

# Two-Servers Heterogeneous Overflow Queues

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**ABSTRACT.** In this research, we treat the system of the overflow queue with a primary truncated two-channels queue:  $M/M/2/k$  and a secondary infinite-channels queue:  $M/M/\infty$ . The two servers have different rates  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  which are different from the infinite servers with identical rate  $\mu_3$ . The discipline considered is a modification of the usual one F I F O.

## 1. Introduction

The system of overflow queue had been studied by many researchers. The pioneer work was that of Kosten<sup>[1]</sup> who studied the system  $M/M/C/C$  as a primary queue and  $M/M/\infty$  as a secondary queue. In that work, he derived the probabilities in very complicated formulas. The most important work is that of Herzog and Kuhn<sup>[2]</sup> followed by Rath and Sheng<sup>[3]</sup>. They studied the factorial moments of the overflow queue and gave an explicit formula for  $M_{(1)}$  and implicit for  $M_{(2)}$  when  $\mu = 1$ .

The aim of this paper is to derive the factorial moments in an explicit form. In fact, we treat the system of overflow queues in which the primary queue is a truncated two channels in the heterogeneous case with a modified discipline. We also consider  $\mu \neq 1$ , (*i.e.* in terms of), and deduce some special cases. This work is an extension to Abou-El-Ata and Alseedy<sup>[4]</sup> and could be applied to communication and telephone system.

## 2. Analysis of the Problem

Consider the system of overflow queue with a truncated primary queue:  $M/M/2/k$  and the server's rates:  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ , also an infinite servers queue:  $M/M/\infty$  each with rate

$\mu_3$ . Assume that the arrival rate of the units to the system is  $\lambda$ . Also consider the units to be served according to Krishnamoorthi's<sup>[5]</sup> discipline as follows :

- (i) If the two-channels are free, the head unit of the queue goes to the 1st channel with prob.  $\pi_1$  or to the 2nd channel with prob.  $\pi_2$ , ( $\pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1$ ).
- (ii) If one channel is free, the head unit goes directly to it.
- (iii) If the two channels are busy, the units wait in their order until any channel becomes vacant.

Let us define  $P_{n,m}$ , the probability that there are  $n$  units in the primary and  $m$  units in the secondary queues. Also let  $P_{i,j,m}$  be defined by:

$$P_{i,j,m} = \text{Prob. that there are } i \text{ units in the 1st channel, } j \text{ units in the 2nd channel, and } m \text{ units in the secondary queue, } i, j = 0,1, m = 0(1) \dots$$

i.e.  $P_{0,m} = P_{0,0,m}$   $P_{1,m} = P_{1,0,m} + P_{0,1,m}$  and;  $P_{2,m} = P_{1,1,m}$ .

As in the usual  $\delta$ -technique, the steady-state difference equations could be deduced as follows :

$$(m\mu_3 + \lambda) P_{0,0,m} = (m + 1) \mu_3 P_{0,0,m+1} + \mu_1 P_{1,0,m} + \mu_2 P_{0,1,m}, n = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (m\mu_3 + \mu_1 + \lambda) P_{1,0,m} &= (m + 1) \mu_3 P_{1,0,m+1} + \mu_2 P_{1,1,m} + \lambda\pi_1 P_{0,0,m} \\ (m\mu_3 + \mu_2 + \lambda) P_{0,1,m} &= (m + 1) \mu_3 P_{0,1,m+1} + \mu_1 P_{1,1,m} + \lambda\pi_2 P_{0,0,m} \end{aligned} \right\} n = \tag{2}$$

$$(m\mu_3 + \mu + \lambda) P_{n,m} = (m + 1) \mu_3 P_{n,m+1} + \mu P_{n+1,m} + \lambda P_{n-1,m}, 2 \leq n < k \tag{3}$$

$$(m\mu_3 + \mu + \lambda) P_{k,m} = (m + 1) \mu_3 P_{k,m+1} + \lambda P_{k,m-1} + \lambda P_{k-1,m}, n = k \tag{4}$$

where  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ , and,  $P_{k,-1} = 0$  (5)

Define the conditional  $\ell$ th factorial moments

$$M_{(\ell)}(n) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} m_{(\ell)} P_{n,m} \tag{6}$$

where  $m_{(\ell)} = m(m-1) \dots (m-\ell+1)$ ,  $\ell \geq 0$   $m_{(0)} = 1$

Thus, the  $\ell$ th factorial moment is

$$M_{(\ell)} = \sum_{n=0}^k M_{(\ell)}(n) = \sum_{n=0}^k \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} m_{(\ell)} P_{n,m} \tag{7}$$

