

18-847F: Special Topics in Computer Systems

Foundations of Cloud and Machine Learning Infrastructure



Lecture 3: Basics of Queueing Theory

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Announcements

HW1 will be released tonight. Due on Sept 16th on Gradescope.

1 Programming problem on MapReduce – Submit code on Canvas

Problem 1 of the HW is due on Sept 9th, before the effective presentations workshop

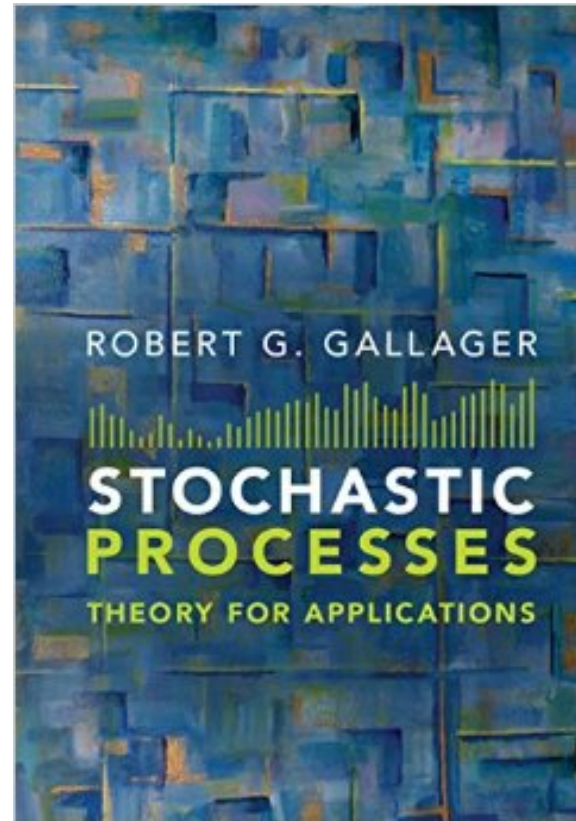
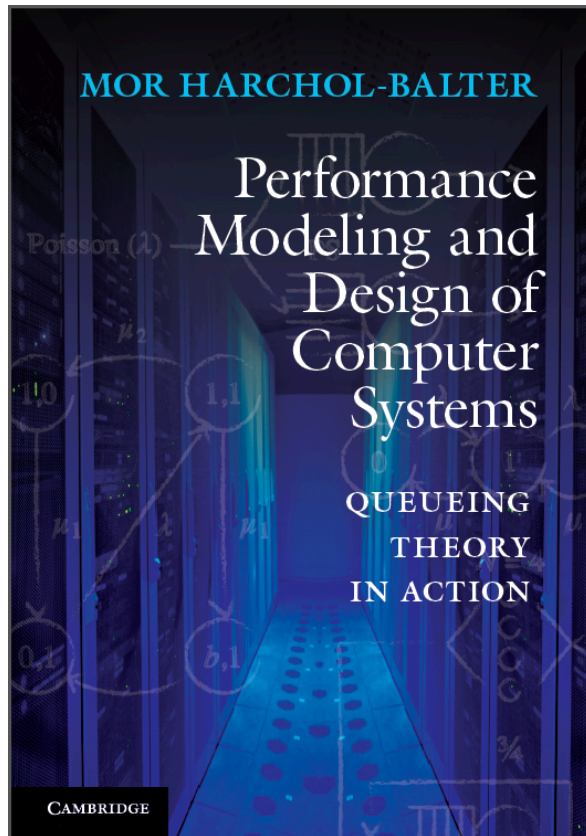
TA Office Hours: Tues 11:30 am- 12:30 pm, CIC 4112, Bellefield Room

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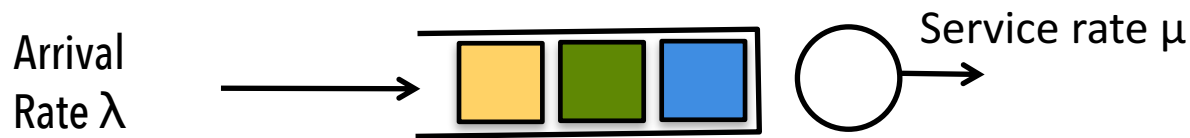
Queueing Theory



Reference Textbooks



Queueing Terminology



Mean Service Time

$$E[S] = 1/\mu$$

Mean Waiting Time

$$E[W]$$

Mean Response Time

$$E[T] = E[W] + E[S]$$

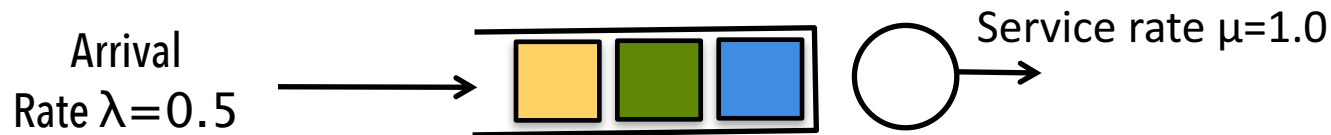
Mean # Customers in Queue

$$E[N]$$

Server Utilization or Load

$$\rho = \lambda/\mu$$

Exercise: First-come first-served Queue



$t=0$ Yellow job arrives

$t=2.5$ Blue job leaves

$t=4$ Green job leaves

$t=5$ Yellow job leaves at time $t=5$

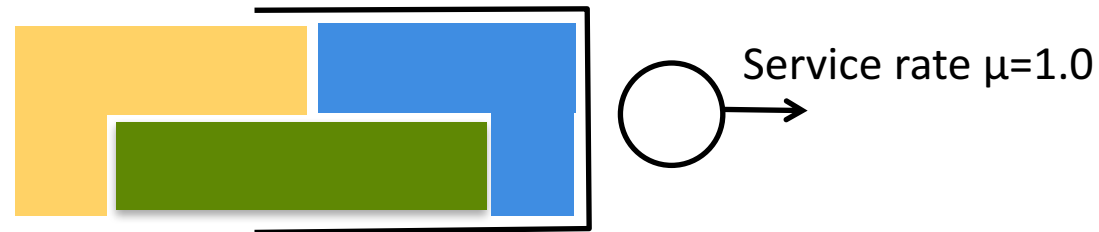
Q1: Waiting Time W of the yellow job?

Q2: Service Time S of the yellow job?

Q3: Response time T of the yellow job?

Q4: Load on the system? What happens if $\lambda=1.1$?

