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Scheduling Algorithms

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Outline

- Scheduling System Oriented
 - FCFS, SJF, Priority, RR
 - Multi Level Queue, MLQ with feedback
- Scheduling Algorithm
 - Introduction to Scheduling Algorithms
 - Real Time Scheduling Algorithms
 - Multiprocessor Scheduling Algorithms
 - Distributed and Power Aware Scheduling

Scheduling Problems

- In a scheduling problem
 - One has to find time slots in which activities should be processed under given constraints.
- The main constraints are
 - Resource constraints and
 - Precedence constraints between activities
- A quite general scheduling problem is
 - **Resource Constrained Project Scheduling Problem**
 - In short **RCPSP**

Parallel Machine Problems

- For **identical machines** M_1, \dots, M_m
 - The processing time for j is the same on each machine.
- For **unrelated machines**
 - The processing time p_{jk} depends on the machine M_k on which j is processed.

Parallel Machine Problems

- For **uniform machine**
 - if $p_{jk} = p_j/r_k$.
- For **multi-purpose machines**
 - A set of machines μ_j is associated with each job j indicating that j can be processed on one machine in μ_j only.

Example: Machine Environment

	M1	M2	M3
P1	5	5	5
P2	8	8	8
P3	6	6	6

Identical

	M1	M2	M3
P1	5	4	6
P2	9	8	4
P3	3	18	4

Unrelated

	M1	M2	M3
P1	5	5/1.5	5/2
P2	9	9/1.5	9/2
P3	9	9/1.5	9/2

Uniform

Classification of Scheduling Problems

Classes of scheduling problems can be specified in terms of the three-field classification

$$\alpha \mid \beta \mid \gamma$$

where

- α specifies the **machine environment**,
- β specifies the **job characteristics**, and
- γ describes the **objective function(s)**.

Machine Environment

- **1** single machine
 - **P** parallel identical machines
 - **Q** uniform machines
 - **R** unrelated machines
 - MPM multipurpose machines, J job-shop,
 - F flow-shop O open-shop
- If the number of machines is fixed to **m** we write **Pm, Qm, Rm, MPMm, Jm, Fm, Om**.

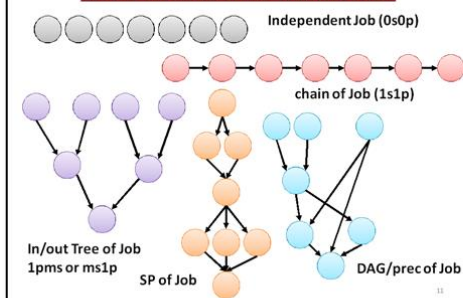
Job Characteristics

- **pmtn** preemption
- r_j release times /arrival time
- d_j deadlines
- $p_j = 1$ or $p_j = p$ or $p_j \in \{1,2\}$
restricted processing times

Job Characteristics

- **prec** arbitrary precedence constraints
- **intree (outtree)** intree (or outtree) precedences
- **chains** chain precedences
- **series-parallel** a series-parallel precedence graph

Job Precedence Examples



Objective Functions

Two types of objective functions are most common:

- **bottleneck objective functions**
 $\max \{f_j(C_j) \mid j=1, \dots, n\}$, and
- **sum objective functions** $\sum f_j(C_j) = f_1(C_1) + f_2(C_2) + \dots + f_n(C_n)$.

Objective Functions

- C_{\max} and L_{\max} symbolize the bottleneck objective functions with
 - $f_j(C_j) = C_j$ (makespan)
 - $f_j(C_j) = C_j - d_j$ (maximum lateness)
- Common sum objective functions are:
 - $\sum C_j$ (mean flow-time)
 - $\sum \omega_j C_j$ (weighted flow-time)

Objective Functions

- **Number of Late Job**
 - $\sum U_j$ (number of late jobs) and $\sum \omega_j U_j$ (weighted number of late jobs) where $U_j = 1$ if $C_j > d_j$ and $U_j = 0$ otherwise.
- **Tardiness**
 - $\sum T_j$ (sum of tardiness) and $\sum \omega_j T_j$ (weighted sum of tardiness)
 - Tardiness of job j is given by

$$T_j = \max \{ 0, C_j - d_j \}.$$

Examples

- 1 | prec; $p_j = 1$ | $\sum \omega_j C_j$
- P2 | | C_{\max}
- P | $p_j = 1$; r_j | $\sum \omega_j U_j$
- R2 | chains; pmtn | C_{\max}
- P3 | $n = 3$ | C_{\max}
- Pm | $p_{ij} = 1$; outtree; r_j | $\sum C_j$

Example: 1 | C_{\max}

- N independent job without pre-emption
- 1 processor
- Minimize C_{\max}
- Sol: Schedule in any orders

Example: 1 | $\sum C_i$

- N independent job without pre-emption
- 1 processor
- Minimize $\sum C_i$
- Sol: Schedule shortest processing time first
 - SJF is optimal

