

## MODULE 5

### QUEUING THEORY

#### Queue

A Group of item waiting for service in a servicing center is called queue or waiting line.  
Queue can be finite or infinite.

Time spent by a customer in a system

= Time spent starting from the moment the customer enters the system until he leave the system after getting the service.

Time spent = waiting time + time spent in service

#### Waiting time

The time upto which a customer has wait before entering the service.

#### Queue Length

No. of customers waiting in the queue.  
This include those who wait for service and those who are in service.

Average length of queue

The no. of customers in the queue per unit time.

Average rate of arrival

The rate-number

The average no. of customers arriving in the system per unit time.

Idle period

It is the time during which the server remains free.

$\lambda$   $\rightarrow$  average rate of arrival

$M$   $\rightarrow$  average rate of departure.

$\lambda_n$   $\rightarrow$  average rate of arrival when there are  $n$  customers in the system.

$M_n$   $\rightarrow$  average rate of departure when there are  $n$  customers in the system.

$P_n(t)$   $\rightarrow$  probability that there are  $n$  customers in the system during the time interval  $[0-t]$

$\phi_n(t)$   $\rightarrow$  probability that  $n$  customers leave the system during the time interval  $[0-t]$

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \Rightarrow \text{Traffic Intensity / Utilization factor of the system.}$$

Depending on the rate of arrival and rate of departure, a queuing system can be classified into 3 types.

- 1) steady state system
- 2) Transient state system
- 3) Explosive state system

when the rate of arrival  $>$  rate of departure,  
the queue length goes on increasing indefinitely  
then the system said to be in Explosive state system.

A system is said to be in Transient state, if  
the operating measures like queue length,  
waiting time ... fluctuated with time.

~~10. These functions are~~

If the average rate of arrival  $<$  average rate of  
departure,  
and both are constant, then the system will  
eventually set down into a state called  
Steady state. In this system, the ~~measures of~~  
characteristics of the queue system will be independent  
of the initial ~~time~~ state.

In this state, the probability of finding a fixed no. of customers will be independent of the time ~~start~~ <sup>elapsed</sup> since the beginning of the system.

### Poisson Process

An infinite sequence of independent events occurring at an instant of time <sup>is said to form a poisson process,</sup> if the following conditions are satisfied.

- 1) Total no. of events occurring in any time <sup>interval</sup> of length  $\Delta t$  does not depend on the event which has occurred before the beginning of that period.
- 2) The probability of occurrence of an event in a small time interval of length  $\Delta t$

$$\Delta t = \lambda \Delta t + O(\Delta t)^2$$

$\lambda$  is a constant.  $O(\Delta t)^2$  means, it is sufficiently

$$\frac{O(\Delta t)^2}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{O(\Delta t)^2}{\Delta t} = 0$$

small. so it is negligible.

- 3) probability of absence of 1 or more events during the time interval  $t$  to  $t + \Delta t$  is negligible.

Ques Show that if the arrival pattern of customers to a system follows poisson process.

Note The probability of finding  $n$  customers in time interval  $t$  is given by,

$$P_n(t) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^n}{n!}, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$\lambda \rightarrow$  rate of arrival

If the departure pattern follows a poisson process, the probability of that  $n$  customers depart from the system during the time interval  $t$  is given by,

$$\phi_n(t) = \frac{e^{-\mu t} (\mu t)^n}{n!}$$

### Inter-arrival time

Let  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots$  be the inter-arrival time gap between two successive arrivals of customers to the queuing system.

This random variable follows an exponential distribution if the arrival pattern follows poisson distribution.

It is given by,

$$f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

if  $\lambda$  is the rate of arrival. Then  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is the average time gap between two successive arrivals.

### Queuing Models

we will consider the following <sup>4</sup> queuing models.

- 1) single channel single phase
- 2) single channel multi phase
- 3) multi channel single phase
- 4) multi channel multi phase.

Ques) write the behaviour of customers in the queuing system.

Ans) There are 4 types of behaviour of customers who entered in the queuing system.

- i) Balking : A customer's behaviour is said to be balking if he leave the system due to lack of time or space without entering the queuing line.
- ii) Reneging : A customer's behaviour of leaving the queue due to impatience after joining the queuing line.
- iii) Jockeying : customer's behaviour of jumping from one queue to another.
- iv) Collusion : customer's collaboration of asking one person to join the queue in place of a group of more than one customer.

