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Synchronous Time Division Multiplexing

- Data rate of medium exceeds data rate of digital signal to be transmitted
- Multiple digital signals interleaved in time
- May be at bit level of blocks
- Time slots pre-assigned to sources and fixed
- Time slots allocated even if no data
- Time slots do not have to be evenly distributed amongst sources



TDM Link Control

- No headers and trailers
- Data link control protocols not needed
- Flow control
 - Data rate of multiplexed line is fixed
 - If one channel receiver can not receive data, the others must carry on
 - The corresponding source must be quenched
 - This leaves empty slots
- Error control
 - Errors are detected and handled by individual channel systems

Statistical TDM

- In Synchronous TDM many slots are wasted
- Statistical TDM allocates time slots dynamically based on demand
- Multiplexer scans input lines and collects data until frame full
- Data rate on line lower than aggregate rates of input lines



FIGURE 7.14 Synchronous TDM contrasted with statistical TDM.

FCS Flag Flag Address Control Statistical TDM subframe (a) Overall frame Address Data (b) Subframe with one source per frame Data Data Address Length Length Address (c) Subframe with multiple sources per frame

Statistical TDM Frame Formats

Performance

- Output data rate less than aggregate input rates
- May cause problems during peak periods
 - Buffer inputs
 - Keep buffer size to minimum to reduce delay

N = number of input sources

K = data rate of each source, bps

M = effective capacity of multiplexed line, bps

a = mean fraction of time each source is transmitting, 0 < a < 1

K = M/IR = ratio of multiplexed line capacity to total maximum input

TABLE 7.7 Single-server queues with constant service times and poisson (random) arrivals.

Parameters

- λ = mean number of arrivals per second
- s = service time for each arrival
- $\rho=$ utilization, fraction of time the server is busy
- q = mean number of items in system (waiting and being served)
- t_q = mean time an item spends in system
- $\sigma q = \text{standard deviation of } q$

Formulas

$$\rho = \lambda s$$

$$q = \frac{\rho^2}{2(1 - \rho)} + \rho$$

$$t_q = \frac{s(2 - \rho)}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

$$\sigma q = \frac{1}{1 - \rho} \sqrt{\rho - \frac{3\rho^2}{2} + \frac{5\rho^3}{6} - \frac{\rho^4}{12}}$$