

1.

- a. I/O = first half of the program, processor second half

1 job:

Time required for job =  $N$

Average number of jobs per time period =  $1/N$

Percentage of time processor is active = 50 %

2 jobs:

Time required for job = job 1 finishes at  $1N$ , job 2 finishes at  $1.5N$

Average number of jobs per time period =  $2/1.5N = 1.33/N$

Percentage of time processor is active = 67 %

3 jobs:

Time required for job = job 1 finishes at  $1N$ , 2 at  $1.5N$ , 3 at  $2N$

Average number of jobs per time period =  $3/2N = 1.5/N$

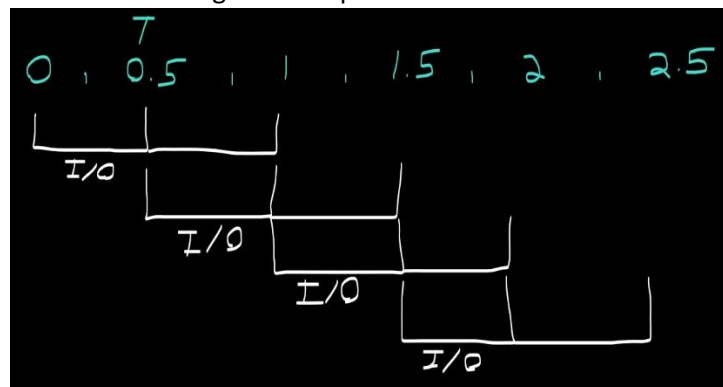
Percentage of time processor is active = 75 %

4 jobs:

Time required for job = job 1 finishes at  $1N$ , 2 at  $1.5N$ , 3 at  $2N$ , 4 at  $2.5N$

Average number of jobs per time period =  $4/2.5N = 1.6/N$

Percentage of time processor is active = 80 %



- b. I/O first quarter, then half the program goes to the processor, then for the last quarter I/O again

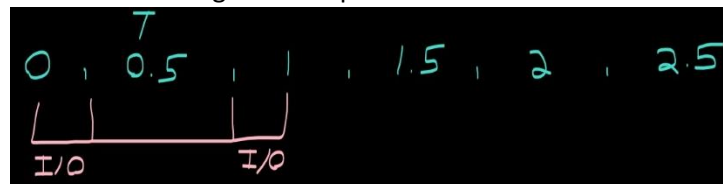
Please note I did not know what to use as time slices, so I used the smallest unit of  $1/4 T$

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Time required for job =  $N$

Average number of jobs per time period =  $1/N$

Percentage of time processor is active = 50 %

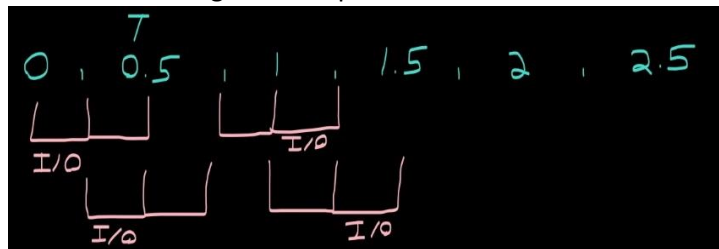


2 jobs:

Time required for job = job 1 finished at  $1.25N$ , job 2 at  $1.5N$

Average number of jobs per time period =  $2/1.5N = 1.33/N$

Percentage of time processor is active = 67 %

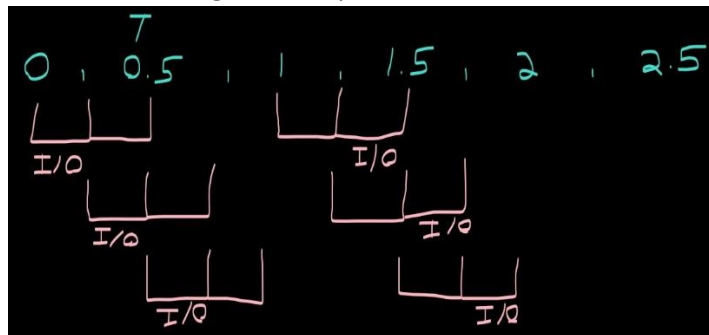


3 jobs:

Time required for job = job 1: 1.5 N, job 2: 1.75 N, job 3: 2N

Average number of jobs per time period =  $3/2 N = 1.5/N$

Percentage of time processor is active = 75 %

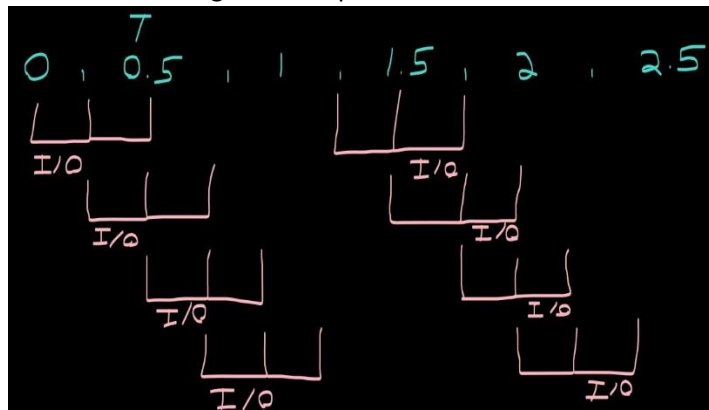


4 jobs:

Time required for job = job 1: 1.75 N, job 2: 2 N, job 3: 2.25 N, job 4: 2.5

Average number of jobs per time period =  $4/2.5 N = 1.6/N$

Percentage of time processor is active = 80 %



2. System calls are purposeful errors to used halt a program. They can be caused by the users I/O device or by another system calling for resources. System calls allow a computer operating system to maintain responsiveness by switching between critical Kernel tasks and user tasks.
3. OUTPUT:  
[npelleti@localhost assignment1]\$ gcc question3.c  
[npelleti@localhost assignment1]\$ ./a.out  
Child 1 reads this line  
Procces 1 ID: 3287  
Child 2 reads this line

Procces 2 ID: 3288

Child 3 reads this line

[npelleti@localhost assignment1]\$ Procces 3 ID: 3289

Child 4 reads this lineProcces 4 ID: 3290

4. `exec()` : executes a program without further arguments  
`execl()`: executes a program with a full command line arguments  
`execle()`: executes a program with a full command line arguments, specify enviroment  
`execlp()`: executes a program from PATH (searches from current working directory) with arguments  
`execlpe()`: executes a program from PATH with arguments, specify environment  
`execvp()`: executes a program with array of arguments  
`execvp()`: executes a program with array of arguments, from PATH  
`execvpe()`: array of arguments, from PATH, specify environment

Each function offers a different level of control over the execution of a program. If a programmer was developing a program that leaped into a new program file midway, then maybe they would prefer to customize the environment variables and give a large array of data into the new program. On the other hand, a simplified version that just starts the program may run faster and be easier to program for. In this way we have the options (l: command line arguments, e: environmental variables, p: PATH, v: vector array arguments).

5. Both processes can access the file if reading, however even before executing I expect an error as multiple programs try to write to the same file as the operating system typically prevents this to prevent corruption of data. I've been wrong before though.

Oddly enough I was wrong. Both processes fight for access to I/O but the queue only gives one access at a time which prevents data corruption. The message comes out clear, even if the lines are mixed up.