

CDA6530: Performance Models of Computers and Networks

Chapter 6: Elementary Queuing Theory

## 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

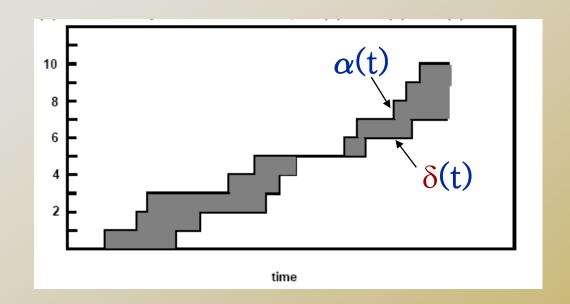
### Standard Values for A and B

- 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



- $\Box$  C<sub>n</sub>: custmer n, n=1,2,...
- a<sub>n</sub>: arrival time of C<sub>n</sub>
- d<sub>n</sub>: departure time of C<sub>n</sub>
- $\alpha(t)$ : no. of arrivals by time t
- $\delta(t)$ : no. of departure by time t
- N(t): no. in system by time t
  - $\square$  N(t)= $\alpha$ (t)- $\delta$ (t)



Average arrival rate (from t=0 to now):

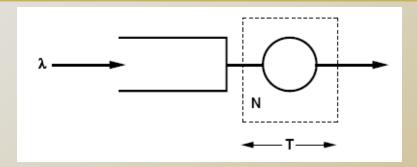
### Little's Law

 $\neg \gamma(t)$ : total time spent by all customers in system during interval (0, t)  $\alpha(t)$ 

$$\gamma(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\alpha(t)} \min\{d_n, t\} - a_n = \int_0^t N(s) ds$$

- □  $T_t$ : average time spent in system during (0, t) by customers arriving in (0, t)  $T_t = \gamma(t)/\alpha(t)$
- N<sub>t</sub>: average no. of customers in system during (0, t)
  - $\square \quad N_t = \gamma(t)/t$
- □ For a stable system,  $N_t = \lambda_t T_t$
- For a long time and stable system
- $\square$   $N = \lambda T$
- Regardless of distributions or scheduling policy

#### Utilization Law for Single Server Queue



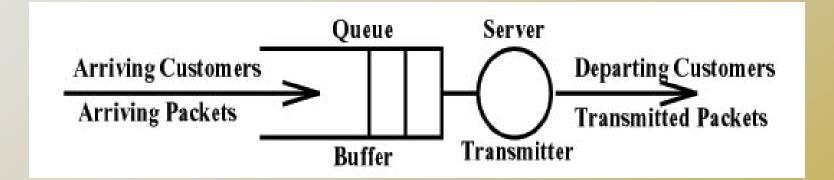
- X: service time, mean T=E[X]
- Y: server state, Y=1 busy, Y=0 idle
- $\rho$ : server utilization,  $\rho = P(Y=1)$
- □ Little's Law:  $N = \lambda E[X]$
- □ While:  $N = P(Y=1) \cdot 1 + P(Y=0) \cdot 0 = \rho$
- Thus Utilization Law:

$$\rho = \lambda E[X]$$

Q: What if the system includes the queue?

## Internet Queuing Delay Introduction





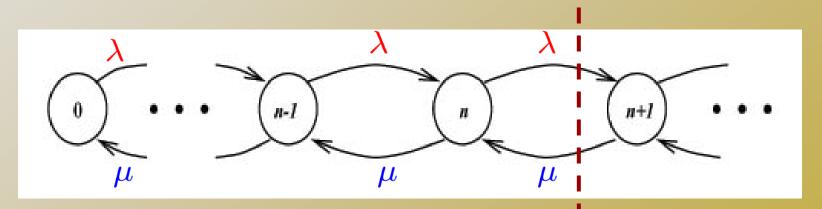
- How many packets in the queue?
- How long a packet takes to go through?



## 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

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

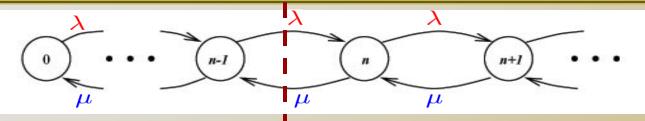


State transition diagram



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

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



 $\square$  # of transitions  $\rightarrow$   $\stackrel{\bot}{=}$  # of transitions  $\leftarrow$ 

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

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

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

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

 $\pi_n$  are probabilities:

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

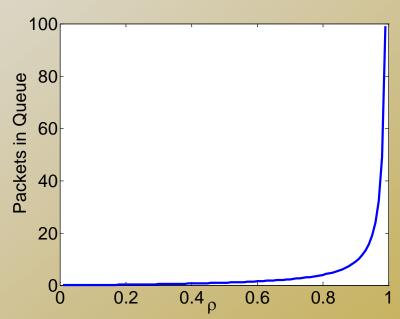
$$\sum \pi_i = 1$$
  $\Rightarrow \pi_0 = 1 - \rho$ 

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



#### 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<sub>n</sub>: waiting time of n-th customer
  - Not including the customer's service time
- $\Box$  T<sub>n</sub>: sojourned time T<sub>n</sub> = W<sub>n</sub> + X<sub>n</sub>
- □ When  $\rho$  < 1, steady state solution exists and  $X_n$ ,  $W_n$ ,  $T_n \rightarrow X$ , W, T
- □ Q: E[W]?

