Operating Systems
Lecture 9

Scheduling

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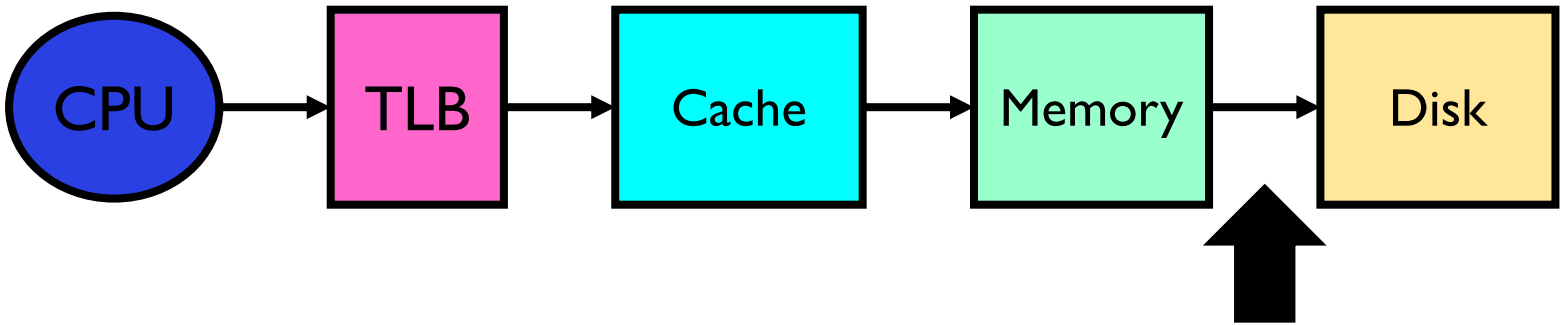
Recap: Cache Hierarchy

- Memory as cache for secondary disk



Recap: Demand Paging (需求分页)

- Modern programs require a lot of physical memory, but they don't use all their memory all of the time
  - 90-10 rule: programs spend 90% of their time in 10% of their code
  - Wasteful to require all of user's code to be in memory
- Solution: use main memory as cache for disk
  - "lazy" memory allocation
- An illusion of infinite memory
  - In-use virtual memory can be bigger than physical memory
  - Combined memory of running processes much larger than physical memory
    - ❑ More programs fit into memory, allowing more concurrency
  - Principle: page table for transparent management

Recap: Demand Paging as Cache

- What is block size?
  - 1 page
- What is organization of this cache (i.e. direct-mapped, set-associative, fully-associative)?
  - Fully associative: arbitrary virtual → physical mapping
- How do we find a page in the cache when look for it?
  - First check TLB, then page-table traversal
- What is page replacement policy? (i.e. LRU, Random…)
  - This requires more explanation… (kinda LRU)
- What happens on a miss?
  - Go to lower level to fill miss (i.e. disk)
- What happens on a write? (write-through, write back)
  - Write-back – need dirty bit!

Recap: Implementation of mmap

- When program accesses an invalid address
  1. [MMU] TLB miss; full page table lookup
  2. [MMU + OS] Trapping into page fault handler
  3. [OS] Convert virtual address to file offset
  4. [OS] Allocate a new page frame in memory
  5. [OS] Read data from disk to the memory (blocked)
  6. [CPU] Disk interrupt when read completes
  7. [OS] Updating page table by marking the entry as valid
  8. [OS] Resume process
  9. [MMU] TLB miss; full page table lookup
  10. [MMU] TLB update

