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Performance Bounds

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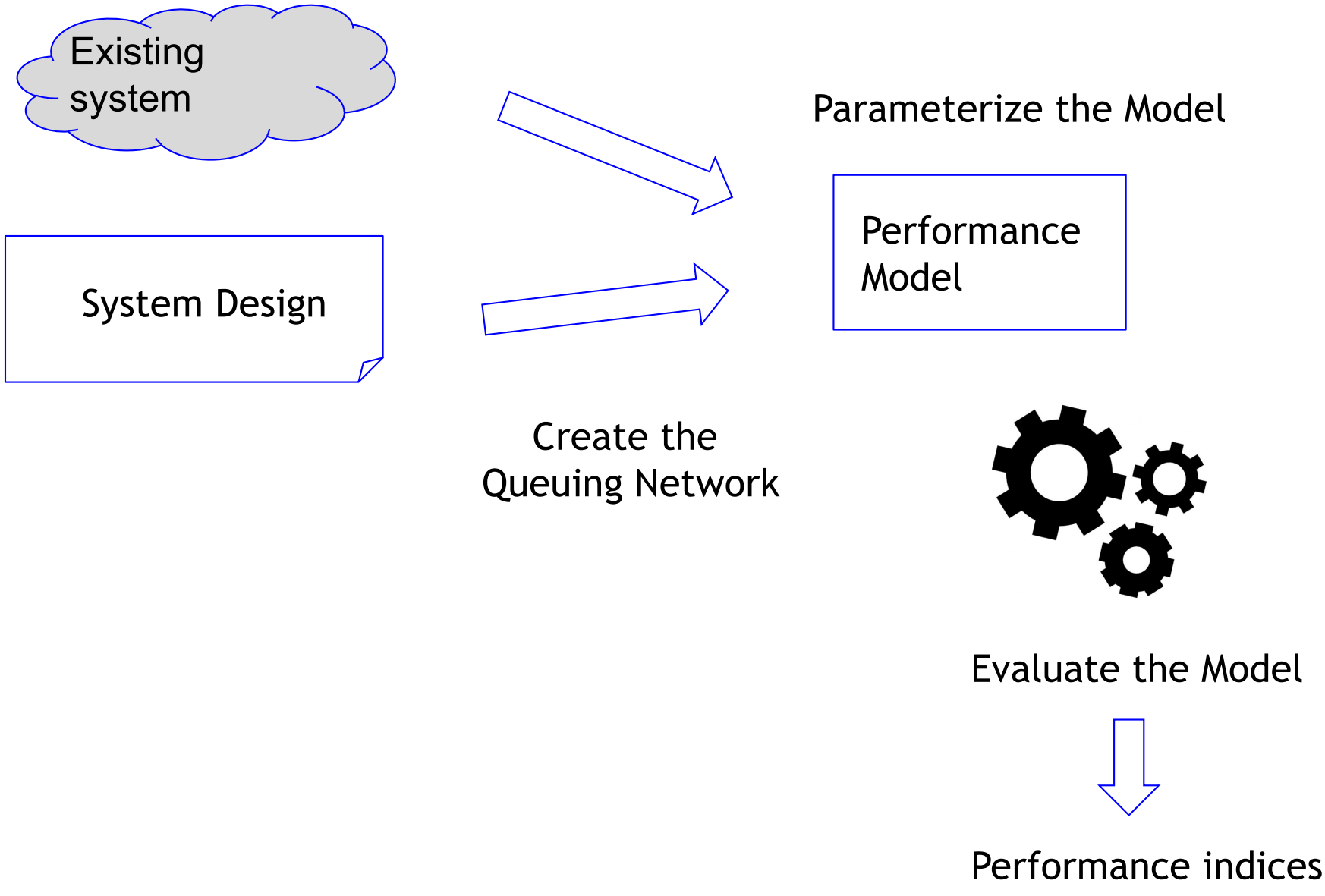

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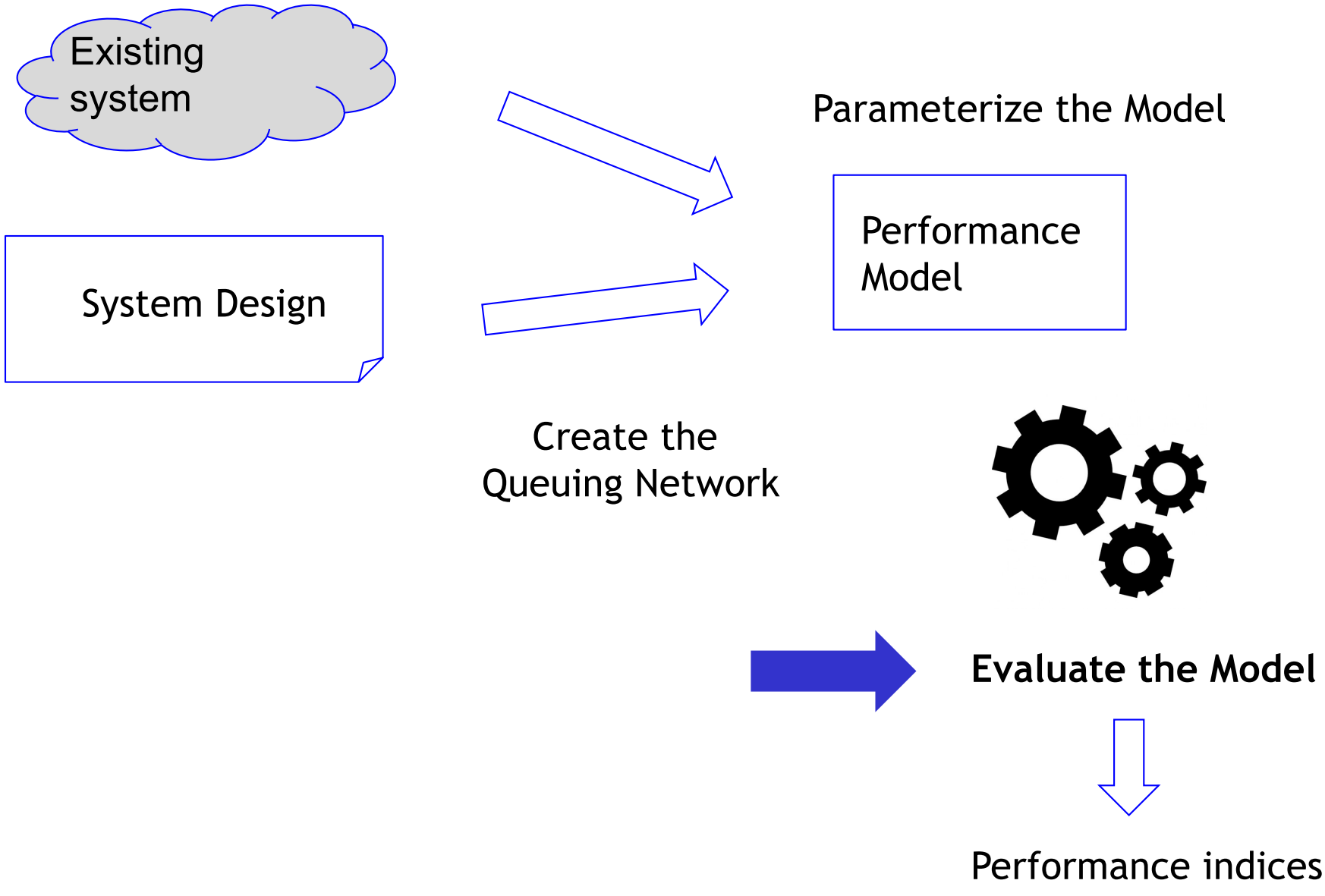


Performance bounds

- Provide valuable insight into the primary factors affecting the performance of computer system
- Can be computed quickly and easily therefore serve as a first cut modeling technique
- Several alternatives can be treated together

Bounding Analysis

- We will consider single class systems only

- Determine *asymptotic bounds*, *i.e.*, ***upper*** and ***lower bounds*** on a system's performance indices X and R:
  - In our case, we will treat X and R bounds as functions of *number of users* or *arrival rate* (i.e., λ or N)

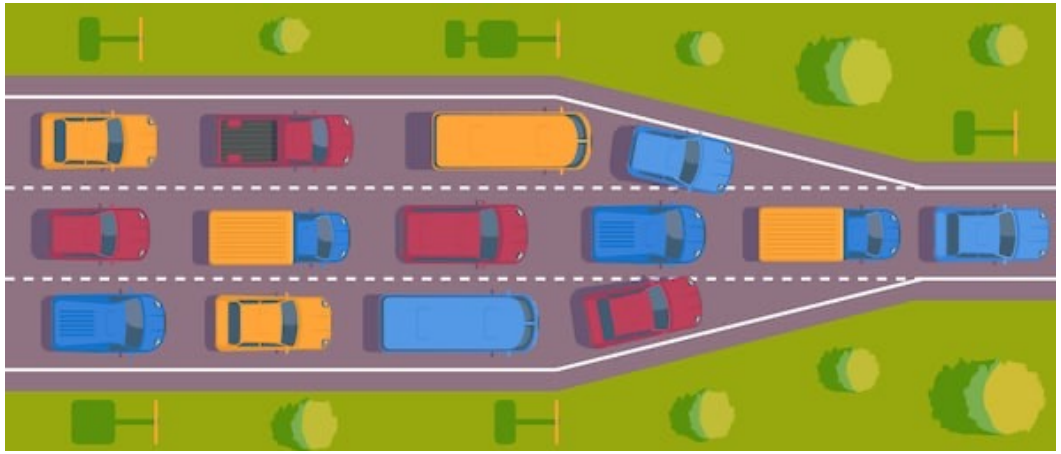
- Advantages of bounding analysis:
  - Highlight and quantify the critical influence of the system ***bottleneck***

