

## 1.1 Terminologies:

### 1.1.1. System Concepts

- A system is a mapping of a set of inputs into a set of outputs

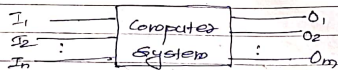


fig: A system with n-inputs & m-outputs.

### Response Time:-

The time between the presentation of a set of inputs to a system and the realization of required behaviour, including the availability of all associated outputs is called response time of the system.

## 1.2. Real-Time Definitions:

- A real-time system is defined as those systems in which correctness of system depends not only on the logical result of computation but also on time at which results are produced

- Depending upon temporal behaviour of Real Time System. They can be characterized as

- Hard RTS
- Soft RTS
- Firm RTS

## a) Hard-Real Time System:-

- A hard real-time system is the one in which failure to meet a single deadline may lead to complete and catastrophic system failure

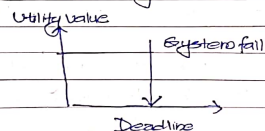


fig:- Hard RTS.

- A system crashes if the deadline is not met by the tasks.
- A hard deadline is imposed on such jobs in which late result produced by the job after the deadline have disastrous consequences.

Example:- Rocket Launching System.

:- Air bag control system in car.

## b) Soft RTS

- A soft RTS is one in which performance is degraded but not destroyed by failure to meet response time constraints

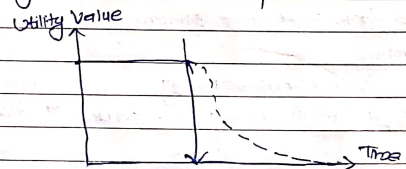


fig: Soft RTS

- Those real time systems where missing a deadline doesn't cause the system failure but degrades the system performance are called soft RTS.

- Generally, systems with no strict deadlines can be thought of as soft RTS.

eg: Elevator (Delay by 10 or 20 minutes is allowed)

Note: delay results in less time to wait.

c) FIRM - Real Time System.

→ A firm real time system is one in which a few missed deadlines will not lead to total failure, but missing more than a few may lead to complete and catastrophic system failure.

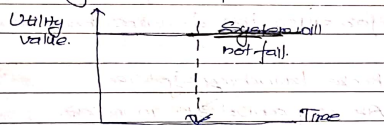


fig: Firm Real Time System

→ These systems where, the missing of deadline doesn't cause the system to crash, but cause the result to be omitted are called firm real time system.

Examples:

Video Conferencing

(missing few frames won't cause a disaster)

# Tasks of Typical Real-Time System:-

→ Controlling System → air bag controlling sys

→ Controlled System → air bag

→ Operating Environment → car

# Job: Job is unit of work that is scheduled and executed by the system.

# Tasks: The set of related jobs that can be solved by the same algorithm is called a task.

# Deadline: A deadline  $d_i$  is a time at which a task or job must be complete.

→ A hard deadline means that it is important for the safety that this deadline always be met.

→ A soft deadline means that it is desirable to finish executing the task/job by the deadline, but that no catastrophe occurs if completion is late.

→ A firm deadline means there is no value in completing the task after its deadline.

1.1.3 Types of Real-Time Tasks:-

① Periodic Tasks:

→ Periodic task are activated regularly at fixed rate

→ These tasks are time driven

→ The time between two successive activation is called the period.



- consists of a sequence of identical jobs.
- Usually a periodic task can be characterized by its computation time 'C' and deadline 'D'.

Example:-

Monitoring temperature of a patient.

#### Aperiodic Tasks:-

- Aperiodic tasks are activated irregularly at some unknown and possibly unbounded rate.

- Jobs have soft or no deadline

- These tasks are event driven

- Example:-

An event is activated when condition of patient changes.

#### Sporadic Tasks:-

- Sporadic tasks are activated irregularly with some known and bounded rate.

- Sporadic tasks may make a request at any time, but two successive requests must be separated in time by at least  $P$  (minimum separation) time units.

- Jobs have hard deadlines.

