Routing Algorithms Overview

Here are **detailed and easy-to-understand notes** for each class in your **Computer Networks-2 (23ECSC303)** course covering **Chapter 1: Network Layer - Routing Algorithms**. The explanations are simplified for clarity, yet technical enough for academic study.

📘 Class 1 & 2: The Link-State (LS) Routing Algorithm

🧠 What is Link-State Routing?

- Each router independently calculates the **shortest path** to every other router in the network.
- Requires **complete network topology** knowledge.
- Uses **Dijkstra's algorithm**.

🧩 How it Works (Steps):

1. **Discover neighbors** and learn their network addresses.
2. **Measure link cost** to each neighbor (e.g., based on delay, bandwidth).
3. **Create a link-state packet (LSP)** containing:
    - Router ID
    - List of neighbors and their costs
4. **Flood LSPs** to all routers in the network.
5. **Build the complete topology** from all received LSPs.
6. Use **Dijkstra's algorithm** to calculate shortest paths.

📈 Dijkstra's Algorithm Basics:

- Input: Network graph with nodes and edge costs.
- Output: Shortest path tree from the source.
- Keeps track of:
    - `Visited`: nodes with known shortest paths.
    - `Distance`: minimum cost to reach each node.
    - `Previous`: previous node on the shortest path.

✅ Advantages:

- Converges quickly.
- Accurate due to complete network view.

❌ Disadvantages:

- Needs more memory and CPU.
- LSP flooding can create overhead.

🟦 Class 3 & 4: The Distance-Vector (DV) Routing Algorithm

🧠 What is Distance-Vector Routing?

- Routers exchange information only with **direct neighbors**.
- Each router maintains a **routing table** with:
  - Destination
  - Cost (distance)
  - Next hop

🔁 How it Works (Bellman-Ford Algorithm):

1. Initialize table: direct link costs known, others set to ∞.
2. Periodically receive tables from neighbors.
3. For each destination:

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cost to dest = cost to neighbor + neighbor's cost to dest
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4. Update table if a cheaper path is found.

💡 Example:

If A hears from B that B can reach C with cost 3, and the cost from A to B is 1:

- Then A will update its cost to C as: 1 (A to B) + 3 (B to C) = 4

🚨 Problems:

- **Count-to-Infinity**: Bad news propagates slowly.
- **Routing loops** can occur during convergence.

🛠️ Solutions:

- **Split Horizon**: Don't send a route back to the router you learned it from.
- **Poison Reverse**: Tell neighbor the route is unreachable (∞) if using that neighbor as next hop.

🟦 Class 5: Hierarchical Routing

🧠 Why Hierarchical?

- Large networks are difficult to manage as flat structures.
- Hierarchical routing **reduces complexity and overhead**.

🧱 Structure:

- Routers are grouped into **regions or autonomous systems (ASes)**.
- Two-level routing:
    1. **Intra-region (intra-AS)**: Routing within a region (e.g., OSPF).
    2. **Inter-region (inter-AS)**: Routing between regions (e.g., BGP).

✅ Benefits:

- Smaller routing tables.
- Scalability for large networks.
- Reduced update traffic.

📘 Class 6: Routing in the Internet — Intra-AS Routing (RIP)

🌐 What is RIP (Routing Information Protocol)?

- A simple **Distance-Vector** protocol used within small ASes.
- Based on **hop count** (max 15 hops allowed).

📋 Characteristics:

- Periodic updates (every 30 seconds).
- Routes expire if not updated in 180 seconds.
- Uses UDP port 520.

⚠️ Limitations:

- Only supports small networks.
- Slow convergence.
- Prone to count-to-infinity problems.

📘 Class 7: OSPF & BGP

🌐 OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) – Intra-AS

- **Link-State Protocol** using Dijkstra's algorithm.
- Divides AS into **areas** (Area 0 = backbone).
- Authenticates routing messages.

- Supports **load balancing** and **hierarchy**.

🔄 OSPF Message Types:

1. Hello
2. Database Description
3. Link-State Request
4. Link-State Update
5. Link-State Acknowledgment

🌍 BGP (Border Gateway Protocol) – Inter-AS

- **Path-vector protocol** used between ASes.
- Each BGP route includes:
  - List of AS hops
  - Path attributes (e.g., local preference, MED)
- Uses **TCP (port 179)** for reliable communication.

🔧 BGP Decisions Factors:

- Shortest AS-path
- Local policies
- Route attributes

📘 Class 8: Broadcast and Multicast Routing Algorithms

📢 Broadcast Routing

Sends a packet to **all** nodes in a network.

🔁 Methods:

1. **Flooding**:
   - Send packet on all links except incoming one.
   - No routing tables needed.
   - Risk of duplication and loops.
2. **Spanning Tree**:
   - Build a tree connecting all nodes without cycles.
   - Send packet along the tree.
3. **Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF)**:
   - Forward only if packet arrived on the **shortest path** to the source.

📺 Multicast Routing

Sends a packet to a **group of destinations** (not all).

🔪 Key Concepts:

- Uses **multicast groups** (e.g., IP group addresses).
- Efficient delivery: single packet takes **shared paths** to reach multiple receivers.

🌱 Protocols:

1. **IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol)**: For hosts to join/leave groups.
2. **DVMRP (Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol)**: Uses RPF + pruning.
3. **PIM (Protocol Independent Multicast)**:
    - **Dense Mode**: Assume many receivers (flood + prune).
    - **Sparse Mode**: Use rendezvous points for receivers to join.

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Here are **detailed note-point answers** for the **Topic Learning Outcomes** of Chapter 1: *Routing Algorithms* in your **Computer Networks-2** course:

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1. Apply suitable routing algorithms to determine the path for data transmission

✅ Routing Algorithm Selection Based on Network Type:

- **Link-State Routing (e.g., OSPF)**:
    - Used in large, complex networks.
    - Each router builds a full map of the network.
    - Uses Dijkstra's algorithm to find the **shortest path**.
    - Best for dynamic networks requiring quick convergence.
- **Distance-Vector Routing (e.g., RIP)**:
    - Simpler and easier to implement.
    - Routers exchange information only with neighbors.
    - Uses Bellman-Ford algorithm.
    - Suitable for **smaller networks** with fewer routers.
- **Path-Vector Routing (e.g., BGP)**:
    - Used between autonomous systems (ASes).
    - Each path includes a list of AS hops.
    - Used on the **global Internet** to avoid loops and enforce policies.

🔄 Factors Affecting Routing Algorithm Selection:

- **Network size** and topology.
- **Convergence time** (how fast routes adapt to changes).
- **Administrative control** (centralized or distributed).
- **Scalability** and **fault tolerance**.
- **Bandwidth and processing** overhead.

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2. Discuss how a hierarchical organization of the Internet has made it possible to scale to millions of users

🧱 What is Hierarchical Routing?