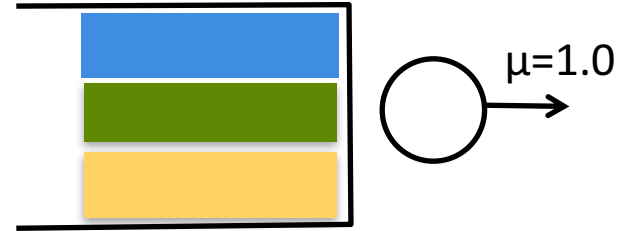
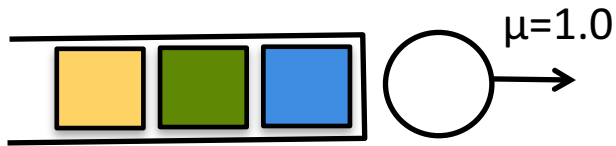
Processor-Sharing Queues



- t = 0 Blue job arrives
- t = 0.5 Green job arrives
- t = 1.5 Yellow job arrives
- t = 1.5 Blue job leaves
- t = 2.5 Green job leaves
- t = 3.0 Yellow job leaves

First-come First-served vs. Processor-Sharing

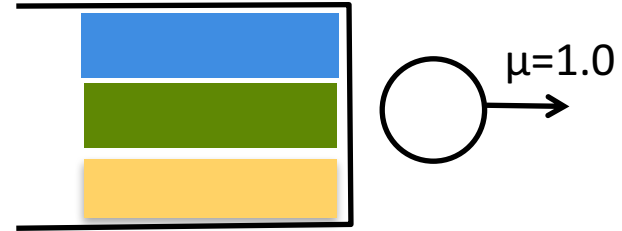
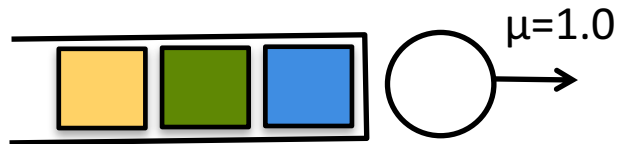
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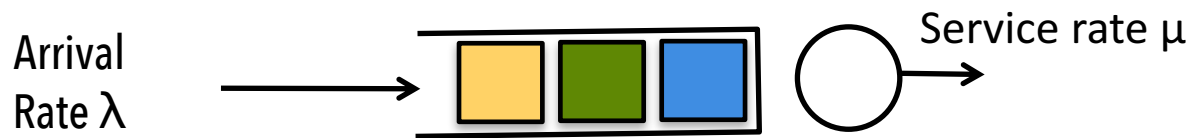
$$\begin{aligned}E[T_{\text{blue}}] &= 1.0 \\E[T_{\text{green}}] &= 2.0 \\E[T_{\text{yellow}}] &= 3.0\end{aligned}$$

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Then why use processor-sharing?

- To avoid starving small jobs that get stuck behind large ones
- For jobs that interact with each other

We will focus on FCFS jobs in this lecture



Mean Service Time

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Mean Waiting Time

$$E[W]$$

Mean Response Time

$$E[T] = E[W] + E[S]$$

Mean # Customers in Queue

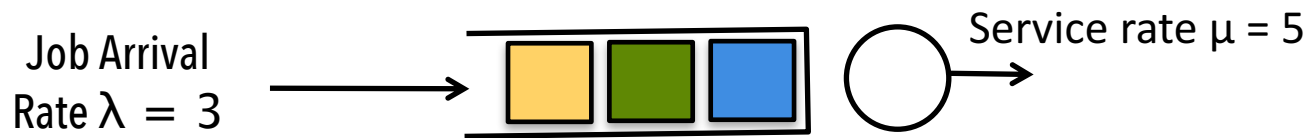
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Design Question 1

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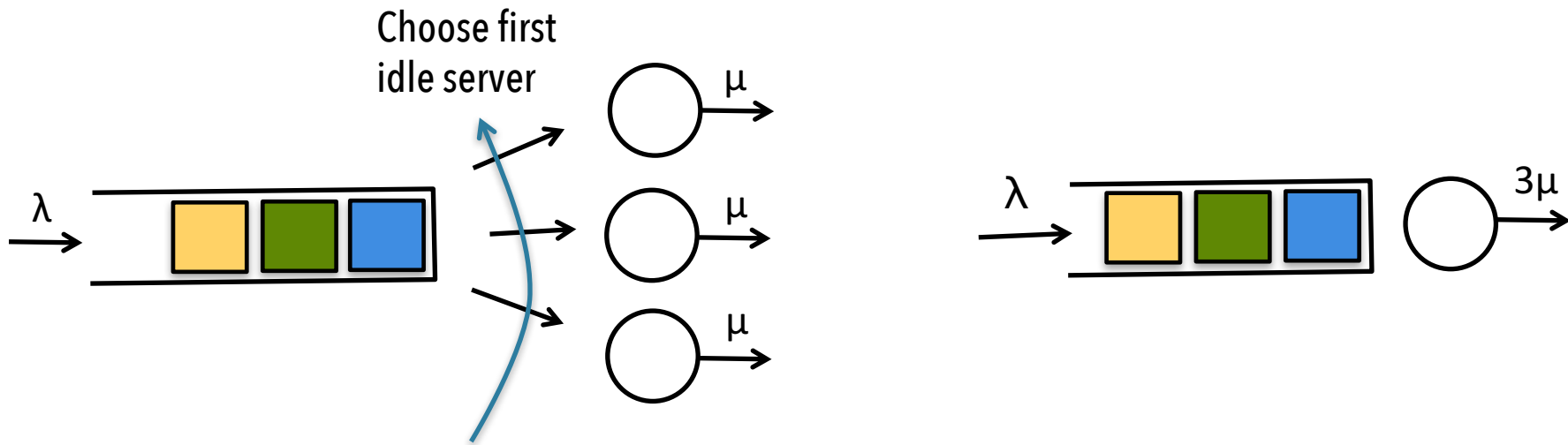


Mean Response Time T = Waiting time in Queue + Service Time

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Design Question 2

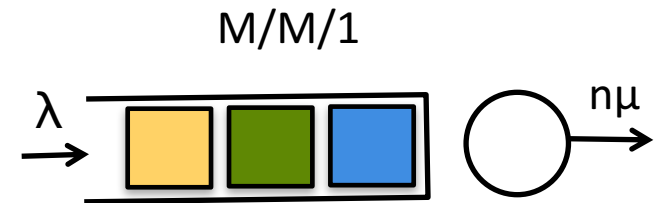
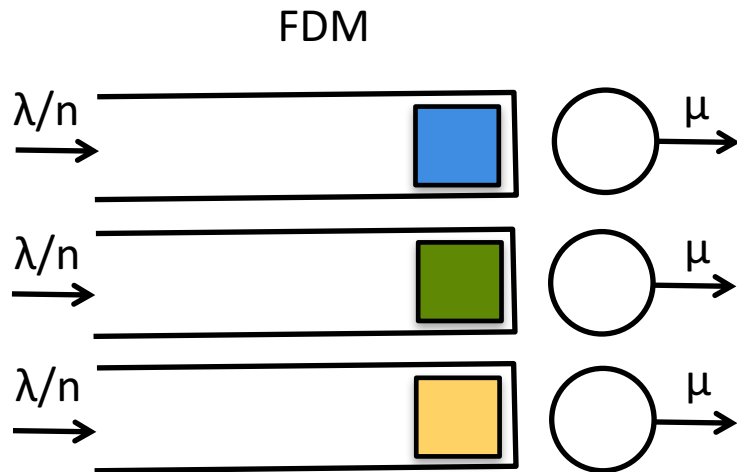
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Design Question 3

