

Cache related pre-emption delay aware response time analysis for fixed priority pre-emptive systems

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① Cache Related Pre-emption Delay

- Useful Cache Blocks

- Evicting Cache Blocks

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- Correct Handling of Blocking Time

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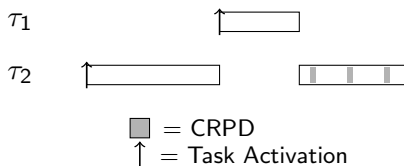
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Pre-emptively Scheduled Systems: Cache Related Pre-emption Delay

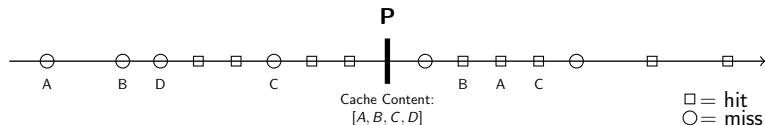
- Pre-emptive scheduling
- Cache related pre-emption delay (CRPD):
 - Impact of pre-emption on the cache content
 - Overall cost of additional reloads due to pre-emption



Useful Cache Blocks

A memory block m at program point P is called a useful cache block, if

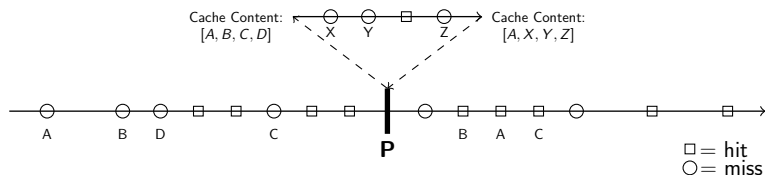
- m may be cached at P
- m may be reused at program point P' that may be reached from P with no eviction of m on this path.



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Evicting Cache Blocks

A memory block of the pre-empting task is called an evicting cache block, if it may be accessed during the execution of the pre-empting task.



$$ECB = \{X, Y, Z\}$$

Cache Related Pre-emption Delay - Notation

Presentation restricted to direct-mapped caches only:

Sets of ECBs and UCBs are sets of integers:

$s \in \text{UCB}_i \Leftrightarrow \tau_i$ has a useful cache block in cache-set s

$s \in \text{ECB}_i \Leftrightarrow \tau_i$ may evict a cache block in cache-set s

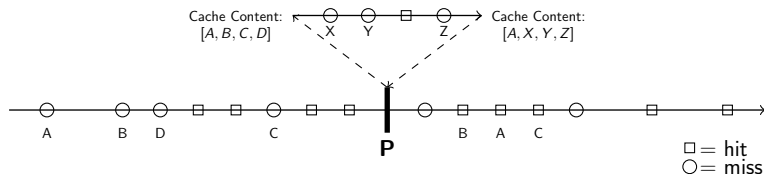
pre-emption cost task τ_j pre-empting τ_i (BRT block reload time):

$$\text{BRT} \cdot |\text{UCB}_i \cap \text{ECB}_j|$$

Cache Related Pre-emption Delay - Example

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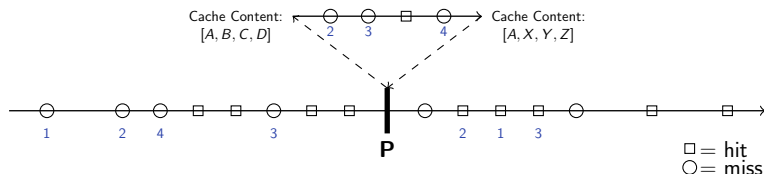
ECB₁ = {X, Y, Z} UCB₂ = {A, B, C}



Cache Related Pre-emption Delay - Example

τ_1 pre-empts τ_2

$$ECB_1 = \{2, 3, 4\} \quad UCB_2 = \{1, 2, 3\}$$



$$\begin{aligned} CRPD_{1,2} &= BRT \cdot |UCB_2 \cap ECB_1| \\ &= BRT \cdot |\{1, 2, 3\} \cap \{2, 3, 4\}| = BRT \cdot |\{2, 3\}| \end{aligned}$$

UCBs in cache-set 2 and 3 may be evicted

\Rightarrow 2 pre-emption misses

Response Time Analysis (for fixed priorities)

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But what is the precise meaning of γ ?

