Mean Value Analysis and Related Techniques and Related Techniques

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- 1. Analysis of Open Queueing Networks
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- 3. Approximate MVA
- 4. Balanced Job Bounds

Analysis of Open Queueing Networks Analysis of Open Queueing Networks

- **□** Used to represent transaction processing systems, such as airline reservation systems, or banking systems.
- \Box Transaction arrival rate is not dependent on the load on the computer system.
- **E** Arrivals are modeled as a Poisson process with a mean arrival rate λ.
- \Box Exact analysis of such systems
- **□ Assumption:** All devices in the system can be modeled as either **fixed-capacity service centers** (single server with exponentially distributed service time) or **delay centers** (infinite servers with exponentially distributed service time).

Analysis of Open Queueing Networks Analysis of Open Queueing Networks

□ For all fixed capacity service centers in an open queueing network, the response time is:

$$
R_i = S_i \left(1 + Q_i \right)
$$

- \Box On arrival at the *i*th device, the job sees Q_i jobs ahead (including the one in service) and expects to wait *Qi S*ⁱ seconds. Including the service to itself, the job should expect a total response time of $S_i(1+Q_i)$.
- **Assumption**: Service is memory-less (not operationally testable) \Rightarrow Not an operational law
- \Box Without the memory-less assumption, we would also need to know the time that the job currently in service has already consumed.

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Mean Performance Mean Performance

 \Box Assuming *job flow balance*, the throughput of the system is equal to the arrival rate:

$$
X=\mathcal{X}
$$

 \Box The throughput of *ⁱ*th device, using the *forced flow law* is:

$$
X_i=X\ V_i
$$

 \Box The utilization of the *ⁱ*th device, using the *utilization law* is:

$$
U_i = X_i S_i = X V_i S_i = \lambda D_i
$$

 \Box The queue length of *i*th device, using Little's law is:

$$
Q_i = X_i R_i = X_i S_i (1 + Q_i) = U_i (1 + Q_i)
$$

- Orr $Q_i = U_i/(1-U_i)$
- \Box Notice that the above equation for Q_i is identical to the equation for M/M/1 queues.

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Mean Performance Mean Performance

 \Box The device response times are:

$$
R_i = \frac{S_i}{1 - U_i}
$$

 \Box In delay centers, there are infinite servers and, therefore:

$$
R_i = S_i
$$

$$
Q_i = R_i X_i = S_i X V_i = X D_i = U_i
$$

 \Box Notice that the utilization of the delay center represents the mean number of jobs receiving service and does not need to be less than one.

O Device utilizations using the utilization law are:

$$
U_{CPU} = X D_{CPU} = 3 \times 0.16 = 0.48
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$$
U_A = X D_A = 3 \times 0.14 = 0.42
$$

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$$
U_B = X D_B = 3 \times 0.24 = 0.72
$$

 \Box The device response times using Equation 34.2 are:

$$
R_{CPU} = S_{CPU}/(1 - U_{CPU})
$$

= 0.01/(1 - 0.48) = 0.0192 sec

$$
R_A = S_A/(1 - U_A) = 0.02/(1 - 0.42) = 0.0345 sec
$$

$$
R_B = S_B/(1 - U_B) = 0.03/(1 - 0.72) = 0.107 sec
$$

 \Box Server response time:

$$
R = \sum_{i=1}^{n} V_i R_i
$$

= 16 × 0.0192 + 7 × 0.0345 + 8 × 0.107

1.400 Sec

 \Box We can quantify the impact of the following changes:

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Q: What if we increase the number of clients to 8? \Rightarrow Request arrival rate will go up by a factor of 8/6. U_{CPU} = $X D_{CPU}$ = 4 × 0.16 = 0.64 U_A = $XD_A = 4 \times 0.14 = 0.56$ U_B = $XD_B = 4 \times 0.24 = 0.96$ $R_{CPU} = S_{CPU}/(1-U_{CPU})$ $=$ 0.01/(1 - 0.64) = 0.0278 sec $R_A = S_A/(1-U_A) = 0.02/(1-0.56) = 0.0455$ sec $R_B = S_B/(1-U_B) = 0.03/(1-0.96) = 0.75$ sec $R = 16 \times 0.0278 + 7 \times 0.0455 + 8 \times 0.75 = 6.76$ sec **□** Conclusion: Server response time will degrade by a factor of $6.76/1.406 = 4.8$

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□ Q: What if we use a cache for disk B with a hit rate of 50%, although it increases the CPU overhead by 30% and the disk B service time (per I/O) by 10%.

