

Facility Logistics Management

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Exponential Queueing Networks: Open Jackson Networks

- Stations 1, ... , *M*
- Station *m* has *c_m* parallel identical servers
- Jobs arrive according to Poisson stream with rate λ
- Arriving job joins station m with probability γ_m
- Service times in station m are Exponential with rate μ_m
- Service is in order of arrival
- Routing: Job moves from station m to n with probability p_{mn} and leaves system with probability p_{m0}



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• λ_m is total arrival rate to station *m*

$$\lambda_m = \gamma_m \lambda + \sum_{n=1}^M \lambda_n p_{nm}, \quad m = 1, ..., M$$

• Stability

$$\rho_m = \frac{\lambda_m}{c_m \mu_m} < 1 \quad m = 1, \dots, M$$

• Bottleneck station *b*

$$\rho_b = \max_{1 \le m \le M} \rho_m$$



Exponential Single Server Network: Open Jackson Networks

- Network states $\underline{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_M)$ where k_m is number of jobs in station m
- State probabilities $p(k_1, k_2, ..., k_M)$ satisfy balance equations $(c_m = 1)$

$$p(\underline{k})\left(\lambda + \sum_{m=1}^{M} \mu_m \epsilon(k_m)\right) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} p(\underline{k} + \underline{e}_m) \mu_m p_{m0} + \sum_{n=1}^{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} p(\underline{k} + \underline{e}_n - \underline{e}_m) \mu_n p_{nm} \epsilon(k_m) + \sum_{m=1}^{M} p(\underline{k} - \underline{e}_m) \lambda \gamma_m \epsilon(k_m)$$

where $\underline{e}_m = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$ with 1 at place m and $\epsilon(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

• State probabilities $p(k_1, k_2, ..., k_M)$ have product form

$$p(\underline{k}) = p_1(k_1)p_2(k_2)\cdots p_M(k_M)$$

where

$$p_m(k_m) = (1 - \rho_m)\rho_m^{k_m}$$
 $k_m = 0, 1, ...$

and $\rho_m = \lambda_m / \mu_m$

• Jackson's miracle: This is just the product of M/M/1 solutions!

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Exponential Single Server Network: Open Jackson Networks

- Queue lengths at stations are independent (when you take a snapshot)!
- Inflow to station *i* is in general not Poisson! But you can do as if
- Example:



$$\mu = 1/\epsilon$$
 , $p = 1 - \epsilon$ (so $\mu(1 - p) = 1$), $\lambda \ll 1$

• Arrival pattern



- So not Poisson!
- Question: What is the solution for an exponential multi-server network?
- Answer: This is the product of $M/M/c_m$ solutions!



Exponential open job shops: Open Jackson Networks

- Queue lengths at workstations are independent (if you take a snapshot)!
- Inflow to workstation *m* is in general not Poisson! But you can "do as if"
- Infinite server station $c_m = \infty$

$$p_m(k_m) = e^{-\rho_m} \frac{\rho_m^{k_m}}{k_m!}$$
 (Poisson distribution)

where $\rho_m = \lambda_m / \mu_m$

- Distribution for $c_m = \infty$ also valid for general service time distribution!
- Infinite server stations useful to describe transportation delay
- Product form result also valid for fixed route C_1 , C_2 , ..., C_n in which case

$$\lambda_m = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}[C_i = m]$$

where $\mathbf{1}[C_i = m] = 1$ if $C_i = m$ and 0 otherwise

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Exponential open job shops: Example



- *M* = 2 workstations
- $c_1 = c_2 = 1$ (single server network)
- Arriving jobs join workstation 1 ($\gamma_1 = 1$)
- Routing: $p_{12} = 1 p_{10} = \frac{1}{2}$, $p_{21} = 1 p_{20} = \frac{2}{3}$
- Question: What is mean time spent in system?
- Answer: $\lambda_1 = \frac{3}{2}\lambda$, $\lambda_2 = \frac{3}{4}\lambda$ (note: $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda} = \frac{3}{2}$ is mean number of visits of a job to station 1)
- Stability: $\lambda_1 < \mu_1$, $\lambda_2 < \mu_2$, so $\lambda < \min\{\frac{2}{3}\mu_1, \frac{4}{3}\mu_2\}$
- $E(S_1) = \frac{1}{\mu_1 \lambda_1}$, $E(S_2) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 \lambda_2}$, $E(S) = \frac{3}{2}E(S_1) + \frac{3}{4}E(S_2)$

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- Routing: $p_{12} = 1 p_{10} = \frac{1}{2}$, $p_{21} = 1 p_{20} = \frac{2}{3}$
- Question: What is mean time spent in system in case of fixed routing: 1, 2, 1?
- Answer: $\lambda_1 = 2\lambda$, $\lambda_2 = \lambda$
- Stability: $\lambda_1 < \mu_1$, $\lambda_2 < \mu_2$, so $\lambda < \min\{\frac{1}{2}\mu_1, \mu_2\}$
- $E(S_1) = \frac{1}{\mu_1 \lambda_1}$, $E(S_2) = \frac{1}{\mu_2 \lambda_2}$, $E(S) = 2E(S_1) + E(S_2)$



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- Question: What is mean time spent in system in case of transportation delays *T* between station 1 and 2?
- Answer: Mean number of times a job transported from station 1 to 2 is $\frac{3}{4}$, so add $\frac{3}{4}T$ to mean flow time E(S)



General open job shops

- Stations 1, ... , *M*
- Station *m* has *c_m* parallel identical servers
- Jobs arrive according to general stream with general inter-arrival times A, with with rate $\lambda = 1/E(A)$
- Arriving job joins station m with probability γ_m
- Service times in station m are General with mean $E(B_m)$ and coefficient of variation c_{B_m}
- Service is in order of arrival
- Routing: Job moves from station m to n with probability p_{mn} and leaves system with probability p_{m0}



General open job shops

- Lesson from Jackson networks: Each station can be analyzed in isolation with appropriate arrival process
- Approach for "large randomly routed networks":
 - Arrival process at each station is "random", thus approximately Poisson with rate λ_m

$$\lambda_m = \gamma_m \lambda + \sum_{n=1}^M \lambda_j p_{nm}, \quad m = 1, \dots, M$$

- Model each workstation *m* as M/G/c with Poisson arrival rate λ_m , $c = c_m$ and $B = B_m$

$$E(S_m) \approx \frac{1}{2}(1 + c_{B_m}^2) \frac{\prod_{W_m}}{1 - \rho_m} \frac{E(B_m)}{c_m} + E(B_m)$$

where \prod_{W_m} is probability of waiting in corresponding M/M/c with $\lambda = \lambda_m$, $\mu_m = 1/E(B_m)$ and $c = c_m$