Verification of Real Time Systems - CS5270 3rd lecture

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- Seven questions
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Non-preemptive scheduling

Tasks are delayed until other tasks complete:

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Preemptive scheduling

Tasks preempt lower priority tasks:

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Scheduling terms

Definitions:

Feasible: a schedule is termed feasible if all tasks can be completed within the constraints specified

Schedulable: a task set is schedulable if a particular scheduling algorithm produces a feasible schedule

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Constraints found in various areas: Timing (deadlines for tasks) Precedence (which task comes first) Resource (shared access) Hard/Soft constraints

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Deadlines:

If a task t_i needs to finish before some time d_i , then this is called a **deadline**. A **relative deadline** D_i for the task is $D_i = d_i - a_i$

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Periodic tasks:

- A **periodic** task is one that is regularly activated at a constant rate.
- Its period is T_i, and the time of first activation (its **phase**) is ϕ_i .

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Precedence between tasks - visualize as a graph:

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Resource access:

A resource constraint, may be some variable or device or some other structure in the system. Resources only become *critical* resource constraints when they are shared with other tasks.

- An exclusive resource is one which may require exclusion of all other tasks when the resource is accessed. This is called *mutual exclusion* (OS normally provide mechanisms to assist tasks to provide mutually exclusive access to a resource). The code which requires this mutually exclusive access is termed a *critical section* (CS).
- The most common mechanism for this purpose is called the semaphore, where a semaphore variable s_i is used to control access to an associated CS_i .

Critical section

A critical section is:

- A piece of code belonging to task executed under mutual exclusion constraints.
- Mutual exclusion is enforced by semaphores.

```
wait(s)
```

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\triangle Blocked if s = 0.
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signal(s)

s is set to 1 when signal(s) executes.

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Critical sections

CS and blocking:

- A task waiting for an exclusive resource is **blocked** on that resource.
- Tasks blocked on the same resource are kept in a wait queue associated with the semaphore protecting the resource.
- \circ A task in the running state executing wait(s) on a locked semaphore $(s = 0)$ enters the waiting state.
- When a task currently using the resource executes signal(s), the semaphore is released.
- When a task leaves its waiting state (because the semaphore has been released) it goes into the ready state: yus

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Semaphores and blocking

In an OS, tasks block when waiting for a resource:

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The scheduling problem

The general scheduling problem is NP-complete:

• There is a non-deterministic Turing Machine TM and a polynomial in one variable $p(n)$ such that for each problem instance of size n . TM determines if there exists a schedule and if so outputs one in at most $p(n)$ steps. Any non-deterministic polynomial time problem can be transformed in deterministic polynomial time to the general scheduling problem, and only exponential time deterministic algorithms are known.

Hence we must find imperfect but efficient solutions to scheduling problems. A great variety of algorithms exist, with various assumptions, and with different complexities.

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Assumptions for RMS

In RMS:

- **assume a set of tasks** $\{\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_m\}$ with periods T_1, \ldots, T_m , $\phi_i = \mathsf{0}$ and $\mathsf{D}_i = \mathsf{T}_i$ for each task.
	- We allow preemption,
	- there is only a single processor, and
	- we have no precedence constraints.

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The RMS algorithm:

- Assign a static priority to the tasks according to their periods.
- Priority of a task does not change during execution. \circ
- Tasks with shorter periods have higher priorities.
- Preemption policy:
	- If T_i is executing and T_j arrives which has higher priority (shorter period), then preempt T_i and start executing T_j .

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Assumptions RMS

From the Liu article:

(A1) The requests for all tasks for which hard deadlines exist are periodic, with constant interval between requests.

(A2) Deadlines consist of run-ability constraints only - i.e. each task must be completed before the next request for it occurs.

(A3) The tasks are independent in that requests for a certain task do not depend on the initiation or the completion of requests for other tasks.

(A4) Run-time for each task is constant for that task and does not vary with time.

(A5) Any nonperiodic tasks in the system are special; they are initialization or failure-recovery routines; they displace periodic tasks while they themselves are being run, and do not themselves have hard, critical deadlines.

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Given this task set:

RMS

An RMS schedule is:

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Properties of RMS:

- RMS is optimal (Given the previous constraints)
	- If a set of of periodic tasks (satisfying the assumptions set out previously) is not schedulable under RMS then no static priority algorithm can schedule this set of tasks.
- RMS requires very little run time processing.

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Schedulability terms

Definition of PUF, the Processor Utilization Factor:

The **processor utilization factor** U is the fraction of processor time spent in the task set:

$$
U=\sum_{i=1}^m\frac{C_i}{T_i}
$$

If this factor is *greater* than 1 then of course, the task set can not be scheduled. However if $U \leq 1$ then it is possible that it may be RMS-schedulable. If a particular set of tasks has a feasible RMS schedule, and any increase of the runtime of any task would render the particular set infeasible, then the processor is said to be fully utilized.

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Example of PUF calculation:

the processor utilization factor is $U = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{C_i}{T_i} = 0.833$.

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The least upper bound of processor utilization:

The **least upper bound** U_{lab} is the minimum of the U over all sets of tasks that fully utilize the processor.

- \circ If $U \le U_{\text{lab}}$, then the set of tasks is guaranteed to be schedulable.
- \circ Table gives a sufficient value for U_{lab} for different numbers of tasks for RMS ($\rm U_{\rm lub} = m(2^{\frac{1}{m}}-1)$), but note that it may be possible to schedule a task set even if the criterion fails.

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Using our example:

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the processor utilization factor is $U = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{C_i}{T_i} = 0.833$.

The least upper bound for rate monotonic scheduling for 3 tasks is given in the table as $U_{\text{lab}} = 0.780$, and since $U_{\text{lab}} < U$, we cannot quarantee that this task set is schedulable..

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Another example:

the processor utilization factor is $U = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{C_i}{T_i} = 0.95833$.

 \bullet With this set of tasks, we have that task τ_3 fails to complete within its period (8), task set is not schedulable using RMS.

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The policy:

- Tasks with earlier deadlines will have higher priorities.
- Applies to both periodic and aperiodic tasks.
- EDF is optimal for dynamic priority algorithms.
- A set of periodic tasks is schedulable with EDF iff the utilization factor is not greater than 1.

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RMS fails:

From $U = 0.4 + 0.57 = 0.97 \le 1$ we know that it is guaranteed to be schedulable under EDF, and might be schedulable under RMS.

• It is not RMS schedulable:

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EDF can guarantee deadlines in the system at higher loading:

From $U = 0.4 + 0.57 = 0.97 < 1$ we know that it is quaranteed to be schedulable under EDF.

EDF scheduling succeeds:

