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Chapter 5

Dynamic Formulation

In this chapter, we develop three novel methodologies for the dynamic problem: i) the dynamic team optimization methodology, ii) the dynamic Nash game methodology, and iii) the dynamic Stackelberg game methodology. For each methodology, we develop three alternative formulations of the joint problem, namely an optimal control, a nonlinear complementarity problem and a variational inequality formulation. For each formulation, we state the necessary and sufficient conditions for existence and uniqueness of the solution. From Pontryagin's maximum principle, we also derive the form of the solution, that there should be flow only on minimum length paths, to minimum length destinations, The length at each system resource is appropriately defined for each case. Then we apply these three methodologies to datagram, virtual circuit and integrated services networks. We develop new dynamic queueing models for multiple classes and priority classes of jobs, as well as linearized approximate dynamic queueing models and Wiener process models. We introduce several new cost functions and state constraints. We explicitly solve an example for virtual circuit networks. We consider a virtual circuit network with Poisson arrivals of virtual circuits and packets, and exponential service requirements. We want to minimize the expected cost of servicing or rejecting virtual circuits, minimize the expected cost of packet delay and maximize the expected profit from packet throughput. We find the dynamic team optimality conditions and we propose a state dependent routing and congestion control algorithm. We investigate and compare (via simulation) this state dependent routing

algorithm to the optimal quasi-static algorithm. We find that the more often that we update the state dependent algorithm and the more recent information that we use the better. When the updating period is not much larger than the mean interarrival time of virtual circuits, then this state dependent algorithm achieves smaller average packet delay than the optimal quasi-static algorithm.

5.1 Team Optimal Solution

In this section, we formulate the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem on the path flow space as a cooperative dynamic team game among cooperative classes.

Customers of each class cooperate in using the resources of the distributed system for the social welfare. The behavior of each class is similar to that of any other class, that is to operate optimally for the average job. Ho [218] presents a tutorial on team theory where the decision makers have access to different information concerning the underline uncertainties. Leitmann [297] provides a rigorous analysis of cooperative and zero-sum non-cooperative games.

Next, we give the definition for a Pareto optimal solution, for the joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem on the path flows.

Definition:

A vector $(\Phi^*, \Psi^*) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is called a Pareto optimal solution for a C -class joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem if and only if there exists no other vector $(\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ such that

$$J^c(\Phi, \Psi) \leq J^c(\Phi^*, \Psi^*) \quad \forall (\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$$

with strict inequality holding for at least one class c .

Define a global cost function

$$J(\Phi, \Psi) = \left[\sum_c [w^c * J^c(\Phi, \Psi)]^p \right]^{1/p}$$

$$\text{where } 1 \leq p < \infty, \quad \sum_{c=1}^C w^c = 1, \quad w^c \geq 0 \quad \forall c.$$

For $p \rightarrow \infty$, we have a minimax problem [122], since the cost function becomes

$$J(\Phi, \Psi) = \max_c \{w^c * J^c(\Phi, \Psi)\}$$

Another problem formulation is

$$\min_{\epsilon, \Phi, \Psi} \epsilon$$

such that

$$w^c * J^c(\Phi, \Psi) \leq \epsilon \quad \forall c$$

Furthermore, another problem formulation is

$$\min_{\Phi, \Psi} J(\Phi, \Psi)$$

such that

$$J^c(\Phi, \Psi) \leq \hat{J}^c(\Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall c$$

where \hat{J}^c is the maximum acceptable value for the cost function J^c .

Next, we give the definition for a team optimal solution [27], for the joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem on the path flows.

Definition:

A vector $(\Phi^*, \Psi^*) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is called a team optimal solution for a C -class joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem if and only if

$$J(\Phi^*, \Psi^*) \leq J(\Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall (\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$$

In the next sections, we develop three alternative formulations for the joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem.

5.1.1 Optimal Control Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic cooperative joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as an Optimal Control Problem (OCP). Algorithms for solving OCPs is a thoroughly investigated research area and popular algorithms

may be found in books by Athans & Falb [14], Lee & Markus [292], Plant [381], Sage [415], McCausland [325], Dyer & McReynolds [131], Kirk [254], Russell [412], Gruver & Sachs [203], Sethi & Thompson [440], Knowles [262], Lewis [301] among others.

Define the Hamiltonian as

$$H(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}) = g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) + \mathbf{P} * \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$$

where $\mathbf{P} = [\dots P_{ij[sd]}^{c,k} \dots P_{i[sd]}^{c,k} \dots P_{o[sd]}^{c,k} \dots P_{[d][sd]}^{c,k} \dots]$: vector of costate variables.

Define also the derivatives of H with respect to the congestion, routing and load sharing fractions at $(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$ as

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial H(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P})}{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \Big|_{(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))}$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial H(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P})}{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \Big|_{(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))}$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\psi_{[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial H(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P})}{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \Big|_{(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))}$$

Define also the Lagrangian as

$$\begin{aligned} L(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) &= H(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}) + \\ &+ \sum_c \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} Q_{[sd]}^c * \left[1 - \phi_{o[sd]}^c - \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c \right] + \\ &+ \sum_c \sum_{[s,] \in \mathbf{S}^c} Q_{[s,]}^c * \left[1 - \sum_{[d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s,]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^c \right] \end{aligned}$$

with $\phi_{o[sd]}^c, \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c, \psi_{[sd]}^c \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$

where $\mathbf{Q} = [\dots Q_{[sd]}^c \dots Q_{[s,]}^c \dots]$: vector of multipliers for the constraints of the congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions.

Define also the derivatives of L with respect to the congestion, routing and load sharing fractions at $(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$ as

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial L(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})}{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \Big|_{(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t), \mathbf{Q}(t))}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial L(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})}{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \Big|_{(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t), \mathbf{Q}(t))}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\psi_{[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial L(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})}{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \Big|_{(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t), \mathbf{Q}(t))}$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

$(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a team optimal solution if and only if it solves the following Optimal Control Problem:*

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$(\Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$$

Proof: It follows from the definition of the team optimal solution. \square

Necessary conditions for optimality are provided by Pontryagin's Maximum Principle. Besides the previously referred books on optimal control theory, some other books that contain material on Pontryagin's maximum principle are the following: Hestenes [215], Arrow & Kurz [12], Tabak & Kuo [476], Boltyanskii

[58], Berkovitz [33], Bryson & Ho [79], Fleming & Rishel [162], Boltyanskii [59], Leitmann [298], Macki & Strauss [315], Alekseev, Tikhomirov & Fomin [8].

Theorem : necessary conditions

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed-systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let $g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$.

If $(\hat{\Phi}^(t, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}_0)) = (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a piecewise continuous open-loop team optimal solution and $\{\mathbf{X}^*(t), t \in [t_0, t_f]\}$ is the corresponding state trajectory, then $\exists \mathbf{P}(t) : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector function, such that $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, \ [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, \ [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, \ c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, \ [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, \ [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, \ c$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

Proof: The Lagrangian is

$$L = H + \sum_c \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} Q_{[sd]}^c * \left[1 - \phi_{o[sd]}^c - \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c \right] +$$

$$+ \sum_c \sum_{[s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c} Q_{[s.]}^c * \left[1 - \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^c \right]$$

with $\phi_{o[sd]}^c, \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c, \psi_{[sd]}^c \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$

Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions are:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0$$

$$\forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0$$

$$\forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial Q_{[sd]}^c} = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial Q_{[s.]}^c} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c4$$

□

Theorem : sufficient conditions

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let $g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$.

Let $(\bar{\mathbf{X}}(t), \bar{\Phi}(t), \bar{\Psi}(t)) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is an admissible pair for the Optimal Control Problem and $H(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}(t))$ is convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If $\exists \mathbf{P}(t) : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector function, such that $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\dot{\bar{\mathbf{X}}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \bar{\mathbf{X}}(t), \bar{\Phi}(t), \bar{\Psi}(t))$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \bar{\phi}_{o[sd]}^c(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \bar{\phi}_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \bar{\psi}_{[sd]}^c(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \bar{\mathbf{X}}, \bar{\Phi}(t), \bar{\Psi}(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\bar{\phi}_{o[sd]}^c(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \bar{\phi}_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s]}^c} \bar{\psi}_{[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\bar{\phi}_{o[sd]}^c(t), \bar{\phi}_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\bar{\psi}_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

then $(\bar{\mathbf{X}}(t), \bar{\Phi}(t), \bar{\Psi}(t))$ is optimal.

Proof: The proof is similar to that of the necessary conditions. In addition, we use the convexity of the Hamiltonian with respect to the state and controls. \square

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let $g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $f(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$.

If $(\hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0)) = (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a closed-loop memoryless team optimal solution such that $(\hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0))$ is continuously differentiable with respect to $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $\forall c, t \in [t_0, t_f]$ and $\{\mathbf{X}^*(t), t \in [t_0, t_f]\}$ is the corresponding state trajectory, then $\exists \mathbf{P}(t) : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector functions, such that $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{X}_0), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

Proof: The proof is similar to that of the open-loop solution. \square

5.1.2 Dynamic Programming Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic cooperative joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Dynamic Programming Problem (DPP). Algorithms for solving DPP's may be found in books by Bellman [31], Howard [220], Kumar & Varaiya [274] Bertsekas [37], Ross [406] among others.

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

$(\Phi^, \Psi^*) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a team optimal solution if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

$$i) \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(t, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}^*(\mathbf{X}^*(s)), \hat{\Psi}^*(\mathbf{X}^*(s))) ds = \text{constant}$$

ii) $\exists \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{P}$ absolutely continuous such that:

$$\begin{aligned} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(\mathbf{X}^*(t)), \Psi^*(\mathbf{X}^*(t)), \mathbf{P}(t)) - H^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(\mathbf{X}(t)), \Psi(\mathbf{X}(t)), \mathbf{P}(t)) + \\ + \dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) * (\mathbf{X}^*(t) - \mathbf{X}) \leq 0 \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [t_0, t_f], \forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n, (\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) * (\mathbf{X}^*(t_f) - \mathbf{X}) \leq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

Proof: Substituting the state equation in ii) and integrating it, we get the definition of the team-optimal solution. \square

Definition :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Under the memoryless perfect state or closed-loop perfect state information structure, $(\hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Psi}) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ constitutes a feedback team optimal solution solution if and only if $\exists V : [t_0, t_f] \times \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow R$ satisfying the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} V(t, \mathbf{X}) &= \int_t^{t_f} g(s, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}^*(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}^*(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) ds \leq \\ &\leq \int_t^{t_f} g(s, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall (\hat{\Phi}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS}), \mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

such that $\forall s \in [t, t_f]$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{X}}(s) &= \mathbf{f}(s, \mathbf{X}(s), \hat{\Phi}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) \\ \mathbf{X}(t) &= \mathbf{X} \\ \dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(s) &= \mathbf{f}(s, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}^*(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}^*(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) \\ \mathbf{X}^*(s) &= \mathbf{X} \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{I}(s) = \{\mathbf{X}(s), \mathbf{X}_0\}$ or $\mathbf{I}(s) = \{\mathbf{X}(\tau), \tau \leq s\}$.

$V(t, \mathbf{X})$ is the value function associated with the optimal control problem of minimizing J over $(\bar{\Phi}, \bar{\Psi}) \in \mathbf{LS}, \mathbf{RC}$.

The concept of feedback team optimal solution means that if $(\Phi(s), \Psi(s))$ is a feedback team optimal solution to the problem during $[t_0, t_f]$, is also a feedback team optimal solution to the problem during $[t, t_f]$, with the initial state taken as $\mathbf{X}(t)$. So, feedback team optimal solution strategies will depend only on the time variable and the current value of the state, but not on memory.

Proposition :

Every open-loop team optimal solution for the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem among cooperative classes is also closed-loop team optimal solution.

Proposition :

Under the memoryless (respectively, closed-loop) perfect state information structure, every feedback team optimal solution for the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem among cooperative classes is a closed-loop no memory (respectively, closed-loop) team optimal solution.

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

*Under the memory perfect state or closed loop perfect state information structure, $(\hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Psi}) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ provides a feedback team optimal solution if $\exists V : [t_0, t_f] * \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ continuously differentiable satisfying the partial differential equations*

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial V(t, \mathbf{X})}{\partial t} &= \min_{(\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})} \left\{ \frac{\partial V(t, \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} * \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) + g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \right\} = \\ &= \frac{\partial V(t, \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} * \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X})) + g(t, \mathbf{X}, \hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X})) \end{aligned}$$

The above equation is called Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (H-J-B) equation.

5.1.3 Nonlinear Complementarity Problem Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic cooperative load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Nonlinear Complementarity Problem (NCP).

Define the vector of class load sharing, routing and load sharing fractions as well as Lagrange multipliers:

$$\mathbf{Z}(t) = [\dots \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) \dots \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c \dots Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \dots \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \dots Q_{[s,]}^c(t) \dots]^T$$

and the vector of class derivative of the Lagrangian with respect to the congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions as well as Lagrange multipliers:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla L(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{Z}(t)) = & \left[\dots \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{o[sd]}^c(t) \right) \dots \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \right) \dots \right. \\ & \dots \left(1 - \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) - \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \right) \dots \\ & \left. \dots \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \psi_{[s,d]}^c} - Q_{[s,d]}^c(t) \right) \dots \left(1 - \sum_{[d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s]}^c} \psi_{[s,d]}^c(t) \right) \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let $g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If H is differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$,

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a team optimal solution if and only if it solves the following Nonlinear Complementarity Problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\nabla L(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{Z}^*(t)) * \mathbf{Z}^*(t) = 0$$

$$\nabla L(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{Z}^*(t)) \geq 0$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^*(t) \geq 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) = 0$$

Proof: After some algebraic manipulations, we find that the NCP: $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)) * \mathbf{Z}(t) = 0 \quad \nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \geq 0 \quad \mathbf{Z}(t) \geq 0$ with $\mathbf{Z}(t)$ and $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t))$ as defined above, is equivalent to the Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions. \square

5.1.4 Variational Inequality Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic cooperative load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Variational Inequality Problem (VIP).

Define the vector of class congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions:

$$(\Phi(t), \Psi(t)) = \left[\dots \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) \dots \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \dots \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \dots \right]^T$$

as well the vector of class derivatives of the cost function with respect to the congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions:

$$\nabla H(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) = \left[\dots \frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} \dots \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \dots \frac{\partial H}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} \dots \right]$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let $g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If H is continuously differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$,

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a team optimal solution if and only if it solves the following Variational Inequality Problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\nabla H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) * ((\Phi, \Psi) - (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))) \geq 0$$

$$\forall (\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

Proof: If $(\Phi(t), \Psi(t))$ is a local minimum for the following minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) dt \\ & \text{with respect to} && (\Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \\ & \text{such that} && \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \\ & && \mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$$

and g is a continuously differentiable convex function over the nonempty convex, closed and bounded set $(\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, then $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_c \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} \left\{ \frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{o[sd]}^c - \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \right. \\ & + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \\ & \left. + \frac{\partial H^*}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * (\psi_{[sd]}^c - \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \right\} \geq 0 \quad \forall (\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS}) \end{aligned}$$

□

Another equivalent VIP formulation is the following Theorem:

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple cooperative classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let $g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If H is continuously differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{H}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$,

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a team optimal solution if and only if it solves the following Variational Inequality Problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\nabla L(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{Z}^*(t)) * (\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{Z}^*(t)) \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{Z} > 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t_f) = 0$$

The NCP: $f(x^*) * x^* = 0 \quad f(x^*) \geq 0 \quad x^* > 0$

and the VIP: find x^* such that $f(x^*) * (x - x^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall x > 0$

are equivalent. \square

5.1.5 Maximum Principle for Separable Cost Functions

In this section, we derive the first order necessary conditions for a team optimal solution on the path flows, when the cost function of each resource depends only on the flow on this resource.

According to the team optimal solution definition, each class c minimizes its cost function g given the optimum decisions of all other classes.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{minimize} \quad & \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) dt = \\
 & = \sum_{ij} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Lambda_{ij}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_i \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Lambda_i(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{o[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[.d]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}(t)) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

with respect to $(\Phi(t), \Psi(t))$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$E\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions are $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\dot{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{ij[sd]}^k(t, X_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{i[sd]}^k(t, X_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{o[sd]}^k(t, X_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, X_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} + \right. \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} + \right. \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, \ [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \right. \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} +$$

$$\sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c$$

$$\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, \ [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \ c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

The partial derivatives of the cost function $g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$ with respect to the path tractions $\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c$ can be written with respect to the link flows λ_{ij}^c and node flows λ_i^c :

$$\frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} =$$

$$= \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_i^c}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} =$$

$$= \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} = \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} =$$

$$= \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\
&= \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*} * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\
\frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_i^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\
&= \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*} * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\
\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\
&= \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*} \\
\frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Lambda_{[.d]})}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\
&= \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Lambda_{[.d]})}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t)
\end{aligned}$$

Then Pontryagin's maximum principle becomes $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\dot{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{ij[sd]}^k(t, X_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{i[sd]}^k(t, X_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{o[sd]}^k(t, X_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = f_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, X_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = X_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \right. \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Lambda_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \right. \\
& + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Lambda_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Lambda_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \right. \\
& + \sum_i \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Lambda_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \mathbf{\Lambda}_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \mathbf{\Phi}^*(t), \mathbf{\Psi}^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \mathbf{\Lambda}_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) +$$

$$+ \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \mathbf{\Lambda}_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \mathbf{\Phi}^*(t), \mathbf{\Psi}^*(t)) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \mathbf{\Phi}^*(t), \mathbf{\Psi}^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \mathbf{\Pi}_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ij} \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Lambda_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_i \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Lambda_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

Next, for each class c , we define the length for the rejected flow $[sd]$, the length for the path $\pi[sd]$ and the length for the source-destination pair $[sd]$:

$$l_{o[sd]}^{c,team}(t) = \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \mathbf{\Lambda}_{o[sd]}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \mathbf{\Phi}(t), \mathbf{\Psi}(t))$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{\pi[sd]}^{c,team}(t) = & \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Lambda_{ij}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Lambda_i(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{[sd]}^{c,team}(t) = & \sum_{ij} \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Lambda_{ij}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_i \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Lambda_i(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'.]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'.]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) - \\
& \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

External arriving flow at a source is assigned to the destination that has the minimum length from the source. However, this flow may be rejected if the length of rejecting it is less than the lengths of the paths to its destination. If it is accepted, then it is routed to its destination via the minimum length path.

In the next section, we will derive the same conditions by an alternative way, and we shall state the above ideas more formally.

5.1.6 V.I. for Separable Cost Functions

Equivalently, the team optimal solution definition, each class c minimizes its cost function g given the optimum decisions of all other classes. We first solve the routing and congestion control problem assuming that all other classes act optimally for themselves. So, class c first solves the routing and congestion control problems

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{minimize} \quad & \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) dt = \\
 & = \sum_{ij} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Lambda_{ij}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_i \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Lambda_i(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[.d]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}(t)) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

with respect to $\Phi(t)$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

The necessary optimality conditions are $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} \left\{ \frac{\partial g(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c * (\phi_{o[sd]}^c - \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t))} + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t))} \right\} \geq 0 \quad \forall \Phi^c \in \mathbf{RC}^c$$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

We can decompose these conditions for each source-destination pair $[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$
 $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial g(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{o[sd]}^c - \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \\ & + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \geq 0 \quad \forall \Phi^c \in \mathbf{RC}^c \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad ij, \quad k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall i, \quad [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*} = 1$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t), \quad \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c$$

Theorem : Routing

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) > 0 \text{ only if } l_{\pi[sd]}^{c,team*}(t) = \min\{l_{o[sd]}^{c,team*}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{l_{p[sd]}^{c,team*}(t)\}\}$$

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad o.w.,$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1$$

$$\forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, \quad [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

and satisfies the partial differential vectors for the state and the costate variables.

Theorem : Congestion Control

Flow is not admitted into the network only if its rejection length is less than the minimum length path to its destination:

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) > 0 \text{ only if } l_{o[sd]}^{c,team*}(t) = \min\{l_{o[sd]}^{c,team*}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{l_{p[sd]}^{c,team*}(t)\}\}$$

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad o.w.,$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

and satisfies the partial differential vectors for the state and the costate variables.

Having found the optimum routing and congestion control decisions, we proceed to solve the load sharing problem for class c assuming also that all other classes act at their optimum decisions. So, the load sharing problem for class c is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{minimize} \quad & \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi(t)) dt = \\
 & = \sum_{ij} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Lambda_{ij}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_i \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Lambda_i(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[.d]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}(t)) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

with respect to $\Psi(t)$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

The necessary and sufficient optimality conditions are $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\sum_c \frac{\partial g(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * (\psi_{[sd]}^c - \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \geq 0 \quad \forall \Psi \in \mathbf{LS}$$

such

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

We can decompose these conditions for each source node $[s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c \ \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \frac{\partial g(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * (\psi_{[sd]}^c - \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \geq 0 \quad \forall \Psi^c \in \mathbf{LS}^c$$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c$$

Theorem : Load Sharing

For each source, there must be flow only to destinations whose length is minimum:

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) > 0 \quad \text{only if} \quad l_{[sd]}^{c,team*}(t) = \min_{[sd']} \{l_{[sd']}^{c,team*}(t)\}$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \text{o.w.}$$

$$\sum_{[d] \in \mathbf{S}_{[s]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

and satisfies the partial differential vectors for the state and the costate variables.

Thus, in this section we have formulated and solved the load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a team problem among multiple cooperative classes.

5.2 Nash Equilibrium Solution

In this section, we formulate the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem on the path flow space as a non-cooperative dynamic Nash game among competing classes.

Customers of each class try to use the resources of the distributed system for their own benefit, ignoring the inconvenience that they cause to customers from other classes. Since the behavior of each class is similar to that of any other class, i.e. to operate optimally for its customers, next we consider customers only from class c , and the effect of customers from other classes on them.

After the static non-cooperative games by Nash [347], dynamic non-cooperative games have been investigated and are presented in books by: Isaacs [231] Blaquiere, Gerard & Leitmann [55] Friedman [173] Case [87], Rosenmuller [404], Mehlmann [328], Krasovskii & Subbotin [265] among others.

Next, we briefly review research on dynamic Nash games:

Berkovitz [34] obtains necessary conditions for zero-sum differential games. Sarma, Ragade & Prasad [425] introduce dynamic n -person noncooperative dynamic games and provide necessary conditions. Case [88] provides sufficient conditions and use dynamic programming arguments. Stalford & Leitmann [459] discuss sufficiency conditions for dynamic Nash games.

Sandell [417] proves that for deterministic nonzero-sum games any open-loop Nash strategy is also a closed-loop strategy. Williams [513] obtains sufficient conditions for the existence of Nash equilibrium and proves that a class of linear-quadratic differential games have equilibrium point when the duration of the game is sufficiently small.

Papavassilopoulos [374] proves existence and uniqueness of the solution for discrete-time linear-quadratic Gaussian Nash games with one-step delay observation sharing pattern. The solution is also linear in the information. Tu & Papavassilopoulos [501] consider discrete-time linear-quadratic Gaussian Nash games. They show that better information is beneficial to all players if the number of stages of the game, or the number of players, is larger than some bounds. For two-person

zero-sum games, better information is beneficial to the player who has better maneuverability. Basar & Li [26] derive conditions for existence and uniqueness for stochastic linear-quadratic differential games. They also provide an algorithm for an iterative distributed computation of the solution.

When the classes are in equilibrium, no class can decrease its cost by altering its decision unilaterally. Next, we give the definition for a Nash equilibrium [27], for the join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem on the path flows.

Definition:

A vector $(\Phi^*, \Psi^*) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is called a Nash equilibrium for a C -class join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
 J^1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \Phi^{1*}, \dots, \Phi^{c*}, \dots, \Phi^{C*} \\ \Psi^{1*}, \dots, \Psi^{c*}, \dots, \Psi^{C*} \end{array} \right) &\leq \inf_{\substack{\Phi^1 \in \mathbf{RC}^1 \\ \Psi^1 \in \mathbf{LS}^1}} J^1 \left(\begin{array}{c} \Phi^1, \dots, \Phi^{c*}, \dots, \Phi^{C*} \\ \Psi^1, \dots, \Psi^{c*}, \dots, \Psi^{C*} \end{array} \right) \\
 &\dots \\
 J^c \left(\begin{array}{c} \Phi^{1*}, \dots, \Phi^{c*}, \dots, \Phi^{C*} \\ \Psi^{1*}, \dots, \Psi^{c*}, \dots, \Psi^{C*} \end{array} \right) &\leq \inf_{\substack{\Phi^c \in \mathbf{RC}^c \\ \Psi^c \in \mathbf{LS}^c}} J^c \left(\begin{array}{c} \Phi^{1*}, \dots, \Phi^c, \dots, \Phi^{C*} \\ \Psi^{1*}, \dots, \Psi^c, \dots, \Psi^{C*} \end{array} \right) \\
 &\dots \\
 J^C \left(\begin{array}{c} \Phi^{1*}, \dots, \Phi^{c*}, \dots, \Phi^{C*} \\ \Psi^{1*}, \dots, \Psi^{c*}, \dots, \Psi^{C*} \end{array} \right) &\leq \inf_{\substack{\Phi^C \in \mathbf{RC}^C \\ \Psi^C \in \mathbf{LS}^C}} J^C \left(\begin{array}{c} \Phi^{1*}, \dots, \Phi^{c*}, \dots, \Phi^C \\ \Psi^{1*}, \dots, \Psi^{c*}, \dots, \Psi^C \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

5.2.1 Optimal Control Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic non-cooperative join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as an Optimal Control Problem (OCP).

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

If for each class c , $H^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}(t))$ is differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of $(\Phi^1, \Psi^1, \dots, \Phi^{c-1}, \Psi^{c-1}, \Phi^{c+1}, \Psi^{c+1}, \dots, \Phi^C, \Psi^C) \in (\mathbf{RC}^1, \mathbf{LS}^1, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^{c-1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c-1}, \mathbf{RC}^{c+1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c+1}, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^C, \mathbf{LS}^C)$, then $(\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Nash equilibrium if and only if it solves the following Optimal Control Problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$\forall c$

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^{1*}(t), \Psi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t), \dots, \Phi^{C*}(t), \Psi^{C*}(t)) dt$$

with respect to $(\Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t))$

such that $\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$(\Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$$

Proof: It follows from the definition of the Nash equilibrium. \square

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, are continuously differentiable with respect to $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$.

If $(\hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}_0)) = (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is an open-loop Nash equilibrium and $\{\mathbf{X}^*(t), t \in [t_0, t_f]\}$ is the corresponding state trajectory, then $\exists \mathbf{P}^c(t) : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, $\forall c$ continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector functions, such that $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^c(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}^c(t)) \quad \forall c$$

$$\mathbf{P}^c(t_f) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c \quad 300$$

Proof: The Lagrangian for each class c is

$$L^c = H^c + \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} Q_{[sd]}^c * \left[1 - \phi_{o[sd]}^c - \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \mathbf{\Pi}_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c \right] + \sum_{[s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c} Q_{[s.]}^c * \left[1 - \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[.d]}^c \right]$$

with $\phi_{o[sd]}^c, \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c, \psi_{[.d]}^c \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \mathbf{\Pi}_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$

Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions are:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{\Phi}^*(t), \mathbf{\Psi}^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0$$

$$\forall \pi[sd] \in \mathbf{\Pi}_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[.d]}^c} * \psi_{[.d]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[.d]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[.d]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \mathbf{\Pi}_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[.d]}^c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[.d]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^c(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}^c(t)) \quad \forall c$$

$$\mathbf{P}^c(t_f) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial Q_{[sd]}^c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{c*}}{\partial Q_{[s.]}^c} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, are continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$.

If $(\hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0)) = (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a closed-loop memoryless Nash equilibrium such that $(\hat{\Phi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Phi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0))$ is continuously differentiable with respect to $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $\forall c, t \in [t_0, t_f]$ and $\{\mathbf{X}^*(t), t \in [t_0, t_f]\}$ is the corresponding state trajectory, then $\exists \mathbf{P}^c(t) : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, $\forall c$, continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector functions, such that $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^c(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{X}_0), \mathbf{P}^c(t)) \quad \forall c$$

$$\mathbf{P}^c(t_f) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

Proof: The proof is similar to that for the open-loop solution. \square

The above set of equations does not in general admit a single solution. In order to eliminate informational nonuniqueness in the derivation of Nash equilibrium under dynamic information, we constrain the Nash solution concept further (see next section).

5.2.2 Dynamic Programming Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic non-cooperative joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Dynamic Programming Problem (DPP). Algorithms for solving DPP's may be found in books by Bellman [31], Howard [220], Kumar & Varaiya [274] Bertsekas [37], Ross [406] among others.

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

$(\Phi^*, \Psi^*) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is optimal if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$i) \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}^*(\mathbf{X}^*(s)), \hat{\Psi}^*(\mathbf{X}^*(s))) ds = \text{constant} \quad \forall c$$

ii) $\exists \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{P}^c, \forall c$ such that :

$$H^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^{1*}(\mathbf{X}^*(t)), \dots, \Phi^{c*}(\mathbf{X}^*(t)), \dots, \Phi^{C*}(\mathbf{X}^*(t)) \\ \Psi^{1*}(\mathbf{X}^*(t)), \dots, \Psi^{c*}(\mathbf{X}^*(t)), \dots, \Psi^{C*}(\mathbf{X}^*(t)) \end{matrix}, \mathbf{P}^c(t)) -$$

$$- H^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^{1*}(\mathbf{X}(t)), \dots, \Phi^c(\mathbf{X}(t)), \dots, \Phi^{C*}(\mathbf{X}(t)) \\ \Psi^{1*}(\mathbf{X}(t)), \dots, \Psi^c(\mathbf{X}(t)), \dots, \Psi^{C*}(\mathbf{X}(t)) \end{matrix}, \mathbf{P}^c(t)) +$$

$$+ \dot{\mathbf{P}}^c(t) * (\mathbf{X}^*(t) - \mathbf{X}) \leq 0 \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [t_0, t_f], \forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n, (\Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c), c$$

$$\mathbf{P}^c(t_f) * (\mathbf{X}^*(t_f) - \mathbf{X}) \leq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

Proof: By integration of ii) and using the state equation, we get the Nash equilibrium conditions.

Definition :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Under the memoryless perfect state or closed-loop perfect state information structure, $(\hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Psi}) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ constitutes a feedback Nash equilibrium solution if and only if $\exists V^c : [t_0, t_f] * \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow R$ satisfying the following relations for each class c :

$$\begin{aligned}
V^c(t, \mathbf{X}) &= \\
&= \int_t^{t_f} g^c(s, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{c*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{c*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) ds \leq \\
&\leq \int_t^{t_f} g^c(s, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^c(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^c(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) ds
\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall (\hat{\Phi}^c(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}^c(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c), \mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

such that $\forall s \in [t, t_f]$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{X}}^c(s) &= \mathbf{f}(s, \mathbf{X}^c(s), \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^c(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^c(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) \\
\mathbf{X}^c(t) &= \mathbf{X} \\
\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(s) &= \mathbf{f}(s, \mathbf{X}^*(s), \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{c*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{c*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s)), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(s, \mathbf{I}(s))) \\
\mathbf{X}^*(s) &= \mathbf{X}
\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{I}(s) = \{\mathbf{X}(s), \mathbf{X}_0\}$ or $\mathbf{I}(s) = \{\mathbf{X}(\tau), \tau \leq s\}$.

The concept of feedback Nash equilibrium solution means that if $(\Phi(s), \Psi(s))$ is a feedback Nash equilibrium solution to the problem during $[t_0, t_f]$, is also a feedback Nash equilibrium solution to the problem during $[t, t_f]$, with the initial state taken as $\mathbf{X}(t)$. So, feedback Nash equilibrium strategies will depend only on the time variable and the current value of the state, but not on memory.

Proposition :

Every open-loop Nash equilibrium solution for the dynamic joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem among cooperative classes is also closed-loop Nash equilibrium solution.

Proposition :

Under the memoryless (respectively, closed-loop) perfect state information structure, every feedback Nash equilibrium solution of the dynamic join load sharing,

routing and congestion control problem among competing classes is a closed-loop no memory (respectively, closed-loop) Nash equilibrium solution.

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Under the memory perfect state or closed loop perfect state information structure, $(\hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Psi}) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ provides a feedback Nash equilibrium solution if $\exists V^c : [t_0, t_f] * \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $\forall c$ satisfying the partial differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\partial V^c(t, \mathbf{X})}{\partial t} = \\ & = \min_{(\Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)} \left\{ \frac{\partial V^c(t, \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} * \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \begin{matrix} \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \Phi^c, \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \\ \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \Psi^c, \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \end{matrix}) + \right. \\ & \quad \left. + g(t, \mathbf{X}, \begin{matrix} \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \Phi^c, \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \\ \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \Psi^c, \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \end{matrix}) \right\} \\ & = \frac{\partial V^c(t, \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} * \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \begin{matrix} \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \\ \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \end{matrix}) + \\ & \quad + g(t, \mathbf{X}, \begin{matrix} \hat{\Phi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Phi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \\ \hat{\Psi}^{1*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}), \dots, \hat{\Psi}^{C*}(t, \mathbf{X}) \end{matrix}) \end{aligned}$$

5.2.3 Nonlinear Complementarity Problem Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic non-cooperative load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Nonlinear Complementarity Problem (NCP).

Define the vector of class congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions as well as Lagrange multipliers:

$$\mathbf{Z}(t) = [\dots \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) \dots \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c \dots Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \dots \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \dots Q_{[s,]}^c(t) \dots]^T$$

and the vector of class derivative of the Lagrangian with respect to the congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions as well as Lagrange multipliers:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)) = & \left[\dots \left(\frac{\partial H^c}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} - Q_{o[sd]}^c(t) \right) \dots \left(\frac{\partial H^c}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} - Q_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \right) \dots \right. \\ & \dots \left(1 - \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) - \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \right) \dots \\ & \left. \dots \left(\frac{\partial H^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} - Q_{[s,]}^c(t) \right) \dots \left(1 - \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s,]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \right) \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

If for each class c ,

g^c is differentiable and convex in $(\Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$, for each fixed value of $(\Phi^1(t), \Psi^1(t), \dots, \Phi^{c-1}(t), \Psi^{c-1}(t), \dots, \Psi^{c+1}(t), \Phi^{c+1}(t), \dots, \Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^1, \mathbf{LS}^1, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^{c-1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c-1}, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^{c+1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c+1}, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Nash equilibrium if and only if it solves the following Nonlinear Complementarity Problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}^*(t)) * \mathbf{Z}^*(t) = 0$$

$$\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}^*(t)) \geq 0$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^*(t) \geq 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^c(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}^c(t)) \quad \forall c$$

$$\mathbf{P}^c(t_f) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall c$$

Proof: After some algebraic manipulations, we find that the NCP: $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)) * \mathbf{Z}(t) = 0$; $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \geq 0$; $\mathbf{Z}(t) \geq 0$ with $\mathbf{Z}(t)$ and $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t))$ as defined above, is equivalent to the Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions. \square

5.2.4 Variational Inequality Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic non-cooperative load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Variational Inequality Problem (VIP).

Define the vector of class congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions:

$$(\Phi(t), \Psi(t)) = [\dots \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) \dots \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \dots \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \dots]^T$$

as well the vector of class derivatives of the cost function with respect to the congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions:

$$\nabla H(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) = \left[\dots \frac{\partial H^c}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} \dots \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial H^c}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \dots \frac{\partial H^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} \dots \right]$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $f(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If H^c is continuously differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of

$$(\Phi^1(t), \Psi^1(t), \dots, \Phi^{c-1}(t), \Psi^{c-1}(t), \Phi^{c+1}(t), \Psi^{c+1}(t), \dots, \Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t)) \\ \in (\mathbf{RC}^1, \mathbf{LS}^1, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^{c-1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c-1}, \mathbf{RC}^{c+1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c+1}, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c),$$

then $(\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Nash equilibrium if and only if it solves the following Variational Inequality Problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\nabla H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) * ((\Phi, \Psi) - (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))) \geq 0$$

$$\forall (\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^c(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}^c(t)) \quad \forall c$$

$$\mathbf{P}^c(t_f) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall c$$

Proof: If $(\Phi^{c*}(t), \Psi^{c*}(t))$ is a local minimum for the following minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Phi^c(t), \dots, \Phi^{C*}(t), \Psi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Psi^c(t), \dots, \Psi^{C*}(t)) dt \\ & \text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t)) \\ & \text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \\ & \quad \mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$$

and g^c is a continuously differentiable convex function over the nonempty convex, closed and bounded set $(\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$, then $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} \left\{ \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{o[sd]}^c - \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * (\psi_{[sd]}^c - \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \right\} \geq 0 \quad \forall (\Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c), c \end{aligned}$$

Summing over all classes

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_c \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} \left\{ \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{o[sd]}^c - \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \right. \\ & \quad + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\partial H^{c*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * (\psi_{[sd]}^c - \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \right\} \geq 0 \quad \forall (\Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c) \end{aligned}$$

□

Another equivalent VIP formulation is given in the following Theorem:

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with multiple competing classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If H^c is continuously differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Phi^1(t), \Psi^1(t), \dots, \Phi^{c-1}(t), \Psi^{c-1}(t), \Phi^{c+1}(t), \Psi^{c+1}(t), \dots, \Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t)) \\ & \in (\mathbf{RC}^1, \mathbf{LS}^1, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^{c-1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c-1}, \mathbf{RC}^{c+1}, \mathbf{LS}^{c+1}, \dots, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c), \end{aligned}$$

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Nash equilibrium if and only if it solves the following Variational Inequality Problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)^*) * (\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{Z}(t)^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{Z} \geq 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^c(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}^c(t)) \quad \forall c$$

$$\mathbf{P}^c(t_f) = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall c$$

Proof: The NCP: $f(x^*) * x^* = 0 \quad f(x^*) \geq 0 \quad x^* \geq 0$

and the VIP: find x^* such that $f(x^*) * (x - x^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \geq 0$

are equivalent. □

5.2.5 Maximum Principle for Separable Cost Functions

In this section, we derive the first order necessary conditions for a Nash equilibrium on the path flows, when the cost function of each resource depends only on the flow on this resource.

According to the Nash equilibrium definition, each class c minimizes its cost function g^c given the optimum decisions of all other classes.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{minimize} \quad & \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Phi^c(t), \dots, \Phi^{C*}(t) \\ \Psi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Psi^c(t), \dots, \Psi^{C*}(t) \end{matrix}) dt = \\
 & = \sum_{ij} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \lambda_{ij}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{ij}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{ij}^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_i \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \lambda_i^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_i^c(t), \dots, \lambda_i^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \lambda_{o[sd]}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{o[sd]}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{o[sd]}^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[.d]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \lambda_{[.d]}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{[.d]}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{[.d]}^{C*}(t)) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

with respect to $(\Phi^c(t), \Psi^c(t))$

such that

$$\dot{X}_{ij[sd]}^k(t) = f_{ij[sd]}^k(t, X_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{i[sd]}^k(t) = f_{i[sd]}^k(t, X_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{o[sd]}^k(t) = f_{o[sd]}^k(t, X_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t) = f_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, X_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{ij[sd]}^k(t_0) = X_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{i[sd]}^k(t_0) = X_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{o[sd]}^k(t_0) = X_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$X_{[.d][sd]}^k(t_0) = X_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[s,d]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s,]}^c} \psi_{[s,d]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[s,d]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\psi_{[s,d]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s,]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions are:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} + \right. \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} + \right. \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \right. \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} +$$

$$\sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

$$\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, \quad [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[s,d]}^c} + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[s,d]}^c} + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[s,d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[s,d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[s,d]}^c} + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[s,d]}^c} + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[s,d]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[s,d]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[s,d]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[s,d]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[s,d]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[s,d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[s,d]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& - Q_{[s,.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s,.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

The partial derivatives of the cost function $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$ with respect to the path fractions $\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c$ can be written with respect to the link flows λ_{ij}^c and node flows λ_i^c :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} = \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\ \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_i^c}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} = \\ &= \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\ \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} = \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\ &= \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_i^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\ &= \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} &= \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Lambda_{[.d]})}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} = \\ &= \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Lambda_{[.d]})}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) \end{aligned}$$

Then Pontryagin's maximum principle becomes:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \right. \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Lambda_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \right. \\
& + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Lambda_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\sum_{ij} \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Lambda_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \right. \\
& + \sum_i \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Lambda_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& \left. - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

$$\sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Lambda_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) +$$

$$+ \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Lambda_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) +$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) -$$

$$-Q_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{ij} \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Lambda_{ij}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_i \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Lambda_i^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}^*(t))}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
& - Q_{[s.]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[d][sd]}^k} g_{[d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{f}_{[d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

Next, for each class c , we define the length for the rejected flow $[sd]$, the length for the path $\pi[sd]$ and the length for the source-destination pair $[sd]$:

$$\begin{aligned} l_{o[sd]}^{c,Nash}(t) = & \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \mathbf{\Lambda}_{o[sd]}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) + \\ & + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c} * \nabla_{\phi_{o[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \mathbf{\Phi}(t), \mathbf{\Psi}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{\pi[sd]}^{c,Nash}(t) = & \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Lambda_{ij}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s,]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_i \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Lambda_i(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^c(t) + \gamma_{[s,]}^c(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^c(t)) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{[sd]}^{c,Nash}(t) = & \sum_{ij} \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Lambda_{ij}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \sum_i \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Lambda_i(t))}{\partial \lambda_i^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Lambda_{o[sd]}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) + \\
& + \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Lambda_{[.d]}(t))}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^c} * \gamma_{[s.]}^c(t) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'd']} \sum_i \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) + \\
& + \sum_k \sum_{[s'.]} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][s'd]}^{k,c}(t) * \nabla_{\psi_{[sd]}^c} \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) - \\
& \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c
\end{aligned}$$

External arriving flow at a source is assigned to the destination that has the minimum length from the source. However, this flow may be rejected if the length of rejecting it is less than the lengths of the paths to its destination. If it is accepted, then it is routed to its destination via the minimum length path.