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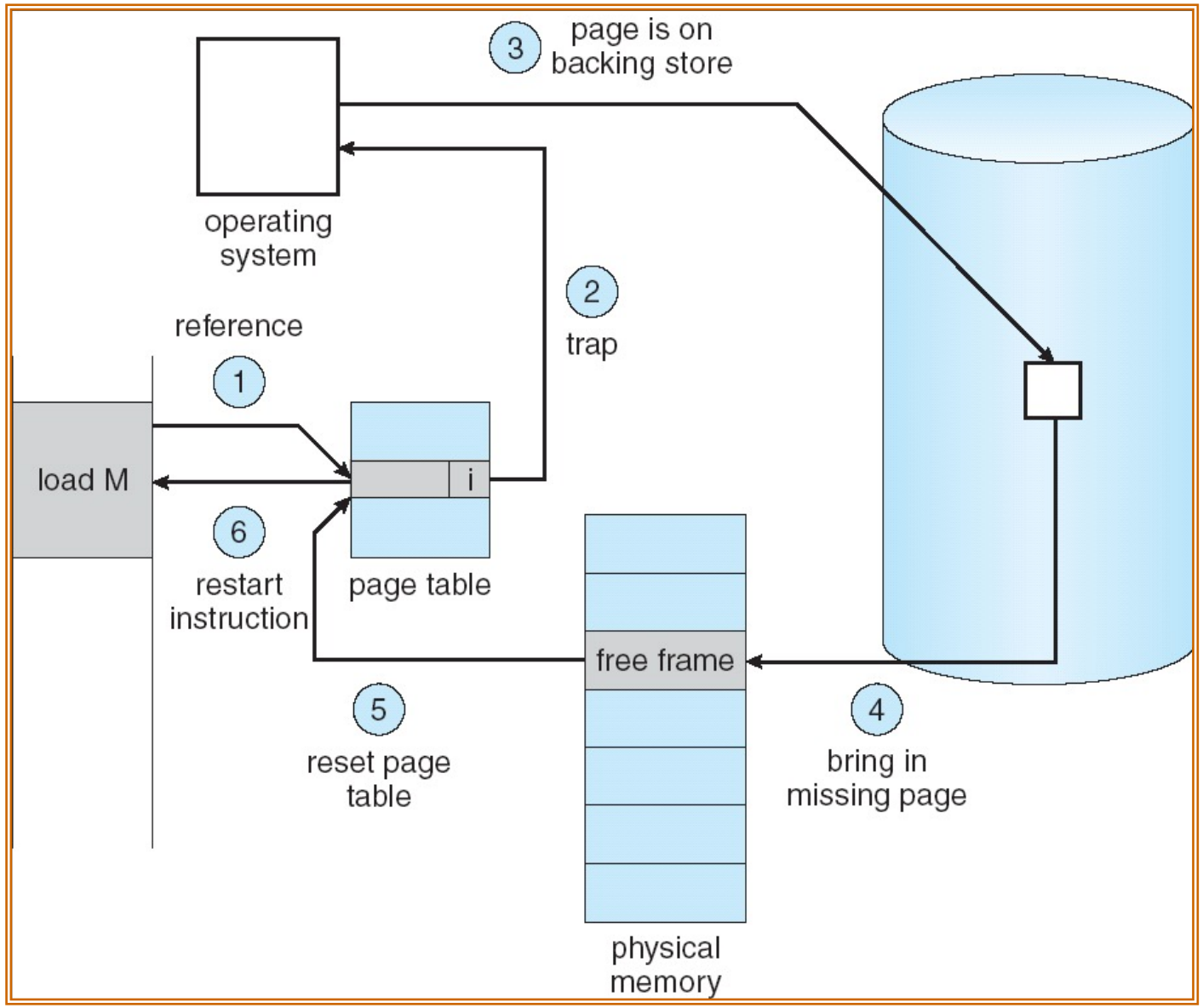
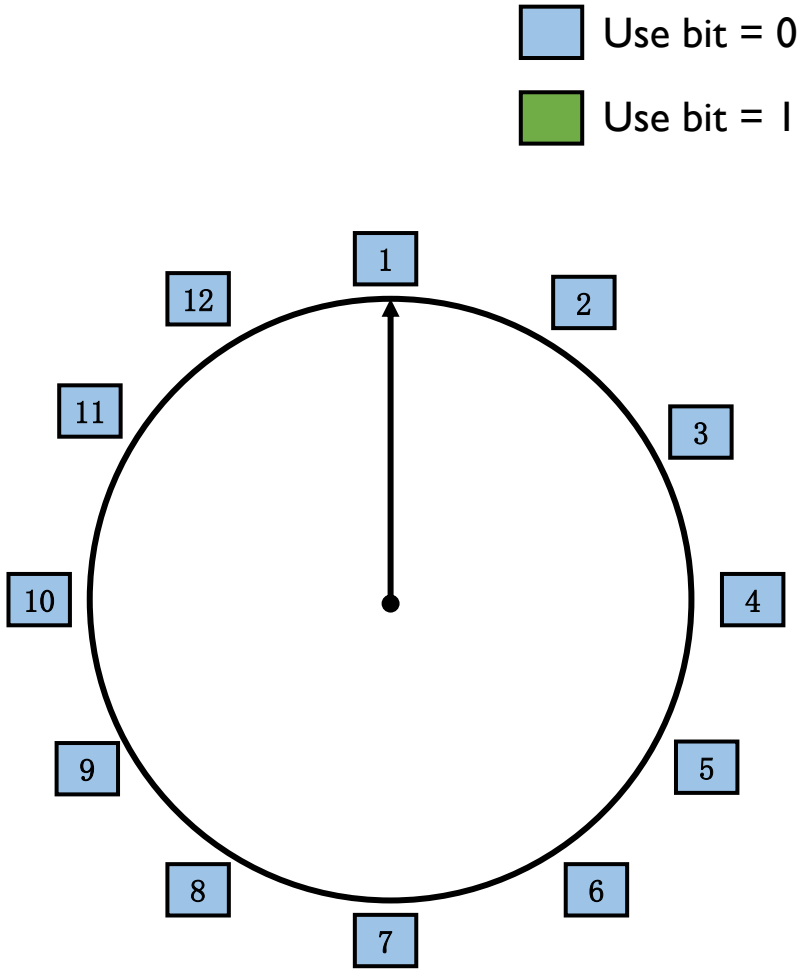


