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Homework 1

(P7)

Users share a 1 Mbps link. Each user requires 100 Kbps. Each user transmits 10 percent of the time.

a. *When circuit switching is used, how many users can be supported.*

With circuit switching, each user has to be given the maximum transfre rate, which is 100 Kbps. So if each user shares a 1 Mpbs (1000 Kpbs) link, then the maximum users that can be supported on that link is **1000 Kpbs / 100 Kpbs = 10**. A total maximum of **10 users can only be supported.**

b. *Suppose packet switching is used. Find the probablity that a given user is transmitting.*

Each user transmits  $p = 10$  percent of the time. When actively transmitting, the user will transmit 0.1 Mbps at the probability of  $1 - p$  or **(1 - 0.1)**

c. *Suppose there are  $n = 40$  users. Find the probablity that exactly  $k$  users are transmitting simultaneously.*

Binomial Distribution

The max number of users that can be support simultaneously is 10. 11 or more users simultaneously can cause a queue.  $n = 40$  users,  $k$  number of active users, and  $(n - k)$  number of users are inactive.

$$P(\text{num of active users}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{(n-k)}$$

where  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

And our users are 10 percent active at a time, thus:

$$P(\text{num of active users}) = \binom{40}{k} (0.1)^k (0.9)^{(40-k)}$$

d. *Probability of 11 users transmitting simultaneously*

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{num of active users}) &= \binom{40}{11} (0.1)^{11} (0.9)^{(40-11)} \\ &= 0.001089 \end{aligned}$$

(P12)

*N packets arrive simultaneously to a link with no current packets being transmitted or queued. Each packet is of length L and has transmission rate R. What is the average queuing delay for N packets?*

Note: The queuing delay for a packet is **L/R**

Base case: Since there's no other current packets being transmitted or queued, the 1<sup>st</sup> packet has 0 delay.

2<sup>nd</sup> packet  $\rightarrow$  1<sup>st</sup> packet + delay of packet = 0 + L/R

3<sup>rd</sup> packet  $\rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> packet + L/R = L/R + L/R = 2L/R

4<sup>th</sup> packet  $\rightarrow$  3<sup>rd</sup> packet + L/R = 2L/R + L/R = 3L/R

...

Nth packet  $\rightarrow$  delay of (n-1) packet +  $L/R = (n-1)L/R$

Then to get the average delay:  $\rightarrow (\text{Number of Delay}) / (\text{Number of Packets})$

Which is:  $\rightarrow [\theta + L/R + 2L/R + 3L/R + \dots + (n-1)L/R] / (N)$

$$\rightarrow [L(n-1)N] / (2RN)$$

$$\rightarrow [L(n-1)] / (2R)$$

(P18)

Suppose host A and B are separated by 10,000 kilometers and are connected by a link of  $R = 1\text{Mbps}$ . Suppose the propagation speed is  $2.5 * 10^8$  meters/sec.

a. Calculate the bandwidth-delay product  $R * d_{\text{prop}}$

$$R = 1\text{Mbps}$$

and there are 1 kilometer per 1000 meter and the host is speared by 10,000 km so,

$$d_{\text{prop}} = [(10000\text{km} * 1000\text{m}) / (2.5 * 10^8 \text{m/s})]$$

thus

$$R * d_{\text{prop}} = 1\text{Mbps} * [(10000\text{km} * 1000\text{m}) / (2.5 * 10^8 \text{m/s})] = 0.04\text{s}$$

$$\text{or } 10^6 * 0.04 = 40,000 \text{ bits}$$

b. Consider sending a file of 400,000 bits from Host A to Host B. Suppose the file is sent continuously as one large message. What is the maximum number of bits that will be in the link at any given time? Wouldn't it just be 40,000 bits?

c. Provide an interpretation of the bandwith-delay product.

It's when transmitting data, the link can only encompass a maximum number of data simultaneously.

d. What is the width of a bit in the link? Is it longer than a football field?

Well, to make a link of 10,000km full, it should contain 40,000 bits. When the bits gets sent out, then it becomes  $10,000\text{km} / 40,000\text{bits}$  for the length.  $10,000\text{km}/40,000\text{bits} = 1 \text{ kilometer per 4 bits}$  which becomes 0.25 kilometer per 1 bit

Is it longer than a football field?

A football field is 100 yards. 100 yards = 91.44 meters. 91.44 meters = 0.09144 kilometers

0.09144 kilometers < 0.25 kilometers

therefore a football field is smaller

e. Derive a general expression for the width of a bit in terms of the propagation speed s, the transmission rate R, and the length of the link m.

The bandwith-delay product is defined to be the maximum number of bits a link can contain at a time. Earlier, we calculated the delay as  $R * d_{\text{prop}}$ . So then to get total bits that a link can carry, we take its total length and divide it by its propagation speed and multiply it by the transmission speed:

$$(m/s) * R$$

Then to find the length of each bit, we take the length of the link, and divide it by the total number of bits the link can carry:

$$(m) / [(m/s) * R] \Rightarrow (s) / [(m/m) * R] \Rightarrow (s) / R$$

which happens to be the propagation speed over the transmission rate