Real-Time Systems Systèmes Temps-Réel embarqués



Embedded systems:

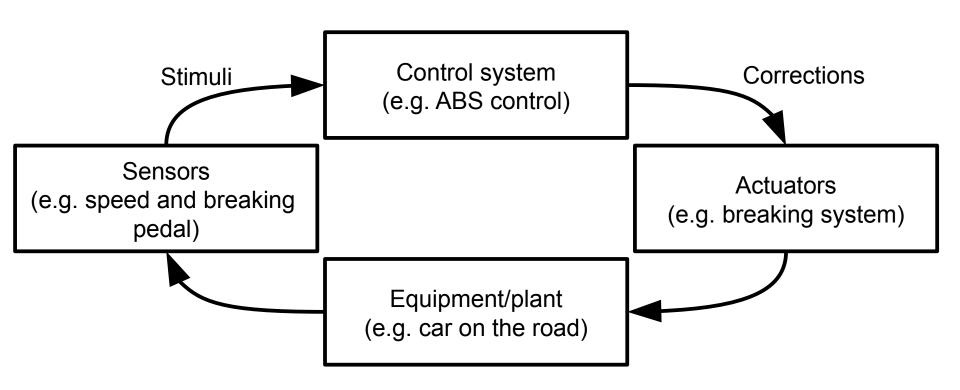
- « An application whose prime function is not that of information processing, but which nevertheless requires information processing in order to carry out their prime function » – Real-Time Systems and programming langages, A. Burns and A. Wellings
- Ex : Microprocessor-controlled washing machine

Real-time systems:

- « Any system in which the time at which output is produced is significant » – Oxford dictionnary of computing
- Outputs must be produced within a certain duration (deadline) after input stimuli have been produced by the environment (subcategory of reactive systems)
- Real-time system = functional correctness + temporal correctness
- Ex: Control system for airbags, ABS, etc.



Ex: embedded control systems:





Soft Real-time:

- Deadlines can be missed occasionaly, or service can occasionaly be delivered late
- Ex: telemetry report system, car window controller, multimedia application, etc.

Hard Real-Time:

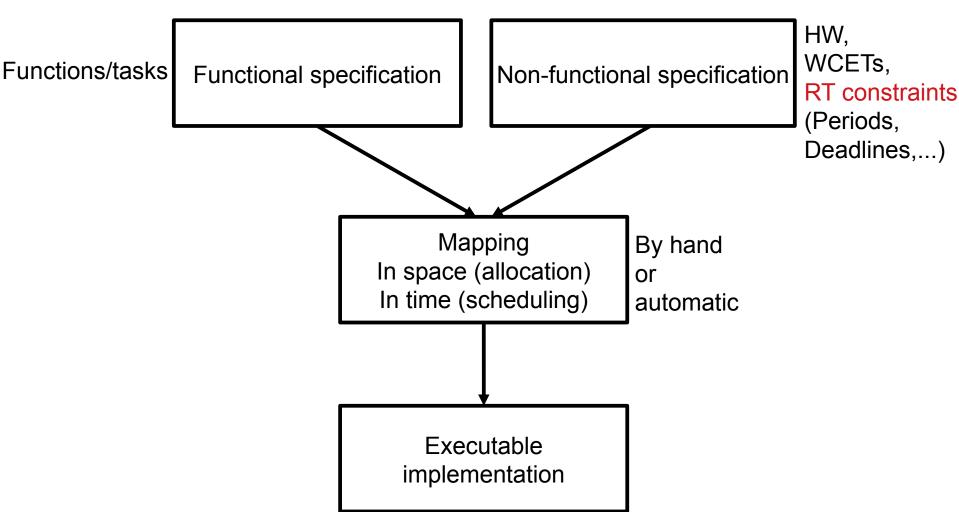
- Any deadline miss is considered a system failure and may be catastrophic
- Critical systems: systems for which a timing failure may cause human harm or loss, environmental disaster or expensive mission failure
- Ex: aircraft control system, nuclear plant, etc.



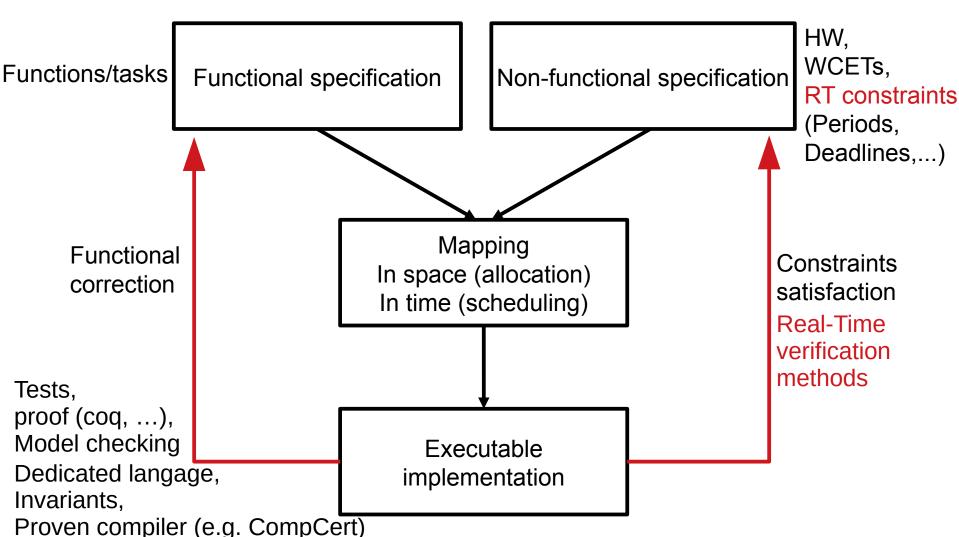
Engineering a real-time system:

