

Advanced Systems Lab (Fall'16) – Third Milestone

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1 System as One Unit

In M/M/1 model we have one queue and one server. As server we will consider processing parts of our middleware. Since there are actually 3 memcached servers processing requests, we will have to calculate the service rate accordingly. We do not consider clients as a part of our system - as the system we take our middleware and connected memcached servers.

The population size is 192 clients. All values have been calculated based on formulas in Box 31.1 from the course book.

In order to provide more detailed analysis I have enhanced logging inside the middleware (see the appendix for detailed changes). Therefore I had to rerun the stability trace (plots provided in the appendix) as well as other experiments, from which data is used in the next sections. Logs for the repeated stability trace are in files: mm1_1, mm1_2, mm1_3, mm1_parsed, mm1_middleware (see appendix for links). I run the new experiment for 30 minutes (which was enough to prove that the system was stable and to gather appropriate data). The configuration, apart from the time, is the same as the one used in the report for milestone 1, section 3.

Throughput measured by memaslap clients was equal to 13758 operations/second. Therefore, I take arrival rate $\lambda = 13758$ ops/s. One approach to calculate the service rate is to take maximum throughput measured during the experiment. This approach has been suggested during the tutorial and gives us a lower bound on a service rate. This is because if system was able at some point in time to have this performance, it means that it is able to perform at least that well. Since the running time of the experiment was pretty long (30 minutes), we can assume that this approximation is good enough.

Another approach to do this would be to calculate the number of requests being actively processed in the middleware, which corresponds to the average parallelism in the middleware. We would then assume that the service time is average time spent in the servers divided by the number of active threads. We still would need to take into the account that this time includes requests being sent over the network, but we could also treat network as a queue. Since servers have only 1 thread working the requests will partially wait in the queue of the server and partially this waiting period will be included in the time spent in the network. However, this approach proved to be inaccurate. For this task I got the following results: on average 38.15 getter threads are busy processing requests and there are on average 1.05 requests in all setter threads (there are 3 of them). So, on average, there are $m = 39.21$ on the fly (sum based on more precise numbers). That would mean service rate approximately 13893 requests/second and would result in a very high utilization - around 99%. For the second task, however, utilization calculated using this approach was over 1. This is because in order to use this method we have to assume that memcached servers are busy almost all the time and time spent in the network, even without network, would be spent in the queue. However, this is not the case and therefore results of this method are unsatisfactory.

Looking at the memaslap logs I have calculated that maximum throughput was equal to 16701 requests/second. Therefore, using the first described approach, we have: $\mu = 16701$ req/s. This enables us to calculate the offered load: $\rho \approx 82.38\%$. The offered load is below 1, which means that the system is stable. It means that 82.38% of the time the server is busy. Consequently we get that the probability that there are zero jobs in the system equal: $1 - \rho \approx 17.62\%$. This result is not consistent with the data collected from the middleware. We can calculate that the first percentile of number of active getter threads is already equal 8. This means that 99% of the time they are not less than 8 get requests being processed in the system. This contradicts result from the theory. This can be explained in a following way: M/M/1 models do not take into the account the possibility that several requests can be processed at the same time. Based on the high service rate from model we get that the single request is processed really quickly, so that they don't queue that much. However, in reality, requests are processed for a longer time, but they are several requests processed in parallel. In a similar way, when we

calculate the average number of requests in the system, we get contradicting results. We have: $E[n] \approx 4.67$. We know from the collected logs that on average there are around 39 requests being processed at the same time. This means that they are at least 39 requests in the whole system. The reason for this discrepancy is the same as mentioned above - M/M/1 model does not consider the parallelism. Variance for n was calculated to be around 26.5, measured value was equal around 118.5, which is around 4.5 times higher. This suggests that the number of jobs in our system was, proportionally, less varied - difference in variance is way smaller than squared difference for mean value.

When we take a look at calculated mean number of jobs in the queue and in the service we still see discrepancies, but there is one thing that is similar to measured values: $E[n_q] \approx 3.85$ and $E[n_s] \approx 0.82$. The ratio of jobs in the queue to jobs in the system is equal to $\rho \approx 0.823$ (simple formulas transformation). Under the assumption that almost all of 192 requests are in the system, we have that around 39 requests are being processed (see earlier) and therefore $192 - 39 = 153$ jobs are in the queue. The ratio between jobs in the queue and jobs in the system equals here to $\frac{153}{192} \approx 0.797$. These values are relatively close to each other, so we can say that this ration has been well predicted by our model. Variance for n_q was calculated to equal around 25.0 - we cannot, however, compare this with measured data, since we didn't provide appropriate logging facilities for that (we're not counting number of requests in the queue).

We can calculate also mean response time: $E[r] \approx 339.82 \mu s$. When we look at the data collected from the middleware we can see that the mean time spent in the middleware equals approximately $7655 \mu s$ (we take time spent inside the middleware cause it better corresponds to the calculated response time than response time measured by clients, which include also additional network time). This does not correspond at all to the calculated mean response time. This can again be explained by the fact that our model is not appropriate for handling parallelism. High service rate means, for M/M/1 model, that the requests are processed quickly and do not spend much time in service and, in consequence, in the middleware. In reality it takes some time to process the request, which results in way higher measured time spent in the middleware. The same applies for mean waiting time (time in the queue) and mean service time. From theory we have: $E[w] \approx 279.95 \mu s$ and $E[s] \approx 59.88 \mu s$. The corresponding values measured by the middleware equal: $3203 \mu s$ for time spent in the queue (which is part of the system representation) and $2841 \mu s$ for the time spend in the servers. We can see that measured time spent in the servers is approximately 47 times higher then calculated service time. This value is comparable to 39 requests on the fly (mentioned earlier), but it better corresponds to the parallelism of the middleware, since it also reflects the fact that servers do not have to be busy all the time. Below we present some more statistics:

	$Var[r]$ (μs^2)	90-th perc. r (μs)	$Var[w]$ (μs^2)	90-th perc. w (μs^2)
Calculated	115482	781	111896	717
Measured	180146340	13993	117574816	10476
Ratio	1560	17.9	1051	14.6

We can clearly see that measured statistics are much higher, because of the parallelism and the fact that corresponding mean values are also higher. Bigger difference in variance is because when calculating variance we are dealing with squares, so the values are also bigger (and so is the ratio). However, the ratio (or root of the ration for variance) is smaller than parallelism calculated based on mean response times values (around 47), which again suggests that the real behavior of our system is less varied. This can be explained by the fact that real implementation of the system is much more complex than the model we are using. Different factors inside the middleware are connected with each other and cooperation of different components lowers the variation of data. What is more, the distribution of the arrival rate might be different than the one that M/M/1 model assumes (Poisson distribution).

To sum up, M/M/1 model does not reflect our middleware properly. It does not take into the account the parallelism and predicted values differ significantly.

2 Analysis of System Based on Scalability Data

In this section we will model a system as a queue with m servers processing the requests. The system under test is going to be defined as our middleware together with memcached servers. We will take m equal to the number of memcached servers used for the given experiment and in our model each server will correspond to threads associated with one queue forwarding request together with the according memcached server. As it will be pointed out, this model won't correspond properly to the behavior of the system, since each server can in fact process more than 1 request at the same time (which is the underlying assumption for the model). I have decided for this model because the number of resources (servers) here corresponds to the actual number of core functionality resources (memcached servers; middleware is only for forwarding requests, not actually providing core functionality of the whole system). Since I include the processing threads as a part of the service, I don't have to change the arrival rate to include increased number of requests sent to the memcached servers because of the replication. Actual number of requests that arrive to the threads is the same as number of requests sent to the clients and replication will be included in the service time.

The population size is 210 clients. To create models for this section I have used the approach presented in the section 1, which is calculating service rate based on the maximum throughput. In the experiments described in this section runtime was shorter than in the stability experiment, but still we collected 180 values for the throughput (measuring every second for one minute, 3 replications). This enabled us to, once again, achieve quite good approximation. Another approach (dividing server time by the number of requests on the fly) would result in utilization over 1.

There have been many different configurations used in the scalability experiments from previous milestone (task 2. and 3.). In order to provide a detailed analysis of created models I have focused my attention on creating models for extreme configurations - 3 and 7 servers, no replication and full replication, 1% and 10% of write requests. This will result in creating 8 models. We want to analyze the scalability of our system so I will look into increasing number of servers under 4 configurations (possible configurations for extreme values of replication factor and writes percentage; effect of these factors on performance will be analyzed in section 4). All of these configurations have been investigated for task 3. from previous milestone.

In order to provide a proper analysis of the model, I had rerun the experiments from milestone 2. task 3. (results from this task I'm using in this section). I have used the same configuration as provided in the section 3.2 of my report from the previous milestone. The only difference was in the logging facilities introduced for the middleware (for changes in the source code - see appendix). The new log files have corresponding names to those used in the previous milestones, but have 'improved-' prefix (for log files list - see appendix).

2.1 Input data for models

In the table 1 is presented the necessary data to create before mentioned models. I have calculated μ based on above formula.

Let us point out here that μ (for each server) is significantly decreasing as we increase the number of servers. This should not be the case according to the theory - μ should be the same for each server, independently on their number and increasing number of servers should only increase the effective service rate ($m\mu$). However, in theory increasing number of servers means increasing number of resources available. We increase the number of resources available for memcached servers, but the number of resources available on the side of middleware stay the same (we have only 8 cores), what is more, with more servers we have more threads, which even more decreases the performance and results in decreased μ .

m	Rep.	Writes percentage (%)	T	λ	M	μ
3	none	1	15687	15687	19860	6620
7	none	1	12730	12730	16187	2312
3	all	1	15556	15556	19590	6530
7	all	1	12070	12070	14769	2110
3	none	10	15340	15340	19227	6409
7	none	10	12547	12547	15954	2279
3	all	10	14353	14353	17807	5936
7	all	10	10139	10139	13592	1942

Figure 1: Input data

2.2 Number of requests

Based on this data we can compute system properties. I have used formulas from Box 31.2 in the course book.

Let us define: P_0 - probability that there are 0 jobs in the system, P_q - probability of queuing, R_g , R_s , R - number of, respectively, get, set and all requests on the fly. Rep. is an abbreviation for replication factor and W. - for percentage of write requests. Other definitions are the same as in the book.

m	Rep.	W.	ρ	P_0	P_q	$E[n]$	$E[n_q]$	$E[n_s]$	R_g	R_s	R	$\frac{R}{E[n_s]}$
3	none	1	0.790	0.060	0.631	4.74	2.37	2.37	52.06	1.21	53.27	22.48
7	none	1	0.786	0.003	0.458	7.19	1.69	5.51	72.87	1.17	74.03	13.45
3	all	1	0.794	0.058	0.638	4.84	2.46	2.38	54.66	1.25	55.91	23.47
7	all	1	0.817	0.002	0.523	8.06	2.34	5.72	71.91	1.26	73.17	12.79
3	none	10	0.798	0.057	0.644	4.93	2.54	2.39	48.89	12.48	61.37	25.64
7	none	10	0.786	0.003	0.458	7.19	1.69	5.50	65.90	11.91	77.82	14.14
3	all	10	0.806	0.054	0.657	5.15	2.73	2.42	48.02	13.23	61.25	25.33
7	all	10	0.746	0.005	0.380	6.34	1.11	5.22	67.63	12.78	80.41	15.40

From above table we can see that traffic intensity (utilization) for each server does not differ much as we increase number of servers and vary the configuration. The most significant difference can be seen for configuration (all, 10) (first element - describes replication factor, second - writes percentage). There increasing number of servers result in decrease in traffic intensity of around 0.06. In theory, with more servers load for each servers should also decrease, so it should result in the decrease in the traffic density. However, the bottleneck of the whole system is middleware, not memcached servers, which is not well illustrated by our model. This means that as we increase number of servers load on the middleware is not decreasing and therefore traffic intensity does not change that much. It must be pointed out here that average utilization of each server is equal to traffic intensity.