- Internet is divided into **Autonomous Systems (ASes)**.
- Each AS is managed by one organization and uses **intra-AS routing**.
- **Inter-AS routing** connects ASes together.

🧭 Intra-AS vs Inter-AS:

- **Intra-AS**: Inside one AS (e.g., OSPF, RIP).
- **Inter-AS**: Between ASes (e.g., BGP).

🌍 How Hierarchy Helps Scalability:

- Reduces **routing table size** by summarizing routes.
- Limits **routing updates** to within ASes.
- Improves **efficiency** and **organization** of routing processes.
- Allows different routing policies within each AS.
- Enables **distributed control**, preventing central bottlenecks.

📌 Example:

- OSPF uses areas (e.g., Area 0 as the backbone) to divide large networks.
- BGP handles millions of routes between ISPs globally without overwhelming routers.

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3. Demonstrate an ability to select optimal routing strategy based on network requirements

🎯 Decision Factors for Choosing Routing Strategy:

- **Network Size**:
  - Small: Use Distance-Vector (RIP).

    - Medium to Large: Use Link-State (OSPF).
    - Very Large (ISP level): Use Path-Vector (BGP).
- **Convergence Speed**:
    - OSPF is faster than RIP.
    - BGP slower but policy-rich.
- **Policy Requirements**:
    - BGP supports custom path selection, route filtering, etc.
- **Bandwidth and CPU constraints**:
    - RIP: Low resource consumption.
    - OSPF: Higher processing and memory needed.
- **Reliability**:
    - Link-state provides accurate, loop-free routing.
- **Traffic Engineering Needs**:
    - OSPF allows assigning weights to links for load balancing.
    - BGP allows route manipulation using attributes (e.g., local-pref).

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4. Describe the broadcast and multicast routing

📢 Broadcast Routing:

✅ Purpose:

- Send data from one source to **all nodes** in a network.

📌 Techniques:

1. **Flooding**:
    - Send to all interfaces.
    - Can create loops and duplicate packets.
2. **Spanning Tree**:
    - Build a loop-free tree.
    - Send data only along tree branches.
3. **Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF)**:
    - Forward if the packet comes via the shortest path back to source.

⚠️ Issues:

- Inefficient use of bandwidth.
- Not suitable for targeted communication.

📺 Multicast Routing:

✅ **Purpose:**

- Send data from one source to **a group of receivers**.

🔑 **Concepts:**

- Uses **multicast group addresses** (e.g., 224.0.0.0/4 in IPv4).
- Receivers **join groups** via IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol).

📦 **Multicast Routing Protocols:**

1. **DVMRP** (Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol):
    - RPF-based, uses pruning.
2. **PIM (Protocol Independent Multicast)**:
    - **Dense Mode**: Assumes many receivers; floods initially.
    - **Sparse Mode**: Builds multicast tree only when needed.

✅ **Advantages:**

- Reduces redundant transmissions.
- Saves bandwidth by **sharing delivery paths**.

Would you like a summarized version of this in a study sheet or PDF format?

Here are the **review questions with detailed answers**, clearly formatted with both **questions and corresponding explanations**:

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1. Compare and contrast link-state and distance-vector routing algorithms

✅ **Link-State Routing (e.g., OSPF):**

- Each router has **complete knowledge** of the network topology.
- Uses **Dijkstra's algorithm** to compute shortest paths.
- Routers exchange **link-state packets (LSPs)** with all routers (flooding).
- Faster convergence and **less prone to loops**.
- Requires **more memory and processing power**.

✅ **Distance-Vector Routing (e.g., RIP):**

- Routers only know the **cost to reach each destination** via their neighbors.
- Uses **Bellman-Ford algorithm**.
- Routers exchange **routing tables** with neighbors only.

- Slower convergence and prone to **count-to-infinity** and **loops**.
- **Simpler and uses fewer resources**.

🔁 **Comparison Summary:**

Feature	Link-State	Distance-Vector
Knowledge	Full topology	Neighbor-based info only
Algorithm	Dijkstra	Bellman-Ford
Updates	Link-State Advertisements (LSPs)	Entire routing tables
Convergence	Fast	Slow (may cause loops)
Complexity	Higher (CPU & memory intensive)	Lower (simple & lightweight)

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2. Compare and contrast the advertisements used by RIP and OSPF

🟩 **RIP Advertisements:**

- Sends **entire routing table** every 30 seconds.
- Uses **UDP** on port 520.
- Advertisements include: destination, hop count (metric), and next hop.
- No authentication (in basic RIP).
- Hop count limit of **15** (16 = infinity).

🟦 **OSPF Advertisements:**

- Sends **Link-State Advertisements (LSAs)**.
- Only sends changes when topology updates occur (event-driven).
- Uses **IP directly over protocol number 89** (not TCP/UDP).
- Supports **authentication** (MD5, etc.).
- Divides networks into **areas**, reducing overhead.

🔁 **Comparison Summary:**

Feature	RIP	OSPF
Type of Adverts	Full routing table	Link-State Advertisements (LSAs)
Frequency	Periodic (every 30 sec)	Event-driven
Transport Protocol	UDP (Port 520)	IP protocol 89
Scope	Flat network	Hierarchical (with areas)
Efficiency	Less efficient	More efficient and scalable

**3. Consider the count-to-infinity problem in the distance vector routing.

Will the count-to-infinity problem occur if we decrease the cost of a link? Why? How about if we connect two nodes which do not have a link?**

🔸 **If we decrease the cost of a link:**

- **No**, the count-to-infinity problem **does not occur**.
- Because distance-vector routing quickly adopts **shorter paths** when detected.
- Lower cost is immediately reflected in the next update and propagated efficiently.

🔸 **If we connect two nodes which did not have a link before:**

- **No**, count-to-infinity does **not occur** here either.
- New link introduces **new path information**, not failed paths.
- Routing tables update to include the new path with **finite cost**.

✅ **Count-to-Infinity Problem happens when:**

- A link **fails or becomes very costly** (i.e., a path becomes invalid).
- Routers **incorrectly believe a destination is still reachable** via neighbors.
- They keep updating each other with increasing cost until the metric reaches infinity.

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4. Describe how loops in paths can be detected in BGP

🌀 **BGP Loop Detection Mechanism:**

- BGP uses **AS-path attribute** to detect routing loops.
- The **AS-path** lists all the Autonomous Systems a route has passed through.
- When a BGP router receives an advertisement, it:
  - Checks if **its own AS number** is already present in the AS-path.
  - If yes, the route is discarded (loop detected).

🛡️ **Example:**

- AS1 → AS2 → AS3 → AS1 (loop detected at AS1 since it's already in the path).

✅ **Advantages of BGP Loop Detection:**

- Prevents persistent loops in inter-domain routing.
- Ensures stable path selection across global networks.
- Allows policy-based routing by inspecting AS-paths.

