- 1. Using a timing diagram to track the sequence of sent messages and acknowledgements, show that if messages can be reordered (i.e., a packet might be delayed and received after a packet that is subsequently sent), the rdt 3.0 state machine using alternating bits will not work as designed.
- 2. rdt3.0 seems to have solved all of the key problems that result in unreliable data transfer (e.g., packet corruption, packet loss).
 - (a) What is the main reason of introducing sliding windows on top of the stop-and-wait approach that rdt3.0 uses?
 - (b) Give a couple of special situations where stop-and-wait might perform similarly to a sliding-window approach.
- 3. For TCP, the lecture notes (slide 113) make the following statement: "receivers *can* buffer out of sequence packets".
 - (a) Why might a receiver choose NOT to do this?
 - (b) Does a sender need to know whether a receiver buffers out of sequence packets? Why? Why not?
- 4. Course handout https://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/teaching/2425/CompNet/fil es/compnet-exercises-student.pdf. Problems 15 and 16(b) and 16(c) (it's worth having a think about 16(a) but I don't think it's very relevant nor has it really been covered in the lectures).
- 5. When TCP implementations measure the RTT, what problem are they trying to solve? What does the value α in the exponential averaging function control?