

CDA6530: Performance Models of Computers and Networks

Chapter 6: Elementary Queuing Theory

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Definition

Queuing system:

- a buffer (waiting room),
- service facility (one or more servers)
- a scheduling policy (first come first serve, etc.)
- We are interested in what happens when a stream of customers (jobs) arrive to such a system
 - throughput,
 - sojourn (response) time,
 Service time + waiting time
 - number in system,
 - server utilization, etc.

Terminology

A/B/c/K queue

- A arrival process, interarrival time distr.
- B service time distribution
- c no. of servers
- K capacity of buffer

Does not specify scheduling policy

Standard Values for A and B

- M exponential distribution (M is for Markovian)
- D deterministic (constant)
- GI; G general distribution
- M/M/1: most simple queue
- M/D/1: expo. arrival, constant service time
- M/G/1: expo. arrival, general distr. service time

Some Notations



C_n: custmer n, n=1,2,...
a_n: arrival time of C_n
d_n: departure time of C_n
α(t): no. of arrivals by time t
δ(t): no. of departure by time t
N(t): no. in system by time t
N(t)=α(t)- δ(t)



□ Average arrival rate (from t=0 to now): □ $\lambda_t = \alpha(t)/t$

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Little's Law

- γ (t): total time spent by all customers in system during interval (0, t) $\gamma(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\alpha(t)} \min\{d_n, t\} - a_n = \int_0^t N(s) ds$
- T_t: average time spent in system during (0, t) by customers arriving in (0, t) $T_t = \gamma(t)/\alpha(t)$
- N_t: average no. of customers in system during (0, t)
 N_t = γ(t)/t
- □ For a stable system, $N_t = \lambda_t T_t$ □ Remmeber $\lambda_t = \alpha(t)/t$
- For a long time and stable system

$$\mathsf{N} = \lambda \mathsf{T}$$

Regardless of distributions or scheduling policy



Utilization Law for Single Server Queue



- X: service time, mean T=E[X]
- Y: server state, Y=1 busy, Y=0 idle
- ρ : server utilization, $\rho = P(Y=1)$
- Little's Law: $N = \lambda E[X]$
- While: $N = P(Y=1) \cdot 1 + P(Y=0) \cdot 0 = \rho$
- Thus Utilization Law:

 $\rho = \lambda E[X]$

Q: What if the system includes the queue?

Internet Queuing Delay Introduction





How many packets in the queue?
 How long a packet takes to go through?



The M/M/1 Queue

- An M/M/1 queue has
 - Poisson arrivals (with rate λ)
 - Exponential time between arrivals
 - Exponential service times (with mean 1/µ, so µ is the "service rate").
 - One (1) server
 - An infinite length buffer
- The M/M/1 queue is the most basic and important queuing model for network analysis

State Analysis of M/M/1 Queue

- N : number of customers in the system
 (including queue + server)
 Steady state
 π_n defined as π_n=P(N=n)
- $\rho = \lambda/\mu$: Traffic rate (traffic intensity)



$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda & 0 & \cdots \\ \mu & -(\lambda + \mu) & \lambda & \cdots \\ 0 & \mu & -(\lambda + \mu) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \end{bmatrix}$$

□ we can use $\pi Q = 0$ and $\Sigma \pi_i = 1$ □ We can also use balance equation

State Analysis of M/M/1 Queue



□ # of transitions \rightarrow $\stackrel{!}{=}$ # of transitions \leftarrow

$$\pi_0 \lambda = \pi_1 \mu \quad \Rightarrow \pi_1 = \rho \pi_0$$

$$\pi_1 \lambda = \pi_2 \mu \quad \Rightarrow \pi_2 = \rho^2 \pi_0$$

$$\pi_{n-1}\lambda = \pi_n\mu \quad \Rightarrow \pi_n = \rho^n\pi_0$$

 π_n are probabilities:

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$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i = 1$$

$$\pi_0 = 1 - \rho$$

 $ho = 1 - \pi_0$: prob. the server is working (why ho is called "server utilization")



State Analysis of M/M/1 Queue

N: avg. # of customers in the system

$$E[N] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k\pi_k = \pi_0 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k\rho^k = \frac{\rho}{1-\rho}$$



M/M/1 Waiting Time

X_n: service time of n-th customer, X_n =_{st} X where X is exponential rv
W_n: waiting time of n-th customer
not including the customer's service time
T_n: sojourned time T_n =W_n +X_n
When ρ < 1, steady state solution exists and X_n, W_n, T_n → X, W, T

□ □ Q: E[W]?

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State Analysis of M/M/1 Queue

W: waiting time for a new arrival

$$W = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{n-1} + R$$

- X_i : service time of i-th customer
- R: remaining service time of the customer in service Exponential r.v. with mean $1/\mu$ due to **memoryless** property of expo. Distr.

$$E[W] = E[(N-1)X] + E[R] = E[N] \cdot E[X]$$

T: sojourn (response) time

$$E[T] = \frac{1}{\mu} + E[W] = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$



Alternative Way for Sojourn Time Calculation

$$\rightarrow E[T]=E[N]/\lambda = 1/(\mu - \lambda)$$



M/M/1 Queue Example

- A router's outgoing bandwidth is 100 kbps
- Arrival packet's number of bits has expo. distr. with mean number of 1 kbits
- Poisson arrival process: 80 packets/sec
- How many packets in router expected by a new arrival?
- What is the expected waiting time for a new arrival?
- What is the expected access delay (response time)?
- What is the prob. that the server is idle?
- What is P(N > 5)?
- Suppose you can increase router bandwidth, what is the minimum bandwidth to support avg. access delay of 20ms?

