

# Queueing network

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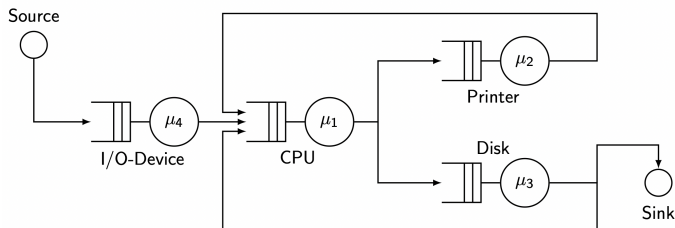
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# A computer system as 4-node queueing network



- All queues are FCFS
- Interarrival time is exponentially distributed with  $\lambda = 4$  jobs/sec.
- The service time at each node is exponentially distributed with  $\frac{1}{\mu_1} = 0.04$  sec,  $\frac{1}{\mu_2} = 0.03$  sec,  $\frac{1}{\mu_3} = 0.06$  sec, and  $\frac{1}{\mu_4} = 0.05$  sec.
- The routing probabilities are  $p_{12} = p_{13} = 0.5$ ,  $p_{41} = p_{21} = 1$ ,  $p_{31} = 0.6$ ,  $p_{30} = 0.4$ .

## Questions

- What is the steady state probability of state  $(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = (3, 2, 4, 1)$ ?
- How many jobs in CPU queue?

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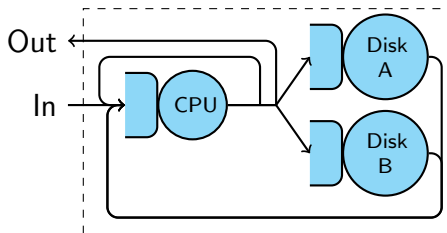
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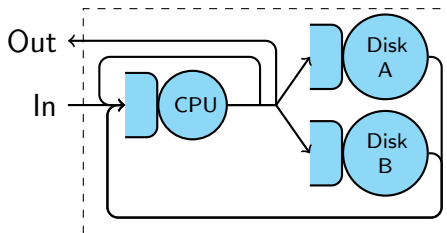


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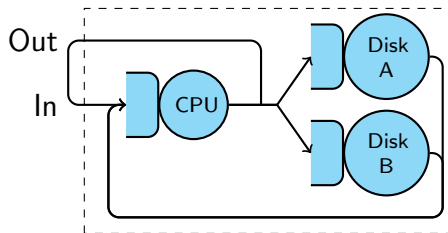
- Number of jobs in system **varies with time**.
- **Assumption**: throughput = arrival rate
- **Analysis goal**: to characterize the distribution of number of jobs in the system.



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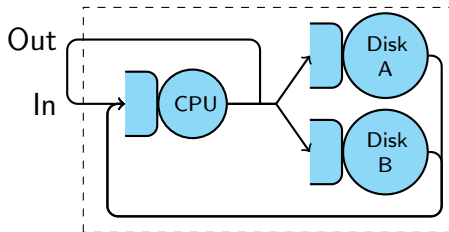
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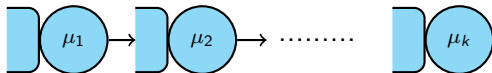
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- Total number of jobs in the system is **constant**.
- Build a closed network from open network: “Out” → “In”.
- Throughput = flow on Out-to-In link.
- **Analysis goal**: Given number of jobs, determine throughput.

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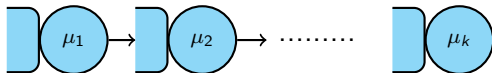
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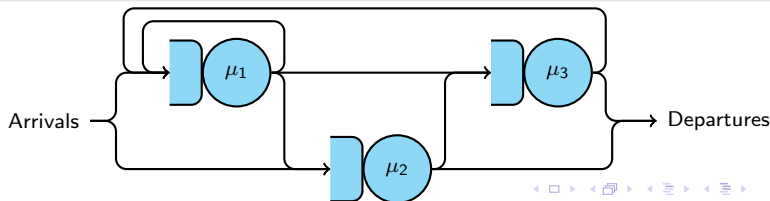
⇒ **Product form network** (i.e., in which the system state probability is a product of device state probabilities).

# Jackson networks (1)

## Definition of Jackson network

Jackson network is an **open queueing network** which satisfies

- Any **external arrivals** to node  $i$  form a **Poisson process**.
- Service time = exponential distributed, service discipline = FCFS
- A job after finished at queue  $i$ , either moves to queue  $j$  with probability  $p_{ij}$ , or leaves the system with probability  $1 - \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij}$ .
- Utilization of all queues  $< 1$ .



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## Remarks

- Generally, if there is any feedback in the network, the internal flows are **not Poisson**.
- Queues can be **separable** and each queue in the network **behaves as an M/M/1 system**. **Calculation of arrival rate** of each queue will be shown next.



## Jackson networks (3)

Consider a Jackson network.

- Define

$$a = (\alpha p_{0i})_{i=1}^k$$

in which  $a$  is arrival rate to the network/

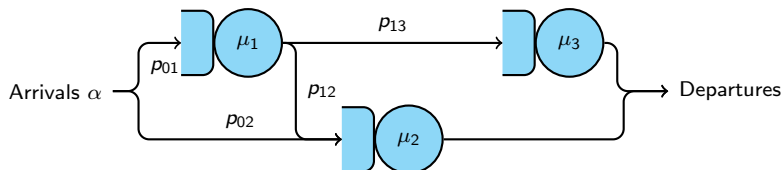
- Denote overall rate to node  $i$

$$\lambda_i = \alpha p_{0i} + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j p_{ji}, i = 1, \dots, k$$

- Then,

$$\lambda = (I - P^T)^{-1}a$$

# Jackson networks: example (1)



Suppose

$$\alpha = 5, p_{01} = 0.5, p_{02} = 0.5, p_{03} = 0 \\ p_{12} = 0.4, p_{13} = 0.6$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.4 & 0.6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 12 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_i$  for queue  $i$  can be calculated as follows.

$$\lambda = (I - P^T)^{-1} a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \times 5 \\ 0.5 \times 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 \\ 3.5 \\ 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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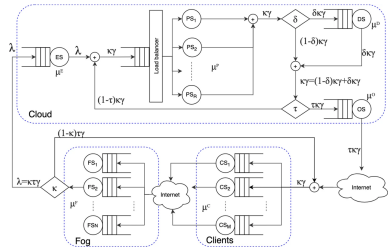
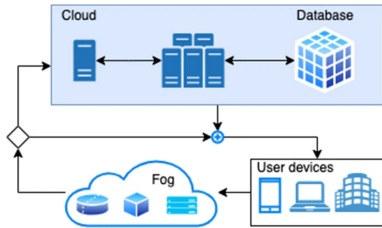
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If there is no feedback in the network, the internal flows are **Poisson**.

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# Fog computing



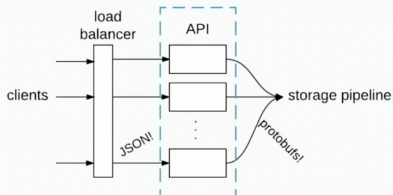
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## A case study

The Honeycomb API service

- Receives data from customers
- Highly concurrent
- Mostly CPU-bound
- Low-latency



**Question: How do we allocate appropriate resources for this service?**

- Guesswork
- ~~Production-scale load testing~~ (yes! but time-consuming)
- Small experiments plus modelling

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Location-Based food Service