A queuing model is represented by,

$(a/b/c) : (e/f)$

$a \rightarrow$  probability distribution describing the pattern of arrival

$b \rightarrow$  probability distribution describing the pattern of departure

$c \rightarrow$  no. of servicing centers

$e \rightarrow$  capacity of the system <sup>whether</sup> it can accommodate infinite no. of customers.

$f \rightarrow$  servicing nature

1)  $M/M/1 : \infty / \text{FIFO}$

2)  $M/M/1 : N / \text{FIFO}$

3)  $M/M/c : \infty / \text{FIFO}$

4)  $M/M/c : N / \text{FIFO}$

$\curvearrowleft$   
multi  
channel

Consider the queuing system in which the arrival of customers follows Poisson process with  $\lambda$  being the average rate of arrival, and the departure follows Poisson distribution with  $\mu$  being the average rate of departure such that the interarrival time distribution follows exponential distribution. If  $\lambda_n$  and  $\mu_n$  are the average rate of arrivals and average rate of departures when there are  $n$  customers in the system.

The probability that there will be  $n$  customers in the system in steady state is denoted by,

$$P_n = \frac{\lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_{n-1}}{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_n} P_0$$

where  $P_0$  stands for probability that system is empty.

### Model 1

Kendall's notations  
(M/M/1) : (elf)

(M/M/1) : (α/FIFO)

Arrival pattern follows Poisson distribution on markovian process.

Departure pattern described by Poisson process

only one serving center (server)

way of servicing of arrivals.  
(queue discipline)

Infinite capacity to allocate any no. of customers

e) FIFO  
FIFO  
Random priority

The generalized queuing model gives the probability that there are  $n$  customers in the system is

$$P_n = \frac{\lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_{n-1} \rho^n}{M_1 M_2 M_3 \cdots M_n} P_0$$

In this model,  $\lambda_n = \lambda$  and  $M_n = M \neq \lambda$   
Because the capacity is  $\infty$

$$P_n = \rho^n P_0, \quad \rho = \frac{\lambda}{M}$$

Ques Compute the probability that the system is empty in  $(m/m/1) : (\infty/FFO)$  queuing system.

Ans) The probability that there are  $n$  customers in the system in steady state is given by

$$P_n = \rho^n P_0 \text{ where } \rho = \frac{\lambda}{M} < 1$$

Since  $P_n$  is a pdf,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n = 1$

$$\rho_0 + \rho P_0 + \rho^2 P_0 + \cdots = 1$$

$$P_0 (1 + \rho + \rho^2 + \cdots) = 1$$

$$P_0 \times \frac{1}{1-\rho} = 1$$

$$P_0 = 1 - \rho$$

Expected no. of customers in the system

$$= E(n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n P_n \quad \text{(average queue length)}$$

$$= 0P_0 + 1P_1 + 2P_2 + 3P_3 + \dots$$

$$= \rho P_0 + 2 \cdot \rho^2 P_0 + 3 \cdot \rho^3 P_0 + 4 \cdot \rho^4 P_0 + \dots$$

$$= \rho P_0 (1 + 2\rho + 3\rho^2 + 4\rho^3 + \dots)$$

$$= \rho P_0 (1 - \rho)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}$$

Expected no. of customers waiting for the system,  
(average length of the waiting line)

$$= E(n-1) = \frac{\rho^2}{1 - \rho} = E(L)$$

Average waiting time of arrival,

$$E(W) = \frac{\rho}{\mu \times (1 - \rho)}$$

Average time spent in the system,  $\curvearrowright$  waiting time + servicing time

$$E(V) = \frac{1}{\mu(1 - \rho)}$$

$$E(V) = E(W) + \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$\lambda E(V) = E(n)$$

$$\lambda E(W) = E(L)$$

Ques) Arrival at a telephone booth are following poisson law of distribution with an average time of 10 minutes b/w a successive arrivals. Length of a phone call is distributed exponentially with mean 3 minutes.

- what is the probability that a person coming at a booth will have to wait.
- what is the average length of queue
- The Telephone department will install a second booth when.. that an arrival would expect to wait atleast 3 minutes for the phone. By how much must the place of arrival be increased in order to justify a second booth.