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Little's Law

Theorem: For any ergodic open system we have

$$E[N] = \lambda E[T]$$

Very general and hence powerful law

- Any # of servers, scheduling policy, queue size limit

Some Variants

$$E[N_w] = \lambda E[W]$$

$$\rho = \lambda E[S]$$

Little's Law: Exercise

A professor takes 2 new students in even-numbered years, and 1 new student in odd-numbered years.

If avg. graduation time = 6 yrs, how many students will the professor have on average?

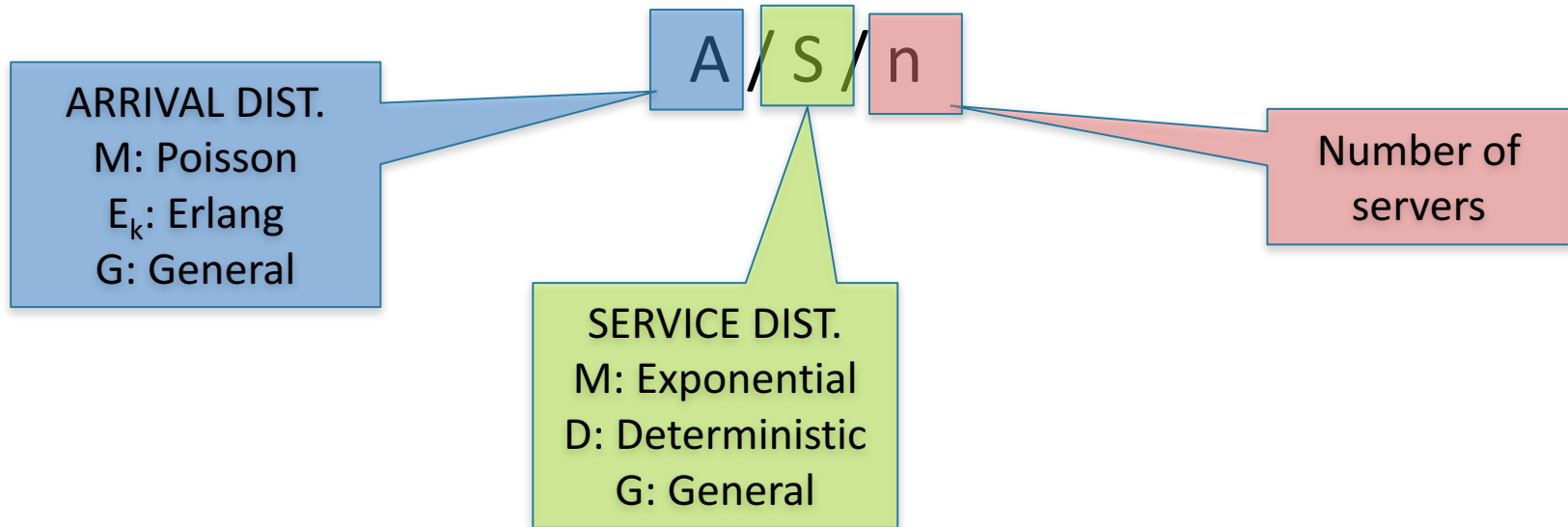
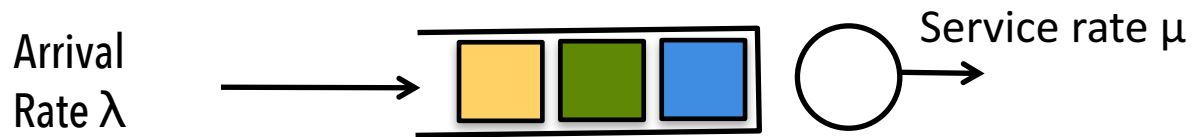
Little's Law: Answer

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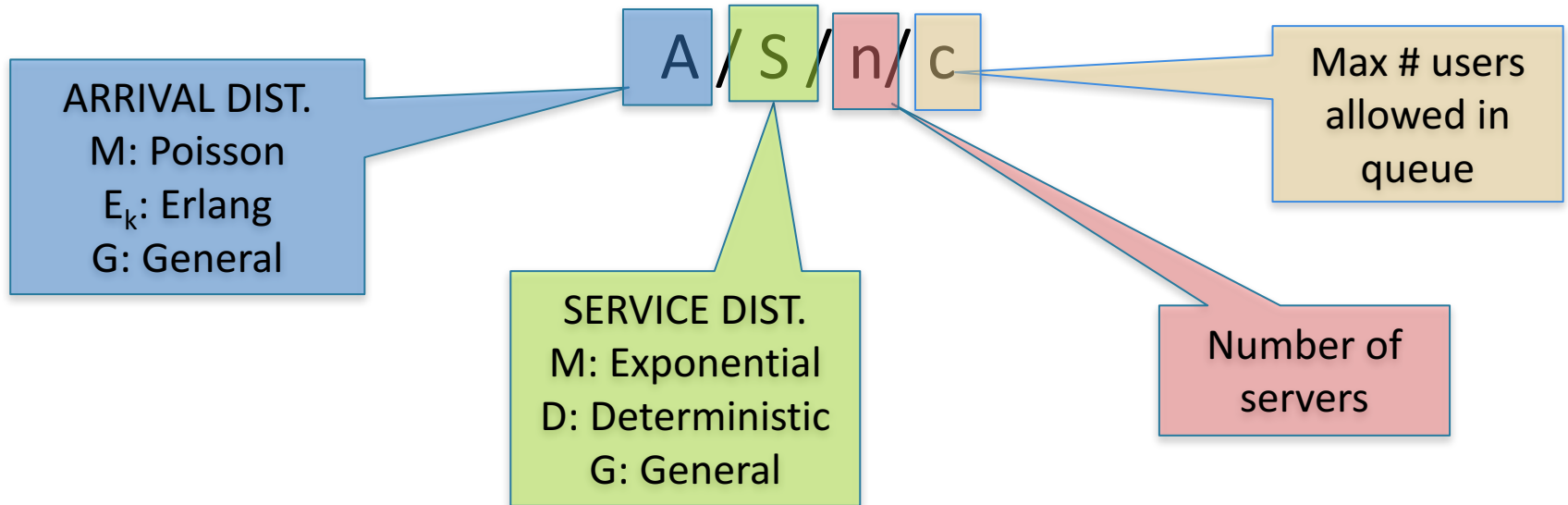
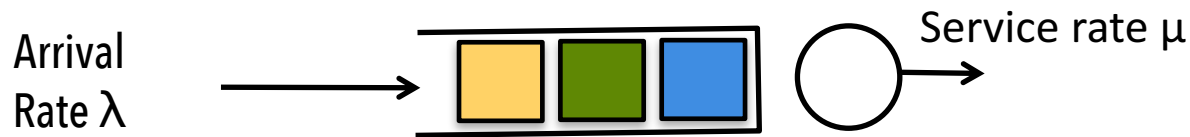
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$$\begin{aligned} E[N] &= \lambda E[T] \\ &= 1.5 * 6 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