- Specification: functional and non-functional requirements
 - Functional: What the system must compute? Defining tasks
 - Non-functional: On what hardware? With which temporal requirements?
- Implementation: producing the system with constraints
 - Languages: non-synchronous (C, ADA, ...) vs synchronous (lustre/SCADE, esterel, ...)
 - Cyclic executive vs concurrent. Linking specification tasks to execution threads/processes
 - Generating static code vs generating scheduler configuration
- Verification: verifying the requirements on the produced system
 - Functional (not part of this course)
 - Non-functional (schedulability analysis)











Real-Time requirements sources

- Laws of nature:
 - Objects in motion, inertia, etc.
 - => End-to-end response time constraints/deadlines
- Control theory:
 - Execution frequency/period
- Hardware limitations:
 - Sensor sampling rate
 - Actuation rate
 - => Periods



- Functional requirements:
 - Implement an Engine Control Unit:
 - Samples inputs from a pedal angle sensor, a speed sensor and an engine rotation sensor
 - Writes to a controller in the engine to control the rotation speed
 - Implement an Airbag Control Unit:
 - Samples inputs from a collision detector
 - Triggers the airbag if necessary
- Real-time requirements:
 - Sampling rate for the sensors:
 - Pedal angle, speed: 10ms
 - Engine rotation: 20ms
 - Collision detection: 60ms
 - Actuation rates:
 - ECU function (control theory): 40ms
 - Airbag function (bodies in motion): 60ms



Most common abstraction: real-time tasks

- Tasks: the functional units of the system (e.g. functions or groups of functions)
- Periodic tasks: mostly used
 - Period (T_i): the duration between two consecutive activations of a task
 - Relative deadline (a.k.a. deadline) (D_i): the duration between a task instance arrival date and the date at which it must complete its execution
 - Execution time budget (C_i) => Worst-case execution time
- Periodicity induces multiple instances (jobs)
 - Arrival date (A_{ij}): the date at which job j of task i is ready for scheduling (a.k.a. release date)
 - Absolute deadline: the date at which a job must complete its execution



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 - Sometimes characterized only with T_i and C_i (when D_i=T_i)



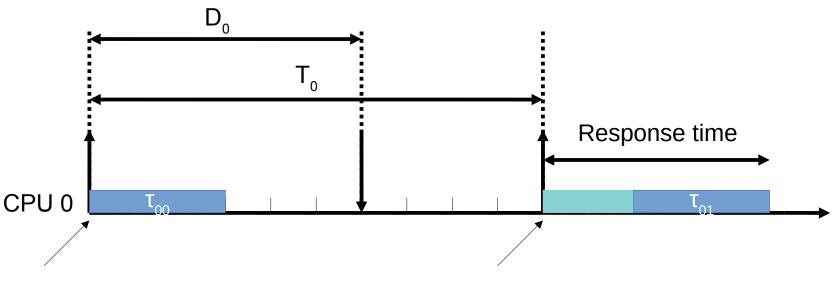
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- Periodic tasks: mostly used
- Sporadic tasks:
 - Not periodic, but minimum inter-arrival duration is known
 - E.g. fault-tolerance routines, some sensor polling tasks
- Aperiodic tasks:
 - Can happen anytime, makes verification hard
 - Can be tackled by adding periodic « server » tasks



Example:

$$\tau_0$$
: T_0 =10, T_0 =6, T_0 =3



A₀₀ (first job release)

A₀₁ (second job release)



Our running example: a simplified car control system

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How to capture the requirements in the periodic task model?

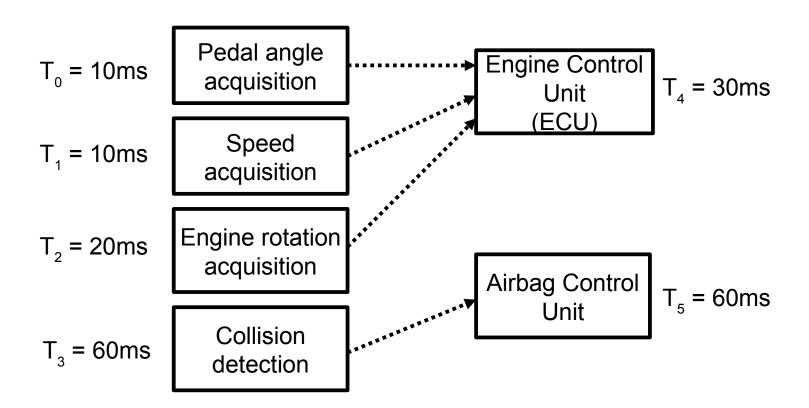


- Real-time requirements:
 - Sampling rate for the sensors:
 - Pedal angle, speed: 10ms
 - Engine rotation: 20ms
 - Collision detection: 60ms
 - Actuation rates:
 - ECU function (control theory): 30ms
 - Airbag function (bodies in motion): $60 \text{m}_0^{\text{T}_0} = 30 \text{ms}$?
- Engine Control
 Unit
 (ECU)
 - T₀=10ms?

