

Principles of Operating Systems

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4. CPU Scheduling

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4.a Concepts of Scheduling

Three-level scheduling

➤ Long-term scheduling (mostly in batch)

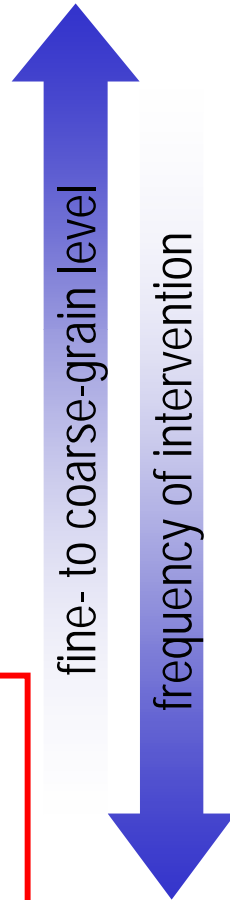
- ✓ the decision to add a program to the pool of processes to be executed: controls the degree of multiprogramming

➤ Medium-term scheduling

- ✓ the decision to add to the number of processes that are partially or fully in main memory ("swapping")
- ✓ *not* the same as paging: swapping out means removing all the pages of a process

➤ Short-term scheduling = CPU scheduling

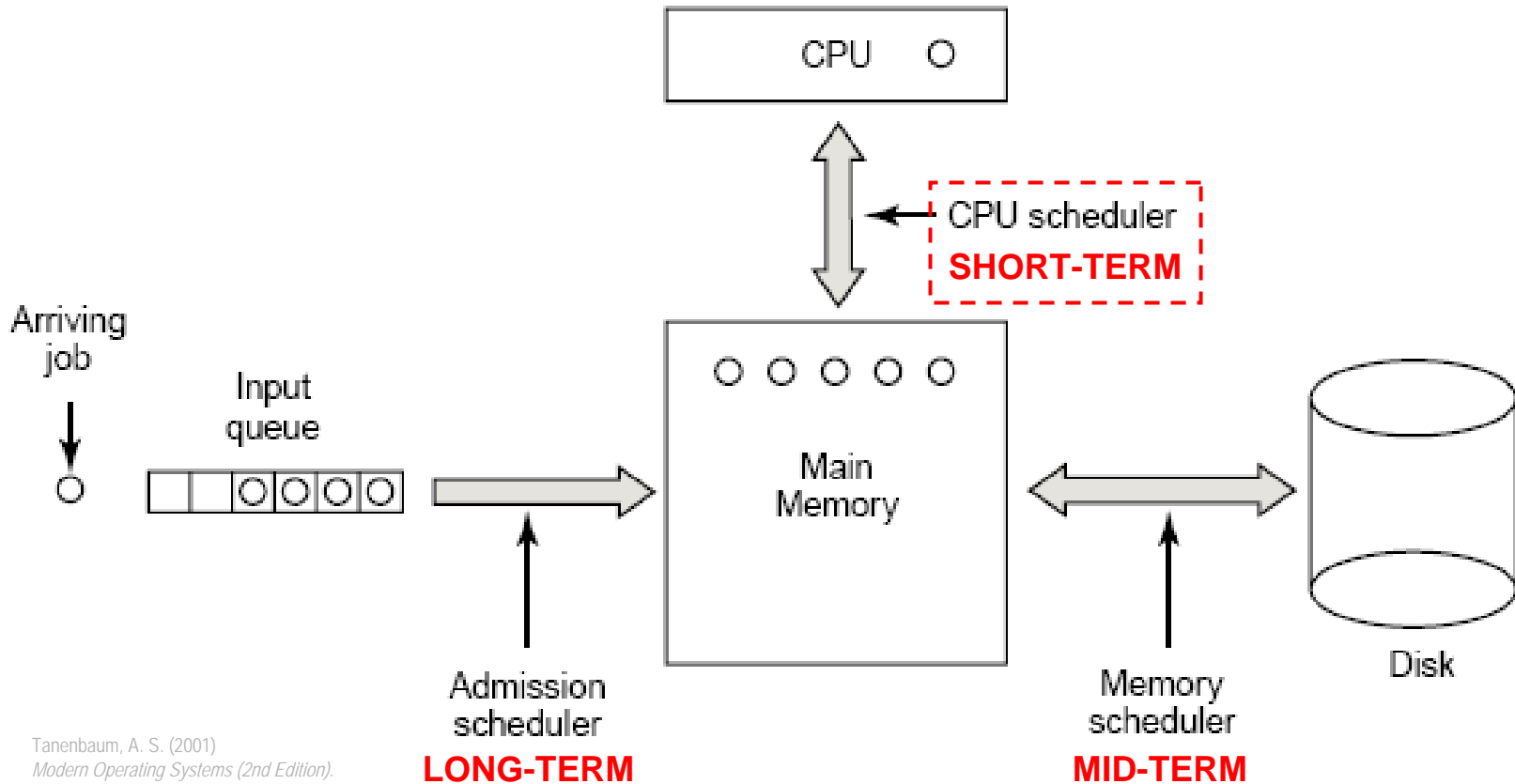
- ✓ the decision as to which available processes in memory are to be executed by the processor ("dispatching")



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Three-level scheduling

➤ Three-level scheduling



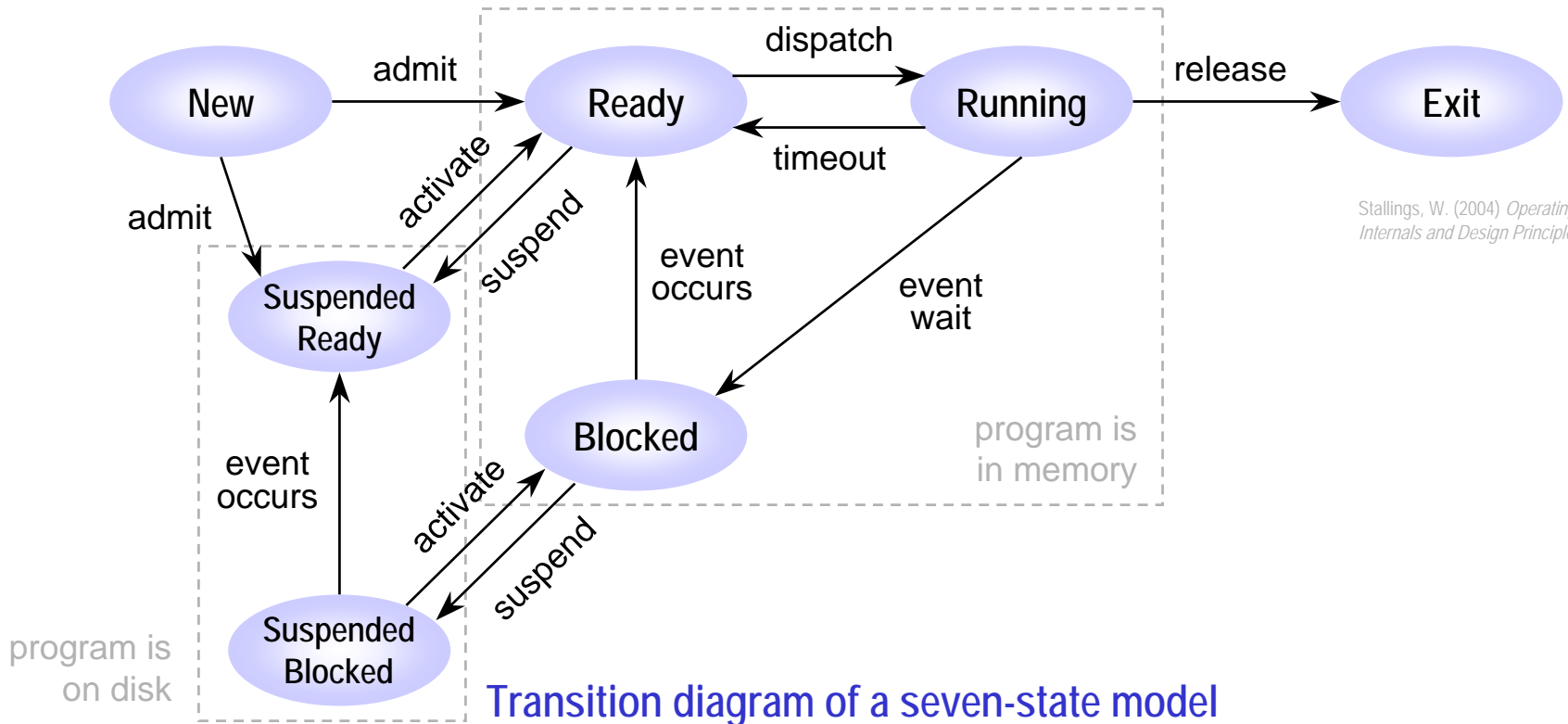
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Three-level scheduling