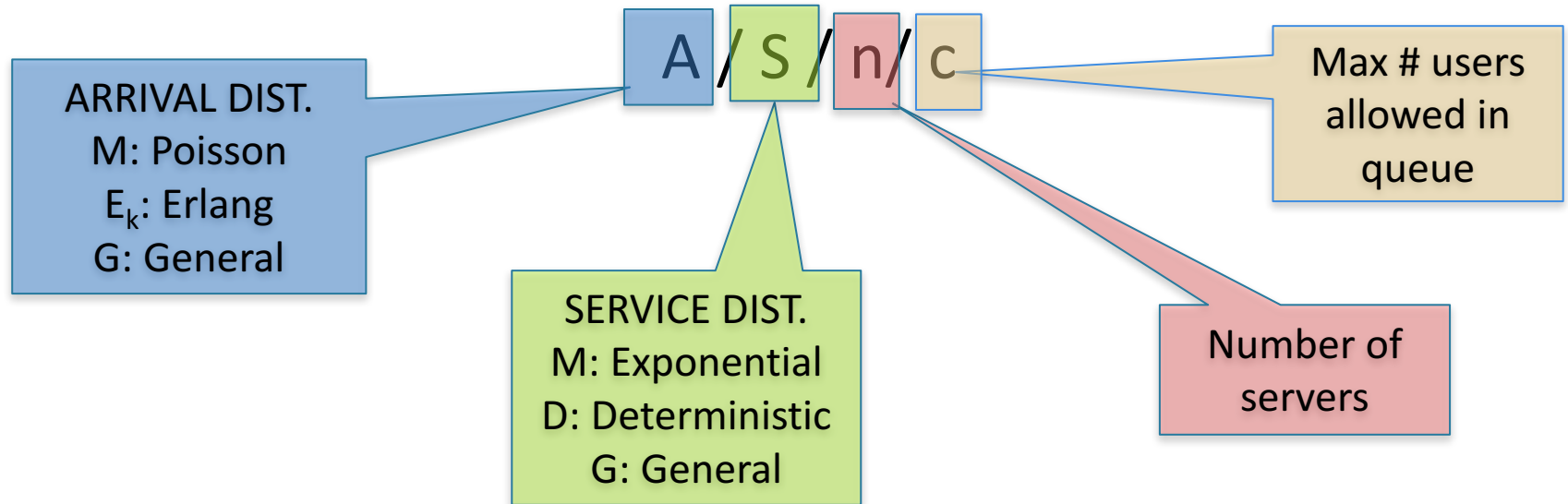
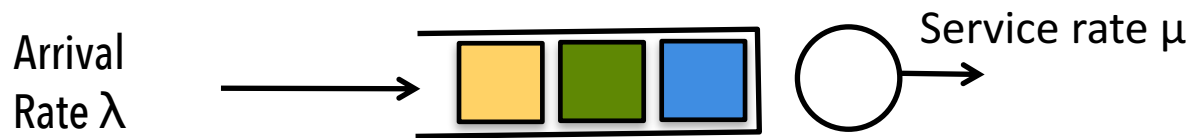
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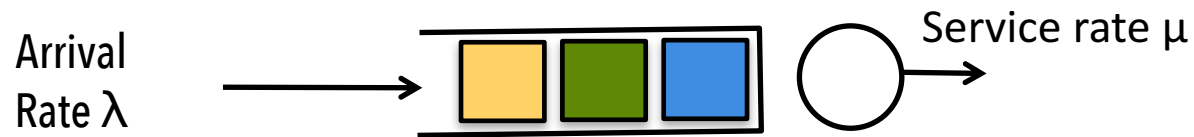
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Exercise: What are the distributions of Poisson and Exponential random variables?



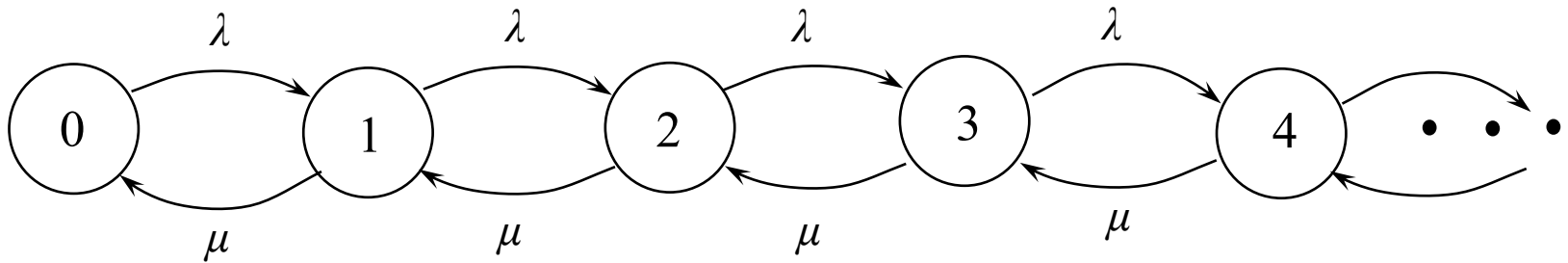
M/M/1 Queue



WANT TO FIND

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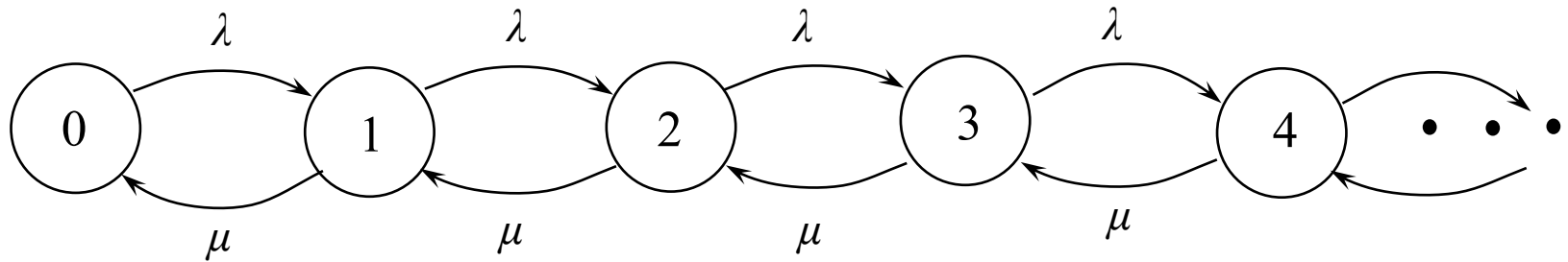
M/M/1: Markov Model



