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Birth-Death Processes

- □ Jobs arrive one at a time (and not as a batch).
- \Box State = Number of jobs *n* in the system.
- □ Arrival of a new job changes the state to $n+1 \Rightarrow$ birth
- □ Departure of a job changes the system state to $n-1 \Rightarrow$ Death
- □ State-transition diagram:



Birth-Death Processes(Cont)

- **\Box** When the system is in state *n*, it has *n* jobs in it.
 - > The new arrivals take place at a rate λ_n .
 - > The service rate is μ_n .
- □ We assume that both the inter-arrival times and service times are exponentially distributed.



Theorem: State Probability

□ The steady-state probability p_n of a birth-death process being in state *n* is given by:

$$p_n = \frac{\lambda_0 \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_{n-1}}{\mu_1 \mu_2 \cdots \mu_n} p_0 \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

 \square Here, p_0 is the probability of being in the zero state.



Proof

□ Suppose the system is in state *j* at time *t*. There are *j* jobs in the system. In the next time interval of a very small duration Δt , the system can move to state *j*-*l* or *j*+*l* with the following probabilities:

$$\begin{split} P\{n(t + \Delta t) &= j + 1 | n(t) = j\} &= \text{Probability of one arrival in interval } \Delta t \\ &= \lambda_j \Delta t \\ P\{n(t + \Delta t) &= j - 1 | n(t) = j\} &= \text{Probability of one departure in interval } \Delta t \\ &= \mu_j \Delta t \\ P\{n(t + \Delta t) &= j | n(t) = j\} &= 1 - \lambda_j \Delta t - \mu_j \Delta t \\ &\text{Washington University in St. Louis} & \frac{\text{http://www.cse.wustl.edu/-jain/cse567-17/}}{31-6} \end{split}$$

Proof(Cont) If there are no arrivals or departures, the system will stay in state *j* and, thus: $\Delta t = \text{small} \Rightarrow \text{zero probability of two events (two arrivals, two departure, or a arrival and a departure) occurring during this interval <math>p_j(t) = \text{probability of being in state } j$ at time t $p_0(t + \Delta t) = (1 - \lambda_0 \Delta t)p_0(t) + \mu_1 \Delta t p_1(t)$ $p_1(t + \Delta t) = \lambda_0 \Delta t p_0(t) + (1 - \mu_1 \Delta t - \lambda_1 \Delta t)p_1(t) + \mu_2 \Delta t p_2(t)$ $p_2(t + \Delta t) = \lambda_1 \Delta t p_1(t) + (1 - \mu_2 \Delta t - \lambda_2 \Delta t)p_2(t) + \mu_3 \Delta t p_3(t)$... $p_j(t + \Delta t) = \lambda_{j-1} \Delta t p_{j-1}(t) + (1 - \mu_j \Delta t - \lambda_j \Delta t)p_j(t) + \mu_{j+1} \Delta t p_{j+1}(t)$...

Proof(Cont)

The jth equation above can be written as follows: $<math display="block"> \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{p_j(t + \Delta t) - p_j(t)}{\Delta t} = \lambda_{j-1}p_{j-1}(t) - (\mu_j + \lambda_j)p_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}p_{j+1}(t) \\ \frac{dp_j(t)}{dt} = \lambda_{j-1}p_{j-1}(t) - (\mu_j + \lambda_j)p_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}p_{j+1}(t) \\ \lim_{t \to \infty} p_j(t) = p_j \\ \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{dp_j(t)}{dt} = 0$

□ Under steady state, $p_i(t)$ approaches a fixed value p_i , that is:

$$\lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{p_j(t + \Delta t) - p_j(t)}{\Delta t} = \lambda_{j-1} p_{j-1}(t) - (\mu_j + \lambda_j) p_j(t) + \mu_{j+1} p_{j+1}(t)$$
$$\frac{dp_j(t)}{dt} = \lambda_{j-1} p_{j-1}(t) - (\mu_j + \lambda_j) p_j(t) + \mu_{j+1} p_{j+1}(t)$$
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Proof(Cont)

□ The sum of all probabilities must be equal to one:



M/M/1 Queue

- \square *M*/*M*/*1* queue is the most commonly used type of queue
- Used to model single processor systems or to model individual devices in a computer system
- □ Assumes that the interarrival times and the service times are exponentially distributed and there is only one server.
- No buffer or population size limitations and the service discipline is FCFS
- □ Need to know only the mean arrival rate λ and the mean service rate μ .
- \Box State = number of jobs in the system



Results for M/M/1 Queue

□ Birth-death processes with

$$\lambda_n = \lambda \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

$$\mu_n = \mu \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

□ Probability of *n* jobs in the system:

$$p_n = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n p_0 \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

□ The quantity λ/μ is called **traffic intensity** and is usually denoted by symbol ρ . Thus:

$$p_n = \rho^n p_0$$
 $n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$

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Results for M/M/1 Queue(Cont)

□ Mean number of jobs in the system:

$$E[n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} np_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(1-\rho)\rho^n = \frac{\rho}{1-\rho}$$

