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## I. Introduction

Functional Reactive Programming (FRP) [28] is a declarative programming language for the modeling and implementation of reactive systems. It has been used for a wide range of applications, notably, graphics [9], robotics [20], and vision [21]. FRP elegantly captures continuous and discrete aspects of a hybrid system using the notions of behavior and event, respectively. Because this language is developed as an embedded language in Haskell [15], it benefits from the wealth of abstractions provided in this language. Unfortunately, Haskell provides no real-time guarantees, and therefore, neither does FRP.

To address this limitation, resource-bounded variants of FRP were studied [16],[26],[27]. Recently, it was shown that a variant called priority-based FRP (P-FRP) [16] combines both the semantic properties for FRP, guarantees resource boundedness, and supports the assignment of different priorities to different events. In P-FRP, higher priority events can preempt lower-priority ones. However, a requirement [24] in the functional programming model is that the state of the system cannot be changed, and no function can have side effects. To maintain this guarantee of stateless execution, the functional programming paradigm requires the execution of an event handler (or *task*) to be atomic in nature. To comply with this requirement, as well as allow preemption of lower priority events, P-FRP implements a transactional model of execution. By using only a copy of the state

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during event processing and atomically committing these changes at the end of the event handler, a multi-version commit model of execution is implemented. This ensures that handling an event is an “all or nothing” proposition, and ensures the atomicity of handling an event. This is shown to preserve the easily understandable semantics of the FRP, and provides a programming model where response times to different events can be tweaked by the programmer without ever affecting the semantic soundness of the program.

Functional programming offers several benefits over the imperative programming style used in C++, Java, Ada etc. It allows the programmer to intuitively describe safety critical behaviors of the system, lowering the chance of introducing bugs in the design phase, while its stateless nature of execution does not require use of synchronization primitives, reducing the complexity of programming. While several variants of functional languages are being used in embedded systems, like Erlang [10] for mission critical telecommunication equipment and Atom [13] for controlling hybrid vehicles, their use in practical real-time and embedded systems is still quite limited. Apart from a steep learning curve, lack of understanding of their space and real-time temporal properties has been cited [12] as one of the reasons inhibiting a wider industry adoption of functional languages.

For fixed-priority scheduling in real-time systems, there are essentially two areas of work; schedulability analysis and priority assignment. For a given priority assignment, schedulability analysis determines if tasks in the system can complete execution before their respective deadlines. Hence, priority assignment has a direct impact on the schedulability of a given task set. A task set which is known to be schedulable, is also guaranteed to be schedulable in an *optimal* priority assignment. Knowledge of an optimal priority assignment for a task set gives system designers valuable insight on schedulable assignments of task priorities in fixed priority systems. An optimal priority assignment also serves as a schedulability test, since if a task set is not schedulable in its optimal priority assignment it is guaranteed to be not schedulable in any priority assignment.

In their seminal work, Liu and Layland [18] showed that the rate-monotonic (RM) priority assignment is an optimal priority assignment for the classical preemptive model of execution. Furthermore, Leung and Whitehead [17] showed that if task deadlines are same as task arrival periods, then the optimality for RM priority assignment is valid only when tasks are released at the same time ( *synchronously* ). However, the optimality of the RM priority assignment does not hold true for P-FRP. This is due to the abort nature of preemption, where the actual execution time taken by tasks can be higher than their *a priori* known worst-case execution times. Hence, a relevant question that arises for real-time researchers is, can an optimal priority assignment even exist for such an execution model ? And under what constraints can such an optimal priority assignment be applicable.

An answer to this question has benefits to real-time research which extend beyond the functional programming model we have studied. Over the past several years, researchers have looked at the abort-restart model as a promising method to avoid concurrency control and resource sharing conflicts in the preemptive execution model. This has resulted in response-time studies of lock-free semantics [1], preemptable critical sections in Java [19], and lately, transactional memory systems [14]. While each of these systems have their unique execution semantics, work on priority assignment for P-FRP can be extended to these systems. In future work, we will be using results of this work to derive optimal priority assignment in the lock-free execution model. Previous works on other abort-restart models [1],[6],[14],[19] and P-FRP [16],[22] have only handled the problem of response time analysis.

## A. Contributions

This paper presents a formal study on P-FRP, and finds special groups of task sets which have the same optimal priority assignment under a synchronous release of tasks. We also analyze those groups of task sets where no single priority assignment which is optimal for sets can exist. For such task sets, analyzing all possible combinations of task priorities is the only option.

We first present schedulability (Section 3) and priority assignment (Section 4) characteristics of P-FRP and show that between 2 P-FRP tasks, the rate-monotonic priority assignment is optimal only for those task sets where one task period is more than or equal to double of the other. When this condition is not met, a single priority assignment is optimal only if it has both utilization-monotonic (UM) and rate-monotonic (RM) characteristics. We conclude that if a P-FRP task set with 2 tasks is schedulable, it is guaranteed to be also schedulable under a utilization or rate-monotonic priority assignment (Section 5). We then look at systems with  $n$  tasks ( $n > 2$ ) and show that the RM priority assignment is optimal for only that group of task sets where task periods are integer multiples of each other. For other cases, we use the results derived for 2 task systems and prove that no priority assignment can exist which is optimal for all task sets (Section 6) . Results generated from simulation of experimental task sets validate our theorems, and also show that even though no single priority assignment is

optimal for  $n$ -task sets, several task sets are schedulable under a UM or RM priority assignment (Section 7). We conclude by reviewing related work (Section 8) and a reflection on our results (Section 9).

## II. Basic Concepts and Execution Model

In this section, we introduce the basic concepts and the notation used to denote these concepts in the rest of the paper. In addition, we review the P-FRP execution model and assumptions made in this study.

### A. Basic Concepts

Essential concepts for P-FRP are tasks and their associated priority, their associated time period and the concept of arrival rate and their processing time. Included also is the concept of a time interval and task jobs therein. The notation and formal definitions for these concepts as well as a few others used in the paper are as follows:

- Let task set  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n\}$  be a set of  $n$  periodic tasks.  $\Gamma_n$  is also referred to as an  **$n$ -task set**
- The **priority** of a  $\tau_k \in \Gamma_n$  is the integer  $pr_k$ . If  $pr_i > pr_k$  then  $\tau_i$  has a higher priority than  $\tau_k$ . Each task is associated with a unique priority number
- $T_k$  is the **arrival time period** between two successive jobs of  $\tau_k$  and  $r_k = 1/T_k$  is the **arrival rate** of  $\tau_k$
- $C_k$  is the fixed **worst-case execution time** (WCET) for  $\tau_k$
- $t_{copy}(k)$  is the time taken to make a **copy** of the state before  $\tau_k$  starts processing (see section 2.2.1)
- $t_{restore}(k)$  is the time taken to **restore** the state after  $\tau_k$  has completed processing (see section 2.2.1)
- $P_k$  is the **processing time** for  $\tau_k$ . Processing of a task includes execution as well as copy and restore operations. Hence,  $P_k = t_{copy}(k) + C_k + t_{restore}(k)$
- An **absolute time**  $t$  or **time**  $t$  is the time elapsed since, the real-time system was started. The real-time system is assumed to have started at absolute time 0
- $[t_1, t_2)$  represents a time interval such that:  $\forall t \in [t_1, t_2), t_1 \leq t < t_2 \wedge t_1 \neq t_2, t_1$  and  $t_2$  are absolute times
- $R_{k,m}$  represents the **release time** of the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_k$
- $\Phi_k$  represents the **release offset** which is the release time of the first job of  $\tau_k$ . Or,  $\Phi_k = R_{k,1}$ . Hence,  $R_{k,m} = \Phi_k + (m-1) \cdot T_k$
- $D_k$  is the **relative deadline** of  $\tau_k$ . If some job of  $\tau_k$  is released at time  $R_{k,m}$ , then  $\tau_k$  should complete processing by time  $R_{k,m} + D_k$ , otherwise  $\tau_k$  will have a deadline miss. For this study,  $D_k = T_k$
- The **utilization ratio** of a task  $\tau_k$  ( $U_k$ ), is the ratio of its processing time to its arrival time period.  $U_k = \frac{P_k}{T_k}$
- The **total utilization factor** ( $U$ ) of a task set is the sum of ratios of processing time to arrival periods of every task. Hence,  $U = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{P_i}{T_i}$
- A **feasibility interval** is the time interval  $[t_H, t_H + H)$  such that if all tasks are schedulable in  $[t_H, t_H + H)$  then the tasks will also be schedulable in the time interval  $[0, Z): Z \rightarrow \infty$ .  $H$  is the length of the feasibility interval and  $t_H$  is its start time
- **Interference** on  $\tau_k$  is the action where the processing of  $\tau_k$  is interrupted by the release of a higher priority task
- A **rate-monotonic (RM)** priority assignment is one where priorities are assigned to tasks based on their arrival rates. The task with the highest arrival rate has the highest priority
- A **utilization-monotonic (UM)** is one where priorities are assigned to tasks based on their utilization ratios. The task with the highest utilization ratio has the highest priority

### B. Execution Model and Assumptions

For this study, all tasks are assumed to execute in a uniprocessor system and have no precedence constraints. When a job of a higher priority task is released, it can immediately preempt a lower priority task, and changes made by the lower priority task are rolled back. The lower priority task will be restarted after the higher priority task has completed processing. When some task is released, it enters a processing queue which is arranged by priority order such that all arriving higher priority tasks are moved to the head of the queue. The length of the queue is bounded

and no two instances of the same task can be present in the queue at the same time. This requires a task to complete processing before the release of its next job. To maintain this requirement, we assume a *hard* real-time system with task deadline equal to the time period between jobs. Hence,  $\forall \tau_k \in \Gamma_n, D_k = T_k$ .

A task set is schedulable in some time interval only if no task in the set has a deadline miss. Every job of task  $\tau_k$  is assumed to execute for its worst-case execution time, hence the processing times for all jobs of  $\tau_k$  ( $P_k$ ) is considered the same.

Once a task  $\tau_i$  enters the processing queue, two situations are possible. If a task of lower priority than  $\tau_i$  is being processed, it will be immediately preempted and  $\tau_i$  will start processing. If a task of higher priority than  $\tau_i$  is being processed, then  $\tau_i$  will wait in the queue and start processing only after the higher priority task has completed. An exception to the immediate preemption is made during *copy* and *restore* operations, which is explained in the following section.

### 1) Copy and Restore Operations

In P-FRP, when a task starts processing it creates a ‘scratch’ state, which is a *copy* of the current state of the system. Changes made during the processing of this task are maintained inside such a state. When the task has completed, the ‘scratch’ state is *restored* into the final state in an atomic operation. Therefore, during the restoration and copy operations the task being processed cannot be preempted by higher priority tasks. If the task is preempted after copy, but before the restore operation, the scratch state is simply discarded. The time to discard the state of an aborted task is minimal and has been ignored in this study. The context-switch between tasks only involves a state copy operation for the task that will be commencing processing. The time taken for copy ( $t_{copy}(k)$ ) and restore ( $t_{restore}(k)$ ) operations of  $\tau_k$  is part of the processing time of the task,  $P_k$ .

In this study, the values of  $t_{copy}(k)$  and  $t_{restore}(k)$  for all tasks are assumed to be the same and equal to a single time unit of execution. Hence,

$$\forall j, k \in \Gamma_n, t_{copy}(k) = t_{restore}(k) \text{ and } t_{copy}(j) = t_{copy}(k), \\ t_{copy}(k), t_{restore}(k) = 1.$$

This is a reasonable assumption, since copy and restore operations are only a fraction of total processing time. Though most of our results can be extended to cases where  $t_{copy}(k)$  and  $t_{restore}(k)$  can be more than unity, we intend to address this problem in a separate paper.

