Exercise #4 – Real-Time Continuous Media

- 1) Obtain a Logitech C270 camera (or equivalent) and verify that is detected by the Raspberry Pi USB driver.
- a) Show that it has been detected by using Isusb, Ismod and dmesg kernel driver configuration tool to make sure your Logitech C270 USB camera is plugged in and recognized. Do Isusb | grep -i logitech and prove to me (and more importantly yourself) with that output (screenshot) that your camera is recognized.

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anuhya@raspberrypi:~ $ lsusb
Bus 002 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 001 Device 003: ID 046d:0825 Logitech, Inc. Webcam C270
Bus 001 Device 002: ID 2109:3431 VIA Labs, Inc. Hub
Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
anuhya@raspberrypi:~ $
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b) Now, do lsmod | grep video and verify that the UVC driver is loaded as well (http://www.ideasonboard.org/uvc/).

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anuhya@raspberrypi:~ $ \smod | grep video
uvcvideo
videobuf2_vmalloc
videobuf2_dma_contig
videobuf2_dma_contig
videobuf2_vtl2
videobuf2_vtl2
videobuf2_common
memops,bcm2835_isp
videodev
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10 bcm2835_codec,videobuf2_dma_contig,videobuf2_vdl2_uvcvideo,bcm2835_v4l2,rpivid_hevc,v4l2_mem2mem,videobuf2
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6 bcm2835_codec,vvideobuf2_dma_contig,videobuf2_vdl2_uvcvideo,bcm2835_v4l2,rpivid_hevc,v4l2_mem2mem,videobuf2
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c) To further verify, or debug if you don't see the UVC driver loaded in response to plugging in the USB camera, do dmesg | grep video or just dmesg and scroll through the log messages to see if your USB device was found.

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5.786166]
                      videodev: Linux video capture interface: v2.00
bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node output[0] registere
rpivid feb10000.codec: Device registered as /dev/video19
                                                                                                                                  registered as /dev/video13
5.798334]
5.803396]
                      bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node capture[0] registered as /dev/video14
                      bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node capture[1] registered as /dev/video15
bcm2835-codec bcm2835-codec: Device registered as /dev/video10
bcm2835-codec bcm2835-codec: Device registered as /dev/video11
5.806273]
5.811225]
5.821685]
                     bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node stats[2] registered as /dev/video16
bcm2835-codec bcm2835-codec: Device registered as /dev/video12
bcm2835-codec bcm2835-codec: Device registered as /dev/video18
bcm2835-codec bcm2835-codec: Device registered as /dev/video31
5.831499]
5.837377]
5.873454]
5.896311]
5.922553]
5.922553] bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node output[0] registered as /dev/video20 5.923728] bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node capture[0] registered as /dev/video21 5.965947] bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node capture[1] registered as /dev/video22 6.047661] bcm2835-isp bcm2835-isp: Device node stats[2] registered as /dev/video23
   .315236] usbcore: registered new interface driver uvcvideo
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d) Capture all output and annotate what you see with descriptions to the best of your understanding.

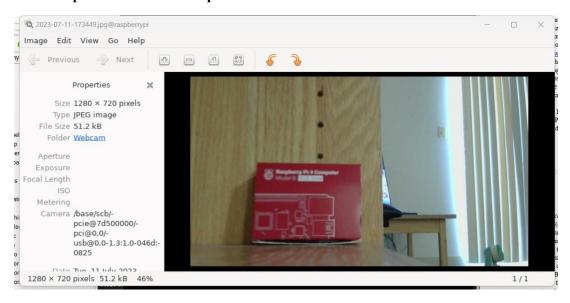
The 'lsusb' command is used to list the USB devices connected to the Raspberry Pi. It prints out the details likevendor ID, product ID, and company associated with the device.

The 'lsmod' command is used to list the loaded kernel modules (drivers). The 'grep' command searches for the term passed as the argument in the information listed out in lsmod. The UVC driver is USB video class device driver which needs to be used for USB cameras like Logitech C270 in this case.

