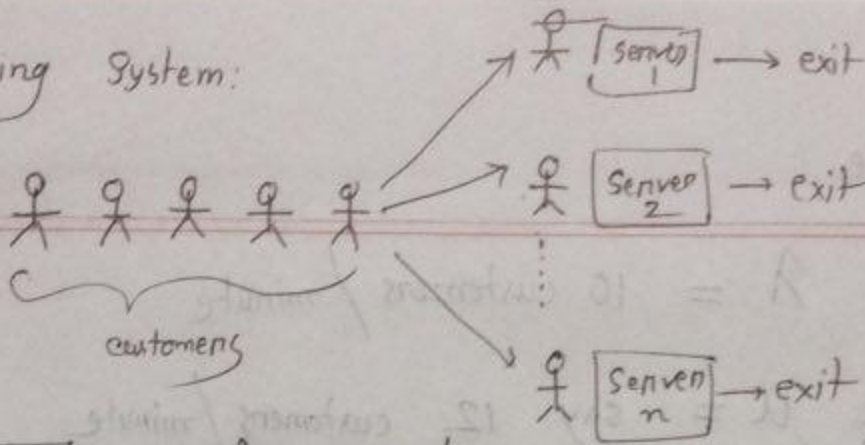


# The Queuing System:



if  $n=3$  (i.e., 3 servers)  
then  $\gg$   
at present  $L = 8$   
 $L_q = 5$   
(see next page  
for explanation)

Arrival of  
Customers

\*  $\lambda$  customers/time unit (example: 12 customers/sec)

\* probabilistic (by a Poisson distribution usually)

\* not regular,

not deterministic, Rather Random

& probabilistic

see next page example

\* Wait in Queue

FCFS, The first person gets first free server

if no Queue, then direct go to Server

get Service & exit

Departure  
of Customers

After they get service

Service Rate

$\mu$  customers/time unit

~~deterministic~~, not

probabilistic (exponentially distributed)

On average,

~~exactly~~

$\mu$  customers/time unit

(random, probabilistic  
NOT every second the  
same service time or rate)

\*\*\*M/M/1 queue is  
also called  
Single Server  
Exponential Queue

M/M/1 Queue

All our study on M/M/1 Queue

Markovian Memoryless

Single server

Arrival Rate  $\lambda$

$\mu$  = Service Rate = departure rate, also  
in single server model

Markovian means "discrete time". No two events are simultaneous. No two customers can arrive/depart at the exact same moment

Memoryless  $\Rightarrow$  As arrival times poisson distributed, this implies inter-arrival time exponentially distributed

(Exponential distribution has memoryless property)

Similarly: M/G/1 queue system: Markovian+General+single server:

Markovian events, Customer Arrivals follow any General probability distribution, and the queueing system has only a single server (hence the '1' in M/G/1)

M/G/k: Markovian General queueing system with k servers

M/M/k: Markovian Memoryless queueing system with k servers

M: Markovian (discrete time) system      G: The arrival of customers follow some General probability distribution (instead of Poisson or exponential distribution)      k: no. of servers is k

Example:

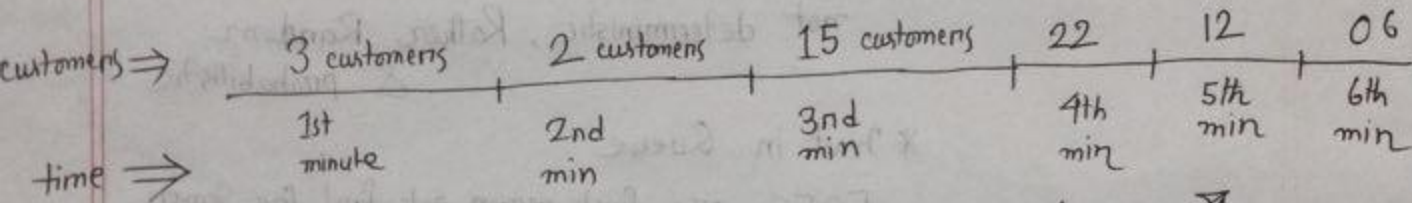
arrival rate  $\lambda = 10$  customers / minute

But, Probabilistic & Random, NOT every minute gets exactly 10 customers!! See following example ...