Bottleneck

- The resource within a system which has the greatest service demand is known as the bottleneck resource or bottleneck device, and its service demand is $\max_k \{D_k\}$, denoted D_{max}

- The bottleneck resource is important because it limits the possible performance of the system

- This will be the resource which has the highest utilisation in the system



Bounding Analysis

- Advantages of bounding analysis:
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  - Can be computed quickly, even by hand
  - Useful in System Sizing:
    - Based on preliminary estimates (quickness)
    - This kind of studies involve typically a large number of candidate configurations with a single critical resource (e.g., CPU) dominant and the other configured accordingly: *treated as one alternative*
  - Useful for System Upgrades…

Notation

The considered models and the bounding analysis make use of the following parameters:

- K, the number of service centers
- D, the sum of the service demands at the centers, so

$$D=\sum_k D_k$$

- D_{max}, the largest service demand at any single center
- Z, the average think time, for interactive systems

And the following performance quantities are considered:

- X, the system throughput
- R, the system response time

Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

- Are derived by considering the (asymptotically) extreme conditions of light and heavy loads:
  - *Optimistic*: ***X*** upper bound and ***R*** lower bound
  - *Pessimistic*: ***X*** lower bound and ***R*** upper bound

- Under the extreme conditions of:
  - *Light load*
  - *Heavy load*

- **Under the assumption that:**
  - the service ***demand*** of a customer at a center does not depend on how many other customers currently are in the system, or at which service centers they are located

Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

Open models: less information than in closed models…

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$$\lambda_{sat} = \frac{1}{D_{max}}$$

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Open models:

***R* bounds** = the largest and smallest possible **R** experienced at a given λ investigated only when $\lambda < \lambda_{sat}$ (otherwise the system is unstable!)

2 extreme situations:

1. If no customers interferes with any other (= no queue time)

   Then $R = D$, *with* $D = \sum_k D_k$

Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

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   - as the batch size n increases, more and more customers are waiting an increasingly long time
   - thus, for any postulated pessimistic bound on response times for system arrival rate λ, it is possible to pick a batch size n sufficiently large that the bound is exceeded

There is no pessimistic bound on response times, regardless of how small the arrival rate λ might be

Bounding analysis: Open models

Bound for X(λ)

$$X(\lambda) \leq \frac{1}{D_{max}}$$

Bound for R(λ)

$$R(\lambda) \geq D$$

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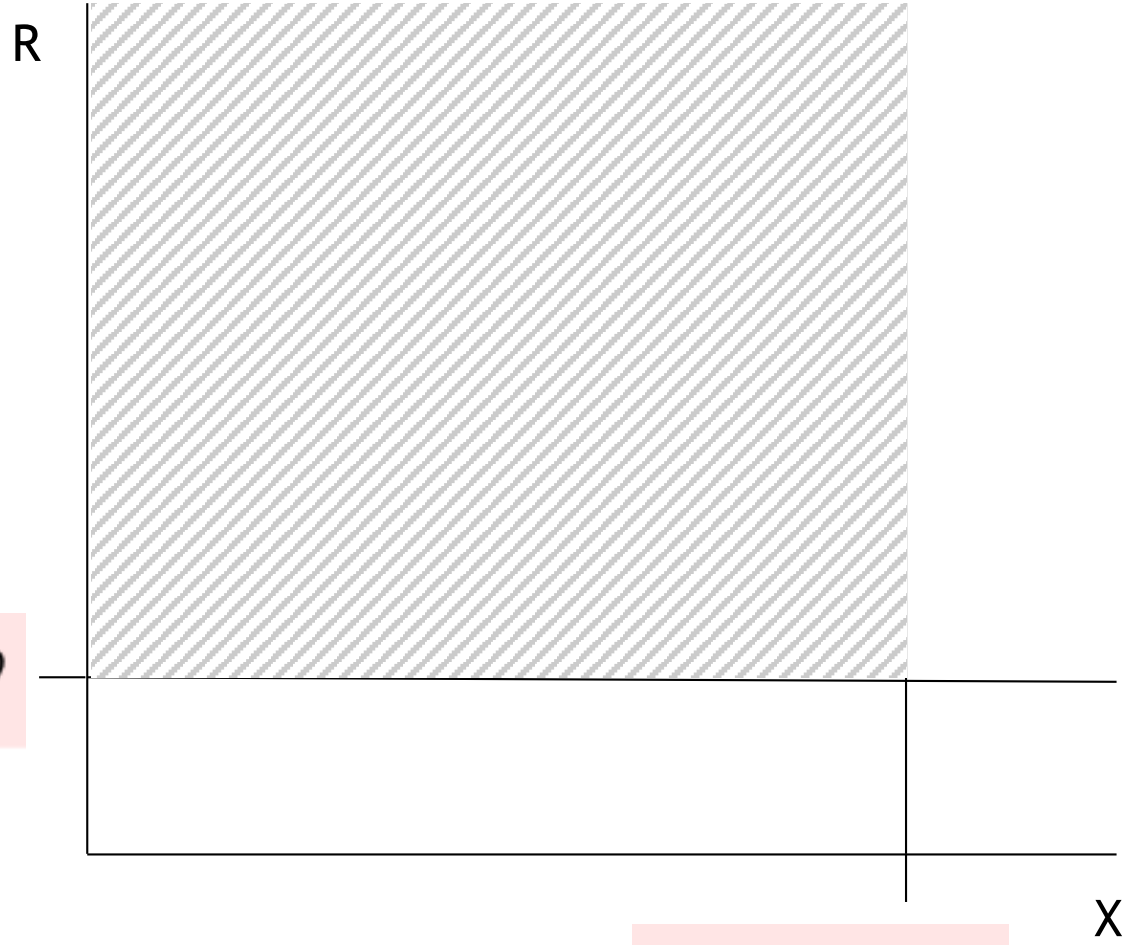

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Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

Closed models:

***X* bounds** considered first, then converted in ***R* bounds** using Little's Law

Light Load situation (lower bounds**):**

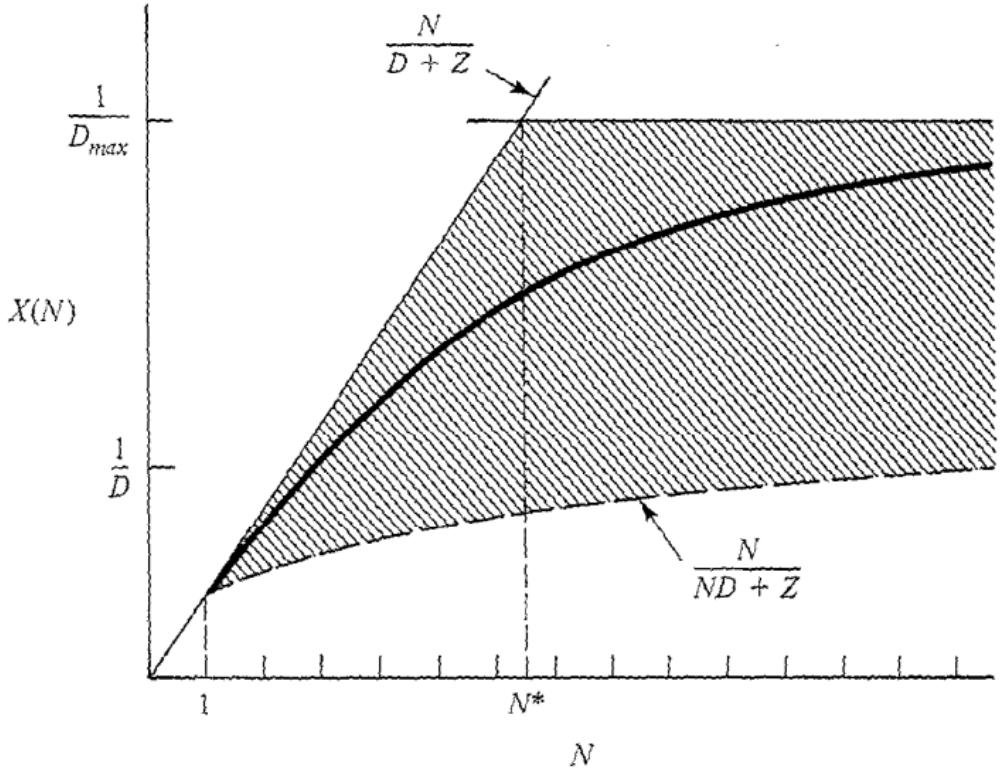
1 customer case:

$N = X\,(R + Z)$

$1 = X\,(D + Z)$

Then ***X*** is:

