

Configure VXLAN EVPN Traffic Engineering - Multi-Site Egress Load Balancing

This chapter describes how to configure the VXLAN EVPN Traffic Engineering (TE) - Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing feature on Cisco NX-OS devices.

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VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing

The VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing feature is a technology in the networking category that

- facilitates traffic steering,
- enables load balancing for data sent between different fabrics across multi-site links, and
- operates across an IP-based underlay network, also known as the Inter-site Network (ISN) to provide IP traffic engineering for overlay-encapsulated traffic over the underlay.

Multisite Core VPC Site-1 Anycast BGW VPC BGW

Topology of VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing

The VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing enhances the use of inter-data center links.

- In this topology, three VXLAN EVPN fabrics, that belong to the same Multi-Site domain, connect to the network through a local tier of Border Gateway devices (BGWs) at remote sites.
- Deployment of various BGW types, such as Anycast BGWs, vPC BGWs, and Border Gateway Spine devices is supported.
- Different connectivity options are allowed for interconnection such as
 - through direct BGW-to-BGW links, or
 - through a generic core infrastructure (ISN).
- Typically, the paths designated in orange serve as the best path or multipath for communication between endpoints at site-1 and site-2.
- Enabling the VXLAN EVPN TE Multi-Site egress load balancing feature gives access to additional traffic distribution paths beyond the best path such as
 - through an intermediary location, referred to as site-3 (highlighted in blue), or
 - through a generic core infrastructure (highlighted in green).

The alternative paths are available as part of unequal equal-cost multipath (uECMP) or weighted unequal equal-cost multipath (wuECMP).

Guidelines and Limitations for VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing

• Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.4(3)F, the VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing feature is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300 FX/FX2/FX3/GX/GX2 switches, and 9700-FX/GX line cards. However, only BGP-based underlay routing is currently supported.

- The VXLAN EVPN TE Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing feature is not supported on Cisco Nexus 9500 modular switches with 9500-FM-E Fabric Modules.
- VXLAN EVPN TE Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing supports the following features:
 - Load-balancing (LB) of egress traffic across underlay paths that may not be all best paths to remote sites.
 - Explicit and automatic LB policies for associating a specific "weight" (or load) to each multisite path. This comes with the two options of Weighted Equal-Cost Multi-Path (wECMP) and Weighted Unequal Equal-Cost Multipath (wuECMP).
 - · BGP-based underlay routing.
 - AS-Path based uECMP path selection.
 - Layer 3 Unicast uECMP/wuECMP in Underlay.
 - Layer 3 (EVPN Type-5) and Layer 2 (EVPN Type-2) Overlay Unicast ECMP/wuECMP.
 - · BUM forwarding:
 - BUM traffic will not be subject to egress load-balancing.
 - However, when ingress-replication is used for BUM forwarding across sites (DCI IR), the underlay next-hop path selection can use one among the egress load-balanced paths part of the multipath set and hence can benefit for uECMP in the underlay.
 - Software forwarding: In the baseline case for software forwarding, both Layer 2 and Layer 3 traffic support uECMP/wuECMP on an EVPN VXLAN Multisite setup.
 - CloudSec (PIP next-hop).
 - Firewall Clustering (PIP next-hop).
 - Downstream VNI. However, the DSVNI with dci-advertise-pip is not supported.



Note

The **dci-advertise-pip** command is required on the BGWs to start advertising Type-2 and Type-5 EVPN prefixes with PIP as next-hop (instead than the Multi-Site VIP). In Dynamic weight (wuECMP) in Overlay and Underlay, and with AIGP in Underlay, on page 30 section, more information is provided on why it is required to perform wuECMP load-balancing for overlay traffic destined to not equal cost next-hop PIP addresses.

- VXLAN OAM.
- VXLAN Policy-Based Routing (PBR).
- VXLAN EVPN TE Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing does not support the following features:
 - VXLAN with IPv6 Underlay.
 - The hardware profile ecmp resilient configuration with weighted ECMP/uECMP.
 - Multicast overlay traffic.

- The wuECMP is not supported on Cisco Nexus 9500 Series switches with 9700-FX line cards.
- For a successful downgrade from Cisco NX-OS Release 10.4(3)F to a prior release, ensure that the VXLAN EVPN TE Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing configuration has been removed.

VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing configurations

The configuration of the VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing feature includes three main configurations.



Note

Apply these configurations to the BGW only.

- Creation of a Filter Policy: Identifies the remote destination overlay next-hop IP address to which we want to distribute traffic across the underlay path part of the same multipath set. This address could be the common Multi-Site VIP of the remote BGWs or their unique PIPs (when dci-advertise-pip is configured).
- Creation of a Multipath Policy: Defines the criteria that classify underlay paths as part of a multipath set. This definition enables the provisioning of multiple use cases, such as uECMP and wuECMP with static or dynamic weights. Specifically, in cases where multiple overlay next-hops are present (such as BGWs' PIP addresses), wuECMP can be extended to include the selection of next-hop addresses, creating a "multi-level" load-sharing effect.
- Enabling Resolution in the ELB VRF: Enables the resolution of underlay paths using the underlay table in egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF to reach the destination overlay next-hop IP address, rather than using the routing table in the default VRF.

Egress load balance resolution VRF

The **egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF** is a new internal VRF that is created automatically by the system. This VRF is not configurable and cannot be deleted.

When the VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing feature is configured, this new VRF serves to

- import and install the underlay protocol (currently BGP only) routes into this table,
- perform overlay next-hop resolution in this table instead of the default table, and
- allow more underlay paths for intersite communication, on top of the best paths installed in the default VRF.

Create an egress load balance filter policy for underlay

You can configure the filter policy to identify the underlay routes, such as remote VTEPs of interest, which require egress Load-balancing across multiple underlay paths.

To configure the egress load balance filter policy on the BGW, follow these steps:

Procedure

Step 1 Run the **ip prefix-list** *prefix-list-name* **seq** *value* **permit** *nexthop-ipaddress* command in configuration mode to configure the prefix list to match the remote next-hops.

Example:

```
switch# config terminal
switch(config)# ip prefix-list remote_nexthop seq 5 permit 10.10.112.1/32
```

Step 2 Run the **route-map** *route-map-name* command to create a route map.

Example:

```
switch(config) # route-map ROUTE_MAP_1
switch(config-route-map) #
```

The egress load balance logic applies only to VTEP routes or next-hops specified in the filter policy using a route map.

Step 3 Match the underlay routes using either the community attribute or a prefix-list.

Example:

```
switch(config-route-map)# match ip address prefix-list remote_nexthop
OR
switch(config-route-map)# match community BGPCommunity
```

• match ip address prefix-list prefix-list-name

OR

- match community community-list
- **Step 4** Run the **router bgp** *as-number* command in global configuration mode to enter BGP router configuration mode.

Example:

```
switch(config) # router bgp 65001
switch(config-router) #
```

Step 5 Run the **address-family ipv4 unicast** command to configure the IPv4 unicast address family.

Example:

```
switch(config-router)# address-family ipv4 unicast
switch(config-router-af)#
```

Run the [no] load-balance egress filter-policy route-map route-map-name command to restrict the egress load balance (ELB) to the VTEP routes of interest by enabling the filter policy.

Example:

```
switch(config-router-af)# load-balance egress filter-policy route-map ROUTE_MAP_1
```

You can tag the underlay routes with either a community attribute or a prefix-list. Use the command in the **no** form to remove the filter policy.

Note

- When filtered by community, the advertising egress BGW must tag all paths for a given route with the same community.
- Ensure that you configure the filter policy so that the system can compute ELB's paths for the prefixes.

Creating an Egress Load-Balancing Auto-Multipath Policy for Underlay

You can configure an auto-multipath policy using a route-map that specifies the maximum number of underlay paths to be computed and the criteria for assigning those underlay paths to the same multi-path sets. This policy can match one or more configured thresholds, such as AIGP metric or AS-Path difference, when compared to the best path. In the absence of an auto-multipath policy, only the best path is installed.

To configure an Egress Load Balancing Auto-Multipath policy for the underlay, follow these steps:

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. configure terminal
- 2. ip prefix-list prefix-list-name seq value permit nexthop-ipaddress
- **3.** route-map-name
- 4. exit
- 5. router bgp as-number
- 6. address-family ipv4 unicast
- 7. [no] load-balance egress multipath auto-policy route-map route-map-name

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

Step 1 configure terminal

Example:

```
switch# config terminal
switch(config)#
```

Enters global configuration mode.

Note

Proceed with step 2 only if the prefix-list has not been created.

