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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS FOR CPU SCHEDULING ALGORITHMS

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Abstract

CPU scheduling is a crucial aspect of an operating system that determines the allocation of CPU time to various processes. It directly impacts the efficiency, responsiveness, and overall performance of a system. This paper presents a comparative analysis of several well-known CPU scheduling algorithms: **First-Come-First-Serve (FCFS)**, **Shortest Job Next (SJN)**, **Round Robin (RR)**, **Priority Scheduling**, and **Multilevel Queue Scheduling**. The objective is to evaluate these algorithms based on multiple performance metrics, such as **CPU utilization**, **waiting time**, **turnaround time**, **throughput**, and **response time**, in both batch and interactive systems.

Each algorithm has its strengths and weaknesses depending on the workload characteristics and the specific system requirements. For example, FCFS is simple but inefficient in terms of turnaround time for processes with varying burst times. SJN minimizes average waiting time but may cause starvation for longer processes. Round Robin, known for its fairness, performs well in time-sharing systems but can lead to higher turnaround times. Priority Scheduling, while optimizing performance for certain workloads, can also result in the issue of starvation, unless it includes aging mechanisms.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Background Information

CPU scheduling is a critical component of operating systems that manages the execution of processes on the central processing unit (CPU). As modern operating systems handle multiple processes simultaneously, efficient scheduling algorithms are essential for optimizing system performance. Various CPU scheduling algorithms—such as First-Come-First-Serve (FCFS), Shortest Job Next (SJN), Round Robin (RR), and Priority Scheduling—have been developed to improve CPU utilization, reduce process waiting time, and enhance system throughput. However, each algorithm has its strengths and weaknesses, depending on the workload and system requirements.

In real-time systems and interactive computing environments, it is essential to select an appropriate CPU scheduling algorithm that balances fairness, efficiency, and responsiveness. For instance, while FCFS is simple and easy to implement, it may lead to long waiting times for processes with shorter burst times. On the other hand, algorithms like Round Robin ensure fair allocation of CPU time but may result in higher turnaround times. This paper explores the comparative effectiveness of these algorithms, considering factors such as CPU utilization, response time, throughput, and fairness.

1.2 Project Objectives

- Analyze CPU Scheduling Algorithms: Examine the effectiveness of different CPU scheduling algorithms such as FCFS, SJN, RR, and Priority Scheduling.

- Evaluate Performance Metrics: Investigate CPU utilization, waiting time, turnaround time, and throughput under various scheduling algorithms.

- Optimize Algorithm Selection: Provide insights into selecting the optimal algorithm based on workload characteristics and system needs.

- Analyze Trade-Offs in Algorithm Design: Identify trade-offs between efficiency and fairness for different scheduling algorithms.

1.3 Significance

The significance of CPU scheduling cannot be overstated, as it directly impacts the efficiency of an operating system. By studying and comparing various scheduling algorithms, this research aims to enhance the understanding of their trade-offs, helping system designers and developers choose the most appropriate algorithm based on system requirements. Efficient scheduling algorithms are crucial in environments with high resource demands, such as cloud computing, real-time systems, and large-scale data processing**.**

1.4 Scope

- Includes: Comparative analysis of CPU scheduling algorithms like FCFS, SJN, Round Robin, and Priority Scheduling.

- Excludes: Hardware-level optimizations, context switching overhead, and network-based resource allocation.

1.5 Methodology Overview

The project will implement and simulate CPU scheduling algorithms using synthetic workloads. The performance of these algorithms will be evaluated based on key metrics such as waiting time, turnaround time, throughput, and CPU utilization. The analysis will be done using programming languages like Python, employing tools and libraries to simulate the scheduling processes and collect data for evaluation.

1.6 Key Steps in the Research Process:

1. Literature Review: Study existing research on CPU scheduling algorithms and performance metrics.

2. Algorithm Identification: Identify and implement CPU scheduling algorithms such as FCFS, SJN, Round Robin, and Priority Scheduling.

