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Recap from Last Lecture

- Scheduling allows one process to use the CPU while another is waiting for I/O, thereby maximizing system utilization
- **non-preemptive** vs. **preemptive** scheduler
- Different scheduling policies optimize different metrics
- 2 out of 6 scheduling algorithms:
 - **First-Come-First-Serve (FCFS)**
 - **Round Robin (RR)**

Scheduling Algorithms: An Overview

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- **Shortest-Job-First (SJF)**
- Priority Scheduling
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Assuming all jobs arrive at the same time
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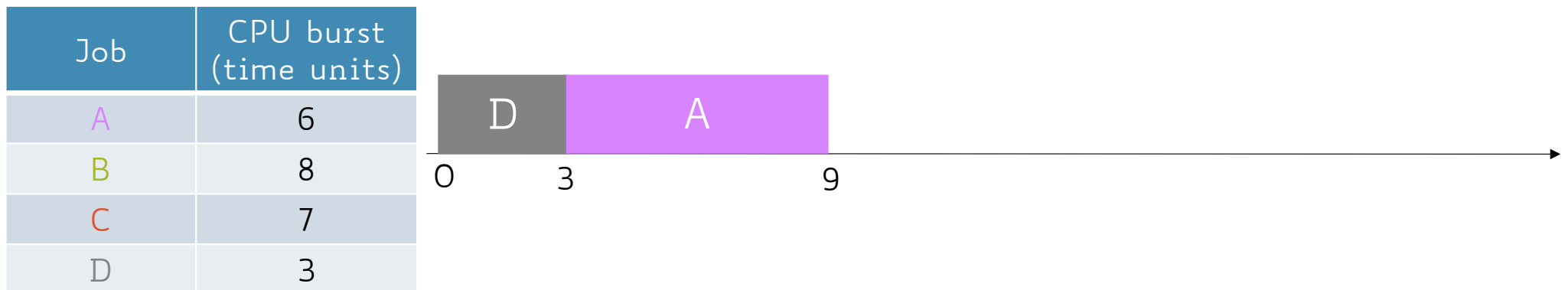
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- Long running CPU-bound jobs can *starve* (as I/O-bound ones have implicitly higher priority over them)