In the next section, we will derive the same conditions by an alternative way, and we shall state the above ideas more formally.

5.2.6 V.I. for Separable Cost Functions

Equivalently, the Nash equilibrium definition, each class c minimizes its cost function g^c given the optimum decisions of all other classes. We first solve the routing and congestion control problem assuming that all other classes act optimally for themselves. So, class c first solves the routing and congestion control problems

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{minimize} \quad & \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \begin{matrix} \Phi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Phi^c(t), \dots, \Phi^{C*}(t) \\ \Psi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Psi^c(t), \dots, \Psi^{C*}(t) \end{matrix}) dt = \\
 & = \sum_{ij} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \lambda_{ij}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{ij}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{ij}^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_i \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \lambda_i^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_i^c(t), \dots, \lambda_i^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \lambda_{o[sd]}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{o[sd]}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{o[sd]}^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
 & + \sum_{[.d]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \lambda_{[.d]}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{[.d]}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{[.d]}^{C*}(t)) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

with respect to $\Phi^c(t)$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

The necessary optimality conditions for class c are

$$\sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c} \left\{ \frac{\partial g^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c * (\phi_{o[sd]}^c - \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t))} + \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t))} \right\} \geq 0 \quad \forall \Phi^c \in \mathbf{RC}^c$$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\
&\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\
&\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$$

We can decompose these conditions for each source-destination pair $[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial g^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{o[sd]}^c - \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t)) + \\ & + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \frac{\partial g^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c} * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^c - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \geq 0 \quad \forall \Phi^c \in \mathbf{RC}^c \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad ij, \quad k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i, \quad [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, \quad k$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \mathbf{\Pi}_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*} = 1$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^c(t), \quad \phi_{\pi[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \mathbf{\Pi}_{[sd]}^c$$

Theorem : Routing

There must be flow only on minimum length paths:

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) > 0 \text{ only if } l_{\pi[sd]}^{c,Nash*}(t) = \min\{l_{o[sd]}^{c,Nash*}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{l_{p[sd]}^{c,Nash*}(t)\}\}$$

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad o.w.$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1$$

$$\forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c, \quad [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

and satisfies the partial differential vectors for the state and the costate variables.

Theorem : Congestion Control

Flow is not admitted into the network only if its rejection length is less than the minimum length path to its destination:

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) > 0 \text{ only if } l_{o[sd]}^{c,Nash}(t) = \min\{l_{o[sd]}^{c,Nash*}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{l_{p[sd]}^{c,Nash*}(t)\}\}$$

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*} = 0 \quad o.w.$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{c*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^c} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^c, \quad c$$

and satisfies the partial differential vectors for the state and the costate variables.

Having found the optimum routing and congestion control decisions, we proceed to solve the load sharing problem for class c assuming also that all other classes act at their optimum decisions. So, the load sharing problem for class c is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{minimize} \quad & \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Phi^{c*}(t), \dots, \Phi^{C*}(t) \\ \Psi^{1*}(t), \dots, \Psi^c(t), \dots, \Psi^{C*}(t) \end{matrix}) dt = \\
& = \sum_{ij} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \lambda_{ij}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{ij}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{ij}^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
& + \sum_i \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \lambda_i^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_i^c(t), \dots, \lambda_i^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
& + \sum_{[sd]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \lambda_{o[sd]}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{o[sd]}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{o[sd]}^{C*}(t)) dt + \\
& + \sum_{[.d]} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \lambda_{[.d]}^{1*}(t), \dots, \lambda_{[.d]}^c(t), \dots, \lambda_{[.d]}^{C*}(t)) dt
\end{aligned}$$

with respect to $\Psi^c(t)$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^c(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^c(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

The necessary optimality conditions for class c are:

$$\frac{\partial g^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * (\psi_{[sd]}^c - \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \geq 0 \quad \forall \Psi^c \in \mathbf{LS}^c$$

such

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ &\quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ &\quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ &\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \\ &\quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

We can decompose these conditions for each source node $[s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \frac{\partial g^c(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^c} * (\psi_{[sd]}^c - \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t)) \geq 0 \quad \forall \Psi^c \in \mathbf{LS}^c$$

such that

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{ij[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{i[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t) = \mathbf{f}_{[.d][sd]}^k(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{ij[sd],0}^k \quad \forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{i[sd],0}^k \quad \forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{o[sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^{k*}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd],0}^k \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{ij[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} g_{ij}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{ij[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{ij[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{ij[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall ij, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{i[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} g_i^c(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'd']} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{i[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{i[s'd']}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{i[s'd']}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_i^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{o[sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} g_{[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{o[sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{o[sd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_o^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,k}(t) &= -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} g_{[.d]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) - \\ &\quad - \sum_n \sum_{[s'.]} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{[.d][sd]}^k} \mathbf{P}_{[.d][sd]}^{c,n}(t) * \mathbf{f}_{[.d][s'd]}^n(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^k, k$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^c$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^c$$

Theorem : Load Sharing

For each source, there must be flow only to destinations whose length is minimum:

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) > 0 \quad \text{only if} \quad l_{[sd]}^{c,Nash*}(t) = \min_{[sd']} \{l_{[sd']}^{c,Nash*}(t)\}$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 0 \quad \text{o.w.}$$

$$\sum_{[d] \in \mathbf{S}_{[s]}^c} \psi_{[sd]}^{c*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s]}^c, [s] \in \mathbf{S}^c, c$$

and satisfies the partial differential vectors for the state and the costate variables.

So, in this section we have formulated and solved the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a dynamic Nash game among multiple competing classes.

5.3 Stackelberg Equilibrium Solution

In this section, we formulate the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with two classes of jobs, one more powerful than the other, as a non-cooperative dynamic Stackelberg game. An example of such classes of jobs is when they have different priorities. Another example is when there is a system administrator (leader) and users (followers) with different objectives and power.

Customers of the most powerful class try to use the resources of the distributed system for their own benefit, ignoring the inconvenience that they cause to customers from the less powerful class.

Next, we briefly survey research on the dynamic Stackelberg game theory:

Starr & Ho [464] introduce nonzero-sum differential games and discuss Nash equilibrium, minimax and noninferior strategies. Then they solve the linear-quadratic game.

Chen & Cruz [96] analyze Stackelberg games with biased information. They present necessary conditions for open-loop strategies and use dynamic programming to define feedback strategies. Simaan & Cruz [449, 448] derive necessary and sufficient conditions for Stackelberg games. They also solve the linear-quadratic problem. Cruz [117] considers hierarchical games with multiple players at each level.

Basar & Selbuz [28, 29] consider linear-quadratic Stackelberg games. They derive a linear one-step memory closed-loop solution for the leader and a linear feedback solution for the follower. Basar [25] obtains the sufficient conditions for a three-player hierarchical game. Then he applies them to linear-quadratic games.

Papavasilopoulos & Cruz [376] analyze Stackelberg dynamic games, which are nonclassical control problems, since the control depends both on the state and time and its partial derivative with respect to the state appears in the state equation and in the cost function. They also [375] derive sufficient conditions for Stackelberg and Nash strategies for linear quadratic deterministic differential games when the players have memory.

In the following, we shall develop a methodology for the joint dynamic load sharing, routing and congestion control problem based on the Stackelberg game theory.

Next, we give some definitions for a two-hierarchical-class game similar to those in [27] for Stackelberg games:

Definition :

In a two class join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem, with the most powerful class α as the leader and the less powerful class β as the follower, the set $\mathcal{R}^\beta(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha)$, defined for the class α strategy $(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\alpha, \mathbf{LS}^\alpha)$, by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}^\beta(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha) = \{ & (\Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\beta, \mathbf{LS}^\beta) \text{ such that :} \\ & J^\beta(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha, \Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta) \leq J^\beta(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha, \hat{\Phi}^\beta, \hat{\Psi}^\beta), \\ & \forall (\hat{\Phi}^\beta, \hat{\Psi}^\beta), \text{ such that } (\hat{\Phi}^\beta, \hat{\Psi}^\beta) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\beta, \mathbf{LS}^\beta) \} \end{aligned}$$

is the optimal response (rational reaction) set of the less powerful class β to the strategy of the most powerful class α .

What the above definition says is that the less powerful class β chooses its decision vector (Φ^β, Ψ^β) , that minimizes its cost function $J^\beta(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha, \Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta)$, for given strategy $(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha)$ of the most powerful class α .

Definition :

In a two class join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem with the most powerful class α as the leader, a strategy $(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*}) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\alpha, \mathbf{LS}^\alpha)$ is called a Stackelberg equilibrium strategy for the most powerful class α if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{(\Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta) \in \mathcal{R}^\beta(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*})} J^\alpha(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*}, \Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta) \leq \\ & \leq \inf_{(\Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta) \in \mathcal{R}^\beta(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha)} J^\alpha(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha, \Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta) \quad \forall (\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\alpha, \mathbf{LS}^\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

This means that the most powerful class α chooses its strategy $(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*})$ that minimizes its cost function $J^\alpha(\Phi^\alpha, \Psi^\alpha, \Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta)$, given the optimal response set $\mathcal{R}^\beta(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*})$ of the less powerful class β to its strategy $(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*})$.

Definition :

Let $(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*}) \in (\mathbf{RC}^{\alpha}, \mathbf{LS}^{\alpha})$ be a Stackelberg strategy for the most powerful class α . Then any element $(\Phi^{\beta*}, \Psi^{\beta*}) \in \mathcal{R}^{\beta}(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*})$ is an optimal strategy for the less powerful class β that is in equilibrium with $(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*})$. The strategy $(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*}, \Phi^{\beta*}, \Psi^{\beta*})$ is a Stackelberg solution for the game with the most powerful class α as the leader and the cost pair $J^{\alpha}(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*}, \Phi^{\beta*}, \Psi^{\beta*}), J^{\beta}(\Phi^{\alpha*}, \Psi^{\alpha*}, \Phi^{\beta*}, \Psi^{\beta*})$ is the corresponding Stackelberg equilibrium outcome.

5.3.1 Optimal Control Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic non-cooperative join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as an Optimal Control Problem (OCP).

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with two hierarchical classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

If for each class c , $H^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}(t))$ is differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of $(\Phi^k, \Psi^k) \in (\mathbf{RC}^k, \mathbf{LS}^k)$, then $(\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Stackelberg equilibrium if and only if it solves the following Optimal Control Problem:

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\alpha(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t))$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$(\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\alpha, \mathbf{LS}^\alpha)$$

$$(\Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\beta, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t) \\ \Psi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\beta(t) \end{matrix}) dt =$$

$$= \min_{(\hat{\Phi}^\beta(t), \hat{\Psi}^\beta(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\beta, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^\alpha(t), \hat{\Phi}^\beta(t) \\ \Psi^\alpha(t), \hat{\Psi}^\beta(t) \end{matrix}) dt$$

Proof: It follows from the definition of the Stackelberg equilibrium. \square

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with two hierarchical classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $H^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}(t))$ is differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of $(\Phi^k, \Psi^k) \in (\mathbf{RC}^k, \mathbf{LS}^k)$.

If $(\hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}_0)) = (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is an open-loop Stackelberg equilibrium and $\{\mathbf{X}^*(t), t \in [t_0, t_f]\}$ is the corresponding state trajectory, then $\exists \mathbf{P}^c(t) : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n, \forall c$ continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector functions, such that $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\alpha(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t), \mathbf{Q}^\beta(t))$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[s.]}^\beta(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

$$\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[s.]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^\beta(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi(t), \Psi(t), \mathbf{P}^\beta(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}^\beta(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\alpha(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\alpha} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\alpha(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\alpha$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\alpha} \psi_{[sd]}^\alpha(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\alpha$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\alpha(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\alpha(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\alpha, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\alpha$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^\alpha(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\alpha, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\alpha$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta} \psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

Proof: The Lagrangian for the less powerful class β is

$$L^\beta = H^\beta + \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta} Q_{[sd]}^\beta * \left[1 - \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta - \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta \right] + \sum_{[s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta} Q_{[s.]}^\beta * \left[1 - \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta} \psi_{[sd]}^\beta \right]$$

with $\phi_{o[sd]}^\beta, \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta, \psi_{[sd]}^\beta \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$

Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions are:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta}} * \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta}} - Q_{[sd]}^{\beta}(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^{\beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta}} * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta}} - Q_{[sd]}^{\beta}(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 0$$

$$\forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^{\beta}, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^{\beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta}} * \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta}} - Q_{[s.]}^{\beta}(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 0$$

$$\forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^{\beta}, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^{\beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta}} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta}} - Q_{[sd]}^{\beta}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^{\beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta}} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta}} - Q_{[sd]}^{\beta}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^{\beta}, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^{\beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta}} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta}} - Q_{[s.]}^{\beta}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^{\beta}, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^{\beta}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^\beta(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}^*, \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}^\beta(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}^\beta(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial Q_{[sd]}^\beta} = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{\beta*}}{\partial Q_{[s.]}^\beta} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta} \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta*}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^{\beta*}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with two hierarchical classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, are continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$.

If $(\hat{\Phi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^*(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0)) = (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a closed-loop memoryless Stackelberg equilibrium such that $(\hat{\Phi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}^{c*}(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0))$ is continuously differentiable with respect to $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $\forall c$, $t \in [t_0, t_f]$ and $\{\mathbf{X}^*(t), t \in [t_0, t_f]\}$ is the corresponding state trajectory, then $\exists \mathbf{P}^c(t) : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, $\forall c$, continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector functions, such that $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\alpha(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t), Q^\beta(t))$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \right] * \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \right] * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) = 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[s.]}^\beta(t) \right] * \psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) = 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

$$\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[s.]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^\beta(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}, \hat{\Phi}(t, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \hat{\Psi}(t), \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_0), \mathbf{P}^\beta(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}^\beta(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\alpha(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\alpha} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\alpha(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\alpha$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\alpha} \psi_{[sd]}^\alpha(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\alpha$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\alpha(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\alpha(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\alpha, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\alpha$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^\alpha(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\alpha, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\alpha$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) = 1 \quad \forall [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta} \psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) = 1 \quad \forall [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta, [sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta$$

$$\psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall [.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta, [s.] \in \mathbf{S}^\beta$$

Proof: The proof is similar to that for the open-loop Stackelberg equilibrium. \square

One of the disadvantages of using Stackelberg strategies is that the principle of optimality does not hold for the leader. A modification of the Stackelberg strategy concept requires that the strategies for the remaining time-to-go after each stage should be optimal.

5.3.2 Nonlinear Complementarity Problem Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic two hierarchical class load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Nonlinear Complementarity Problem (NCP).

Define the vector of class β congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions as well as Lagrange multipliers:

$$\mathbf{Z}^\beta(t) = [\dots \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) \dots \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta \dots Q_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \dots \psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \dots Q_{[s.]}^\beta(t) \dots]^T$$

and the vector of class β derivative of its Lagrangian with respect to the congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions as well as Lagrange multipliers:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla L^\beta(\mathbf{Z}(t)) = & \left[\dots \left(\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) \right) \dots \left(\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) \right) \dots \right. \\ & \dots \left(1 - \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) - \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) \right) \dots \\ & \left. \dots \left(\frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} - Q_{[s.]}^\beta(t) \right) \dots \left(1 - \sum_{[.d] \in \mathbf{D}_{[s.]}^\beta} \psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \right) \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with two hierarchical classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

If for each class c , $H^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi, \mathbf{P}(t))$ is differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of $(\Phi^k, \Psi^k) \in (\mathbf{RC}^k, \mathbf{LS}^k)$,

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Stackelberg equilibrium if and only if it solves the following problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\alpha(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t))$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$(\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\alpha, \mathbf{LS}^\alpha)$$

$$(\Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^{\beta\beta}, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)$$

$$\nabla L^\beta(\mathbf{Z}^{\beta*}(t)) * \mathbf{Z}^{\beta*}(t) = 0$$

$$\nabla L^\beta(\mathbf{Z}^{\beta*}(t)) \geq 0$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^{\beta*}(t) \geq 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^\beta(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi(t), \Psi(t), \mathbf{P}^\beta(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}^\beta(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

Proof: After some algebraic manipulations, we find that the NCP: $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)) * \mathbf{Z}(t) = 0$; $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t)) \geq 0$; $\mathbf{Z}(t) \geq 0$ with $\mathbf{Z}(t)$ and $\nabla L(\mathbf{Z}(t))$ as defined above, is equivalent to the Pontryagin's maximum principle necessary conditions for the follower. \square

5.3.3 Variational Inequality Formulation

In this section, we formulate the dynamic non-cooperative load sharing, routing and congestion control problem as a Variational Inequality Problem (VIP).

Define the vector of class β congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions:

$$(\Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) = [\dots \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta(t) \dots \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta(t) \dots \psi_{[sd]}^\beta(t) \dots]^T$$

as well the vector of class β derivatives of its Lagrangian with respect to the congestion control, routing and load sharing fractions:

$$\nabla H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) = \left[\dots \frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} \dots \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} \dots \frac{\partial H^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} \dots \right]$$

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with two hierarchical classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $f(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If H^c is continuously differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of $(\Phi^k(t), \Psi^k(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^k, \mathbf{LS}^k)$,

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Stackelberg equilibrium if and only if it solves the following problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\alpha(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t))$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$(\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\alpha, \mathbf{LS}^\alpha)$$

$$(\Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^{\beta\beta}, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) * ((\Phi, \Psi) - (\Phi^*(t), \Psi^*(t))) &\geq 0 \\ \forall (\Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^\beta(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi(t), \Psi(t), \mathbf{P}^\beta(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}^\beta(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

Proof: If $(\Phi^{\beta*}(t), \Psi^{\beta*}(t))$ is a local minimum for the following minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{minimize} && \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^{\alpha*}(t), \Phi^\beta(t) \\ \Psi^{\alpha*}(t), \Psi^\beta(t) \end{matrix}) dt \\
& \text{with respect to} && (\Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) \\
& \text{such that} && \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) \\
& && \mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0
\end{aligned}$$

$$(\Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\beta, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)$$

and g^β is a continuously differentiable convex function over the nonempty convex, closed and bounded set $(\mathbf{RC}^\beta, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)$, then $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{[sd] \in \mathbf{SD}^\beta} \left\{ \frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} * (\phi_{o[sd]}^\beta - \phi_{o[sd]}^{\beta*}(t)) + \right. \\
& + \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} * (\phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta - \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{\beta*}(t)) + \\
& \left. + \frac{\partial H^{\beta*}}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} * (\psi_{[sd]}^\beta - \psi_{[sd]}^{\beta*}(t)) \right\} \geq 0 \quad \forall (\Phi^\beta, \Psi^\beta) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\beta, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Another equivalent formulation is the following Theorem:

Theorem :

Consider the dynamic join load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems with two hierarchical classes, with fixed initial time t_0 and final time t_f .

Let for each class c , $g^c(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$, be continuously differentiable with respect to $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \Phi, \Psi) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$. If H^c is continuously differentiable and convex in $(\mathbf{X}, \Phi^c, \Psi^c) \in (\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{RC}^c, \mathbf{LS}^c)$, $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$, for each fixed value of $(\Phi^k(t), \Psi^k(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^k, \mathbf{LS}^k)$,

then $(\Phi^(t), \Psi^*(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}, \mathbf{LS})$ is a Stackelberg equilibrium if and only if it solves the following problem $\forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$:*

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\alpha(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad (\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t))$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$(\Phi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\alpha(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^\alpha, \mathbf{LS}^\alpha)$$

$$(\Phi^\beta(t), \Psi^\beta(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^{\beta\beta}, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^\alpha(t), \Phi^\beta(t) \\ \Psi^\alpha(t), \Psi^\beta(t) \end{matrix}) dt =$$

$$= \min_{(\hat{\Phi}^\beta(t), \hat{\Psi}^\beta(t)) \in (\mathbf{RC}^{\beta\beta}, \mathbf{LS}^\beta)} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \begin{matrix} \Phi^\alpha(t), \hat{\Phi}^\beta(t) \\ \Psi^\alpha(t), \hat{\Psi}^\beta(t) \end{matrix}) dt$$

$$\nabla L^\beta(\mathbf{Z}^\beta(t)^*) * (\mathbf{Z}^\beta - \mathbf{Z}^\beta(t)^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{Z}^\beta > 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^\beta(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi(t), \Psi(t), \mathbf{P}^\beta(t))$$

$$\mathbf{P}^\beta(t_f) = \mathbf{0}$$

Proof: The NCP: $f(x^*) * x^* = 0 \quad f(x^*) \geq 0 \quad x^* > 0$

and the VIP: find x^* such that $f(x^*) * (x - x^*) \geq 0 \quad \forall x > 0$

are equivalent. \square

5.3.4 Maximum Principle for Separable Cost Functions

In this section, we derive the first order necessary and sufficient conditions for a Stackelberg equilibrium on the path flows, when the cost function at each resource depends only on the flow on this resource.

The partial derivatives of the cost function $g^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}, \Phi, \Psi)$ with respect to the path fractions $\phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta$ can be written with respect to the link flows λ_{ij}^β and node flows λ_i^β :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial g_{ij}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^\beta} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{ij}^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} = \\
 &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^\beta} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^\beta(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^\beta(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^\beta) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\
 \frac{\partial g_i^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} &= \frac{\partial g_i^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^\beta} * \frac{\partial \lambda_i^\beta}{\partial \phi_{\pi[sd]}^\beta} = \\
 &= \frac{\partial g_i^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^\beta} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^\beta(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^\beta(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^\beta) * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\
 \frac{\partial g_{o[sd]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} &= \frac{\partial g_{o[sd]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^\beta} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^\beta}{\partial \phi_{o[sd]}^\beta} = \\
 &= \frac{\partial g_{o[sd]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^\beta} * (\gamma_{[sd]}^\beta(t) + \gamma_{[s.]}^\beta(t) * \psi_{[sd]}^\beta)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial g_{ij}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} &= \frac{\partial g_{ij}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^\beta} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{ij}^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} = \\
&= \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \frac{\partial g_{ij}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \Lambda_{ij})}{\partial \lambda_{ij}^\beta} * \gamma_{[s.]}^\beta(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*} * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\
\frac{\partial g_i^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} &= \frac{\partial g_i^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^\beta} * \frac{\partial \lambda_i^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} = \\
&= \sum_{\pi[sd] \in \Pi_{[sd]}^\beta} \frac{\partial g_i^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_i, \Lambda_i)}{\partial \lambda_i^\beta} * \gamma_{[s.]}^\beta(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^{c*} * 1_{i \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\
\frac{\partial g_{o[sd]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} &= \frac{\partial g_{o[sd]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^\beta} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} = \\
&= \frac{\partial g_{o[sd]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{o[sd]}, \Lambda_{o[sd]})}{\partial \lambda_{o[sd]}^\beta} * \gamma_{[s.]}^\beta(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^{c*} \\
\frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Phi, \Psi)}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} &= \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Lambda_{[.d]})}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^\beta} * \frac{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^\beta}{\partial \psi_{[sd]}^\beta} = \\
&= \frac{\partial g_{[.d]}^\beta(t, \mathbf{X}_{[.d]}, \Lambda_{[.d]})}{\partial \lambda_{[.d]}^\beta} * \gamma_{[s.]}^\beta(t)
\end{aligned}$$

5.4 Application to Datagram Networks

In this section, we apply the methodologies developed in the previous sections to datagram networks. We develop dynamic queueing models for the average number of class c packets in the queue and in the system (queue plus service) for multiple classes and priority classes $M/G/1$ queues. We also introduce the idea of using linearized approximate dynamic queueing models, in order to have a linear-quadratic problem for which there is extensive literature. We also suggest using second order dynamic queueing models, when the traffic can not be described only by first order models. Furthermore, we introduce Wiener process models for modeling the stochastic system. Finally, we present some cost functions and state constraints that can be used in the optimal control problem.

5.4.1 Dynamic Queueing Models for Multiple Classes

The general structure of the dynamic model introduced in this section is that the number of packets in a resource increases by the number of arrivals to and decreases by the number of departures from that resource. The departure rate should be a nonnegative, nondecreasing, continuous and concave function $\mu C * \rho(N)$ of the number of packets in the resource, with $\mu C * \rho(N) < N$. A dynamic model for $M/M/1$ queues, that was originally proposed by Agnew [4] and Rider [398] and was later used in network optimization studies by Filipiak [158, 159, 153], Economides, Ioannou & Silvester [137], Tipper & Sundareshan [485], is the following:

$$\dot{N}(t) = \lambda(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{N(t)}{1 + N(t)}$$

Filiapiak has also proposed a dynamic model for $M/M/\infty$ queues:

$$\dot{N}(t) = \lambda(t) - \mu C(t) * N(t)$$

as well as for $M/D/1$ queues:

$$\dot{N}(t) = \lambda(t) - \mu C(t) * \left(1 + N(t) - \sqrt{1 + (N(t))^2}\right)$$

Next, we extend the above models for multiple class $M/G/1$ queues. The average number of class c packets in $M/G/1$ queues is given by

$$N^c = \rho^c + \rho^c * \frac{\rho * \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2}{2(1 - \rho)} \quad \forall c$$

where ρ^c is the utilization for class c and $\rho = \sum_c \rho^c$ is the overall utilization.

Solving the above system of equations for ρ^c , we have the utilization for class c as a function of the average number of packets for each class:

$$\rho^c = \frac{2N^c * \left(1 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2 - \sum_k N^k + \sqrt{\left(1 + \sum_k N^k\right)^2 - 2 \sum_k N^k * (2 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2)}\right)}{(2 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2) * \left(1 - \sum_k N^k + \sqrt{\left(1 + \sum_k N^k\right)^2 - 2 \sum_k N^k * (2 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2)}\right)}$$

Then we propose the following dynamic model for multiple class $M/G/1$ queues:

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{2N^c(t)}{2 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2} * \frac{\left(1 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2 - \sum_k N^k(t) + \sqrt{\left(1 + \sum_k N^k(t)\right)^2 - 2 \sum_k N^k(t) * (2 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2)}\right)}{\left(1 - \sum_k N^k(t) + \sqrt{\left(1 + \sum_k N^k(t)\right)^2 - 2 \sum_k N^k(t) * (2 - \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2)}\right)}$$

For exponential service, general service and Processor Sharing (*P.S.*) discipline and deterministic service times, the above model gives the following dynamic models:

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{N^c(t)}{1 + \sum_k N^k(t)} \quad M/M/1$$

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{w^c * N^c(t)}{1 + \sum_k w^k * N^k(t)} \quad \text{class discriminating P.S.}$$

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu C'(t) * \frac{2N^c(t) * \left(-\sum_k N^k(t) + \sqrt{1 + \left(\sum_k N^k(t) \right)^2} \right)}{1 - \sum_k N^k(t) + \sqrt{1 + \left(\sum_k N^k(t) \right)^2}} \quad M/D/1$$

Also, for multiple class $M/M/\infty$ queues we have the following dynamic model:

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu^c C(t) * N^c(t) \quad M/M/\infty$$

5.4.2 Linearized Dynamic Queueing Models

Although the above dynamic queueing models describe accurately the dynamic behavior of the queue, they depend nonlinearly on the average number of packets in the system (except the $M/M/\infty$ model). Therefore the analytical solution of the dynamic optimization problem usually becomes intractable. Next, we propose the linearization of the above dynamic queueing models, that gives simpler models. For example, the linearized multiple class $M/M/1$ queueing model is the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{N}^c(t) &= \lambda^c(t) - \mu C * \frac{N^c(t)}{1 + \sum_k N^k(t)} \\
&\approx \lambda^c(t) - \mu C * \frac{\overline{N^c}}{1 + \sum_k \overline{N^k}} - \mu C * \sum_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{N^k}} \left(\frac{\overline{N^c}}{1 + \sum_k \overline{N^k}} \right) * (N^k(t) - \overline{N^k}) \\
&\approx \lambda^c(t) - \mu C * \frac{\overline{N^c}}{1 + \sum_k \overline{N^k}} - \mu C * \frac{1 + \sum_{k \neq c} \overline{N^k}}{\left(1 + \sum_k \overline{N^k}\right)^2} * (N^c(t) - \overline{N^c}) + \\
&\quad + \mu C * \sum_k \frac{N^c}{\left(1 + \sum_n \overline{N^n}\right)^2} * (N^k(t) - \overline{N^k}) \\
&\approx \lambda^c(t) - \mu C * \frac{\frac{\lambda^c}{\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k}}{\sum_k \lambda^k} - \\
&\quad - \mu C * \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\sum_k \lambda^k}{\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k}} * \left(N^c(t) - \frac{\lambda^c}{\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k} \right) + \\
&\quad + \mu C * \frac{\lambda^c}{\mu C \sum_n \lambda^n} * \sum_k \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\sum_n \lambda^n}{\mu C - \sum_n \lambda^n}\right)^2} * \left(N^k(t) - \frac{\lambda^k}{\mu C - \sum_n \lambda^n} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have the following linearized model for multi-class $M/M/1$ queues:

$$\dot{N}^c(t) \approx \lambda^c(t) - \lambda^c * \frac{\sum_k \lambda^k}{\mu C} - (\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k) * N^c(t) + \frac{\lambda^c * \mu C - \sum_n \lambda^n}{\mu C} * \sum_k N^k(t)$$

The above model satisfies the steady-state flow conservation

$$\lambda^c - \lambda^c * \frac{\sum_k \lambda^k}{\mu C} = (\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k) * \overline{N}^c - \frac{\lambda^c * \mu C - \sum_n \lambda^n}{\mu C} * \sum_k \overline{N}^k \Leftrightarrow \overline{N}^c = \frac{\lambda^c}{\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k}$$

Similarly, we may derive dynamic models for the average number of customers in the systems (queue plus service), or in the queue, for multiple class, priority class $M/G/1$ queues.

Another approximate model for multiple class $M/M/1$ queues is the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{N}^c(t) &= \lambda^c(t) - \mu C * \frac{N^c(t)}{1 + \sum_k N^k(t)} \\ &\approx \lambda^c(t) - \mu C * \frac{1}{1 + \sum_k \overline{N}^k} * N^c(t) \\ &\approx \lambda^c(t) - \mu C * \frac{1}{\sum_k \lambda^k} * N^c(t) \\ &\quad 1 + \frac{\sum_k \lambda^k}{\mu C(t) - \sum_k \lambda^k} \\ &\approx \lambda^c(t) - (\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k) * N^c(t) \end{aligned}$$

The above model satisfies the steady-state flow conservation

$$\lambda^c = (\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k) * N^c \Leftrightarrow N^c = \frac{\lambda^c}{\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k}$$

The link length becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 l &= \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial N^c} \left((\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k) * N^c \right) \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{\mu C - \sum_k \lambda^k} = \frac{\frac{1}{\mu C}}{1 - \frac{\sum_k \lambda^k}{\mu C}} = \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{\mu C}}{1 - \frac{\sum_k N^k}{1 + \sum_k N^k}} = \frac{1 + \sum_k N^k}{\mu C}
 \end{aligned}$$

This result explains why the shortest route routing achieves good performance (see section 5.6.5).

After the model linearization, the system state is described by the following state equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A} * \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B} * \mathbf{U} \quad \mathbf{X}_0 : \text{given}$$

with cost function

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{1}{2} * (\mathbf{X}^T * \mathbf{Q} * \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{U}^T * \mathbf{R} * \mathbf{U}) dt$$

where A, B, Q, R are suitable matrices. Thus, we can use results from the optimal control theory on linear-quadratic problems, to solve the joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem.

5.4.3 Dynamic Queueing Models for the Packets in Queue

In future high speed networks, we will have information only about the average number of packets in the queue (not both in the queue and in service), due to the enormous number of packets that will be in transit into the network. Therefore, it is also useful to have dynamic queueing models with state the average number of packets in the queue.

Here, we introduce a dynamic queueing model for the average number of packet in the multiple class $M/G/1$ queue. The average number of class c packets in queue for a multiple class $M/G/1$ queue is given by

$$N_Q^c = \rho^c * \frac{\rho * \overline{x^2} * \mu^2}{2(1 - \rho)} \cdot \forall c$$

Solving the above system of equations, we have the utilization for class c , ρ^c , as a function of the average number of packets in queue for all classes

$$\rho^c = \frac{2N_Q^c * \left(\overline{x^2} * \mu^2 + \sum_k N_Q^k - \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k \right)^2 + 2 \sum_k N_Q^k * \overline{x^2} * \mu^2} \right)}{\overline{x^2} * \mu^2 * \left(- \sum_k N_Q^k + \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k \right)^2 + 2 \sum_k N_Q^k * \overline{x^2} * \mu^2} \right)}$$

Then we propose the following dynamic model for multiple class $M/G/1$ queues:

$$\dot{N}_Q^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{2N_Q^c(t)}{\overline{x^2} * \mu^2} *$$

$$* \frac{\overline{x^2} * \mu^2 + \sum_k N_Q^k - \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k \right)^2 + 2 \sum_k N_Q^k * \overline{x^2} * \mu^2}}{- \sum_k N_Q^k + \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k \right)^2 + 2 \sum_k N_Q^k * \overline{x^2} * \mu^2}}$$

For exponential service, general service with Processor Sharing and deterministic service time, the above model gives the following dynamic models:

$$\dot{N}_Q^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu C(t) * N_Q^c(t) *$$

$$* \frac{2 + \sum_k N_Q^k - \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k\right)^2 + 4 \sum_k N_Q}}{-\sum_k N_Q^k + \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k\right)^2 + 4 \sum_k N_Q}} \quad M/M/1 \text{ or } P.S.$$

$$\dot{N}_Q^c(t) = \lambda^c(t) - \mu C(t) * 2N_Q^c(t) *$$

$$* \frac{1 + \sum_k N_Q^k - \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k\right)^2 + 2 \sum_k N_Q}}{-\sum_k N_Q^k + \sqrt{\left(\sum_k N_Q^k\right)^2 + 2 \sum_k N_Q}} \quad M/D/1$$

Note that for single class, we have:

$$\dot{N}_Q(t) = \lambda(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{-N_Q(t) + \sqrt{(N_Q)^2 + 2N_Q * \bar{x}^2 * \mu^2}}{\bar{x}^2 * \mu^2} \quad M/G/1$$

$$\dot{N}_Q(t) = \lambda(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{-N_Q(t) + \sqrt{(N_Q)^2 + 4N_Q}}{2} \quad M/M/1 \text{ or } P.S.$$

$$\dot{N}_Q(t) = \lambda(t) - \mu C(t) * \left(-N_Q(t) + \sqrt{(N_Q)^2 + 2N_Q}\right) \quad M/D/1$$

5.4.4 Dynamic Queueing Models for Priority Classes

In this section, we derive dynamic models for queues with priority classes. For Poisson arrival and exponential service times. The average number of packets in the system of the high priority class α is given by

$$N^\alpha = \frac{\rho^\alpha}{1 - \rho^\alpha}$$

and the average number of packets in the system of the low priority class β is given by

$$N^\beta = \frac{\rho^\beta * (1 - \rho^\alpha) + \rho^\alpha \rho^\beta * \mu^\beta / \mu^\alpha}{(1 - \rho^\alpha) * (1 - \rho^\alpha - \rho^\beta)}$$

Solving the above system, we have the utilization of class α as a function of the average number of class α packets in the system and the utilization of class β as a function of the average number of class α and β packets in the system

$$\rho^\alpha = \frac{N^\alpha}{1 + N^\alpha}$$

$$\rho^\beta = \frac{N^\beta}{(1 + N^\alpha) * (1 + N^\alpha * \frac{\mu^\beta}{\mu^\alpha} + N^\beta)}$$

Then, we have the following dynamic model for the high preemptive priority class α :

$$\rho^\alpha = \frac{N^\alpha(t)}{1 + N^\alpha(t)}$$

and for the low preemptive priority class β :

$$\rho^\beta = \frac{N^\beta}{(1 + N^\alpha(t)) * (1 + N^\alpha(t) * \frac{\mu^\beta}{\mu^\alpha} + N^\beta)}$$

Next, we give a dynamic model for the average number of packets in the queue. The average number of packets in the queue of the high priority class α is given by

$$N_Q^\alpha = \frac{(\rho^\alpha)^2}{1 - \rho^\alpha}$$

and the average number of packets in the queue of the low priority class β is given by

$$N_Q^\beta = \frac{\rho^\beta * (\rho^\alpha + \rho^\beta) * (1 - \rho^\alpha) + \rho^\beta * \rho^\alpha * \mu^\beta / \mu^\alpha}{(1 - \rho^\alpha) * (1 - \rho^\alpha - \rho^\beta)}$$

Solving the above system, we have the utilization of class α as a function of the average number of class α packets in queue and the utilization of class β as a function of the average number of class α and β packets in queue

$$\rho^\alpha = \frac{-N_Q^\alpha + \sqrt{(N_Q^\alpha)^2 + 4N_Q^\alpha}}{2}$$

$$\rho^\beta = \left[-\frac{\rho^\alpha * \mu^\beta / \mu^\alpha + (1 - \rho^\alpha) * (\rho^\alpha + N_Q^\beta)}{2(1 - \rho^\alpha)} + \frac{\sqrt{[\rho^\alpha * \mu^\beta / \mu^\alpha + (1 - \rho^\alpha) * (\rho^\alpha + N_Q^\beta)]^2 + 4N_Q^\beta(1 - \rho^\alpha)^3}}{2(1 - \rho^\alpha)} \right]$$

Then the dynamic model of the average number of packets in queue for the high preemptive priority class α is

$$\dot{N}_Q^\alpha(t) = \lambda^\alpha(t) - \mu^\alpha C(t) * \frac{-N_Q^\alpha(t) + \sqrt{(N_Q^\alpha(t))^2 + 4N_Q^\alpha(t)}}{2}$$

and for the low preemptive priority class β

$$\dot{N}_Q^\beta(t) = \lambda^\beta(t) - \mu^\beta C(t) * \left[-\frac{\rho^\alpha * \mu^\beta / \mu^\alpha + (1 - \rho^\alpha) * (\rho^\alpha + N_Q^\beta(t))}{2(1 - \rho^\alpha)} + \frac{\sqrt{[\rho^\alpha * \mu^\beta / \mu^\alpha + (1 - \rho^\alpha) * (\rho^\alpha + N_Q^\beta(t))]^2 + 4N_Q^\beta(t)(1 - \rho^\alpha)^3}}{2(1 - \rho^\alpha)} \right]$$

Similarly, for Poisson arrival and exponential service times, we have the following dynamic model of the average number of packets for the high non-preemptive priority class α :

$$\dot{N}_Q^\alpha(t) = \lambda^\alpha(t) - \mu C(t) *$$

$$* \frac{N_Q^\alpha * (N_Q^\alpha + N_Q^\beta) + \sqrt{[N_Q^\alpha * (N_Q^\alpha + N_Q^\beta)]^2 + 4(N_Q^\alpha)^2 * (N_Q^\alpha + N_Q^\beta + N_Q^\alpha N_Q^\beta)}}{2(N_Q^\alpha + N_Q^\beta + N_Q^\alpha N_Q^\beta)}$$

and for the low non-preemptive priority class β

$$\dot{N}_Q^\beta(t) = \lambda^\beta(t) - \mu C(t) * \left(\frac{N_Q^\alpha * (1 - \rho^\alpha)}{\rho^\alpha} - \rho^\alpha \right)$$

5.4.5 Second Order Dynamic Queueing Models

In this section, we suggest using a second order model in optimization of systems with bursty traffic, where the variance of the number of packets can be large. Next, we suggest using the second order model by Rothkopf & Oren [407], and Clark [109]:

$$\dot{N}(t) = \lambda(t) - \mu C(t) * (1 - \pi_0(t))$$

$$Var(N(t)) = \lambda(t) + \mu C(t) - \mu C(t) * \pi_0(t) * (2N(t) + 1)$$

where

$$\pi_0(t) = \left(\frac{N(t)}{Var(N(t))} \right) \frac{(N(t))^2}{Var(N(t)) - N(t)}$$

5.4.6 Wiener Process Models

In this section, we introduce a Wiener process model for flow that fluctuates with a large variance around its average value. We introduce a stochastic term for the arrival and departure rate in the dynamic models presented in the previous section. For example, the dynamic model for $M/M/1$ queues becomes:

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = \left(\lambda^c(t) - a^c(t) * \frac{dw_a^c}{dt} \right) - \left(\mu C(t) * \frac{N^c(t)}{1 + \sum_k N^k(t)} - b^c(t) * \frac{dw_b^c}{dt} \right)$$

where $a^c(t)$ and $b^c(t)$ are the standard deviations of the arrival and departure rates for class c , and $w_a^c(t)$ and $w_b^c(t)$ are Wiener processes.

We can rewrite the above model as

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = \left(\lambda^c(t) - a^c(t) * \bar{\xi}_a^c(t) \right) - \left(\mu C(t) * \frac{N^c(t)}{1 + \sum_k N^k(t)} - b^c(t) * \bar{\xi}_b^c(t) \right)$$

where $\bar{\xi}_a^c(t) = \frac{dw_a^c(t)}{dt}$ and $\bar{\xi}_b^c(t) = \frac{dw_b^c(t)}{dt}$ are zero mean, unit variance normal random variables.

5.4.7 Cost Functions

In this section, we introduce cost functions that can be used in the dynamic problem. Desired properties of a cost function are to be: i) nonnegative, ii) nondecreasing, iii) continuous and iv) convex.

We may consider as cost function the total time packets spent on each network resource ij

$$g_{ij[sd]}^c = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} N_{ij[sd]}^c(t) dt$$

blocking at resource ij

$$g_{ij[sd]}^c = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} B_{ij[sd]}^c(t) dt$$

blocking at path $\pi[sd]$

$$g_{\pi[sd]}^c = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \prod_{ij \in \pi[sd]} B_{ij[sd]}^c(t) dt$$

rejected flow at resource ij

$$g_{ij[sd]}^c = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \phi_{o,ij[sd]}^c(t) dt$$

rejected flow at source $[s.]$ for destination $[.d]$

$$g_{0,[sd]}^c = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \phi_{o,[sd]}^c(t) dt$$

5.4.8 State Constraints

In this section, we define flow control constraints on the number of packets $N_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ that can coexist at the network resources. For clear exposition, we consider only one class in the network. The case of multiple classes follows trivially.