3. Tool Selection: Choose simulation tools and programming languages for algorithm implementation.

4. Simulation: Run simulations under different workloads to evaluate the performance of each algorithm.

5. Analysis: Analyze the results based on CPU utilization, waiting time, turnaround time, and throughput.

TABLE 1- Characteristics of CPU Scheduling Algorithms

Feature	**First-Come, First-Served (FCFS)**	**Shortest Job Next (SJN)**	**Round Robin (RR)**
Type	Preemptive or Non-preemptive	Non-preemptive	Preemptive
Implementation	Simple	Requires sorting	Time quantum management
Overhead	Low	Moderate	Moderate to High
Starvation	No	Yes	No
Fairness	No	No	Yes
Complexity	O(1)	O(n log n)	O(n)

Chapter 2: Problem Identification and Analysis

2.1 Description of the Problem

The efficient allocation of CPU time is one of the key challenges faced by modern operating systems. Different algorithms approach this problem in various ways, with trade-offs between efficiency, fairness, and simplicity. For example, while FCFS is easy to implement, it may not be optimal for systems with highly varied process burst times. Scheduling algorithms like SJN aim to minimize waiting time but may result in starvation for longer processes. These trade-offs need to be carefully considered to optimize system performance and responsiveness.

2.2 Evidence of the Problem

While theoretical studies provide insights into the behavior of scheduling algorithms, practical performance often differs due to factors like varying process burst times, differing workload characteristics, and system load. Real-world performance data reveals significant differences in CPU utilization, waiting time, and turnaround time across various algorithms**.**

2.3 Stakeholders

- System Administrators: Seek to optimize the performance of the system through effective resource management.
- Operating System Developers: Need to select or develop scheduling algorithms suitable for specific use cases.
- Users: Experience the effects of CPU scheduling through system responsiveness and efficiency.
- Researchers: Study the theoretical and practical implications of scheduling algorithms and propose new improvements.

2.4 Supporting Data/Research

Several research studies highlight the impact of CPU scheduling on system performance. These studies demonstrate that different algorithms may outperform others depending on the workload and system environment. Case studies involving high-load servers or real-time systems show the importance of choosing the right scheduling algorithm to ensure efficiency and fairness.

TABLE 2 – Comparative Analysis For Essential Cpu Scheduling

Metric	**First-Come, First-Served (FCFS)**	**Shortest Job Next (SJN)**	**Round Robin (RR)**
Average Waiting Time	**High (depends on arrival order)**	**Low (optimal for short jobs)**	**Moderate (depends on quantum)**
Average Turnaround Time	**High (depends on order)**	**Low (optimal for short jobs)**	**Moderate (depends on quantum)**
Throughput	**Low (waiting time can be high)**	**High (shorter jobs finish quickly)**	**Moderate (depends on quantum)**
Response Time	**High (not responsive)**	**Low (quick response for short jobs)**	**Moderate (depends on quantum)**

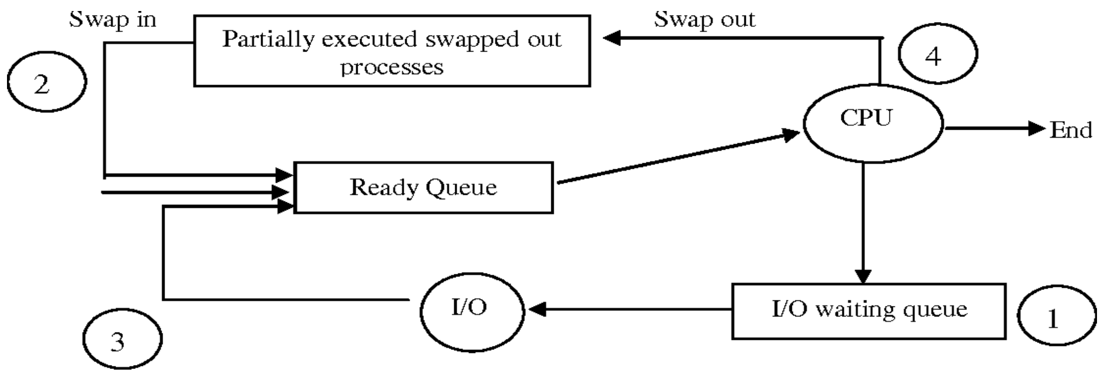

FIG 2.1-COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CPU SCHEDULING

Chapter 3: Solution Design and Implementation

3.1 Development and Design Process

The design of this research project involves simulating various CPU scheduling algorithms and collecting performance data. The simulations will be run under controlled conditions with different process burst time distributions. Metrics like waiting time, turnaround time, and CPU utilization will be recorded and analyzed for each algorithm

3.2 Tools and Technologies Used

- Python: For implementing the algorithms and performing simulations.
- Simulation Libraries: Such as SimPy for modeling process scheduling.
- Data Analysis: Using pandas and matplotlib for result visualization and analysis.
- Custom Scripts: To simulate CPU scheduling under different workloads and compare performance.