Ans) Given  $\lambda = 10$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{10} \text{ / minute}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{3} \text{ / minute}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} = \frac{1/10}{1/3} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

The problem belongs to model :

(M/M/1) : (∞/FIFO)

$$\text{with } \lambda = \frac{1}{10}, \mu = \frac{1}{3} \text{ & } \rho = \frac{3}{10}$$

a) probability of waiting =  $p(n \text{ no. of customers, } n \geq 1)$

$$= 1 - P(n < 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - P_0 = \rho = 0.3$$

$$P_0 = 1 - \rho$$

$$P_n = \rho^n P_0$$

$$b) E(n) = \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho} = \frac{0.3}{0.7} = \frac{3}{7} \quad \left[ \frac{\rho^2}{1 - \rho} = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)} \right]$$

$$c) E(W) = \frac{\rho^2}{1 - \rho} = \frac{(0.3)^2}{0.7} = \frac{0.09}{0.7} = \frac{9}{70} \quad \Rightarrow$$

if the average rate of arrival could be made 10/hour, then each customer will have to wait at least 3 min for getting the phone.

i.e., the dept will install 2nd booth if

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{6} \text{ / min.}$$

Let  $\lambda'$  be the new rate of arrival such that,

$$E(w) = \frac{\rho}{\mu(1-\rho)} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\mu-\lambda)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(w) \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda'}{\mu(\mu-\lambda')} \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda'}{\frac{1}{3}(\frac{1}{3}-\lambda')} \geq 3$$

$$\lambda' \geq 3 \times \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{3} - \lambda' \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda' \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda' \geq \frac{1}{6}$$

Ques) A TV repair man finds that the time spent on his job has exponential distribution with mean 30 min. If he requires sets in the order in which they come in and if the arrival of sets is poisson distribution with an average of 10 per 8 hours, what is the repair man's expected idle time each day? How many jobs are ahead of the average set just brought in.

Ans) This queuing problem is of the model  
 $(M/M/1) : (\infty/FIFO)$

Here,  $\frac{1}{\lambda} = 30$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{30} \text{ /min} = 2/\text{hrs}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4} \text{ /hrs}$$

$$f = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} = \frac{5}{8}$$

probability that repair man is idle a probability  
that system is empty

$$\Rightarrow p_0 = 1 - f$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$\therefore$  The idle time of the repair man in average  
everyday =

probability of system empty  $\times$  total hrs

$$= \frac{3}{8} \times 8 = 3 \text{ hrs}$$

$$E(n) = \frac{f}{1-f} = \frac{\frac{5}{8}}{1 - \frac{5}{8}} = \frac{\frac{5}{8}}{\frac{3}{8}} = \frac{5}{3} \approx \frac{5}{3}$$

Model II (m/m/1) : (N/FIFO)

$$P_n = \rho P_o, \quad n \leq N$$

$$P_o = \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \rho^{N+1}}$$

we know  $\sum_{n=0}^N P_n = 1$

$$P_o + P_1 + \dots + P_N = 1$$

$$P_o + \rho P_o + \dots + \rho^N P_o = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P_o (1 + \rho + \rho^2 + \dots + \rho^N) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P_o \left( \frac{1 - \rho^{N+1}}{1 - \rho} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P_o = \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \rho^{N+1}}$$

$$E(n) = \left( \frac{1 + N\rho^{N+1} - (N+1)\rho^N}{(1-\rho)(1-\rho^{N+1})} \right) \rho$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1 - (N+1)\rho^N + N\rho^{N+1}}{(1-\rho)(1-\rho^{N+1})}$$

$$E(L) = \left( \frac{1 - N\rho^{N-1} + (N-1)\rho^N}{(1-\rho)(1-\rho^{N+1})} \right) \rho^2$$

$$E(V) = \left( \frac{1 - N\rho^{N-1} + (N-1)\rho^N}{(1-\rho)(1-\rho^{N+1})} \right) \rho^2$$

$$E(n) = \lambda E(v)$$

$$E(L) = \lambda E(w)$$

Model III (M/M/C) : (Q/L/FIFO)

$$P_n = \frac{\lambda^n \rho_0}{n! M^n}, \quad 1 \leq n \leq c-1$$

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{c!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^n}{M^n} P_0$$

$$\frac{1}{P_0} = \sum_{n=0}^{c-1} \frac{(\rho c)^n}{n!} + \frac{(\rho c)^c}{c! (1-\rho)}, \quad \text{where } \rho = \frac{\lambda}{cM}$$