Also the factorial moment generating function is

$$M(n; t) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} M_{(\ell)}(n) \frac{t^\ell}{\ell!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (1+t)^m P_{n,m} \tag{8}$$

Now, from relations (1)  $\rightarrow$  (8) we can easily deduce the moment-difference equations as follows :

$$(\ell\mu_3 + \lambda) M_{(\ell)}(0) = \mu_1 M_{(\ell)}(1, 0) + \mu_2 M_{(\ell)}(0, 1), n = 0 \tag{9}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\ell\mu_3 + \mu_1 + \lambda) M_{(\ell)}(1, 0) &= \mu_2 M_{(\ell)}(2) + \lambda \pi_1 M_{(\ell)}(0) \\ (\ell\mu_3 + \mu_2 + \lambda) M_{(\ell)}(0, 1) &= \mu_1 M_{(\ell)}(2) + \lambda \pi_2 M_{(\ell)}(0) \end{aligned} \right\} = \quad (10)$$

$$(\ell\mu_3 + \mu + \lambda) M_{(\ell)}(n) = \mu M_{(\ell)}(n+1) + \lambda M_{(\ell)}(n-1) \quad , \quad 2 \leq n < k \quad (11)$$

$$(\ell\mu_3 + \mu) M_{(\ell)}(k) = \lambda \ell M_{(\ell-1)}(k) + \lambda M_{(\ell)}(k-1) \quad , \quad n = k \quad (12)$$

where  $\mu$  is given in relation (5).

Summing up equations (9)  $\rightarrow$  (12) over  $n = 0(1)k$  and using relation (7) we have :

$$M_{(\ell)} = \sum_{n=0}^k M_{(\ell)}(n) = \rho_3 M_{(\ell-1)}(k) \quad , \quad \rho_i = \frac{\lambda}{\mu_i} \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (13)$$

To calculate the moments, we have to calculate first of all  $M_{(\ell)}(k)$ ,  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$

### 2.1 The First Factorial Moment

To calculate  $M_{(1)}$ , the 1st factorial moment we have to derive first of all  $M_{(0)}(k)$ . From relations (9) and (10) with  $\ell = 0$  we obtain :

$$M_{(0)}(2) = \theta M_{(0)}(1) \quad (14)$$

$$\text{where } \theta = \frac{\rho_1 \rho_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu_i} \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (15)$$

$$\text{and } \left. \begin{aligned} M_{(0)}(1, 0) &= \frac{\theta}{1 + \rho_1} M_{(0)}(1) + \frac{\pi_1 \rho_1}{1 + \rho_1} M_{(0)}(0) \\ M_{(0)}(0, 1) &= \frac{\theta}{1 + \rho_2} M_{(0)}(1) + \frac{\pi_2 \rho_2}{1 + \rho_2} M_{(0)}(0) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

But, from  $P_{1,m} = P_{1,0,m} + P_{0,1,m}$  we can deduce that

$$M_{(\ell)}(0, 1) + M_{(\ell)}(1, 0) = M_{(\ell)}(1) \quad (17)$$

Then, from (16) we could easily get :

$$M_{(0)}(1) = \gamma M_{(0)}(0) \quad (18)$$

$$\text{where } \gamma = \frac{\rho_1 \pi_1 + \rho_2 \pi_2 + \rho_1 \rho_2}{1 + 2\theta} \quad (19)$$

Therefore, from (14) and (18) we have

$$M_{(0)}(2) = \gamma \theta M_{(0)}(0)$$

From equations (9), (10) with  $n = 0, 1$ , (11) with  $n = 2(1)k-1$   $\ell = 0$ , and (20) we get :

$$M_{(0)}(3) = \theta M_{(0)}(2) - \gamma \theta^2 M_{(0)}(0)$$

Thus by mathematical induction we have :

$$M_{(0)}(n) = \gamma \theta^{n-1} M_{(0)}(0) \quad , \quad 1 \leq n \leq k$$

Using relations (6), (7) with  $\ell = 0$ , (22) and the boundary condition

$$M_{(0)} = \sum_{n=0}^k \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} P_{n,m} = 1, \text{ we get :}$$

$$M_{(0)}(0) = 1 + \gamma \left( \frac{1 - \theta^k}{1 - \theta} \right)$$

Then, from relation (22) with  $n = k$  and (23) we obtain

$$M_{(0)}(k) = \gamma \theta^{k-1} \left[ 1 + \gamma \frac{1 - \theta^k}{1 - \theta} \right]^{-1}$$

Therefore, from relations (13) with  $\ell = 1$  and (24) it could be easily deduced that

$$M_{(1)} = \rho_3 \gamma \theta^{k-1} \left[ 1 + \gamma \left( \frac{1 - \theta^k}{1 - \theta} \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (25)$$

where  $\theta$  is given in relation (15).