□ Variance of the number of jobs in the system:

$$\operatorname{Var}[n] = E[n^{2}] - (E[n])^{2}$$
$$= \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{2}(1-\rho)\rho^{n}\right) - (E[n])^{2} = \frac{\rho}{(1-\rho)^{2}}$$
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Box 31.1: M/M/1 Queue (Cont)	
14. q-Percentile of the response time = $E[r] \ln[100/(100-q)]$	_
15. 90-Percentile of the response time $= 2.3E[r]$	
16. Cumulative distribution function of waiting time: $F(w) = 1 - \rho e^{-\mu w(1-\rho)}$	
17. Mean waiting time: $E[w] = \rho(1/\mu)/(1-\rho)$	
18. Variance of the waiting time: $\operatorname{Var}[w] = (2 - \rho)\rho)/[\mu^2(1 - \rho)^2]$	
19. q-Percentile of the waiting time: $\max(0, \frac{E[w]}{\rho} \ln[100\rho/(100-q)])$	
20. 90-Percentile of the waiting time: $\max(0, \frac{E[w]}{\rho} \ln[10\rho])$	
21. Probability of finding <i>n</i> or more jobs in the system: ρ^n	
22. Probability of serving n jobs in one busy period: $\frac{1}{n} \begin{pmatrix} 2n-2\\ n-1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\rho^{n-1}}{(1+\rho)^{2n-1}}$	
23. Mean number of jobs served in one busy period: $\frac{1}{1-\rho}$	
24. Variance of number of jobs served in one busy period = $\frac{\rho(1+\rho)}{(1-\rho)^3}$	
25. Mean busy period duration: $\frac{1}{\mu(1-\rho)}$	
26. Variance of the busy period: $\frac{1}{\mu^2(1-\rho)^3} - \frac{1}{\mu^2(1-\rho)^2}$	
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Example 31.1

- □ On a network gateway, measurements show that the packets arrive at a mean rate of 125 packets per second (pps) and the gateway takes about two milliseconds to forward them. Using an M/M/1 model, analyze the gateway. What is the probability of buffer overflow if the gateway had only 13 buffers? How many buffers do we need to keep packet loss below one packet per million?
- □ Arrival rate $\lambda = 125$ pps
- □ Service rate $\mu = 1/.002 = 500$ pps
- **Gateway Utilization** $\rho = \lambda/\mu = 0.25$
- □ Probability of n packets in the gateway = $(1-\rho)\rho^n = 0.75(0.25)^n$)

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Example 31.1(Cont)

Mean Number of packets in the gateway

= \(\rho\) = 0.25\(0.75 = 0.33)

Mean time spent in the gateway

= (1/\(\mu\)/(1-\(\rho\)) = (1\(500)\)/(1-0.25)
= 2.66 milliseconds

Probability of buffer overflow

= P(more than 13 packets in the gateway)
= \(\rho^{14} = 0.25^{14} = 3.73 \times 10^{-9}\)^2 \approx 4 packets per billion packets.

To limit the probability of loss to less than 10^{-6}:

\(\rho^{n+1} \le 10^{-6}\)
n + 1 > log(10^{-6}) / log(0.25) = 9.96

We need about nine buffers \(\rho^{10} = 0.25^{10} = 2^{-20}\) \approx 10^{-6}\\(\expression 2017 Raj Jain 2017 Raj

Example 31.1(Cont) The last two results about buffer overflow are approximate. Strictly speaking, the gateway should actually be modeled as a finite buffer *M/M/1/B* queue. However, since the utilization is low and the number of buffers is far above the mean queue length, the results obtained are a close approximation.

Quiz 31 □ The average response time on a database system is three seconds. During a one minute observation interval, the idle time on the system was measured to be ten seconds. Using an M/M/I model for the system, determine the following: Given: E[r] =_____ $\rho =$ _____ 1. System utilization $u = _$ 2. Average service time per query $1/\mu =$ 3. Averate arrival rate $\lambda = \mu \rho =$ 4. Average number of jobs in the system E[n] = $\rho = \lambda/\mu$ $p_n = (1 - \rho)\rho^n$ Key: $E[n] = \rho/(1-\rho)$ $E[r] = (1/\mu)/(1-\rho)$ Washington University in St. Louis ©2017 Rai Jain 31-20

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Solution to Quiz 31

- □ The average response time on a database system is three seconds. During a one minute observation interval, the idle time on the system was measured to be ten seconds. Using an *M*/*M*/*l* model for the system, determine the following:
 - Given: $E[r] = \frac{1/\mu}{1-\rho} = 3$ $\rho = 50/60$
 - 1. System utilization $u = \rho = 5/6$
 - 2. Average service time per query $1/\mu = 3/6 = 0.5$ seconds
 - 3. Averate arrival rate $\lambda = \mu \rho = 2 \times (5/6) = 5/3 = 1.67$ jobs/s
 - 4. Average number of jobs in the system $E[n] = \rho/(1-\rho) = 5$ jobs











Homework 31

□ Submit answers to modified Exercise 31.3 The average response time on a database system is **five** seconds. During a one minute observation interval, the idle time on the system was measured to be **twelve** seconds. Using an M/M/Imodel for the system, determine the following: > a. System utilization > b. Average service time per query > c. Number of queries completed during the observation interval > d. Average number of jobs in the system > e. Probability of number of jobs in the system being greater than 10> f. 90-percentile response time

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> g. 90-percentile waiting time

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