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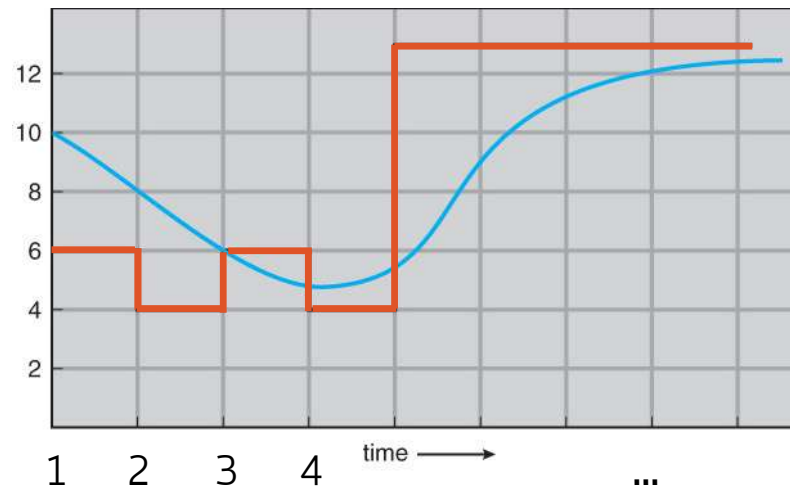
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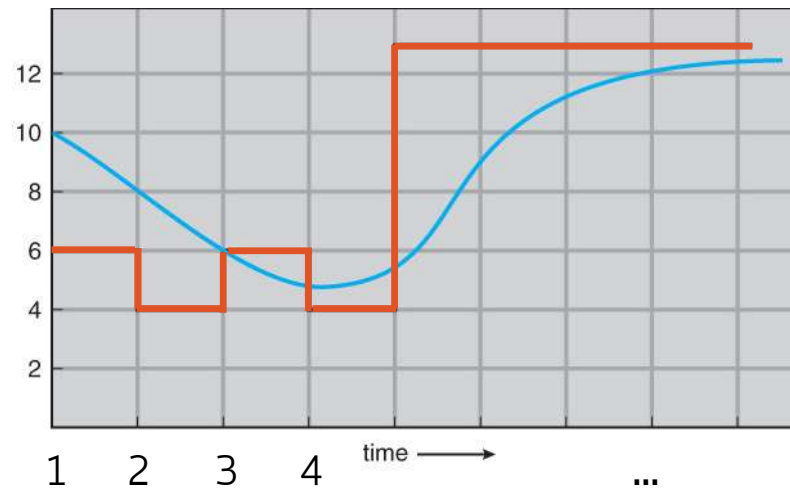
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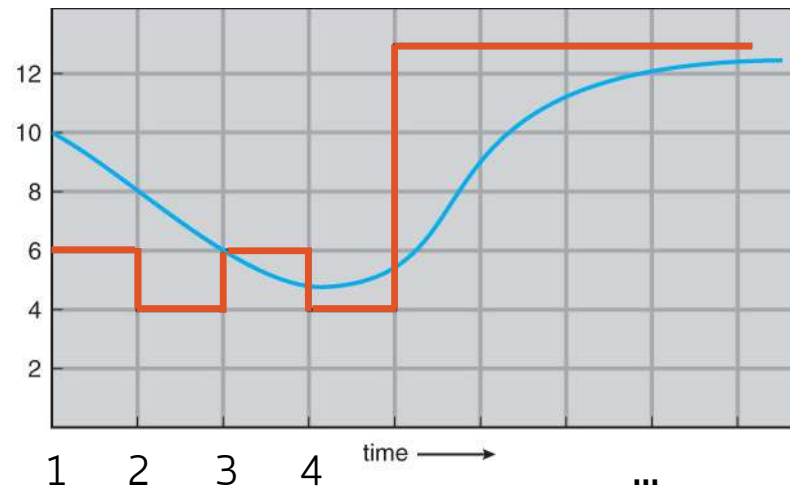


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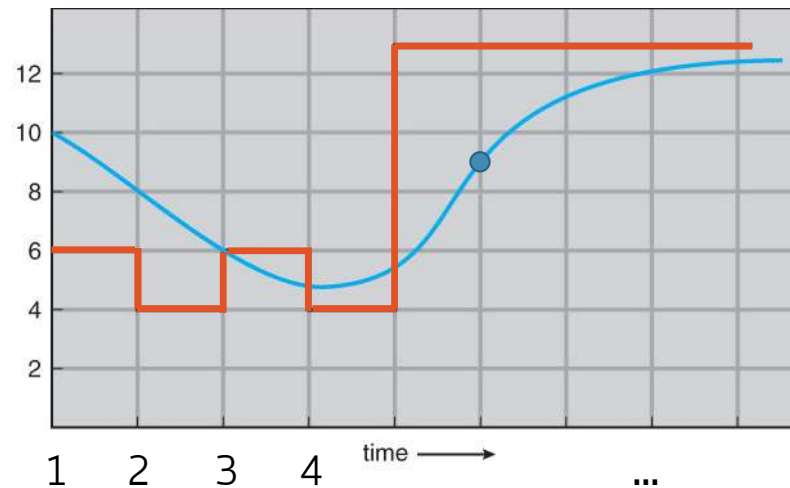
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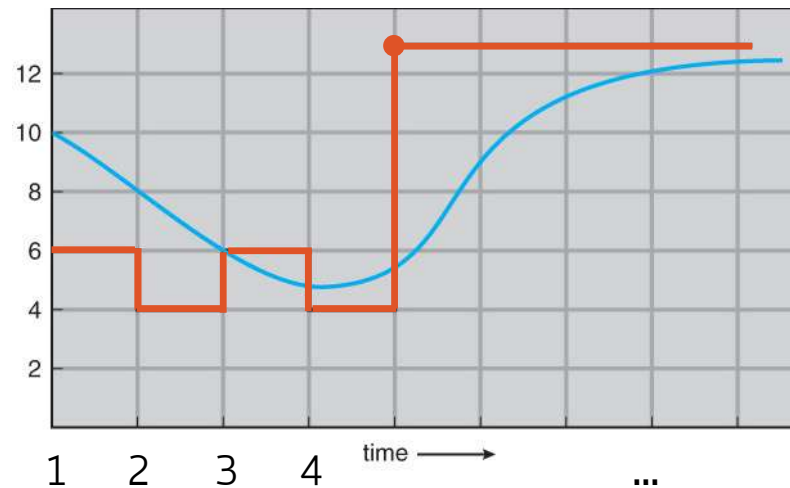