service rate  $\mu =$  say 12 customers / minute

Arrivals are probabilistic / Random

Just an example of random arrivals and how queue forms as 15, 22, 12 all  $\geq 12$  (i.e., service rate):



arrival rate  $\lambda = 60$  customers / 6 minute  
 $= 10$  customers / minute

service rate  $\mu = 10$  customers / minute

This is why  
 Queues are  
 formed

because  $15 > 10$   
 $22 > 10$   
 $12 > 10$

Now think about  $L, L_q, W, W_q$

$L$  = no. of customers in the system  $= L_q + \text{customers being served}$

$L_q$  = no. of customers waiting in queue

$W$  = Average waiting time in the system  $= W_q + \text{service time}$

$W_q$  = Avg. waiting time in queue  $= W_q + \frac{1}{\mu}$

## Queuing Theory

**Introduction:** We will study a class of models in which customer arrive in some random manner at a service facility. Upon arrival they are made to wait in queue until it is their turn to be served. Once served, they are generally assumed to leave the system. For such models we will be interested in determining among other things, such quantities as the average number of customers in the system (or in the queue) and average time a customer spends in the system (or spends waiting in the queue).

**Preliminaries:** Some fundamental quantities of interest for queueing models are

$L$  = the average number of customer in the system;

$L_Q$  = the average number of customers waiting in queue;

$W$  = the average amount of time a customer spends in the system;

$W_Q$  = the average amount of time a customer spends waiting in queue.

$L = (\text{lambda}) * W$ , Suppose you are waiting for 10 sec, on average 5 customers/second ARRIVE korche.

Then: no. of customers in the System will be 10 sec \* 5 customers/second = 50 customers ( $L = W * \text{lambda}$ )

Imagine that entering customers are forced to pay money (according to the rule) to the system. We would then have the following basic cost identity:

Average rate at which the system earns =  $\lambda_a \times$  average amount an entering customer pays.

Where,  $\lambda_a$  = average arrival rate of entering customers. That is, if  $N(t)$  denotes the number of customer arrivals by time  $t$ , then  $\lambda_a = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t}$ .

Supposing that each customer pays \$1 per unit time while in the system yields the so-called Little's formula,

$$L = \lambda_a W \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

This follows since, under this cost rule, the rate at which the system earns is just the number of customer in the system and the amount a customer pays is just equal to its time in the system.

Similarly, if we suppose that each customer pays \$1 per unit time while in queue, then it yields

$$L_Q = \lambda_a W_Q \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

**Steady-State Probabilities:** Let,  $X(t)$  denote the number of customers in the system at time  $t$  and define  $P_n, n \geq 0$ , by

$$P_n = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P\{X(t) = n\}$$

$P_n$  equals the (long-run) proportion of time that the system contains exactly  $n$  customers.

For example, if  $P_0 = 0.3$ , then in the long run, the system will be empty of customers for 30 percent of the time.

**$P_i$  = Probability that the System has now  $i$  Customers**



Two other sets of limiting probabilities are  $\{a_n, n \geq 0\}$  and  $\{d_n, n \geq 0\}$ , where

$a_n$  = proportion of customers that find  $n$  in the system when they arrive.

$d_n$  = proportion of customers leaving behind  $n$  in the system when they depart.

Example 1: Consider a queuing model in which all customers have service times equal to 1 and where the times between successive customers are always greater than 1 [for instance, the inter arrival times could be uniformly distributed over (1,2)]. Hence as every arrival finds the system empty and every departure leaves it empty, we have

$$a_0 = d_0 = 1$$

However,

$$P_0 \neq 1$$

as the system is not always empty of customers.

Proposition: In any system in which customers arrive one at a time and are served one at a time

$$a_n = d_n, \quad n \geq 0$$

Proof: An arrival will see  $n$  in the system whenever the number in the system goes from  $n$  to  $n + 1$ ; similarly, a departure will leave behind  $n$  whenever the number in the system goes from  $n + 1$  to  $n$ . Now in any interval of time  $T$  the number of transitions from  $n$  to  $n + 1$  must equal to within 1 the number from  $n + 1$  to  $n$ . [For instance, if transitions from 2 to 3 occur 10 times, then 10 times there must have been transition back to 2 from a higher state (namely, 3).] Hence, the rate of transitions from  $n$  to  $n + 1$  equals the rate from  $n + 1$  to  $n$ ; or equivalently, the rate at which arrivals find  $n$  equals the rate at which departures leave  $n$ . Thus,  $a_n = d_n, \quad n \geq 0$  (proved).