O A:

 $V_B = 0.5 \times 8 = 4$ S_{CPU} = 1.3 × 0.01 = 0.013 \Rightarrow D_{CPU} = 0.208 sec $S_B = 1.1 \times 0.03 = 0.033 \Rightarrow D_B = 4 \times 0.033 = 0.132$ sec

 \Box The analysis of the changed systems is as follows:

$$
U_{CPU} = X D_{CPU} = 3 \times 0.208 = 0.624
$$

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$$
U_A = X D_A = 3 \times 0.14 = 0.42
$$

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$$
U_B = X D_B = 3 \times 0.132 = 0.396
$$

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$$
R_{CPU} = S_{CPU}/(1 - U_{CPU}) = 0.013/(1 - 0.624)
$$

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$$
= 0.0346 \text{ sec}
$$

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$$
R_A = S_A/(1 - U_A) = 0.02/(1 - 0.42) = 0.0345 \text{ sec}
$$

\n
$$
R_B = S_B/(1 - U_B) = 0.033/(1 - 0.396) = 0.0546 \text{ sec}
$$

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$$
R = 16 \times 0.0346 + 7 \times 0.0345 + 4 \times 0.0546 = 1.013 \text{ sec}
$$

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$$
\Box
$$
Thus, if we use a cache for Disk B, the server response time
\nwill improve by (1.406-1.013)/1.406 = 28%.

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 \Box Q: What if we have a lower cost server with only one disk (disk A) and direct all I/O requests to it?

$$
V_B\quad =\quad 0
$$

$$
V_A = 7 + 8 = 15
$$

$$
D_{CPU} = 0.16 \text{ sec (as before)}
$$

$$
D_A = 15 \times 0.02 = 0.3 \text{ sec}
$$

$$
U_{CPU} = X D_{CPU} = 3 \times 0.16 = 0.48
$$

$$
U_A = X D_A = 3 \times 0.3 = 0.90
$$

$$
R_{CPU} = S_{CPU} / (1 - U_{CPU}) = 0.01 / (1 - 0.48) = 0.0192 \text{ sec}
$$

$$
R_A = S_A/(1 - U_A) = 0.02/(1 - 0.90) = 0.2
$$
 sec

 $R = 16 \times 0.0192 + 15 \times 0.2 = 3.31$ sec **□** A: the server response time will degrade by a factor of $3.31/1.406 = 2.35$

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Mean-Value Analysis (MVA)

- Mean-value analysis (**MVA**) allows solving closed queueing networks in a manner similar to that used for open queueing networks
- \Box It gives the mean performance. The variance computation is not possible using this technique.
- \Box Initially limit to fixed-capacity service centers. Delay centers are considered later. Load-dependent service centers are also considered later.
- **□** Given a closed queueing network with *N* jobs: $R_i(N) = S_i (1 + Q_i (N-1))$
- \Box Here, $Q_i(N-1)$ is the mean queue length at *i*th device with *N-1* jobs in the network.
- \Box It assumes that the service is memoryless

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Mean-Value Analysis (MVA)

- \Box Since the performance with no users (N=0) can be easily computed, performance for any number of users can be computed iteratively.
- \Box Given the response times at individual devices, the system response time using the general response time law is: \overline{M}

$$
R(N)=\sum_{i=1}^M V_iR_i(N)
$$

 \Box The system throughput using the interactive response time law is: \overline{N}

$$
X(N) = \frac{1}{R(N) + Z}
$$

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Mean-Value Analysis (MVA)

