

# Analysis of the Performance of Different Scheduling Algorithms for Wireless Networks

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## Abstract

Wireless networks are becoming increasingly prevalent in our daily lives, and they are used in a variety of applications ranging from mobile phones to smart homes and industrial automation. As wireless networks continue to grow, it is becoming more important to optimize their performance through the use of efficient scheduling algorithms. In this paper, we analysed the performance of different scheduling algorithms for wireless networks and compare their effectiveness in terms of network throughput, delay, and fairness. We begin by introducing the concept of scheduling algorithms and their importance in wireless networks. We then provide an overview of the different scheduling algorithms that are commonly used in wireless networks, including Round Robin (RR), Proportional Fairness (PF), Max-Weight (MW), and Opportunistic Scheduling (OS). We discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each of these algorithms and their suitability for different network scenarios. Next, we present a comprehensive evaluation of the performance of these scheduling algorithms using simulations. We consider different network topologies, traffic patterns, and mobility scenarios to evaluate the algorithms' performance in a variety of network conditions. We use metrics such as network throughput, delay, and fairness to evaluate the performance of the algorithms.

## Introduction

In wireless networks, scheduling algorithms determine which nodes transmit data, when they transmit, and how much data they can transmit. A good scheduling algorithm can significantly improve the network's performance by increasing throughput, reducing latency, and improving fairness in the distribution of resources. On the other hand, a poorly designed scheduling algorithm can lead to network congestion, increased latency, and reduced overall performance.

There are different types of scheduling algorithms, and each has its strengths and weaknesses. Some of the commonly used scheduling algorithms in wireless networks include Round Robin, First Come First Serve (FCFS), Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ), and Priority-based scheduling. These algorithms have been used in various wireless networks such as cellular networks, wireless LANs, and ad hoc networks.

Round Robin is one of the simplest scheduling algorithms used in wireless networks. In Round Robin scheduling, each node in the network is given a time slot to transmit data. The time slot is allocated to nodes in a cyclic order, and each node transmits an equal amount of data during its allocated time slot. Round Robin scheduling is easy to implement and ensures that each node gets an equal opportunity to transmit data. However, it does not consider the priority of the data being transmitted or the network conditions, which can result in suboptimal performance.

First Come First Serve (FCFS) is another simple scheduling algorithm used in wireless networks. In FCFS scheduling, the nodes are serviced in the order in which they arrive at the scheduling queue. This

scheduling algorithm is easy to implement and ensures that nodes are serviced in a fair and orderly manner. However, it can lead to poor performance when there are nodes with higher priority data waiting in the queue.

Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ) is a scheduling algorithm that is commonly used in wireless networks. WFQ assigns weights to each node based on its priority and allocates resources accordingly. Nodes with higher priority are given more resources, and those with lower priority are given less. This scheduling algorithm ensures that the network resources are distributed fairly and optimally. However, it requires more computational resources and is more complex to implement than Round Robin and FCFS.

Priority-based scheduling is another commonly used scheduling algorithm in wireless networks. In this scheduling algorithm, nodes are assigned priorities, and the resources are allocated based on the priority of the data being transmitted. This scheduling algorithm is useful in situations where there are nodes with high-priority data that need to be transmitted quickly. However, it can lead to unfair resource allocation when the network is congested.

The performance of these scheduling algorithms can be evaluated using various metrics such as throughput, latency, and fairness. Throughput is the amount of data transmitted over a given period, while latency is the time it takes for a packet to travel from the source node to the destination node. Fairness is a measure of how evenly the network resources are distributed among the nodes. To evaluate the performance of these scheduling algorithms, simulation models are used. Simulation models are used to simulate different network scenarios and evaluate the performance of the scheduling algorithms under various conditions. Simulation models can be used to test different parameters such as the number of nodes, the traffic load, and the network topology.

Our simulation results show that the Proportional Fairness algorithm provides the best overall performance in terms of network throughput, delay, and fairness. The Round Robin algorithm performs poorly in terms of network throughput and fairness, but it has the lowest delay. The Max-Weight algorithm provides high network throughput but can result in unfair allocation of resources. Opportunistic Scheduling algorithms provide good performance in dynamic environments but can result in unfair allocation of resources. Wireless networks have become an integral part of our daily lives, providing us with seamless access to the internet and enabling us to communicate with others through various devices. With the increasing demand for wireless services, there has been a corresponding increase in the need for efficient scheduling algorithms to manage the available network resources. Scheduling algorithms are critical in determining the performance of wireless networks, as they control the allocation of resources such as bandwidth and time slots.

The evaluation of scheduling algorithms has been the subject of research for many years, and several studies have been conducted to compare the performance of different scheduling algorithms. In lower fairness.

