

Review of Round Robin (RR) CPU Scheduling Algorithm on Varying Time Quantum

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Abstract: Round Robin scheduling is mostly used CPU scheduling algorithm; it gives better result in comparison to other scheduling algorithm. But this algorithm may lead many problems directly related to time quantum. If selected time quantum is large, then the response time of the processes may be too high. On the other hand, if time quantum is short, it increases the number of context switch which may lead overhead of the CPU. In this paper, the researcher has analyzed the Round Robin CPU scheduling algorithm on varying time quantum. It is founded that selection of time quantum has crucial role for finding the optimal solution in Round Robin scheduling algorithm.

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I. Introduction

Round Robin (RR) algorithm which is the main concern of this research is one of the oldest, simplest, and most widely used scheduling algorithms. This algorithm works on time sharing phenomenon. A time slice is given to every process and every process will be executed for a particular defined time slice. New processes are added to at the last of ready queue. The scheduler picks the process from the starting point of the ready queue and sets the timer to a defined time slice and also sets an interrupt. If the process is still not completed its complete execution within a time slice it will be preempted after a time slice and added at the end of ready queue. Round robin scheduling gives the better response time, minimizes waiting time and turnaround time, maximizes throughput and CPU utilization [1, 2]. There are some scheduling criteria, on the basis of these criteria we analyze and determine which scheduling algorithm is best.

II. Scheduling criteria

There are many CPU scheduling algorithms having different properties, and the selection of a particular algorithm may favor one class of processes over another. The algorithm is selected for a particular state; we must judge properties of a variety of algorithms. The criteria contain the following: [1, 2, 3, 4]

- **Context Switch:** A context switch occurs when a process interrupts the normal execution sequence of another process. The CPU stores all relevant information of the interrupted process in the Task Control Block (TCB). The context switch includes wastage of time, memory, and scheduling overhead. So the scheduling algorithm is designed in such a way that it can minimize the number of context switches.
- **Throughput:** This term is defined as the number of processes completed per unit time. So the scheduling algorithm is designed in such a way that it can maximize the throughput.
- **CPU Utilization:** From the performance-wise concern, the CPU cannot be set ideal. So the scheduling algorithm is designed in such a way that it can maximize the use of CPU as possible.
- **Turnaround Time:** It is the difference in the time of a process when it is ready to execute and when it completes its execution. So the scheduling algorithm is designed in such a way that it can minimize the turnaround time.
- **Waiting Time:** It is the sum of all waiting done by a process in the ready queue for execution. So the scheduling algorithm is designed in such a way that it can minimize the waiting time.
- **Response Time:** Response time is the time it takes to start its execution, not the time it takes to output the response.

III. Scheduling Algorithm

There exist different scheduling algorithms, each of them has advantages and disadvantages and as follows:

First-Come-First-Served (FCFS) FCFS is a simple scheduling algorithm in which processes are executed on the basis of their arrival time in the ready queue. This scheduling algorithm is non-preemptive in nature. The disadvantages of this algorithm are long waiting time, response time for high priority processes.

Shortest-Job-First (SJF) In this algorithm the process which have minimum CPU burst time will schedule first. This algorithm can be implemented in two way on is preemptive and another one is non preemptive. This is also known as Shortest Remaining Time first (SRTF). This algorithm may lead a problem that we cannot predict how long a job will executed.

Priority Scheduling In This algorithm the process which has priority among the processes will schedule first. This algorithm may lead a problem of starvation which is defined as if high priority processes are regularly available in ready queue then waiting time for low priority may become infinite.

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IV. Round robin scheduling

The simple RR scheduling algorithm is defined by following steps [1, 2]:-

1. The scheduler contains a queue of ready processes and a list of blocked and swapped out Processes.
2. The Task Control Box (TCB) of newly created process is added to end of ready queue.
3. When executing process finishes its slice, it is moved to end of ready queue.
4. Define the Time quantum for which the processes will be allocated to the CPU

In this Researcher has to consider the processes only with CPU burst time and also let round robin quantum =5

Table 1 Process With Cpu Burst Time

Process Id	CPU Burst Time(ms)
P1	22
P2	18
P3	9
P4	10
P5	5

RR quantum=5

Gantt chart:

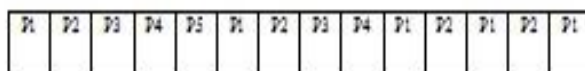


Figure 1 Gantt chart for Round Robin Scheduling

No of context switches=13

Average waiting Time=34 ms

Average turnaround Time=46.8ms

There are many researcher give many improved round robin algorithm. So the literature survey is presented

