

Queuing Theory without probabilities

- Queueing system
 - servers + waiting rooms
 - customers arrive, wait, get served, depart or go to next server
 - queueing disciplines
 - non-preemptive: fifo, priority, ...
 - preemptive: round-robin, multi-level feedback, ...
- Operating systems are examples of queueing systems
 - servers: hw/sw resources (cpu, disk, req handler, ...)
 - customers: PCBs, TCBs, ...
- Given: arrival rates, service times, queueing disciplines, ...
- Obtain: queue sizes, response times, fairness, bottlenecks, ...

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- Consider cars traveling on a road with a turn
 - each car takes 3 seconds to go through the turn
 - at most one car can be in the turn at any time
- N(t): # cars in the turn and waiting to enter the turn

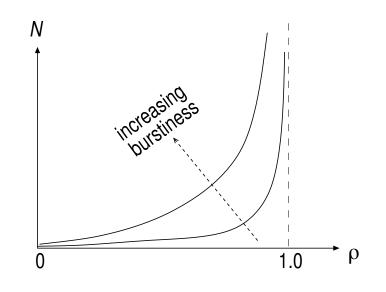


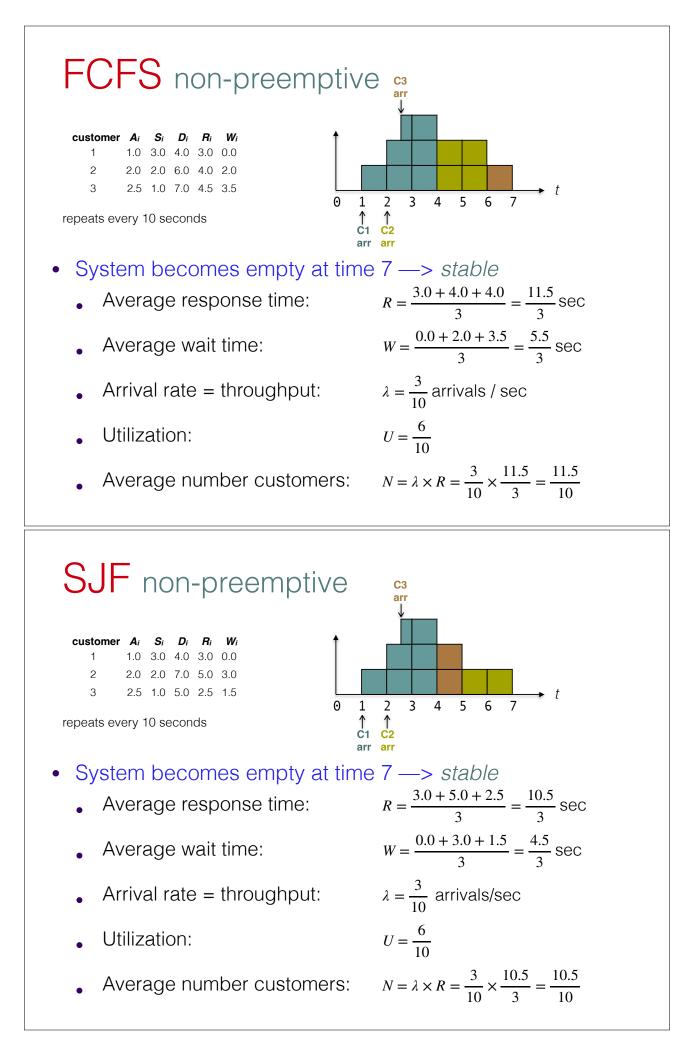
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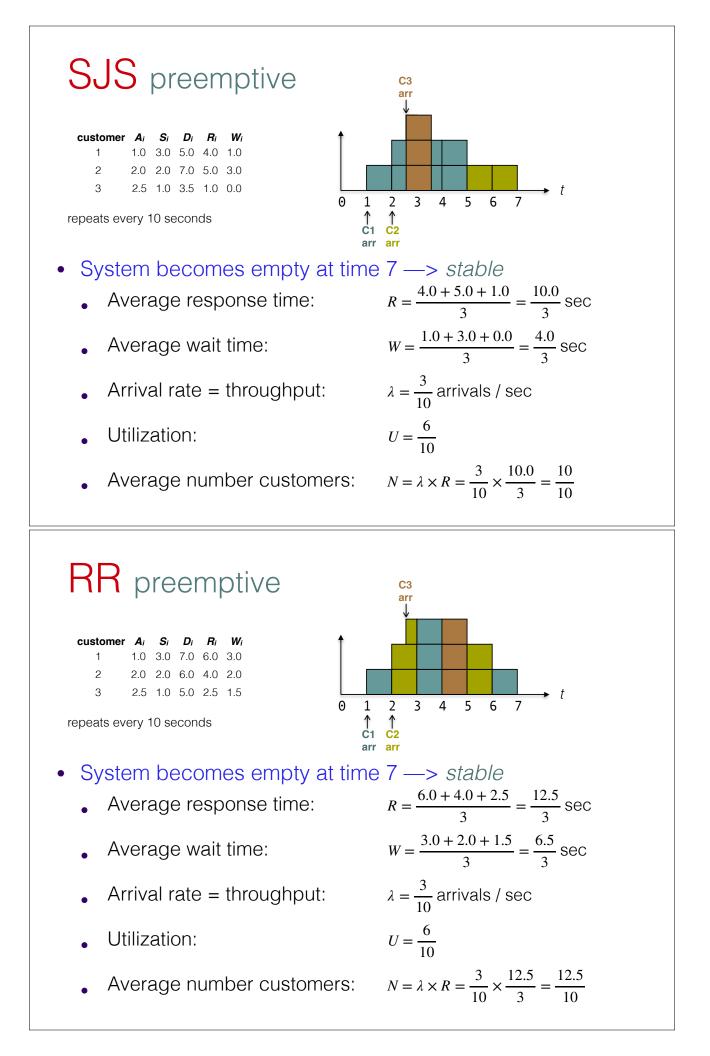
- Assume unending stream of customers:
 - arrival rate λ or X: # arrivals per second
 - average service time S: work needed per customer
 - average response time *R*: *departure time D arrival time A*
 - average wait time W: response time service time
 - throughput X: # departures per sec averaged over all time
 - average customers in system N: waiting or busy
 - utilization U: fraction of time server is busy
- Typical goal
 - Given: arrival rate, avg service time, queueing discipline
 - Obtain: average response time, average queue size
- Little's Law (for any steady-state system):
 - $N = \lambda \times R$