□ The device throughputs measured in terms of jobs per second are:

$$
X_i(N) = X(N) V_i
$$

□ The device queue lengths with *N* jobs in the network using Little's law are:

 $Q_i(N) = X_i(N)$ $R_i(N) = X(N)$ V_i $R_i(N)$

□ Response time equation for delay centers is simply:

$$
R_i(N) = S_i
$$

□ Earlier equations for device throughputs and queue lengths apply to delay centers as well.

$$
\mathcal{Q}_i(0){=}0
$$

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Example 34.2 Example 34.2

- \Box Consider a timesharing system
- \Box Each user request makes ten I/O requests to disk A, and five I/O requests to disk B.
- \Box The service times per visit to disk A and disk B are 300 and 200 milliseconds, respectively.

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\n- □ Each request takes two seconds of CPU time and the user think time is four seconds.
$$
S_A = 0.3
$$
, $V_A = 10 \Rightarrow D_A = 3$ $S_B = 0.2$, $V_B = 5 \Rightarrow D_B = 1$ $D_{CPU} = 2$, $V_{CPU} = V_A + V_B + 1 = 16 \Rightarrow S_{CPU} = 0.125$ $Z = 4$, and $N = 20$
\n

 \Box Initialization:

¾ Number of users: *N=0*

 \triangleright Device queue lengths: $Q_{CPU}=0$, $Q_A=0$, $Q_B=0$

 \Box Iteration 1:

 \triangleright Number of users: N=1

¾ Device response times:

 $R_{CPU} = S_{CPU}(1 + Q_{CPU}) = 0.125(1 + 0) = 0.125$ $R_A = S_A(1+Q_A) = 0.3(1+0) = 0.3$ $R_B = S_B(1+Q_B) = 0.2(1+0) = 0.2$

¾ System Response time:

$$
R = R_{CPU}V_{CPU} + R_A V_A + R_B V_B
$$

 $0.125 \times 16 + 0.3 \times 10 + 0.2 \times 5 = 6$

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- ¾ System Throughput: *X=N/(R+Z)=1/(6+4)=0.1*
- ¾ Device queue lengths:

$$
Q_{CPU} = X R_{CPU} V_{CPU} = 0.1 \times 0.125 \times 16 = 0.2
$$

\n
$$
Q_A = X R_A V_A = 0.1 \times 0.3 \times 10 = 0.3
$$

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$$
Q_B = X R_B V_B = 0.1 \times 0.2 \times 5 = 0.1
$$

□ Iteration 2:

¾ Number of users: *N=2*

¾ Device response times:

 $R_{CPU} = S_{CPU}(1 + Q_{CPU}) = 0.125(1 + 0.2) = 0.15$ $R_A = S_A(1+Q_A) = 0.3(1+0.3) = 0.39$ $R_B = S_B(1 + Q_B) = 0.2(1 + 0.1) = 0.22$

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¾ System Response time:

$$
R = R_{CPU}V_{CPU} + R_AV_A + R_BV_B
$$

- $= 0.15 \times 16 + 0.39 \times 10 + 0.22 \times 5 = 7.4$
- \triangleright System Throughput: X=N/(R+Z)=2/(7.4+4)=0.175

¾ Device queue lengths:

 $Q_{CPU} = X R_{CPU} V_{CPU} = 0.175 \times 0.15 \times 16 = 0.421$ $Q_A = X R_A V_A = 0.175 \times 0.39 \times 10 = 0.684$ $Q_B = X R_B V_B = 0.175 \times 0.22 \times 5 = 0.193$

- \Box MVA is applicable only if the network is a product form network.
- \Box This means that the network should satisfy the conditions of job flow balance, one step behavior, and device homogeneity.
- **□** Also assumes that all service centers are either fixed-capacity service centers or delay centers.
- \Box In both cases, we assumed exponentially distributed service times.

