

# State-dependent Large-deviations Based Importance Sampling for a Slow-down Tandem Queue

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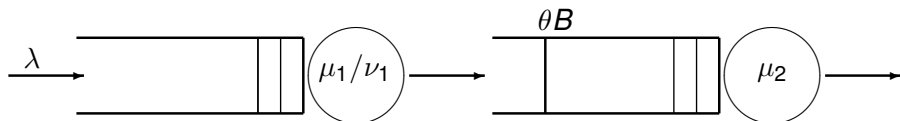
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# A Slow-down Tandem Queue



Arrival process:

*Poisson*( $\lambda$ )

Service rates:

$\exp(\mu_1)$ ,  $\exp(\nu_1)$ ,  $\exp(\mu_2)$

Slow-down mechanism:

$\nu_1 < \mu_1$

# Underlying processes

- Joint queue-length process

$$Q(t) = (Q_1(t), Q_2(t))$$

- Scaled queue-length process

$$X(t) = Q(Bt)/B$$

- Embedded (discrete-time) queue-length process

$$X_k = (X_{1,k}, X_{2,k})$$

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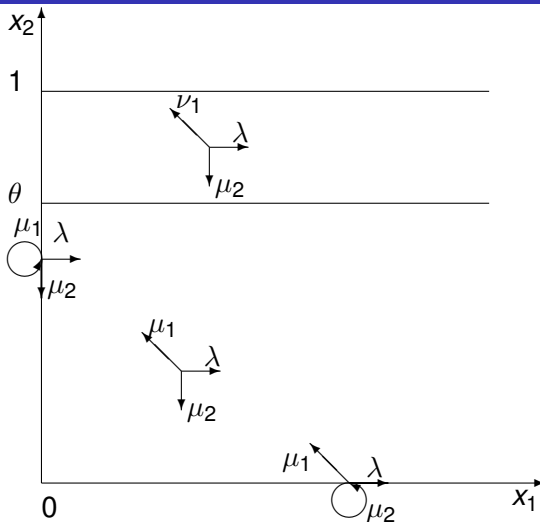
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# State Space





# Method

- State-dependent Importance Sampling
  - simulating the system under the new measure  $\mathbb{Q}$ , such that
$$\mathbb{Q}(X_2(T_B) = 1) \gg \mathbb{P}(X_2(T_B) = 1)$$
  - the new measure is changing dynamically
- Asymptotic efficiency

$$\lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mathbb{E}(L^2 \mathbb{I})}{\log \mathbb{E}(L \mathbb{I})} \geq 2$$

Here,  $L$  is the likelihood ratio of the particular sample path;  
 $\mathbb{I}(X_2(T_B) = 1) = 1$  and  $\mathbb{I}(X(T_B) = 0) = 0$

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# Cost-functions

Following holds for any Poisson process  $N(t)$  with intensity  $\lambda$

$$\mathbb{P}(N(t) \approx \tilde{\lambda}t) \approx e^{I(\tilde{\lambda}|\lambda)t}$$

where  $I(\tilde{\lambda}|\lambda)$  is the cost-function, given by

$$I(\tilde{\lambda}|\lambda) := \sup_{\theta} \left( \theta \tilde{\lambda} - \log \mathbb{E} e^{\theta N(1)} \right)$$

after some optimization

$$I(\tilde{\lambda}|\lambda) = \lambda - \tilde{\lambda} + \tilde{\lambda} \log \frac{\tilde{\lambda}}{\lambda}$$

# Cost of the path

The cost of moving one unit up in the interior under the new measure is

$$\frac{I(\tilde{\lambda}|\lambda) + I(\tilde{\mu}_1|\mu_1) + I(\tilde{\mu}_2|\mu_2)}{\tilde{\mu}_1 - \tilde{\mu}_2} \quad \text{if } x_2 < \theta, \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{I(\tilde{\lambda}|\lambda) + I(\tilde{\nu}_1|\nu_1) + I(\tilde{\mu}_2|\mu_2)}{\tilde{\nu}_1 - \tilde{\mu}_2} \quad \text{if } x_2 \geq \theta$$