Step 2 ip prefix-list prefix-list-name seq value permit nexthop-ipaddress

Example:

```
switch(config)# ip prefix-list remote_nexthop seq 5 permit 10.10.112.1/32
```

Configures the prefix list to match the remote next-hops.

Step 3 route-map-name

This route-map is to group underlay paths as part of the same multipath set even if they are unequal (and inferior) to the best path. This can be done based on the configured difference of AIGP-metric or AS-Path length for those underlay paths when compared to these values for the best-path.

Note

Use the 'match' and 'set' commands to configure the system according to the specified requirements.

The egress load-balance automatic multipath policies can be enabled as below:

Example:

```
switch(config-route-map) # route-map ROUTE MAP 2
```

a) set maximum-paths max-path-value

Example:

```
switch(config-route-map) # set maximum-paths 5
```

Configures the maximum number of multipath to be computed and installed for egress load-balancing. The range is 1–64.

AND

b) set as-path-length difference as-path-diff-value

Example:

```
switch(config-route-map)# set as-path-length difference 5
```

Configures the difference in AS-Path-length compared to the best path that underlay paths must have to be considered for unequal cost load balance. The range is 1–255.

c) set aigp-metric difference value

Example:

```
switch(config-route-map)# set aigp-metric difference 100
```

Configures the difference in AIGP metric value compared to best path that underlay paths must have to be considered for unequal cost load balance. The range is 1–4294967295.

Note

For more information on how to configure and use AIGP metric information, see Configuration examples for VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing, on page 16.

Step 4 exit

Example:

```
switch(config-route-map) # exit
switch(config) #
```

Enter BGP router configuration mode.

Step 5 router bgp as-number

Example:

```
switch(config)# router bgp 65001
switch(config-router)#
```

Enter BGP router configuration mode.

Step 6 address-family ipv4 unicast

Example:

```
switch(config-router)# address-family ipv4 unicast
switch(config-router-af)#
```

Configures the IPv4 unicast address family.

Step 7 [no] load-balance egress multipath auto-policy route-map route-map-name

Example:

```
switch(config-router-af)# load-balance egress multipath auto-policy route-map ROUTE_MAP_2
```

Configures the parameters to control automatic multipath selection and load-sharing in BGP.

Use the **no** form of this command to remove the parameters configuration.

In the absence of the auto multipath policy only the best-path is installed.

Note

If a community match is used to select the prefix, all paths for this prefix should be tagged with the same community by the advertising egress BGW, which can be done by tagging the prefix during origination into BGP.

Weight Derivation in Underlay

The configuration described in the previous section allowed to add unequal underlay paths to the same multipath set together with the best-paths, to enable equal load balancing of traffic across all these paths (uECMP).

This section describes instead how to statically assign a weight to the underlay paths part of the same multipath set to better distribute overlay traffic flows among them. Two options are available for this: the first consists of assigning a different static weight to the best-path(s) and a different static weight to the set of underlay paths that are unequal (and inferior) to the best-path but still are added to the multipath set based on specific criteria (AS-Path length or AIGP metric). The second option allows instead to explicitly assign a static weight to a specific underlay path.

Load Share Weight Calculation

If the auto-multipath policy contains either or both of the following commands, then BGP will use Load Share Weight Calculation (LSWC) to derive the weight:

- set load-share multipath-equal-group
- set load-share multipath-unequal-group



Note

- A set of underlay paths that are equivalent to the best path in terms of AS-Path length, is categorized as a **multipath-equal-group**.
- A set of underlay paths that do not match the best path's quality but fall within a specified difference threshold for AS-Path length is categorized as a **multipath-unequal-group**.

In the following example-1, BGP will use LSWC to derive the weight of multiple underlay paths. The unequal underlay paths are added to the **multipath-unequal-group** if their AS-Path length falls withing the configure difference (4) when compared to the best-path:

```
route-map auto-multipath permit 10
match ip address prefix-list site_A_BGW2
set as-path length difference 4
set maximum-paths 64
set load-share multipath-equal-group 40
set load-share multipath-unequal-group 60
```

In the following example-2, BGP the unequal underlay paths are instead added to the **multipath-unequal-group** if their AIGP metric falls withing the configure difference (10) when compared to the best-path AIGP metric:

```
route-map auto-multipath permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list site_A_BGW2
  set aigp-metric difference 10
  set maximum-paths 64
  set load-share multipath-equal-group 40
  set load-share multipath-unequal-group 60
```

In the preceding example, if only one of the multipath groups is configured (**load-share multipath-equal-group**) or **load-share multipath-unequal-group**) the other one will be implicitly assumed as configured by BGP with a value of 1.

Explicit Load Share Weight Calculation

Explicit load share paths requires the definition of route-maps that match a specific next-hop or path associated with a destination IP address. This configuration has the characteristics mentioned below:

- These are specific route-map entries that precede the auto-multipath route-map entry in precedence.
- An auto-multipath rule may or may not be present with explicit load share rules.
- There are a maximum of 64 explicit path entries allowed per destination. This is independent of the maximum path attribute specified in auto-multipath.
- For any explicit load share rule that matches a path for a particular destination, that path is not included or processed by the auto-multipath rule if it exists. This may also be a path that doesn't qualify as ECMP or uECMP.
- With auto-multipath (alone) there is always a path that qualifies for the **multipath-equal-group**, which is the best path. If there is an explicit load share rule that matches the best path for a destination, it's possible for the **multipath-equal-group** to have 0 path. (This would happen if there were no other ECMP paths toward that destination).
- The explicit load share value for a path is proportional to ECMP or uECMP load share values specified in the auto-multipath (if it exists).
- With auto-multipath, a calculation is done to produce individual weights for each of the paths in the ECMP or uECMP groups. This value is a function of the number of paths in each group and the specified load share values.
- If only explicit load-share paths are defined (with no auto-multipath), the values specified in the command will be used as the weights for load sharing.
- If there is no load-share specified for the explicit load share weight policy, there is no default value, and the policy will have no effect.

• The path identified as "best path" is always assigned a weight and downloaded to URIB. This occurs even if there is no explicit load-share policy specified for the best path. If no explicit load-share is specified for the best path, and there is no auto-multipath policy exists, the best path will appear with a weight of 1 in the URIB.

To enable load-balance egress explicit policy, follow these steps:

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. configure terminal
- 2. router bgp as-number
- 3. route-map routemap-name permit value
- 4. match ip address prefix-list dest-IPaddress
- 5. match ip next-hop prefix-list path value
- **6. set load-share** *value*

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	<pre>switch# config terminal switch(config)#</pre>		
Step 2	router bgp as-number	Enter BGP router configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	<pre>switch(config) # router bgp 100 switch(config-router) #</pre>		
Step 3	route-map routemap-name permit value	Creates a route map or enters route-map configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	<pre>switch(config)# route-map load_distribute permit 6</pre>		
Step 4	match ip address prefix-list dest-IPaddress	The underlay routes are matched using a prefix-list.	
	Example:		
	<pre>switch(config-route-map)# match ip address prefix-list match_ip</pre>		
Step 5	match ip next-hop prefix-list path value	Explicit load share paths match a specific next-hop or path	
	Example:	associated with a destination IP address.	
	<pre>switch(config-route-map) # match ip next-hop prefix-list path1</pre>		

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 6	set load-share value	Sets the explicit load share paths as specified in the	
	Example:	configuration.	
	switch(config-route-map)# set load-share 199		

Example

If an explicit load-share command, such as **set load-share**, is configured within an auto-multipath policy based on a prefix or next-hop match, it will only take effect if the policy also contains either of one or more LSWC multipath-group commands.

