CPU Virtualization: FIFO, SJF, RR

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Lecture 2b

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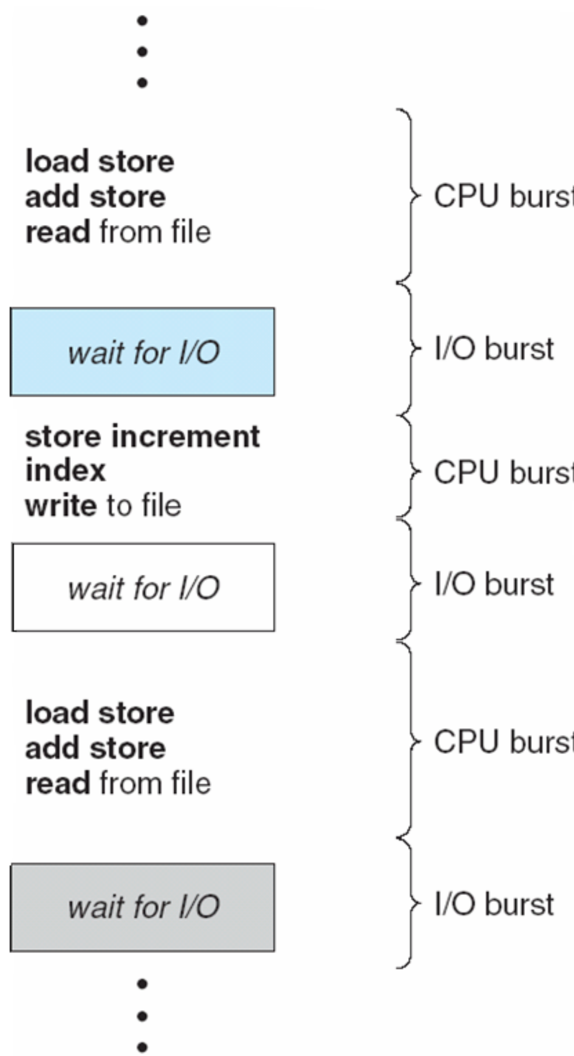
CPU Scheduling: Outline

- Basic concept
- Scheduling criteria
- Scheduling algorithms
  - First In, First Out (FIFO)
  - Shortest Job First (SFJ)
  - Shortest Time-to-Completion First (STCF)
  - Round Robin (RR)
  - Priority
  - Multi-Level Feedback Queue (MLFQ)
  - Completely Fair Scheduler (CFS)

Basic Concepts

- During its lifetime, a process goes through a sequence of CPU and I/O bursts
- The CPU scheduler will select one of the processes in the ready queue for execution
- The CPU scheduler algorithm may have tremendous effects on the system performance
  - Interactive systems: Responsiveness
  - Real-time systems: Not missing the deadlines

Alternating Sequence of CPU and I/O Bursts



Dispatcher

- Dispatcher module gives control of the CPU to the process selected by the scheduler; this involves:
  - switching context
  - switching to user mode
  - jumping to the proper (previously saved) location in the user program to restart that program

- Scheduler → Policy: When and how to schedule
- Dispatcher → Mechanism: Actuator following the commands of the scheduler

Scheduling Metrics

- To compare the performance of scheduling algorithms
  - CPU utilization – percentage of time CPU is busy executing jobs
  - Throughput – # of processes that complete their execution per time unit
  - Turnaround time – amount of time to execute a particular process
  - Waiting time – amount of time a process has been waiting in the ready queue or waiting for some event
  - Response time – amount of time it takes from when a request was submitted until the first response is produced, not the complete output

Optimization Goals

- To **maximize**:
  - Maximize the CPU utilization
  - Maximize the throughput

- To **minimize**:
  - Minimize the (average) turnaround time
  - Minimize the (average) waiting time
  - Minimize the (average) response time

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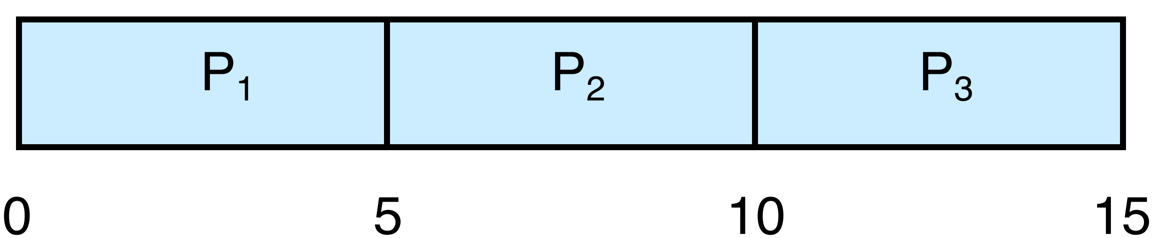

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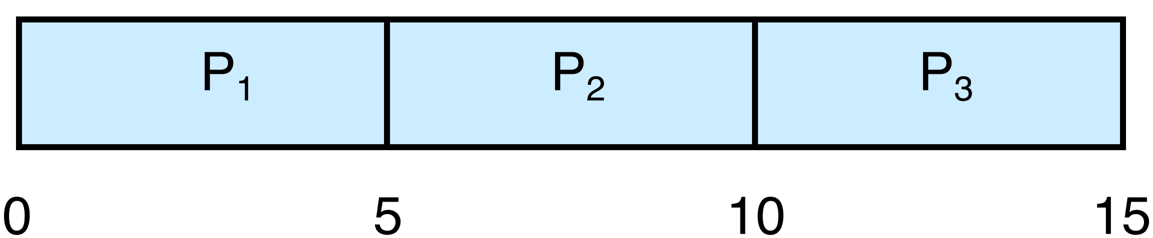

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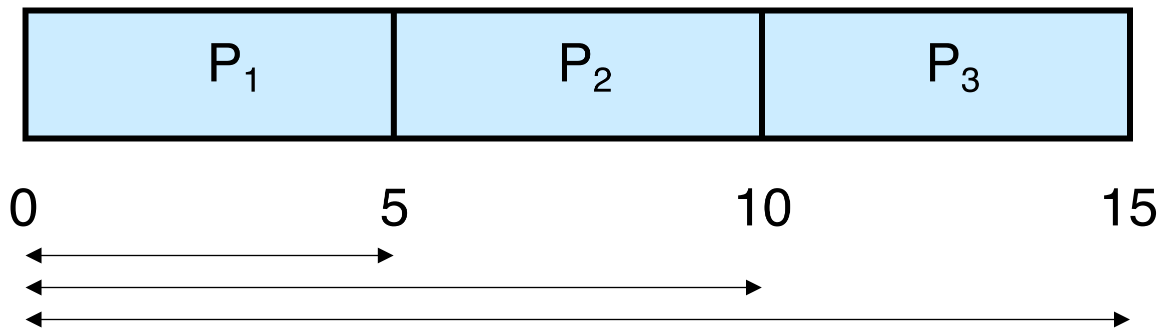

