CPU Scheduling



Types of jobs



- CPU-bound vs. I/O-bound
 - Maximum CPU utilization obtained with multiprogramming
- Batch, Interactive, real time
 - Different goals, affects scheduling policies

CPU Scheduler



- Selects from among the processes in memory that are ready to execute, and allocates the CPU to one of them
- CPU scheduling decisions may take place when a process:
 - Switches from running to waiting state
 - Switches from running to ready state
 - Switches from waiting to ready
 - Terminates
- Scheduling under 1 and 4 is nonpreemptive.
- All other scheduling is preemptive.

Dispatcher



- Dispatcher module gives control of the CPU to the process selected by the CPU scheduler; this involves:
 - switching context
 - switching to user mode
 - jumping to the proper location in the user program to restart that program
- Dispatch latency time it takes for the dispatcher to stop one process and start another running.

Scheduling Criteria

- CPU utilization keep the CPU as busy as possible
- Throughput # of processes that complete their execution per time unit
- Turnaround time amount of time to execute a particular process
- Waiting time amount of time a process has been waiting in the ready queue
- Response time amount of time it takes from when a request was submitted until the first response is produced, **not** output (for timesharing environment)

Optimization Criteria



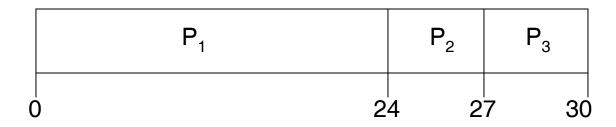
- Max CPU utilization
- Max throughput
- Min turnaround time
- Min waiting time
- Min response time

First-Come, First-Served (FCFS) Scheduling



<u>Process</u>	Burst Time
P_1	24
P_2	3
P_3	3

• Suppose that the processes arrive in the order: P_1 , P_2 , P_3 . The Gantt Chart for the schedule is:



- Waiting time for $P_1 = 0$; $P_2 = 24$; $P_3 = 27$
- Average waiting time: (0 + 24 + 27)/3 = 17

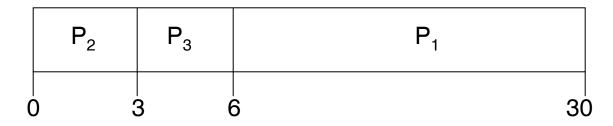
FCFS Scheduling (Cont.)



Suppose that the processes arrive in the order

$$P_2$$
, P_3 , P_1

• The Gantt chart for the schedule is:



- Waiting time for $P_1 = 6$; $P_2 = 0$; $P_3 = 3$
- Average waiting time: (6 + 0 + 3)/3 = 3
- Much better than previous case.
- Convoy effect: short process behind long process

Shortest-Job-First (SJR) Scheduling



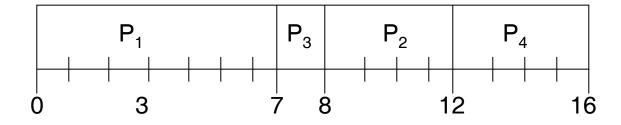
- Associate with each process the length of its next CPU burst. Use these lengths to schedule the process with the shortest time
- Two schemes:
 - nonpreemptive once CPU given to the process it cannot be preempted until it completes its CPU burst
 - preemptive if a new process arrives with CPU burst length less than remaining time of current executing process, preempt. This scheme is know as the Shortest-Remaining-Time-First (SRTF)
- SJF is optimal gives minimum average waiting time for a given set of processes

Example of Non-Preemptive SJF



<u>Process</u>	Arrival Time	Burst Time
P_1	0.0	7
P_2	2.0	4
P_3	4.0	1
P_4	5.0	4

• SJF (non-preemptive)



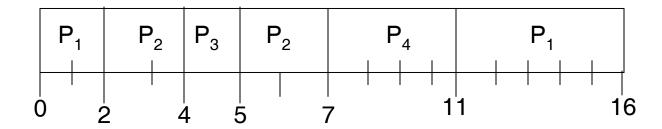
• Average waiting time = (0 + 6 + 3 + 7)/4 = 4

Example of Preemptive SJF



<u>Process</u>	Arrival Time	Burst Time
$P_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	0.0	7
P_2	2.0	4
P_3	4.0	1
P_4	5.0	4

• SJF (preemptive)



• Average waiting time = (9 + 1 + 0 + 2)/4 = 3

Determining Length of Next CPU Burst



- Can only estimate the length.
- Can be done by using the length of previous CPU bursts, using exponential averaging

•
$$\tau_{n+1} = \alpha t_n + (1 - \alpha) \tau_n$$
, $0 \le \alpha \le 1$

• t_n = actual length of n^{th} CPU burst

Properties of Exponential Averaging



- \bullet $\alpha = 0$
 - $\tau_{n+1} = \tau_n$
 - Recent history does not count
- \bullet $\alpha = 1$
 - $\bullet \quad \tau_{n+1} = t_n$
 - Only the actual last CPU burst counts
- If we expand the formula, each successive term has less weight than its predecessor
 - Recent history has more weight than old history

Priority Scheduling



- A priority number (integer) is associated with each process
- The CPU is allocated to the process with the highest priority (smallest integer = highest priority).
 - Preemptive
 - Nonpreemptive
- SJF is a priority scheduling where priority is the predicted next CPU burst time
- Problem = Starvation low priority processes may never execute
- Solution = Aging as time progresses increase the priority of the process

Round Robin (RR)

- Each process gets a small unit of CPU time (time quantum), usually 10-100 milliseconds. After this time has elapsed, the process is preempted and added to the end of the ready queue
- If there are n processes in the ready queue and the time quantum is q, then each process gets 1/n of the CPU time in chunks of at most q time units at once. No process waits more than (n-1)q time units
- Performance
 - q large ⇒ FIFO
 - $q \text{ small} \Rightarrow q \text{ must be large with respect to context switch, otherwise overhead is too high}$

Example of RR with Time Quantum = 20



<u>Process</u>	Burst Time
P_1	53
P_2	17
P_3	68
P_4	24

• The Gantt chart is:

 Typically, higher average turnaround than SJF, but better response.

Multilevel Queue

- Ready queue is partitioned into separate queues: foreground (interactive) and background (batch)
- Each queue has its own scheduling algorithm,
 - foreground RR
 - background FCFS
- Scheduling must be done between the queues
 - Fixed priority scheduling (i.e., serve all from foreground then from background). Possibility of starvation.
 - Time slice each queue gets a certain amount of CPU time which it can schedule amongst its processes; i.e., 80% to foreground in RR
 - 20% to background in FCFS

Multilevel Feedback Queue



- A process can move between the various queues; aging can be implemented this way.
- Multilevel-feedback-queue scheduler defined by the following parameters:
 - number of queues
 - scheduling algorithms for each queue
 - method used to determine when to upgrade a process
 - method used to determine when to demote a process
 - method used to determine which queue a process will enter when that process needs service

Example of Multilevel Feedback Queue



- Three queues:
 - Q_0 time quantum 8 milliseconds
 - Q_1 time quantum 16 milliseconds
 - Q₂ FCFS
- Scheduling
 - A new job enters queue Q_0 which is served FCFS. When it gains CPU, job receives 8 milliseconds. If it does not finish in 8 milliseconds, job is moved to queue Q_1 .
 - At Q₁ job is again served FCFS and receives 16 additional milliseconds. If it still does not complete, it is preempted and moved to queue Q₂.

Multilevel Feedback Queues