$$\pi_i = \rho^i (1 - \rho) \quad \text{where } \rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$
$$\pi_0 = (1 - \rho)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[N] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i \pi_i = \rho(1 - \rho) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i \rho^{i-1} = \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}$$

M/M/1: Mean Response Time



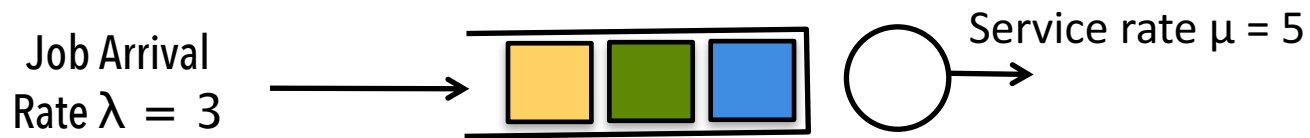
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$$\mathbb{E}[T] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[N]}{\lambda} = \frac{\rho}{\lambda(1 - \rho)} = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[W] = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} - \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{\rho}{\mu - \lambda}$$

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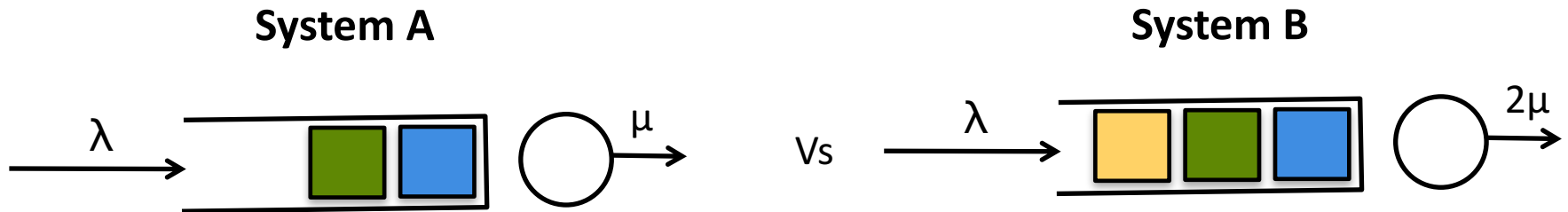
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A: Service rate $6+2 = 8$ is sufficient

Exercise: M/M/1 Queue

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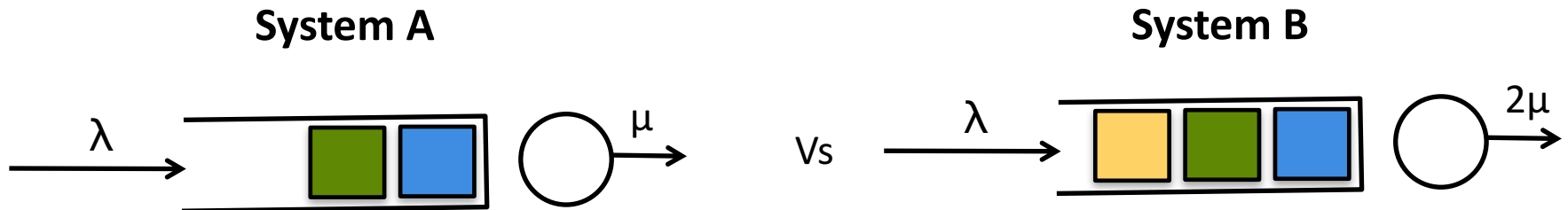


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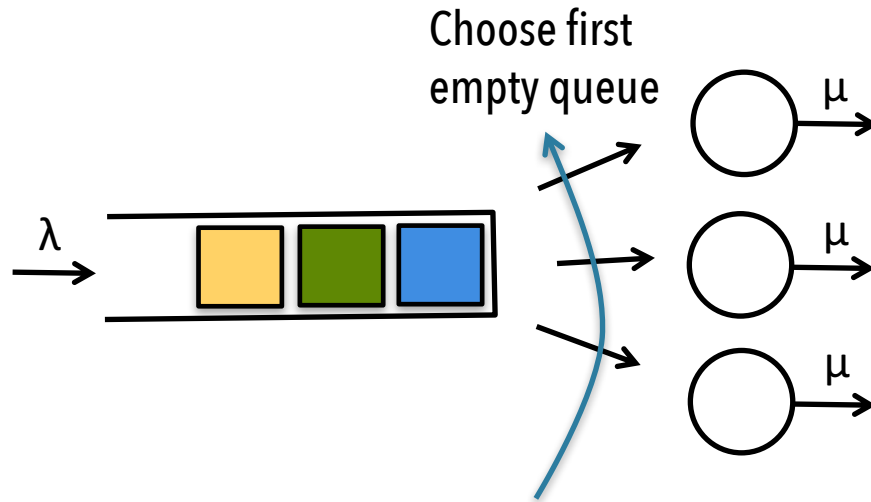


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ANSWER:
$$\frac{2(2 - \rho)}{1 - \rho}$$

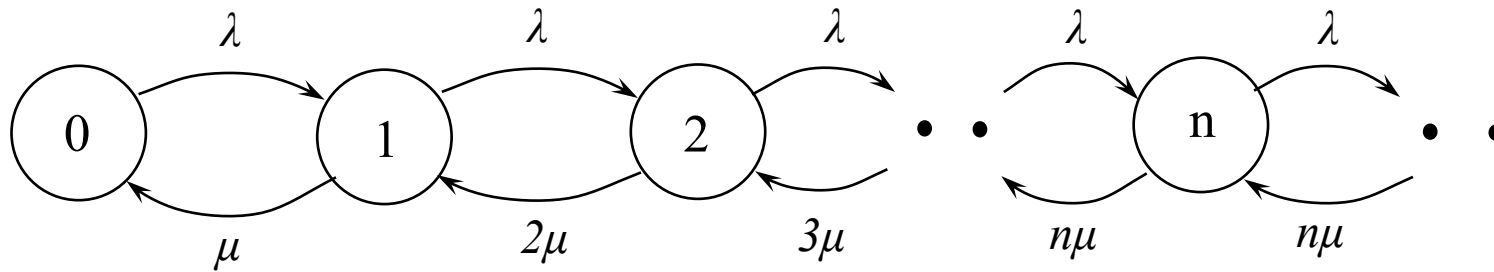
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$$P_Q = \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \pi_i$$

$$= \pi_0 \frac{n^n}{n!} \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \rho^i \quad \text{where } \pi_0 = \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n\rho)^i}{i!} + \frac{(n\rho)^n}{n!(1-\rho)} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{(n\rho)^n \pi_0}{n!(1-\rho)}$$

