

# Gestion de la contention

## Probabilité pour l'Informatique et Évaluation de Performances

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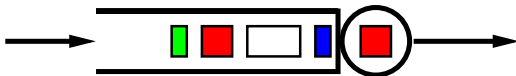
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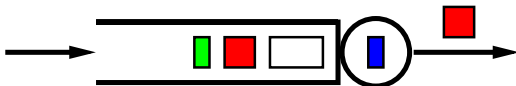
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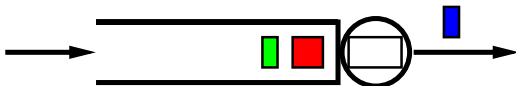
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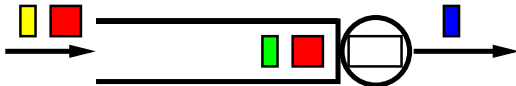
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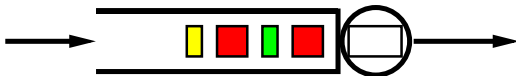
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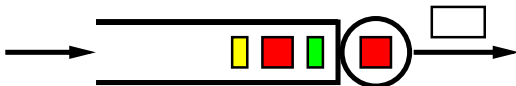




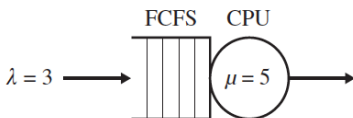
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## Quiz from Harchol-Balter(2013)



If  $\lambda \rightarrow 2\lambda$ ,  
by how much  
should  $\mu$  increase?

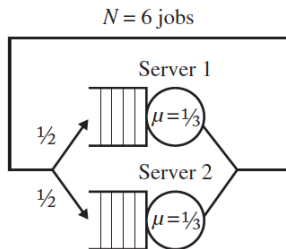
**Figure 1.2.** A system with a single CPU that serves jobs in FCFS order.

### Answers

- (a) Double the CPU speed
- (b) More than Double the CPU speed
- (c) Less than double the CPU speed

*Performance Modeling and Design of Computer Systems: Queueing Theory in Action* Mor Harchol-Balter, Cambridge University Press, 2013

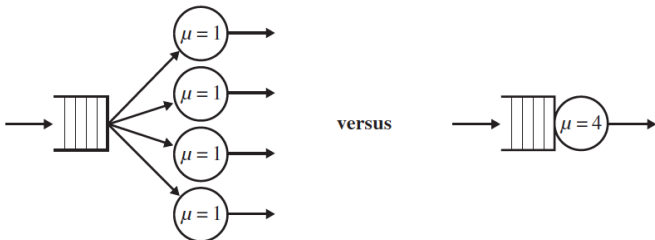
## Quizz (2)



**Figure 1.3.** A closed batch system.

**Question** You replace server 1 with a server that is twice as fast (the new server services jobs at an average rate of 2 jobs every 3 seconds). Does this “improvement” affect the average response time in the system? Does it affect the throughput?

## Quizz (3)



**Figure 1.5.** Which is better for minimizing mean response time: many slow servers or one fast server?

## Quizz (4)

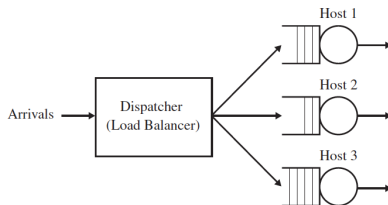


Figure 1.6. A distributed server system with a central dispatcher.

### Task assignment policies

Random

Round-Robin

Shortest-Queue

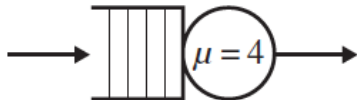
Size-Interval-Task-Assignment (SITA)

Least-Work-Left (LWL)

Central-Queue

**Question:** Which of these task assignment policies yields the lowest mean response time?

## Quizz (4)



### Scheduling strategy

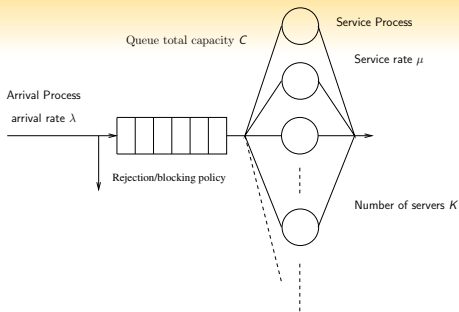
Random

Non-Preemptive Last-Come-First-Served (LCFS)

