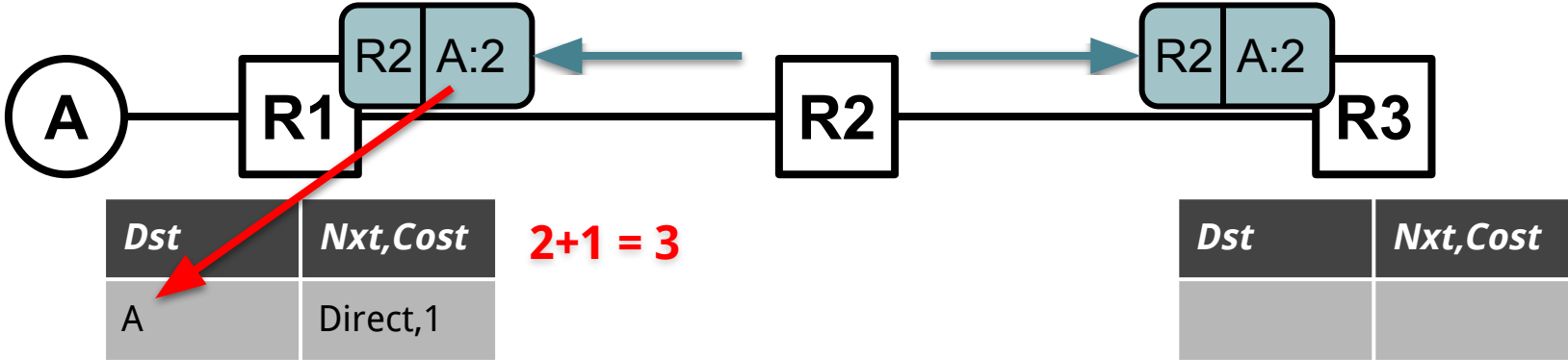


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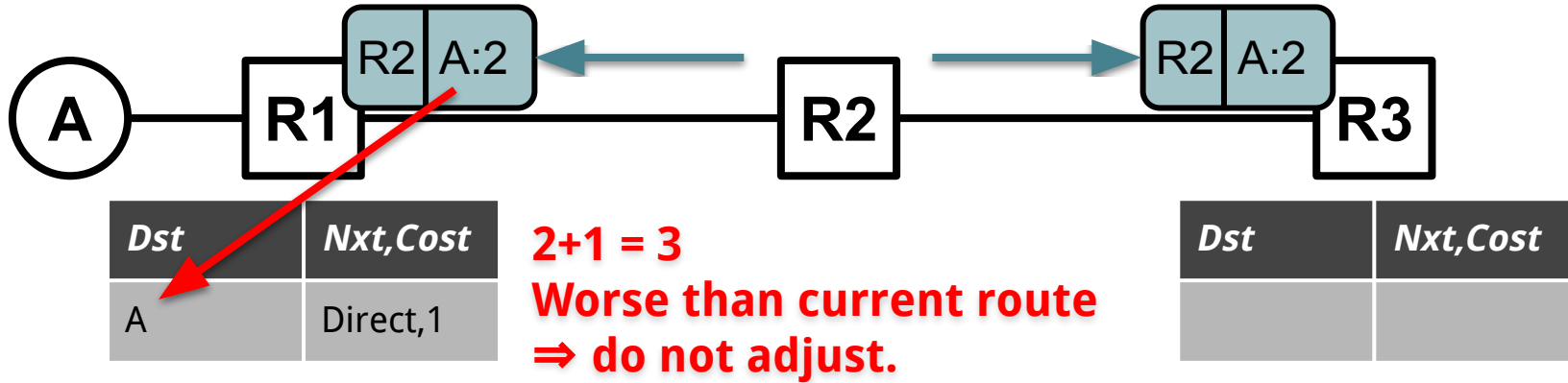
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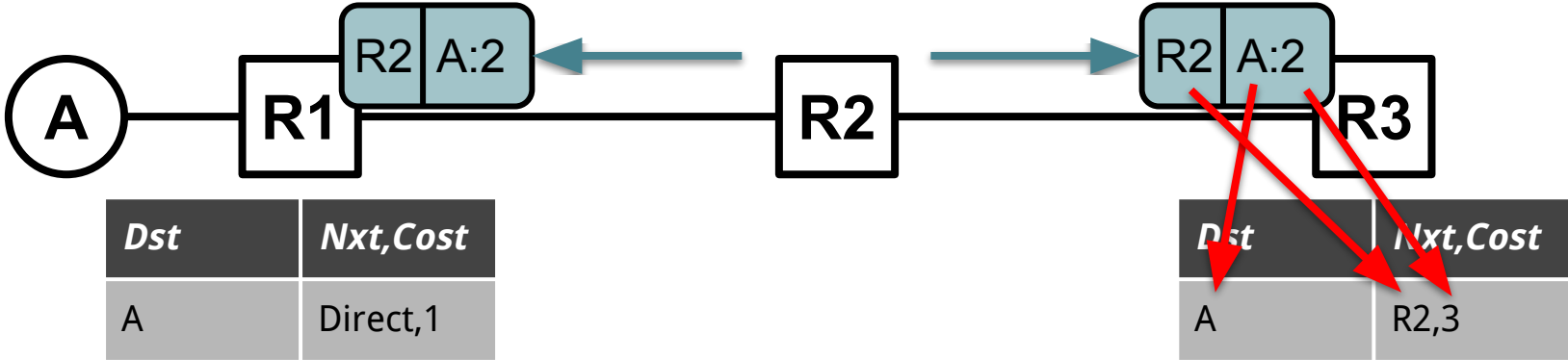
**2+1 = 3**  
**Worse than current route**  
**=> do not adjust.**

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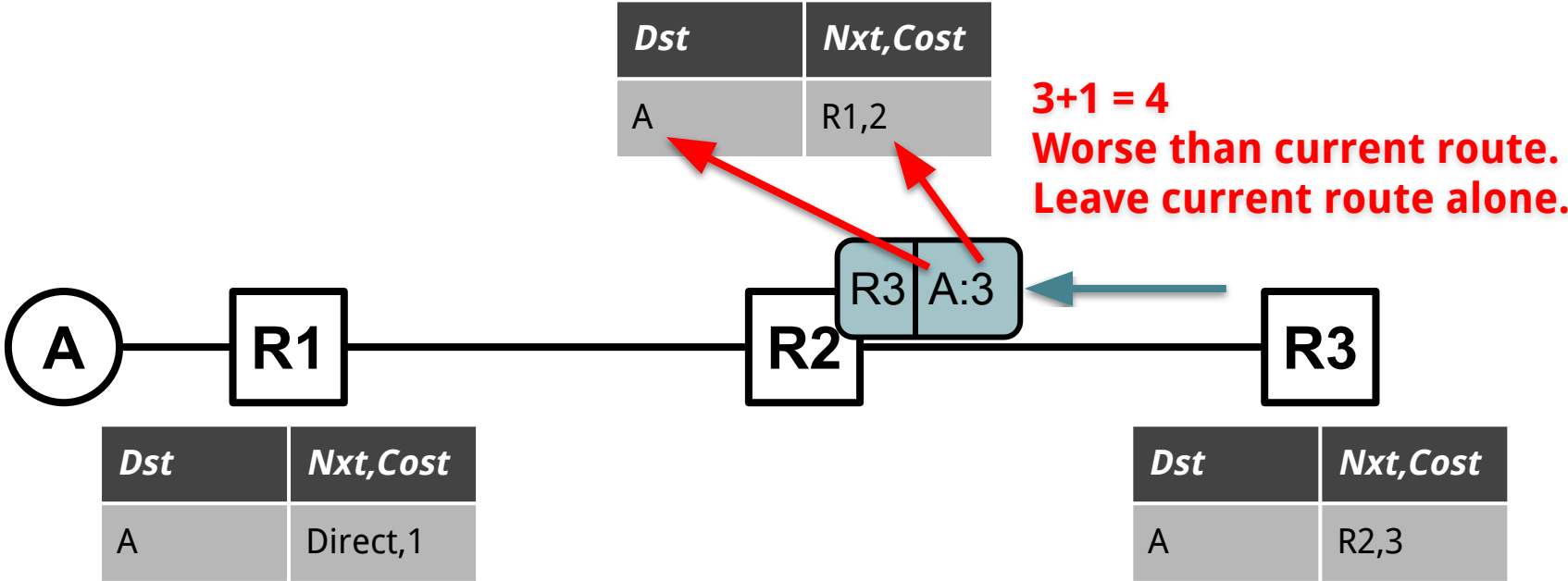


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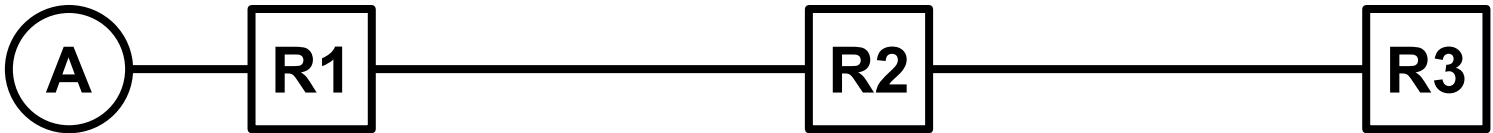


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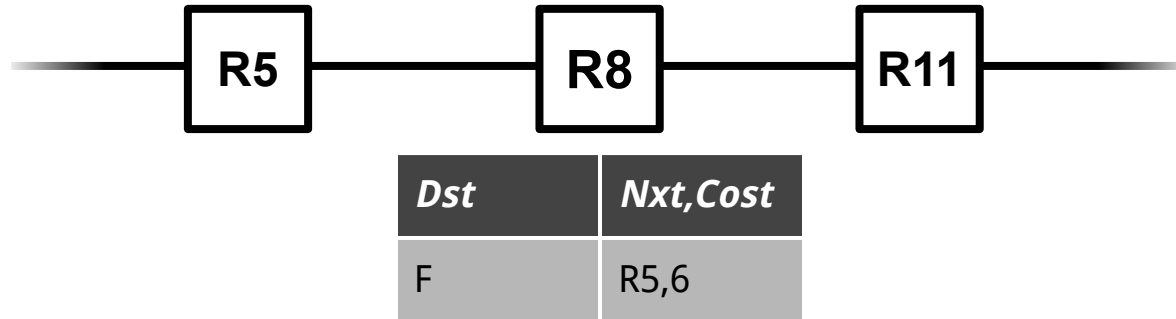
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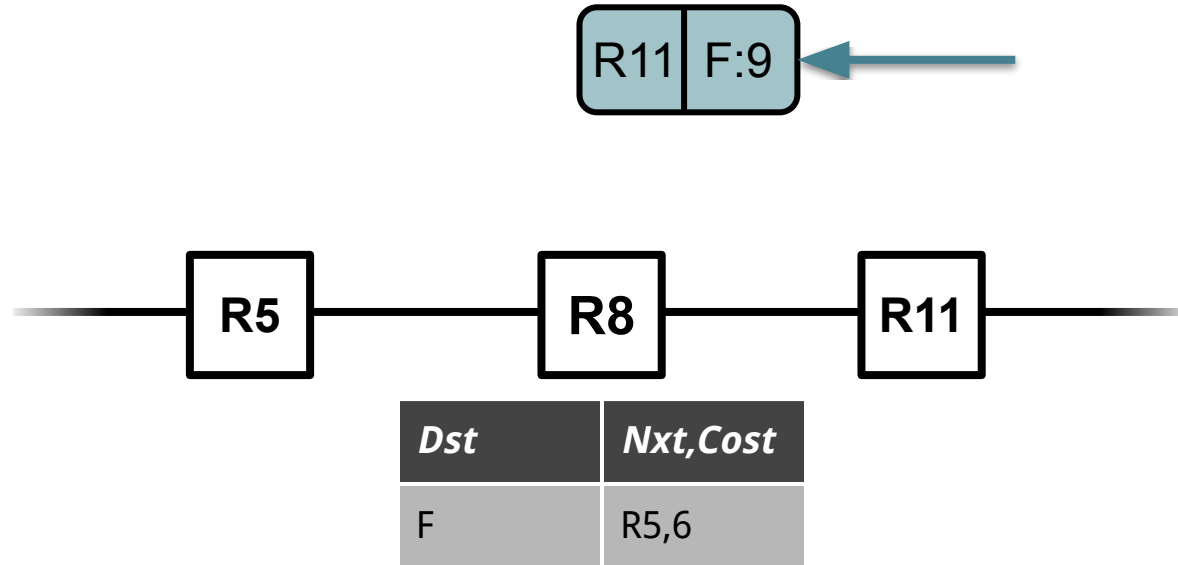
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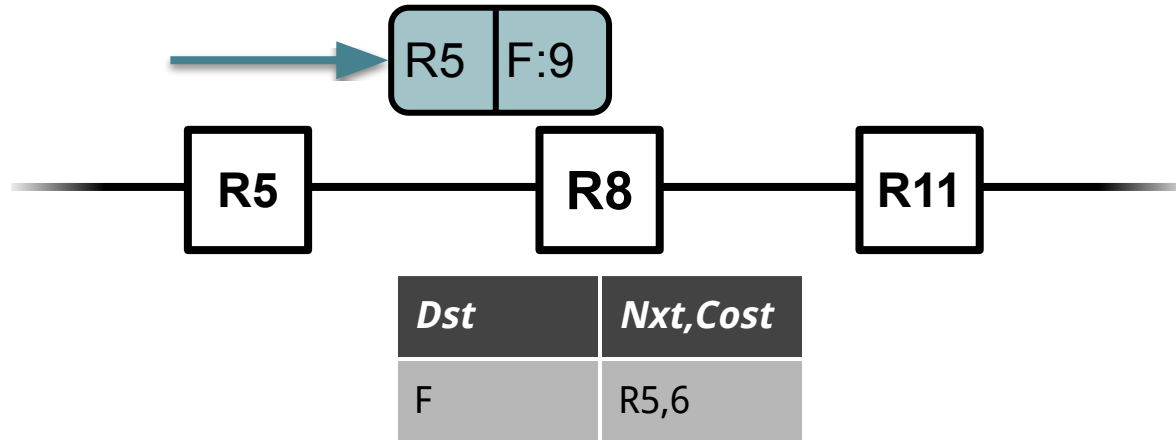
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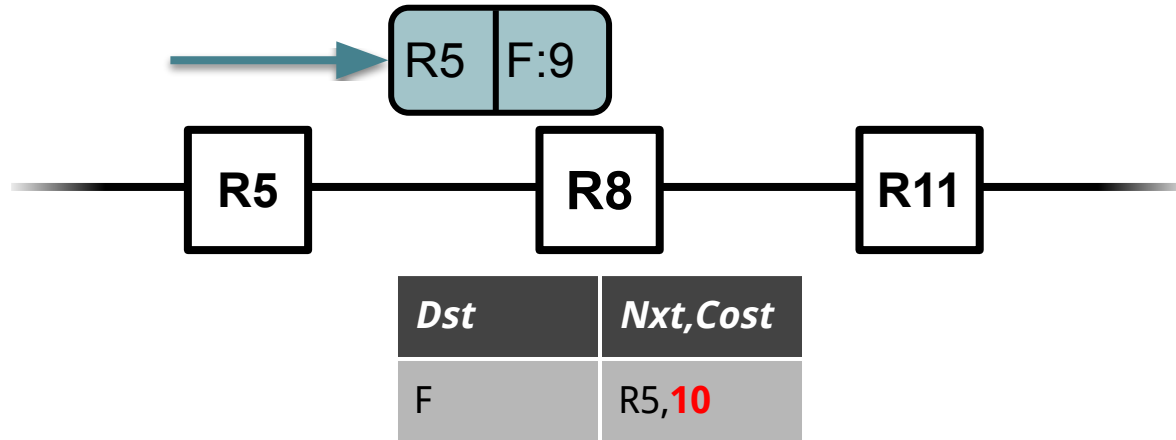
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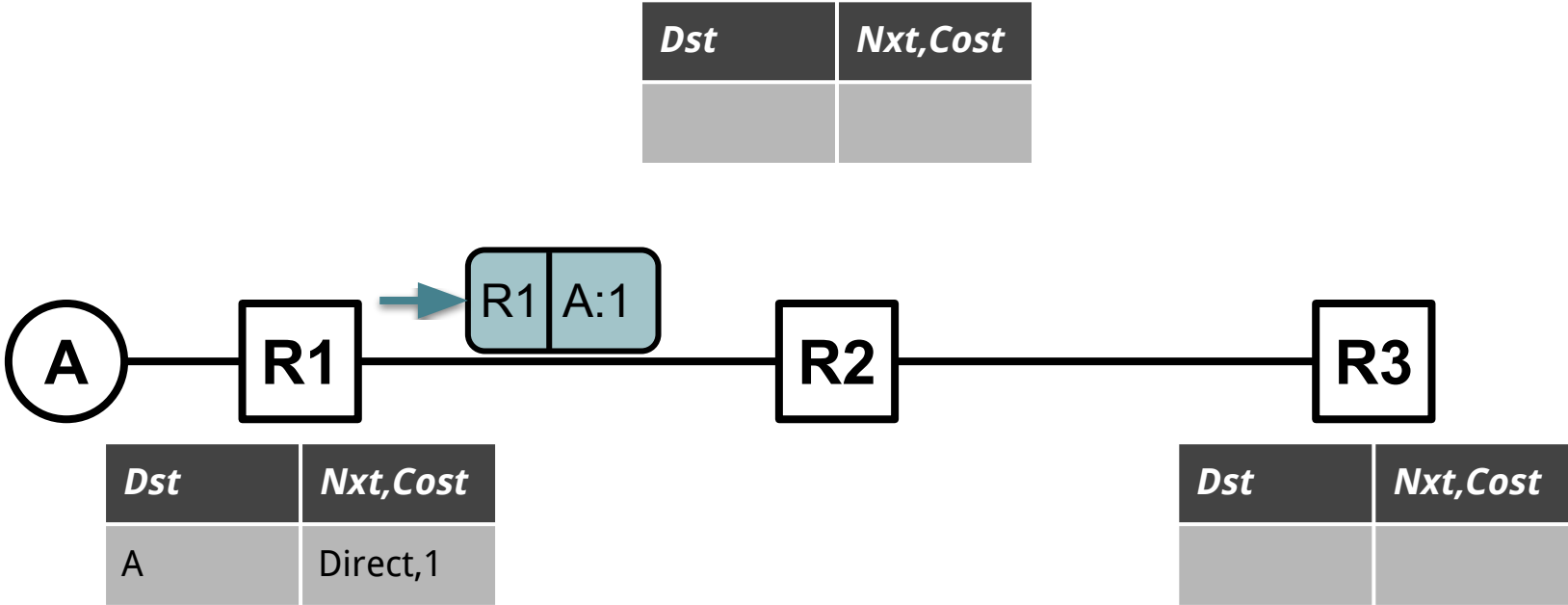