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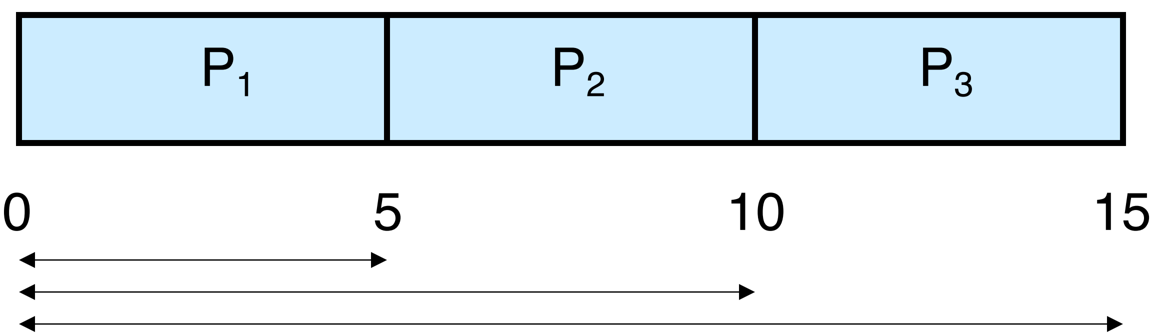

Average turnaround time: (5+10+15)/3 = 10

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Average turnaround time: (80+85+90) / 3 = 85

Convoy Effect

Better Schedule?

Shortest Job First (SJF)

Passing the Tractor

- New scheduler: SJF (Shortest Job First)

- Policy: When deciding which job to run, choose the one with the smallest run_time

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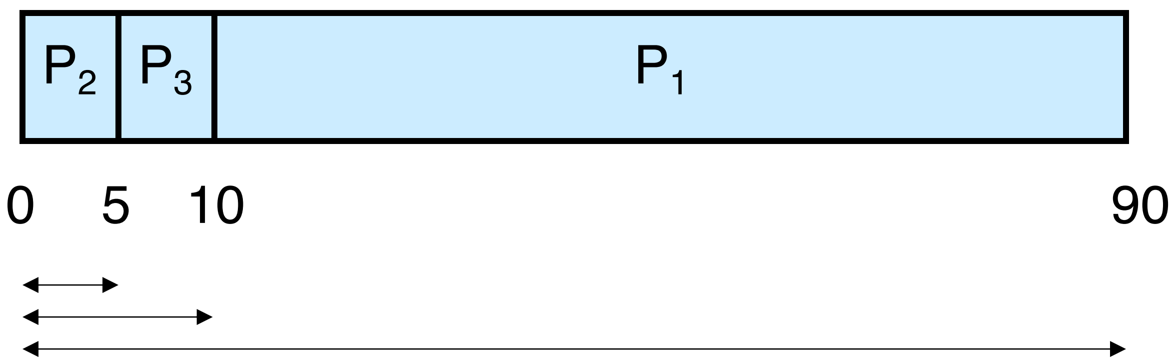

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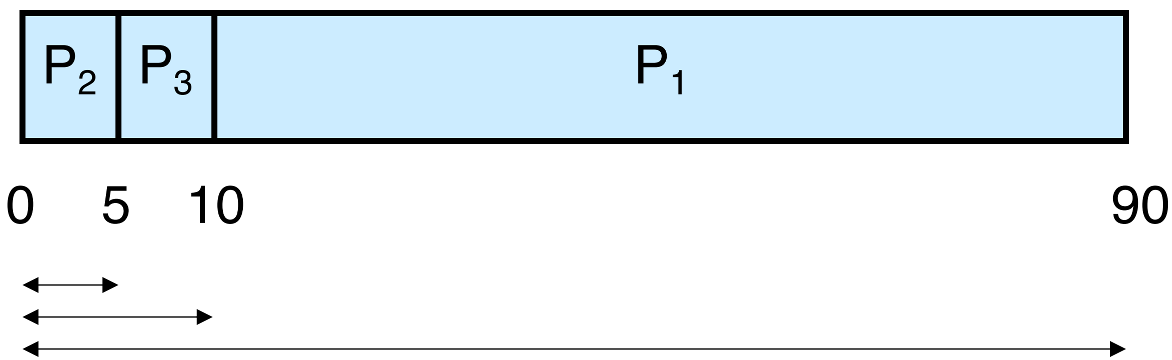

Average turnaround time: (5+10+90) / 3 = 35

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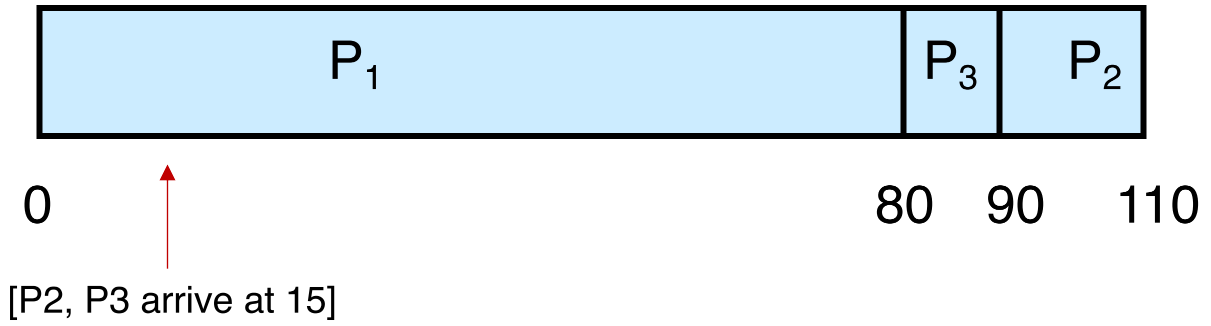