$X = 1 / (D + Z)$



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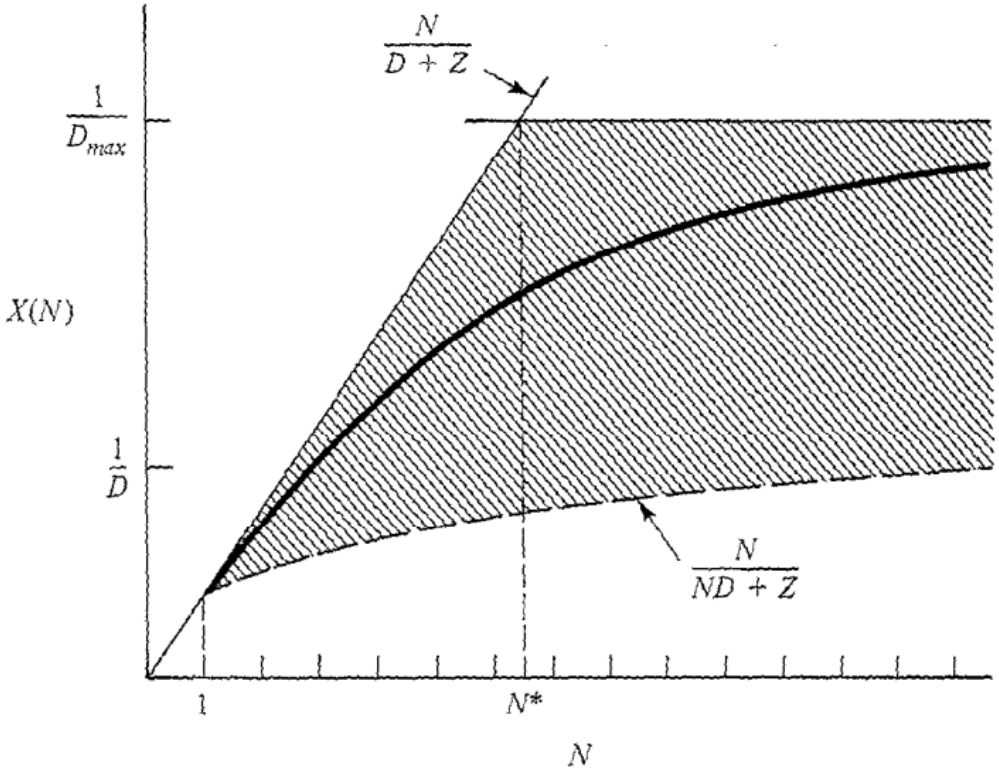
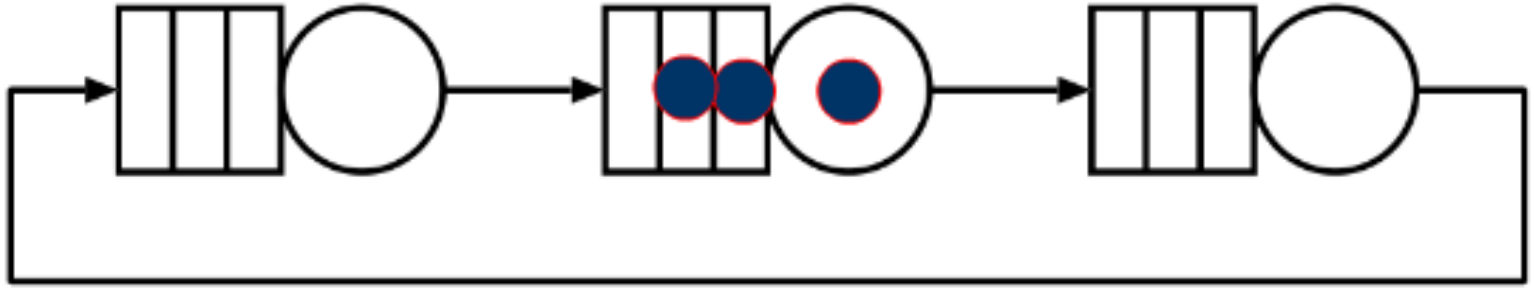


Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

In closed models, the highest possible system response time occurs when each job, at each station, founds all the other *N-1* costumers in front of it



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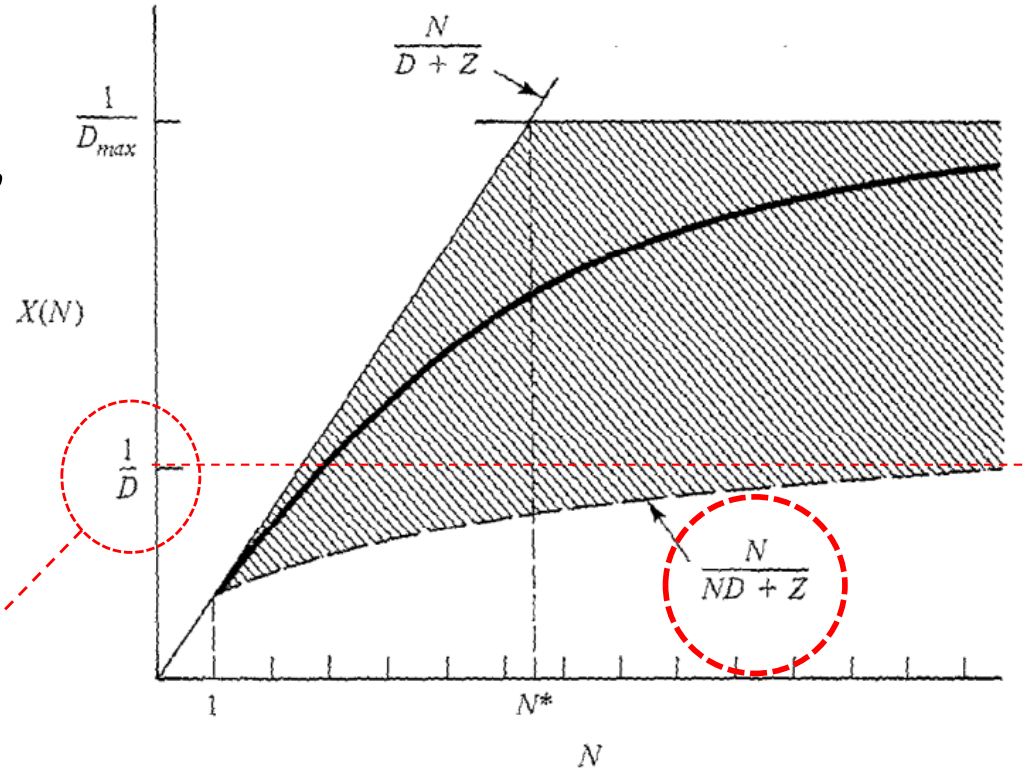


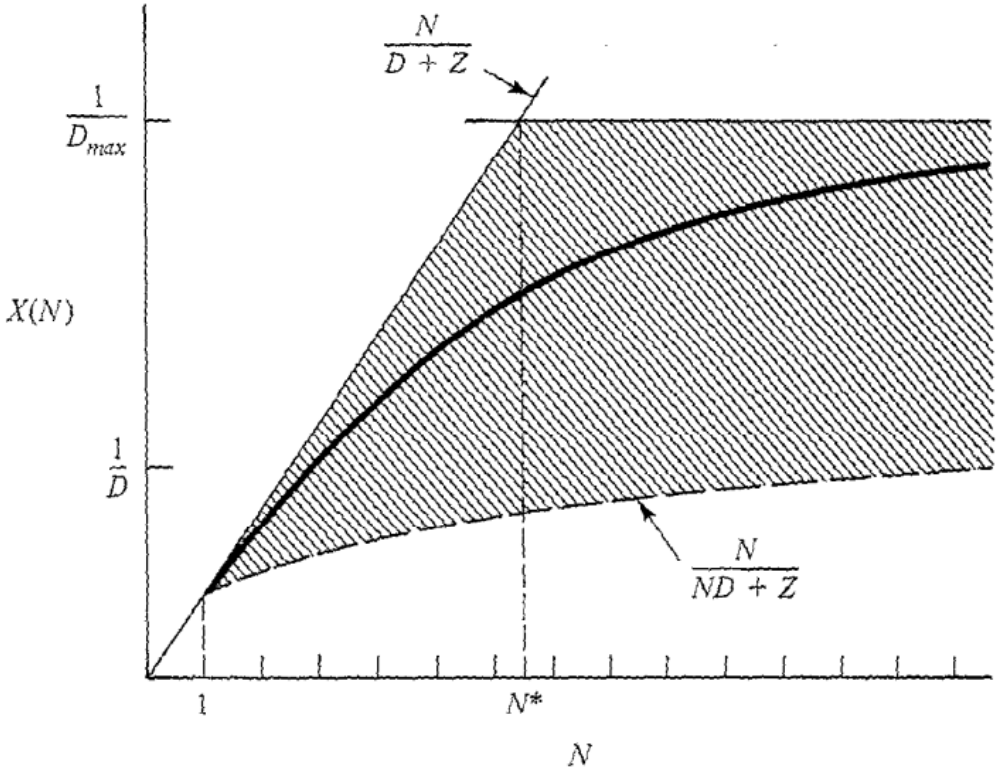
Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

Closed models:

Light Load situation (upper bounds)**:**

Adding customers:

Largest *X* obtained with the lowest response time R



Asymptotic Bounds - Closed Models

The lowest response time can be obtained if a job always finds the queue empty and always starts being served immediately

Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

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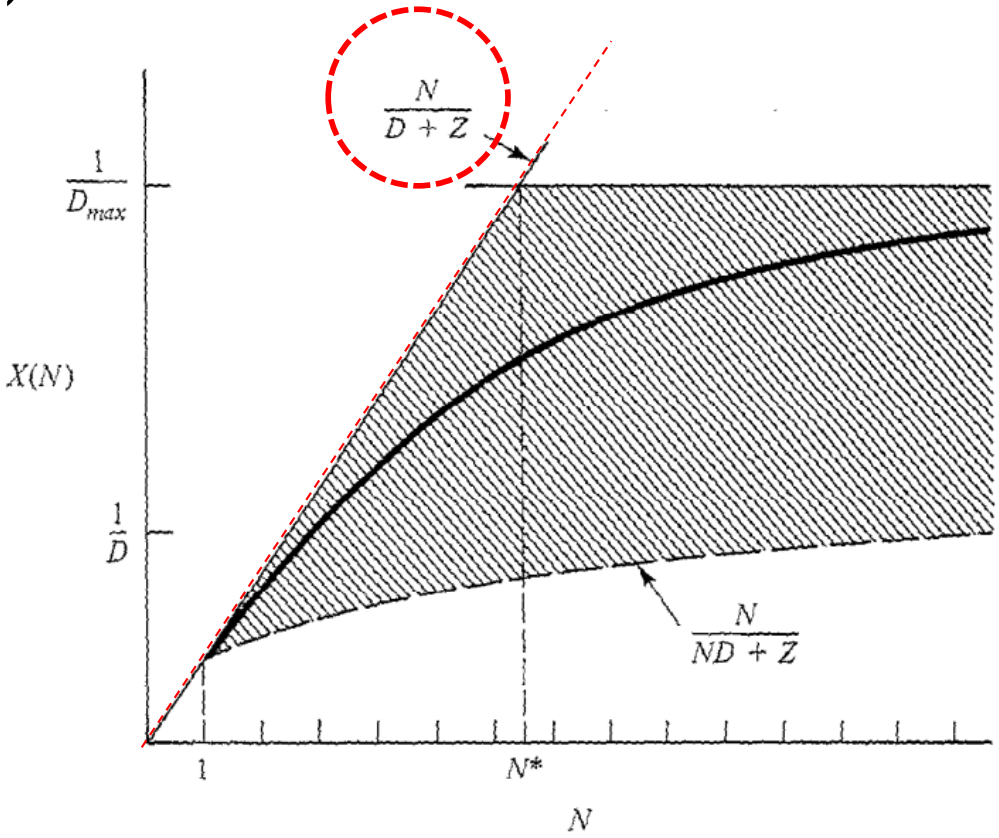
Largest *X* if new jobs never queue behind other already in the system:

In this case the **X** is:

$$X = N / (D + Z)$$



Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds*

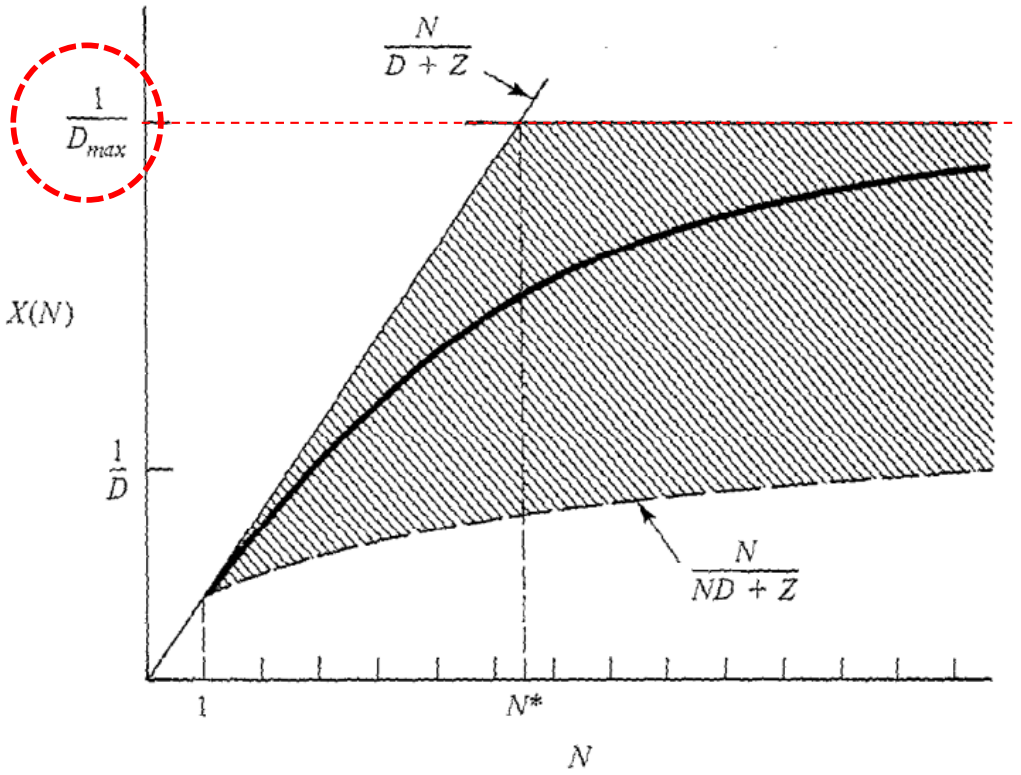
Closed models:

Heavy Load situation (upper bound)**:**

$$U_k(N) = X(N)\, D_k \leqslant 1$$

Since the first to saturate is the **Bottleneck** (max)**:**

$$X(N) \leqslant \frac{1}{D_{max}}$$



Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds.*

Closed models:

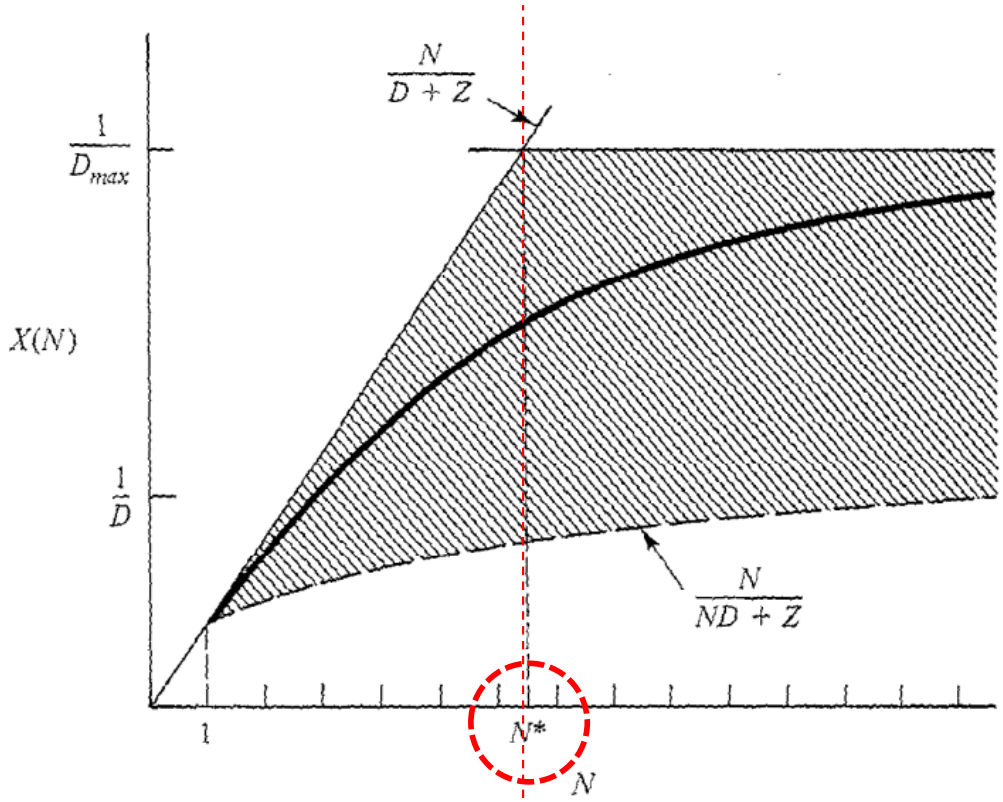
X(N) bounds:

$$\frac{N}{ND + Z} \leqslant X(N) \leqslant \min\left(\frac{1}{D_{max}}, \frac{N}{D+Z}\right)$$

N*:

Particular population size determining if the light or the heavy load optimistic bound is to be applied

$$N^* = \frac{D+Z}{D_{max}}$$



Bounding Analysis - *Asymptotic bounds.*

R(N) bounds:

Let us simply rewrite the previous equation, considering that: X(N)=N/(R(N)+Z), we have:

$$\frac{N}{ND+Z} \leq \frac{N}{R(N)+Z} \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{D_{max}}, \frac{N}{D+Z}\right)$$

And to have R as numerator we invert the members and we have

$$\max\left(D_{max}, \frac{D+Z}{N}\right) \leq \frac{R(N)+Z}{N} \leq \frac{ND+Z}{N}$$

From which we have

Bound for R(N)

