

COMP9334 - Assignment 1

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Question 1

(a) *Determine the service demand for each device of the system.*

For CPU: Utilization $U(j1) = B/T = 2929/3600 = 81.36\%$

$$X(0) = C(0)/T = 1267/3600 = 0.35 \text{ jobs/s}$$

$$\text{Service demand } D(j1) = U(j1)/X(0) = 0.81/0.35 = 2311.8\text{ms}$$

For Disk: Utilization $U(j2) = B/T = 2765/3600 = 76.81\%$

$$X(0) = C(0)/T = 1267/3600 = 0.35 \text{ jobs/s}$$

$$\text{Service demand } D(j2) = U(j2)/X(0) = 0.77/0.35 = 2182.3\text{ms}$$

(b) *Use bottleneck analysis to determine the asymptotic bound on the system throughput when there are 20 active terminals and the think time per job is 14 seconds.*

Considering think time(T) into calculating, the Bottleneck analysis will be:

$$X(0) \leq \min \left[\frac{1}{\max Di}, \frac{N}{\sum_{i=1}^k Di + T} \right]$$

The maximum service demand is $D(\text{cpu})=2.31\text{ms}$, then $\frac{1}{\max Di} = \frac{1}{2.31} = 0.43$

$$\frac{N}{\sum_{i=1}^k Di + T} = \frac{20}{2.31 + 2.2 + 14} = 1.08$$

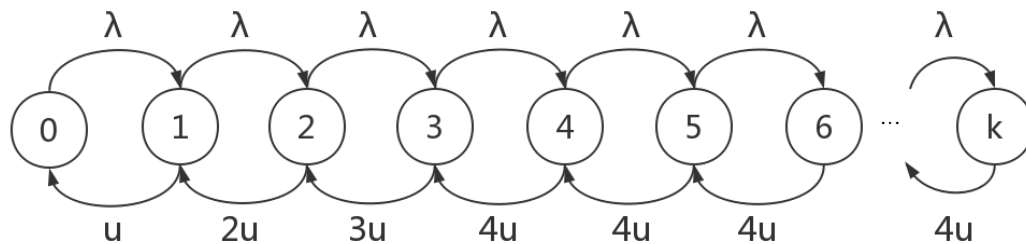
So, the asymptotic bound will be 0.43jobs/s.

Question 2

- (a) *Formulate a continuous-time Markov chain for a system similar to that described above with 4 staff and n waiting slots.*

$$\lambda = 15, \mu = 3$$

There may have $n+5$ states for the Markov chain: 0-4 staffs busy while zero in waiting; 4 staffs busy while one call waiting; 4 staffs busy while two calls in queue; 4 staff busy while n calls waiting.



State 0: All staffs are idle;

State 1: Only 1 staffs are busy;

State 2: Only 2 staffs are busy;

State 3: 3 staffs are busy;

State 4: All staffs are busy;

State 5: All staffs are busy and one call in queue;

...

State k : All staffs are busy and n calls in queue. ($k=n+4$)

- (b) *Write down the balance equations for the continuous-time Markov chain that you have formulated.*

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda P_0 &= \mu P_1 \\ \lambda P_0 + 2\mu P_2 &= (\mu + \lambda) P_1 \Rightarrow 2\mu P_2 = \lambda P_1 \\ \lambda P_1 + 3\mu P_3 &= (2\mu + \lambda) P_2 \Rightarrow 3\mu P_3 = \lambda P_2 \\ \lambda P_2 + 4\mu P_4 &= (3\mu + \lambda) P_3 \Rightarrow 4\mu P_4 = \lambda P_3 \\ \lambda P_3 + 4\mu P_5 &= (4\mu + \lambda) P_4 \Rightarrow 4\mu P_5 = \lambda P_4 \\ \lambda P_4 + 4\mu P_6 &= (4\mu + \lambda) P_5 \Rightarrow 4\mu P_6 = \lambda P_5 \end{aligned}$$

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$$4\mu P_k = \lambda P_{k-1} \quad (k=n+4)$$

- (c) *Derive expressions for the steady state probabilities of the continuous-time Markov chain that you have formulated.*

$$(1) P_1 = \frac{\lambda P_0}{\mu} = \rho P_0$$

$$(2) P_2 = \frac{\rho^2}{2} P_0$$

$$(3) P_3 = \frac{\rho^3}{6} P_0$$

$$(4) P_4 = \frac{\rho^4}{24} P_0$$

$$(5) P_5 = \frac{\rho^5}{96} P_0$$

$$(6) P_6 = \frac{\rho^6}{384} P_0$$

...

$$P_k = \frac{\rho^4}{24} * \left(\frac{\rho}{4}\right)^{k-4} P_0$$

$$\Rightarrow P_k = \begin{cases} P_0 \frac{1}{k!} \rho^k, & k \leq 4 \\ P_0 \frac{1}{24 * 4^{k-4}} \rho^k, & k > 4 \end{cases}$$

$$(7) P_0 + P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4 + P_5 + P_6 + \dots + P_k = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow P_0 = 1 / \left(1 + \rho + \frac{\rho^2}{2} + \frac{\rho^3}{6} + \frac{\rho^4}{24} + \frac{\rho^4}{24} * \sum_{i=5}^k \left(\frac{\rho}{4}\right)^{k-4}\right)$$

(d) For the current configuration, i.e. for $n = 2$, determine:

(i) The probability that an arriving query will be rejected. Let us denote the result of this by x .

