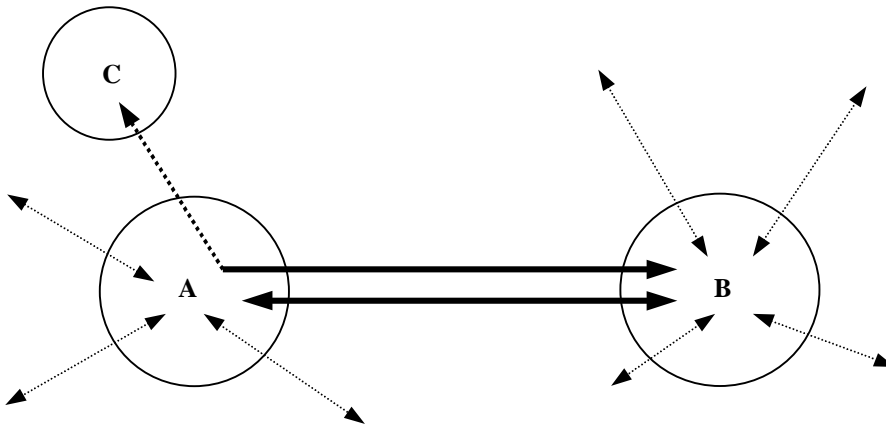
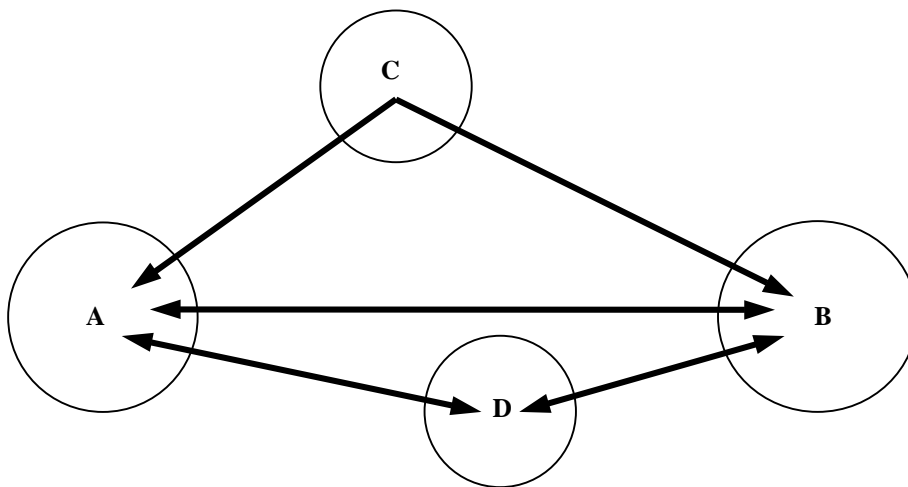


Direct flights and OD passengers



Consider three airports, A, B and C, in three separate countries. **Direct** flights are those travelling from airport A to airport B, without a change of plane, even if the plane makes an intermediate stop. Flights starting or finishing at airport C, in a third country, which fly from C to A to B (or in the other direction) are known as **fifth freedom** flights and the statistics for these are included in direct flights between A and B, for those passengers flying between the two airports. Direct flights and passengers start and finish in any airport but fly directly between A and B.



OD passengers on the route between A and B are those who start and finish their air journeys at a pair of airports, A and B, via any route, direct or indirect. This will include passengers who fly on separate flights between A, D and B, as well as passengers on flights on the carrier of a third country, which stop at an airport, C, in that country, known as **sixth freedom** flights. OD passengers fly direct or via any other airport(s), but start and finish their journeys in A and B.