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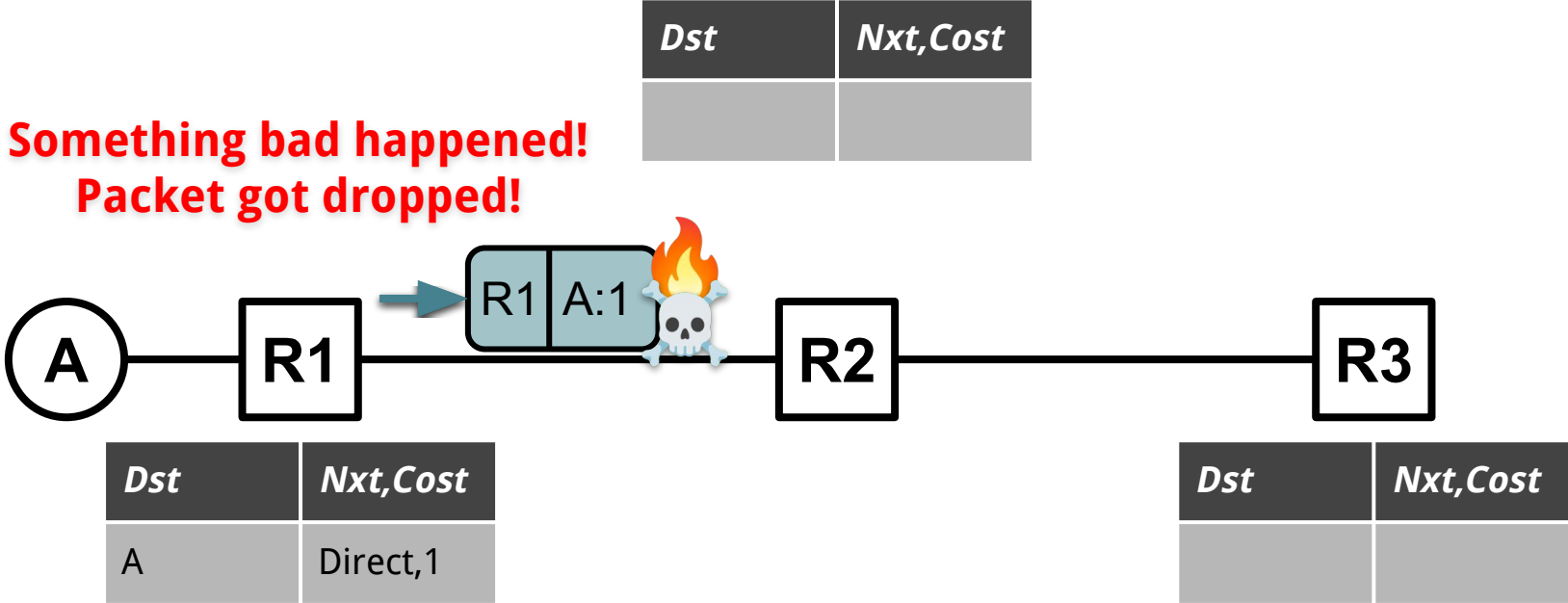
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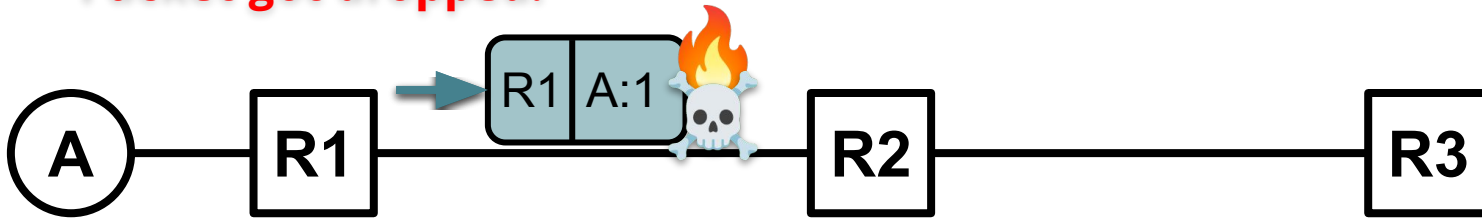
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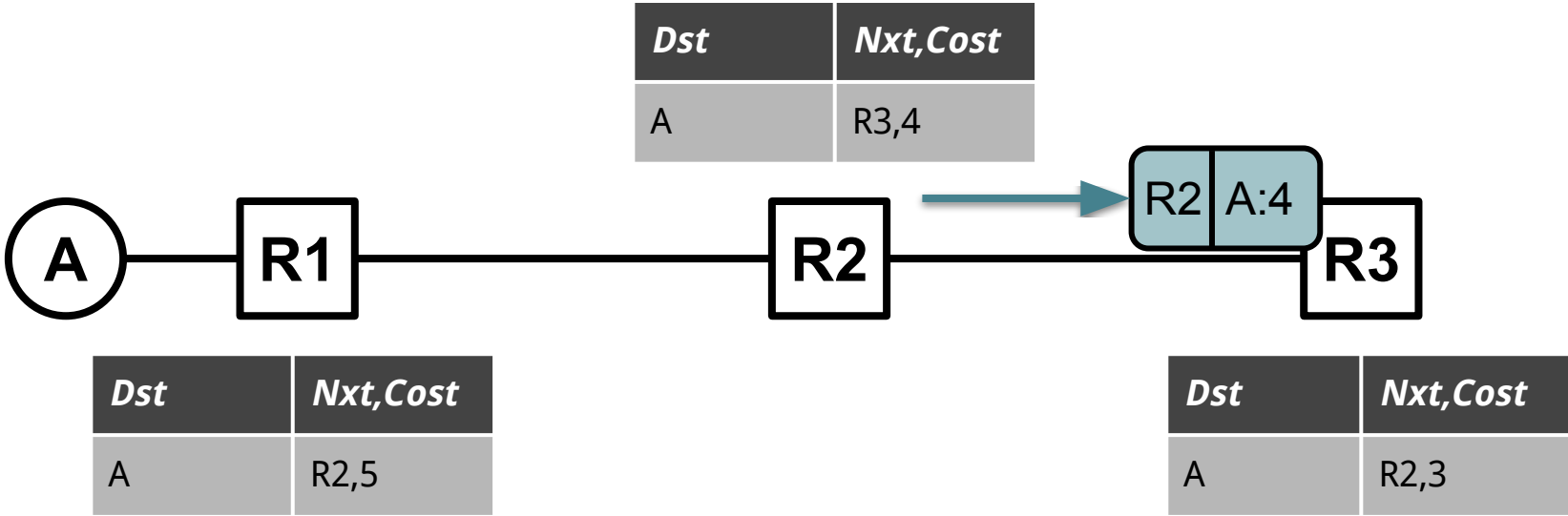
## Super simple reliability

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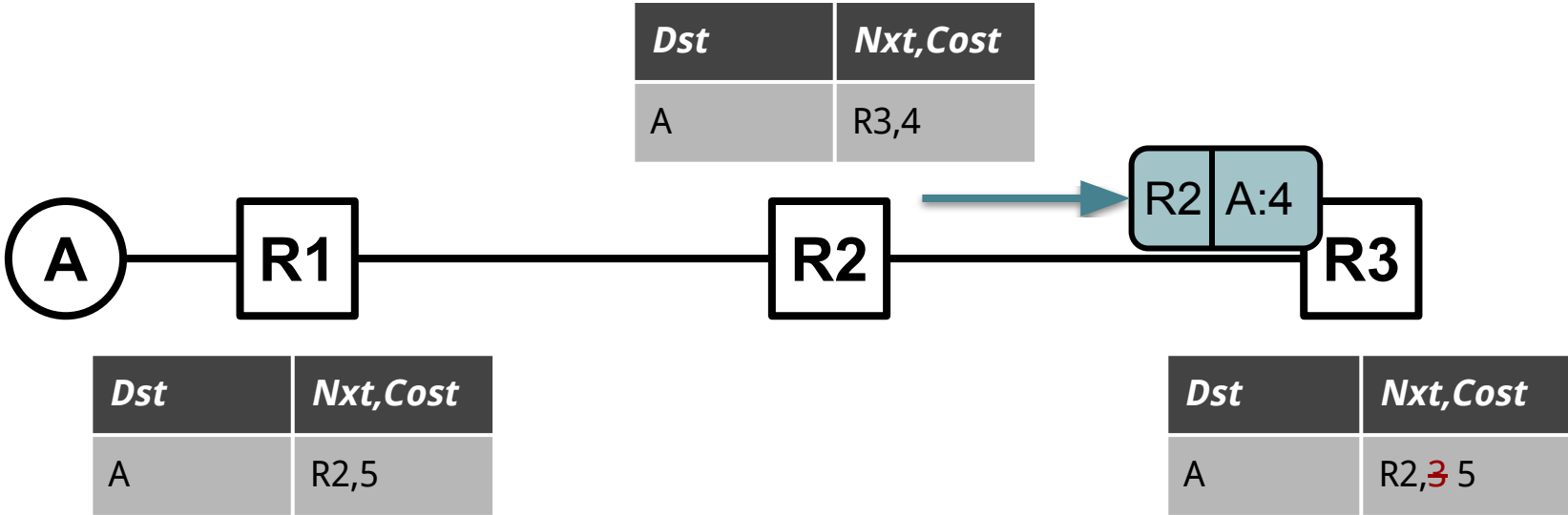
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Sending on change (*triggered updates*) acts as an *optimisation*.

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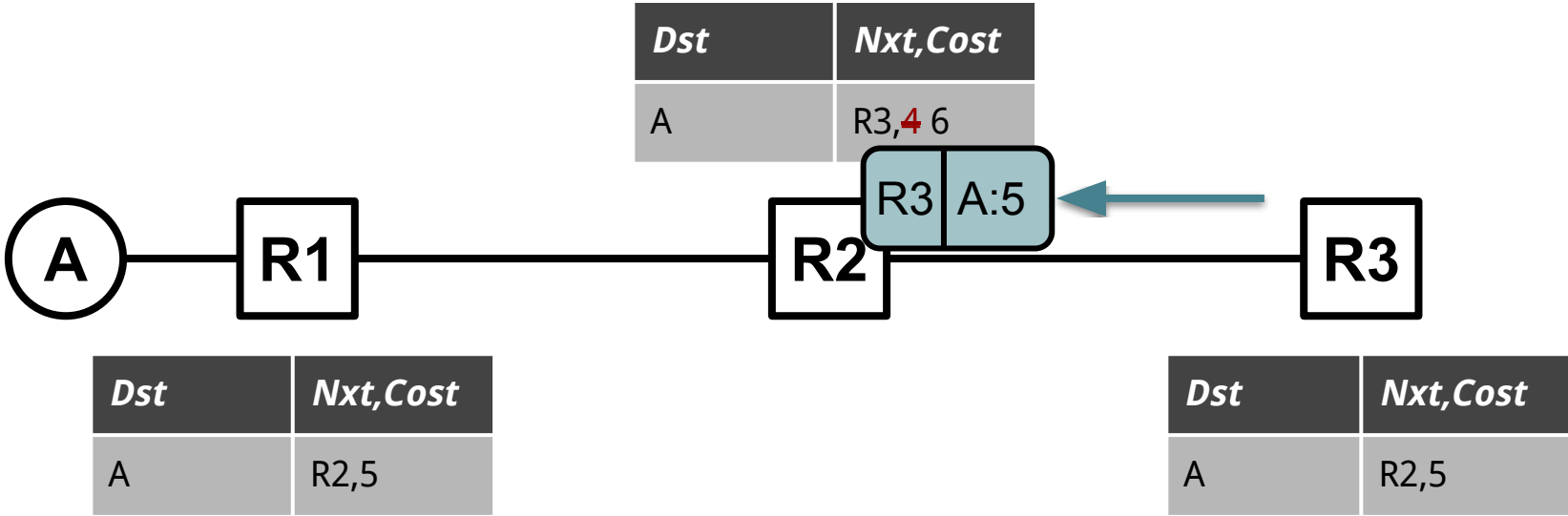
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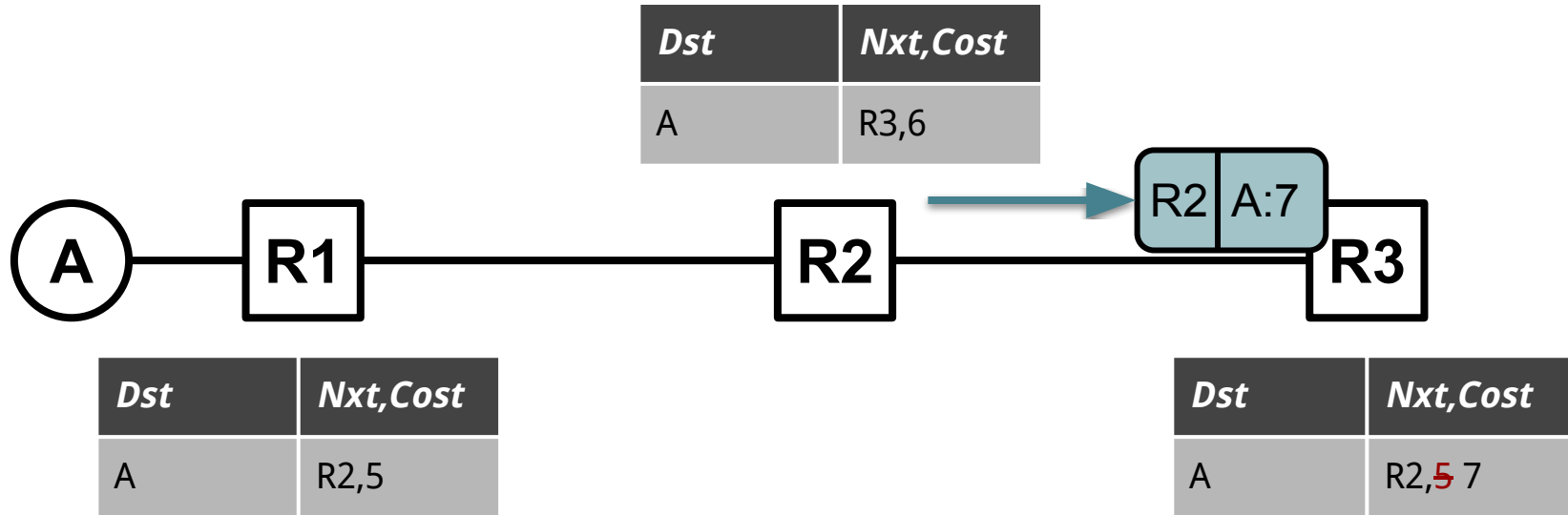