$$P_n = \frac{1}{c^{n-c} c!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^n}{M^n} P_0 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{no. of customers is equal to} \\ \text{break + then no. of service} \\ \text{centres} \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \rho c = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

$$E(L) = \frac{\rho}{(1-\rho)^2} \cdot P_c$$

$$E(n) = E(L) + cM$$

$$E(w) = E(L) / \lambda$$

Model IV (M/M/C) : (N/L/FIFO)

$$\frac{1}{P_0} = \sum_{n=0}^{c-1} \frac{\lambda^n}{n! M^n} + \sum_{n=c}^N \frac{\lambda^n}{c^{n-c} c! M^n}$$

$$P_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^n}{M^n} P_0, & 0 \leq n \leq c \\ \frac{1}{c^{n-c} c!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^n}{M^n} P_0, & c \leq n \leq N \end{cases}$$

$$E(L) = \frac{(\rho c)^c}{c!} \cdot \rho P_0 \left[ \frac{1 - \sum_{n=c+1}^{N-1} (1-\rho)(N-n+1) \rho^n}{(1-\rho)^N} \right]$$

Ques) Single channel First come first served  
 1 person Barber shop has 6 chairs to accommodate  
 for a hair cut. If the service discipline is  
 FIFO and the customer arrive at the rate of 3/h  
 and spent an average of 15 minutes in the Barber  
 shop chair. Then find the following.

- The probability that a customer can directly go to the Barber chair on arrival.
- expected no. of customers waiting for a haircut.
- The time a customer can spent in the Barber shop.

Ans)

(M/N/1) : (N/FIFO)

$$N = 6 + 1 = 7$$

$$\lambda = 3/\text{hr}$$

$$= \frac{3}{60} = \frac{1}{20} \text{ hrs}$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{15} = 4 \text{ hrs}$$

$$P_0 = \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \rho^{N+1}}$$

$$a) \text{ Probability} = \text{Probability (System is empty)} \quad \text{Ans} \\ = P_0$$

Model 3

$$a) E(L) = 1 - p + (N+1)^2 p^N$$

$$b) E(L) = \left( \frac{1 - N p^{N-1} + (N-1) p^N}{(1-p)(1-p^{N+1})} \right) \times p^2$$

$$c) E(n) = \left( \frac{1 - (N+1) p^N + N p^{N+1}}{(1-p)(1-p^{N+1})} \right) \times p$$

$$E(n) = \lambda E(L)$$

Ques) In a supermarket, 2 sales girls are ringing up sales at counters. If the service time for each customer is exponential with mean 4 min. and if people arrive in a poisson fashion at the rate of 10/h. Compute the following.

- What is the probability of having to wait for service?
- What is the expected % of free time for ~~the~~ each girl.

Ans)  $(M/M/2) : (\infty/FIFO)$

ANS

$$c = 2, \mu = \frac{1}{4}, \lambda = \frac{10}{60} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$f = \frac{\lambda}{c\mu},$$

$$P_0 = \frac{c^{-c}}{n!} \frac{(\lambda/c)^n}{n!}$$

$$\frac{1}{P_0} = \sum_{n=0}^{c-1} \frac{(\lambda/c)^n}{n!} + \frac{(\lambda/c)^c}{c! (1-\lambda/c)}$$

$$a) \text{ probability of waiting} = P(n \geq 2)$$

$$= 1 - [P(n \leq 1)]$$

$$= 1 - [P(0) + P(1)]$$

$$P_n = \frac{\lambda^n}{n^n n!} P_0, \quad 0 \leq n \leq c$$

$$= 1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P_1 = \frac{\lambda P_0}{\mu} = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$= \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

b) Let  $x$  represent no. of free girls ~~in type~~

$$X \neq 0, 1, 2$$
$$P(X=x) =$$

$$X : 0 \quad 1 \quad 2$$

$$P(X=x) : \frac{1}{6} \quad \stackrel{2 \times 1}{=} P_1 \quad \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \quad P_2$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^2 x \cdot p(x)$$
$$= 0 \times P_0 + 1 \times P_1 + 2 \times P_2$$
$$= \frac{1}{3} + 1 = \frac{4}{3}$$

The total Free time of all girls =  $4/3$

so, Free time available to each girl

$$= 2/3$$