In this work, we look at priority assignment strategies only for a synchronous release of P-FRP tasks. Therefore, the release time of the first job of all tasks is considered as time 0. Hence,

$$\forall \tau_k \in \Gamma_n, \Phi_k = 0.$$

## III. Schedulability Characteristics in P-FRP

In this section, we present some important schedulability characteristics of P-FRP tasks, based on which we define a necessary schedulability test.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The total utilization factor of a schedulable P-FRP task set will always be less than or equal to 1.*

**Proof.** Consider  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n\}$ . Let us assume  $U > 1$ . Let  $L = \text{LCM}(T_1 \dots T_n)$ . We take a simple case where all tasks are released at the same time, and there is no interference (hence, no aborts). In the interval  $[0, L)$  the total

processing time from each of the tasks is:  $\frac{P_1}{T_1} \cdot L + \frac{P_2}{T_2} \cdot L \dots + \frac{P_n}{T_n} \cdot L$ .

Let  $Z$  denotes the total processor idle period (when no task of  $\Gamma_n$  is being processed) in  $[0, L)$ . If  $Z=0$ , then there is no idle time and some task in  $\Gamma_n$  is always being processed. If  $Z > 0$ , then no task of  $\Gamma_n$  was processed for total  $Z$  time in the interval  $[0, L)$ . Hence,

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1} \cdot L + \frac{P_2}{T_2} \cdot L \dots + \frac{P_n}{T_n} \cdot L + Z = L \Rightarrow U + \frac{Z}{L} = 1.$$

Since  $U > 1$  and  $Z \geq 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow U + \frac{Z}{L} > 1$ , Therefore the assumption  $U > 1$  is wrong. Hence,  $U \leq 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *If  $\Gamma_n$  is schedulable, then any task present in  $\Gamma_n$  will be able to complete processing between any two consecutive jobs of every other task present in the set.*

**Proof.** Assume  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ . Let  $pr_i > pr_j$ . If both tasks are released synchronously then  $\tau_i$  will complete first. Task  $j$  will start processing when  $\tau_i$  has completed which is at time  $0+P_i$ . The next job of  $\tau_i$  will take place at time  $T_i$ . The time left for processing  $\tau_j$  is  $T_i - P_i$ . If  $\tau_j$  is unable to complete processing within this time it will be aborted by 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_i$  which is released at time  $T_i$ . After the 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_i$  has completed processing,  $\tau_j$  will get another time period of length  $T_i - P_i$  to complete. The abort/restart cycle of  $\tau_j$  will continue for every job of  $\tau_i$ . If  $P_j > T_i - P_i$ ,  $\tau_j$  will never be able to complete and the task set will be unschedulable. Hence to be schedulable,  $\tau_j$  will be able to complete processing between successive jobs of  $\tau_i$ .

Now, the first job of  $\tau_j$  is released at time 0 and the second will be released at time  $T_j$ . If tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$  are released synchronously then  $\tau_i$  will complete first since it has the higher priority. This leaves a maximum of  $T_j - P_i$  time for  $\tau_j$  to complete processing. Since  $\tau_j$  requires a contiguous period of minimum  $P_j$  length to complete processing, for the task set to be schedulable:

$$P_j \leq T_j - P_i \Rightarrow P_i \leq T_j - P_j.$$

Since  $T_j - P_j$  is the time remaining to execute  $\tau_i$  between successive jobs of  $\tau_j$ ,  $\tau_i$  will complete processing between successive jobs of  $\tau_j$ , otherwise  $\tau_j$  will be aborted by jobs of  $\tau_i$  and will never be able to complete processing.

If  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n\}$  we can do the above analysis for each unique pair  $\{\tau_i, \tau_j\}, \tau_i, \tau_j \in \Gamma_n$  to show that if  $\Gamma_n$  is schedulable, each task in P-FRP task set will be able to complete processing between successive jobs of other tasks present in the set.  $\square$

**Definition:** Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 define conditions which will always be satisfied by any schedulable P-FRP task set. However, the satisfaction of conditions specified in lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 alone does not guarantee the schedulability of the task set, since, the schedulability also depends on the priority assignment and execution pattern of tasks. Therefore, these schedulability conditions are necessary but not sufficient. The verification of conditions specified in lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 is termed as the **P-FRP schedulability test** in the rest of this paper.

#### IV. Characteristics of Priority Assignment in P-FRP

In this section, we define characteristics for priority assignment in P-FRP. We show that the rate-monotonic priority assignment is not optimal for P-FRP, and prove that a task set schedulable in P-FRP will always be schedulable in the preemptive model. We also compute the costs induced due to interference and abort in P-FRP, and introduce the concept of intermediate release points (IRPs), which characterize the release time of the higher priority tasks. These IRPs are classified into *abort* and *delay* types, and we prove that only abort IRP affect the schedulability in P-FRP. Two important observations are defined while important results are derived in theorems 4.11 and 4.13. Relevant definitions and examples are also given at various places in this section.

From this section onwards, any general P-FRP task set  $\Gamma_n$  is assumed to satisfy the P-FRP schedulability test. The variable  $L$  represents the least-common-multiple (LCM) of the task periods. The feasibility interval for a synchronous release in P-FRP, as given in [3] is  $[0, L)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *In P-FRP, the rate-monotonic priority assignment is not an optimal priority assignment with synchronous release of tasks.*

**Proof.** If we can give a P-FRP task set which is not schedulable using the RM priority assignment, but is schedulable by a priority assignment which is not RM, it is sufficient to prove this lemma. Consider the following task set:

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	1	7	15	0.46
$\tau_2$	2	3	12	0.25

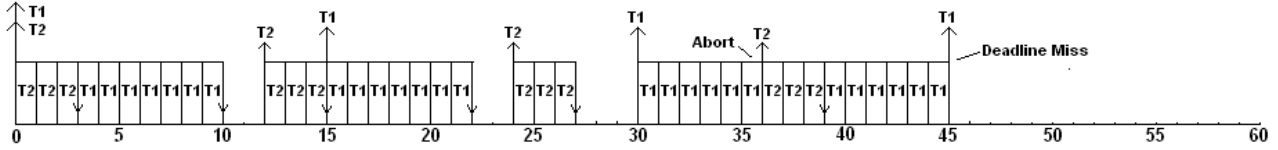


Figure 1(a): Deadline miss for the 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_1$  under RM priority assignment. T1, T2, T3 represent tasks  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3$  respectively

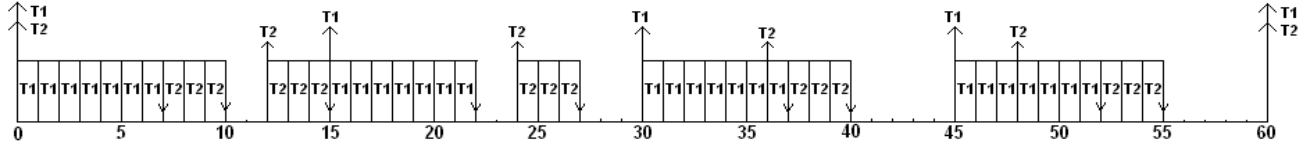


Figure 1(b): Task set is schedulable in the feasibility interval of [0,60) under a non-RM priority assignment

The priority assignment is RM-based with  $\tau_2$  having the highest arrival rate hence, the highest priority. In this scheduling policy, the first job of  $\tau_1$  is unable to complete processing before its second job at time 45 (Figure 1(a)). If the priority order is changed, as shown below:

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	2	7	15	0.46
$\tau_2$	1	3	12	0.25

Then jobs of all tasks will be able to complete processing in the feasibility interval [0,60) of this task set (Figure 1(b)).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.** *If a task set is schedulable for some priority assignment in the classical preemptive model, then it is not guaranteed to be schedulable for the same priority assignment in P-FRP.*

**Proof.** If we can show that a task set is unschedulable for some priority assignment in P-FRP, but schedulable in the classical model it will be sufficient to prove this lemma.

Consider the task set used in lemma 4.1:

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$
$\tau_1$	1	7	15
$\tau_2$	2	3	12

This priority assignment is rate-monotonic and schedulable in the classical model. As we have already shown, this priority assignment is not schedulable in P-FRP.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** *If a task set is schedulable for some priority assignment in P-FRP, then it will also be schedulable for the same priority assignment in the classical preemptive model.*

**Proof.** The response time of the highest priority task in P-FRP and the classical model will be the same. Higher priority tasks can cause interference in the processing of lower priority tasks. In P-FRP, this interference leads to abort which puts another cost on the processing time of lower priority tasks. There are two possible situations:

No interference from higher priority tasks: The difference in response time between P-FRP and classical model is created by abort of lower priority tasks, which is caused by interference from tasks of higher priority. Hence, if there is no interference, there will be no aborts and response time for all tasks in P-FRP and the classical model will be same. Hence, if the task set is schedulable in P-FRP, it will also be schedulable in the classical model.

Interference from higher priority tasks: Consider,  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$  and  $pr_i > pr_j$ :

Let  $\tau_j$  be released at time  $t_a$  and execute for  $h$  time units:  $t_{copy}(j) \leq h \leq t_{copy}(j) + C_j$ , after which it is aborted by the release of a job of  $\tau_i$ . The selected range of  $h$  allows  $\tau_i$  to be released after the copy, but before the restore operations of  $\tau_j$ .  $\tau_j$  will re-start processing after  $\tau_i$  has completed at time:  $t_a + h + P_i$ .  $\tau_j$  will take another  $P_j$  time units to complete processing and will finish at time  $t_a + h + P_i + P_j$ . Since  $\tau_j$  was released at time  $t_a$ , its response time is:  $h + P_i + P_j$ .

If tasks are processed in the preemptive model, the response time of  $\tau_j$  will be  $h + P_i + P_j - h = P_i + P_j$ . Hence, after interference from higher priority tasks, the response time of lower priority tasks in P-FRP will always be more than the response time in the preemptive model. Hence, if a task is schedulable in P-FRP, it will also be schedulable in the classical model.  $\square$

**Definition.** In the preemptive model of execution, if a higher priority task  $\tau_i$  interferes with the execution of a lower priority task  $\tau_j$ , then  $\tau_i$  will preempt  $\tau_j$ . The response time of  $\tau_j$  will be delayed by time taken to process  $\tau_i$ , which is  $P_i$ . This is referred to as the **interference cost**. In the P-FRP execution model, preempted tasks are also aborted. The amount of time spent in aborted processing is called the **abort cost**. Hence, in P-FRP, interference induces both an interference and abort cost on the response time of a preempted lower priority task.

**Lemma 4.4(a).** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if  $T_i < T_j$ , then in the time interval  $[0, L)$  there will be at least one job of  $\tau_i$  that is released strictly between any two successive jobs of  $\tau_j$ .

**Proof.** The time difference between the releases of any two jobs of  $\tau_j$  is  $T_j$ .

Number of jobs of  $\tau_i$  between any two jobs of  $\tau_j = \left\lfloor \frac{T_j}{T_i} \right\rfloor$ . Since,  $T_j > T_i$  at least one job of  $\tau_i$  will be released between any two jobs of  $\tau_j$ .  $\square$

Example: In Figure 2,  $T_2 < T_1$ . The 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_2$  is released between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> jobs of  $\tau_1$ , 3<sup>rd</sup> job of  $\tau_2$  is released between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> jobs of  $\tau_1$  and so on.

**Lemma 4.4(b).** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if  $T_i < T_j$ . In the time interval  $[0, L)$ , with the exception of the 1<sup>st</sup> and last jobs, every job of  $\tau_j$  will be released between two successive jobs of  $\tau_i$ .

**Proof.** Let  $L = p \cdot T_i = q \cdot T_j$ ,  $p > q$ .

Jobs of  $\tau_j$  will be released at times:  $0, T_j, 2 \cdot T_j, 3 \cdot T_j, \dots, q \cdot T_j$ .