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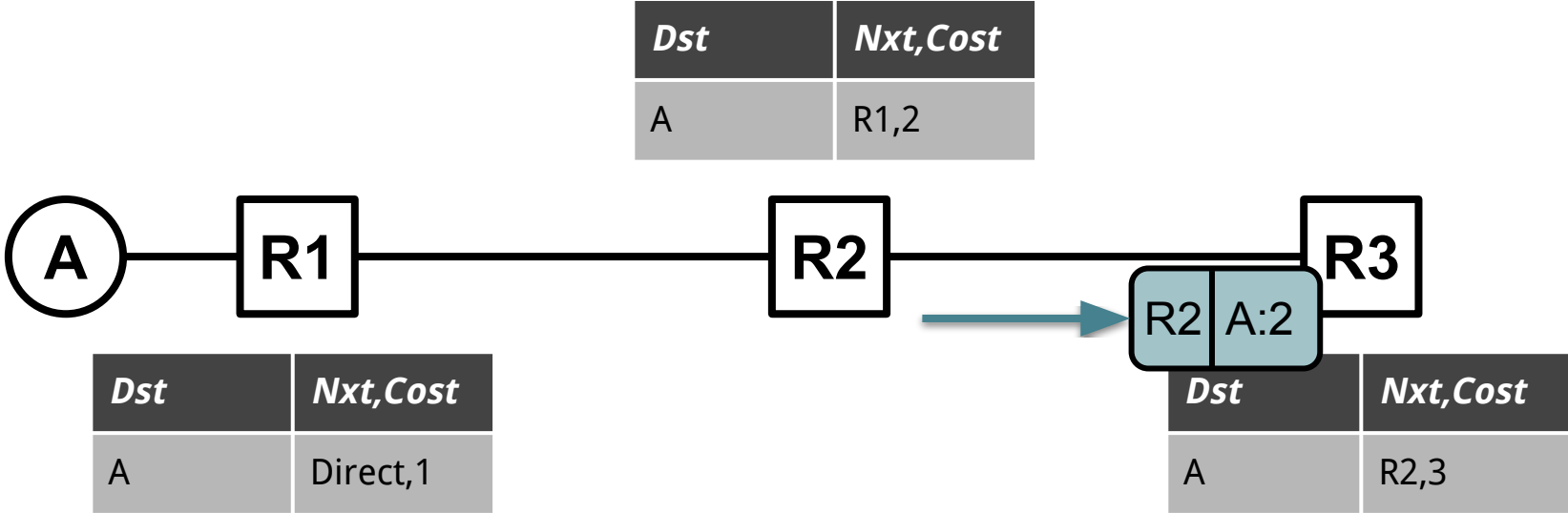
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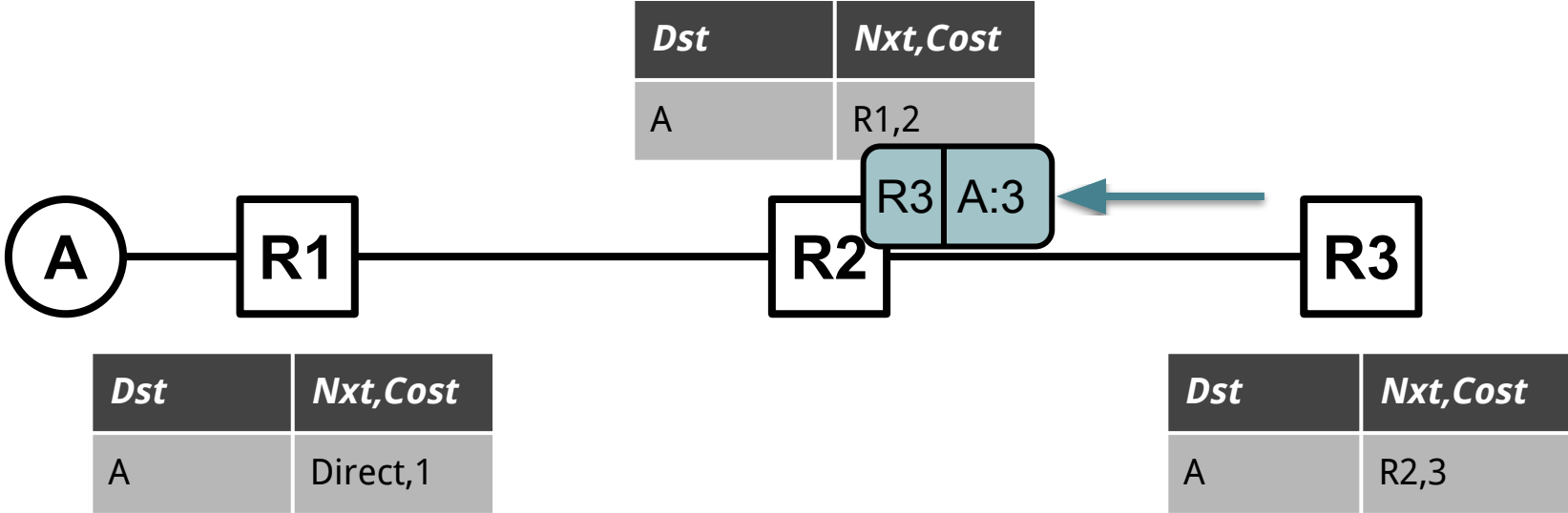
**Route costs on R2/R3 count to infinity!**

**Solution: Pick a maximum value (e.g., 16) and stop there.**

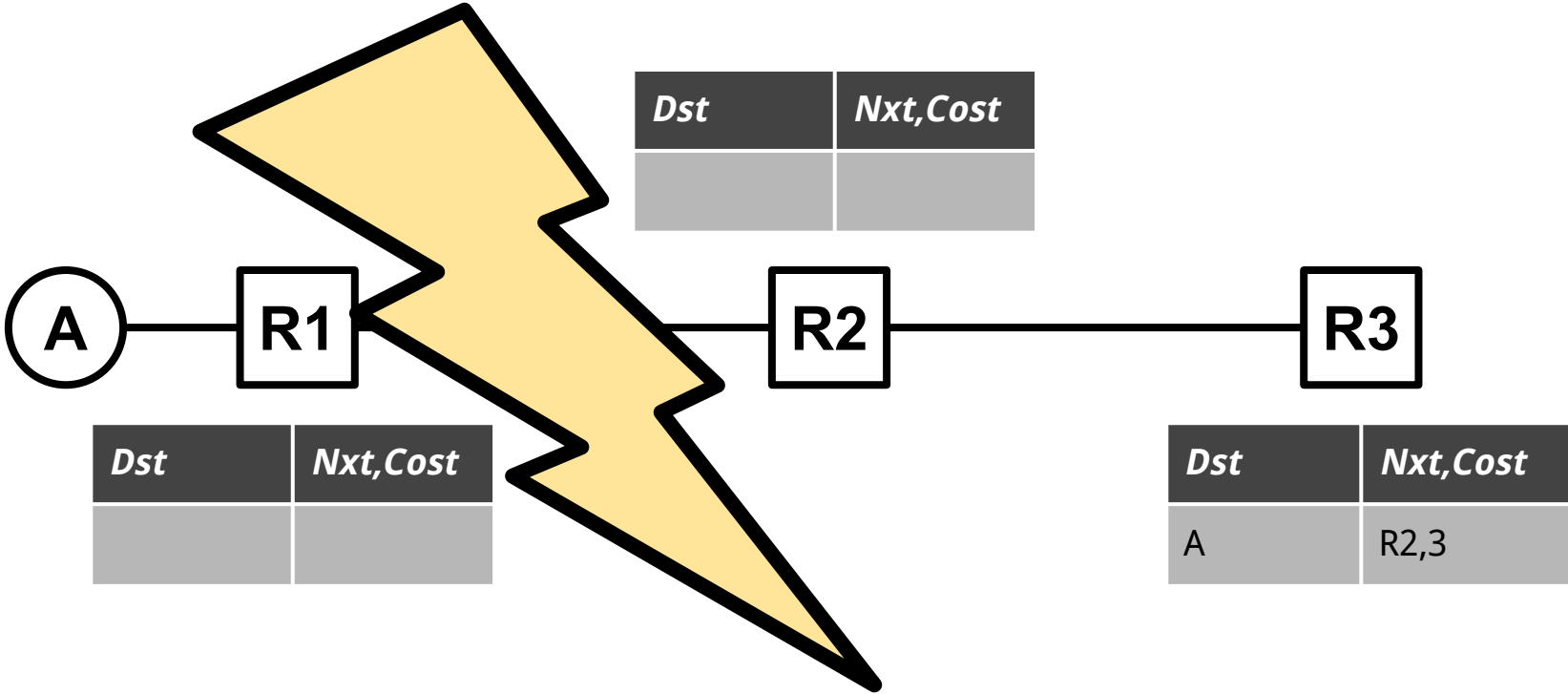
# D-V: Split Horizon



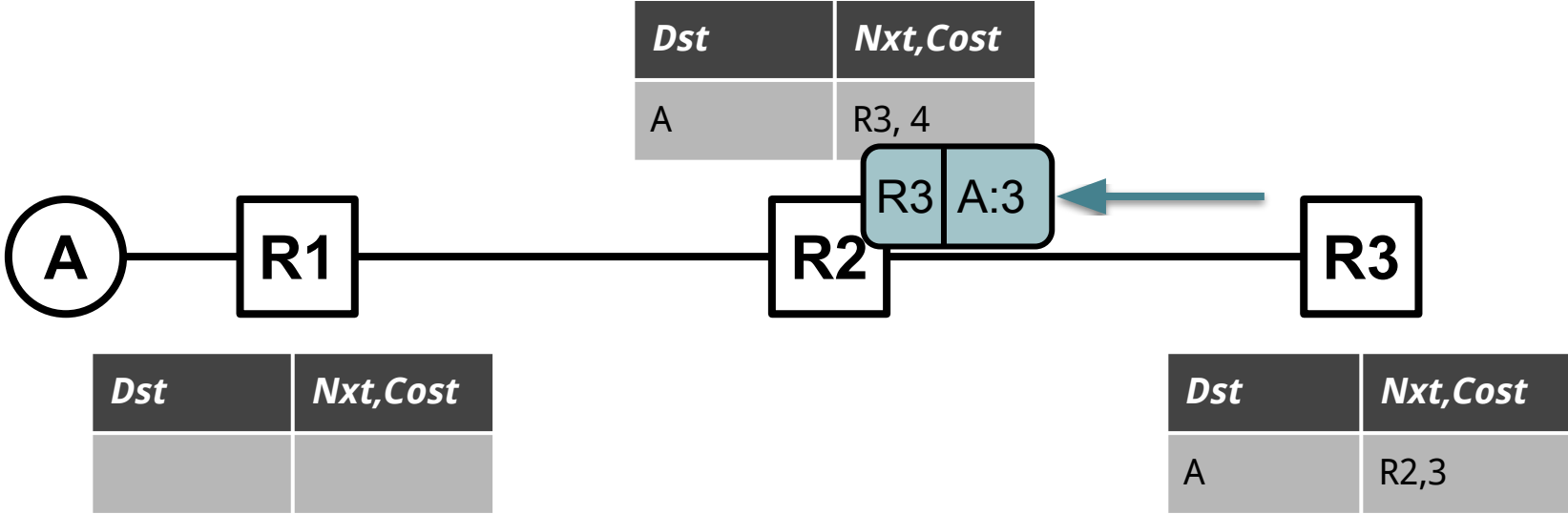
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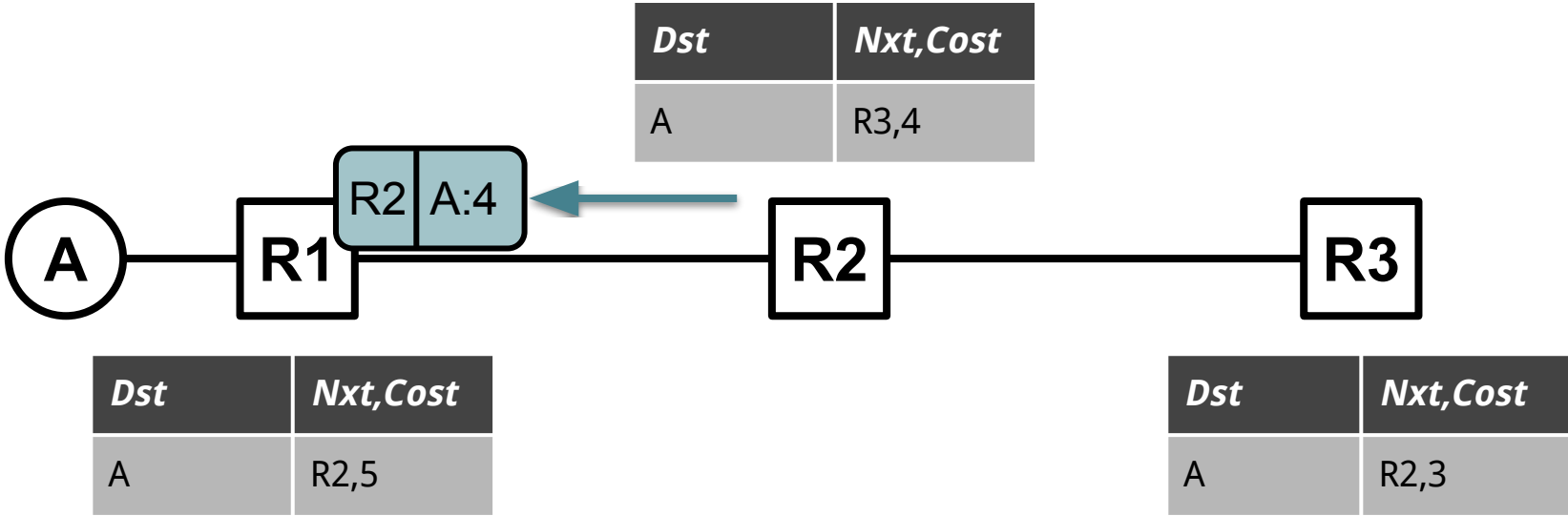
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**Huh?! A is local to R1?!**

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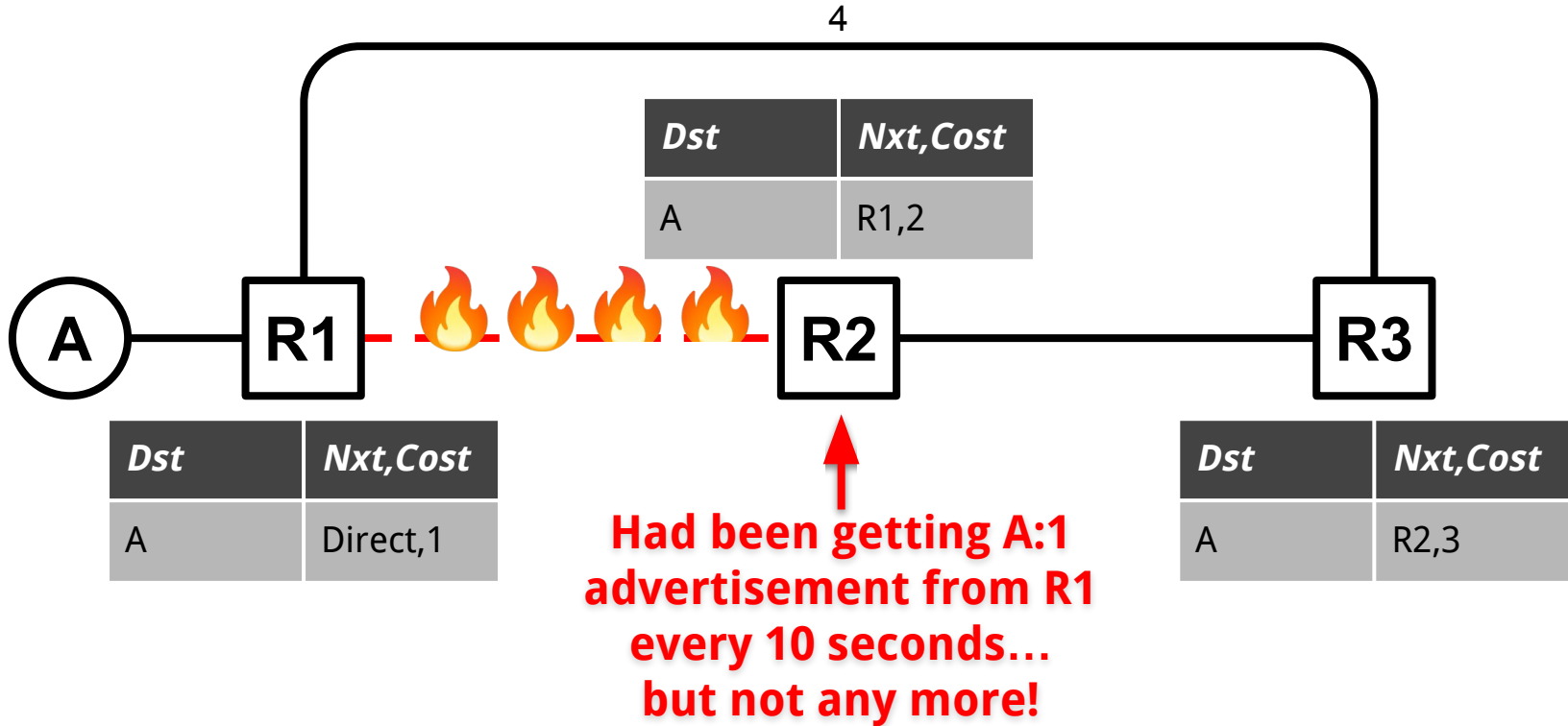
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- Solution:
  - If you are using a next-hop's path for some destination – don't advertise it to them.
  - Referred to as **Split Horizon**

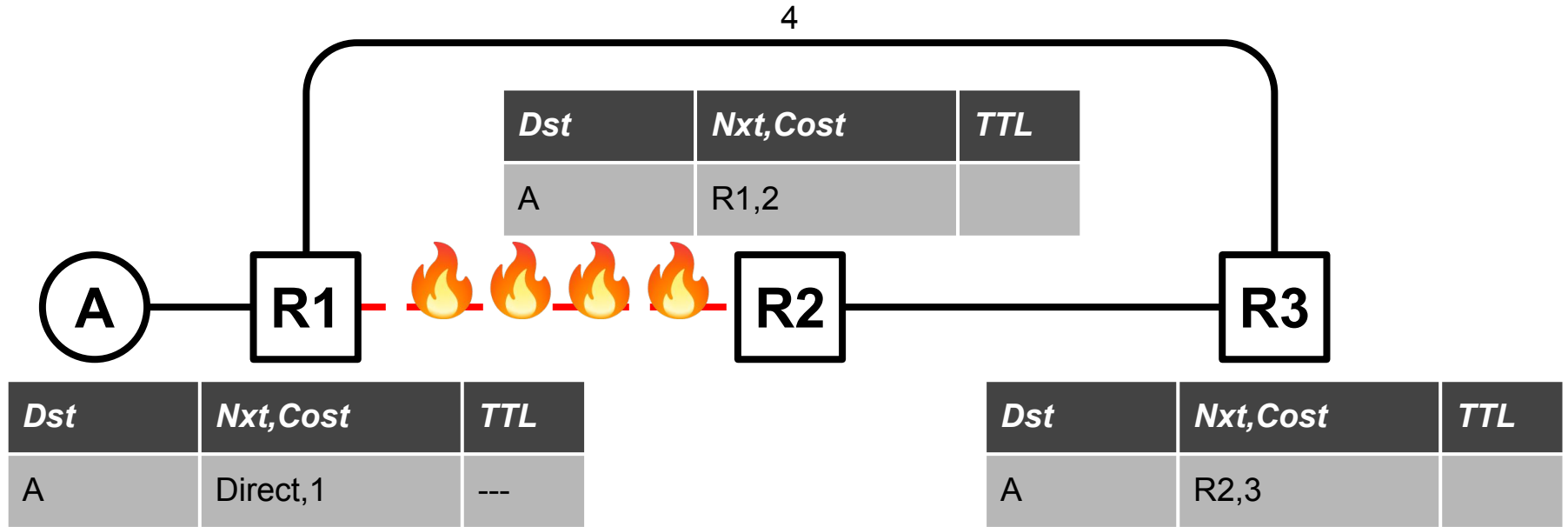


Questions?