*Arrival Rate = (Lambda) .... Arrivals are Probabilistic ...sometimes more, sometimes less no. of customers arrive ... So queues may be formed because of fixed service rate  
Service Rate = Departure Rate = (Mu) ... This is deterministic, NOT Random!*

### Exponential Models:

A Single-Server Exponential Queuing System: Suppose that customers arrive at a single-server service station in accordance with a Poisson process having rate  $\lambda$ . That is, the time between successive arrivals are independent exponential random variables having mean  $1/\lambda$ . Each customer upon arrival goes directly into service if the server is free and if not the customer joins the queue. When the server finishes serving a customer, the customer leaves the system and the next customer in line, if there is any, enters service. The successive service times are assumed to be independent exponential random variables having mean  $1/\mu$ .

The above is called the **M/M/1 queue**. The two  $M$ s refer to the fact that both the inter arrival and the service distributions are exponential ( and thus memoryless, or Markovian) and the 1 to the fact that there is a single server. To analyze it, we shall begin by determining the limiting probabilities  $P_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

We know that, *the rate at which the process enters state  $n$  equals the rate at which it leaves state  $n$* . Let us now determine these rates. Consider first state 0. When in state 0, the process can leave only by an arrival as clearly there cannot be a departure when the

\*\*\*This is  
Same as  
M/M/1 Queue

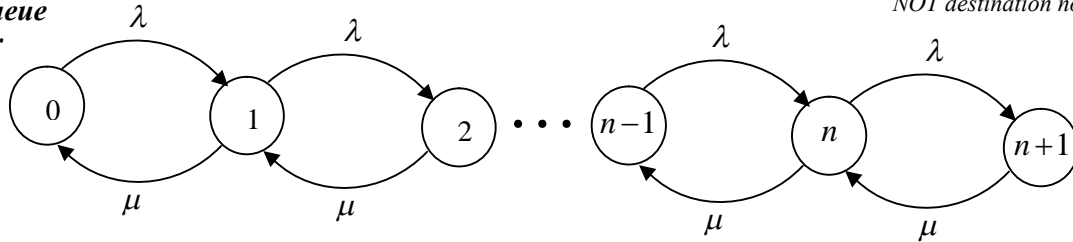
system is empty. Since the arrival rate is  $\lambda$  and the proportion of time the process is in state 0 is  $P_0$ , it follows that the rate at which the process leaves state 0 is  $\lambda P_0$ . On the other hand, state 0 can only be reached from state 1 via a departure. That is, if there is a single customer in the system and he completes the service, then the system becomes empty. Since the service rate is  $\mu$  and the proportion of time that the system has exactly one customer is  $P_1$ , it follows that the rate at which the process enters state 0 is  $\mu P_1$ .

Hence, from our rate equality principle we get our first equation,

**outflow from state 0 = inflow into state 0**

$$\lambda P_0 = \mu P_1$$

\*\*\*\*\* This is called the **Queue State Transition Diagram** for the M/M/1 queue (or, Single server Exponential Queueing System)



Rules of Thumb:

- inflow = outflow in Network flow diagram
- To calculate flow: the edge weight is always multiplied by originating (source) node's  $P$ , NOT destination node's  $P$

**Properties of Network Flow Diagram**

Now consider state 1. The process can leave this state either by an arrival (which occurs at rate  $\lambda$ ) or a departure (which occurs at rate  $\mu$ ). Hence, when in state 1, the process will leave this state at a rate of  $\lambda + \mu$ . Since the proportion of time the process is in state 1 is  $P_1$ , the rate at which the process leaves state 1 is  $(\lambda + \mu)P_1$ . On the other hand, state 1 can be entered either from state 0 via an arrival or from state 2 via a departure. Hence, the rate at which the process enters state 1 is  $\lambda P_0 + \mu P_2$ . Though the reasoning for other states is similar, we obtain the following set of equations:

State	Rate at which the process leaves = rate at which it enters	
0	$\lambda P_0 = \mu P_1$	
$n, n \geq 1$	$(\lambda + \mu)P_n = \lambda P_{n-1} + \mu P_{n+1}$	... (3)

From equation (3), we get

$$P_1 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_0$$

$$P_{n+1} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_n + \left(P_n - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_{n-1}\right), \quad n \geq 1$$

Solving in terms of  $P_0$  yields

Putting  $n = 0$ , we get  $P_1 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_0$

Putting  $n = 1$ , we get  $P_2 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_1 + \left(P_1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_0\right) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_1 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_0 = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 P_0$