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Three-level scheduling

➤ Reminder: process states

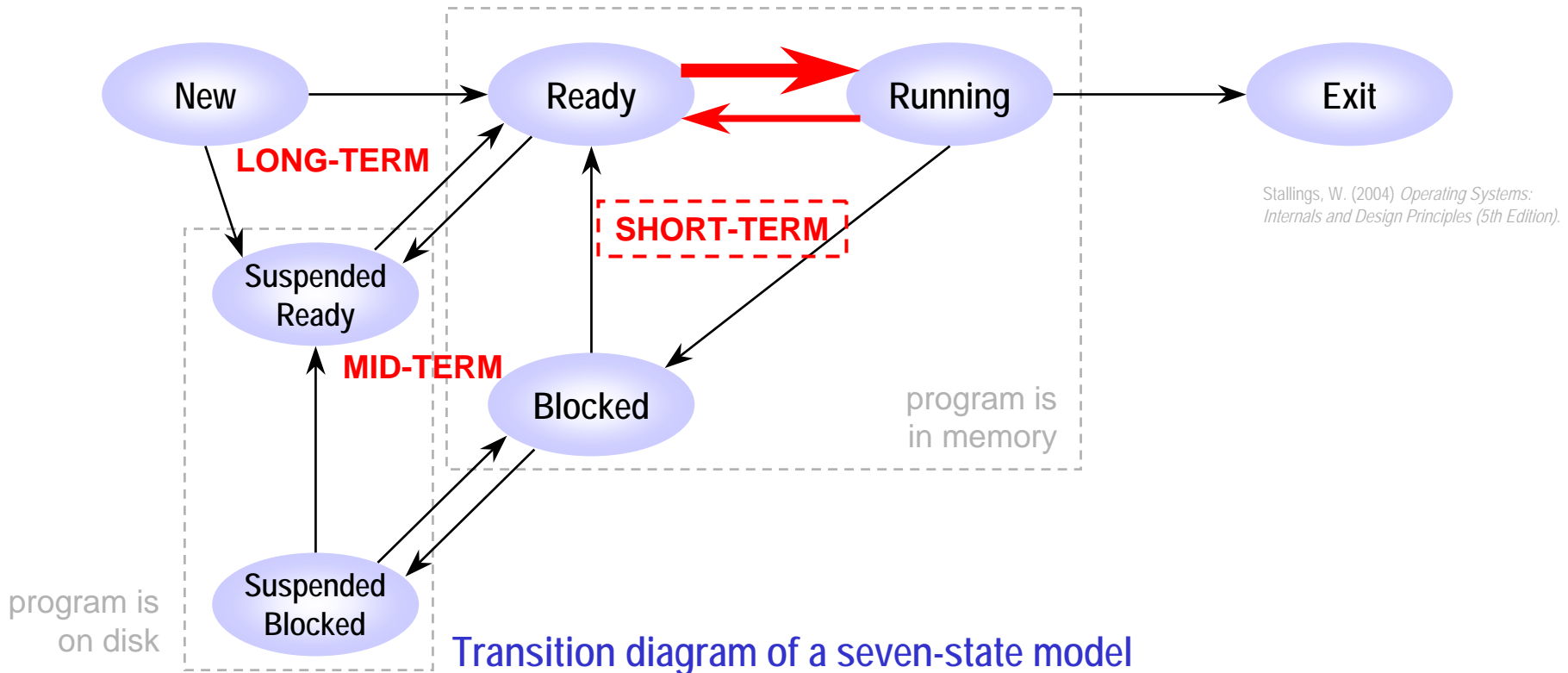


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Three-level scheduling

- In the O/S, the CPU scheduler decides which “Ready” process to run next (and to time out the “Running”)
 - ✓ the discipline it follows is the **scheduling algorithm**

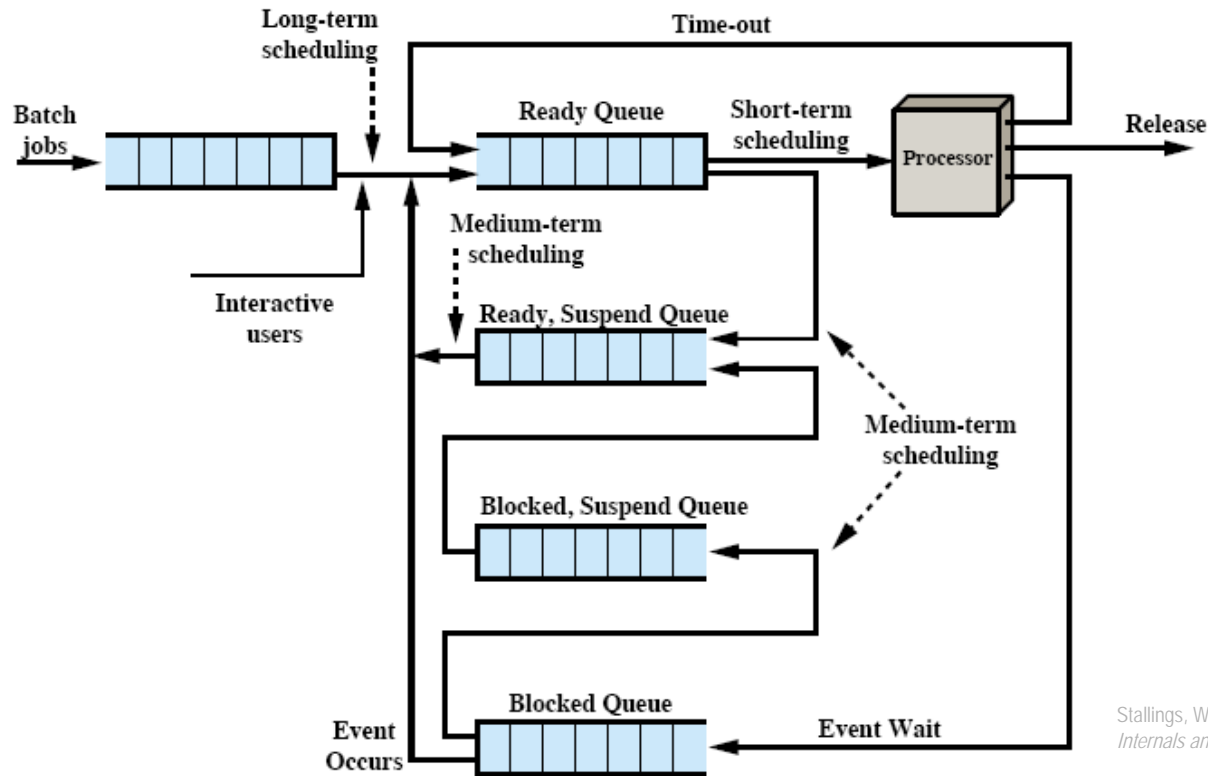


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Three-level scheduling

➤ General queuing system for scheduling

- ✓ in most algorithms, queues are not strictly FIFO: rather “pools”



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Queuing diagram for scheduling

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Purpose of CPU scheduling

➤ Why scheduling matters: user service response

- ✓ example: choosing between
 - a process that updates the screen after the user has closed a window
 - a process that sends out queued email
 - ✓ taking 2 seconds to close the window while sending the email would be unacceptable
 - ✓ on the other hand, delaying the email while closing the window would hardly be noticed
- *schedule wisely to match user's expectations*

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Purpose of CPU scheduling

➤ Why scheduling matters: CPU usage

- ✓ switching processes (contexts) is heavy
 - switch from user mode to kernel mode
 - CPU state must be saved
 - process state must be saved
 - pages and page bits must be saved
 - MMU must be reloaded with new page table
 - etc.

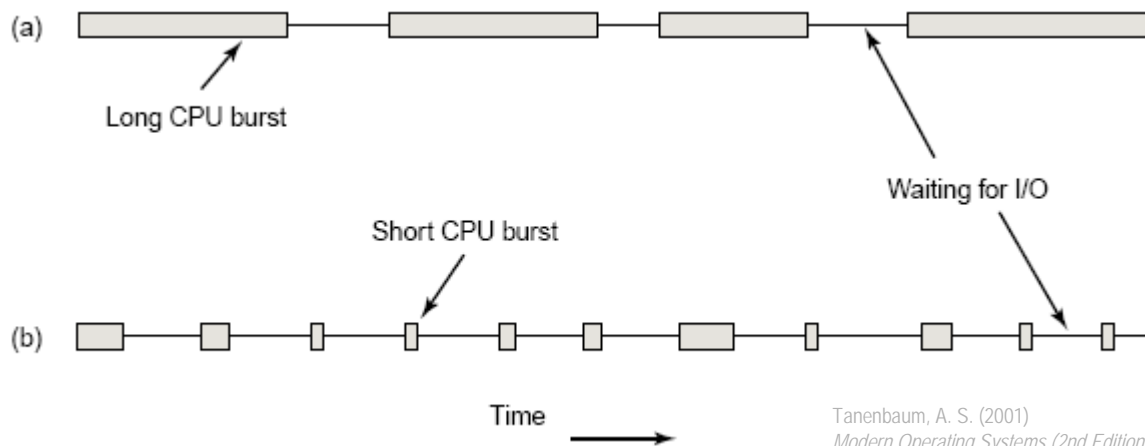
→ *to maximize CPU utilization, interleave but at the same time minimize process switches*

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Purpose of CPU scheduling

➤ Types of process behavior: CPU-I/O burst cycle

- ✓ processes alternate CPU usage with I/O wait
 - compute-bound processes have long CPU bursts and infrequent I/O
 - I/O-bound processes have short CPU bursts and frequent I/O