UCB only or ECB only (Busquets-Mataix et al., Lee et al.)

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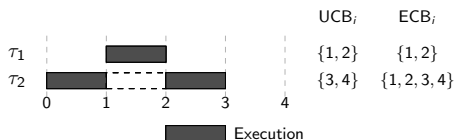
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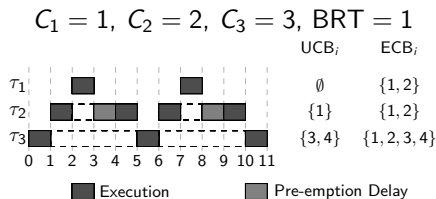
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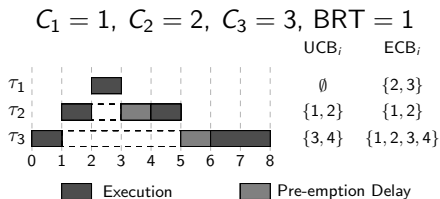


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Nested pre-emption causes higher costs (2) than any non-nested (1)

UCB Union (Tan et al.)

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that are evicted by task τ_j

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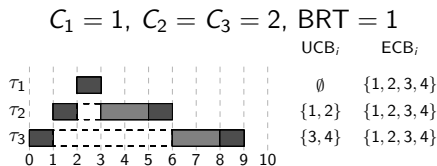
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$$\gamma_{3,1}^{\text{tan}} = 4 \wedge \gamma_{3,2}^{\text{tan}} = 2 \rightarrow \text{total pre-emption cost} = 6$$

actual cost = 4

New Approach: ECB Union

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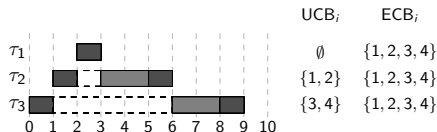
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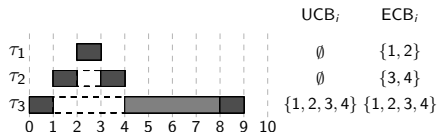
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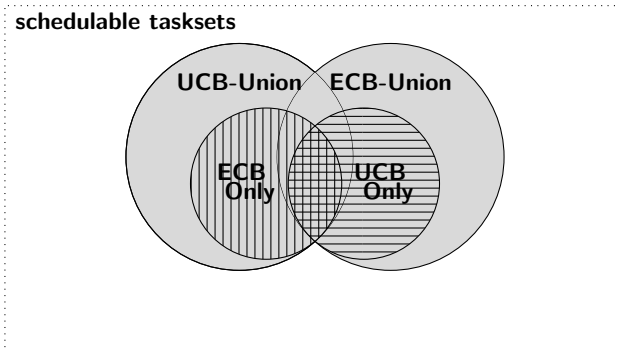
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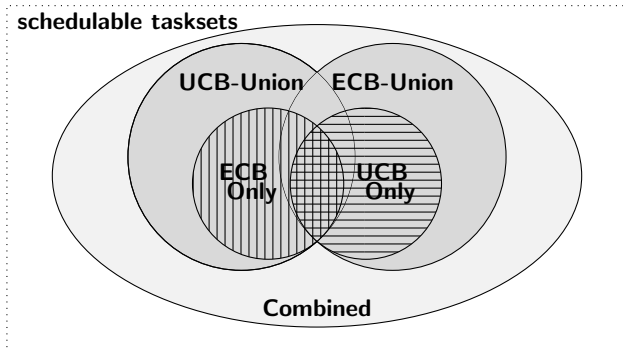
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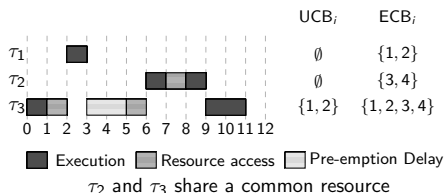


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$$R_i^{\text{comb}} = \min(R_i^{\text{tan}}, R_i^{\text{new}})$$

Blocking Time (Stack Resource Protocol)

$$R_i = C_i + B_i + \sum_{\forall j \in \text{hp}(i)} \left\lceil \frac{R_j + J_j}{T_j} \right\rceil (C_j + \gamma_{i,j})$$