Recap: Page Eviction Policy

- Clocking algorithm: approximating LRU
- Implementation with the *use* bit
  - Initialized to 0 in page table
  - Set to 1 whenever there is a page access
- When we need to evict a page, we look at the page under the hand:
  - If its use bit = 1, clear it and move the hand, repeat;
  - If its use bit = 0, evict it



Page reference stream:

Recap: Nth Chance Version of Clock Algorithm

- Nth chance algorithm: Give page N chances
  - OS keeps counter per page: # sweeps
  - On page fault, OS checks use bit:
    - 1 → clear use and also clear counter (used in last sweep)
    - 0 → increment counter; if count=N, replace page
  - Means that clock hand has to sweep by N times without page being used before page is replaced
- How do we pick N?
  - Why pick large N? Better approximation to LRU
    - If N ~ 1K, really good approximation
  - Why pick small N? More efficient
    - Otherwise might have to look a long way to find free page
- What about dirty pages?
  - Takes extra overhead to replace a dirty page, so give dirty pages an extra chance before replacing?
  - Common approach:
    - Clean pages, use N=1
    - Dirty pages, use N=2 (and write back to disk when N=1)

Recap: Details of Clock Algorithms

- Which bits of a PTE entry are useful to us?
  - Use: Set when page is referenced; cleared by clock algorithm
  - Modified: set when page is modified, cleared when page written to disk
  - Valid: ok for program to reference this page
  - Read-only: ok for program to read page, but not modify
    - For example for catching modifications to code pages!
- Do we really need hardware-supported "modified" bit?
  - No. Can emulate it (BSD Unix) using read-only bit
    - Initially, mark all pages as read-only, even data pages
    - On write, trap to OS. OS sets software "modified" bit, and marks page as read-write.
    - Whenever page comes back in from disk, mark read-only

Scheduling (调度) Concept

- Why we need scheduling? Multitasks and Concurrency.
- Scheduling is only useful when there is not enough resources
- Preemption (抢占) is the basic assumption for fine-grained scheduling
  - Either by timer interrupts or other kinds of interrupts
- Who schedules processes/threads?
  - Mostly by OS.
  - User-level thread libraries schedule the threads by themselves.

Scheduling Policy Goals (1/3)

- Minimize Response Time
  - Minimize elapsed time to do an operation (or job)
  - Response time is what the user sees:
    - ❑ Time to echo a keystroke in editor
    - ❑ Time to compile a program
    - ❑ Real-time tasks: Must meet deadlines imposed by World

Scheduling Policy Goals (2/3)

- Minimize Response Time
- Maximize Throughput
  - Maximize operations (or jobs) per second
  - Throughput related to response time, but not identical:
    - ❑ Minimizing response time will lead to more context switching than if you only maximized throughput
  - Two parts to maximizing throughput
    - ❑ Minimize overhead (for example, context-switching)
    - ❑ Efficient use of resources (CPU, disk, memory, etc)

Scheduling Policy Goals (3/3)

- Minimize Response Time
- Maximize Throughput
- Fairness
  - Share CPU among users in some equitable way
  - Fairness is not minimizing average response time:
    - ❑ Better *average* response time by making system *less* fair

First-Come, First-Served (FCFS) Scheduling

- First-Come, First-Served (FCFS, 先到先服务)
  - Also "First In, First Out" (FIFO, 先进先出) or "Run until done"
    - ❑ In early systems, FCFS meant one program scheduled until done
    - ❑ Now, means keep CPU until thread blocks
- Example:

Process	Burst Time
P_1	24
P_2	3
P_3	3

  - Suppose processes arrive in the order: P_1 , P_2 , P_3
    The Gantt Chart (甘特图) for the schedule is:

First-Come, First-Served (FCFS) Scheduling

- Example continued:

  - Waiting time for $P_1 = 0; P_2 = 24; P_3 = 27$
  - Average waiting time: (0 + 24 + 27)/3 = 17
  - Average Completion time: (24 + 27 + 30)/3 = 27
- *Convoy effect* (护航效应): short process behind long process

First-Come, First-Served (FCFS) Scheduling

- Example continued:
  - Suppose that processes arrive in order: P_2 , P_3 , P_1 Now, we have:

  - Waiting time for $P_1 = 6; P_2 = 0, P_3 = 3$
  - Average waiting time: (6 + 0 + 3)/3 = 3
  - Average Completion time: (3 + 6 + 30)/3 = 13
- In second case:
  - Average waiting time is much better (before it was 17)
  - Average completion time is better (before it was 27)
- FIFO Pros and Cons:
  - Simple (+)
  - Short jobs get stuck behind long ones (-)
    - ❑Safeway: Getting milk, always stuck behind cart full of small items

