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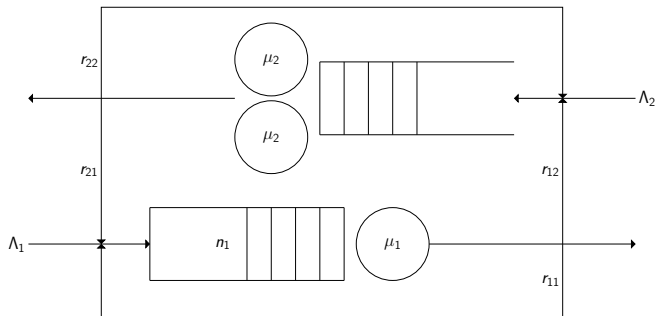




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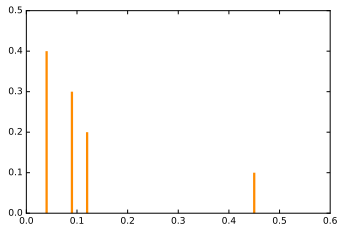
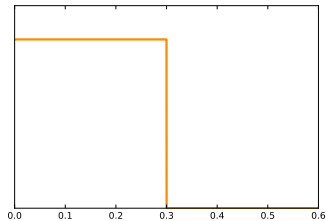
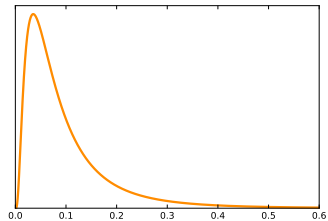
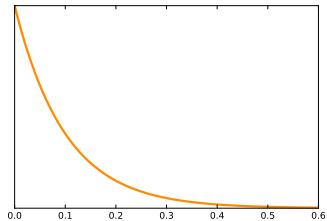
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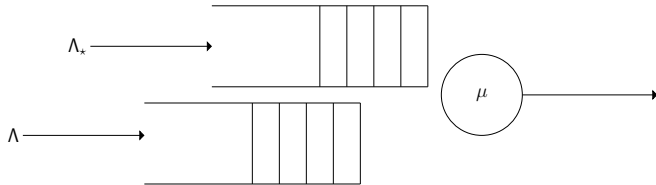
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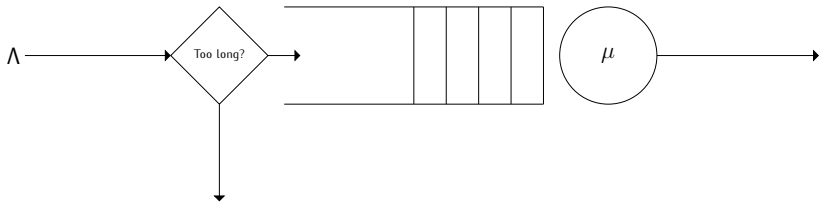
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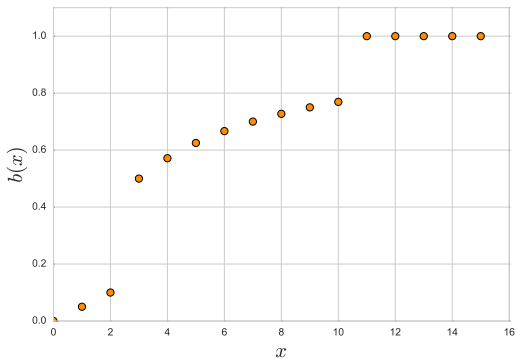