The total expected number of packets on every link ij should be less than the buffer (or window) size of link ij , $\sum_{[sd]} N_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq W_{ij}(t)$.

Also, in order to guarantee an upper bound on the delay that packets may suffer from source to destination, the total expected number of packets on every path $\pi[sd]$ should be less than the end-to-end window size on path $\pi[sd]$, $\sum_{[s_1d_1]} \sum_{ij} N_{ij[s_1d_1]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \leq W_{\pi[sd]}$, where $1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t)$ is the indicator function that link ij is on the path $\pi[sd]$.

Although controlling the total number of packets in the network is optimum from the system point of view, it may also be unfair to some users. Some aggressive users (a source, a destination or a virtual circuit) may congest the network. If the flow and congestion control operate without paying attention to the identity of packets, other users may be unfairly penalized. So, we point out three identities that should also be controlled for fairness reasons:

1) *each source*:

In order that source $[s.]$ does not monopolize the network resources, the total expected number of packets originated from node $[s.]$ should be less than the network "capacity" for packets from source $[s.]$, $\sum_{[d]} \sum_{ij} N_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq W_{[s.]}$. Also, in order that source $[s.]$ does not monopolize path $\pi[sd]$, the total expected number

of packets originated at node $[s.]$ on path $\pi[sd]$ should be less than the path's "capacity" for packets originated at $[s.]$, $\sum_{[d_1]} \sum_{ij} N_{ij[sd_1]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \leq W_{[s.], \pi[sd]}$.

Finally, in order that source $[s.]$ does not monopolize link ij , the total expected number of packets originated at node $[s.]$ on link ij should be less than the link's "capacity" for packets originated at $[s.]$, $\sum_{[d]} N_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq W_{[s.], ij}$.

2) *each destination*:

Similarly, in order that destination $[.d]$ does not monopolize the network resources, the total expected number of packets destined to node $[.d]$ should be less than the network "capacity" for packets to destination $[.d]$, $\sum_{[s.]} \sum_{ij} N_{ij[.sd]}(t) \leq W_{[.d]}$.

Also, in order that destination $[.d]$ does not monopolize path $\pi[sd]$, the total expected number of packets destined to node $[.d]$ on path $\pi[sd]$ should be less than the path's "capacity" for packets destined to $[.d]$, $\sum_{[s_1.]} \sum_{ij} N_{ij[s_1d]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \leq W_{[.d], \pi[sd]}$. Finally, in order that destination $[.d]$ does not monopolize link ij , the total expected number of packets destined to node $[.d]$ on link ij should be less than the link's "capacity" for packets destined to $[.d]$, $\sum_{[s.]} N_{ij[.sd]}(t) \leq W_{[.d], ij}$.

3) *each class*:

In order that $[sd]$ packets do not monopolize the network resources, the total expected number of $[sd]$ packets should be less than the network capacity for $[sd]$ packets, $\sum_{ij} N_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq W_{[sd]}$. Also, in order that $[sd]$ packets do not monopolize path $\pi[sd]$, the total expected number of $[sd]$ packets on path $\pi[sd]$ should be less than the end-to-end window size for $[sd]$ packets on path $\pi[sd]$, $\sum_{ij} N_{ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \leq W_{\pi[sd], [sd]}$. Finally, in order that $[sd]$ packets do not monopolize link ij , the expected number of $[sd]$ packets on link ij , should be less than the buffer (or window) size for $[sd]$ packets on link ij , $N_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq W_{ij[sd]}(t)$, with $\sum_{[sd]} W_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq W_{ij}(t)$.

5.5 Application to Virtual Circuit Networks

In this section, we apply the methodologies developed in the previous sections to virtual circuit networks. We develop dynamic queueing models for the average number of packets coupled with dynamic queueing models for the average number of virtual circuits. Furthermore, we introduce Wiener process models for modeling the stochastic system. We also present some cost functions and state constraints that can be used in the optimal control problem. Finally, we propose a class of heuristic link lengths that can be used on-line.

5.5.1 Dynamic Queueing Models for Multiple Classes

We consider two levels of the flow in virtual circuit networks. At the virtual level, we model each network resource as an $M/M/\infty$ queue. That means that an infinite number of virtual circuits may coexist at every network resource (see section 5.6.2). Then the average number of class c virtual circuits is described by the following dynamic model:

$$\dot{V}^c(t) = \gamma^c(t) - \delta^c(t) * V^c(t)$$

At the packet level, we model each network resource using any model among those proposed in section 5.4 for datagram networks. For example, the average number of class c packets for $M/M/1$ or $P.S.$ queues is described by the following dynamic model:

$$\dot{N}^c(t) = r^c(t) * V^c(t) - \mu C(t) * \frac{N^c(t)}{1 + \sum_k N^k}$$

where $r^c(t)$ is the average packet arrival rate per virtual circuit of class c .

Next, we give several dynamic models for virtual circuit networks for different optimization formulations. For easy of exposition, we consider dynamic models only for links.

i) The routing decisions are done at each source node $[s.]$ on the path flow space. Therefore, the total arrival rate to link ij is the sum of all path flows that pass through this link:

$$\dot{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) = \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t)$$

ii) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the link flow space and the virtual circuit duration is very small. Therefore the virtual circuit departure rate from a link becomes arrival rate to the next link. The arrival rate to the outgoing links sj from the source node $[s.]$ is the fraction of flow that is routed through that link. The arrival rate to an intermediate link ij is the departure rate from the ingoing links to node i weighted by the fraction $\phi_{ij[sd]}$ that is assigned to outgoing link ij from node i :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{sj[sd]}(t) &= \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{sj[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{sj[sd]}(t) \\ \dot{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) &= \sum_{k \in I(i)} \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ki[sd]}(t) * \phi_{ij[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) \quad s \neq i \end{aligned}$$

iii) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the path flow space and the virtual circuit duration is very small. Therefore the virtual circuit departure rate from a link becomes arrival rate to the next link. The arrival rate to the outgoing links sj from the source node $[s.]$ is the sum of all fractions of path flows that are routed through that link. The arrival rate to an intermediate link ij is the departure rate from the ingoing links to node i that is assigned to outgoing link ij from node i :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{sj[sd]}(t) &= \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{sj \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{sj[sd]}(t) \\ \dot{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) &= \sum_{k \in I(i)} \sum_{\pi[sd]} \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ki[sd]}(t) * 1_{ki \in \pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \\ &\quad - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) \quad s \neq i \end{aligned}$$

iv) A dynamic model for the paths (virtual and not physical links): The average number of virtual circuits for $[sd]$ on path $\pi[sd]$ is:

$$\dot{V}_{\pi[sd]}(t) = \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{\pi[sd]}(t)$$

v) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the path flow space and the virtual circuit duration is very long. Therefore a virtual circuit stays at

each network link for long time, so we can assume that its arrival rate does not change drastically over time. Then the arrival rate at each link is the sum of path flows that pass through this link:

$$\dot{V}_{ij}(t) = \sum_{[sd]} \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta(t) * V_{ij}(t)$$

vi) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the link flow space. However, if a virtual circuit is rejected with probability $\phi_{no[sd]}$ (for congestion control reasons) at node n , then this virtual circuit is reestablished from the source. Therefore, the successful arrival rate at the source $[s.]$ is $\gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \prod_n (1 - \phi_{no[sd]}(t))$. Virtual circuits may also be rejected at each network link for congestion control reasons:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{sj[sd]}(t) &= \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \prod_n (1 - \phi_{no[sd]}(t)) * \phi_{sj[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{sj[sd]}(t) \\ \dot{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) &= \sum_{k \in I(i)} \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ki[sd]}(t) * \phi_{ij[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) \quad s \neq i \end{aligned}$$

Next, we give several dynamic models for the packet level for different optimization formulations:

i) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the link flow space and the virtual circuit duration is very long. Then a virtual circuit stays for long time at each network link:

$$\dot{N}_{ij[sd]}(t) = r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) - \mu C_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(N_{ij}(t))$$

ii) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the link flow space. The packet departure rate from a node is routed to an outgoing link from that node:

$$\dot{N}_{sj[sd]}(t) = r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{sj[sd]}(t) - \mu C_{sj}(t) * \rho_{sj[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{sj}(t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{N}_{ij[sd]}(t) = & \sum_{k \in I(i)} \mu C_{ki}(t) * \rho_{ki[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ki}(t)) * \phi_{ij[sd]}(t) \\ & - \mu C_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)) \quad s \neq i \end{aligned}$$

iii) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the link flow space. The packet departure rate from a node is routed to an outgoing link from that node. However, packets may also fail transmission on link ki , that has error rate $e_{ki}(t)$ and be retransmitted from the source node $[s.]$ after a time-out period τ . So, the source node $[s.]$ receives an extra $[sd]$ flow, $\sum_{ki} \mu C_{ki}(t - \tau) * e_{ki}(t - \tau) * \rho_{ki[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ki}(t - \tau))$, due to packet failures at links ki inside the network. Then the source node $[s.]$ routes a fraction $\phi_{sj[sd]}(t)$ of this flow to its outgoing link sj . Any other node $i \neq s$, receives the successful packet flow, from its input neighbors and routes a fraction $\phi_{ij[sd]}(t)$ of this flow to its outgoing link ij .

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{N}_{sj[sd]}(t) = & r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{sj[sd]}(t) + \\ & + \sum_{ki} \mu C_{ki}(t - \tau) * e_{ki}(t - \tau) * \rho_{ki[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ki}(t - \tau)) * \phi_{sj[sd]} \\ & - \mu C_{sj}(t) * \rho_{sj[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{sj}(t)) \\ \dot{N}_{ij[sd]}(t) = & \sum_{k \in I(i)} \mu C_{ki}(t) * (1 - e_{ki}(t)) * \rho_{ki[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ki}(t)) * \phi_{ij[sd]}(t) \\ & - \mu C_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)) \quad s \neq i \end{aligned}$$

iv) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the link flow space and the virtual circuit duration is long. The packet departure rate from a node is routed to an outgoing link from that node. However, packets may also fail at a link ki , that has error rate $e_{ki}(t)$ and be retransmitted from the source after time τ :

$$\dot{N}_{sj[sd]}(t) = r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{sj[sd]}(t) + \sum_{ki} r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ki[sd]}(t) * e_{ki}(t)$$

$$- \mu C_{sj}(t) * \rho_{sj[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{sj}(t))$$

$$\dot{N}_{ij[sd]}(t) = \sum_{k \in I(i)} r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ki[sd]}(t) * (1 - e_{ki}(t)) * \phi_{ij[sd]}(t)$$

$$- \mu C_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)) \quad s \neq i$$

v) The routing decisions are done at each network node on the path flow space and the virtual circuit duration is long.

$$\dot{N}_{ij[sd]}(t) = \sum_{\pi[sd]} r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]} - \mu C_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$$

vi) Finally, if we do not consider classes

$$\dot{N}_{ij}(t) = r(t) * V_{ij}(t) - \mu C_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$$

5.5.2 Cost Functions

In this section, we introduce cost functions for the dynamic problem. We consider as cost function for class c and source-destination $[sd]$, at time t , at network resource ij , the total time packets spent at ij

$$g_{ij[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) = C_{N,i[sd]}^c * N_{i[sd]}^c(t)$$

the total time virtual circuits spent at ij ,

$$g_{ij[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) = C_{V,i[sd]}^c * V_{i[sd]}^c(t)$$

the rejected flow cost at ij

$$g_{ij[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) = C_{o[sd]}^c * \lambda_{o[sd]}^c(t)$$

the negative throughput at ij

$$g_{ij[sd]}^c(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \Phi(t), \Psi(t)) = C_{\mu,i[sd]}^c * \mu C_{ij} * \rho_{ij[sd]}^c(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$$

5.5.3 Length of a Link

In previous sections, we found that jobs are sent to destinations of minimum length and are routed through minimum length paths. At that time we defined the lengths to destinations, the path lengths and the rejection lengths. In this section, we introduce some lengths that are very simple, however they are based on heuristic arguments.

For dynamic (or adaptive) load sharing, routing and congestion control, we need to know the state of each system resource. We define as length of a system resource the load on this resource. So, if a resource is lightly loaded, then its length is small, while if the resource is heavily loaded, then its length is large. Then the dynamic algorithm chooses the resource with the minimum length. Depending on the information we select about the state of each system resource, we may define different lengths of the resource (link, node, computer site, etc.).

Next, we define the length of a resource at time t as a convex combination of its current length at t and its expected length in the future:

$$l_{ij}(t) = \epsilon_{ij}(t) * l_{ij}^{current}(t) + (1 - \epsilon_{ij}(t)) * l_{ij}^{future}(t) \quad 0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1$$

Based on models presented earlier, we define some simple approximations for these lengths:

$$l_{ij}^{current}(t) = \frac{1 + N_{ij}(t)}{\mu C_{ij}(t)}$$

$$= T_{ij}(t)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu C_{ij}(t) - r(t) * V_{ij}(t)} & \text{if } \mu C_{ij}(t) > r(t) * V_{ij}(t) \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu C_{ij}(t) - \lambda_{ij}(t)} & \text{if } \mu C_{ij}(t) > \lambda_{ij}(t) \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{[1 + N_{ij}(t)]^2}{\mu C_{ij}(t)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\mu C_{ij}(t)}{[\mu C_{ij}(t) - r(t) * V_{ij}(t)]^2} & \text{if } \mu C_{ij}(t) > r * V_{ij}(t) \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\mu C_{ij}(t)}{[\mu C_{ij}(t) - \lambda_{ij}(t)]^2} & \text{if } \mu C_{ij}(t) > \lambda_{ij}(t) \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\mu C_{ij}(t)}{[\mu C_{ij}(t) - \lambda_{ij}(t)] * [\mu C_{ij}(t) - \lambda_{ij}(t) - r(t)]} & \text{if } \mu C_{ij}(t) > \lambda_{ij}(t) - r(t) \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu C_{ij}(t) * [1 - \rho_{ij}(t)]^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{ij}^{future} &= \frac{1 + V_{ij}(t)}{\mu C_{ij}(t)} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu C_{ij}(t) - r(t) * [1 + V_{ij}(t)]} & \text{if } \mu C_{ij}(t) > r(t) * [1 + V_{ij}(t)] \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu C_{ij}(t) - \lambda_{ij}(t) - r(t)} & \text{if } \mu C_{ij}(t) > \lambda_{ij}(t) + r(t) \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

5.5.4 State Constraints

In this section, we define constraints on the number of virtual circuits $V_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ and packets $N_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ at the network resources.

The total expected number of virtual circuits at every link ij should be less than the virtual circuit "capacity" on link ij (for example the number of buffers), $\sum_{[sd]} V_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{ij}(t)$.

Although controlling the total number of virtual circuits and packets in the network is optimum from the system point of view, it may also be unfair to some users. Some aggressive users (a source, a destination or a virtual circuit) may congest the network. If the flow and congestion control operate without paying attention to the identity of virtual circuits and packets, other users may be unfairly penalized. So, we point out three identities that should also be controlled for fairness reasons:

1) *each source*:

In order that source $[s.]$ does not monopolize the network resources, the total expected number of virtual circuits originated from node $[s.]$ should be less than the network "capacity" for virtual circuits from source $[s.]$, $\sum_{[d]} \sum_{ij} V_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{[s.]}$.

Also, in order that source $[s.]$ does not monopolize path $\pi[sd]$, the total expected number of virtual circuits originated at node $[s.]$ on path $\pi[sd]$ should be less than the path's "capacity" for virtual circuits originated at $[s.]$, $\sum_{[d1]} \sum_{ij} V_{ij[sd_1]}(t) *$

$1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{[s.], \pi[sd]}$. Finally, in order that source $[s.]$ does not monopolize link ij , the total expected number of virtual circuits originated at node $[s.]$ on link ij should be less than the link's "capacity" for virtual circuits originated at $[s.]$, $\sum_{[d]} V_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{[s.], ij}$.

Similarly, we may impose restrictions on the number of packets as for datagram networks (see section 5.4.8).

2) *each destination:*

Similarly, in order that destination $[.d]$ does not monopolize the network resources, the total expected number of virtual circuits destined to node $[.d]$ should be less than the network "capacity" for virtual circuits to destination $[.d]$, $\sum_{[s.]} \sum_{ij} V_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{[.d]}$. Also, in order that destination $[.d]$ does not monopolize path $\pi[sd]$, the total expected number of virtual circuits destined to node $[.d]$ on path $\pi[sd]$ should be less than the path's "capacity" for virtual circuits destined to $[.d]$, $\sum_{[s_1.]} \sum_{ij} V_{ij[s_1d]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{[.d], \pi[sd]}$. Finally, in order that destination $[.d]$ does not monopolize link ij , the total expected number of virtual circuits destined to node $[.d]$ on link ij should be less than the link's "capacity" for virtual circuits destined to $[.d]$, $\sum_{[s.]} V_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{[.d], ij}$.

Similarly, we may impose restrictions on the number of packets as for datagram networks (see section 5.4.8).

3) *each class or each single virtual circuit:*

We can consider each virtual circuit as a different class, therefore the following restrictions which apply for each $[sd]$ class of virtual circuits may also apply for each virtual circuit. So, in order that $[sd]$ virtual circuits do not monopolize the network resources, the total expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits should be less than the network capacity for $[sd]$ virtual circuits, $\sum_{ij} V_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{[sd]}$. Also, in order that $[sd]$ virtual circuits do not monopolize path $\pi[sd]$, the total expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits on path $\pi[sd]$ should be less than the end-to-end window size for $[sd]$ virtual circuits on path $\pi[sd]$, $\sum_{ij} V_{ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{\pi[sd], [sd]}$. Finally, in order that $[sd]$ virtual circuits do not monopolize link ij , the expected number

of $[sd]$ virtual circuits link ij , should be less than the buffer (or window) size for $[sd]$ virtual circuits on link ij , $V_{ij[sd]}(t) \leq \Omega_{ij[sd]}(t)$.

Similarly, we may impose restrictions on the number of packets as for datagram networks (see section 5.4.8).

5.6 Example

5.6.1 Introduction

In this section, we solve the decentralized dynamic joint routing and congestion control problem for multi-class multi-destination dynamic virtual circuit networks.

Two of the most important algorithms for efficient virtual circuit network control are routing and congestion control. *Routing* decides which route the virtual circuit will follow from source to destination. *Congestion control* prevents network overload by controlling the virtual circuit traffic entering the network. Routing and congestion control are strongly related problems and each affects the other. For a more accurate model and better network performance, both problems should be modeled and solved simultaneously. Such an approach however may increase the modeling and optimization complexity. Previous studies on virtual circuit network control usually concentrate on the routing problem.

In virtual circuit networks, a call set-up packet, which may be part of the first packet of a message, initiates the establishment of a virtual path from source to destination. All other packets belonging to this message follow the same route which remains fixed for the duration of the call. In this way, a virtual circuit provides a reliable logical channel with packets delivered in order. The route selection for each virtual circuit is the virtual circuit routing problem.

First, we introduce a nonlinear dynamic queueing model for virtual circuit networks that considers the dynamic interaction among the multi-class multi-destination virtual circuit and packet processes. We also define a multi-objective cost function of rejecting, setting up & maintaining virtual circuits, as well as of the packet delay and throughput.

Then we formulate the joint problem as an optimal control problem. Necessary optimality conditions are provided by Pontryagin's maximum principle. Sufficient optimality conditions based on the convexity of the Hamiltonian function are also given. For the finite horizon, the optimal controls can be found after numerically solving a Two-Point Boundary-Value Problem. For the long-run stationary equilibrium, we derive the state dependent routing and congestion controls. We show (via simulation) that when the updating period is not much larger than the mean interarrival time of virtual circuits, this state dependent routing algorithm and a shortest queue routing algorithm are showed (via simulation) to be superior to the optimal quasi-static routing.

5.6.2 Virtual Circuit Network Model

Consider an arbitrary network topology with multiple classes of virtual circuit traffic between multiple source-destination pairs (Figure 5.1)

Instead of introducing an extra notational index for each class of virtual circuits, we can consider each class c of virtual circuits between a source-destination pair $[sd]$ as being established between a fictitious $[s_c d_c]$ pair, where physically $s_c = s$ and $d_c = d$, $\forall c$. The queueing models that we introduce in this section can handle this substitution. Note also that one extreme case is to consider each virtual circuit as a different class. Another extreme case is to consider all virtual circuits as belonging to the same class. Also, in contemporary networks, the nodal processing delays are negligible compared to the transmission and propagation delays and therefore they were ignored in network optimization and control procedures. However, in future high speed networks, the transmission delays will be very short and comparable to the nodal processing delays. Therefore, packets will be queued not only in front of the links but also in front of the nodes (Figure 5.2). However, instead of introducing extra variables to describe the state of each node, we can consider each node i as a link $i_1 i_2$. So, in the following analysis, the word "link" may mean physically either a link or a node.

Virtual circuits arrive at a source node s (according to a Poisson distribution) destined for a destination node d with rate $\gamma_{[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ (Figure 5.3).

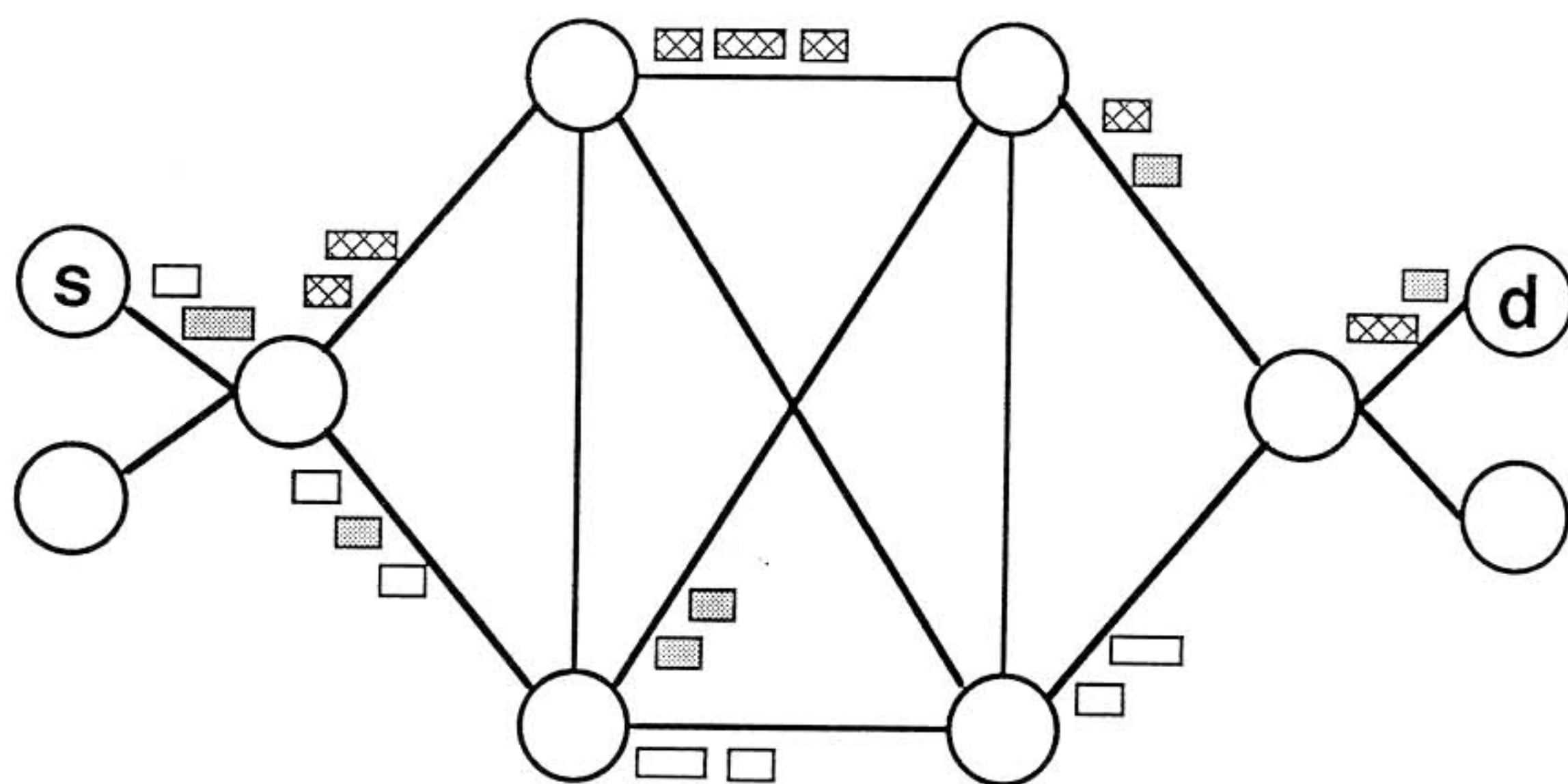


Figure 5.1: A Virtual Circuit Network.

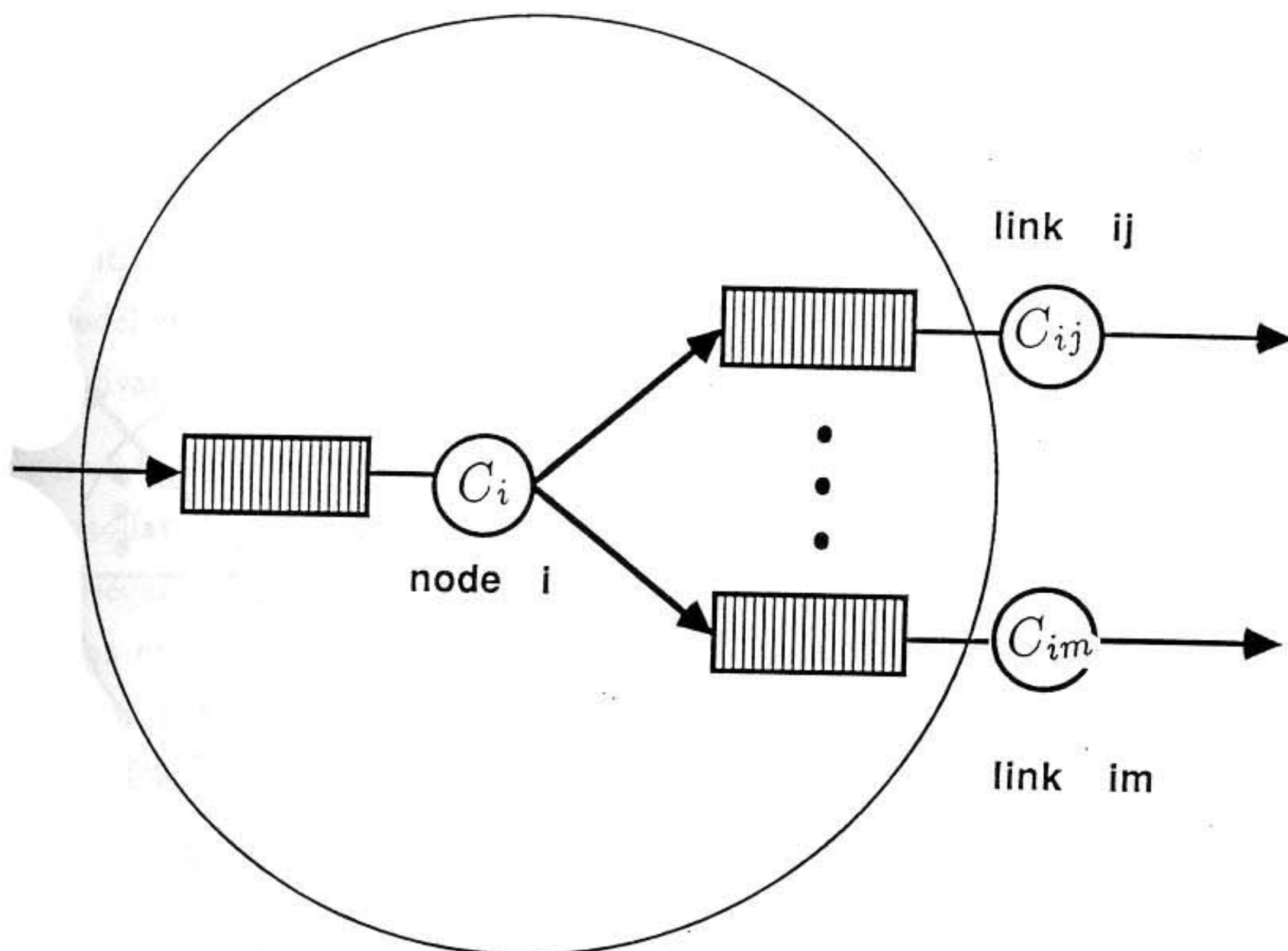


Figure 5.2: A network node.

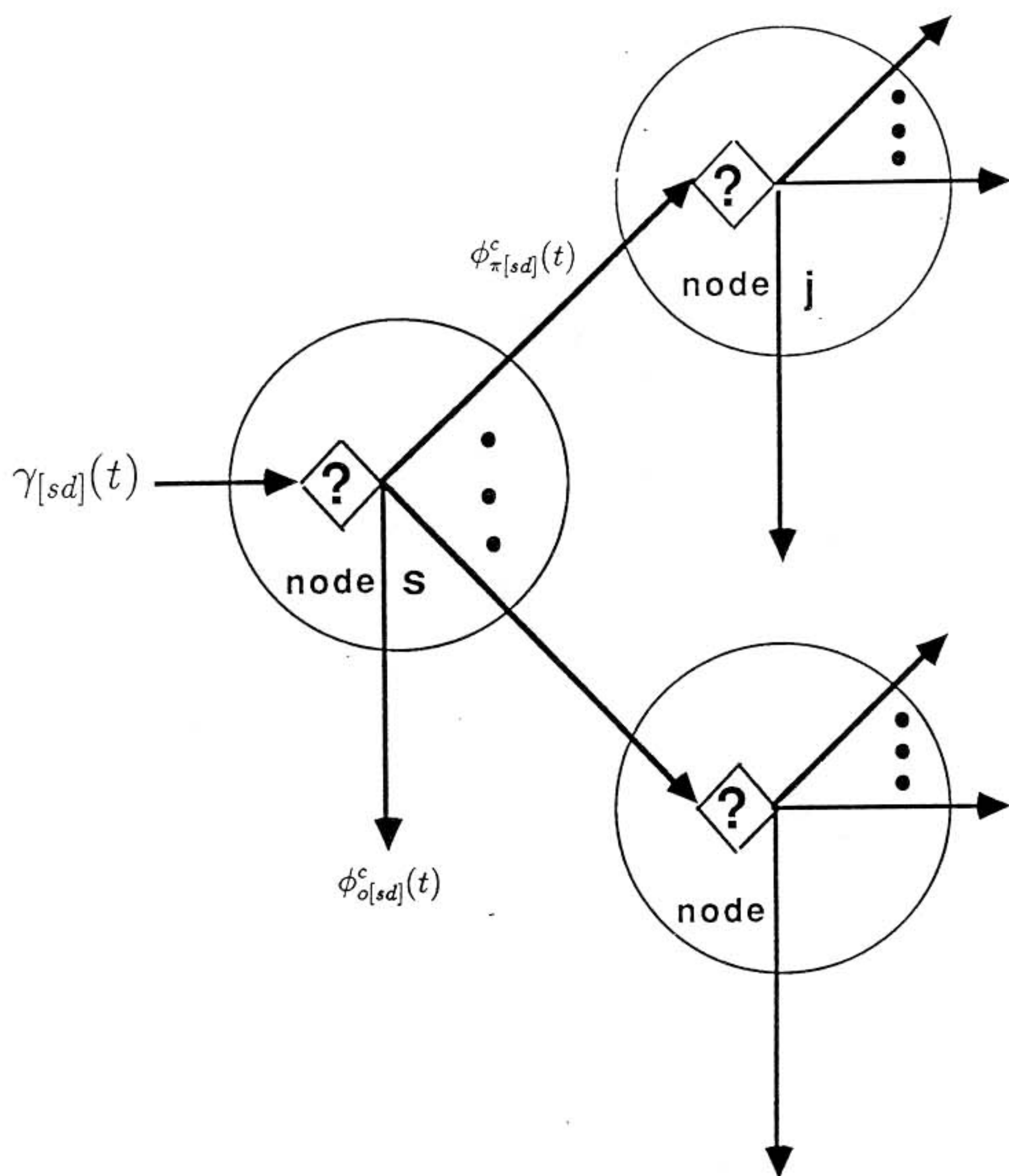


Figure 5.3: Virtual circuit routing and congestion control

For congestion control reasons, a fraction $\phi_{o[sd]}(t) \in [0, 1]$ of these externally arriving $[sd]$ virtual circuits is rejected, while the remaining virtual circuits are accepted into the network. A fraction $\phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) \in [0, 1]$ of the externally arriving $[sd]$ virtual circuits are routed from node s to its destination node d through path $\pi[sd]$, where $\phi_{o[sd]}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) = 1$. Then the rejected $[sd]$ virtual circuit flow at the source node s is $\gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}(t)$ and the $[sd]$ virtual circuit flow on path $\pi[sd]$ is $\gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t)$. The above procedure happens for every source-destination pair in the network. Therefore the $[sd]$ virtual circuit flow on link ij is the sum of the $[sd]$ virtual circuit flows of all paths traversing this link, i.e.

$$\sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t).$$

Finally, each $[sd]$ virtual circuit stays in the network for some time duration exponentially distributed with mean $1/\delta_{[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ and then terminates. So, we can model every link ij for the $[sd]$ virtual circuit process as an $M/M/\infty$ queue with arrival rate $\sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t)$ and mean service time $1/\delta_{[sd]}(t)$ (Figure 5.4). We note that thousands of virtual circuits can coexist on a link (well within today's technology capabilities) [247].

Subsequently, we will introduce a state space approach to model the dynamic evolution of the virtual circuit processes. The expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits on link ij at time t , $V_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0$, increases during Δt by the expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits that arrive during this period, $\sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) * \Delta t$, minus the expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits that depart during this period, $\delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) * \Delta t$ (Figure 5.5). So, the $[sd]$ virtual circuit process at link ij is described by

$$\begin{aligned} V_{ij[sd]}(t + \Delta t) = & V_{ij[sd]}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) * \Delta t \\ & - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) * \Delta t \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd] \end{aligned}$$

The expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits on every link ij at time t , $V_{ij[sd]}(t)$, is a continuous function of time, so let us define

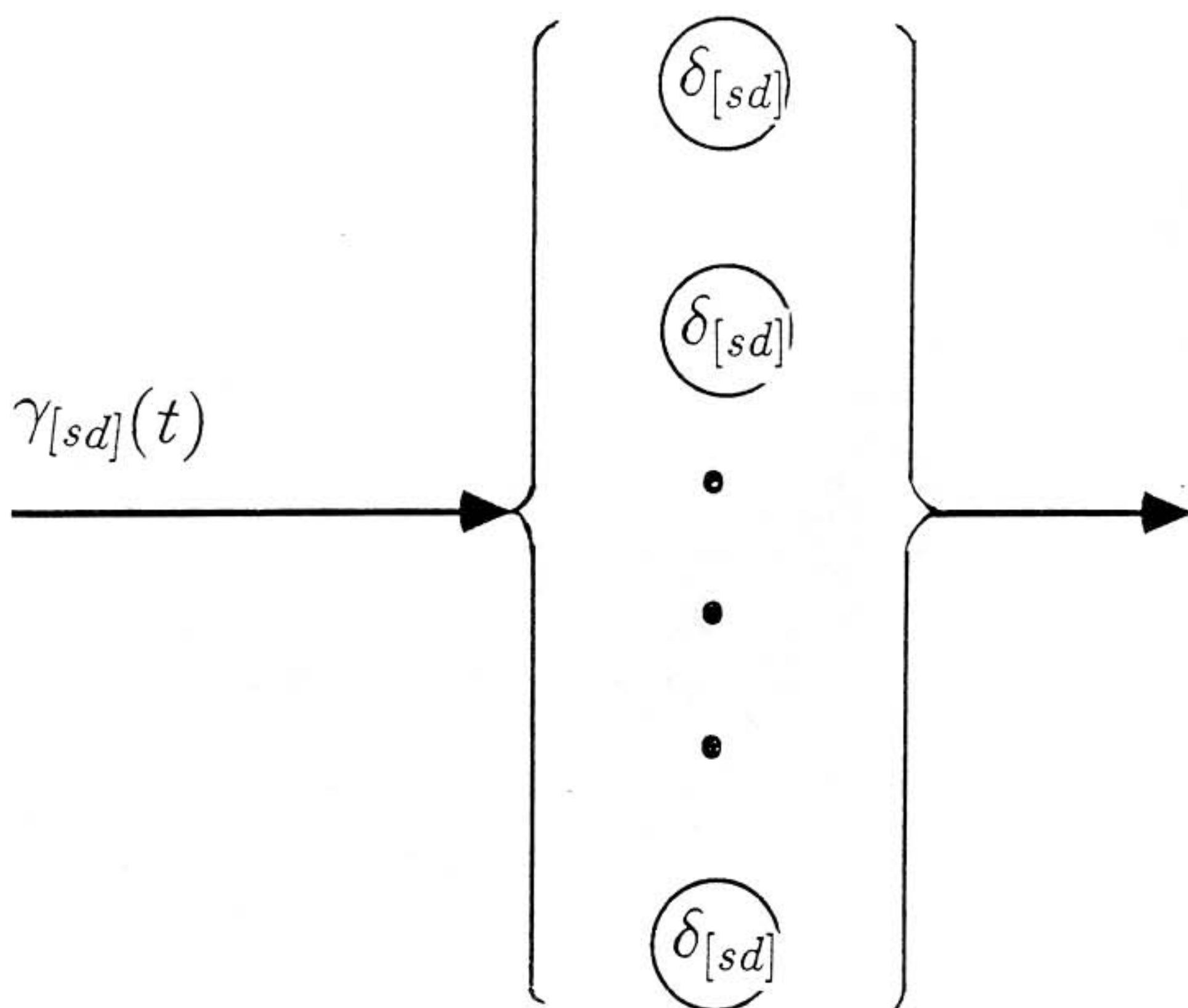


Figure 5.4: $M/M/\infty$ model for virtual circuit process.

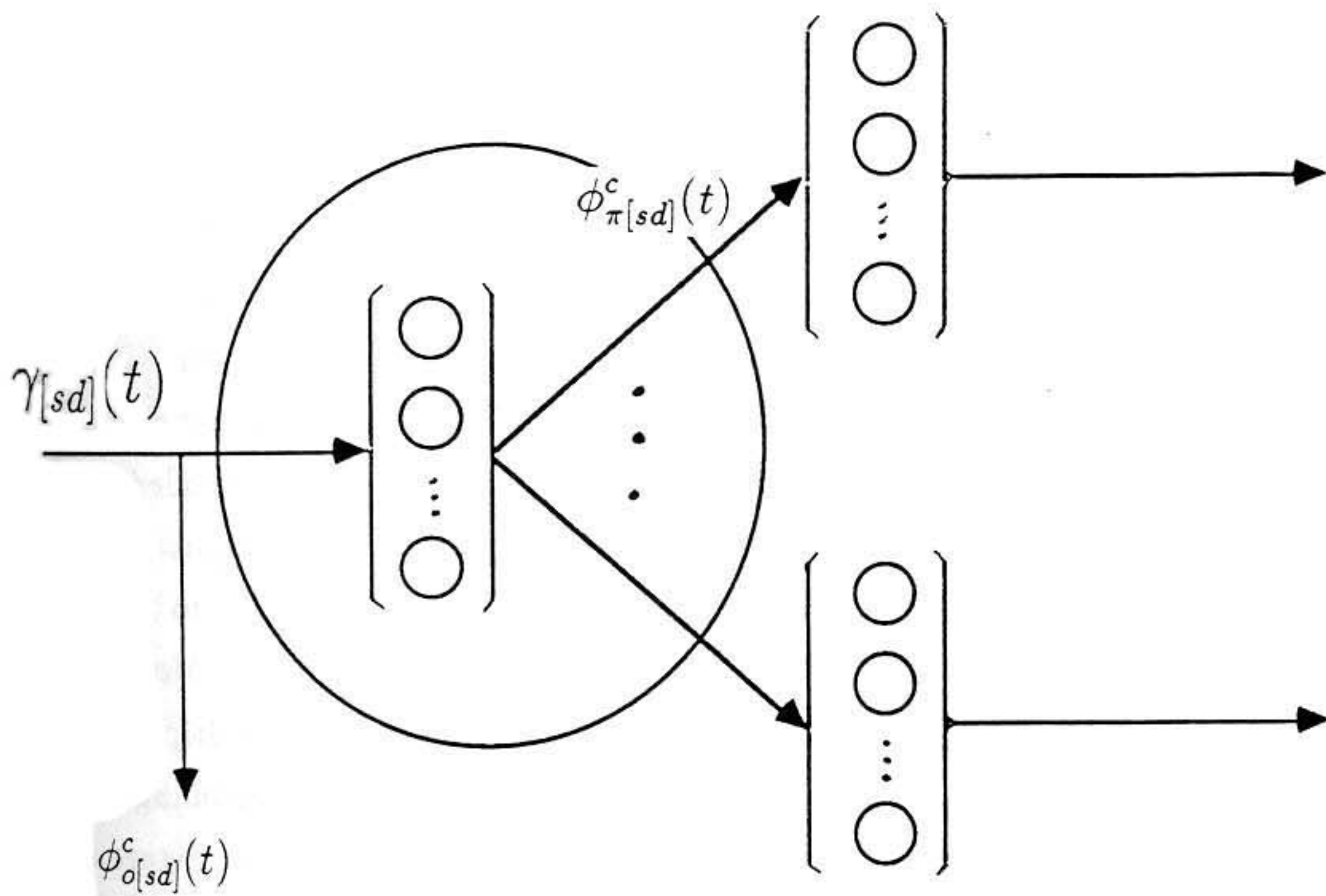


Figure 5.5: Virtual circuit processes.

$$\dot{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{V_{ij[sd]}(t + \Delta t) - V_{ij[sd]}(t)}{\Delta t} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

Therefore the $[sd]$ virtual circuit process on link ij at time t is described by

$$\dot{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) = \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

Next, we describe the evolution of the packet process into the network. Let $r_{[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ be the packet arrival rate per $[sd]$ virtual circuit at time t (Poisson distribution) (Figure 5.6). If there are $V_{ij[sd]}(t)$ $[sd]$ virtual circuits on link ij at time t , then the total $[sd]$ packet arrival rate to link ij is $r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t)$, since all packets belonging to a virtual circuit are transmitted through the same link.