V. Analysis of rr on varying time quantum

Consider there are five processes P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 with their arrival time and execution time as shown in table 2. The Figure 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 shows Gantt chart for scheduling of process in Round Robin with time quantum=1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

Table 2 Processes With Burst Time, Arrival Time And Priority

Process	Arrival Time	Burst Time (ms)	Priority
P1	0	10	5
P2	2	4	2
P3	3	2	1
P4	4	6	3
P5	5	8	4

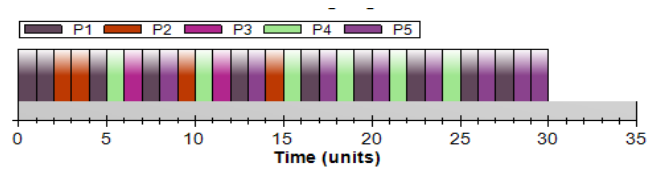


Figure 2 Simple RR Scheduling with Time Quantum=1

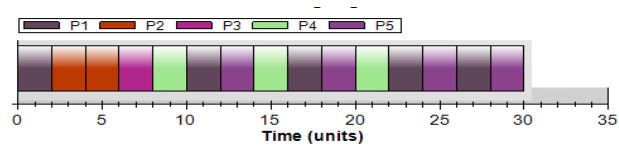


Figure 3 Simple RR Scheduling with Time Quantum=2

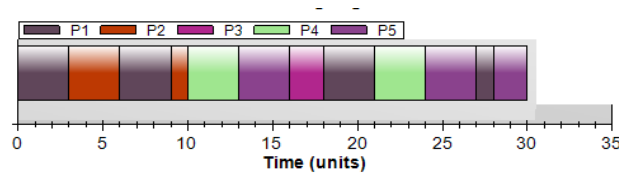


Figure 4 Simple RR Scheduling with Time Quantum=3

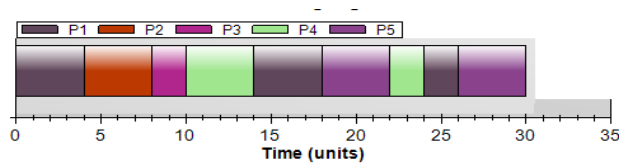


Figure 5 Simple RR Scheduling with Time Quantum=4

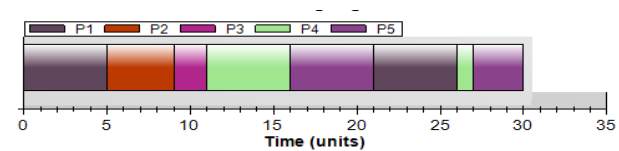


Figure 6 Simple RR Scheduling with Time Quantum=5

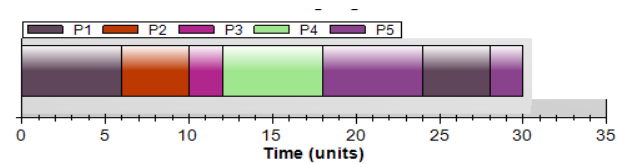


Figure 7 Simple RR Scheduling with Time Quantum=6

The Average Waiting Time, Average Turnaround Time and number of context switches of above mentioned RR scheduling algorithm is shown in table 3 and figure 8, figure 9 and figure 10 shows comparison graph of average waiting time, average turnaround time and number of context switches of Simple RR CPU scheduling technique with varying time quantum.

Table 3 Shows The Awt, Atat And Ncs

Scheduling Algorithm	Average Waiting Time (ms)	Average Turnaround Time (ms)	Number of Context Switches
RR with TQ=1	13.2	19.2	29
RR with TQ=2	10	16	14
RR with TQ=3	13	19	13
RR with TQ=4	10.8	16.8	8
RR with TQ=5	12	17.8	7
RR with TQ=6	10.2	16.2	6