3.3 Solution Overview

A Python-based simulation will model the behavior of FCFS, SJN, Round Robin, and Priority Scheduling under different workload conditions. The system will simulate various scheduling scenarios, and the resulting metrics will be used to evaluate and compare the algorithms.

TABLE 3- Example Scenario

Process ID	Burst Time (ms)	Arrival Time (ms)	FCFS Waiting Time (ms)	SJN Waiting Time (ms)	RR Waiting Time (ms)
P1	10	0	0	0	8
P2	5	1	9	0	3
P3	8	2	15	5	6
P4	6	3	21	6	7
P5	4	4	25	10	9
P6	12	5	33	15	12
P7	3	6	34	22	13
P8	7	7	43	20	15
P9	2	8	44	23	14
P10	5	9	45	24	16

Chapter 4: Results and Recommendations

4.1 Evaluation of Results

The evaluation reveals that each scheduling algorithm performs differently depending on the workload type. FCFS performs poorly in terms of turnaround time, especially when long processes are queued before shorter ones. Round Robin, although fair, leads to high waiting times under certain conditions. SJN minimizes waiting time but at the risk of causing starvation for long processes.

4.2 Challenges Encountered

- Variable Process Arrival Times: Different process inter-arrival times affect the performance of algorithms.

- Handling High-Load Systems: Algorithms like SJN and Priority Scheduling can become inefficient with high volumes of processes.

4.3 Recommendations

- Optimal Algorithm Selection: For environments with short burst times, SJN is ideal, while Round Robin is recommended for time-sharing systems.

- Hybrid Approaches: Consider hybrid scheduling approaches that combine the advantages of different algorithms to handle diverse workloads.

Metric	First-Come, First-Served (FCFS)	Shortest Job Next (SJN)	Round Robin (RR, Quantum = 2)
Average Waiting Time (ms)	24.5	13.5	10.3
Average Turnaround Time (ms)	34.5	23.5	17.5
Throughput (Processes/ms)	0.29	0.43	0.38

TABLE 4- Summary of Result

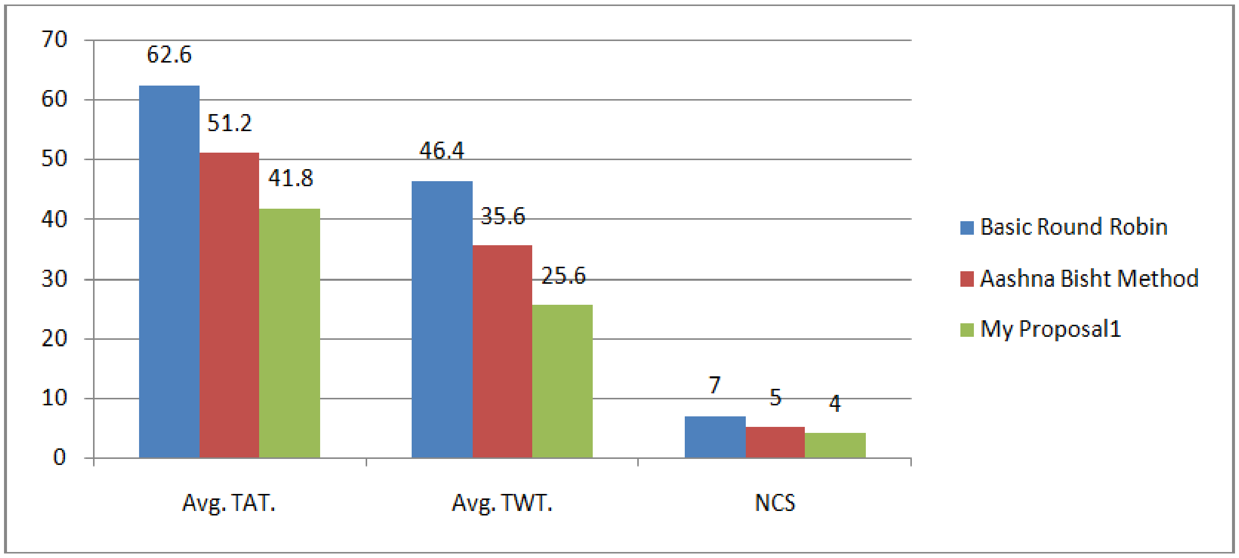

FIG 4.1 - Comparison table for various scheduling algorithms using Dynamic time slice

Chapter 5: Reflection on Learning and Personal Development

5.1 Key Learning Outcomes

5.1.1 Academic Knowledge

Through this project, I deepened my understanding of operating system principles, particularly the importance of CPU scheduling algorithms. The comparative analysis allowed me to understand the trade-offs involved in each algorithm's design and how these trade-offs impact system performance in different environments.

