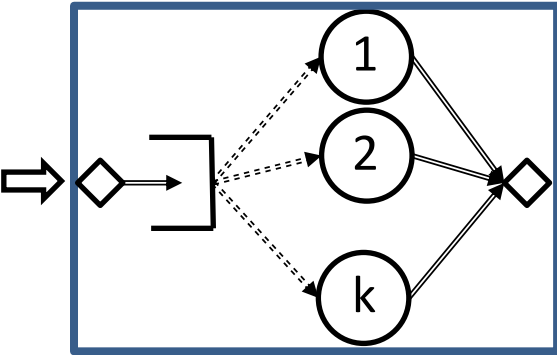


# Queueing Theory for Single Workstations

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**M/M/1** [ $WIP, WIP_q, CT, CT_q, TH, U$ ] =  $f(\mu_p, \mu_{ia})$

$$U = \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_{ia}} \quad (\text{any stable single workstation})$$

$$WIP = \frac{U}{1-U} \quad (\text{from Markovian assumptions})$$

$$TH = \frac{1}{\mu_{ia}} \quad (\text{any stable single workstation})$$

$$CT = \frac{WIP}{TH} \quad (\text{Little's Law})$$

$$CT_q = CT - \mu_p \quad (\text{any single workstation})$$

$$WIP_q = TH * CT_q \quad (\text{Little's Law})$$

**M/M/k** [ $] \approx f(\mu_p, \mu_{ia}, k)$

$$U = \frac{\mu_p}{k\mu_{ia}} \quad (\text{any stable single workstation})$$

$$CT_q \approx \frac{U\sqrt{2(k+1)-1}}{k(1-U)} \mu_p \quad (\text{Sakasegawa, 1977})$$

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$$CT = CT_q + \mu_p \quad (\text{any single workstation})$$

$$TH = \frac{1}{\mu_{ia}} \quad (\text{any stable single workstation})$$

$$WIP_q = TH * CT_q \quad (\text{Little's Law})$$

$$WIP = TH * CT \quad (\text{Little's Law})$$

**G/G/1** [ $] \approx f(\mu_p, \sigma_p^2, \mu_{ia}, \sigma_{ia}^2)$  with  $c_{ia} = \frac{\sigma_{ia}}{\mu_{ia}}$  and  $c_p = \frac{\sigma_p}{\mu_p}$

$$U = \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_{ia}} \quad (\text{any stable single workstation})$$

$$CT_q \approx \left( \frac{c_{ia}^2 + c_p^2}{2} \right) \left( \frac{U}{1-U} \right) \mu_p \quad (\text{Kingman} \equiv \text{VUT})$$

Continue as with M/M/k ...

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Continue as with M/M/k ...

**If Preemptive Outages**

- Time between outages has average  $M_{TTF}$ ,  $CV \approx 1$
  - Outages have mean and variance ( $M_{TTR}, \sigma_{TTR}^2$ )
- Then correct  $(\mu_p, \sigma_p^2)$  to effective  $(\mu_e, \sigma_e^2)$ :

$$A = \frac{M_{TTF}}{M_{TTF} + M_{TTR}}$$

$$\mu_e = \frac{\mu_p}{A}$$

$$\sigma_e^2 = \left( \frac{\sigma_p}{A} \right)^2 + \frac{(M_{TTR} + \sigma_{TTR}^2)(1-A)\mu_p}{A \cdot M_{TTR}}$$

**If Nonpreemptive Outages**

- Number of jobs between outages has average  $N$ ,  $CV \approx 1$
  - Outages have mean and variance ( $\mu_s, \sigma_s^2$ )
- Then correct  $(\mu_p, \sigma_p^2)$  to effective  $(\mu_e, \sigma_e^2)$ :

$$\mu_e = \mu_p + \frac{\mu_s}{N}$$

$$\sigma_e^2 = \sigma_p^2 + \frac{\sigma_s^2}{N} + \frac{N-1}{N^2} \mu_s^2$$

**If both Preemptive and Nonpreemptive Outages**

Then apply the formulas consecutively.

**If Process Batching, Parallel Processing**

- G/G/1 queue with batch size  $b$
- Whole-batch processing time  $\mu_p$

$$U = \frac{\mu_p}{b\mu_{ia}} \quad (\text{any stable single workstation})$$

$$CT_q \approx \left( \frac{c_{ia}^2 + c_p^2}{2} \right) \left( \frac{U}{1-U} \right) \mu_p \quad (\text{Kingman})$$

$$CT = \frac{(b-1)\mu_{ia}}{2} \mu_p + CT_q + \mu_p \quad (\text{add wait-to-batch})$$

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$$TH = \frac{1}{\mu_{ia}} \quad (\text{any stable single workstation})$$

$$WIP_q = TH * CT_q \quad (\text{Little's Law})$$

$$WIP = TH * CT \quad (\text{Little's Law})$$

**If Process Batching, Serial Processing**

- G/G/1 queue with batch size  $b$
- Per-element processing time  $\mu_p$
- Setup time between batches  $s$
- SCV for batch process & setup time  $c_e^2$
- Assume  $c_e^2 = 0.5$  and  $c_{ia}^2 = 1$ :

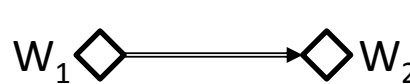
$$U = \frac{\mu_p + s/b}{\mu_{ia}}$$

$$CT_q \approx \left( \frac{c_{ia}^2 + c_p^2}{2} \right) \left( \frac{U}{1-U} \right) \mu_p \quad (\text{Kingman})$$

$$WIBT = \frac{b-1}{2} \mu_p \quad (\text{lot splitting}), \quad (b-1)\mu_p \quad (\text{no splitting})$$

$$CT = CT_q + s + WIBT + \mu_p$$

Continue as with Parallel Processing ...



For **serially-arranged** workstations, the departure process from  $W_1$  is the arrival process at  $W_2$ .

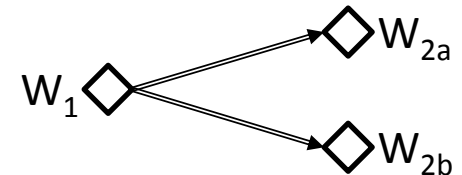
$$(\mu_d, c_d^2) = f(c_{ia}^2, c_p^2, k, U, TH):$$

$$\mu_d = \frac{1}{TH}$$

$$c_d^2 = 1 + (1-U^2)(c_{ia}^2 - 1) + \frac{U^2}{\sqrt{k}}(c_p^2 - 1)$$

which for  $k = 1$  reduces to:

$$c_d^2 = U^2 c_p^2 + (1-U^2)c_{ia}^2$$



For a workstation with **parallel downstream branches**, If the branch's routing control logic is probabilistic (prob  $p_1$  of routing to  $W_{2a}$ , prob  $p_2$  of routing to  $W_{2b}, \dots$ ) and if  $W_1$ 's departure process has  $(\mu_d, c_d^2 \approx 1)$  Then results for "splitting" a Poisson process apply.

- Arrivals at  $W_{2a}$  will have  $(p_1\mu_d, c_d^2 \approx 1)$
- Arrivals at  $W_{2b}$  will have  $(p_2\mu_d, c_d^2 \approx 1)$ , etc.