The MAP/G/1 G-queue with Unreliable Server and Multiple Vacations

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In this paper, we consider a MAP/G/1 G-queues with unreliable server and multiple vacations. The arrival of a negative customer not only removes the customer being in service, but also makes the server under repair. The server leaves for a vacation as soon as the system empties and is allowed to take repeated (multiple) vacations. By using the supplementary variables method and the censoring technique, we obtain the queue length distributions. We derive the mean of the busy period based on the renewal theory. Furthermore, we analyze some main reliability indexes and investigate some important special cases.

1 Introduction

Recently there has been a rapid increase in the literature on queueing systems with negative arrivals. Queues with negative arrivals, called G-queues, were first introduced by Gelenbe [1]. When a negative customer arrives at the queue, it immediately removes one or more positive customers if present. Negative arrivals have been interpreted as viruses, orders of demand, inhibitor. Queueing systems with negative arrivals have many applications in computer, neural networks, manufacturing systems and communication networks etc. There is a lot of research on queueing system with negatives arrivals. For a comprehensive survey on queueing systems with negative arrivals, readers may see [1−4].

Boucherie and Boxma [3] considered an M/G/1 queue with negative arrivals where a negative arrival removes a random amount of work. Li and Zhao [5] discussed an MAP/G/1 queue with negative arrivals. They analyzed two classes of removal rules: (i) arrival of a negative customer which removes all the customers in the system (RCA); (ii) arrival of a negative customer which removes only a customer from the head of the system (RCH), including the customer being in service.

Queueing system with repairable server has been studied by many authors such as Cao and Chen [6], Neuts and Lucantoni [7]. Wang, Cao and Li [8] analyzed the reliability of the retrial queues with server breakdowns and repairs. Harrison and Pitel [9] considered the M/M/1 G-queues with breakdowns and exponential repair times. Li, Ying and Zhao [10] investigated a BMAP/G/1 retrial queue with a server subject to breakdowns and repairs.


Most of the analysis in the past have been carried out assuming Poisson input. However, in recent years there has been a growing interest to analyze queues by considering input process as Markovian arrival process (MAP). The MAP is a useful mathematical model for describing bursty traffic in modern communication networks, and is a rich class of point processes containing many familiar arrival processes such as Poission process, PH-renewal process, Markov modulated Poission process, etc. Readers may refer to chapter 8 in Bocharov [14].

In this paper, we consider the MAP/G/1 G-queues with unreliable server and multiple vacations. The process of arrivals of negative customers is also MAP. The arrival of a negative customer not only removes the customer being in service, but also makes the server under repair. We obtain the distributions of stationary queue length, the mean of the busy period and some reliability indexes by using the supplementary variable method, the matrix-analytic method, the censoring technique, and the renewal theory.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. The model description is given in section 2. The stationary differential equations of the model and their solutions are obtained in section 3. The expressions for the distributions of the stationary queue length and the mean of the busy period are derived in section 4. Some special cases are considered in section 5. Some numerical examples are shown in section 6.
2 Model description

In this section, we consider a single server queue with two types of independent arrivals, positive and negative. Positive arrivals correspond to customers who upon arrival, join the queue with the intention of being served and then leaving the system. At a negative arrival epoch, the system is affected if and only if the server is working.

The arrival process. We assume that the arrivals of both positive and negative customers are MAPs with matrix descriptors \((C_1, D_1)\) and \((C_2, D_2)\) respectively, where the infinitesimal generators \(C_1 + D_1\) and \(C_2 + D_2\) of sizes \(m_1 \times m_1\) and \(m_2 \times m_2\), respectively, are irreducible and positive recurrent. Let \(\theta_1\) and \(\theta_2\) be the stationary probability vectors of \(C_1 + D_1\) and \(C_2 + D_2\), respectively. Then \(\lambda_1 = \theta_1 D_1 e\) and \(\lambda_2 = \theta_2 D_2 e\) are the stationary arrival rates of positive and negative customers, respectively, where \(e\) is a column vector of ones of a suitable size.

The removal rule. The arrival of a negative customer not only removes the customer being in service, but also makes the server under repair. After repair the server is as good as new. As soon as the repair of the server is completed, the server enters the working state immediately and continues to serve the next customer if the queue is not empty.