Jobs of  $\tau_i$  will be released at times:  $0, T_i, 2 \cdot T_i, 3 \cdot T_i, \dots, p \cdot T_i$ .

Since,  $T_j \neq f T_i$ ,  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$

Similarly,  $2 \cdot T_i < 2 \cdot T_j < 3 \cdot T_i$  or  $3 \cdot T_i < 2 \cdot T_j < 4 \cdot T_i$

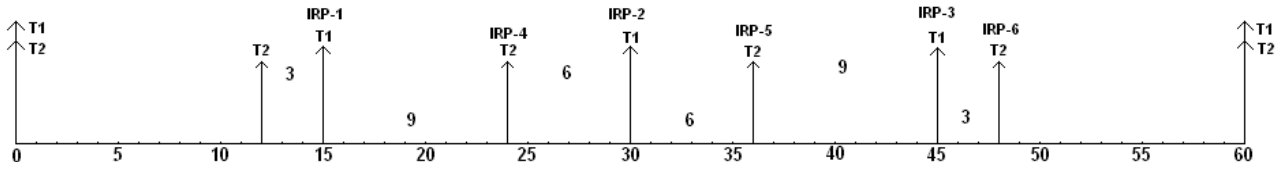
It is easy to see, that for any  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $T_j$ :

$a \cdot T_i < (m-1) \cdot T_j < (a+1) \cdot T_i$ ,  $0 < a < p$  and  $1 < m \leq q$ .  $\square$

Example: In Figure 2,  $T_2 < T_1$ . The 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_1$  is released between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> job of  $\tau_2$ , 3<sup>rd</sup> job of  $\tau_1$  is released between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> jobs of  $\tau_2$  and so on.

**Definition.** A relative time instance where the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of a higher priority task  $\tau_i$ , is released (time  $R_{i,p}$ ) between job  $m$  (time  $R_{j,m}$ ) and job  $m+1$  (time  $R_{j,m+1}$ ) of a lower priority  $\tau_j$  is termed as an **intermediate release point (IRP)**, provided  $R_{i,p-1} \neq R_{j,m}$ . The length of the IRP is relative to the release time of the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$ . If multiple jobs of higher priority task  $\tau_i$  are released in the interval  $[R_{j,m}, R_{j,m+1})$ , then only the first job of  $\tau_i$  that is released in this interval will be considered as an IRP. The **intermediate release point set**  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ , contains the length of all those IRPs where  $\tau_i$  is released between jobs of  $\tau_j$ , for the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$  in the time interval  $[0, L)$ .  $|\psi_{IRP}(i,j)|$  represents the number of elements in the set  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ . The value of an IRP refers to its length. Since,  $R_{i,p-1} \neq R_{j,m}$  an





**Figure 2:** Intermediate release points in the task set example used in lemma 4.1. In this example  $\psi_{IRP}(1,2) = \{3,6,9\}$  represented by IRP-1, IRP-2 and IRP-3.  $\psi_{IRP}(2,1) = \{9,6,3\}$  represented by IRP-4, IRP-5 and IRP-6. When  $pr_2 > pr_1$ , IRP-5 and IRP-6 can abort  $\tau_1$ , hence  $\psi_{AIRP}(2,1) = \{3,6\}$ , and  $max_{AIRP}(2,1) = 6$ . When  $pr_1 > pr_2$ , IRP-2 and IRP-5 cause delay in the start of  $\tau_2$ , hence  $\psi_{DIRP}(1,2) = \{6,9\}$  while  $\psi_{AIRP}(1,2) = \emptyset$  and  $max_{AIRP}(1,2) = 0$

IRP will always have non-zero values. Figure 2 shows the IRPs for different priority assignments for our sample 2-task set.

**Lemma 4.5.** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , the maximum value of intermediate release point, for any priority assignment cannot exceed the value of the lowest arrival period. Or:

$$\text{if, } h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j) \text{ or } h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i) \text{ then } h < \text{minimum}(T_i, T_j).$$

**Proof.** Let  $\min(T_i, T_j) = T_i$  and  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ .

In lemma 4.4(a), we have seen that at least one job of  $\tau_i$  is released between any two jobs of  $\tau_j$ . However only the first job is counted in the set  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j)$  as per the IRP definition.

Let the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  be released at time  $t_a$  between the  $m^{\text{th}}$  and  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  jobs of  $\tau_j$ , creating an IRP of length  $h$ . Therefore, the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is released at time  $t_a - h$ . If  $h > T_i$ , then the  $(p-1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will be released after  $m^{\text{th}}$  job and the  $(p-1)^{\text{th}}$  job will be the IRP, making  $h < T_i$ . If  $h = T_i$  then it means that both  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$  are released at the same time in which case the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  is not an IRP as per definition.

Hence, if  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$  then  $h < T_i$ .

Now, let  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ . In lemma 4.4(b), we have shown that a job of  $\tau_j$  will always be released between successive jobs of  $\tau_i$ . Assume that the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $t_a$ , and the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is released at time  $t_a + h$ . If  $h > T_i$ , then the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will be an IRP for the  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$ . If  $h = T_i$ , then the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is not an IRP as per definition. If  $h < T_i$  then the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will be an IRP for the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$ .

Hence, if  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$  then  $h < T_i$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6.** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if  $pr_i > pr_j$ , and an intermediate release point lies in the range,  $[\varepsilon, t_{copy}(j) + C_j]$  or  $[\varepsilon, P_j - t_{restore}(j)]$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $\tau_i$  will induce an abort cost on the response time of  $\tau_j$ .

**Proof.** Assume some job of  $\tau_j$  be released at time  $t_a$ , and a job of  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $t_a + h$ :  $h \in [\varepsilon, t_{copy}(j) + C_j]$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $h < P_j$ ,  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ . Even if  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $\varepsilon$ :  $\varepsilon < t_{copy}(j)$ , it will induce a minimum abort cost of  $t_{copy}(j)$  on  $\tau_j$ . If  $h > t_{copy}(j) + C_j$  then  $\tau_j$  will be in the restoration phase and cannot be aborted by  $\tau_i$ . Hence, every  $h: h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$  and  $h \in [\varepsilon, t_{copy}(j) + C_j]$  will induce an abort cost on the response time of  $\tau_j$ .

Since,  $t_{copy}(j) + C_j = P_j - t_{restore}(j)$ ,  $h \in [\varepsilon, P_j - t_{restore}(j)]$  will also induce abort cost on  $\tau_j$ .  $\square$

**Definition.** An IRP is an **abort intermediate release point (AIRP)** if it adds abort costs to the response time of a lower priority task. The **abort intermediate release point set**  $\psi_{AIRP}(i,j)$  of two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , contains only those IRPs in the time interval  $[0, L)$ , with the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$ , which can induce an abort cost on the response time of  $\tau_j$ . Or,

$$\forall h \in \psi_{AIRP}(i,j), h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j) \wedge h \in [\varepsilon, t_{copy}(j) + C_j], \varepsilon > 0.$$

Based on the above definition it is clear that,

$$\psi_{AIRP}(i,j) \subset \psi_{IRP}(i,j).$$

The **maximum abort intermediate release point** ( $max_{AIRP}(i,j)$ ) is the maximum value in the set  $\psi_{AIRP}(i,j)$ :

$$max_{AIRP}(i,j) = \text{maximum} \{ \psi_{AIRP}(i,j) \}.$$

From lemma 4.6, the upper bound on  $\max_{AIRP}(i,j)$  is easily derived to be:  $t_{copy}(j)+C_j$ .

Example: In Figure 2,  $\psi_{AIRP}(2,1) = \{3,6\}$  and  $\max_{AIRP}(i,j) = 6$ , while  $\psi_{AIRP}(1,2) = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 4.7.** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if  $\alpha = T_j - P_j - P_i$ , then any intermediate release point in  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ , that lies in the range  $[P_j+\alpha+1, T_j]$  will cause a delay in the start of some job of  $\tau_j$ .

**Proof.** Let the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  be released at time  $t_a$ . Assume  $|\psi_{IRP}(i,j)| > 0$  and  $pr_i > pr_j$ .

For some  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ , let the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  be released at time  $t_a+h$  and let  $\tau_i$  start processing at time  $t_a+h+\beta$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ .  $\beta$  accounts for any blocking  $\tau_i$  will experience if it is released during the state copy or restoration phase of  $\tau_j$ .  $\tau_i$  will complete processing at time  $t_a+h+\beta+P_i$ .

The  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will delay the start of the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  only if:

$$t_a+h+\beta+P_i > t_a + T_j \Rightarrow h+\beta+P_i > T_j \quad \dots (4.7.1)$$

from the definition of  $\alpha$ :  $P_i + P_j + \alpha = T_j$ ,  
substituting this value of  $T_j$  in eq. 4.7.1 :

$$h+\beta > P_j + \alpha \quad \dots (4.7.2)$$

if,  $h \leq t_{copy}(j)+C_j$  then  $\beta = 0$  and  $h+\beta < P_j + \alpha$

hence, to satisfy eq. (4.7.2),  $h > t_{copy}(j)+C_j$ .

Let us take a look when:

$$t_{copy}(j)+C_j < h \leq t_{copy}(j)+C_j + t_{restore}(j)$$

for every,  $h = t_{copy}(j)+C_j + \delta$ ,

$$\beta = t_{restore}(j) - \delta, \delta > 0$$

Therefore,  $h+\beta = t_{copy}(j)+C_j + \delta + t_{restore}(j) - \delta = P_j$ .

In this case, eq. (4.7.2) will not be satisfied. To satisfy eq. (4.7.2):

$$h > t_{copy}(j)+C_j + t_{restore}(j) \Rightarrow \beta = 0.$$

Since,  $\beta = 0$ , in eq. (4.7.2):  $h > P_j + \alpha$ .

Or, the minimum possible value of  $h = P_j+\alpha+1$ .

If  $h > T_j$ , then  $\tau_i$  will be released after the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  has started processing. In this case,  $\tau_i$  will not cause a delay in the start of  $\tau_j$ , but can cause it to abort. Therefore, the maximum possible value of  $h$  which can delay the start of  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is  $T_j$ . Hence, if  $h \in [P_j+\alpha+1, T_j]$ , the release of a job of  $\tau_i$  at time  $t_a + h$  is guaranteed to delay the execution of  $\tau_j$ .  $\square$

**Definition.** An IRP is a **delay intermediate release point (DIRP)** if it causes a delay in the start time of the lower priority task. The **delay intermediate release point set**  $\psi_{DIRP}(i,j)$  contains only those IRPs of  $\tau_i$  in the time interval  $[0,L)$  and the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$ , which can delay the start time of  $\tau_j$ . Or,

$$\forall h \in \psi_{DIRP}(i,j) : h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j) \wedge h \in [P_j+\alpha+1, T_j], \alpha = T_j - P_j - P_i$$

Based on the above definition it is clear that,

$$\psi_{DIRP}(i,j) \subset \psi_{IRP}(i,j).$$

**Example:** In Figure 2,  $\psi_{DIRP}(1,2) = \{6,9\}$ , while  $\psi_{DIRP}(2,1) = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 4.8.** *The sets  $\psi_{AIRP}(i,j)$  and  $\psi_{DIRP}(i,j)$  are mutually exclusive.*

**Proof.** For, any  $h_1 \in \psi_{AIRP}(i,j)$ ,  $h_1 \in [\varepsilon, t_{copy}(j)+C_j]$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$   
 For, any  $h_2 \in \psi_{DIRP}(i,j)$ ,  $h_2 \in [P_j+\alpha+1, T_j]$ ,  $\alpha=T_j-P_j-P_i$

Since,  $t_{copy}(j)+C_j < P_j$   
 if,  $h \in [\varepsilon, t_{copy}(j)+C_j]$  then  $h \notin [P_j+\alpha+1, T_j]$ .