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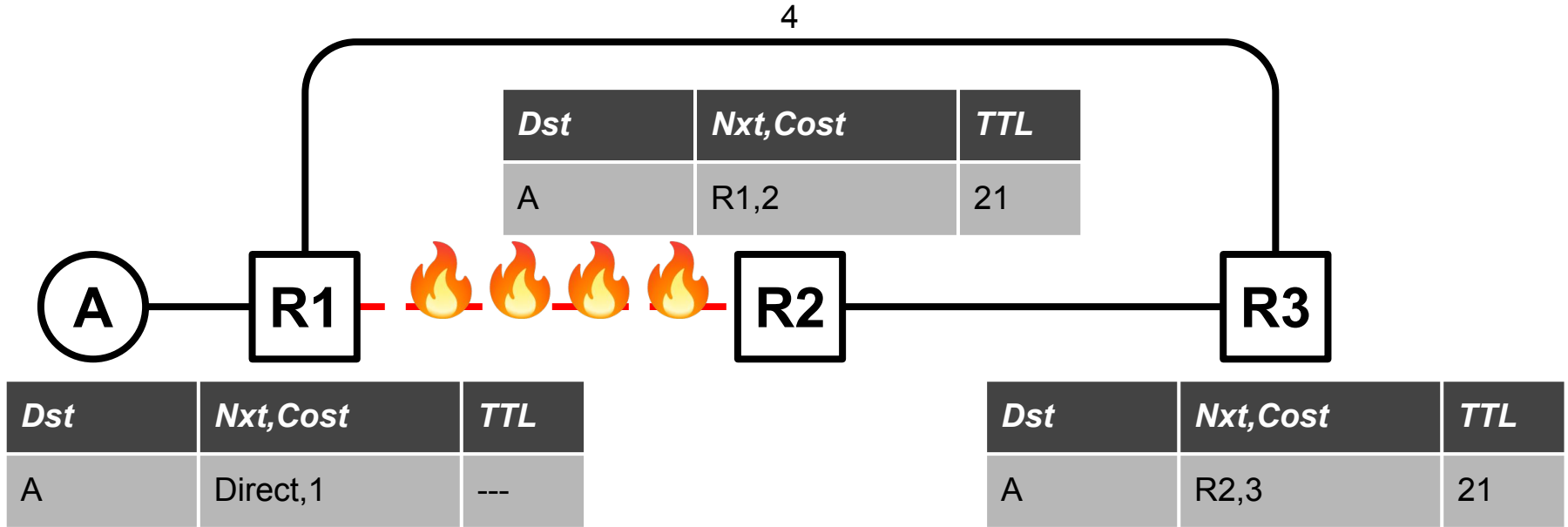


**Each route only has a finite *Time To Live* (e.g., 21 seconds).**

**Gets “recharged” by the periodic advertisements.**

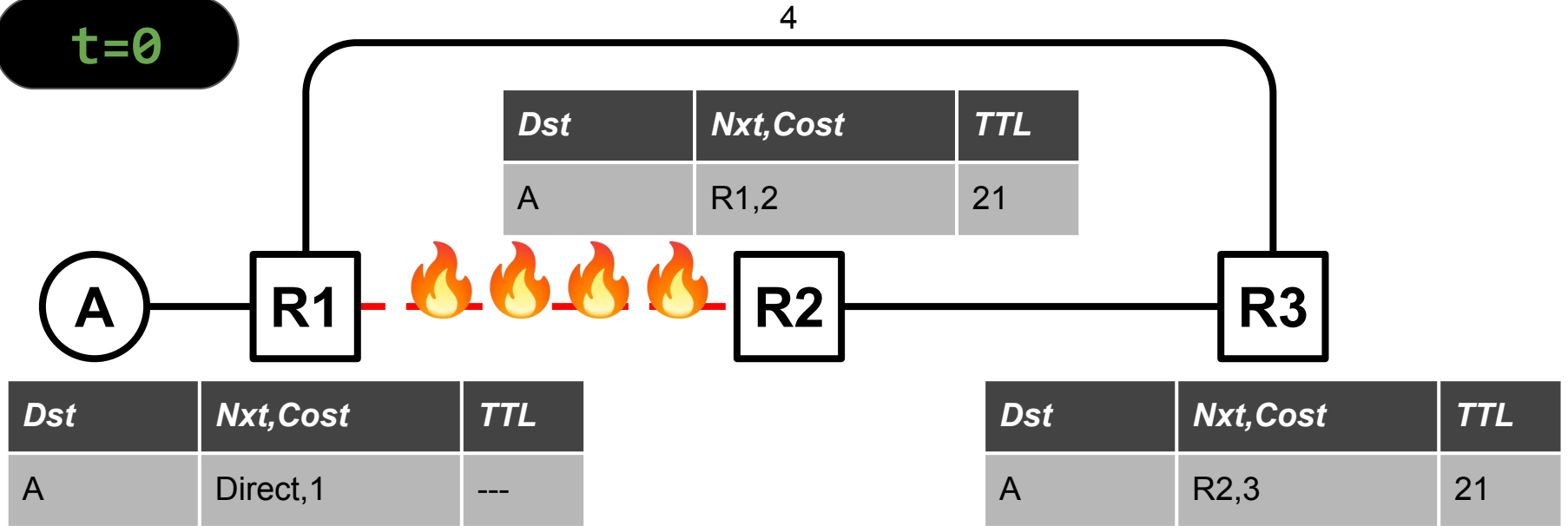
**If you don’t get a periodic update (e.g., 10 seconds)... expire & remove route.**

# D-V: Failures



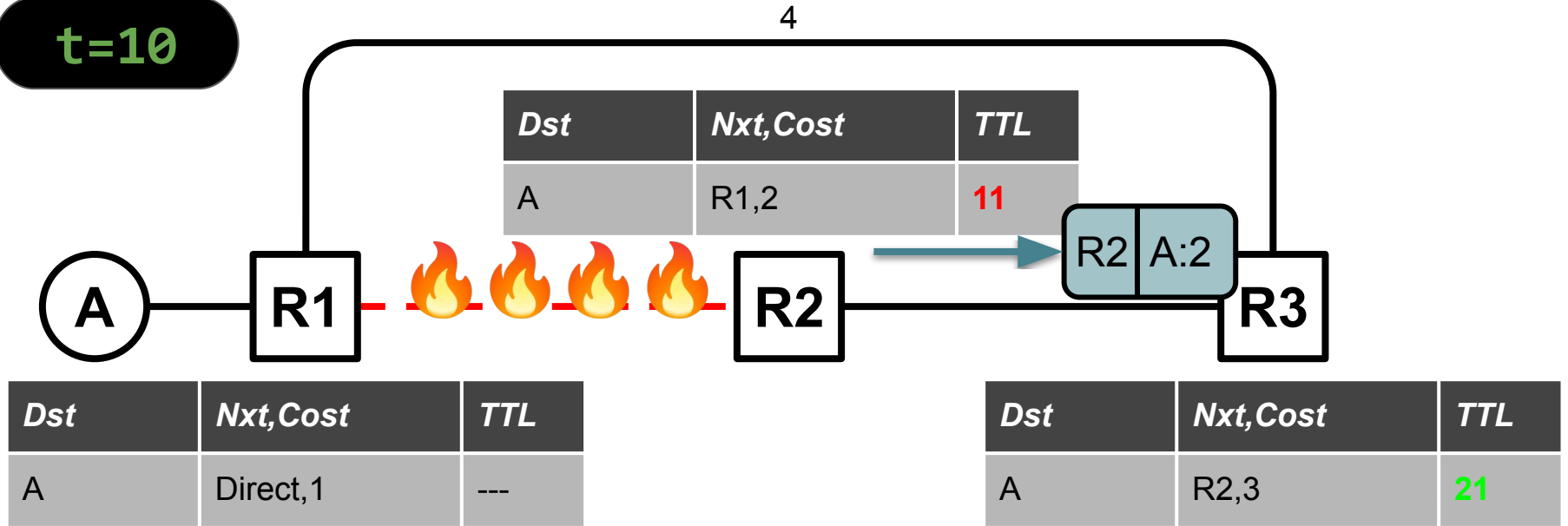
# D-V: Failures

$t=0$



# D-V: Failures

**t=10**

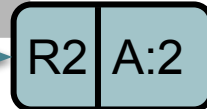


# D-V: Failures

**t=20**

4

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,2	1

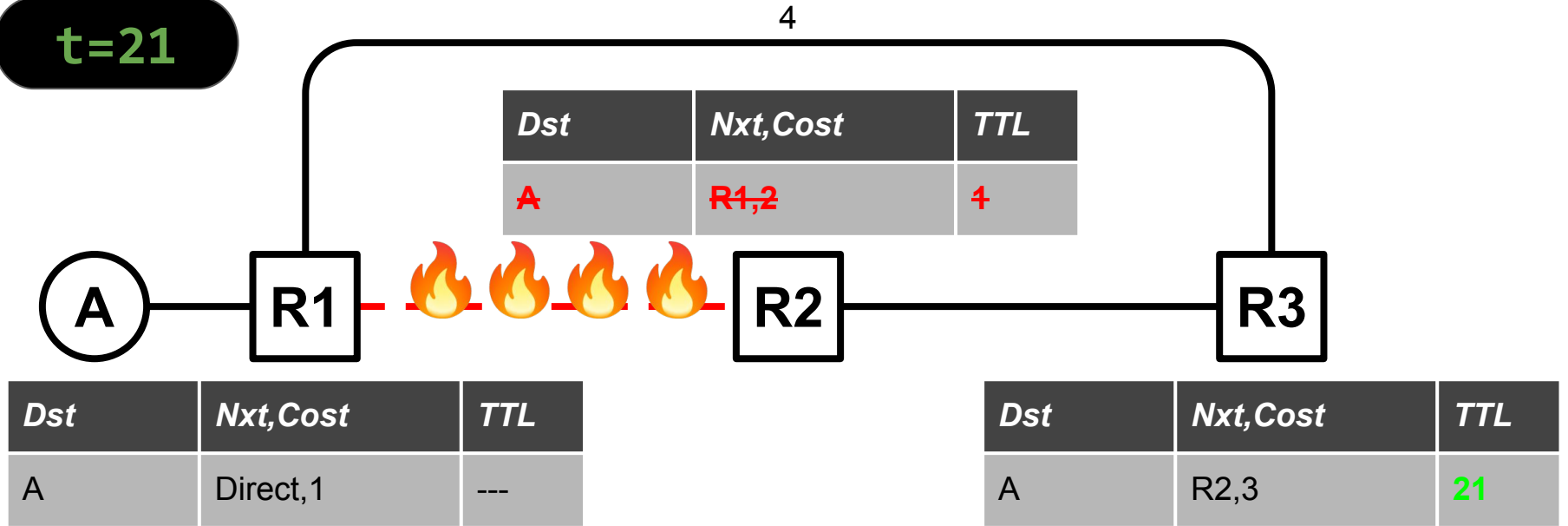


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A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R2,3	21

# D-V: Failures

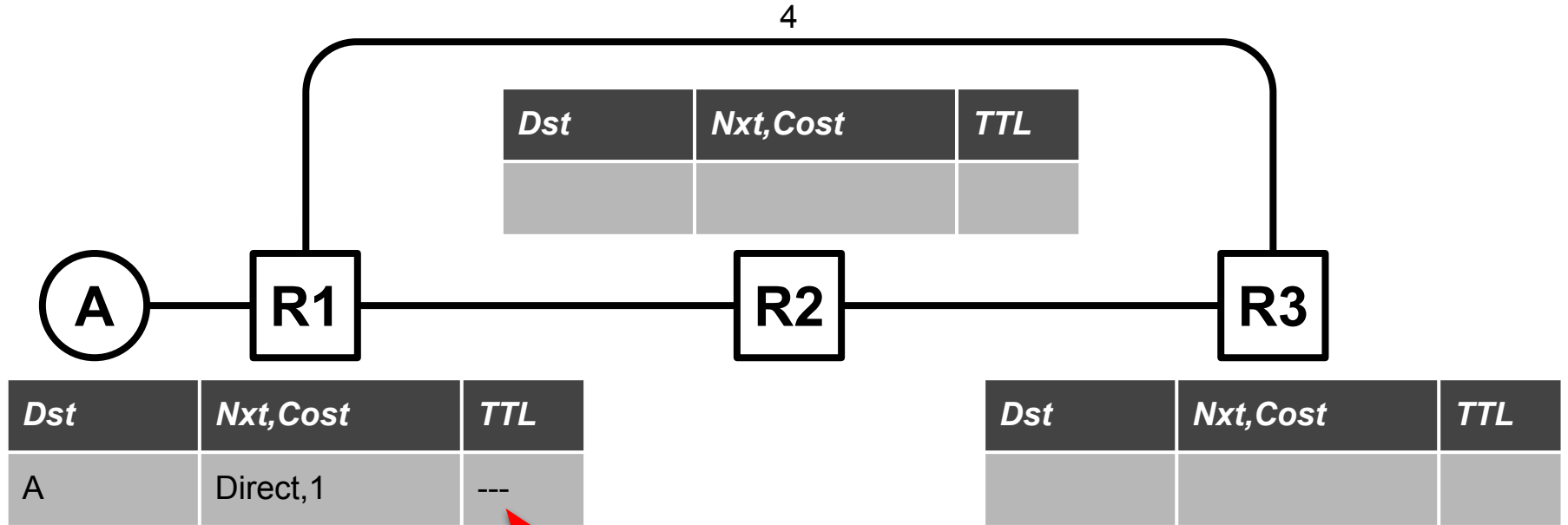
**t=21**





How do we deal with changing topology?  
Link failures.