As we increase the number of servers, P_0 value significantly decreases. This is understandable, since for 7 servers we get worse performance (as analyzed in the report for milestone 2.), so most of the time some requests will be in the middleware. The probability of queueing is also decreasing as we increase the number of servers. This corresponds to our system design - with more servers we have more threads which take requests from the queue. Although altogether they might not be processed faster, workers can take them out of the queue more effectively. Even when the worker after it takes out the request from the queue loses its processing time (becomes idle), the request is already being considered as being processed.

From above table we can also see that the calculated number of requests in service does not correspond at all to the number of requests on the fly. The actual number of requests on the fly

is always at least 13 times higher than the calculated value. This is because our model does not take into the account the parallelization gained from dozens of threads sending the requests to the memcached servers. In M/M/m model we can have only maximally m jobs being processed at the same time. However, our middleware was able to process 90 get requests (for 3 servers) and 210 get requests (for 7 servers) in parallel, as well as theoretically unbounded number of set requests. This is why these values differ so much. When we calculate the ratio of number of measured requests on the fly and calculated number of requests in service as we increase the number of servers we can clearly see that it is decreasing around 1.6 - 1.9 times. This is because we have only limited number of cores available for our middleware. When increasing number of servers we also increase the number of processing threads. Since there are only 8 cores, more threads mean less CPU time for each thread. The threads cannot perform there that well and less of them are used (some of them may not even at all be granted some CPU time). Therefore with increase of servers we notice less increase in the measured number of requests on the fly than for the calculated value (which does not represent well limited number of cores).

I have not collected measured data for number of requests in the queue. It would also significantly differ from above calculations and one could expect that the ratio would be similar to the ratio already calculated.

Worth pointing out is the fact that, according to the model, when we increase the number of servers, the number of requests in service is increasing, while number of requests in the queue is decreasing. This is understandable - with more servers more requests can be processed at the same time. When it comes to number of requests in the queue, with the same number of clients we have more processing elements, so lower number of requests would have to be queued.

It is worth noticing here that problems with huge differences between calculated number of requests and measured is similar to the case with M/M/1 model. Here we account for a little more parallelization than in the previous section, but we still don't consider many requests being processed in parallel for one server inside the middleware. One could try to take as a number of servers the total number of threads in thread pools or the number of requests on the fly. However, this would not correspond to processing of the set requests - they are processed in the different way inside our middleware. Therefore that model might also not fit properly our system. Only network of queues described in the section 3 could account for the whole parallelism available in our system (but it will still not correspond well to the real-world situation with limited number of cores).

2.3 Response times and times breakdown

Let us define: T_r - time spent in the middleware, T_w - time spent in the queue, T_s - time spent in the servers.

m	Rep.	W.	$E[r]$	$E[w]$	$E[s]$	T_r	T_w	T_s	$\frac{T_w}{E[w]}$	$\frac{T_s}{E[s]}$	$\frac{R}{m}$	$\frac{E[s]}{E[w]}$	$\frac{T_s}{T_w}$
3	none	1	302	151	151	6005	2551	3419	16.88	22.63	17.76	1.00	1.34
7	none	1	565	132	432	8818	3056	5698	23.07	13.18	10.58	3.26	1.86
3	all	1	311	158	153	6342	2706	3592	17.13	23.46	18.64	0.97	1.33
7	all	1	668	194	474	9370	3226	6089	16.66	12.85	10.45	2.45	1.89
3	none	10	322	166	156	6770	2511	4217	15.16	27.03	20.46	0.94	1.68
7	none	10	573	134	439	9342	3124	6135	23.25	13.98	11.12	3.26	1.96
3	all	10	359	190	168	6836	2400	4389	12.62	26.05	20.42	0.89	1.83
7	all	10	625	110	515	11554	3526	7951	32.07	15.44	11.49	4.68	2.25

I will compare times from the solution of the model to times measured by the middleware. I am not focusing my attention on response time from memaslap logs, since clients are not part of my system (according to my definition) and the actual response time of the system should correspond to the time spent in the middleware.

When we compare measured times with times calculated by the model we can, once again, see huge discrepancies. Times calculated by the model are many times lower than these measured. This can again be explained by not taking the whole parallelization into the account when constructing the model. In order to account to the same effective service rate as measured, our 3 and 7 servers have to process the requests very quickly. In the real system processing the requests does not have to be very fast, because we can process many requests in parallel and each of this processing can take longer time. As we decrease the parallelism (when going from our implementation to the model), in order to keep the same service rate, response time has to decrease accordingly.

The ration between corresponding times are, however, more or less similar to the number of requests on the fly per each memcached server. This is because $\frac{R}{m}$ factor is the parallelism factor that our model is missing. We can clearly see that ratio of service time and servers time is always greater than corresponding number of active threads. This corresponds to the results I already mention in the section 1. This can be explained by the fact that memcached servers are not the bottleneck of the system. If ratio of service to servers time would be similar to number of requests on the fly, it would mean that memcached servers are almost all the time busy and time spent in the network would otherwise be spent in the queue of the memcached server. This is not the case, so servers time measured must be higher than $E[s]\frac{R}{m}$ - some of this time is also spent in the network while memcached servers are idle and waiting for new requests.