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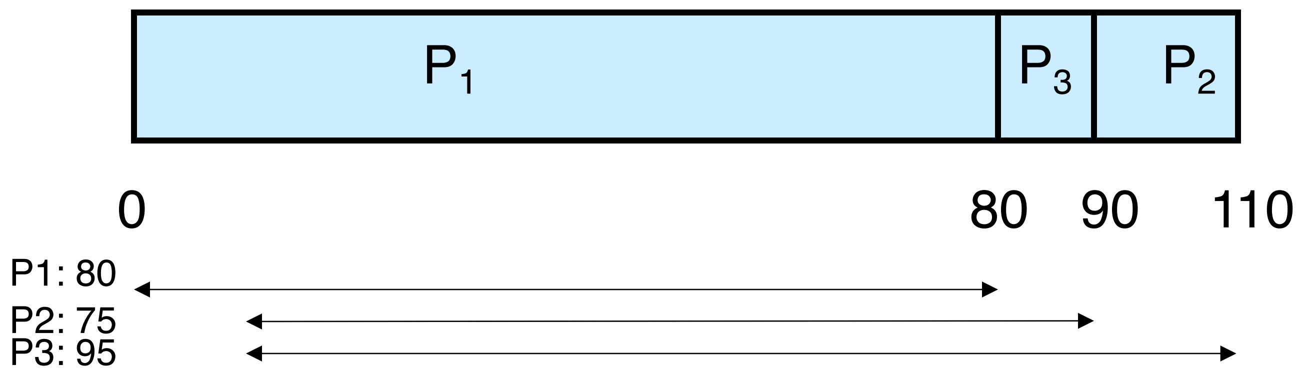

Average turnaround time: (80+75+95) / 3 = ~83.3

A Preemptive Scheduler

- Previous schedulers: FIFO and SJF are non-preemptive

- New scheduler: STCF (Shortest Time-to-Completion First)

- Policy: Switch jobs so we always run the one that will complete the quickest

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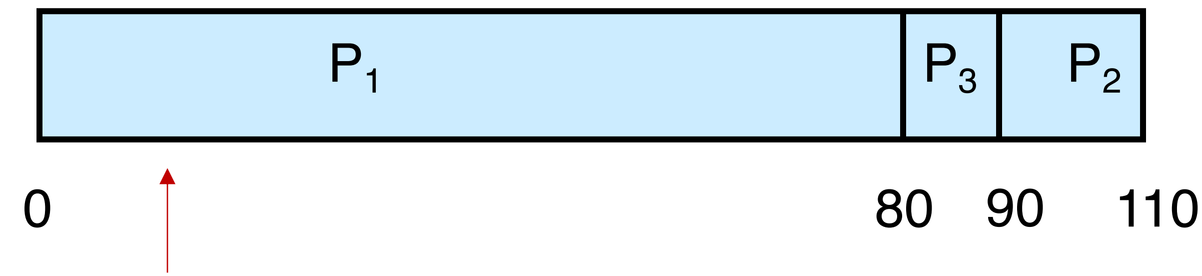

[P2, P3 arrive at 15]

STCF

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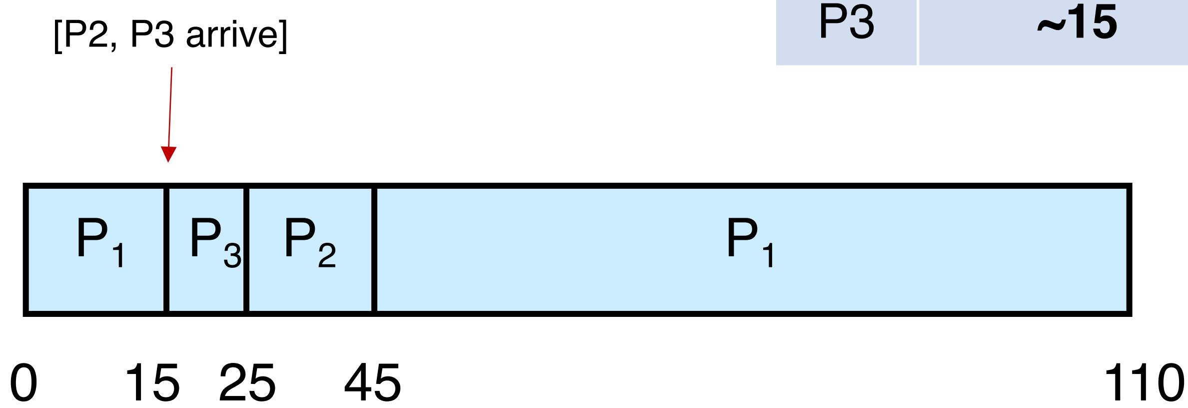

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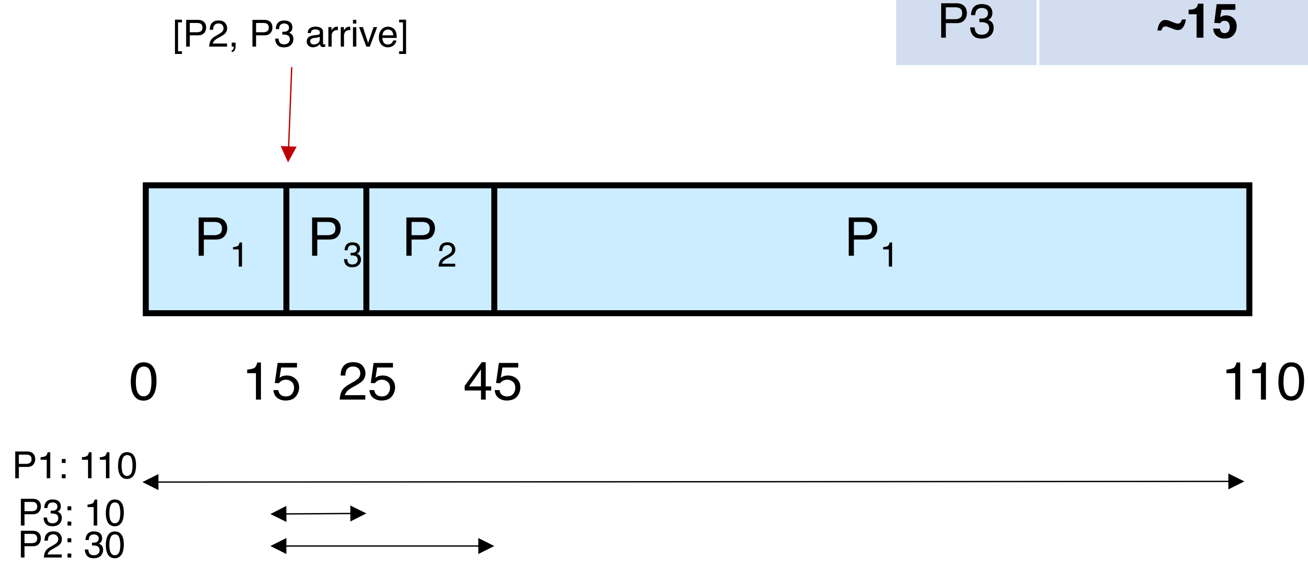