In the following example-1, BGP will use LSWC to derive the weight although **set aigp-metric difference** is defined and, in this case, the explicit load-share will be computed for the matching prefix and next-hop:

```
route-map auto-multipath permit 6
match ip address prefix-list match_ip
match ip next-hop prefix-list path1
set load-share 100

route-map auto-multipath permit 10
match ip address prefix-list site_A_BGW2
set as-path-length difference 4
set aigp-metric difference 100
set maximum-paths 64
set load-share multipath-equal-group 40
set load-share multipath-unequal-group 60
```

In the following example-2, BGP will use AMWC to compute the weight and the explicit load-share will be ignored:

```
route-map auto-multipath permit 6
  match ip address prefix-list match_ip
  match ip next-hop prefix-list path1
  set load-share 100

route-map auto-multipath permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list site_A_BGW2
  set as-path-length difference 4
  set aigp-metric difference 100
  set maximum-paths 64
```

Enabling Egress Load-Balancing for Overlay

For enabling overlay (EVPN) prefixes next-hop resolution through **egress-loadbalance-resolution- vrf** in underlay, follow these steps:

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. configure terminal
- 2. router bgp as-number
- 3. address-family l2vpn evpn
- 4. [no] nexthop load-balance egress multisite

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch# config terminal switch(config)#</pre>			
Step 2	router bgp as-number	Enter BGP router configuration mode.		
	<pre>Example: switch(config) # router bgp 100 switch(config-router) #</pre>			
Step 3	address-family l2vpn evpn	Configures the L2VPN address family.		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch(config-router)# address-family 12vpn evpn switch((config-router-af)#</pre>			
Step 4	[no] nexthop load-balance egress multisite	Enables overlay (EVPN) next-hop resolution using the corresponding IPv4 or IPv6 table in egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF. For more		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch(config-router-af)# nexthop load-balance egress multisite</pre>	information on egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF's table, see VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing configurations, on page 4.		
		Use the no form of this command to remove the egress load balancing configuration for overlay.		
		The multisite option restricts this functionality to only the EVPN next-hops that are learned from the multi-site network. This applies to both Type-2 and Type-5 routes imported into various VRFs.		
		Note This configuration must be enabled after enabling egress-load-balance computation in the underlay table.		

Enabling uECMP or wuECMP Load-Balancing for Overlay

You can enable unequal cost or weighted load-balance among multiple overlay next-hops.



Note

This configuration does not support VIP next-hops.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# config terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	router bgp as-number	Enter BGP router configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config) # router bgp 100 switch(config-router) #</pre>	
Step 3	address-family l2vpn evpn	Configures the L2VPN address family.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config-router)# address-family 12vpn evpn switch((config-router-af)#</pre>	
Step 4	nexthop load-balance egress multisite	Enables overlay (EVPN) next-hop resolution using the
	Example:	corresponding IPv4 or IPv6 table in egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF's. For more
	<pre>switch(config-router-af)# nexthop load-balance egress multisite</pre>	information on egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF's
	egress murcisite	table, see VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing configurations, on page 4
Step 5	[no] maximum-path value	Configures the maximum path as specified for egress load balancing.
	Example:	Use the no form of this command to remove the maximum
	<pre>switch(config-router-af)# maximum-path 64</pre>	path for egress load balancing.
		Note If the specified value is >1, along with the below command (maximum-paths unequal-cost) then the wuECMP for the overlay next-hops will be enabled automatically deriving the weight based on next-hop metric for those next-hops.
Step 6	[no] maximum-paths unequal-cost	Configures the Unequal Multipath in Overlay.
	Example:	Use the no form of this command to disable Unequal
	switch(config-router-af)# maximum-path unequal-cost	Multipath in Overlay
		• If the nexthop load-balance egress multisite command is configured along with maximum-path, and maximum-path unequal commands, the overlay next-hops will be programmed with weight only if there are multiple overlay next-hops and the igp_metrics of those next-hops are different. The overlay next-hops will be resolved using egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF table.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		• If the nexthop load-balance egress multisite command is not configured but maximum-path, and maximum-path unequal commands are configured, the overlay next-hops will be programmed with weight only if there are multiple overlay next-hops and the igp_metrics of those next-hops are different. The overlay next-hops will be resolved using default table.
Step 7	exit	Exits command mode.
	<pre>Example: switch(config-router-af)# exit switch(config-router)#</pre>	
Step 8	(Optional) [no] bestpath igp-metric ignore Example: switch(config-router)# bestpath igp-metric ignore	This Configuration will cause the igp_metric of the overlay next-hops to be ignored by best path and hence will have ECMP (from wuECMP) in overlay even if maximum-paths unequal-cost is configured. Use the no form of this command to disable the ECMP/wuECMP.

Verifying VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing Configuration

To display the VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing configuration information, enter one of the following commands:

Command	Purpose	
show ip ipv6 route [detail] vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-	Displays a special internal VRF that is automatically created. This VRF will be implicitly used internally when the egress load-balance configuration is enabled under BGP.	
	When BGP is configured with an ELB filter-policy and an auto-multipath policy, it will inherit the best path for a route from the default table and will include additional ELB paths based on the ELB policy.	
	When the detail option is enabled, it will display the weight that BGP sends to the RIB, if wuECMP is configured.	
	Note Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.4(3)F, the table id for the egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF will be statically allocated with a value of 4089/0x0ff9 and will be outside the "limit-resource vrf" pool of allocation. It will not impact any existing user configuration.	
show ip ipv6 route [detail] vrf tenant_vrf	Displays the overlay prefix in an EVPN-VXLAN tenant VRF where the nexthop is resolved via egress-loadbalance-resolution- table instead of default table.	
	When the detail option is enabled, it will display the weight assigned to the next-hop that is sent from BGP to RIB, if wuECMP is configured.	
show bgp ipv4 unicast ipaddress vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-	Displays the underlay BGP routes and next-hops, including the derived AIGP metric if AIGP is configured in the underlay. For wuECMP cases, it shows the weight, which is derived dynamically (i.e., from the AIGP metric or from a statically configured load-share-weight). In the case of uECMP or ECMP, there will be no weight displayed.	
show l2route evpn mac all detail	Displays the next-hops with weight for the mac routes, if wuECMP is configured.	
show l2route evpn ead es detail	Displays the weight associated with the next-hops for the EAD/ES route if wuECMP is configured.	

Configuration examples for VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site egress load balancing

This section explains how to configure and verify the use cases of the VXLAN EVPN TE Multi-Site egress load balancing feature.

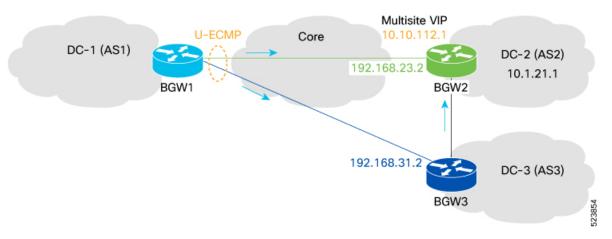
- uECMP in the underlay and single EVPN next-hop for overlay prefixes.
- Static wuECMP with load-share, explicit load-share in the underlay, and single EVPN next-hop for overlay prefixes.
- Dynamic weight (wuECMP) in overlay and underlay and with AIGP in underlay.

uECMP in Underlay, single EVPN next-hop for Overlay prefixes

As highlighted in the figure below, in this use case all the overlay prefixes advertised from DC-2 toward DC-1 have a single EVPN next-hop represented by the Multi-Site VIP address shared by all the BGW devices in DC-2 (only one device, BGW2, is shown for simplicity in the figure).

Underlay reachability from the BGW1 device in DC-1 to the Multi-Site VIP in DC-2 is possible using the following two underlay paths:

- 1. Green path: The best path connecting BGW1 to BGW2
- 2. Blue path: The less favorable path going through BGW3 in DC-3 (alternatively, the suboptimal blue path could go through one or more router devices part of the Core infrastructure).



The goal in this use case is to ensure that both the green and blue underlay paths can be equally used for any overlay communication between DC-1 and DC2. For this to be possible, the two paths must be considered as uECMP paths part of a same multipath set and the configuration steps below applied to the BGW1 device in DC-1 achieve this purpose.

Enable VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing uECMP in Underlay

All the commands below must be configured on the BGW1 device in DC-1.

1. Create a Filter-policy.

• Specify the underlay routes to enable ELB uECMP. In this case, the underlay route is the Multi-Site VIP address in DC-2 representing the next-hop for the overlay prefixes advertised to DC-1.

```
ip prefix-list site2 ms vip seq 5 permit 10.10.112.1/32
```

• Create a route-map and apply the previously configured prefix-list in the match condition.

```
route-map Filter-Policy permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list site2 ms vip
```

2. Enable ELB Filter-policy (under the IPv4 or IPv4 BGP address-family).

```
router bgp 1
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress filter-policy route-map Filter-Policy
```

3. Verify the installation of DC-2 Multi-Site VIP route in the **Egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF table. At this point, only the green best-path is considered to reach the destination.

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0

*via 192.168.23.2%default, [20/0], 16:36:15, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green path
```

- **4.** Create a Multipath Auto-policy.
 - Provide the criteria to assign unequal underlay paths to the multipath set together with the best path. Differences in BGP attributes, such as AS-Path length, can be considered to group unequal underlay paths as part of the same multipath set.
 - Specify the maximum number of underlay paths part of the multipath set to be computed and installed for 'Egress Load Balancing'.

```
route-map Auto-Policy permit 10
set as-path-length difference 1 <1 to 255>
set maximum-paths 2 <1 to 64>
```

5. Enable the ELB Multipath Auto-policy under the IPv4 or IPv6 BGP address-family.