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Approximate MVA Approximate MVA

- \Box Useful for large values of *N*
- \Box **Schweitzer's approximation**:
	- ¾ Estimate the queue lengths with *N* jobs and computing the response times and throughputs. The values so computed can be used to re-compute the queue lengths.
	- ¾ Assumes that as the number of jobs in a network increases, the queue length at each device increases proportionately.
- Analytically:

$$
\frac{Q_i(N)}{N} = a_i \text{ (Constant)} \quad \forall N
$$

Approximate MVA (Cont) Approximate MVA (Cont)

 \Box In particular, this implies:

Or

$$
\frac{Q_i(N-1)}{N-1} = \frac{Q_i(N)}{N}
$$

$$
Q_i(N-1) = \frac{N-1}{N} Q_i(N)
$$

■ MVA equations can, therefore, be written as follows:

$$
R_i(N) = \begin{cases} S_i(1 + \frac{N-1}{N}Q_i(N)) & \text{Fixed-capacity centers} \\ S_i & \text{Delay centers} \end{cases}
$$

$$
X(N) = \frac{N}{Z + \sum V_i R_i(N)}
$$

$$
Q_i(N) = X(N)V_i R_i(N)
$$

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Approximate MVA (Cont) Approximate MVA (Cont)

- \Box If the new values of Q_i are not close to the old values \Rightarrow continue iterating.
- \Box If they are sufficiently close, we stop.

Example 34.3 Example 34.3

- \Box Consider again the timesharing system of Example 34.1. Let us analyze this model using Schweitzer's approximation when there are 20 users on the system. The stopping criterion is to stop when the maximum absolute change in every queue length is less than 0.01.
- \Box The system parameters are:

 $S_A=0.3$, $V_A=10 \Rightarrow D_A=3$ $S_B = 0.2$, $V_B = 5 \Rightarrow D_B = 1$ $D_{CPU} = 2, V_{CPU} = V_A + V_B + 1 = 16 \Rightarrow S_{CPU} = 0.125$ \Box Z=4, and N=20

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 \Box To initialize the queue lengths, we assume that the 20 jobs are equally distributed among the three queues of CPU, disk A, and disk B.

$$
Q_{CPU} = Q_A = Q_B = 20/3 = 6.67
$$

 \Box Iteration 1:

¾ Device response times:

$$
R_{CPU} = S_{CPU}(1 + Q_{CPU}) = 0.125(1 + 6.77) = 0.92
$$

\n
$$
R_A = S_A(1 + Q_A) = 0.3(1 + 6.77) = 2.20
$$

\n
$$
R_B = S_B(1 + Q_B) = 0.2(1 + 6.77) = 1.47
$$

¾ System Response time:

$$
R = R_{CPU}V_{CPU} + R_A V_A + R_B V_B
$$

$$
= 0.92 \times 16 + 2.20 \times 10 + 1.47 \times 5 = 44
$$

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- ¾ System throughput: *X=N/(R+Z)=20/(44+4)=0.42*
- ¾ Device queue lengths:

 $Q_{CPU} = X R_{CPU} V_{CPU} = 0.42 \times 0.92 \times 16 = 6.11$ $Q_A = X R_A V_A = 0.42 \times 2.20 \times 10 = 9.17$ $Q_B = X R_B V_B = 0.42 \times 1.47 \times 5 = 3.06$

¾ Maximum absolute change in device queue lengths:

 $\Delta Q = \max\{|6.67 - 6.11|, |6.67 - 9.17|, |6.67 - 3.06|\}$

$$
= \max\{0.56, 2.5, 3.61\} = 3.61
$$

- **□** Common mistake: a small error in throughput does not imply that the approximation is satisfactory. The same applies to device utilizations, and the system response time.
- \Box In spite of a small error in any of these, the error in the device queue lengths may be quite large.

- Note that the throughput reaches close to its final value within five iterations, while the response time reaches close to its final value within six iterations.
- ⊔ Queue lengths take the longest to stabilize.
- \Box Notice, that for all values of *N* , the error in throughput is small; the error in response time is slightly larger; and error in queue lengths is the largest.

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Balanced Job Bounds Balanced Job Bounds

- A system without a bottleneck device is called a balanced system.
- \Box Balanced system has a better performance than a similar unbalanced system
	- ⇒ Allows getting two sided bounds on performance
- **□** An unbalanced system's performance can always be improved by replacing the bottleneck device with a faster device.
- **□** Balanced System: Total service time demands on all devices are equal.