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- Comparison of SRTF with FCFS
  - What if all jobs the same length?
    - ❑ SRTF becomes the same as FCFS (i.e. FCFS is best can do if all jobs the same length)
  - What if jobs have varying length?
    - ❑ SRTF: short jobs not stuck behind long ones

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- Con#1: starvation (饥饿)
  - If small jobs keep coming, the long jobs will not be served
  - Fairness issue
- Con#2: implementation
  - It's hard to know the task remaining time

Round Robin (RR) Scheduling

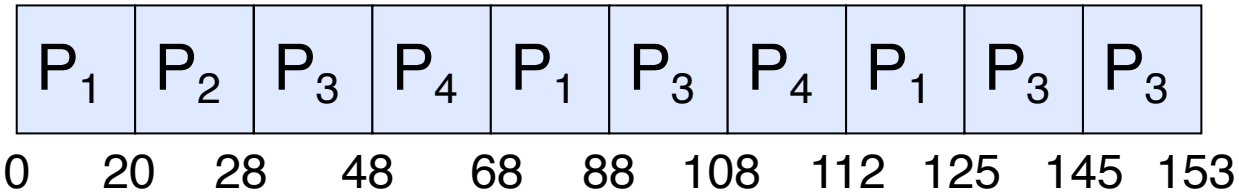
- Round Robin (轮询调度) Scheme
  - Each process gets a small unit of CPU time (*time quantum*), usually 10-100 milliseconds
  - After quantum expires, the process is preempted and added to the end of the ready queue.
- *n* processes in ready queue and time quantum is *q* ⇒
  - ❑ Each process gets 1/*n* of the CPU time
  - ❑ In chunks of at most *q* time units
  - ❑ No process waits more than (*n*-1)*q* time units

Round Robin (RR) Scheduling

- Example:

Process	Burst Time
P_1	53
P_2	8
P_3	68
P_4	24

  - The Gantt chart (quantum=20) is:



  - Waiting time for P_1=(68-20)+(112-88)=72
    P_2=(20-0)=20
    P_3=(28-0)+(88-48)+(125-108)=85
    P_4=(48-0)+(108-68)=88
  - Average waiting time = (72+20+85+88)/4=66¼
  - Average completion time = (125+28+153+112)/4 = 104½

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    - What if infinite (∞)? Falls back to FIFO
  - Too small: Throughput suffers

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- Actual choices of timeslice:
  - Initially, UNIX timeslice one second:
    - Worked ok when UNIX was used by one or two people.
    - What if three compilations going on? 3 seconds to echo each keystroke!
  - Need to balance short-job performance and long-job throughput:
    - Typical time slice today is between 10ms – 100ms
    - Typical context-switching overhead is 0.1ms – 1ms
    - Roughly 1% overhead due to context-switching

Comparing FCFS and RR

- Assuming zero-cost context-switching time, is RR always better than FCFS?
- Simple example:

10 jobs, each take 100s of CPU time
RR scheduler quantum of 1s
All jobs start at the same time

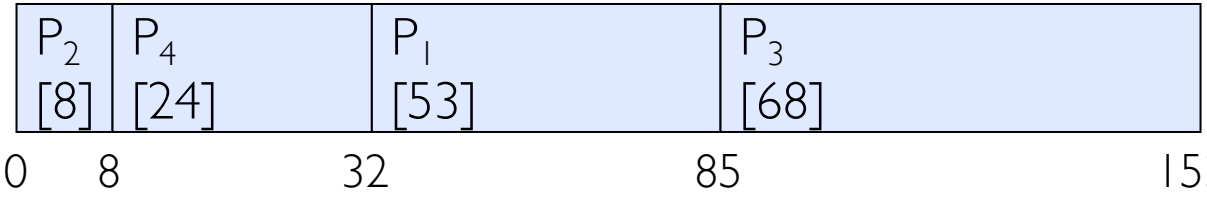
- Completion Times:

Job #	FIFO	RR
1	100	991
2	200	992
…	…	…
9	900	999
10	1000	1000

  - Average response time is much worse under RR!
    - ❑ Bad when all jobs same length
- Also: Cache state must be shared between all jobs with RR but can be devoted to each job with FIFO
  - Total time for RR longer even for zero-cost switch!