Or ,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall h_1 \in \psi_{AIRP}(i,j), h_1 \notin \psi_{DIRP}(i,j) \text{ and,} \\ \forall h_2 \in \psi_{DIRP}(i,j), h_2 \notin \psi_{AIRP}(i,j). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\psi_{DIRP}(i,j) \cap \psi_{AIRP}(i,j) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** *Delay intermediate release points do not affect the schedulability of a task set. Or, if  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$  is schedulable when  $\psi_{DIRP}(i,j) = 0$ , then it is guaranteed to be schedulable when  $\psi_{DIRP}(i,j) \neq 0$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $h \in \psi_{DIRP}(i,j) \Rightarrow h \in [P_j+\alpha+1, T_j]$  and the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is released at absolute time  $t_a$ . The  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will complete processing at time  $t_a + P_j$ . Let the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  be released at time  $t_a+h$  such that it causes a delay of time  $\beta$  in the start of the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$ . Assume the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is unable to complete processing before the release of its  $(m+2)^{\text{th}}$  job.

The  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will complete processing by time  $t_a+h+P_i$ . Hence,  $\beta = t_a+h+P_i - (t_a+T_j)$ . Since,  $h \in [P_j+\alpha+1, T_j]$  the maximum possible value of  $h=T_j$ , in which case:

$$\beta = t_a+T_j+P_i - (t_a+T_j) = P_i.$$

This is the upper bound of  $\beta$ .

After the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  has finished processing, the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will start and complete processing at time  $t_a+T_j+\beta+P_j$ . The  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will not be released till time  $R_{i,p+1} = t_a+h+T_i$ .

Since the basic schedulability test is satisfied, we know:

$$\begin{aligned} T_i - P_i \geq P_j &\Rightarrow (t_a+h) - (t_a+h) + T_i - P_i \geq P_j \\ \Rightarrow R_{i,p+1} - (t_a+h+P_i) &\geq P_j. \end{aligned}$$

No job of  $\tau_i$  will be released in the interval  $[t_a+h+P_i, R_{i,p+1})$  therefore, the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will not experience any interference from  $\tau_i$  in this interval. To be unschedulable, the  $(m+2)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  should be released before the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job has completed processing. Or,

$$\begin{aligned} t_a + 2 \cdot T_j < t_a+T_j+\beta+P_j \\ \Rightarrow \beta > T_j - P_j \quad \dots (4.9.1) \end{aligned}$$

If eq. (4.9.1) is satisfied then the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will be unschedulable. However, from the basic schedulability test we know:  $P_i \leq T_j - P_j$ . Since the upper bound on  $\beta$  is  $P_i$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \beta \leq T_j - P_j.$$

Clearly, eq. (4.9.1) can never be satisfied implying that a value of  $\beta$  that can make  $\tau_j$  unschedulable does not exist.

Hence, any  $h \in \psi_{DIRP}(i,j)$  will not affect the schedulability of  $\Gamma_2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.10.** *For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if an IRP of length  $h$  is present in the set  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ , then an IRP of the same length is also present in the set  $\psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ . Or,*

$$\text{If, } h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j) \text{ then } h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i).$$

**Proof.** Consider  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\} : pr_i > pr_j$  and  $T_i < T_j$  and  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ . If two jobs of  $\tau_j$  are released at times 0 and  $t_a$ , then two jobs of  $\tau_i$  will also be released at times  $L - t_a$  and  $L$ .

Since,  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ , jobs of  $\tau_i$  will be released between jobs of  $\tau_j$ , at times:

$$0, t_a+h-T_i, t_a+h, \dots, L - (t_a+h), L - (t_a+h-T_i), L$$

From lemma 4.4,  $h < T_i$ ; therefore,

$$L - (t_a+h) < L - t_a < L - (t_a+h - T_i).$$

Hence, when  $pr_j > pr_i$ , the job of  $\tau_j$  releasing at time  $L - t_a$  will be an IRP between jobs of  $\tau_i$  which are released at times  $L - (t_a+h)$  and  $L - (t_a+h-T_i)$ . The length of this IRP will be:

$$L - t_a - (L - (t_a+h)) = h.$$

Therefore,  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ .

Similarly for  $T_i > T_j$ , if  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ :

$$L - (t_a+h) < L - t_a < L - (t_a+h-T_j).$$

Hence, when  $pr_i > pr_j$ , the job of  $\tau_i$  that is released at time  $L - t_a$  will be an IRP between the jobs of  $\tau_j$  which are released at times  $L - (t_a+h)$  and  $L - (t_a+h-T_j)$ .

Therefore,  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ .

Similarly we can show that for any  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ ,  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ .  $\square$

Example: In Figure 2, IRP-1 between jobs of  $\tau_2$  is of length 3. IRP-6 between jobs of  $\tau_1$  is also of length 3. It is clearly seen that for every IRP present between jobs of  $\tau_2$ , IRP's of the same length are present between jobs of  $\tau_1$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , the IRP set for priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$  is same as the IRP set for priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ . Or,  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j) = \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ .

**Proof.** From theorem 4.10 we know that if some  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ , then  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ . Similarly, it is easy to show that for any  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$ , then  $h \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j)$ . Therefore, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall h_1 \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j), h_1 \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i) \text{ and,} \\ & \forall h_2 \in \psi_{IRP}(j,i), h_2 \in \psi_{IRP}(i,j) \\ \Rightarrow & \psi_{IRP}(i,j) = \psi_{IRP}(j,i). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Example: In Figure 2,  $\psi_{IRP}(1,2) = \{3,6,9\}$  while  $\psi_{IRP}(2,1) = \{9,6,3\}$ . Clearly,  $\psi_{IRP}(1,2) = \psi_{IRP}(2,1)$ .

**Observation 4.12(a).** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$  and  $\gcd(T_i, T_j) = 1$ , then  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j) = \{1, 2, \dots, T_i - 1\}$ .

**Observation 4.12(b).** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$  and  $\gcd(T_i, T_j) = m$ :  $m > 1$ , then  $\psi_{IRP}(i,j) = \{m, 2 \cdot m, \dots, T_i - m\}$ .

Example: In our sample task set,  $T_i = 12$  and  $T_j = 15$ .  $\gcd(12,15) = 3$ . Based on observation 4.12(b):

$$\psi_{IRP}(i,j) = \{3, 2 \cdot 3, (12 - 3)\} = \{3, 6, 9\}. \text{ These IRP's are represented by IRP-1, IRP-2 and IRP-3 in figure 2.}$$

**Theorem 4.13.** For two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ ;  $T_j = T_i + y$  and  $P_i < P_j$ ;  $P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j$ , then the difference between maximum abort IRPs for priority assignments  $pr_i > pr_j$  and  $pr_j > pr_i$  should be less than or equal to  $y$ : Or,  $\max_{AIRP}(i,j) - \max_{AIRP}(j,i) \leq y$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P_j = P_i + x$ ,  $x \geq 1$ .

$$\text{Since, } P_i / T_i > (P_i + x) / (T_i + y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x < y \cdot P_i / T_i \Rightarrow x < y.$$

Let us consider two cases based on the greatest common divisor ( $gcd$ ) of  $T_i$  and  $T_j$ :

**Case 1:**  $gcd(T_i, T_j) = 1$

From observation 4.12(a), the following IRPs will be present:  $1, 2, \dots, T_i - 1$ .

Since IRPs for this case are in increments of 1, it is guaranteed that there will an IRP of length =  $P_i - t_{restore}(i)$ .

As per lemma 4.6, an IRP with this value is the maximum IRP that can abort  $\tau_i$ .

$$\text{Therefore, } \max_{AIRP}(j, i) = P_i - t_{restore}(i).$$

The maximum possible value of  $\max_{AIRP}(i, j)$  is:  $P_j - t_{restore}(j)$ .

Therefore,

$$\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) \leq P_j - t_{restore}(j) - P_i + t_{restore}(i)$$

$$\text{since, } t_{restore}(j) = t_{restore}(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) \leq P_j - P_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) \leq x.$$

Since,  $x < y$

$$\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) < y.$$

**Case 2:**  $gcd(T_i, T_j) = m: m > 1$

As per observation 4.12(b) the following IRP's will be present  $\psi_{IRP}(i, j) = \{m, 2 \cdot m, \dots, T_i - m\}$ .

Let,  $T_i = a \cdot m$  and  $T_j = b \cdot m: b > a$ . We will look at two different cases.

**Case 2.1:**  $P_i \geq m$

Since, the P-FRP schedulability test is satisfied, we know:  $T_i - P_i \geq P_j$ .

$$\text{Since, } P_i \geq m \Rightarrow T_i - P_i \leq T_i - m$$

$$\Rightarrow P_j \leq T_i - m \quad (\text{since, } T_i - P_i \geq P_j)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_j \leq m \cdot (a-1) \quad \dots (4.13.1)$$

$$\text{length of maximum possible IRP} = T_i - m = (a-1) \cdot m.$$

Even if  $P_j$  is at its highest possible value of  $m \cdot (a-1)$  (from eq. 4.13.1), the maximum possible IRP will not be able to abort  $\tau_j$ . Hence, the maximum value of IRP which can abort  $\tau_j$  when  $P_j = m \cdot (a-1)$ , is the next lower IRP:

$$m \cdot (a-1) - m = m \cdot (a-2).$$

Therefore, maximum possible value of  $\max_{AIRP}(i, j) = m \cdot (a-2)$ .

Minimum possible value of  $\max_{AIRP}(j, i) = 0$  (when,  $P_i = m$ ).

The term  $\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i)$  is maximized when  $\max_{AIRP}(i, j)$  has its highest possible value and  $\max_{AIRP}(j, i)$  its lowest. Or,

$$\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) = m \cdot (a-2) - 0 = m \cdot (a-2).$$

Now,  $x = P_j - P_i$ . Using values of  $P_j = m \cdot (a-1)$  and  $P_i = m$  which maximize the expression  $\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i)$ , we get:

$$x = m \cdot (a-1) - m = m \cdot (a-2).$$

Therefore,  $\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) = x$ .

Since,  $x < y$

$$\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) < y.$$

**Case 2.2:**  $P_i < m$

In this case,  $\tau_i$  cannot be aborted by any job of  $\tau_j$ . Hence,  $\max_{AIRP}(j, i) = 0$ .

Let  $P_i = \delta$ ,  $2 < \delta < m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since, } P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j &\Rightarrow \delta / a \cdot m > P_j / b \cdot m \\ \Rightarrow P_j < \delta \cdot b / a. &\dots (4.13.2) \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.2.1:**  $b/a \leq b - a$

We know,  $\max_{AIRP}(i, j) < P_j$   
 $\Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i, j) < \delta \cdot b / a$  (from eq. 4.13.2).

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) &< \delta \cdot b / a \text{ (since, } \max_{AIRP}(j, i) = 0) \\ \text{since, } \delta < m, & \\ \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) &< m \cdot b / a \\ \text{since, } b/a \leq b - a & \\ \Rightarrow m \cdot b / a &\leq m \cdot b - m \cdot a \\ \Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) &< m \cdot b - m \cdot a \\ \Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) &< y. \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.2.2:**  $b/a > b - a$

$$\text{Since, } T_j < 2 \cdot T_i \Rightarrow b < 2 \cdot a \Rightarrow b/a < 2.$$

Being subject to the restriction  $b/a < 2$ , the condition,  $b/a > b - a$  will never be satisfied for any  $b > a+1$ . Hence, this condition is only valid when  $b = a+1$ .