Task τ_2 can be blocked by execution of τ_3 and pre-emption delay
(τ_1 pre-empting τ_3)

ECB-Only accounts for this implicitly
all others must be extended (see paper)

Evaluation

- ① case study (benchmarks from Mälardalen benchmark suite)
- ② randomly generated test cases

Case Study – Benchmarks

	WCET	UCBs	ECBs
bs	445	5	35
minmax	504	9	79
fac	1,252	4	24
fibcall	1,351	5	24
insertsort	6,573	10	41
loop3	13,449	4	817
select	17,088	15	151
qsort-exam	22,146	15	170
fir	29,160	9	105
sqrt	39,962	14	477
ns	43,319	13	64
qurt	214,076	14	484
crc	290,782	14	144
matmult	742,585	23	100
bsort100	1,567,222	35	62

Periods: $\forall_i : T_i = c \cdot C_i$; c varied from 15 upwards \Rightarrow utilization from 1.0 downwards

(ARM7, direct-mapped instruction, cache size 2kB, line size 8 Bytes (256 cache sets)
and BRT = $8\mu s$)

Case Study – Results

breakdown utilization: max utilization s.t. taskset was deemed schedulable

Analysis	Breakdown utilization:
No Pre-emption Cost	0.95
Combined	0.767
ECB-Union	0.767
UCB-Only	0.75
UCB-Union	0.698
ECB-Only	0.612

Generated Test Cases – Setting

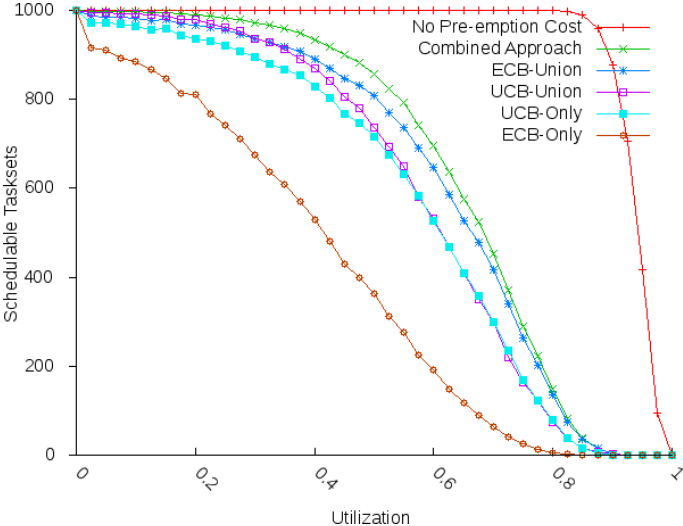
Task set:

- 10 tasks
- periods T_i range from 5ms to 500ms (log-uniform distribution)
- task utilization U_i generated using UUnifast
- execution times $C_i = U_i \cdot T_i$
- implicit deadlines, priorities in deadline monotonic order

Pre-emption costs:

- number of cache sets ($CS = 256$)
- block-reload time ($BRT = 8\mu s$)
- cache usage using UUnifast ($CU = 10$)
- reuse factor (UCBs), uniform distribution $[0; |ECB|]$

Generated Test Cases – Results



Why does ECB-Union perform better than UCB-Union?

- UCB-Union overapproximates evicted UCBs
- ECB-Union overapproximates evicted ECBs
- always more ECBs than UCBs
- also UCB-Only better than ECB-Only

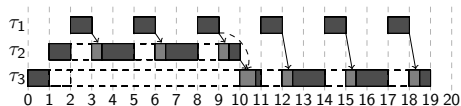
holds even for different parameter settings
(see evaluation in paper)

Conclusions

- Analysis of Response Time Analyses with CRPD
- New Approaches (ECB-Union and Combined)
- Corrected Handling of Blocking Time
- Thorough Evaluation (Case Study; generated test cases with varying parameters)

Future Work

- ECB Union and UCB Union still pessimistic:



ECB Union assumes task τ_1 pre-empts τ_2 up to six times
but, task τ_1 pre-empts τ_2 at most three times

- Pre-emption Cost and Fixed Priority FIFO Scheduling
- Influence of the task mapping on CRPD
- Comparison with ScratchPad Memories

Thanks for your attention.

Questions?