Choice of Time Quantum for RR

Best FCFS:



	Quantum	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_4	Average
Wait Time	Best FCFS	32	0	85	8	31¼
	Q = 1	84	22	85	57	62
	Q = 5	82	20	85	58	61¼
	Q = 8	80	8	85	56	57¼
	Q = 10	82	10	85	68	61¼
	Q = 20	72	20	85	88	66¼
	Worst FCFS	68	145	0	121	83½
Completion Time	Best FCFS	85	8	153	32	69½
	Q = 1	137	30	153	81	100½
	Q = 5	135	28	153	82	99½
	Q = 8	133	16	153	80	95½
	Q = 10	135	18	153	92	99½
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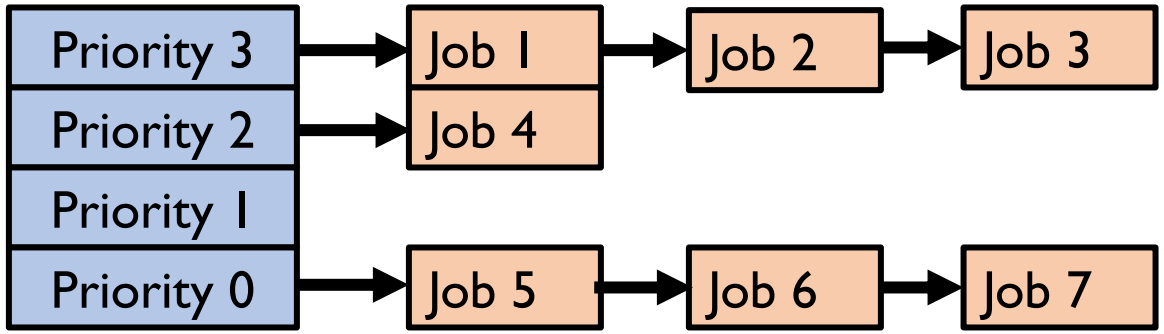

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  - Always execute highest-priority runnable jobs to completion
  - Each queue can be processed in RR with some time-quantum
- Problems:
  - Starvation: Lower priority jobs don't get to run because higher priority jobs
  - Deadlock: Priority Inversion (优先级翻转)
    - ❑ Not strictly a problem with priority scheduling, but happens when low priority task has lock needed by high-priority task

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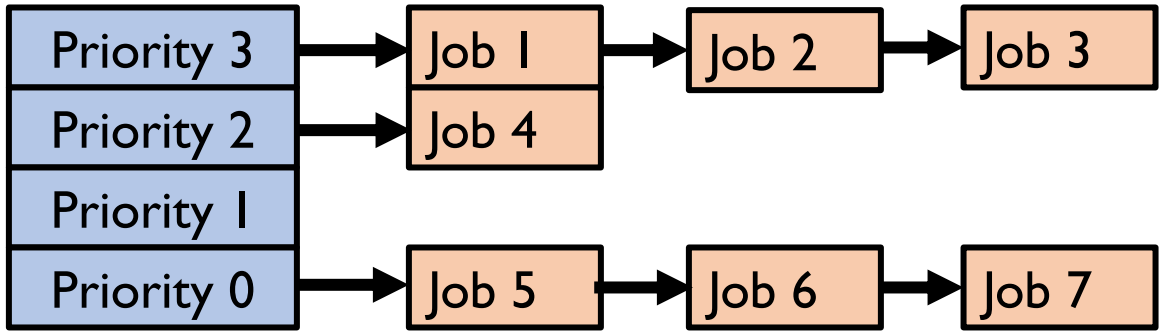

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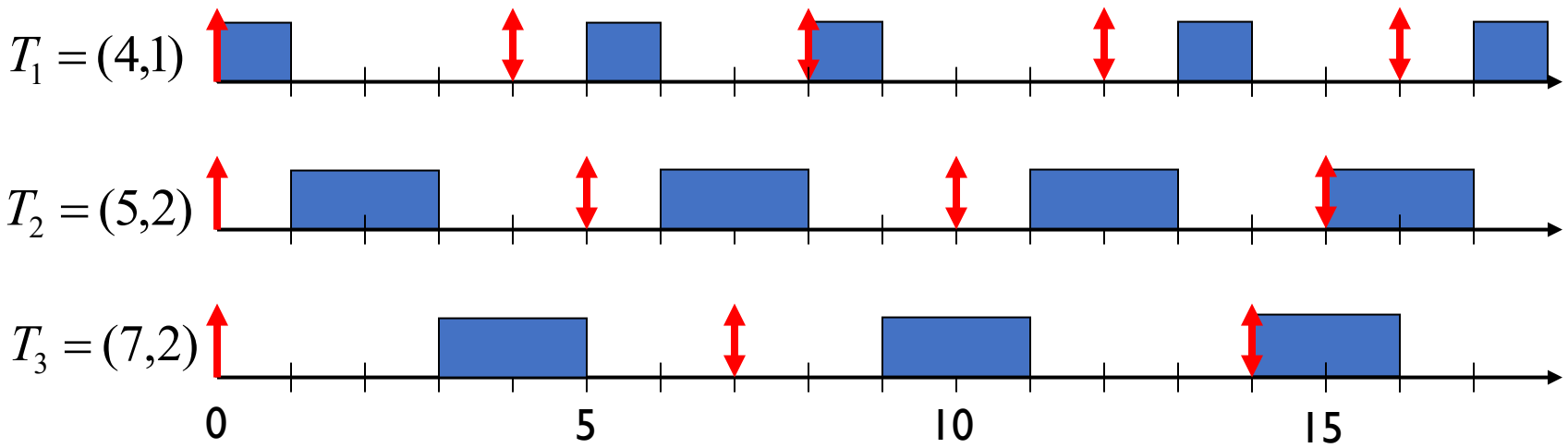
- How to fix? Dynamic priority
  - Dynamic priorities – adjust base-level priority up or down based on heuristics about interactivity, locking, burst behavior, etc…