Since,  $y = T_j - T_i$

$$\Rightarrow y = b \cdot m - a \cdot m = (a+1) \cdot m - a \cdot m = m.$$

As,  $P_i = \delta$  and  $x < y \cdot P_i / T_i$

$$\Rightarrow x < m \cdot \delta / a \cdot m$$

also,  $P_j = P_i + \delta$  and  $x < \delta / a$

$$\Rightarrow P_j = \delta + x \Rightarrow P_j < \delta + \delta / a.$$

The value of  $P_j$  will be maximized when  $a = 1$ . Or,  $P_j < 2 \cdot \delta$ . Since,  $\delta < m \Rightarrow P_j < 2 \cdot m$ .

Hence, the only IRP in  $\Psi_{IRP}(i, j)$  that can abort  $\tau_j$  when  $P_j$  is maximum, is the IRP of length  $m$ . Or, for any value of  $P_j$   
 $: \max_{AIRP}(i, j) \leq m$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) &\leq m - 0 \\ \Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) &\leq m. \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $y = m$ ,

$$\max_{AIRP}(i, j) - \max_{AIRP}(j, i) \leq y. \quad \square$$

This theorem identifies an important property when :

$$T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i \text{ and } P_i < P_j; P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j,$$

and is used in the derivation of optimal priority assignment for 2-task sets in theorem 5.6(a).

## V. Priority Assignment in 2-Task Sets

In this section, we evaluate priority assignment strategies for a P-FRP task set having 2 tasks. We show that the RM priority assignment is always optimal when one arrival period is more than double of the other. For task sets where arrival periods do not share this relationship, we derive conditions which determine schedulability under different priority assignments. Finally, we show that if a general 2-task P-FRP task set is known to be schedulable, then it will also be schedulable in either the UM or RM priority assignments.

**Theorem 5.1.** *For  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_j = f \cdot T_i$ ;  $f \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ;  $f \geq 2$ , then  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable under any priority assignment.*

**Proof.** Since, the P-FRP schedulability test is satisfied, we know:

$$P_i + P_j \leq T_i \Rightarrow P_i + P_j \leq T_j / 2.$$

In this case,  $L = f \cdot T_i$ , therefore in the interval  $[0, L)$  jobs of task  $\tau_j$  will be released at times 0 and  $L$ , while jobs of  $\tau_i$  will be released at 0,  $T_i, 2 \cdot T_i \dots L$ . Only the 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_j$  has to be processed in the interval  $[0, L)$ . Let us take a look at two possible cases.

**Case 1:**  $pr_i > pr_j$

The first job of  $\tau_i$  will start and complete processing by time  $P_i$ , followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_j$ . Since, as per the P-FRP schedulability test  $P_i + P_j \leq T_i$ , the 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_j$  will be processed before the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_i$ . Hence,  $\Gamma_2$  will be schedulable.

**Case 2:**  $pr_j > pr_i$

The first job of  $\tau_j$  will start and complete processing by time  $P_j$ , followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_i$ . Since,  $P_i + P_j \leq T_i$ , the 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_i$  will be processed before the release of its 2<sup>nd</sup> job. Hence,  $\Gamma_2$  will be schedulable.

Clearly, all task sets  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$  where  $T_j = f \cdot T_i$ ;  $f \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ;  $f \geq 2$  will be schedulable under any priority assignment.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2(a).** *For  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_j > 2 \cdot T_i$ , and  $T_j \neq f \cdot T_i$ ;  $f \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ;  $f > 2$  then  $\Gamma_2$  will always be schedulable under the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$ .*

**Proof.** Let the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  be released at time  $t_a$ , when  $\tau_i$  is not running. At time  $t_a + h$ :  $t_{\text{copy}}(j) \leq h \leq t_{\text{copy}}(j) + C_j$ ,  $\tau_j$  is aborted by the release of the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$ .  $\tau_i$  will finish processing at time  $t_a + h + P_i$ , after which  $\tau_j$  will re-start. The  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will be released at time  $t_a + h + T_i$ , while the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is released at time  $t_a + T_j$ .

Since,  $P_j < T_i$  and  $h < P_j$

$$\Rightarrow h < T_i$$

also,  $T_i + T_i < T_j$ , therefore,

$$h + T_i < T_j, \text{ or } t_a + h + T_i < t_a + T_j.$$

Hence, the  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will be released before the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$ . From the P-FRP schedulability test we know:

$$P_i + P_j \leq T_i.$$

Both the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  which starts processing at time  $t_a + h$ , and the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  which re-starts processing at time  $t_a + h + P_i$ , will complete before the release of the  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$ . Hence, even if  $\tau_i$  induces a maximum abort of  $t_{\text{copy}}(j) + C_j$  on  $\tau_i$ ,  $\tau_j$  will be schedulable.

If  $h > t_{\text{copy}}(j) + C_j$ , then  $\tau_j$  will complete processing before the start of  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$ , and both tasks will be schedulable. Hence,  $\Gamma_2$  will always be schedulable if  $T_j > 2 \cdot T_i$  and  $pr_i > pr_j$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2(b).** *For  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_j > 2 \cdot T_i$  and  $T_j \neq f \cdot T_i$ ;  $f \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ;  $f > 2$ , then the task set will be schedulable for the priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$  only if,  $T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{\text{AIRP}}(j, i)$ .*

**Proof.** Since, the P-FRP schedulability test is satisfied we know:

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j.$$

Assume that the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $t_a$ , when  $\tau_j$  is not running. At time  $t_a+h$ :  $t_{\text{copy}}(i) \leq h \leq \max_{\text{AIRP}}(j,i)$ ,  $\tau_i$  is aborted by the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$ .  $\tau_j$  will finish processing at time  $t_a+h+P_j$  after which  $\tau_i$  will re-start processing and will complete at time  $t_a+h+P_j+P_i$ .

The  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is released at time  $t_a+h+T_j$  and the  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $t_a+T_i$ . Since,  $T_i \leq T_j/2$   
 $\Rightarrow t_a+h+T_j > t_a+T_i$ .

Therefore, the  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will be released before the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$ . To be schedulable the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will have to complete processing before the release of its  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job. Or

$$t_a+h+P_i+P_j \leq t_a+T_i.$$

The maximum value of  $h$  in this case is:  $h = \max_{\text{AIRP}}(j,i)$ .

Hence,

$$t_a + \max_{\text{AIRP}}(j,i) + P_j + P_i \leq t_a + T_i$$

$$\Rightarrow T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{\text{AIRP}}(j,i).$$

If the above inequality is satisfied then  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be schedulable.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.2.1.** For  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_j > 2 \cdot T_i$ , then the task set is guaranteed to be schedulable for the priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ , only if,  $T_i \geq P_i + P_j + t_{\text{copy}}(i) + C_i$ .

**Proof.** From theorem 5.2 we know that for  $\Gamma_2$  to be schedulable:

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{\text{AIRP}}(j,i).$$

The maximum possible value of  $\max_{\text{AIRP}}(j,i)$  is  $t_{\text{copy}}(i) + C_j$ .

Hence, if

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + t_{\text{copy}}(i) + C_i,$$

then  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be always schedulable.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** For  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_j > 2 \cdot T_i$ , then the rate-monotonic priority assignment is optimal.

**Proof.** The rate-monotonic priority assignment is  $pr_i > pr_j$ . As shown in theorem 5.2(a),  $\Gamma_2$  will always be schedulable in this priority assignment. Corollary 5.2.1 shows that  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in the non-RM priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ , only if certain conditions are met.

Since  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in the RM priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$  without pre-conditions, RM is the optimal priority assignment.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.4.** For  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ , then the task set will only be schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$  if,  $T_j \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{\text{AIRP}}(i,j)$ .

**Proof.** Since, the P-FRP schedulability test is satisfied we know:

$$T_i - P_i \geq P_j \text{ and } T_j - P_j \geq P_i.$$

Let the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  be released at time  $t_a$  when  $\tau_i$  is not running. At time  $t_a+h$ :  $t_{\text{copy}}(j) \leq h \leq \max_{\text{AIRP}}(i,j)$ ,  $\tau_j$  is aborted by the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$ .  $\tau_i$  will finish at time  $t_a+h+P_i$  after which  $\tau_j$  will re-start processing and will complete at time  $t_a+h+P_i+P_j$ . The  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will be released at time  $t_a+h+T_i$ .

Since,

$$T_i - P_i \geq P_j$$

$$\Rightarrow t_a+h+T_i \geq t_a+h+P_i+P_j.$$



Hence, the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  and the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will complete before the  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  is released. Now the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is released at time  $t_a+T_j$ . If this  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job is released before the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job has completed processing,  $\tau_j$  will have a deadline miss. Or,

if,  $t_a + T_j < t_a+h+P_i+P_j$ , then  $\tau_j$  is unschedulable.

Therefore, for  $\tau_j$  to be schedulable:  $t_a + T_j \geq t_a+h+P_i+P_j$ .

$$\Rightarrow T_j \geq h+P_i+P_j.$$

The upper bound of  $h$  is the maximum possible abort cost that can be induced on  $\tau_j$ . Hence,

$$h = \max_{AIRP}(i,j).$$

Therefore,  $T_j \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(i,j)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.1.** For  $\Gamma_2=\{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$  then the task set is guaranteed to be schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$ , only if:  $T_j \geq P_i + P_j + t_{copy}(j)+C_j$ .

**Proof.** From theorem 5.3 we know that for  $\Gamma_2$  to be schedulable:

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(i,j).$$

The maximum possible value of  $\max_{AIRP}(j,i)$  is  $t_{copy}(j)+C_j$ .

Hence, if,

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + t_{copy}(j) + C_j,$$

then  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be always schedulable under  $pr_i > pr_j$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.5.** For  $\Gamma_2=\{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ , then the task set will be schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ , only if:  $T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(j,i)$ .

**Proof.** Since, the P-FRP schedulability test is satisfied we know:

$$T_i - P_i \geq P_j \text{ and } T_j - P_j \geq P_i.$$

Assume that the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $t_a$ , when  $\tau_j$  is not running. At time  $t_a+h$ :  $t_{copy}(i) \leq h \leq \max_{AIRP}(j,i)$ ,  $\tau_i$  is aborted by the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$ .  $\tau_j$  will finish processing at time  $t_a+h+P_j$  after which  $\tau_i$  will re-start and complete at time  $t_a+h+P_j+P_i$ . The  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  will be released at time  $t_a+h+T_j$ . Since,  $T_j - P_j \geq P_i$ :

$$t_a+h+T_j \geq t_a+h+P_j+P_i.$$

Hence, the  $m^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  and the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  will complete before the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_j$  is released. Now the  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job of  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $t_a+T_i$ . If this  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  job is released before the  $p^{\text{th}}$  job has completed processing  $\tau_i$  will have a deadline miss. Or,

If,  $t_a + T_i < t_a+h+P_j+P_i$ ,  $\tau_i$  is unschedulable.

Therefore, to be schedulable:  $t_a + T_i \geq t_a+h+P_j+P_i$

The maximum value of  $h$  is the maximum abort cost on  $\tau_i$ . Hence,  $h = \max_{AIRP}(j,i)$ . Therefore, for guaranteed schedulability of  $\Gamma_2$  in  $pr_j > pr_i$ :

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(j,i). \quad \square$$

**Corollary 5.5.1.** For  $\Gamma_2=\{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$  then the task set is guaranteed to be always schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ , only if:  $T_i \geq P_i + P_j + t_{copy}(i)+C_j$ .

**Proof.** From theorem 5.5, we know that for  $\Gamma_2$  to be schedulable:

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(i,j).$$

The maximum possible value of  $\max_{AIRP}(j,i)$  is  $t_{copy}(j)+C_j$ .

Hence, if,

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + t_{copy}(j)+C_j,$$

then  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be always schedulable.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6(a).** Let  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ ,  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$  and  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  have values such that  $P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j$ . If  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ , it is guaranteed to be schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$ .

**Proof.** Let us look at all possible cases based on the relation between processing times of tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ :

**Case 1:**  $P_i \geq P_j$

$$\text{Since, } T_i < T_j \Rightarrow P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j.$$

Let  $\Gamma_2$  be schedulable under:  $pr_j > pr_i$ .