Let the packet service requirement be exponentially distributed with mean $1/\mu > 0$ and the service rate at link ij be $C_{ij} > 0$. Then the mean packet service time at link ij is $1/\mu_{ij} = 1/(\mu * C_{ij})$. If the network is also controlled by link-by-link error and window flow control, then we can derive the equivalent mean packet service time at link ij [137]. Packets are serviced according to first-come-first-served or processor sharing scheduling. Katevenis [247] and Morgan [333] preallocate buffer space to each virtual circuit in every node and multiplex packets from different (thousands) virtual circuits using round-robin scheduling. So, for the $[sd]$ packet process, we model each link ij either as an $M/M/1$ (Figure 5.7) or as a Processor Sharing queue (Figure 5.8), with packet arrival rate $r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t)$ and mean service time $1/\mu_{ij}(t)$. Note, that for the Processor Sharing discipline, the packet service requirement may be generally distributed and packets from different classes of virtual circuits may have different mean service requirements.

Let $N_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ be the expected number of $[sd]$ packets at link ij at time t and $\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t) = [...N_{ij[sd]}(t)...]^T$ be the vector of the expected number of packets on link ij for all source-destination processes. Let $\rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$ be the probability that there is an $[sd]$ packet at link ij (either in queue or in transmission) at time t (call this probability: "instantaneous utilization for link ij for the $[sd]$ traffic"), such that the $[sd]$ packet departure rate from link ij at time t is $\mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$.

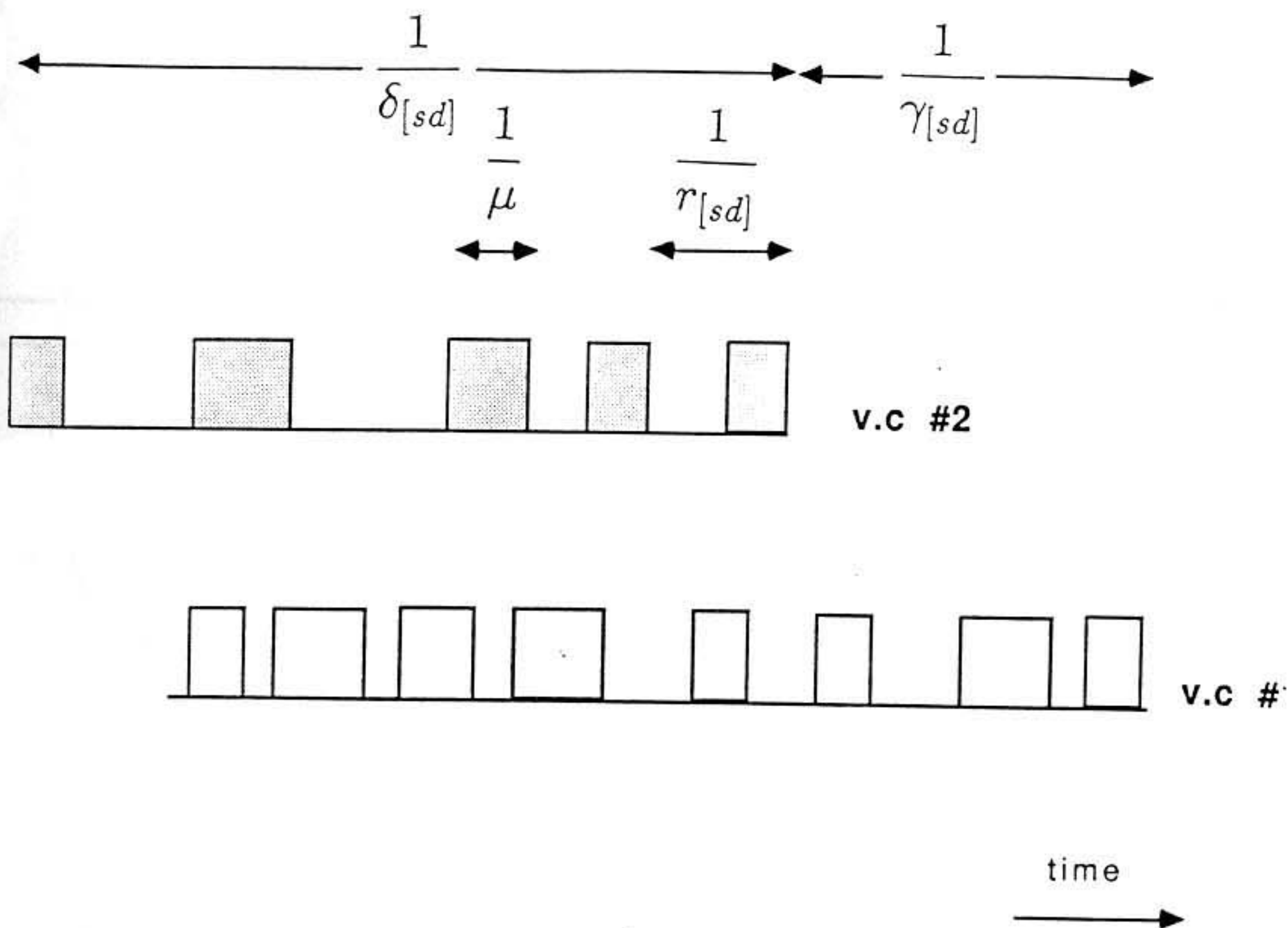


Figure 5.6: Two virtual circuits and their packets.

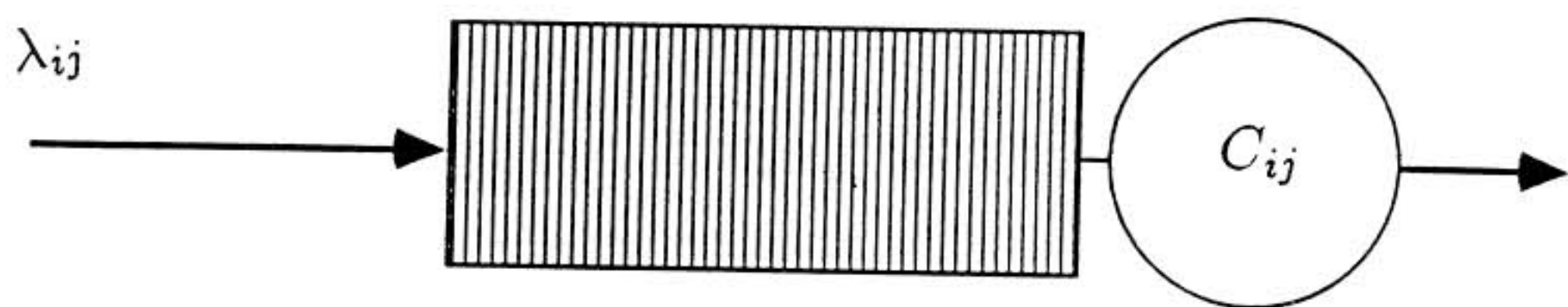


Figure 5.7: $M/M/1$ model for packet process.

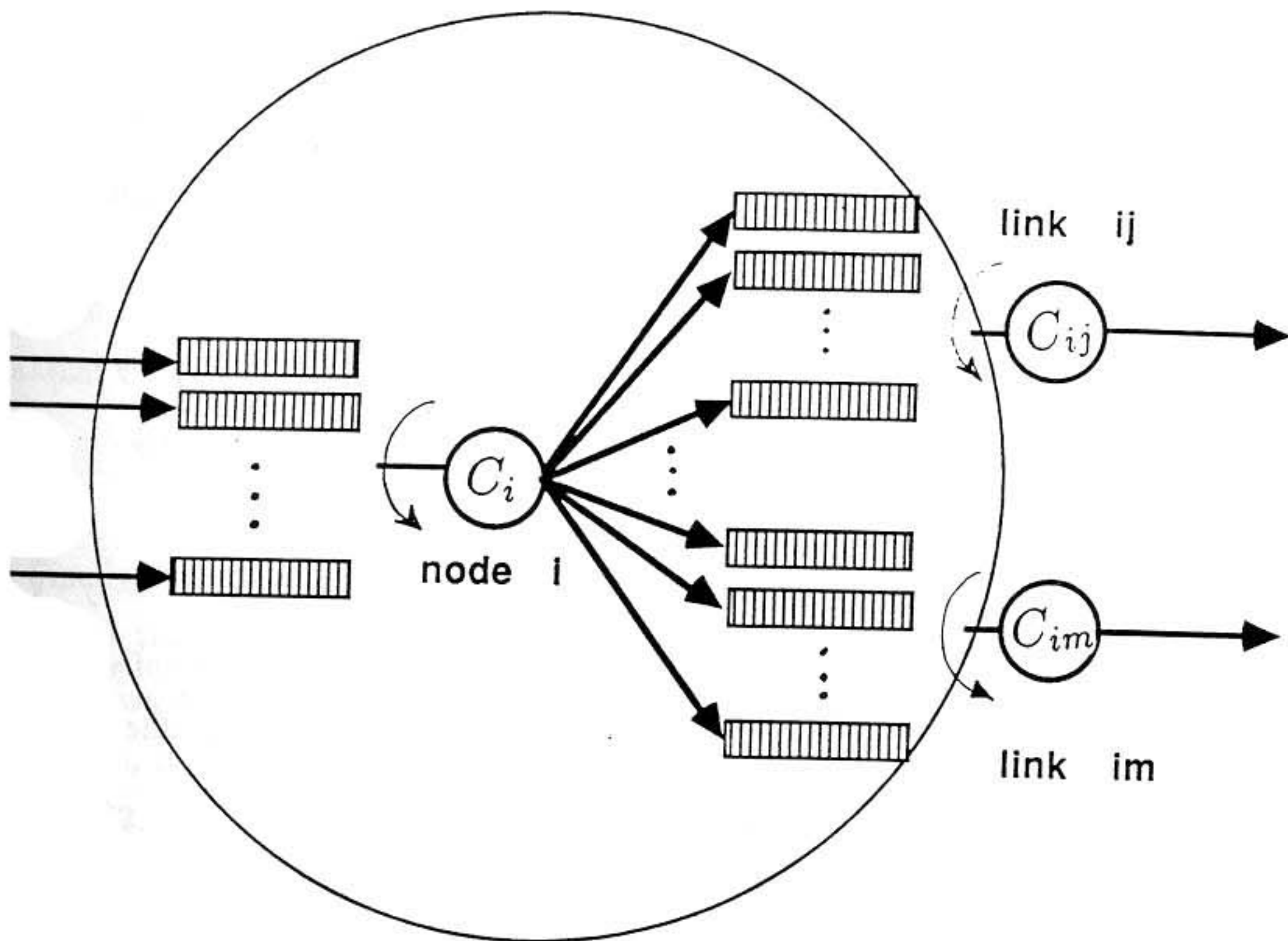


Figure 5.8: Processor Sharing model for packet process.

Then the expected number of $[sd]$ packets at link ij at time t , $N_{ij[sd]}(t)$, increases during Δt by the expected number of $[sd]$ packets that arrive during this period, $r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) * \Delta t$, minus the expected number of $[sd]$ packets that depart during this period, $\mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)) * \Delta t$. Since, the link utilization $\rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$, is a nonlinear function of the number of packets at link ij , $\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)$, the $[sd]$ packet process at link ij is described by a nonlinear dynamic model

$$N_{ij[sd]}(t + \Delta t) = N_{ij[sd]}(t) + r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) * \Delta t - \mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)) * \Delta t \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

The expected number of $[sd]$ packets at link ij at time t , $N_{ij[sd]}(t)$, is a continuous function of time. So, let us define

$$\dot{N}_{ij[sd]}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_{ij[sd]}(t + \Delta t) - N_{ij[sd]}(t)}{\Delta t} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

then the $[sd]$ packet process at link ij at time t is described by

$$\dot{N}_{ij[sd]}(t) = r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) - \mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)) \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

The state of the network is described by the expected number of virtual circuits $V_{ij[sd]}(t)$ and of packets $N_{ij[sd]}(t)$ for each link ij for each $[sd]$ traffic. So, we define the network state as

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ V_{ij[sd]}(t) \\ N_{ij[sd]}(t) \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

The control variables are the congestion control parameters $\phi_{o[sd]}(t)$ and the routing fractions $\phi_{\pi[sd]}(t)$ for each path $\pi[sd]$, for each $[sd]$ traffic. So, let define the control vector for the whole network as

$$\mathbf{U}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ \phi_{o[sd]}(t) \\ \dots \\ \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

In order to write the dynamic evolution of the network state in vector form, we define the following auxiliary functions

$$f_{V,ij[sd]}(t) = \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma[sd](t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta[sd](t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$f_{N,ij[sd]}(t) = r[sd](t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) - \mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ f_{V,ij[sd]}(t) \\ f_{N,ij[sd]}(t) \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the network dynamics are described by the following nonlinear differential equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$$

Finally, note that the $\phi_{o[sd]}$ and $\phi_{\pi[sd]}$'s represent the *fraction* of incoming flow to node s that is rejected or routed through path $\pi[sd]$. These fractions may be realized either with a *probabilistic* implementation or with a *deterministic* implementation, for example round-robin or thresholding. We discuss this further in section 1.2.

In this section, we have introduced a dynamic nonlinear queueing model for multi-class multi-destination virtual circuit networks. In the next section, we will use this nonlinear dynamic model to formulate and solve the combined routing and congestion control problem for dynamic virtual circuit networks as an optimal control problem.

5.6.3 Optimal Control Formulation

In this section, we formulate the joint routing and congestion control problem for multi-destination multi-class dynamic virtual circuit networks as an optimal control problem.

First, we define a multi-objective function $f(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$ for the integrated problem. We would like to minimize the cost of rejecting virtual circuits from the network, of setting up and maintaining the virtual circuits inside the network, as well as of packet delay, while maximize the profit from servicing packets during a time interval $[t_0, t_f]$. To accomplish this, we define the following nonnegative costs and profits:

- $C_{so[sd]}(t)$: cost of not admitting a new $[sd]$ virtual circuit into the network at time t .
- $C_{V,ij[sd]}(t)$: cost per $[sd]$ virtual circuit for link ij at time t , for example the cost of setting up and maintaining the virtual circuit path through link ij .
- $C_{N,ij[sd]}(t)$: cost per $[sd]$ packet at link ij at time t .
- $C_{\mu,ij[sd]}(t)$: profit from servicing an $[sd]$ packet at link ij at time t .

So, given an initial time t_0 and a final time t_f , we define as our multi-objective function the following time-dependent function of the state $\mathbf{X}(t)$ and the controls $\mathbf{U}(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t)) = & \sum_{[sd]} C_{o[sd]}(t) * \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}(t) + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \sum_{ij} C_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}(t) + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \sum_{ij} C_{N,ij[sd]}(t) * N_{ij[sd]}(t) - \\
 & - \sum_{[sd]} \sum_{ij} C_{\mu,ij[sd]}(t) * \mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))
 \end{aligned}$$

The first term of the objective function is the average loss of not admitting new virtual circuits into the network at every source node s for every $[sd]$ traffic. The second term is the average cost of setting up and maintaining $V_{ij[sd]}(t)$ virtual circuits on every link ij for every $[sd]$ traffic. The third term is the average cost

of packet delay at every link ij for every $[sd]$ traffic. Finally, the last term is the profit from servicing an $[sd]$ packet on every link ij .

Next, we define the set for the controls as

$$\mathbf{V} = \{\phi_{o[sd]}(t), \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) \mid \forall \pi[sd] \mid \forall [sd], \text{ such that for all } [sd] \\ \phi_{o[sd]}(t) \geq 0, \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) \geq 0 \mid \forall \pi[sd], \phi_{o[sd]}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) = 1\}$$

Nonnegative constraints on the network state $V_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ and $N_{ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0$ are always satisfied due to the structure of $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$.

Define also $P_{V,ij[sd]}(t)$ to be the costate variable for $V_{ij[sd]}(t)$, the expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits on link ij , and $P_{N,ij[sd]}(t)$ to be the costate variable for $N_{ij[sd]}(t)$, the expected number of $[sd]$ packets on link ij . Then the costate variable vector for all links ij for all $[sd]$ processes is $\mathbf{P}(t) = [\dots P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) \ P_{N,ij[sd]}(t) \dots]^T$.

Then our Dynamic Virtual Circuit Routing and Congestion Control problem (DVCRCC) is:

Problem DVCRCC:

$$\text{minimize} \quad \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t)) dt$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad \mathbf{U}(t)$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t_f) \text{ free}$$

$$\mathbf{U}(t) \in \mathbf{V}$$

where

t_0	fixed initial time,
t_f	fixed final time,
$\mathbf{X}(t)$	network state,
$\mathbf{U}(t)$	controls,
$g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$	objective function,
$\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$	state dynamics,
\mathbf{V}	control set,
$\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$	initial network state,
$\mathbf{X}(t_f)$	final network state,

The Hamiltonian function of the state $\mathbf{X}(t)$, the controls $\mathbf{U}(t)$ and the costate variables $\mathbf{P}(t)$ at time t is

$$H(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) = g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t)) + \mathbf{P}(t) * \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

Note that the objective function g in the Hamiltonian has a multiplier equal to 1, since we have free final state conditions.

Necessary conditions for optimality are provided by Pontryagin's maximum principle [79, 33, 58, 162, 502].

Theorem 1. Necessary conditions

Let $\mathbf{U}^*(t)$ be a piecewise continuous control defined on $[t_0, t_f]$ which solves Problem DVCRCC and let $\mathbf{X}^*(t)$ be the associated optimal path. Then there exists a continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector function $\mathbf{P}(t) = [...P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) P_{N,ij[sd]}(t)...]^T$ such that the following conditions are satisfied for all $t \in [t_0, t_f]$,

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^*(t) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } C_{o[sd]}(t) = \min\{C_{o[sd]}, \min_{p[sd]} \{\sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in p[sd]}(t)\}\} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w. } \forall [sd] \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^*(t) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) = \\ & = \min\{C_{o[sd]}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{\sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in p[sd]}(t)\}\} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w. } \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd] \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{V}_{ij[sd]}^*(t) = \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^*(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}^*(t) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$\dot{N}_{ij[sd]}^*(t) = r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}^*(t) - \mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$V_{ij[sd]}^*(t_0) = V_{ij[sd],0} \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$N_{ij[sd]}^*(t_0) = N_{ij[sd],0} \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_{V,ij[sd]}(t) &= -\{ C_{V,ij[sd]}(t) - P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * \delta_{[sd]}(t) + P_{N,ij[sd]}(t) * r_{[sd]}(t) \} \\ &\quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_{N,ij[sd]}(t) &= -\{ C_{N,ij[sd]}(t) - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} C_{\mu,ij[s_1 d_1]}(t) * \mu_{ij}(t) * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*(t))}{dN_{ij[sd]}(t)} - \\ &\quad - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} P_{N,ij[s_1 d_1]}(t) * \mu_{ij}(t) * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*(t))}{dN_{ij[sd]}(t)} \} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd] \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{V,ij[sd]}(t_f) = 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

$$P_{N,ij[sd]}(t_f) = 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

Proof: The Hamiltonian must satisfy the following condition

$$H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{U}^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t)) \leq H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{P}(t)) \quad \forall \mathbf{U} \in \mathbf{V}$$

which is equivalent to the following condition

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{[sd]} \left\{ \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * [C_{o[sd]}(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^*(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^*(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t)] \right\} \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{[sd]} \left\{ \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * [C_{o[sd]}(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t)] \right\} \\ &\forall \phi_{o[sd]}, \phi_{\pi[sd]} \in \mathbf{V} \quad \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd] \end{aligned}$$

Since, there is no dependency among the controls for different source-destination pairs $[sd]$, we can decomposed the above conditions $\forall [sd]$ to

$$\gamma_{[sd]}(t) * [C_{o[sd]}(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}^*(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^*(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t)] \leq$$

$$\leq \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * [C_{o[sd]}(t) * \phi_{o[sd]}(t) + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * \phi_{ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t)]$$

$$\forall \phi_{o[sd]}, \phi_{\pi[sd]} \in \mathbf{V} \quad \forall \pi[sd]$$

Then the optimal controls satisfy the following conditions

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^*(t) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } C_{o[sd]}(t) = \min\{C_{o[sd]}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{\sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in p[sd]}(t)\}\} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w. } \forall [sd] \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^*(t) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) = \\ & = \min\{C_{o[sd]}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{\sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in p[sd]}(t)\}\} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w. } \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd] \end{cases}$$

The optimal state and control pair $(\mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{U}^*(t))$ must also satisfy the state dynamics

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^*(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{U}^*(t))$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\dot{V}_{ij[sd]}^*(t) = \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \phi_{\pi[sd]}^*(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}^*(t) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$\dot{N}_{ij[sd]}^*(t) = r_{[sd]}(t) * V_{ij[sd]}^*(t) - \mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

The optimal state must also satisfy the initial state $\mathbf{X}^*(t_0) = \mathbf{X}_0$, therefore

$$V_{ij[sd]}^*(t_0) = V_{ij[sd],0} \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$N_{ij[sd]}^*(t_0) = N_{ij[sd],0} \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

The costate variables must satisfy the following conditions

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{U}^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{P}_{V,ij[sd]}(t) &= - \frac{\partial H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{U}^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))}{\partial V_{ij[sd]}(t)} = \\
&= - \{ C_{V,ij[sd]}(t) - P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * \delta_{[sd]}(t) + P_{N,ij[sd]}(t) * r_{[sd]}(t) \} \\
\dot{P}_{N,ij[sd]}(t) &= - \frac{\partial H(t, \mathbf{X}^*(t), \mathbf{U}^*(t), \mathbf{P}(t))}{\partial N_{ij[sd]}(t)} = \\
&= - \{ C_{N,ij[sd]}(t) - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} C_{\mu,ij[s_1 d_1]}(t) * \mu_{ij}(t) * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*(t))}{dN_{ij[sd]}(t)} - \\
&\quad - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} P_{N,ij[s_1 d_1]}(t) * \mu_{ij}(t) * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*(t))}{dN_{ij[sd]}(t)} \} \quad \forall ij, [sd]
\end{aligned}$$

Since we have no conditions on the final state $\mathbf{X}(t_f)$, the costate variables at the final time must be zero, $\mathbf{P}(t_f) = 0$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{V,ij[sd]}(t_f) &= 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd] \\
P_{N,ij[sd]}(t_f) &= 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd] \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Sufficient conditions for optimality are provided by the convexity of the Hamiltonian with respect to the state and the controls [320, 237, 439, 379].

Theorem 2. Sufficient conditions

Let $(\bar{\mathbf{X}}(t), \bar{\mathbf{U}}(t))$ be an admissible pair in Problem DVCRCC. Assume that $\rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$ is defined for $\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t) \geq 0$, is concave monotonically increasing and twice differentiable in $\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)$. If there exists a continuous and piecewise continuously differentiable vector function $\mathbf{P}(t) = [\dots P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) \ P_{N,ij[sd]}(t) \dots]^T$ such that the following conditions are satisfied for all $t \in [t_0, t_f]$

$$\bar{\phi}_{o[sd]}(t) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } C_{o[sd]}(t) = \min \{ C_{o[sd]}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{ \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in p[sd]}(t) \} \} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w. } \forall [sd] \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{\phi}_{\pi[sd]}(t) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) = \\ & = \min\{C_{o[sd]}(t), \min_{p[sd]} \{ \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in p[sd]}(t) \} \} \\ = 0 & \text{o.w. } \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd] \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{\bar{V}}_{ij[sd]}(t) = \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]}(t) * \bar{\phi}_{\pi[sd]}(t) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(t) - \delta_{[sd]}(t) * \bar{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$\dot{\bar{N}}_{ij[sd]}(t) = r_{[sd]}(t) * \bar{V}_{ij[sd]}(t) - \mu_{ij}(t) * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\bar{\mathbf{N}}_{ij}(t)) \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

$$\bar{V}_{ij[sd]}(t_0) = V_{ij[sd],0} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

$$\bar{N}_{ij[sd]}(t_0) = N_{ij[sd],0} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

$$\dot{P}_{V,ij[sd]}(t) = -\{ C_{V,ij[sd]}(t) - P_{V,ij[sd]}(t) * \delta_{[sd]}(t) + P_{N,ij[sd]}(t) * r_{[sd]}(t) \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_{N,ij[sd]}(t) = & -\{ C_{N,ij[sd]}(t) - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} C_{\mu,ij[s_1 d_1]}(t) * \mu_{ij}(t) * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\bar{\mathbf{N}}_{ij}(t))}{dN_{ij[sd]}(t)} - \\ & - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} P_{N,ij[s_1 d_1]}(t) * \mu_{ij}(t) * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\bar{\mathbf{N}}_{ij}(t))}{dN_{ij[sd]}(t)} \} \quad \forall ij, [sd] \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{N,ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

$$P_{V,ij[sd]}(t_f) = 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

$$P_{N,ij[sd]}(t_f) = 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

then $(\bar{\mathbf{X}}(t), \bar{\mathbf{U}}(t))$ is optimal.

Proof: The first part of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 1.

In addition, the control set \mathbf{V} is a convex set and since $-\rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$ is a convex (i.e. $\rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t))$ is concave) and differentiable function in $\mathbf{N}_{ij}(t)$, our objective function $g(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$, as well as each component of $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$

are differentiable and convex functions in the variables $(\mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$ for $t \in [t_0, t_f]$. Furthermore, if $P_{N,ij[sd]}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$, then the Hamiltonian function $H(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$ is a convex function in $(\mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$ for $t \in [t_0, t_f]$ (we need nonnegativity of the costate variables only for those components of $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{U}(t))$ that are nonlinear in $\mathbf{X}(t)$ [320, 237, 439, 379]).

If all the above conditions are satisfied, then $(\bar{\mathbf{X}}(t), \bar{\mathbf{U}}(t))$ is optimal. \square

Note that for an $M/M/1$ or Processor Sharing queue at steady state, $\rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}) = \frac{N_{ij[sd]}}{1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} \rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}}$ is defined for $N_{ij} \geq 0$, is concave, monotonically increasing and twice differentiable in N_{ij} with $\lim_{N_{ij} \rightarrow \infty} \rho_{ij}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}) = 1$.

So, after numerically solving a two-Point Boundary-Value Problem (TPBVP), we have the optimal congestion control and routing decisions. Numerical methods [14, 79, 203, 254, 292, 415] for the solution of such problems involve either flooding or iterative procedures. *Flooding* (or dynamic programming) procedures start from a point that satisfies one boundary condition and generates a trajectory. This is repeated many times until one of these trajectories satisfies the other condition or an interpolation of these trajectories can give an acceptable solution. *Iterative* procedures use successive linearization. A nominal solution is chosen such that to satisfy one or more of the following conditions: 1) state differential equations, 2) adjoint differential equations, 3) optimality conditions, 4) boundary conditions. Then this nominal solution is modified by successive linearization such that the remaining conditions are also satisfied. Three classes of iterative procedures may be used: i) *neighboring extremal*, ii) *gradient*, and iii) *quasi-linearization* procedures.

In this section, we are primarily interested in the optimal control formulation for the finite horizon problem and the long-run stationary equilibrium solution. So, we will not discuss further numerical techniques for the finite horizon optimal control problem. In this section, we formulated the combined routing and congestion control problem for multi-destination multi-class dynamic virtual circuit networks as an optimal control problem. Then for specific network configuration and traffic characteristics, we can find the optimum congestion control and routing decisions

by solving a TPBVP. We can decompose the above problem to many smaller subproblems, one for every source-destination. However, numerical solution may require long computational times for on line implementation. Therefore, in the next section, we also derive state dependent routing and congestion controls for the long-run stationary equilibrium that can be used for on-line implementation.

5.6.4 State Dependent Routing & Congestion Control

In this section, we consider a network with constant arrival rates and mean durations of virtual circuits, as well as constant costs and profits (autonomous system), and we find optimal state dependent virtual circuit routing and congestion controls for the long-run stationary equilibrium. Our problem becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{minimize} \quad & \sum_{[sd]} C_{o[sd]} * \gamma_{[sd]} * \phi_{o[sd]} + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \sum_{ij} C_{V,ij[sd]} * V_{ij[sd]} + \\
 & + \sum_{[sd]} \sum_{ij} C_{N,ij[sd]} * N_{ij[sd]} - \\
 & - \sum_{[sd]} \sum_{ij} C_{\mu,ij[sd]} * \mu_{ij} * \rho_{ij[sd]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij})
 \end{aligned}$$

with respect to the congestion controls $\phi_{o[sd]} \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd]$

the routing fractions $\phi_{\pi[sd]} \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd]$

such that $0 = \sum_{\pi[sd]} \gamma_{[sd]} * \phi_{\pi[sd]} * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]} - \delta_{[sd]} * V_{ij[sd]} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$

$0 = r_{[sd]} * V_{ij[sd]} - \mu_{ij} * \rho_{ij[sd]}(N_{ij}) \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$

$\phi_{o[sd]}, \quad \phi_{\pi[sd]} \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd]$

$\phi_{o[sd]} + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \phi_{\pi[sd]} = 1 \quad \forall [sd]$

The minimization of the Hamiltonian with respect to the congestion control and routing fractions is equivalent to the following minimization problem

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{[sd]} \left\{ \gamma_{[sd]} * [C_{o[sd]} * \phi_{o[sd]} + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]} * \phi_{\pi[sd]} * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}] \right\}$$

with respect to $\phi_{o[sd]}, \phi_{\pi[sd]}, \quad \forall \pi[sd], [sd]$

such that $\phi_{o[sd]} + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \phi_{\pi[sd]} = 1 \quad \phi_{o[sd]}, \phi_{\pi[sd]} \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd]$

where the costate variables $P_{V,ij[sd]}$ for the expected number of virtual circuits and the costate variables $P_{N,ij[sd]}$ for the expected number of packets for each link ij , for each $[sd]$ pair will be found later.

The above problem can be decomposed for each source-destination pair $[sd]$ to the following problem

$$\text{minimize} \quad \gamma[sd] * [C_{o[sd]} * \phi_{o[sd]} + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]} * \phi_{ij[sd]} * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}]$$

$$\text{with respect to} \quad \phi_{o[sd]}, \phi_{\pi[sd]} \quad \forall \pi[sd]$$

$$\text{such that} \quad \phi_{o[sd]} + \sum_{\pi[sd]} \phi_{\pi[sd]} = 1, \quad \phi_{o[sd]}, \phi_{\pi[sd]} \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi[sd]$$

Define the minimum cost at source node s for the $[sd]$ virtual circuit traffic to be $P_{V,s[sd]}^* = \min\{C_{o[sd]}, \min_{p[sd]} \{\sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]} * 1_{ij \in p[sd]}\}\}$. Then the optimum congestion controls are:

$$\phi_{o[sd]}^* \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } C_{o[sd]} = P_{V,s[sd]}^* \\ = 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

and the optimum routing fractions are:

$$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^* \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{only if } \sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]} * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]} = P_{V,s[sd]}^* \\ = 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, an $[sd]$ virtual circuit is rejected at source node s only if the cost of rejecting it is equal to the minimum cost at node i , i.e. $C_{o[sd]} = P_{V,s[sd]}^*$. Also, path $\pi[sd]$ will be used for the $[sd]$ traffic only if its costate variable achieves the minimum cost, i.e. $\sum_{ij} P_{V,ij[sd]} * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]} = P_{V,s[sd]}^*$.

When the congestion control and routing fractions achieve their optimum values, we have

$$C_{o[sd]} * \phi_{o[sd]}^* + \sum_{ij} \sum_{\pi[sd]} P_{V,ij[sd]} * \phi_{ij[sd]}^* * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]} = P_{V,s[sd]}^*$$

The optimum congestion control and routing decisions depend on the values of the costate variables $P_{V,ij[sd]} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$. So, we have to calculate the costate variables $P_{V,ij[sd]}$ for each link ij for each $[sd]$ traffic.

At steady state, the costate variables must satisfy $\dot{P}_{V,ij[sd]} = 0 \quad \forall ij, [sd]$.

$$\dot{P}_{V,ij[sd]} = 0 \Rightarrow -\{ C_{V,ij[sd]} - P_{V,ij[sd]} * \delta_{[sd]} + P_{N,ij[sd]} * r_{[sd]} \} = 0 \quad \forall ij, [sd]$$

Then

$$P_{V,ij[sd]} = \frac{C_{V,ij[sd]}}{\delta_{[sd]}} + \frac{r_{[sd]}}{\delta_{[sd]}} * P_{N,ij[sd]} \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$$

Next, in order to calculate the costate variables $P_{V,ij[sd]}$ for the expected number of $[sd]$ virtual circuits, we must first calculate the costate variables $P_{N,ij[sd]}$ for the expected number of $[sd]$ packets. At steady state, the costate variables must satisfy $\dot{P}_{N,ij[sd]} = 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_{N,ij[sd]} = 0 \Rightarrow & -\{ C_{N,ij[sd]} - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} C_{\mu,ij[s_1 d_1]} * \mu_{ij} * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*)}{dN_{ij[sd]}} - \\ & - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} P_{N,ij[s_1 d_1]} * \mu_{ij} * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*)}{dN_{ij[sd]}} \} = 0 \quad \forall ij \quad \forall [sd] \end{aligned}$$

In order to find the costate variables $P_{N,ij[sd]}$ for the expected number of $[sd]$ packets on every link ij , we must solve a system of equations for all source-destination processes that use this link:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{N,ij[sd]} - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} C_{\mu,ij[s_1 d_1]} * \mu_{ij} * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*)}{dN_{ij[sd]}} - \\ - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} P_{N,ij[s_1 d_1]} * \mu_{ij} * \frac{d\rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}(\mathbf{N}_{ij}^*)}{dN_{ij[sd]}} = 0 \quad \forall [sd] \end{aligned}$$

Note that for an $M/M/1$ or Processor Sharing queueing model the expected number of $[sd]$ packets on link ij at steady state is

$$N_{ij[sd]} = \frac{\rho_{ij[sd]}}{1 - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} \rho_{ij[s_1 d_1]}} \quad \forall [sd]$$

Solving the above system of equations (for all $[sd]$ traffic that use link ij), we have the utilization of link ij for each $[sd]$ process at steady state

$$\rho_{ij[sd]} = \frac{N_{ij[sd]}}{1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}}$$

Therefore we can rewrite the $P_{N,ij[sd]}$ costate variable system of equations for each link ij , as

$$\begin{aligned} & C_{N,ij[sd]} - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} C_{\mu,ij[s_1 d_1]} * \mu_{ij} \\ & * \left\{ \frac{1 + \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^*}{(1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*)^2} \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} \frac{N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^*}{(1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*)^2} \right\} - \\ & - \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} P_{N,ij[s_1 d_1]} * \mu_{ij} * \left\{ \frac{1 + \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^*}{(1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*)^2} - \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} \frac{N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^*}{(1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*)^2} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall [sd]$$

The solution to the above system is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{N,ij[sd]} = & \frac{1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*}{\mu_{ij}} * \left[C_{N,ij[sd]} * (1 + N_{ij[sd]}^*) + \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} C_{N,ij[s_2 d_2]} * N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^* \right] - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \quad \forall [sd] \end{aligned}$$

In the previous section, we stated that it must hold $P_{N,ij[sd]} \geq 0$. So, we must have

$$\frac{C_{N,ij[sd]}}{\mu_{ij}} - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \geq 0 \quad \forall [sd]$$

i.e. the mean packet delay cost should be greater or equal to the profit from servicing this packet.

Note that for the special case of equal packet cost for the different $[sd]$ processes that use link ij , $C_{N,ij[s_2d_2]} = C_{N,ij} \quad \forall [s_2d_2]$, the above solution simplifies to

$$P_{N,ij[sd]} = \frac{C_{N,ij} * (1 + \sum_{[s_1d_1]} N_{ij[s_1d_1]}^*)^2}{\mu_{ij}} - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \quad \forall [sd]$$

Substituting the $P_{N,ij[sd]}$ into $P_{V,ij[sd]}$, we have the cost to go from node s to destination d through path $\pi[sd]$:

$$P_{V,\pi[sd]} = \sum_{ij \in \pi[sd]} \left\{ \frac{C_{V,ij[sd]}}{\delta_{[sd]}} + \frac{r_{[sd]}}{\delta_{[sd]}} * \left[\frac{1 + \sum_{[s_1d_1]} N_{ij[s_1d_1]}^*}{\mu_{ij}} * \left[C_{N,ij[sd]} * (1 + N_{ij[sd]}^*) + \sum_{[s_2d_2] \neq [sd]} C_{N,ij[s_2d_2]} * N_{ij[s_2d_2]}^* \right] - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \right] \right\} \quad \forall \pi[sd] \quad \forall [sd]$$

The following Theorems follow immediately:

Theorem 3. Congestion Control

For the long-run stationary equilibrium of the virtual circuit routing and congestion control problem, at every source node s , for every destination node d , $[sd]$ virtual circuits are rejected at a node s only if the cost of rejecting them is less than the minimum cost to go from node s to the destination d through any of the paths $\pi[sd]$

$\phi_{o[sd]}^* > 0$ only if

$$C_{o[sd]} < \min_{p[sd]} \left\{ \sum_{ij \in p[sd]} \left\{ \frac{C_{V,ij[sd]}}{\delta_{[sd]}} + \frac{r_{[sd]}}{\delta_{[sd]}} * \left[\frac{1 + \sum_{[s_1d_1]} N_{ij[s_1d_1]}^*}{\mu_{ij}} * \left[C_{N,ij[sd]} * (1 + N_{ij[sd]}^*) + \sum_{[s_2d_2] \neq [sd]} C_{N,ij[s_2d_2]} * N_{ij[s_2d_2]}^* \right] - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \right] \right\} \right\}$$

Theorem 4. Routing Rule

For the long-run stationary equilibrium of the virtual circuit routing and congestion control problem, $[sd]$ virtual circuits are routed through path $\pi[sd]$ only if the minimum cost to reach the destination d through path $\pi[sd]$ is the minimum

$\phi_{\pi[sd]}^* > 0$ only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ij \in \pi[sd]} \left\{ \frac{C_{V,ij[sd]}}{\delta[sd]} + \frac{r[sd]}{\delta[sd]} * \left[\frac{1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*}{\mu_{ij}} \left[C_{N,ij[sd]} * (1 + N_{ij[sd]}^*) + \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} C_{N,ij[s_2 d_2]} * N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^* \right] - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \right] \right\} = \\ & = \min_{p[sd]} \left\{ C_{o[sd]}, \sum_{ij \in p[sd]} \left\{ \frac{C_{V,ij[sd]}}{\delta[sd]} + \frac{r[sd]}{\delta[sd]} * \left[\frac{1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*}{\mu_{ij}} * \left[C_{N,ij[sd]} * (1 + N_{ij[sd]}^*) + \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} C_{N,ij[s_2 d_2]} * N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^* \right] - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \right] \right\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

From the above analysis, we have derived that the length of each link ij for an $[sd]$ virtual circuit is

$$\begin{aligned} l_{ij[sd]} = & \frac{C_{V,ij[sd]}}{\delta[sd]} + \frac{r[sd]}{\delta[sd]} * \left[\frac{1 + \sum_{[s_1 d_1]} N_{ij[s_1 d_1]}^*}{\mu_{ij}} \left[C_{N,ij[sd]} * (1 + N_{ij[sd]}^*) + \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \sum_{[s_2 d_2] \neq [sd]} C_{N,ij[s_2 d_2]} * N_{ij[s_2 d_2]}^* \right] - C_{\mu,ij[sd]} \right] \end{aligned}$$

The first term of the above length represents the cost $C_{V,ij[sd]}$ for setting up and maintaining an $[sd]$ virtual circuit passing through link ij , times the average virtual circuit duration $1/\delta[sd]$. The second term of the above length represents

the average number of packets $r_{[sd]}/\delta_{[sd]}$ in this $[sd]$ virtual circuit times the cost $C_{N,ij[sd]}$ per packet. Finally, the last term of the above link length represents the profit $C_{\mu,ij[sd]}$ from servicing an $[sd]$ packet on link ij

Let us consider the special case where we have zero $[sd]$ virtual circuit set up and maintenance cost $C_{V,ij[sd]} = 0$, zero profit $C_{\mu,ij[sd]} = 0$ for servicing $[sd]$ packets, and unit delay costs $C_{N,ij[s_2d_2]} = 1, \forall [s_2d_2]$ on link ij . Then the length of link ij for an $[sd]$ virtual circuit is

$$l_{ij[sd]} = \frac{r_{[sd]}}{\delta_{[sd]}} * \frac{(1 + \sum_{[s_1d_1]} N_{ij[s_1d_1]}^*)^2}{\mu_{ij}}$$

That means, that when our only objective is to minimize the average packet delay, then the link length is given by a quadratic function of the average number of packets on this link.

In this section, we have derived state dependent routing and congestion controls for multi-class multi- destination virtual circuit networks. In the next section, we investigate a simple case of this state dependent routing algorithm via simulation.

5.6.5 Simulation

In this section, we investigate a simple case of the derived state dependent virtual circuit routing algorithm via simulation. Simulation is a very effective model for a detailed investigation of the routing algorithm. While the analytical models provide a rigorous mathematical analysis of the system, they cannot afford too much complexity. If we try to include all the parameters that affect the system, then the analytical model become intractable. On the other hand, simulation models are computer programs [289, 288, 149, 428, 316, 351, 408, 314] and therefore we can program as much detail as we like. Their drawback is that they are time consuming. We have to spend a lot of time for writing the code as well as for running them. However, simulation is the only way (besides real implementation) to measure the performance of dynamic routing algorithms.

