

I Task Scheduling

- In a multitasking system, the main objective is to have the CPU utilized at all times (in practical systems 40% ÷ 90%)
- At each opportunity, OS asks: If N tasks are Ready, which one should I run?
- If we can show that the scheduler always can achieve deadlines, the system is "deterministically schedulable"!
- In real-time design, absolutely essential are:
 - repeatability
 - predictability

Scheduling types:

- 1) - non-preemptive $\equiv$ a new task that is Ready is scheduled only after the currently running one switches to waiting state (initiated by an I/O request) or after it terminates.
- 2) - preemptive $\equiv$ otherwise.

Goals

- 1) CPU utilization $U_{cpu} = 1 - \frac{\text{idle}}{\text{period}}$
- 2) Throughput: work units completed per unit of time.
(# of processes)
- 3) Turnaround time: interval of time from submission of a task and its completion (waiting + execution + I/O time)
- 4) Waiting time: time spent waiting in the queues. Recall that when a task enters the system initially, it is put into an "entry queue". Then, it is placed in "ready queue", when conditions are met.

5) Response Time: the time from submission to first response. ②

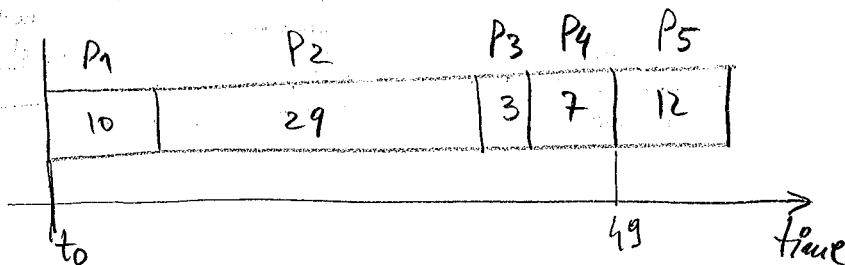
Scheduling Algorithms in Time-Shared Systems

① First-come First-Served

- when process enters the system, it is added to a (FIFO) queue.
- when the CPU becomes free, it is allocated to the process at the head of the queue.
- it's non-preemptive

Example:

process	(Burst) Time
P1	10
P2	29
P3	3
P4	7
P5	12



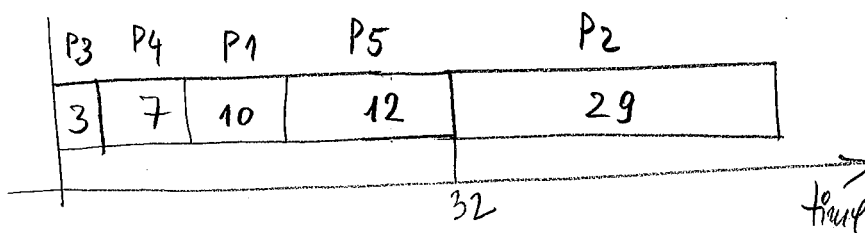
Average wait time:

P1	0
P2	10
P3	32
P4	42
P5	49

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② Shortest job first

- each task has associated with it an estimate of how much time will need. to complete its execution once given the CPU
- this algorithm can be {
 - preemptive (Running task may be interrupted by shorter task)
 - non-preemptive