First-Come-First-Served (FCFS)

**Question:** Which of these non-preemptive service orders will result in the lowest mean response time?

# Kendall's notation



## Notation : $A/S/K/C/Disc$

- $A$  : arrival process
- $B$  : service process
- $K$  : number of servers
- $C$  : total queue capacity (including currently served customers)
- $Disc$  : Service discipline (FIFO, LIFO, PS, Quantum, Priorities,...)

# Process types

## Arrival or service process

- $M$  : memoryless (exponential distribution);
- $D$  : deterministic (constant);
- $U$  : uniform distribution;
- $Erl_k$  : Erlang distribution (sum of exponentially distributed RV,  $\gamma(k, \lambda)$ );
- $H_k$  : Hyper-exponential distribution
- $GI$  : general independent (given arbitrary distribution) independence between inter arrivals or services
- $G$  : general

Usually service times and inter arrival processes are independent



# Service discipline

- *FIFO* : First In First Out
- *LIFO* : Last In First Out
  - pre-emptive or non pre-emptive
  - resume, restart with same service, restart with new service
- Quantum : round-robin policy
  - PS : asymptotic
- Priority
  - pre-emptive or non pre-emptive
  - resume, restart with same service, restart with new service
- Adaptive discipline

## David George Kendall



Born: 15 January 1918 in Ripon, Yorkshire, England

Died: 23 October 2007 in Cambridge, England

*One highlight was his pioneering work of 1949 on stochastic (or random) processes for population growth. Another was his classic 1951 paper on queuing theory, which was motivated by the scheduling problems of aircraft and runways during the Berlin air lift of 1948-49. A third was a series of penetrating studies, with G.E.H. Reuter, of Markov processes (roughly, random processes without memory).*

The Independent/MacTutor History

Another biography by G. Grimmet

# System variables

## User variables

- Input rate  $\lambda$  or inter-arrival  $\delta$
- Service time  $\sigma$  or  $S$  (service rate  $\mu$ )
- Waiting time  $W$
- Response time  $R$  (in some books  $W$ )
- Rejection probability

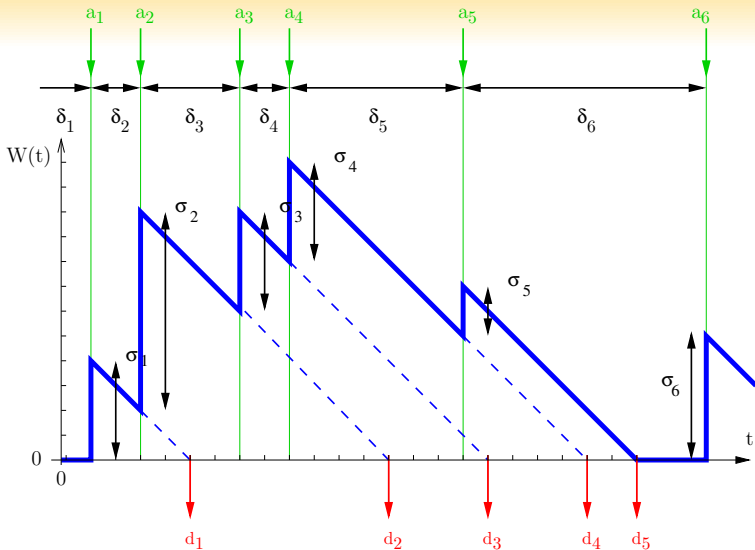
## Resource variables

- Resource utilisation (offered load)  $\rho$
- Queue occupation  $N$
- System availability

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# One Server Queue load



## Lindley's formula

$W_n$  is the waiting time of the  $n$ -th task. It is a dynamical system of the form  $W_n = \varphi(W_{n-1}, X_n)$  with  $X_n = \sigma_{n-1} - \delta_n$  and  $\varphi$  defined by the