The vacations. When the server finishes serving a positive customer or the repair of the server is completed and finds the queue empty, the server leaves for a vacation of random length \(V\). On return from a vacation if he finds more than one customer waiting, he takes the customer from the head of the queue for service and continues in this manner until the queue is empty. Otherwise, he immediately goes for another vacation.

The service time. All positive customers have i.i.d. service time distribution given by \(B_S(x) = 1 - \exp \left\{ - \int_0^x \mu_S(\nu) d\nu \right\}\) with mean \(1/\mu_S \in (0, +\infty)\).

The vacation time. The vacation time distribution is given by \(B_V(x) = 1 - \exp \left\{ - \int_0^x \mu_V(\nu) d\nu \right\}\) with mean \(1/\mu_V \in (0, +\infty)\).

The repair time. The repair time distribution is given by \(B_R(x) = 1 - \exp \left\{ - \int_0^x \mu_R(\nu) d\nu \right\}\) with mean \(1/\mu_R \in (0, +\infty)\). The independence. We assume that all the random variables defined above are independent. Throughout the rest of the paper, we denote by \(\overline{F}(x) - 1 - F(x)\) the tail of distribution function \(F(x)\).

3 The differential equations and the solution

In this section, we first introduce several supplementary variables to construct the differential equations for the model. We then use the censoring technique to solve these equations. The solution to the differential equations will be used to obtain interesting performance measures of the system in later sections.

Let \(N(t)\) be the number of customers in the system at time \(t\), and let \(J_1(t)\) and \(J_2(t)\) be the phases of the arrivals of positive and negative customers at time \(t\), respectively. We define the states of the server as:

- \(S\) if the server is working with service time distribution \(B_S(x)\),
- \(V\) if the server is on vacation with vacation time distribution \(B_V(x)\),
- \(R\) if the server is being repaired with repair time distribution \(B_R(x)\).

For \(t > 0\), we define the random variable \(S(t)\) as follows: (i) if \(I(t) = S\), \(S(t)\) represents the elapsed service time received by a customer with the service time up to time \(t\); (ii) if \(I(t) = V\), \(S(t)\) represents the elapsed vacation time up to time \(t\); (iii) if \(I(t) = R\), \(S(t)\) represents the elapsed repair time up to time \(t\). Then, \(\{I(t), N(t), J_1(t), J_2(t), S(t) : t > 0\}\) is a Markov process. The state space of the process is expressed as:

\[
\Omega = \{(S,k,j_1,j_2,x) : \begin{align*}
&k \geq 1, 1 \leq j_1 \leq m_1, 1 \leq j_2 \leq m_2, x \geq 0 \\
&\in (V,k,j_1,j_2,x) : k \geq 0, 1 \leq j_1 \leq m_1, 1 \leq j_2 \leq m_2, x \geq 0 \\
&\in (R,k,j_1,j_2,x) : k \geq 0, 1 \leq j_1 \leq m_1, 1 \leq j_2 \leq m_2, x \geq 0
\end{align*}\}
\]

We write:

\[
p_{S(k),j_1,j_2}(x) = \lim_{t \to +\infty} p_{S(k),j_1,j_2}(t, x),
\]
\[
p_{V,k,j_1,j_2}(x) = \lim_{t \to +\infty} p_{V,k,j_1,j_2}(t, x),
\]
\[
p_{R,k,j_1,j_2}(x) = \lim_{t \to +\infty} p_{R,k,j_1,j_2}(t, x).
\]