Average turnaround time: (110+30+10) / 3 = 50

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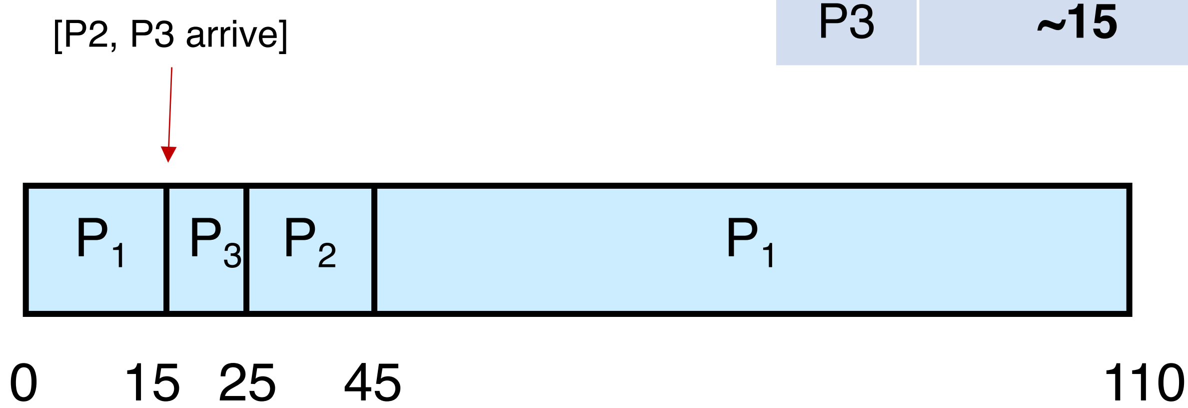

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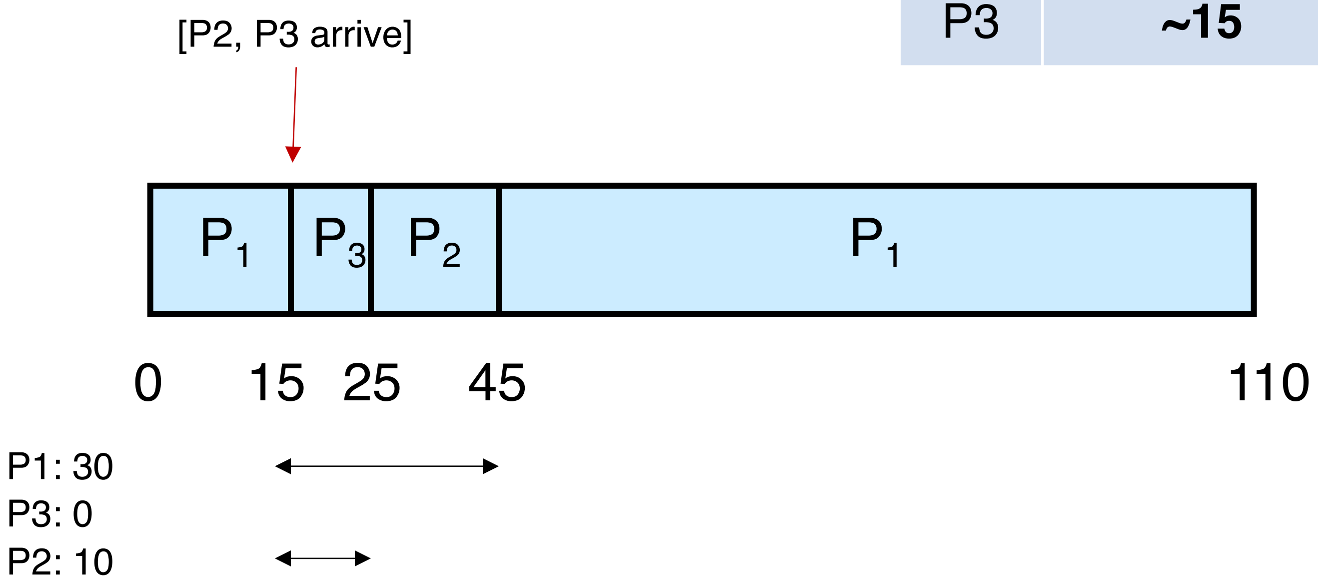

Average waiting time: (30+10+0) / 3 = ~13.3

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Q: What's the problem?

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We don't know how long a job would run!

Estimating the Length of Next CPU Burst

- Idea: Based on the observations in the recent past, we can try to predict

- Techniques such as exponential averaging are based on combining the observations in the past and our predictions using different weights

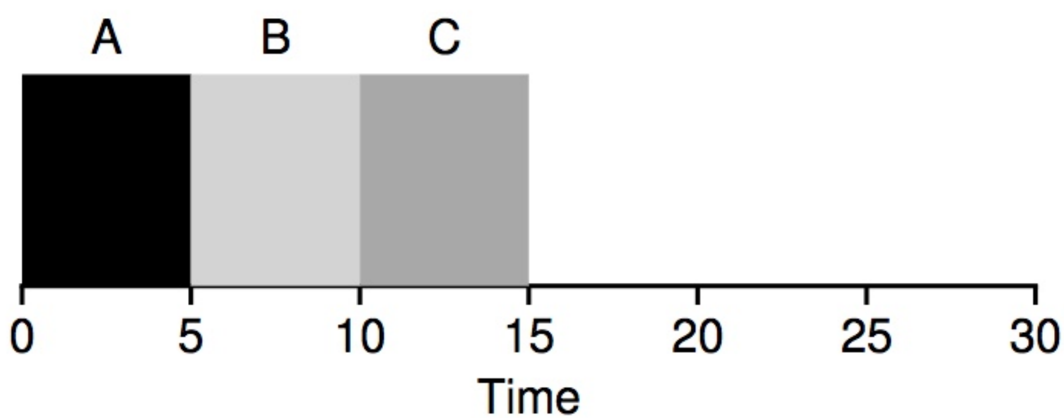
- Exponential averaging
  - t_n: actual length of the n^{th} CPU burst
  - z_{n+1}: predicted value for the next CPU burst
  - $z_{n+1} = k.t_n + (1-k).z_n$
  - Commonly, k is set to ½