When there are only 2 waiting slot, the final state will be state 6: 4 staffs are busy and 2 calls in queue. If the system is in this state, then any arriving query will be rejected.

We can combine (1)-(7) equations to get the probability of P_6 .

I use python program to compute result for questions, see attached file q2.py

The probability is that an arriving query will be rejected $P_6 = 0.29$

(ii) The mean waiting time of an accepted query in the queue.

Using the Little's law, we can know that $N = \sum_{k=0}^6 k * P_k = 6.295$

$$X(0) = \lambda * (1 - P(\text{reject})) = 15 * (1 - 0.29) = 10.65/h$$

$$\text{Hence } R = N/X(0) = 6.295/10.65 = 0.59h = 2127.89 \text{ s}$$

The mean waiting time will be $T = R - T(s) = 2127.89 - 600 = 1527.89 \text{ s}$

(e) **Determine the blocking probability if you add 5, 10, 15 and 20 waiting slots.**

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When adding 5 waiting slots, $n=7$, $P_{11} = 0.223$

When adding 5 waiting slots, $n=12$, $P_{16} = 0.207$

When adding 5 waiting slots, $n=17$, $P_{21} = 0.202$

When adding 5 waiting slots, $n=22$, $P_{26} = 0.201$

(f) **Explain why there is little drop in blocking probability after adding 10 waiting slots. What should you do to reduce the blocking probability?**

According to Poisson Distribution, the probability drops abruptly in a specific segment, then it will drop little as increasing waiting slots.

This problem can be fixed if we increase the number of staff in the system.