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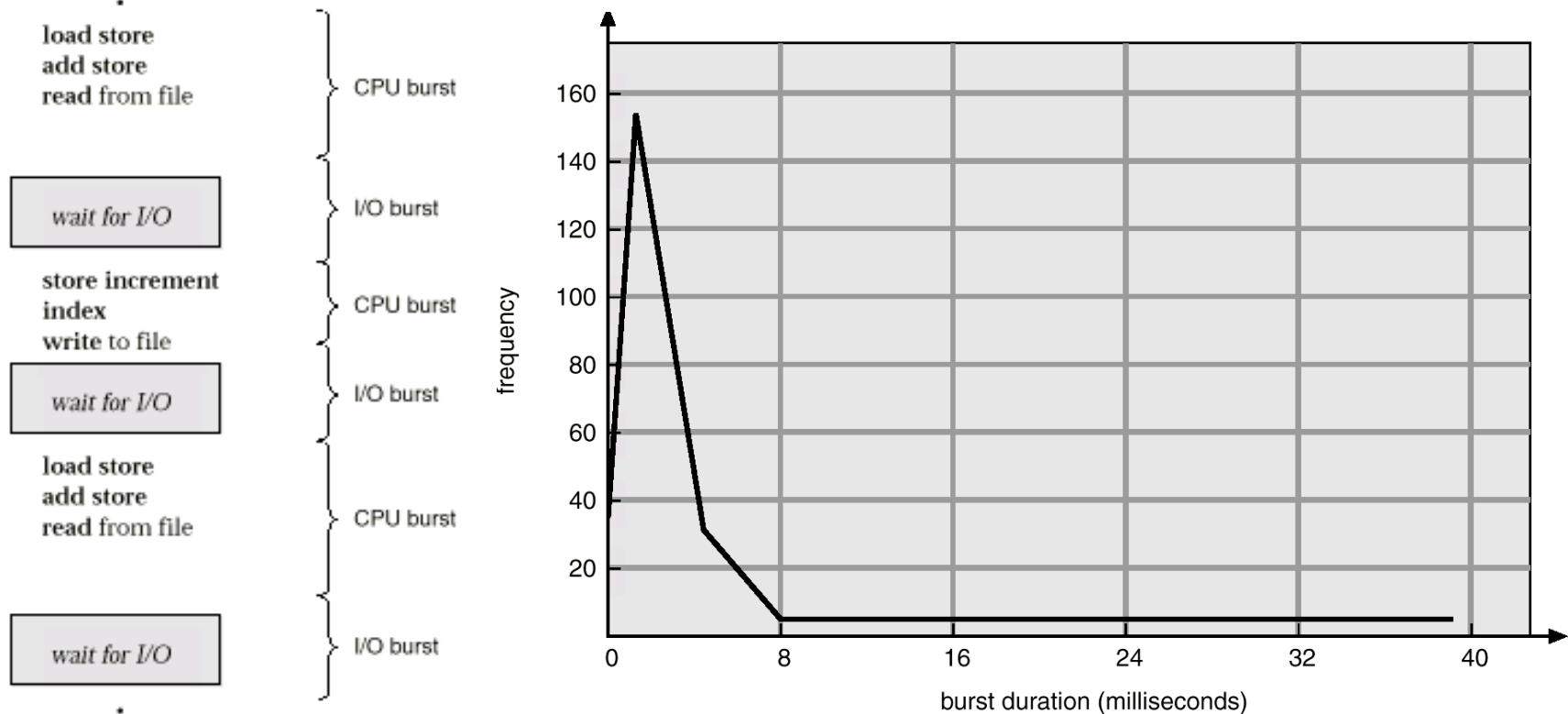
(a) Compute-bound process vs. (b) I/O-bound process

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➤ Types of process behavior: CPU-I/O burst cycle

✓ power-law: large # of short CPU bursts, small # of large bursts



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Typical histogram of CPU-burst times

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➤ I/O-bound processes

- ✓ as CPU speeds increase, processes generally tend to become more and more I/O-bound
- ✓ the scheduling of I/O-bound processes will likely become an important subject in the future
- *basic idea: an I/O-bound process that is "Ready" to run should get the CPU quickly so it can keep the disk busy*

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➤ When to schedule a new process

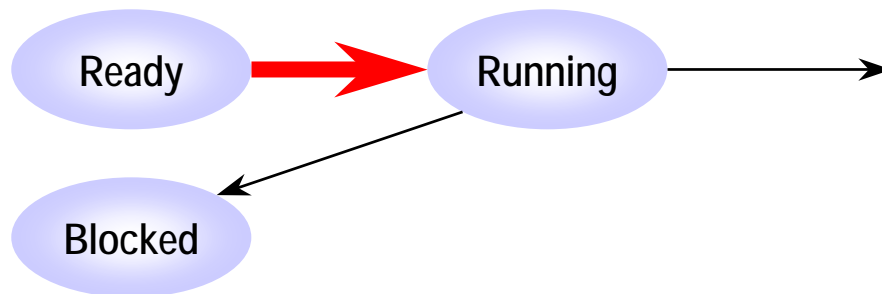
- ✓ when a process is created — run the child or the parent?
- ✓ when a process exits — who's next?
- ✓ when an I/O interrupt occurs upon finishing an I/O task — should the waiting process be rescheduled right away? or let the currently running process continue? or pick another process? etc.

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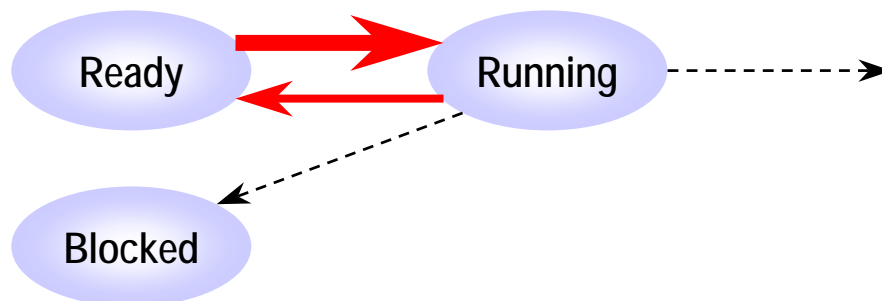
Purpose of CPU scheduling

➤ Two kinds of CPU-scheduling algorithms

- ✓ **cooperative** scheduling — let a process run until it blocks on I/O, terminates or voluntarily releases the CPU (system call)



- ✓ **preemptive** scheduling — follow clock interrupts (ex: 50Hz) to forcibly switch processes (demote the "Running" to "Ready")



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➤ Scheduling algorithm goals

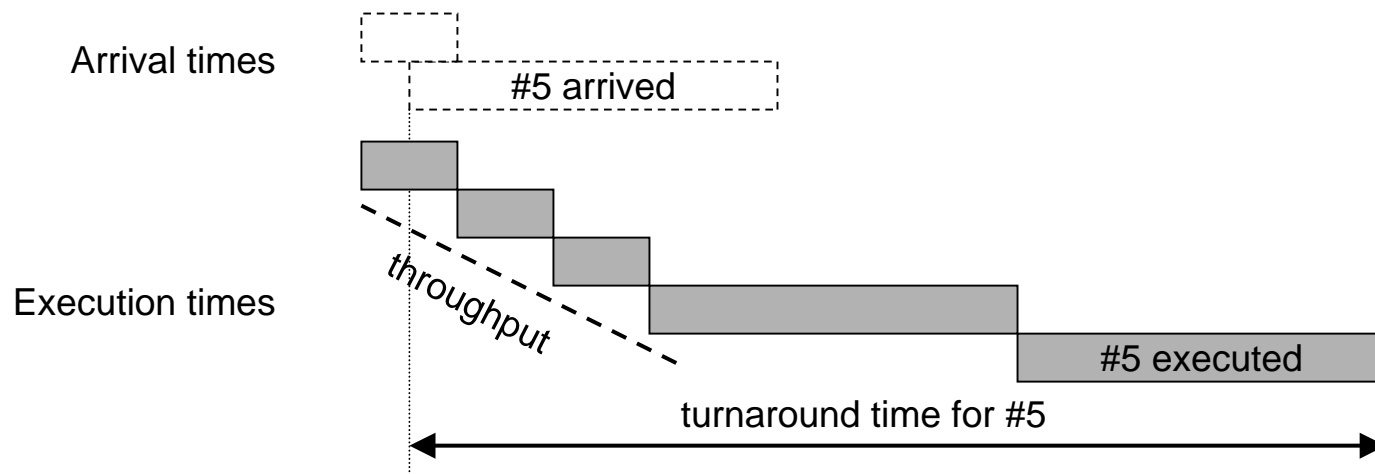
- ✓ **fairness** — comparable processes get comparable service
 - ✓ **compliance to system's policy** — ex: high-priority override low-priority processes (ex: safety control vs. payroll in a nuclear plant)
 - ✓ **keep system busy** — CPU and I/O devices should be utilized fully
 - if all CPU-bound were run first: fight for CPU, I/O idle
 - then all I/O-bound were run: fight for I/O, CPU idle
- keep a well-balanced mix of CPU-bound and I/O-bound processes, so they can fill in for each other

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Purpose of CPU scheduling

➤ Scheduling algorithm goals — batch systems

- ✓ **throughput** — maximize # of completed jobs per time unit
- ✓ **turnaround time (latency)** — minimize time between submission and termination of job
 - high throughput and low turnaround are rarely compatible
 - for ex: supply of short jobs scheduled in front of long jobs: good throughput, bad turnaround time for long jobs



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➤ Scheduling algorithm goals — interactive systems

