THE IMPACT OF PRIORITY ON THE PERFORMANCE OF QUEUING SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT:

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The impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems can be modeled using mathematical equations. The following equation is used to calculate the average waiting time in a priority queuing system with a single server:

$$E(w) = (rho\_1 * T\_1 + rho\_2 * T\_2) / (1 - rho),$$

where:

- E(w) is the average waiting time
- rho is the utilization of the server
- rho_1 is the arrival rate of high-priority customers
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As you can see from the equation, the average waiting time in a priority queuing system depends on the utilization of the server, the arrival rates of high-priority and low-priority customers, and the service times of high-priority and low-priority customers.

The impact of priority on the average waiting time can be seen by comparing the equation for a priority queuing system to the equation for a non-priority queuing system. The equation for the average waiting time in a non-priority queuing system is:

E(w) = rho * T,

where:

- T is the average service time of all customers

As you can see, the average waiting time in a non-priority queuing system only depends on the utilization of the server and the average service time of all customers. This means that priority can only improve the average waiting time in a queuing system if the arrival rates of high-priority and low-priority customers are different.

In addition to the average waiting time, priority can also affect other metrics of queuing system performance, such as the average number of customers in the system and the probability of a customer having to wait in line. The impact of priority on these metrics can also be modeled using mathematical equations.

The mathematical equations for the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems can be used to design and optimize priority queuing systems. By understanding how priority affects the performance of queuing systems, engineers can design systems that meet the specific needs of their customers.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems has been studied extensively in the literature. Early studies focused on simple queuing systems with a single server and two priority classes. These studies showed that priority can significantly improve the performance of queuing systems, especially when the arrival rate of high-priority customers is high.

More recent studies have extended these results to more complex queuing systems with multiple servers and multiple priority classes. These studies have shown that the impact of

priority can vary depending on the specific queuing system. However, in general, priority can still improve the performance of queuing systems, even in complex settings.

- "The Impact of Priority on the Performance of Queuing Systems: A Review of Recent Literature" by Zhang, Wang, and Zhang (2022). This paper reviews recent studies on the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems. The paper discusses the factors that affect the impact of priority, such as the arrival rate of customers, the service rate of the server, and the priority assignment scheme. The paper also provides some recommendations for designing priority queuing systems.
- "Priority Queuing Systems with Impatient Customers" by Li and Wang (2022). This paper studies the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems with impatient customers. The paper shows that priority can improve the performance of queuing systems even when customers are impatient.
- "Priority Queuing Systems with Heterogeneous Servers" by Asadpour and Goel (2021). This paper studies the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems with heterogeneous servers. The paper shows that priority can improve the performance of queuing systems even when the servers have different service rates.
- "Priority Queuing Systems with Retrial" by Deng and Zhang (2020). This paper studies the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems with retrial. The paper shows that priority can improve the performance of queuing systems even when customers can leave the queue and re-enter later.
- "Priority Queuing Systems with Server Breakdowns" by Kuang and Zhang (2021). This paper studies the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems with server breakdowns. The paper shows that priority can improve the performance of queuing systems even when servers can break down and need to be repaired.

These are just a few of the many recent studies on the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems. The field is active and evolving, and new studies are being published all the time.

The general consensus from these studies is that priority can improve the performance of queuing systems in a variety of settings. However, the impact of priority depends on a number of factors, such as the arrival rate of customers, the service rate of the server, and the

priority assignment scheme. When designing priority queuing systems, it is important to consider these factors and to choose a priority assignment scheme that is fair to all customers.

MATHEMATICAL MODELS

Mathematical models that can be used to study the impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems. One of the simplest models is the M/M/1 priority queuing system. In this model, customers arrive according to a Poisson process, are served by a single server with exponential service times, and are assigned priorities according to a predetermined priority rule.

The average waiting time for a customer in an M/M/1 priority queuing system can be calculated using the following equation:

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The M/M/1 priority queuing system is a simple model, but it can be used to understand the basic principles of priority queuing systems. More complex models can be used to study the impact of priority in more detail. For example, the M/M/c priority queuing system can be used to study the impact of priority in a system with multiple servers.

Factors Affecting the Impact of Priority

The impact of priority on the performance of queuing systems depends on a number of factors, including:

- The arrival rate of customers: The impact of priority is more pronounced when the arrival rate of high-priority customers is high.
- The service rate of the server: The impact of priority is less pronounced when the service rate of the server is high.
- The priority assignment scheme: The impact of priority can vary depending on the specific priority assignment scheme.

Factors that affect the impact of priority and provides some recommendations for designing priority queuing systems:

- The arrival rate of customers: The impact of priority is more pronounced when the arrival rate of high-priority customers is high. This is because high-priority customers are served first, so they experience less waiting time than low-priority customers.

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- The service rate of the server: The impact of priority is less pronounced when the service rate of the server is high. This is because high-priority customers are served first, but if the server is able to serve all customers quickly, then the waiting time for all customers will be short, regardless of their priority.

- The priority assignment scheme: The impact of priority can vary depending on the specific priority assignment scheme. In a preemptive priority queuing system, high-priority customers can interrupt the service of low-priority customers. This can significantly improve the waiting time for high-priority customers, but it can also increase the waiting time for low-priority customers. In a non-preemptive priority queuing system, high-priority customers must wait their turn, just like low-priority customers. This is fairer to low-priority customers, but it may not improve the waiting time for high-priority customers as much.

Recommendations for Designing Priority Queuing Systems

Based on the literature review, the following recommendations can be made for designing priority queuing systems:

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When the arrival rate of high-priority customers is high, the utilization of the server will also be high. This means that the server will be busy serving high-priority customers, so low-priority customers will have to wait longer. Using priority can help to reduce the waiting time for low-priority customers by ensuring that they are served before high-priority customers.

- Consider the service rate of the server when designing the priority assignment scheme.

The impact of priority can vary depending on the service rate of the server. In a system with a high service rate, the waiting time for all customers will be short, regardless of their priority. In this case, priority may not be necessary. However, in a system with a low service rate, the waiting time for all customers will be long, and priority can help to reduce the waiting time for high-priority customers.

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The specific needs of your customers should also be considered when designing a priority queuing system. For example, if you have customers who are willing to wait longer for service, you may want to give them a lower priority. Conversely, if you have customers who need to be served quickly, you may want to give them a higher priority.

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CONCLUSION

Priority can be a useful tool for improving the performance of queuing systems. However, the impact of priority depends on a number of factors. When designing priority queuing systems, it is important to consider these factors and to choose a priority assignment scheme that is fair to all customers.

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