We have implemented three deterministic source routing algorithms along the minimum length path for single class virtual circuit networks (ties are broken

arbitrarily - though we seldom have ties). The first algorithm uses as link length a special case of that proposed in the previous section. The second algorithm uses as link length the expected packet delay on this link. Finally, the third algorithm is the optimal quasi-static routing algorithm.

1) Quadratic routing:

send a new virtual circuit along path π ,

$$\text{if } \sum_{ij} \frac{(1 + N_{ij})^2}{\mu_{ij}} * 1_{ij \in \pi} = \min_p \left\{ \sum_{ij} \frac{(1 + N_{ij})^2}{\mu_{ij}} * 1_{ij \in p} \right\}$$

2) Shortest queue routing:

send a new virtual circuit along path π ,

$$\text{if } \sum_{ij} \frac{1 + N_{ij}}{\mu_{ij}} * 1_{ij \in \pi} = \min_p \left\{ \sum_{ij} \frac{1 + N_{ij}}{\mu_{ij}} * 1_{ij \in p} \right\}$$

3) Optimal quasi-static routing

For updating the information at the source node about the link lengths in the network, we considered three factors:

1) what estimate of the number of packets N_{ij} at each link ij is sent to the source node from each node i .

2) how often this estimate is sent to the source node by each node i . It is well known that the updating period should be smaller than the average virtual circuit duration [177, 518].

3) after how much delay this information arrives back to the source node. We assume that no extra traffic is created from each node to the source node, but that this information is either piggybacked on other packets or it is transferred through a different channel.

First, we consider a single source-destination network with 2 paths from source to destination (Figure 5.9) that have the same capacity but the order of their links is different.

Path #1 has 7 links with transmission rates 5, 4, 3, 3, 2, 1 and 1. Path #2 has 7 links with transmission rates 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4 and 5.

The mean packet service time is $\frac{1}{\mu} = 1$ and therefore $\mu_{ij} = \mu * C_{ij} = C_{ij}$. The mean virtual circuit duration is $\frac{1}{\delta} = 1000$. The total packet arrival rate is

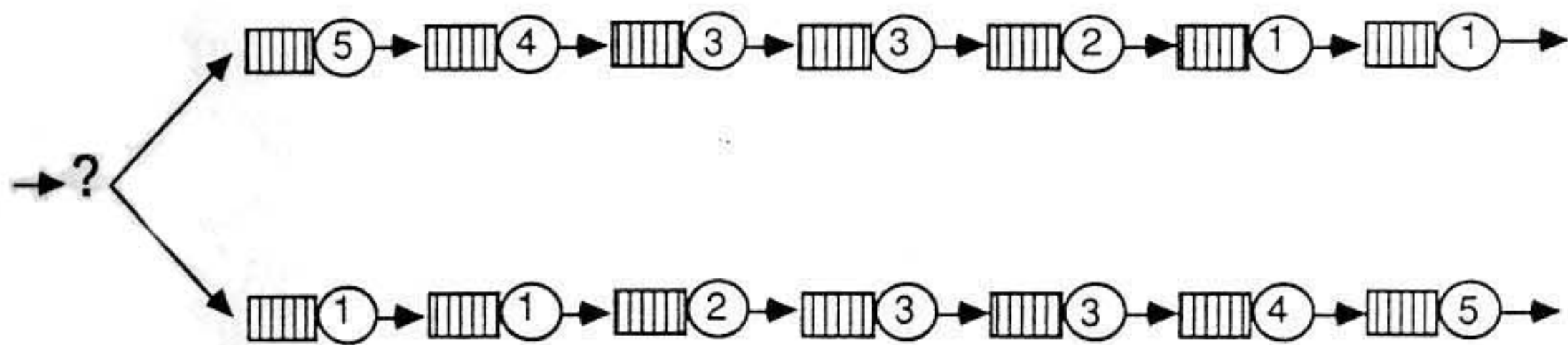


Figure 5.9: Simulated network.

$r * \frac{\gamma}{\delta} = \frac{1000}{700}$, however we considered 5 cases that achieve this total packet arrival rate:

γ	r	$\frac{\gamma}{\delta}$	$\frac{r}{\delta}$
$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1000}{7}$	10
$\frac{1}{14}$	$\frac{1}{50}$	$\frac{1000}{14}$	20
$\frac{1}{26}$	$\frac{1}{27}$	$\frac{1000}{26}$	$\frac{1000}{27}$
$\frac{1}{50}$	$\frac{1}{14}$	20	$\frac{1000}{14}$
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	10	$\frac{1000}{7}$

where γ is the arrival rate of virtual circuits, r is the packet arrival rate per virtual circuit, $\frac{\gamma}{\delta}$ is the average number of virtual circuits into the network and $\frac{r}{\delta}$ is the average number of packets per virtual circuit.

The information at the source node about the link lengths in the network is updated according to two schemes:

- instantaneous* information, when at every instant, the source node knows and uses the current number of packets at every link and
- obsolete* information, when the information about the average number of packets at every link during a time interval of 100 time units is sent to the source node at the end of this time interval and it is used by the source node after 50 time units delay.

Figures 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14 and Table 5.1 describe the simulation results of routing 100,000 virtual circuits into the network of Figure 5.9. In this network, the two paths have similar links but in different positions. Both paths receive on

the average the same number of the virtual circuits and have the same average packet delay.

Although all the above five cases have the same total packet arrival rate, the average packet delay is different in each case with an extremely large average packet delay in case the last case ($\gamma = 1/100$ $r = 1/7$), where each virtual circuit carries a large number of packets. This means that routing algorithms that consider only the packet arrival rate will achieve poor performance.

The more often that we update the link length information at the source node, the smaller average packet delay is achieved. The smaller the delay that the link length information becomes available to the source node, the smaller average packet delay is achieved. When the network state information is obsolete, the *Quadratic routing* seems to be slightly better than the *Shortest queue routing*, otherwise they achieve the same average packet delay.

The *Optimal static routing* assigns in a Round-Robin basis an odd numbered virtual circuit to path #1 and an even numbered virtual circuit to path #2.

When the updating period is not much larger than the mean interarrival time of virtual circuits, then both dynamic routing algorithms, *Quadratic routing* and *Shortest queue routing*, are clearly better than the *Optimal static routing*. However, when the updating period is extremely large compared to the mean interarrival time of virtual circuits, then the dynamic routing algorithms make many wrong decisions and therefore give larger average packet delay.

The *Shortest queue routing* is an approximation of the *Quadratic routing* and therefore they achieve similar average packet delay. Note also, that for single-link paths with equal link transmission speeds, both algorithms choose the same path. To see this, consider two single-link paths π and p , with link transmission speeds μ , N_π packets at path π link and N_p packets at path p link, such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1 + N_\pi)^2}{\mu} < \frac{(1 + N_p)^2}{\mu} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1 + 2 * N_\pi + N_\pi^2}{\mu} < \frac{1 + 2 * N_p + N_p^2}{\mu} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(N_\pi - N_p) * (N_\pi + N_\pi + N_p + 2)}{\mu} < 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{N_\pi - N_p}{\mu} < 0 \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$\gamma=1/7$ $r=1/100$	instantaneous	obsolete
quadratic	19.02 ± 0.80	29.69 ± 1.06
shortest queue	18.77 ± 0.63	31.64 ± 1.27
optimal quasi-static	22.98 ± 1.83	

$\gamma=1/14$ $r=1/50$	instantaneous	obsolete
quadratic	14.19 ± 0.19	20.65 ± 0.85
shortest queue	13.97 ± 0.48	20.39 ± 0.78
optimal quasi-static	17.98 ± 0.62	

$\gamma=1/26$ $r=1/27$	instantaneous	obsolete
quadratic	15.24 ± 0.56	21.99 ± 0.63
shortest queue	15.43 ± 0.28	21.75 ± 0.58
optimal quasi-static	20.41 ± 0.57	

$\gamma=1/50$ $r=1/14$	instantaneous	obsolete
quadratic	24.47 ± 0.99	34.88 ± 1.47
shortest queue	23.38 ± 0.85	34.65 ± 1.17
optimal quasi-static	39.69 ± 1.47	

$\gamma=1/100$ $r=1/7$	instantaneous	obsolete
quadratic	53.88 ± 2.64	71.35 ± 0.82
shortest queue	53.72 ± 3.67	72.94 ± 2.26
optimal quasi-static	99.36 ± 5.89	

Table 5.1: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.9 with $\gamma = 1/7$, $r = 1/100$, for the *Quadratic* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information, the *Shortest queue* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information and the *Optimal quasi-static* routing implemented as Round-Robin.

average delay

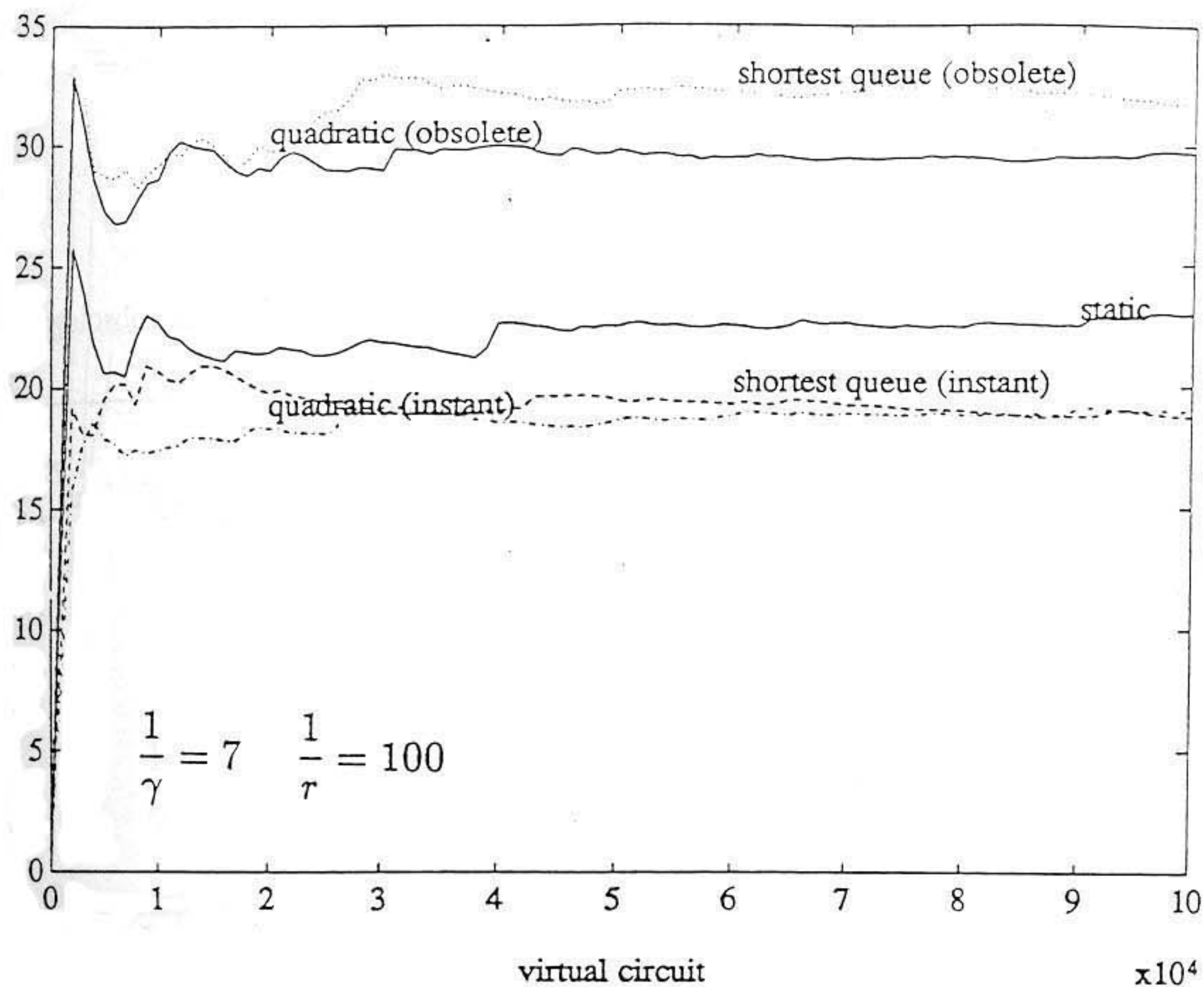


Figure 5.10: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.9 with $\gamma = 1/7$, $r = 1/100$, for the *Quadratic* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information, the *Shortest queue* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information and the *Optimal quasi-static* routing implemented as Round-Robin.

average delay

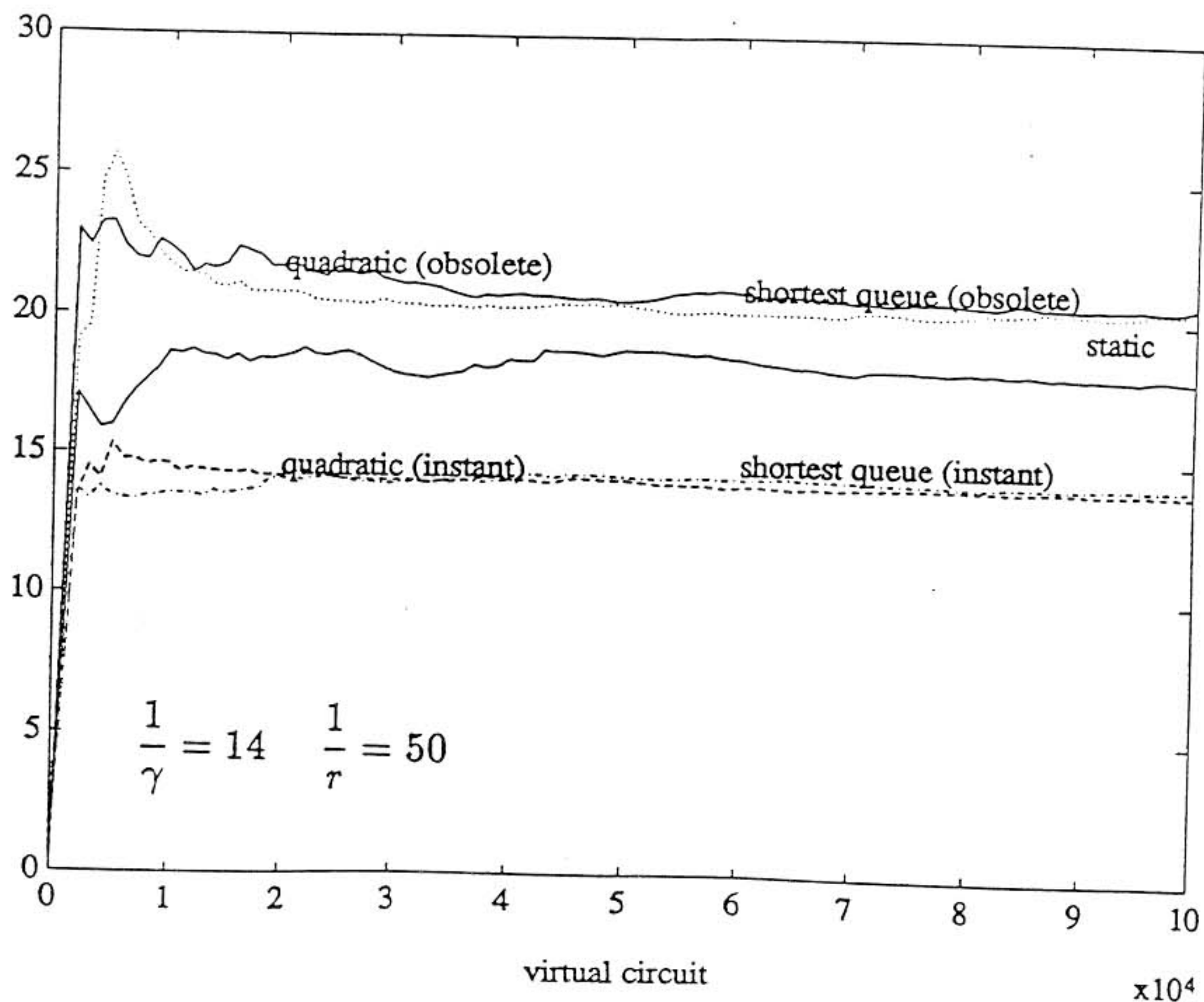


Figure 5.11: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.9 with $\gamma = 1/14$, $r = 1/50$, for the *Quadratic* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information, the *Shortest queue* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information and the *Optimal quasi-static* routing implemented as Round-Robin.

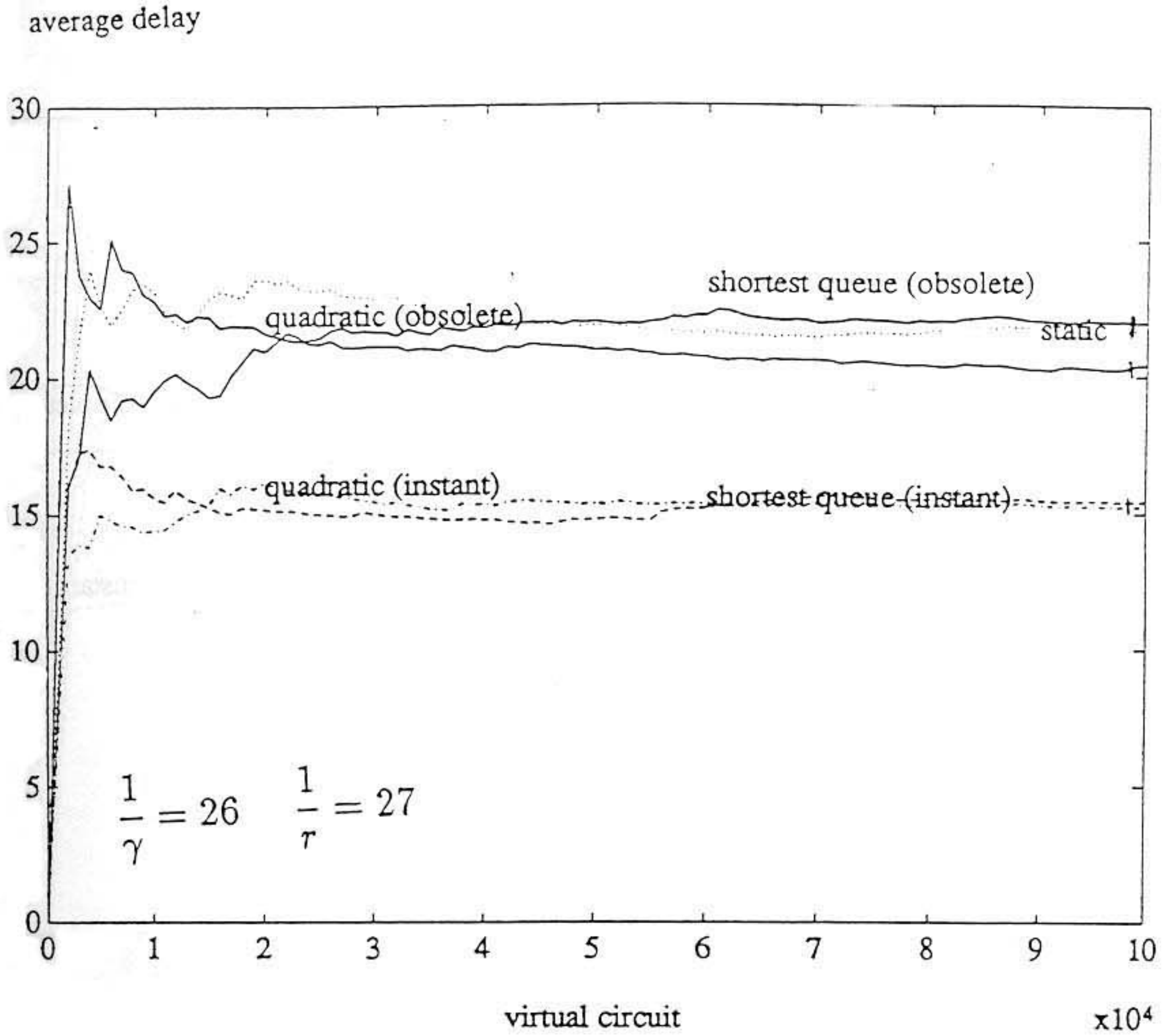


Figure 5.12: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.9 with $\gamma = 1/26$, $r = 1/27$, for the *Quadratic* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information, the *Shortest queue* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information and the *Optimal quasi-static* routing implemented as Round-Robin.

average delay

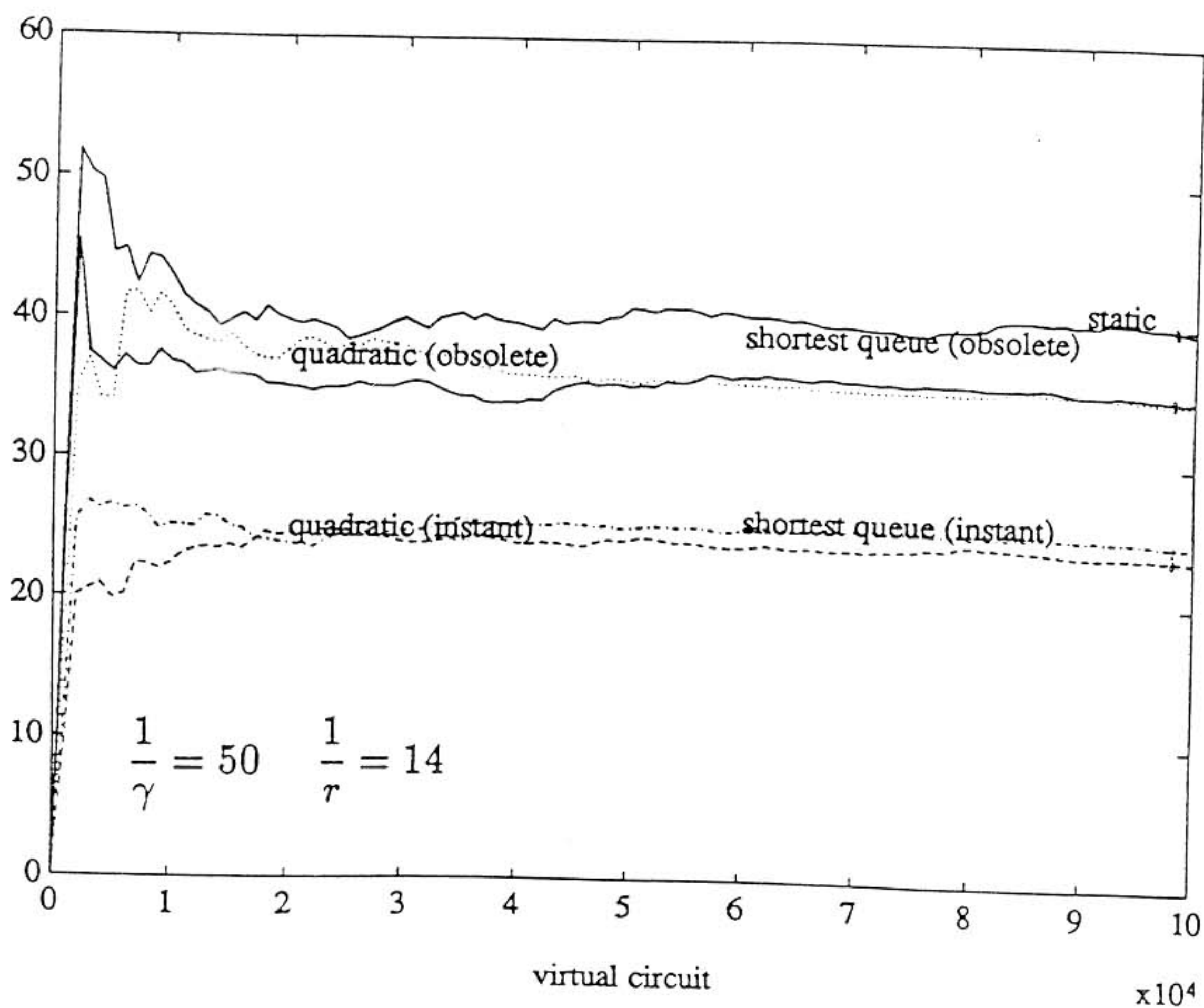


Figure 5.13: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.9 with $\gamma = 1/50$, $r = 1/14$, for the *Quadratic* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information, the *Shortest queue* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information and the *Optimal quasi-static* routing implemented as Round-Robin.

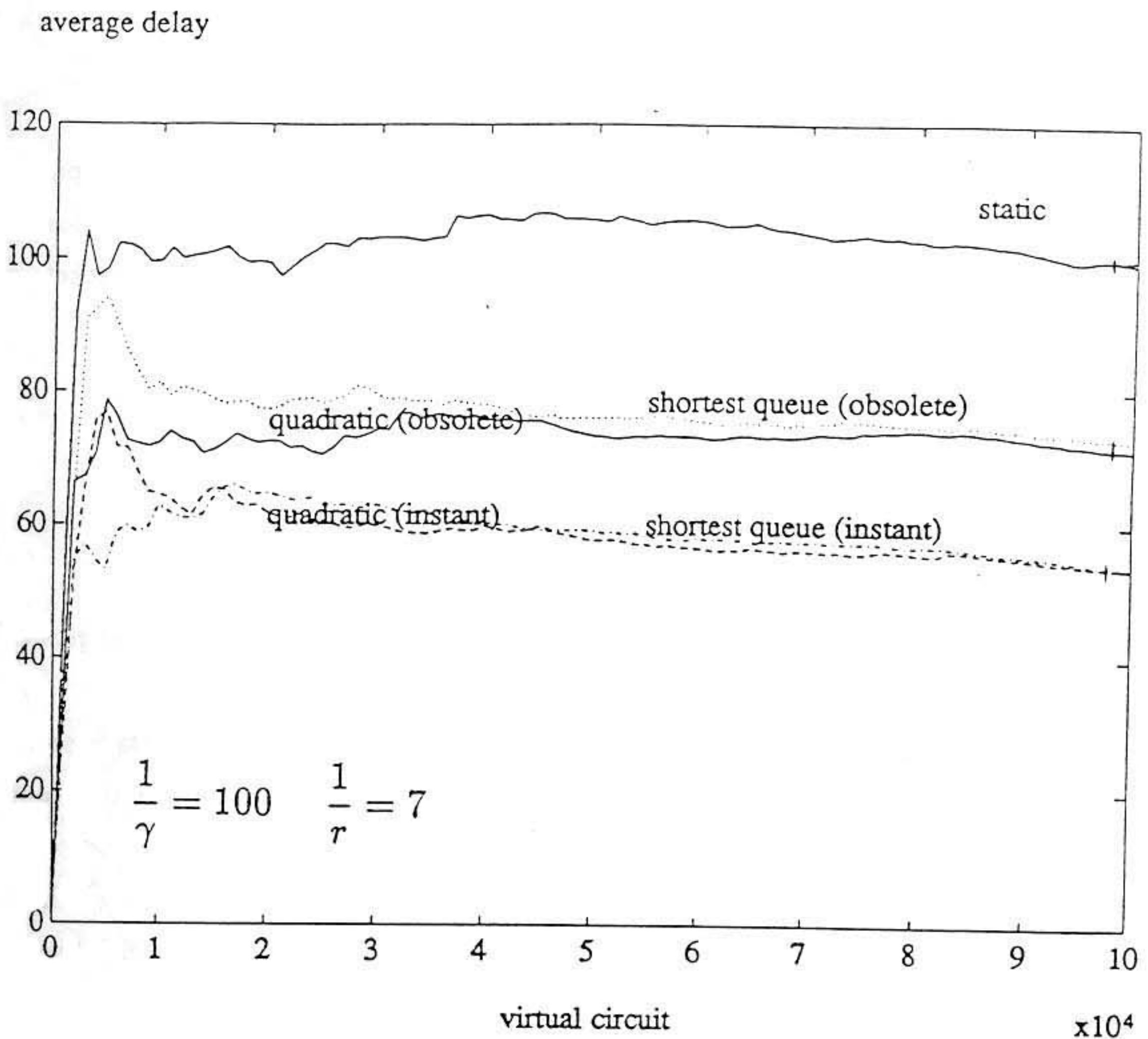


Figure 5.14: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.9 with $\gamma = 1/100$, $r = 1/7$, for the *Quadratic* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information, the *Shortest queue* routing with instantaneous and obsolete information and the *Optimal quasi-static* routing implemented as Round-Robin.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{N_\pi}{\mu} < \frac{N_p}{\mu} \Rightarrow \frac{1 + N_\pi}{\mu} < \frac{1 + N_p}{\mu}$$

That means that both algorithms choose path π since the ordering of the link lengths is the same for both algorithms.

In order that the *Quadratic routing* achieves different average packet delay than the *Shortest queue routing*, they should choose different paths for the same network state. Consider two paths π and p with the number of packets on their links satisfying the following relations simultaneously

$$\sum_{ij} \frac{(1 + N_{ij})^2}{\mu_{ij}} * 1_{ij \in \pi} < \sum_{xy} \frac{(1 + N_{xy})^2}{\mu_{xy}} * 1_{xy \in p}$$

$$\sum_{xy} \frac{1 + N_{xy}}{\mu_{xy}} * 1_{xy \in p} < \sum_{ij} \frac{1 + N_{ij}}{\mu_{ij}} * 1_{ij \in \pi}$$

then the *Quadratic routing* will choose path π , while the *Shortest queue routing* will choose path p .

Next, we further investigate the two dynamic algorithms for a more complex network with unbalanced paths. We consider a network with 5 paths from source to destination (Figure 5.15).

Path #1 has 3 links with transmission speeds 2, 1 and 3. Path #2 has 5 links with transmission speeds 4, 2, 0.5, 3 and 1. Path #3 has 7 links with transmission speeds 5, 1, 2, 3, 1, 4 and 2. Path #4 has 6 links with transmission speeds 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 and 1. Path #5 has 4 links with transmission speeds 2, 2, 2 and 2.

The mean packet service time is $\frac{1}{\mu} = 1$ and therefore $\mu_{ij} = \mu * C_{ij} = C_{ij}$. The mean virtual circuit duration is $\frac{1}{\delta} = 1000$. We consider two cases for the total packet arrival rate.

In case #1 The arrival rate of virtual circuits is $\gamma = \frac{1}{5}$ and the packet arrival rate per virtual circuit is $r = \frac{1}{50}$. Then the average number of virtual circuits into the network is $\frac{\gamma}{\delta} = 200$ and the average number of packets per virtual circuit is $\frac{r}{\delta} = 20$.

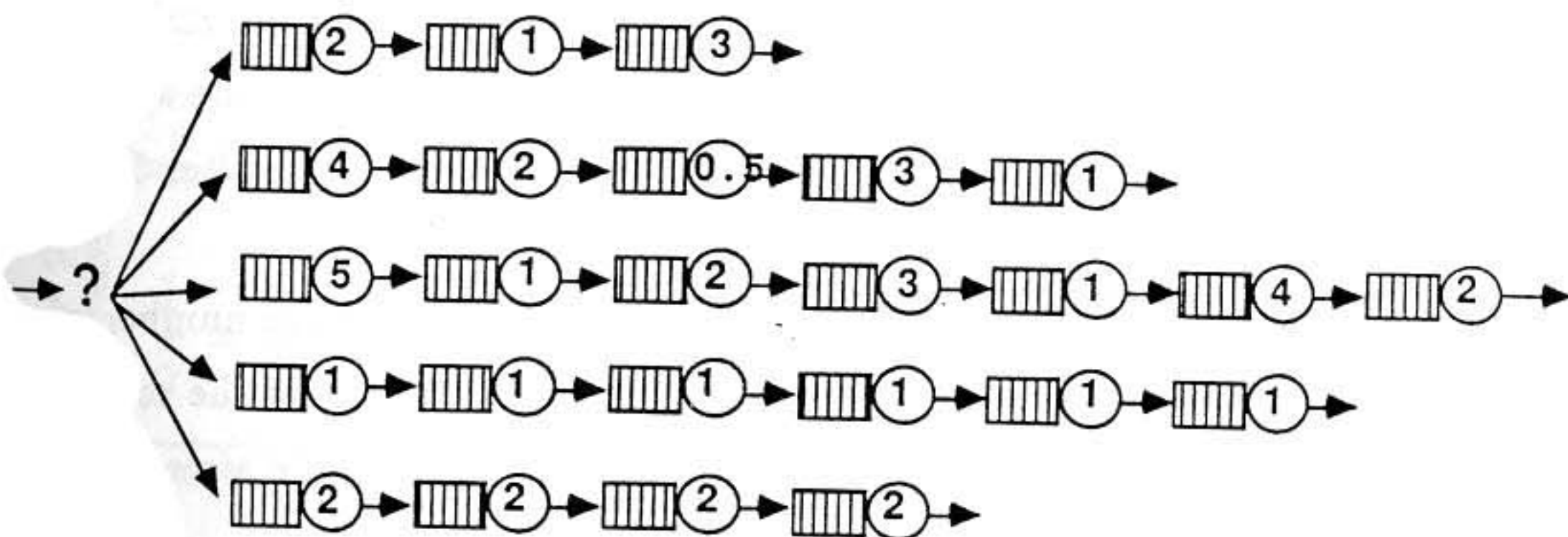


Figure 5.15: Simulated network.

In case #1 The arrival rate of virtual circuits is $\gamma = \frac{1}{50}$ and the packet arrival rate per virtual circuit is $r = \frac{1}{5}$. Then the average number of virtual circuits into the network is $\frac{\gamma}{\delta} = 20$ and the average number of packets per virtual circuit is $\frac{r}{\delta} = 200$.

The information at the source node about the link lengths in the network is updated according to four schemes:

a) 1 time unit, when at every instant, the source node knows and uses the current number of packets at every link.

b) 20 time units, when the information about the average number of packets at every link during a time interval of 20 time units is sent to the source node at the end of this time interval and it is used by the source node after 20 time units delay.

c) 50 time units, when the information about the average number of packets at every link during a time interval of 50 time units is sent to the source node at the end of this time interval and it is used by the source node after 50 time units delay.

d) 100 time units, when the information about the average number of packets at every link during a time interval of 100 time units is sent to the source node at the end of this time interval and it is used by the source node after 50 time units delay.

Figures 5.16, 5.17 and Table 5.2 describe the simulation results of routing 100,000 virtual circuits into the network of Figure 5.11. In this network, the paths are capacity inequivalent and they also have different number of links. Every path receives different number of virtual circuits and has different average packet delay. Similarly as in the previous network, the more often that we update the link length information at the source node, the smaller average packet delay is achieved. The smaller the delay that the link length information becomes available to the source node, the smaller average packet delay is achieved. However, the *Quadratic routing* achieves clearly smaller average packet delay than the *Shortest queue routing*, especially when the network state information becomes obsolete.

average delay

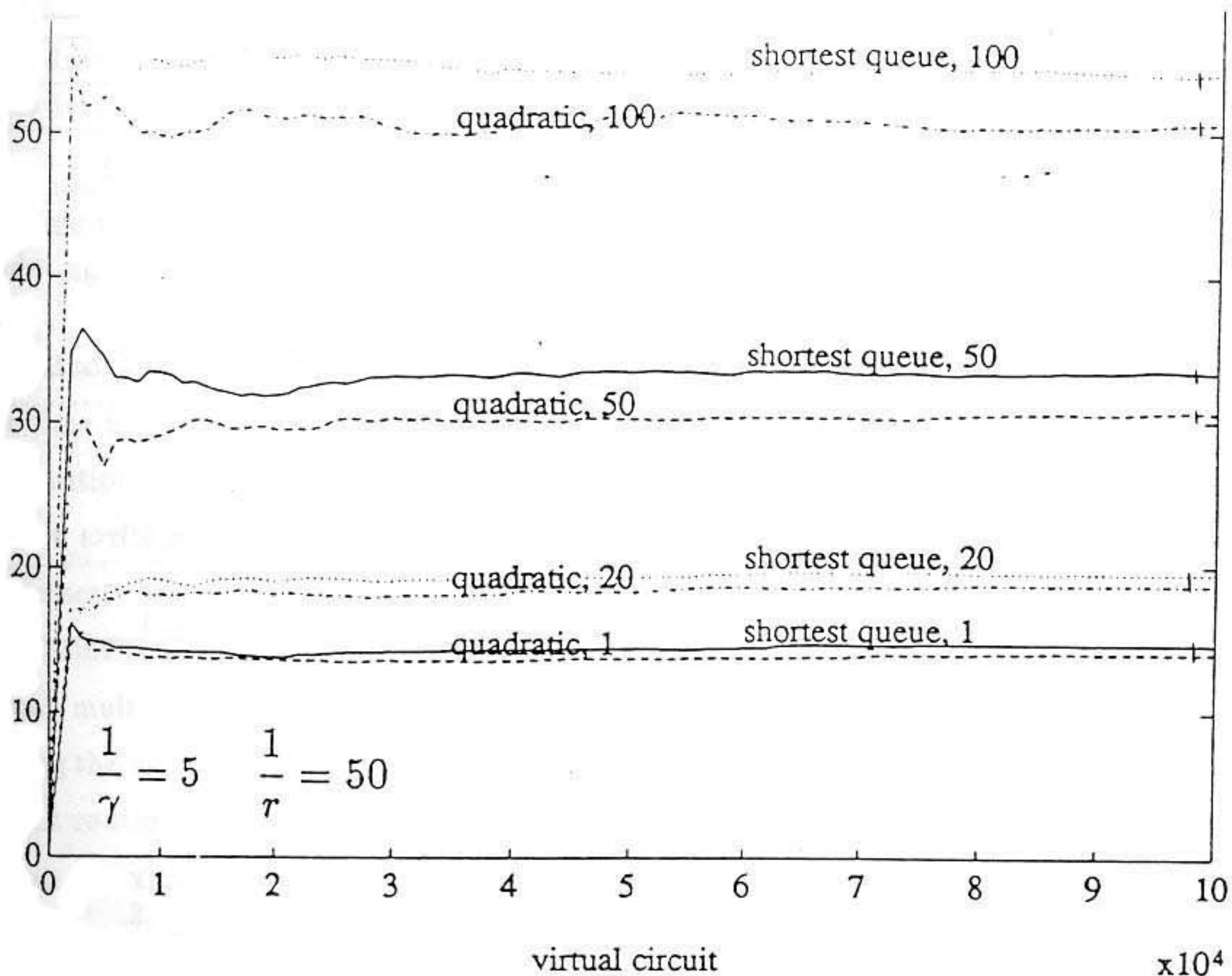


Figure 5.16: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.11 for $\gamma = 1/5$ $r = 1/50$, for the *Quadratic* and the *Shortest queue* routing with updating every 1, 20, 50, 100 time units.

average delay

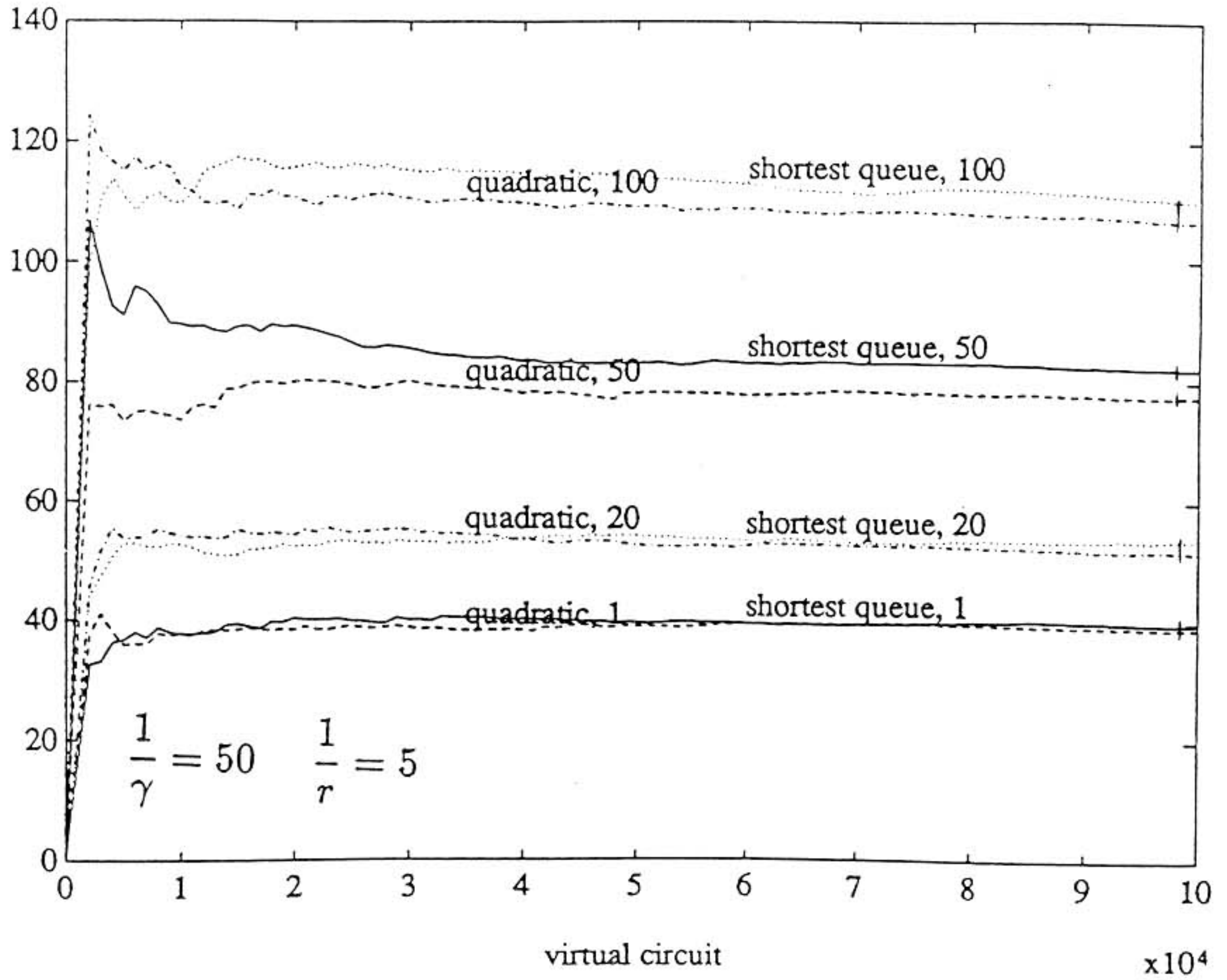


Figure 5.17: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.11 for $\gamma = 1/50$ $r = 1/5$, for the *Quadratic* and the *Shortest queue* routing with updating every 1, 20, 50, 100 time units.