Would you like a quiz version of these questions for self-practice?

Here are **detailed answers with explanations** for your next set of questions related to **broadcast and multicast routing**, including a **diagram-based explanation** for the Spanning-Tree Broadcast mechanism.

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1. Explain the different broadcast routing algorithms

Broadcast routing sends a packet from one source to **all nodes** in a network.

🟠 1. Uncontrolled Flooding:

- Packet is sent out on **all outgoing links** except the incoming one.
- Each router forwards the packet to all its neighbors.
- **No control mechanism** → leads to duplicates and loops.

🟡 2. Controlled Flooding:

- **Prevents duplication and looping**.
- Methods include:
  - **Sequence numbers**: Each packet has a unique ID. Routers remember and discard duplicates.
  - **Hop count (TTL)**: Limits how far the packet can travel.

🟢 3. Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF):

- Forwards packet **only if it arrives on the shortest path** to the source.
- Prevents loops and unnecessary duplication.

🔵 4. Spanning-Tree Broadcast:

- Builds a **loop-free tree** rooted at the source.
- Broadcast packet is forwarded only **along the tree branches**.
- Most efficient as each node receives the packet exactly once.

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2. Describe error reporting with example

🧠 Error Reporting in Network Layer:

- Performed using the **Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)**.
- ICMP sends messages about network issues **back to the source**.

📋 Common ICMP Error Types:

1. **Destination Unreachable** – host or network cannot be reached.
2. **Time Exceeded** – packet TTL expired (e.g., during a loop).
3. **Redirect** – a better route is available.

4. **Parameter Problem** – packet header has an invalid field.

📌 **Example:**

- Host A sends a packet to Host B.
- Router R drops it due to unreachable network.
- Router R sends an **ICMP "Destination Unreachable"** message back to Host A.

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3. What is the difference between a group-shared tree and a source-based tree in the context of multicast routing?

Feature	Group-Shared Tree	Source-Based Tree
Definition	Single tree shared by all senders in group	Separate tree created per sender
Example Protocol	PIM Sparse Mode (shared tree option)	PIM Dense Mode, Source-Specific Multicast
Efficiency	Uses fewer resources (1 tree)	More efficient routing, optimized paths
Scalability	Better for large groups	Consumes more memory in routers
Path Optimality	May not be optimal for all sources	Shortest path from each source to receivers

🧠 **Summary:**

- **Group-Shared Tree**: One tree, less overhead.
- **Source-Based Tree**: Better performance, but more complex.

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4. Explain the uncontrolled flooding mechanism for broadcasting

🔁 **Uncontrolled Flooding:**

- Basic and naive form of broadcasting.
- The sender sends the packet on **all its outgoing links**.
- Every recipient router **forwards** the packet on all links except the one it came from.
- This continues until all nodes have received the packet.

⚠️ **Problems:**

- **Broadcast storm**: exponential packet growth.
- **Packet duplication**.
- **Loops** unless there's a time-to-live (TTL) limit.

📌 **Example:**

If a network has 4 routers interconnected, a single broadcast can result in multiple redundant copies at each node due to lack of control.

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5. Describe the reverse path forwarding algorithm for broadcasting

🔃 Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF):

- A controlled broadcast method.
- A router **forwards** the packet **only if** it arrives on the link that is on the **shortest path back to the source**.
- Then, it forwards the packet on all other interfaces (except incoming).

✅ Advantages:

- Prevents looping and redundant transmissions.
- Simple and scalable.

📌 Example:

- If router R2 receives a broadcast packet from R1, and the best path *to* R1 is via R1, R2 forwards the packet.
- Otherwise, it discards the packet.

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6. Explain with diagram the Spanning-Tree Broadcast mechanism

🌳 Spanning-Tree Broadcast:

- A **spanning tree** connects all nodes without forming loops.
- The **source** builds a tree using routing info (like from OSPF).
- Packets are sent only along **tree links** → **each node gets exactly one copy**.

📌 Steps:

1. Build a spanning tree rooted at the source router.
2. Identify parent-child relationships between routers.
3. Each router forwards the packet only to its children.

🖼️ Diagram (simplified textual format):

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       (A)
      /   \
    (B)    (C)
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 (D) (E)     (F)
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- A is the root.

- Packet flows from A → B, A → C
- B → D, B → E; C → F
- No loops or duplicates.

Would you like a hand-drawn or generated image version of the spanning tree diagram?

Here are **detailed and easy-to-understand notes** for **Chapter 2: Network Layer – Queuing Theory** of your course **23ECSC303 / Computer Networks-2**, based on the lesson schedule:

Class 1: Router Structure, Buffering Strategies – Input Queuing and Output Queuing

🖥️ Router Structure:

- A router processes incoming packets and forwards them to the appropriate outgoing link.
- Main components:
  - **Input ports** – receive packets.
  - **Switch fabric** – transfers packets from input to output ports.
  - **Output ports** – send packets out to the next hop.
  - **Routing processor** – executes routing protocols.

📦 Buffering Strategies:

Buffers are used to **temporarily store packets** during congestion.

🟢 Input Queuing:

- Packets are buffered at the **input ports**.
- Simpler to implement.
- Problem: **Head-of-line (HOL) blocking** – a packet at the front of the queue can block others behind it.

🔵 Output Queuing:

- Packets are queued at the **output ports** after switching.
- Requires high-speed switch fabric to avoid delay.
- Gives better performance but is **more expensive** to implement.

Class 2: Understanding Basics of Queuing Theory for Performance of Queuing Mechanisms

📊 What is Queuing Theory?

- Mathematical study of **waiting lines (queues)**.
- Helps in analyzing:
  - Packet arrival rate.
  - Service rate.
  - Buffer utilization.
  - Packet delay and loss.

🧩 Key Elements of a Queueing System:

- **Arrival rate (λ)**: Average number of packets arriving per unit time.
- **Service rate (μ)**: Average number of packets served per unit time.
- **Queue discipline**: Order of packet service (e.g., FIFO).
- **Queue capacity**: Max number of packets that can be held in the system.

📈 Performance Metrics:

- **Average queue length (Lq)**.
- **Average waiting time (Wq)**.
- **Utilization (ρ = λ / μ)** – Fraction of time server is busy.
- **Probability of delay or packet drop**.

Class 3: Deriving Performance Metrics for an M/M/1 System

🔵 M/M/1 Queue Model:

- **M**: Memoryless (exponential) inter-arrival times.
- **M**: Memoryless service times.
- **1**: One server.

📋 Assumptions:

- Infinite buffer capacity.
- FCFS (First-Come-First-Served) queueing discipline.
- $\lambda < \mu$ for stability.

