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The system can contain at most *m* customers at any given time. A single server serves a customer, and the queue length cannot exceed m - 1.

- λ: Arrival rate
- μ: Service rate

Balance Equations:

For
$$n = 0$$
: $\lambda P_0 = \mu P_1$

For
$$n = 1, 2, ..., m - 1$$
: $\lambda P_{n-1} + \mu P_{n+1} = \lambda P_n + \mu P_n$

For
$$n = m$$
: $\lambda P_{m-1} = \mu P_m$



For n = 0: $\lambda P_0 = \mu P_1 \implies P_1 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_0$ For n = 1: $\lambda P_0 + \mu P_2 = \lambda P_1 + \mu P_1 \implies P_2 = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 P_0$ For n = 2: $\lambda P_1 + \mu P_3 = \lambda P_2 + \mu P_2 \implies P_3 = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^3 P_0$

• For
$$n = m$$
: $\implies P_m = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P_{m-1} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^m P_0$

In this model, due to the assumption of finite queue length, the sum of probabilities for a finite number of states will be 1. Depending on the values of λ and μ , two cases arise:

ln the case of $\lambda = \mu$:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} P_n = 1 \implies \sum_{n=0}^{m} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n P_0 = (m+1)P_0 = 1 \implies P_0 = \frac{1}{m+1}$$

• In the case of
$$\lambda \neq \mu$$
:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} P_n = 1 \implies \sum_{n=0}^{m} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n P_0 = P_0 \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)} = 1$$
$$\implies P_0 = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}}$$

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Accordingly, the probability of the system being empty can be summarized as follows:

$$P_{0} = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}} & , \lambda \neq \mu \\ \frac{1}{m+1} & , \lambda = \mu \end{cases}$$

The probability of having n customers in the system can be calculated as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{n} = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n} \cdot \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}} &, \lambda \neq \mu \\ \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n} \cdot \frac{1}{m+1} &, \lambda = \mu \end{cases}$$

L_s: Expected number of customers in the system

$$L_s = \mathbb{E}(n) = \sum_{n=0}^m n P_n = \sum_{n=1}^m n P_n$$

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Again, depending on the values of λ and μ , there are two cases for L_s :

ln the case of $\lambda = \mu$:

$$L_s = \sum_{n=1}^m n P_n = \sum_{n=1}^m n \cdot \frac{1}{m+1} = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=1}^m n = \frac{1}{m+1} \frac{m(m+1)}{2} = \frac{m}{2}$$

ln the case of $\lambda \neq \mu$:

$$L_{s} = \sum_{n=1}^{m} nP_{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{m} n\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n} P_{0} = P_{0} \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{m} n\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n}}_{S_{m}}$$
$$S_{m} = 1 \cdot \frac{\lambda}{\mu} + 2 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{2} + 3 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{3} + \dots + m \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m}$$
$$-\frac{\lambda}{\mu} S_{m} = -\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{2} - 2 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{3} - 3 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{4} - \dots - m \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}$$

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The last two equations are summed side by side:

$$\begin{split} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right) S_m &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu} + \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^m - m\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^m}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} - m\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mu} - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} - (m+1)\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} + \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mu} - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} + \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+2}}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} - (m+1)\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\left(1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}\right)}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} - (m+1)\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1} \end{split}$$

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If the expression is rearranged:

$$S_m = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2} - \frac{(m+1)\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}$$

Substituting this sum into $L_s = P_0 S_m$:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{s} &= \frac{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}} \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{2}} - \frac{(m+1)\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} - \frac{(m+1)\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}} \end{split}$$

Accordingly, the expected number of customers in the system can be summarized as follows:

$$L_{s} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} - (m+1) \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{m+1}} & , \lambda \neq \mu \\ \frac{m}{2} & , \lambda = \mu \end{cases}$$

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P_m: Probability of the system being busy

$$P_m = 1 - P_0$$

L_q: Expected number of customers in the queue

$$L_q = L_s - P_m = L_s - (1 - P_0)$$

> λ_e : Effective arrival rate

$$\lambda_e = \lambda (1 - P_m)$$

Ws: Average waiting time in the system

$$W_s = rac{L_s}{\lambda_e} = rac{L_s}{\lambda(1-P_m)}$$

W_q: Average waiting time in the queue

$$W_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda_e} = \frac{L_q}{\lambda(1-P_m)}$$

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In this model, it is assumed that there are *s* parallel servers, and each parallel server is identical.

