Assignment 15 - M/M/c

1 Problem

A call center receives 200 calls per hour during peak time. Seven minutes are required on average to service a request. Determine the minimum number of workers needed to guarantee an expected queueing time of 1 minute.

2 Solution

It is hard to compute the the requested value because for find the value of p_0 we must compute a sum of an unknown number of values. But we can use the C Erlang table in order to solve this problem. In fact we can find the value of C and W_q results from:

$$W_q = \frac{C}{c\mu(1-\rho)} \tag{1}$$

So we can compute c with the constraint that $W_q \leq 1$ m. The result is $c \geq 27$