Earliest Deadline First (EDF)

- Tasks periodic with period P and computation C in each period: (P, C)
- Preemptive priority-based dynamic scheduling
- Each task is assigned a (current) priority based on how close the absolute deadline is
- The scheduler always schedules the active task with the closest absolute deadline



Scheduling Fairness

- What about fairness?
  - Strict fixed-priority scheduling between queues is unfair (run highest, then next, etc):
    - ❑ Long running jobs may never get CPU
    - ❑ In Multics, shut down machine, found 10-year-old job
  - Must give long-running jobs a fraction of the CPU even when there are shorter jobs to run
  - Tradeoff: fairness gained by hurting avg response time!

Scheduling Fairness

- How to implement fairness?
  - Could give each queue some fraction of the CPU
    - ❑ What if one long-running job and 100 short-running ones?
    - ❑ Like express lanes in a supermarket—sometimes express lanes get so long, get better service by going into one of the other lines
  - Could increase priority of jobs that don't get service
    - ❑ What is done in some variants of UNIX
    - ❑ This is ad hoc—what rate should you increase priorities?
    - ❑ And, as system gets overloaded, no job gets CPU time, so everyone increases in priority⇒Interactive jobs suffer

Scheduling Fairness

- If every tasks need the same resource, fairness is easy: RR.
- Yet, tasks may demand different: compute-bound vs. I/O bound
- Max-Min fairness: iteratively maximize the minimum allocation given to a particular process (or threads/users/applications) until all resources are assigned
  - Mostly used in network

Multi-level Feedback Queue (MFQ) Scheduling

- Multi-level Feedback Queue (MFQ, 多级反馈队列调度)
  - Achieves responsiveness (short jobs quickly as SJF), low overhead (minimizing the preemptions and scheduling decision time), and starvation-free (as RR), and fairness (approximately max-min fair share).
    - ❑ Yet, it does not perfectly achieve any of these goals.
  - Widely used in commercial OSes such as Windows, MacOS, and Linux.

Multi-level Feedback Queue (MFQ) Scheduling

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- Maintains many queues, each with different priority
  - Higher priority queues often considered "foreground" tasks
  - Each queue has its own scheduling algorithm
    - ❑ e.g. foreground – RR, background – FCFS
    - ❑ Sometimes multiple RR priorities with quantum increasing exponentially (highest: 1ms, next: 2ms, next: 4ms, etc)
- Adjust each job's priority as follows (details vary)
  - Job starts in highest priority queue
  - If timeout expires, drop one level
  - If timeout doesn't expire, push up one level (or stay at the same one)

Multi-level Feedback Queue (MFQ) Scheduling

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- Result approximates SRTF:
  - CPU bound jobs drop into low-priority queues quickly
  - Short-running I/O bound jobs stay near top
- Scheduling must be done between the queues
  - Fixed priority scheduling:
    - ❑ serve all from highest priority, then next priority, etc.
  - Time slice:
    - ❑ each queue gets a certain amount of CPU time
    - ❑ e.g., 70% to highest, 20% next, 10% lowest

Multi-level Feedback Queue (MFQ) Scheduling

- Countermeasure: user action that can foil intent of OS designers
  - For multilevel feedback, put in a bunch of meaningless I/O to keep job's priority high
  - Of course, if everyone did this, wouldn't work!
- Example of Othello program:
  - Playing against competitor, so key was to do computing at higher priority the competitors.
    - ❑ Put in **`printf`**'s, ran much faster!

Multi-level Feedback Queue (MFQ) Scheduling

- A test

- Assume we have 4 processes in a system with multilevel feedback queue scheduling policy. All the processers arrived ate time 0 and located in the highest level queue in the order of their IDs (1 to 4) a) Calculate the average waiting time and average turnaround time.

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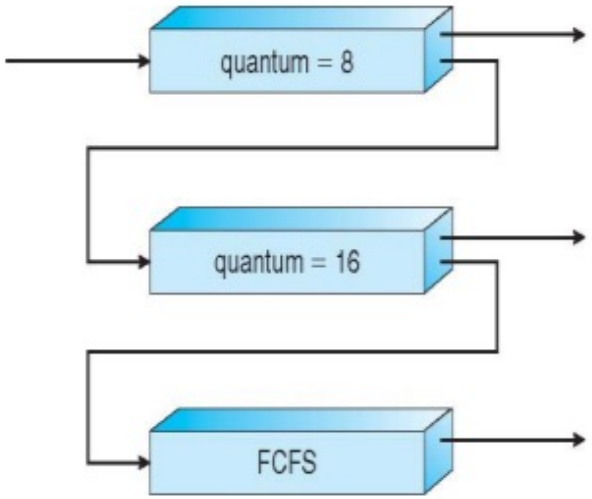


b) If a new process P_5 enters the system at time 35 how the gantt chart is going to change?

