

Solution to Problem 4.8

Assume that the generating function of the number in a batch is given by

$$\mathbf{b}(z) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{b}_r z^r$$

where $\mathbf{b}_r = P\{\text{batch size} = r\}$ $r=1,2,\dots$. Using this, the L.T. of the pdf of the batch service time may be obtained as

$$L_{B^*}(s) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{b}_r [L_B(s)]^r e^{-s\Delta} = e^{-s\Delta} \mathbf{b}(L_B(s))$$

Once this is calculated, the rest of the procedure will be the same as given in Sec. 4.4 and used in the earlier problem.

$$\begin{aligned} L'_{B^*}(s) &= -\Delta e^{-s\Delta} \mathbf{b}(L_B(s)) + e^{-s\Delta} \mathbf{b}'(L_B(s)) L'_B(s) \\ L''_{B^*}(s) &= \Delta^2 e^{-s\Delta} \mathbf{b}(L_B(s)) - 2\Delta e^{-s\Delta} \mathbf{b}'(L_B(s)) L'_B(s) \\ &\quad + e^{-s\Delta} \mathbf{b}''(L_B(s)) [L'_B(s)]^2 + e^{-s\Delta} \mathbf{b}'(L_B(s)) L''_B(s) \end{aligned}$$

Using the above, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{X^*} &= \bar{r} \bar{X} + \Delta \\ \overline{X^{*2}} &= \Delta^2 + \bar{r} \left[\overline{X^2} - (\bar{X})^2 + 2\Delta \bar{X} \right] + \bar{r}^2 (\bar{X})^2 \end{aligned}$$

The mean queueing delay W_{qb} before service can start to a batch is

$$W_{qb} = \frac{\overline{X^{*2}}}{2(1-\mathbf{r})} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{I} \overline{X^*} = \mathbf{I} (\bar{X} \bar{r} + \Delta)$$

The mean queueing delay W_2 within a batch will be

$$W_2 = \left[\frac{\overline{r^2} - \bar{r}}{2\bar{r}} \right] \bar{X} + \Delta$$

Using these the mean queueing delay W_q for a job may be calculated as $W_{qb} + W_2$.