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  $\hbox{memoryless}$  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

- We know that  $E[N] = \rho/(1-\rho)$
- $\square$  We know arrival rate  $\lambda$
- Then based on Little's Law

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

$$\rightarrow$$
 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?

# Sojourn Time Distribution

- $\Box$  T's pdf is denoted as  $f_T(t)$ ,  $t \ge 0$
- $T = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n + X_n$ 
  - 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<sub>TIN</sub>(t|n)

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

## Sojourn Time Distribution

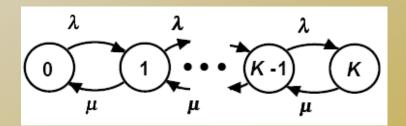
#### Remove condition N=n:

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

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

## M/M/1/K Queue

- $\square$  Arrival: Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$
- $lue{}$  Service: exponential distr. with rate  $\mu$
- 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 $\pi_o$

#### Balance equation:

$$\pi_{i} = \rho \pi_{i-1} = \rho^{i} \pi_{0}, i=1,\dots, K$$

$$\Box$$
 If  $\lambda \neq \mu$ :

$$\sum_{i=0}^{K} \pi_i = \pi_0 \sum_{i=0}^{K} \rho^i = \pi_0 \frac{1 - \rho^{K+1}}{1 - \rho}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{K} \pi_i = 1 \Rightarrow \qquad \pi_0 = \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \rho^{K+1}}$$

$$\square \text{ If } \lambda = \mu \text{:} \quad \sum_{i=0}^{K} \pi_i = \pi_0 \sum_{i=0}^{K} \rho^i = (K+1)\pi_0$$

$$\pi_i = 1/(K+1), i = 0, \cdots, K$$

# E[N]

 $\Box$  If  $\lambda \neq \mu$ :

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

$$= \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \rho^{K+1}} \sum_{i=0}^{K} \cdot i \cdot \rho^i$$

 $\Box$  If  $\lambda = \mu$ :

$$E[N] = \sum_{i=0}^{K} i\pi_i = \frac{1}{K+1} \sum_{i=0}^{K} i$$
$$= \frac{1}{K+1} \frac{K(K+1)}{2} = \frac{K}{2}$$

# Throughput

### Throughput?

- $\square$  When not idle =  $\mu$
- $\square$  When idle = 0
- □ Throughput =  $(1-\pi_0)\mu + \pi_0 \cdot 0$
- □ When not full =  $\lambda$  (arrive pass)
- When full = 0 (arrive drop)
  - $\square$  Prob. Buffer overflow =  $\pi_{K}$
- □ Throughput =  $(1-\pi_K)\lambda + \pi_K \cdot 0$

# Sojourn Time

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

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

## M/M/c Queue

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

$$0 \xrightarrow{\lambda} 1 \xrightarrow{2\mu} 2 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \underbrace{c-1}_{c\mu} \underbrace{c}_{c\mu} \underbrace{c+1}_{c\mu} \underbrace{c}_{c\mu} \underbrace{c+1}_{c\mu} \underbrace{c}_{\mu} \underbrace{c}_{\mu} \underbrace{c+1}_{c\mu} \underbrace{c}_{\mu} \underbrace$$

Balance equation:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda \pi_{i-1} &= i\mu \pi_i, \ i \leq c, \\ \lambda \pi_{i-1} &= c\mu \pi_i, \ i > c \end{cases}$$

Solution to balance equation:

$$\pi_{i} = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho^{i}}{i!} \pi_{0}, & 0 \leq i \leq c, \\ \frac{\rho^{i}}{c! c^{i-c}} \pi_{0}, & c < i \end{cases}$$

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

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

## M/M/∞ Queue

- Infinite server (delay server)
  - Each user gets its own server for service
  - No waiting time

$$0 \xrightarrow{\lambda} 1 \xrightarrow{\lambda} 2 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \bullet \xrightarrow{\lambda} \underbrace{(i-1)\mu}^{\lambda} \underbrace{i}_{i\mu} \underbrace{i}_{(i+1)\mu}^{\lambda} \bullet \bullet$$

Balance equation:

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

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

$$E[N] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i\pi_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{i\rho^i e^{-\rho}}{i!}$$
$$= \rho e^{-\rho} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^{i-1}}{(i-1)!} = \rho$$

$$E[T] = \frac{E[N]}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\mu}$$
 Why?

# 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
- $\Box$  Poisson arrival process with rate  $\lambda$
- M(t): system at time t given that an arrival occurs in the next moment in (t, t+∆t)

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

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

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

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

If not Poisson arrival, then not correct