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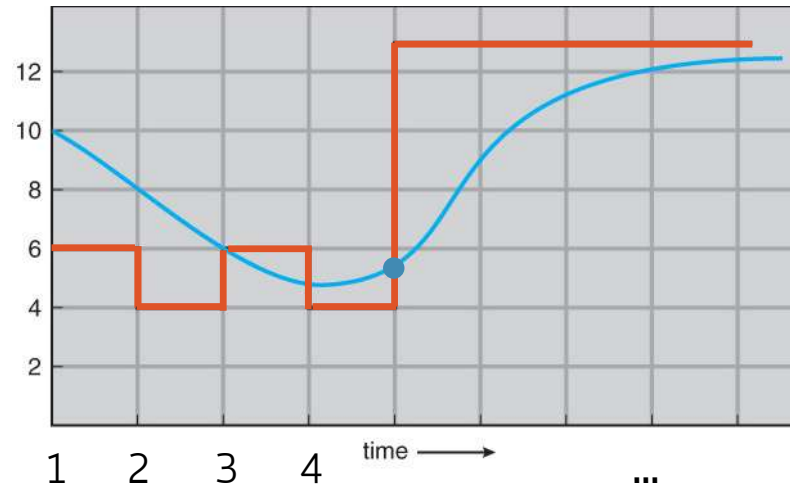
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Assuming $\alpha > 0$, the weight of each past term decreases as we move backward in history proportionally to the terms of a geometric progression $\{1, (1 - \alpha), (1 - \alpha)^2, (1 - \alpha)^3, \dots\}$

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Both C and D are arrived with 9 and 5 CPU burst units, respectively

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- In practice, priorities are implemented using integers within a fixed range
 - No convention on whether "high" priorities use large or small numbers
 - Usually, low numbers for high priorities (0 = the highest priority)

