Lecture No.09 Bank Simulation using Queues

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Slides modified very slightly from the late Dr. Sohail Aslam's lectures at VU

- A customer enters the bank at a specific time (t₁) desiring to conduct a transaction.
- Any one of the four tellers can attend to the customer.
- The transaction (withdraw, deposit) will take a certain period of time (t₂).
- If a teller is free, the teller can process the customer's transaction immediately and the customer leaves the bank at t₁+t₂.

- It is possible that none of the four tellers is free in which case there is a line of customers at *each* teller.
- An arriving customer proceeds to the back of the shortest line and waits for his turn.
- The customer leaves the bank at t₂ time units after reaching the front of the line.
- The time spent at the bank is t₂ plus time waiting in line.



teller 2 teller 1 teller 3 teller 4 Ť.

teller 1







teller 4

















teller 3









Simulation Models

- Two common models of simulation are time-based simulation and event-based simulation.
- In time-based simulation, we maintain a timeline or a clock.
- The clock ticks. Things happen when the time reaches the moment of an event.

Timeline based Simulation

- Consider the bank example. All tellers are free.
- Customer C₁ comes in at time 2 minutes after bank opens.
- His transaction (withdraw money) will require 4 minutes.
- Customer C₂ arrives 4 minutes after the bank opens. Will need 6 minutes for transaction.
- Customer C3 arrives 12 minutes after the bank opens and needs 10 minutes.

Timeline based Simulation

Events along the timeline:



Timeline based Simulation

We could write a main clock loop as follows: clock = 0;while(clock $\leq 24*60$) { // one day read new customer; if customer.arrivaltime == clock insert into shortest queue; check the customer at head of all four queues. if transaction is over, remove from queue. clock = clock + 1;

}

Event based Simulation

- Don't wait for the clock to tic until the next event.
- Compute the time of next event and maintain a list of events in increasing order of time.
- Remove a event from the list in a loop and process it.

Event based Simulation

Events

Time (minutes)



Event based Simulation

- Maintain a queue of events.
- Remove the event with the earliest time from the queue and process it.
- As new events are created, insert them in the queue.
- A queue where the dequeue operation depends not on FIFO, is called a *priority queue*.

Event based Bank Simulation

- Development of the C++ code to carry out the simulation.
- We will need the queue data structure.
- We will need the priority queue.
- Information about arriving customers will be placed in an input file.
- Each line of the file contains the items (arrival time, transaction duration)

Arriving Customers' File

Here are a few lines from the input file.

- 00 30 10 <- customer 1
- 00 35 05 <- customer 2
- 00 40 08
- 00 45 02
- 00 50 05
- 00 55 12
- 01 00 13
- 01 01 09
- "00 30 10" means Customer 1 arrives 30 minutes after bank opens and will need 10 minutes for his transaction.
- "01 01 09" means customer arrives one hour and one minute after bank opens and transaction will take 9 minutes.

Simulation Procedure

- The first event to occur is the arrival of the first customer.
- This event is placed in the priority queue.
- Initially, the four teller queues are empty.
- The simulation proceeds as follows.
- When an arrival event is removed from the priority queue, a node representing the customer is placed on the shortest teller queue.

Simulation Procedure

- If that customer is the only one on a teller queue, an event for his departure is placed on the priority queue.
- At the same time, the next input line is read and an arrival event is placed in the priority queue.
- When a departure event is removed from the event priority queue, the customer node is removed from the teller queue.

Simulation Procedure

- The total time spent by the customer is computed: it is the time spent in the queue waiting and the time taken for the transaction.
- This time is added to the total time spent by all customers.
- At the end of the simulation, this total time divided by the total customers served will be average time spent by customers.
- The next customer in the queue is now served by the teller.
- A departure event is placed on the event queue.

#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <strstream.h>

#include "Customer.cpp"
#include "Queue.h"
#include "PriorityQueue.cpp"
#include "Event.cpp"

```
Queue q[4]; // teller queues
PriorityQueue pq; //eventList;
int totalTime;
int count = 0;
int customerNo = 0;
```

```
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
   Customer* c;
   Event* nextEvent;
```

// open customer arrival file
ifstream data("customer.dat", ios::in);

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// initialize with the first arriving
// customer.
readNewCustomer(data);
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while( pq.length() > 0 )
{
nextEvent = pq.remove();
c = nextEvent->getCustomer();
if( c->getStatus() == -1 ){ // arrival event
int arrTime = nextEvent->getEventTime();
int duration = c->getTransactionDuration();
int customerNo = c->getCustomerNumber();
processArrival(data, customerNo,
        arrTime, duration , nextEvent);
     }
      else { // departure event
int qindex = c->getStatus();
int departTime = nextEvent->getEventTime();
processDeparture(qindex, departTime, nextEvent);
     }
```