- Airbag Control Unit
 - $T_1 = 60 \text{ms}$
- Original model: One task per functionality (coarse-grain tasks)
 - Each is responsible for input acquisition, correction computation and actuation
 - Very simple system design, complexity hidden in the tasks
 - In particular, different sampling rates
 - => Tasks may be harder/sometimes impossible to implement
 - => Tasks WCET are harder to derive
 - => Strong abstraction, usually leads to pessimism overhead in validation phase
 - => Hard to optimize at system-level



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- Model relaxation: one task per function (fine grain tasks)
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 - System design is more complex, tasks are simpler to implement
 - Abstraction is weaker
 - => system-level analysis is harder, but optims are possible
 - => small WCET overhead when analyzing tasks
- Choosing the task system:
 - Transforms requirements into constraints
 - Constraints may be stricter than requirements (cost of abstraction): cf original model in the example
 - Is the first step of implementation (limit between specification and implementation is blurred)

Implementation



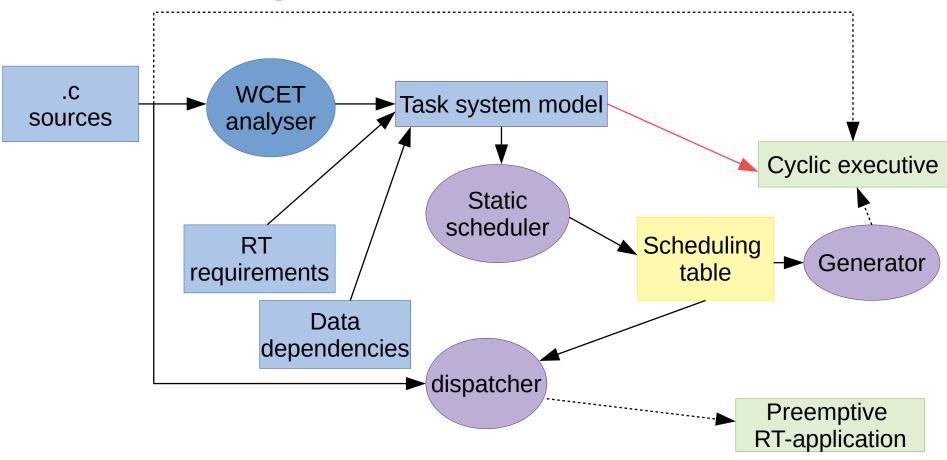
Two main implementation families:

- Static implementation: everything is fixed offline
 - Produce a static schedule i.e. order of execution of the tasks, sometimes also their starting dates
 - Produce a cyclic executive, then check it

- Produce a scheduling table with the start date of each task and the code for each task (processes or threads)
 - Easy to verify the RT properties => good for very critical parts
 - Dynamic implementation: decisions are made online (during the execution)
 - Implement/choose a scheduler to make the decisions at runtime
 - Choose a scheduling policy
 - Produce tasks code (processes or threads)
 - Verification is harder but implementation is easier, more modular and robust



Static scheduling:





Cyclic executive:

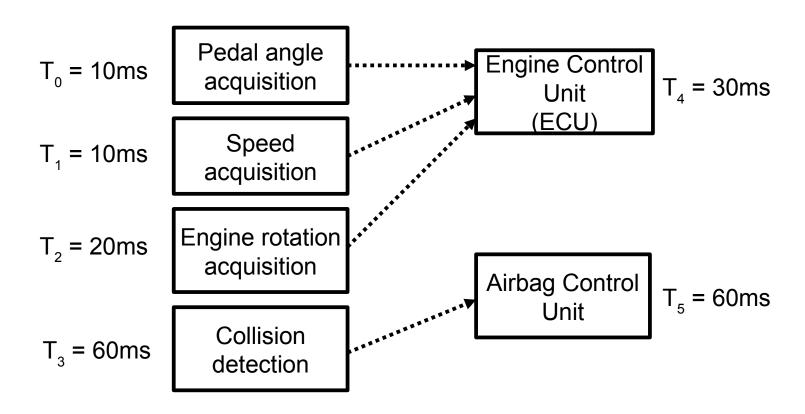
- Basically, one infinite loop which contains calls to the tasks' functions
 - Only one process/thread

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Loop: //Repeat indefinitely
acquire_inputs(); //Sensor polling
compute_corrections();
write_outputs(); //Update actuators
```

- The main loop gives the activation period for the whole system
 - In the absence of synchronizations, the sum of the WCETs of the tasks' functions gives the response time AND the worst case period



- Second version: one task per function (fine grain tasks)
 - For now, inter-task communications can be ignored (using buffers)





Cyclic executive:



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```
loop :
       pedal_angle();
       speed();
                                                 Period of loop is the period
       if(i%2==0) engine_rotation();
                                                 of the fastest task
       if(i%6==0) collision_detection();
       if(i%3==0) ECU();
       if(i%6==0) airbag();
       i++;
       wait_10ms(); // wait for timer interrupt
                  // or busy wait until 10ms is reached
                    20
                                       40
                                                           60
23
```