$\gamma(x)$  is the minimal cost of the path  $x \rightarrow (\cdot, 1)$

# Large deviations result

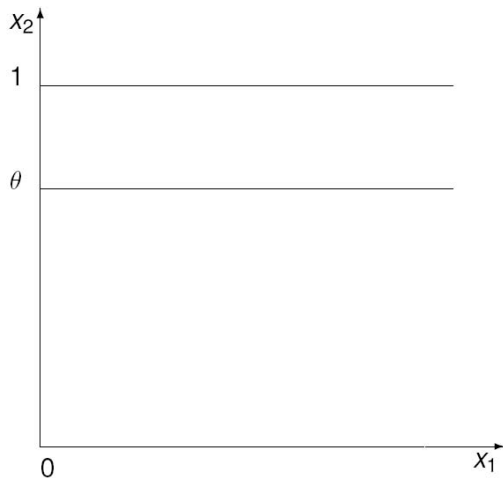
## Theorem

$$\lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{B} \log p_B^x = -\gamma(x)$$

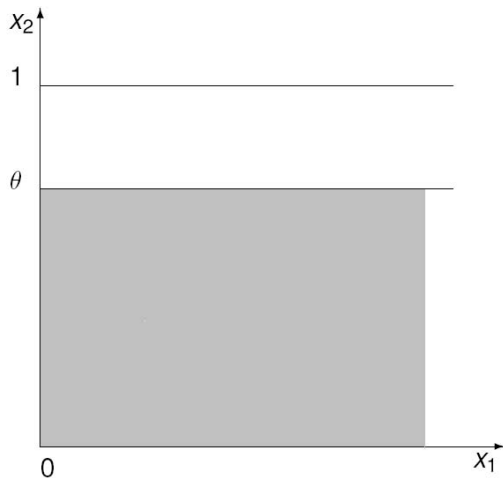
## Remark

*$\gamma(x)$  is the exponential decay rate of the interest probability.*

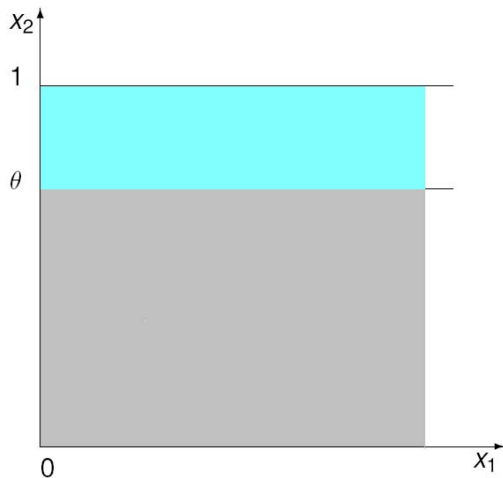
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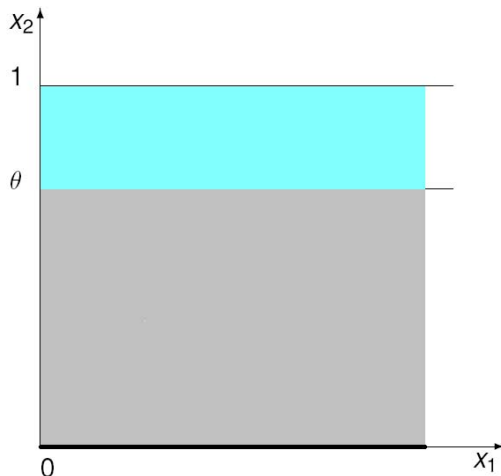


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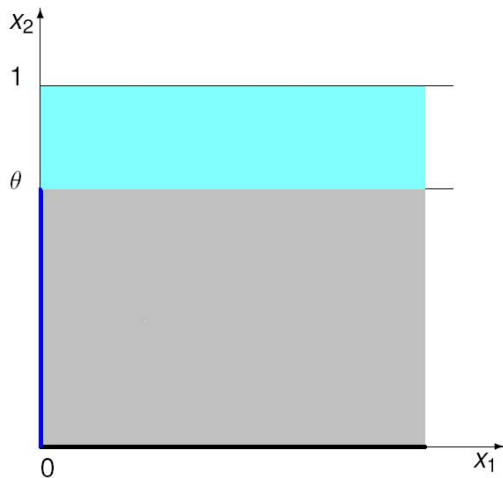




