

Solution for exercise 9.2.2 in Karlin and Pinsky

We have to calculate the Waiting time W for a M/M/2 system

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_0 &= \frac{1}{11} & L_0 &= \frac{125}{33} \\ W_0 &= \frac{125}{66} \\ \Rightarrow W &= \frac{30}{11} & L &= \frac{60}{11}\end{aligned}$$

if we compare this to the M/M/1 system with adjusted service rate, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}L &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} = 5 \\ W &= \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} = 5\end{aligned}$$

If there are more than one server, than the probability of having to wait more than the expected waiting time is smaller than in the case of just one server.

We can imagine having one person in line with an extremely difficult task.

If we look now at the case where only one customer is present. In this case the M/M/1 system has a higher service rate, therefore the likelihood of the queue increasing is smaller.