Priority Scheduling: Characteristics

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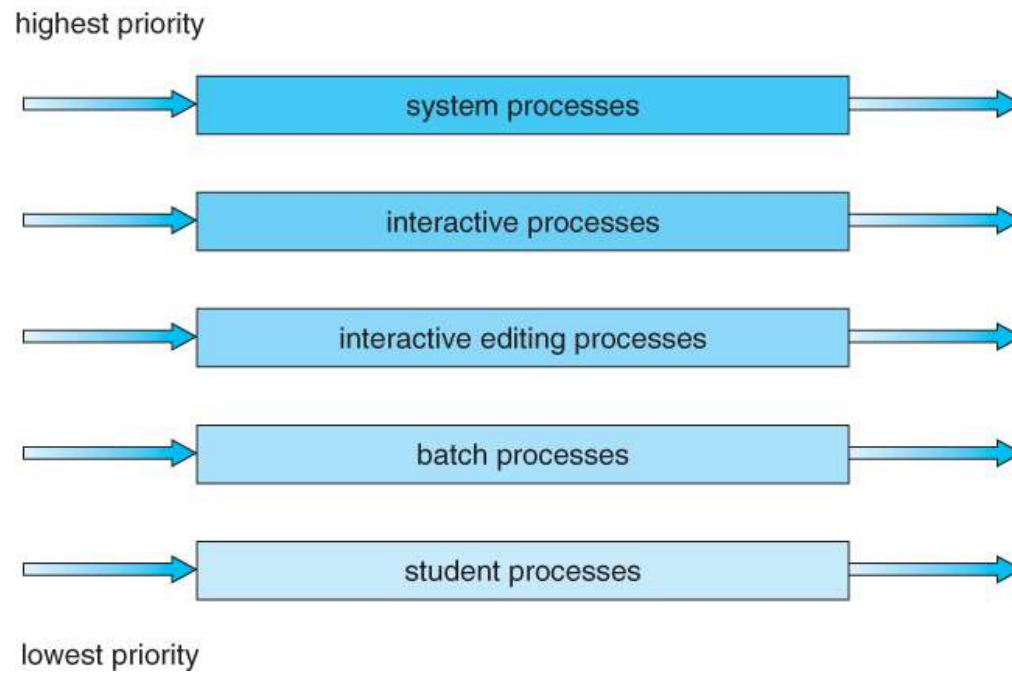
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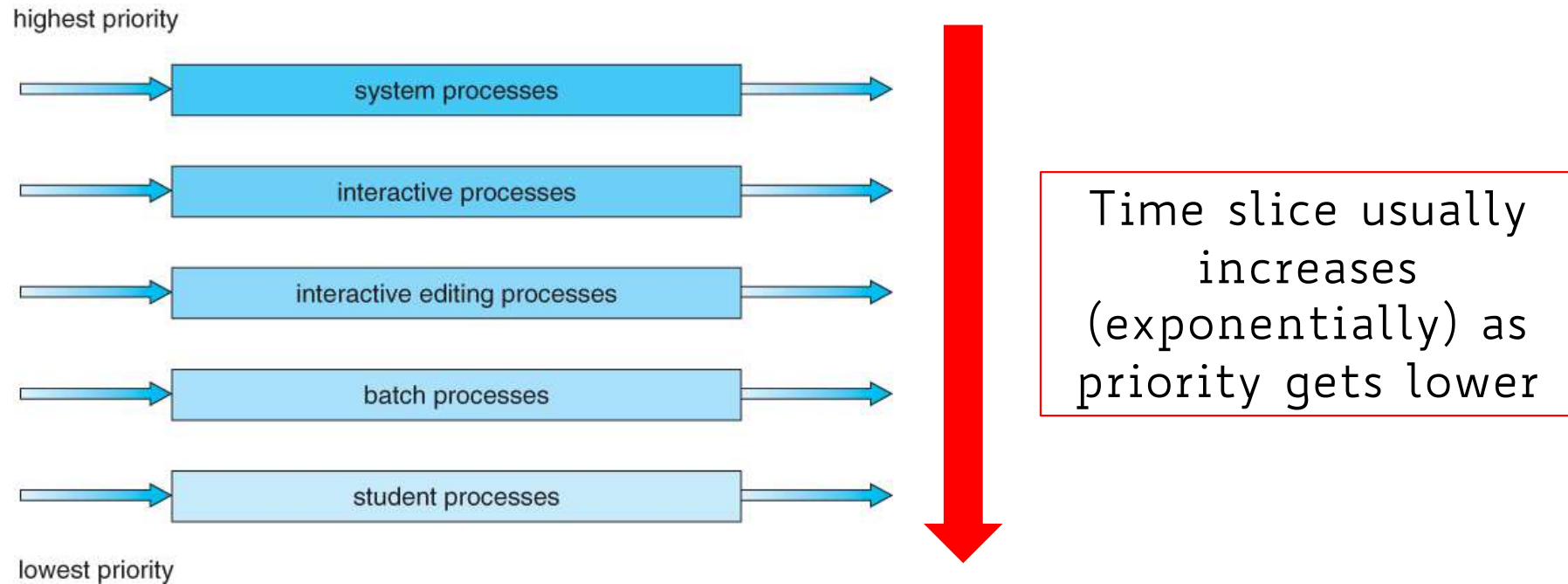
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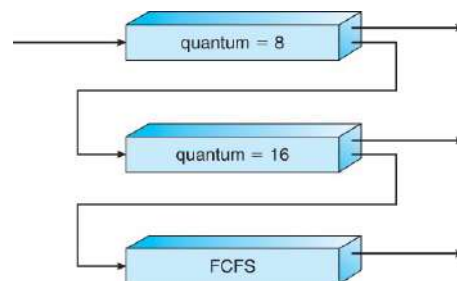
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