We can also see clearly see that ratio of measured and calculated waiting time is smaller than ratio of measured and calculated service (servers) time for $m = 3$ and greater for $m = 7$. This is because as we increase the number of servers, the ratio for service time is decreasing, also like number of requests on the fly per server. Number of requests on the fly per server decreases, because with more threads we have more operating system and context switching overhead and our threads cannot be that effective and therefore lower number of them is used. On the other hand, ratio for waiting time is almost always increasing (when we go from 3 to 7 servers; apart from (all, 1) configuration). This is because with more servers waiting time predicted by the model usually decreases (since we have lower number of requests per server), but measured time spent in the queue always increases (because of more overhead connected with increase in the number of threads).

As we increase number of servers, the ratio of service time to waiting time increases, both for calculated and measured values. This is because time spent in the servers is increasing, but calculated waiting time usually decreases and measured waiting time increases slower (the increase in the waiting time is connected with the overhead on the middleware, increase in the waiting time is also connected with establishing more network connections and overhead of the network).

2.4 Conclusions

As I have shown in my analysis, M/M/m model does not correspond well to the implemented system and do not account for the whole parallelization of the system. As we scale our system (increase the number of servers), the model starts to better approximate the real behavior of the system. This is because we increase the parallelism of the model, we also increase the parallelism for our implementation, but the limitation in the number of cores prevent us to increase this parallelism as much as we would like to (if we wanted to maximize the performance of our middleware).

It is also worth pointing out here that we have created models that combine set and get. Both of these type of requests have different statistics and are processed in the different way. However, such simple model as M/M/m would be unable to include these different ways of processing requests. A proper distinction between these types will be introduced in the next section.

3 System as Network of Queues

In this section I have analyzed the behavior of the system under extreme conditions - 7 servers, replication to all servers and 10% of writes. I have created a closed queueing network, which means that the clients are also a part of the system. In order to analyze the network I have used Mean Value Analysis presented in Chapter 36. of the book. In order to run an appropriate algorithm to solve the model I have used Java Modelling Tools¹, more precisely its JMVA module. It enabled me to achieve carefully calculated statics of my system. For load dependent devices this tool, however, does not support multiple classes (get and set requests). Therefore I had to provide this tool with 2 different models, which will correspond to sub-models of my queueing network model for 2 types of requests.

To create this model I have rerun the experiment with previously mentioned configuration, rest of the parameters were the same as described in section 3.2 of the previous milestone. I had to introduce additional logging facilities described in the appendix. Logs from this experiment: network_1, network_2, network_3, network_middleware.

I have modeled clients and traveling of requests through the network between clients and the middleware as a delay center with service time equal to difference in mean response time measured by memaslap clients and mean time spent in the middleware. Therefore, I take $Z = 0$ as a think time for clients (JMT does not allow to input this time). In my model there is one accepting thread which takes the requests from the clients and distributes them between the queues for get and sets assigned to each memcached server. Queues for getter and setter workers will enclose appropriate processing by memcached servers. Reasons for that are explained in section 3.3.

3.1 Get requests sub-model

For this sub-model I have used 189 clients (on average 90% clients out of 210 send get requests). I model getter worker as load dependent queue with 30 servers - they are 30 threads ready to process the request. They are 7 such queues and for each of them we have number of visits to it equal $\frac{1}{7}$ (1 in 7 requests visits this device). Based on the middleware logs I take service time for accepting thread equal to 31 μ s. Since I we have 30 processing units, I have to take service rate depending on the number of jobs in the device: $\mu(j) = T_s / \min(j, 30)$, where $T_s = 6651 \mu$ s is mean time spent in the servers calculated based on the middleware logs. For the network delay center I take service time (calculated as described above) equal to 11 026 μ s. I have also measured queue time equal to 3234 μ s (it's going to be used for comparison, not for creating the model).

Let us mark each getter worker's component as G (results are going to be the same for every one of them), accepting thread component as A and network as N . By solving the model we get following values, as well as measured values:

	TPS	Response time (us)
Calculated	10660	17729
Measured	8831	20966

Component	Utilization	Residence time (us)	Waiting time(us)	Number of customers
A	0.32834	6657	6	10.14
G	0.99997	46	15	0.49
N	117.5	11026	0	117.5

It must be pointed out here that waiting time predicted by the model is very small, but the queue time measured by the middleware is quite big. This is because in our model we have 30 processing units for each server and with on average 189 clients sending get requests, so 27 clients

¹<http://jmt.sourceforge.net>

per server. In the model we assume that when a job comes and there is one processing unit free, it isn't placed inside the queue but rather directly passed to the processing unit. So with only 27 clients sending request a request should almost never get queued (assuming good perfect balancing). In our case situation is different - each request is enqueued even when some threads are inactive and waiting for new jobs. What is more, in M/M/m model we have an assumption that processing units are independent one of each other and they can all work at the same time. However, this is not the case for our middleware. We have only 8 available cores and 218 threads running, so it's quite obvious that they all can't run at the same time. Getter workers are synchronous and they do not require processing time for the whole duration of processing the requests (since they are then being processed and transported outside of middleware). But still, hardware limitations for number of threads running in parallel at the same time prevent getter workers to take out requests from the queue as efficiently as assumed by the model.

We can also see that the difference between measured response time and calculated response time is approximately equal ($3\mu\text{s}$ difference) to the measured queue time, which shows that predicted value quite well corresponds to the measured value. Difference between predicted and measured throughput is strictly connected with this situation (because of response time law).