Erlang-C Formula

Used in call centers to
determine number of
agents required

M/M/n Queue

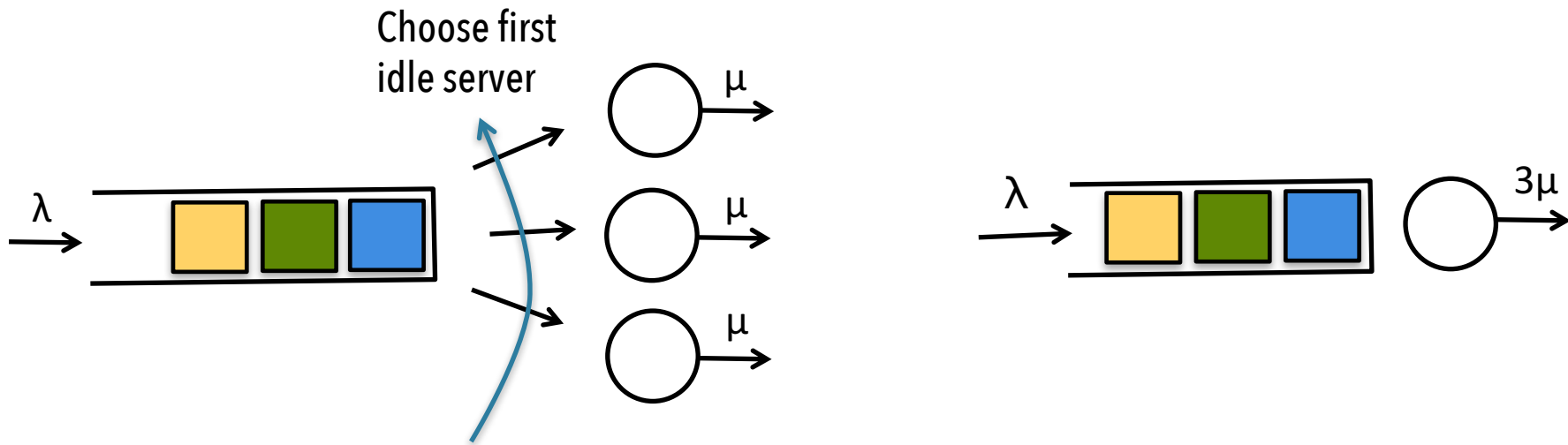
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[N_w] &= \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \pi_i (i - n) \\ &= \pi_0 \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^i n^n}{n!} (i - n) \\ &= P_Q \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[W] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[N_w]}{\lambda} = P_Q \frac{\rho}{\lambda(1 - \rho)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[T] = P_Q \frac{\rho}{\lambda(1 - \rho)} + \frac{1}{\mu}$$

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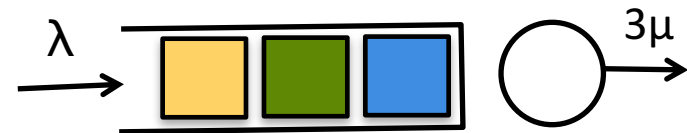
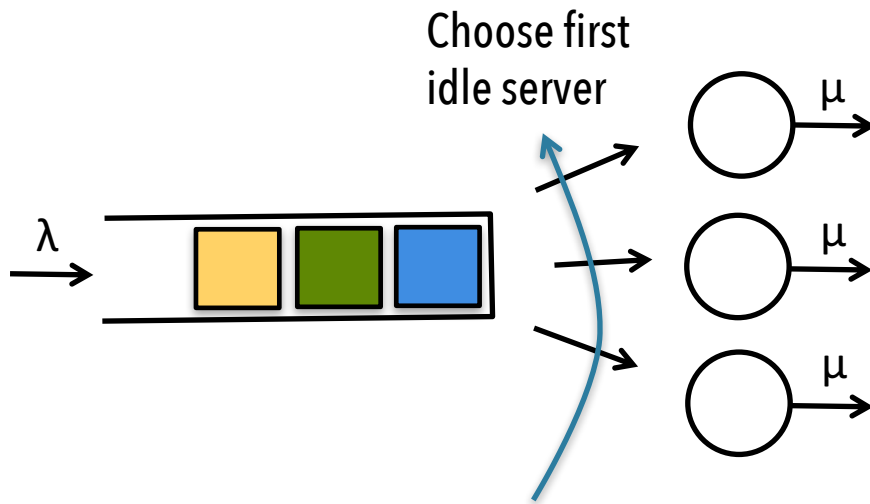
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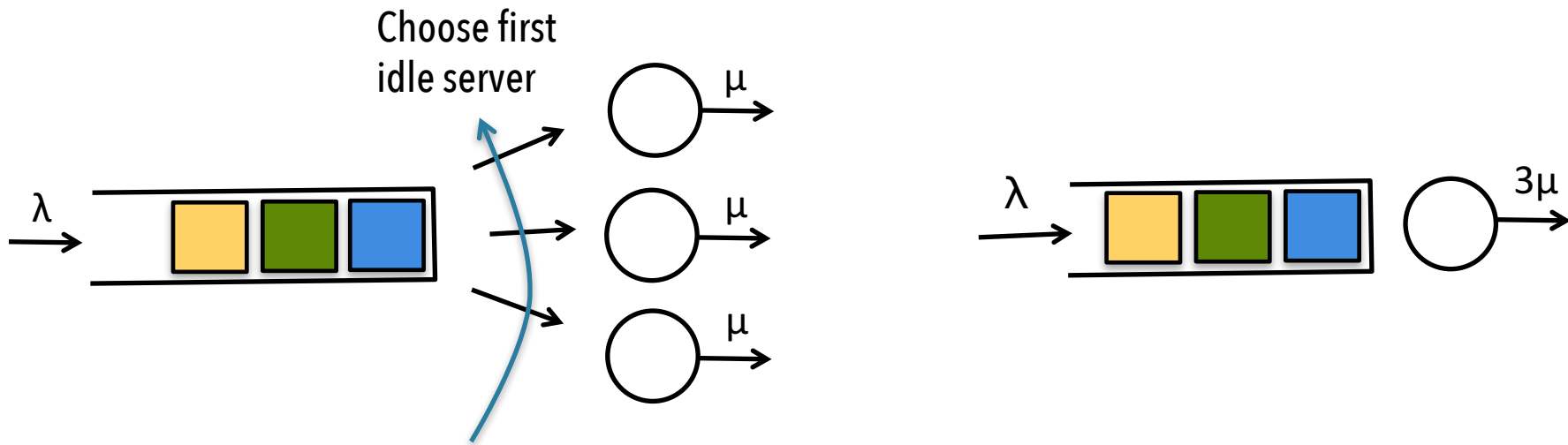
$$\mathbb{E}[T]^{M/M/n} = P_Q \frac{\rho}{\lambda(1 - \rho)} + \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[T]^{M/M/1} = \frac{\rho}{\lambda(1 - \rho)}$$