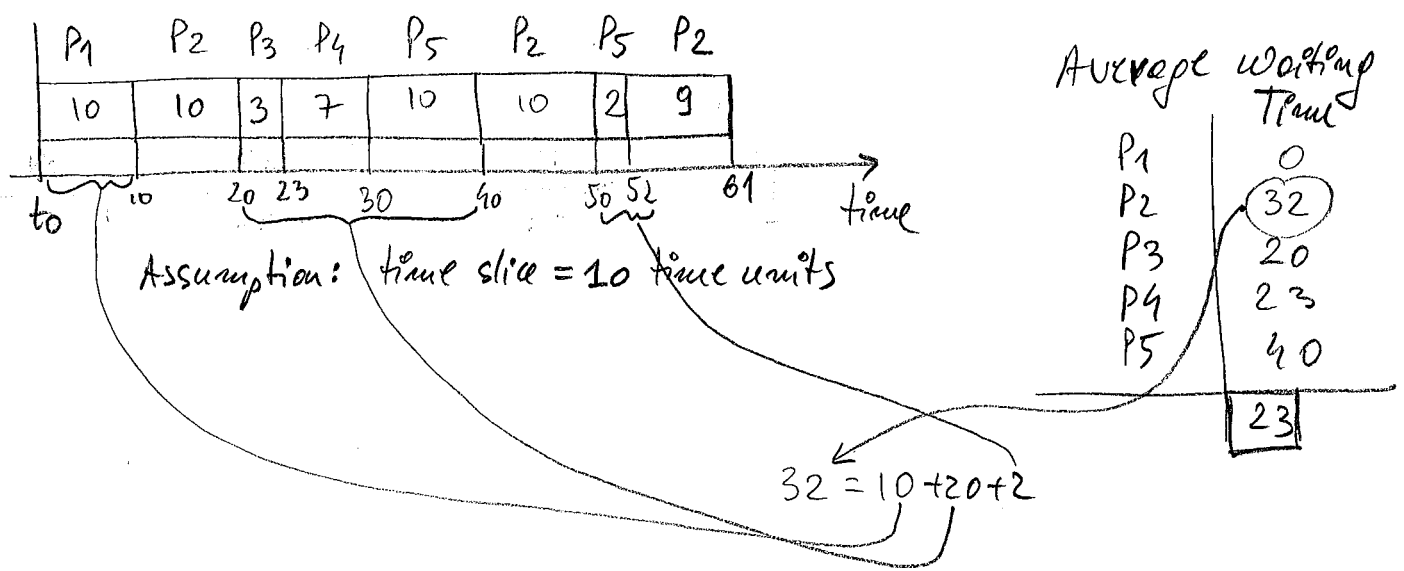
Average Wait Time

P3	0
P4	3
P1	10
P5	30
P2	32

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③ Round Robin

- designed especially for time shared systems.
- similar to first-come first-served, with preemption added to switch between processes.
- time quantum (or slice) = time "unit" for which CPU is allocated to tasks or processes.
- Ready queue is treated as a circular queue. Scheduler walks the queue, allocating CPU to each task for one time slice!
- If process-completes in less than a slice time $\Rightarrow$ it releases CPU
 - does not complete within a slice time $\Rightarrow$ it's interrupted and placed at the end of queue!



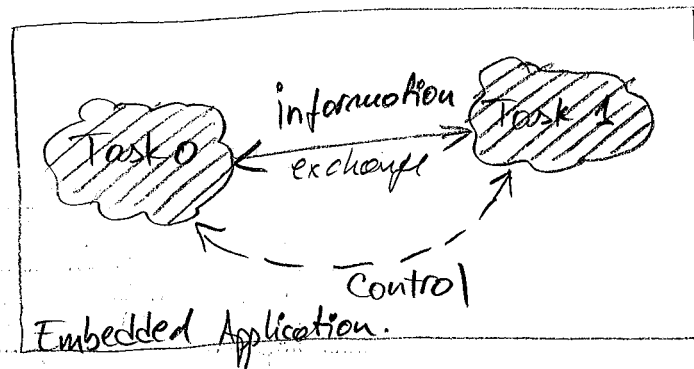
Note: if the evaluation criterion is "average waiting time", then shortest-job-first should be selected as the scheduling algorithm in the example above!

I Tasks and Threads Communication

- Resource sharing and intertask communication and synchronization must take place in a robust, safe, and reliable manner!