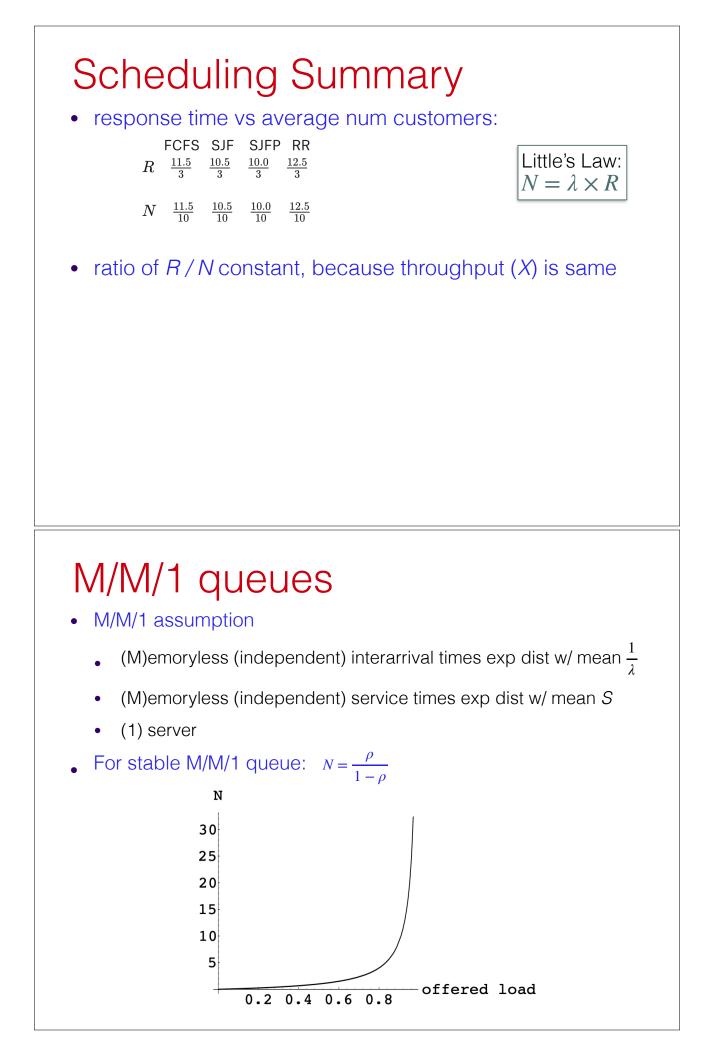
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- Avg queue size N increases exponentially with load ρ
 - becoming ∞ as $\rho \rightarrow 1$
- N increases as burstiness increases



