

Cheatsheet 5: Queue

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1. Coefficients of variation

- Coefficients of variation for the arrival process $CV_a = \text{Std of interarrival time} / \text{average interarrival time}$
- Coefficients of variation for the processing $CV_p = \text{Std of processing time} / \text{average processing time}$

2. Implied utilization = Demand / Capacity = $p/(a \times m)$. Utilization = Flow rate / Capacity. When Implied utilization < 1, Demand = Flow rate, then utilization = implied utilization.

3. Time in queue / Waiting time

$$\text{Time in queue} = \left(\frac{p}{m}\right) \times \left(\frac{\text{Utilization}^{\sqrt{2m+2}-1}}{1-\text{Utilization}}\right) \times \left(\frac{CV_a^2 + CV_p^2}{2}\right)$$

where a is average interarrival time. p is the average processing time, and m is the number of servers.

Time in system = time in queue + processing time (p)

4. Number of customers = Time in system * flow rate ($\frac{1}{a}$)

References

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