Multi-level Feedback Queue (MFQ) Scheduling

- To further achieve starvation-freedom and fairness
  - What if there are endless small I/O tasks?
- To combat this, MFQ monitors every process to ensure it is receiving its fair share of the resource
  - By maintaining two queues for each level: tasks whose processes have already reached their fair share are only scheduled if all other processes at that level have also received their fair share
  - If a process receives less than its fair share, its priority is increased
  - If a process receives more than its fair share, its priority is decreased

Lottery Scheduling

- Yet another alternative: Lottery Scheduling
  - Give each job some number of lottery tickets
  - On each time slice, randomly pick a winning ticket
  - On average, CPU time is proportional to number of tickets given to each job
- How to assign tickets?
  - To approximate SRTF, short running jobs get more, long running jobs get fewer
  - To avoid starvation, every job gets at least one ticket (everyone makes progress)
- Advantage over strict priority scheduling: behaves gracefully as load changes
  - Adding or deleting a job affects all jobs proportionally, independent of how many tickets each job possesses

Lottery Scheduling

- Lottery Scheduling Example
  - Assume short jobs get 10 tickets, long jobs get 1 ticket

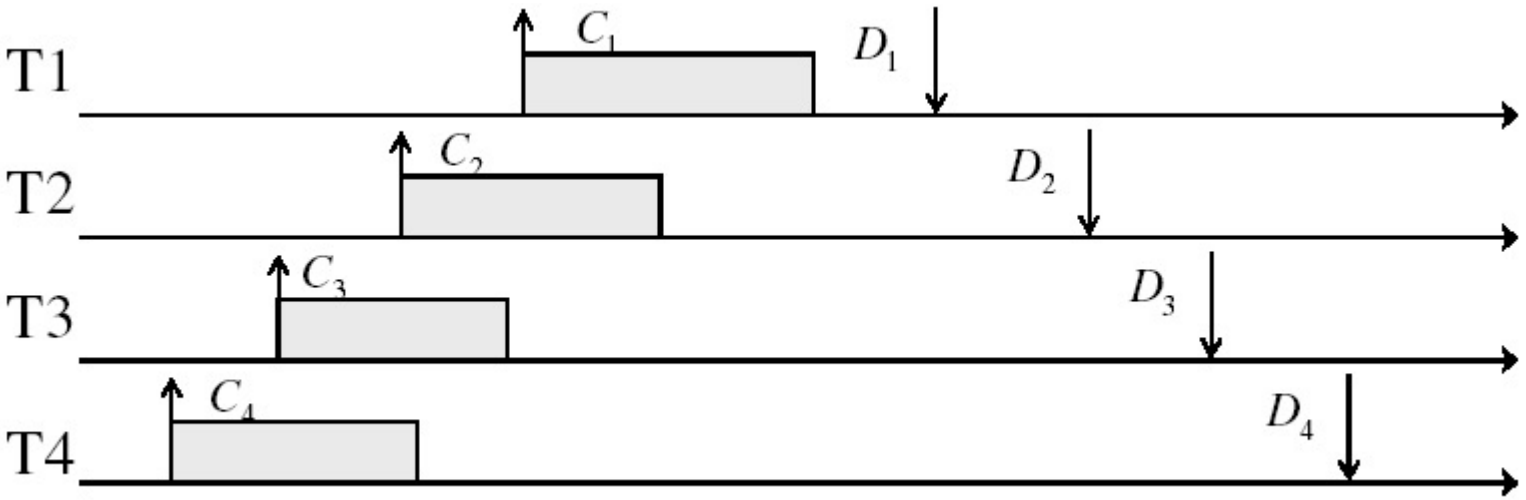
# short jobs/ # long jobs	% of CPU each short jobs gets	% of CPU each long jobs gets
1/1	91%	9%
0/2	N/A	50%
2/0	50%	N/A
10/1	9.9%	0.99%
1/10	50%	5%

Real-Time Scheduling (RTS)

- Efficiency is important but predictability is essential:
  - We need to predict with confidence worst case response times for systems
  - In RTS, performance guarantees are:
    - ❑ Task- and/or class centric and often ensured a priori
  - In conventional systems, performance is:
    - ❑ System/throughput oriented with post-processing (… wait and see …)
  - Real-time is about enforcing predictability, and does not equal fast computing!!!
- Hard Real-Time
  - *Attempt to meet all deadlines*
  - EDF (Earliest Deadline First), LLF (Least Laxity First), RMS (Rate-Monotonic Scheduling), DM (Deadline Monotonic Scheduling)
- Soft Real-Time
  - *Attempt to meet deadlines with high probability*
  - Minimize miss ratio / maximize completion ratio (firm real-time)
  - Important for multimedia applications
  - CBS (Constant Bandwidth Server)