From theorem 5.5 this implies:

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(j,i) \quad \dots (5.6.1)$$

Since,  $P_i \geq P_j$  and  $t_{restore}(j) = t_{restore}(i)$  and  $t_{copy}(i) = t_{copy}(j)$   
 $\Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i,j) \leq t_{copy}(j)+C_j < t_{copy}(i)+C_i$ .

From theorem 4.11 we know,

$$\psi_{IRP}(i,j) = \psi_{IRP}(j,i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i,j) \in \psi_{AIRP}(j,i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{AIRP}(i,j) \leq \max_{AIRP}(j,i).$$

Therefore, in eq. 5.6.1,

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(i,j)$$

Since,  $T_j > T_i$ ,

$$\Rightarrow T_j > P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(i,j) \quad \dots(5.6.2)$$

If eq. (5.6.2) is satisfied, then as per theorem 5.4,  $\Gamma_2$  will be schedulable under  $pr_i > pr_j$ .

Hence, if  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in  $pr_j > pr_i$ , it is guaranteed to be schedulable in  $pr_i > pr_j$ .

**Case 2:**  $P_i < P_j$ :  $P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j$

Let  $\Gamma_2$  be schedulable under:  $pr_j > pr_i$ .

From theorem 5.4 this implies:

$$T_i \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(j,i) \quad \dots (5.6.3)$$

Let  $T_j = T_i + y$ :  $y \geq 1$

In eq. (5.6.3):

$$T_i + y \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(j,i) + y$$

$$\Rightarrow T_j \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(j,i) + y \quad \dots (5.6.4)$$

From theorem 4.13 we know:

$$\max_{AIRP}(i,j) - \max_{AIRP}(j,i) \leq y.$$

Therefore, in eq. (5.6.4),

$$T_j \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(j,i) + \max_{AIRP}(i,j) - \max_{AIRP}(j,i)$$

$$\Rightarrow T_j \geq P_i + P_j + \max_{AIRP}(i,j) \quad \dots (5.6.5)$$

As per theorem 5.4, if eq. (5.6.5) is satisfied then  $\Gamma_2$  will be schedulable under  $pr_i > pr_j$ .

Hence, if  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in  $pr_j > pr_i$ , it is guaranteed to be schedulable in  $pr_i > pr_j$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6(b).** Let  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , if  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$  and  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  have values such that  $P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j$ . If,  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$ , it can be unschedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ .

**Proof.** If we can show one example which satisfies the conditions  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ ,  $P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j$  and is schedulable only under the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$ , it is sufficient to prove this theorem.

Consider the following task set:

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	1	3	12	0.25
$\tau_2$	2	6	10	0.60

Here,  $P_2 / T_2 > P_1 / T_1$ . If we analyze the execution of this task set in its feasibility interval of [0,60), it is schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_2 > pr_1$ . However in  $pr_1 > pr_2$ , the 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_2$  has a deadline miss at time 20. An execution table for tasks  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  is available in appendix 1-A.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.7.** For  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , and  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$  if a priority assignment exists which is both utilization and rate-monotonic then this priority assignment is optimal for  $\Gamma_2$ .

**Proof.** The RM-priority assignment is  $pr_i > pr_j$ . If  $P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j$ , then the UM priority assignment is also  $pr_i > pr_j$ . In theorem 5.6(a) we have seen that if these conditions are satisfied and  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in  $pr_j > pr_i$ , it is guaranteed to be schedulable in  $pr_i > pr_j$ .

In theorem 5.6(b) we have seen that if  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable in  $pr_i > pr_j$ , it can be unschedulable in  $pr_j > pr_i$ . Hence,  $pr_i > pr_j$  is the optimal priority assignment when this priority assignment is both UM and RM.  $\square$

**Definition.** A priority assignment which is both utilization and rate monotonic is henceforth referred to as the **U-RM priority assignment**.

**Theorem 5.8.** For a 2-task set  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , let  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ . If a U-RM priority assignment does not exist for  $\Gamma_2$ , then there is no single priority assignment which is optimal for all 2-task sets  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$  where  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ .

**Proof.** A U-RM priority assignment will not exist for  $\Gamma_2$  only when  $P_i < P_j$  and  $P_i / T_i < P_j / T_j$ .

In this case the UM priority assignment is  $pr_j > pr_i$  and the RM priority assignment is  $pr_i > pr_j$ . If we can show one example which is schedulable only in  $pr_j > pr_i$ , and a second example which is schedulable only in  $pr_i > pr_j$  it is sufficient to prove this theorem.

Consider the task set used in lemma 4.1:

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	1	7	15	0.46
$\tau_2$	2	3	12	0.25

The RM-priority assignment is  $pr_2 > pr_1$ , while the UM-assignment is  $pr_1 > pr_2$ . As shown in lemma 4.1, this task set is schedulable only in  $pr_1 > pr_2$ .

Now, consider the following task set:

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	1	6	15	0.40
$\tau_2$	2	4	12	0.33

The RM-priority assignment is  $pr_2 > pr_1$ , while the UM-assignment is  $pr_1 > pr_2$ . If we analyze the execution of this task set in its feasibility interval of  $[0,60)$ , it is schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_2 > pr_1$ , but the 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_2$  has a deadline miss at time 24, in  $pr_1 > pr_2$ . An execution table for  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  is available in appendix 1-B.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.9.** *If a 2-task set  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$  is known to be schedulable, then  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be also schedulable in a rate-monotonic or utilization-monotonic priority assignments.*

**Proof.** Let's assume,  $T_i < T_j$ . There can be two possible cases.

**Case 1:**  $2 \cdot T_i \leq T_j$

With this condition,  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be always schedulable under the priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$  as shown in theorems 5.1 and 5.3.  $pr_i > pr_j$  is a rate-monotonic priority assignment.

**Case 2:**  $T_i < T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$

With this condition there are two possible cases.

**Case 2.1:**  $P_i / T_i > P_j / T_j$

The priority assignment  $pr_i > pr_j$  is both a utilization and rate-monotonic priority assignment, and if  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable, it is guaranteed to be schedulable under this priority assignment, as shown in theorem 5.7.

**Case 2.2:**  $P_i / T_i < P_j / T_j$

The utilization-monotonic priority assignment is  $pr_j > pr_i$  and the rate-monotonic priority assignment is  $pr_i > pr_j$ . These are the only two priority assignments possible for this task set. Hence, if  $\Gamma_2$  is schedulable, it is either under a utilization or rate-monotonic, or both, priority assignments.  $\square$

## VI. Priority Assignment in $n$ -Task Sets

In this section, we prove that for P-FRP task sets having  $n$  tasks ( $n > 2$ ), a single priority assignment which is optimal exists only when task periods are integer multiples of each other. We also show that for other  $n$ -task sets, no priority assignment exists which is optimal for all task sets.

**Theorem 6.1.** *For,  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n\}$ :  $n > 2$ , and task periods have the following relationships:  $T_i = f \cdot T_{i+1}$ ,  $i=1, n-1$ :  $f \geq 2$ ;  $f \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then the rate-monotonic priority assignment is optimal.*

**Proof.** Consider  $\Gamma_3 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j, \tau_k\}$ . Let,

$$T_j = f \cdot T_i, T_k = g \cdot f \cdot T_i, g \geq 2, f \geq 2; f, g \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

The rate-monotonic priority assignment is  $pr_i > pr_j > pr_k$ .

$L = g \cdot f \cdot T_i$  and there will be only one job of  $\tau_k$  that has to be processed in  $[0, L)$ . Since the P-FRP schedulability test is satisfied we know:

$$P_i + P_j \leq T_i \text{ and } P_i + P_k \leq T_i.$$

The 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_i$  will finish at time  $P_i$  and the 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_j$  will be processed next as per the RM priority assignment. The 1<sup>st</sup> job of  $\tau_j$  will finish at time  $P_i + P_j$ , after which the 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_i$  is released at time  $T_i$ . The second job of  $\tau_j$  will not be released at least till time  $2 \cdot T_i$ , hence after the 2<sup>nd</sup> job of  $\tau_i$  has completed, the single job of  $\tau_k$  will complete processing. Jobs of two tasks  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$  that will be released in the interval  $[2 \cdot T_i, L)$  will be able to complete processing as per theorem 5.1.

This same analysis can be easily extended (by considering each pair of tasks) to any general task set,  $\Gamma_n$  which has tasks whose periods are integer multiples of each other. Since, such task sets will always be schedulable in the rate-monotonic priority assignment, this priority assignment is optimal.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.2.** For,  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2 \dots, \tau_n\}$ :  $n > 2$ , if task periods have the following relationships:  $T_i > 2 \cdot T_{i+1}$  and  $T_i \neq f \cdot T_{i+1}$ ,  $i=1, n-1$ :  $f \geq 2$ ;  $f \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then the rate monotonic priority assignment is not optimal.

**Proof.** If we can show one schedulable task set with this condition, which is not schedulable under the rate-monotonic priority assignment, it is sufficient to prove this lemma. Consider the task set  $\Gamma_3$ :

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	1	8	60	0.13
$\tau_2$	2	6	25	0.24
$\tau_3$	3	3	12	0.25

The priority assignment  $pr_3 > pr_2 > pr_1$  is RM. If we analyze the execution of this task set in its feasibility interval of  $[0, 300)$  with the RM priority assignment, the 4<sup>th</sup> job of  $\tau_1$  has a deadline miss at time 240. If the priority assignment is changed to  $pr_2 > pr_3 > pr_1$ , jobs of all tasks are able to complete in the feasibility interval. An execution table for this task set is available in appendix 2-A.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.3.** For,  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2 \dots, \tau_n\}$ :  $n > 2$ , let task periods have the following relationships:  $\forall \tau_i, \tau_j \in \Gamma_n, T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ . If a U-RM priority assignment exists for  $\Gamma_n$ , then it is not guaranteed to be the optimal priority assignment.

**Proof.** If we can show one schedulable task set which is not schedulable in the U-RM priority assignment, it is sufficient to prove this lemma. Consider the task set  $\Gamma_3$ :

Task	$pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	1	3	16	0.18
$\tau_2$	2	4	14	0.28
$\tau_3$	3	4	12	0.33

The priority assignment  $pr_3 > pr_2 > pr_1$  is both UM and RM. If we analyze the execution of this task set in its feasibility interval of  $[0, 336)$ , the 19<sup>th</sup> job of  $\tau_1$  has a deadline miss at time 304. If the priority assignment is changed to  $pr_1 > pr_3 > pr_2$ , jobs of all tasks are able to complete in the feasibility interval. An execution table for this task set is available in appendix 2-B.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.4.** Two tasks when executed independently will be schedulable in the same priority assignment, in which they were schedulable when part of a larger task set. Or, if  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_b, \dots, \tau_j, \dots, \tau_n\}$  is schedulable in the priority assignment :

$pr_1 > pr_2 > \dots > pr_j > \dots > pr_i > \dots > pr_n$   
then  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$  will also be schedulable in the priority assignment  $pr_j > pr_i$ .

**Proof.** Consider  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2 \dots, \tau_n\}$ :  $n > 2$ .

Let  $\Gamma_n$  be schedulable under some priority assignment. Let this priority assignment be:

$$pr_1 > \dots > pr_j > \dots > pr_i > \dots > pr_{k-1} > pr_k, \text{ where } \tau_i, \tau_j \in \Gamma_n.$$

Let us remove the highest priority task  $\tau_k$ :  $\tau_k \neq \tau_i, \tau_j$  from  $\Gamma_n$  and,  $\Gamma_{n-1} = \Gamma_n - \tau_k$ .

As the priority assignment is same, the removal of the highest priority task can only lead to lesser chances of interference and hence, lower abort costs on all lower priority tasks. Therefore, if  $\Gamma_n$  is schedulable,  $\Gamma_{n-1}$  will also be schedulable.