## 2.2 The Second Factorial Moment

To calculate  $M_{(2)}$ , the second factorial moment, we have to compute first of all  $M_{(1)}(k)$ , and thus from relations (9), (10) with  $\ell = 1$  we get :

$$M_{(1)}(2) = \frac{\theta}{\rho_3} \left[ M_{(1)}(0) + (1 + \rho_3) M_{(1)}(1) \right]$$

$$\text{and } \left. \begin{aligned} M_{(1)}(1, 0) &= \nu_1 \left( \pi_1 + \frac{\theta}{\rho_2 \rho_3} \right) M_{(1)}(0) + \nu_1 \theta \left( \frac{1 + \rho_3}{\rho_2 \rho_3} \right) M_{(1)}(1) \\ M_{(1)}(0, 1) &= \nu_2 \left( \pi_2 + \frac{\theta}{\rho_1 \rho_3} \right) M_{(1)}(0) + \nu_2 \theta \left( \frac{1 + \rho_3}{\rho_1 \rho_3} \right) M_{(1)}(1) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

where  $\theta$  is given in relation (15), and ;

$$\nu_1 = \frac{\rho_1 \rho_3}{\rho_1 + \rho_3 + \rho_1 \rho_3}, \quad \nu_2 = \frac{\rho_2 \rho_3}{\rho_2 + \rho_3 + \rho_2 \rho_3}$$

Thus, from both relations of (27) we can easily obtain

$$M_{(1)}(1) = \delta M_{(1)}(0)$$

$$\text{where } \delta = \frac{\nu_1 \pi_1 + \nu_2 \pi_2 + \nu}{1 - (1 + \rho_3) \nu}, \quad \nu = \left( \frac{\nu_1}{\rho_2 \rho_3} + \frac{\nu_2}{\rho_1 \rho_3} \right) \theta$$

Using relations (26) and (29) we have

$$M_{(1)}(2) = \Delta M_{(1)}(0) \quad (31)$$

$$\text{where } \Delta = \frac{\theta}{\rho_3} [1 + (1 + \rho_3) \delta]$$

From equation (11) for  $n = 2(1) k - 1$ ,  $\ell - 1$  we can deduce  $M_{(1)}(n + 2)$  recursively as follows :

$$M_{(1)}(n + 2) = M_{(1)}(2) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-n+i)_i}{i!} \theta^{n-i} \phi^{n-2i}$$

$$M_{(1)}(1) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-n+1+i)_i}{i!} \theta^{n-i} \phi^{n-1-2i}$$

where  $n = 1(1) k - 2$ ,  $\theta$  is given in relation (15) and

$$\phi = \theta + \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_3}$$

Using relations (33) with  $n = k - 2$ , (29) and (31) we obtain

$$M_{(1)}(k) = (\Delta u - \delta v) M_{(1)}(0), \quad k \geq 3$$

where :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-3} \frac{(-k+2+i)_i}{i!} \theta^{k-2-i} \phi^{k-2-2i} \\ v &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-3} \frac{(-k+3+i)_i}{i!} \theta^{k-2-i} \phi^{k-3-2i} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

to find  $M_{(1)}(0)$  use relations (7) with  $\ell = 1$ , (29), (31) and (33) we get:

$$M_{(1)}(0) = M_{(1)} [1 + \delta(1-x) + \Delta(1+y)]^{-1}$$

where :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \sum_{n=1}^{k-2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-n+1+i)_i}{i!} \theta^{n-i} \phi^{n-1-2i} \\ y &= \sum_{n=1}^{k-2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-n+i)_i}{i!} \theta^{n-i} \phi^{n-2i} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Then from relations (35) and (37) we can deduce

$$M_{(1)}(k) = \frac{(\Delta u - \delta v) M_{(1)}}{1 + \delta(1-x) + \Delta(1+y)}, \quad k \geq 3$$

Therefore  $M_{(2)}$  can be deduced from relations (13) with  $\ell = 2$  and (39) as follows

$$M_{(2)} = \frac{\rho_3 (\Delta u - \delta v) M_{(1)}}{1 + \delta(1-x) + \Delta(1+y)}, \quad k \geq 3 \quad (40)$$

where  $u, v$  are given in relation (36) and  $x, y$  in relation (38). Also the variance is :  
variance =  $M_{(2)} + M_{(1)} - M_{(1)}^2$ .