Response Time

- Response time definition

$$T_{response} = T_{first\_run} - T_{arrival}$$

- SJF's average response time (all 3 jobs arrive at same time)
  - (0 + 5 + 10)/3 = 5



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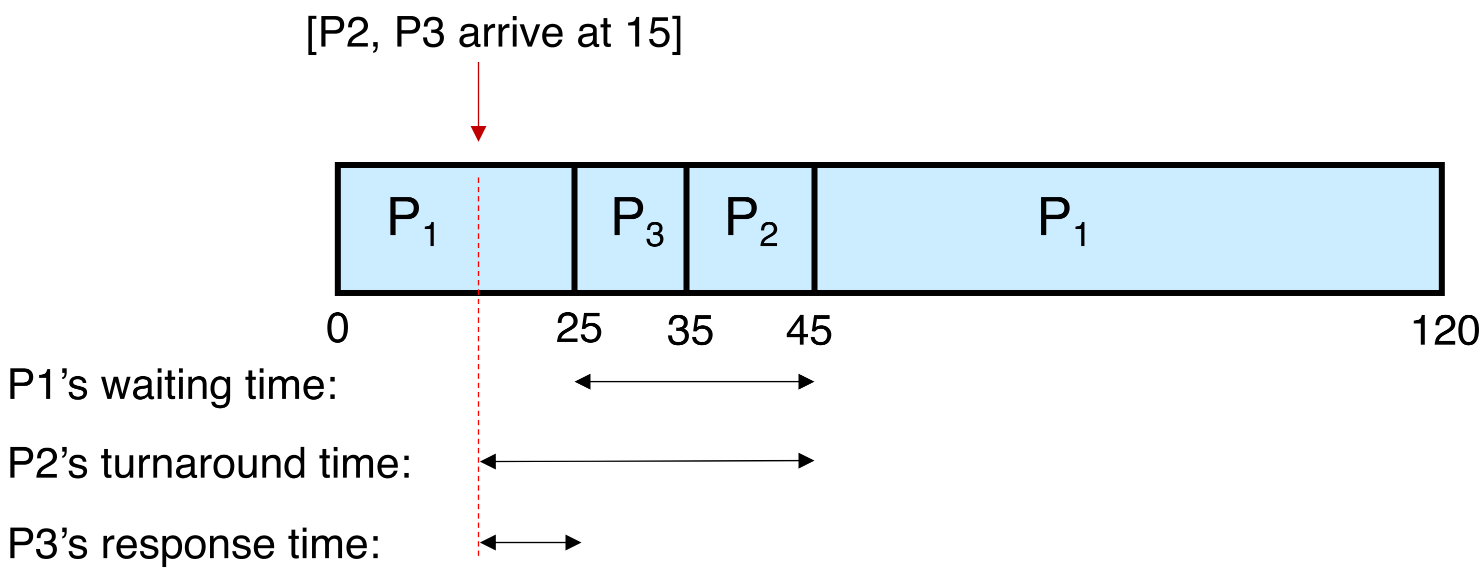

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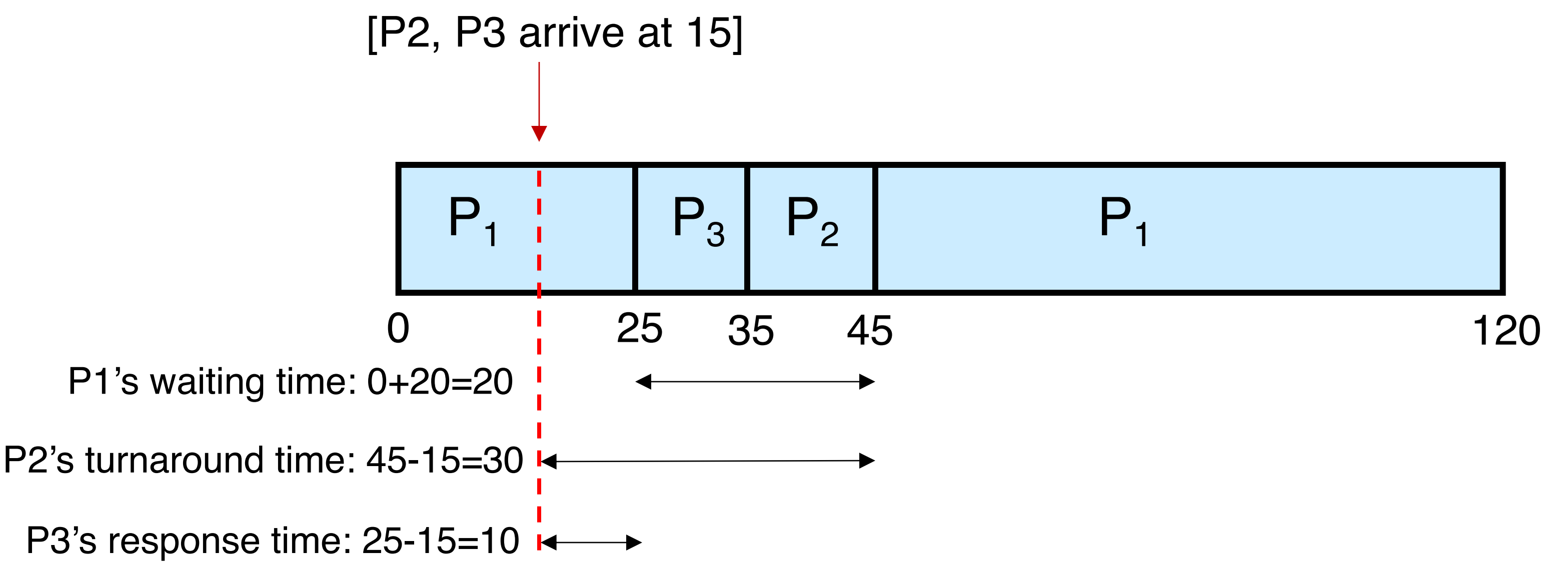

Q: What is P1’s response time?

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Extension to Multiple CPU & I/O Bursts

- When the process arrives, it will try to execute its first CPU burst
  - It will join the ready queue
  - The priority will be determined according to the underlying scheduling algorithm and considering only that specific (i.e. first) burst
- When it completes its first CPU burst, it will try to perform its first I/O operation (burst)
  - It will join the device queue
  - When that device is available, it will use the device for a time period indicated by the length of the first I/O burst.
- Then, it will re-join the ready queue and try to execute its second CPU burst
  - Its new priority may now change (as defined by its second CPU burst)!