```
router bgp 1
address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress multipath auto-policy route-map Auto-Policy
```

6. Verify routes in Egress-loadbalance-resolution VRF table of URIB. The blue suboptimal path has been added to the green best-path as a viable option to reach the Multi-Site VIP address in DC-2.

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 2/0

*via 192.168.23.2%default, [20/0], 00:44:17, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green path

*via 192.168.31.2%default, [20/0], 00:44:17, bgp-1, external, tag 3, uecmp ! Blue path
```

Enabling Resolution in the ELB VRF for uECMP in Overlay

- 1. Enable Overlay Next-hop Resolution using the Egress Load Balancing uECMP Underlay Paths.
 - This command enables resolution of EVPN next-hops using the Egress-loadbalance-resolution-VRF table. Therefore, both underlay paths (the green and the unequal blue one) would be used for equal cost load-balancing of intersite traffic.

• This command must be enabled under the BGP L2VPN EVPN address-family after enabling the Egress Load Balancing computation in the underlay table.

```
router bgp 1
  address-family 12vpn evpn
  nexthop load-balance egress multisite
```

2. Verify overlay routes in Tenant VRF table. As shown below, reachability to an overlay prefix in DC-2 from the BGW1 device in DC-1 is through the DC-2 Multi-Site VIP address (10.10.112.1) and the lookup for that is to be performed in the **egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF. As a result, traffic will be distributed evenly across the two installed underlay paths. (as shown above).

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001

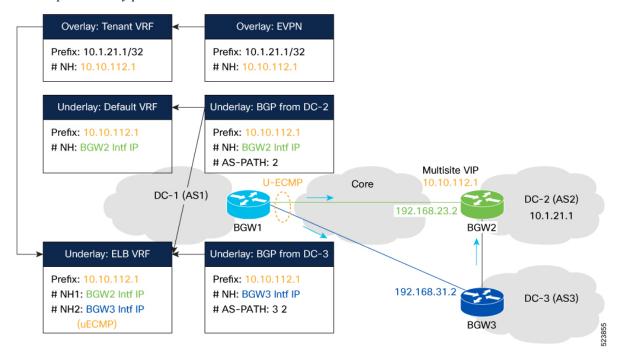
10.1.21.1/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0

*via 10.10.112.1%egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 04:43:40, bgp-1, external, tag 2,

eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x67027001 encap: VXLAN
```

uECMP Routing details

This section provides more detailed troubleshooting information for the uECMP in Underlay, single EVPN next-hop for Overlay prefixes use case.



1. Underlay Route Programming

The DC-2 Multi-Site VIP routereceived from remote BGWs via uECMP underlay paths is programmed on the BGW1 device in DC-1 into the BGP routing table and unicast routing table for the egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF.

The following example shows the sample output for the following components:

• BGP - uECMP: Note how the second path is labeled as **multipath uecmp**, since the AS-Path difference is 1, matching the previously defined criteria to considered underlay paths part of the same multi-path set.

• URIB - uECMP: The following example shows how the two uECMP paths equally leveraged to reach DC-2 Multi-Site VIP destination.

```
BGWl# show ip route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
<Truncated>
10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 2/0
    *via 192.168.23.2%default, [20/0], 17:58:44, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp !
Green path
    *via 192.168.31.2%default, [20/0], 17:58:44, bgp-1, external, tag 3, uecmp !
Green path
```

• FIB - uECMP:

BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

2. Overlay Route Programming

The **egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF** will be used to resolve the remote VIP next-hops associated to the received overlay routes.

The following example shows the sample output for following components:

• BGP:

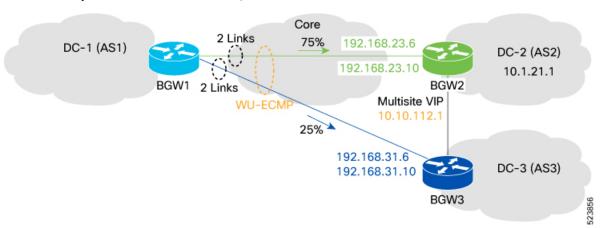
• URIB:

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
 10.1.21.1/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0
    *via 10.10.112.1%egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 00:28:03, bgp-1,
 external.
    tag 2, eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x67027001 encap: VXLAN
• FIB:
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
 Prefix
              | Next-hop
                                  | Interface | Labels | Partial
 Install
 10.1.21.1/32
                  10.10.112.1
                                       nve1
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
 Prefix
               | Next-hop
                                  | Interface | Labels
 Install
 Ethernet1/6
                                       Ethernet1/7
```

Static wuECMP with Load-Share and Explicit load-share in Underlay, and single EVPN next-hop for Overlay Prefixes

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As highlighted in the figure below, also in this use case all the overlay prefixes advertised from DC-2 toward DC-1 have a single EVPN next-hop represented by the Multi-Site VIP address shared by all the BGW devices in DC-2. Underlay reachability from the BGW1 device in DC-1 to the Multi-Site VIP in DC-2 is possible via four underlay paths: two green ECMP best-paths connecting BGW1 to BGW2 and two less favorable underlay paths going through BGW3 in DC-3 (alternatively, the suboptimal blue paths could go through one or more router devices part of the Core infrastructure).



The goal in this use case is to ensure that both green and blue underlay paths can be used for overlay communication between DC-1 and DC2, but with a different traffic load-share (75% of the traffic should use

the green paths and only 25% the blue paths). The configuration steps below applied to the BGW1 device in DC-1 achieve this purpose.

- 1. Create a Filter-policy.
 - Specify the underlay routes to enable ELB wuECMP. In this case, the underlay route is the Multi-Site VIP address in DC-2 representing the next-hop for the overlay prefixes advertised to DC-1.

```
ip prefix-list site2_ms_vip seq 5 permit 10.10.112.1/32
```

• Create a route-map and apply the previously configured prefix-list in the match condition.

```
route-map Filter-Policy permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list site2 ms vip
```

2. Enable ELB Filter-policy (under the IPv4 or IPv4 BGP address-family).

```
router bgp 1
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress filter-policy route-map Filter-Policy
```

BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

3. Verify routes in **Egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF table. By default, only the two green ECMP underlay paths are installed to reach the Multi-Site VIP address in DC-2.

```
10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0
*via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/0], 16:36:15, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green
```

*via 192.168.23.10%default, [20/0], 16:37:41, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green Path

- 4. Create a Multipath Auto-policy. For more information, see Load Share Weight Calculation, on page 8.
 - Provide differences in BGP attributes such as AS-Path length that can be considered to group underlay
 paths as part of the same multipath set.
 - Specify the maximum number of multipaths to be computed and installed for 'Egress Load Balance'. In this case, the value is 4 (two green and two blue paths).
 - Specify the Load-Share Weight to be associated to the ECMP Path-set and uECMP Path-set of underlay paths. The goal, as shown in the figure above, is to send 75% of the traffic on the green best path underlay links and 25% on the blue unequal underlay links.

```
route-map Auto-Policy permit 10
  set as-path-length difference 1 <1 to 255>
  set maximum-paths 4 <1 to 64>
  set load-share multipath-equal-group 3 <1 to 255>
  set load-share multipath-unequal-group 1 <1 to 255>
```

5. Enable ELB Multipath Auto-policy under the IPv4 or IPv6 BGP address-family.

```
router bgp 1
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress multipath auto-policy route-map Auto-policy
```

6. Verify wuECMP with load-share routes in **Egress-loadbalance-resolution** VRF table of URIB. The blue suboptimal paths have been added to the green best-paths as viable options to reach the Multi-Site VIP address in DC-2, but with a different weight (1).

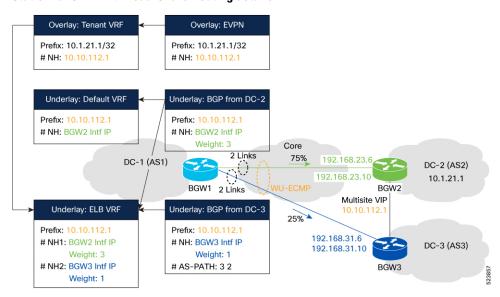
```
BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 detail vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
```

```
*via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:3, external, tag 2, uecmp !
Green Path
    *via 192.168.23.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:3, external, tag 2, uecmp !
Green Path
    *via 192.168.31.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp !
Blue Path
    *via 192.168.31.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp !
Blue Path
```

Because of the automatic load-share configuration applied to ECMP and uECMP paths, the two green path has been assigned a total weight of 3 (1.5 each), whereas the two blue paths has a total weight of 1 (0.5 each). Consequently, 75% of the overlay traffic from DC-1 to DC-2 is routed through the green paths, while the remaining 25% traverses the blue paths:

```
Green paths: (3+3)/(3+3+1+1) = 0.75
Blue paths: (1+1)/(3+3+0.5+0.5) = 0.25
```

Static wuECMP with Load-Share Routing details



1. Underlay Route Programming

The DC-2 Multi-Site VIP route received from remote BGWs via uECMP underlay paths is programmed on the BGW1 device in DC-1 into the BGP routing table and unicast routing table for the **egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF.