$$\max\left(D, ND_{max}-Z\right) \leq R(N) \leq ND$$

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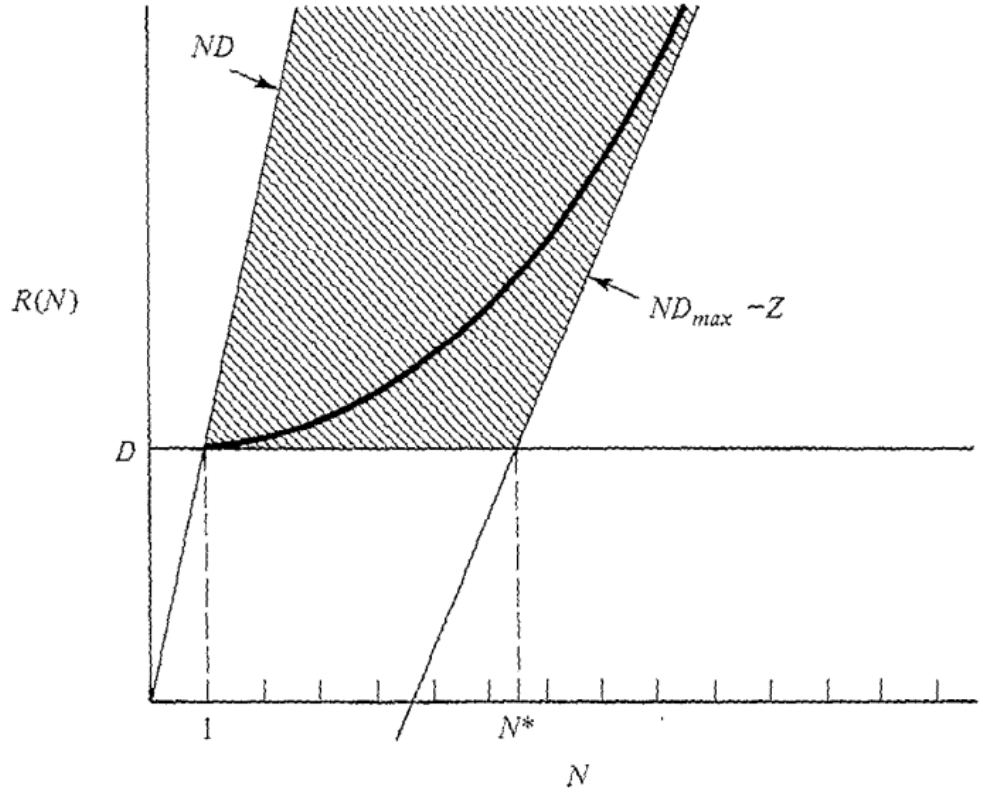
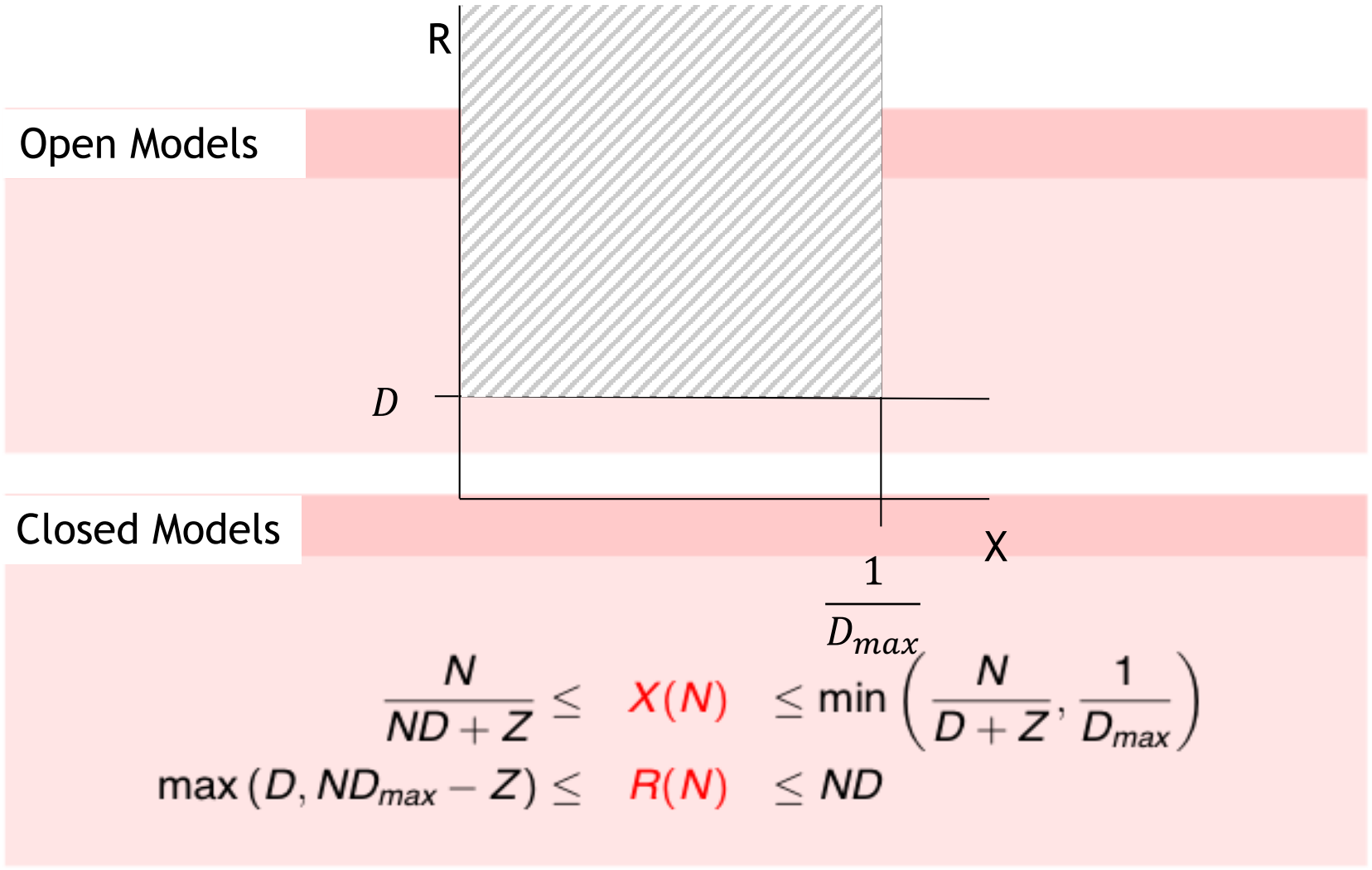


Asymptotic bounds summary



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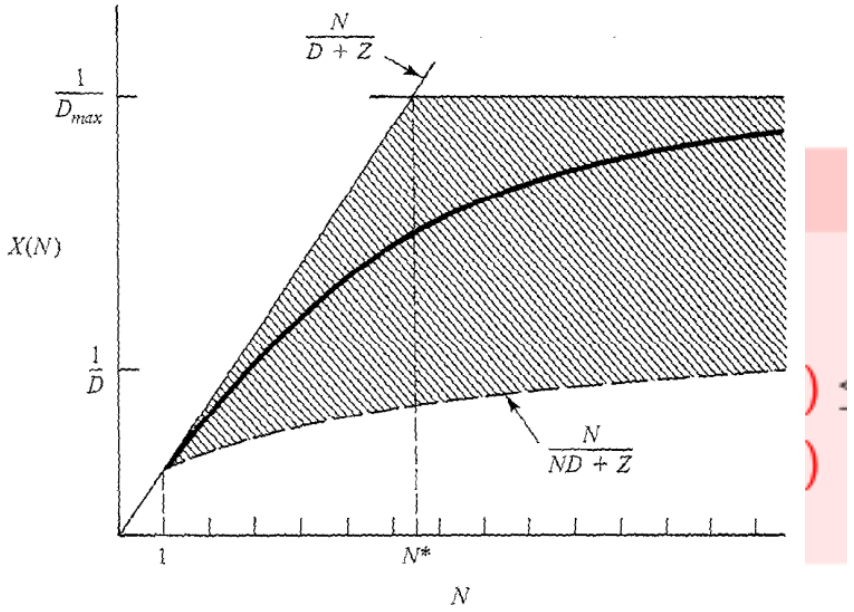

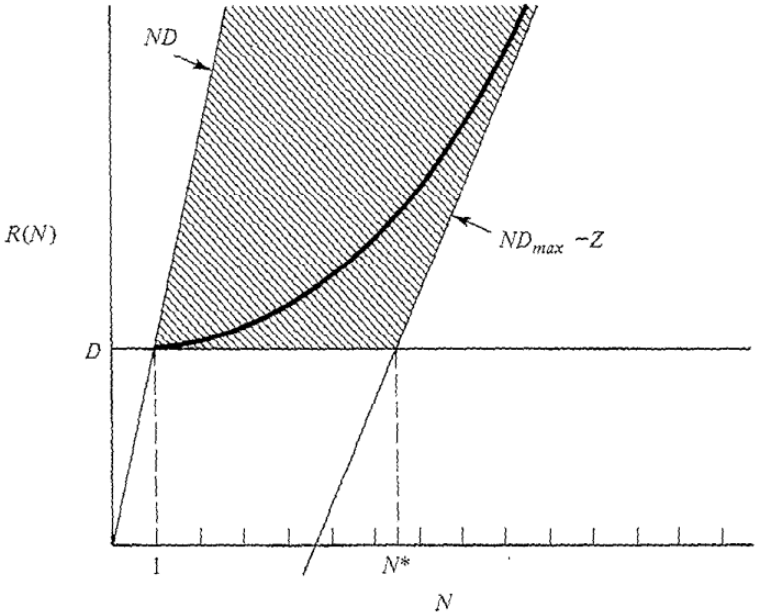

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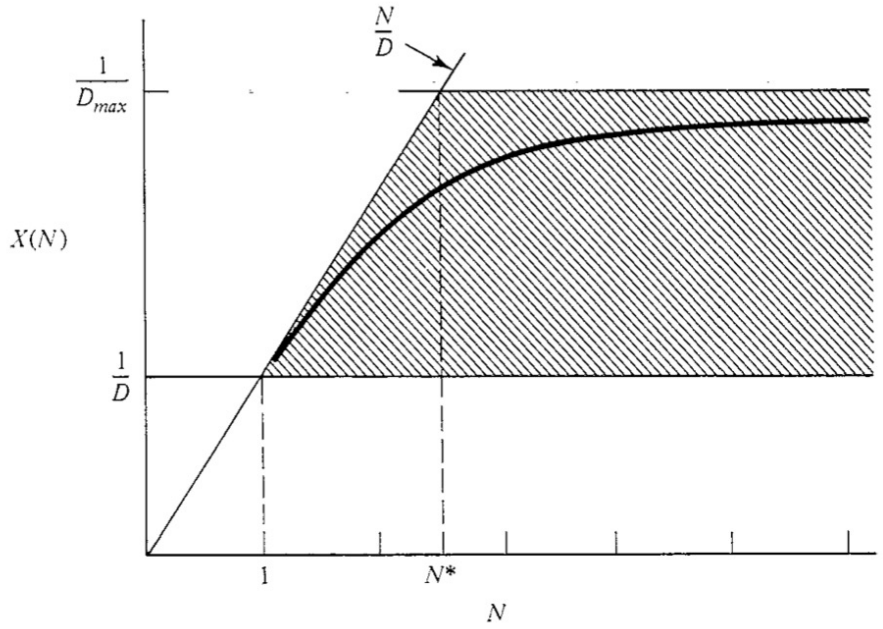