If  $k = 2$ , it is clear that  $u = v = x = y = 0$ , thus use relation (31) to get  $M_{(1)}(2)$ .

### 2.3 Particular Cases

#### Model I

Let  $k = 2 \Rightarrow (M/M/2/2, M/M/\infty)$  and put  $\rho_i = \rho, i = 1, 2, 3$  then from relation (25) we get :

$$M_{(1)} = \frac{\rho^3}{\rho^2 + 2\rho + 2}, \quad \rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \quad (41)$$

Since  $k = 2$ , then from relation (38) we have  $x = y = 0$ , and thus relation (37) becomes :

$$M_{(1)}(0) = M_{(1)} [1 + \delta + \Delta]^{-1}$$

where  $\Delta = \frac{1}{2}(\rho^2 + 2\rho + 2), \delta = \rho + 1$

$$M_{(1)}(0) = \frac{\rho^3}{(\rho^2 + 2\rho + 2)(\rho^2 + 4\rho + 6)}$$

$$M_{(2)} = \Delta M_{(1)}(0) = \frac{\rho^3}{\rho^2 + 4\rho + 6}$$

Using relation (13) with  $\ell = 2$ , thus we get

$$M_{(2)} = \rho M_{(1)}(2) = \frac{\rho^4}{\rho^2 + 4\rho + 6} \quad (42)$$

which are the same results as in Riordan<sup>[6]</sup> with  $c = k = 2$ .

#### Model II

Let  $k = 3 \Rightarrow (M/M/2/3, M/M/\infty)$  and put  $\rho_i = \rho, i = 2, 3$  then from relation (25) we obtain :

$$M_{(1)} = \frac{\rho^4}{\rho^3 + 2\rho^2 + 4\rho + 4} \quad (43)$$

From relations (30), (32), (36) and (38) we get :

$$\delta = \rho + 1, \Delta = \frac{1}{2}(\rho^2 + 2\rho + 2), u = y = \frac{1}{2}(\rho + 3), v = x = \frac{1}{2}\rho.$$

Thus from relation (40) we have

$$M_{(2)} = \frac{\rho^5 (\rho^3 + 3\rho^2 + 6\rho + 6)}{(\rho^3 + 2\rho^2 + 4\rho + 4) (\rho^3 + 5\rho^2 + 14\rho + 18)} \tag{44}$$

**Model III**

Let  $k = 4 \Rightarrow (M/M/2/4, M/M/\infty)$  and put  $\rho_i = \rho, i = 1, 2, 3$  thus from relation (25) we have :

$$M_{(1)} = \frac{\rho^5}{\rho^4 + 2\rho^3 + 4\rho^2 + 8\rho + 8}$$

Using relations (30), (32), (36) and (38) we can have

$$\delta = +\rho \quad \Delta = 1/2 (\rho^2 + 2\rho + 2), u = \frac{\rho^2 + 4\rho + 9}{4}, v = \frac{\rho^2 + 3\rho}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\rho^2 + 5\rho}{4}, y = \frac{\rho^2 + 6\rho + 15}{4}$$

Therefore, from relation (40) we get

$$M_{(2)} = \frac{\rho^5 (\rho^4 + 4\rho^3 + 11\rho^2 + 20\rho + 18)}{(\rho^4 + 2\rho^3 + 4\rho^2 + 8\rho + 8) (\rho^4 + 6\rho^3 + 21\rho^2 + 48\rho + 54)}$$

Note: For other cases of  $k$  such as  $k = 5, 10$  see the table give below.

TABLE The factorial moments  $M_{(1)}, M_{(2)}$  of the overflow queue.