- ✓ **response time** — respond to requests quickly: minimize time between issuing command and getting result
 - ex: a user request to start a new program should take precedence over background work
 - having interactive requests go first will be perceived as good service
- ✓ **proportionality time** — meet users' expectation, even if irrational
 - ex: 45 seconds to establish a modem connection is commonly *perceived* as acceptable
 - but 45 seconds to hang up is not (although similar task)

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Purpose of CPU scheduling

➤ Scheduling algorithm goals — summary

All systems

Fairness - giving each process a fair share of the CPU

Policy enforcement - seeing that stated policy is carried out

Balance - keeping all parts of the system busy

Batch systems

Throughput - maximize jobs per hour

Turnaround time - minimize time between submission and termination

CPU utilization - keep the CPU busy all the time

Interactive systems

Response time - respond to requests quickly

Proportionality - meet users' expectations

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Real-time systems

Meeting deadlines - avoid losing data

Predictability - avoid quality degradation in multimedia systems

Some goals of CPU scheduling under different circumstances

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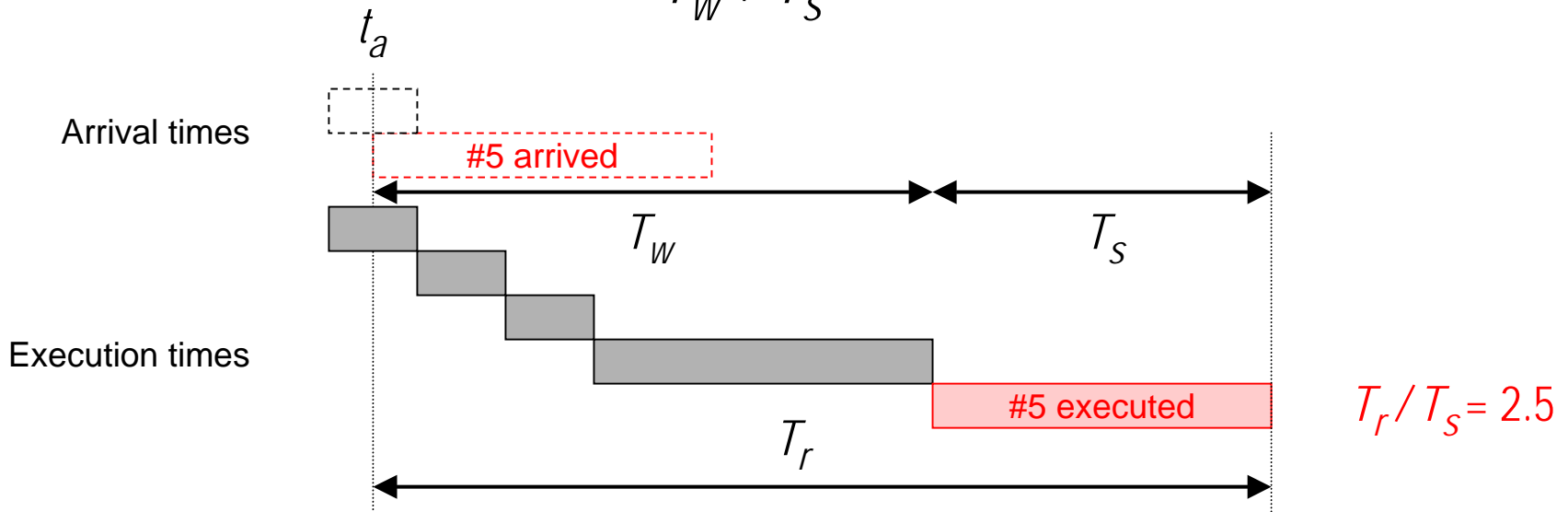
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Scheduling in batch systems

➤ Scheduling metrics

- ✓ arrival time t_a = time the process became "Ready" (again)
- ✓ wait time T_W = time spent waiting for CPU
- ✓ service time T_S = time spent executing in CPU
- ✓ turnaround time T_r = total time spent waiting and executing

$$= T_W + T_S$$

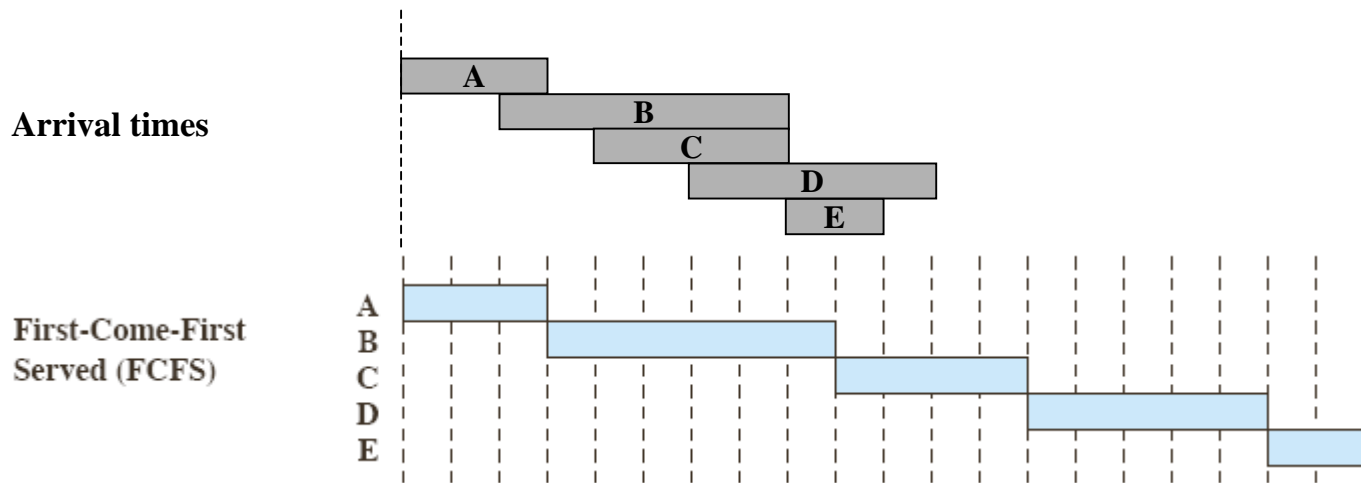


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➤ First-Come-First-Served (FCFS)

- ✓ processes are assigned the CPU in the order they request it
- ✓ when the running process blocks, the first "Ready" is run next
- ✓ when a process gets "Ready", it is put at the end of the queue



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| FCFS | Finish Time | A | 3 | B | 9 | C | 13 | D | 18 | E | 20 | Mean |
| | Turnaround Time (T_T) | | 3 | | 7 | | 9 | | 12 | | 12 | 8.60 |
| | T_T/T_S | | 1.00 | | 1.17 | | 2.25 | | 2.40 | | 6.00 | 2.56 |

FCFS scheduling policy

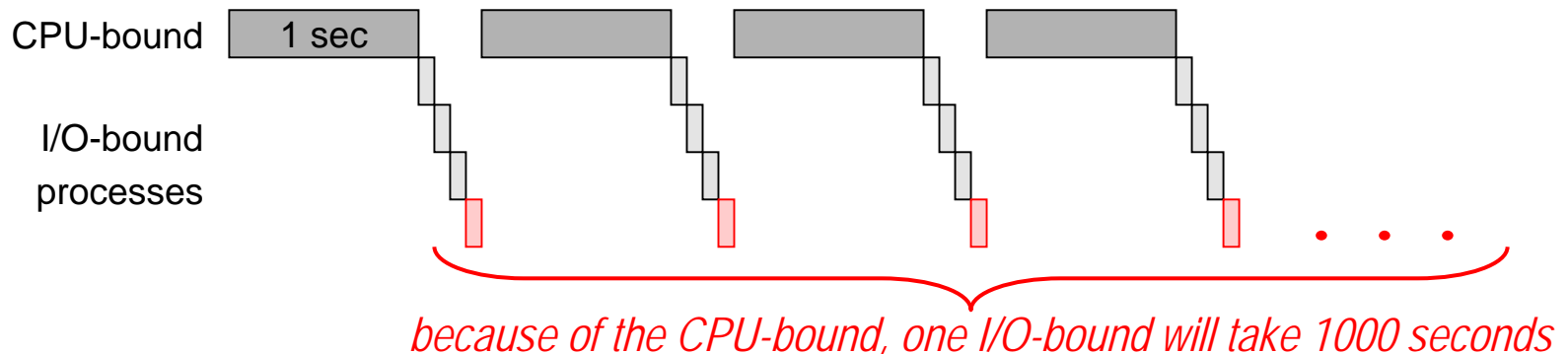
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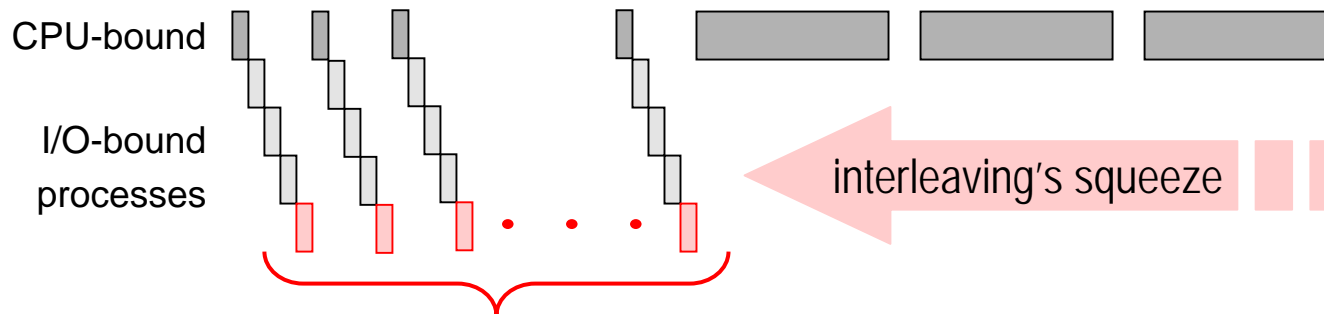
- ✓ nonpreemptive, oldest and simplest to program
- ✓ apparently “fair” but very inefficient; example:
 - a CPU-bound process runs 1 sec, then reads 1 disk block
 - several I/O-bound processes run little CPU, but must read 1000 disk blocks