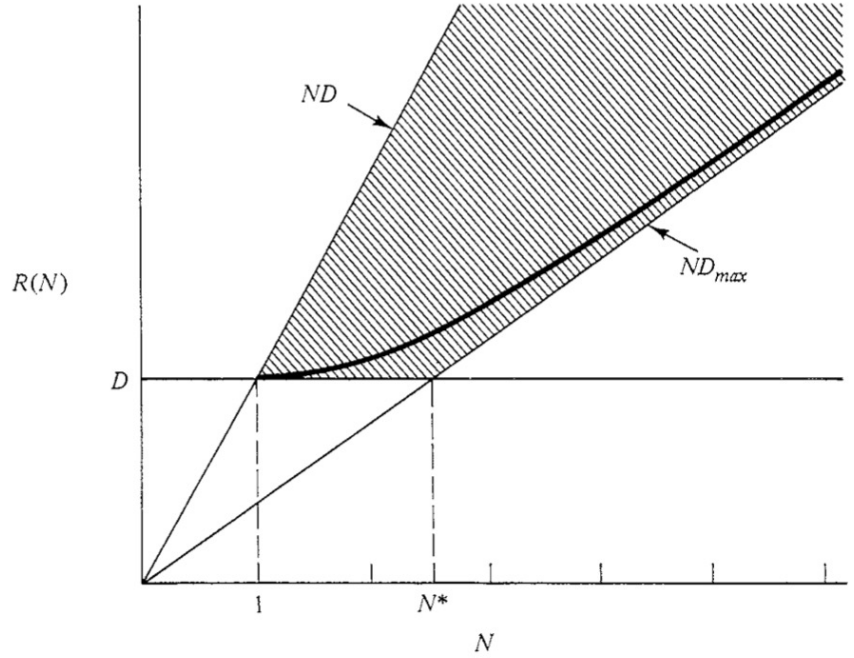

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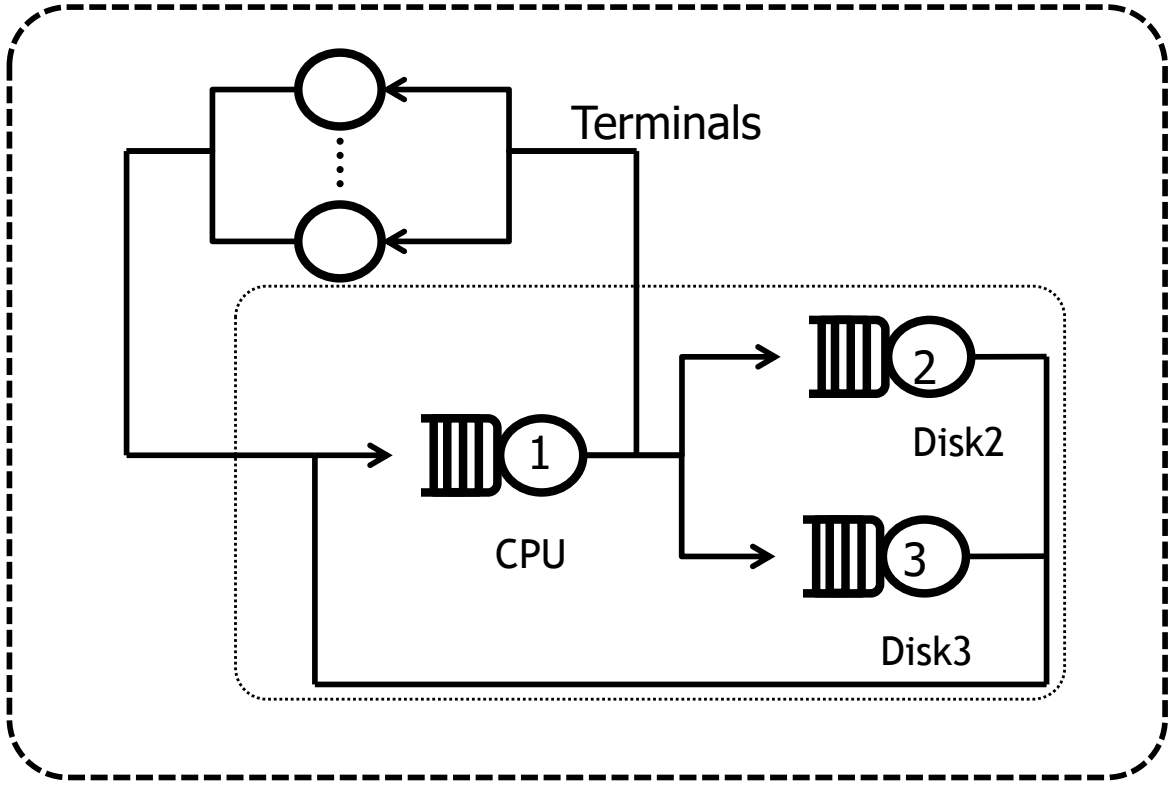

Parameters:

$D_1 = 2.0s,\ D_2 = 0.5s,\ D_3 = 3.0s$

$V_2 = 10,\ V_3 = 100$

$S_2 = 0.05s,\ S_3 = 0.03s$

$Z = 15s$

Example (original system)

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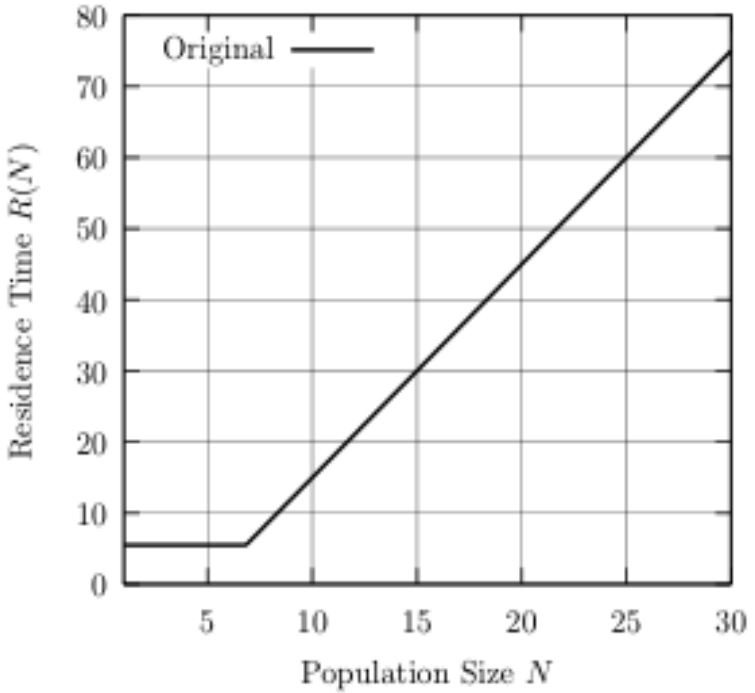

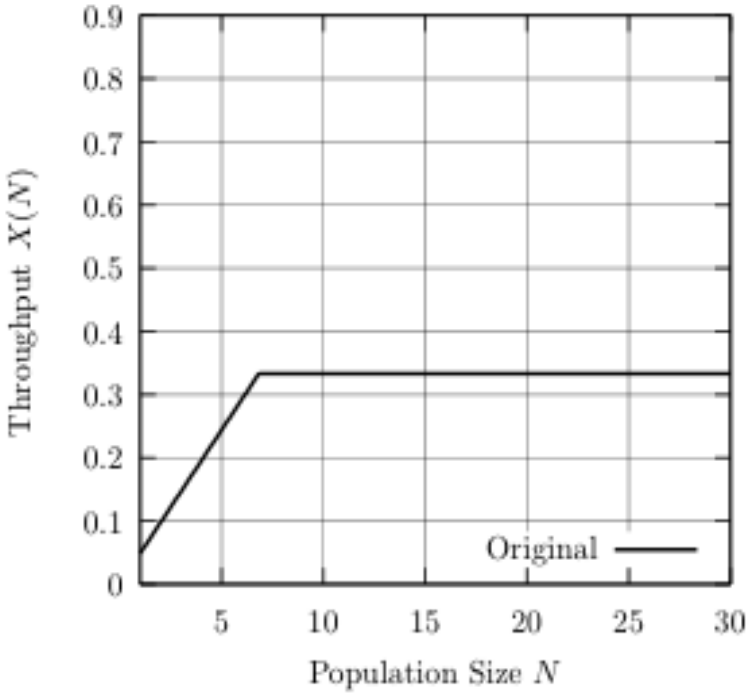

Max (5.5, 3*N-15) <=R(N)

X(N) <=min(N/(5.5+15), 1/3)

What-if analysis

Let us consider 4 possible scenarios:

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2. Shift some files from the faster disk (server 3) to the slower disk (server 2), balancing their demands
3. Add a second fast disk (center 4, S_4=0.03) to handle half the load of the busier existing disk (server 3)
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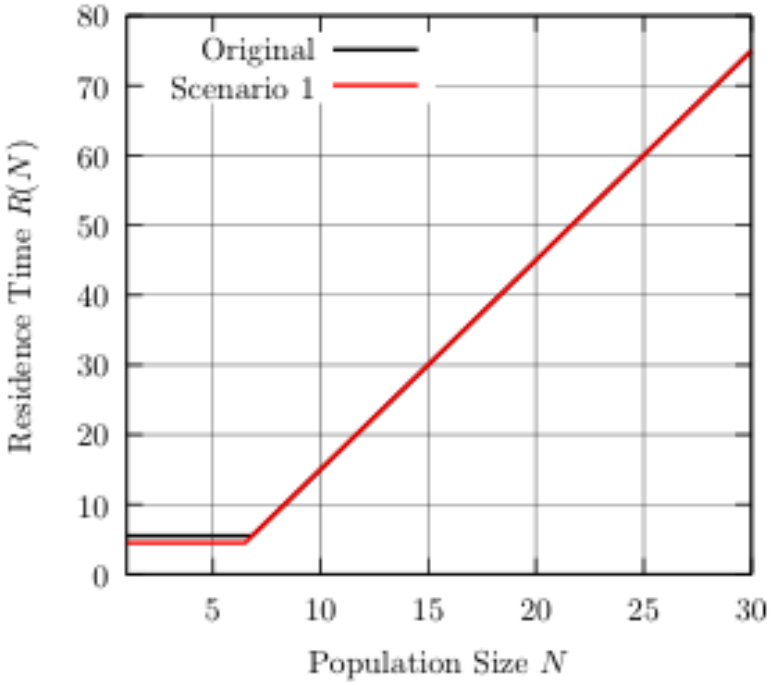

