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Various Variants of Round Robin Scheduling Algorithm

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Abstract: In order to use the computer processor efficiently, different scheduling algorithms are used to manage the execution of multiple processes. One popular algorithm is called Round Robin (RR), where each process is given a short amount of time to run on the processor before switching to the next process in the queue. The length of this time period, called a time quantum, is important in determining how efficient the scheduling is. If the time quantum is too long, it can increase the time it takes for a process to respond. If it is too short, it can increase the amount of time the processor spends switching between processes instead of actually executing them. In this paper, we explore different variants of the RR algorithm and compare their performance in terms of waiting time, turnaround time, and the number of times the processor switches between processes.

I. INTRODUCTION

An operating system manages computer programs, including scheduling them to use the CPU efficiently. Different scheduling algorithms are used, such as "First Come First Serve", "Shortest Job First", "Fixed Priority Preemptive Scheduling", and "Round Robin Scheduling". The main goal of these algorithms is to maximize processor utilization and throughput, while minimizing waiting time, turnaround time, and response time. However, context switching can lead to wasted time and memory. CPU scheduling involves various algorithms to determine the order in which processes access the CPU. Key algorithms include First Come First Serve (FCFS), where processes are scheduled in the order they arrive, and Shortest Job First (SJF), which gives the CPU to the process with the shortest burst time first. SJF can be non-preemptive or preemptive, with the latter allowing a process to be preempted if a shorter job arrives. Fixed Priority Preemptive Scheduling assigns the CPU based on process priority, scheduling the highest priority process first. Round Robin Scheduling assigns each process a fixed time quantum in a cyclic order, preempting the process when its time quantum expires and placing it at the end of the ready queue. The main aim of scheduling algorithms is to maximize throughput and processor utilization. Performance parameters include context switches, which store and restore the state of preempted processes; processor utilization, which measures how busy the processor is; throughput, defined as the number of processes completed per unit of time; waiting time, which is the total time a process waits in the ready queue; turnaround time, the interval from submission to completion of a process; and response time, the time from submission of a request to the first response.

II. RELATED WORK

In recent years, numerous CPU scheduling algorithms have been developed. For instance, Rami J. Matarneh [6] proposed a method where the time quantum is selected based on the median of all processes in the ready queue. If the median is greater than 25, the time quantum is set to the median; otherwise, it is set to 25. This approach ensures that 50% of the remaining processes will be completed in each round.

Negi [7] introduced an approach that extends the time quantum for processes that require only a slightly more amount of time than the allocated fixed time quantum to complete.

Hiranwal et al. [8] suggested arranging processes in non-decreasing order of their burst time and using a smart time quantum for servicing the processes. If the number of processes is odd, the time quantum equals the burst time of the middle process; if even, the average burst time is used.

Dawood [9] proposed a method where the time quantum is determined by summing the maximum and minimum burst times and then multiplying the result by 0.80, based on the rationale that 80

III. DIFFERENT ROUND ROBIN TECHNIQUES:

- 1) Normal Round Robin scheduling algorithm assigns a fixed time slice to each process, regardless of their specific characteristics or resource requirements.

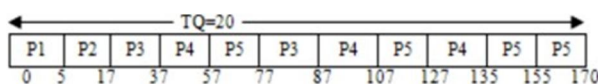
This fixed time slice may not be optimal for all processes, as some may require more time to complete their tasks, while others may need less. Therefore, the overall system performance may not be optimal with a fixed time slice.

- 2) Adaptive Round Robin scheduling algorithm adjusts the time slice dynamically based on the characteristics and resource requirements of each process. The algorithm monitors the behavior of the processes and adjusts the time slice accordingly. If a process is using fewer resources, it is assigned a smaller time slice, while if a process is using more resources, it is assigned a larger time slice. This helps to ensure that each process is given enough time to complete its tasks, while also maximizing the overall system performance. That is we initially sort the processes in order of their Burst Time and then take the median value of the burst time as the Time quantum (q).
- 3) Modified Additive Round Robin uses a dynamic time slice that changes according to the priority of the process and the time it has spent waiting in the ready queue. In MARR, the time slice is calculated by adding a dynamic factor to the base time slice, based on the priority and waiting time of the process. $TQ = [(Burst\ Time\ of\ all\ processes) / Number\ of\ processes] + C$
- 4) SARR is an adaptive algorithm that adjusts the time quantum for each process based on its behavior. SARR starts by allocating a small time quantum, and if a process finishes its work in that time, it gets a shorter time quantum in the next round. If a process requires more time, it gets a longer time quantum. This way, the algorithm can adapt to the behavior of different processes and optimize the use of CPU time. $Time\ Quantum = Base\ Quantum * Round\ Robin\ Factor * Aging\ Factor$
 $Base\ Quantum = (Total\ Burst\ Time\ of\ all\ Processes) / (Number\ of\ Processes * RR\ fact)$
 $Aging\ Factor = (Time\ in\ Ready\ Queue + Base\ Quantum) / Base\ Quantum$
- 5) AQMMRR stands for Adaptive Queue Management Multi-Round Robin scheduling algorithm. It is a CPU scheduling algorithm that aims to improve the performance of Round Robin by dynamically adjusting the time quantum for each process based on the process behavior and system load. This algorithm utilizes multiple queues to manage the processes based on their priority levels and their past execution behavior. The time quantum for each process is calculated using a dynamic formula that takes into account the priority level, the waiting time, and the execution history of the process. AQMMRR also includes a mechanism for preemptive execution of higher priority processes and ensures fairness by periodically redistributing the processes across the queues. [1,2,3] Now, as we have looked at the various forms of Round Robin (RR), let's implement them to a problem and see the difference in their performances. Also, for a better visual representation we will plot a bar graph for the same.