If the system is stable, then the system of stationary differential equations of the joint probability density \(\{P_{00}^S(x), P_{00}^V(x), P_{00}^R(x), P_{0}^S(x), P_{0}^V(x), P_{0}^R(x), x \geq 1\}\) can be written as:

\[
\frac{d}{dx} P_{0}^S(x) = P_{1}^S(x)[C_1 + C_2 - \mu_S(x)I],
\]
\[
\frac{d}{dx} P_{0}^V(x) = P_{1}^V(x)[C_1 + C_2 - \mu_S(x)I] + P_{\infty}^S(x) (D_1 \otimes I),
\]
\[
\frac{d}{dx} P_{0}^R(x) = P_{0}^R(x)[C_1 + C_2 + I \otimes D_2 - \mu_V(x)I],
\]
\[
\frac{d}{dx} P_{0}^S(x) = P_{0}^S(x)[C_1 + C_2 + I \otimes D_1 - \mu_S(x)I] + P_{\infty}^S(x) (D_1 \otimes I),
\]
The joint probability density functions $P^V_k(x), P^R_k(x), P^S_k(x),$ should satisfy the boundary conditions:

\[
P_k^V(0) = 0, \quad k \geq 1, \quad P_k^R(0) = \int_0^{\infty} P_{k+1}(x) \, dx (1 \otimes D_2), \quad k \geq 0, \quad P_k^S(0) = \int_0^{\infty} P_{k+1}(x) \, dx + \int_0^{\infty} P_k^R(x) \, dx, \quad k \geq 1.
\]

and the normalization condition:

\[
\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} r_k^V(x) \, dx + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} r_k^S(x) \, dx + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} r_k^R(x) \, dx \right\} \varepsilon = 1. \quad (11)
\]

In the remainder of this section, we solve equations (1)-(11). To solve equations (1)-(6), we define

\[
Q_k^V(z, x) = \sum_{j=0}^{k} P_j^V(x) [C_1 + z \, D_1] \otimes C_2 - \mu S(x) \, I,
\]

which leads to

\[
Q_k^V(z, x) = Q_k^V(z, 0) [\exp(x) \otimes C_2] \otimes \exp(C_2 \otimes x) \, I. \quad (12)
\]

It follows from (3) and (4) that

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} Q_k^V(z, x) = Q_k^V(z, x) [C_1 + z \, D_1] \otimes (C_2 + D_2) - \mu S(x) \, I, \quad (13)
\]

which leads to

\[
Q_k^V(z, x) = Q_k^V(z, 0) \exp(C_1 + z \, D_1 x) \otimes \exp(C_2 + D_2 x) \, I. \quad (14)
\]

Let us define

\[
P(n, t) = \sum_{|z| \leq 1} P(n, t) \, I, \quad (15)
\]

with $P(0, 0) = I$. We define

\[
P^*(z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n P(n, t), \quad |z| \leq 1, \quad (16)
\]

Solving the above matrix differential equations, we get

\[
P^*(z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=1}^{m_1} c_{ij} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \alpha_k \beta_k z^k \exp(C_{2i} x) \, I, \quad |z| \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (17)
\]

Substituting (15) into (12)-(14) respectively gives

\[
P^V_k(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{k} P_j^V(0) [P(k-j-x) \otimes \exp(C_{2j} x) \otimes 0], \quad k \geq 1. \quad (18)
\]
Theorem 1 If the model is stable, then
\[
\begin{align*}
 p_k &= \beta x_0 H^S_k e + \beta \sum_{j=1}^k x_j H^S_{k-j} e + \beta \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^j x_i H^S_{k-j-i} e, \quad k \geq 1, \\
 p_k &= \beta x_0 H^R_k e + \beta \sum_{j=1}^k x_j H^R_{k-j} e + \beta \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^j x_i H^R_{k-j-i} e, \quad k \geq 1,
\end{align*}
\]
where
\[
\begin{align*}
 H^S_k &= \int_0^{+\infty} [P^S(k,x) \times \exp\{C_{2x}\}] \frac{dA^S(t)}{dt} dx, \quad k \geq 0, \\
 H^R_k &= \int_0^{+\infty} [P^R(k,x) \times \exp\{C_{2x}\}] \frac{dA^R(t)}{dt} dx, \quad k \geq 0, \\
 H^F_k &= \int_0^{+\infty} [P^F(k,x) \times \exp\{C_{2x}\}] \frac{dA^F(t)}{dt} dx, \quad k \geq 0,
\end{align*}
\]
So that the mean number of customers in the system is
\[
L = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k + \beta x_0 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k H^S_{k-1} e + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} x_j H^S_{k-j-1} e + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{j} x_i H^S_{k-j-i} e.
\]
Proof: It follows from (17) and (18) that
\[
p_0 = \int_0^{+\infty} [P^S_0(x) + P^R_0(x)] dx e = \beta x_0 H^S_0 e + x_0^2 H^R_0 e, \\
\text{and from (16)-(18) that}
\]
\[
\begin{align*}
 p_k^S &= \int_0^{+\infty} P^S_k(x) dx e = \beta \sum_{j=1}^k x_j^S H^S_{k-j} e, \\
p_k^V &= \int_0^{+\infty} P^V_k(x) dx e = \beta x_0 H^V e, \\
p_k^R &= \int_0^{+\infty} P^R_k(x) dx e = \beta \sum_{j=0}^k x_j^R H^R_{k-j} e.
\end{align*}
\]
This completes the proof.