- Example:-

A patient can call doctor at anytime but the interval between two successive call must be at least 1 hour.

#### 1.1.3 Events and Determinism

##### # Events:-

next inst ko address.

Any occurrence that causes the program counter to change non-sequentially is considered a change of flow-of-control and thus an event.

How change in flow control occurs:-

- A change in state results in a change in the flow-of-control.
- The decision block suggest that the program flow can take alternative paths
- Case, if-then and while statements represents a possible change in flow-of-control.
- Invocation of procedures in Ada and C represents change in flow-of-control.
- In C++ and Java, instantiation of an object or invocation of a method causes change in flow-of-control.

- Events can also be periodic, aperiodic and sporadic.

##### # Deterministic Systems:-

- A system is deterministic if for each possible state and each set of inputs ~~and data~~, a unique set of outputs and next state of the system can be determined.
- Event determination means the next state and output of a system are known for each set of inputs that trigger events.

- If in a deterministic system the response time for each set of output is known then the system also exhibits temporal determinism.
- A system is considered to be in control when the next state of the system, given the current state and a set of inputs is predicted.
- For any physical system, certain states exist under which the system is considered to be out of control.

#### 1.4 CPU Utilization:-

- CPU utilization (or time loading factor) is a measure of the percentage of non-ideal processing.
- CPU utilization refers to a computer's usage of a processing resources or the amount of work handled by a CPU.

- Suppose a system has  $n \geq 1$  periodic tasks, each with an execution period of  $P_i$  and hence execution frequency  $f_i = \frac{1}{P_i}$ . If task  $i$  is known to have a maximum execution time of  $e_i$ , then the utilization factor  $U_i$  for task  $i$  is:

$$U_i = \frac{e_i}{P_i}$$

Then overall system utilization is

$$U = \sum_{i=1}^n U_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e_i}{P_i}$$

#### 1.2 Real-Time System Design Issues:-

- 1) The selection of hardware and software, and evaluation of the trade off needed for a cost-effective solution; including dealing with distributed computing systems and the issues of parallelism and synchronization.
- 2) Selection of appropriate S/W language.
- 3) Understanding the detail of the programming languages and the real time implications resulting from their translation into machine code.
- 4) Specification and design of real-time systems and correct representation of temporal behaviour time.
- 5) Maximizing of system fault tolerance and reliability through careful design.
- 6) Selection of tools and equipments for design and administration of tests design & administration guard run tool & etc.
- 7) Taking advantage of open systems technology (such as Linux) and interoperability (such as CORBA).
- 8) Estimating and measuring response time and testing them (if needed) by performing a schedulability analysis.
- 9) Selection of real time operating system.



## 1.8 Examples of Real Time Systems

Domain	Applications
1) Multimedia	Games & Simulators
2) Medicine	Remote / Robot surgery & Medical Imaging
Industrial Systems	Robotic assembly lines & automated inspection
Civilian	Elevators control & Automotive Systems
Avionics (related to aircraft)	Navigation & Displays
✶ Aircraft inertia measurement systems	
✶ Nuclear Plant control	
✶✶ Airline Reservation System	
✶ Traffic light control system for 4-way intersection	

## Common Misconceptions regarding Real Time Systems

- ① Real time systems are synonymous with 'fast' systems
- Real Time system is not concerned with fast but is concerned with meeting the deadline

② There are universal, widely accepted methodology for real time system specification & design.

- There is still no methodology available that answers all of the challenges of real-time specification and design all the time for all application.

③ There ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> no need to build a real time O.S because many commercial product exists.

- As there are hundreds of popular and cost-effective commercial RTOS, but also choosing the right one at the right time is very challenging.

④ Rate Monotonic Analysis has solved 'the real time problem'.

- Although, rate monotonic system provide guidance in the design of real time system. However, it has not solved all the real-time problems.

⑤ The study of real-time systems is mostly about scheduling theory.

- It is required to study scheduling theory but the successful uses of scheduling theory in RTOS requires practical experience simplification and power to see the future.

Diff. RTOS & non RTOS.