Balanced Job Bounds (Cont) Balanced Job Bounds (Cont)

 \Box Thus, the response time and throughput of a time-sharing system can be bounded as follows:

$$
\max\left\{ ND_{max} - Z, D + (N - 1)D_{avg} \frac{D}{D + Z} \right\} \le R(N) \le D + (N - 1)D_{max} \frac{(N - 1)D}{(N - 1)D + Z}
$$

$$
\frac{N}{Z + D + (N - 1)D_{max} \frac{(N - 1)D}{(N - 1)D + Z}} \le X(N) \le \min\left\{ \frac{1}{D_{max}}, \frac{N}{Z + D + (N - 1)D_{avg} \frac{D}{D + Z}} \right\}
$$

- \Box Here, $D_{avg} = D/M$ is the average service demand per device.
- □ These equations are known as **balanced job bounds**.
- \Box These bounds are very tight in that the upper and lower bound are very close to each other and to the actual performance.
- \Box For batch systems, the bounds can be obtained by substituting *Z=0*

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Balanced Job Bounds (Cont) Balanced Job Bounds (Cont)

- **□** Assumption: All service centers except terminals are fixed-capacity service centers.
- **Terminals are represented by delay centers. No other** delay centers are allowed because the presence of delay centers invalidates several arguments related to D_{max} and D_{avg} .

Derivation of Balanced Job Bounds Derivation of Balanced Job Bounds

Steps:

- 1. Derive an expression for the throughput and response time of a balanced system.
- 2. Given an unbalanced system, construct a corresponding `best case' balanced system such that the number of devices is the same and the sum of demands is identical in the balanced and unbalanced systems. This produces the upper bounds on the performance.
- 3. Construct a corresponding `worst case' balanced system such that each device has a demand equal to the bottleneck and the number of devices is adjusted to make the sum of demands identical in the balanced and unbalanced systems. This produces the lower bounds on performance.

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- **□** Any timesharing system can be divided into two subsystems: the terminal subsystem consisting of terminals only, and the *central subsystem* consisting of the remaining devices.
- **□** Consider a system whose central subsystem is balanced in the sense that all *M* devices have the same total service demand:

$$
D_i=\frac{D}{M}
$$

- **□** Here, **D** is the sum of total service demands on the M devices.
- **Device response times using the mean-value analysis:**

$$
R_i(N) = S_i\{1 + Q_i(N-1)\} \qquad i = 1, 2, ..., M
$$

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 \Box \Box Since, the system is balanced, all Q_i 's are equal, and we have:

$$
Q_i(N-1) = \frac{Q(N-1)}{M}
$$

- \Box Here, *Q(j)* (without any subscript) denotes the total number of jobs in the central subsystem when there are *j* jobs in the system.
- \Box The number of jobs in the terminal subsystem is *j-Q(j) .*
- \Box The system response time is given by:

 \Box

$$
R(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} V_i R_i(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \frac{D}{M} \left(1 + \frac{Q(N-1)}{M} \right)
$$

Or

$$
R(N) = D + \frac{D}{M} Q(N-1)
$$

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- A non-iterative procedure to bound *Q(N)* is based on the following arguments.
- \Box If we replace the system with N workstations so that each user has his own workstation and the workstations are identical to the original system, then the new environment would have a better response time and better throughput.
- \Box The new environment consists of N single user systems and is, therefore, easy to model. Each user spends its time in cycles consisting of Z units of time thinking and D units of time computing. Each job has a probability $D/(D+Z)$ of being in the central subsystem (not at the terminal).

$$
\frac{Q(N)}{N} \ge \frac{D}{D+Z}
$$

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- **□** Now consider another environment like the previous one except that each user is given a workstation that is N times slower than the system being modeled. This new environment has a total computing power equivalent to the original system, but there is no sharing.
- \Box The users would be spending more time in the central subsystem. That is:

$$
\frac{Q(N)}{N} \le \frac{ND}{ND+Z}
$$

 The two equations above combined together result in the \Box following bounds on the number of jobs at the devices
 $\frac{D}{D+Z} \leq \frac{Q(N)}{N} \leq \frac{ND}{ND+Z}$ $(N-1)\frac{D}{D+Z} \le Q(N-1) \le (N-1)\frac{(N-1)D}{(N-1)D+Z}$