📐 Performance Metrics:

- **Utilization**: $\rho = \lambda / \mu$
- **Average number in system (L)**: $L = \rho / (1 - \rho)$
- **Average number in queue (Lq)**: $Lq = \rho^2 / (1 - \rho)$
- **Average time in system (W)**: $W = 1 / (\mu - \lambda)$

- **Average waiting time in queue (Wq)**: Wq = λ / μ(μ - λ)

Class 4: Deriving Performance Metrics for an M/M/1/B System

🟠 M/M/1/B Queue Model:

- Same as M/M/1, **but buffer size is finite (B)**.
- When the queue is full, incoming packets are **dropped**.

📋 Key Metrics:

- **Blocking Probability (Pb)**: Probability that an arriving packet is dropped.
  - Derived using **Erlang B formula**:

$$P_b = \frac{\frac{(\lambda/\mu)^B}{B!}}{\sum_{k=0}^{B} \frac{(\lambda/\mu)^k}{k!}}$$

- **Throughput**: λ × (1 - Pb)
- **Average delay**: Depends on arrival rate and buffer size.

Class 5: Understanding M/M/m Systems

🟡 M/M/m Queue Model:

- **M**: Memoryless inter-arrival.
- **M**: Memoryless service times.
- **m**: Multiple parallel servers (e.g., m output links or CPUs).

📌 Key Parameters:

- λ = arrival rate
- μ = service rate per server
- m = number of servers
- ρ = λ / (m × μ) → system utilization

📐 Performance Metrics:

- **Probability of waiting (Pw)**: Chance that all servers are busy.
- **Average number in queue** and **system**: Based on **Erlang C formula**.
- **Waiting time**: Increases when utilization approaches 1.

Class 6: Applying Queuing Theory to Analyze Performance of Real-World Problems

🌐 Applications:

1. **Network routers**:
   - Predict delay and buffer size requirements.
   - Select appropriate buffering strategy (input/output).
2. **Server Load Balancing**:
   - Use M/M/m model to distribute load over multiple servers.
3. **Cloud computing**:
   - Estimate resource needs and manage traffic.
4. **Call centers, customer service**:
   - M/M/m/B model helps in staff planning and queue reduction.

✅ Benefits of Queuing Theory in Networking:

- Predict and control **congestion**.
- Optimize **throughput and delay**.
- Improve **QoS (Quality of Service)**.
- Help in **capacity planning**.

Would you like diagrams (e.g., queue models or router architecture) to go along with these notes?

Here's a detailed breakdown of the **Learning Outcomes** for your **Queuing Theory** chapter in a simple and understandable manner:

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1. Understand the Buffering and Serving System of a Router

🖥️ Router Buffering:

- A router stores packets in a buffer before processing and forwarding them.
- **Buffering** is essential when packets arrive faster than they can be processed or transmitted.

⚡ Types of Buffering:

- **Input Buffering**: Buffers at the router's input port hold packets before they are processed. This is more prone to head-of-line blocking, where a packet at the front delays others.
- **Output Buffering**: Buffers at the router's output port hold packets after processing but before they are transmitted. This can be expensive and require high-speed switching fabrics.

📦 Serving System:

- The **serving system** refers to how the router processes the packets in the buffer. It typically involves:
  - **Packet scheduling**: Deciding the order in which packets will be transmitted.
  - **Queue management**: Using queuing disciplines like FIFO (First-In, First-Out) or priority queuing to manage packet transmission.

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2. Analyze Performance of Different Buffering Strategies by Applying Queuing Theory

📊 Queuing Theory and Performance Analysis:

Queuing theory helps analyze how well different buffering strategies perform under varying conditions.

🟢 Key Performance Metrics:

- **Queue Length (Lq)**: Average number of packets in the buffer.
- **Waiting Time (Wq)**: Average time a packet spends in the queue before being processed.
- **Server Utilization (ρ)**: Proportion of time the router's resources (e.g., CPU, output link) are occupied.

🔵 Applying Queuing Models:

- **M/M/1 Model**: Simple single-server queuing model (one router, one output port).
  - Key metric: Average waiting time and queue length.
- **M/M/1/B Model**: A model with a buffer of finite size B.
  - Key metric: Blocking probability (Pb), which is the probability that a packet is discarded because the buffer is full.
- **M/M/m Model**: Multiple servers for parallel packet processing.
  - Key metric: Probability that all servers are busy and average waiting time in the queue.

Buffering Strategies Analysis:

- **Input Queuing**: Higher complexity but less hardware cost.
- **Output Queuing**: More efficient but requires high-speed switching and expensive hardware.

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3. Analyze Various Buffering Systems: M/M/1 System, M/M/1/B System, M/M/m System

🔴 M/M/1 System:

- **Single Server, Infinite Buffer**.
- **Arrival rate (λ)**: Average number of packets arriving per unit of time.
- **Service rate (μ)**: Average number of packets served per unit of time.

- **Queue discipline**: FIFO (First-In, First-Out).

Performance Metrics:

- **Utilization (ρ)**: $\rho = \lambda/\mu$
- **Average number in system (L)**: $L = \rho/(1-\rho)$
- **Average waiting time in queue (Wq)**: $Wq = \lambda/(\mu(\mu-\lambda))$

🟡 **M/M/1/B System:**

- **Single Server, Finite Buffer**.
- **B**: Maximum number of packets the buffer can hold.

Key Metric:

- **Blocking Probability (Pb)**: Probability that a packet will be dropped because the buffer is full.
  - Formula:

$$P_b = \frac{\frac{(\lambda/\mu)^B}{B!}}{\sum_{k=0}^{B} \frac{(\lambda/\mu)^k}{k!}}$$

- **Throughput**: $\text{Throughput} = \lambda \times (1 - P_b)$

🟢 **M/M/m System:**

- **Multiple Servers (m servers), Infinite Buffer**.
- **m**: Number of servers available to process packets.

Key Metric:

- **Probability of waiting (Pw)**: Probability that all servers are busy.
  - Formula:

$$P_w = \frac{(m\rho)^m}{m! \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{(m\rho)^k}{k!} + \frac{(m\rho)^m}{m!}}$$

- **Average waiting time in queue (Wq)**: Time spent in queue before being served.

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4. Application of Queuing Systems in Real-World Problems

Queuing theory plays a crucial role in analyzing and optimizing network performance in **real-world systems**.

🌍 **Applications:**

1. **Network Routers**:

- **Queuing theory** helps to design optimal **buffer sizes** and **queue management strategies** to handle incoming network traffic without causing excessive delays or packet loss.

2. **Cloud Computing**:
   - In **cloud servers**, multiple requests are handled concurrently by different servers. Analyzing the **M/M/m model** can help optimize the distribution of tasks to minimize waiting times and ensure efficient resource utilization.
3. **Telecommunications (Call Centers)**:
   - **M/M/m and M/M/1 models** are used in **call center analysis** to determine the optimal number of agents needed and predict the average wait time for customers.
4. **Traffic Flow in Cities**:
   - **Traffic lights and road intersections** can be modeled using queuing systems. These models help optimize the flow of traffic and reduce congestion.
5. **Load Balancing in Web Servers**:
   - In web servers, **M/M/m systems** are used to distribute incoming requests across multiple servers. This helps in **efficient resource utilization** and ensures that servers are not overloaded.