→ *preempt the CPU-bound more often to let the I/O-bound progress*

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by preempting the CPU-bound every 10ms (100 Hz), each I/O-bound now takes only 10 seconds (without bothering the CPU-bound too much ~10s)

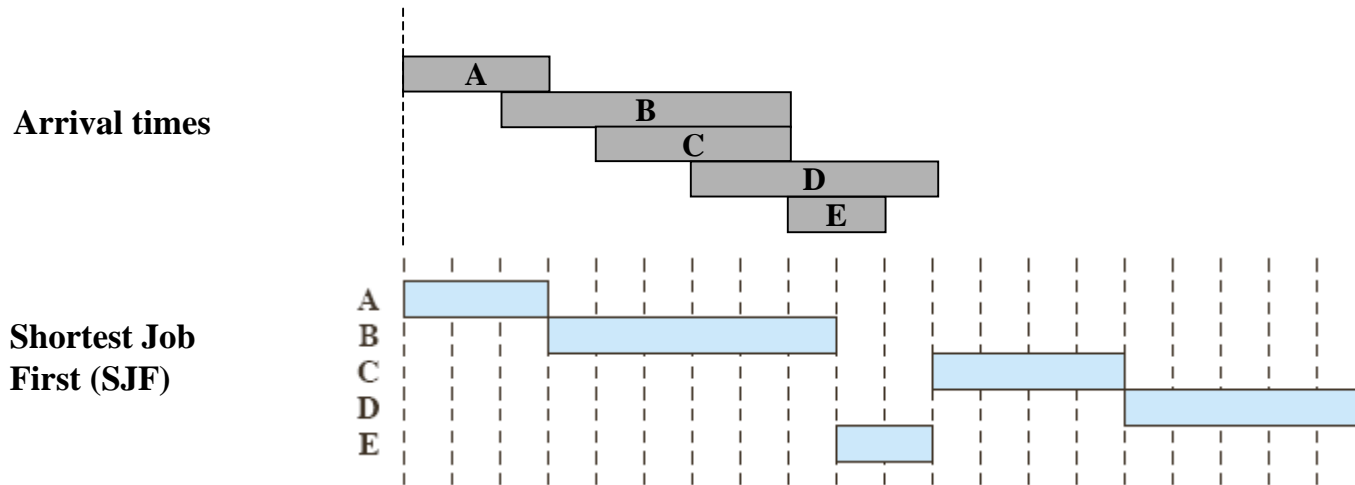
→ *see preemptive algorithms (Round-Robin, etc.) in later sections*

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Scheduling in batch systems

➤ Shortest Job First (SJF)

- ✓ nonpreemptive, assumes the run times are known in advance
- ✓ among several equally important "Ready" jobs (or CPU bursts), the scheduler picks the one that will finish the earliest



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| SJF | Finish Time | A | 3 | B | 9 | C | 15 | D | 20 | E | 11 | Mean |
| | Turnaround Time (T_T) | | 3 | | 7 | | 11 | | 14 | | 3 | 7.60 |
| | T_T/T_S | | 1.00 | | 1.17 | | 2.75 | | 2.80 | | 1.50 | 1.84 |

SJF scheduling policy

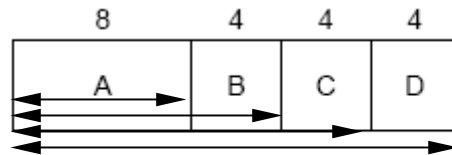
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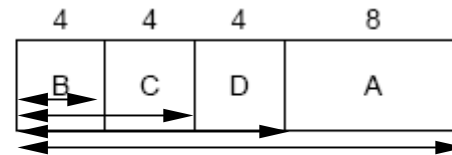
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➤ Shortest Job First (SJF)

✓ example:



(a) no SJF



(b) SJF

a) turnaround times $T_r = 8, 12, 16, 20 \rightarrow$ mean $T_r = 14$

b) turnaround times $T_r = 4, 8, 12, 20 \rightarrow$ mean $T_r = 11$

✓ SJF is optimal among jobs available immediately; proof:

- generally, with service times $T_s = a, b, c, d$ the mean turnaround time is: $T_r = (4a + 3b + 2c + d) / 4$, therefore it is always better to schedule the longest process (d) last

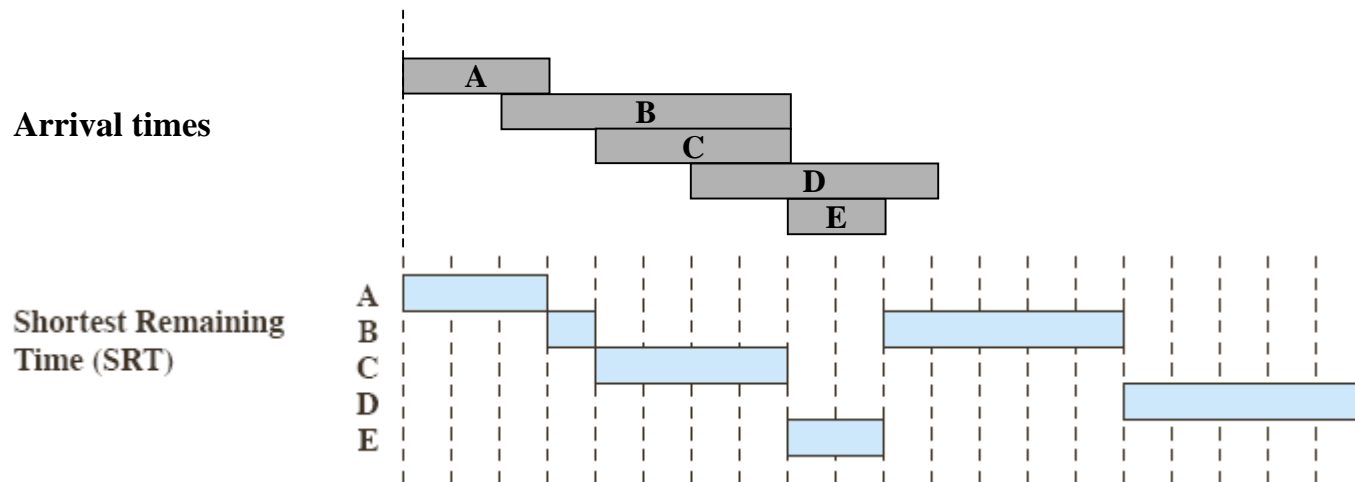
✓ however, because of no-preemption, SJF is not dealing well with jobs arriving subsequently

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➤ Shortest Remaining Time (SRT)

- ✓ preemptive version of SJF, also assumes known run time
- ✓ choose the process whose remaining run time is shortest
- ✓ allows new short jobs to get good service



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| SRT | Finish Time | A | 3 | B | 15 | C | 8 | D | 20 | E | 10 | Mean |
| | Turnaround Time (T_T) | | 3 | | 13 | | 4 | | 14 | | 2 | 7.20 |
| | T_T/T_S | | 1.00 | | 2.17 | | 1.00 | | 2.80 | | 1.00 | 1.59 |

SRT scheduling policy

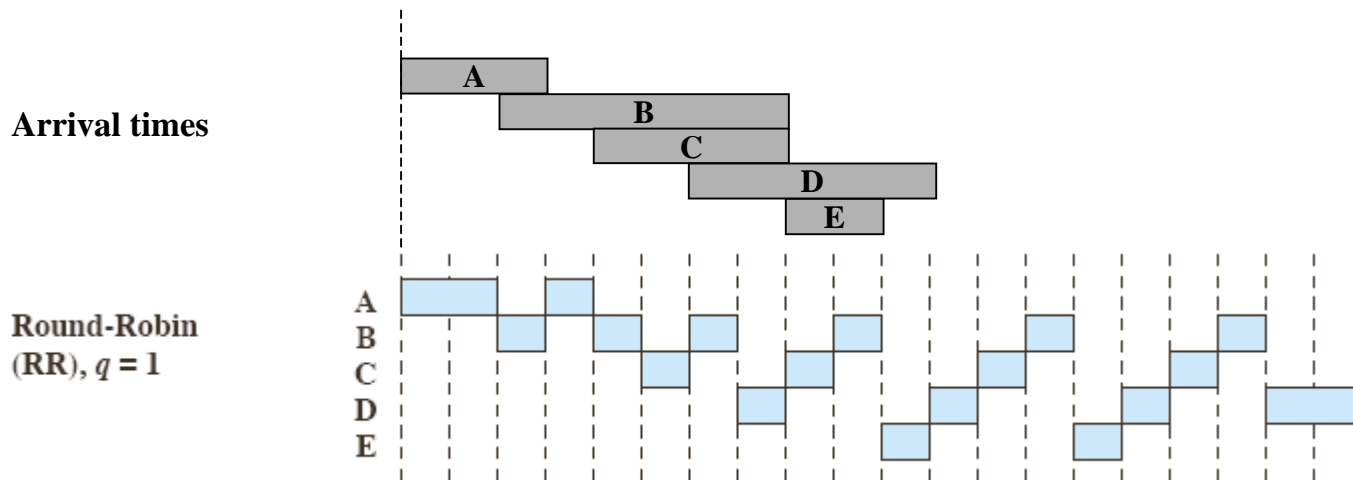
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➤ Round-Robin (RR)