 \Box In terms of response time, this results in the following bounds:

$$
D + \frac{D}{M}(N-1)\frac{D}{D+Z} \le R(N) \le D + \frac{D}{M}(N-1)\frac{(N-1)D}{(N-1)D+Z}
$$

\nThis completes the first step of the derivation.

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 \Box Step 2 :Suppose we have an unbalanced system such that the service demands on *ⁱ*th device is *Di*

$$
D_{avg} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} D_i
$$

 \Box Bound on the performance of the unbalanced system:

$$
R(N) \ge D + (N - 1)D_{avg} \frac{D}{D + Z}
$$

and

$$
X(N) \le \frac{N}{Z + D + (N - 1)D_{avg} \frac{D}{D + Z}}
$$

 \Box **Q** and

 \Box The expressions on the right-hand side are for the balanced system. This completes the second step of the derivation.

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 \Box Step 3: Consider a balanced system in which $M' = D/D_{max}$ devices have nonzero demands, each equal to *Dmax* ; the remaining devices have zero demands and can, therefore, be deleted from the system.

$$
D + (N - 1)D_{max} \frac{(N - 1)D}{(N - 1)D + Z} \ge R(N)
$$

$$
\frac{N}{Z + D + (N - 1)D_{max} \frac{(N - 1)D}{(N - 1)D + Z}} \le X(N)
$$

- **□** The expressions on the left-hand side are for the balanced system.
- \Box Combining equations with asymptotic bounds we get the balanced job bounds.

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Example 34.4 Example 34.4

□ For the timesharing system of Example 34.1

▶
$$
D_{CPU} = 2
$$
, $D_A = 3$, $D_B = 1$, $Z = 4$
\n▶ $D = D_{CPU} + D_A + D_B = 2 + 3 + 1 = 6$
\n▶ $D_{avg} = D/3 = 2$
\n▶ $D_{max} = D_A = 3$

The balanced job bounds are:

$$
\frac{N}{4+6+(N-1)2\frac{6(N-1)}{6(N-1)+4}} \le X(N) \le \min\left\{\frac{1}{3}, \frac{N}{4+6+(N-1)3\frac{6}{6+4}}\right\}
$$

$$
\max\left\{3N-4, 6+(N-1)3\frac{6}{6+4}\right\} \ge R(N) \le 6+(N-1)2\frac{6(N-1)}{6(N-1)+4}
$$

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Summary Summary

- 1.Open queueing networks of M/M/1 or M/M/ ∞ can be analyzed exactly
- 2. MVA allows exact analysis of closed queueing networks. Given performance of N-1 users, get performance for N users.
- 3. Approximate MVA is used when there is a large number of users. Assume queue lengths for a system with N users and compute, response time, throughput, and queue lengths.
- 4. Balanced Job bounds: A balanced system with $D_i = D_{avg}$ will have better performance and an unbalanced system with some devices at *Dmax* and others at 0 will have worse performance.

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Homework Homework

For a timesharing system with two disks (user and system), the probabilities for jobs completing the service at the CPU were found to be 0.**75** to disk A, **0.15** to disk B, and **0.1** to the terminals. The user think time was measured to be 5 seconds, the disk service times are 30 milliseconds and 25 milliseconds, while the average service time per visit to the CPU was 40 milliseconds.

Using the queueing network model shown in Figure 33.8:

- a. Use MVA to compute system throughput and response time for N=1,...,5 interactive users
- b.Use Schweitzer's approximation to MVA with $N=5$ users. Use a starting value of 5/3 for each of the three device queue lengths and stop after 5 iterations
- c. Write the expressions for balanced job bounds on the system throughput and response time of the system and compute the bounds for up to $N=5$ users.

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