MAXWEIGHT SCHEDULING: FLUID LIMITS AND OUTAGE BEHAVIOR

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Abstract: Since the seminal work of Tassiulas-Ephremides'92 on MaxWeight (MW) scheduling policies, there has been considerable effort in developing a deeper understanding of this class of online and stabilizing policies. In this talk we will start by analyzing the fluid model solutions. Concentrating on a one-hop network and MW1, we show that this policy possesses a unique fluid model solution. This characterization is then used in conjunction with an appropriate probability structure to characterize a large deviations principle for the workload process. Connections are then provided with other results on the outage behavior of MW1. We then present extensions of this result for MWA for A>0 but A≠1 for specific one-hop networks, and if time persists for a multi-hop network.

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