- ✓ preemptive FCFS, based on a time interval, the **quantum** q
- ✓ a running process is interrupted by the clock (timed out) and transitioned to the "Ready" state; another "Ready" process is run



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| RR $q = 1$ | Finish Time | A | 4 | B | 18 | C | 17 | D | 20 | E | 15 | Mean |
| | Turnaround Time (T_T) | | 4 | | 16 | | 13 | | 14 | | 7 | 10.80 |
| | T_T/T_S | | 1.33 | | 2.67 | | 3.25 | | 2.80 | | 3.50 | 2.71 |

RR ($q = 1$) scheduling policy

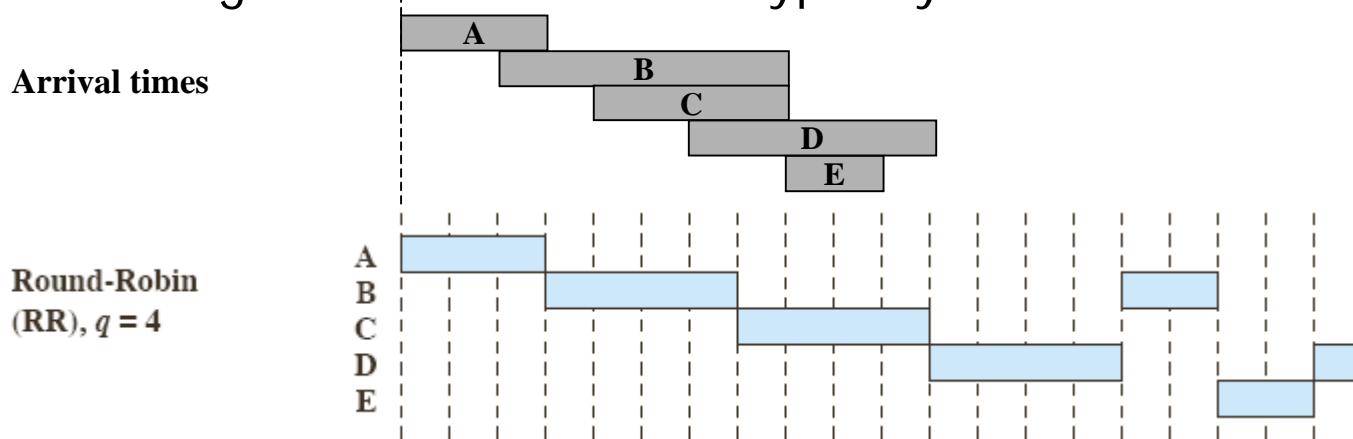
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➤ Round-Robin (RR)

- ✓ a crucial parameter is the quantum q (generally $\sim 10\text{--}100\text{ms}$)
 - q should be big compared to context switch latency ($\sim 10\mu\text{s}$)
 - q should be less than the longest CPU bursts, otherwise RR degenerates to FCFS \rightarrow typically at 80% of the distrib. tail



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| RR $q = 4$ | Finish Time | A | 3 | B | 17 | C | 11 | D | 20 | E | 19 | Mean |
| | Turnaround Time (T_T) | | 3 | | 15 | | 7 | | 14 | | 11 | 10.00 |
| | T_T/T_S | | 1.00 | | 2.5 | | 1.75 | | 2.80 | | 5.50 | 2.71 |

RR ($q = 4$) scheduling policy

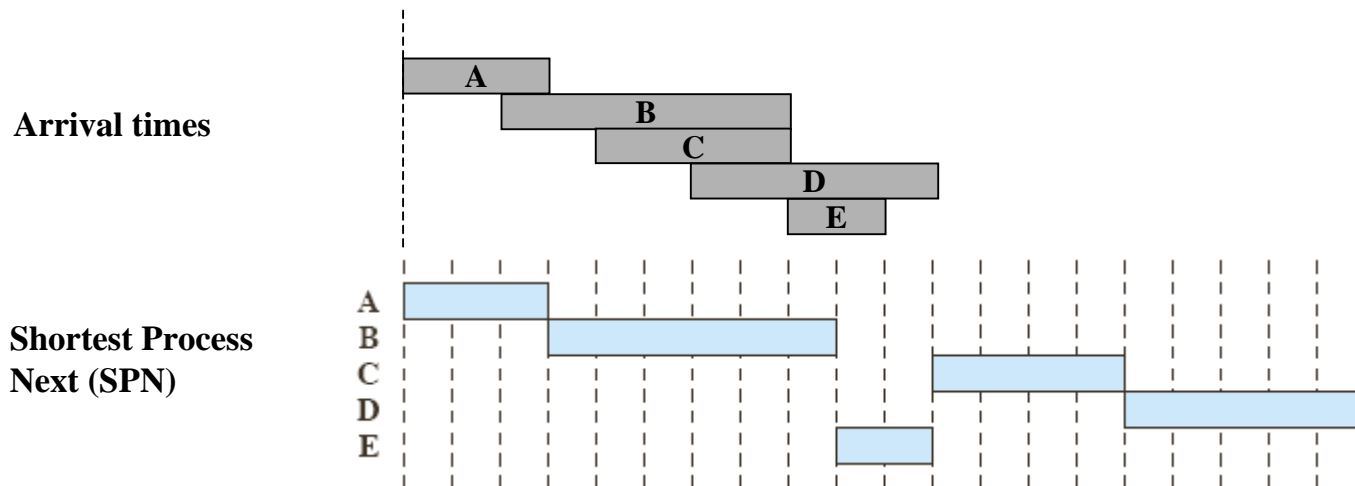
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➤ Shortest Process Next (SPN)

- ✓ equivalent to SJF: pick the one that should finish the earliest
- *difference in an interactive system: base the prediction about future duration upon the past durations*



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| | Turnaround Time (T_T) | | 3 | | 7 | | 11 | | 14 | | 3 | 7.60 |
| | T_T/T_S | | 1.00 | | 1.17 | | 2.75 | | 2.80 | | 1.50 | 1.84 |

SPN scheduling policy

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➤ Estimation of processing time from past

✓ simple averaging

$$\blacksquare S(n + 1) = (1 / n) \sum T(i)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow S(n + 1) = T(n) / n + (1 - 1 / n) S(n)$$

✓ exponential averaging, also called "aging"

$$\blacksquare S(n + 1) = \alpha T(n) + (1 - \alpha) S(n), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1$$

▪ high α forgets past runs quickly

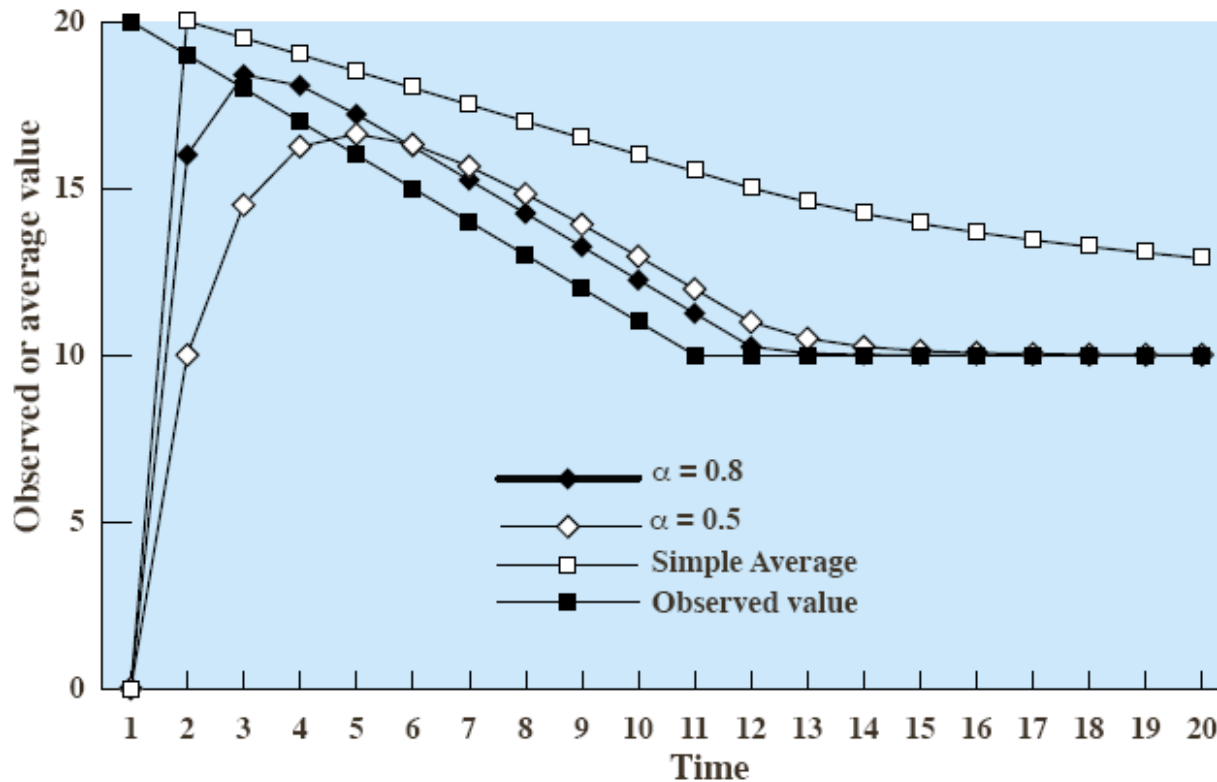
▪ low α remembers past runs for a long time

