

Solution for exercise 9.3.2 in Karlin and Pinsky

We analyse two different scenarios. We choose the que length as criterium to choose the methode we prefer. This is valid since $W = \frac{L}{\lambda}$ and the arrival rate in both cases is the same

In case A we choose L_A for the waiting line and use as parameters $\tau_A^2 = 0,2$ and $v_A = 0,5$ in case B we choose L_B as the que length and we have $\tau_B^2 = 0,9$ and $v = 0,4$. Using equation 9.35 on p.464 in Karlin and Pinsky we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_A &= \frac{2\lambda v + \lambda^2 \tau^2 - (\lambda v)^2}{2(1 - \lambda v)} \\
 &= \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,5 + 1^2 \cdot 0,2 - (0,5)^2}{2(1 - 1 \cdot 0,5)} \\
 &= \frac{1 + 0,2 - 0,25}{1} \\
 &= 0,95 \\
 L_B &= \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,4 + 1^2 \cdot 0,9 - (0,4)^2}{2(1 - 1 \cdot 0,4)} \\
 &= \frac{0,8 + 0,9 - 0,16}{1,2} \\
 &= \frac{1,54}{1,2} > 0,95
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we choose procedure A

Since the system only is stable if $\lambda \cdot v < 1$ we know it becomes unstable for system A before system B and therefore it would be wise to switch.