### Lindley's equation:

$$W_n = \max \{ W_{n-1} + X_n, 0 \} .$$

- FIFO scheduling
- Non-linear evolution equation

## Stability of the $G/G/1$ queue

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_n &= \max \{ W_{n-1} + X_n, 0 \}, \\
 &\quad \text{expanding the relation} \\
 &= \max \{ \max(W_{n-2} + X_{n-1}, 0) + X_n, 0 \}, \\
 &\quad \text{property } \max\{\max\{a, b\}, c\} = \max\{a, b, c\} \\
 &= \max \{ W_{n-2} + X_{n-1} + X_n, X_n, 0 \}, \\
 &= \max \{ W_{n-3} + X_{n-2} + X_{n-1} + X_n, X_{n-1} + X_n, X_n, 0 \}, \\
 &= \max \{ W_0 + X_1 + \cdots + X_{n-1} + X_n, \cdots, X_{n-1} + X_n, X_n, 0 \}, \\
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 &\quad \text{renumbering of variables iid} \\
 &\sim \max \{ X_n + \cdots + X_2 + X_1, \cdots, X_2 + X_1, X_1, 0 \}, \\
 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} M_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$W_n =_{st} M_n = \max \{ X_n + \cdots + X_1, M_{n-1} \} .$$

## Stability of the $G/G/1$ queue (2)

$$W_n =_{st} M_n = \max \{M_{n-1}, X_1 + \dots + X_n\}.$$

$M_n$  is a non-decreasing sequence

Either  $M_n \rightarrow M_\infty$  or  $M_n \rightarrow +\infty$

### Stability

- $\mathbb{E}X = \mathbb{E}(\sigma - \delta) < 0$  The system is **Stable**

$$M_\infty =_{st} \max(M_\infty + X, 0).$$

Functional equation on the distribution

$$\mathbb{P}(M_\infty < x) \stackrel{def}{=} F(x) = \int F(x - u) dF_X(u).$$

Condition :  $\mathbb{E}\sigma < \mathbb{E}\delta$  or  $\lambda < \mu$

- $\mathbb{E}X = \mathbb{E}(\sigma - \delta) > 0$  The system is **Unstable**

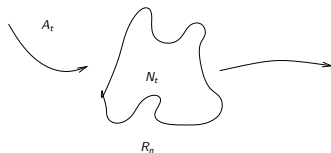
**Depends only on service and inter-arrival expectation**



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# Little's Formula



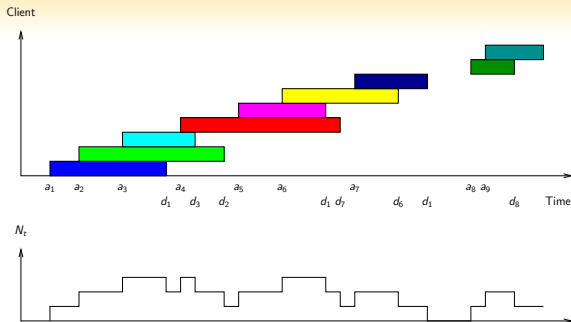
## Assumptions

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{A_t}{t} = \lambda, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t N_s ds = \mathbb{E}N \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i = \mathbb{E}R,$$

## Little's Formula

$$\mathbb{E}N = \lambda \mathbb{E}R.$$

# Little's Formula (proof)

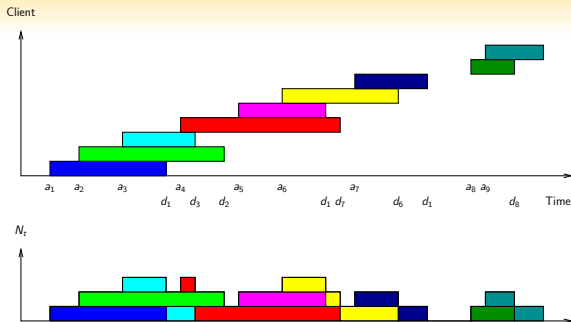


$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T N_s ds = \frac{A_T}{T} \frac{1}{A_T} \sum_{i=1}^{A_T} R_i.$$