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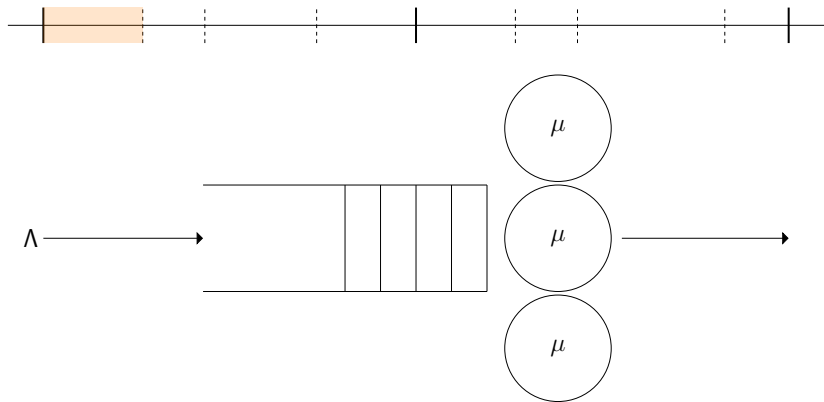


$$P(\text{baulk} \mid x \text{ in queue}) = b(x)$$

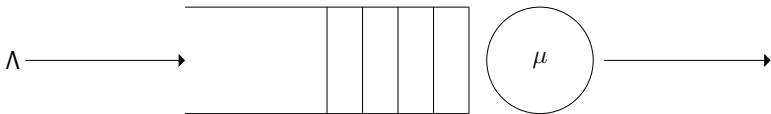
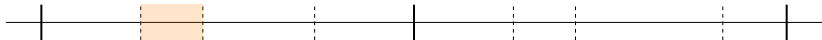
$$b(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{20} & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ \frac{x}{x+3} & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 10 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