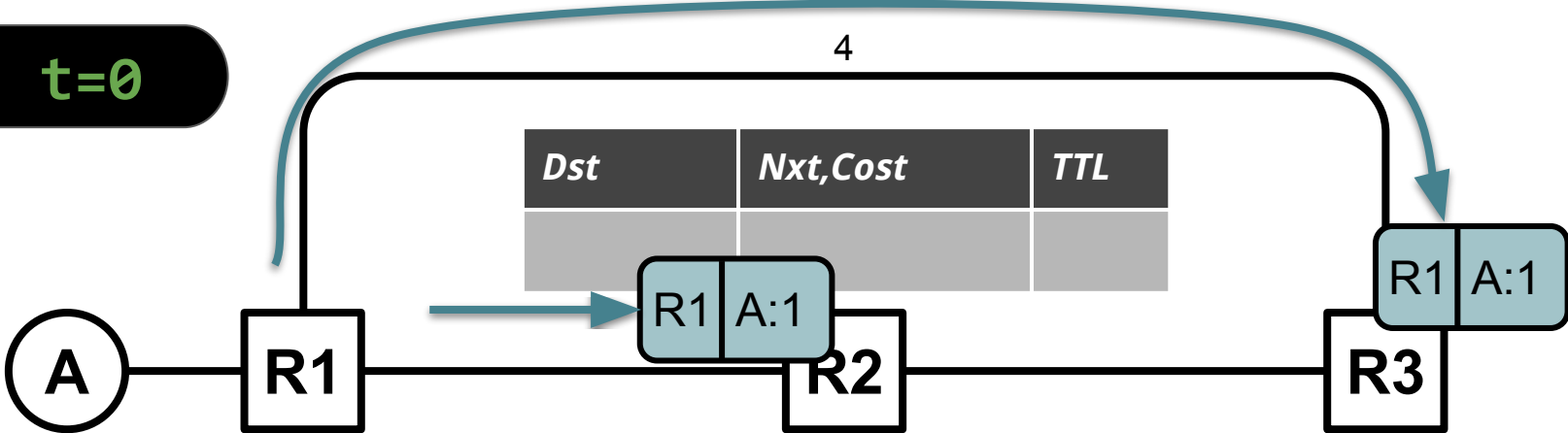
# D-V: Failures



**Static and connected routes don't expire**

# D-V: Failures

**t=0**



<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>

# D-V: Failures

**t=0**

4

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,2	21

A

R1

R2

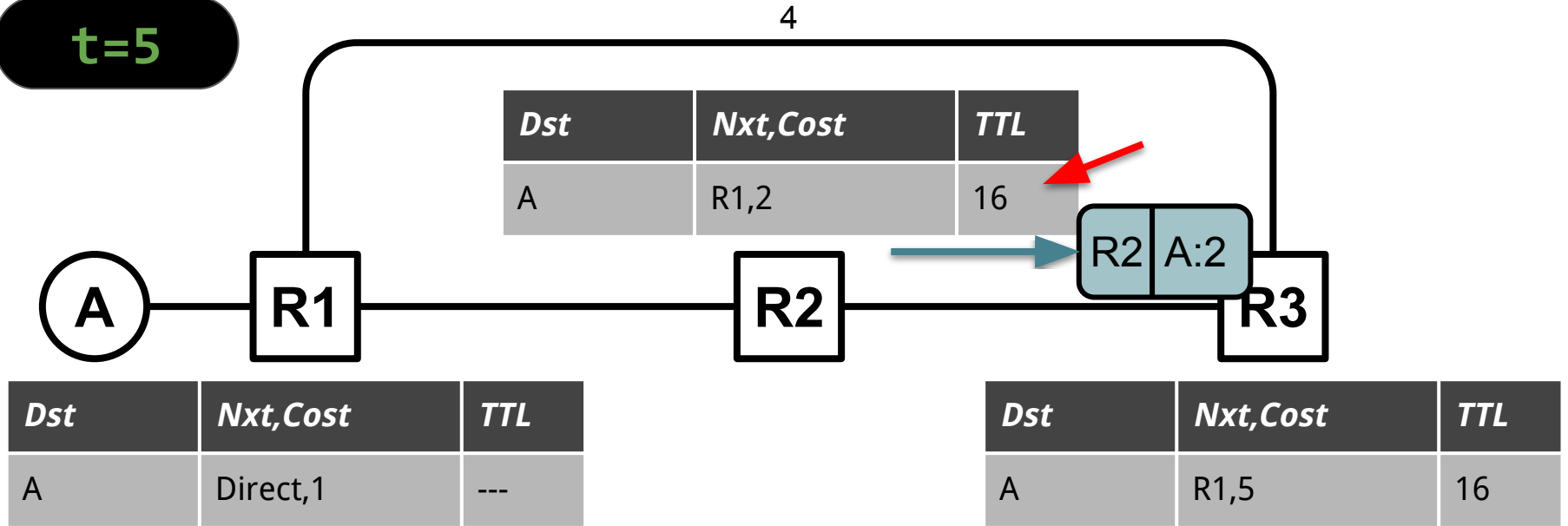
R3

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,5	21

# D-V: Failures

t=5

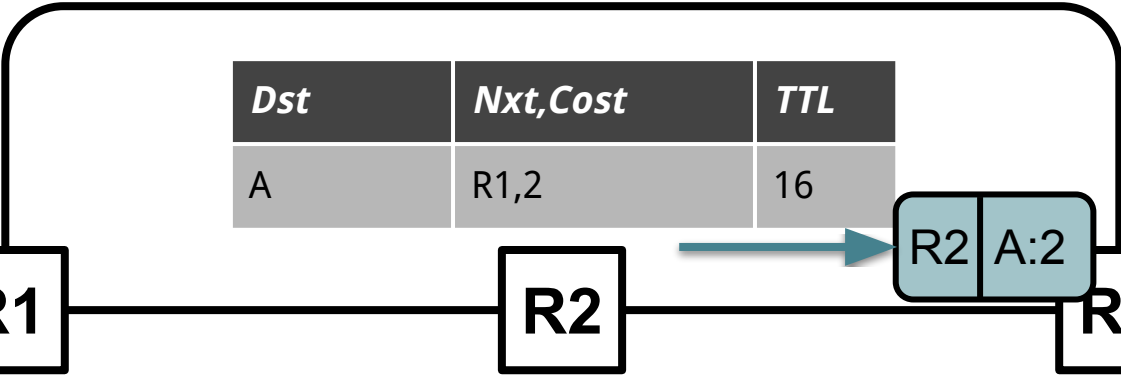
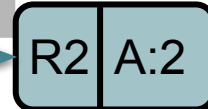


# D-V: Failures

t=5

4

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,2	16

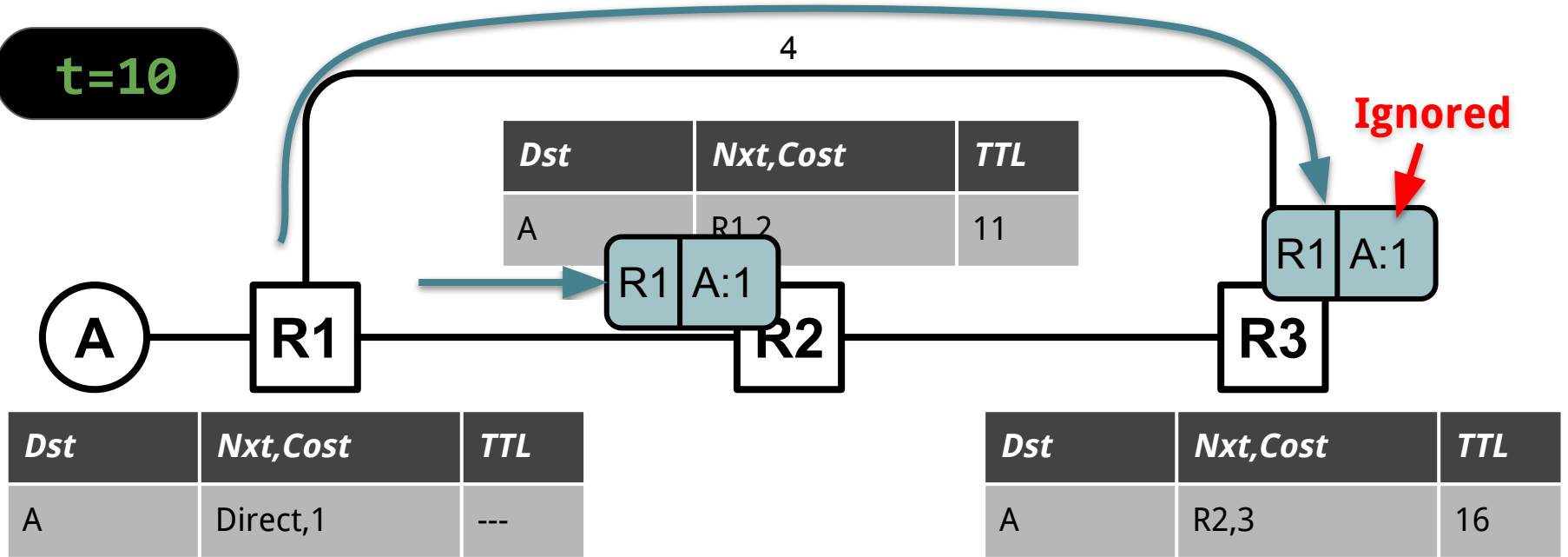


<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	<del>R1,5</del> R2,3	<del>16</del> 21

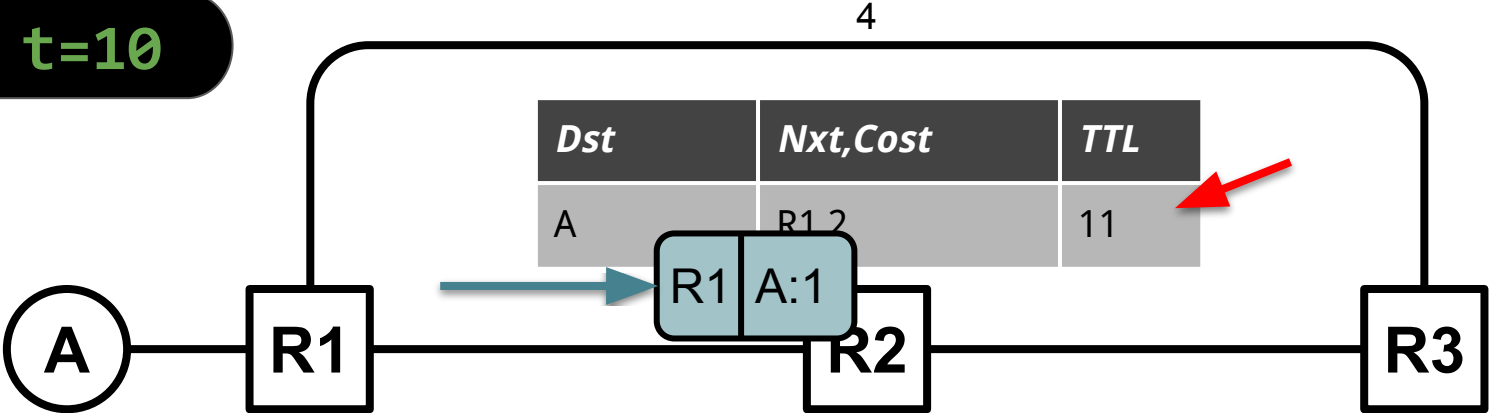
# D-V: Failures

**t=10**



# D-V: Failures

**t=10**



<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt, Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	Direct, 1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt, Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R2, 3	16