Real-Time Scheduling (RTS)

- Tasks are preemptable, independent with arbitrary arrival (=release) times
- Tasks have deadlines (D) and known computation times (C)
- Example Setup:



Scheduling on Multiprocessor

- What's wrong with a centralized MFQ?
  - Contention for the MFQ lock
    - The lock could become a bottleneck especially with large number of processors
  - Cache coherence overhead
    - The MFQ data structure will be modified often and cause cache miss when a processor gets its lock to use MFQ
  - Limited cache reuse
    - A thread is likely to be scheduled on different processors, so the L1 cache needs to be fetched from the memory again

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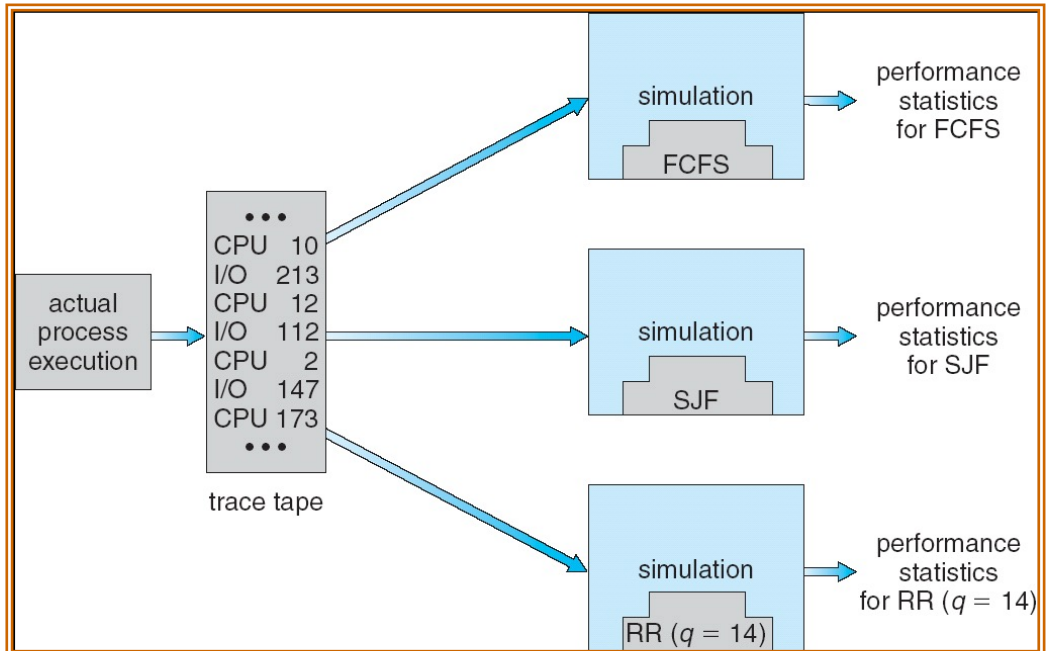
- Modern OSes use per-processor MFQ
- Affinity scheduling (**亲和性调度**): a thread is always (re)scheduled to the same processor
  - Rebalancing across processors only happens when necessary

How to Evaluate a Scheduling algorithm?

- Deterministic modeling
  - Takes a predetermined workload and compute the performance of each algorithm for that workload
- Queueing models
  - Mathematical approach for handling stochastic workloads
- Implementation/Simulation:
  - Build system which allows actual algorithms to be run against actual data – most flexible/general



Summary of Scheduling Algorithms

- Round-Robin Scheduling:
  - Give each thread a small amount of CPU time when it executes; cycle between all ready threads
  - Pros: Better for short jobs

- Shortest Job First (SJF) / Shortest Remaining Time First (SRTF):
  - Run whatever job has the least amount of computation to do/least remaining amount of computation to do
  - Pros: Optimal (average response time)
  - Cons: Hard to predict future, Unfair

Summary of Scheduling Algorithms

- Lottery Scheduling:
  - Give each thread a priority-dependent number of tokens (short tasks ⇒ more tokens)
- Multi-Level Feedback Scheduling:
  - Multiple queues of different priorities and scheduling algorithms
  - Automatic promotion/demotion of process priority in order to approximate SJF/SRTF
- Real-time scheduling
  - Need to meet a deadline, predictability essential
  - Earliest Deadline First (EDF) and Rate Monotonic (RM) scheduling

Homework

- Considering following scheduling algorithms: FCFS, SJF, RR, and EDF, make a case when each has the smallest average completion time.
  - 5 tasks in total.
  - You can decide their: estimated running time and arriving order.
  - An interesting solution: you can write a simple program to iterate over all possible cases (running time between 1 and 10).

- Search for "completely fair scheduler", describe its key idea, and its advantages over the schedulers learned in our course.