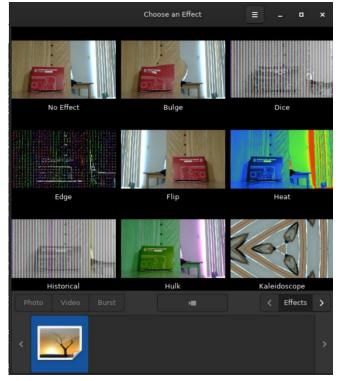
The 'dmesg' command lists out the kernel ring buffer messages. With the 'grep' command, all the video-related messages are printed out- such as device detection, and driver information.

2) If you do not have camorama, do "sudo apt-get install camorama" on your Raspberry Pi board [you may need to first do sudo apt-get update]. If for some reason camorama does not work for you, an alternative application is cheese (install with "sudo apt- get install cheese"). This should not only install nice camera capture GUI tools, but also the V4L2 API (described well in this series of Linux articles - http://lwn.net/Articles/203924/). Provide a summary log of your installation.

a) Run camorama with no arguments and it should provide an interactive camera control session for your Logitech C2xx camera – provide a screen dump of the GUI.



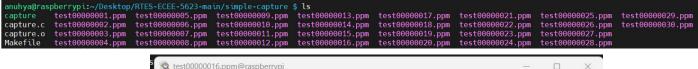
b) If you have issues connecting to your camera do a "man camorama" and specify your camera device file entry point (e.g. /dev/video0). Run camorama and play with Hue, Color, Brightness, White Balance and Contrast, take an example image, and take a screen shot of the tool and provide both in your report. If you need to resolve issues with your network, USB, or sudo and your account, research this and please do so.

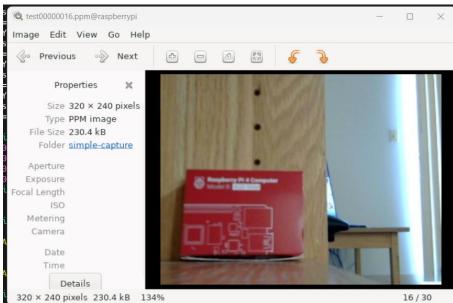


- 3) Using your verified Logitech C270 camera on your Raspberry Pi, now verify that it can stream continuously.
- a) Using starter code, capture a raw image buffer for transformation and processing using example code such as simple-capture. This basic example interfaces to the UVC and USB kernel driver modules through the V4L2 API. Provide a screen shot to prove that you got continuous capture to work with V4L2. To display images you have captured, you will find "eom" to be quite useful, which can be installed with "sudo apt-get install eom". Optional: Alternatively, if you were to use OpenCV, which abstracts the camera interface and provides useful library functions with code found here simpler-capture-2/, you can see the code is simpler, but please do not use OpenCV. Note that simpler-capture-2 will require installation of OpenCV on an R-Pi 3b (if you have extra time to explore, here's some instructions to install it please follow https://www.learnopencv.com/installopencv-

3-4-4-on-raspberry-pi/ - to use simpler-capture-2 as is with no modifications). You can also install the latest version of OpenCV, 4.x, which has only a C++ API, then you will need to use the most up to date code (simpler-capture-4), but bear in mind that you must use V4L2 for 5623, this code is for the follow-on course, 5763.

The simple capture code output is shown below. With use of 'eom', the captured image can be displayed.





b) Download starter code (simple-capture-1800) that captures 1800 frames from your camera using V4L2 and run it as is first to test the code (use "make clean", "make", and run – note that make clean will remove test frames). Modify the code so that it uses syslog rather than printf to the console for tracing. Then, compare frame rate for PGM (graymap) and PPM (color) image write-back to the frame sub-directory on your flash filesystem and provide analysis of average and worst-case (lowest) frame rate seen for each.

