

Comparison of Gross & Harris and Jain CDF Formulas

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In *Optimizing Oracle Performance* [Millsap & Holt (2003): O'Reilly], I noted an incorrectness in the Jain CDF Formula (p236). Frank Ives has kindly provided work showing that the inclusion of a single pair of parenthesis makes the Jain formula equivalent to the Gross & Harris formula. This notebook is a further validation that the Gross & Harris formula and the Jain formula, with Ives's modification, indeed have identical values for all input values, as long as $C = A$ (which is just the "stable queueing system" assumption).

Note also that neither the Jain formula nor the Gross & Harris formula is strictly correct unless you also add the following qualifying condition:

$$\rho \neq \frac{m-1}{m}.$$

Without this qualifying condition, both formulas have a singularity. For example, neither formula can produce a value for $m = 4, \rho = .75$. This singularity is mentioned in the book. The VisualBasic code for the CDFr function shown on page 235 uses a special conditional block to interpolate the CDF value at the singularity from the two domain values $\rho = \frac{m-1}{m} \pm \epsilon$.

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Clear ["Global`*"];
λ := a / t;
τ := 1 / λ;
x := c / t;
s := b / c;
μ := 1 / s;
u := b / t;
ρ := u / m;
c := a; (* ... on a stable queueing system. *)

erlangc := 
$$\frac{\frac{(m \rho)^m}{m!}}{(1 - \rho) \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{(m \rho)^k}{k!} + \frac{(m \rho)^m}{m!}};$$


p0 := 
$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \frac{(m \rho)^n}{n!} + \frac{(m \rho)^m}{m! (1 - \rho)} \right)^{-1};$$


Wq0 := 
$$1 - \frac{(m \rho)^m p0}{m! (1 - \rho)};$$

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$$\text{jain} = 1 - e^{-\mu r} - \frac{\text{erlangc}}{1 - m + m\rho} (e^{-m\mu(1-\rho)r} - e^{-\mu r});$$

$$\text{gross} = \frac{m(1-\rho) - Wq0}{m(1-\rho) - 1} (1 - e^{-\mu r}) - \frac{1 - Wq0}{m(1-\rho) - 1} (1 - e^{-(m\mu-\lambda)r});$$

jain - gross

$$1 - e^{-\frac{ar}{b}} + \frac{(1 - e^{r(-\frac{am}{b} + \frac{a}{t})}) (\frac{b}{t})^m}{(-1 + m(1 - \frac{b}{mt})) (1 - \frac{b}{mt}) m! \left(\frac{(\frac{b}{t})^m}{(1 - \frac{b}{mt})^m} + \frac{e^{b/t} \text{Gamma}[m, \frac{b}{t}]}{\text{Gamma}[m]} \right)} -$$

$$\frac{\left(-e^{-\frac{ar}{b}} + e^{-\frac{amr(1 - \frac{b}{mt})}{b}} \right) (\frac{b}{t})^m}{(1 - m + \frac{b}{t}) m! \left(\frac{(\frac{b}{t})^m}{m!} + \frac{e^{b/t} (1 - \frac{b}{mt}) \text{Gamma}[m, \frac{b}{t}]}{\text{Gamma}[m]} \right)} -$$

$$\frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{ar}{b}}) \left(-1 + m(1 - \frac{b}{mt}) + \frac{(\frac{b}{t})^m}{(1 - \frac{b}{mt}) m! \left(\frac{(\frac{b}{t})^m}{(1 - \frac{b}{mt})^m} + \frac{e^{b/t} \text{Gamma}[m, \frac{b}{t}]}{\text{Gamma}[m]} \right)} \right)}{-1 + m(1 - \frac{b}{mt})}$$

Simplify[%]

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