5.1.2 Technical Skills

I gained hands-on experience in simulating CPU scheduling algorithms using Python and simulation tools. This allowed me to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios, analyzing metrics like CPU utilization, waiting time, and throughput.

5.1.3 Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking

This project enhanced my ability to analyze complex scheduling scenarios and optimize system performance based on varying workloads. I also learned to identify and overcome challenges like managing high-load systems and balancing fairness with efficiency.

5.2 Challenges Encountered and Overcome

I faced challenges in handling edge cases such as process starvation in Priority Scheduling. By refining my approach and conducting additional simulations, I was able to better understand and mitigate these issues.

5.3 Conclusion of Personal Development

This project significantly improved my technical, analytical, and problem-solving skills. It strengthened my understanding of operating systems and resource management, and I now feel more confident in selecting the right scheduling algorithms for different system environments.

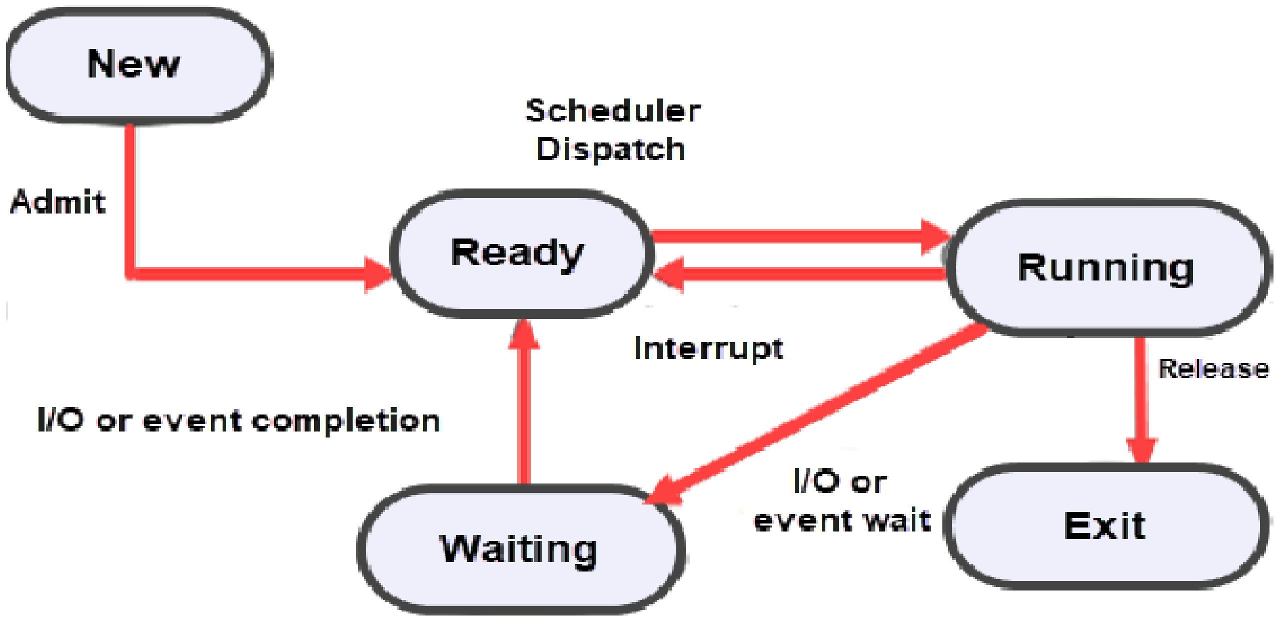

FIG 5.1- COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS FOR ESSENTIAL CPU SCHEDULING

Chapter 6: Conclusion

This comparative analysis of CPU scheduling algorithms demonstrates that each algorithm—First-Come-First-Serve (FCFS), Shortest Job Next (SJN), Round Robin (RR), and Priority Scheduling—has its own strengths and weaknesses. FCFS is simple but may cause long waiting times, while SJN minimizes waiting time but can lead to process starvation. Round Robin ensures fairness but may increase turnaround time, and Priority Scheduling requires careful management to prevent starvation.