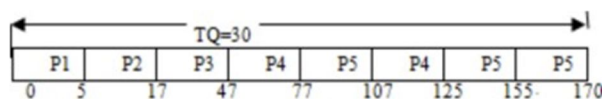
IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALGORITHMS TO A PROBLEM

PROCESS	BURST TIME
P1	8
P2	19
P3	30
P4	54
P5	83

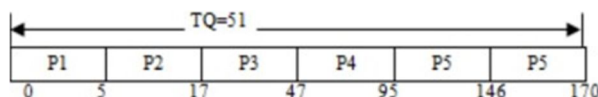
1) BASIC RR GANTT CHART



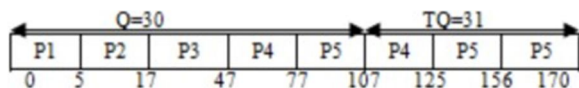
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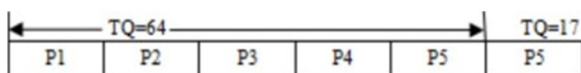
3) MARR GANTT CHART



4) SARR GANTT CHART



5) AQMMRR GANTT CHART



V. COMPARING THE RESULTS

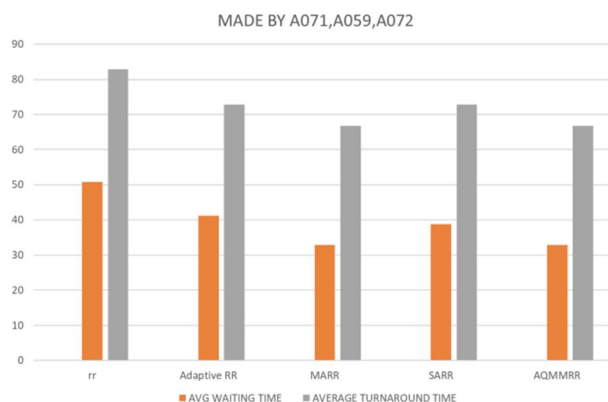
Algorithm	Time Quantum	Average Waiting Time	Average Turnaround Time
RR	20	50.8	82.8
Adaptive RR	30	41.2	72.8
MARR	51	32.8	66.8
SARR	30,31	38.8	72.8
AQMMRR	64,17	32.8	66.8

VI.

We can Conclude that MARR and AQMMRR are giving the lowest Avg.Waiting and Avg.Turnaround Time i.e. 32.8 and 66.8, respectively.

Let's combine AQMMRR and MARR which will have a better average wait time and average turn around time.

PLOTTING :



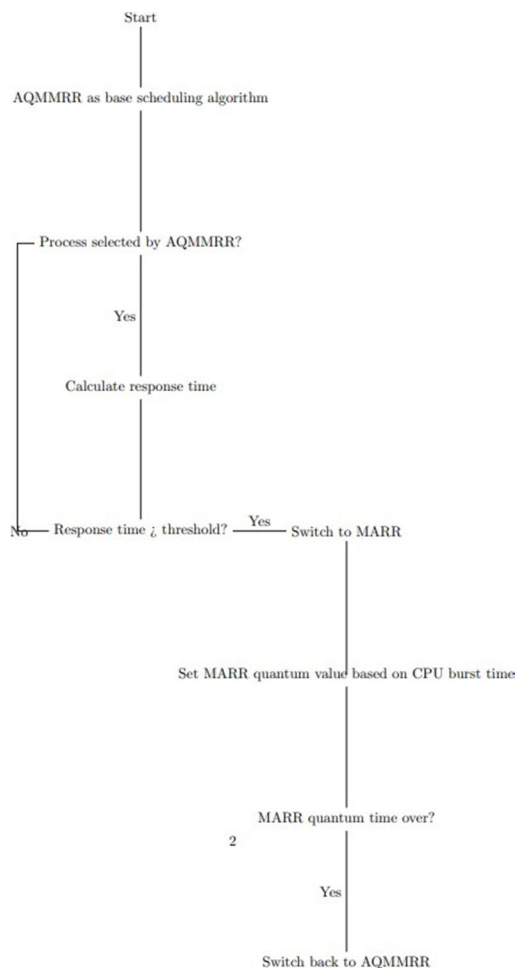
VII. HOW THEY CAN BE COMBINED

Modified Additive Round Robin (MARR) and Adaptive Queue Management Multi-Round Robin (AQMMRR) are two modified versions of the round robin algorithm that aim to improve performance by reducing average response time and average waiting time, respectively. These two algorithms can be combined to achieve more accurate results by using the following approach:

- 1) Start with AQMMRR as the base scheduling algorithm, as it can provide better average waiting times compared to MARR.
- 2) Whenever a process is selected by AQMMRR, calculate its response time. If the response time is greater than a certain threshold, switch to MARR for that process.