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anuhya@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/question_3 $ sudo ./capture
FORCING FORMAT
allocated buffer 0
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allocated buffer 2
allocated buffer
allocated buffer 4
allocated buffer 5
                                                                   Figure 1: Frame rate for PPM images
 Total capture time=12.082541, for 182 frames, 15.063057 FPS
anuhya@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/question_3 $ sudo ./capture
FORCING FORMAT
allocated buffer 0
allocated buffer 1
allocated buffer 2
allocated buffer 3
allocated buffer 4
allocated buffer 5
                                                                    Figure 1: Frame rate for PGM images
 Total capture time=12.088069, for 182 frames, 15.056168 FPS
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Average FPS:	19.64241063
Least FPS:	13.638807

Table 1: Average and least FPS for PPM images

Average FPS	24.9247
Min. FPS	23.75196

Table 2: Average and least FPS for PGM images

The code is run for 180 frames with 8 starter frames. When the camera pixel format is checked to be YUYV format, depending on whether the COLOR_CONVERT_RGB is set, the frame is converted to a ppm (color) format or pgm (graymap) format. The write-back for the PGM format takes longer as the 4 bytes of YUYV need to be converted to 6 bytes of RGB format using the function yuv2rgb(). The conversion used is called YUV422. As shown in the table 1, for PPM images, the average frame rate seen is 19.64 and the worst-case frame rate observed is 13.638. In the table 2, the average and worst-case frame rates for PGM images are shown to be 24.92 and 23.75. The frames rate for each frame for both ppm and pgm images are stored in the excel sheet- 'fps for ppm and pgm images'.

- 4) Choose ONE continuous transformation for each acquired frame such as color conversion (Lecture-Cont-Media.pdf, slide 5), conversion to grayscale (slide 6), negative image (new_pixel = saturation pixel), brightness/contrast adjustment (e.g., /c- brighten/brighten.c), or sharpening (/sharpen-psf/sharpen.c) and consider how to apply this to a real-time stream of image frames acquired from your camera rather than just one image file (PPM in the examples). Optional: If you want to use OpenCV (not required, but can be fun and interesting if you have extra time) look at examples from computer_vision_cv3_tested/ then you can choose transformations such as the diff-interactive/, simple-canny-interactive/, simple-houghinteractive/, etc. Note that these examples were written for OpenCV 3.x, not OpenCV 4.x. Newer versions of this code can be found in computer_vision_cv4_tested. This is not required, but noted for students interested in real-time computer vision, which is covered in depth in ECEN 5763, Embedded Machine Vision and Intelligent Automation.
- a) Show a screen shot to prove you built and ran the code and a before and after transform example image.

The continuous transformation used is sharpening the frame. The image before transformation is shown in Figure 1. The image after transformation is shown in Figure 2.

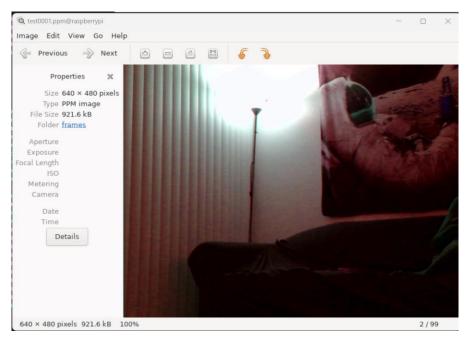


Figure 1: Before transformation

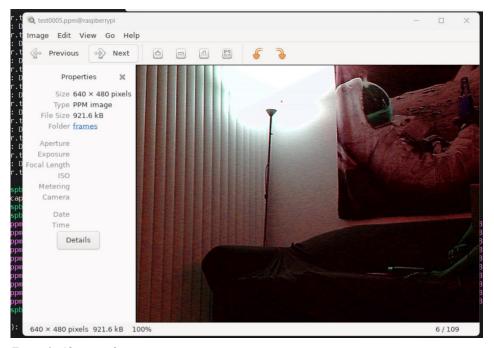


Figure 2: After transformation

b) Provide a detailed explanation of your code and research uses for the continuous transformations and describe how this might be used in a machine vision application.

