



On Single Server Queue with Batch Arrivals †

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Abstract: We consider a queuing system $GI^v|M|1|\infty$ with arrival of customer batches, general renewal arrivals, exponential service times, single service channel and infinite number of waiting positions, customers are serviced in the order of their arrival. In the stationary case a new form of the probability generating functions of the number of clients in the system is derived. This new form is written in terms of the p.g.f. of the tail distribution function of the number of customers per group and of the p.g.f. of a embedded discrete time homogeneous Markov chain. In a queuing system with batch Poisson arrival flow $M_\lambda^v|M_\mu|1|\infty$ the number of customers in the system can be obtained from the normalized tail distribution.

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1. Introduction

Many practical application in communication systems, production systems, transportation and stocking systems, information processing systems, etc., can be modelled as queueing system. Therefore the queuing theory is very useful for solving this problems. One of the important types of queueing systems is bulk queueing systems [1]. The batch queues is a class of queues in which arrival or service (or both) is in bulks. Many scientific publications is devoted to this type of queueing systems [2,3].

In this manuscript we consider a batch queueing system $GI^v|M|1|\infty$. It was considered in the works [4,5]. The brief description of this system is as follows. Customers arrival moments $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n < \dots$ constitute a renewal process [6] with the probability generating function $P\{t_n - t_{n-1} < t\} = F(t)$. Customers arrive in batches at a single server queue. At every moment t_n a group of ν_n customers arrives. A collection of this random variables ν_n is independent and identically distributed. Additionally suppose that ν_n are bounded and

$$\alpha(z) = Mz^{\nu_n} = \alpha_1 z + \alpha_2 z^2 + \dots + \alpha_m z^m, \alpha_m \neq 0$$

is its generating function. The system has single service channel and service time is exponentially distributed with parameter μ . The queue has infinite capacity and customers are serviced in the order of their arrival.

Let a stochastic process $\zeta(t)$ denote the number of customers in the queueing system at time t . The stationary distribution of this process can be described using the probability generating function

$$P(z) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Mz^{\zeta(t)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n z^n. \tag{1}$$

The probability p_n can be interpreted as the fraction of time that n customers are in the system.



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Consider process $\zeta(t)$ at arrival moments of batches of customers and denote

$$\xi_n = \zeta(t_n - 0), n = 1, 2, \dots, \xi_1 = 0.$$

Then ξ_n describe the number of customers in systems at the arrival moment of batches of customers t_n . It's obvious [4] that the sequence of ξ_n constitutes a homogeneous Markov chain.

The stationary distribution of the chain ξ_n to can be described using the probability generating function

$$\pi(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Mz^{\xi_n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \pi_k z^k. \tag{2}$$

We will calculate the stationary distribution of the process $\zeta(t)$ by calculating the corresponding distribution in the embedded Markov chain ξ_n .

It is known [4,5] that Markov chain ξ_n has a stationary distribution if and only if

$$\nu = \sum_{k=0}^m k\alpha_k < \mu T, \tag{3}$$

where $T = \int_0^{\infty} t dF(t)$ is the average inter-arrival time, and

$$\nu = Mv_n = \alpha'(z)|_{z=1}$$

is the average number of customers in an arriving batch. The steady state condition (3) of queue can be written in the traffic rate form

$$\rho = \frac{\nu}{\mu T} < 1 \tag{4}$$

where ρ is the traffic rate, here generalized for batch systems. Next, we suppose that the inequality (4) holds.

2. Results

As we will see below, some normalized tail probabilities [7], and only they connect the stationary distribution of the stochastic process $\zeta(t)$ with the stationary distribution of the chain ξ_n . Therefore, it will be convenient to use a notation for the distribution tails of v_n . So we shall write

$$A_k = P\{v_n \geq k\} = \sum_{l=k}^m \alpha_l, k = 1, \dots, m$$

and

$$A(z) = \frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{k=1}^m A_k z^k. \tag{5}$$

In this case, it is easy to see that $A(z)$ is the probability generating function for some discrete random variable ζ with the probability mass function

$$q_k = P\{\zeta = k\} = A_k/\nu, k = 1, \dots, m.$$

Let's call the probability distributions given by $\{q_k\}$ the normalized distribution tails and $A(z)$ the probability generating function of the normalized distribution tails.

For $A(z)$ it can be shown that

$$A(z) = \frac{z}{\nu} \frac{1 - \alpha(z)}{1 - z}.$$

So, we have the following chain of equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V}{z}A(z) &= \sum_{l=k}^m A_k z^{k-1} = \\ &= \alpha_1 + \alpha_2(1+z) + \dots + \alpha_m(1+z+\dots+z^{m-1}) = \\ &= \frac{\alpha_1(1-z) + \alpha_2(1-z^2) + \dots + \alpha_m(1-z^m)}{1-z} = \\ &= \frac{1 - \alpha_1 z - \alpha_2 z^2 - \dots - \alpha_m z^m}{1-z} = \frac{1 - \alpha(z)}{1-z}. \end{aligned}$$

This approach allows us to formulate two theorem.

Theorem 1. Under the condition stationary distribution of the process $\zeta(t)$ exists and it may be defined by the generating funtion

$$P(z) = \rho\pi(z)A(z) + 1 - \rho, \tag{6}$$

where $A(z)$ is the probability generating function (5), ρ is traffic rate (4), $\pi(z)$ is defined by (2).

Remark 1. Formula (6) show that the distribution of the probability p_n is a mixture the degenerate distribution and distribution can be represented as convolution of two distributions: one of which is the distribution of the nested Markov chain, and the other is the normalized tail distribution of the arriving batch sizes.

Now let us consider a queuing system $M_\lambda^V | M_\mu | 1 | \infty$ with batch Poisson arrival flow in which the arrival rate constant λ , i.e., batch of customers arrive with exponential interarrival times with mean $T = \frac{1}{\lambda}$. In this case , the following theorem holds.

Theorem 2. For sistem $M_\lambda^V | M_\mu | 1 | \infty$ under (4) the condition stationary distribution of the process $\zeta(t)$ exists and it may be defined by the generating funtion

$$P(z) = \pi(z) = \frac{1 - \rho}{1 - \rho A(z)} \tag{7}$$

where $A(z)$ from (5), and ρ is traffic rate (4), $\pi(z)$ is defined by (2).

3. Conclusions

In this article, we studied relationships among probability distributions in a single server batch queueing model $GI_\lambda^V | M_\mu | 1 | \infty$. Future research may be devoted to the search for similar probabilistic relationships between the target sequence of probabilities and the corresponding nested Markov chain in other queuing systems.

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

p.g.f. probability generating functions

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