Cyclic executive:

- Simple verification method: sum of worst-case execution times must be less than the period of the loop (and/or less than the smallest deadline)
 - Regardless of the order of function calls in the loop
 - Sufficient criteria, but not necessary
 - Exact criteria when all tasks have the same period

$$\forall i, \sum_{j} Cj \leq Di$$

 $\forall i, \sum_{i} Cj \leq Ti$

- Exact verification method: build the worst-case schedule of the task system (one hyperperiod when all tasks start at date 0)
 - If no task exceeds its own deadline, the system is safe



Cyclic executive: sufficient vs exact method

```
loop:
C<sub>0</sub>=1 pedal_angle();
C_1=1 speed();
C<sub>2</sub>=2 if(i%2==0) engine_rotation();
C_{3} = 2
      if(i%6==0) collision_detection();
C_4 = 3
      if(i%3==0) ECU();
C_5=4
      if(i%6==0) airbag();
       i++;
       wait_10ms(); // wait for timer interrupt
                  // or busy wait until 10ms is reached
                    20
                                         40
                                                             60
25
```



Cyclic executive: Problem with long tasks

```
loop:
C<sub>0</sub>=1
       pedal_angle();
C_{1} = 1
       speed();
                                                        Period of loop is the period
C<sub>2</sub>=2 if(i%2==0) engine_rotation();
                                                        of the fastest task=> if a task
C_{3} = 2
       if(i%6==0) collision_detection();
                                                        takes longer than this period
C_4 = 3
                                                        we have a deadline miss
        if(i%3==0) ECU();
C<sub>5</sub>=12
        if(i%6==0) airbag();
        i++;
        wait_10ms(); // wait for timer interrupt
                     // or busy wait until 10ms is reached
          Deadline miss !!! => Schedule with larger period or add preemptions
                       20
                                             40
                                                                    60
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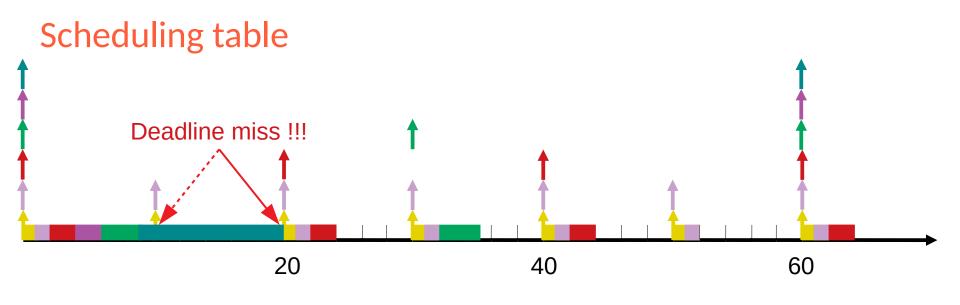


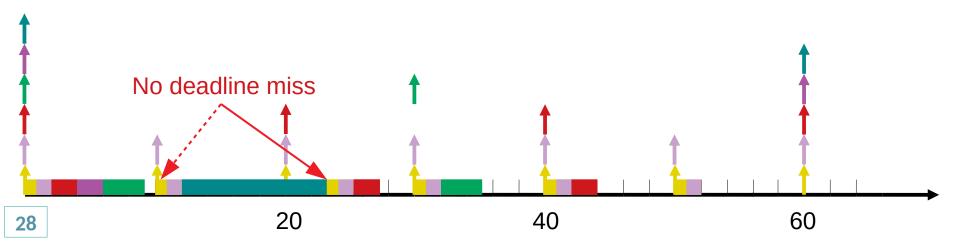
Scheduling table:

- Represents the starting dates of the tasks in each hyperperiod (lcm of tasks periods)
 - Program object
- Used to generate and/or verify a simple cyclic executive
 - Verify: create cyclic executive, then derive corresponding table
 - Generate: create table first, then corresponding executive
- Also used as a parameter to a dispatcher
 - Can support preemptions
 - Starting dates and order of computation are fixed at compile time, no decision is made online by the dispatcher

A scheduling table is its own validation criteria: if no task violates its deadline in the table, the implementation is safe