# D-V: Failures

**t=10**

4

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,2	<del>1</del> 21

A

R1

R1 A:1

R2

R3

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R2,3	16

# D-V: Failures

**t=10**

4

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,2	<del>11</del> 21

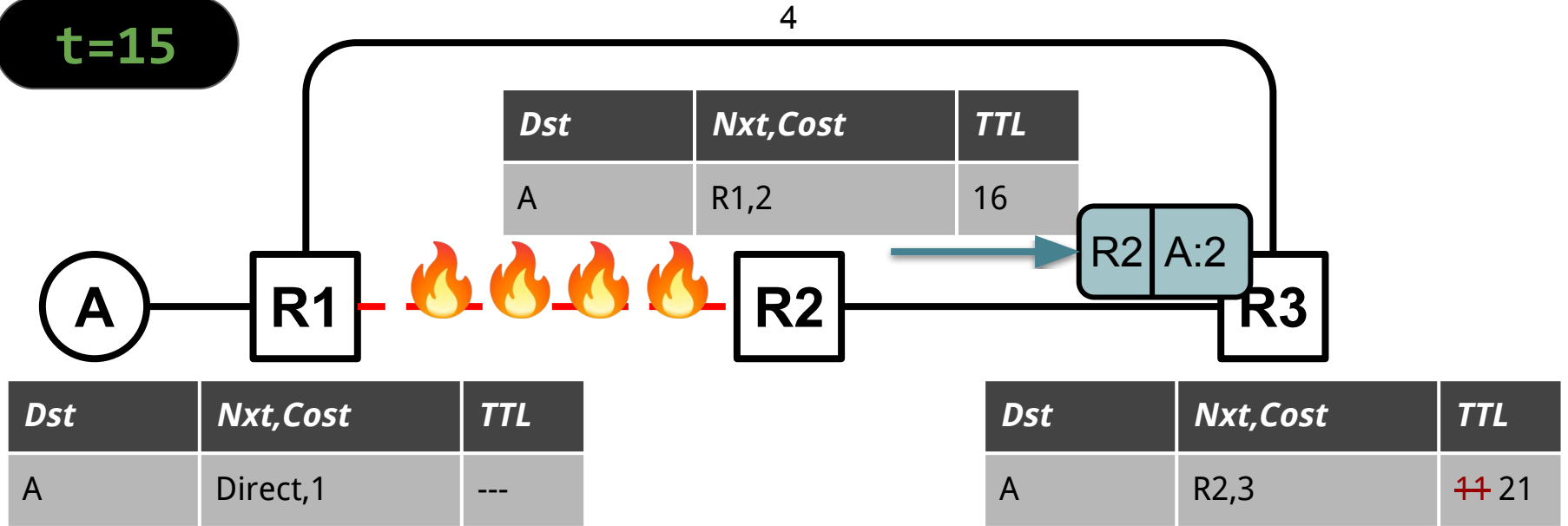


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A	Direct,1	---

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A	R2,3	16

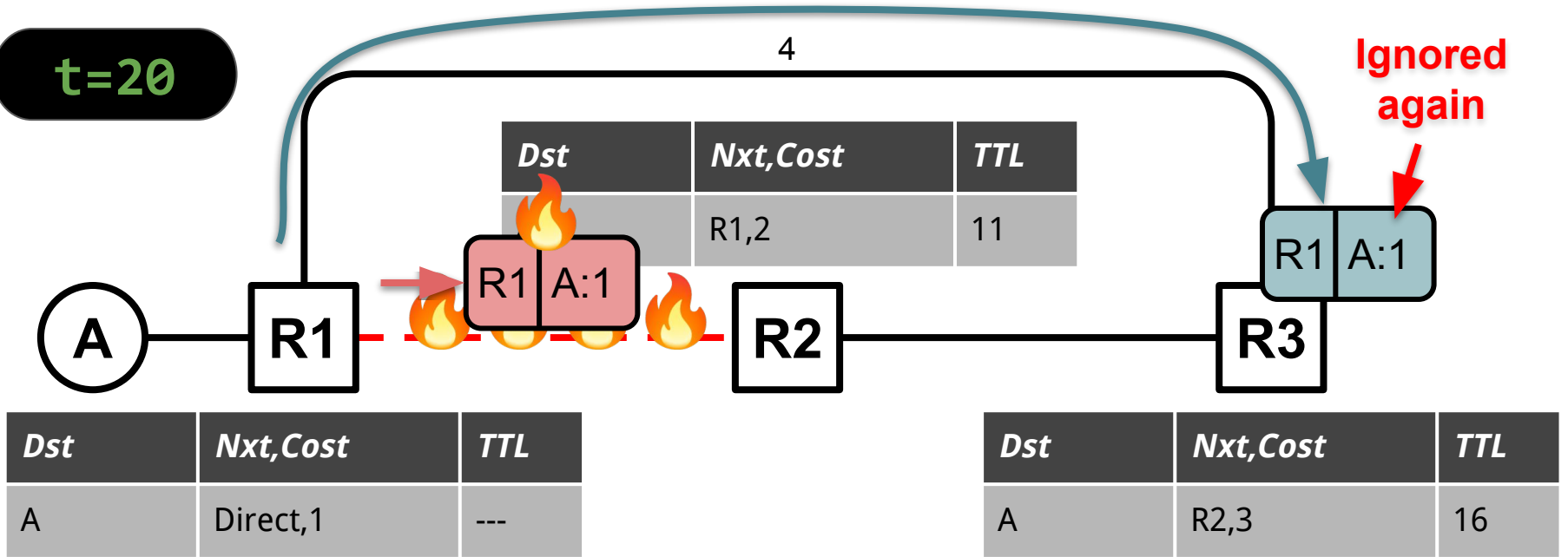
# D-V: Failures

**t=15**



# D-V: Failures

$t=20$

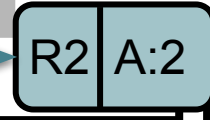


# D-V: Failures

**t=25**

4

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,2	6

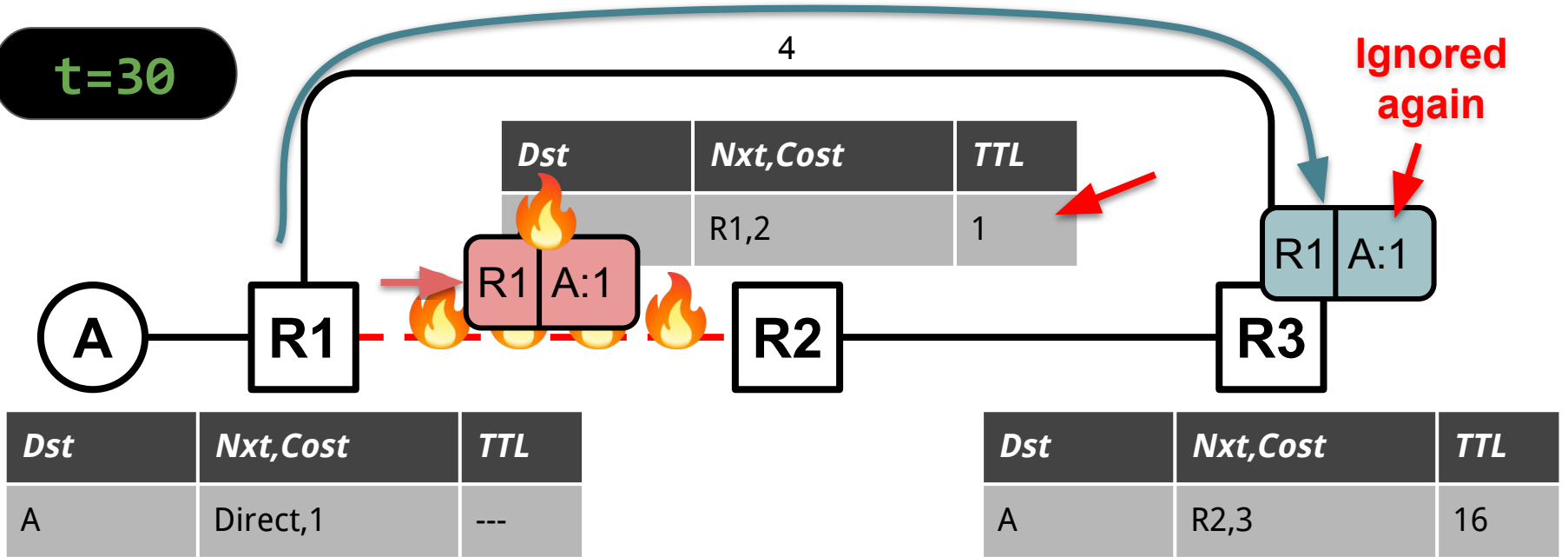


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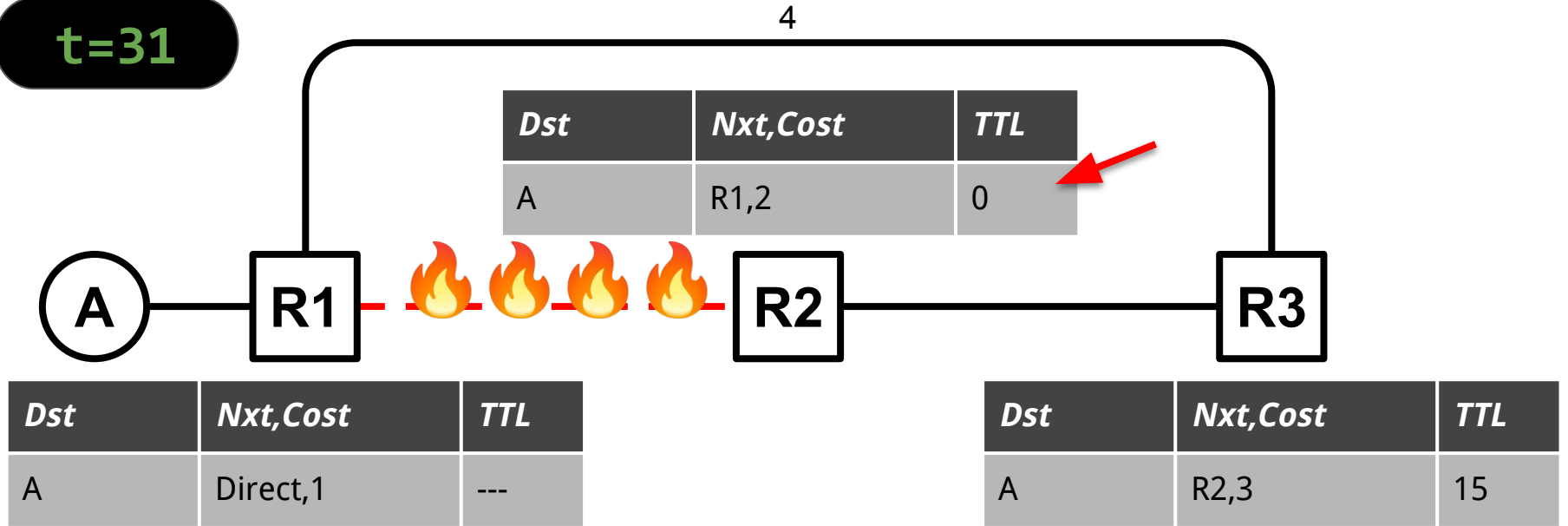
# D-V: Failures

**t=30**



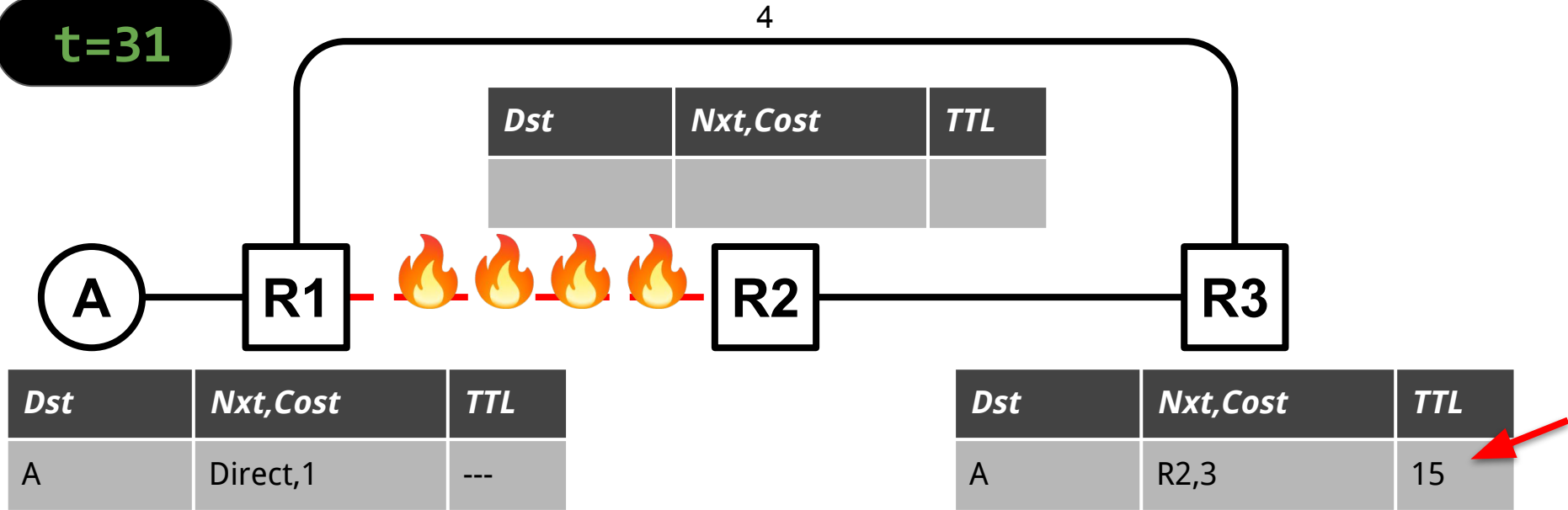
# D-V: Failures

**t=31**



# D-V: Failures

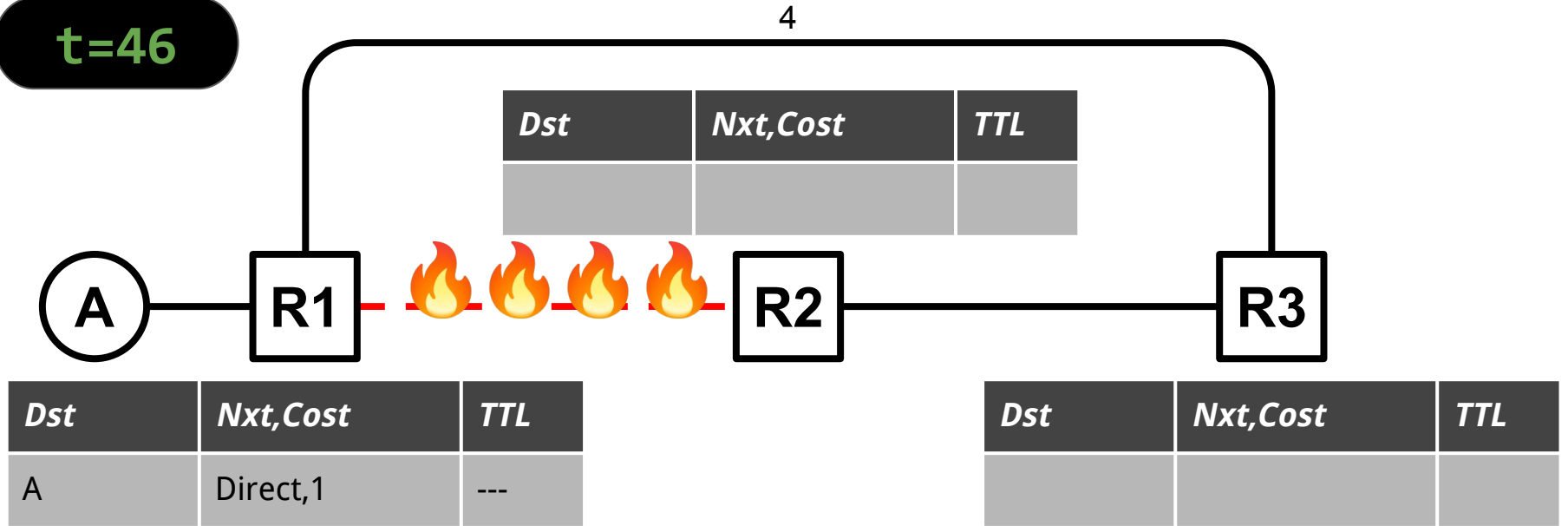
**t=31**





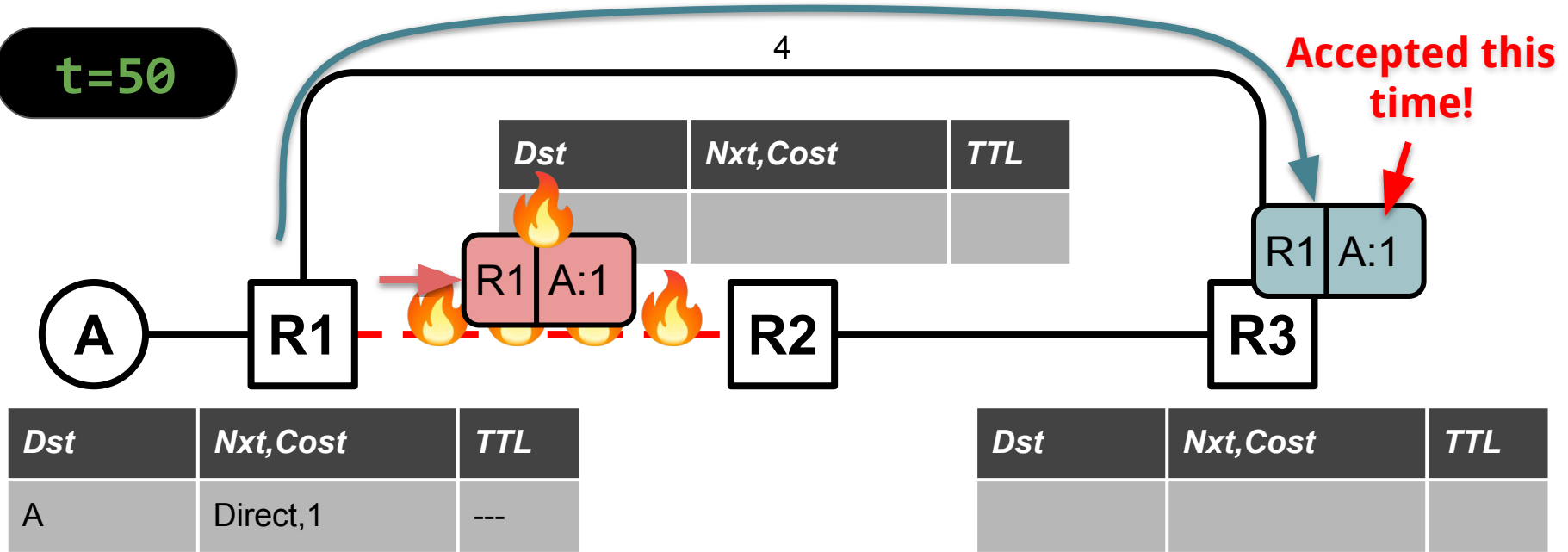
# D-V: Failures

**t=46**



# D-V: Failures

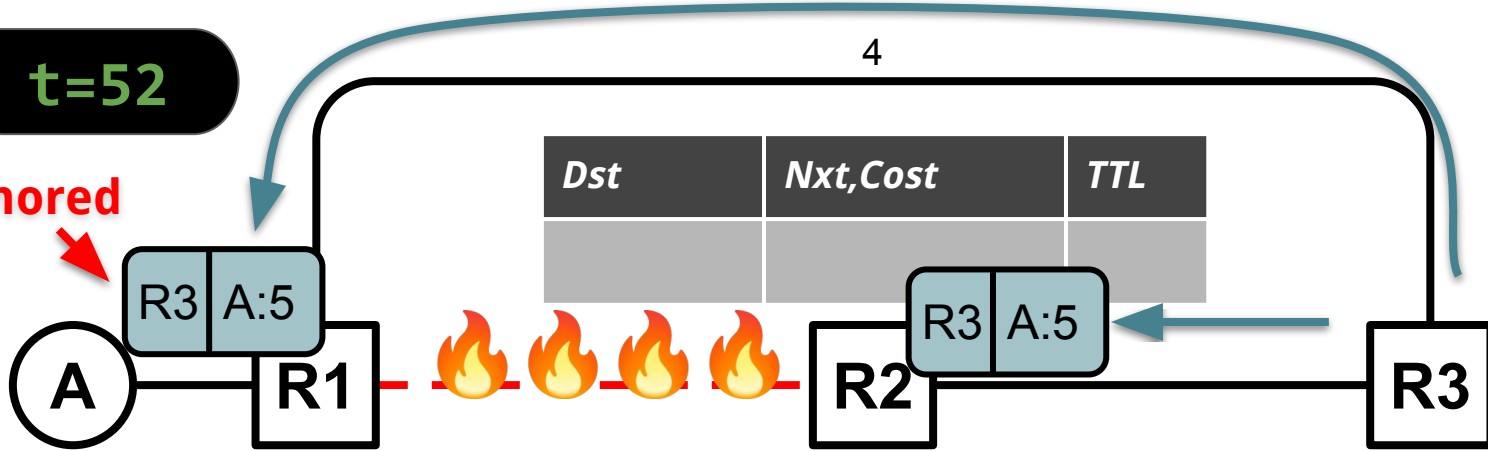
**t=50**



# D-V: Failures

**t=52**

**Ignored**



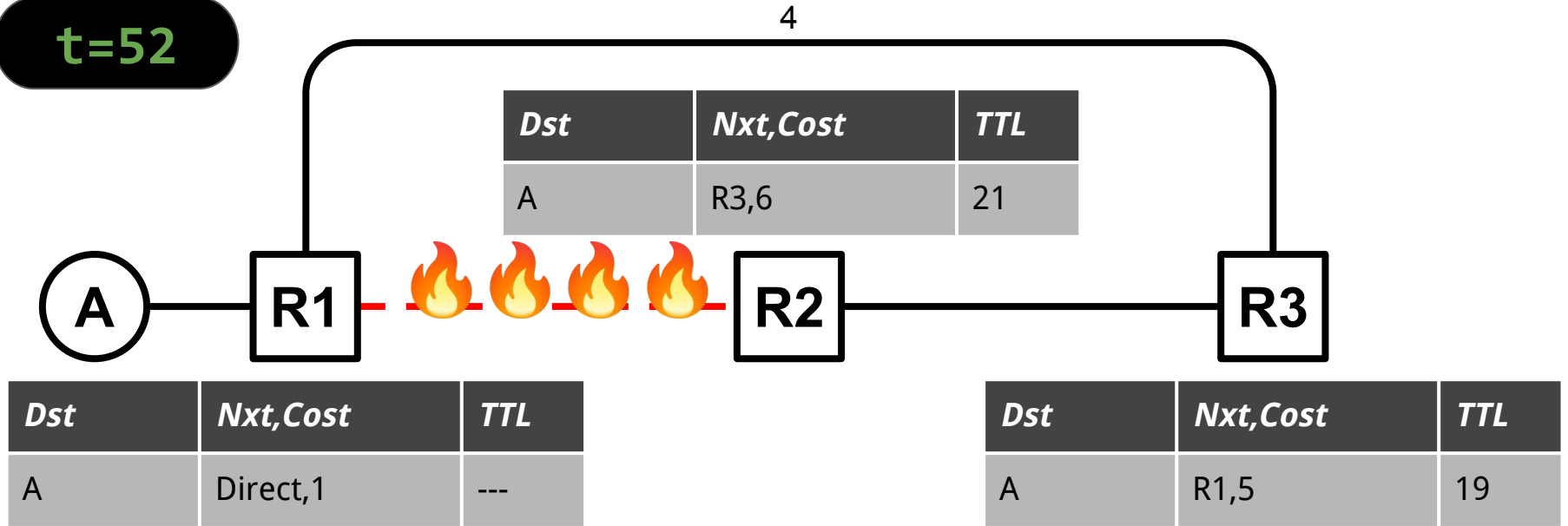
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A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R1,5	19

# D-V: Failures

t=52

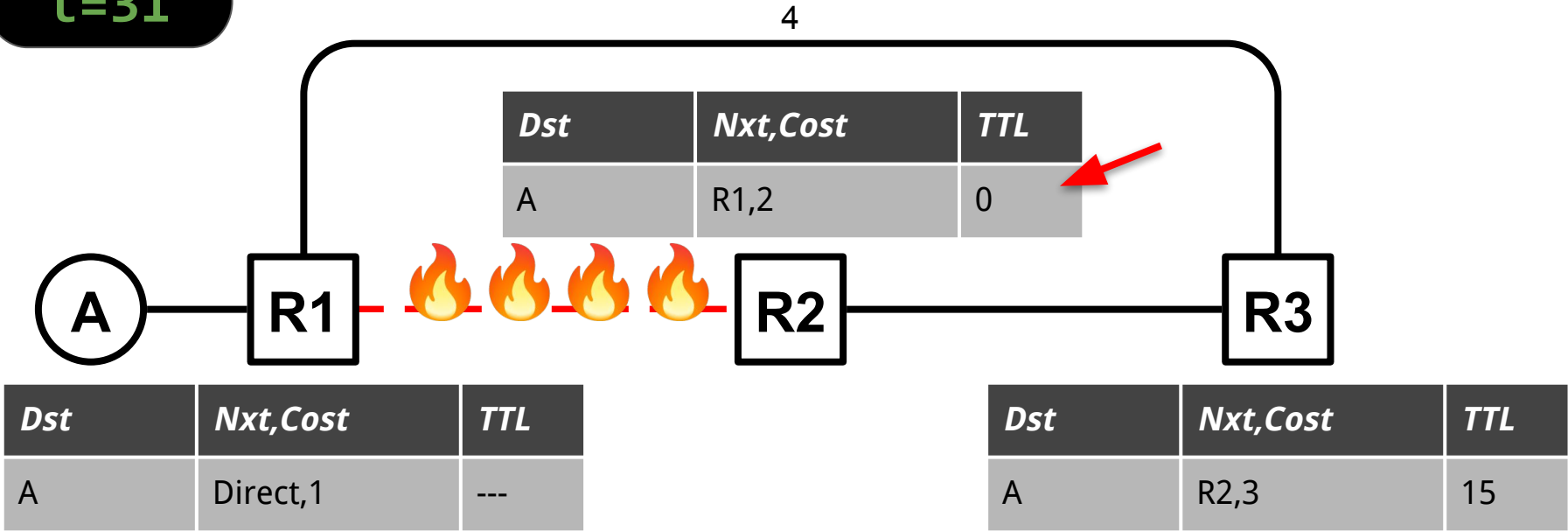


Questions?