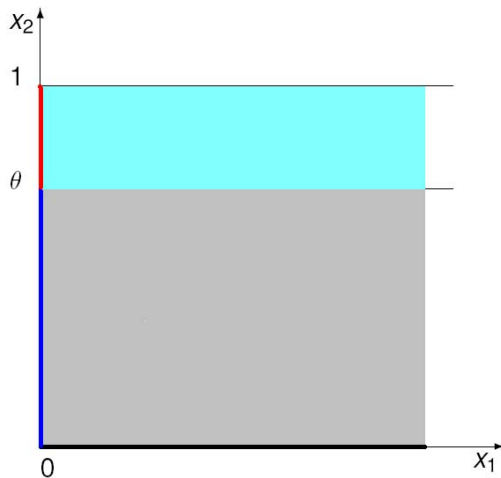
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# The path structure

## Lemma

*The optimal path between any two states in the same subset is a straight line.*

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*The optimal path does not have more than*

- *one subpath in each subset if  $\mu_2 < \mu_1$ , and*
- *two subpaths in each subset if  $\mu_2 \geq \mu_1$*

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- $\mu_2 < \nu_1 < \mu_1$  i.e., the second server is the bottleneck
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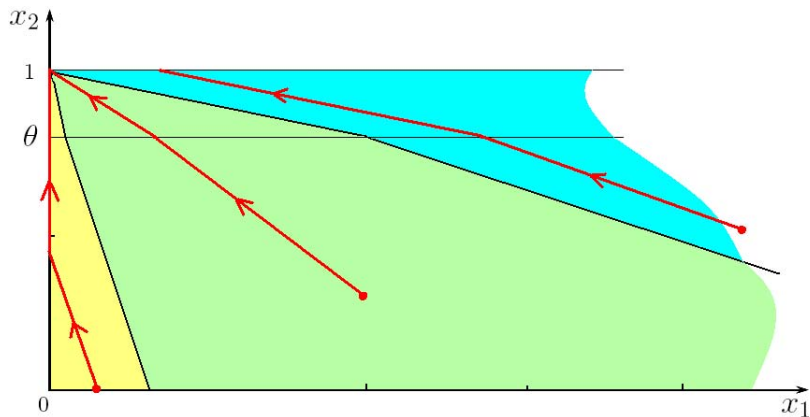
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# The second server is the permanent bottleneck



□  $(\mu_2, \mu_1, \lambda)$  and  $(\mu_2, \nu_1, \lambda)$

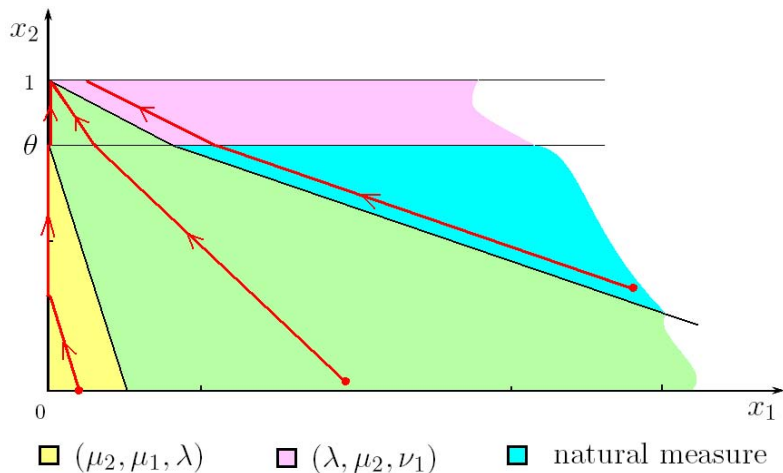
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# The green area

