

Results of Queueing Strategies for 'ass2_sample_input'

	Single Queue (S)	Multi-Queue (M)	Diff. (M - S)
Simulation Terminated:	t = 30558.4	t = 30558.4	0.0000
Total Customers Served:	1000	1000	-
Total Teller Idle Time:	143392	142584	-808.0000
Average Service Time:	159.108	159.108	-
Average Wait Time:	0.186606	0.612581	0.4260
Maximum Wait Time:	39.693	270.428	230.7350
Maximum Queue Length:	2	1	-1.0000
Average Queue Length:	0.00610654	0.00200462	-0.0041

Results of Queueing Strategies for 'longer_queues'

	Single Queue (S)	Multi-Queue (M)	Diff. (M - S)
Simulation Terminated:	t = 30438	t = 30438	0.0000
Total Customers Served:	1000	1000	-
Total Teller Idle Time:	133117	122660	-10457.0000
Average Service Time:	190.597	190.597	-
Average Wait Time:	1.53898	4.56958	3.0306
Maximum Wait Time:	62.312	305.613	243.3010
Maximum Queue Length:	3	1	-2.0000
Average Queue Length:	0.0505613	0.0150128	-0.0355

Results of Queueing Strategies for 'much_longer'

	Single Queue (S)	Multi-Queue (M)	Diff. (M - S)
Simulation Terminated:	t = 30457.6	t = 30457.6	0.0000
Total Customers Served:	1000	1000	-
Total Teller Idle Time:	171416	139953	-31463.0000
Average Service Time:	234.875	234.875	-
Average Wait Time:	10.4012	22.786	12.3848
Maximum Wait Time:	140.242	480.56	340.3180
Maximum Queue Length:	8	1	-7.0000
Average Queue Length:	0.341497	0.0748122	-0.2667

Analysis

The following results were found to be consistent through all three simulations:

Total Teller Idle Time is minimised using the Single Queueing strategy.

Average Wait Time is minimised using the Single Queueing strategy.

Maximum Wait Time is minimised using the Single Queueing strategy.

Maximum Queue Length is minimised using the Multi-Queueing strategy.

Average Queue Length is minimised using the Multi-Queueing strategy.

Conclusions

In the simulations, it was found that employing a Multi-Queueing strategy served only to minimise the physical queue lengths for tellers. Despite this result, having multiple independent queues correlated with an increased maximum and average wait time for the customers and an increased teller idle time.

This result is likely due to the fact that, when employing a Single Queueing strategy, a teller is idle if and only if there are no customers to serve, however, with a Multi-Queueing strategy, a teller may become idle when there are still customers to be served in other queues.

Based on these results, it is concluded that the proposed Multi-Queueing strategy should be implemented if the aim is purely to minimise queue lengths. In all other cases, the Single Queueing strategy should be implemented.

It is recommended that a third scenario is tested where the Multiple-Queueing strategy is employed, but with the alteration of allowing tellers to pull customers from other queues, should they become idle. It is believed that this approach will aid in minimising both queue lengths and customer idle times, which appears to be the goal of these simulations.