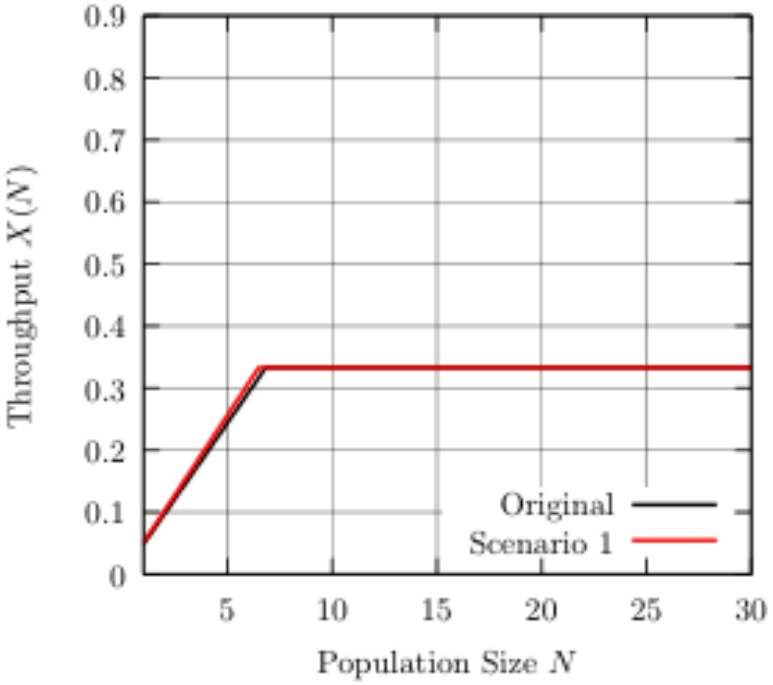

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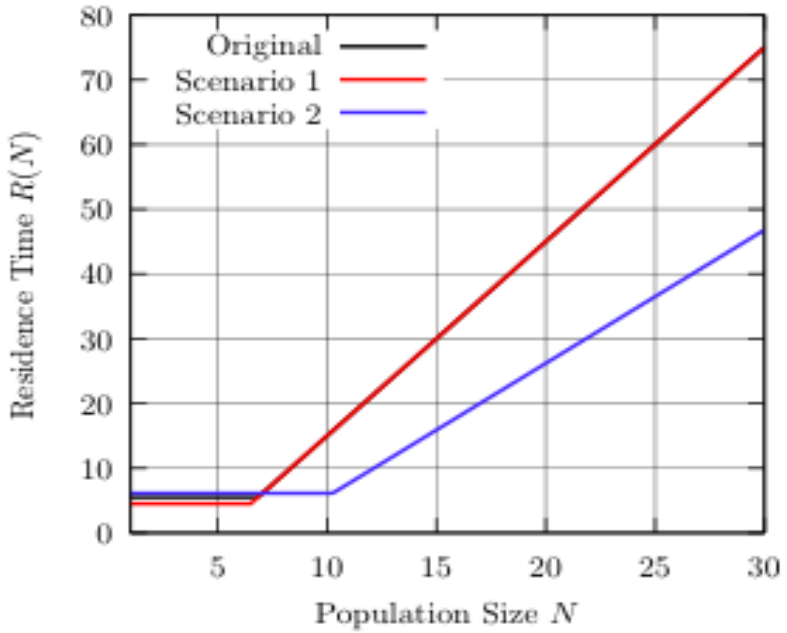

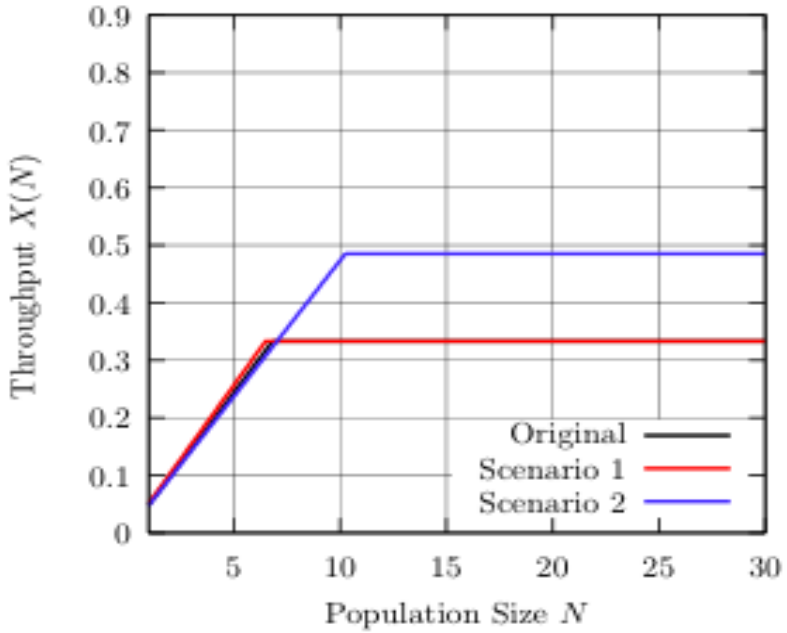

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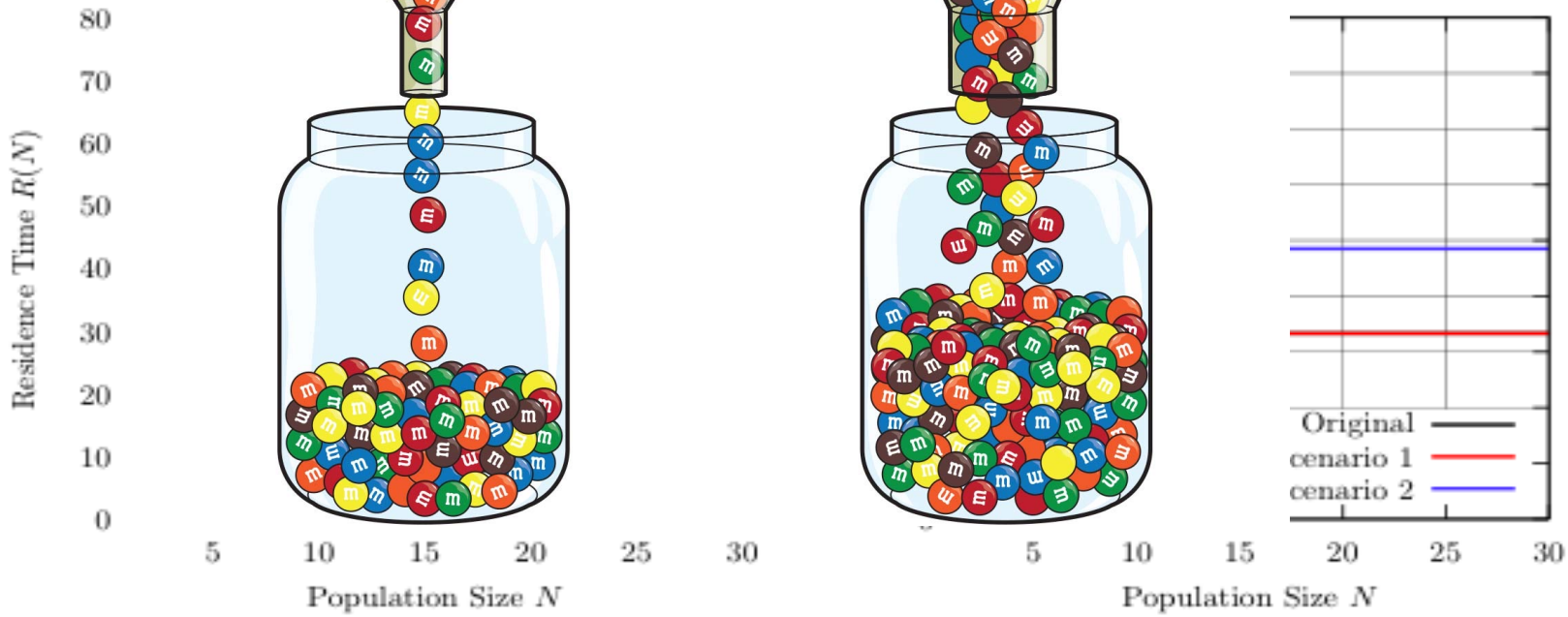

