

Exercise 4:

Consider a multiplexer that collects traffic formed by messages arriving according to exponentially distributed interarrival time. The multiplexer is formed by a buffer and a transmission line. Make the following approximation: the transmission time of a message is exponentially distributed with $E[X] = 10$ ms. From measurements of state on the buffer, we know that the idle buffer probability is $P_0 = 0.8$. We are required to find the mean message delay.

Solution:

The device can be modelled as a M/M/1 FIFO queue. The arrival is a Poisson process with arrival rate λ [which have to determine], the service is exponentially distributed with mean rate $\mu = 1/E[X] = 1/10\text{ms} = 0.1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$. The net input traffic is therefore $\rho = \lambda/\mu = 10\lambda \text{ ms}$. Since the empty queue probability is $P_0 = 0.8$, we have $\rho = 1 - 0.8 = 0.2$, giving us $\lambda = 0.2/10 \text{ ms} = 0.02 \text{ ms}^{-1}$. Therefore, the mean number of messages is $N = \rho/(1 - \rho) = 0.25$ messages. The delay of the system, as described by Little's Theorem, is now calculated as $T = N/\lambda = 12.5\text{ms}$.

Simulation:

For a simulation of the multiplexer as modelled, perform the following steps:

- Open the page where the simulation is to be performed.
- Next feed the data as shown. Put lambda (λ) = 0.02 and mu (μ) = 0.1

M/M/1 Model



Start Reset

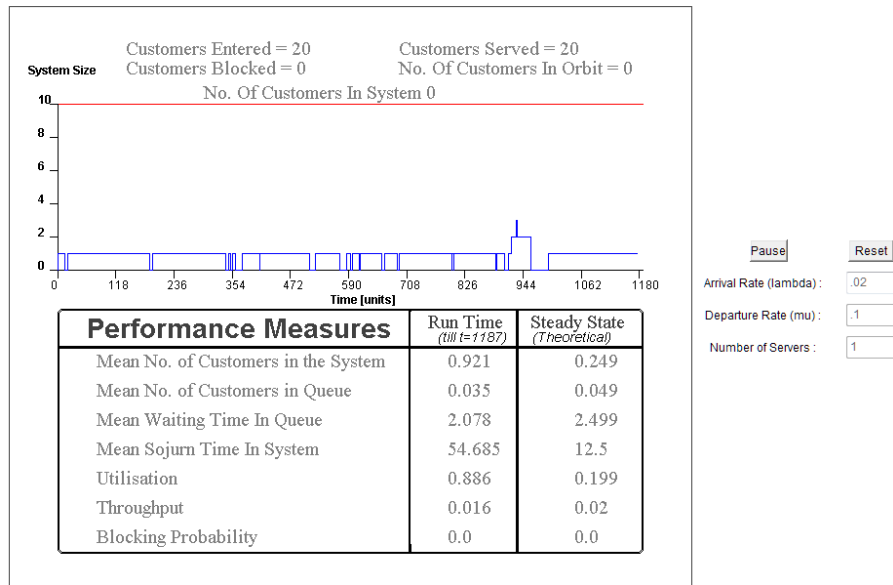
Arrival Rate (lambda) :

Departure Rate (mu) :

Number of Servers :

→ Click Start. The applet will now generate a sample path for the queue.

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→ We see that the steady state data obtained from the applet matches beautifully with the theoretically calculated data.