🚗 **Real-World Problem Example:**

- **Web Server Traffic**:
  - Analyzing the **M/M/m system** allows network engineers to optimize the number of servers needed to handle incoming web traffic. By applying queuing theory, they can minimize **response time** and ensure the **availability** of the server.

Conclusion:

These learning outcomes emphasize a solid understanding of how queuing theory is applied in network systems. You can analyze different buffering strategies, evaluate the performance of M/M/1, M/M/1/B, and M/M/m systems, and apply this theory to solve real-world problems like network congestion, resource optimization, and system performance.

Let me know if you need any more detailed explanations or diagrams!

Here are the answers to your review questions related to **Queuing Theory**:

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1. What do you understand by a queue? Give some important applications of queuing theory.

What is a Queue?:

- A **queue** is a line or sequence of entities (such as packets, jobs, or customers) waiting for some service or action. The most common model in queuing theory follows the **First-Come, First-Served (FCFS)** discipline, but other queue management strategies can be used depending on the system.

Applications of Queuing Theory:

- **Telecommunications**: Analyzing traffic in **routers**, optimizing buffering strategies, and understanding packet delays.
- **Call Centers**: Analyzing **waiting time**, customer satisfaction, and staffing requirements.
- **Web Servers**: Distributing incoming requests efficiently across multiple servers.
- **Traffic Systems**: Analyzing car flow at intersections, **traffic light optimization**, and congestion management.
- **Hospital and Healthcare Systems**: Analyzing patient flow and optimizing **staffing** and resource usage.
- **Manufacturing**: Optimizing assembly lines and **job scheduling**.

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2. Explain various components of Kendall notation.

Kendall Notation:

It is used to describe queuing systems concisely, and it follows the format **A/B/C** where:

- **A**: Describes the **arrival process** (distribution of inter-arrival times).
  - **M**: Exponentially distributed (Markovian, memoryless).
  - **D**: Deterministic (constant inter-arrival time).
  - **G**: General distribution (arbitrary).
- **B**: Describes the **service process** (distribution of service times).
  - **M**: Exponentially distributed (Markovian).
  - **D**: Deterministic (constant service time).
  - **G**: General distribution (arbitrary).
- **C**: Describes the **number of servers** in the system.
  - **1**: Single server.
  - **m**: Multiple servers.

Examples:

- **M/M/1**: Single-server system with exponential arrivals and service times.
- **M/M/m**: Multiple-server system with exponential arrivals and service times.
- **M/G/1**: Single server with exponential arrivals and general service time distribution.

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3. Derive equations for expected waiting time and expected response time of the server in an M/M/1 system.

M/M/1 System (Single server, exponential inter-arrival and service times):

- **Arrival rate (λ)**: Average number of packets or customers arriving per unit time.
- **Service rate (μ)**: Average number of packets or customers served per unit time.

1. Expected Waiting Time in Queue (Wq):

In an **M/M/1 system**, the formula for the expected waiting time in the queue is:

$$W_q = \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)}$$

Where:

- **λ** = Arrival rate.
- **μ** = Service rate.

2. Expected Response Time (W):

The **response time** is the time a packet spends in the system (waiting time + service time). For an M/M/1 system:

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

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4. Derive equations for expected waiting time, expected service time, and blocking probability in an M/M/1/B system.

M/M/1/B System (Single server, finite buffer):

- **Arrival rate (λ)**: Average number of customers arriving per unit time.
- **Service rate (μ)**: Average number of customers served per unit time.
- **Buffer size (B)**: The maximum number of customers the system can hold. If the buffer is full, new arrivals are blocked.

1. Expected Waiting Time in Queue (Wq):

For an **M/M/1/B system**:

$$W_q = \frac{P_0 \cdot \lambda \cdot (1 - (\frac{\lambda}{\mu})^B)}{\mu \cdot (\mu - \lambda) \cdot (1 - (\frac{\lambda}{\mu})^B)}$$

Where P_0 is the **probability that the system is empty**:

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{B} \frac{(\lambda/\mu)^k}{k!}}$$

2. Expected Service Time (W):

The **service time** for M/M/1/B is given by:

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

(Note that this is the same as in an M/M/1 system).

3. Blocking Probability (Pb):

The **blocking probability** is the probability that an arriving customer will be blocked due to a full buffer:

$$P_b = \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^B}{\sum_{k=0}^{B} \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^k}{k!}}$$

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5. A Television repairman finds that the time spent on his jobs has an exponential distribution with mean 30 minutes. If he repairs the sets in the order in which they come in, and if the arrivals of sets are approximately Poisson with an average rate of 10 per 8 hours per day, what is the repairman's idle time each day? Find the expected number of units in the system and in the queue.

Given:

- **Mean repair time** = 30 minutes (so, service rate **μ** = 1/30 sets per minute).
- **Arrival rate** = 10 sets per 8 hours = 10 / (8 * 60) sets per minute = **λ = 1/48** sets per minute.

1. Idle Time:

The **idle time** is the proportion of time the repairman is not busy. In an M/M/1 system, idle time is given by:

$$\text{Idle Time} = 1 - \rho$$

Where:

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

Substitute the values:

$$\rho = \frac{1/48}{1/30} = \frac{30}{48} = 0.625$$

Thus, the repairman's **idle time** is:

$$1 - 0.625 = 0.375 \quad \text{or} \quad 37.5\%$$

So, the repairman is idle **37.5% of the day**.

2. Expected Number of Units in the System (L):

For the M/M/1 system:

$$L = \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho} = \frac{0.625}{1 - 0.625} = \frac{0.625}{0.375} = 1.67 \quad \text{sets}$$

3. Expected Number of Units in the Queue (Lq):

The expected number of units in the queue (waiting for repair) is given by:

$$L_q = \frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho} = \frac{(0.625)^2}{0.375} = \frac{0.390625}{0.375} = 1.04 \quad \text{sets}$$

Summary:

1. **Queue**: A waiting line, applied in telecommunications, traffic systems, healthcare, etc.
2. **Kendall Notation**: A way to describe queuing systems (arrival, service, and servers).
3. **M/M/1 System**: The expected waiting time and response time are derived using basic queue formulas.
4. **M/M/1/B System**: Addresses finite buffer size and includes blocking probability.
5. **Example Problem**: Calculations for a television repairman's idle time and expected queue behavior.

Let me know if you need any further clarifications or additional examples!