$$\text{System Load } \rho = \frac{\lambda}{3\mu}$$

Design Question 3

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M/M/n is n times slower when $\rho \rightarrow 0$

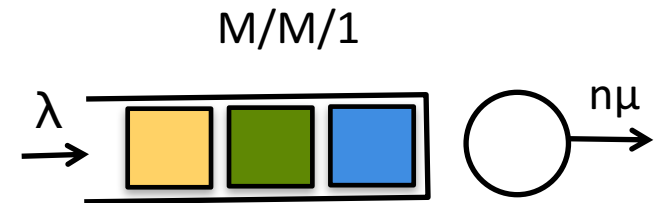
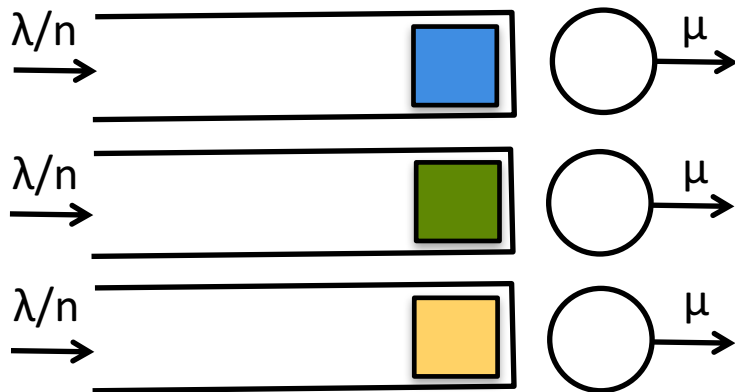
$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[T]^{M/M/n}}{\mathbb{E}[T]^{M/M/1}} = P_Q + n(1 - \rho)$$

M/M/n and M/M/1 are almost equal when $\rho \rightarrow 1$

Design Question 3

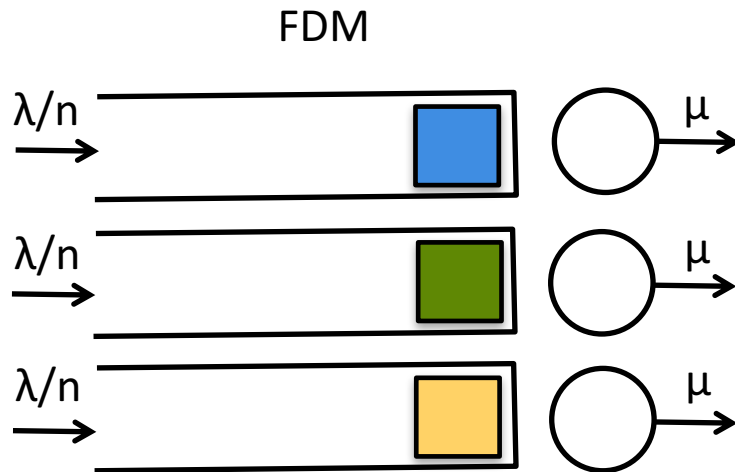
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Freq. Division Multiplexing (FDM)

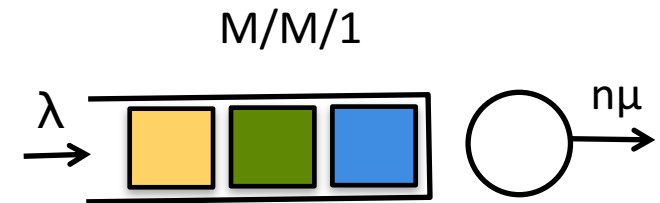


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$$\mathbb{E}[T]^{FDM} = \frac{n}{n\mu - \lambda}$$

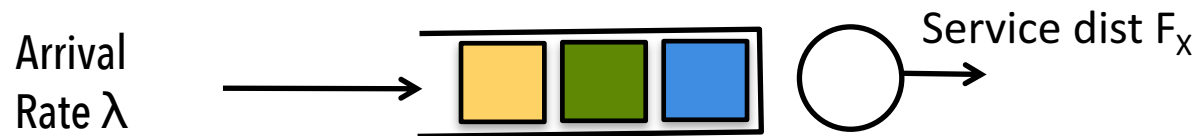


$$\mathbb{E}[T]^{M/M/1} = \frac{1}{n\mu - \lambda}$$

FDM is n times slower than M/M/1

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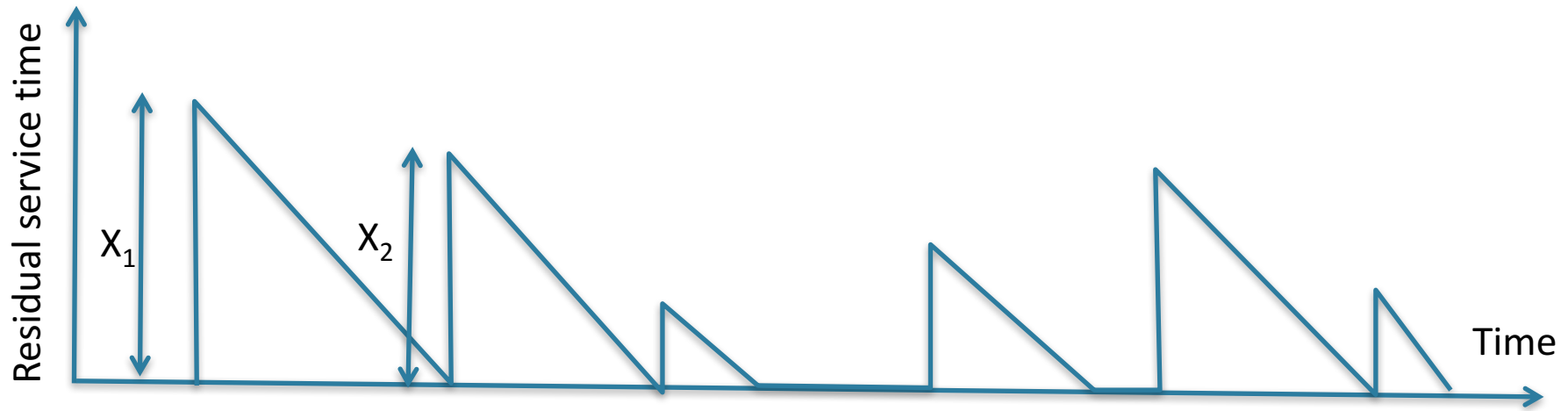
Pollaczek-Khinchine Formula