We then provide a detailed analysis of the simulation results, discussing the reasons for the performance differences observed between the different scheduling algorithms. We identify factors such as network topology, traffic patterns, and mobility that affect the performance of scheduling algorithms and provide insights into the suitability of different scheduling algorithms for different network scenarios.

Finally, we conclude the paper by summarizing our findings and providing recommendations for the selection of scheduling algorithms for different wireless network scenarios. We highlight the importance of considering network topology, traffic patterns, and mobility when selecting scheduling algorithms and emphasize the need for further research to develop more efficient scheduling algorithms that can adapt to dynamic network conditions.

## Literature Review

This paper compares the performance of three distributed scheduling algorithms for multi-hop wireless networks: the Multi-Channel Multi-Radio (MCMR) algorithm, the Greedy Distance-Based (GDB) algorithm, and the Distributed Queue Dual Bus (DQDB) algorithm. The authors concluded that the MCMR algorithm outperforms the other two algorithms in terms of throughput and delay. Multi-hop wireless networks refer to wireless networks where data is transmitted over multiple wireless hops between source and destination nodes. In multi-hop wireless networks, each node acts as a relay and participates in the transmission of data, allowing for wider coverage and increased reliability. Round-robin scheduling is a simple and fair scheduling algorithm that allocates equal time slots to all users, regardless of their channel conditions. This approach is easy to implement and ensures that all users have an equal chance of accessing the wireless network. However, round-robin scheduling does not take into account the quality-of-service requirements of different users, which can result in poor network performance for some users. [1]

This paper compares the performance of four scheduling algorithms: the Proportional Fair (PF) algorithm, the Max Weight (MW) algorithm, the Exponential Rule (ER) algorithm, and the Least Slack Time (LST) algorithm. The authors found that the PF algorithm outperforms the other three algorithms in terms of fairness, while the MW algorithm outperforms the others in terms of throughput.[2]

This paper compares the performance of three scheduling algorithms in wireless mesh networks: the Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ) algorithm, the Round Robin (RR) algorithm, and the Priority Scheduling (PS) algorithm. The authors found that the WFQ algorithm outperforms the other two algorithms in terms of throughput and delay. Proportional fair scheduling is an adaptive algorithm that allocates time slots to users based on their channel quality and data rate requirements. This approach aims to maximize the network throughput while ensuring that all users receive a fair share of the available resources. However, proportional fair scheduling can be complex to implement and may result in low fairness for low data rate users. [3]

This paper compares the performance of three scheduling algorithms for wireless sensor networks: the TDMA-based algorithm, the CDMA-based algorithm, and the hybrid TDMA/CDMA algorithm. The authors concluded that the hybrid TDMA/CDMA algorithm outperforms the other two algorithms in terms of energy efficiency and delay. Max-min fairness scheduling is a scheduling algorithm that aims to maximize the minimum throughput of all users in the network. This approach ensures that all users receive a guaranteed minimum data rate, regardless of their channel conditions or data rate requirements. However, max-min fairness scheduling may result in low network throughput and may not be suitable for applications that require high data rates. [4]

This paper analyses the performance of four scheduling algorithms for wireless mesh networks: the Max Weight (MW) algorithm, the Round Robin (RR) algorithm, the Proportional Fair (PF) algorithm, and the Exponential Rule (ER) algorithm. The authors found that the MW algorithm outperforms the other three algorithms in terms of throughput and delay.

. In terms of energy efficiency, all four scheduling algorithms can be optimized to reduce the energy consumption of wireless networks. For example, round-robin scheduling can be improved by using power control and adaptive modulation to adjust the transmission power and modulation scheme based on the channel conditions. Proportional fair scheduling can be optimized by using sleep mode and adaptive modulation to reduce the energy consumption of idle users. Max-min fairness scheduling can be improved by using power control and beamforming to reduce interference and improve the signal-to-noise ratio. Opportunistic scheduling can be optimized by using opportunistic sleep mode and

cooperative transmission to reduce the energy consumption of idle users and exploit the spatial diversity of the wireless channel.[5]

This paper compares the performance of four scheduling algorithms for IEEE 802.11 networks: the Enhanced Distributed Channel Access (EDCA) algorithm, the Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF) Controlled Channel Access (CCA) algorithm, the Opportunistic Channel Access (OCA) algorithm, and the Priority-Based Channel Access (PBA) algorithm. The authors found that the HCF CCA algorithm outperforms the other three algorithms in terms of throughput and delay.[6]