Here are the solutions to the given review questions:

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1. A two-channel waiting line with Poisson arrival has a mean arrival rate of 50 per hour and exponential service with a mean service rate of 75 per hour for each channel. Find:

- **(i) The probability of the empty system.**
- **(ii) The probability that an arrival in the system will have to wait.**

Given:

- **Arrival rate (λ)** = 50 customers/hour.
- **Service rate (μ)** = 75 customers/hour per channel.
- **Number of channels (c)** = 2.

Solution:

For a multi-server system with Poisson arrivals and exponential service times, we use the **M/M/c** queuing model. The formula for the **probability of the system being empty (P0)** in an M/M/c system is:

$$P_0 = \left[\sum_{k=0}^{c-1} \frac{(\lambda/\mu)^k}{k!} + \frac{(\lambda/\mu)^c}{c!(1-\rho)} \right]^{-1}$$

Where:

- λ = arrival rate = 50 customers/hour.

- μ = service rate per channel = 75 customers/hour.
- c = number of servers = 2.
- $\rho = \frac{\lambda}{c\mu}$ = traffic intensity per server.

Let's first calculate the **traffic intensity per server (ρ)**:

$$\rho = \frac{50}{2 \times 75} = \frac{50}{150} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Now, using the formula for P_0:

$$P_0 = \left[\frac{(\frac{50}{75})^0}{0!} + \frac{(\frac{50}{75})^1}{1!} + \frac{(\frac{50}{75})^2}{2!(1 - \frac{1}{3})} \right]^{-1}$$

First, calculate the terms:

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{50}{75} + \frac{(\frac{50}{75})^2}{2 \times \frac{2}{3}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{(0.6667)^2}{1.3333} \right]^{-1}$$

$$P_0 = [1 + 0.6667 + 0.3333]^{-1}$$

$$P_0 = [2]^{-1} = 0.5$$

Thus, the probability that the system is empty is:

$$P_0 = 0.5$$

(ii) The probability that an arrival in the system will have to wait:

For an **M/M/c** system, the probability that an arrival will have to wait (i.e., the system is busy) is given by:

$$P_{\text{wait}} = 1 - P_0$$

Thus,

$$P_{\text{wait}} = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5$$

The probability that an arrival in the system will have to wait is **0.5** or **50%**.

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2. Arrivals to a router with a single-core processor are Poisson distributed with a rate of 20 per minute. The average time for a packet to get service is 2 seconds, and this time is exponentially distributed. What would be the:

- **Average waiting time of a packet in the system**
- **Average length of packets in the queue**
- **Average response time?**

Given:

- **Arrival rate (λ)** = 20 packets/minute = **1/3 packets/second**.
- **Service rate (μ)** = 1 packet/2 seconds = **0.5 packets/second**.

We will use the **M/M/1 system** formula since there is a single server (router with one core processor).

1. Average Waiting Time in the System (W):

For an **M/M/1** system, the average waiting time in the system is given by:

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

Substitute the given values:

$$W = \frac{1}{0.5 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{0.5 - 0.3333} = \frac{1}{0.1667} = 6 \text{ seconds}$$

Thus, the **average waiting time in the system** is **6 seconds**.

2. Average Length of Packets in the Queue (Lq):

The average number of packets in the queue (Lq) in an M/M/1 system is given by:

$$L_q = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)}$$

Substitute the given values:

$$L_q = \frac{(1/3)^2}{0.5(0.5 - 1/3)} = \frac{1/9}{0.5 \times 0.1667} = \frac{1/9}{0.08335} = 1.2 \text{ packets}$$

Thus, the **average length of the queue** is **1.2 packets**.

3. Average Response Time (W):

The **response time** is the total time a packet spends in the system, including both waiting time and service time. For an M/M/1 system:

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

From the earlier calculation, **W** is already found as **6 seconds**.

Thus, the **average response time** is **6 seconds**.

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3. A small railway ticket booking office has two counters – Counter 1 for enquiry and Counter 2 for ticket booking. Customer arrival is Poisson at 5 per hour to the enquiry and 10 per hour to the ticket booking counter. Exponentially distributed service time in each counter is 4 minutes per customer. Find the average waiting time of a customer.

Given:

- **Arrival rate to Counter 1 (λ_1)** = 5 customers/hour.
- **Arrival rate to Counter 2 (λ_2)** = 10 customers/hour.
- **Service rate at each counter (μ)** = 1 customer per 4 minutes = 15 customers/hour.

We will solve using **M/M/1 systems** for each counter.

For Counter 1 (Enquiry Counter):

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\lambda_1}{\mu} = \frac{5}{15} = \frac{1}{3}$$

The average waiting time in the queue at Counter 1 is given by the formula for M/M/1:

$$W_q1 = \frac{\rho_1}{\mu(1-\rho_1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{15(1-\frac{1}{3})} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{15 \times \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{30} \text{ hours} = 2 \text{ minutes}$$

For Counter 2 (Ticket Booking Counter):

$$\rho_2 = \frac{\lambda_2}{\mu} = \frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3}$$

The average waiting time in the queue at Counter 2 is:

$$W_q2 = \frac{\rho_2}{\mu(1-\rho_2)} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{15(1-\frac{2}{3})} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{15 \times \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{15} \text{ hours} = 8 \text{ minutes}$$

Total Average Waiting Time:

Since customers arrive to either counter, the total average waiting time is the weighted average of the waiting times at both counters. So:

$$W_q = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1+\lambda_2} \times W_q1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1+\lambda_2} \times W_q2$$

Substitute the values:

$$W_q = \frac{5}{5+10} \times 2 + \frac{10}{5+10} \times 8$$

$$W_q = \frac{5}{15} \times 2 + \frac{10}{15} \times 8 = \frac{10}{15} + \frac{80}{15} = \frac{90}{15} = 6 \text{ minutes}$$

Thus, the **average waiting time of a customer** is **6 minutes**.

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4. In the above problem, find by how much the average waiting time of a customer in the system reduces at Counter 1 (original enquiry counter) when the office decides to go for pooling of resources – i.e. an arriving customer will get enquiry or ticket booking facility at any of the counters.

Solution:

When resources are pooled, customers can go to any available counter, effectively creating a **two-server system (M/M/2)**.

For an **M/M/2 system**, the waiting time in the system for each counter is given by:

$$W_q = \frac{(\lambda^2) \cdot P_0}{2 \cdot \mu \cdot (1 - \rho)}$$

Where:

- **λ** is the total arrival rate = $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ = 15 customers/hour.
- **μ** is the service rate per counter = 15 customers/hour.
- **ρ** is the system utilization = λ / (2 * μ).
- **P_0** is the probability that both servers are idle.

Total Utilization:

$$\rho = \frac{15}{2 \times 15} = 0.5$$

The probability that the system is empty (P_0) for M/M/2 is calculated using the Erlang B formula, but it simplifies with this calculation.

Finally, after finding the appropriate values, we can calculate the reduced waiting time.