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➤ Estimation of processing time from past

- ✓ "aging" tracks changes in process behavior faster than the mean



Example of exponential averaging in duration estimation

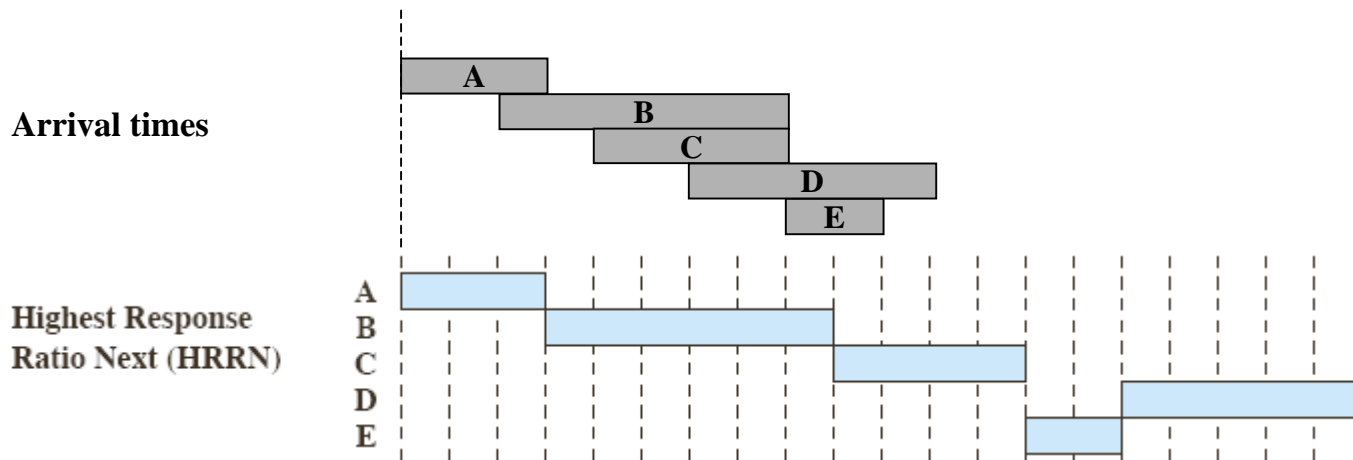
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➤ Highest Response Ratio Next (HRRN)

- ✓ minimize the normalized turnaround time T_r / T_s
- *compromise between FCFS, which favors long processes, and SPN, which favors short processes*



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| HRRN | Finish Time | A | 3 | B | 9 | C | 13 | D | 20 | E | 15 | Mean |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | | 3 | | 7 | | 9 | | 14 | | 7 | 8.00 |
| | T_r/T_s | | 1.00 | | 1.17 | | 2.25 | | 2.80 | | 3.5 | 2.14 |

HRRN scheduling policy

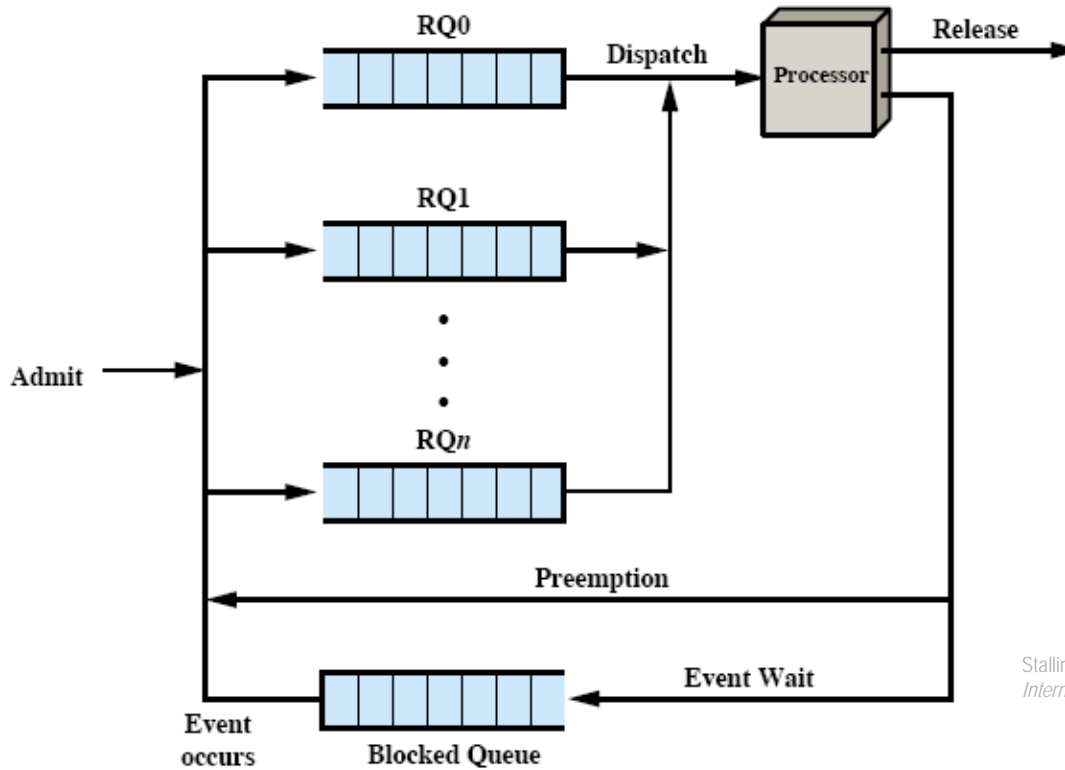
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➤ Priority Scheduling

- ✓ several "Ready" process queues, with different priorities



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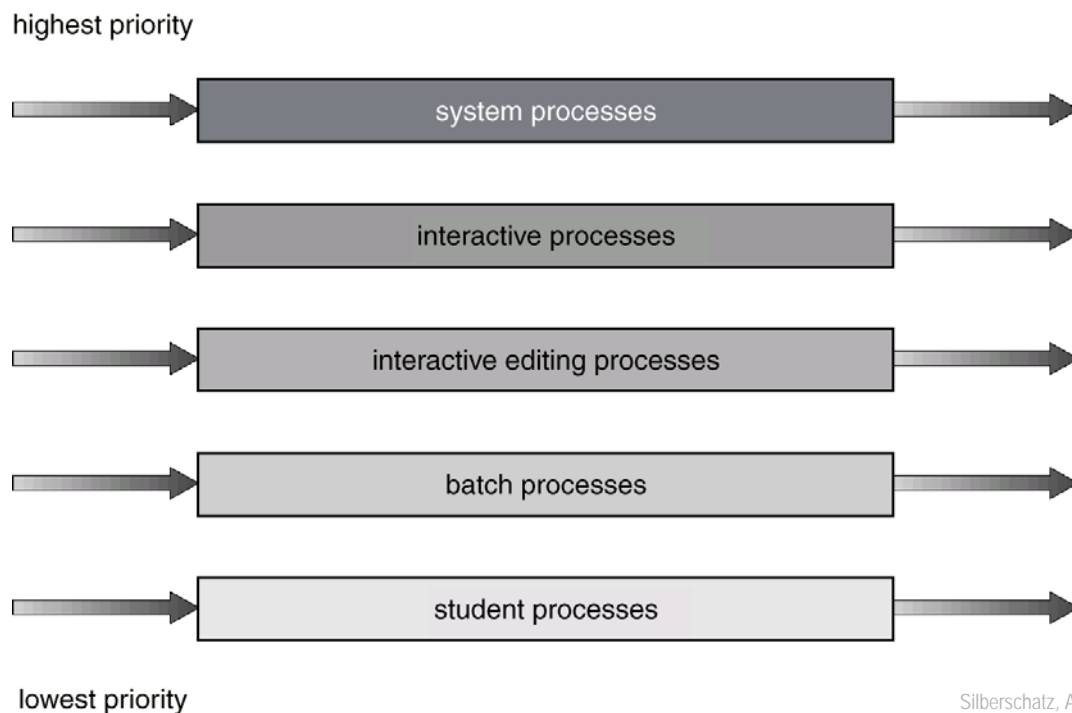
Priority queuing

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➤ Priority Scheduling

- ✓ processes are assigned to queues based on their properties (memory size, priority, bound type, etc.)