Putting  $n = 2$ , we get  $P_3 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_2 + \left(P_2 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_1\right) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_2 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 P_0 = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^3 P_0$

Putting  $n = 3$ , we get  $P_4 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_3 + \left( P_3 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_2 \right) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_3 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^3 P_0 = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^4 P_0$

$\vdots$

Putting  $n = n$ , we get  $P_{n+1} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_n + \left( P_n - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_{n-1} \right) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_n = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^n P_0 = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^{n+1} P_0$

To determine  $P_0$  we use the fact that,  $P_n$  must sum to 1 and thus

$$1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^n P_0 = \frac{P_0}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}, \quad \left[ \because 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow P_0 = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

$$\therefore P_n = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^n \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right), \quad n \geq 1 \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

Now let us attempt to express the quantities  $L, L_Q, W$  and  $W_Q$  in terms of the limiting probabilities  $P_n$ . Since  $P_n$  is the long-run probability that the system contains exactly  $n$  customers, the average number of customers in the system clearly is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n P_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^n \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right), \quad \left[ \because E(x) = \sum x P(x) \right] & \text{L = Average no. of customers in system} \\ &= \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^n & \text{= Expected no. of customers in system} \\ &= \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right) \left[ \frac{\lambda/\mu}{\left( 1 - \lambda/\mu \right)^2} \right], & \text{= E [customers in system]} \\ &= \frac{\lambda/\mu}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} = \frac{\lambda/\mu}{\frac{\mu - \lambda}{\mu}} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \cdot \frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} & \text{= (sum over) n * Pn} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \because \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^n = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \right]$$

$$\dots \quad (5)$$

The quantities  $W, W_Q$  and  $L_Q$  now can be obtained with the help of equations (1) and (2).

That is, since  $\lambda_a = \lambda$ , we have from equation (5) that

$$W = \frac{L}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda/\mu}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

*L = (lambda) \* W, Example: you waiting for 10 sec, on average 5 customers/second ARRIVE  
Then: no. of customers in the System will be 10 \* 5 = 50  
Thus, L = W \* arrival rate (or, lambda) ==> W = L / lambda*

$$W_Q = W - E[S] = W - \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} - \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{\mu - \mu + \lambda}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)}$$

*(avg. service rate = MEU ... means avg. service time = 1/MEU)*

where,  $E[S]$  = average service time =  $\frac{1}{\mu}$  (for exponential distribution).

$$L_Q = \lambda W_Q = \lambda \cdot \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)} = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)}$$

Example: Suppose that customer arrive at a Poisson rate of one per every 12 minutes, and that the service time is exponential at a rate of one service per 8 minutes. What are  $L$ ,  $W$ ,  $W_Q$  and  $L_Q$  ? **(Or, What is Average number of customers in the System? Average Waiting Time? Average no. of Customers in Queue? And Waiting time in Queue?)**

Solution: Since  $\lambda = \frac{1}{12}$ ,  $\mu = \frac{1}{8}$  ~~persons/minute~~ **\*Check: Meu must be > = lambda, otherwise infinity Queue length and infinite waiting timw hobe !!! \***

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{12}} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{3-2}{24}} = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{24}{1} = 2 \quad (\text{Ans.})$$

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{12}} = \frac{1}{\frac{3-2}{24}} = 24 \quad (\text{Ans.}) = 24 \text{ minutes}$$

$$W_Q = \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{12} \right)} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3-2}{24} \right)} = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{8 \times 24}{1} = 16 \text{ minutes} \quad (\text{Ans.})$$

$$L_Q = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)} = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{12} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{12} \right)} = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{12} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3-2}{24} \right)} = \frac{1}{12 \times 12} \times \frac{8 \times 24}{1} = \frac{4}{3} \quad (\text{Ans.})$$

☺ Good Luck ☺

## More Questions:

**What is the probability that There are 5 customers in the System? (given: Lambda and Mu)**  
**(Ans: Find P5, using the formula (4) for Pn from previous page. Just put n=5)**

**What is Probability that there will be at least 3 customers in the system?**

**Ans:  $P_3 + P_4 + P_5 + \dots \dots \dots = 1 - P_0 - P_1 - P_2$  (find Pn from formula (4) for n=0,1,2)**

**What is Probability that the Single Server is IDLE in the system?**

**Ans: Server IDLE means no customers. The probability is  $P_0 \Rightarrow$  put n=0 in formula (4) to find out  $P_0 = 1 - \lambda/\mu$**