- How to build the scheduling table ?
 - NP-hard problem
 - => for small task systems: by hand, using ILP or heuristics
 - => for large task systems: use heuristics
- When there is no inter-task dependence
 - Simulate an online scheduling policy for one hyperperiod
 - E.g. RM, DM, EDF, LLF, etc.
- When there are inter-task dependencies
 - Exhibit all jobs for one hyperperiod in your task model (including release dates and dependencies to other jobs)
 - Schedule ASAP while following the partial order dictated by the dependencies
 List scheduling
 - In case of multiple candidate tasks, try all and choose according to a cost function (greedy algorithm)
 - Depending on the size of the task system, use backtracking



- Preemptive rate-monotonic scheduling
 - RM is initially an online scheduling algorithm
 - In RM, each task is assigned a static (fixed) priority
 - Priorities are based on tasks periods
 - The smaller the period, the higher the priority
 - $T_i < T_j => priority(\tau_i) > priority(\tau_j)$
 - Under certain hypothesis, RM is optimal (in the sense of RT scheduling)



- Preemptive rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Select tasks by increasing activation periods
 - Schedule each job of the task for the hyperperiod ASAP

$$T_0 = 10 \text{ms}$$
 Pedal angle acquisition

 $T_1 = 10 \text{ms}$ Speed acquisition

 $T_1 = 10 \text{ms}$ Collision acquisition

 $T_2 = 20 \text{ms}$ Engine rotation acquisition

 $T_2 = 20 \text{ms}$ Collision detection

Engine Control
Unit
(ECU)

Airbag Control
Unit

$$T_4 = 30 \text{ms}$$
 $C_4 = 3 \text{ms}$

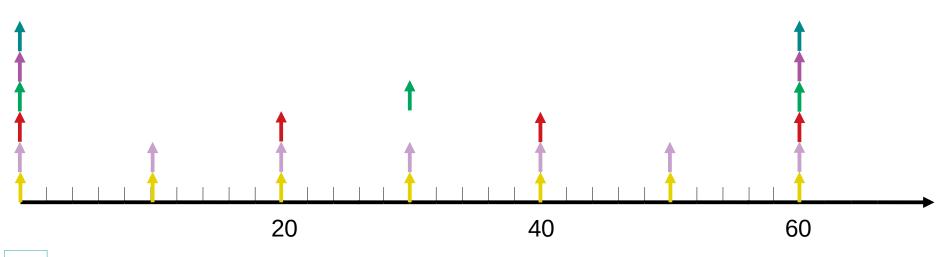
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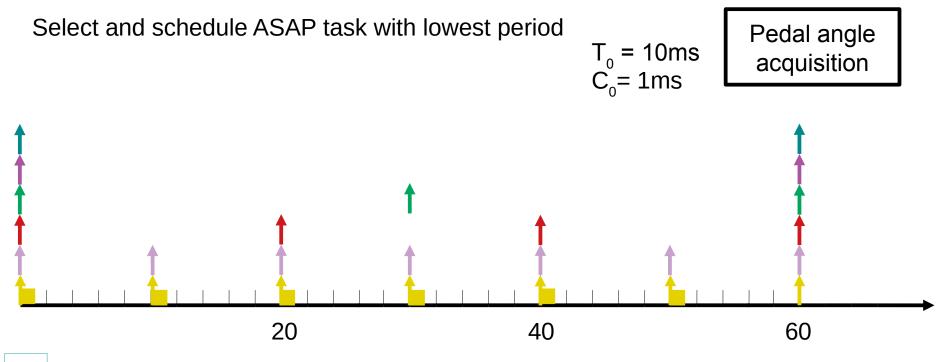
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Start with an empty table of size hyperperiod





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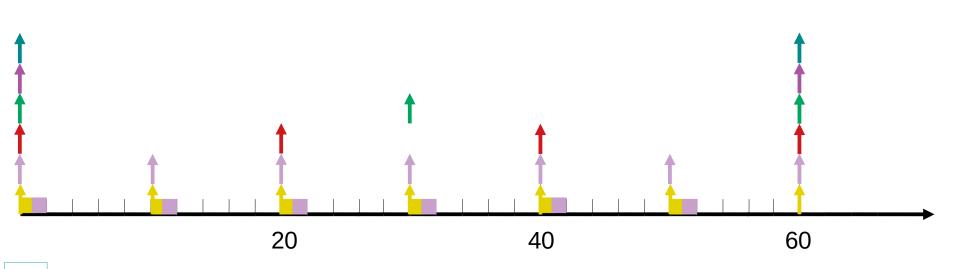
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Select and schedule ASAP task with next lowest period

$$T_{1} = 10 \text{ms}$$

 $C_{1} = 1 \text{ms}$

Speed acquisition



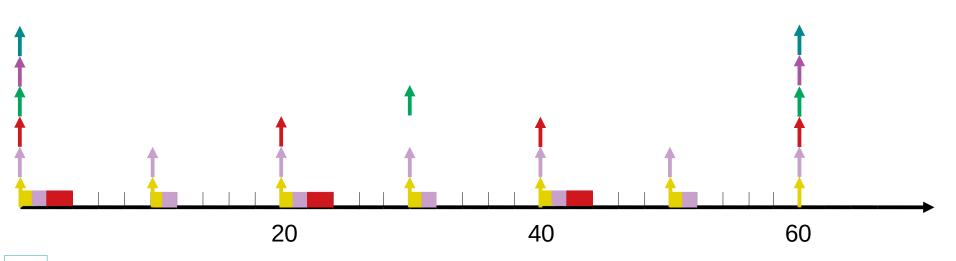


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 $T_{2} = 20 \text{ms}$ $C_{2} = 2 \text{ms}$ Engine rotation acquisition





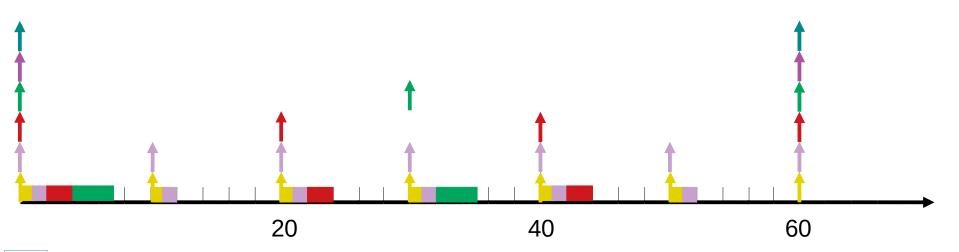
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 $T_4 = 30 \text{ms}$ $C_4 = 3 \text{ms}$





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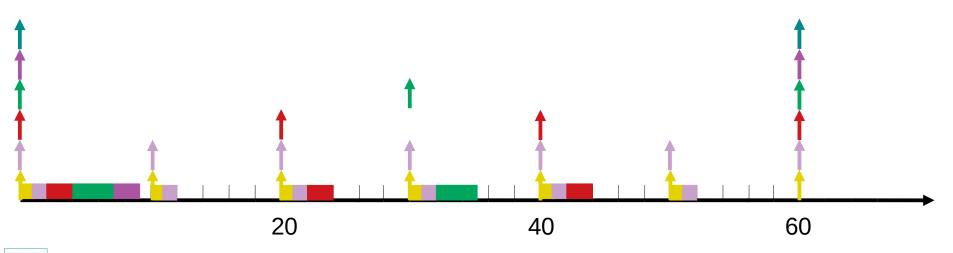
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Select and schedule ASAP task with next lowest period (I could have selected the airbag control task instead resulting in a different, yet valid, schedule)

$$T_3 = 60 \text{ms}$$

 $C_3 = 2 \text{ms}$

