scheduling 2

last time

xv6 scheduler design

- global array of processes (process table)
- seperate scheduler thread (per core) for convenience)
- lock to control changes to process table
- implicit queues (search process table for state)

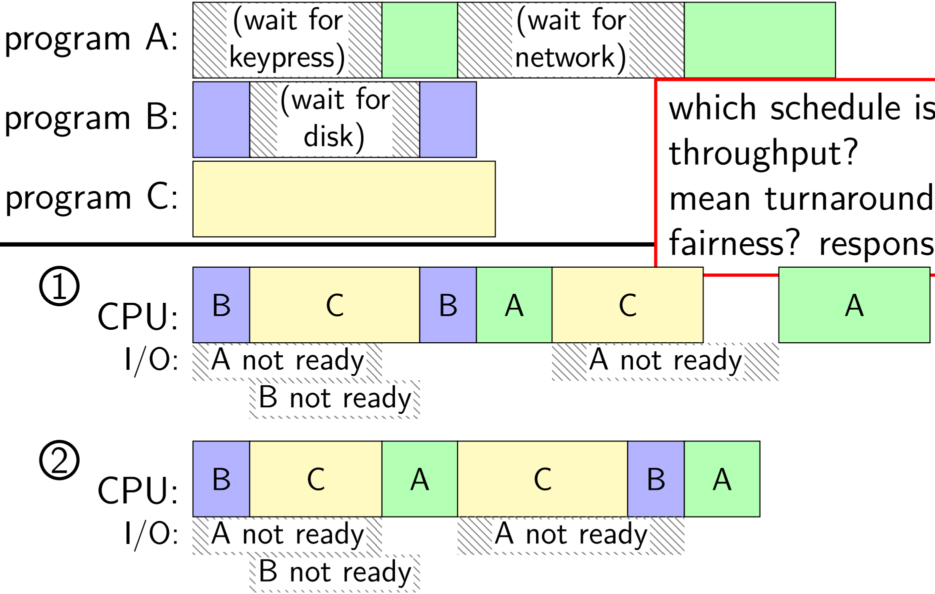
CPU and I/O bursts

scheduling policy = what to remove from queues

scheduling metrics

- throughput — useful work per unit time
- turnaround time — time from when becomes runnable to finishes running
- fairness
- …?

metrics example/exercise (2)



which schedule is better for:
throughput?
mean turnaround time?
fairness? responsiveness?

two trivial scheduling algorithms

first-come first served (FCFS)

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scheduling example assumptions

multiple programs become ready at almost the same time
- alternately: became ready while previous program was running

…but in some order that we'll use
- e.g. our ready queue looks like a linked list

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first-come, first-served

simplest(?) scheduling algorithm

no preemption — run program until it can't

- suitable in cases where no context switch
- e.g. not enough memory for two active programs

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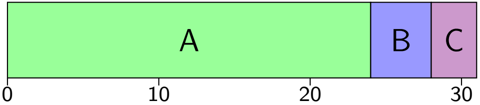

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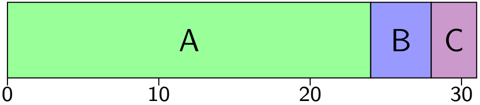

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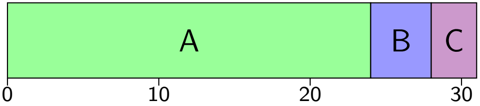

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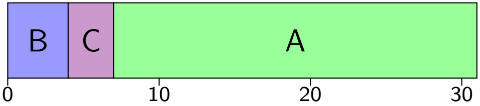

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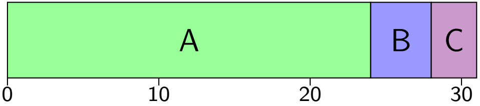

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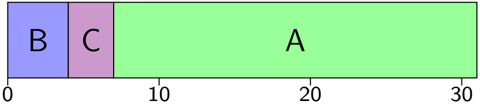

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FCFS orders

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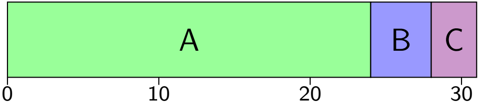

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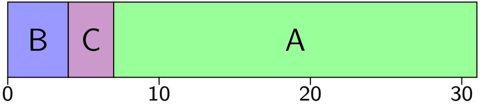

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“convoy effect”

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round-robin

simplest(?) preemptive scheduling algorithm

run program until either

- it can't run anymore, or
- it runs for too long (exceeds "time quantum")

requires good way of interrupting programs

- like xv6's timer interrupt

requires good way of stopping programs whenever

- like xv6's context switches

round robin (RR) (varying order)

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turnaround times: (mean=16.3)
31 (**A**), 10 (**B**), 8 (**C**)

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round robin idea

choose fixed time quantum Q

- unanswered question: what to choose

switch to next process in ready queue after time quantum expires

this policy is what xv6 scheduler does

- scheduler runs from timer interrupt (or if process not runnable)
- finds next runnable process in process table

round robin and time quantums

many context switches
(lower throughput)

few context switches
(higher throughput)

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aside: context switch overhead

typical context switch: $\sim$ 0.01 ms to 0.1 ms

- but tricky: lot of indirect cost (cache misses)
- (above numbers try to include likely indirect costs)

choose time quantum to manage this overhead

current Linux default: between $\sim$0.75 ms and $\sim$6 ms

- varied based on number of active programs
- Linux's scheduler is more complicated than RR

historically common: 1 ms to 100 ms

- 1% to 0.1% ovherhead?

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but what about turnaround time?

exercise: round robin quantum

if there were no context switch overhead, *decreasing* the time quantum (for round robin) would cause mean turnaround time to _______________.

A. always decrease or stay the same

B. always increase or stay the same

C. increase or decrease or stay the same

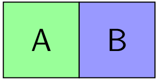
D. something else?

increase mean turnaround time

A: 1 unit CPU burst

B: 1 unit

Q $=$ 1



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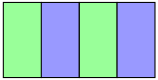
Q $=$ 1/2



mean turnaround time $=$

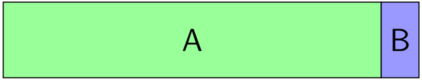
$(1.5 + 2) \div 2 = 1.75$

decrease mean turnaround time

A: 10 unit CPU burst

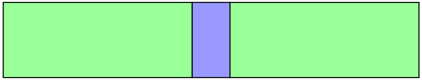
B: 1 unit

Q = 10



mean turnaround time $=$ $(10 + 11) \div 2 = 10.5$

Q = 5



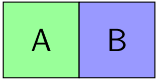
mean turnaround time $=$ $(6 + 11) \div 2 = 8.5$

stay the same

A: 1 unit CPU burst

B: 1 unit

$Q = 10$



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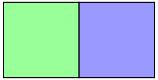


FCFS and order

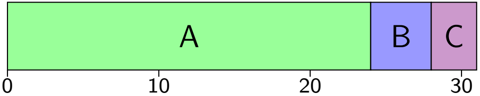
earlier we saw that with FCFS, arrival order mattered

big changes in turnaround/waiting time

let's use that insight to see how to optimize mean/total turnaround times

FCFS orders

arrival order: **A**, **B**, **C**



waiting times: (mean=17.3)

0 (**A**), 24 (**B**), 28 (**C**)

turnaround times: (mean=27.7)

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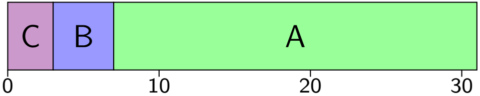

waiting times: (mean=3.3)

7 (**A**), 3 (**B**), 0 (**C**)

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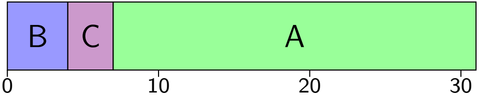

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later: we'll use this result to make a scheduler that minimizes mean turnaround time

diversion: some users are more equal

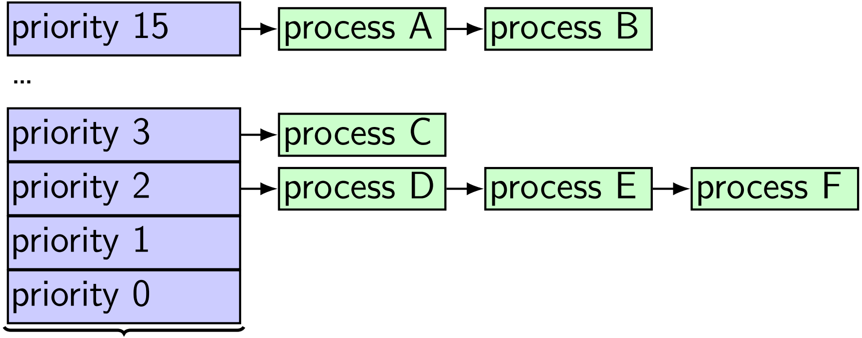
shells more important than big computation?

- i.e. programs with short CPU bursts

faculty more important than students?

scheduling algorithm: schedule shells/faculty programs first

priority scheduling



ready queues for each priority level

choose process from ready queue for highest priority

within each priority, use some other scheduling (e.g. round-robin)

could have each process have unique priority

priority scheduling and preemption

priority scheduling can be preemptive

i.e. higher priority program comes along — stop whatever else was running

exercise: priority scheduling (1)

Suppose there are two processes:

thread A

- highest priority
- repeat forever: 1 unit of I/O, then 10 units of CPU, …

thread Z

- lowest priority
- 4000 units of CPU (and no I/O)

How long will it take thread Z complete?

exercise: priority scheduling (2)

Suppose there are three processes:

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thread B

- second-highest priority
- repeat forever: 1 unit of I/O, then 10 units of CPU, ...

thread Z

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How long will it take thread Z complete?

starvation

programs can get “starved” of resources

never get those resources because of higher priority

big reason to have a ‘fairness’ metric

something almost all definitions of fairness agree on

fair scheduling

what is the fairest scheduling we can do?

intuition: every thread has an equal chance to be chosen

random scheduling algorithm

“fair” scheduling algorithm: choose uniformly at random

good for “fairness”

bad for response time

bad for predictability

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one idea: thread A should run twice as much as thread B

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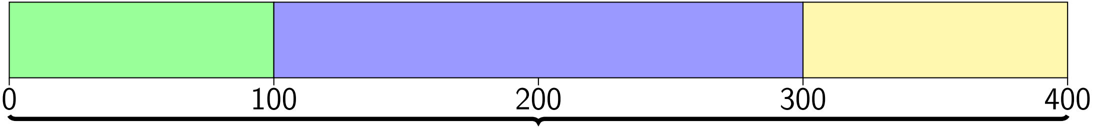
lottery scheduling

every thread has a certain number of lottery tickets:

A	B	C
100 tickets	200 tickets	100 tickets

scheduling = lottery among ready threads:



choose random number in this range to find winner

simulating priority with lottery

A (high priority)
1M tickets

B (medium priority)
1K tickets

C (low priority)
1 tickets

very close to strict priority

lottery scheduling assignment

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simplification: okay if scheduling decisions are linear time

- there is a faster way

not implementing preemption before time slice ends

- might be better to run new lottery when process becomes ready?

is lottery scheduling actually good?

seriously proposed by academics in 1994 (Waldspurger and Weihl, OSDI'94)

- including ways of making it efficient
- making preemption decisions (other than time slice ending)
- if processes don't use full time slice
- handling non-CPU-like resources
- …

elegant mecahnism that can implement a variety of policies

but there are some problems…

exercise

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thread B: 9 tickets, always runnable

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A runs w/in 10 times...

minimizing turnaround time

recall: first-come, first-served best order:
had shortest CPU bursts first

→ scheduling algorithm: 'shortest job first' (SJF)

= same as priority where CPU burst length determines priority

...but without preemption for now

- priority = job length doesn't quite work with preemption
- (preview: need priority = remaining time)

a practical problem

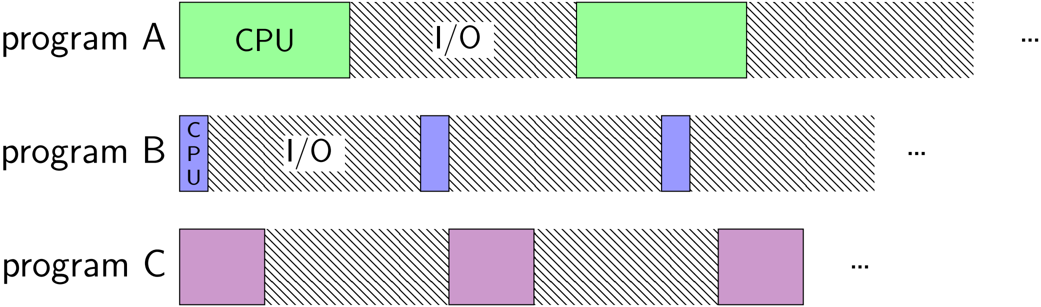
so we want to run the shortest CPU burst first

how do I tell which thread that is?