4.2 The busy period

We now provide an analysis of the busy period (including the period when the server is under repair) of the model.

Let \( V \) be the random variable of the vacation time, or \( B_V(x) = P\{V < x\} \).

We denote by \( T \) be the random variable of the interarrival time between two positive customers, and \( T^{(E)} \) the random variable for the equilibrium excess distributions with respect to \( T \). Then we have
\[
A(x) = P\{T \leq x\} = \frac{1}{\theta_1} \int_0^x \exp\{C_1 t\} dt D_1 e
\]
And
\[
A^{(E)}(x) = P\{T^{(E)} \leq x\} = \frac{1}{\theta_1 \{1-C_1\}^{-1}} \int_0^x \frac{dA(t)}{dt} dt.
\]
Let \( \hat{V} \) be the random variable of the \( i \)-th vacation, and \( \hat{V} \) be the random variable of the number of times of vacations during the total vacation period. Then
\[
P\{\hat{V} = n\} = P\{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} V_i < T^{(E)} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n V_i\}
\]
\[
= \int_0^{+\infty} [B^{(n-1)*}_V(t) - B^n_V(t)] dA^{(E)}(t),
\]
We denote by \( F(x) * G(x) \) the convolution of two functions \( F(x) \) and \( G(x) \) given by
\[
F(x) * G(x) = \int_0^x F(x-u) dG(u).
\]
We write
\[
F^{n*}(x) = F(x) * F^{(n-1)*}(x) \quad \text{for} \quad n \geq 2 \quad \text{and define} \quad F^0(x) = 1.
\]
Lemma 1 Let \( \hat{V} \) be the random variable of the length of multiple vacations, then
\[
E\hat{V} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\mu\hat{V}} \int_0^{+\infty} [B^{(n-1)*}_V(t) - B^n_V(t)] dA^{(E)}(t).
\]
Theorem 2 Let \( \xi \) be the random variable of the busy period of the system, then
\[
E\xi = \frac{(1-\beta x_0 L_V e)E\hat{V}}{\beta x_0 L_V e}.
\]
Proof: According to the renewal theory, we can obtain
\[
\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} E\xi_k = \frac{E\hat{V}}{E\xi + E\hat{V}},
\]
or
\[
E\xi = \frac{(1-\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} p_k \hat{V})E\hat{V}}{\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} p_k \hat{V}} = \frac{(1-\beta x_0 L_V e)E\hat{V}}{\beta x_0 L_V e}.
\]
This completes the proof.

Consequently, we obtain some important performance measures for the model: the stationary queue length, the mean number of customers in the system, the mean length of multiple vacations and the mean busy period.

5 Special cases

In this section we will investigate very briefly some important special cases.

Case 1. No negative arrival takes place and the server is reliable.

In this case, our model becomes the MAP/G/1 queue with multiple vacations.