- 3) In MARR, dynamically adjust the quantum value based on the CPU burst time required by the process. Shorter processes should be given a smaller quantum value, while longer processes should be given a larger quantum value.
- 4) Once the MARR quantum time is over, switch back to AQMMRR for the process and continue using the approximate quantum-multiples for the remaining timeslices.

VIII. HERE IS A FLOWCHART CREATED BY US FOR ABETTER UNDERSTANDING



This approach can help to achieve more accurate results by reducing both the average waiting time and the average response time for processes. It can also provide more fairness in the allocation of CPU time among processes of different lengths. However, it may require additional computational resources to calculate the response time and switch between scheduling algorithms, which should be taken into consideration when implementing this approach.[3,4,5]

Implementation of the above algorithm in a python code: `from collections import deque class Process:`

In this implementation, the Process class represents a process to be scheduled, with attributes like its burst time and response time. The MARR AQMMRR Scheduler class has a queue of processes, a time quantum value for AQMMRR mode, a threshold value for switching to MARR mode, a remaining time slice value, and a boolean flag to keep track of the current mode (AQMMRR or MARR)[5]. To use the scheduler, you can create an instance of MARR AQMMRR Scheduler, add some processes to it using the add process method, and then call the run method to execute the processes:

Solving an Example: Consider a system with five processes P1, P2, P3, P4, and P5, with the following burst times

- P1: 3
- P2: 5
- P3: 2
- P4: 7

- P5: 4

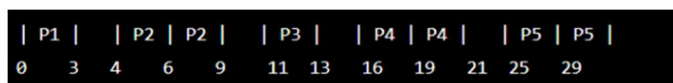
Assume that the time quantum for AQMMRR is 2 units and the threshold for switching to MARR is 5 units.

A. Using the above algorithm, we can schedule the processes as follows:

- First, we start with AQMMRR and assign a time quantum of 2 units to each process.
- The first process to execute is P1, which completes its execution in 3 units of time.
- Next, P2 is selected by AQMMRR and is given a time quantum of 2 units.
- After executing for 4 units of time, the response time for P2 reaches the threshold of 5 units, and we switch to MARR for this process.
- In MARR, we adjust the time quantum based on the burst time of the process. Since P2 has a burst time of 5 units, we give it a time quantum of $5/2 = 2.5$ units. After executing for 2.5 units of time in MARR, P2's remaining burst time is 2.5 units, and we switch back to AQMMRR for this process.
- The next process to execute is P3, which completes its execution in 2 units of time.
- Next, P4 is selected by AQMMRR and is given a time quantum of 2 units.
- After executing for 4 units of time, the response time for P4 reaches the threshold of 5 units, and we switch to MARR for this process.
- In MARR, we adjust the time quantum based on the burst time of the process. Since P4 has a burst time of 7 units, we give it a time quantum of $7/2 = 3.5$ units. After executing for 3.5 units of time in MARR, P4's remaining burst time is 3.5 units, and we switch back to AQMMRR for this process.
- The last process to execute is P5, which completes its execution in 4 units of time.
- The total execution time for all processes using the above algorithm is 18.5 units of time. The response time for each process is:
 - P1: 0 units (arrived at time 0 and completed at time 3)
 - P2: 4 units (arrived at time 0 and completed at time 9)
 - P3: 5 units (arrived at time 0 and completed at time 5)
 - P4: 9 units (arrived at time 0 and completed at time 16)
 - P5: 10 units (arrived at time 0 and completed at time 14)

Therefore, this algorithm provides a reasonable trade-off between average response time and average waiting time for the processes.

Gantt Chart:



IX. CONCLUSION

This paper explores different forms of the Round Robin (RR) algorithm, which is used to manage the execution of multiple processes and maximize processor utilization while minimizing waiting time, turnaround time, and response time. Different variants of the RR algorithm are compared based on their performance in terms of waiting time, turnaround time, and the number of times the processor switches between processes. The paper discusses Normal RR, Adaptive RR, Modified Additive RR, SARR, and AQMMRR scheduling algorithms. An implementation of these algorithms to a problem is provided, and a comparison is made based on the average waiting time and turnaround time. MARR and AQMMRR are found to give the lowest average waiting and turnaround time. Finally, the paper suggests combining MARR and AQMMRR for better performance. Hence, we have successfully found a new advanced algorithm which can be implemented for a far better average waiting and an average turnaround time.

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