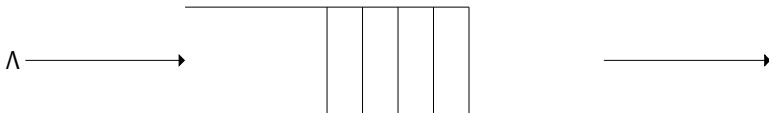
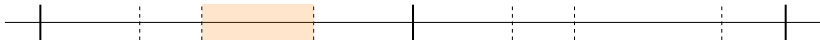
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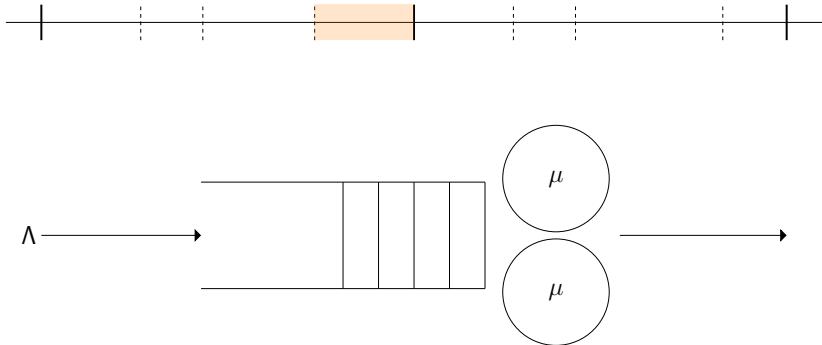
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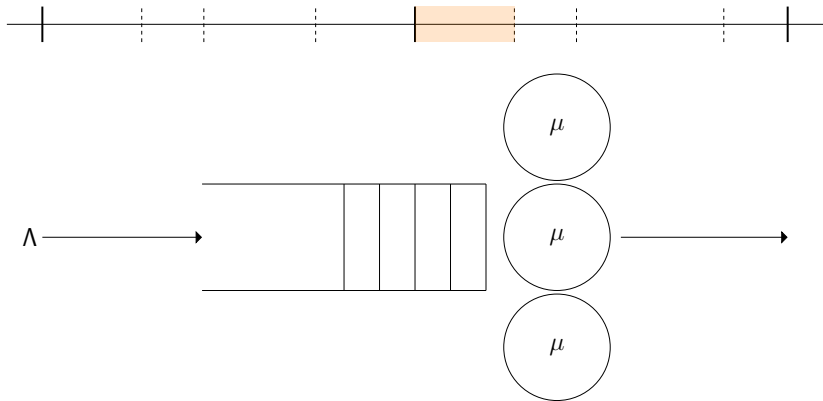
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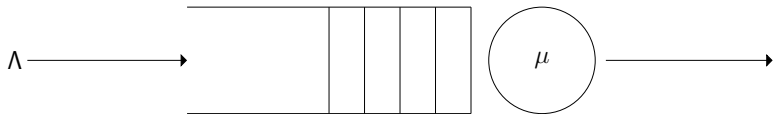
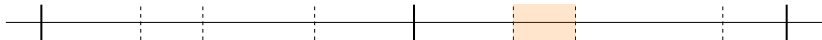
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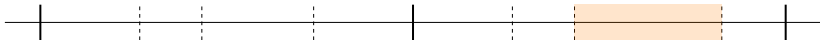
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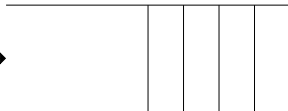
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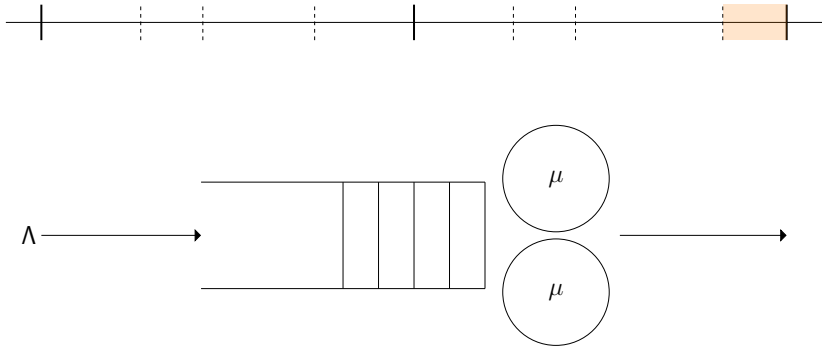
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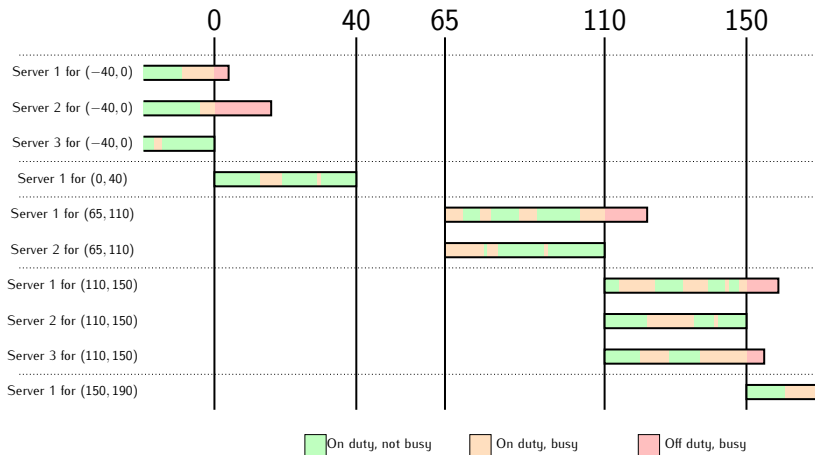


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Server Schedules





Academic Uses

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Investigating deadlock in queueing networks.

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Modelling an ophthalmology clinic to strategise scheduling.