3.2 Set requests sub-model

In order to model setter workers for each memcached server / queue inside the middleware for set requests, I have considered two queues connected with each other. First one I model as load independent queue (component S_1) and it corresponds to dequeuing the set requests and initiating the process of forwarding them to the memcached server. The requests then go to the queue I model as load dependent queue with 21 servers (S_2) which corresponds to asynchronously processing these requests and forwarding them to memcached servers. Another solution would be to treat the second queue as a delay center, which would correspond to theoretically unlimited number of set requests processed at the same time. However, then it would be impossible to reason about setter workers being the bottleneck of the system (since delay centers can have utilization over 1 and cannot be a bottleneck of the system - see the book). Since they are 21 clients usually sending set requests (and this number I use in my model), I have modeled this queue as load dependent center, which will enable me to compare utilization of this component with other components in the system.

For each S_1 and S_2 component we again take number of visits to it equal $\frac{1}{7}$. I measured service time for accepting thread equal to $53\mu\text{s}$. Similarly for getter workers, S_2 components have service rate depending on the number of jobs in the device: $\mu(j) = T_s / \min(j, 21)$, where $T_s = 11\,379\mu\text{s}$ is mean time spent in the servers. For the network delay center I take service time (calculated as described above) equal to $11\,033\mu\text{s}$ (very similar as for get requests). I also measured queue time equal to $3575\mu\text{s}$.

By solving the model and also taking values measured we get following results:

	TPS	Response time (us)
Calculated	933	22500
Measured	679	26059

Component	Utilization	Residence time (us)	Waiting time (us)	Number of customers
A	0.06533	75	5	0.6533
S_1	0.00027	2	0	0.00027
S_2	0.79329	11389	10	1.52
N	10.3	11033	0	10.3

Once again we can see that predicted waiting time is very small ($16\mu\text{s}$). It can be explained in the same way as for get requests - dequeuing components cannot work all the time since processor chooses different threads to be executed at this time. Difference in the predicted and measured throughput is strictly connected with this (because of the response time law).

3.3 Bottleneck analysis

From above analysis can be clearly seen that the bottleneck of the system are getter workers. However, it's necessary to remind here that this threads contain also processing time of the memcached server. In our model we treat memcached servers as blackboxes and their service is included in the workers processing. I have decided to do that because of 2 reasons. Firstly, we do not have enough data to model the exact behavior of memcached servers. Our only logs which could potentially be used to calculate memcached service time are times spent in the server measured by the middleware. However, these times include also network time and, as explained in two previous sections, cannot be used to estimate properly service time of memcached servers (since servers are not busy all the time). What is more, measured servers time for threads already includes memcached server processing time, so it would be difficult to calculate from the model the actual time spent in service for the getter thread.

Based on the outcome of previous sections, as well as results of previous milestones, we can conclude that it is indeed processing by the middleware that is the bottleneck of our system, not memcached servers. Number of requests that reach the servers is 48 (per one iteration of requests sent from the clients) and this number is very small. In milestone 1 for this number of clients we still saw a significant increase in the performance of memcached servers - they became saturated at around 96 clients. What is more, as we increased the number of servers in the experiments for previous milestone, we have noticed that the server time was increasing, even though then load on each memcached server was decreasing. This was because we have introduced more overhead on the middleware and slowed it down.

It must be pointed here that utilization of the accepting thread turned out to be smaller than this of getter workers, so according to the model the accepting thread is not the bottleneck of the system for get requests, neither it is for set requests (there the utilization is very small). However, in previous milestones, based on the experimental results, I have concluded that the bottleneck for get requests is this thread. Discrepancies between this behavior and the model can be explained by several factors. Firstly, we cannot precisely calculate the service time of the accepting thread. We can measure the time it takes the accepting thread to process incoming request, but we cannot measure the time spent by the accepting threads between finishing processing one request and starting to process another one already waiting in the queue. This is because of only 8 cores available in our system - accepting thread cannot be granted processing time all the time. Since accepting thread waits for next requests in a blocking way, even though there is another response waiting, the thread might not be granted processing time. We do not measure this time and because of 218 threads running our middleware, this time can be significant. What is more, incoming requests have to also be processed by the operating system. We don't know exactly in what way is that done (in parallel or sequentially) and how much time it takes. Since accepting thread handles big number of requests, even small differences in the service time can result in the change of utilization of system components.

When we look at the set requests in isolation we can conclude that forwarding parts of setter workers (S_2) are the bottleneck for them. However, they have significantly smaller utilization than getter workers, so setter workers can't be considered as a bottleneck of the system. This is because number of set requests per one server/queue is pretty small (we have on average 21 clients sending set requests, so only 3 requests per server/queue). Setter workers are asynchronous so they can process couple of requests at the same time. These factors contribute to the fact that, although response time for set requests is higher than this for get requests, setter workers are not the bottleneck of the system.

To sum up, Network of Queues model better corresponds to reality than models described in the previous sections. However, it doesn't take into consideration limited resources of our middleware. While running 218 threads on only 8-core processor it's impossible to make every component of our network run at its full performance.

4 Factorial Experiment

In the milestone 2 we have analyzed thoroughly the impact of the replication factor and impact of the writes percentage on performance of the system. We have not, however, concentrated our attention on which of these factors plays the biggest role when it comes to the performance of the system. Therefore, for this factorial experiment I have decided to investigate the impact of two factors: replication factor and percentage of writes requests. This enabled me to reuse data from the milestone 2, task "Effect of Writes" (using logs *writes_general* from the previous report). We will look at the behavior of 5 servers (since for this number of servers we have chosen optimal number of threads - see report for milestone 2, task "Maximum Throughput").