We put \( \hat{C}_0 = \hat{D}_0 = 0 \) and \( B_R(x) = 0 \) in the main results and obtain
\[
Q = \begin{pmatrix}
A_1 & A_2 & A_3 & \cdots \\
A_0 & A_1 & A_2 & \cdots \\
A_0 & A_1 & \cdots \\
A_0 & \cdots \\
\end{pmatrix},
\]
\[
A_k = \int_0^{+\infty} P(k,x) dB_G(x), \quad W_k = \int_0^{+\infty} P(k,x) dB_V(x), \\
r_j = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} W_{i+j} G_{(i+j)}^{-1} e, \quad \phi_0 = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} W_{i+j} G_{(i+j)}^{-1} e, \quad j \geq 1, \\
\psi_0 = W_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} W_{i+j} G_{(i+j)}^{-1} e, \quad G_1 = Q(1,1)A_0, \\
L_s = \int_0^{+\infty} \exp\{C_1 x\} dB_V(x) dx, \quad L_s - \int_0^{+\infty} \exp\{C_1 x\} dR(x) dx.
\]
We denote by \( F(x) * G(x) \) the convolution of two functions \( F(x) \) and \( G(x) \) given by
\[
F(x) * G(x) = \int_0^x F(x-u) dG(u).
\]
Case 2. No vacation is allowed, in this case, our model becomes the MAP/G/1 G-queue with unreliable server. We assume that $B_V(x) = 0$ in the main results and obtain $W_0 = 0$, $W_1 = D_1 \otimes I$, $W_k = 0$, $k \geq 2$, $R_{0,1} = W_1[I - \Phi_0]^{-1}$, $R_{0,j} = 0$, $j \geq 2$,

\[
\beta = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i^2 \Phi_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i^2 \Psi_0, \quad \Phi_0 = W_1[I^{-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i G_i^{-1} - 1] R_0.
\]

We note that these results are consistent with the known results in [5] and [13].

6 Numerical examples

In this section, we discuss some interesting numerical examples that qualitatively describe the performance of the queueing model under study. The following examples are illustrated using the results of section 3. The algorithms have been written into a MATLAB program. For the purpose of a numerical illustration, we assume that all distribution functions in this paper are exponential, i.e. $B_S(x)$, $B_V(x)$, $B_R(x)$ are exponential distribution functions and their parameters are $\mu_S = 2.158$, $\mu_V$, $\mu_R$ respectively. Also, we vary values of $\mu_V, \mu_R$ such that the system is stable. Numerical results are presented in Figures 1-4.

![Figure 1: The mean system size versus $\lambda^-$ with $(\mu_V, \mu_R) = (1.603, 0.311)$.](image1)

![Figure 2: The mean system size versus $\lambda^-$ with $(\mu_V, 1/\mu_R) = (1.603, 0)$.](image2)

Here we choose the following arbitrary values:

$C_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -0.7 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -1.4 \end{pmatrix}$, $D_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix}$,

$C_2 = \lambda^- \begin{pmatrix} -0.007 & 0.002 \\ 0.03 & -0.009 \end{pmatrix}$, $D_2 = \lambda^- \begin{pmatrix} 0.001 & 0.004 \\ 0.005 & 0.001 \end{pmatrix}$.

So the stationary arrival rates of the positive customers and the negative customers are $\lambda_1 = 0.7250$ and $\lambda_2 = 0.0054 \lambda^-$. In Figures 1 and 2, the mean number of customers in the system is plotted against the parameter $\lambda^-$ with $\mu_V = 0.911$ and $1/\mu_R = 3$ respectively. We observe that the mean number of customers in the system increases monotonously as the value $\lambda^-$ increases when $1/\mu_R > 0$, and decreases monotonously as the value $\lambda^-$ increases when $1/\mu_R = 0$. It is easily explained taking into account the fact that a negative customer not only removes the positive customer being in service but also causes the server breakdown. When the server is reliable, i.e. $1/\mu_R = 0$, the removal of the customer being in service can shorten the queue length. We show in Figures 3 and 4, the influence of the parameters $\mu_V$ and $\mu_R$ on the mean number of customers $T$ in the system. As is to be expected, $L$ decreases for increasing values $\mu_V$ and $\mu_R$.

7 Conclusions

This paper analyzes a MAP/ G / 1 queuing system with negative customer arrival, unreliable server and multiple vacations. By using the supplementary variables method and the censoring technique, we obtain the queue length distributions in steady state. We derive the mean of the busy period based on the renewal theory. Compared to the related work, when there are no vacations, our results are consistent with the results in [5] and when there are no negative customers, our results are agree with the results in [13]. Hence, our model covers the models considered in [5] and [13]. This queuing system can be applied to the
virtual channel of ATM network Performance analysis is more practical, real and reasonable.

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