Moment $k$	$M_{(1)}$	$M_{(2)}$
$k = 2$	$\frac{\rho^3}{\rho^2 + 2\rho + 2}$	$\frac{\rho^4}{\rho^2 + 4\rho + 6}$
$k = 3$	$\frac{\rho^4}{\rho^3 + 2\rho^2 + 4\rho + 4}$	$\frac{(\rho^3 + 3\rho^2 + 6\rho + 6) M_{(1)}}{\rho^3 + 5\rho^2 + 14\rho + 18}$
$k = 4$	$\frac{\rho^5}{\rho^4 + 2\rho^3 + 4\rho^2 + 8\rho + 8}$	$\frac{\rho(\rho^4 + 4\rho^3 + 11\rho^2 + 20\rho + 18) M_{(1)}}{\rho^4 + 6\rho^3 + 21\rho^2 + 48\rho + 54}$
$k = 5$	$\frac{\rho^6}{\rho^5 + 2\rho^4 + 4\rho^3 + 8\rho^2 + 16\rho + 16}$	$\frac{(\rho^5 + 5\rho^4 + 17\rho^3 + 41\rho^2 + 66\rho + 54) M_{(1)}}{\rho^5 + 7\rho^4 + 29\rho^3 + 83\rho^2 + 162\rho + 162}$
$k = 10$	$\frac{\rho^{11}}{\rho^{10} + 2\rho^9 + 4\rho^8 + 8\rho^7 + 16\rho^6 + 32\rho^5 + 64\rho^4 + 128\rho^3 + 256\rho^2 + 512\rho + 512}$	$\frac{A M_{(1)}}{B}$

where

$$A = \rho(\rho^{10} + 10\rho^9 + 62\rho^8 + 286\rho^7 + 1046\rho^6 + 3110\rho^5 + 7544\rho^4 + 14706\rho^3 + 22133\rho^2 + 23328\rho + 13122)$$

$$B = \rho^{10} + 12\rho^9 + 84\rho^8 + 428\rho^7 + 1712\rho^6 + 5544\rho^5 + 14646\rho^4 + 31212\rho^3 + 51759\rho^2 + 61236\rho + 39366$$

Also we draw some curves of  $M_{(1)}$  for the different models given above when  $k = 2, 3, 4, 5, 10$ .

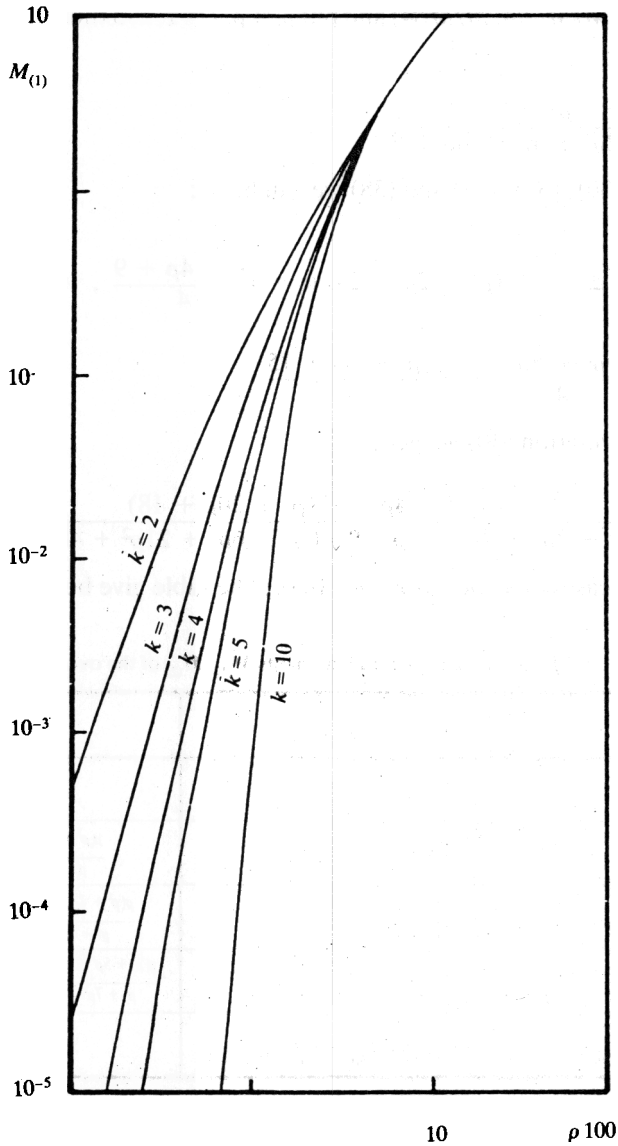


FIG. 1. The graphs of  $M_{(1)}$  is plotted against  $\rho$  for different values of  $k$ .



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