



Where Are We Now?

Where we've been:

- Interrupts
- Context switching and response time analysis
- Concurrency

Where we're going today:

• Scheduling

Where we're going next:

- Analog and other I/O
- System booting, control, safety, ...
- In-class Test #2, Wed 20-April-2016
- Final project due finals week. No final exam.

Preview

• What's Real Time?

- Scheduling will everything meet its deadline?
 - Schedulability
 - 5 key Assumptions

Application of scheduling

- Static multi-rate systems
- Dynamic priority scheduling: Earliest Deadline First (EDF) and Least Laxity
- Static priority preemptive systems (Rate Monotonic Scheduling)

Related topics

- Blocking time
- Sporadic tasks



Real Time Definitions

Reactive:

Computations occur in response to external events

- Periodic events (*e.g.*, rotating machinery and control loops)
 Most embedded computation is periodic
- Aperiodic events (*e.g.*, button closures)
 - Often they can be "faked" as periodic (e.g., sample buttons at 10 Hz)

Real Time

- Real time means that correctness of result depends on both functional correctness and time that the result is delivered
- Too *slow* is usually a problem
- Too *fast* sometimes is a problem





"Real Time" != "Really Fast"	
 "Real Time" != "Really Fast" It means not too fast and not too slow 	
• Often the "not too slow" part is more difficult, but it's not the only issue	
• Also, a whole lot faster than you need to go can be wasteful overkill	
• Often, ability to be consistently on time is more important than "fast"	
 Consider what happens when a CPU goes obsolete 	
• Is it OK to write a software simulator on a really fast newer CPU?	
- Will timing be fast enough?	
 Will it be too fast? Will it vary more than the old CPU? 	
• What do designers actually do about this?	
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Scheduling Parameters
 Set of tasks {T_i} Periods p_i
 Deadline d_i (completion deadline after task is queued) Execution time c_i (amount of CPU time to complete) Worst case latency to complete execution W_i – This is something we solve for, it's not a given
 Handy values: Laxity l_i = d_i - c_i (amount of slack time before Ti <i>must</i> begin execution) Utilization factor µ_i = c_i/p_i (portion c CPU used)

Major Assumptions

• Five assumptions are the starting point for this area:

- 1. Tasks $\{T_i\}$ are periodic, with hard deadlines and no jitter
 - Period is P_i
- 2. Tasks are completely independent
 - B=0; Zero blocking time; no use of a mutex; interrupts never masked
- 3. Deadline = period

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$$P_i = D_i$$

- 4. Computation time is known (use worst case)
 - C_i is always the same for each execution of the task
- 5. Context switching is free (zero cost)
 - Executive takes zero overhead, and task switching has zero latency

These assumptions are often not realistic

- But sometimes they are close enough in practice
 - Significantly relaxing these assumptions quickly becomes a grad school topic
 - We're going to show you the common special cases that are "easy" to use

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Easy Schedulability Test

System is schedulable (i.e., it "works") if for all i, W_i <= D_i

- In other words, all tasks complete execution before their deadline
- μ is processor utilization (fraction of time busy) must be less than 1

$$\mu = \sum \frac{c_i}{p_i} \le 1$$

• "You can't use more that 100% of available CPU power!"

• This is *necessary*, but not sufficient

- Sometimes even very low percent of CPU power used is still unschedulable
- e.g., if blocking time exceeds shortest deadline, impossible to schedule system
- e.g., several short-deadline tasks all want service at exactly the same time, but rest of time system is idle



Time-Based Prioritized Cooperative Tasking
 Assume timer_ticks is number of TCNT overflows recorded by ISR
struct PCB_struct
{ pt2Function Taskptr; // pointer to task code
uint8 Period; // Time between runs
uint8 NextTime; // next time this task should run
};
init PCB structures etc
for(;;)
{ for $(i = 0; i < NTASKS; i++)$
{ if (PCB[i].NextTime < timer_ticks)
{PCB[i].NextTime += PCB[i].Period; // set next run time
<pre>// note - NOT timer_ticks + Period !!</pre>
<pre>PCB[i].Taskptr();</pre>
<pre>break; // exit loop and start again at task 0</pre>
}
}
}



Exa	mple	e Statio	: Sche	dule – F	Hand Po	sitioned	l Tasks
	D • • •	a <i>i</i>		Start Time	Task #	C _i	Elapsed Time For T _i
Task #	Period (P _i)	(C _i)		0	T1	1	
T1	5	1		1	T5	4	
				5	T1	1	5-0=5
T2	10	2		6	T2	2	
Т3	15	2		8	Т3	2	
				10	T1	1	10-5=5
T4	20	3		11	T4	3	
Т5	25	4		14	Idle	1	n/a
				15	T1	1	15-10=5
Б	Ensuring schedulability requires hand-selecting			16	T2	2	16-6=10
Ensi				18	Idle	2	n/a
requ				20	T1	1	20-15=5
the start time of every		21	Idle	2	n/a		
task (not the same as			23	Т3	2	23-8=15	
the p	previo	us sched	uler	25	T1	1	25-20=5
code	e)!			26	T2	2	26-16=10

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Preemptive, Prioritized Schedulability

To avoid missing deadlines, <u>necessary</u> for all the tasks to fit

- Time to complete task T_i is W_i
- (i.e., we need to find out if this task set is "schedulable?")

$$\forall_j: W_j \stackrel{?}{\leq} P_j$$

• If true, we are schedulable; if false we aren't

- Note that this is W = time to complete task
 - It's <u>not</u> R = time to start execution of task (response time)
 - For cooperative scheduling, $W_i = R_i + C_i$
 - BUT, for preemptive scheduling W can be longer because of additional preemptions

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In other words, schedulable if task completes before its period

- Always true if time to complete task T_i doesn't exceed period
- True because we assumed that $P_i = D_i$



Remember the Major Assumptions

- Five assumptions throughout this lecture
 - 1. Tasks {T_i} are perfectly periodic
 - 2. **B=0**
 - 3. $P_i = D_i$
 - 4. Worst case C_i
 - 5. Context switching is free





EDF/Least Laxity Tradeoffs

Pro:

- If it works, it can get 100% efficiency (on a uniprocessor)
- Does not restrict task periods
- Special case works if, for each task, Period = Deadline

Con:

- It is not always feasible to prove that it will work in all cases
 And having it work for a while doesn't mean it will always work
- Requires dynamic prioritization
- EDF has bad behavior for overload situations (LL is better)
- The laxity time hack for global priority has limits
 - May take too many bits to achieve fine-grain temporal ordering
 - May take too many bits to achieve a long enough time horizon

Recommendation:

- Avoid EDF/LL if possible
 - Because you don't know if it will really work in the general case!
 - And the special case doesn't buy you much, but comes at expense of dynamic priorities



R	Rate Monotonic Scheduling
1.	Sort tasks by period (i.e., by "rate")
2.	Highest priority goes to task with shortest period (fastest rate)
	• Tie breaking can be done by shortest execution time at same period
3.	Use prioritized preemptive scheduler
	• Of all ready to run tasks, task with fastest rate gets to run
•	Static priority
	• Priorities are assigned to tasks at design time; priorities don't change at run time
•	Preemptive
	• When a high priority task becomes ready to run, it preempts lower priority tasks
	• This means that ISRs have to be so short and infrequent that they don't matter
•	Variation: Deadline Monotonic
	• Use min(period, deadline) to assign priority rather than just period
	• Works the same way, but handles tasks with deadlines shorter than their period
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Harmonic RMS

In most real systems, people don't want to sacrifice 30% of CPU

• Instead, use harmonic RMS

Make all periods harmonic multiples

- P_i is evenly divisible by all shorter P_i
- This period set is harmonic: $\{5, 10, 50, 100\}$ - $\underline{10} = \underline{5}*2; \ \underline{50} = \underline{10}*\underline{5}; \ \underline{100} = \underline{50}*2; \ \underline{100} = \underline{10}*\underline{5}*2$
- This period set is <u>not</u> harmonic: {3, 5, 7, 11, 13}
 5 = 3 * 1.67 (non-integer), etc.

If all periods are harmonic, works for <u>CPU load of 100%</u>

• Harmonic periods can't drift in and out of phase - avoids worst case situation

$$\mu = \sum \frac{c_i}{p_i} \le 1 \quad ; \quad \forall_{\mathbf{p}_j < p_i} \{ \mathbf{p}_j \text{ evenly divides } \mathbf{p}_i \}$$





Exar	nple	Harn	nonic	Dead	lline M	Ionotonic	Schedule
Task #	Period (P _i)	Deadline (D _i)	Compute (C _i)	Γ	Task #	Priority	μ
T1	5	15	1	Ē	T1	1	1/5 = 0.200
T2	<u>15</u>	23	2	F	Т3	2	$2/\underline{5} = \underline{0.400}$
Т3	30	<u>5</u>	2	F	T2	3	$2/\underline{15} = \underline{0.133}$
T4	<u>60</u>	60	3	ŀ	Т5	4	4/30 = 0.133
Т5	60	<u>30</u>	4	ŀ	T4	5	3/ <u>60</u> = .05
				ŀ		TOTAL:	<u>0.916</u>
μ	$=\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	$\frac{c_i}{p_i} \le 1$; Ha	L armor chedula	nic perio	ods {5,15,3	0, 60} gher!
$\mu = 0.916 \leq 1$							