- 1. open_device(): If no argument is passed while running the program, the default device file is '/dev/video0'. The function checks the status of the file with the system call-stat(). It checks if the device passed is a character device with the macro-S_ISCHR. Finally, the file is opened with both the read and write flags enabled.
- 2. init_device(): The function checks if the device opened is a V4L2 device and if it supports video capture. The method of IO used for capturing the video is "'IO_METHOD_MMAP' and for this, the function checks if the device supports streaming I/O. With xioctl() system calls, cropping capabilities are set and the video format is set to YUYV which works with the Logitech C270 camera.
- 3. init_mmap(): The requested video capture buffers' parameters are set and the buffers are requested from the device using a xioctl call. Memory is allocated for the buffers and the code enters a loop run for 6 times. Each requested buffer is mapped to the virtual address space of the calling process with a mmap() call.
- 4. start_capturing():After queueing the video capture buffers, the function calls xioctl() with the argument passed as VIDIOC STREAMON to start the video streaming.
- 5. mainloop(): The frame rate is set and the loop runs until the specified number of frames are captured. The select() call is used to wait on the file descriptor for 'timeout' amount of time. For every frame, a call to read_frame() function is made.
- 6. read_frame(): The function dequeues the captured buffer in the kernel driver's outgoing queue to read the frame information from the camera. Then, a call to process_image() is made for each captured buffer ie. frame.
- 7. process_image(): The pixel format from the camera is checked to be set as YUYV and depending on the macro- COLOR_CONVERT_RBG, the YUYV pixels are transformed to RGB or YY ie. black and white. The function yuv2rgb() is called to do the former. The function reads 4 bytes of YUV and outputs 6 bytes of RGB data. For BnW image requirements, alternating bytes of data ie. Y are taken.
- 8. sharpen_image(): The function performs an image convolution algorithm which is set to sharpening based on the passed PSF coefficients. Based on these new pixel values, the passed buffers will now hold a sharpened image.
- 9. dump_ppm() or dump_pgm(): Based on the code requirements, the image is stored in a ppm or pgm format for rgb or bnw. A file to store the image is created using open() system call in create mode and non-blocking mode. The header consists information like image dimensions, timestamp. All of this along with the buffer passed is written into the file.
- 10. stop_capturing(): The video stream is turned off by passing the VIDIOC_STREAMOFF as an arguments to the xioctl call.
- 11. uninit_device(): The function calls mumap() to remove mapping for all the pages in the process allotted in the earlier mmap() call.

12. close device(): The file descriptor for the device is closed using the close() system call.

Applications: Sharpening enhances the edges and fine details in an image, increasing its visual clarity and emphasizing high-frequency components. It helps to enhance the image's crispness and improve its overall appearance. Sharpening can be used to improve the quality of the captured image. This has applications in medical image analysis to enhance medical scans like X-rays, CT scans. In machine vision and computer vision applications, object detection relies on identifying objects in a frame. Here, sharpening can be used in pre-processing step to enhance edges and make objects more distinct.

c) What was the best frame rate for continuous transform processing for the transform you chose to investigate? Note that your real bottleneck may be writing your frames to your flash file system device, so try disabling frame write-back to the frame sub-directory and transforming frames, but not saving them

The best frame rate for continuous transform processing for 'sharpening' is 7.75 FPS. This is shown in the image below. The image transformation effects the WCET time and thus the frame rate is considerably lower.