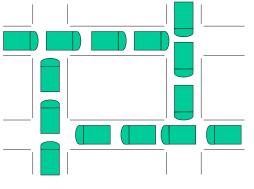






Deadlocks

- Necessary conditions for deadlock
 - Mutual exclusion Threads claim exclusive control of resources
 - Hold and wait Threads hold resources while waiting for additional resources
 - No preemption Resources cannot be removed from threads that hold them
 - **Circular wait** There exists a chain of threads such that each holds one or more resources that are requested by the next thread in the chain
- What to do?
 - prevent
 - avoid
 - deal with when they occur
 - pretend they never happen

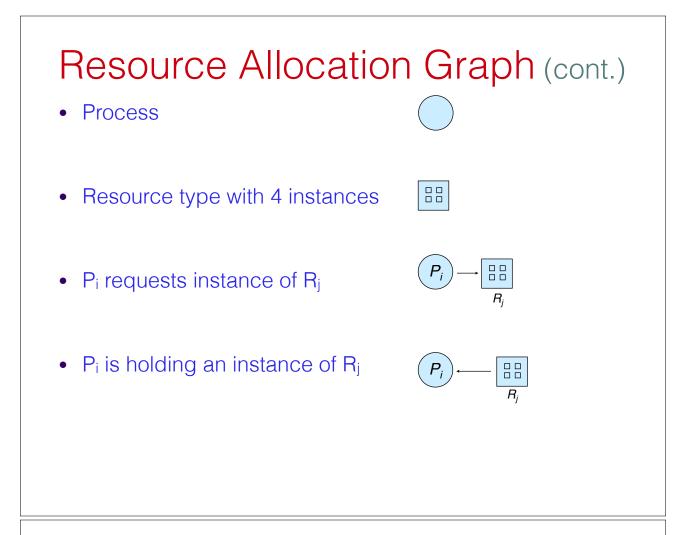


Resource Allocation Graph

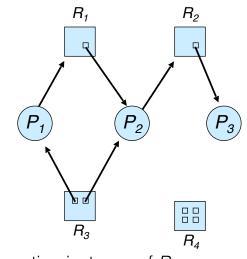
A set of vertices V and a set of edges E:

• V is partitioned into two types:

- $P = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$, the set of all the processes in the system
- $R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m\}$, the set of all resource types in the system
- request edge: directed edge $P_i \rightarrow R_i$
- assignment edge: directed edge $R_i \rightarrow P_i$

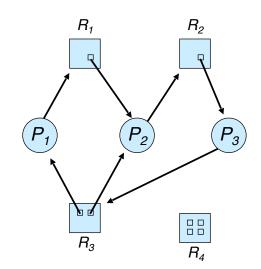


Resource Allocation Graph example



- P_1 requesting instance of R_1
- P_2 requesting instance of R_2
- one R_1 held by P_1
- one R_2 held by P_3
- distinct R_3 instances held by P_1 and P_2

Resource Allocation Graph deadlock



- $P_2 \rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow P_3 \rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow P_2$
- $R_3 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow R_1 \rightarrow P_2$

deadlock not deadlock, but blocked by deadlock

Handling Deadlocks what to do

- What to do?
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Deadlock Prevention

- Try to prevent one of the four conditions from holding true
 - Difficult to eliminate mutual exclusion
 - Prevent threads from requesting new resources when holding other resources (eliminates hold and wait)
 - Require threads not immediately able to get all needed resources to give up those they have (eliminates no preemption)
 - Require agreed-upon resource acquisition ordering (eliminates circular waiting).

Deadlock Prevention circular wait

• Agree on lexicographic ordering on lock acquisitions:

T1: pthread_mutex_lock(m1); (1)

T2: pthread_mutex_lock(m2); (2)

pthread_mutex_lock(m2);

pthread_mutex_lock(m1);

• or address-based:

```
if (m1 > m2) { // grab in high-to-low address order
    pthread_mutex_lock(m1);
    pthread_mutex_lock(m2);
} else {
    pthread_mutex_lock(m2);
    pthread_mutex_lock(m1);
}
```

Deadlock Prevention circular wait . Agree on lexicographic ordering on lock acquisitions: [1: pthread_mutex_lock(m1); 1 [1: pthread_mutex_lock(m1); 1 [2: pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 1 [2: pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m1); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m1); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m1); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m1); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m1); 2 pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 2 pthread

Deadlock Prevention circular wait

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Deadlock Prevention hold and wait