Showing the absence of a route - poisoning.

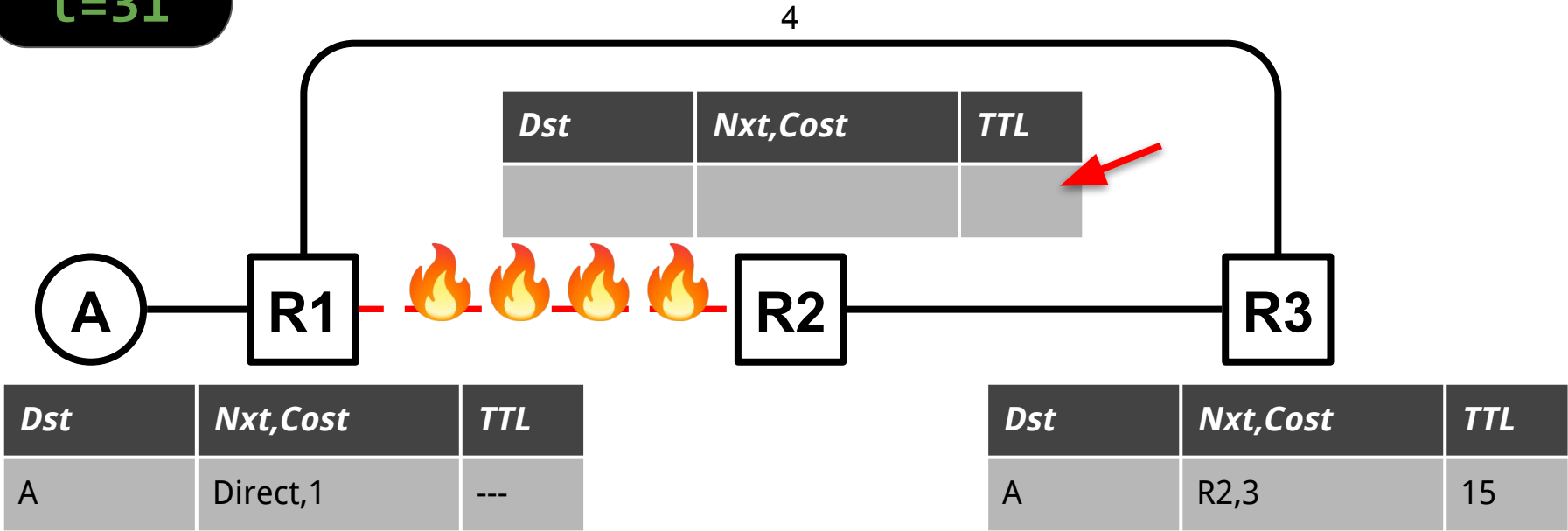
# D-V: Poisoning

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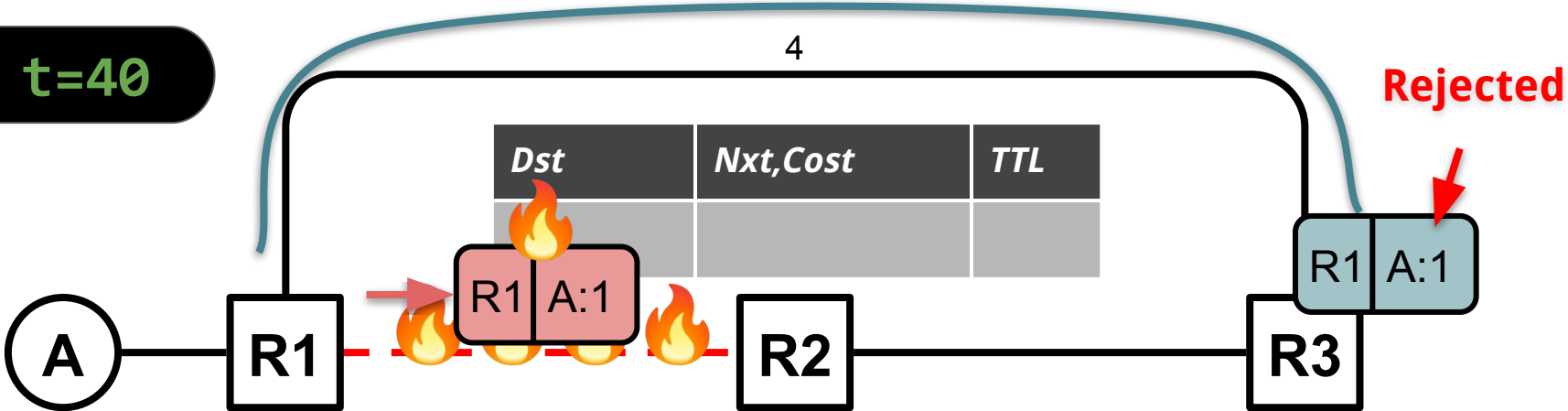
**t=31**





# D-V: Poisoning

**t=40**

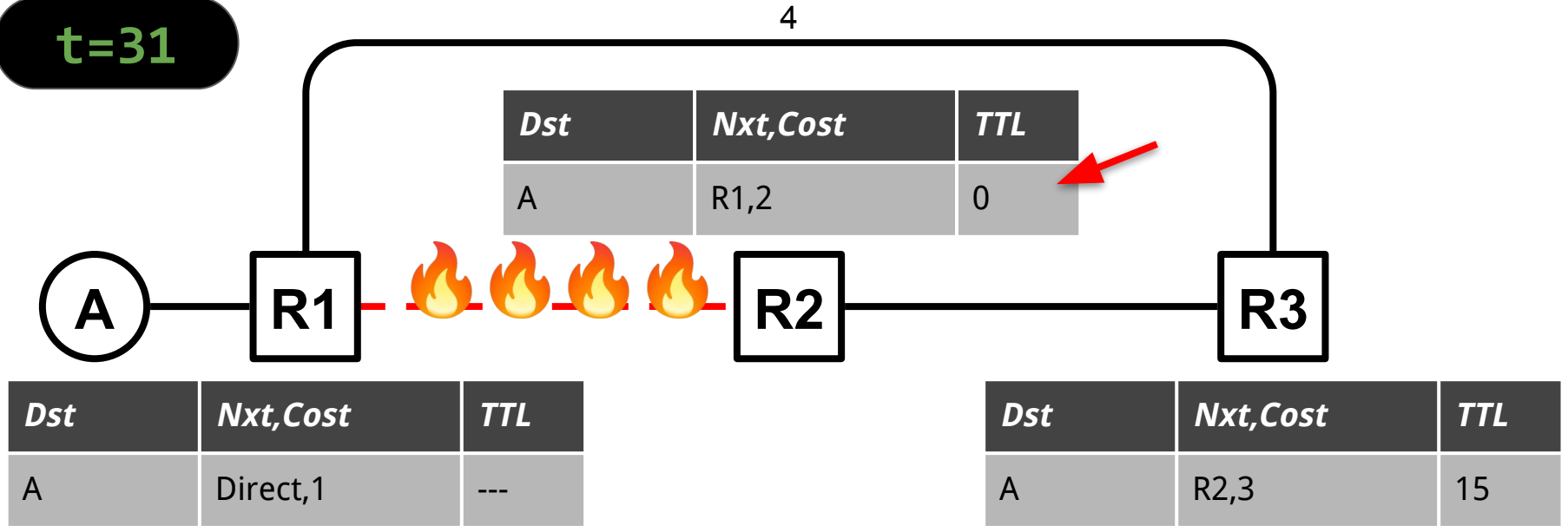


<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R2,3	6

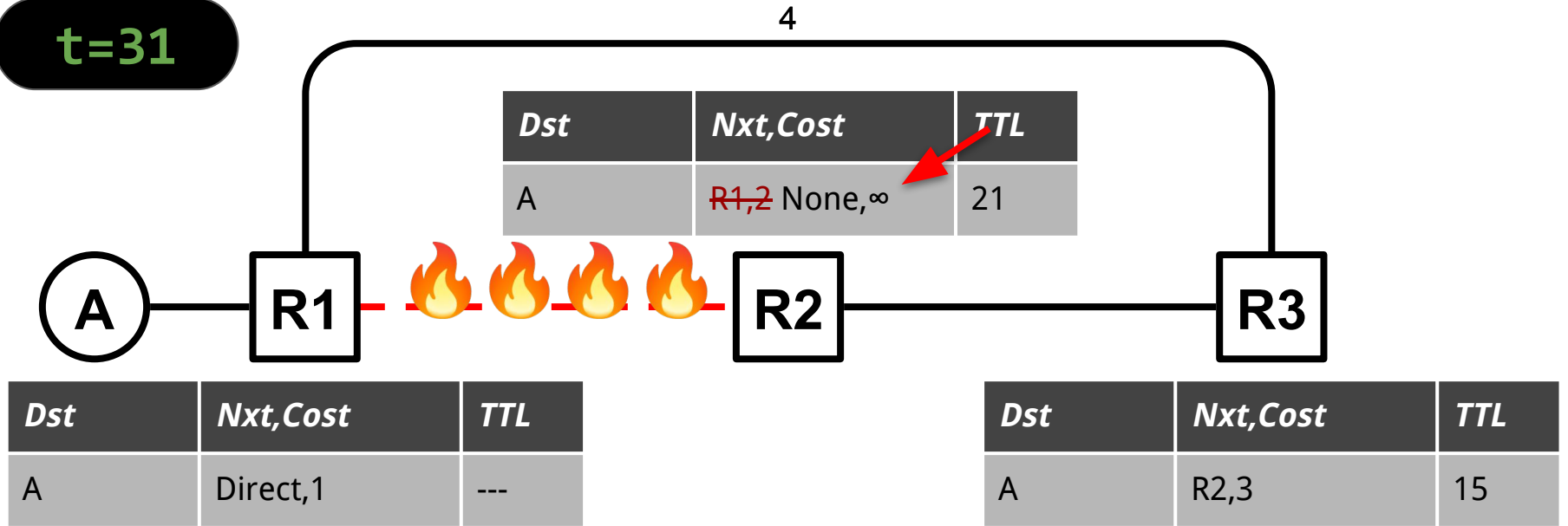
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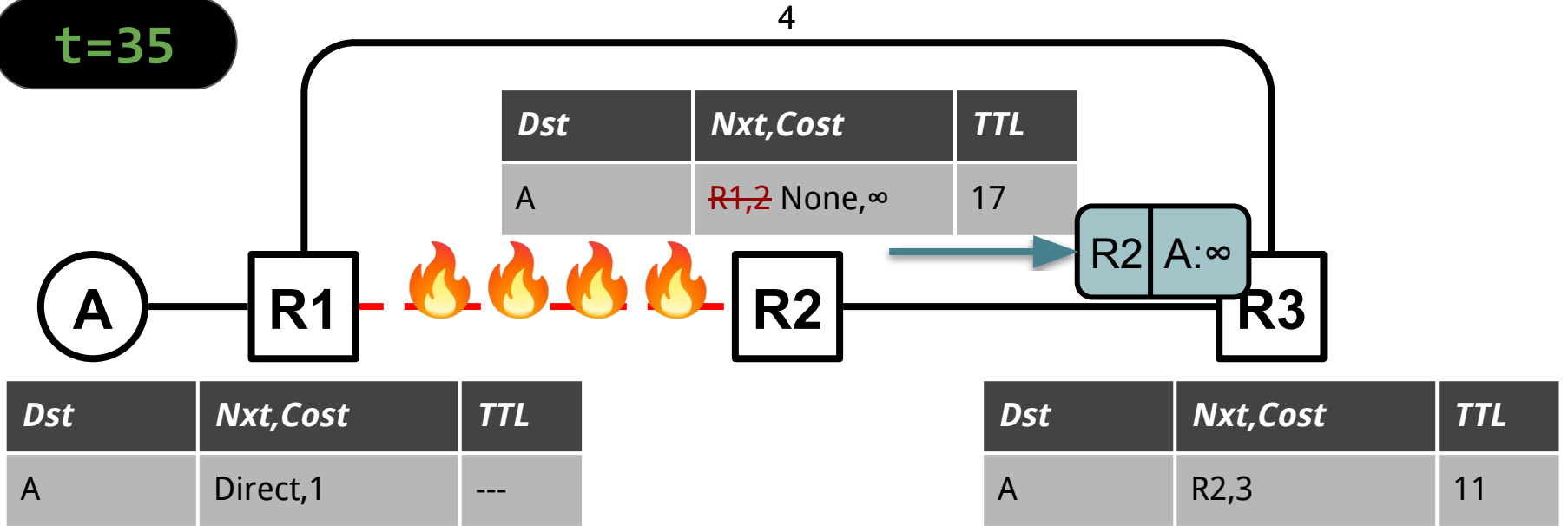
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**t=31**



# D-V: Poisoning

**t=35**

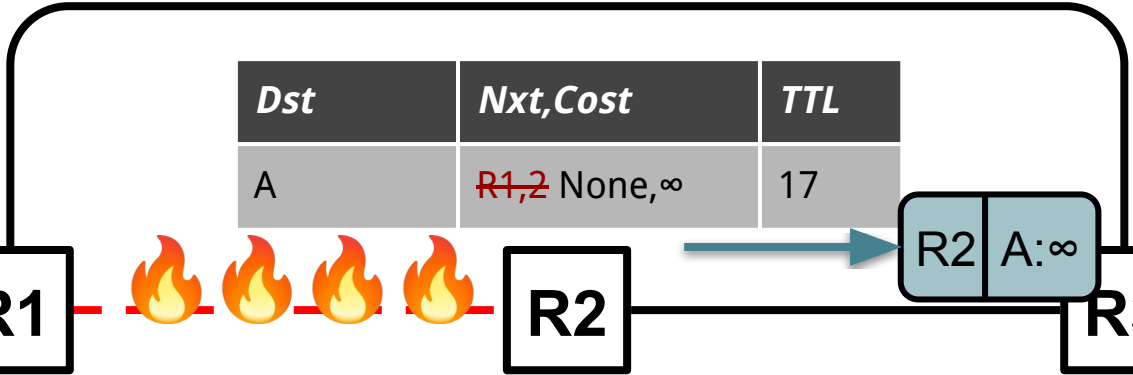
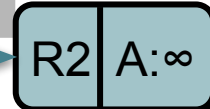


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**t=35**

4

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	<del>R1,2</del> None, $\infty$	17

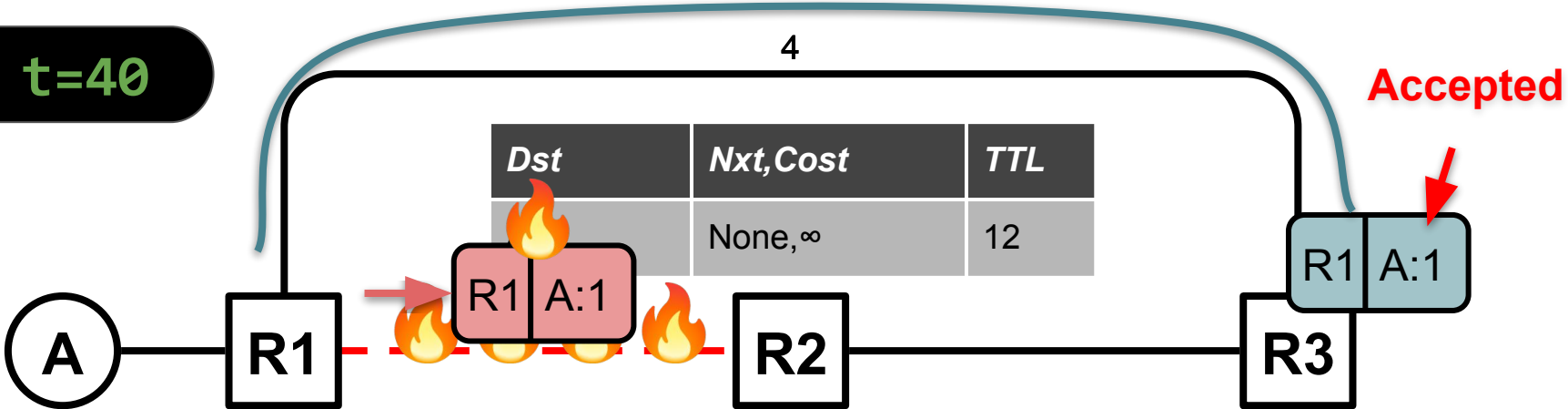


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A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	R2, <del>3</del> $\infty$	21

# D-V: Poisoning

**t=40**



<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
	None,∞	12

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	Direct,1	---

<i>Dst</i>	<i>Nxt,Cost</i>	<i>TTL</i>
A	<del>R2,∞</del> R1,5	<del>16</del> 21

# D-V: Poison

- Key idea:
  - Instead of just *not* advertising a route
  - .. actively advertise that you *don't* have a route
- Do this by advertising an impossibly high cost
  - A “poison” route
- This route should propagate like other routes, poisoning the entry on any other router that was using it
- Can be much faster than waiting for timeouts!