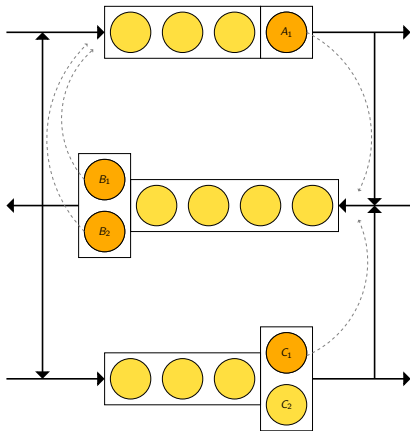
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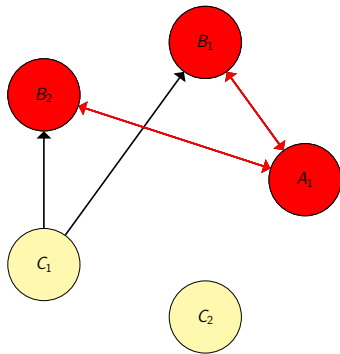
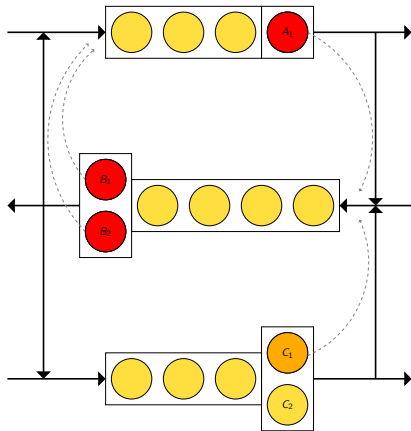
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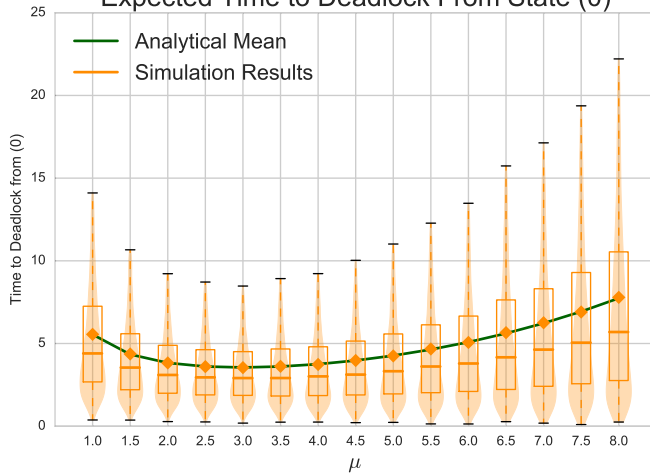
Investigating Deadlock



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Expected Time to Deadlock From State (0)





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ABSTRACT

Open restricted queueing networks give rise to the phenomenon of deadlock, whereby some customers may be unable to ever leave a server due to mutual blocking. This paper explores deadlock in queueing networks with limited queueing capacity, presents a method of detecting deadlock in discrete event simulations, and builds Markov chain models of these deadlocking networks. The three networks for which Markov models are given include single and multi-server networks for one and two node systems. The expected times to deadlock of these models are compared to results obtained using a simulation of the stochastic process, together with the developed deadlock detection method. This paper aims to be of value to simulation modellers of queues.

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1. Introduction

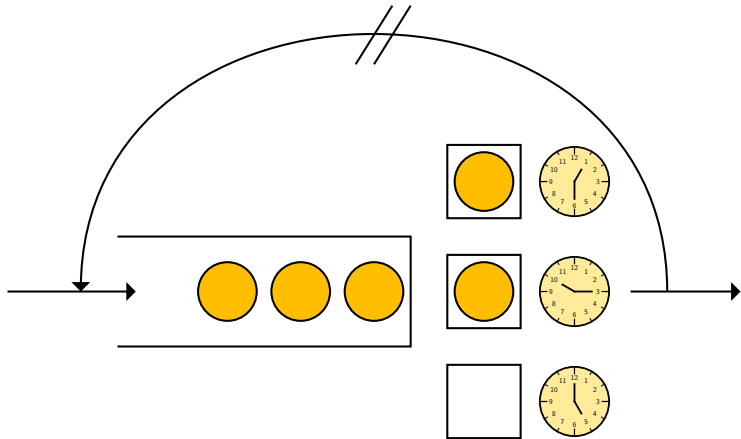
The study and modelling of queueing networks with blocking is an important tool in many aspects of operational research, both analytically and through simulation. These models have applications in many varied settings such as healthcare, supply chains, manufacturing and communications systems. However, these types of models have their limitations, due to their potential to become permanently blocked in deadlock, or a deadly embrace of resources. These deadlocks can be real and observed in reality, in which case accurate modelling of deadlock is needed; or they can be a symptom of a model unable to capture certain behaviours. This may occur in models where deadlock situations are easily adjusted in reality. In this case, such as by swapping two customers,

Definition 1. When there is a subset of blocked customers who are blocked directly or indirectly by customers in that subset only, then the system is said to be in deadlock.