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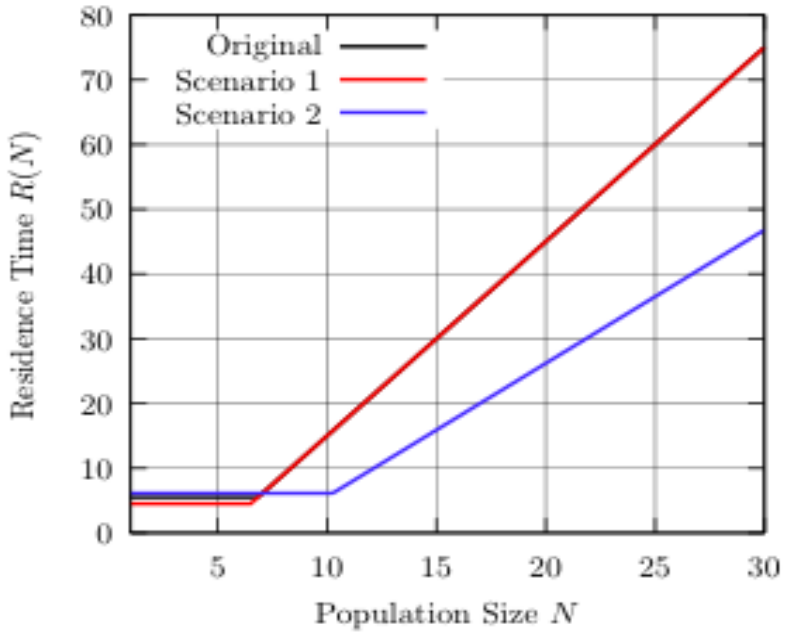

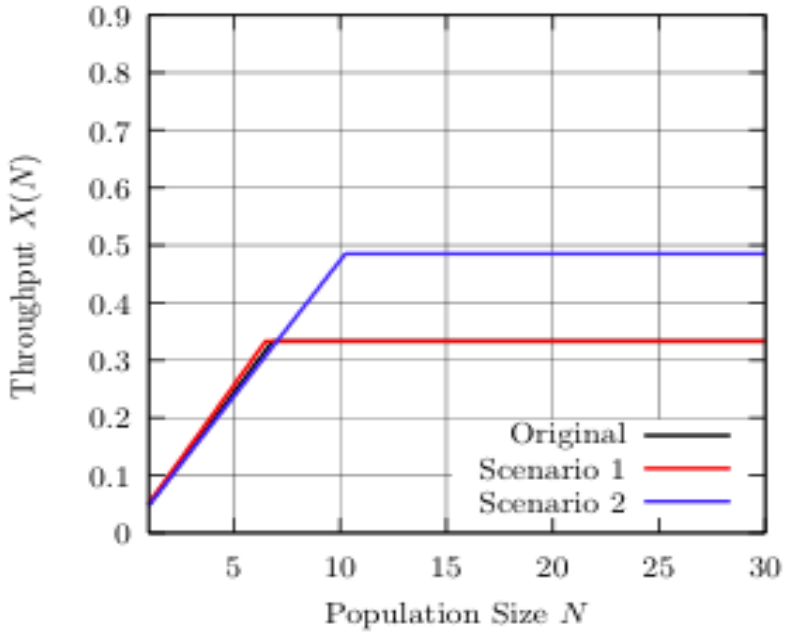

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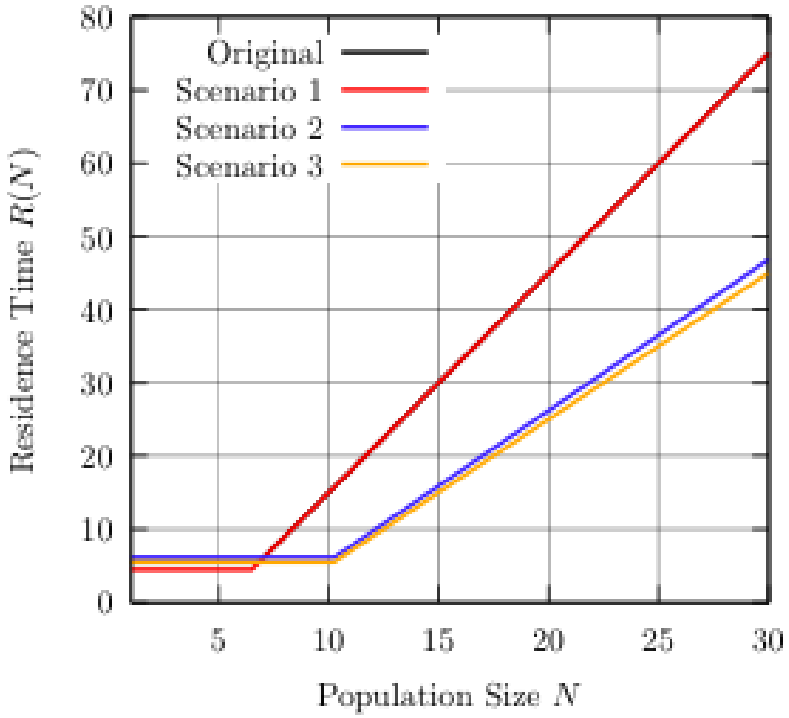

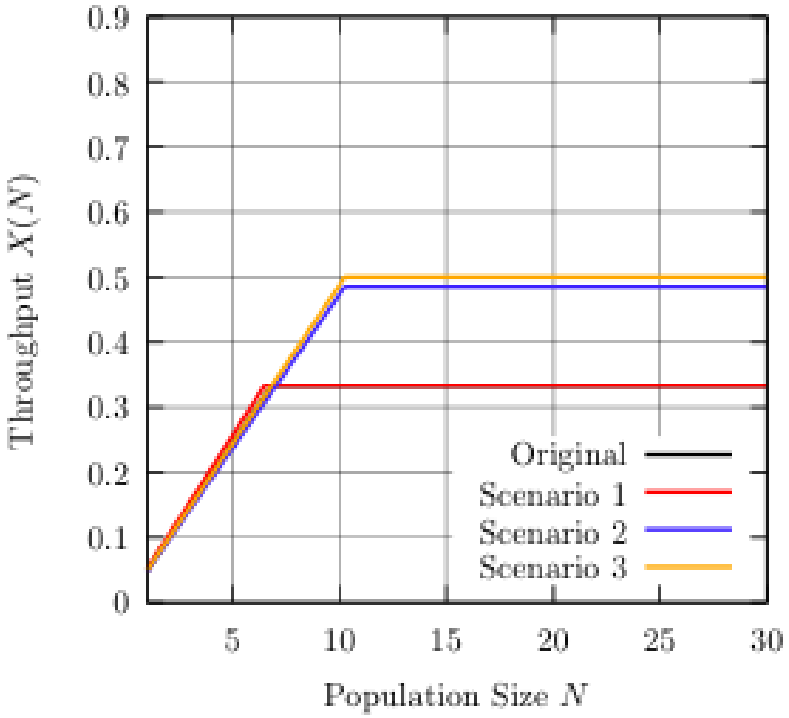

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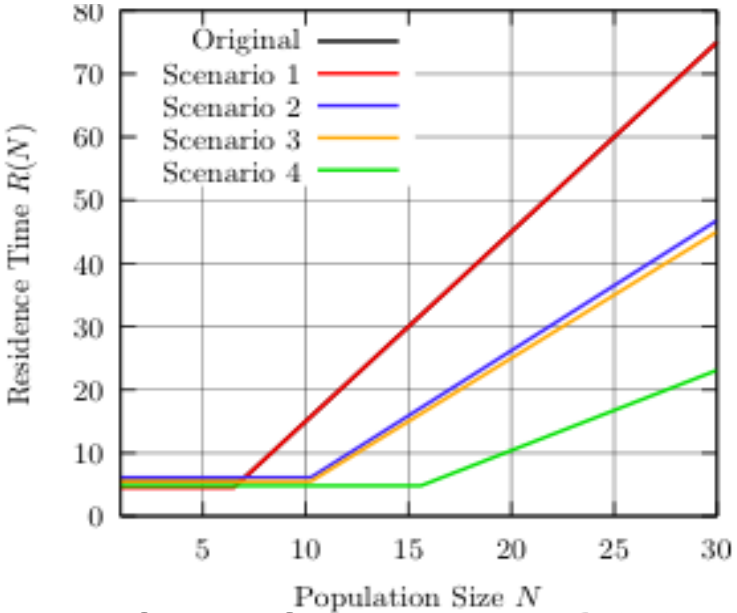
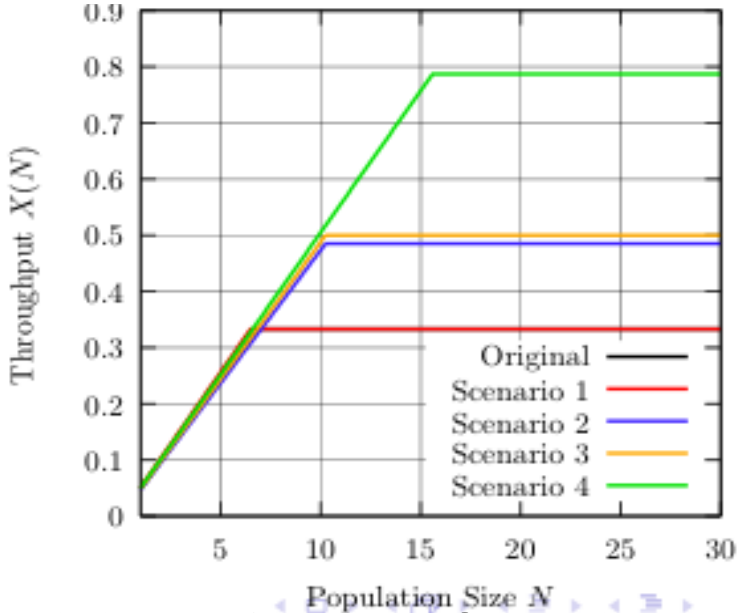
balancing the service demands

Solving the system we obtain: $D_2=D_3=D_4=1.27s$





Max (4.81, 1.27*N-15) <=R(N)

X(N) <=min(N/(4.81+15), 1/1.27)