• Acquire all locks at once:

pthread_mutex_lock(prevention); // begin acquisition
pthread_mutex_lock(L1);
pthread_mutex_lock(L2);
...
pthread_mutex_unlock(prevention); // end

- But:
 - prevention lock is global
 - need complete information

Deadlock Prevention no preemption

• Try locks

atomically grab lock if available, or return w/ error

```
top:
```

```
pthread_mutex_lock(L1);
if (pthread_mutex_trylock(L2) != 0) {
    pthread_mutex_unlock(L1);
    goto top;
}
```

```
// begin acquisition
```

- Works even if other thread choose different order. However: livelock:
 - Possible, though unlikely, that the threads both repeatedly back off. We could fix this with random delays.
 - Other issue is *encapsulation*: some of the locks might be acquired in called functions, making jump back to initial state more difficult

Deadlock Prevention mutual exclusion

- Lock-free and wait-free data structures and algorithms
 - use atomic instructions such as *CompareAndSwap*

// pseudocode of atomic assembly instruction

• Use with the following:

```
void AtomicIncrement(int *value, int amount) {
    do {
        int old = *value;
     } while (CompareAndSwap(value, old, old + amount) == 0);
}
```

Deadlock Prevention more wait-free

// mutex-based

```
void insert(int value) {
    node_t *n = malloc(sizeof(node_t));
    n->value = value;
    pthread_mutex_lock(listlock); // begin critical section
    n->next = head;
    head = n;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(listlock); // end critical section
}
```

```
// fixed
```

```
void insert(int value) {
    node_t *n = malloc(sizeof(node_t)); assert(n != NULL);
    n->value = value;
    do{
        n->next = head;
    } while (CompareAndSwap(&head, n->next, n) == 0);
}
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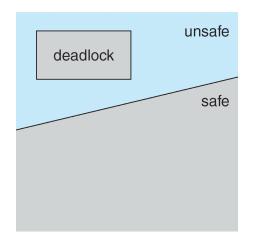
Deadlock Avoidance safe states

When a process requests an available resource, system must decide if immediate allocation leaves the system in a safe state.

- System is in *safe state* if there exists:
 - sequence $\langle P_1, P_2, ..., P_n \rangle$ of ALL the processes in the systems such that for each P_i , the resources that P_i can still request can be satisfied by currently available resources + resources held by all P_i s.t. j < i
- That is:
 - If P_i's resource needs are not immediately available, then P_i can wait until all P_i have finished
 - When *P_j* is finished, *P_i* can obtain needed resources, execute, return allocated resources, and terminate
 - When P_i terminates, P_{i+1} can obtain its needed resources, ...

Deadlock Avoidance safe states

- In other words:
 - System is in safe state \longrightarrow no deadlocks
 - System is in unsafe state \longrightarrow possibility of deadlocks
- Avoidance of unsafe states ensure no deadlocks.



Deadlock Avoidance safe states

- Single instance of a resource type
 - Use a resource-allocation graph
- Multiple instances of resource types
 - Use the banker's algorithm

Deadlock Avoidance safe states

- New <u>claim</u> edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$ indicates P_i may request resource R_I . (represented by dashed line)
- <u>Claim</u> edge converts to <u>request</u> edge when a process requests a resource
- <u>Request</u> edge converted to an <u>assignment</u> edge when the resource is allocated to the process
- When a resource is released by a process, <u>assignment</u> edge reconverts to a <u>claim</u> edge
- Resources must be <u>claimed</u> a priori in the system.

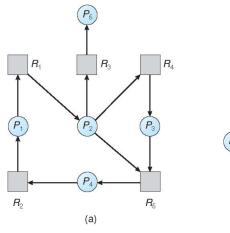
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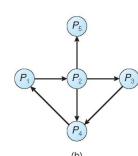
A request by P_i for resource R_j can be granted only if converting the request edge to an assignment edge does not result in the formation of a cycle in the resource allocation graph

Deadlock Mitigation dealing with it

- Maintain wait-for graph
 - Nodes are processes
 - $P_i \rightarrow P_j$ if P_i is waiting for resource held by P_j
- Periodically invoke an algorithm that searches for a cycle in the graph. If there is a cycle, there exists a deadlock
- An algorithm to detect a cycle in a graph requires an order of n^2 operations, where n is the number of vertices in the graph

Deadlock Mitigation dealing with it





Resource-Allocation Graph

Corresponding wait-for graph

- Construct the waits for graph
- Check for cycles
- Pick any thread of the cycle and kill it

Deadlock Mitigation ignoring it

"Not everything worth doing is worth doing well" - Tom West

- Consequence may be
 - minor
 - very rare