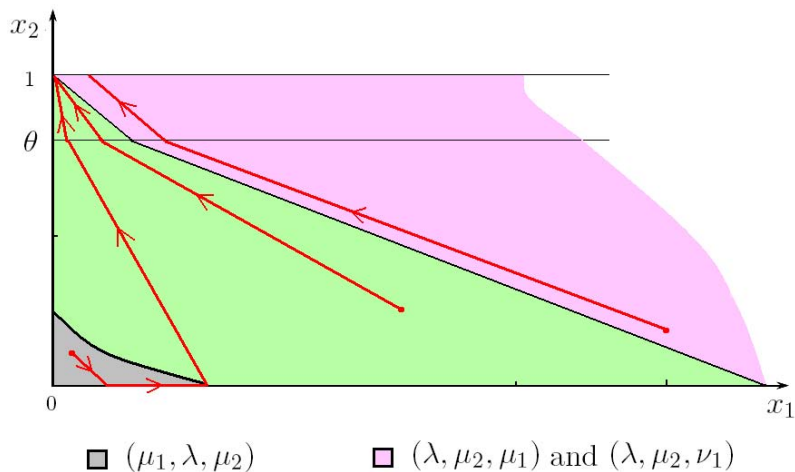
Solve

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\lambda} = \tilde{\mu}_1 + \frac{\kappa^*(x) - x_1}{\theta - x_2} (\tilde{\mu}_1 - \tilde{\mu}_2) \\ \tilde{\lambda} + \tilde{\mu}_1 + \tilde{\mu}_2 = \lambda + \mu_1 + \mu_2 \\ \tilde{\lambda} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2 = \lambda \mu_1 \mu_2 \\ \\ \tilde{\lambda}^+ = \tilde{\nu}_1^+ - \frac{\kappa^*(x)}{1 - \theta} (\tilde{\nu}_1^+ - \tilde{\mu}_2^+) \\ \tilde{\lambda}^+ + \tilde{\nu}_1^+ + \tilde{\mu}_2^+ = \lambda + \nu_1 + \mu_2 \\ \tilde{\lambda}^+ \tilde{\nu}_1^+ \tilde{\mu}_2^+ = \lambda \nu_1 \mu_2 \\ \\ \tilde{\lambda} \leq \tilde{\mu}_1, \quad \tilde{\mu}_1 > \tilde{\mu}_2, \quad \tilde{\lambda}^+ \leq \tilde{\nu}_1^+ \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\nu}_1^+ > \tilde{\mu}_2^+ \\ \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}_1, \tilde{\mu}_2, \tilde{\lambda}^+, \tilde{\nu}_1^+, \tilde{\mu}_2^+ > 0 \\ \\ \kappa^*(x) := x_1 - \frac{\tilde{\mu}_1 - \tilde{\lambda}}{\tilde{\mu}_1 - \tilde{\mu}_2} (\theta - x_2) = y_1 + \frac{\tilde{\nu}_1^+ - \tilde{\lambda}^+}{\tilde{\nu}_1^+ - \tilde{\mu}_2^+} (y_2 - \theta), \end{array} \right.$$

# The shifting bottleneck



# The first server is the permanent bottleneck

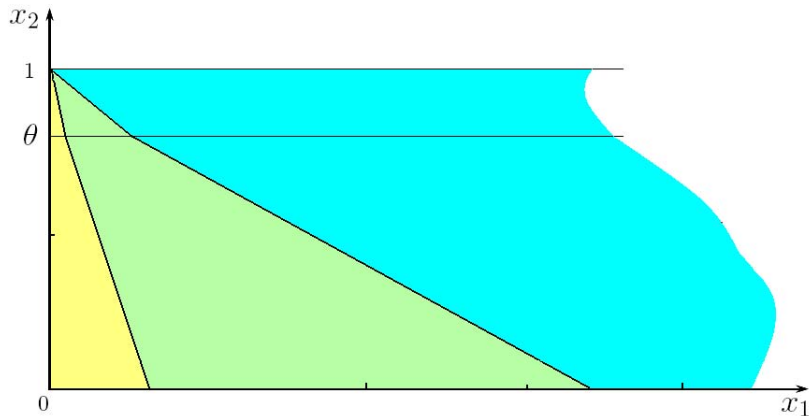




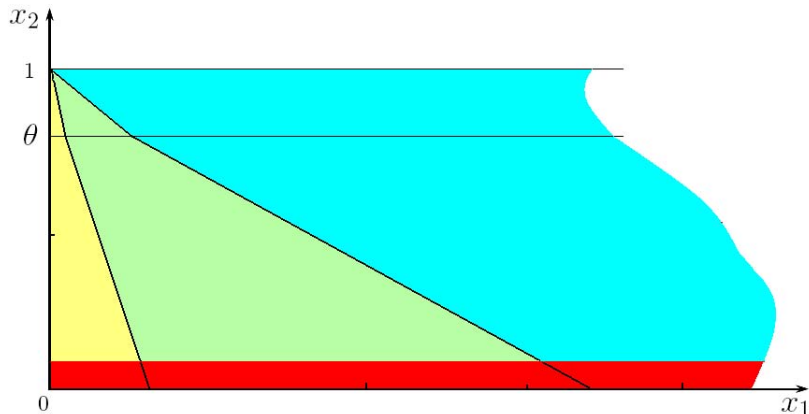
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# W-function