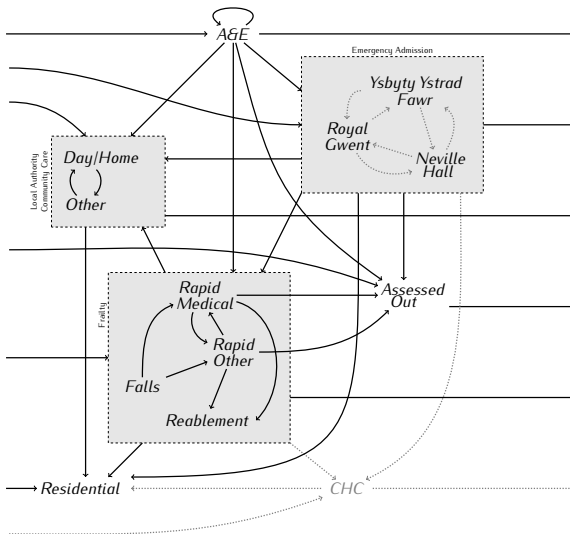
This implies that a system is in deadlock when at least one service station permanently ceases to begin or finish any more services, due to circular blocking. Fig. 1 shows an open two node restricted queueing network in deadlock. The customer at the top server is blocked from entering the bottom node as there is a full queue, and similarly the customer at the bottom server is blocked from entering the top node as there is a full queue. It is clear that by following the rules of blocking defined above, no more natural movement can happen. This system is in deadlock as there is a subset of blocked customers (the customer with server A_1 and the customer with server B_1), who can neither be blocked by each

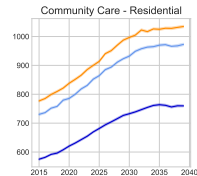
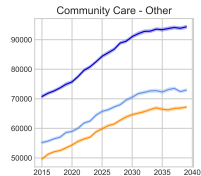
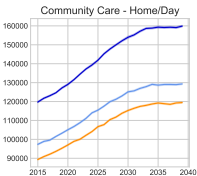
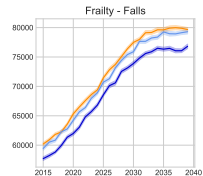
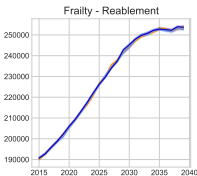
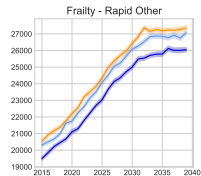
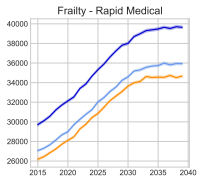
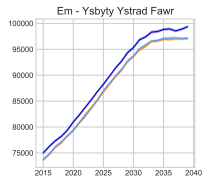
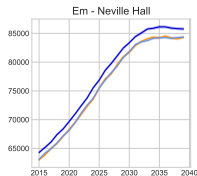
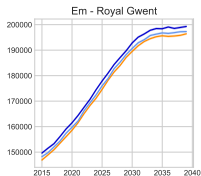
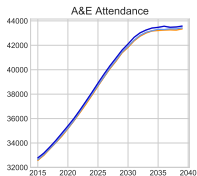
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Modelling Ophthalmology Clinic



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Scenario 1
Scenario 2
Scenario 3

Paper on Ciw Itself

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Hypothesis

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