

## Lecture 8 (Dec 2)

- HW 2 posted  
due Dec 14 @ 2:39 PM  
(right before class starts)  
(Tuesday)

### "Traffic Handling Capacity"

#### Example

Suppose that we have one channel.

#### Traffic intensity (for one user)

How often do you make a call?

3 calls per day, on average.

How long is the call?

10 mins per call, on average.

30 mins  
day

⇒ one person uses

$$3 \frac{\text{calls}}{\text{day}} \times 10 \frac{\text{mins}}{\text{call}} = \frac{3 \times 10}{24 \times 60} = \frac{1}{48} \text{ Erlang.}$$

unitless  
↓

## Lecture 9 (Dec 7)

What does "Erlang" mean?

Consider the one channel that we have for one day:



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↳ ≈ 30 mins, on average.

Conclusion: He utilizes  $\frac{30 \text{ mins}}{24 \times 60} = \frac{1}{48}$  portion of the channel.

1 day 48

Idea: Can we allocate  $\frac{47}{48}$  portion of the channel to other users??

⇒ Can support 48 users??  $\times$   
on average

Ans. No. Because call initiation times are random.

In fact, you can guarantee 100% up-time for only 1 user.

↓  
95%, 98%, 99%

⇒ blocked call

⇒ Probability of blocking ( $P_b$ ) ←

5%, 2%, 1%  
0.05, 0.02, 0.01

likelihood  
that a call is  
blocked.

Poisson Process: ← More on chapter 3

⇒ Random arrangement of "marks" (denoted by "x")  
on the time line.



These marks may indicate

- the time that customers arrive or
- the time that call requests are made

Lecture 10 (Dec 14)

Trunking Efficiency



If one more user tries to make a call,



he/she can do it.



If one more user tries to make a call,  
he/she will be able to do it  
only when he/she is in the right sector.