Collision detection





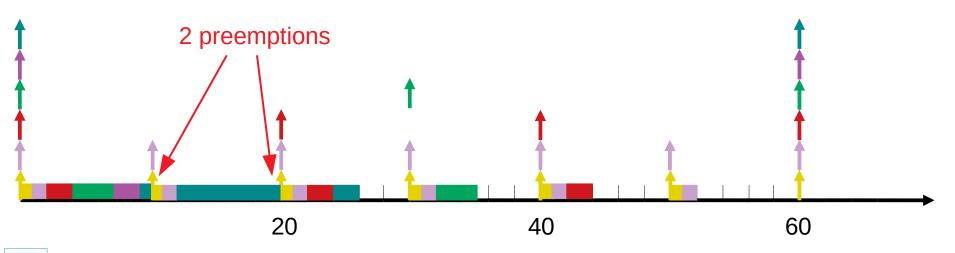
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Select and schedule ASAP task with next lowest period

Airbag Control Unit

 $T_5 = 60 \text{ms}$ $C_5 = 12 \text{ms}$





- Preemptive rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Select tasks by increasing activation periods
 - Schedule each job of the task for the hyperperiod ASAP
 - Sufficient schedulability criterion

$$U = \sum_{i=1}^n rac{C_i}{T_i} \leq n(2^{1/n}-1)$$

- $n \to +\infty : U \le \ln 2 \approx 0.69$
- Only if:
 - Preemptive
 - No shared lock (no critical section)
 - Ti=Di for all i
 - All preemption costs are accounted for in the Ci (CRPD and context switch)
- If all periods are harmonic, U ≤ 1 is the sufficient criterion



- Preemptive rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Select tasks by increasing activation periods
 - Schedule each job of the task for the hyperperiod ASAP
 - Exact schedulability criterion: worst-case response-time analysis
 - For each task, compute response-time of the first generated job
 - If all tasks start at date 0, the worst-case processor demand happens at date 0 (a.k.a synchronous release) => if all jobs generated at date 0 finish before their deadline, then any job will finish before its deadline => the system is schedulable



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 - How to compute the WCRT of each job?
 - A job executes as soon as it is released, but can be delayed by tasks with higher or same priority (all of them in the worst case).
 - The WCRT is thus equal to the job's execution budget (WCET) plus the interference coming from higher than or equal priority tasks.



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 - $\tau_0 : T_0 = 10, C_0 = 3$
 - In isolation, WCRT R = C



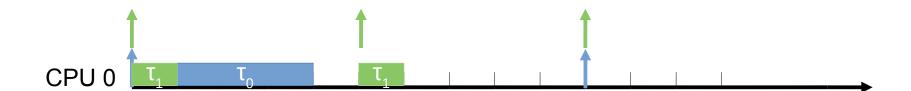
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$$\tau_0 : T_0 = 10, C_0 = 3$$

•
$$\tau_1 : T_1 = 5, C_1 = 1$$

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$$R_1 = C_1 = 1$$

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$$R_0 = C_0 + C_1 = 4$$





Scheduling table:

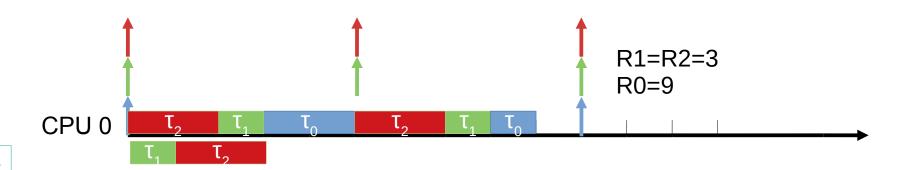
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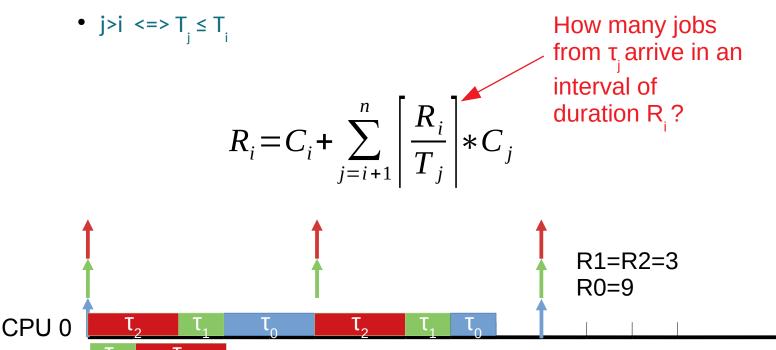
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$$\tau_2 : T_2 = 5, C_2 = 2$$

Sufficient condition does not hold





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$$j > i <=> T_j \le T_i$$

How many jobs from τ_j arrive in an interval of duration $R_i ?$

$$R_i = C_i + \sum_{j=i+1}^n \left[\frac{R_i}{T_j} \right] * C_j$$

Must be computed as a fixed-point!



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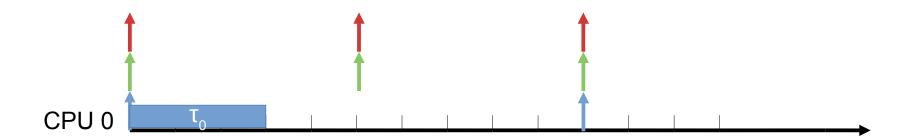