The following example shows the sample output for following components:

• BGP: Note how the second path is labeled as "**multipath uecmp**" even if it is actually an ECMP path with the first best-path one. The other two paths are proper "**multipath uecmp**", since the AS-Path difference is 1, matching the previously defined criteria to considered underlay paths part of the same multi-path set. Additionally, a 3:1 weight ratio is applied to the two sets of paths because of the load-share configuration.

```
BGW1# show bgp ipv4 unicast 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
<Truncated>
Advertised path-id 1
Path type: external, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop, in rib
Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
```

```
AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
     192.168.23.6 (metric 0) from 192.168.23.6 (101.2.33.1)
       Origin incomplete, MED 0, localpref 100, weight 0, load share weight 3
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
 no labeled nexthop, in rib
             Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
    192.168.23.10 (metric 0) from 192.168.23.10 (101.2.33.1)
      Origin incomplete, MED 0, localpref 100, weight 0, load share weight 3
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
 uecmp, no labeled nexthop, in rib
             Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 3 2 , path sourced external to AS
    192.168.31.6 (metric 0) from 192.168.31.6 (101.3.33.1)
     Origin incomplete, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 0, load share weight 1
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
 uecmp, no labeled nexthop, in rib
             Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 3 2 , path sourced external to AS
    192.168.31.10 (metric 0) from 192.168.31.10 (101.3.33.1)
       Origin incomplete, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 0, load share weight 1
• URIB:
 BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 detail vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
 10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
    *via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:3, external, tag 2, uecmp
  I Green Path
 <Truncated>
    *via 192.168.23.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:3, external, tag 2, uecmp
  ! Green Path
 <Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp
  ! Blue Path
 <Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp
  ! Blue Path
 <Truncated>
• FIB:
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
 Prefix
                 | Next-hop
                                     | Interface
                                                     | Labels
                                                                       | Partial
 Install
 -----
 *10.10.112.1/32
                    192.168.23.6
                                           Ethernet1/22 >> 24 Entries
                    192.168.23.6
                                           Ethernet1/22
                     192.168.23.10
                                           Ethernet1/23 >> 24 Entries
                     192.168.23.10
                                           Ethernet1/23
                                           Ethernet1/32 >> 8 Entries
                     192.168.31.6
                     192.168.31.6
                                           Ethernet1/33
                     192.168.31.10
                                           Ethernet1/32 >> 8 Entries
                     192.168.31.10
```

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Ethernet1/33

The following summarizes the FIB forwarding entries created based on weight of ECMP (3) and uECMP (1) path sets:

• ECMP Path-Set: 48 Entries

• uECMP Path-Set: 16 Entries

• Traffic Ratio is 48:16=3:1

2. Overlay Route Programming

The **egress-loadbalance-resolution-VRF** table is used to resolve the VIP next-hop for the Overlay prefixes advertised from DC-2 to DC-1.

The following example shows the sample output for following components:

• BGP:

```
BGW1# show bgp 12vpn evpn 10.1.21.1
 <Truncated>
  Advertised path-id 1
  Path type: external, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop, has esi_gw
            Imported to 3 destination(s)
            Imported paths list: 3001 L3-3003001 L2-2001001
  AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
    10.10.112.1 (metric 0) from 101.2.33.1 (101.2.33.1)
      Origin IGP, MED 2000, localpref 100, weight 0
      Received label 2001001 3003001
      Extcommunity: RT:1:2001001 RT:1:3003001 S00:102.2.121.1:0
• URIB:
BGW1# show ip route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
 10.1.21.1/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0
    *via 10.10.112.1%egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 00:28:03, bqp-1,
 external.
    tag 2, eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x67027001 encap: VXLAN
• FIB:
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
 ______
                                 | Interface | Labels
 Prefix
              | Next-hop
                                                               | Partial
 Install
 10.1.21.1/32
                 10.10.112.1
                                     nve1
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
 Prefix
             | Next-hop
                                 | Interface | Labels
                                                               l Partial
 Install
  192.168.23.6 Ethernet1/22 >> 24 Entries 192.168.23.6 Ethernet1/22
 *10.10.112.1/32
                   192.168.23.10 Ethernet1/23 >> 24 Entries
                   192.168.23.10
                                      Ethernet1/23
                                 Ethernet1/32 >> 8 Entries
Ethernet1/33
                   192.168.31.6
                   192.168.31.6
```

```
192.168.31.10 Ethernet1/32 >> 8 Entries
192.168.31.10 Ethernet1/33
```

The following summarizes the FIB forwarding entries created based on weight of ECMP (3) and uECMP (1) path sets:

ECMP Path-Set: 48 Entries
uECMP Path-Set: 16 Entries
Traffic Ratio is 48: 16 = 3: 1

Enabling Resolution in the ELB VRF for Static wuECMP with Load-Share in Overlay

For both the use cases described above, it is then required to ensure that the resolution for the Multi-Site VIP next-hop address is done in the **Egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF table.

- 1. Enable Overlay Next-hop Resolution using Egress Load Balancing uECMP Underlay Paths.
 - This command enables resolution of EVPN next-hops using the Egress-loadbalance-resolution-VRF table.
 - This command must be enabled after enabling the Egress Load Balancing computation in the underlay table.

```
router bgp 1
  address-family 12vpn evpn
  nexthop load-balance egress multisite
```

2. Verify overlay routes in Tenant VRF table.

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001

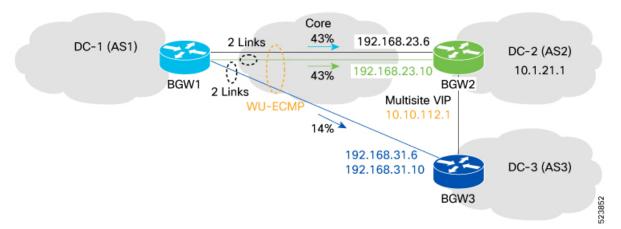
10.1.21.1/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0

*via 10.10.112.1%egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 04:43:40, bgp-1, external, tag 2,

eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x67027001 encap: VXLAN
```

Enable VXLAN EVPN TE - Multi-Site Egress Load-Balancing Static wuECMP with Explicit Load-Share in Underlay

The figure below shows a slight modification to the previously mentioned use case. In this use case, an explicit load-share configuration can be applied to one of the two green paths. By doing this, the particular green path is excluded from the **multipath-equal-group** set, resulting in a change to the overall distribution of traffic load among the green paths.



The configuration steps below are applied to BGW1 and are very similar to the ones described in the previous use case, with the only addition of the explicit load-share configuration.

- 1. Create a Filter-policy.
 - Specify the underlay routes to enable ELB wuECMP. Also in this case, the underlay route is the Multi-Site VIP address in DC-2 representing the next-hop for the overlay prefixes advertised to DC-1.

```
ip prefix-list site2 ms vip seq 5 permit 10.10.112.1/32
```

• Create a route-map and apply the previously configured prefix-list in the match condition.

```
route-map Filter-Policy permit 10
match ip address prefix-list site2 ms vip
```

2. Enable ELB Filter-policy (under the IPv4 or IPv4 BGP address-family).

```
router bgp 1
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress filter-policy route-map Filter-Policy
```

3. Verify routes in **Egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF table.

BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

```
10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 2/0
   *via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/0], 16:36:15, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green
Path
   *via 192.168.23.10%default, [20/0], 16:37:41, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green
Path
```

- 4. Create a Multipath Auto-policy. For more information, see Load Share Weight Calculation, on page 8.
 - Provide differences in BGP attributes such as AS-Path length that can be considered when choosing multipath.
 - Specify the maximum number of multipaths to be computed and installed for 'Egress Load Balance'.
 - For **Explicit Load share**, the load-share weight can be assigned to the explicit path that matches a specific next-hop associated with overlay next-hop (in this specific example is the green path with next-hop 192.168.23.6).