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ypi:~/Desktop/frame_rate_transformation $ sudo ./capture
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Frame acquisition avg dt: 0.000024 or 41636.897424 FPS
Frame processing avg dt: 0.012814 or 78.037171 FPS
Frame storage avg dt: 0.003255 or 307.175595 FPS
Avg WCET=0.133167, Max WCET=0.173099
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5) [30 points] Using a Logitech C270 (or equivalent), choose ONE real-time frame transformation and measure the frame processing time (WCET). I have made some videos on the "L-N9.#-Final-Project" (found in Coursera Video) that demonstrate the analysis of a single thread design (simple-capture-1800) and use of syslog for tracing (CW-21-C4-simplecapture-1800-starter-code-for-project) and you may also find simple-capture-1800-syslog/ useful.

The WCET, average frame rate and average time taken for each step of acquisition, transformation and write-back is calculated for the capturing a frame without the transformation initially.

Process	Time taken (seconds)	FPS
Total capture time	9.193875	19.7957
Frame acquisition time (avg)	0.000024	41025.59
Frame processing time (avg)	0.012961	77.15
Frame storage time (avg)	0.003277	305.1131
WCET (avg)	0.052606	
WCET (max)	0.074565	

The code is in the folder-'frame_rate_wo_transformation'. The total capture time is 9.1939 seconds for 182 frames ie. the frame rate is 19.795 FPS.

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anuhya@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/frame_rate_wo_transformation $ sudo ./capture
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a) Please implement and compare transform performance in terms of average transform processing time and overall average frame rate for acquisition, transformation and writeback of only the transformed frame. Note the average for each step clearly (acquisition, processing, write-back).

The average frame processing rate and average time taken for each step of acquisition, transformation and write-back is calculated in the code. This is in the folder- 'frame_rate_transformation'. The time taken for every frame acquisition, transformation and write back is printed in the syslog file. The output is transferred to the excel sheet- 'transform processing times'. The code captures 182 frames. The average and max WCET is shown in the table below.

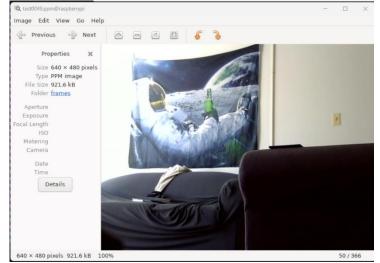
Process	Time taken (seconds)	FPS
Total capture time	23.355	<mark>7.79</mark>
Frame acquisition time (avg)	0.000024	41636.89
Frame processing time (avg)	0.012814	78.03
Frame storage time (avg)	0.003255	307.17
WCET (avg)	0.133167	
WCET (max)	0.173099	

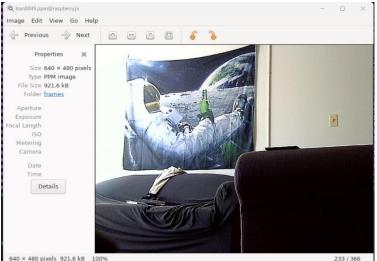
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Running at 30 frames/sec
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Frame storage avg dt : 0.003255 or 307.175595 FPS
Avg WCET=0.133167, Max WCET=0.173099
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When the WCET for the transformed and captured frame are compared, it can be seen that the transformed frame takes longer amount of time for processing the frame and thus results in a worse frame rate.

b) Please implement and compare transform performance in terms of average frame rate for transformation and write-back of both the transformed frame and captured.

The average frame rate for transformation and write-back of both the transformed frame and captured frame is calculated in the code. The capture frame is saved as 'test<frame_number>' while the transformed frame is saved as 'tran<frame_number>'. While the total capture time is 23.95, the average frames per second (FPS) is 15.114. The code is in the folder 'frame_rate_both_frames'. The captured and transformed image are shown in the next page. The program output is shown in the figure below.