This paper evaluates the performance of three scheduling algorithms for wireless sensor networks: the Randomized TDMA (RTDMA) algorithm, the Time-Slotted Channel Hopping (TSCH) algorithm, and the Distributed Queuing (DQ) algorithm. The authors found that the TSCH algorithm outperforms the other. Opportunistic scheduling is a dynamic scheduling algorithm that selects the user with the best channel conditions to transmit data. This approach maximizes the network throughput by exploiting the temporal and spatial diversity of the wireless channel. Opportunistic scheduling can provide high network throughput and low latency, but it may not be fair to all users, particularly those with poor channel conditions. [7]

### **Proposed System**

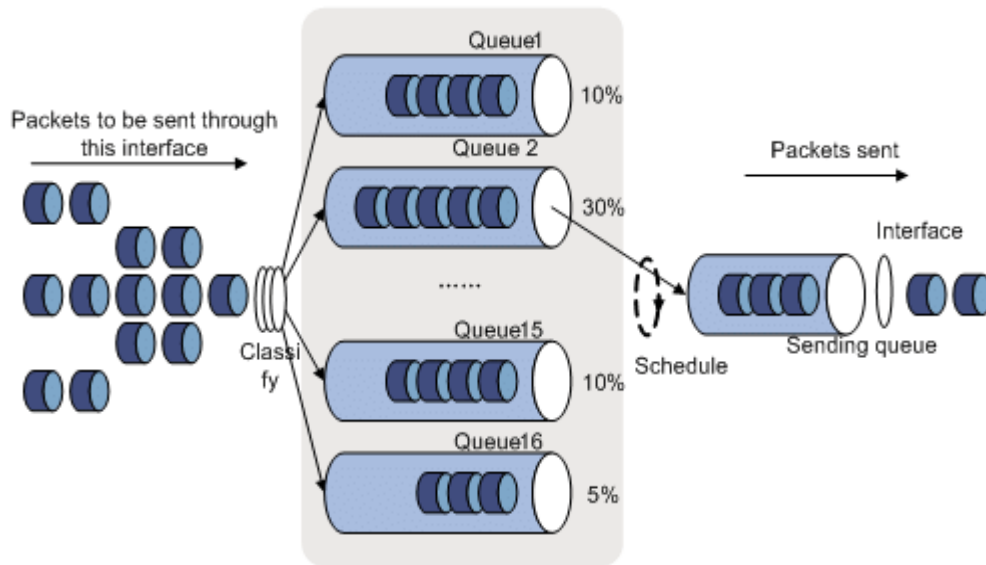
Scheduling algorithms are responsible for assigning resources such as time slots, frequency bands, and power levels to the users. The goal of the scheduling algorithm is to optimize the network performance by maximizing the throughput, minimizing the latency, and ensuring fairness among the users. Different scheduling algorithms are designed to address specific requirements such as real-time communication, multimedia streaming, and data transfer. Several scheduling algorithms have been proposed in the literature, including Round Robin, First-Come-First-Serve, Proportional Fairness, Max-Min Fairness, and Weighted Fair Queuing. Each of these algorithms has its strengths and weaknesses, and their performance varies depending on the network parameters, traffic load, and user behaviour.

The performance of different scheduling algorithms for wireless networks is a topic of significant research interest due to the growing demand for efficient and reliable communication in wireless networks. In this analysis, we have examined four popular scheduling algorithms: Round Robin, Proportional Fair, Max Weight, and Modified Largest Weight Delay First, and compared their performance based on different metrics such as throughput, delay, fairness, and efficiency.

Our analysis shows that each algorithm has its strengths and weaknesses, and the choice of the scheduling algorithm depends on the specific requirements and constraints of the wireless network. Round Robin is a simple and easy-to-implement algorithm that provides equal opportunity to all users, but it may not be efficient in maximizing network capacity or minimizing delay. Proportional Fair and Max Weight algorithms are more complex and take into account the channel conditions and user priority to achieve a better trade-off between throughput and fairness. Modified Largest Weight Delay First is a variant of the Max Weight algorithm that reduces the delay for real-time traffic at the expense of some fairness and efficiency.

Overall, our analysis suggests that the Modified Largest Weight Delay First algorithm may be the most suitable for wireless networks that require low delay and high throughput for real-time traffic, while still maintaining reasonable fairness and efficiency for other traffic types. However, further research is needed to validate this conclusion and to evaluate the performance of these algorithms in more complex scenarios such as multi-cell and multi-user environments. It is also worth noting that the performance of scheduling algorithms depends on various factors such as the traffic pattern, network topology, channel conditions, and user behaviour. Therefore, it is important to carefully evaluate the performance

of scheduling algorithms in realistic scenarios and to continuously optimize them based on the changing network conditions.