Example: 1 | $\sum w_i C_i$

- N independent job without pre-emption
- 1 processor
- Minimize $\sum w_i C_i$
- Sol:
 - Calculate processing time to weight ratio
 - Rank jobs in increasing order of p_i/w_i and schedule accordingly
 - The Weighted Shortest Processing Time First rule is Optimal for 1 | $\sum w_i C_i$

Example: 1|chain| $\sum w_i C_i$

- N independent jobs with chain precedence without pre-emption
- 1 processor, multiple chain
- Minimize $\sum w_i C_i$
- Sol:
 - Calculate processing time to weight ratio (ρ) of chains (by including a number of tasks from a chains)
 - Process the tasks from chain till the ρ of the chain is higher than others chain

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Example: 1|prec| $\sum w_i C_i$

- For general precedence the problem is Hard
- NP-Complete problem

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Example: 1|| $\sum T_i$

- All job are independent job
- Each job associated with two things
 - Execution time p_i and deadline D_i
- Tardiness is $T_i = \max\{0, C_i - D_i\}$, where C_i is completion time of Task i
- Optimality & Optimal Structure
 - If $p_i \leq p_k$ & $d_j \leq d_k$ then there exist an optimal sequence in which job j is scheduled before job k
- Dynamic Programming: Left as exercise

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P3|ptmn| C_{\max}

- 3 Identical machine, Independent Jobs, release time $r_i=0$, C_{\max}
- Solvable in Polynomial time
- Suppose N tasks with execution time t_i , 3 processor
- $C_{\max} = (\sum t_i)/3$
- Distribute C_{\max} unit amount task to each processor in any order

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P3|ptmn| C_{\max}

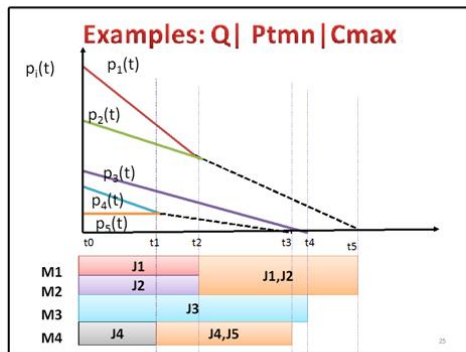
- M1, M2, M3
- 10 tasks: 5,6,10,4,3,8,6,3,7,12
- $C_{\max} = (5+6+10+4+3+8+6+3+7+12)/3 = 64/3 = 21 + 1/3$
- Assign $20 + 1/3$ unit time of tasks in any ways
 - 12+6+3 $+1/3$
 - 10+7+4 $+1/3$
 - 8+5+6+2 $+1/3$

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Q|ptmn| C_{\max}

- Suppose 5 Job p1, p2, p3, p4 and p5
 - With P1 is longest and P5 is shortest
 - $P1 > P2 > P3 > P4 > P5$
- 4 machine M1 > M2 > M3 > M4. M1 is fastest and M4 is slowest
- Each job have level : based on how time left before finish (un-finished part of job).
- First try to finish the highest level job on the fastest machine.
- When level of two job are same jointly process on the machine

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$Q | P_{tmn} | C_{max}$

Algorithm level

1. $t := 0$;
2. WHILE there exist jobs with positive level DO {
3. Assign(t);
4. $t1 := \min\{s > t \mid \text{a job completes at time } s\}$;
5. $t2 := \min\{s > t \mid \text{there are jobs } i, j \text{ with } p_i(t) > p_j(t) \text{ and } p_i(s) = p_j(s)\}$;
6. $t := \min\{t1, t2\}$
7. Construct the schedule.

$Q | P_{tmn} | C_{max}$

Assign (t) {

1. $J := \{i \mid p_i(t) > 0\}$;
2. $M := \{M_1, \dots, M_m\}$;
3. WHILE $J \neq \emptyset$ and $M \neq \emptyset$ DO {
4. Find the set $I \subseteq J$ of jobs with highest level;
5. $r := \min\{|M|, |I|\}$;
6. Assign jobs in I to be processed jointly on the r fastest machines in M ;
7. $J := J \setminus I$;
8. Eliminate the r fastest machines in M from M

Discrete time: $Q | P_{tmn} | C_{max}$

- Suppose preemption is allowed only at boundary or some discrete point...
- Longest Remaining Time on Fastest Machine (LRT-FM) yield optimal schedule for $Q | P_{tmn} | C_{max}$ in discrete time
- Proof: left.... Scheduling Book By M. Pindo

$P_m || C_{max}$

- $2 || C_{max}$ can be easily mapped to 2 set partition problem
 - Pseudo Polynomial Time algorithm
- $m \geq 3, m=3$ mapped to 3 partition problem
 - NP Complete Problem
- Approximation Algorithms
 - Grahams List scheduling
 - Longest Task First

Approximation for:

$P_m | prec, p_i=1 | C_{max}$ and $P_m || C_{max}$

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