W4118: scheduling

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Outline

- Introduction to scheduling
- Scheduling algorithms
Direction within course

- **Until now:** *interrupts, processes, threads, synchronization*
  - Mostly *mechanisms*

- **From now on:** *resources*
  - **Resources:** things processes operate upon
    - E.g., *CPU time, memory, disk space*
  - Mostly *policies*
Types of resource

- **Preemptible**
  - **OS** can take resource away, use it for something else, and give it back later
    - E.g., CPU

- **Non-preemptible**
  - **OS cannot** easily take resource away; have to wait after the resource is *voluntarily* relinquished
    - E.g., disk space

- **Type of resource determines how to manage**
Decisions about resource

- **Allocation**: which process gets which resources
  - Which resources should each process receive?
  - **Space sharing**: Controlled access to resource
  - Implication: resources are not easily preemptible

- **Scheduling**: how long process keeps resource
  - In which order should requests be serviced?
  - **Time sharing**: more resources requested than can be granted
  - Implication: Resource is preemptible
Role of Dispatcher vs. Scheduler

- **Dispatcher**
  - Low-level mechanism
  - Responsibility: context switch

- **Scheduler**
  - High-level policy
  - Responsibility: deciding which process to run

- Could have an allocator for CPU as well
  - Parallel and distributed systems
When to schedule?

- When does scheduler make decisions?
  - When a process
    1. switches from running to waiting state
    2. switches from running to ready state
    3. switches from waiting to ready
    4. terminates

- Minimal: nonpreemptive
  - ?

- Additional circumstances: preemptive
  - ?
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Overview of scheduling algorithms

- **Criteria:** workload and environment

- **Workload**
  - Process behavior: alternating sequence of CPU and I/O bursts
  - CPU bound v.s. I/O bound

- **Environment**
  - Batch v.s. interactive?
  - Specialized v.s. general?
Scheduling performance metrics

- **Min waiting time**: don’t have process wait long in ready queue
- **Max CPU utilization**: keep CPU busy
- **Max throughput**: complete as many processes as possible per unit time
- **Min response time**: respond immediately
- **Fairness**: give each process (or user) same percentage of CPU
First-Come, First-Served (FCFS)

- Simplest CPU scheduling algorithm
  - First job that requests the CPU gets the CPU
  - Nonpreemptive

- Implementation: FIFO queue
### Example of FCFS

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- **Gantt chart**

Schedule: $P_1 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_3 \rightarrow P_4$

- **Average waiting time:** $(0 + 7 + 11 + 12)/4 = 7.5$
Example of FCFS: different arrival order

Arrival order: $P_3 \ P_2 \ P_4 \ P_1$

- Gantt chart

Schedule: $P_3 \ P_2 \ P_4 \ P_1$

- Average waiting time: $(9 + 1 + 0 + 5)/4 = 3.75$
FCFS advantages and disadvantages

- **Advantages**
  - Simple
  - Fair

- **Disadvantages**
  - Waiting time depends on arrival order
  - *Convoy effect*: short process stuck waiting for long process
  - Also called head of the line blocking
Shortest Job First (SJF)

- Schedule the process with the shortest time
- FCFS if same time
Example of SJF (w/o preemption)

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- **Gantt chart**

Schedule: P₁, P₃, P₂, P₄

Arrival: P₁, P₂, P₃, P₄

- **Average waiting time:** \( \frac{0 + 6 + 3 + 7}{4} = 4 \)
Shortest Job First (SJF)

- Schedule the process with the shortest time
  - FCFS if same time

- Advantages
  - Minimizes average wait time. Provably optimal if no preemption allowed

- Disadvantages
  - Not practical: difficult to predict burst time
    - Possible: past predicts future
  - May starve long jobs
Shortest Remaining Time First (SRTF)

- If new process arrives with shorter CPU burst than the remaining for current process, schedule new process
  - SJF with preemption

- Advantage: reduces average waiting time
Example of SRTF

- **Gantt chart**

  Schedule: \( P_1 \), \( P_2 \), \( P_3 \), \( P_2 \), \( P_4 \), \( P_1 \)

  Arrival: \( P_1 \), \( P_2 \), \( P_3 \), \( P_4 \)

  **Average waiting time:** \( \frac{9 + 1 + 0 + 2}{4} = 3 \)
Round-Robin (RR)

- **Practical approach** to support time-sharing

- Run process for a time slice, then move to back of FIFO queue

- Preempted if still running at end of time-slice

- How to determine time slice?
Example of RR: time slice = 3

- **Gantt chart with time slice = 3**

- Average waiting time: \((8 + 8 + 5 + 7)/4 = 7\)
- Average response time: \((0 + 1 + 5 + 5)/4 = 2.75\)
- # of context switches: 7
Example of RR: smaller time slice

- Gantt chart with time slice = 1

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Arrival: P₁  P₂  P₃  P₄
Queue:  | P₁ | P₁ | P₂ | P₁ | P₂ | P₃ | P₁ | P₄ | P₂ | P₁ | P₄ | P₂ | P₁ | P₄ | P₁ | P₄ |
       | P₁ | P₂ | P₃ | P₄ | P₁ | P₂ | P₄ | P₂ | P₁ | P₄ | P₂ | P₁ | P₄ | P₁ | P₄ |
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- Average waiting time: \(\frac{8 + 6 + 1 + 7}{4} = 5.5\)
- Average response time: \(\frac{0 + 0 + 1 + 2}{4} = 0.75\)
- # of context switches: 14
Example of RR: larger time slice

- Gantt chart with time slice = 10

- Average waiting time: \( \frac{0 + 5 + 7 + 7}{4} = 4.75 \)
- Average response time: same
- \# of context switches: 3 (minimum)
RR advantages and disadvantages

- **Advantages**
  - Low response time, good interactivity
  - Fair allocation of CPU across processes
  - Low average waiting time when job lengths vary widely

- **Disadvantages**
  - Poor average waiting time when jobs have similar lengths
    - Average waiting time is even worse than FCFS!
  - Performance depends on length of time slice
    - Too high \(\Rightarrow\) degenerate to FCFS
    - Too low \(\Rightarrow\) too many context switches, costly
Priorities

- A priority is associated with each process
  - Run highest priority ready job (some may be blocked)
  - Round-robin among processes of equal priority
  - Can be preemptive or nonpreemptive

- Representing priorities
  - Typically an integer
  - The larger the higher or the lower?
Setting priorities

- Priority can be statically assigned
  - Some always have higher priority than others
  - Problem: starvation

- Priority can be dynamically changed by OS
  - Aging: increase the priority of processes that wait in the ready queue for a long time
Priority inversion

- High priority process depends on low priority process (e.g. to release a lock)
  - Another process with in-between priority arrives?

- Solution: priority inheritance
  - Inherit highest priority of waiting process
  - Must be able to chain multiple inheritances
  - Must ensure that priority reverts to original value