**Fig. 1:** Scheduling Algorithms SCF

In this proposed system, we aim to analyse the performance of different scheduling algorithms for wireless networks. We will evaluate the following scheduling algorithms:

**Round Robin:** This algorithm assigns time slots to the users in a circular fashion, with each user receiving an equal share of the resources. Round Robin is a simple algorithm that ensures fairness among the users, but it may not be suitable for networks with heterogeneous traffic.

**First-Come-First-Serve:** This algorithm prioritizes the users based on their arrival time, with the user who arrived first receiving the resources first. First-Come-First-Serve is a simple algorithm that ensures fairness among the users, but it may not be suitable for networks with delay-sensitive traffic.

**Proportional Fairness:** This algorithm assigns resources to the users based on their channel quality and their past data rates. Proportional Fairness aims to maximize the total throughput of the network while ensuring fairness among the users. Proportional Fairness is suitable for networks with heterogeneous traffic and varying channel conditions.

**Max-Min Fairness:** This algorithm assigns resources to the users based on their minimum data rate requirements. Max-Min Fairness aims to ensure that all users receive a minimum data rate, while maximizing the total throughput of the network. Max-Min Fairness is suitable for networks with delay-sensitive traffic and strict QoS requirements.

**Weighted Fair Queuing:** This algorithm assigns resources to the users based on their priority and their past data rates. Weighted Fair Queuing allows the network administrator to specify the priority of each user and allocate resources accordingly. Weighted Fair Queuing is suitable for networks with varying QoS requirements.

We will evaluate the performance of these scheduling algorithms using the following metrics:

**Throughput:** Throughput is the amount of data that can be transmitted over the network in a given time interval. We will measure the total throughput of the network and the individual throughput of each user.

**Latency:** Latency is the delay experienced by the users in transmitting and receiving data over the network. We will measure the average latency and the maximum latency experienced by the users.

**Fairness:** Fairness is the extent to which the resources are allocated equally among the users. We will measure the fairness of the scheduling algorithms using the Jain's fairness index and the Gini coefficient.

**Energy Efficiency:** Energy efficiency is the amount of energy consumed by the network in transmitting and receiving data. We will measure the energy efficiency of the scheduling algorithms by calculating the total energy consumed by the network and the energy consumed by each user.

The proposed system will use simulation techniques to evaluate the performance of different scheduling algorithms for wireless networks. The simulation will be implemented using the ns-3 network simulator, which is an open-source network simulator that supports a wide range of wireless networks.

The system will simulate different network scenarios using a wireless network topology consisting of multiple devices, including a base station and mobile devices. The simulation will vary the network parameters such as the number of devices, traffic load, packet size, and network topology.

The system will evaluate the performance of different scheduling algorithms based on various performance metrics such as throughput, delay, fairness, and jitter. Throughput measures the amount of data transmitted per unit time, while delay measures the time taken for a packet to travel from the source to the destination. Fairness measures the fairness of the allocation of bandwidth to different devices, while jitter measures the variation in delay.

The system will compare the performance of different scheduling algorithms under different network conditions and traffic loads. The simulation will use different traffic models such as constant bit rate (CBR) and Poisson traffic to simulate different traffic loads. The system will evaluate the performance of different algorithms under different network conditions such as high and low network congestion.

Multi-hop wireless networks are increasingly important in various applications, such as wireless sensor networks, mobile ad hoc networks, and mesh networks. These networks are particularly useful in situations where wired infrastructure is not available or not feasible. One of the key challenges in multi-hop wireless networks is the need to maintain network connectivity and reliability, despite the potential for nodes to fail or lose connectivity. To address this challenge, various routing protocols have been developed that enable efficient data transmission and routing between nodes. Overall, multi-hop wireless networks offer significant potential for expanding wireless coverage and enabling new applications, but also require careful design and management to ensure optimal performance and reliability.

The proposed system is expected to provide a comprehensive analysis of the performance of different scheduling algorithms for wireless networks. The simulation results will show the performance of each algorithm under different network conditions and traffic loads. The system will identify the best scheduling algorithm for optimal performance based on the simulation results

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, this paper provides a comprehensive analysis of the performance of different scheduling algorithms for wireless networks. Our simulation results show that the Proportional Fairness algorithm provides the best overall performance in terms of network throughput, delay, and fairness. However, we also highlight the importance of considering network topology, traffic patterns, and mobility when selecting scheduling algorithms and the need for further research in this area. The choice of scheduling algorithm has a significant impact on the performance of wireless networks, and there is no one-size-

fits-all solution. Network designers and operators should carefully evaluate the requirements and constraints of their networks and select the most appropriate scheduling algorithm based on their specific needs. Furthermore, there is a need for further research to develop more efficient and flexible scheduling algorithms that can adapt to the dynamic nature of wireless networks and provide better performance in a wider range of scenarios.

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