## D-V: Poison

- And this doesn't just work for timed advertisements...
- If you get a poison advertisement and it changes your table...
  - Will trigger you to send poison
  - Propagates dead routes as fast as they can reach and be processed by neighbor!
- .. can be much, *much* faster than waiting for timeouts!



Questions?

## D-V: Poison

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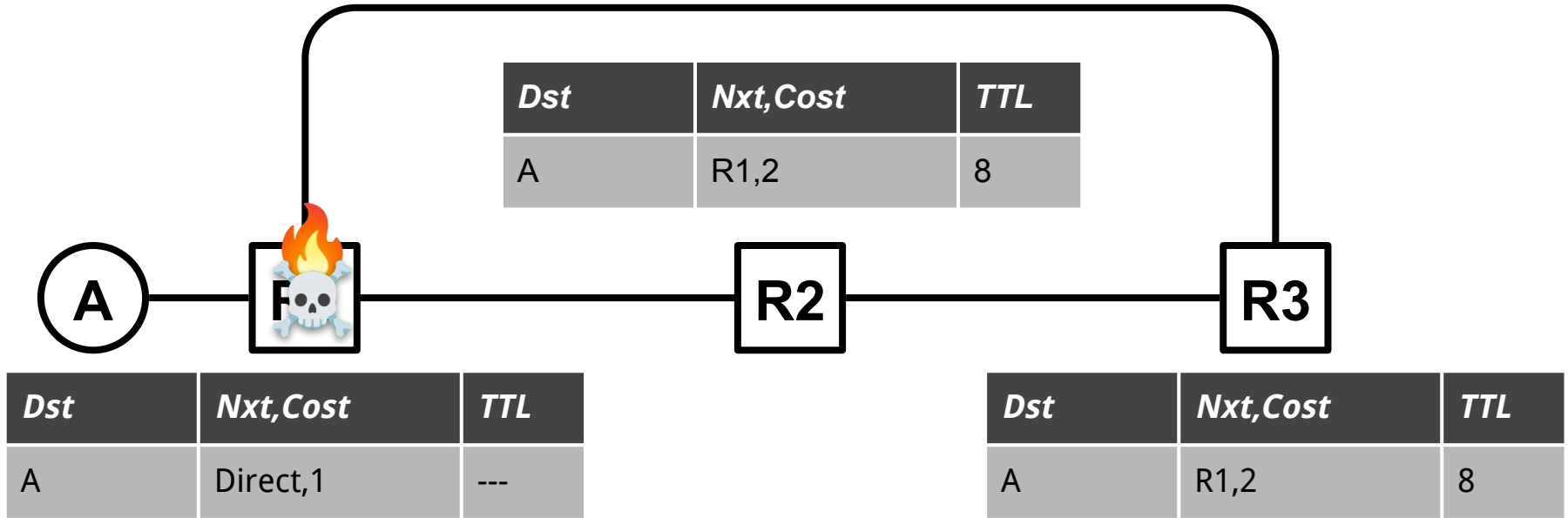
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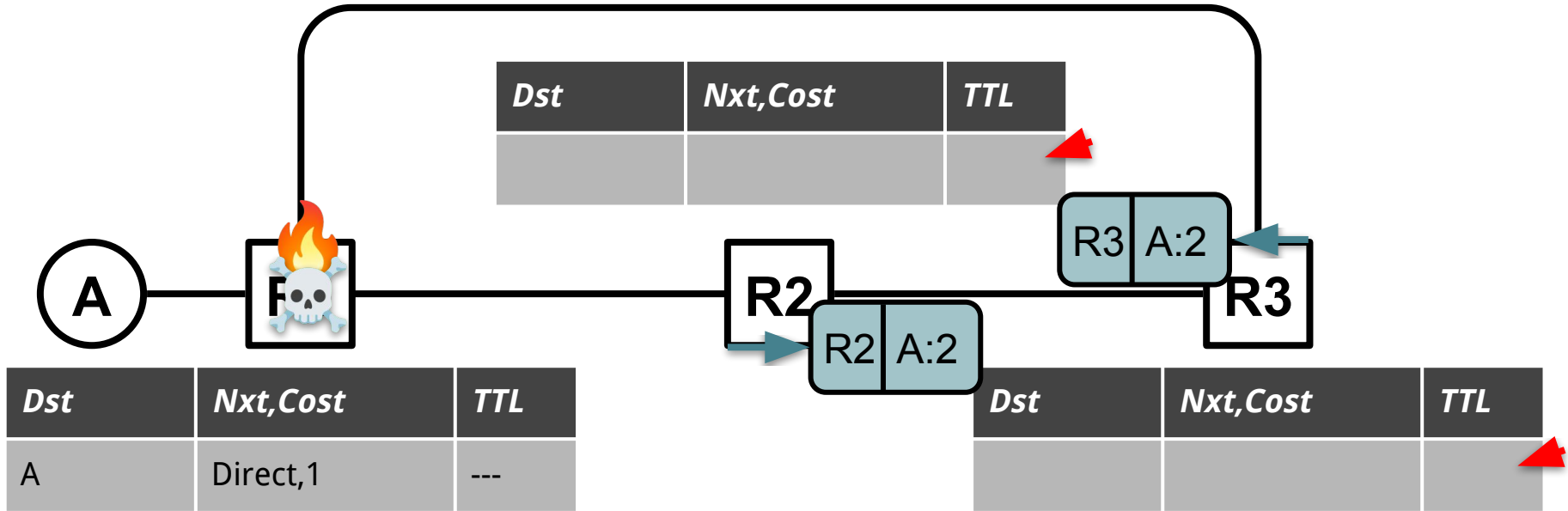
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- Instead of *not* advertising in this case... *advertise infinite cost*
  - We call this *poison reverse*
  - Same exact idea as split horizon, but more aggressive

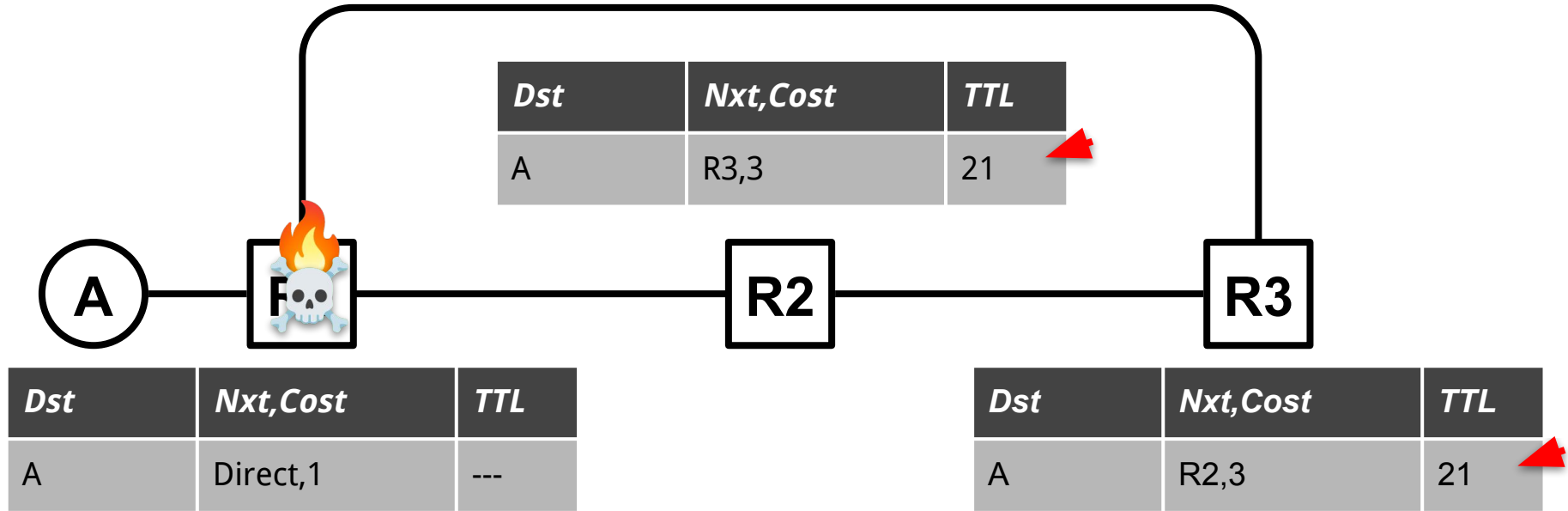
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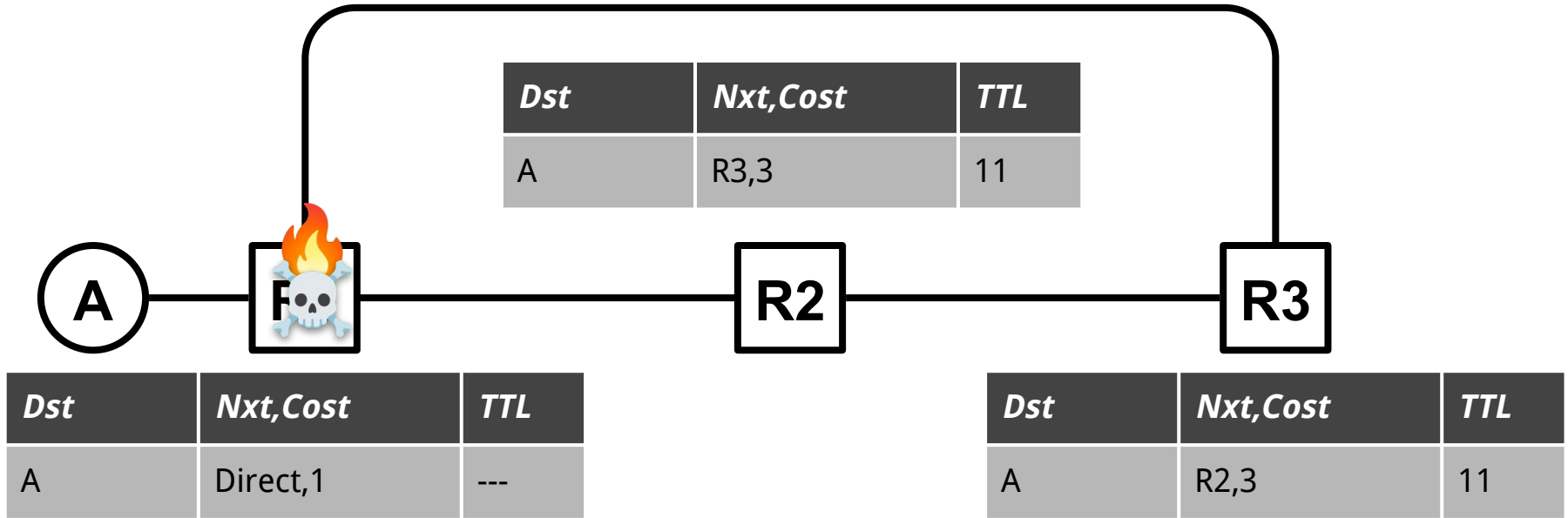


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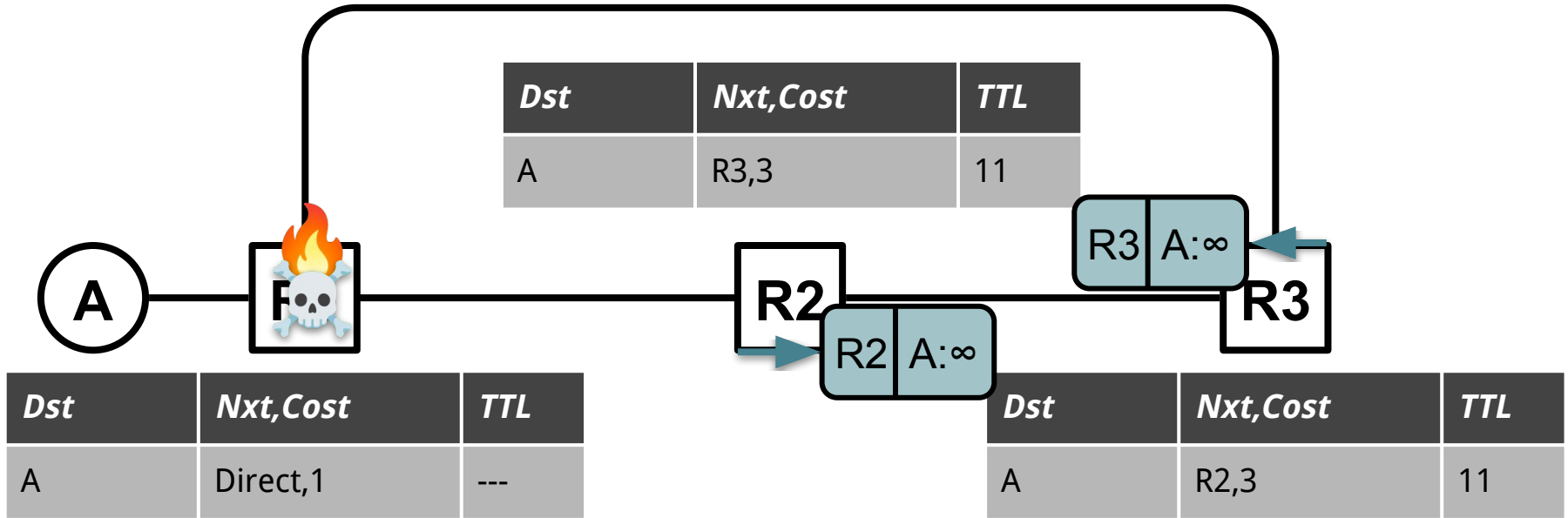
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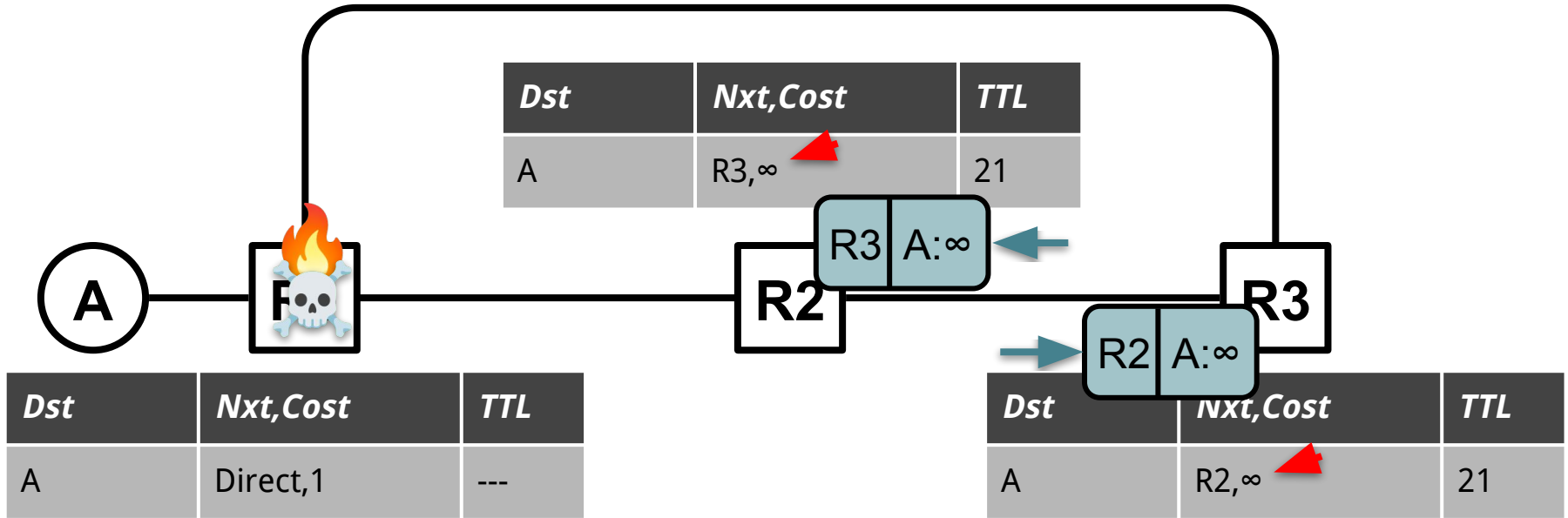




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**With poison reverse, loopy state exists until next advertisement**

## D-V: Poison

- Poisoning and poison reverse...
- In both cases, without poisoning, you would have *not* sent a route
- Instead, *send an explicitly terrible route* (any other route will be better)
  - (And never forward using these terrible infinite-length routes.)

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- Sometimes we can detect when a link fails
  - Immediately poison all table entries using that link
  - .. if there are any, advertise the newly poisoned ones!

## From B-F to D-V

- We refined our update rule
- We resolved some loopy problems with split horizon
- We ensured that we eventually converge instead of counting to infinity
- We made it robust to packet drops by advertising periodically
- We saw that we can adapt to new links easily
- We can identify failed links and dead routes by missing advertisements
- We can converge faster by explicitly signaling the absence of a route
- We can adapt more quickly by advertising when “triggered” by events
  
- This is now a pretty good routing protocol!



# Next Time

- Other types of routing protocols - *Link State*.
- Thus far - addressing has been an abstract concept.
- How do we address hosts on the Internet?
  - IPv4, IPv6.
- How do we avoid the need to advertise every single host in routing protocols?