

Homework 6

DATA604 Simulation and Modeling

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1) Drivers License Facility Simulation

a) How many 'source', 'server', 'sink' do we need to develop this model, what do those objects stand for in the real system?

- We need 1 **source**.
- 3 **servers**
- 1 **sink**

The source, named *SrcApplicantArrives* in my model, effectively represents the front door of the driver's license facility in this model. It generates the arrival events for the applicant entity.

The servers, named *SvrCheckin*, *SvrExamClerks* and *SvrCheckout* in my model, represent the check clerk, exam clerks and checkout computers, respectively.

The sink, named *SnkApplicantDeparts*, represents the exit door which enables the applicants to leave after they are done.

b) Simio Model Screenshots

The screenshots of my model in Simio follow:



SrcApplicantArrives Properties

I chose to use the exponential distribution for interarrival time since the question stated “approximately 10/hour” as opposed to “exactly” 10/hour.

| Properties: SrcApplicantArrives (Source) | |
|--|-----------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Commonly Used Properties Only | |
| Entity Arrival Logic | |
| Entity Type | EntApplicant |
| Arrival Mode | Interarrival Time |
| + Time Offset | 0.0 |
| + Interarrival Time | Random.Exponential(6) |
| Entities Per Arrival | 1 |
| Stopping Conditions | |
| Maximum Arrivals | Infinity |
| General | |
| Name | SrcApplicantArrives |
| Description | |

SvrCheckin Properties

For the checkin processing time, I chose to use the normal distribution with a mean of 5 minutes and standard deviation of 1 minute. Again, my rationale was that the question write stated “approximately 5 minutes”.

| Properties: SvrCheckin (Server) | |
|--|---------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Commonly Used Properties Only | |
| Process Logic | |
| Capacity Type | Fixed |
| Initial Capacity | 1 |
| Ranking Rule | First In First Out |
| + Processing Time | Random.Normal(5, 1) |
| Buffer Capacities | |
| Input Buffer | Infinity |
| Output Buffer | Infinity |
| General | |
| Name | SvrCheckin |
| Description | |

SvrExamClerks Properties

Properties: SvrExamClerks (Server)

☒ Show Commonly Used Properties Only

Process Logic

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Capacity Type | Fixed |
| Initial Capacity | 2 |
| Ranking Rule | First In First Out |
| Processing Time | Random.Normal(8.8, 1) |

Buffer Capacities

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Input Buffer | Infinity |
| Output Buffer | Infinity |

General

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| Name | SvrExamClerks |
| Description | |

SvrCheckout Properties

Properties: SvrCheckout (Server)

☒ Show Commonly Used Properties Only

Process Logic

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Capacity Type | Fixed |
| Initial Capacity | 2 |
| Ranking Rule | First In First Out |
| Processing Time | Random.Normal(9, 1) |

Buffer Capacities

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Input Buffer | Infinity |
| Output Buffer | Infinity |

General

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| Name | SvrCheckout |
| Description | |

c) Run the model and obtain the performance measures...

I set the simulation to run for 8 hours based on the concept of a business day. I created an Experiment with 10 Replications which was run to generate the following performance results:

Showing named view: "1cPerfMeasures"

Drop Filter Fields Here

Average Minimum Maximum Half Width

Scenario

Scenario1

| Object Type | Object Name | Data Source | Category | Data Item | Statistic | Average | Minimum | Maximum | Half Width |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Applicant | EntApplicant | [Population] | Content | NumberInSystem | Average | 4.8060 | 3.3903 | 6.3903 | 0.6454 |
| | | | | | Maximum | 10.1000 | 8.0000 | 13.0000 | 1.0900 |
| | | | FlowTime | TimeInSystem | Average (Ho... | 0.5075 | 0.4143 | 0.6155 | 0.0444 |
| | | | | | Maximum (Ho... | 0.8020 | 0.6038 | 1.0406 | 0.0879 |
| Server | SvrCheckin | [Resource] | Capacity | UnitsUtilized | Minimum (Ho... | 0.3291 | 0.2912 | 0.3468 | 0.0124 |
| | | | | | Average | 0.7867 | 0.6705 | 0.8779 | 0.0457 |
| | SvrCheckout | [Resource] | Capacity | UnitsUtilized | Maximum | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | | | | | Average | 1.3886 | 1.1658 | 1.5549 | 0.0831 |
| | SvrExamClerks | [Resource] | Capacity | UnitsUtilized | Maximum | 2.0000 | 2.0000 | 2.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | | | | | Average | 1.3832 | 1.1831 | 1.5629 | 0.0806 |
| | | | | | Maximum | 2.0000 | 2.0000 | 2.0000 | 0.0000 |

d) Adding an optional “computerized exam kiosk”



2) M/M/1 Comparision

I wrote my developed queueing simulation program in R. The code follows:

```
# Create a data frame of the new customers and their jobs
newJobs <- data.frame(customer=seq(1, 10),
                      iaMins=rexp(10, rate=1/10),
                      arrivalMins=rep(0, 10),
                      svcTimeMins=rexp(10, rate=1/7),
                      timeSvcBegin=rep(0, 10),
                      queueWaitMins=rep(0, 10),
                      timeSvcEnd=rep(0, 10),
                      timeInSystem=rep(0, 10))

# Determine overall arrival times
newJobs$arrivalMins <- cumsum(newJobs$iaMins)

# Join the existing and new jobs into one table
simTable <- newJobs

# Loop over the rows the compute the various activity and clock times
for(i in seq(2, nrow(simTable)))
{
  simTable[i,]$timeSvcBegin <- max(simTable[i,]$arrivalMins, simTable[i-1,]$timeSvcEnd)
  simTable[i,]$queueWaitMins <- simTable[i,]$timeSvcBegin - simTable[i,]$arrivalMins
  simTable[i,]$timeSvcEnd <- simTable[i,]$timeSvcBegin + simTable[i,]$svcTimeMins
  simTable[i,]$timeInSystem <- simTable[i,]$timeSvcEnd - simTable[i,]$arrivalMins
}

# Show the table
simTable
```