Similarly, if we remove the highest priority task  $\tau_k$  in  $\Gamma_{n-1}$  ( $\neq \tau_i, \tau_j$ ), we get  $\Gamma_{n-2}$  which will also be schedulable in the same priority assignment. This way we can remove all higher priority tasks without affecting the schedulability of the task set. Once all tasks having higher priority than  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$  are removed, let us remove all tasks having lower priority than  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_j$ . Since lower priority tasks do not have any impact on the response time of higher priority tasks, their removal will not affect the schedulability of the task set. After removal of these lower and higher

priority tasks we get the task set  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ , which clearly is schedulable in the same priority assignment as was in  $\Gamma_n$ ,  $pr_j > pr_i$ .

Similarly, we can see that any two tasks taken from  $\Gamma_n$ , will be schedulable in the same priority assignment as was in the  $\Gamma_n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.5.** *For a task set  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2 \dots, \tau_n\}$ :  $n > 2$ , where task periods have the following relationships:  $T_i > f \cdot T_{i+1}$ ,  $i=1, n-1$ ;  $f \geq 2$ ;  $f \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then no priority assignment exists which is optimal for every  $\Gamma_n$ .*

**Proof.** Let us assume  $\Gamma_n$  is schedulable and an optimal priority assignment exists for this case. Let this priority assignment be:

$$pr_1 > pr_2 > \dots > pr_j \dots > pr_i > \dots > pr_n.$$

Let  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ :  $\tau_i, \tau_j \in \Gamma_n$ . From lemma 6.4 we know that if  $\Gamma_n$  is guaranteed to be schedulable in its optimal priority assignment,  $\Gamma_2$  is also guaranteed to be schedulable in the priority assignment:

$$pr_j > pr_i.$$

This implies that  $pr_j > pr_i$  is an optimal priority assignment for  $\Gamma_2$ . From lemma 6.2 we know the optimal priority assignment for  $\Gamma_n$  cannot be rate-monotonic, therefore  $pr_j > pr_i$  is a non-RM priority assignment.

However, from theorem 5.3 we know that  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be schedulable only under the RM priority assignment.

Since, the existence of an optimal priority assignment for  $\Gamma_n$  requires a guarantee from  $\Gamma_2$  to be always schedulable under a non-RM priority assignment, we have a contradiction.

Hence, no priority assignment exists which is optimal for all  $\Gamma_n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.6.** *For,  $\Gamma_n = \{\tau_1, \tau_2 \dots, \tau_n\}$ :  $n > 2$ , where task periods have the following relationships:  $\forall \tau_i, \tau_j \in \Gamma_n, T_j < 2 \cdot T_i$ , no priority assignment exists which is optimal for all  $\Gamma_n$ .*

**Proof.** Let us assume  $\Gamma_n$  is schedulable, and an optimal priority assignment exists for this case. Let this priority assignment be:

$$pr_1 > pr_2 > \dots > pr_j \dots > pr_i > \dots > pr_n.$$

Let  $\Gamma_2 = \{\tau_i, \tau_j\}$ :  $\tau_i, \tau_j \in \Gamma_n$ . From lemma 6.4 we know that if  $\Gamma_n$  is guaranteed to be schedulable in its optimal priority assignment,  $\Gamma_2$  is also guaranteed to be schedulable in the same priority assignment:

$$pr_j > pr_i.$$

This implies that  $pr_j > pr_i$  is an optimal priority assignment for  $\Gamma_2$ . There can be two possible cases.

**Case 1: A U-RM priority assignment exists for  $\Gamma_n$**

From lemma 6.3 we know that the optimal priority assignment  $\Gamma_n$  cannot be U-RM, therefore  $pr_j > pr_i$  is a priority assignment which is non-U-RM.

However, from theorem 5.7 we know that  $\Gamma_2$  is guaranteed to be schedulable only under the U-RM priority assignment.

Since, the existence of an optimal priority assignment for  $\Gamma_n$  requires a guarantee from  $\Gamma_2$  to be always schedulable under a non-U-RM priority assignment, we have a contradiction. Hence, no optimal priority assignment can exist for  $\Gamma_n$  in this case.

**Case 2: A U-RM priority assignment does not exist for  $\Gamma_n$**

From theorem 5.7 we know that no optimal priority assignment can exist for  $\Gamma_2$  in this case.

Since, the existence of an optimal priority assignment for  $\Gamma_n$  requires a guarantee from  $\Gamma_2$  to also have an optimal priority assignment, we have a contradiction. Hence, no optimal priority assignment can exist for  $\Gamma_n$  in this case.  $\square$

$n$	$U_{min}$	$U_{max}$	only UM	only RM	Non UM/RM	Both UM/RM	U-RM Exists	U-RM Schedulable
2	0.10	0.50	0	0	0	500	314	314
2	0.51	1.0	2	20	0	478	364	364
3	0.10	0.50	1	0	0	499	191	191
3	0.51	1.0	84	21	26	369	175	165
4	0.10	1.0	150	16	74	260	107	94
5	0.10	1.0	120	32	244	104	82	40

Table 1: Task sets schedulable under different priority assignments

## VII. Experimental Validation

We present an experimental validation of the results derived for tasks sets with 2 and more than 2 tasks, using randomly generated task sets in groups having 2,3,4 and 5 tasks. For task sets with 2 and 3 tasks we have further divided them into 2 categories, based on their utilization factors. Each group has 500 tasks, and task sets in each group are unique in the sense that at least 1 task is different between any two task sets present in a group.

The arrival periods and processing times of tasks are selected from sample ranges of [12, 32] and [3, 10], respectively. The values of these ranges were arbitrarily selected and kept low to reduce the time taken to perform the evaluation. As per our initial assumptions,  $t_{copy}(k)$  and  $t_{restore}(k)$  are set to 1. The task periods in every task set are selected such that no two tasks in a set have the same period.

For task sets with 2 tasks we simulated the execution of every task set in its feasibility interval using the  $pr_i > pr_j$  and  $pr_j > pr_i$  priority assignments. For task sets having 3,4, and 5 tasks we simulated the execution in each of the possible 3!, 4! and 5! priority assignments. If any task set was unschedulable in all the priority assignments, the task set was regenerated. Hence, each of the tasks sets we have simulated are schedulable in at least one priority assignment.

In Table 1 we show the schedulability of task sets with different sizes and utilization factors in the UM or RM priority assignments. The number of task sets which are schedulable only by the UM priority assignment are classified under ‘only-UM’, while those schedulable only under RM are given under ‘non-RM’. Task sets not schedulable under both the UM and RM priority assignments are given under ‘non-RM/UM’, while those schedulable by both UM and RM is given under ‘Both UM/RM’. ‘U-RM Exists’ shows the number of tasks sets for which a U-RM priority assignment exists and the number of tasks schedulable in the U-RM priority assignment is given under ‘U-RM Schedulable’. Clearly, every task set in ‘U-RM Exists’ will also be in ‘Both UM/RM’.

When  $n=2$ , all task sets for which a U-RM priority assignment exists are schedulable under U-RM, which validates theorem 5.7. Also all the task sets are schedulable by a priority assignment which is either RM or UM, validating theorem 5.9. In cases where the U-RM priority assignment does not exist, some task sets are schedulable by only the RM or UM priority assignments, showing that no single optimal priority assignment exists in this case, as proved in theorem 5.8.

For  $n=3$ , while several task sets are schedulable by both UM and RM priority assignment, some are schedulable by a priority assignment which is non-UM/RM. Also for the higher utilization group, the 175 task sets for which a U-RM priority assignment exists, only 165 are schedulable in this priority assignment. Clearly, no single priority assignment is optimal for all 3-task sets which agrees with theorems 6.5 and 6.6. However, it is interesting that in the lower utilization group all task sets are schedulable by UM/RM and all 191 task sets for which a U-RM priority assignment exists, are also schedulable in this priority assignment.

The results for 4 and 5 task sets also agree with results derived for  $n$ -task sets in section 6. It is noteworthy that, even though no single optimal priority assignment exists, several  $n$ -task sets ( $n > 2$ ) are still schedulable by UM or RM priority assignments, with UM clearly outperforming RM. As a general recommendation to engineers, for determining priority assignments under which an  $n$ -task set will be schedulable, first the schedulability in UM and RM priority assignments should be evaluated followed by rest of the  $(n! - 2)$  priority assignments.

## VIII. Related Work

Response time analysis of P-FRP was first studied by Kaibachev et al [16], who derive response time bounds by placing restrictions on execution times of higher priority tasks. Ras and Cheng [22], have presented response time analysis and have compared the performance of P-FRP execution with priority inversion strategies. Both [16], [22] do not discuss priority assignment strategies for P-FRP. Response time analysis of transactional memory systems [14] has been done by Fahmy et al [11] while Manson et al [19] study response time of atomic processing of critical sections in Java. Anderson et al [1] have presented response time analysis of the lock-free execution. Lock-free is a mechanism to avoid priority inversion [23], the implementation of which is via an unconditional loop that terminates when the necessary updates to the shared resource are complete. Sivasankaran et al [25], have discussed priority assignment in real-time active databases. They have defined policies for parent, immediate and deferred transactions. The focus in this paper has been on dynamic priority assignment, which makes this unsuitable for our need as we are concerned with fixed assignment policies.

Notable work on fixed priority assignment strategies for the preemptive model have been done by Audsley [2] and Davis and Burns [7],[8]. In [2], an offline polynomial time algorithm that uses a transformation function to change the priorities of tasks, is presented. This paper also identifies minimum number of priority levels required for each task. This work has been extended in [5] to derive priority assignment in the presence of blocking. In [7], the concept of a ‘robust’ priority ordering for is introduced.

## IX. Conclusion and Future Work

We have studied priority assignments in P-FRP and shown that unlike the classical model, a single priority assignment is not universally optimal, even for 2-task sets. However, for 2-task sets we have proven that if a single priority assignment is both UM and RM, then it is guaranteed to be the optimal priority assignment. It has also been proven that every schedulable 2-task will also be schedulable by a UM or RM priority assignments.

In [18], Liu and Layland also present their initial results using 2-task sets and then scale these methods for  $n$ -task sets in a fairly straight-forward way. Unfortunately, the execution model of P-FRP does not have this simplicity, and the optimality of UM or RM priority assignment do not hold true when there are more than 2 tasks. However, for  $n$ -task sets where task periods are double, or more than double or each other the RM priority assignment is optimal. For  $n$ -task sets where task periods do not share this relationship we prove that no single optimal priority assignment can exist. An algorithm based approach which evaluates all the possible  $n!$  priority assignments is the only way to determine priority assignments under which such an  $n$ -task set is schedulable. It should however be noted, that a high percentage of P-FRP tasks sets having more than two tasks are schedulable by the UM/RM priority assignment, hence, in several situations analyzing all the  $n!$  possible priority assignments might not be required.

While the classical preemptive model is well understood and several mature studies have been done over the past several years, the abort-restart model has not been thoroughly researched. Our work has characterized the execution of P-FRP, hence, the abort-restart model, using the concept of intermediate release points (IRP), abort-IRP and delay-IRP. Introducing such concepts is important because of the additional cost of abort which is dependent solely on the release time of jobs of higher priority tasks. The abort cost introduces a dynamic nature to the execution of tasks in P-FRP, analysis of which cannot be done by the variety of existing methods.

Our work gives system designers/engineers an important insight on the schedulability characteristics of a system implemented using P-FRP. This work will guide system designers on tweaking task parameters which enhance the schedulability of the task sets, as well as help them identify priority assignments where the task set will be unschedulable. In future work, we will enhance this study by considering more practical values of  $t_{copy}(k)$  and  $t_{restore}(k)$  for a task  $\tau_k$ , and by determining if the optimal priority assignments derived in this paper, also hold true when tasks are released asynchronously.