Multilevel queue scheduling

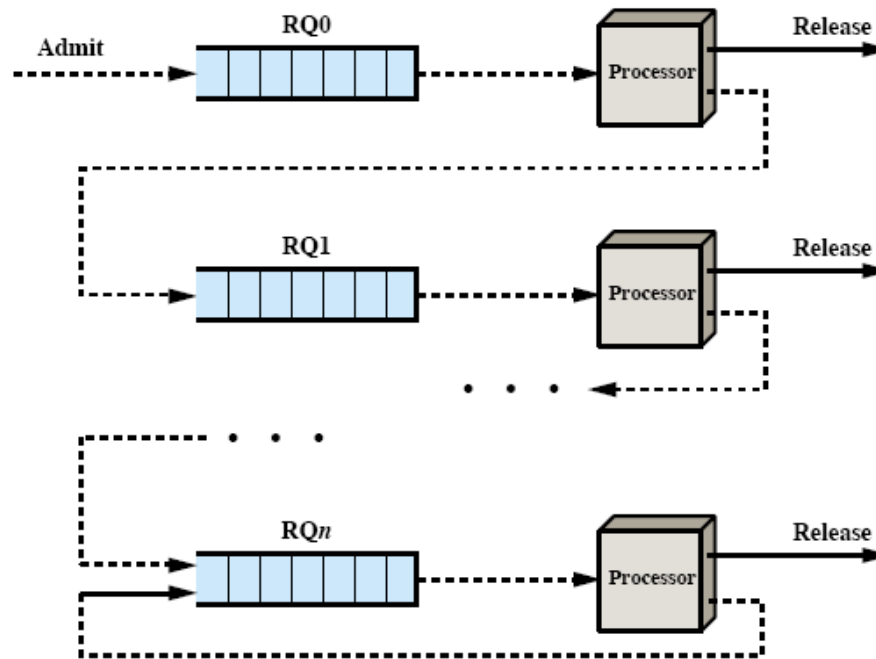
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➤ Priority Scheduling with Feedback (FB)

- ✓ processes can be moved among queues
- ✓ each queue has its own policy, generally RR with variable $q(Q_i)$



Priority queuing

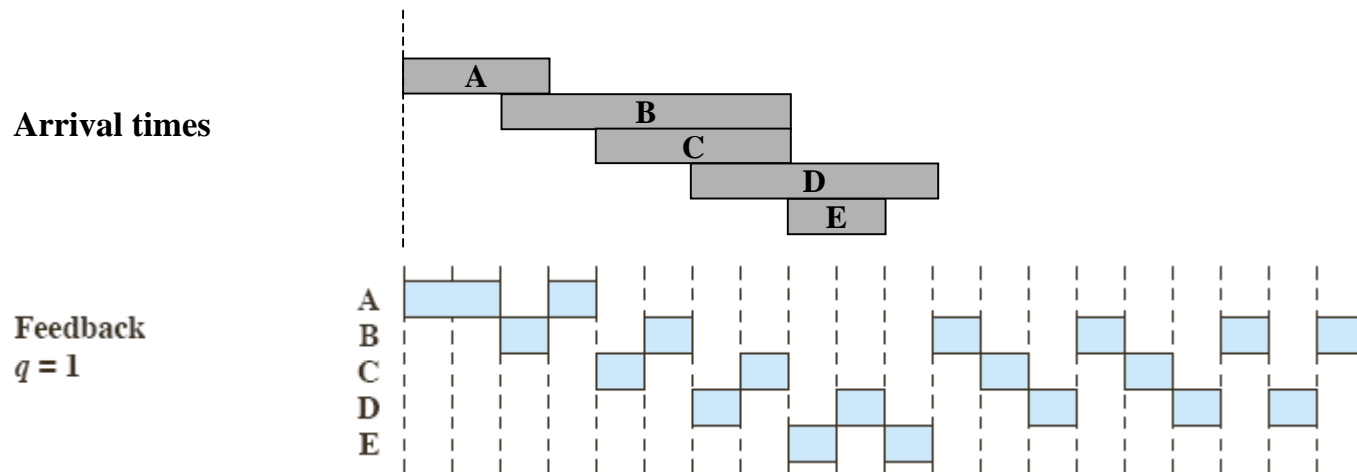
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➤ Priority Scheduling with Feedback (FB)

- ✓ each time a process is preempted, it is demoted to a lower-level queue
- ✓ tends to leave I/O-bound in higher priority queues, as desired



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| | Turnaround Time (T_T) | | 4 | | 18 | | 12 | | 13 | | 3 | 10.00 |
| | T_T/T_S | | 1.33 | | 3.00 | | 3.00 | | 2.60 | | 1.5 | 2.29 |

FB ($q = 1$) scheduling policy

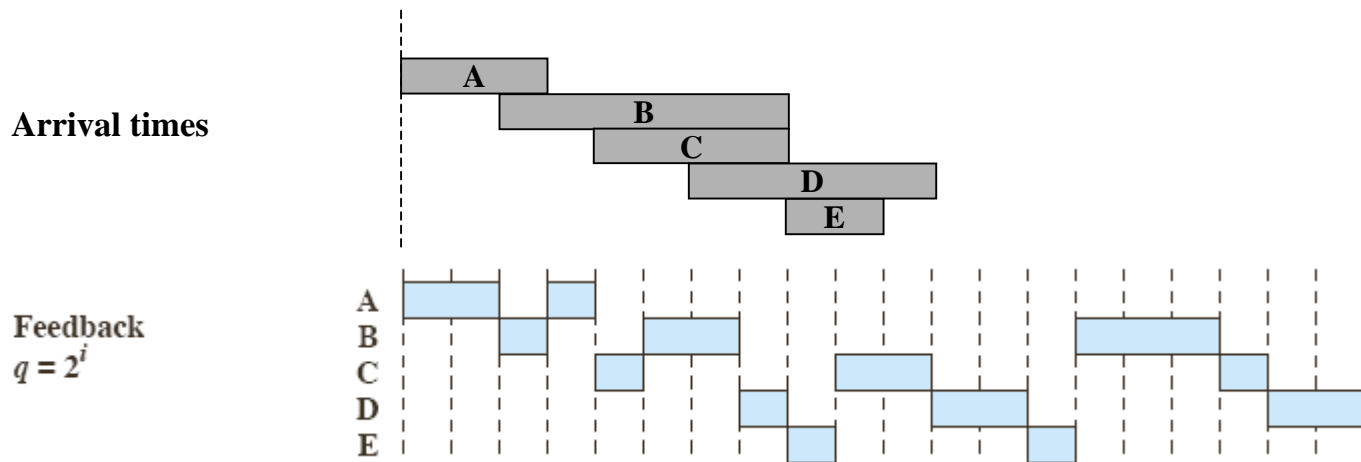
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➤ Priority Scheduling with Feedback (FB)

- ✓ a uniform RR quantum for all queues might create starvation
- ✓ to compensate for increasing wait times in lower queue, increase q , too; for example $q = 2^i$



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| | T_T/T_S | | 1.33 | | 2.50 | | 3.50 | | 2.80 | | 3.00 | 2.63 |

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| | Process | A | B | C | D | E | Mean |
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| | Arrival Time | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | |
| | Service Time (T_s) | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | |
| FCFS | Finish Time | 3 | 9 | 13 | 18 | 20 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 3 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 8.60 |
| | T_r/T_s | 1.00 | 1.17 | 2.25 | 2.40 | 6.00 | 2.56 |
| RR $q = 1$ | Finish Time | 4 | 18 | 17 | 20 | 15 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 4 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 10.80 |
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| RR $q = 4$ | Finish Time | 3 | 17 | 11 | 20 | 19 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 3 | 15 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 10.00 |
| | T_r/T_s | 1.00 | 2.5 | 1.75 | 2.80 | 5.50 | 2.71 |
| SPN | Finish Time | 3 | 9 | 15 | 20 | 11 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 3 | 7 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 7.60 |
| | T_r/T_s | 1.00 | 1.17 | 2.75 | 2.80 | 1.50 | 1.84 |
| SRT | Finish Time | 3 | 15 | 8 | 20 | 10 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 3 | 13 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 7.20 |
| | T_r/T_s | 1.00 | 2.17 | 1.00 | 2.80 | 1.00 | 1.59 |
| HRRN | Finish Time | 3 | 9 | 13 | 20 | 15 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 3 | 7 | 9 | 14 | 7 | 8.00 |
| | T_r/T_s | 1.00 | 1.17 | 2.25 | 2.80 | 3.5 | 2.14 |
| FB $q = 1$ | Finish Time | 4 | 20 | 16 | 19 | 11 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 4 | 18 | 12 | 13 | 3 | 10.00 |
| | T_r/T_s | 1.33 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 2.60 | 1.5 | 2.29 |
| FB $q = 2^i$ | Finish Time | 4 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 14 | |
| | Turnaround Time (T_r) | 4 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 6 | 10.60 |
| | T_r/T_s | 1.33 | 2.50 | 3.50 | 2.80 | 3.00 | 2.63 |

4.b Scheduling Algorithms

Scheduling in interactive systems

➤ Traditional UNIX scheduling

- ✓ multilevel feedback using RR within each of the priority queues
- ✓ typically 1-second preemption timeout
- ✓ system of integer priorities recomputed once per second
- ✓ a base priority divides processes into fixed bands of priority levels; in decreasing order:
 - swapper
 - block I/O device control
 - file manipulation
 - character I/O device control
 - user processes

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- ✓ Scheduling in batch systems
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