$\gamma=1/5$ $r=1/50$	1 time	20 time	50 time	100 time
quadratic	14.06 ± 0.27	18.74 ± 0.30	30.55 ± 0.54	50.70 ± 0.87
shortest queue	14.65 ± 0.25	19.51 ± 0.30	33.38 ± 0.42	54.13 ± 1.32

$\gamma=1/50$ $r=1/5$	1 time	20 time	50 time	100 time
quadratic	38.98 ± 1.70	51.70 ± 1.84	77.53 ± 1.30	106.89 ± 1.61
shortest queue	39.59 ± 1.10	53.74 ± 0.81	82.21 ± 2.53	110.02 ± 2.62

Table 5.2: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 5.11 for the *Quadratic* and the *Shortest queue* routing with updating every 1, 20, 50, 100 time units.

Although for the above two cases, the total packet arrival rate is 4 packets per time unit, they give different average delay. This again confirm our previous observation that for virtual circuit networks is not enough to consider the aggregate packet arrival rate, but both the virtual circuit and packet per virtual circuit processes.

In this section, we present nonlinear dynamic queueing models of multi-destination multi-class virtual circuit networks, by explicitly considering the interaction among the virtual circuit and packet processes. We formulate the integrated virtual circuit routing and congestion control problem as an optimal control problem. We set up a multi-objective function and we solve it using the Pontryagin maximum principle. Then we derive state dependent routing and congestion control policies for virtual circuit network control and we define as link length a quadratic function of the average number of packets on it. Finally, we demonstrate via simulation, that for an unbalanced network, this Quadratic routing achieves smaller average packet delay than a Shortest queue routing. For a balanced network, both the Quadratic routing and the Shortest queue routing achieve similar average packet delay, that is also smaller than that achieved by the Optimal quasi-static routing, when the updating period is not extremely larger than the mean interarrival time of virtual circuits.

5.7 Application to Integrated Services Networks

In this section, we apply the methodologies developed in the previous sections to integrated services networks. In section 6, for each class, we model the traffic processes in two interacting levels: i) the virtual circuit process level and ii) the packet process level. For integrated services networks, we propose using more than two interacting levels. For example, four levels: i) subscriber level, ii) virtual circuit level, iii) burst level, iv) packet level.

Different dynamic queueing models (such as those of section 5.4 for datagram networks) will be used at each level to model the dynamic evolution of the corresponding processes.

Furthermore, we can also introduce other dynamic models based on finite population queueing models. For example, at the subscriber level, let $A(t)$ be the active number of subscribers among the existing $S(t)$, $a(t)$ the rate at which an idle subscriber becomes active and $b(t)$ the rate at which an active subscriber becomes idle. Then a dynamic queueing model that describes the average number of active subscribers is the following:

$$\dot{A}(t) = a(t) * (S(t) - A(t)) - b(t) * A(t)$$

Now, each active subscriber creates virtual circuits, and each virtual circuit creates bursts, and each burst creates packets as in section 5.6. Therefore the state of each system resource is described by three variables: the number of active subscribers $A(t)$, the number of virtual circuits $V(t)$, the number of bursts $B(t)$ and the number of packets $N(t)$ at this resource. So, for each class c , the state of a resource is

$$\mathbf{X}^c(t) = [A^c(t), V^c(t), B^c(t), N^c(t)]$$

Similarly, for the cost functions, we add to the costs of section 5.6 another level of costs for the active number of subscribers, bursts etc.

Chapter 6

Stochastic Learning Automata for Decentralized Load Sharing, Routing & Congestion Control

In this chapter, we introduce another novel methodology for decentralized dynamic load sharing, routing and congestion control. We propose stochastic learning automata at the source nodes of the system for admitting or rejecting jobs, for selecting the destination node for job processing, and for selecting the routing path to the destination node. These decisions will be done probabilistically by learning automata algorithms that will update their action probabilities according to measurements of the path and source-destination lengths. The path and source-destination lengths are those derived in the dynamic optimality conditions of chapter 4. We also introduce novel classes of stochastic learning automata:

i) state dependent learning automata, whose adaptation rates are functions of the system state, ii) two-step learning automata, that use larger adaptation rates when the selected action repeatedly gives good performance, iii) multiple response automata, that use different adaptation rates for different system learning response (not just the favorable/unfavorable response of previous learning automata). We prove that these learning automata are feasible at each step, non-absorbing, strictly distance diminishing, ergodic and expedient. We apply this methodology to datagram, virtual circuits and integrated services networks. We give an example, where we make virtual circuit routing decisions learning automata algorithms. We show (via simulation) that by suitable tuning the adaptation rates of the algorithms, the learning automata achieve smaller average packet delay. We also show that

a path length proposed in chapter 5, is superior to a shortest-queue-type routing, usually used in real networks.

6.1 Introduction

Learning is defined as any relatively permanent change in behavior resulting from past experience, and a learning system is characterized by its ability to improve its behavior with time, in some sense tending towards an ultimate goal. In mathematical psychology, learning systems [80, 15, 494, 259] have been developed to explain behavior patterns among living organisms. These mathematical models in turn have lately been adapted to synthesize engineering systems [344].

Tsetlin [495] initially introduced the concept of learning automaton operating in an unknown random environment. He considered learning behaviors of finite deterministic automata under the stationary random environment. Varshavskii & Vorontsova [503] introduced variable structure stochastic automata in an unknown random environment. Chandrasekaran & Shen [92] Poznyak [386], Tsypkin & Poznyak [498], Flerov [163], Polyak [383, 384] Lakshmivarahan & Thathachar [283] and others further advanced the learning automaton theory.

A number of books on learning automaton theory have been also appeared. Norman [355, 356, 357] develops a Markov process-based approach to analyze the learning automaton and explain the learning processes in organisms. Lakshmivarahan [282] provides a rigorous analysis of the learning automaton theory. El-Fattah [143] presents learning automata used for pattern recognition systems and for simulation of collective behavior problems. Glorioso & Osorio [197] describe fundamental issues of learning and applications in engineering. Baba [19] presents learning automaton behavior under unknown multi-teacher environments. Narendra & Thathachar [342] provide a rigorous introduction to the theory of learning automata.

A number of papers have been also appeared recently [13, 281, 482, 367, 364, 363, 365, 451] that propose new reinforcement schemes for learning automata and investigate their properties.

Learning automata have been also applied to pattern recognition problems [22], to routing problems [346, 343, 456], to flow control problems [321, 322], to partitioning problems [366], to neural network models [24, 23, 473] etc.

In the previous two chapters, we found the conditions for team optimality, Nash and Stackelberg equilibrium for the joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem. In this chapter, we introduce stochastic learning automata as decentralized decision-makers that will achieve these conditions. A stochastic learning automaton is an adaptive control algorithm that reacts to the system's response. It chooses an action and if the system's response is favorable, then it reinforces that action, otherwise it tends to choose another action.

The greatest potential of the learning automata methodology is that it permits the analysis of very complex dynamic systems, and global optimization is possible. Even when little information is available, they tend to stabilize a nonstationary system by predicting its behavior.

We propose using learning automata at the source nodes of the system for admitting or rejecting a job from the system (congestion control), for selecting the destination computer site for processing the job (load sharing) and selecting the path through which the job will reach this destination node (routing).

In previous chapters, we found what the optimal load sharing, routing and congestion control policies should be. These optimal control policies may be implemented directly as they were found. However, the underlying assumptions of the models (e.g. independent exponential distributions), or even other management problems that were not explicitly considered, may affect these optimal control policies. Therefore, we propose the use of learning automata that will drive to these optimal control policies. So, instead of deterministically choosing the minimum length path, learning automata will choose it with very high probability. Note, that if we appropriately calibrate the step size of these learning automata algorithms, then they may choose the minimum length path with probability 1.

6.2 Learning Automaton Theory

In this section, we review the basic learning automaton theory [344, 342].

A learning automaton is a feedback system (Figure 6.1) connecting a stochastic automaton $(X, \phi, a, \mathbf{P}, T, G)$ and an environment $C = \{C_1, \dots, C_{|a|}\}$, where X : input set or environment response.

- 1) if $X \in \{0, 1\}$, i.e. the environment response takes only two values, where $X = 0$ can be considered as reward and $X = 1$ as penalty, we have a P-model
- 2) if $X \in \{X^1, \dots, X^k\}$, $X^i \in [0, 1]$, i.e. the environment response takes a certain number of values in the interval $[0, 1]$, with $X = 0$ to be “full reward” and $X = 1$ to be “full penalty”, we have a Q-model.
- 3) if $X \in [0, 1]$, i.e. the environment response takes any value in the interval $[0, 1]$, with $X = 0$ to be “full reward” and $X = 1$ to be “full penalty”, we have an S-model.

$\phi = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_s\}$, $s < \infty$: set of internal states.

$a = \{a_1, \dots, a_{|a|}\}$, $|a| \leq s$: output or action set.

$\mathbf{P}(n) = [P_1(n), \dots, P_{|a|}(n)]^T$ state probability vector, where $P_i(n) = P[a(n) = a_i]$.

T : algorithm, updating or reinforcement scheme, that generates the action probability $\mathbf{P}(n+1) = T[\mathbf{P}(n), a(n), X(n)]$.

$G: \phi \rightarrow a$: output function.

$c_i(n) = E[X(n)/a(n) = a_i]$: expected penalty for action a_i , which are unknown and there is a unique minimum.

In order to evaluate a learning automaton, some measures are defined [344]:

- 1) **Expedience** : if at a certain time instant n , the automaton selects action a_i with probability $P_i(n)$, then the average penalty received by the automaton conditioned on $\mathbf{P}(n)$ is $M(n) = E[X(n)/\mathbf{P}(n)]$. If no a priori information is available and the actions are chosen at random then $M_0 = (C_1 + \dots + C_{|a|})/|a|$. A learning automaton is called expedient if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[M(n)] < M_0$ and of course it performs better than one that selects its actions randomly.

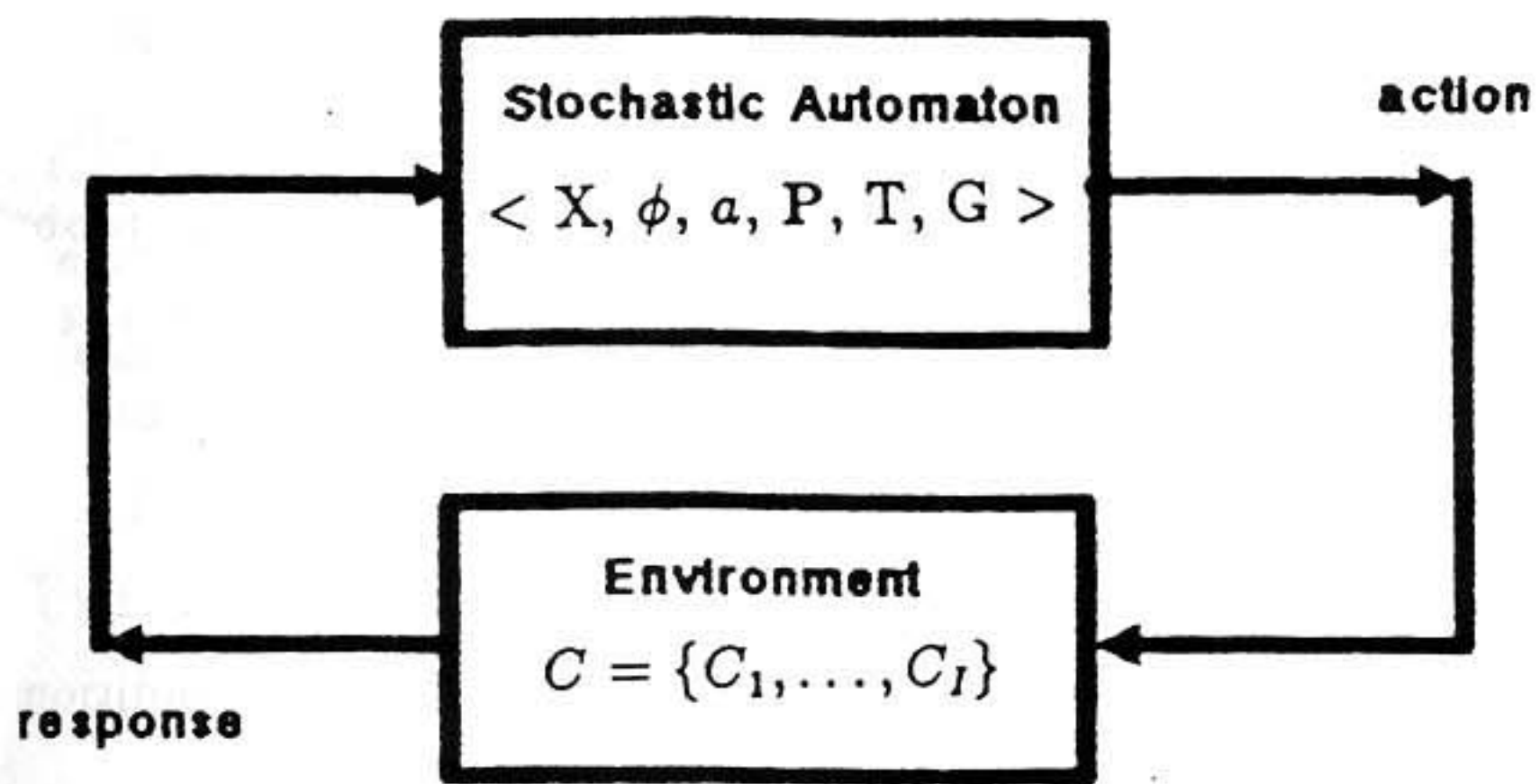


Figure 6.1: Learning Automaton.

2) **Optimality** : a learning automaton is called optimal if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[M(n)] = c_l, \quad \text{where} \quad c_l = \min\{c_1, \dots, c_{|a|}\}$$

or if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[P_l(n)] = 1, \quad \text{where} \quad P_l(n) = P[a(n) = a_l]$$

i.e. optimality means that asymptotically the action associated with the minimum expected penalty is chosen with probability one.

A learning automaton is called ϵ -optimal if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[M(n)] < c_l + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon > 0$$

Next, the operation of a learning automaton is described: The automaton selects action $a(n) = a_i$ with probability $P_i(n)$ at each instant n . Action $a(n)$ becomes input to the environment (Figure 6.1). If this results in a favorable outcome for the network performance ($X(n) \rightarrow 0$), then the probability $P_i(n)$ is increased by $\Delta P_i(n) = P_i(n+1) - P_i(n)$ and the $P_j(n), j \neq i$, are decreased by $\Delta P_j(n) = P_j(n+1) - P_j(n)$. Otherwise, if an unfavorable outcome ($X(n) \rightarrow 1$) appears, then the $P_i(n)$ is decreased by $\Delta P_i(n) = P_i(n+1) - P_i(n)$ and the $P_j(n), j \neq i$ are increased by $\Delta P_j(n) = P_j(n+1) - P_j(n)$. By iteration of the algorithm, we achieve adaptation to varying environment conditions.

Let $a(n) = a_i$ and

if $X(n) \rightarrow 0$ then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) + \sum_{j \neq i} f_j[\mathbf{P}(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - f_j[\mathbf{P}(n)], \quad \forall j \neq i$$

else $X(n) \rightarrow 1$ then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) - \sum_{j \neq i} g_j[\mathbf{P}(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) + g_j[\mathbf{P}(n)], \quad \forall j \neq i$$

where f_j and g_j are nonnegative continuous functions and $0 < P_i(n) < 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) = 1$. f_j and g_j can be linear or nonlinear functions of $\mathbf{P}(n)$. A class of linear algorithms is :

$$f_j(\mathbf{P}(n)) = \alpha * P_j(n), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad \alpha : \text{reward parameter}$$

$$g_j(\mathbf{P}(n)) = \beta * \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right], \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1, \quad \beta : \text{penalty parameter}$$

Three linear schemes exhibit interesting behavior [344]. In the L_{R-I} (Linear Reward-Inaction) algorithm ($\beta = 0$), every sample path converges to selecting only one action with probability one and it is ϵ -optimal. For the L_{R-P} (Linear Reward Penalty) algorithm ($\beta = \alpha$), and the $L_{R-\epsilon P}$ (Linear Reward Infinitesimal Penalty) algorithm ($\beta \ll \alpha$), $\mathbf{P}(n)$ converges in distribution to a random vector \mathbf{P} , whose distribution is independent of $\mathbf{P}(0)$. Further the $L_{R-\epsilon P}$ is ϵ -optimal and not be locked in on a nonoptimal action.

For the $L_{R-\epsilon P}$ algorithm [343, 456] there is a unique \mathbf{P}^* such that $C_i(\mathbf{P}^*) = C_j(\mathbf{P}^*) \quad \forall i, j$, i.e. in the limit the expected penalties of the actions are equalized and the action corresponding to the lowest expected penalty is chosen with probability close to 1.

6.3 State Dependent Learning Automata

In this section, we extend the learning automata theory by making the updating scheme a function of the environment state.

At time n , action i is selected according to an action probability $P_i(n) \geq 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^A P_i(n) = 1$. We define as response $X_i(n)$ of the environment a continuous, monotonous, non-decreasing function of the cost $C_i(n)$ of the selected action i normalized to the $[0,1]$ interval, i.e.

$$X_i(n) = \varphi(C_i(n)) \quad 0 \leq X(n) \leq 1$$

In this way, we correspond $X_i(n) \rightarrow 0$ to a favorable outcome (small $C_i(n)$), and $X_i(n) \rightarrow 1$ to an unfavorable outcome (large $C_i(n)$). Examples of such functions are :

$$X_i(n) = \frac{C_i(n)}{C_{\max}(n)}$$

$$X_i(n) = \frac{C_i(n) - C_{\min}(n)}{C_{\max}(n) - C_{\min}(n)}$$

$$X_i(n) = e^{\alpha*(C_i(n)-C_{\max}(n))}$$

The choice of the suitable function depends on our desire to stress some response areas or to have uniform adaptation speed to the response.

If the environment's response $X_i(n)$ to the selected action i is the minimum among all alternative actions, then its action probability increases by $\Delta P_i(n)$ and the action probabilities of the other actions are decreased. Otherwise, its action probability is decreased by $\Delta P_i(n)$ and the action probabilities of the other actions are increased.

Then we propose the following *State-Dependent (SD) algorithm*:

Let $a(n) = a_i$

If $X_i(n) = \min_j \{X_j(n)\}$, then

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n-1) + \alpha * [1 - X(n)] * \sum_{j \neq i} f_j[\mathbf{P}(n)]$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n-1) - \alpha * [1 - X(n)] * f_j[\mathbf{P}(n)] \\ \forall j \neq i$$

else

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n-1) - \beta * X(n) * \sum_{j \neq i} g_j[\mathbf{P}(n)]$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n-1) + \beta * X(n) * g_j[\mathbf{P}(n)] \\ \forall j \neq i$$

where $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$.

where f_j and g_j are nonnegative continuous functions and $0 < P_i(n) < 1$,

$\sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) = 1$. f_j and g_j can be linear or nonlinear functions of $\mathbf{P}(n)$.

If the reward and penalty functions are linear functions of the action probabilities, then we have a *State-Dependent Linear (SDL) algorithm*.

6.4 Two-Step Learning Automata

In this section, we propose a learning automaton that uses two action levels to update its action probabilities. If the action that is chosen at step n is the best, and was also the best at step $n - 1$, then we reward this action a lot by increasing its probability with a large step size. If the action that is chosen at step n is the best, but was not the best in the previous step, then we reward this action a little by increasing its probability with a small step size. Otherwise, if the action that is chosen at step n is not the best, and was also not the best at step $n - 1$, then we penalize this action a lot by decreasing its probability with a large step size. If the action that is chosen at step n is not the best, but was the best in the previous step, then we penalize this action a little by decreasing its probability with a small step size. The above concepts leads us to the following *Two-Step algorithm*:

Let $a(n) = a_i$:

If $X_i(n) = \min_j \{X_j(n)\}$, then

if $X_i(n - 1) = \min_j \{X_j(n - 1)\}$, then

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n - 1) + \alpha^1 * [1 - P_i(n - 1)]$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n - 1) - \alpha^1 * P_j(n - 1) \quad \forall j \neq p$$

else

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n - 1) + \alpha^2 * [1 - P_i(n - 1)]$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n - 1) - \alpha^2 * P_j(n - 1) \quad \forall j \neq p$$

else

if $X_i(n-1) = \min_j \{X_j(n-1)\}$, *then*

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n-1) - \beta^2 * P_i(n-1)$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n-1) + \beta^2 * \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n-1) \right] \quad \forall j \neq p$$

else

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n-1) - \beta^1 * P_i(n-1)$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n-1) + \beta^1 * \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n-1) \right] \quad \forall j \neq p$$

where $0 < \alpha_2 < \alpha_1$, $\beta_2 < \beta_1 < 1$.

6.5 Virtual Updating

Another way to update the action probabilities with less overhead, (but also less accuracy) is to update less frequently, for example at times τ_n . We consider two cases according to if we observe or not the environment between the update instants:

6.5.1 Observable State

We assume that action selection (based on the $P_i(t_k)$'s) is made at the update points. Knowing that there are $n_i(\tau_n)$ successes (favorable outcomes) and $u_i(\tau_n)$ failures (unfavorable outcomes) during $[\tau_n, \tau_{n+1})$, then we must increase the action probability of the selected action $n_i(\tau_n)$ times and decrease it $u_i(\tau_n)$ times. In a similar way we must decrease and increase the action probabilities of the other actions.

Since we do not want to keep track of the exact sequence of occurrence of failures and successes, we assume such sequences. There are several ways to accomplish this, for example :

- i) Increase P_i in $n_i(\tau_n)$ updates, then decrease it in $u_i(\tau_n)$ updates.
- ii) Let $n_i(\tau_n) \leq u_i(\tau_n)$. Increase and decrease P_i in $n_i(\tau_n)$ updates, then decrease it in $u_i(\tau_n) - n_i(\tau_n)$ updates.
- iii) Let $n_i(\tau_n) > u_i(\tau_n)$. Increase and decrease P_i in $u_i(\tau_n)$ updates, then increase it in $n_i(\tau_n) - u_i(\tau_n)$ updates.
- iv) Decrease P_i in $u_i(\tau_n)$ updates, then increase it in $n_i(\tau_n)$ updates.
- v) Let $n_i(\tau_n) \leq u_i(\tau_n)$. Decrease and increase P_i in $n_i(\tau_n)$ updates, then decrease it in $u_i(\tau_n) - n_i(\tau_n)$ updates.
- vi) Let $n_i(\tau_n) > u_i(\tau_n)$. Decrease and increase P_i in $u_i(\tau_n)$ updates, then increase it in $n_i(\tau_n) - u_i(\tau_n)$ updates.

We can solve these recurrence equations and have $P_i(\tau_{n+1}) = \text{Function}(P_i(\tau_n), n_i(\tau_n), u_i(\tau_n))$. Thus instead of updating $P_i(\tau_n)$ at every action success or failure, we update at the times τ_n .

A simpler idea is to weight the reward adaptation step size with the number of successes and the penalty step size with the number of failures. So, instead of α , we can use

$$\alpha * \frac{n_i(\tau_n)}{n_i(\tau_n) + u_i(\tau_n)}$$

and instead of β , we can use

$$\beta * \frac{u_i(\tau_n)}{n_i(\tau_n) + u_i(\tau_n)}$$

6.5.2 Non Observable State

Another way to update the action probabilities multiple times is based on a single measurement. If the system state does not change too rapidly, then we assume that the same outcome would have been repeated if we were continually measuring the system state, say l times until the next real measurement. So, we update the probabilities l times assuming the last outcome still holds. Note that the updating scheme is composed of recursive equations. This leads us to extend the previously proposed updating scheme by using one network state measurement, but many (for example l_k in region k) iterations of the scheme in one actual computing step (updating step from $n-1$ to n). For clarity we show the transformation of only one network response region (the full detail is given in the appendix).

If $X_i(n) \leq \phi_1(m(n))$, then

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n-1) * \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X(n)]\} + \alpha_1 * [1 - X(n)]$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n-1) * \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X(n)]\} \quad \forall j \neq i$$

Since the measurements for $X_j(n)$ do not change between $n-1$ and n , then $P_j(n)$ did not change according to the previous updating schemes, so call them X_j and P_j . However, we shall update the action probabilities P_j multiple times,

say l_1 , based on the measurements X_j . So, by solving these recursive equations, we have the following equations

$$P_i(l_1) = P_i * \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X]\}^{l_1} + \alpha_1 * [1 - X] * \sum_{i=0}^{l_1-1} \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X]\}^i$$

$$P_j(l_1) = P_j * \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X]\}^{l_1} \quad \forall j \neq i$$

and the updating scheme becomes

If $X_i(n) \leq \phi_1(m(n))$, then

$$P_i(n) = P_i(n-1) * \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X(n)]\}^{l_1} + \alpha_1 * [1 - X(n)] * \sum_{i=0}^{l_1-1} \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X(n)]\}^i$$

$$P_j(n) = P_j(n-1) * \{1 - \alpha_1 * [1 - X(n)]\}^{l_1} \quad \forall j \neq i$$

We can use different $l_k, k = 1, \dots, R$ and $m_k, k = 1, \dots, P$ for different regions, where $l_1 \geq l_2 \geq \dots \geq l_R > 0$, and $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq m_P > 0$, are positive integers.

6.5.3 Frequent Updating

In the previous section, we updated as little as possible in order to reduce the measurement and computation overhead. However, the best results will be achieved if we measure and update the action probabilities as often as possible. Then the action algorithm will track the system state faster and the decisions will be better. Of course this will introduce more overhead of transmitting, selecting, storing and computing the state statistics.

6.6 Multiple Response Learning Automata

In this section, we introduce Multiple Response (MR) learning automata algorithms. The idea is to use different adaptation rates for different environment responses ($X(n)$). If the environment response is far away from optimum, the algorithm should converge faster, while if the environment response is near to optimum the algorithm should have smaller fluctuation. Whenever the environment response is very good ($X(n) \rightarrow 0$) (reward response 1), then the probability of the selected action increases very fast ($\alpha \rightarrow 1$). When the environment response is almost good (reward response R), then the probability of the selected action increases slowly ($\alpha \rightarrow 0$). Correspondingly, whenever the environment response is very bad ($X(n) \rightarrow 1$) (penalty response 1), then the probability of the selected action decreases very fast ($\beta \rightarrow 1$). When the cost of the environment response is almost bad (penalty response P), then the probability of the selected action decreases slowly ($\beta \rightarrow 0$).

6.6.1 Q-MR Learning Automata

In this section, we introduce a Q-model MR learning automaton algorithm, for which the environment's response takes discrete values. So, if action a_i was selected at time n , the environment's response is an element of the set

$\{X_i^1, \dots, X_i^R, \bar{X}_i^P, \dots, \bar{X}_i^1\}$, i.e.

Let $a(n) = a_i$

reward response 1: $X(n) = X_i^1(X(n))$

reward response 2: $X(n) = X_i^2(X(n))$

...

reward response R: $X(n) = X_i^R(X(n))$

penalty response P: $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^P(X(n))$

penalty response P-1: $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^{P-1}(X(n))$

...

penalty response 1: $X_i(n) = \bar{X}_i^1(X(n))$

where $0 \leq X_i^1 < X_i^2 < \dots < X_i^R < m_i < \bar{X}_i^P < \bar{X}_i^{P-1} < \dots < \bar{X}_i^1 \leq 1$ are functions of $X(n)$.

A possible sequence for these functions $\{X_i^r(X(n))\}$ could be a Fibonacci sequence (normalized to the $[0, m_i(X(n))]$ interval). Also a possible sequence for the functions $\{\bar{X}_i^p(X(n))\}$ could be a Fibonacci sequence (normalized to the $(m_i(X(n)), 1]$ interval).

If the selected action a_i results in good environment response ($0 \leq X(n) < m_i(X(n))$), then we reward this action, otherwise ($m_i(X(n)) < X(n) \leq 1$), we penalize it. The reward (penalty) parameters depend on how good (bad) the environment response was. Therefore, for each of the above environment responses, we use different reward rates $\alpha^r, r = 1, \dots, R$ and penalty rates $\beta^p, p = 1, \dots, P$, with $1 > \alpha^1 > \alpha^2 > \dots > \alpha^R > 0$, and $1 > \beta^1 > \beta^2 > \dots > \beta^P > 0$.

The above concepts produce the *Q-model Multiple Response (Q-MR) algorithm*:

Let $a(n) = a_i$

If $X(n) = X_i^1(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) + g_i^1(X(n))[1 - P_i(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - g_i^1(X(n))P_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i$$

...

If $X(n) = X_i^R(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) + g_i^R(X(n))[1 - P_i(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - g_i^R(X(n))P_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i$$

If $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^P(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) - h_i^P(X(n))P_i(n)$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) + h_i^P(X(n)) \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i$$

...

If $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^1(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) - h_i^1(X(n))P_i(n)$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) + h_i^1(X(n)) \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i$$

where $g_i^r(\cdot), h_i^p(\cdot) \in (0, 1)$ $r = 1, \dots, R$ $p = 1, \dots, P$ are nonnegative continuous functions.

Define $\mathbf{P}(n) = [P_1(n), \dots, P_{|a|}(n)]^T$: vector of action probabilities.

Define $d_i^r = P[X(n) = X_i^r(n)/a(n) = a_i] \in (0, 1)$ the probability for reward response r , when action a_i is selected, and $c_i^p = P[X(n) = \bar{X}_i^p(n)/a(n) = a_i] \in (0, 1)$ the probability for penalty response p , when action a_i is selected, such that

$$\sum_{r=1}^R d_i^r + \sum_{p=1}^P c_i^p = 1$$

$$\text{Define } M_0 = \frac{1}{|a|} \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} \left[\sum_{r=1}^R X_i^r d_i^r + \sum_{p=1}^P \bar{X}_i^p c_i^p \right].$$

The average penalty received by the automaton conditioned on $\mathbf{P}(n)$ is

$$M(n) = E[X(n)/\mathbf{P}(n)] =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} E[X(n)/\mathbf{P}(n), a(n) = a_i] P_i(n) =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} \left[\sum_{r=1}^R X_i^r d_i^r + \sum_{p=1}^P \bar{X}_i^p c_i^p \right] P_i(n) \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[M(n)] = \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} \left[\sum_{r=1}^R X_i^r d_i^r + \sum_{p=1}^P \bar{X}_i^p c_i^p \right] \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[P_i(n)]$$

Next, we prove that at each iteration of the *Q-MR algorithm*, the action probabilities are always non-negative and sum to 1.

Lemma : feasibility

The *Q-model Multiple Response (Q-MR) algorithm* preserves the feasibility of the action probability space.

Proof:

Let at time n the action probabilities are feasible and action a_i is selected, i.e.

$$0 \leq P_i(n) \leq 1, \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) = 1 \text{ and}$$

let $a(n) = a_i$:

If $X(n) = X_i^r(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = g_i^r(X(n)) + P_i(n)[1 - g_i^r(X(n))] \geq 0$$

since $0 < g_i^r(X(n)) < 1$ and $P_i(n) \geq 0$,

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n)[1 - g_i^r(X(n))] \geq 0 \quad \forall j \neq i$$

since $g_i^r(X(n)) < 1$ and $P_j(n) \geq 0$,

$$P_i(n+1) = g_i^r(X(n)) + P_i(n)[1 - g_i^r(X(n))] \leq g_i^r(X(n)) + [1 - g_i^r(X(n))] = 1,$$

since $P_i(n) \geq 0$,

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n)[1 - g_i^r(X(n))] \leq 1 - g_i^r(X(n)) < 1,$$

since $P_j(n) \geq 0$ and $g_i^r(X(n)) > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n+1) &= \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) + g_i^r(X(n))[1 - P_i(n)] - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} g_i^r(X(n))P_j(n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

If $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^p(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n)[1 - h_i^p(X(n))] \geq 0$$

since $P_i(n) \geq 0$ and $h_i^p(X(n)) < 1$,

$$P_j(n+1) = h_i^p(X(n)) \frac{1}{|a| - 1} + P_j(n)[1 - h_i^p(X(n))] \geq 0,$$

since $|a| > 1$, $0 < h_i^p(X(n)) < 1$ and $P_j(n) \geq 0$,

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n)[1 - h_i^p(X(n))] \leq 1 - h_i^p(X(n)) < 1,$$

since $0 \leq P_i(n) \leq 1$ and $0 < h_i^p(X(n))$,

$$\begin{aligned} P_j(n+1) &= h_i^p(X(n)) \frac{1}{|a| - 1} + P_j(n)[1 - h_i^p(X(n))] \leq \\ &\leq h_i^p(X(n)) \frac{1}{|a| - 1} + [1 - h_i^p(X(n))] \leq \\ &\leq \frac{h_i^p(X(n))[2 - |a|] + |a| - 1}{|a| - 1} \leq 1, \\ &\text{since } 0 \leq P_j(n) \leq 1, \ 0 < h_i^p(X(n)) < 1 \text{ and } |a| \geq 2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n+1) &= \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) - h_i^p(X(n))P_i(n) + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} h_i^p(X(n)) \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

□

Next, we prove that the *Q-MR algorithm* is not trapped in a specific action, i.e. no action is selected with probability 1. This is a desirable property for the problem that we consider, since the system conditions continuously change and even if an action is the best for a long time interval, it may not be always so. So, we like to give a chance to the other actions in case they have become better.

Lemma : non-absorbing

The *Q-model Multiple Response (Q-MR)* algorithm is non-absorbing.

Proof:

Let $a(n) = a_i$:

Since $\sum_{i=1}^{|a|} P_i(n) = 1$, not all $P_i(n)$'s are equal to 0. Therefore, $\exists j$ such that $P_j(n) \in (0, 1]$. Since the reward response r happens with nonzero reward probability $d_j^r \in (0, 1)$,

$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - g_j^r * P_j(n) < P_j(n)$ with positive probability $d_j^r > 0$.

Therefore,

$\mathbf{P}(n+1) \neq \mathbf{P}(n)$ with positive probability. \square

For the special case of $f_i^r(.) = \theta * \alpha_i^r$ and $g_i^p(.) = \theta * \beta_i^p$, with $0 < \theta \leq 1$, $0 < \alpha_i^r < 1$, $0 < \beta_i^p < 1$, we have the *Q-model Multiple Response Linear (Q-MRL)* algorithm:

Let $a(n) = a_i$

If $X(n) = X_i^1(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) + \theta \alpha_i^1 [1 - P_i(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - \theta \alpha_i^1 P_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i$$

...

If $X(n) = X_i^R(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) + \theta \alpha_i^R [1 - P_i(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - \theta \alpha_i^R P_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i$$

If $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^P(X(n))$, then

$$\begin{aligned} P_i(n+1) &= P_i(n) - \theta \beta_i^P P_i(n) \\ P_j(n+1) &= P_j(n) + \theta \beta_i^P \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i \end{aligned}$$

...

If $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^1(X(n))$, then

$$\begin{aligned} P_i(n+1) &= P_i(n) - \theta \beta_i^1 P_i(n) \\ P_j(n+1) &= P_j(n) + \theta \beta_i^1 \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i \end{aligned}$$

Next, we prove that at each step of the *Q-MRL algorithm*, we approach to the optimum action.

Theorem : stricly distance diminishing

The *Q-model Multiple Response Linear (Q-MRL) algorithm* with $\alpha_i^r = \alpha^r \quad \forall i$ and $\beta_i^P = \beta \quad \forall i$ is strictly distance diminishing.

Proof:

Let $\mathbf{P}(n)$ and $\mathbf{Q}(n)$ be two different trajectories of the action probabilities.

Let $a(n) = a_i$:

If $X(n) = X_i^r(X(n))$, then

$$\begin{aligned} P_i(n+1) &= P_i(n) + \theta \alpha^r [1 - P_i(n)] \\ P_j(n+1) &= P_j(n) - \theta \alpha^r P_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i(n+1) &= Q_i(n) + \theta \alpha^r [1 - Q_i(n)] \\ Q_j(n+1) &= Q_j(n) - \theta \alpha^r Q_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{P}(n+1) - \mathbf{Q}(n+1)\| &= \left[\sum_{j=1}^{|a|} [P_j(n+1) - Q_j(n+1)]^2 \right]^{1/2} = \\
&= \left[[P_i(n) + \theta\alpha^r[1 - P_i(n)] - Q_i(n) - \theta\alpha^r[1 - Q_i(n)]]^2 + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} [P_j(n) - \theta\alpha^r P_j(n) - Q_j(n) + \theta\alpha^r Q_j(n)]^2 \right]^{1/2} = \\
&= \left[(1 - \theta\alpha^r)^2 \sum_{j=1}^{|a|} [P_j(n) - Q_j(n)]^2 \right]^{1/2} =
\end{aligned}$$

$$= (1 - \theta\alpha^r) \|\mathbf{P}(n) - \mathbf{Q}(n)\| < \|\mathbf{P}(n) - \mathbf{Q}(n)\|$$

since $0 < \theta < 1$, $0 < \alpha^r < 1$.

If $X(n) = \bar{X}_i^p(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) - \theta\beta^p P_i(n)$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) + \theta\beta^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i$$

$$Q_i(n+1) = Q_i(n) - \theta\beta^p Q_i(n)$$

$$Q_j(n+1) = Q_j(n) + \theta\beta^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - Q_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i$$

Then

$$\|\mathbf{P}(n+1) - \mathbf{Q}(n+1)\| = \left[\sum_{j=1}^{|a|} [P_j(n+1) - Q_j(n+1)]^2 \right]^{1/2} =$$

$$= \left[[P_i(n) - \theta\beta^p P_i(n) - Q_i(n) + \theta\beta^p Q_i(n)]^2 + \right.$$

$$\left. + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \left[P_j(n) + \theta\beta^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] - Q_j(n) - \theta\beta^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - Q_j(n) \right] \right]^2 \right]^{1/2} =$$

$$= \left[(1 - \theta\beta^p)^2 \sum_{j=1}^{|a|} [P_j(n) - Q_j(n)]^2 \right]^{1/2} =$$

$$= (1 - \theta\beta^p) \|\mathbf{P}(n) - \mathbf{Q}(n)\| < \|\mathbf{P}(n) - \mathbf{Q}(n)\|$$

since $0 < \theta < 1$, $0 < \alpha^r < 1$. \square

Define also the $Q\text{-MRL}_{\alpha=\beta}$ algorithm, when $R = P$ and $\alpha_i^k = \beta_i^k$ $k = 1, \dots, R$, and the $Q\text{-MRL}_{\alpha=\epsilon\beta}$ algorithm, when $R = P$ and $\alpha_i^k = \epsilon\beta_i^k$ $k = 1, \dots, R$.