We will present here $2^k r$ factorial design experiment with repetitions, where $k = 2$ (2 parameters) and $r = 3$ (3 repetitions for each configuration).

Let A be the percentage of writes parameter and B be the replication factor parameter. We will look at the extreme values for these two parameters - 1% and 10% as writes percentage; none and all as replication factor. Let us now define two variable x_A and x_B as follows:

$$x_A = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if writes percentage equals 1\%} \\ 1 & \text{if writes percentage equals 10\%} \end{cases}$$

$$x_B = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if replication factor is none} \\ 1 & \text{if replication factor is all} \end{cases}$$

As the metric for measuring performance we choose aggregated throughput. Selecting additional metric - response time - would be redundant since in close system according to interactive response time law values to these 2 parameters are strictly corresponding. Throughout this section throughput will be expressed in operations per second.

We can now regress on x_A and x_B the performance of the system using a nonlinear regression model of the form:

$$y = q_0 + q_A x_A + q_B x_B + q_{AB} x_A x_B + e,$$

where e is the experimental error and the q s are the effects.

In order to calculate the coefficients, we will use sign table presented in the book (chapter 18.).

I	A	B	AB	y	Mean \bar{y}
1	-1	-1	1	(12833 , 12684 , 12974)	12830
1	1	-1	-1	(12732 , 12038 , 12121)	12297
1	-1	1	-1	(12140 , 12667 , 12533)	12447
1	1	1	1	(10582 , 11077 , 10188)	10616
48190	-2364	-2065	-1298		Total
12047	-591	-516	-324		Total / 4

From the table above we now see calculated effects (q coefficients): $q_0 \approx 12047$, $q_A \approx -591$, $q_B \approx -516$, $q_{AB} \approx -324$.

We can now use the model to estimate the experimental errors. Using the effects calculated above we have:

$$\hat{y}_i = q_0 + q_A x_{Ai} + q_B x_{Bi} + q_{AB} x_{Ai} x_{Bi},$$

where \hat{y}_i is the estimated performance when factors A and B are at levels x_{Ai} and x_{Bi} respectively.

The error for j th replication of i th experiment is given by the formula:

$$e_{ij} = y_{ij} - \hat{y}_i = y_{ij} - (q_0 + q_A x_{Ai} + q_B x_{Bi} + q_{AB} x_{Ai} x_{Bi})$$

We can calculate the error looking at the data collected from the experiment. It is worth noticing here, that \hat{y}_i is equal to the mean of values from i th experiment. The results are presented in the following table:

	Effect				Estimated performance	Measured performance			Errors		
	I	A	B	AB							
i	12047	-591	-516	-324	\hat{y}_i	y_{i1}	y_{i2}	y_{i3}	e_{i1}	e_{i2}	e_{i3}
1	1	-1	-1	1	12830	12833	12684	12974	3	-146	144
2	1	1	-1	-1	12297	12732	12038	12121	435	-259	-176
3	1	-1	1	-1	12447	12140	12667	12533	-307	220	86
4	1	1	1	1	10616	10582	11077	10188	-34	461	-428

We can now calculate the sum of the squared errors - SSE - which we will use later to estimate the variance of the errors:

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^{2^2} \sum_{j=1}^3 e_{ij}^2 = 876248$$

Now we want to calculate the allocation of variation. The total variation or Total Sum of Squares is equal to:

$$SST = \sum_{i,j} (y_{ij} - \bar{y})^2$$

and can be divided into four parts (which is proved in the book):

$$\sum_{i,j} (y_{ij} - \bar{y})^2 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot q_A^2 + 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot q_B^2 + 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot q_{AB}^2 + \sum_{i,j} e_{ij}^2$$

$$SST = SSA + SSB + SSAB + SSE,$$

where $SS*$ corresponds to the appropriate part from the formula above. Let us now calculate these values based on experimental results (values rounded to the nearest integer):

$$SSA = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot q_A^2 = 4192554$$

$$SSB = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot q_B^2 = 3198169$$

$$SSAB = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot q_{AB}^2 = 1262954$$

Now we can calculate SST :

$$SST = SSA + SSB + SSAB + SSE = 9529925$$

That enables us to divide the total variation into two parts. When we mark percentage of variation as V variable with appropriate suffix, we have:

$$VA = 4192554/9529925 \approx 43.99\%$$

$$VB = 3198169/9529925 \approx 33.56\%$$

$$VAB = 1262954/9529925 \approx 13.25\%$$

$$VE = 876248/9529925 \approx 9.19\%$$

We can therefore conclude that factor A - percentage of writes - explains around 44% of variation and is the most significant factor. Factor B - replication factor - explains around 34% of the variation, interaction AB - around 13%. The remaining around 9% is unexplained and is attributed to errors.

Both of the parameters analyzed in this experiment cause the decrease in the performance as we increase them. Both these parameters increase the number of set requests that have to be sent to the memcached servers. However, increasing the writes percentage also decreases the reads percentage. Above analysis has shown that most impact can be attributed to increasing the writes percentage rather than increasing the replication factor, although the difference is not that big.

These results can be explained by a couple of factors. Firstly, by increasing the number of writes from 1% to 10% we increase the number of set requests by 10 times. Increasing replication factor from none to all for 5 servers means increasing the number of set requests sent to memcached servers 5 times. For A factor we then increase the number of requests twice as much as for the B factor, which can lead to more significant decrease in performance.

Secondly, in the ideal system increasing replication factor should have no or very little impact on the performance of the middleware (as explained in the report for milestone 2). On the other hand, increasing the number of setter requests can, also theoretically, have a significant impact on the performance of the system. This is because for each server we have only one thread processing set requests. When we increase the number of threads by 10 times, this thread will have to serve 10 times more requests and more requests will simply have to wait in the queue, which will decrease the performance of the system. Although in a real world system replication de facto has an effect on the system performance, it should be less significant than increasing the writes percentage.