Cannot use
Markov chain
analysis

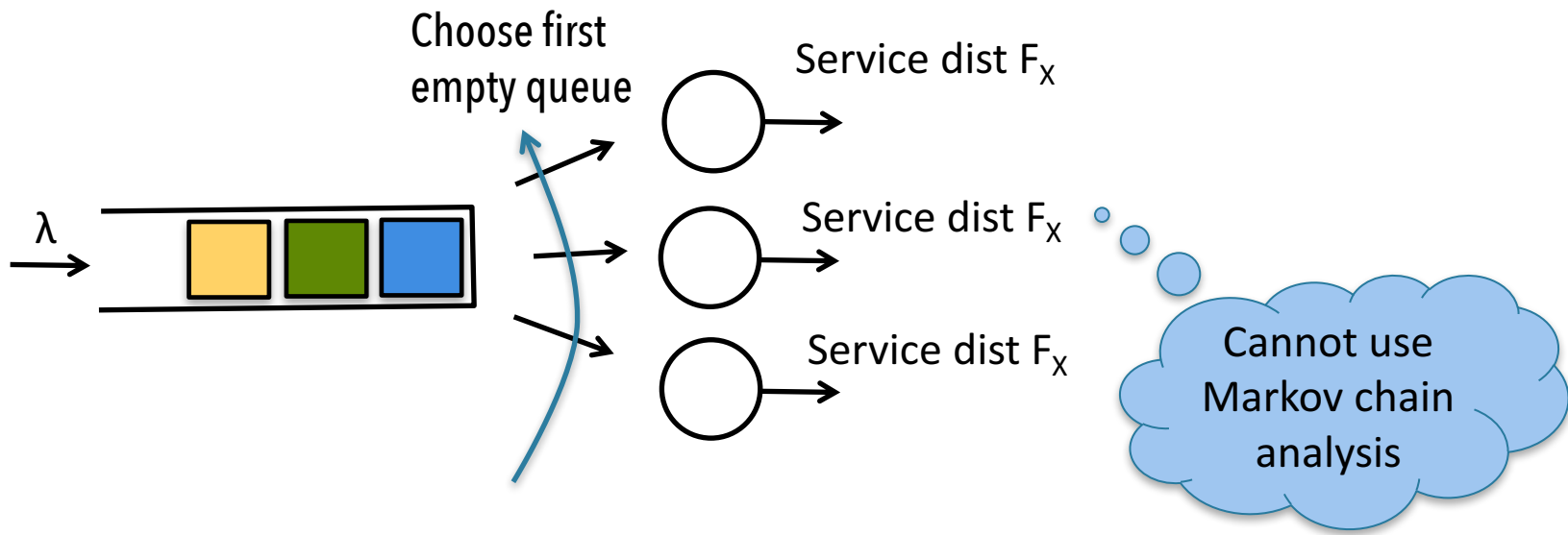
$$\mathbb{E}[T] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}{2(1 - \lambda\mathbb{E}[X])}$$

Proof of PK formula



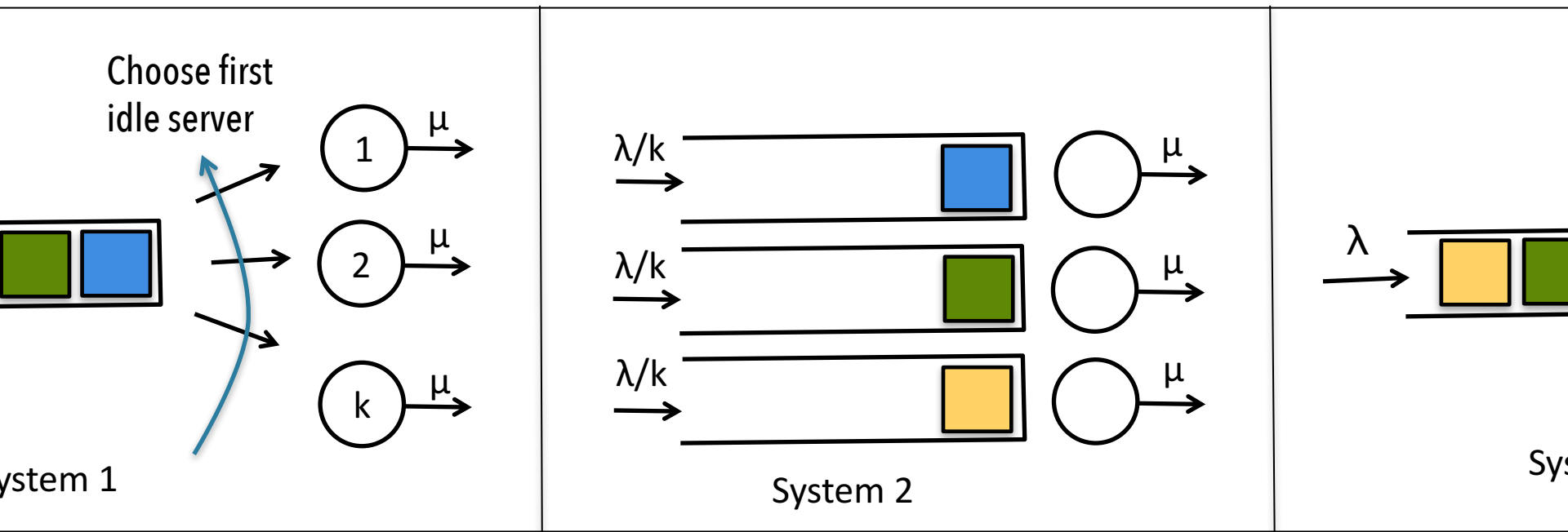
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[T_w] &= \mathbb{E}[N_w] \cdot \mathbb{E}[X] + E[R] \\ &= \lambda \mathbb{E}[T_w] \cdot \mathbb{E}[X] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}{2} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}{2(1 - \lambda \mathbb{E}[X])}\end{aligned}$$

M/G/n Queue



$$\mathbb{E}[T] \approx \mathbb{E}[X] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}{2\mathbb{E}[X]} \cdot \mathbb{E}[W^{M/M/n}]$$

HW1 picture



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