Next, we evaluate the conditional expectation of $P_i(n+1)$ given $P_i(n)$:

$$E[P_i(n+1)/P_i(n)] =$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^R [P_i(n) + \theta\alpha_i^r[1 - P_i(n)]] P_i(n)d_i^r +$$

$$+ \sum_{p=1}^P [P_i(n) - \theta\beta_i^p P_i(n)] P_i(n)c_i^p +$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{|a|} \sum_{j \neq i}^R [P_i(n) - \theta\alpha_j^r P_i(n)] P_j(n)d_j^r +$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{|a|} \sum_{j \neq i}^P \left[P_i(n) + \theta\beta_j^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_i(n) \right] \right] P_j(n)c_j^p =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= P_i(n) + \theta P_i(n) \sum_{r=1}^R \left[\alpha_i^r [1 - P_i(n)] d_i^r - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \alpha_j^r P_j(n) d_j^r \right] + \\
&+ \theta \sum_{p=1}^P \left[\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \beta_j^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_i(n) \right] P_j(n) c_j^p - \beta_i^p [P_i(n)]^2 c_i^p \right] = \\
&= P_i(n) + \theta P_i(n) \sum_{r=1}^R \left[\alpha_i^r \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} P_j(n) d_j^r - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \alpha_j^r P_j(n) d_j^r \right] + \\
&+ \theta \sum_{p=1}^P \left[\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \beta_j^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_i(n) \right] P_j(n) c_j^p - \beta_i^p [P_i(n)]^2 c_i^p \right] = \\
&= P_i(n) + \theta P_i(n) \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} P_j(n) (\alpha_i^r d_i^r - \alpha_j^r d_j^r) + \\
&+ \theta \sum_{p=1}^P \left[\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \beta_j^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_i(n) \right] P_j(n) c_j^p - \beta_i^p [P_i(n)]^2 c_i^p \right]
\end{aligned}$$

For the *Q-MRL algorithm* with $\alpha_i^r = \alpha^r \quad \forall i \quad \forall r$ and $\beta_i^p = \beta^p \quad \forall i \quad \forall p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E[P_i(n+1)/P_i(n)] &= P_i(n) + \theta P_i(n) \sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} P_j(n) (d_i^r - d_j^r) + \\
&+ \theta \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \left[\left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_i(n) \right] P_j(n) c_j^p - [P_i(n)]^2 c_i^p \right]
\end{aligned}$$

For the $Q\text{-MRL}_{\alpha=\beta}$ algorithm with $\alpha_i^r = \beta_i^r = \alpha^r \quad \forall i \quad \forall r$, we have

$$E[P_i(n+1)/P_i(n)] = P_i(n) +$$

$$\theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k \left[\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \left[P_i(n)P_j(n)(d_i^k - d_j^k - c_j^k) + \frac{1}{|a|-1} P_j(n)c_j^k \right] - [P_i(n)]^2 c_i^k \right]$$

For the two-action ($|a| = 2$) $Q\text{-MRL}$ algorithm, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[P_1(n+1)/P_1(n)] &= P_1(n) + \theta P_1(n)[1 - P_1(n)] \sum_{r=1}^R (\alpha_1^r d_1^r - \alpha_2^r d_2^r) + \\ &+ \theta \sum_{p=1}^P [\beta_2^p [1 - P_1(n)]^2 c_2^p - \beta_1^p [P_1(n)]^2 c_1^p] \end{aligned}$$

For the two-action $Q\text{-MRL}$ algorithm with $\alpha_i^r = \alpha^r \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \forall r$ and $\beta_i^p = \beta^p \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \forall p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[P_1(n+1)/P_1(n)] &= P_1(n) + \theta P_1(n)[1 - P_1(n)] \sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (d_1^r - d_2^r) + \\ &+ \theta \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p \left[[1 - P_1(n)]^2 c_2^p - [P_1(n)]^2 c_1^p \right] \end{aligned}$$

For the two-action $Q\text{-MRL}_{\alpha=\beta}$ algorithm with $\alpha_i^k = \beta_i^k = \alpha^k \quad i = 1, 2 \quad k = 1, \dots, R$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[P_1(n+1)/P_1(n)] &= P_1(n) + \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k \left[P_i(n)[1 - P_1(n)](d_1^k - d_2^k) + \right. \\ &+ \left. [1 - P_1(n)]^2 c_2^k - [P_1(n)]^2 c_1^k \right] \end{aligned}$$

If in addition $d_1^k + c_1^k = d_2^k + c_2^k \quad k = 1, \dots, R$, then the above relation becomes

$$E[P_1(n+1)/P_1(n)] = P_1(n) +$$

$$+ \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k \left[P_1(n)(d_1^k - d_2^k) - [P_1(n)]^2(d_1^k - d_2^k) - \right.$$

$$\left. - [P_1(n)]^2 c_1^k + c_2^k - 2P_1(n)c_2^k + [P_1(n)]^2 c_2^k \right] =$$

$$= P_1(n) + \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k \left[P_1(n)(d_1^k - d_2^k - 2c_2^k) + c_2^k \right] =$$

$$= P_1(n) - \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k \left[P_1(n)(c_1^k + c_2^k) - c_2^k \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$E[P_1(n+1)] = E[P_1(n)] - \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k \left[E[P_1(n)](c_1^k + c_2^k) - c_2^k \right]$$

$$= \left[1 - \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k (c_1^k + c_2^k) \right] E[P_1(n)] - \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k c_2^k \Rightarrow$$

$$E[P_1(n)] = \left[1 - \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k (c_1^k + c_2^k) \right]^n P_1(0) -$$

$$- \frac{1 - \left[1 - \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k (c_1^k + c_2^k) \right]^n}{\theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k (c_1^k + c_2^k)} \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k c_2^k$$

Finally, if

$$\left| 1 - \theta \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k (c_1^k + c_2^k) \right| < 1$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[P_1(n)] = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k c_2^k}{\sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k (c_1^k + c_2^k)}$$

Thus if $\sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k c_2^k < \sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k c_1^k$, i.e. the penalty probability for action a_2 is smaller than the action probability for action a_1 , then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[P_1(n)] < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[P_2(n)]$, i.e. on the average action a_2 is chosen asymptotically with a higher probability than action a_1 . The following Theorems follow:

Theorem : ergodic

The Q-MR algorithm is ergodic and $\mathbf{P}(n)$ converges in distribution to a random variable \mathbf{P}^ independent of the initial probability $\mathbf{P}(0)$.*

Theorem : expedient

The Q-MRL $_{\alpha-\beta}$ algorithm with $A = B$, $\alpha^k = \beta^k$, $d_1^k + c_1^k = d_2^k + c_2^k$, is expedient.

Proof:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[M(n)] = \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} \left[\sum_{r=1}^R X_i^r d_i^r + \sum_{p=1}^P \bar{X}_i^p c_i^p \right] \frac{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k c_i^k}}{\sum_{i=1}^{|a|} \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^R \alpha^k c_i^k}} < M_0$$

□

Rewriting the conditional expected difference of the probability P_i from step n to step $n + 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[P_i(n+1) - P_i(n) / \mathbf{P}(n) = \mathbf{P}] = \theta & \left[\sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r [1 - P_i] P_i d_i^r - \right. \\
 & - \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p [P_i]^2 c_i^p - \\
 & - \sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r P_i \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} P_j d_j^r + \\
 & \left. + \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_i \right] \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} P_j c_j^p \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Define the following functions:

$$W_i^R(\mathbf{P}) = P_i \sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} P_j (d_i^r - d_j^r)$$

$$W_i^P(\mathbf{P}) = \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{|a|} \left[\left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_i \right] P_j c_j^p - [P_i]^2 c_i^p \right]$$

$$W_i(\mathbf{P}) = W_i^R(\mathbf{P}) + W_i^P(\mathbf{P}), \quad \sum_{i=1}^{|a|} W_i(\mathbf{P}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{P}) = [W_1(\mathbf{P}), \dots, W_{|a|}(\mathbf{P})]^T$$

Then we can write the expectation of the conditional incremental action probabilities as:

$$E[\mathbf{P}(n+1) - \mathbf{P}(n) / \mathbf{P}(n) = \mathbf{P}] = \theta \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{P})$$

$$E[(\mathbf{P}(n+1) - \mathbf{P}(n))(\mathbf{P}(n+1) - \mathbf{P}(n))^T / \mathbf{P}(n) = \mathbf{P}] = \theta^2 \mathbf{W}'(\mathbf{P})$$

$$E[|\mathbf{P}(n+1) - \mathbf{P}(n)|^n / \mathbf{P}(n) = \mathbf{P}] = \theta^n \mathbf{W}''(\mathbf{P})$$

The above defined functions have also the following properties:

$\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{P})$ is twice continuously differentiable in S_r .

$\mathbf{W}'(\mathbf{P}) - \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{P}) * \mathbf{W}^T(\mathbf{P})$ is differentiable in S_r .

Next, we evaluate the probability of action a_1 , when there are only two possible actions ($|a| = 2$):

$$P_1(n+1) = \begin{cases} P_1(n) + \theta\alpha^1[1 - P_1(n)] & \text{if } a(n) = a_1 \text{ and reward response } 1 \\ \dots & \\ P_1(n) + \theta\alpha^R[1 - P_1(n)] & \text{if } a(n) = a_1 \text{ and reward response } R \\ \dots & \\ P_1(n) - \theta\beta^P P_1(n) & \text{if } a(n) = a_1 \text{ and penalty response } P \\ \dots & \\ P_1(n) - \theta\beta^1 P_1(n) & \text{if } a(n) = a_1 \text{ and penalty response } 1 \\ \dots & \\ P_1(n) - \theta\alpha^1 P_1(n) & \text{if } a(n) = a_2 \text{ and reward response } 1 \\ \dots & \\ P_1(n) - \theta\alpha^R P_1(n) & \text{if } a(n) = a_2 \text{ and reward response } R \\ \dots & \\ P_1(n) + \theta\beta^P[1 - P_1(n)] & \text{if } a(n) = a_2 \text{ and penalty response } P \\ \dots & \\ P_1(n) + \theta\beta^1[1 - P_1(n)] & \text{if } a(n) = a_2 \text{ and penalty response } 1 \end{cases}$$

Then the previously defined functions become:

$$W_1^R(P_1) = P_1 \sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (1 - P_1)(d_1^r - d_2^r)$$

$$W_1^P(P_1) = \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p [(1 - P_1)^2 c_2^p - (P_1)^2 c_1^p]$$

The following Theorem characterizes the zeros of the function $W(\mathbf{P})$:

Theorem :

For the Q-MRL algorithm,

\exists unique $Q_1, Q_2 \in (0, 1)$ such that $W^P(Q_1) = 0$ and $W(Q_2) = 0$ and

- i) $Q_2 > Q_1 > \frac{1}{2}$, when $\sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (d_1^r - d_2^r) > 0$ and $\sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) > 0$ or
- ii) $Q_2 < Q_1 < \frac{1}{2}$, when $\sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (d_1^r - d_2^r) < 0$ and $\sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) < 0$

Proof:

$$W_1^P(0) = \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p c_2^p > 0$$

$$W_1^P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p)$$

$$W_1^P(1) = \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (-c_1^p) < 0$$

$$\text{If } \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) = 0, \quad \text{then } W_1^P(Q_1) = 0 \text{ for } Q_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{if } \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) > 0, \quad \text{then } W_1(Q_2) = 0 \text{ for } Q_2 = Q_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{If } \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) > 0, \quad \text{then } W_1^P(Q_1) = 0 \text{ for } Q_1 > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{if } \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) > 0, \quad \text{then } W_1(Q_2) = 0 \text{ for } Q_2 = Q_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{If } \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) = 0, \quad \text{then } W_1^P(Q_1) = 0 \text{ for } Q_1 < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{if } \sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) > 0, \quad \text{then } W_1(Q_2) = 0 \text{ for } Q_2 = Q_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Similarly for the other cases \square

If in the algorithm, we replace β^p by $\epsilon\beta^p$, then $\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{P})$ and $\mathbf{W}^{P'}(\mathbf{P})$ get multiplied by ϵ and ϵ^2 .

Define

$$\mathbf{W}(\epsilon, \mathbf{P}) = \mathbf{W}^R(\mathbf{P}) + \epsilon \mathbf{W}^P(\mathbf{P}) \quad 0 < \epsilon \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{W}(1, \mathbf{P}) = \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{P})$$

Then the following Theorem follows:

Theorem :

For the Q -MRL algorithm $\exists Q(\epsilon) \in (0, 1)$, such that $W(\epsilon, Q(\epsilon)) = 0$ and

i) $Q(\epsilon) \geq Q_2$ and $Q(\epsilon) \rightarrow 1$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$,

when $\sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (d_1^r - d_2^r) > 0$ and $\sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) > 0$ or

ii) $Q(\epsilon) \leq Q_2$ and $Q(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$,

when $\sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (d_1^r - d_2^r) < 0$ and $\sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) < 0$

Proof:

i)

$$\mathbf{W}(\epsilon, \mathbf{P}) = \mathbf{W}(1, \mathbf{P}) - (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{W}^P(\mathbf{P})$$

$$\mathbf{W}(1, \mathbf{P}) = \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{P})$$

Then

$$\mathbf{W}(\epsilon, Q_2) = -(1 - \alpha) \mathbf{W}^P(Q_2) > 0$$

$$\mathbf{W}(\epsilon, 1) = 0$$

Therefore $\mathbf{W}(\epsilon, Q(\epsilon)) = 0$ $Q(\epsilon) \geq Q_2$

If $\epsilon' > \epsilon$, then $\mathbf{W}(\epsilon', Q(\epsilon)) = \mathbf{W}^P(Q(\epsilon))(\epsilon' - \epsilon) > 0$

i.e. $Q(\epsilon)$ increases as ϵ decreases.

$\mathbf{W}(0, 1) = 0$, thus 1 is the least upper bound on $Q(\epsilon)$.

Similarly for case ii). \square

6.6.2 S-MR Learning Automata

In this section, we introduce an S-model MR learning automaton algorithm, for which the environment's response takes continuous values:

Let $a(n) = a_i$

reward response 1: $0 \leq X(n) \leq X_i^1(X(n))$

reward response 2: $X_i^1(X(n)) < X(n) \leq X_i^2(X(n))$

...

reward response R: $X_i^{R-1}(X(n)) < X(n) \leq m_i(X(n))$

penalty response P: $m_i(X(n)) < X(n) \leq \bar{X}_i^{P-1}(X(n))$

penalty response P-1: $\bar{X}_i^{P-1}(X(n)) < X(n) \leq \bar{X}_i^{P-2}(X(n))$

...

penalty response 1: $\bar{X}_i^1(X(n)) < X(n) \leq 1$

where $0 \leq X_i^1 < X_i^2 < \dots < X_i^R < m_i < \bar{X}_i^{P-1} < \dots < \bar{X}_i^1 \leq 1$ are functions of $X(n)$.

A possible sequence for these functions $\{X_i^r(X(n))\}$ could be a Fibonacci sequence (normalized to the $[0, m_i(X(n))]$ interval). Also a possible sequence for the functions $\{\bar{X}_i^p(X(n))\}$ could be a Fibonacci sequence (normalized to the $(m_i(X(n)), 1]$ interval).

If the selected action a_i results in good environment response ($0 \leq X(n) < m_i(X(n))$), then we reward this action, otherwise ($m_i(X(n)) < X(n) \leq 1$), we penalize it. The reward (penalty) parameters depend on how good (bad) the environment response was. Therefore, for each of the above environment responses, we use different reward rates $\alpha^r, r = 1, \dots, R$ and penalty rates $\beta^p, p = 1, \dots, P$, with $1 > \alpha^1 > \alpha^2 > \dots > \alpha^R > 0$, and $1 > \beta^1 > \beta^2 > \dots > \beta^P > 0$.

The above concepts produce the *S-model Multiple Response (Q-MR) algorithm*:

Let $a(n) = a_i$

If $0 \leq X(n) \leq X_i^1(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) + g_i^1(X(n))[1 - P_i(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - g_i^1(X(n))P_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i$$

...

If $X_i^{R-1}(X(n)) < X(n) \leq m_i(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) + g_i^R(X(n))[1 - P_i(n)]$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) - g_i^R(X(n))P_j(n) \quad \forall j \neq i$$

If $m_i(X(n)) < X(n) \leq \bar{X}_i^{P-1}(X(n))$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) - h_i^P(X(n))P_i(n)$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) + h_i^P(X(n)) \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i$$

...

If $\bar{X}_i^1(X(n)) > X(n) \leq 1$, then

$$P_i(n+1) = P_i(n) - h_i^1(X(n))P_i(n)$$

$$P_j(n+1) = P_j(n) + h_i^1(X(n)) \left[\frac{1}{|a| - 1} - P_j(n) \right] \quad \forall j \neq i$$

where $g_i^r(\cdot), h_i^p(\cdot) \in (0, 1)$ $r = 1, \dots, R$ $p = 1, \dots, P$ are nonnegative continuous functions.

We can also prove several properties of the *S-MR* algorithm similar to those of the *Q-MR* algorithm.

Lemma : feasibility

The S-model Multiple Response (Q-MR) algorithm preserves the feasibility of the action probability space.

Lemma : non-absorbing

The S-model Multiple Response (Q-MR) algorithm is non-absorbing.

Theorem : strictly distance diminishing

The S-model Multiple Response Linear (Q-MRL) algorithm with $\alpha_i^r = \alpha^r \quad \forall i$ and $\beta_i^p = \beta \quad \forall i$ is strictly distance diminishing.

Theorem : ergodic

The S-MR algorithm is ergodic and $\mathbf{P}(n)$ converges in distribution to a random variable \mathbf{P}^ independent of the initial probability $\mathbf{P}(0)$.*

Theorem : expedient

The $S\text{-}MRL_{\alpha-\beta}$ algorithm with $A = B$, $\alpha^k = \beta^k$, $d_1^k + c_1^k = d_2^k + c_2^k$, is expedient.

Theorem :

For the S-MRL algorithm $\exists Q(\epsilon) \in (0, 1)$, such that $W(\epsilon, Q(\epsilon)) = 0$ and

i) $Q(\epsilon) \geq Q_2$ and $Q(\epsilon) \rightarrow 1$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$,

when $\sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (d_1^r - d_2^r) > 0$ and $\sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) > 0$ or

ii) $Q(\epsilon) \leq Q_2$ and $Q(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$,

when $\sum_{r=1}^R \alpha^r (d_1^r - d_2^r) < 0$ and $\sum_{p=1}^P \beta^p (c_2^p - c_1^p) < 0$

6.7 Application to Datagram Networks

In this section, we propose using stochastic learning automata for load sharing, routing and congestion control decisions in datagram networks. Glorioso & Colon [195, 194], Srikantakumar [454, 453, 455] Chrystall, Mars & Narendra [104, 370] Nedzelnitsky & Narendra [349, 350], Mason [321, 322] and Narendra & Wheeler [345] use learning automata in datagram routing and they update the routing probabilities according to the delay experienced by a packet.

Learning automata have also been used for routing decisions in datagram networks with variable quality links [141]. When packets repeatedly fail transmission through a link, due to high error rate of this link, then they are driven by learning automata to use a different link. For a full description of learning automata-based routing in such an unreliable network, we refer to our paper [141].

The methodology that we propose for learning automata-based load sharing, routing and congestion control decisions for new arriving packets (in datagram networks) is similar to that of the next section for new arriving virtual circuits (in virtual circuit networks). So, we do not reiterate it here.

6.8 Application to Virtual Circuit Networks

In this section, we propose using stochastic learning automata for load sharing, routing and congestion control decisions in virtual circuit networks. We have introduced learning automata for virtual circuit routing [136], where the routing probabilities are updated according to the unfinished work on the selected path (for user optimum), or the increase in the number of packets on a path (or the increase in the portion of the overall network delay corresponding to this path) due to the addition of a new virtual circuit on this path (for system optimum). We considered three cases regarding the availability of traffic measurements: i) measurements of the number of virtual circuits and packets on each path are known, ii) measurements of the number of virtual circuits on each path are known, iii) no measurements of the network state are known, but the virtual circuit arrival rates are known.

Perturbation analysis may also be used in order to estimate the derivatives of the cost function.

Everything in this section is for each class c , but for easier exposition we do not show the superscript of the class. At every source node $[s.]$, a load sharing decision maker selects the destination node $[.d]$ where a new virtual circuit will be executed. Then a router selects the path $\pi_{[sd]}$ through which the virtual circuit will be transferred to the destination node $[.d]$ or rejects the virtual circuit for congestion control reasons. The length of a path is given by the Theorems of chapters 4 and 5.

However, network conditions change very rapidly and the minimum length path at a time instant may not be the same at the next time instant. Also, the information about the network state is always obsolete and inaccurate. Therefore the load sharing, routing and congestion control decisions should not overreact and immediately send a new virtual circuit to the estimated minimum length destination through the minimum length path, because oscillations may appear [45]. The system management decisions should fast track the current network state but without introducing instability.

The proposed adaptive routing algorithms are based on a “Probabilistic Selection of the Minimum Length Path” idea. Instead of using a definitive decision as to where to send a newly arriving virtual circuit, we vary the load sharing, routing and congestion control probabilities favoring the minimum length destination and path. Finally, the lengths of the paths are equalized.

Every source node $[s.]$ has a learning automaton for selecting a destination node where a new arriving virtual circuit will be executed. These learning automata operate asynchronously and base their decisions on the current system state. The actions, $a(n)$, of each automaton are the selection of a particular destination node $[.d]$ for processing the virtual circuit.

The automaton selects action $a(n) = a_{[sd]}$ with probability $P_{[sd]}(n)$ at each instant n . Action $a(n)$ becomes input to the environment. If this results in a favorable outcome for the network performance ($X(n) \rightarrow 0$), then the probability $P_{[sd]}(n)$ is increased by $\Delta P_{[sd]}(n)$ and the $P_{[sd']}(n)$, $\forall [sd'] \neq [sd]$, are decreased by

$\Delta P_{[sd']}(n)$. Otherwise, if an unfavorable outcome ($X(n) = 1$) appears, then the $P_{[sd]}(n)$ is decreased by $\Delta P_{[sd]}(n)$ and the $P_{[sd']}(n)$, $\forall [sd'] \neq [sd]$ are increased by $\Delta P_{[sd']}(n)$.

We propose the following adaptive algorithm at every source node $[s.]$, for the load sharing decisions:

Probabilistic Selection of the Minimum Length Destination:

Suppose destination $[d]$ was selected at time $n-1$, with $P_{[sd]}(n-1)$.

Compute the lengths to all destinations, $l_{[sd']}(n) \forall [sd']$

Calculate $X(n) = X(\dots, l_{[sd']}(n), \dots)$.

Update the load sharing probabilities $P_{[sd']}(n) \forall [sd']$.

Select the destination for the n^{th} virtual circuit probabilistically according to $P_{[sd']}(n)$.

Similarly, for the routing and congestion control decisions, every source node $[s.]$ has a learning automaton for every destination node $[d]$ that routes new arriving virtual circuits at node $[s.]$ and destined for node $[d]$. These learning automata operate asynchronously and base their decisions on the current network state. The actions, $a(n)$, of each automaton are to select some particular path $\pi[sd]$ to the destination node $[d]$.

The automaton selects action $a(n) = a_{\pi[sd]}$ with probability $P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$ at each instant n . Action $a(n)$ becomes input to the environment. If this results in a favorable outcome for the network performance ($X(n) \rightarrow 0$), then the probability $P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$ is increased by $\Delta P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$ and the $P_{p[sd]}(n)$, $\forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$, are decreased by $\Delta P_{p[sd]}(n)$. Otherwise, if an unfavorable outcome ($X(n) \rightarrow 1$) appears, then the $P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$ is decreased by $\Delta P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$ and the $P_{p[sd]}(n)$, $\forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$ are increased by $\Delta P_{p[sd]}(n)$.

We propose the following adaptive algorithm at every source node $[s.]$, for routing virtual circuits to a certain destination node $[.d]$ or for rejecting them when congestion exists into the network:

Probabilistic Selection of the Minimum Length Path:

Suppose path $\pi[sd]$ was selected at time $n-1$, with $P_{\pi[sd]}(n-1)$.

Compute all paths lengths, $l_p[sd](n) \forall p[sd]$ and $l_o[sd](n)$.

Compute $X(n) = X(\dots, l_p[sd](n), \dots)$.

Update the routing probabilities $P_p[sd](n) \forall p[sd]$, $P_o[sd](n)$.

Select the path for the n^{th} virtual circuit or reject it probabilistically according to $P_p[sd](n)$, $P_o[sd](n)$.

6.8.1 Simulation Comparison of Algorithms

In this section, we apply three learning automata algorithms to the routing problem in virtual circuits networks and we compare their performance. All algorithms have the same reward and penalty parameters for different actions and the parameter $\theta = 1$. We consider as length of a path $\pi[sd]$ its average packet delay $T_{\pi[sd]}(n)$.

The simplest information that someone can measure and transfer about the network state is the packet delay through each path from source to destination. A new arriving virtual circuit is routed from its source to its destination along the path that promises the minimum packet delay. Instead of using a definitive decision as to where to send a newly arriving virtual circuit, we vary the path routing probabilities favoring the minimum delay path.

The first algorithm is the $L_{R-\epsilon P}$ learning automaton with reward parameter $\alpha = 0.2$ and penalty parameter $\beta = 0.8$. If the selected path has the minimum packet delay at the next iteration, then we increase the probability of selecting it again, otherwise we decrease it. More specifically:

Let path $\pi[sd]$ is selected at time n

If $T_{\pi[sd]}(n) = \min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{T_{p[sd]}(n)\}$, then

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) + 0.2 * [1 - P_{\pi[sd]}(n)]$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) - 0.2 * P_{p[sd]}(n) \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

else

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) - 0.8 * P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) + 0.8 * [1 - P_{p[sd]}(n)] \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

The second algorithm is the $MRL_{R-\epsilon P}$ learning automaton with reward parameters $\alpha^1 = 0.8$ (excellent choice), $\alpha^2 = 0.2$ (good choice, but not excellent) and penalty parameters $\beta^2 = 0.8$ (bad choice), $\beta^1 = 1$ (very bad choice). We consider two response and penalty regions for the algorithm ($P = R = 2$) and the functions that define these regions are linear functions with parameter 2. More specifically:

Let path $\pi[sd]$ is selected at time n

If $T_{\pi[sd]}(n) \leq \min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{T_{p[sd]}(n)/2\}$, then

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) + 0.8 * [1 - P_{\pi[sd]}(n)]$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) - 0.8 * P_{p[sd]}(n) \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

If $\min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{T_{p[sd]}(n)/2\} < T_{\pi[sd]}(n) \leq \min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{T_{p[sd]}(n)\}$,

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) + 0.2 * [1 - P_{\pi[sd]}(n)]$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) - 0.2 * P_{p[sd]}(n) \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

If $\min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{T_{p[sd]}(n)\} \leq T_{\pi[sd]}(n) \leq \min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{2 * T_{p[sd]}(n)\}$,

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) - 0.8 * P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) + 0.8 * [1 - P_{p[sd]}(n)] \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

If $\min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{2 * T_{p[sd]}(n)\} \leq T_{\pi[sd]}(n)$,

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) - 1 * P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) + 1 * [1 - P_{p[sd]}(n)] \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

Finally, the third algorithm is the $SDL_{R-\epsilon P}$ learning automaton with reward parameter $\alpha = 0.2$ and penalty parameter $\beta = 0.8$. The state dependent parameter is an exponential function of the difference of the selected path average delay and the maximum average delay of paths between this source-destination. More specifically:

Let path $\pi[sd]$ is selected at time n

If $T_{\pi[sd]}(n) = \min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{T_{p[sd]}(n)\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) &= P_{\pi[sd]}(n) + 0.2 * (1 - e^{\frac{T_{\pi[sd]}(n) - \max_{p[sd]} T_{p[sd]}}{T_{\pi[sd]}(n)}}) * [1 - P_{\pi[sd]}(n)] \\ P_{p[sd]}(n+1) &= P_{p[sd]}(n) - 0.2 * (1 - e^{\frac{T_{\pi[sd]}(n) - \max_{p[sd]} T_{p[sd]}}{T_{\pi[sd]}(n)}}) * P_{p[sd]}(n) \\ \forall p[sd] &\neq \pi[sd] \end{aligned}$$

else

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) &= P_{\pi[sd]}(n) - 0.8 * (1 - e^{\frac{T_{\pi[sd]}(n) - \max_{p[sd]} T_{p[sd]}}{T_{\pi[sd]}(n)}}) * P_{\pi[sd]}(n) \\ P_{p[sd]}(n+1) &= P_{p[sd]}(n) + 0.8 * (1 - e^{\frac{T_{\pi[sd]}(n) - \max_{p[sd]} T_{p[sd]}}{T_{\pi[sd]}(n)}}) * [1 - P_{p[sd]}(n)] \\ \forall p[sd] &\neq \pi[sd] \end{aligned}$$

It is important to understand that the above values for the reward and penalty parameters are not the optimum. Depending on the network topology, the number of paths between source-destination pairs, the traffic characteristics, the information about the network state, the updating time interval and other variables, we should choose the best parameters by experimentation. Note that the traditionally used shortest path algorithm is a special case of the learning automata algorithm, since by suitable tuning the parameters, we can select the minimum length path with probability 1.

In this section, we compare the performance of the three learning automata algorithms (see previous section) via simulation. We consider a network with two paths from source to destination. So, each learning automaton has two actions $\|a\| = 2$ to choose. Path # 1 has seven links with service rates 1. Path # 2 has seven links with service rates 1, 0.5, 2, 2, 2, 0.5 and 1 (Figure 6.2).

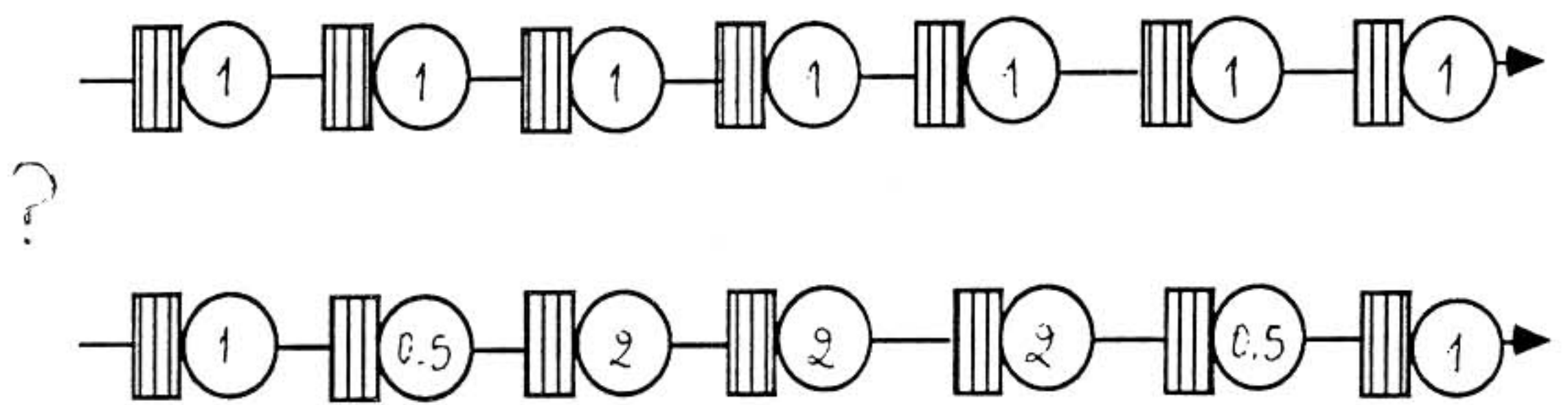


Figure 6.2: Simulated network.

The mean packet service requirement is $1/\mu = 1$ and therefore $\mu_{ij} = \mu * C_{ij} = C_{ij}$. For the rest traffic characteristics, we considered two cases:

i) 30/2/40: the virtual circuit arrival rate is $\gamma = 1/30$, the packet arrival rate per virtual circuit is $r = 1/2$ and the mean virtual circuit duration is $\delta = 40$.

ii) 50/5/200: the virtual circuit arrival rate is $\gamma = 1/50$, the packet arrival rate per virtual circuit is $r = 1/5$ and the mean virtual circuit duration is $\delta = 200$.

For measuring the path delay, we consider two cases:

i) 1 : at every packet departure from the network through a path, the destination sends to the source the packet delay through the path of that last packet.

ii) 50 : at every 50 packet departure from the network through a path, the destination sends to the source the average packet delay through the path of these 50 last packets.

The source node keeps and updates the information about the delay of its paths to the destination. The information about the delay of a path is updated every time a packet arrives at the destination through this path. However, this updating is not done immediately, but we assume a feedback delay so that this information becomes available to the source node. We assume that no extra traffic is created for transferring this feedback information to the source node (it is either piggybacked on regular packets or uses a different channel). We consider two cases:

i) instantaneous information, when the feedback delay is 7 time units. In this case, we assume that the feedback information has higher priority over other packets and does not wait in queues.

ii) obsolete information, when the feedback delay is 60 time units. In this case, we assume that the feedback information is piggybacked on regular packets and is transferred back to the source node.

Updating the information of a path asynchronously at packet departure instances has an undesirable characteristic. If a path becomes unattractive for routing packets through it, then we may not route any more packets through it.

However, our information about its length remains the same, although after some time this path may become idle. We have overcome this problem by sending a

30/2/40	1 instant	1 obsolete	50 instant	50 obsolete
deterministic	50.59 \pm 0.89	63.59 \pm 1.28	55.38 \pm 0.93	61.97 \pm 1.36
L automaton	50.27 \pm 1.15	61.29 \pm 1.36	57.37 \pm 0.88	61.44 \pm 1.25
MRL automaton	50.64 \pm 0.73	61.27 \pm 1.63	61.15 \pm 0.92	64.04 \pm 1.36
SDL automaton	48.92 \pm 0.51	62.52 \pm 1.04	57.37 \pm 1.14	60.60 \pm 1.46

50/5/200	1 instant	1 obsolete	50 instant	50 obsolete
deterministic	46.79 \pm 1.75	57.84 \pm 1.92	60.52 \pm 2.21	68.30 \pm 2.23
L automaton	45.35 \pm 1.45	54.85 \pm 2.31	61.43 \pm 1.76	65.43 \pm 1.77
MRL automaton	43.25 \pm 1.45	56.45 \pm 2.13	62.05 \pm 3.16	65.67 \pm 2.52
SDL automaton	46.22 \pm 1.36	57.45 \pm 2.17	60.81 \pm 1.79	67.24 \pm 1.68

Table 6.1: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 for deterministic, Linear automaton, Multiple Response automaton and State Dependent automaton based routing.

probe packet through a path that has not been used for 100 time units and therefore updating our information about its delay.

In Figures 6.3-6.10 and Table 6.1, we show the simulation results for the average packet delay for 10,000 virtual circuits.

Although the reward and penalty parameters of the learning automata were not chosen to be the best possible, all four algorithms achieve similar performance. However, the learning automata have more flexibility, since we can calibrate their parameters depending on the particular system. Note, that the deterministic algorithm is a special case of the learning automata, since we can choose their parameters, such that the minimum length path is chosen. The more frequent we update the algorithms and the more recent state information we have, the better the performance.

average delay

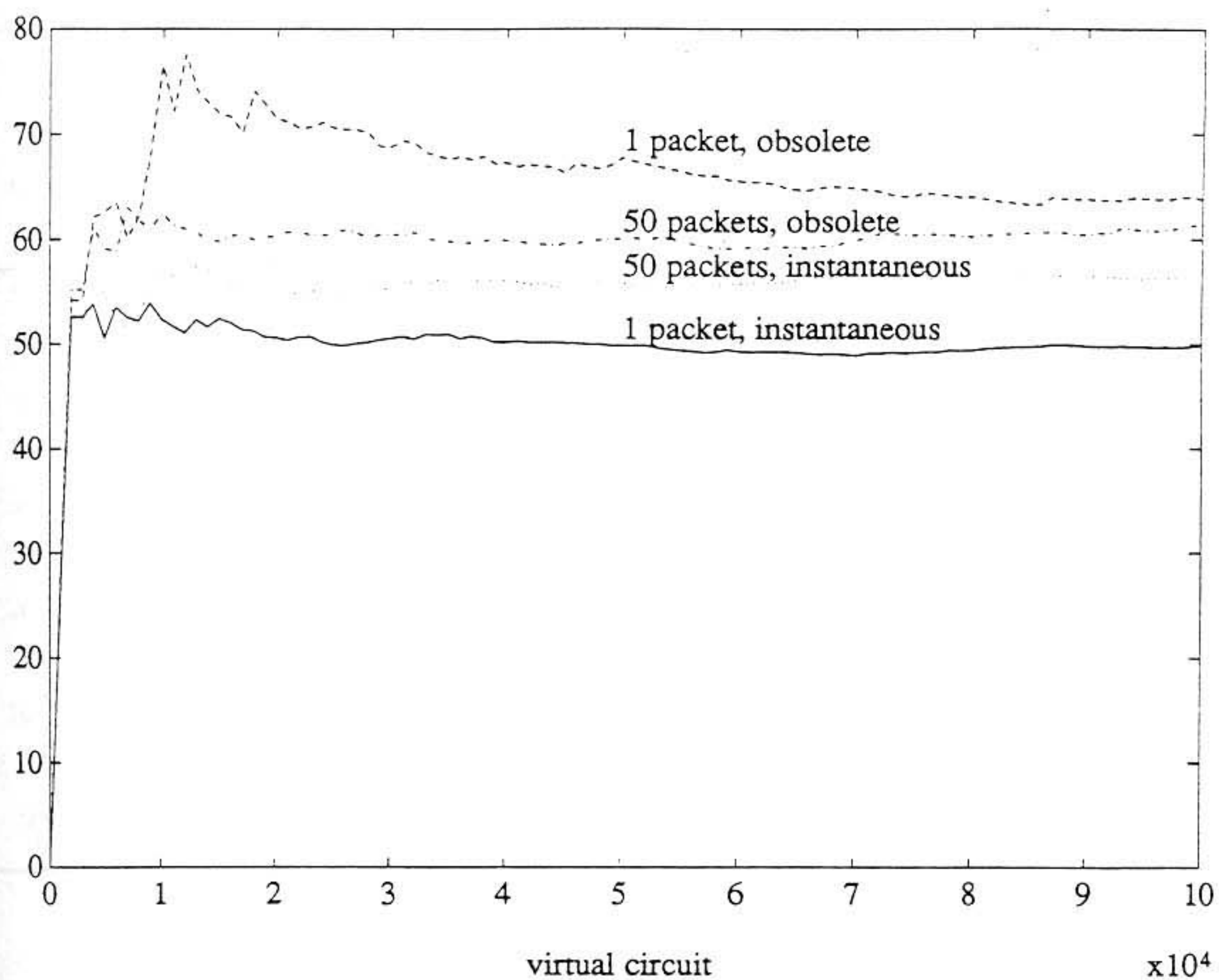


Figure 6.3: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/30$ for deterministic routing.

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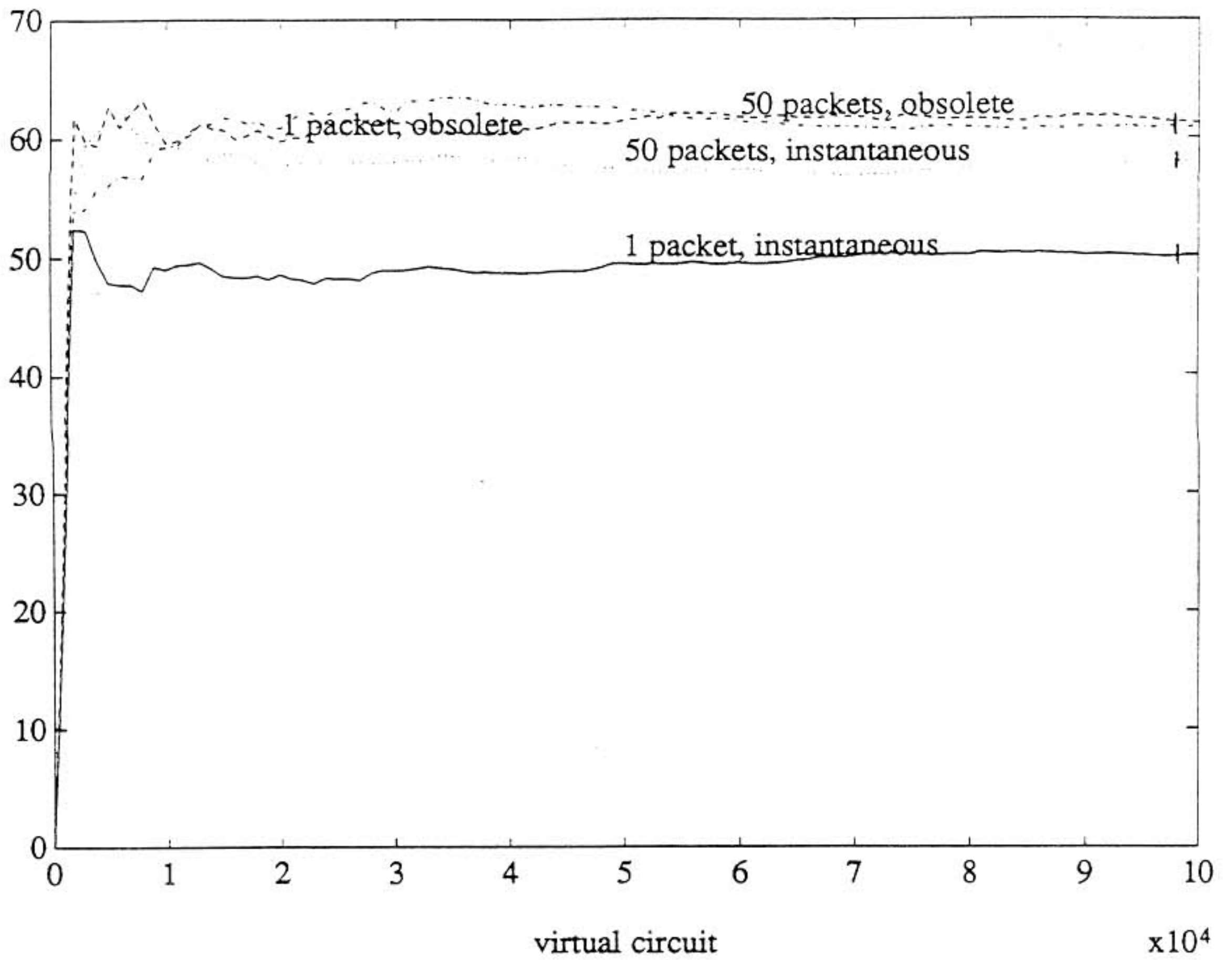


Figure 6.4: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/30$ for Linear learning automaton based routing.