Handling Non-Zero Blocking

Rate monotonic, but task blocking can occur

- B_k is time task k can be blocked (e.g., interrupts masked by lower prio task)
- For highest priority task

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- Can ignore lower priority tasks, because we are preemptive
- But, need to handle blocking time (possibly caused by lower priority task)

$$\mu_1 = \left(\frac{c_1}{p_1}\right) + \frac{B_1}{p_1} \le 1(\sqrt[4]{2} - 1)$$

- For 2nd highest priority task
 - Can ignore lower priority tasks, because we are preemptive
 - Have to account for highest priority task preempting us
 - Need to handle blocking time
 - Possibly caused by lower priority task
 - » But, can't be caused by higher priority task (since that preempts us anyway)
 - » Does this sound a lot like the reasoning behind ISR scheduling???

$$\mu_2 = \left(\frac{c_1}{p_1}\right) + \left(\frac{c_2}{p_2}\right) + \frac{B_2}{p_2} \le 2(\sqrt[2]{2} - 1)$$

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Rate Monotonic With Blocking

Rate monotonic, but task blocking can occur

• B_k is blocking time of task k (time spent stalled waiting for resources)

$$\forall k; \mu_k = \sum_{i \le k} \mu_i = \sum_{i \le k} \left(\frac{c_i}{p_i} \right) + \frac{B_k}{p_k} \le k(\sqrt[k]{2} - 1) \quad \approx 0.7 \text{ for large } k$$

[Sha et al. 1991]

- Worst case blocking time for each task counts as CPU time for scheduling
- Note that B includes all interrupt masking (ISRs and tasks waiting for CLI)
- Harmonic periods make right hand side 100%, as before
- Need on a per-task basis because blocking time can be different for each task

Performance:

- In worst case, time waiting while blocked is counted as burning additional CPU or network time
- This is yet another reason to use skinny ISRs!
- If low priority task gets a mutex needed by a hi prio task, it extends B!
- If RTOS takes a while to change tasks, that counts as blocking time too



But Wait, There's More WHAT IF: 1. Tasks $\{T_i\}$ are NOT periodic Use maximum fastest inter-arrival time 2. Tasks are NOT completely independent - Worry about dependencies (another lecture) 3. Deadline NOT = period- Use Deadline monotonic 4. Worst case computation time c; isn't known - Use worst case computation time, if known Build or buy a tool to help determine Worst Case Execution Time (WCET) _ Turn off caches and otherwise reduce variability in execution time _ 5. Context switching is free (zero cost) - Gets messy depending on assumptions Might have to include scheduler as task Almost always need to account for blocking time B _ 36

Review

Real time definitions

• Hard, firm, soft

Scheduling – will everything meet its deadline?

- $\mu \leq 1$
- All $W_i \le P_i$

Application of scheduling

- Static multi-rate systems
- Rate Monotonic Scheduling
 - $\mu \le 1$ *if harmonic periods;* else more like 70%
 - Works by assigning priorities based on periods (fastest tasks get highest prio

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Related topics

- Earliest Deadline First (EDF) and Least Laxity
- Blocking
- Sporadic server

Review • Five Standard Assumptions (memorize them in exactly these words – notes sheet too): 1. Tasks {T_i} are perfectly periodic 2. B=0 3. P_i = D_i 4. Worst case C_i 5. Context switching is free • Statically prioritized task completion times: $W_{m,0} = C_0$ $W_{m,i+1} = B + \sum_{j=0}^{j=m} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{W_{m,i}}{P_j} + 1 \right\rfloor C_j \right)$

Review

• Schedulability bound for Rate Monotonic with Blocking

$$\begin{split} \mu_1 &= \left(\frac{c_1}{p_1}\right) + \frac{B_1}{p_1} \leq 1 \\ \mu_2 &= \left(\frac{c_1}{p_1}\right) + \left(\frac{c_2}{p_2}\right) + \frac{B_2}{p_2} \leq 1 \\ \mu_3 &= \left(\frac{c_1}{p_1}\right) + \left(\frac{c_2}{p_2}\right) + \left(\frac{c_3}{p_3}\right) + \frac{B_3}{p_3} \leq 1 \\ \forall k; \mu_k &= \sum_{i \leq k} \mu_i = \sum_{i \leq k} \left(\frac{c_i}{p_i}\right) + \frac{B_k}{p_k} \leq 1 ; \text{ for harmonic periods} \end{split}$$