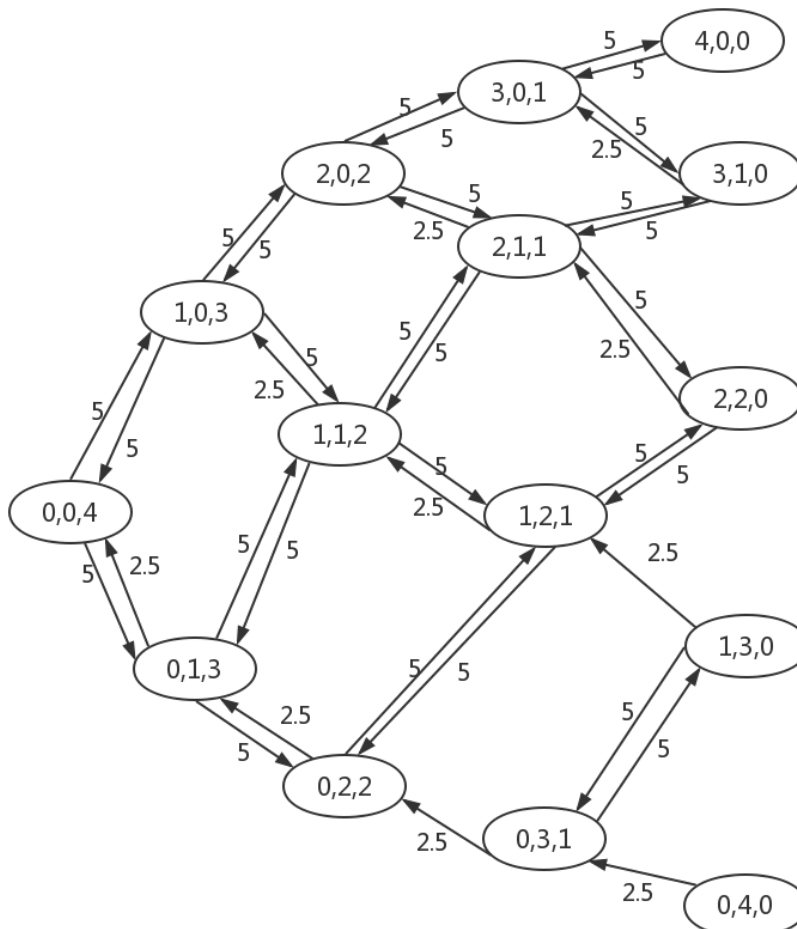
Question 3

(a) **Formulate a continuous-time Markov chain for this computer system.**

$u(\text{CPU1}) = 1/0.2 = 5/\text{s};$

$u(\text{CPU2}) = 1/0.4 = 2.5/\text{s};$

$u(\text{Disk}) = 1/0.2 = 5/\text{s};$



(b) Write down the balance equations for the continuous-time Markov chain that you have formulated in Part (a).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \underline{10P(0,0,4) - 5P(1,0,3) - 2.5P(0,1,3) + OP(2,0,2) + OP(1,1,2) + OP(0,2,2) + OP(3,0,1) + OP(2,1,1)} \\
& \underline{+ OP(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
& \underline{-5P(0,0,4) + 15P(1,0,3) + OP(0,1,3) - 5P(2,0,2) - 2.5P(1,1,2) + OP(0,2,2) + OP(3,0,1) + OP(2,1,1)} \\
& \underline{+ OP(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
& \underline{-5P(0,0,4) + OP(1,0,3) + 12.5P(0,1,3) + OP(2,0,2) - 5P(1,1,2) - 2.5P(0,2,2) + OP(3,0,1) + OP(2,1,1)} \\
& \underline{+ OP(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
& \underline{OP(0,0,4) - 5P(1,0,3) + OP(0,1,3) + 15P(2,0,2) + OP(1,1,2) + OP(0,2,2) - 5P(3,0,1) - 2.5P(2,1,1) +} \\
& \underline{OP(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
& \underline{OP(0,0,4) - 5P(1,0,3) - 5P(0,1,3) + OP(2,0,2) + 17.5P(1,1,2) + OP(0,2,2) + OP(3,0,1) - 5P(2,1,1) -} \\
& \underline{2.5P(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
& \underline{OP(0,0,4) + OP(1,0,3) - 5P(0,1,3) + OP(2,0,2) - OP(1,1,2) + 7.5P(0,2,2) + OP(3,0,1) + OP(2,1,1) -} \\
& \underline{5P(1,2,1) - 2.5P(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
& \underline{OP(0,0,4) + OP(1,0,3) + OP(0,1,3) - 5P(2,0,2) + OP(1,1,2) + OP(0,2,2) + 15P(3,0,1) + OP(2,1,1) +} \\
& \underline{OP(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) - 5P(4,0,0) - 2.5P(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
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& \underline{12.5P(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) - 5P(2,2,0) - 2.5P(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
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& \underline{OP(1,2,1) + 7.5P(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) - 5P(1,3,0) - 2.5P(0,4,0) = 0} \\
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& \underline{5P(1,2,1) + OP(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + 7.5P(2,2,0) + OP(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
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& \underline{OP(1,2,1) - 5P(0,3,1) + OP(4,0,0) + OP(3,1,0) + OP(2,2,0) + 7.5P(1,3,0) + OP(0,4,0) = 0} \\
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& \underline{P(1,2,1) + P(0,3,1) + P(4,0,0) + P(3,1,0) + P(2,2,0) + P(1,3,0) + P(0,4,0) = 1}
\end{aligned}$$

(c) What are the steady state probabilities for each state?

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$$P(0,0,4) = 0.04$$

$$P(1,0,3) = 0.04$$

$$P(0,1,3) = 0.08$$

$$P(2,0,2) = 0.04$$

$$P(1,1,2) = 0.08$$

$$P(0,2,2) = 0.16$$

$$P(3,0,1) = 0.04$$

$$P(2,1,1) = 0.08$$

$$P(1,2,1) = 0.16$$

$$P(0,3,1) = 0.0$$

$$P(4,0,0) = 0.04$$

$$P(3,1,0) = 0.08$$

$$P(2,2,0) = 0.16$$

$$P(1,3,0) = 0.0$$

$$P(0,4,0) = 0.0$$

(d) What is the throughput of the system?

The throughput is decided by the disk, Throughput = $U(\text{disk})/S(\text{disk})$

$$U(\text{disk}) = 1 - (P(4,0,0) + P(3,1,0) + P(2,2,0) + P(1,3,0) + P(0,4,0)) = 1 - (0.04 + 0.08 + 0.16) = 0.72$$

$$X(\text{disk}) = U(\text{disk})/S(\text{disk}) = 0.72/0.2 = 3.6/\text{s}$$

(e) What is the mean number of jobs in CPU1?

$$\begin{aligned} N(\text{cpu1}) &= \sum_{k=0}^k n * p(\text{cpu1}) \\ &= P(1,0,3) + 2P(2,0,2) + P(1,1,2) + 3P(3,0,1) + 2P(2,1,1) + P(1,2,1) \\ &\quad + 4P(4,0,0) + 3P(3,1,0) + 2P(2,2,0) + P(1,3,0) = 1.36 \end{aligned}$$

(f) What is the mean response time of CPU1?

$$\begin{aligned} X(\text{cpu1}) &= \frac{U}{S} \\ &= \frac{P(1,0,3) + P(2,0,2) + P(1,1,2) + P(3,0,1) + P(2,1,1) + P(1,2,1) + P(4,0,0) + P(3,1,0) + P(2,2,0) + P(1,3,0)}{0.2} \\ &= \frac{0.72}{0.2} = 3.6/\text{s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mean response time is } \frac{N(\text{cpu1})}{X(\text{cpu1})} = \frac{1.36}{3.6} = 0.38\text{s}$$