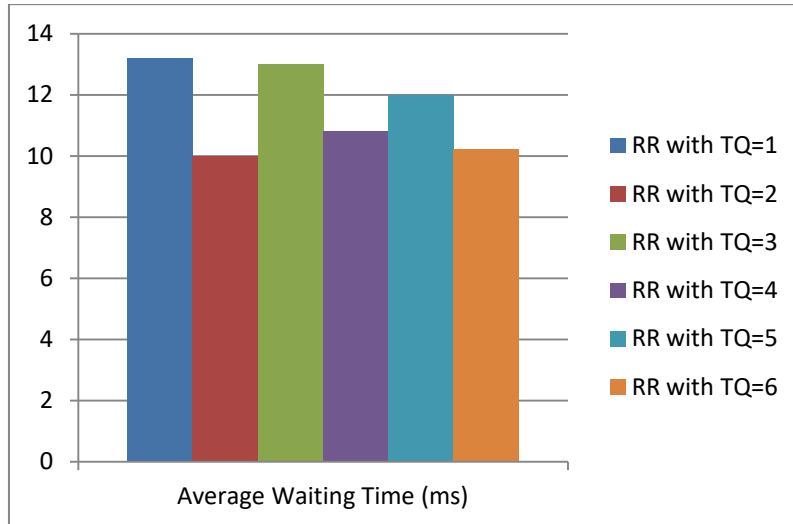


Figure 8 shows comparison graph of average waiting time of Simple RR CPU scheduling technique with varying time quantum

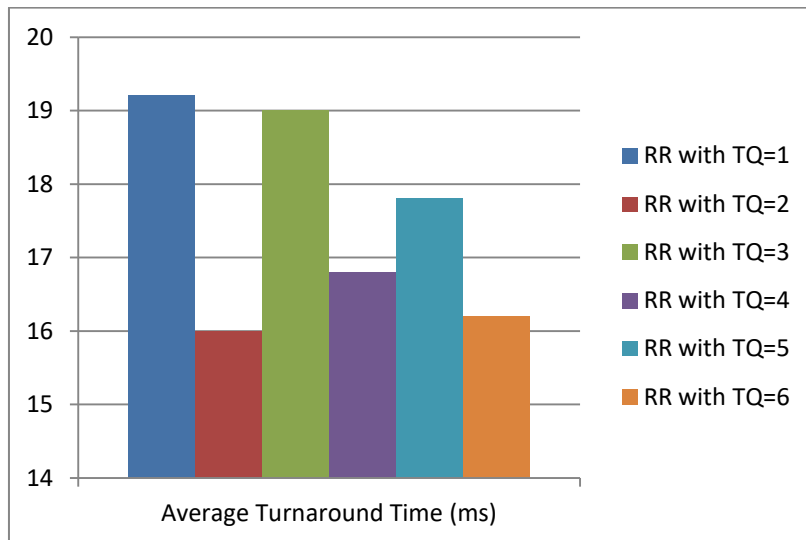


Figure 9 shows comparison graph of average turnaround time of Simple RR CPU scheduling technique with varying time quantum.

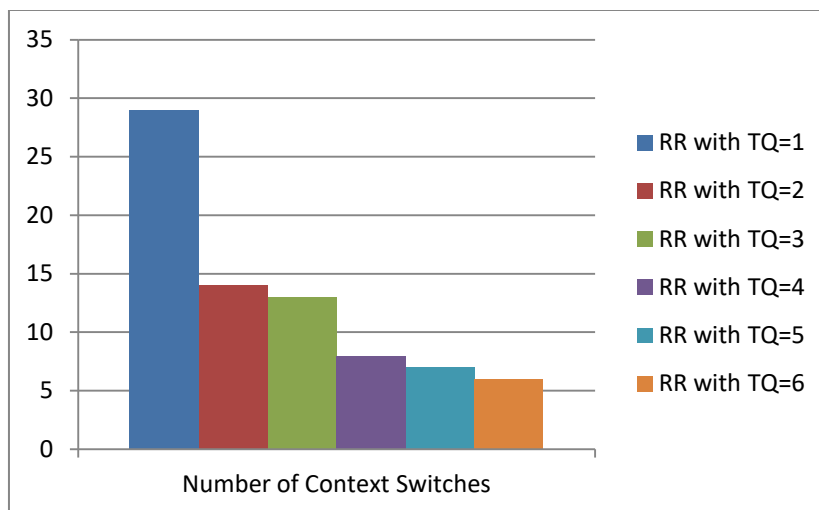


Figure 10 shows comparison graph of number of context switches of Simple RR CPU scheduling technique with varying time quantum.

VI. Conclusion

As shown in study of simple round robin algorithm with varying time quantum is shows that it does not define the selection of time quantum properly. The figure 8, 9 and 10 shows the comparison graph of average waiting time, average turnaround time and number of context switches, it clearly shows that the time quantum has more important role in enhancing the performance matrices of simple round robin algorithm. If the chosen time quantum =2 for the above mentioned example than it achieve better performance matrices of scheduling. If the chosen time quantum =1 than it found worst performance matrices of scheduling. In above study basically the time quantum is depends upon the burst time of processes. But in the simple round robin algorithm the time quantum is defined statically and it is not relevant to burst time of processes. The simple round robin is also not considering the priority of the processes which is the major issue in the scheduling system.

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