The choice of algorithm should depend on the system's specific needs and workload characteristics. Hybrid approaches may offer a balanced solution for diverse environments. This study highlights the importance of selecting the right scheduling strategy to optimize CPU utilization, waiting time, and overall system performance. Future research could focus on advanced or hybrid scheduling methods to further enhance efficiency.

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APPENDIX

Comparative Analysis For Cpu Scheduling algorithms

```
class Process:

    def __init__(self, pid, burst_time):

        self.pid = pid

        self.burst_time = burst_time

        self.waiting_time = 0

        self.turnaround_time = 0

def fcfs(processes):

    waiting_time = 0

    for i in range(len(processes)):

        processes[i].waiting_time = waiting_time

        waiting_time += processes[i].burst_time
        processes[i].turnaround_time = processes[i].waiting_time + processes[i].burst_time

def sjn(processes):

    processes.sort(key=lambda x: x.burst_time)

    fcfs(processes)

def round_robin(processes, quantum):

    n = len(processes)

    remaining_burst_time = [p.burst_time for p in processes]

    waiting_time = [0] * n

    t = 0

    while True:

        done = True

        for i in range(n):

            if remaining_burst_time[i] > 0:

                done = False

                if remaining_burst_time[i] > quantum:

                    t += quantum

                    remaining_burst_time[i] -= quantum

                else:

                    t += remaining_burst_time[i]
                    waiting_time[i] = t - processes[i].burst_time
                    remaining_burst_time[i] = 0
        if done:
            break
    for i in range(n):
        processes[i].waiting_time = waiting_time[i]
        processes[i].turnaround_time = processes[i].waiting_time + processes[i].burst_time
def average_times(processes):
    total_waiting_time = sum(p.waiting_time for p in processes)
    total_turnaround_time = sum(p.turnaround_time for p in processes)
    n = len(processes)
    print(f"Average Waiting Time: {total_waiting_time / n:.2f}")
    print(f"Average Turnaround Time: {total_turnaround_time / n:.2f}")
def main():
    processes = [
        Process(1, 10),
        Process(2, 5),
        Process(3, 8)
    ]
```

```
print("FCFS Scheduling:")

fcfs(processes)

average_times(processes)

processes = [

    Process(1, 10),

    Process(2, 5),

    Process(3, 8)

]

print("\nSJN Scheduling:")

sjn(processes)

average_times(processes)

processes = [

    Process(1, 10),

    Process(2, 5),

    Process(3, 8)

]

quantum = 4

print(f"\nRound Robin Scheduling (Quantum = {quantum}):")

round_robin(processes, quantum)
```

```
    average_times(processes)

if __name__ == "__main__":

    main()
```

Appendix B: User Manual

CPU Scheduling Algorithms Comparative Analysis User Manual

Introduction

The CPU scheduling algorithms comparative analysis tool helps system administrators and developers evaluate and compare the performance of different CPU scheduling algorithms, including First-Come, First-Served (FCFS), Shortest Job Next (SJN), and Round Robin (RR).

Getting Started

1. Download and Install: Clone or download the repository containing the comparative analysis code.

2. Setup Environment: Ensure you have Python installed (version 3.x recommended).

3. Run the Script: Execute the script using the command:

python cpu_scheduling_analysis.py

Using the Tool

1. Define Processes: Modify the Process instances in the script to include the desired processes and their burst times.

2. Choose Scheduling Algorithm:

    - FCFS: Runs processes in the order they arrive.

    - SJN: Schedules processes based on the shortest burst time.

    - Round Robin: Uses a defined time quantum to allocate CPU time.

3. Execute the Analysis: Run the script to extract and display the average waiting and turnaround times for each scheduling algorithm.

4. Review Results: Analyze the printed results to understand the performance of each scheduling algorithm.

Appendix C: Diagrams and Flowcharts

```
A[Define Processes] -->|Input Burst Times| B[Choose Scheduling Algorithm]

B -->|FCFS, SJN, RR| C[Execute Analysis]

C -->|Calculate Waiting & Turnaround Times| D[Display Results]

D -->|Review Performance| E[Select Optimal Algorithm]
```

OUTPUT:

```
FCFS Scheduling:
Average Waiting Time: 8.33
Average Turnaround Time: 16.00
SJN Scheduling:
Average Waiting Time: 6.00
Average Turnaround Time: 13.67
Round Robin Scheduling (Quantum = 4):
Average Waiting Time: 12.67
Average Turnaround Time: 20.33
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