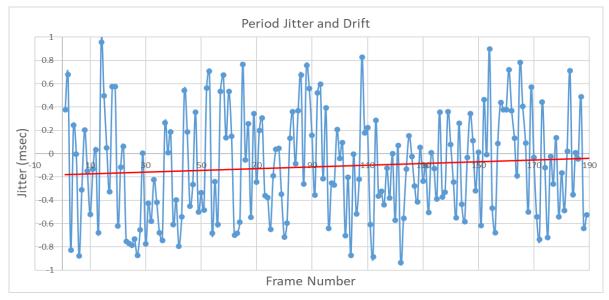


c) Based on average analysis for transform frame only write-back, pick a reasonable soft real-time deadline (e.g., if average frame rate is 10 Hz, choose a deadline of 100 milliseconds) and convert the processing to SCHED_FIFO and determine if you can meet deadlines with predictability. Note, here are some examples of monotonic service analysis and jitter (here). The drift is shown as a red polynomial trend line and jitter is a plot of raw delta-t data compared to expected.

The full processing is converted to a service thread- this includes image acquisition, image processing, transformation and write-back to save the frame. The mainloop function is essentially run twice- once to calculate the WCET to meet the deadlines with predictability and the second time to calculate the jitter from the set deadline in the previous step.

As shown in the graph 1 (shown in the next page), the system meets the deadlines accurately. The jitter seen is positive and negative but is always within the range of 1 millisecond. The drift can be seen to be 0.1 millisecond from the graph. The deadline is set as the avg. WCET to show a variation in the jitter.

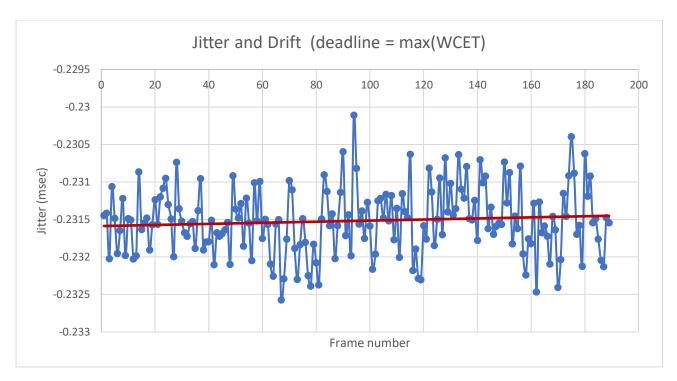
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anuhya@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/wcet calculation $ sudo ./capture
System has 4 processors configured and 4 available.
rt_max_prio=99
rt_min_prio=1
Pthread Policy is SCHED_FIF0
Service threads will run on 1 CPU cores
FORCING FORMAT
allocated buffer 0
allocated buffer
allocated buffer
allocated buffer
allocated buffer
allocated buffer 5
Service thread entry
Deadline is calculated to be 0.128107
Total jitter = -0.020723
Total capture time=47.513919, for 378 frames, 7.955564 FPS
Avg WCET=0.128107, Max WCET=0.186314
```



Graph 1: Jitter and drift in the predictable analysis when deadline is set to average of WCETs.

In the case of where the deadline is set as the maximum of all WCETs, all the services will meet the deadlines and show only negative jitter (ie. service time would be completed before the deadline). However, ideally to ensure that frame processing meets the deadline, the deadline would be set as the maximum of all WCETs. This is shown in the figure and graph 2 below.

```
anuhya@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/code/question_5/jitter_analysis $ sudo ./capture
System has 4 processors configured and 4 available.
rt_max_prio=99
   min_prio=1
Pthread Policy is SCHED_FIFO
Service threads will run on 1 CPU cores
FORCING FORMAT
allocated buffer
allocated buffer
allocated
            buffer
allocated buffer
allocated buffer
allocated buffer
Service thread entry
 Deadline is calculated to be 0.360643
 Total jitter = -43.757044
Total capture time=48.170246, for 378 frames, 7.847168 FPS
Avg WCET=0.130503, Max WCET=0.360643
```



Graph 2: Jitter and drift in the predictable analysis when deadline is set of the maximum of all WCETs.