Round Robin (RR)

- Each process gets a small unit of CPU time (time quantum). After this time has elapsed, the process is preempted and added to the end of the ready queue
- Newly-arriving processes (and processes that complete their I/O bursts) are added to the end of the ready queue
- If there are n processes in the ready queue and the time quantum is q, then no process waits more than $(n-1)q$ time units
- Performance
  - q large ⇒ FIFO
  - q small ⇒ Processor Sharing (The system appears to the users as though each of the n processes has its own processor running at the $(1/n)^{th}$ of the speed of the real processor)

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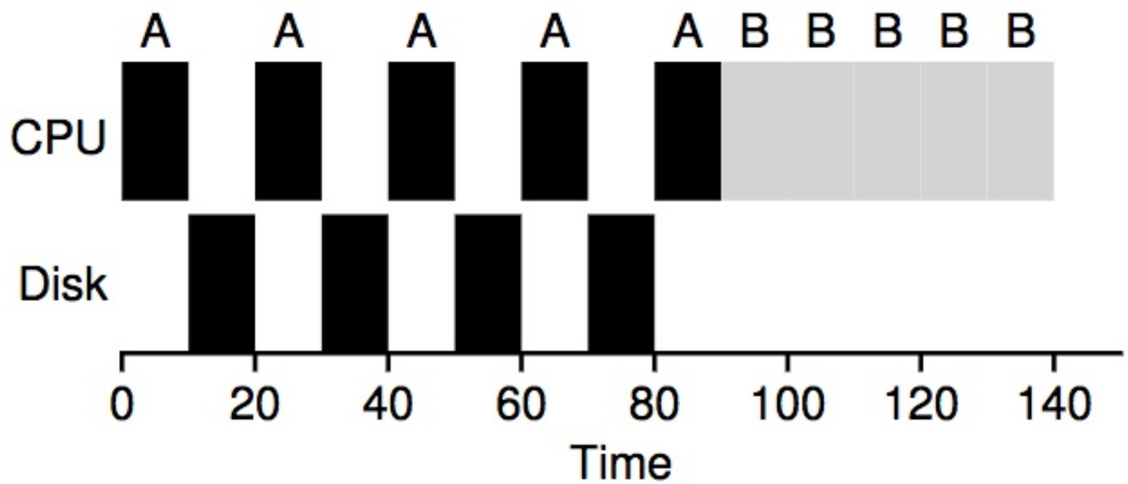

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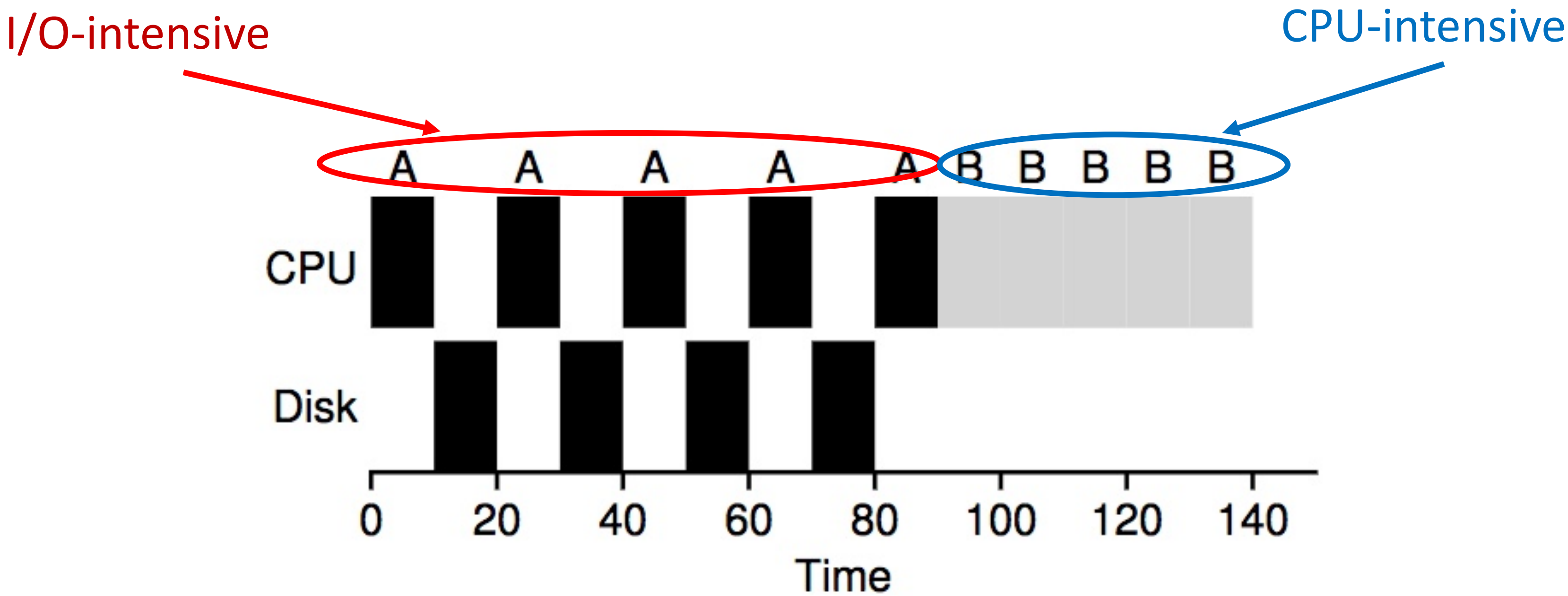