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• Fixed-point computation (step 1):

•
$$R_0^1 = C_0 = 3$$

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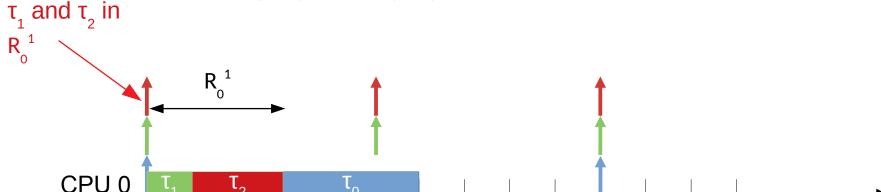
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 <=> $T_j \leq T_i$

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$$R_0^2 = C_0 + \text{ceil}(R_0^1/T_1)^*C_1 + \text{ceil}(R_0^1/T_2)^*C_2$$

=3 +ceil(3/5) * 1 +ceil(3/5)*2 = 6

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$$j > 1 <=> |I_j \le I_i|$$
• Fixed-point computation (step 2):
• $R_0^2 = C_0 + \text{ceil}(R_0^1/T_1) * C_1 + \text{ceil}(R_0^1/T_2) * C_2$

$$R_i = C_i + \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} \left[\frac{R_i}{T_j} \right] * C_j$$



1 arrival of



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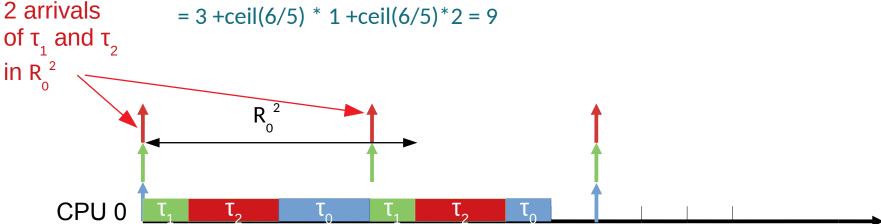
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$$j>i$$
 <=> $T_j \leq T_i$

•
$$R_0^3 = C_0 + \text{ceil}(R_0^2/T_1)^*C_1 + \text{ceil}(R_0^2/T_2)^*C_2$$

= $3 + \text{ceil}(6/5)^* + 1 + \text{ceil}(6/5)^* + 2 = 9$

•
$$j > 1 <=> |I_j \le I_i|$$
• Fixed-point computation (step 3):
• $R_0^3 = C_0 + \text{ceil}(R_0^2/T_1)^*C_1 + \text{ceil}(R_0^2/T_2)^*C_2$

$$R_0^3 = C_0 + \text{ceil}(R_0^2/T_1)^*C_1 + \text{ceil}(R_0^2/T_2)^*C_2$$





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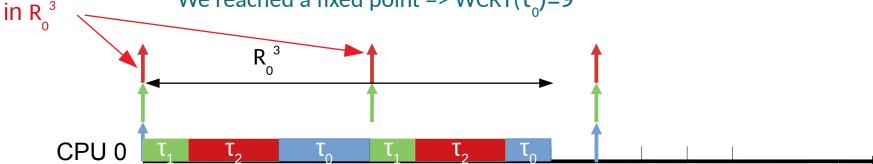
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$$j>i$$
 <=> $T_j \leq T_i$

• Fixed-point computation (step 4):
•
$$R_0^4 = C_0 + \text{ceil}(R_0^3/T_1)^*C_1 + \text{ceil}(R_0^3/T_2)^*C_2$$

$$R_i = C_i + \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} \left| \frac{R_i}{T_j} \right| *C_j$$

• = $3 + ceil(9/5) * 1 + ceil(9/5) * 2 = 9 = R_0^3$

• We reached a fixed point => WCRT(τ_0)=9



2 arrivals

of τ_1 and τ_2



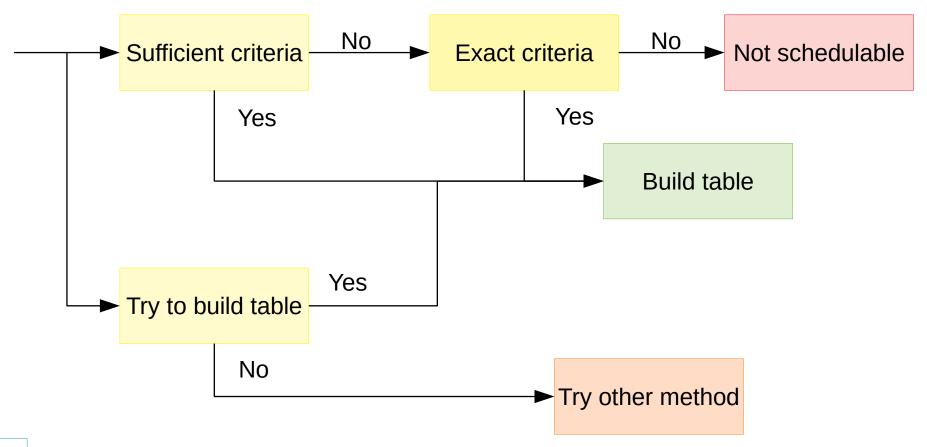
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 - Select tasks by increasing activation periods
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 - Exact schedulability criterion: worst-case response-time analysis
 - Can be extended to account for blocking (critical sections in online schedulers), preemption costs, multicore interference



- Preemptive deadline-monotonic scheduling
 - Select tasks by increasing deadlines
 - Schedule each job of the task for the hyperperiod ASAP
 - When D_i=T_i, exactly the same as RM
 - Response-time analysis criterion can be obtained from the RM one :
 - Same formula
 - j>i <=> Dj ≤ Di (priorities driven by deadlines)



Scheduling table: what do we do of this?





Exercise 1:

- Rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Is the following task system RM-schedulable?

•
$$\tau_1 : C_1 = 1, T_1 = 10$$

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$$\tau_2 : C_2 = 1, T_2 = 10$$