- The model for interprocess communication and synchronization:

- ① The Information $\equiv$ data or signals being moved moved via shared variables or messengers! variables or parameter variables w/ memory address
- ② Place (or places) from which (data) information is moved to/from
- ③ Control and synchronization of actions and the movement of information (techniques based on flags or status bits)

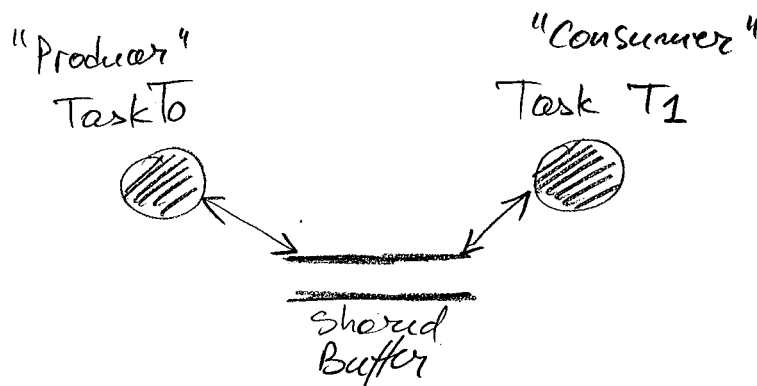


1.a Shared Variables

→ Global Variables

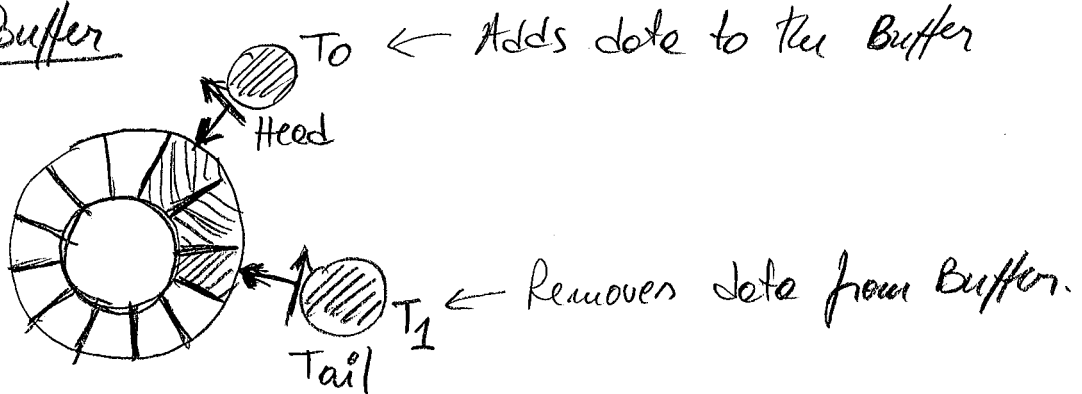
- advantage: do not need to be copied on the stack during a context switch!

→ Shared Buffer = an exchange technique in which two processes share a common set of memory locations.



issue: if tasks are running at different speeds,
there is the potential for overflow or underflow!
=> need appropriate buffer sizing!

→ Ring Buffer



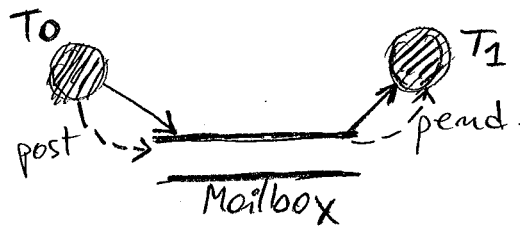
issue: underflow, overflow.

→ Mailbox

(similar to queue)

- supports two operations { 1) write (or post) : during which a flag is raised to indicate data is available.
2) read (or pend)

- Data flow and control diagram:

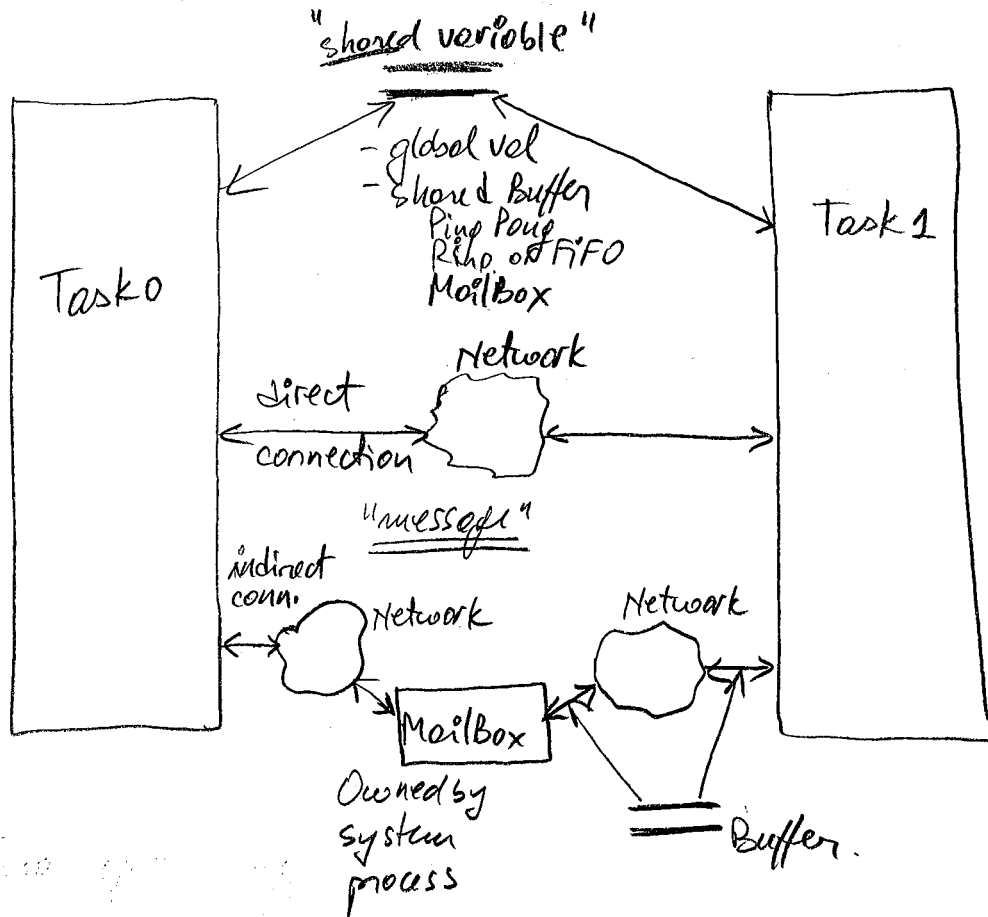


1.6 Messages

- Utilised especially in distributed applications.
- Supports 2 operations: $\begin{cases} 1) \text{ send} \\ 2) \text{ receive} \end{cases}$
- messengers can have fixed or variable sizes!
- messengers can be moved from one place to another directly or indirectly.

Summary of intertask communication:

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III Task Cooperation, Synchronization, and Sharing

- Many times, in a multitasking system, processes need to cooperate/synchronize as they execute the application!
- A "critical section" is a resource that several tasks may share such as on I/O port or segment of memory in which they are reading and writing common variables.
- We must ensure mutually exclusive access to these resources!
- Any solution to the critical section problem must satisfy the requirements:
 - 1) ensure mutual exclusion.
 - 2) prevent deadlock
 - 3) ensure progress
 - 4) ensure bounded waiting

Semaphores

- in simplest form is a Boolean variable or an integer S that can be accessed through only 2 atomic operations:

- 1) wait(S)
- 2) signal(S)

guaranteed to terminate and indivisible

```
wait (s)
{
    while (s);
    s = TRUE;
}
s initialized to FALSE
```

```
signal (s)
{
    s = FALSE;
}
```

Task T0

```
{
    ...
    wait (s)
    critical section
    signal (s)
    ...
}
```

Task T1

```
{
    ...
    wait (s)
    critical section
    signal (s)
    ...
}
```

- Semaphore S can be used to protect a critical resource!