## Extremal GI/GI/1 Queues Given First Two Moments

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with $W_{0}=0$.

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w: \mathcal{P}_{a, 2}\left(M_{a}\right) \times \mathcal{P}_{s, 2}\left(M_{s}\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}
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w(F, G) \equiv E[W(F, G)]
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## Main Results for Extremal Queues

- (a) Given any parameter vector $\left(1, c_{a}^{2}, \rho, c_{s}^{2}\right)$ over bounded support $\left[0, M_{a}\right]$ and $\left[0, \rho M_{s}\right]$, the pair $\left(F_{0}, G_{u}\right)$ attains the tight UB of the steady-state mean $E[W(F, G)]$, while a pair $\left(F_{0}, G_{u, n}\right)$ attains the tight UB of the transient mean $E\left[W_{n}(F, G)\right]$, where $G_{u, n}$ is a two-point distribution with $G_{u, n} \Rightarrow G_{u}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.


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- (b) For the unbounded interval of support $[0, \infty)$, the tight UB of $E[W]$ is not attained directly, but is obtained asymptotically in the limit as $M_{s} \rightarrow \infty$ in part (a).
- (c) The mean $E\left[W\left(F_{0}, G_{u}\right)\right]$ does not approach the mean in the associated extremal $F_{0} / D / 1$ queue as $M_{s} \rightarrow \infty$, yet approach to $\lim _{M_{s} \rightarrow \infty} E\left[\left(W\left(F_{0}, G_{u}\right)\right]\left(\mathbb{E}\left[W\left(F_{0}, G_{u^{*}}\right)\right]\right)\right.$.


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Table: A comparison of the bounds and approximations for the steady-state mean $\mathbb{E}[W]$ as a function of $\rho$ for the case $c_{a}^{2}=c_{s}^{2}=4.0$.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.044 | 0.422 | 0.422 | 0.000 | $0.003 \%$ | 0.44 | 2.24 |
| 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.200 | 0.904 | 0.906 | 0.007 | $0.19 \%$ | 1.00 | 2.60 |
| 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.514 | 1.499 | 1.51 | 0.041 | $0.60 \%$ | 1.71 | 3.11 |
| 0.40 | 0.00 | 1.07 | 2.304 | 2.33 | 0.107 | $0.94 \%$ | 2.67 | 3.87 |
| 0.50 | 0.25 | 2.00 | 3.470 | 3.51 | 0.203 | $1.15 \%$ | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| 0.60 | 1.00 | 3.60 | 5.295 | 5.35 | 0.324 | $1.07 \%$ | 6.00 | 6.80 |
| 0.70 | 2.42 | 6.53 | 8.441 | 8.52 | 0.467 | $0.93 \%$ | 9.33 | 9.93 |
| 0.80 | 5.50 | 12.80 | 14.92 | 15.02 | 0.629 | $0.67 \%$ | 16.00 | 16.40 |
| 0.90 | 15.25 | 32.40 | 34.72 | 34.84 | 0.807 | $0.35 \%$ | 36.00 | 36.20 |
| 0.95 | 35.13 | 72.20 | 74.62 | 74.76 | 0.902 | $0.18 \%$ | 76.00 | 76.10 |
| 0.98 | 95.05 | 192.1 | 194.6 | 194.7 | 0.960 | $0.07 \%$ | 196.0 | 196.0 |
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- Show $F^{*} \in \mathcal{P}_{a, 2,3}\left(M_{a}\right)$.


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then the sequence $\left\{F_{n}: n \geq 1\right\}$ is tight, so that there exists a convergent subsequence. Moreover, if $F$ is the limit of any convergent subsequence, then $F$ is in $\mathcal{P}_{a, 2,3}\left(M_{a}\right)$ and $F$ is optimal for $E[W(F, G)]$.

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| 1 | 0.080 | 0.160 | 0.240 | 0.320 | 0.400 | 0.489 | 0.579 | 0.668 | 0.758 |
| 5 | 0.269 | 0.538 | 0.813 | 1.095 | 1.414 | 1.777 | 2.140 | 2.505 | 2.882 |
| 10 | 0.357 | 0.716 | 1.102 | 1.525 | 2.056 | 2.634 | 3.228 | 3.869 | 4.555 |
| 15 | 0.386 | 0.778 | 1.220 | 1.744 | 2.410 | 3.137 | 3.949 | 4.832 | 5.776 |
| 20 | 0.395 | 0.804 | 1.281 | 1.871 | 2.626 | 3.508 | 4.499 | 5.602 | 6.808 |
| 25 | 0.399 | 0.814 | 1.313 | 1.948 | 2.781 | 3.782 | 4.933 | 6.242 | 7.693 |
| 30 | 0.400 | 0.820 | 1.332 | 1.999 | 2.896 | 3.992 | 5.291 | 6.794 | 8.508 |
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| 7.0 | 2.549 | 2.447 | 2.331 | 2.204 | 2.165 | 2.149 | 2.154 | 2.150 | 2.132 |
| 8.0 | 2.556 | 2.430 | 2.319 | 2.208 | 2.074 | 2.029 | 2.021 | 2.010 | 2.007 |
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Figure: Simulation estimates of the transient mean $E\left[W_{20}\right]$ (left) and the steady-state mean $E[W]$ (right) as a function of $b_{a}$ for six cases of $b_{s}$ the in the case $\rho=0.5, c_{a}^{2}=c_{s}^{2}=4.0$ and $M_{a}=M_{s}=30$.

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## Thank You!

