



Bank Teller Queue Simulation

This C program simulates customer arrivals and service at a bank with multiple tellers using a **Poisson process**. It models customer waiting times, service durations, and teller utilization over a typical **8-hour workday (480 minutes)**.



Overview

The simulation uses a queue to manage arriving customers and models the stochastic nature of arrivals using the **Poisson distribution**. Each customer is served by an available teller, with service times varying randomly between **2 and 3 minutes**.

At the end of the simulation, it provides a statistical summary of customer waiting times, including: - Mean (average) wait time

- Median wait time
 - Mode wait time
 - Standard deviation
 - Longest wait time
 - Total customers served
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Features

- Simulates **random customer arrivals** using the Poisson process
 - Handles **multiple tellers**
 - Tracks and reports **waiting times** for all customers
 - Dynamically manages the queue and memory allocation
 - Computes **key statistical measures** for performance evaluation
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Input Parameters

The program requires two inputs from the user:

1. **λ (lambda)**: Average number of customers arriving per minute
 2. **Number of tellers**: The number of service counters available
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Output Example

After simulation, the program outputs a detailed report like this:

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=== Simulation Report ===
Total customers served: 312
Average (Mean) wait time: 1.76 minutes
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Median wait time: 1.00 minutes
Mode wait time: 0.00 minutes
Standard deviation: 1.54
Longest single wait: 7.00 minutes

Key Concepts Used

- **Poisson distribution:** Models the probability of a given number of arrivals per minute
- **Queue data structure:** Manages waiting customers in FIFO (first-in-first-out) order
- **Dynamic memory allocation:** Used to expand the array storing wait times
- **Statistical functions:** Mean, median, mode, and standard deviation calculations

Implementation Details

- **File:** CPROJMCART.c
- **Language:** C
- **Simulation duration:** 480 minutes (8 hours)
- **Service time per customer:** Randomly 2 or 3 minutes
- **Libraries used:**
 - `<stdio.h>` for I/O
 - `<stdlib.h>` for memory and random functions
 - `<math.h>` for Poisson and statistical calculations
 - `<time.h>` for random seeding

How to Run

1. Compile the program

```
gcc CPROJMCART.c -o simulation -lm
```

2. Run the executable

```
./simulation
```

3. Enter parameters when prompted

```
Enter the average number of customers arriving per minute (lambda): 0.5  
Enter the number of tellers: 2
```

Memory Management

The program dynamically allocates and frees all memory used for:

- Wait time array (automatically expands as needed)
- Queue of customers
- Teller busy time tracker

No memory leaks occur if compiled and run properly.

Possible Extensions

You can enhance the simulation by:

- Adding priority queues for VIP customers

- Logging customer data to a file
 - Visualizing queue length and teller utilization over time
 - Allowing variable service times (non-uniform distribution)
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Author

Developed as part of a **simulation and data analysis project** to study queue behavior and statistical patterns in service systems.