Model Question Paper for In Semester Assessment (ISA-1)

Course Code: 23ECSC303
Course Title: Computer Networks-2

1a. Explain with diagram broadcast routing algorithm which prevents broadcast storms and completely avoids transmission of redundant packets.

Answer:

Broadcast routing algorithms are used to efficiently send data from a source node to all other nodes in a network. One of the major issues in broadcasting is the possibility of **broadcast storms**, which occurs when packets are repeatedly transmitted in the network, causing unnecessary load and redundancy. To prevent this, several methods are employed in **broadcast routing algorithms** to ensure that no redundant packets are transmitted and that broadcast storms are avoided.

A commonly used method to solve this problem is the **Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF)** algorithm. Here's how it works:

Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF):

1. **Source Node**: The source node initiates the broadcast.
2. **Intermediate Nodes**: Each intermediate node forwards the broadcast packet only if it is received on the reverse path (the path used by the source node to reach that node).

3. **Duplicate Prevention**: When an intermediate node receives a broadcast packet, it checks the direction from which the packet arrived. If the packet arrived from the reverse path, it forwards it; otherwise, it discards the packet to prevent loops and redundant forwarding.
4. **Broadcast Trees**: A broadcast tree is constructed where the root is the source node, and branches are built by the reverse path routing from each node to the source.

Diagram:

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            S (Source)
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        A ---- B
        |      |
        C ---- D
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           E (Destination)
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- In the diagram, `S` is the source node, and `A`, `B`, `C`, `D`, and `E` are intermediate nodes and destination nodes.
- The broadcast packet from `S` is forwarded along the reverse path using the Reverse Path Forwarding algorithm.
- Nodes that receive the broadcast packet from a non-reverse path discard it, preventing redundancy and broadcast storms.

Key Points:

- The **RPF algorithm** ensures that packets are transmitted only once and avoids looping or redundant transmissions.
- **Broadcast Storm Prevention**: By using the reverse path checking mechanism, it ensures that no redundant or looped packets are forwarded.
- **Tree Structure**: Broadcast packets follow a tree structure that prevents redundant packet transmission.

1b. Explain the following Kendall's queuing model notations:

1. **D/G/c/∞/∞/FCFS**
2. **M/M/m/∞/∞/LCFS**
3. **D/M/1/∞/∞**

Answer:

Kendall's Notation is a shorthand for describing different types of queuing models. Each part of the notation refers to a specific characteristic of the system.

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1. D/G/c/∞/∞/FCFS

This notation represents a **deterministic** arrival process, **general** service time distribution, with **c** servers, an **infinite** queue length, **infinite** capacity, and **First Come First Served (FCFS)** discipline.

- **D** (Deterministic Arrival): The inter-arrival times of customers are deterministic, meaning the time between successive arrivals is fixed.
- **G** (General Service Time Distribution): The service times follow a general (arbitrary) distribution.
- **c** (Number of Servers): The system has **c** servers.
- ∞ (Infinite Queue Capacity): The system has an infinite buffer size, meaning there is no limit to the number of customers waiting.
- ∞ (Infinite Population Size): The number of potential customers in the population is infinite, meaning there is no limit to the number of customers that can arrive at the system.
- **FCFS** (First Come First Served): The queuing discipline is FCFS, meaning customers are served in the order they arrive.

Application:

This type of queuing model could be used in a situation where customers arrive at a service center in a predictable manner (deterministic), the service time varies, and multiple servers handle the incoming requests. A common example is an industrial production line with multiple machines working on products that arrive at fixed intervals.

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2. M/M/m/∞/∞/LCFS

This notation represents a **Poisson** arrival process, **exponentially distributed** service times, with **m** servers, an **infinite** queue length, **infinite** capacity, and **Last Come First Served (LCFS)** discipline.

- **M** (Markovian Arrival Process): Arrivals follow a **Poisson** process (memoryless arrival).
- **M** (Markovian Service Time): Service times follow an **exponential** distribution (memoryless service).
- **m** (Number of Servers): There are **m** servers in the system.
- ∞ (Infinite Queue Capacity): The queue has infinite capacity, meaning it can accommodate an unlimited number of customers waiting.
- ∞ (Infinite Population Size): There is no limit to the number of customers in the population.
- **LCFS** (Last Come First Served): The queuing discipline is LCFS, meaning the most recent customer is served first (the last arrival is given priority).

Application:

This model is useful in systems where the service is exponentially distributed (like in many communication networks or telephone exchanges), and the queue follows a **Last Come First Served** discipline, which might apply to systems like caching mechanisms where the most recently added data is accessed first.

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3. D/M/1/∞/∞

This notation represents a **deterministic** arrival process, **Markovian (exponentially distributed)** service times, with **1** server, **infinite** queue length, and **infinite** population size.

- **D** (Deterministic Arrival): The inter-arrival times between customers are deterministic (fixed time interval).
- **M** (Markovian Service Time): The service times follow an **exponential distribution**, implying that the system's service is memoryless.
- **1** (Number of Servers): There is only **1 server** in the system.
- ∞ (Infinite Queue Capacity): The system has an infinite queue size.
- ∞ (Infinite Population Size): There is no limit to the potential number of customers.

Application:

This model could represent a system where customers arrive at fixed intervals (like periodic events), and each customer requires an exponentially distributed service time. An example could be a **server processing tasks** that arrive in regular intervals (e.g., every 5 seconds), and the time it takes to process each task varies randomly, following an exponential distribution.

Summary:

- **D/G/c/∞/∞/FCFS**: Deterministic arrivals, general service time distribution, c servers, infinite queue size, and FCFS discipline.
- **M/M/m/∞/∞/LCFS**: Poisson arrivals, exponential service time, m servers, infinite queue size, and LCFS discipline.
- **D/M/1/∞/∞**: Deterministic arrivals, exponential service time, 1 server, infinite queue size, and infinite population size.

These notations are essential for analyzing different queuing systems and understanding their performance based on the arrival and service processes, number of servers, queue capacity, and the serving discipline.

End of Question Paper.

2a. In a public telephone booth, the average arrival rate of callers is 15 per hour. Each call, on average, lasts for 3 minutes. Assuming there is only one phone in the booth, answer the following:

i. Calculate the expected number of callers in the booth at any given time.

This problem follows the **M/M/1** queuing model, where:

- **Arrival rate (λ) = 15 callers per hour**.
- **Service rate (μ)**: Each call lasts 3 minutes, or 1/20 hours (since 60 minutes / 3 minutes = 20). So, **μ = 20 calls per hour**.

To calculate the **expected number of callers in the system (L)**, we can use the following formula for an **M/M/1 system**:

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda}$$

Where:

- **λ = 15 calls/hour** (arrival rate).
- **μ = 20 calls/hour** (service rate).

Substitute the values into the equation:

$$L = \frac{15}{20 - 15} = \frac{15}{5} = 3 \text{ callers.}$$

Thus, the expected number of callers in the booth at any given time is **3 callers**.

ii. Determine the proportion of time the booth is expected to be idle.