```
void readNewCustomer(ifstream& data)
{
  int hour,min,duration;
  if (data >> hour >> min >> duration) {
  customerNo++;
  Customer* c = new Customer(customerNo,
  hour*60+min, duration);
  c->setStatus( -1 ); // new arrival
  Event* e = new Event(c, hour*60+min );
  pq.insert( e ); // insert the arrival event
  }
  else {
  data.close(); // close customer file
  }
```

```
int processArrival(ifstream &data, int customerNo,
  int arrTime, int duration,
  Event* event)
{
  int i, small, j = 0;
  // find smallest teller queue
   small = q[0].length();
   for(i=1; i < 4; i++ )</pre>
  if( q[i].length() < small ){</pre>
            small = q[i].length(); j = i;
  }
  // put arriving customer in smallest queue
  Customer* c = new Customer(customerNo, arrTime,
  duration );
```

c->setStatus(j); // remember which queue the customer goes in q[j].enqueue(c);

// check if this is the only customer in the.
// queue. If so, the customer must be marked for
// departure by placing him on the event queue.

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if( q[j].length() == 1 ) {
    c->setDepartureTime( arrTime+duration);
    Event* e = new Event(c, arrTime+duration );
    pq.insert(e);
}
```

// get another customer from the input
readNewCustomer(data);

}

{

int processDeparture(int qindex, int departTime, Event* event)

Customer* cinq = q[qindex].dequeue();

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int waitTime = departTime - cinq->getArrivalTime();
totalTime = totalTime + waitTime;
count = count + 1;
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// if there are any more customers on the queue, mark
the
// next customer at the head of the queue for departure
// and place him on the eventList.
if(q[qindex].length() > 0) {
 cinq = q[qindex].front();
 int etime = departTime + cinq>getTransactionDuration();
 Event* e = new Event(cinq, etime);
 pq.insert(e);
}}

// print the final avaerage wait time.

double avgWait = (totalTime*1.0)/count; cout << "Total time: " << totalTime << endl; cout << "Customer: " << count << endl; cout << "Average wait: " << avgWait << endl;</pre>

Priority Queue

```
#include "Event.cpp"
#define PQMAX 30
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```
class PriorityQueue {
public:
    PriorityQueue() {
        size = 0; rear = -1;
    };
    ~PriorityQueue() {};
    int full(void)
    {
        return ( size == PQMAX ) ? 1 : 0;
    };
```

Priority Queue

```
Event* remove()
{
    if( size > 0 ) {
           Event* e = nodes[0];
           for(int j=0; j < size-2; j++ )</pre>
                   nodes[j] = nodes[j+1];
           size = size-1; rear=rear-1;
           if( size == 0 ) rear = -1;
           return e;
    }
    return (Event*)NULL;
    cout << "remove - queue is empty." << endl;</pre>
};
```

Priority Queue

```
int insert(Event* e)
  {
       if( !full() ) {
              rear = rear+1;
              nodes[rear] = e;
              size = size + 1;
              sortElements(); // in ascending order
              return 1;
       }
       cout << "insert queue is full." << endl;</pre>
       return 0;
  };
  int length() { return size; };
};
```

You may be thinking that the complete picture of simulation is not visible. How will we run this simulation? Another important tool in the simulation is animation. You have seen the animation of traffic. Cars are moving and stopping on the signals. Signals are turning into red, green and yellow. You can easily understand from the animation. If the animation is combined with the simulation, it is easily understood. We have an animated tool here that shows the animation of the events. A programmer can see the animation of the bank simulation. With the help of this animation, you can better understand the simulation.

In this animation, you can see the Entrance of the customers, four tellers, priority queue and the Exit. The customers enter the queue and as the tellers are free. They go to the teller straight. Customer C1<30, 10> enters the bank. The customer C1 enters after 30 mins and he needs 10 mins for the transaction. He goes to the teller 1. Then customer C2 enters the bank and goes to teller 2. When the transaction ends, the customer leaves the bank. When tellers are not free, customer will wait in the queue. In the event priority queue, we have different events. The entries in the priority queue are like *arr*, 76 (arrival event at 76 min) or q1, 80 (event in q1 at 80 min) etc. Let's see the statistics when a customer leaves the bank. At exit, you see the customer leaving the bank as C15<68, 3><77, 3>, it means that the customer C15 enters the bank at 68 mins and requires 3 mins for his transaction. He goes to the teller 4 but the teller is not free, so the customer has to wait in the queue. He leaves the bank at 77 mins.

This course is not about the animation or simulation. We will solve the problems, using different data structures. Although with the help of simulation and animation, you can have a real sketch of the problem.