Let us also analyze impact of the interaction between factors. It is not as significant as one could expect. In the milestone 2 we have shown that the decrease in the performance as we increase the writes percentage becomes significant with replication factor all, whereas for replication factor none it is not so significant. But also similarly we can see that it is only for 10% writes that we can notice significant decrease in performance as we go from no replication to replication to all. Conducted calculations enable us to say then that it's mostly the influence of each factor separately that causes the significant decrease for the worst-case scenario (10% writes with replication to all servers). This might be explained by the fact that these factors cause decrease in performance differently. Increasing replication makes us more prone to network latencies and therefore server time for requests is higher which leads to higher response time. On the other hand, increasing writes percentage causes setter worker to have more work to do and increases the ration of slower-processed requests. These ways of decreasing the performance are not that dependent on each other, which is confirmed by the factorial analysis conducted above.

When we look at the percentage of variation attributed to errors we can see that it is quite high. This can be explained by the environment on which our system was run. It was highly dynamic cloud environment with performance dependent on performance of different machines and current state of the network.

I have also performed similar analysis using multiplicative model (in above analysis I have used an additive one). The results were very similar, respectively I got approximately 43%, 33%, 14% and 9%. Therefore I presented the additive model, because it as well models the real life as the multiplicative one, but is easier.

5 Interactive Law Verification

I will check the validity of my experiments from section 2. of the Milestone 2 report, where I was analyzing the behavior as we change replication and the number of servers (logs from previous milestone: replication_1, replication_2, replication_3, replication_general, replication_middleware). The number of clients for all configurations was equal to 210. We assume that time clients wait before submitting next request equals approximately to 0 - it is reasonable assumption since every client corresponds to one thread processing responses and issuing requests

Below table presents the results of the experiments for different configurations as well as calculated response time. It has been calculated from the formula: $R = \frac{N}{X} - Z$, where R - response time, $N = 210$ - number of clients, X - throughput and $Z = 0 \mu s$ - waiting time for clients before submitting next request. I have also calculated derivation from the theory, which is equal to $\frac{R_e - R}{R}$, where R_e is measured response time.

Replication factor	Number of servers	TPS [ops/s]	Resp. time [us] (measured)	Resp. time [us] (interactive law)	Deviation from theory
none	3	11884	17684	17670	0.08%
half	3	11969	17590	17545	0.26%
all	3	11641	18108	18039	0.38%
none	5	12169	17273	17257	0.09%
half	5	12046	17496	17433	0.36%
all	5	11231	18773	18698	0.40%
none	7	11817	17845	17771	0.42%
half	7	11048	19057	19008	0.26%
all	7	10145	20732	20701	0.15%

As we can see from above table, the interactive response time law corresponds well to the results from the measurements. Looking at the deviation we can see that response time measured has always been higher than response time calculated using the interactive law. This can be explained by a couple of factors. Firstly, during our experiments we are dealing with tail distribution, which means that spikes in the plots are usually connected with higher response times. This is because we are dealing with the distributed environment in the cloud, where network instability can cause these higher request times. Secondly, we do not know exactly how logging mechanism works in memaslap. It can be the case that the client after receiving response immediately sends a new request and after that it logs receiving of the response. What is more, data from the client can have some error margin, especially because we are taking into account data only from the part of the running time (after stability reached and before cool down). This might be the cause of these differences. However, these discrepancies are rather small and do not undermine the validity of my experiments.

Logfile listing

Below is the lists of log files for experiments that I have rerun for this milestone.

Short name	Location
mm1_1	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/mm1_1.log
mm1_2	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/mm1_2.log
mm1_3	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/mm1_3.log
mm1_parsed	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/mm1_parsed.log
mm1_middleware	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/mm1_middleware.tar.gz
improved-writes_1	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/improved-writes_1.tar.gz
improved-writes_2	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/improved-writes_2.tar.gz
improved-writes_3	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/improved-writes_3.tar.gz
improved-writes_general	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/improved-writes_general.tar.gz
improved-writes_middleware	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/improved-writes_middleware.tar.gz
network_1	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/network_1.log
network_2	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/network_2.log
network_3	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/network_3.log
network_middleware	https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/logs/milestone3/network_middleware.tar.gz

Appendix

Changes in the source code

In order to measure the number of requests being actively processed in the middleware I had to enrich my source code in 2 counters - one keeping track of number of active getter workers², the other one keeping track of set requests for which response we are waiting from the servers³⁴. With these 2 counters is connected a necessary synchronization (all getter threads have access to the first counter, all setter threads have access to the second counter), which might have decreased the performance of the middleware slightly. For repeated stability trace we got lower throughput: 13758 ops/s, compared to the original experiment: 14289 ops/s. This can be, however, also explained by the fact that these experiments were run on different machines at different times. I log these values as additional statistic⁵.

For the section 3 I had to also log additional times: time of processing by the accepting thread and time from dequeuing till forwarding first request to the server.

Stability trace

Because of the above changes in the source code, I have presented performance of my system during the stability trace experiment on figures 2 and 3. After the initial warm-up phase system achieves stability and stays stable till the cool-down phase.