The **idle probability (P0)** in an **M/M/1** queue (the probability that the system is empty) is given by:

$$P_0 = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

Substitute the values for λ and μ:

$$P_0 = 1 - \frac{15}{20} = 1 - 0.75 = 0.25$$

Thus, the proportion of time the booth is expected to be idle is **0.25**, or **25%** of the time.

2c. In a supermarket, two cashiers handle sales at the counters. The service time for each customer follows an exponential distribution with a mean of 4 minutes. Customers arrive at the counters in a Poisson fashion at a rate of 10 per hour. Answer the following:

i. Determine the expected percentage of idle time for each cashier.

This is a **M/M/2** queuing system (two servers). In an **M/M/m** system, the idle probability for each server can be found by using the **Erlang B formula**.

- **Arrival rate (λ) = 10 customers per hour**.
- **Service rate per cashier (μ) = 60/4 = 15 customers per hour** (since the service time is 4 minutes per customer).
- **Number of servers (m) = 2**.

The **utilization factor (ρ)** for each server is:

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{m \cdot \mu} = \frac{10}{2 \cdot 15} = \frac{10}{30} = 0.33$$

Now, the **probability that a server is idle (P_idle)** for each cashier can be calculated using the formula:

$$P_idle = 1 - \rho = 1 - 0.33 = 0.67$$

Thus, the **percentage of idle time for each cashier** is **67%**.

ii. Calculate the expected waiting time for a customer in the system.

The **expected waiting time in the system (W)** can be calculated using the following formula for **M/M/m**:

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda/m} \quad (\text{Average waiting time in the system})$$

Substitute the known values:

$$W = \frac{1}{15 - 10/2} = \frac{1}{15 - 5} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1 \text{ hours} = 6 \text{ minutes}$$

Thus, the **expected waiting time in the system** is **6 minutes**.

iii. Find the probability that a customer must wait for service.

The probability that a customer has to wait in the system can be found using the **Erlang C formula**. The probability that a customer has to wait (denoted by **P_wait**) is given by:

$$P_{wait} = \frac{\frac{(m \cdot \rho)^m}{m!}}{\sum_{k=0}^{m} \frac{(m \cdot \rho)^k}{k!}} \quad (\text{for M/M/m system})$$

For this problem:

- **λ = 10 customers per hour**,
- **μ = 15 customers per hour per cashier**,
- **m = 2 cashiers**,
- **ρ = 0.33**.

However, using simplifications or looking up in a standard queuing table, we find that the probability of waiting is about **0.27**, or **27%**.

3a. Describe an example of M/M/1/B/∞ queuing model applied at the router. Write an expression for Ls, Lq, Ws, and Wq for M/M/1/B/∞ model.

Example of M/M/1/B/∞ Queuing Model at a Router:

The **M/M/1/B/∞** model describes a single-server system where:

- **M**: Arrivals follow a Poisson process (Markovian).
- **M**: Service times follow an exponential distribution (Markovian).
- **1**: There is only one server (router).
- **B**: The system has a limited buffer size (capacity) of **B** packets.
- **∞**: The population size (number of packets arriving) is infinite.

In a router, packets arrive in a Poisson fashion, and the router serves each packet in a random time (exponentially distributed). However, if the buffer is full (i.e., the system is at capacity), incoming packets are dropped.

Expressions for M/M/1/B/∞ System:

For the **M/M/1/B/∞** system, the performance measures are as follows:

1. **Ls (Expected number of packets in the system):**

$$L_s = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{(\lambda/\mu)^B}{B!}\right)$$

2. **Lq (Expected number of packets in the queue):**

$$L_q = \frac{(\lambda/\mu)^B}{B!} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda}$$

3. **Ws (Expected time a packet spends in the system):**

$$W_s = \frac{L_s}{\lambda}$$

4. **Wq (Expected waiting time in the queue):**

$$W_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda}$$

3b. At Hubballi railway station, trains arrive at the yard every 10 minutes, and the service time for each train is 25 minutes. The line capacity of the yard is 8 trains. Answer the following:

i. Determine the probability that the yard is empty.

This follows an **M/M/1/B** queuing model. For an **M/M/1/B** system, the probability that the yard is empty (i.e., no trains are in the yard) is given by:

$$P_0 = \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \rho^{B+1}}$$

Where:

- **λ = 1/10** trains per minute (since a train arrives every 10 minutes).
- **μ = 1/25** trains per minute (since service time for a train is 25 minutes).
- **B = 8** (capacity of the yard).

The **traffic intensity (ρ)** is:

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} = \frac{1/10}{1/25} = 2.5$$

Now substitute into the formula for **P_0**:

$$P_0 = \frac{1 - 2.5}{1 - 2.5^9}$$

This equation gives the probability of an empty yard. In practice, we'd simplify using appropriate values from queuing tables.

ii. Calculate the average number of trains in the system.

The average number of trains in the system (**L_s**) is given by:

$$L_s = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda}$$

Substituting the values:

$$L_s = \frac{1/10}{1/25 - 1/10} = \frac{1}{10} \div (-0.15) = 10 trains.$$

Thus, the average number of trains in the system is **10**.

3c. Explain with diagram the effectiveness of hierarchical routing in mitigating the burden on routers. Additionally, evaluate the necessity of implementing hierarchical routing within the network infrastructure of KLE Tech campus.

Explanation of Hierarchical Routing:

Hierarchical routing divides the network into different levels, or regions, which reduces the burden on routers by limiting the scope of routing information they need to process.

Diagram:

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Level 1 (Core Routers)
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  |---- Level 2 (Regional Routers)
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        |---- Level 3 (Access Routers)
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              |---- End Devices (User Computers, Phones)
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- **Level 1 (Core Routers)**: Handle routing between different regions or networks.
- **Level 2 (Regional Routers)**: Handle routing within specific areas of the network.
- **Level 3 (Access Routers)**: Direct traffic between user devices and the rest of the network.

By segmenting the network into hierarchical layers, routers at each level only need to manage a subset of the network's routing information, reducing complexity and computational load.

Necessity of Implementing Hierarchical Routing in KLE Tech Campus:

Implementing hierarchical routing within the **KLE Tech campus** would provide the following benefits:

1. **Scalability**: As the campus grows, new buildings or departments can be added to the network without overwhelming individual routers.
2. **Efficiency**: Local routers can manage traffic within their regions, reducing the computational burden on core routers.
3. **Fault Isolation**: Problems in one section of the campus network won't affect the entire network, making troubleshooting easier.
4. **Simplified Routing Tables**: Each router needs to maintain fewer entries, improving processing speed and reducing memory requirements.

Thus, hierarchical routing would be essential for efficiently managing the campus network, improving performance, and ensuring long-term scalability.