```
ip prefix-list MS_NH_S2_1 seq 5 permit 192.168.23.6/32
route-map Auto-Policy permit 5
```

```
match ip address prefix-list site2_ms_vip
match ip next-hop prefix-list MS_NH_S2_1
set load-share 3 <1 to 255>

route-map Auto-Policy permit 10
   set as-path-length difference 1 <1 to 255>
   set maximum-paths 4 <1 to 64>
   set load-share multipath-equal-group 3 <1 to 255>
   set load-share multipath-unequal-group 1 <1 to 255>
```

5. Enable ELB Multipath Auto-policy.

```
router bgp 1
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress multipath auto-policy route-map Auto-policy
```

6. Verify wuECMP with explicit load-share routes in **Egress-loadbalance-resolution**VRF table of URIB. The blue suboptimal paths have been added to the green best-paths as a viable options to reach the Multi-Site VIP address in DC-2.

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 detail vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
<Truncated>
10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
    *via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:6, external, tag 2, uecmp !
Green Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.23.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:6, external, tag 2, uecmp !
Green Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp !
Blue Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp !
Blue Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp !
Blue Path
<Truncated>
```

When comparing the output above with the one shown in the previous automatic load-share use case, the main difference is that now, because of the explicit load-share configuration, one of the green link has been taken out of the multipath-equal-group and hence got individually assigned a weight of 3. The other green link, only one remaining in the multipath-equal-group, also got assigned an individual weight of 3, whereas the two blue links continue to get assigned a total weight of 1. As a result, 86% of traffic is now using the green links (43% for each green link) and 14% is using the blue links (7% each):

```
Green paths: (6+6)/(6+6+1+1) = 0.86
Blue paths: (1+1)/(6+6+1+1) = 0.14
```

Overlay: Tenant VRF Overlay: EVPN Prefix: 10.1.21.1/32 Prefix: 10.1.21.1/32 # NH: 10.10.112.1 # NH: 10.10.112.1 Underlay: BGP from DC-2 Underlay: Default VRF Prefix: 10.10.112.1 Prefix: 10.10.112 # NH: BGW2 Intf IP # NH: BGW2 Intf IP # NH: BGW2 Intf IP Weight: 6 # NH: BGW2 Intf IP Weight: 6 Core 2 Links 192,168,23,6 DC-1 (AS1) () (a) DC-2 (AS2) 10.1.21.1 192.168.23.10 43% BGW1 2 Links BGW2 Multisite VIP Underlay: ELB VRF Underlay: BGP from DC-3 14% Prefix: 10.10.112.1 Prefix: 10.10.112.1 192.168.31.6 # NH1: BGW2 Intf IP # NH: BGW3 Intf IP DC-3 (AS3) 192.168.31.10 Weight: 6 Weight: 1 # NH2: BGW3 Intf IP # AS-PATH: 3 2 BGW3 Weight: 6 # NH3: BGW3 Intf IP Weight: 1

Static wuECMP with Explicit Load-Share Routing details

1. Underlay Route Programming

Underlay route with multipath received from remote BGWs is programmed to BGP routing table and Unicast routing table for egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF.

The following example shows the sample output for following components:

• BGP·

```
BGW1# show bgp ipv4 unicast 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
<Truncated>
 Advertised path-id 1
 Path type: external, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop, in rib
            Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
 AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
   192.168.23.6 (metric 0) from 192.168.23.6 (101.2.33.1)
      Origin incomplete, MED 0, localpref 100, weight 0, explicit weight 6
 Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
no labeled nexthop, in rib
            Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
 AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
   192.168.23.10 (metric 0) from 192.168.23.10 (101.2.33.1)
      Origin incomplete, MED 0, localpref 100, weight 0, load share weight 6
 Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
uecmp, no labeled nexthop, in rib
            Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
 AS-Path: 3 2 , path sourced external to AS
   192.168.31.6 (metric 0) from 192.168.31.6 (101.3.33.1)
      Origin incomplete, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 0, load share weight 1
 Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
uecmp, no labeled nexthop, in rib
            Imported from 10.10.112.1/32 (VRF default)
 AS-Path: 3 2 , path sourced external to AS
   192.168.31.10 (metric 0) from 192.168.31.10 (101.3.33.1)
      Origin incomplete, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 0, load share weight 1
```

• URIB:

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.10.112.1 detail vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
<Truncated>
10.10.112.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
    *via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:6, external, tag 2, uecmp
! Blue Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.23.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:6, external, tag 2, uecmp
! Green Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.6%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp
! Blue Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp
! Blue Path
<Truncated>
    *via 192.168.31.10%default, [20/0], 1w0d, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp
! Blue Path
<Truncated>
```

• FIB:

BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-<Truncated>

	1	1	
Next-hop	Interface	Labels	Partial
192.168.23.6 192.168.23.6	Etherne	t1/22 >> 27 Entries	
192.168.23.10 192.168.23.10		- , -	
192.168.31.6 192.168.31.6		- , -	
192.168.31.10 192.168.31.10		- , -	
	Next-hop	Next-hop	192.168.23.6 Ethernet1/22 >> 27 Entries 192.168.23.6 Ethernet1/22 192.168.23.10 Ethernet1/23 >> 27 Entries 192.168.23.10 Ethernet1/23 192.168.31.6 Ethernet1/32 >> 5 Entries 192.168.31.6 Ethernet1/33 192.168.31.10 Ethernet1/32 >> 5 Entries

The following summarizes the FIB forwarding entries created based on weight of explicit (3), ECMP (3), and uECMP (1) path sets:

• Explicit Path: 27 Entries

• ECMP Path-Set: 27 Entries

• uECMP Path-Set: 10 Entries

• Traffic Ratio is 27:27:10 = 3:3:1

2. Overlay Route Programming

Overlay routes will use **egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF table to resolve the VIP/PIP next-hops for the fabric external path.

The following example shows the sample output for following components:

• BGP:

```
BGW1# show bgp l2vpn evpn 10.1.21.1

<Truncated>
Advertised path-id 1
Path type: external, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop, has esi_gw
```

```
Imported to 3 destination(s)
            Imported paths list: 3001 L3-3003001 L2-2001001
  AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
    10.10.112.1 (metric 0) from 101.2.33.1 (101.2.33.1)
      Origin IGP, MED 2000, localpref 100, weight 0
      Received label 2001001 3003001
      Extcommunity: RT:1:2001001 RT:1:3003001 SOO:102.2.121.1:0
• URIB:
 BGW1# show ip route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
 10.1.21.1/32. ubest/mbest: 1/0
    *via 10.10.112.1%eqress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 00:28:03, bqp-1,
    tag 2, eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x67027001 encap: VXLAN
• FIB:
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
              | Next-hop
                                  | Interface | Labels | Partial
 Install
 10.1.21.1/32 10.10.112.1 nvel
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.112.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
               | Next-hop
                                  | Interface
                                                | Labels
 Install
      *10.10.112.1/32 192.168.23.6 Ethernet1/22 >> 27 Entries
                                      Ethernet1/22
                  192.168.23.6
                   192.168.23.10 Ethernet1/23 >> 27 Entries
192.168.23.10 Ethernet1/23
                                  Ethernet1/32 >> 5 Entries
                   192.168.31.6
                   192.168.31.6
                                      Ethernet1/33
                   . . . . .
                   192.168.31.10
                                       Ethernet1/32 >> 5 Entries
                                Ethernet1/33
                   192.168.31.10
```

The following summarizes the FIB forwarding entries created based on weight of explicit (3), ECMP (3), and uECMP (1) path sets:

• Explicit Path: 27 Entries

• ECMP Path-Set: 27 Entries

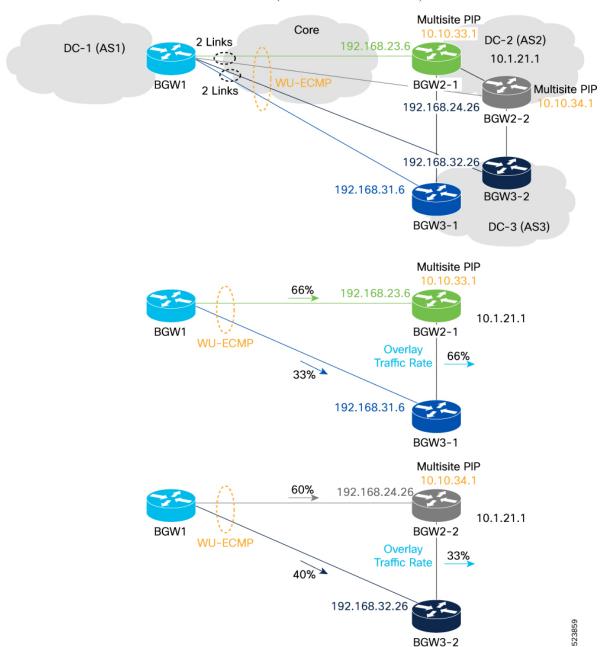
• uECMP Path-Set: 10 Entries

• Traffic Ratio is 27:27:10 = 3:3:1

Dynamic weight (wuECMP) in Overlay and Underlay, and with AIGP in Underlay

The figure below shows the scenario where the BGW devices in DC-2 have been configured with the "dci-advertise-pip" command, so that all the overlay prefixes get advertised to DC-1 using their unique

Multi-Site PIP addresses as next-hop. Because of the specific topology shown below, BGW1 has multiple underlay paths to reach each of the Multi-Site PIP addresses of the BGWs in DC-2, some more direct and some indirect through the BGW nodes in DC-3 (as always, those could simply be routers in the Core instead). Differently to the static weight examples previously discussed, this section covers how to use a more dynamic approach, based on the use of AIGP metric, to assign different weights to the different underlay paths used to reach the two Multi-Site PIP addresses in DC-2 (10.10.33.1 and 10.10.34.1).



Dynamic wuECMP with AIGP in Underlay

1. Originate underlay routes with AIGP metric.

- Specify the underlay routes that need to be advertised with associated an AIGP metric. In this use case, those routes will be the Multi-Site PIP addresses of the BGW nodes in DC-2, representing the next-hops of the overlay prefixes advertised to BGW1 in DC-1.
- On the originator nodes (BGW2-1/BGW2-2), the following two options are available to originate prefixes with AIGP metric:
 - IGP cost
 - · Static metric

In the specific use cases being discussed, where the prefix advertised includes the AIGP metric and represents the BGW PIP loopback IP address, utilizing the IGP cost allows for the advertisement of such a prefix with an AIGP metric value of 0 to neighboring devices. Alternatively, it is possible to assign a specific metric value.

The configuration samples below must be applied to the BGW nodes in DC-2:

BGW2-1:

```
interface loopback1
 description #NVE Source#
  ip address 10.10.33.1/32 tag 54321
route-map RMAP-REDIST-DIRECT permit 10
 match tag 54321
 set aigp-metric igp-cost
router bgp 2
  address-family ipv4 unicast
   redistribute direct route-map RMAP-REDIST-DIRECT
BGW2-2:
interface loopback1
 description #NVE Source#
 ip address 10.10.34.1/32 tag 54321
route-map RMAP-REDIST-DIRECT permit 10
 match tag 54321
  set aigp-metric 4 <0 to 4294967295>
router bgp 2
  address-family ipv4 unicast
   redistribute direct route-map RMAP-REDIST-DIRECT
```



Note

You can either configure with **set aigp-metric** *value* or with **set aigp-metric igp-cost**. However, both variants cannot co-exist simultaneously.

2. Enable AIGP.

• Enable AIGP under BGP IPv4 AF for each BGP neighbor on all nodes including the originator BGWs (BGW1/BGW3-1/BGW3-2, core routers, etc..).

```
router bgp 1
  template peer BGP
```

```
address-family ipv4 unicast
aigp
```

3. Create a Filter-policy



Note

Steps 3 to 5 should be applied to the BGWs in DC1.

• Specify the underlay routes to enable ELB wuECMP. The underlay routes are the Multi-Site PIP addresses of the BGWs in DC-2 representing the next-hop for the overlay prefixes advertised to DC-1.

```
ip prefix-list site2_ms_pip1 seq 5 permit 10.10.33.1/32
ip prefix-list site2 ms pip2 seq 5 permit 10.10.34.1/32
```

• Create a route-map and apply the previously configured prefix-list in the match condition.

```
route-map Filter-Policy permit 10
match ip address prefix-list site2 ms pip1 site2 ms pip2
```

4. Enable ELB Filter-policy (under the IPv4 or IPv4 BGP address-family).

```
router bgp 1
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress filter-policy route-map Filter-Policy
```

BGW1# show ip route 10.10.33.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

5. Verify routes in **Egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF table. As observed in the output below, BGW1 by default utilizes the direct underlay paths to reach each PIP address in DC-2.

```
10.10.33.1, ubest/mbest: 1/0
   *via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/4], 1d04h, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green path
BGW1# show ip route 10.10.34.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
10.10.34.1/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0
   *via 192.168.24.26%default, [20/8], 1d04h, bgp-1, external, tag 2, uecmp ! Green Path
```

- **6.** Create the Multipath Auto-policy.
 - Provide differences in BGP attributes such as AS-Path length and AIGP-metric that can be considered when choosing multipath.
 - Specify the maximum number of underlay paths to be computed and installed for 'Egress Load Balancing'.

```
route-map Auto-Policy permit 10
  set as-path-length difference 1 <1 to 255>
  set aigp-metric difference 10 <1 to 4294967295>
  set maximum-paths 8 <1 to 64>
```



Note

If the difference of derived AIGP metric between best path and non-best path is less than 10, non-best path is added to the multipath set of underlay links used to reach the destination PIP addresses.

7. Enable ELB Multipath Auto-policy

```
router bgp 1
  address-family ipv4 unicast
  load-balance egress multipath auto-policy route-map Auto-policy
```

8. Verify routes in Egress-loadbalance-resolution VRF table of URIB. As observed in the output below, two uECMP routes are now installed to reach each of the Multi-Site PIP addresses in DC-2. A different weight is associated to each path, based on the AIGP metric information calculated on BGW1 for the received prefixes.

```
BGWl# show ip route 10.10.33.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

10.10.33.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
    *via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/4], 23:19:35, bgp-1, weight:2, external, tag 2, uecmp
! Green path
    *via 192.168.31.6%default, [20/4], 23:23:59, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3, uecmp
! Blue path

BGWl# show ip route 10.10.34.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-

10.10.34.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
    *via 192.168.24.26%default, [20/8], 1d00h, bgp-1, weight:3, external, tag 2, uecmp
! Green path
    *via 192.168.32.26%default, [20/8], 1d00h, bgp-1, weight:2, external, tag 3, uecmp
! Blue path
```

Dynamic wuECMP with AIGP in Overlay

- 1. Enable Overlay Next-hop Resolution using the Egress Load Balancing uECMP Underlay Paths.
 - This command enables resolution of EVPN next-hops using the Egress-loadbalance-resolution-VRF table.
 - This command must be enabled after enabling the Egress Load Balancing computation in the underlay table.

```
router bgp 1 !BGW1
  address-family 12vpn evpn
  nexthop load-balance egress multisite
```

2. Enable Overlay wuECMP. This command is needed on the BGW nodes in DC2 to ensure that overlay prefixes are advertised with PIP as next-hop.

```
evpn multisite border-gateway 11 !BGW2-1/BGW2-2
dci-advertise-pip

router bgp 1 !BGW1
address-family 12vpn evpn
maximum-paths 8
maximum-paths unequal-cost
vrf 3001
address-family ipv4 unicast
maximum-paths 8
maximum-paths unequal-cost
```

3. Verify overlay routes in Tenant VRF table on BGW1. The overlay prefixes are learned with both Multi-Site PIP addresses as next-hops. Based on the output previously shown above, we know that traffic destined to each PIP address will be unequally load-balanced (with different weight) using the green and blue paths. Additionally, as shown in the output below, the underlay AIGP metric information is also leveraged to assign a different metric to the next-hop PIP address, so that unequal load-balancing (with different weight) can also be applied when deciding to which remote BGW node traffic should be encapsulated to.

```
BGW1# show ip route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001

10.1.21.1/32, ubest/mbest: 2/0

*via 10.10.33.1%egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 1d02h, bgp-1, weight:2,
```

```
external,
  tag 2, eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x66022101 encap: VXLAN
  *via 10.10.34.1%egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 1d02h, bgp-1, weight:1,
external,
  tag 2, eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x66022201 encap: VXLAN
```

Optional Configuration

1. Enable bestpath aigp ignore.

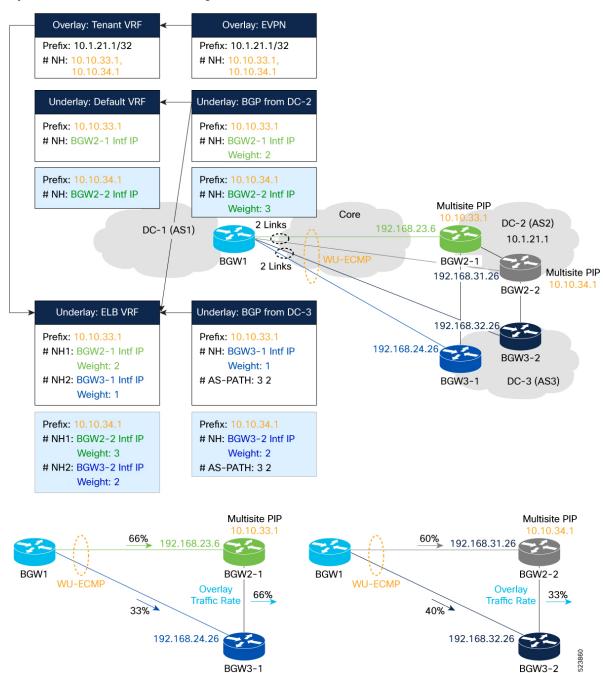
• To configure a device that is running BGP to NOT evaluate AIGP metric during the best path selection process between two paths when one path does not have the AIGP metric:

```
router bgp 1
bestpath aigp ignore
```

2. Enable reference-bandwidth.

• It is possible that for 2 eBGP peer R1 and R2, there is a direct link between them on which no IGP is running. To derive the cost of such a link, the reference bandwidth needs to be configured using the following command:

Dynamic wuECMP with AIGP Routing details



1. Dynamic wuECMP with AIGP Underlay Route Programming

Underlay route with multipath received from remote BGWs in DC-2is programmed to BGP routing table and Unicast routing table for egress-loadbalance-resolution- VRF on BGW1.

The following example shows the sample output for the following components. For more information see, Load Share Weight Calculation, on page 8.

• BGP:

```
BGW1# show bgp ipv4 unicast 10.10.33.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
   Advertised path-id 1
   Path type: external, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop, in rib
             Imported from 10.10.33.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
     192.168.23.6 (metric 0) from 192.168.23.6 (10.10.33.1)
       Origin incomplete, MED 0, localpref 100, weight 0, aigp metric weight 2, aigp
  0 derived aigp = 4
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
 no labeled nexthop, in rib
              Imported from 10.10.33.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
 uecmp, no labeled nexthop, in rib
              Imported from 10.10.33.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 3 2 , path sourced external to AS
     192.168.31.6 (metric 0) from 192.168.31.6 (10.10.33.1)
       Origin incomplete, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 0, aigp metric weight
 1, aigp 4 derived aigp = 8
 BGW1# show bgp ipv4 unicast 10.10.34.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
   Advertised path-id 1
   Path type: external, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop, in rib
              Imported from 10.10.34.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
     192.168.24.26 (metric 0) from 192.168.24.26 (10.10.34.1)
       Origin incomplete, MED 0, localpref 100, weight 0, aigp metric weight 3, aigp
  4 derived aigp = 8
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: newer EBGP path, multipath,
 uecmp, no labeled nexthop, in rib
              Imported from 10.10.34.1/32 (VRF default)
   AS-Path: 3 2 , path sourced external to AS
     192.168.32.26 (metric 0) from 192.168.32.26 (10.10.34.1)
       Origin incomplete, MED not set, localpref 100, weight 0, aigp metric weight
 2, aigp 8 derived aigp = 12
• URIB:
 BGW1# show ip route 10.10.33.1 detail vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
 10.10.33.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
     *via 192.168.23.6%default, [20/4], 23:19:35, bgp-1, weight:2, external, tag 2,
 uecmp ! Green path
 <Truncated>
     *via 192.168.31.6%default, [20/4], 23:23:59, bgp-1, weight:1, external, tag 3,
 uecmp ! Blue path
 <Truncated>
 BGW1# show ip route 10.10.34.1 detail vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-
 <Truncated>
 10.10.34.1/32, ubest/mbest: 4/0
     *via 192.168.24.26%default, [20/8], 1d00h, bgp-1, weight:3, external, tag 2,
 uecmp ! Green path
 <Truncated>
     *via 192.168.32.26%default, [20/8], 1d00h, bgp-1, weight:2, external, tag 3,
 uecmp ! Blue path
 <Truncated>
```

• FIB:

BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.33.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-<Truncated>

Prefix Install	Next-hop	Interface	 Labels	Partial
*10.10.33.1/32	192.168.23.6 192.168.23.6	Etherne Etherne	et1/22 ! 21 Entries et1/22	
	192.168.31.6 192.168.31.6	Etherne Etherne	et1/32 ! 11 Entries et1/33	

The following summarizes the FIB forwarding entries created based on weight of ECMP (2) and uECMP (1) path sets:

• ECMP Path-Set: 21 Entries

• uECMP Path-Set: 11 Entries

• Traffic Ratio is 21:11=2:1

BGW1# show forwarding route 10.10.34.1 vrf egress-loadbalance-resolution-<Truncated>

	++	+		
Prefix Install	Next-hop	Interface	Labels	Partial
*10.10.34.1/32	192.168.24.26 192.168.24.26	Etherne Etherne	t1/27 ! 19 Entries t1/27	
	192.168.32.26 192.168.32.26	Etherne Etherne	t1/37 ! 13 Entries t1/37	

The following summarizes the FIB forwarding entries created based on weight of ECMP (3) and uECMP (2) path sets:

• ECMP Path-Set: 19 Entries

• uECMP Path-Set: 13 Entries

• Traffic Ratio is 19:13=3:2

2. Dynamic wuECMP with AIGP Overlay Route Programming

Overlay routes will use **egress-loadbalance-resolution-** VRF table on BGW1 to resolve the PIP next-hops for the overlay prefixes received from DC-2.

The following example shows the sample output for following components. For more information see, Weight Derivation in Underlay, on page 8.

• BGP:

```
10.10.33.1 (metric 4) from 10.10.33.1 (10.10.33.1)
 <Truncated>
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: NH metric, multipath, no
 labeled nexthop, has esi gw
             Imported to 3 destination(s)
             Imported paths list: 3001 L3-3003001 L2-2001001
   AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
     10.10.34.1 (metric 8) from 10.10.34.1 (10.10.34.1)
 BGW1# show bgp ipv4 unicast 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
  Advertised path-id 1, VPN AF advertised path-id 1
  Path type: external, path is valid, is best path, no labeled nexthop, in rib, has
  esi gw
             Imported from
 21:2001001:[2]:[0]:[0]:[48]:[0010.0100.2101]:[32]:[10.1.21.1]/272
  AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS
    10.10.33.1 (metric 4) from 10.10.33.1 (10.10.33.1)
      Origin IGP, MED 2000, localpref 100, weight 0, igp metric weight 2
 <Truncated>
   Path type: external, path is valid, not best reason: NH metric, multipath, no
 labeled nexthop, in rib, has esi gw
             Imported from
 21:2001001:[2]:[0]:[0]:[48]:[0010.0100.2101]:[32]:[10.1.21.1]/272
  AS-Path: 2 , path sourced external to AS \,
     10.10.34.1 (metric 8) from 10.10.34.1 (10.10.34.1)
       Origin IGP, MED 2000, localpref 100, weight 0, igp metric weight 1
• URIB:
 BGW1# show ip route 10.1.21.1 detail vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
 10.1.21.1/32, ubest/mbest: 2/0
    *via 10.10.33.1%egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 1d02h, bgp-1, weight:2,
  external.
    tag 2, eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x66022101 encap: VXLAN
 <Truncated>
    *via 10.10.34.1% egress-loadbalance-resolution-, [20/2000], 1d02h, bgp-1, weight:1,
  external,
     tag 2, eLB, segid: 3003001 tunnelid: 0x66022201 encap: VXLAN
• EIB.
 BGW1# show forwarding route 10.1.21.1 vrf 3001
 <Truncated>
 Prefix
                | Next-hop | Interface
                                                     | Labels
                                                                      | Partial
 Install
 ______
 10.1.21.1/32
                     10.10.33.1
                                 nvel ! 21 Entries
                     10.10.33.1
                                        nve1
                     10.10.34.1
                                       nvel ! 11 Entries
                     10.10.34.1
                                       nve1
• L2RIB: Mac Route (EVPN Type-2) with Weight:
 BGW1# show l2route evpn mac evi 1001 detail | be "0010.0100.2101"
 1001
            0010.0100.2101 BGP
                               SplRcv
                                                              10.10.33.1 (Label:
                                                  0
 2001001)
                                                              10.10.34.1 (Label:
 2001001)
            Route Resolution Type: ESI
            Forwarding State: Resolved (PL)
```

• L2FM - Mac Route (EVPN Type-2) with Weight:

```
\texttt{BGW1}\# show mac address-table vlan 1001 address 0010.0100.2101
```

<Truncated>

```
        VLAN
        MAC Address
        Type
        age
        Secure NTFY Ports

        C 1001
        0010.0100.2101
        dynamic
        NA
        F
        F
        nvel(10.10.33.1[Wt: 2]

        10.10.34.1[Wt: 1])
        10.10.34.1[Wt: 1]
        10.10.34.1[Wt: 2]
```