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Sojourn Time Distribution

- □ T's pdf is denoted as $f_T(t)$, $t \ge 0$
- $\Box T = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n + X_n$
 - Given there are N=n customers in the system
 Then, T is sum of n+1 exponential distr.
 T is (n+1)-order Erlang distr.
 - When conditioned on n, the pdf of T (n+1 order Erlang) is denoted as f_{T|N}(t|n)

$$f_{T|N}(t|n) = \frac{\mu(\mu t)^n e^{-\mu t}}{n!}$$

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Sojourn Time Distribution

Remove condition N=n: \square Remember P(N=n) = $\pi_n = (1-\rho)\rho^n$ $f_T(t) = f_{T|0}(t|0)\pi_0 + f_{T|1}(t|1)\pi_1 + \cdots$ $f_T(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-\rho) \rho^n \frac{\mu(\mu t)^n e^{-\mu t}}{n!}$ $n \equiv 0$ $= (1ho)\mu e^{-\mu t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (
ho\mu t)^n/n!$ $n \equiv 0$ $= (\mu - \lambda)e^{-\mu t}e^{\lambda t}$ $= (\mu - \lambda)e^{-(\mu - \lambda)t}$

Thus, T is exponential distr. with rate $(\mu - \lambda)$

M/M/1/K Queue

- Arrival: Poisson process with rate λ
- Service: exponential distr. with rate μ
- Finite capacity of K customers
 - Customer arrives when queue is full is rejected
- Model as B-D process
 - N(t): no. of customers at time t
 - State transition diagram





Calculation of π_o



E[**N**]

• If
$$\lambda \neq \mu$$
:

$$E[N] = \sum_{i=0}^{K} i\pi_i$$

$$= \frac{1-\rho}{1-\rho^{K+1}} \sum_{i=0}^{K} \cdot i \cdot \rho^i$$
• If $\lambda = \mu$:

$$E[N] = \sum_{i=0}^{K} i\pi_i = \frac{1}{K+1} \sum_{i=0}^{K} i\pi_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{K+1} \frac{K(K+1)}{2} = \frac{K}{2}$$

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Throughput

Throughput?

- When not idle = μ
- When idle = 0
- $\Box \text{ Throughput} = (1 \pi_{o})\mu + \pi_{o} \cdot 0$
- When not full = λ (arrive pass)
 When full = 0 (arrive drop)
 Prob. Buffer overflow = π_K
 Throughput = (1-π_K)λ +π_K· 0

Sojourn Time

• One way: $T = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n$ if there are n customers in $(n \leq K)$ Doable, but complicated Another way: Little's Law $N = \lambda T$ \Box The λ means **actual** throughput F

$$E[T] = \frac{E[N]}{\text{throughput}} = \frac{E[N]}{(1 - \pi_0)\mu}$$

M/M/c Queue

- c identical servers to provide service
- Model as B-D process, N(t): no.of customers

State transition diagram:



Balance equation:

$$egin{array}{lll} \lambda\pi_{i-1}&=i\mu\pi_i,\ i\leq c,\ \lambda\pi_{i-1}&=c\mu\pi_i,\ i>c \end{array}$$

Solution to balance equation:

$$\pi_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho^i}{i!} \pi_0, & 0 \le i \le c, \\ \frac{\rho^i}{c! c^{i-c}} \pi_0, & c < i \end{cases}$$

Prob. a customer has to wait (prob. of queuing)

$$P(queuing) = P(wait) = \sum_{n=c}^{\infty} \pi_n$$

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M/M/∞ Queue

Infinite server (delay server)

- Each user gets its own server for service
- No waiting time



Balance equation:

$$\pi_{i-1} = i\mu\pi_i, \quad i = 0, 1, \cdots$$

 $\pi_i = \frac{\rho^i}{i!}\pi_0 = \frac{\rho^i}{i!}e^{-\rho}$ why?

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$$E[N] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i\pi_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{i\rho^i e^{-\rho}}{i!}$$
$$= \rho e^{-\rho} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^{i-1}}{(i-1)!} = \rho$$
$$E[T] = \frac{E[N]}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\mu} \qquad \text{Why?}$$

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PASTA property

- PASTA: Poisson Arrivals See Time Average
- Meaning: When a customer arrives, it finds the same situation in the queueing system as an outside observer looking at the system at an arbitrary point in time.
- N(t): system state at time t
- Poisson arrival process with rate λ
- M(t): system at time t given that an arrival occurs in the next moment in (t, t+ Δ t)

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$$P(M(t) = n) = P(N(t) = n | \text{arrival in}(t, t + \Delta t))$$

$$= \frac{P(N(t) = n, \text{arrival in}(t, t + \Delta t))}{P(\text{arrival in}(t, t + \Delta t))}$$

$$= \frac{P(N(t) = n)P(\text{arrival in}(t, t + \Delta t))}{P(\text{arrival in}(t, t + \Delta t))}$$

$$= P(N(t) = n)$$

If not Poisson arrival, then not correct