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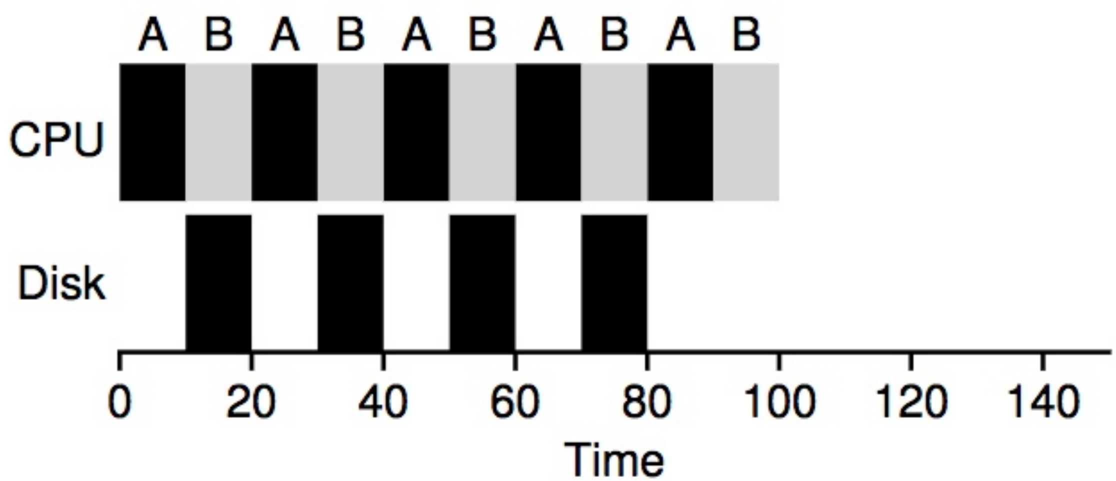

Overlap allows better use of resources!

RR

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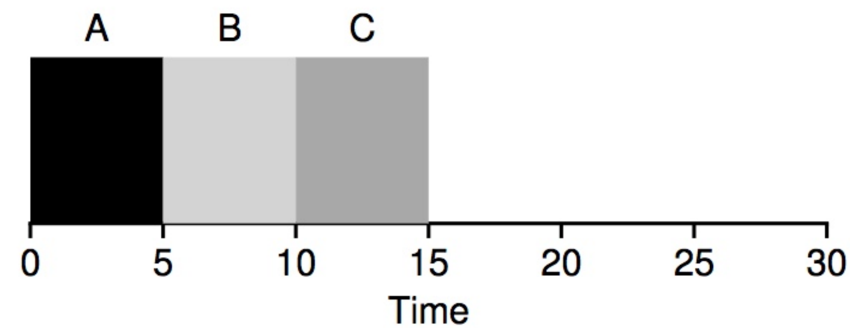
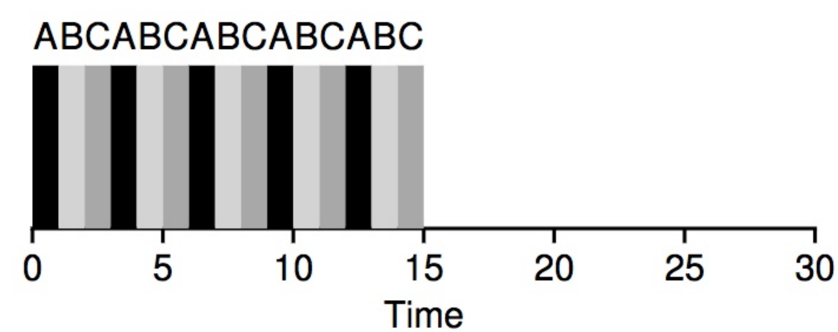
A	5
B	5
C	5

- SJF's average response time
  - (0 + 5 + 10) / 3 = 5



- RR's average response time (time quantum = 1)
  - (0 + 1 + 2) / 3 = 1

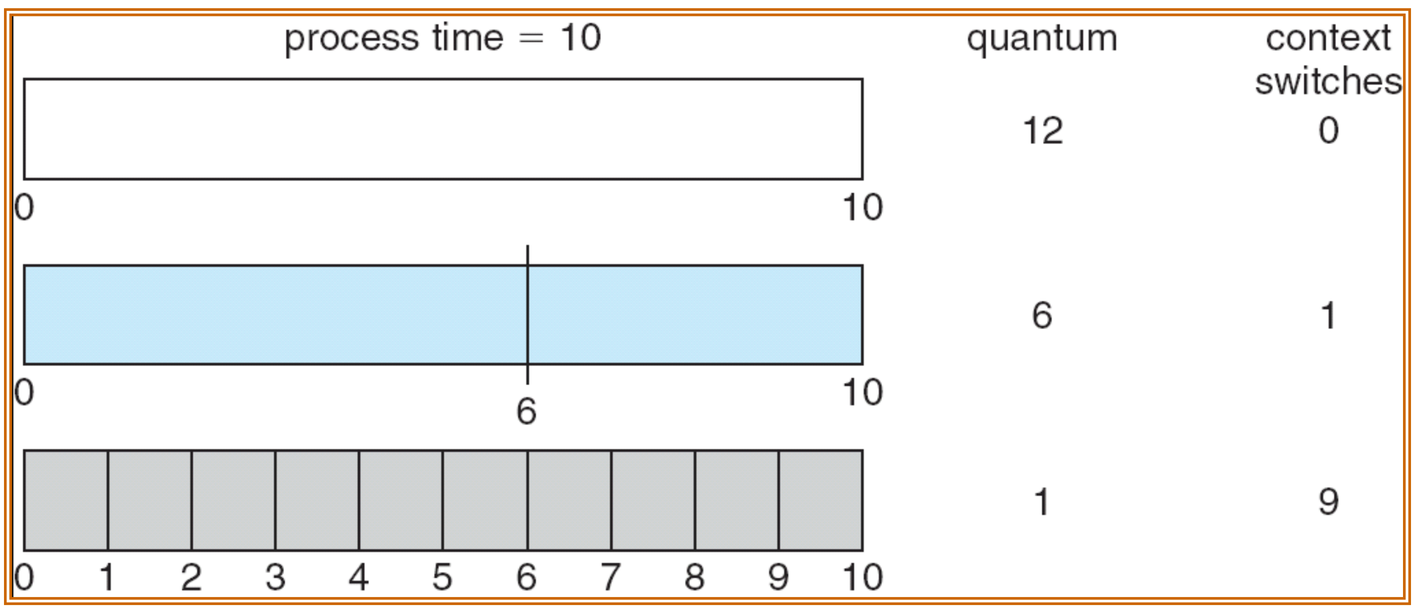


Tradeoff Consideration

- Typically, RR achieves higher average turnaround time than SJF, but better response time
  - Turnaround time only cares about when processes finish
- RR is one of the worst policies
  - if turnaround time is the metric

Choosing a Time Quantum

- The effect of quantum size on context-switching time must be carefully considered
- The time quantum must be large with respect to the context-switch time
- Turnaround time also depends on the size of the time quantum