²<https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/src/pl/matal/GetterWorker.java>

³<https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/src/pl/matal/SetterWorker.java>

⁴<https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/src/pl/matal/ResponseQueue.java>

⁵<https://gitlab.inf.ethz.ch/matusiaa/asl-fall16-project/blob/master/src/pl/matal/Request.java>

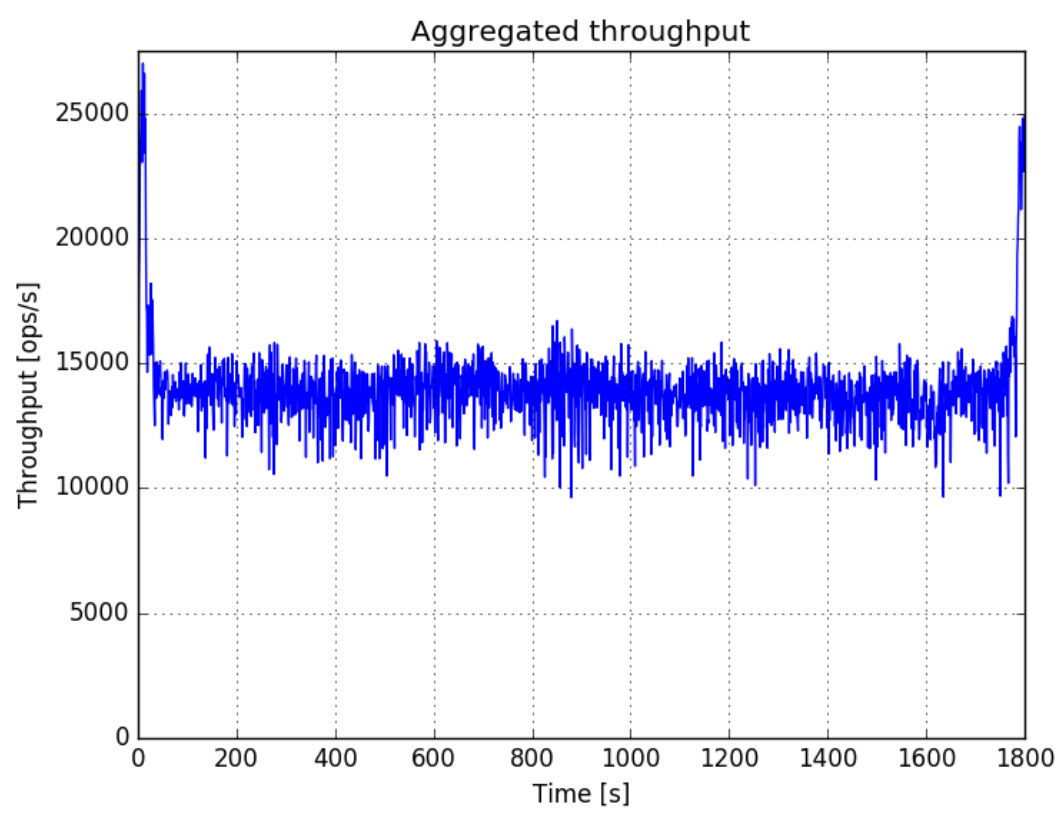


Figure 2: Stability experiment repeated - throughput

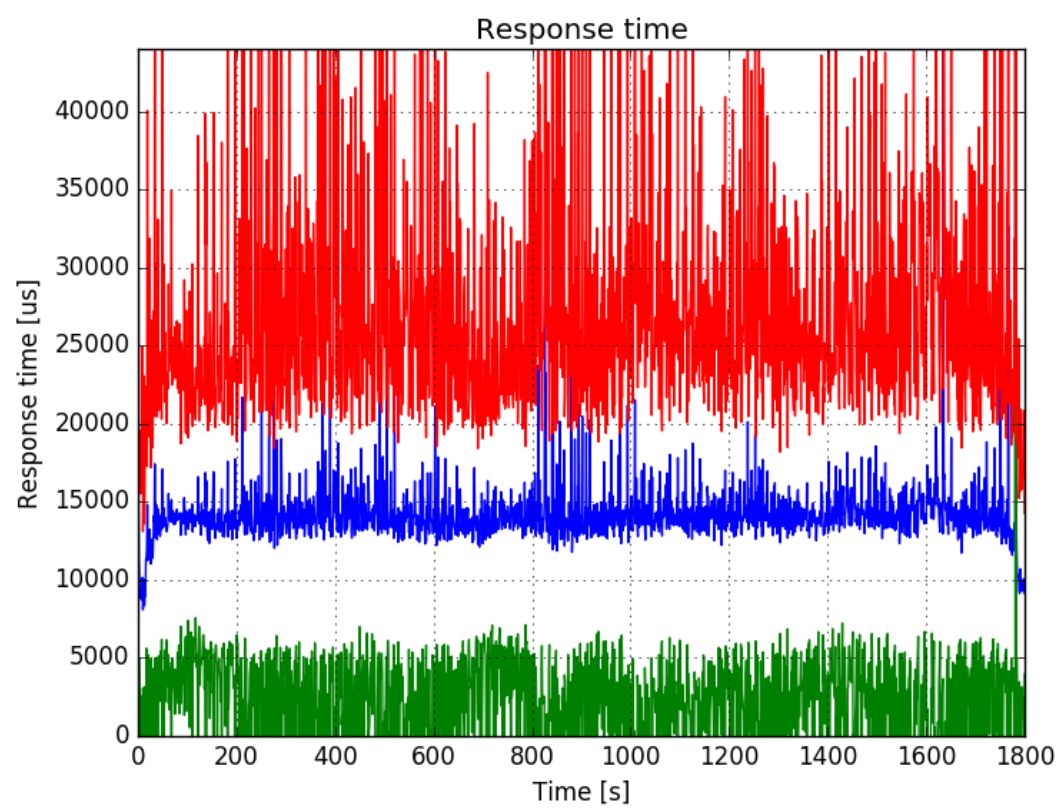


Figure 3: Stability experiment repeated - response time