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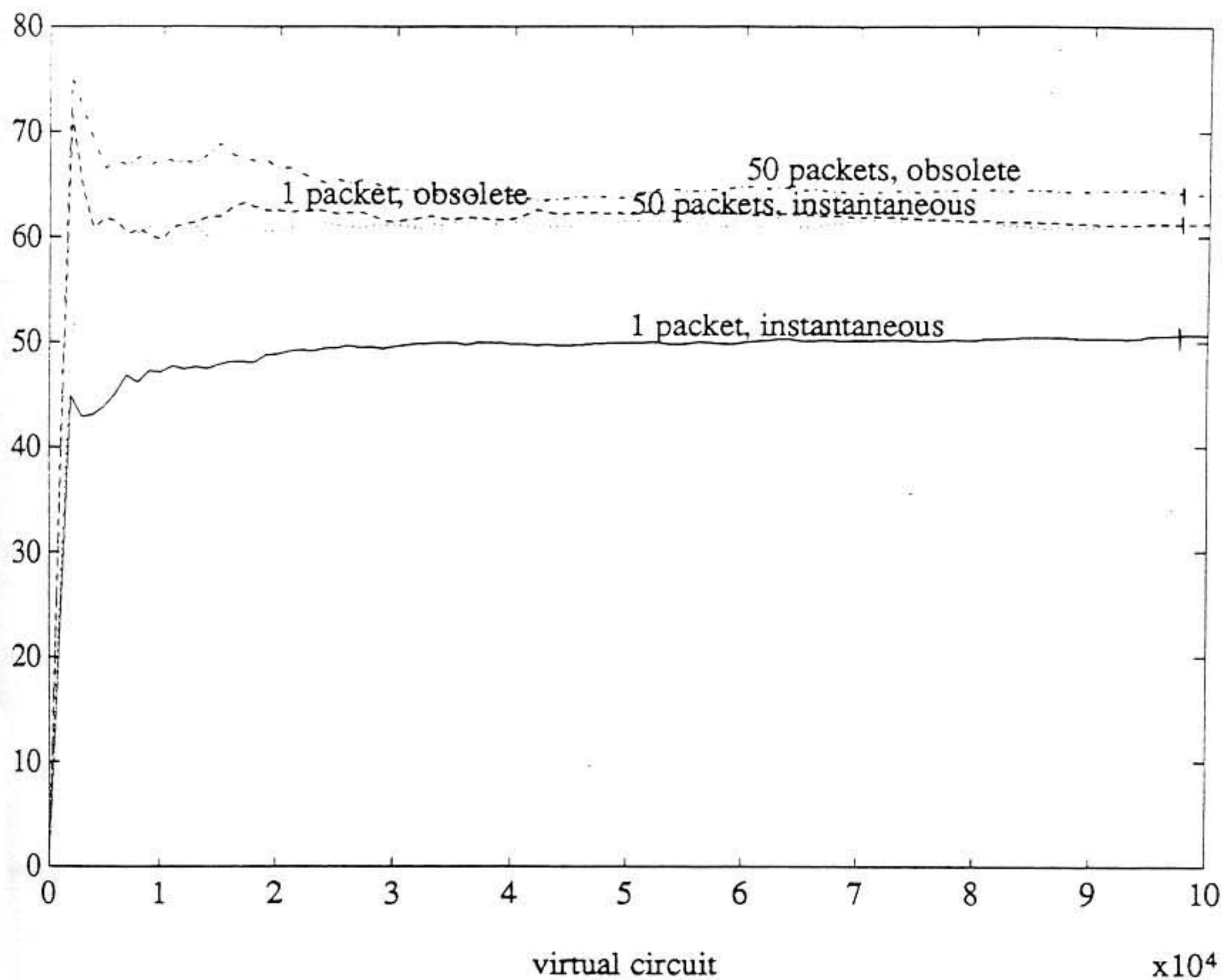


Figure 6.5: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/30$ for Multiple Response learning automaton based routing.

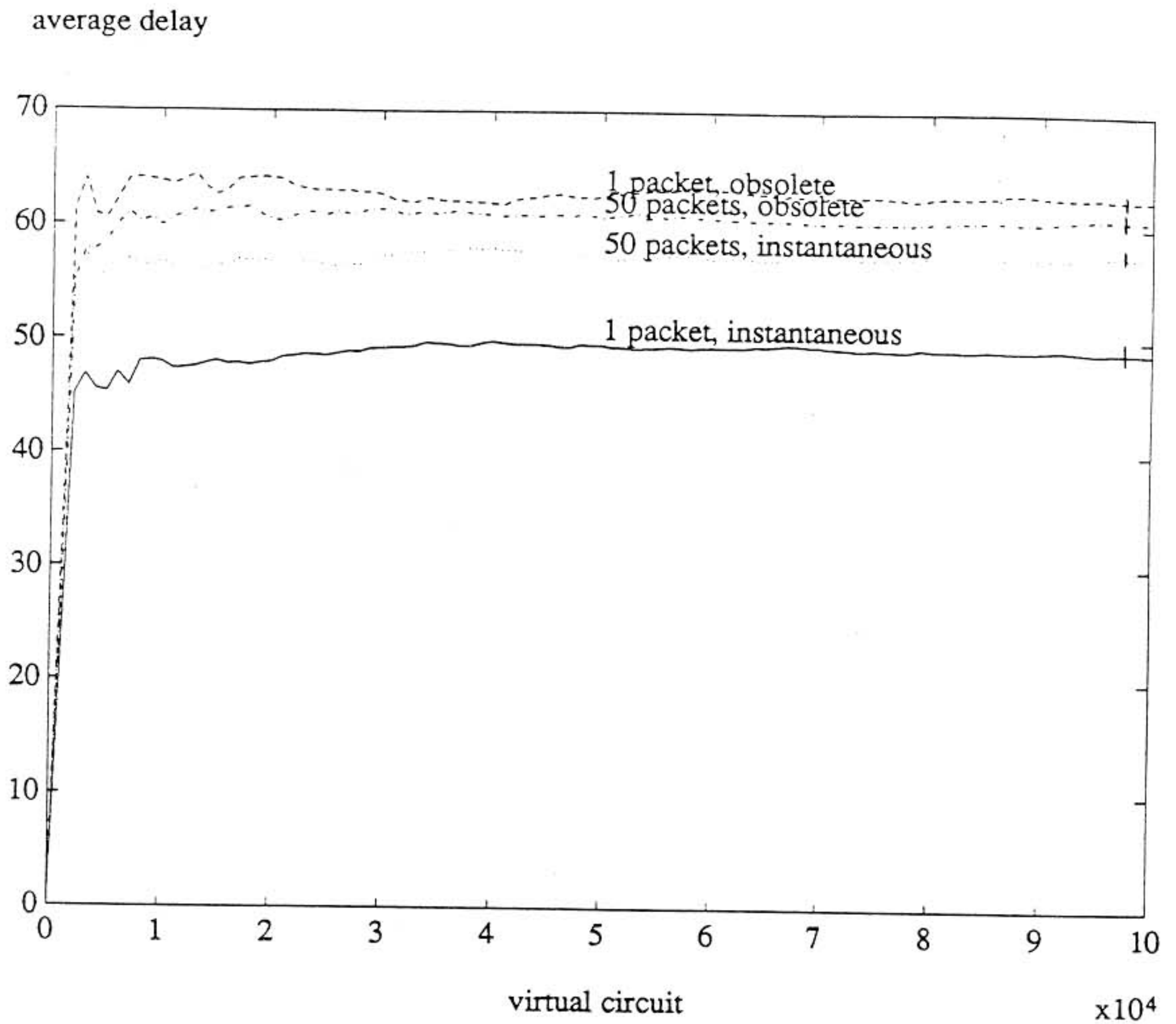


Figure 6.6: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/30$ for State Dependent learning automaton based routing.

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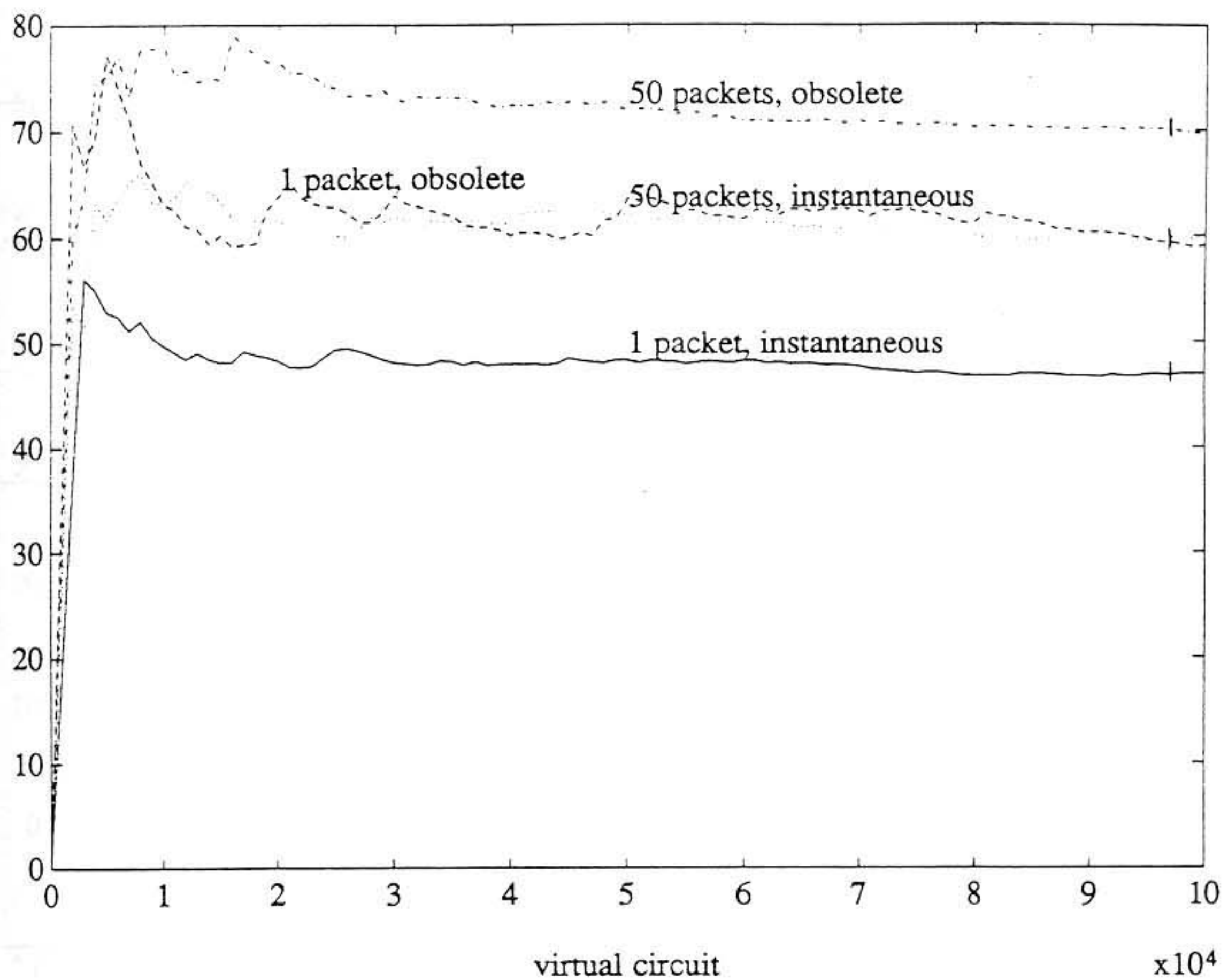


Figure 6.7: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/50$ for deterministic routing.

average delay

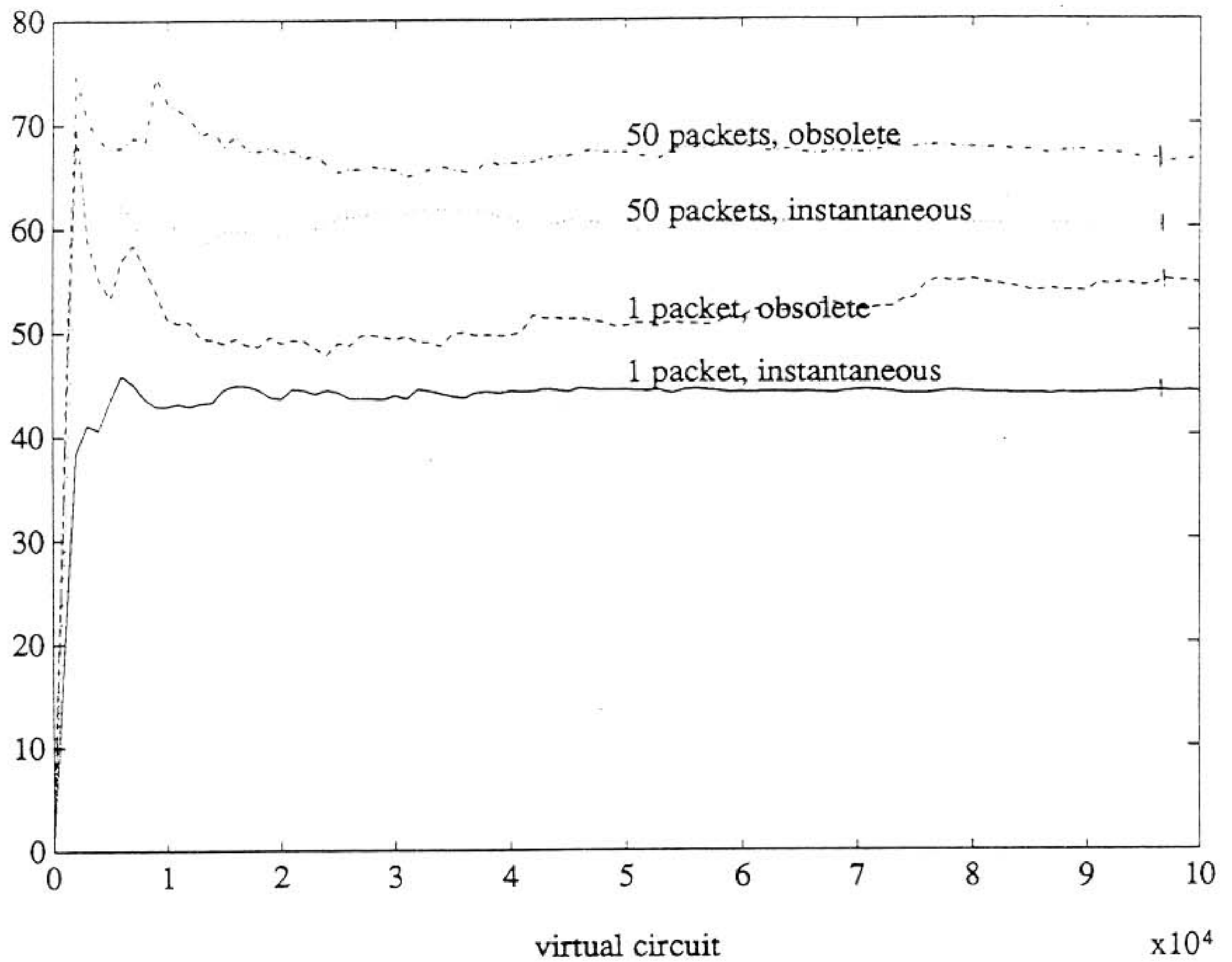


Figure 6.8: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/50$ for Linear learning automaton based routing.

average delay

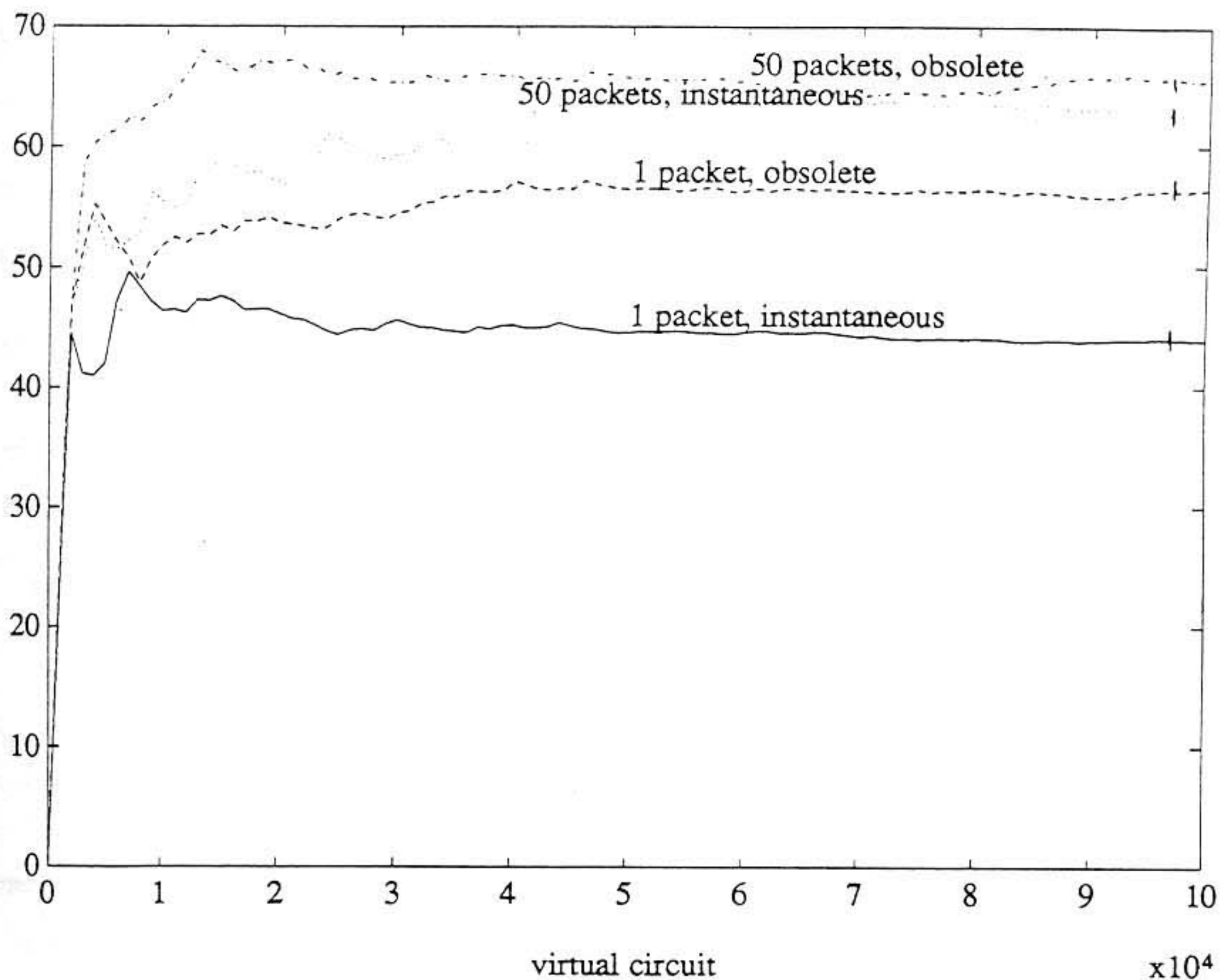


Figure 6.9: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/50$ for Multiple Response learning automaton based routing.

average delay

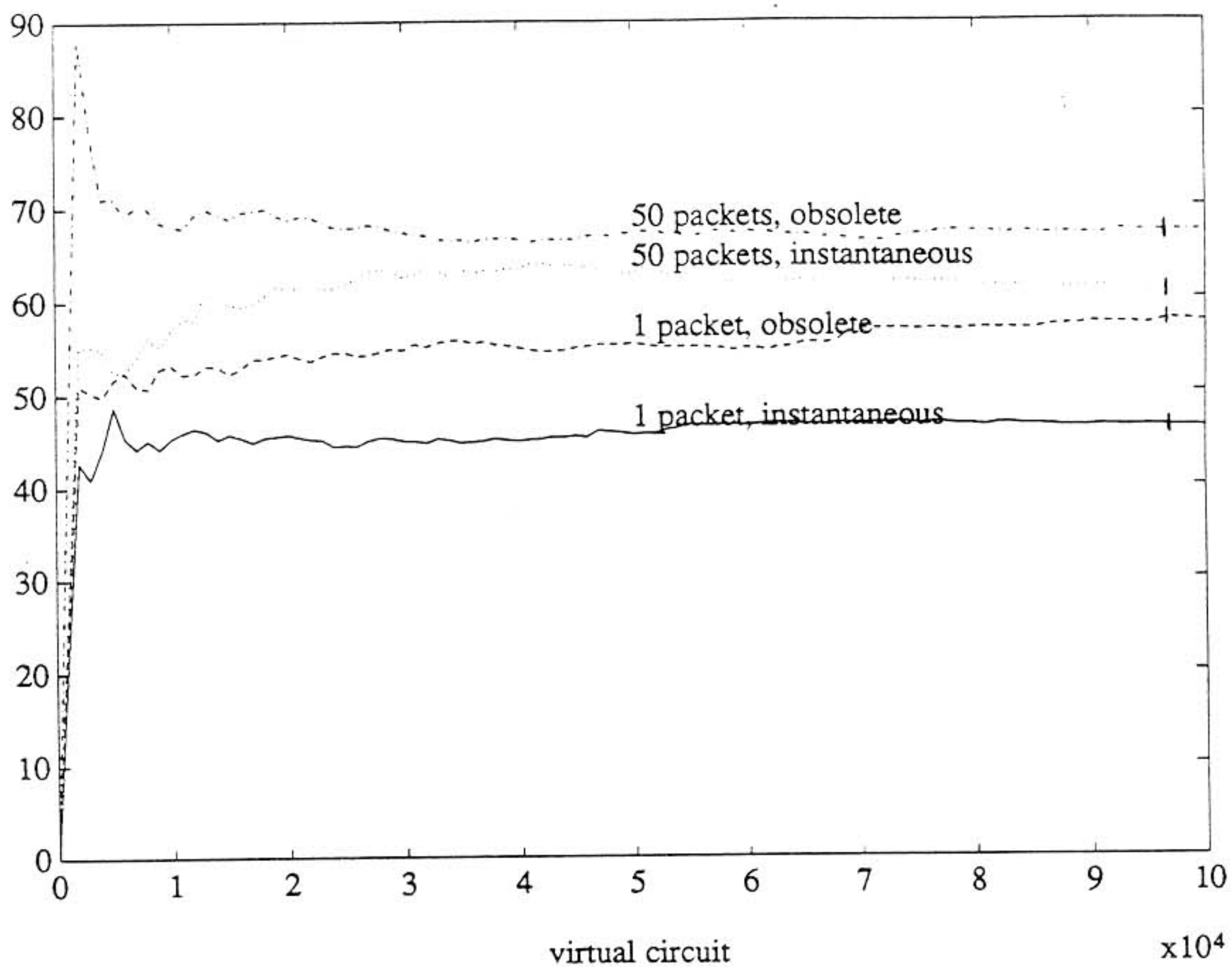


Figure 6.10: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/50$ for State Dependent learning automaton based routing.

6.8.2 Simulation Comparison of Performance Measures

In this section, we use the $L_{R-\epsilon P}$ algorithm. We compare a class of performance measures, that we introduced in section 5.5.3.

We consider as link length $l_{ij}(n)$ a convex combination of its current length $l_{ij}^{current}(n)$ and its future length $l_{ij}^{future}(n)$. We consider as current length $l_{ij}^{current}(n) = \frac{1 + N_{ij}(n)}{\mu C_{ij}}$, a linear function of the number of packets on link ij . We consider as future length $l_{ij}^{future}(n) = \frac{1 + V_{ij}(n)}{\mu C_{ij}}$, a linear function of the number of virtual circuits on link ij . Then the length of link ij is

$$l_{ij} = \epsilon * \frac{1 + N_{ij}(n)}{\mu C_{ij}} + (1 - \epsilon) * \frac{1 + V_{ij}(n)}{\mu C_{ij}} \quad 0 \leq \epsilon \leq 1$$

A special case of this measure is the unfinished work [136]

$$U_{ij}(n) = \frac{1 + N_{ij}(n)}{\mu C_{ij}} + \frac{r}{\delta} * \frac{1 + V_{ij}(n)}{\mu C_{ij}}$$

The length of a path $\pi[sd]$ is

$$l_{\pi[sd]}(n) = \sum_{ij} l_{ij}(n) * 1_{ij \in \pi[sd]}(n)$$

Next, we investigate the effect of the parameter ϵ on the average packet delay.

The routing decisions are done by a $L_{R-\epsilon P}$ algorithm with reward parameter $\alpha = 0.2$ and penalty parameter $\beta = 0.8$: If the selected path has the minimum packet delay at the next iteration, then we increase the probability of selecting it again, otherwise we decrease it.

Let path $\pi[sd]$ is selected at time n

If $l_{\pi[sd]}(n) = \min_{p[sd] \in \Pi[sd]} \{l_{p[sd]}(n)\}$, then

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) + 0.2 * [1 - P_{\pi[sd]}(n)]$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) - 0.2 * P_{p[sd]}(n) \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

else

$$P_{\pi[sd]}(n+1) = P_{\pi[sd]}(n) - 0.8 * P_{\pi[sd]}(n)$$

$$P_{p[sd]}(n+1) = P_{p[sd]}(n) + 0.8 * [1 - P_{p[sd]}(n)] \quad \forall p[sd] \neq \pi[sd]$$

We consider the same network as that of the previous section. The mean packet service requirement is $1/\mu = 1$ and therefore $\mu_{ij} = \mu * C'_{ij} = C'_{ij}$. The total packet arrival rate is $r * \gamma/\delta = 4/5$. Two cases that achieve this rate are the following:

- i) 5/50/200: the virtual circuit arrival rate is $\gamma = 1/5$, the packet arrival rate per virtual circuit is $r = 1/50$ and the mean virtual circuit duration is $\delta = 200$.
- ii) 50/5/200: the virtual circuit arrival rate is $\gamma = 1/50$, the packet arrival rate per virtual circuit is $r = 1/5$ and the mean virtual circuit duration is $\delta = 200$.

For measuring the path length, we consider two cases:

- i) 1 : the current number of packets at each link is sent to the source at every packet departure from that link.
- ii) 50 : the average number of packets at each link during the last 50 time units is sent to the source at every 50th packet departure from that link.

The source node keeps and updates the information about the delay of its paths to the destination. The information about the delay of a path is updated every time a packet arrives at the destination through this path. However, this updating is not done immediately, but we assume a feedback delay so that this information becomes available to the source node. We assume that no extra traffic is created for the transferring this feedback information to the source node (it is either piggybacked on regular packets or uses a different channel). We consider two cases:

- i) *instantaneous* information, when the feedback delay is 7 time units. In this case, we assume that the feedback information has higher priority over other packets and does not wait in queues.
- ii) *obsolete* information, when the feedback delay is 60 time units. In this case, we assume that the feedback information is piggybacked on regular packets and is transferred back to the source node.

In Figure 6.11, 6.12 and Table 6.2, we show the simulation results for the average packet delay for 10,000 virtual circuits.

We notice that a proper value for the parameter ϵ should be experimentally selected for best performance. Using only the number of virtual circuits on each link ($\epsilon = 0$) as the link length is very inefficient (actually, for the case 5/50/200,

5/50/200	1 instant	1 obsolete	50 instant	50 obsolete
$\epsilon = 0.2$	104.22 \pm 4.50	102.20 \pm 5.51	133.30 \pm 5.98	129.71 \pm 4.92
$\epsilon = 0.4$	59.61 \pm 3.31	59.97 \pm 3.06	78.49 \pm 2.75	73.94 \pm 2.38
$\epsilon = 0.6$	46.98 \pm 2.43	46.12 \pm 1.79	60.88 \pm 1.67	56.81 \pm 1.53
$\epsilon = 0.8$	39.77 \pm 1.05	42.68 \pm 1.25	64.12 \pm 2.05	77.94 \pm 3.33
$\epsilon = 1$	37.19 \pm 1.22	50.66 \pm 2.06	104.38 \pm 4.36	126.66 \pm 4.45
delay	55.97 \pm 3.98	97.02 \pm 8.79	106.41 \pm 8.03	121.67 \pm 8.15

50/5/200	1 instant	1 obsolete	50 instant	50 obsolete
$\epsilon = 0$	73.01 \pm 3.89	69.24 \pm 5.15	125.73 \pm 13.88	100.86 \pm 7.56
$\epsilon = 0.2$	36.70 \pm 0.98	37.20 \pm 0.83	51.43 \pm 1.66	51.50 \pm 1.77
$\epsilon = 0.4$	34.39 \pm 1.05	37.23 \pm 1.42	64.44 \pm 1.69	68.90 \pm 1.71
$\epsilon = 0.6$	34.85 \pm 1.05	39.41 \pm 1.10	76.96 \pm 1.50	85.60 \pm 1.10
$\epsilon = 0.8$	35.29 \pm 0.88	41.59 \pm 1.11	83.39 \pm 1.19	92.28 \pm 2.13
$\epsilon = 1$	37.02 \pm 1.02	44.15 \pm 0.99	86.26 \pm 2.34	97.26 \pm 3.46
delay	45.35 \pm 1.45	54.85 \pm 2.31	61.43 \pm 1.76	65.43 \pm 1.77

Table 6.2: The average packet delay \pm error (95% confidence interval) for the network of Figure 6.2 for different values of the parameter ϵ , when we use as link length $l_{ij} = \epsilon * \frac{1 + N_{ij}}{ij} + (1 - \epsilon) * \frac{1 + V_{ij}}{ij}$.

the average network delay becomes extremely high and we do not even show it). Also, it is not always best to use only the number of packets on each link ($\epsilon = 1$) as the link length.

For comparison, we also show the average network delay, when we use the path delay as path length. It seems that using both the number of packets and virtual circuits as path length is much better than using the path delay.

The more frequent we update the algorithms and the more recent state information we have, the better the performance. Note also, that although the traffic characteristics 5/50/200 and 50/5/200 have the same packet arrival rate, the overall average packet delay is different. Traffic 5/50/200 has higher average packet delay than traffic 50/5/200, because the virtual circuits are arriving more

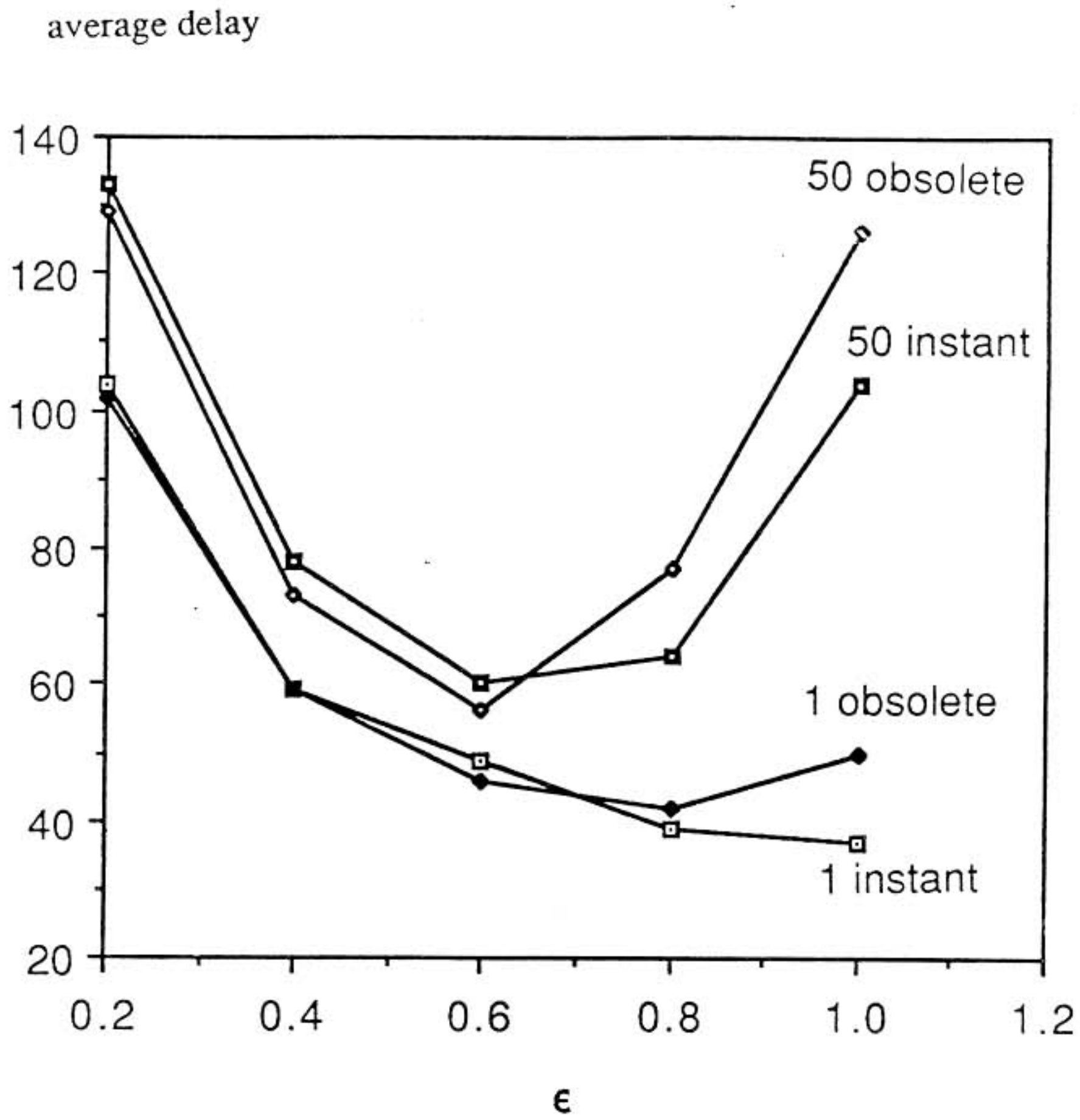


Figure 6.11: The average packet delay for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/5$, $r = 1/50$, $\delta = 1/200$, for different values of the parameter ϵ , when we use as link length $l_{ij} = \epsilon * \frac{1 + N_{ij}}{ij} + (1 - \epsilon) * \frac{1 + V_{ij}}{ij}$.

average delay

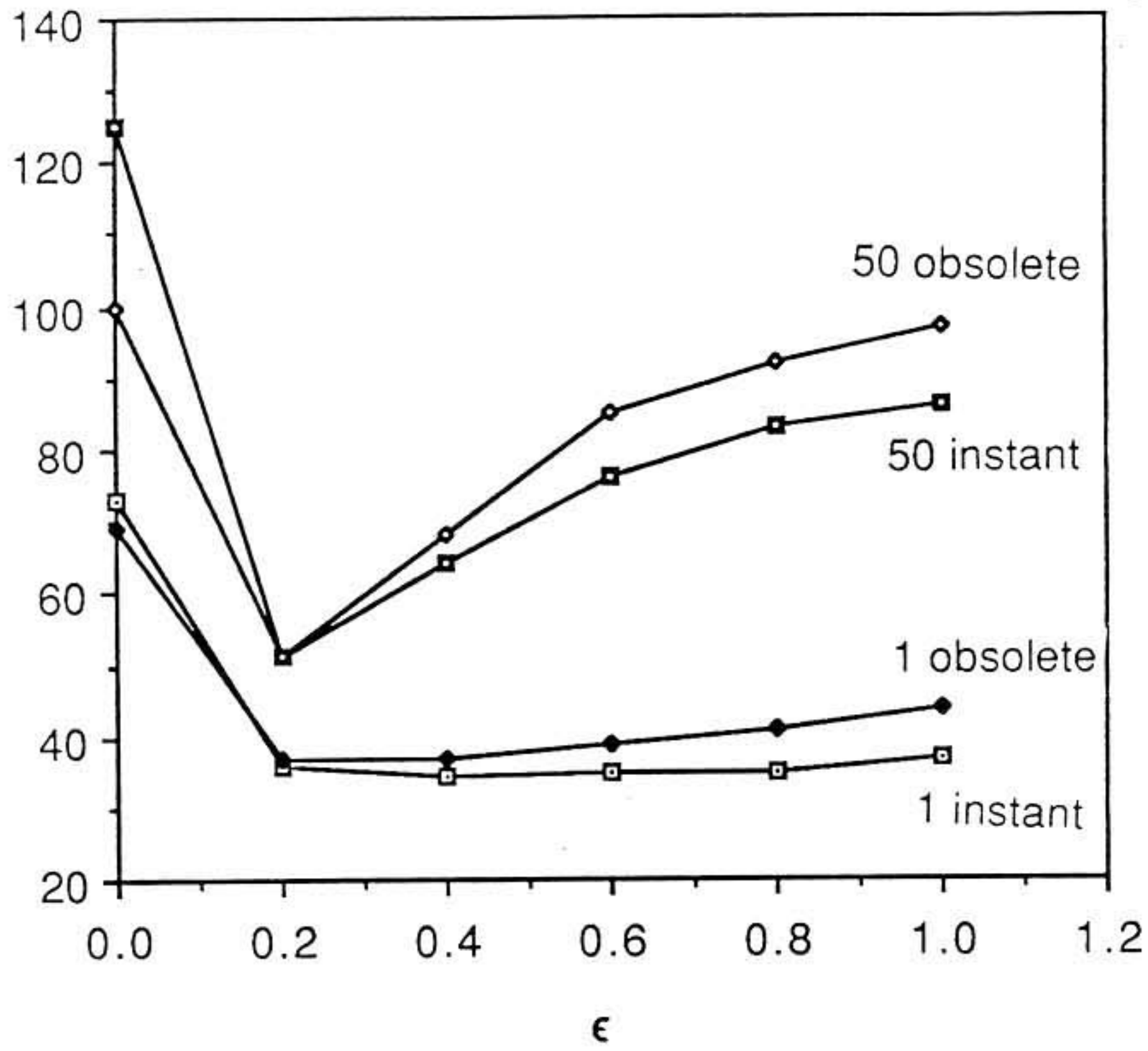


Figure 6.12: The average packet delay for the network of Figure 6.2 with $\gamma = 1/50$, $r = 1/5$, $\delta = 1/200$, for different values of the parameter ϵ , when we use as link length $l_{ij} = \epsilon * \frac{1 + N_{ij}}{ij} + (1 - \epsilon) * \frac{1 + V_{ij}}{ij}$.

frequently and therefore the network state changes more quickly. So, the state information that we use in the routing decisions is out-of-date.

6.9 Application to Integrated Services Networks

In this section, we make load sharing, routing and congestion control decisions in integrated services networks using stochastic learning automata.

The methodology that we propose for learning automata-based load sharing, routing and congestion control decisions for new arriving virtual circuits (in connection-oriented ISN's) or new arriving packets (in connectionless-oriented ISN's) is similar to that of the previous section. So, we do not reiterate it here.

The only difference will be that the cost functions for each class in ISN's are different than those in virtual circuit networks. Therefore, the information that will be needed in order to calculate the lengths to destinations and the path lengths will be different than that for virtual circuit networks. For example, one class may use its blocking experience, while another class may use its packet delay to update its routing probability.

Chapter 7

Conclusions & Suggestions for Future Research

7.1 Conclusions

The major contribution of this dissertation is the introduction of a unified game-theoretic methodology for the multi-objective joint load sharing, routing and congestion control problem in distributed systems. And the introduction of stochastic learning automata algorithms for decentralized asynchronous computation of the solution.

We develop a novel mathematical approach, based on game theory, for the decentralized quasi-static and dynamic problem. After defining the joint problem, we model the distributed system on the path flow space using queueing and state space models. Then we develop three methodologies for both the quasi-static and the dynamic cases of the problem: i) *Team optimization methodology*, when the classes of jobs cooperate for the socially optimum, ii) *Nash game methodology*, when the classes of jobs compete among themselves and each class try to operate optimally for its own jobs and iii) *Stackelberg game methodology*, when some classes of jobs have more power than others, for example priority classes.

For each methodology, we formulate the problem as a *Nonlinear Programming or Optimal Control/Dynamic Programming, a Nonlinear Complementarity and a Variational Inequality problem*. We state conditions for existence/uniqueness of the solution and derive the optimality conditions for the quasi-static problem using

Karush-Kuhn-Tucker theorem, and for the dynamic problem using Pontryagin's maximum principle.

We apply the proposed methodologies to Datagram, Virtual Circuit and Integrated Services Networks and develop several new queueing models and performance measures, for each network type. We explicitly solve several examples and evaluate the system performance via simulation.

Finally, we introduce new classes of Stochastic Learning Automata algorithms and propose decentralized dynamic load sharing, routing and congestion control using Stochastic Learning Automata. Simulation is used to demonstrate improved system performance.

A variety of resource sharing problems arising in distributed systems may be formulated and solved using the proposed methodologies.

7.2 Suggestions for Future Research

Applications. We have presented several applications of the proposed methodologies and formulations that we have introduced in this dissertation. Obviously, we have not covered all possible applications. Thus, there is a huge research area to apply the proposed methodology. For example, by considering a specific network type (e.g. deterministic arrival and service distributions in ATM networks, threshold buffer management schemes, aging/deadline priorities, etc.), we may have different cost functions. Then selecting the appropriate scenario (cooperation, competition or hierarchy), we may formulate the problem as a team, Nash or Stackelberg game. Then we may choose either to solve the problem as a Nonlinear Programming, a Nonlinear Complementarity or a Variational Inequality Problem using appropriate algorithms.

Algorithms. We have developed several different formulations of the joint problem and suggested the use of iterative algorithms that solve the specific formulations. We have also introduced and tested via simulation one class of such decentralized, asynchronous dynamic algorithms, called stochastic learning automata.

Algorithms for solving cooperative or non-cooperative game problems are iterative algorithms that use first and possibly second derivatives. According to the iteration scheme, they can be classified as Gauss-Seidel, Successive Overrelaxation and Jacobi iteration algorithms. Instead of reiterating the existing bibliography on such algorithms, we rather refer to the original papers or books.

- i) Nonlinear Programming algorithms: [152, 529, 339, 192, 30, 164, 165, 311, 387, 46],
- ii) Optimal Control algorithms: [14, 292, 381, 415, 325, 131, 254, 412, 203, 440, 262, 301],
- iii) Dynamic Programming algorithms: [220, 406, 45],
- iv) Nash Games algorithms: [405, 429, 312, 175, 302, 110],
- v) Stackelberg Games algorithms: [382, 54, 372, 371, 373, 442],
- vi) Nonlinear Complementarity Problem algorithms: [113],
- vii) Variational Inequalities algorithms: [198, 217].

Incentives. In this dissertation, we have assumed that the players either cooperate or compete for the resources. However, through the use of incentives, we can alter the scenario of the game and force the players to follow specific strategies.

Stochastic Discrete-Time. In chapter 5, we solved the dynamic deterministic optimal control problem, since we described the system state by the expected values of the stochastic processes. A direction for future research, is the solution of the stochastic problem either in continuous or discrete-time.

Hierarchical Games. In the Stackelberg game formulation, we considered two hierarchical levels, where at the upper level is the most powerful (e.g. higher priority) class of jobs and at the lower level (e.g. lower priority) is the less powerful class of jobs. One may extend these two levels to multiple hierarchical levels, where at each level there will be multiple classes. Then at each level the classes will play a Nash game, while classes among different levels will act as leaders and followers (Stackelberg game).

State Constraints. In chapter 5, we have introduced several possible constraints on the system state. However, we have not explicitly included them into the

solution of the optimization problems. One may extend this research by explicitly solving the dynamic problem with state constraints.

Information Structure. In solving the dynamic problem, we have assumed that the current network state is known. One area for future research is to solve the dynamic problem with delayed information about the network state.

State Observation Structure. In solving the dynamic problem, we have assumed perfect information about the network state. Another area for future research is to solve the dynamic problem with imperfect state observation.

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