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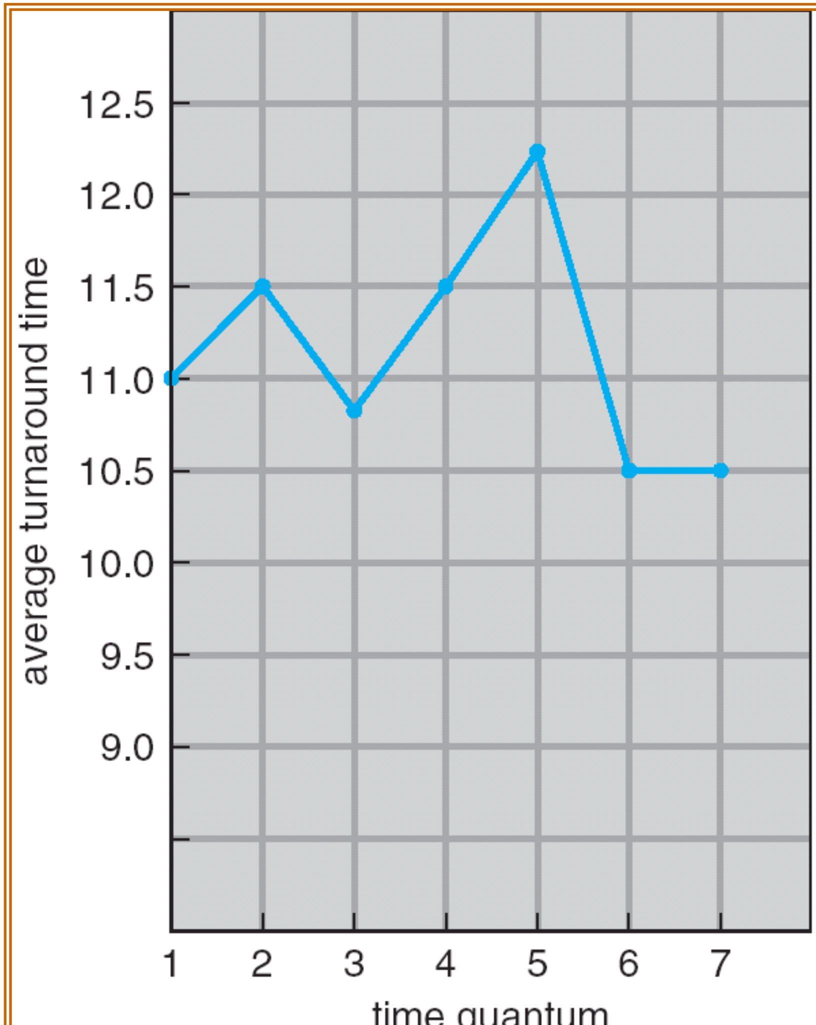

process	time
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P_2	3
P_3	1
P_4	7

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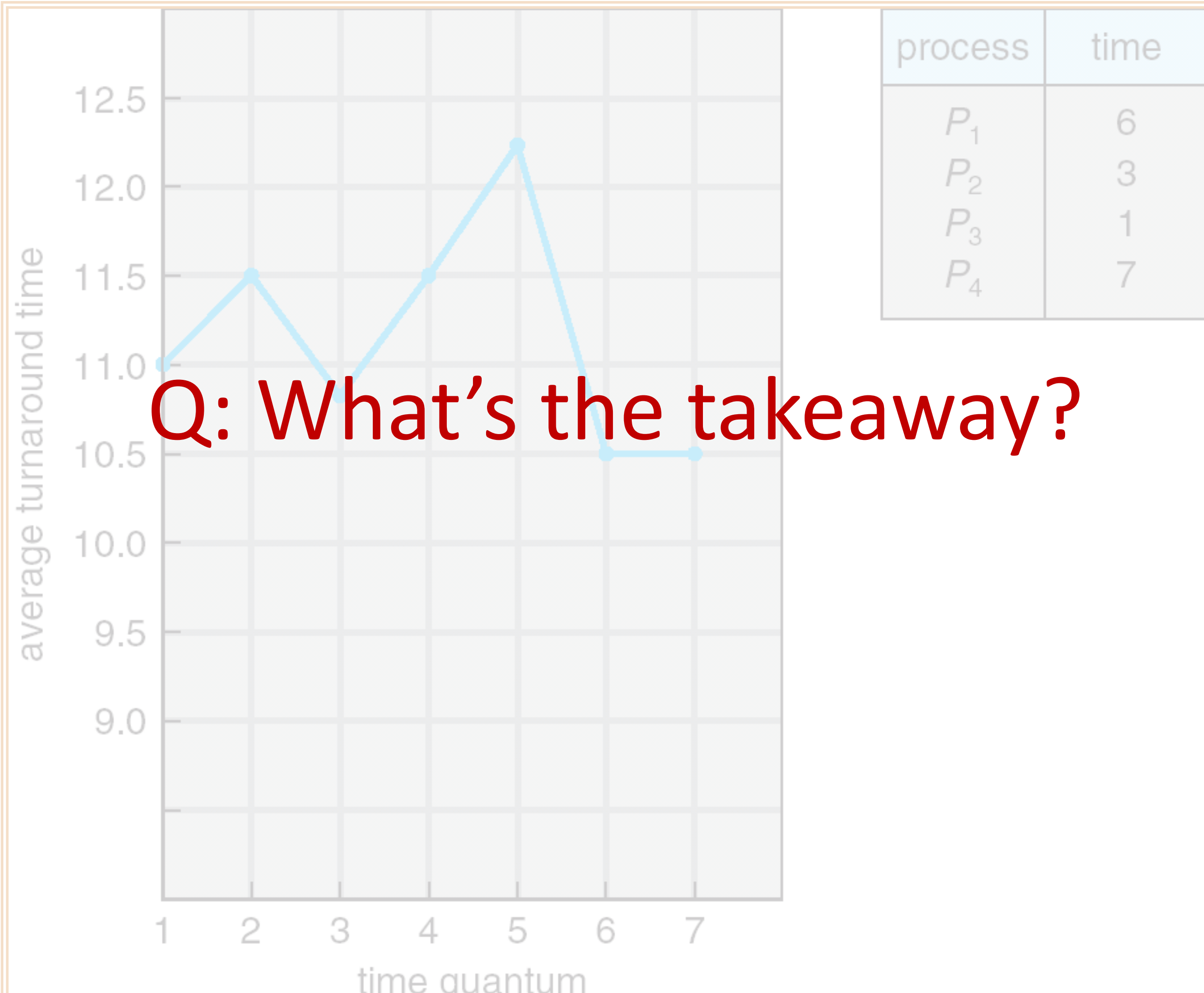

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