we'll deal with this problem later

...kinda

alternating I/O and CPU: SJF



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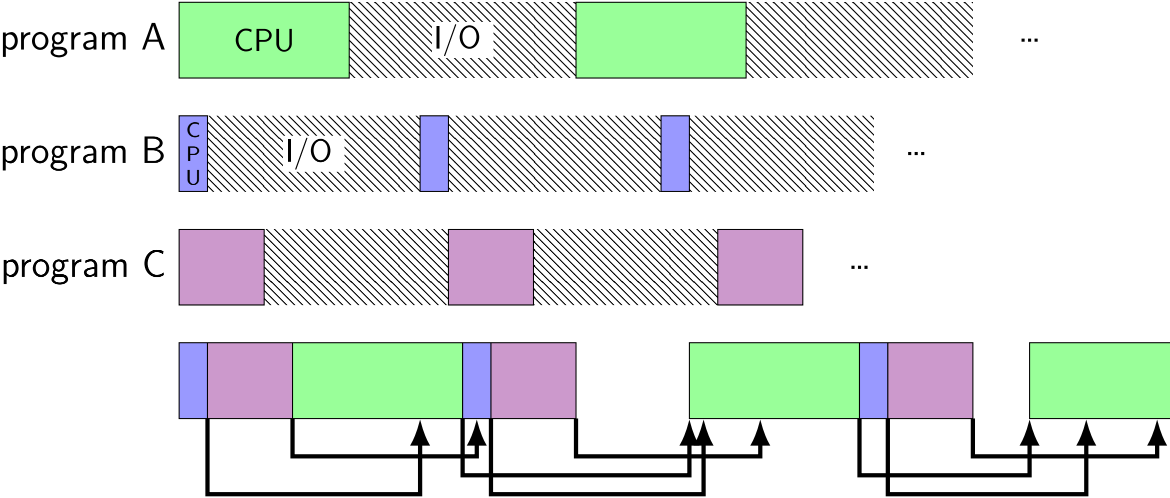

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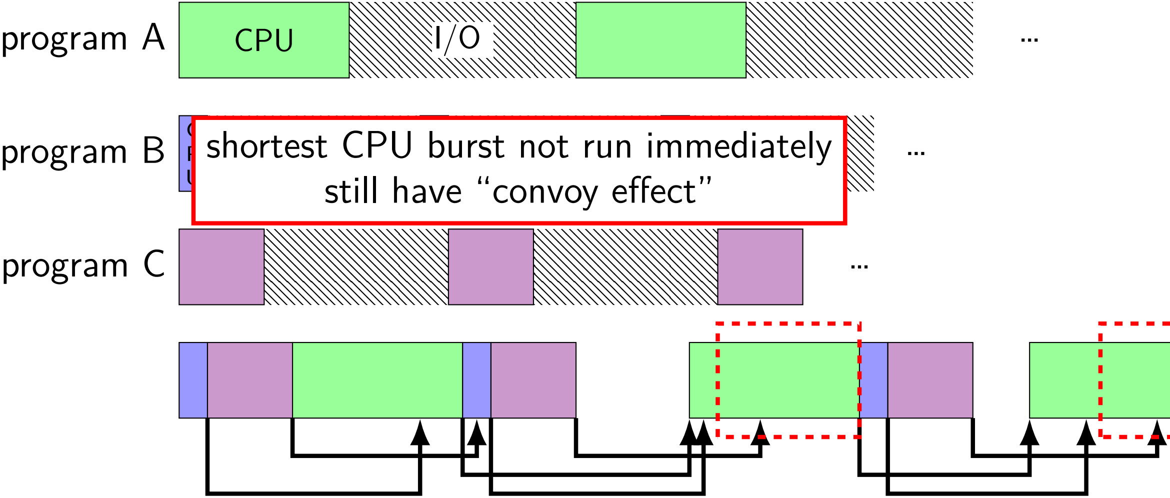

shortest CPU burst not run immediately
still have "convoy effect"