Exercise 3/7 (Tue 28.3.2006)

1) A system uses the cyclic EDF algorithm to schedule sporadic jobs. The cyclic schedule of periodic tasks in the system uses a frame size of 5, and a major cycle contains 6 frames. Suppose that the initial amounts of slack time in the frames are 1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1 and 1.
   a) Suppose that a sporadic job $S_1 (23,1)$ arrives in frame 1 before the beginning of frame 2, sporadic jobs $S_2 (16, 0.8)$ and $S_3 (20, 0.5)$ arrive in frame 2. In which frame are the accepted sporadic jobs scheduled?
   b) Suppose that an aperiodic job with execution time 3 arrives at time 1. When will it be completed, if the system does not do slack stealing?

2) A system contains three periodic tasks. They are $(2.5, 1)$, $(4, 0.5)$, $(5, 0.75)$, and their total utilization is 0.475.
   a) The system also contains a periodic server $(2, 0.5)$. The Server is scheduled with the periodic tasks rate-monotonically.
      i) Suppose that the periodic server is a sporadic server. What are the response times of the following two aperiodic jobs: one arrives at 3 and has execution time 0.75, and one arrives at 7.5 and has execution time 0.6.
      ii) Suppose that the period server is a deferrable server. What are the response times of the above two aperiodic jobs.
   b) Note that the utilization of the periodic server in part a) is 0.25. We can give the server different periods while keeping its utilization fixed at 0.25. How will the answers to i) and ii) change if the period of the periodic server is 1.
   c) Can we improve the response times by increasing the period of the periodic server?

3) Repeat the question 2 when the whole task set is scheduled using earliest-deadline-first algorithm?

4) Old exam: Is the task set described in the table schedulable with
   a) RM (Rate Monotonic) or
   b) EDF (Earliest Deadline First)?
   c) Is it possible to add one more task to the set? What are its parameters?
   Justify your answers using suitable alternatives of the schedulability tests presented in the book (schedulable utilisation, time-demand analysis, creating the schedule by simulating algorithm). If the task set is not schedulable in a) or b), what modifications are needed to make it schedulable.

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ESSAY: Write a one or two page essay or report. Return it on paper at the latest on the weekly meeting. If you cannot participate, you may send it (in pdf format) via email to the lecturer. It is also possible to submit on paper by giving it to the janitors in the first floor. Then you need to address it to Tiina Niklander.

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This week you can choose one of following three article and write the essay based on the ideas that came to your mind when reading the article. Try not to write an abstract or summary of the article. It is more preferable to write more like a learning diary. What impact the article had to your thinking or learning or …

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