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$$\tau_3 : C_3 = 2, T_3 = 20$$

•
$$\tau_4 : C_4 = 2, T_4 = 60$$

•
$$\tau_5 : C_5 = 2, T_5 = 60$$

•
$$\tau_6$$
: C_6 = 3, T_6 = 30

•
$$\tau_7 : C_7 = 4, T_7 = 60$$

• If so, draw the scheduling table for the first hyperperiod of the system, using the RM algorithm.



Exercise 2:

- Rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Is the following task system RM-schedulable?
 - $\tau_1 : C_1 = 2, T_1 = 10$
 - τ_2 : C_2 = 3, T_2 = 20
 - $\tau_3 : C_3 = 10, T_3 = 50$
 - τ_4 : C_4 = 13, T_4 = 100



Exercise 3:

- Rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Is the following task system RM-schedulable?
 - $\tau_1 : C_1 = 12, T_1 = 50$
 - $\tau_2 : C_2 = 10, T_2 = 40$
 - $\tau_3 : C_3 = 10, T_3 = 30$



Exercise 4:

- Rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Is the following task system RM-schedulable?
 - $\tau_1 : C_1 = 1, T_1 = 4$
 - $\tau_2 : C_2 = 1, T_2 = 5$
 - $\tau_3 : C_3 = 1, T_3 = 6$
 - $\tau_4: C_4 = 2, T_4 = 7$



Exercise 5:

- Rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Is the following task system RM-schedulable?
 - $\tau_1 : C_1 = 1, T_1 = 5$
 - $\tau_2 : C_2 = 2, T_2 = 10$
 - $\tau_3 : C_3 = 2, T_3 = 20$
 - τ_4 : C_4 = 5, T_4 = 10
 - If so, draw the scheduling table for the first hyperperiod of the system, using the RM algorithm.



Exercise 6:

- Rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Is the following task system RM-schedulable?
 - $\tau_1 : C_1 = 3, T_1 = 7$
 - τ_2 : C_2 = 3, T_2 = 12
 - $\tau_3 : C_3 = 5, T_3 = 20$



Exercise 7:

- Rate-monotonic scheduling
 - Is the following task system RM-schedulable?
 - Process P : $C_1 = 1$, $T_1 = 3$
 - Process Q : $C_2 = 2$, $T_2 = 6$
 - Process S : $C_3 = 5$, $T_3 = 18$



Exercise 8:

- Consider three tasks P, Q and S
 - P: C = 30ms, T = 100ms
 - Q : C = 1ms, T = 5ms
 - S: C = 5ms, T = 25ms
- P is the most « important » task in the system, followed by Q and S
- What is the behavior of the scheduler if the priorities are based on the importance?
- What is the combined utilisation U of tasks P, Q and S?
- How should the processes be scheduled so that all deadlines are met ?
- Illustrate one of the schemes that allows these processes to be scheduled



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    Use the python type Task to describe the RT tasks:
        class Task():
        def __init__(self, name, idx, period, deadline, wcet):
        self.name=name
        self.idx=idx
        self.period=period
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 - Declare a python type to represent the schedule
 - Write a method to generate a schedule from a list of tasks
 - Write a method which verifies that a generated schedule is valid
 - Write a method to export a schedule to a json file