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## Appendix: 1-A

### Task Set:

<i>Task</i>	<i>Pr</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>U</i>
$\tau_1$	1	3	12	0.25
$\tau_2$	2	6	10	0.6

U\_RM Priority Assignment:  $pr_2 > pr_1$ ; non-U\_RM is  $pr_1 > pr_2$

Time	Release	U_RM	Non-U_RM	Time	Release	U_RM	Non-U_RM
0	T1, T2	T2	T1	31		T2	
1		T2	T1	32		T2	
2		T2	T1	33		T2	
3		T2	T2	34		T2	
4		T2	T2	35		T2	
5		T2	T2	36	T1	T1	
6		T1	T2	37		T1	
7		T1	T2	38		T1	
8		T1	T2	39		*	
9		*	*	40	T2	T2	
10	T2	T2	T2	41		T2	
11		T2	T2	42		T2	
12	T1	T2	T1	43		T2	
13		T2	T1	44		T2	
14		T2	T1	45		T2	
15		T2	T2	46		*	
16		T1	T2	47		*	
17		T1	T2	48	T1	T1	
18		T1	T2	49		T1	
19		*	T2	50	T2	T2	
20	T2	T2	<b>Deadline Miss</b>	51		T2	
21		T2		52		T2	
22		T2		53		T2	
23		T2		54		T2	
24	T1	T2		55		T2	
25		T2		56		T1	
26		T1		57		T1	
27		T1		58		T1	
28		T1		59		*	
29		*					
30	T2	T2					

## Appendix: 1-B

Task Set:

<i>Task</i>	<i>Pr</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>U</i>
$\tau_1$	1	6	15	0.4
$\tau_2$	2	4	12	0.33

RM Priority Assignment:  $pr_2 > pr_1$ ; UM is  $pr_1 > pr_2$

Time	Release	RM	UM	Time	Release	RM	UM
0	T1, T2	T2	T1	31		T1	
1		T2	T1	32		T1	
2		T2	T1	33		T1	
3		T2	T1	34		T1	
4		T1	T1	35		T1	
5		T1	T1	36	T2	T2	
6		T1	T2	37		T2	
7		T1	T2	38		T2	
8		T1	T2	39		T2	
9		T1	T2	40	T1		
10				41			
11				42			
12	T2	T2	T2	43			
13		T2	T2	44			
14		T2	T2	45		T1	
15	T1	T2	T1	46		T1	
16		T1	T1	47		T1	
17		T1	T1	48	T2	T2	
18		T1	T1	49		T2	
19		T1	T1	50	T1	T2	
20		T1	T1	51		T2	
21		T1	T2	52		T1	
22			T2	53		T1	
23			T2	54		T1	
24	T2	T2	<b>Deadline Miss</b>	55		T1	
25		T2		56		T1	
26		T2		57		T1	
27		T2		58			
28				59			
29							
30	T1	T1					



Time	Release	RM	non-RM	Time	Release	RM	non-RM	Time	Release	RM	non-RM
166				221			T1	276	T3	T2	
167				222			T1	277		T2	
168	T3	T3	T3	223			T1	278		T2	
169		T3	T3	224			T1	279		T2	
170		T3	T3	225	T2	T2	T2	280		T2	
171				226		T2	T2	281		T3	
172				227		T2	T2	282		T3	
173				228	T3	T2	T3	283		T3	
174				229		T2	T3	284			
175	T2	T2	T2	230		T2	T3	285			
176		T2	T2	231		T3	T2	286			
177		T2	T2	232		T3	T2	287			
178		T2	T2	233		T3	T2	288	T3	T3	
179		T2	T2	234			T2	289		T3	
180	T1,T3	T2	T3	235			T2	290		T3	
181		T3	T3	236			T2	291			
182		T3	T3	237			T1	292			
183		T3	T2	238			T1	293			
184		T1	T2	239			T1	294			
185		T1	T2	240	T1,T3	T3	Deadline Miss	295			
186		T1	T2	241		T3		296			
187		T1	T2	242		T3		297			
188		T1	T2	243		T1		298			
189		T1	T1	244		T1		299			
190		T1	T1	245		T1					
191		T1	T1	246		T1					
192	T3	T3	T3	247		T1					
193		T3	T3	248		T1					
194		T3	T3	249		T1					
195			T1	250	T2	T2					
196			T1	251		T2					
197			T1	252	T3	T2					
198			T1	253		T2					
199			T1	254		T2					
200	T2	T2	T2	255		T2					
201		T2	T2	256		T3					
202		T2	T2	257		T3					
203		T2	T2	258		T3					
204	T3	T2	T3	259		T1					
205		T2	T3	260		T1					
206		T3	T3	261		T1					
207		T3	T2	262		T1					
208		T3	T2	263		T1					
209			T2	264	T3	T3					
210			T2	265		T3					
211			T2	266		T3					
212			T2	267		T1					
213			T1	268		T1					
214			T1	269		T1					
215			T1	270		T1					
216	T3	T3	T3	271		T1					
217		T3	T3	272		T1					
218		T3	T3	273		T1					
219			T1	274		T1					
220			T1	275	T2	T2					

## Appendix: 2-B

### Task Set:

Task	$Pr$	$P$	$T$	$U$
$\tau_1$	1	3	16	0.18
$\tau_2$	2	4	14	0.28
$\tau_3$	3	4	12	0.33

U\_RM Priority assignment:  $pr_3 > pr_2 > pr_1$ ; non-U\_RM is  $pr_1 > pr_3 > pr_2$

Time	Release	non-U_RM	U_RM	Time	Release	non-U_RM	U_RM	Time	Release	non-U_RM	U_RM
0	T1,T2,T3	T1	T3	55				111		T3	T3
1		T1	T3	56	T2	T2	T2	112	T1,T2	T1	T2
2		T1	T3	57		T2	T2	113		T1	T2
3		T3	T3	58		T2	T2	114		T1	T2
4		T3	T2	59		T2	T2	115		T2	T2
5		T3	T2	60	T3	T3	T3	116		T2	T1
6		T3	T2	61		T3	T3	117		T2	T1
7		T2	T2	62		T3	T3	118		T2	T1
8		T2	T1	63		T3	T3	119			
9		T2	T1	64	T1	T1	T1	120	T3	T3	T3
10		T2	T1	65		T1	T1	121		T3	T3
11				66		T1	T1	122		T3	T3
12	T3	T3	T3	67				123		T3	T3
13		T3	T3	68				124			
14	T2	T3	T3	69				125			
15		T3	T3	70	T2	T2	T2	126	T2	T2	T2
16	T1	T1	T2	71		T2	T2	127		T2	T2
17		T1	T2	72	T3	T3	T3	128	T1	T1	T2
18		T1	T2	73		T3	T3	129		T1	T2
19		T2	T2	74		T3	T3	130		T1	T1
20		T2	T1	75		T3	T3	131		T2	T1
21		T2	T1	76		T2	T2	132	T3	T3	T3
22		T2	T1	77		T2	T2	133		T3	T3
23				78		T2	T2	134		T3	T3
24	T3	T3	T3	79		T2	T2	135		T3	T3
25		T3	T3	80	T1	T1	T1	136		T2	T1
26		T3	T3	81		T1	T1	137		T2	T1
27		T3	T3	82		T1	T1	138		T2	T1
28	T2	T2	T2	83				139		T2	
29		T2	T2	84	T2,T3	T3	T3	140	T2	T2	T2
30		T2	T2	85		T3	T3	141		T2	T2
31		T2	T2	86		T3	T3	142		T2	T2
32	T1	T1	T1	87		T3	T3	143		T2	T2
33		T1	T1	88		T2	T2	144	T1,T3	T1	T3
34		T1	T1	89		T2	T2	145		T1	T3
35				90		T2	T2	146		T1	T3
36	T3	T3	T3	91		T2	T2	147		T3	T3
37		T3	T3	92				148		T3	T1
38		T3	T3	93				149		T3	T1
39		T3	T3	94				150		T3	T1
40				95				151			
41				96	T1,T3	T1	T3	152			
42	T2	T2	T2	97		T1	T3	153			
43		T2	T2	98	T2	T1	T3	154	T2	T2	T2
44		T2	T2	99		T3	T3	155		T2	T2
45		T2	T2	100		T3	T2	156	T3	T3	T3
46				101		T3	T2	157		T3	T3
47				102		T3	T2	158		T3	T3
48	T1,T3	T1	T3	103		T2	T2	159		T3	T3
49		T1	T3	104		T2	T1	160	T1	T1	T2
50		T1	T3	105		T2	T1	161		T1	T2
51		T3	T3	106		T2	T1	162		T1	T2
52		T3	T1	107				163		T2	T2
53		T3	T1	108	T3	T3	T3	164		T2	T1
54		T3	T1	109		T3	T3	165		T2	T1

Time	Release	U_RM	non-	Time	Release	U_RM	non-U_RM	Time	Release	U_RM	non-U_RM
166		T2	T1	223				280	T2	T2	T2
167				224	T1,T2	T1	T2	281		T2	T2
168	T2, T3	T3	T3	225		T1	T2	282		T2	T2
169		T3	T3	226		T1	T2	283		T2	T2
170		T3	T3	227		T2	T2	284			
176	T1	T1	T1	233		T2	T1	290		T1	T3
177		T1	T1	234		T2	T1	291		T3	T3
178		T1	T1	235		T2		292		T3	T1
179				236				293		T3	T1
180	T3	T3	T3	237				294	T2	T3	T2
181		T3	T3	238	T2	T2	T2	295		T2	T2
182	T2	T3	T3	239		T2	T2	296		T2	T2
183		T3	T3	240	T1,T3	T1	T3	297		T2	T2
184		T2	T2	241		T1	T3	298		T2	T1
185		T2	T2	242		T1	T3	299			T1
186		T2	T2	243		T3	T3	300	T3	T3	T3
187		T2	T2	244		T3	T2	301		T3	T3
188				245		T3	T2	302		T3	T3
189				246		T3	T2	303		T3	T3
190				247		T2	T2	304	T1	T1	Deadline Miss
191				248		T2	T1	305		T1	
192	T1,T3	T1	T3	249		T2	T1	306		T1	
193		T1	T3	250		T2	T1	307			
194		T1	T3	251				308	T2	T2	
195		T3	T3	252	T2,T3	T3	T3	309		T2	
196	T2	T3	T2	253		T3	T3	310		T2	
197		T3	T2	254		T3	T3	311		T2	
198		T3	T2	255		T3	T3	312	T3	T3	
199		T2	T2	256	T1	T1	T2	313		T3	
200		T2	T1	257		T1	T2	314		T3	
201		T2	T1	258		T1	T2	315		T3	
202		T2	T1	259		T2	T2	316			
203				260		T2	T1	317			
204	T3	T3	T3	261		T2	T1	318			
205		T3	T3	262		T2	T1	319			
206		T3	T3	263				320	T1	T1	
207		T3	T3	264	T3	T3	T3	321		T1	
208	T1	T1	T1	265		T3	T3	322	T2	T1	
209		T1	T1	266	T2	T3	T3	323		T2	
210	T2	T1	T2	267		T3	T3	324	T3	T3	
211		T2	T2	268		T2	T2	325		T3	
212		T2	T2	269		T2	T2	326		T3	
213		T2	T2	270		T2	T2	327		T3	
214		T2	T1	271		T2	T2	328		T2	
215			T1	272	T1	T1	T1	329		T2	
216	T3	T3	T3	273		T1	T1	330		T2	
217		T3	T3	274		T1	T1	331		T2	
218		T3	T3	275				332			
219		T3	T3	276	T3	T3	T3	333			
220			T1	277		T3	T3	334			
221			T1	278		T3	T3	335			
222			T1	279		T3	T3				