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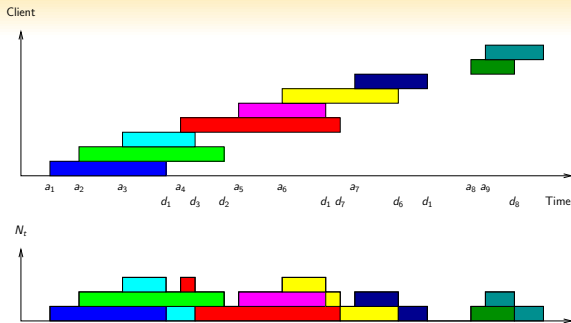
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# Little's Formula (examples)

## Server utilization

$$\rho = \lambda \mathbb{E}S$$

## M/M/1 queue

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}, \mathbb{E}N = \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}$$

Response time

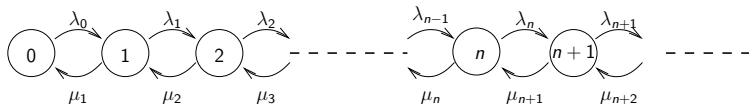
$$\mathbb{E}N = \lambda \mathbb{E}W$$

**Valid for all service disciplines**

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# Birth and Death models



- Stationary distribution

$$\pi_n = \pi_0 \cdot \frac{\lambda_0 \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_{n-1}}{\mu_1 \mu_2 \cdots \mu_n}$$

- Stability condition

$$\sum_n \frac{\lambda_0 \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_{n-1}}{\mu_1 \mu_2 \cdots \mu_n} < \infty$$

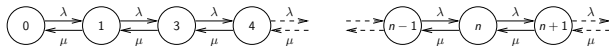
- Model of many systems  
queueing systems, reliability models, epidemic models, systems of particles, ...



## The classic M/M/1 queue



$\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ , number of clients in the queue at time  $t$  is a Birth-and-Death process

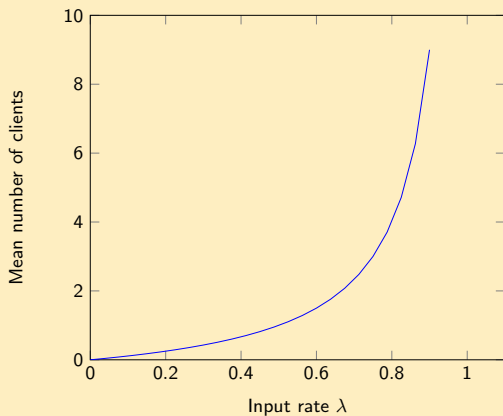


### Formula

- **Load** of the queue  $\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$  (utilization of the server)
- **Stability** of the queue  $\rho < 1$
- **Steady-state** of the queue  $\pi_n = (1 - \rho)\rho^n$  (geometric distribution)
- **Mean number of clients** in the queue  $\bar{N} = \frac{\rho}{1-\rho}$
- **Mean response time** of clients  $\bar{W} = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$
- **Overflow probability**  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq n) = \rho^n$
- **Buzy period**  $\bar{B} = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$

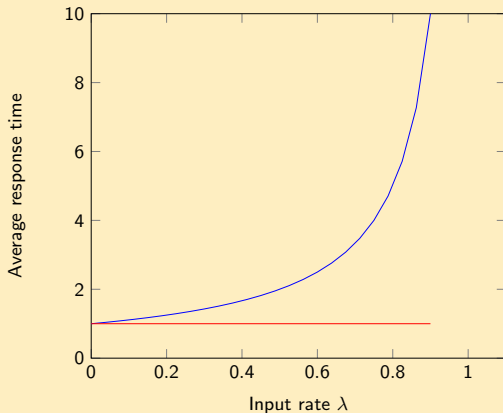
# Performances

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## Average response time $\mu = 1$



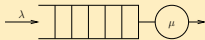
With a FIFO scheduling  $W \sim \mathcal{E}\left(\frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}\right)$

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# Synthesis

The basic building block :  
the queue



The Kendall's notation

$A/S/K/C/Disc$

Stability Condition and  
Average Identities

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} < 1.$$

Little's formula

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Formula : Markovian simple queue

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