We define

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_1(x) &= 2\gamma_1(x_1, x_2) + 2\gamma_2(\kappa^*(x), \theta) - \delta && \text{if } x_2 < \theta, \\
 W_1(x) &= 2\gamma_2(x_1, x_2) - \delta, && \text{if } x_2 \geq \theta \\
 W_2(x) &= 2\gamma(x_1, \delta/2\gamma) - \delta, \\
 W_3(x) &= 2\gamma - 3\delta,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_1(x_1, x_2) &:= -(x_1 - \kappa^*(x)) \log \frac{\tilde{\lambda}(x_1, x_2)}{\lambda} - (\theta - x_2) \log \frac{\tilde{\mu}_2(x_1, x_2)}{\mu_2} \\
 \gamma_2(\kappa^*(x), \theta) &:= -\kappa^*(x) \log \frac{\tilde{\lambda}^+(\kappa^*(x), \theta)}{\lambda} - (1 - \theta) \log \frac{\tilde{\mu}_2^+(\kappa^*(x), \theta)}{\mu_2},
 \end{aligned}$$

# $W$ -function, mollification

$$W(x) = -\epsilon \log \sum_{i=1}^3 e^{-W_i(x)/\epsilon}$$

## Assumption

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$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\lambda}(x) &= \lambda e^{-\langle DW(x), v_0 \rangle / 2} e^{\mathbb{H}(DW(x)) / 2}, & \text{if } x_2 < \theta \\ \bar{\mu}_i(x) &= \mu_i e^{-\langle DW(x), v_i \rangle / 2} e^{\mathbb{H}(DW(x)) / 2}, & \text{if } x_2 < \theta, i = 1, 2, \\ \bar{\lambda}^+(x) &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \nu_1 + \mu_2} e^{-\langle DW(x), v_0 \rangle / 2} e^{\mathbb{H}^+(DW(x)) / 2}, & \text{if } x_2 \geq \theta \\ \bar{\nu}_1^+(x) &= \frac{\nu_1}{\lambda + \nu_1 + \mu_2} e^{-\langle DW(x), v_1 \rangle / 2} e^{\mathbb{H}^+(DW(x)) / 2}, & \text{if } x_2 \geq \theta, \\ \bar{\mu}_2^+(x) &= \frac{\mu_2}{\lambda + \nu_1 + \mu_2} e^{-\langle DW(x), v_2 \rangle / 2} e^{\mathbb{H}^+(DW(x)) / 2}, & \text{if } x_2 \geq \theta, \end{aligned}$$

# Normalization

$$\mathbb{H}(DW(x)) =$$

$$2 \log \left[ \lambda e^{-\langle DW(x), v_0 \rangle / 2} + \mu_1 e^{-\langle DW(x), v_1 \rangle / 2} + \mu_2 e^{-\langle DW(x), v_2 \rangle / 2} \right]^{-1}$$

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# Likelihood ratio analysis

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log L(A) &= \frac{B}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma-1} \langle DW(X_j), X_{j+1} - X_j \rangle \\
 &+ \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma-1} \langle DW(X_j), v_k \rangle I\{X_j = X_{j+1}, X_{k,j} = 0\} \\
 &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma-1} \left( \mathbb{H}(DW(X_j)) I_{\{X_{2,j} < \theta\}} + \mathbb{H}^+(DW(X_j)) I_{\{X_{2,j} \geq \theta\}} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

# Minor terms

## Lemma

For some positive constants  $\gamma^*$  and  $\delta^*$

$$\sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma-1} \langle DW(X_j), v_k \rangle I\{X_j = X_{j+1} \in \partial_k\} \leq \gamma^* e^{-\delta^*/\epsilon \sigma}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbb{H}(DW(X_j)) I_{\{X_j \in D\}} + \mathbb{H}^+(DW(X_j)) I_{\{X_j \in D^+\}} \right) \\ & \leq -\frac{1}{2} e^{-(\theta - \frac{\delta}{2\gamma})\gamma/\epsilon} \mathbb{H}^+(DW_2(0, \theta)) \end{aligned}$$

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