- λ: Arrival rate
- μ: Service rate of each server
- s: Number of parallel servers
- n: Number of customers in the system

The effect of using parallel servers is a proportionate increase in the facility service rate:

- $n \le s \implies$ No queue forms
- *n* > *s* ⇒ *s* customers are in service, and (*n* − *s*) customers are waiting in the queue.

In the previous models, it was assumed that $\lambda < \mu$. In this multi-server model, due to *s* parallel servers, it is assumed that $\lambda < \mu \cdot s$. Here, the product $\mu \cdot s$ can be interpreted as the service capacity.

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Model 3: Infinite Arrival Rate Multi-Server Queue Model Balance Equations: For $s \le n$;

► For
$$n = s \implies \lambda P_{s-1} + s\mu P_{s+1} = \lambda P_s + s\mu P_s \implies P_{s+1} = \frac{\lambda}{s\mu} P_s$$

► For
 $n = s+1 \implies \lambda P_s + s\mu P_{s+2} = \lambda P_{s+1} + s\mu P_{s+1} \implies P_{s+2} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^2 P_s$
► :
► For $n = s + k \implies P_{s+k} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^k P_s$

By writing k = n - s in the last expression, the probability of having *n* customers in the system for $s \le n$ is obtained:

$$P_{n} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^{n-s} P_{s} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^{n-s} \frac{1}{s!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{s} P_{0} = \frac{1}{s!} \frac{1}{s^{n-s}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n} P_{0}$$

For all cases, the probability of having *n* customers in the system can be summarized as follows:

$$P_{n} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n} P_{0} & , 0 \leq n < s \\ \frac{1}{s!} \frac{1}{s^{n-s}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n} P_{0} & , s \leq n \end{cases}$$

Considering the sum of all probabilities:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n = \sum_{n=0}^{s-1} P_n + \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} P_n = \sum_{n=0}^{s-1} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n P_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{n=s}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \frac{1}{s^{n-s}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n P_0}_{T}$$

T can be calculated as follows:

$$T = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \frac{1}{s^{n-s}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n P_0 = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \frac{1}{s^{-s}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^n P_0 = \frac{P_0}{s!s^{-s}} \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^n$$

Under the assumption $\lambda < \mu \cdot s$;

$$T = \frac{P_0}{s! s^{-s}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^s \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{s\mu}} = \frac{P_0}{s!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^s \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{s\mu}}$$

Substituting this into the sum of probabilities;

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n = \sum_{n=0}^{s-1} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n P_0 + \frac{P_0}{s!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^s \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{s\mu}} = 1$$

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Therefore, the probability of the system being empty is calculated as follows:

$$P_0 = \left[\sum_{n=0}^{s-1} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n + \frac{1}{s!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^s \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{s\mu}}\right]^-$$

 L_q : Expected number of customers in the queue

$$L_q = \mathbb{E}(n-s) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} (n-s)P_n = \frac{P_0}{s!s^{-s}} \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} (n-s) \left(\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^n = \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^s \frac{\lambda}{s\mu}}{s!\left(1-\frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right)^2} P_0$$

L_s: Expected number of customers in the system

$$L_s = L_q + s rac{\lambda}{s\mu} = L_q + rac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

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 W_s : Average waiting time in the system

$$W_s = \frac{L_s}{\lambda}$$

 W_q : Average waiting time in the queue

$$W_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda}$$

Probability of waiting for service

$$\mathbb{P}(n \geq s) = \sum_{n=s}^{\infty} P_n = \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^s}{s! \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{s\mu}\right]} P_0.$$

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There are 3 service desks at a post office. Approximately 192 customers arrive every day. Each business day consists of 8 hours. The average service time for each customer is 5 minutes. Therefore;

- a) What is the probability of having no customers in the post office?
- b) What is the probability of at least one service desk being busy?
- c) What is the probability of waiting for service?
- d) What is the expected number of customers in the queue?
- e) What is the expected number of customers in the system?
- f) What is the average waiting time for each customer in the queue?

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