Time-Triggered Mixed-Critical Scheduler¹

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- scheduling is a major challenge of Mixed Critical System design
- finite set of jobs in dual critical systems:
 - every job is is classified as critical (HI) or non-critical (LO)
 - every job is labeled with two Worst Case Execution Times:
 - LO WCET computed with industrial standard tools (realistic estimation)
 - HI WCET computed with Certification Authority tools (very pessimistic estimation)
 - both HI and LO jobs are Hard Real-Time

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• the scheduling problem is NP-complete

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Basic scenario

- an execution where all jobs terminates after executing for C(LO) before a switch time t_s and for C(HI) after t_s is called basic scenario
- analyzing basic scenario is enough
- we call a basic scenario LO if no jobs run for C(HI) $HI - J_s$ if J_s is the first job to execute for more than C(LO)

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Generate **HI*** by simulation of HI jobs:

- each job executes for C(HI) time units
- the jobs are scheduled according to PT_{HI}
- a job is enabled by one of the following *rules*:

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Example

Job	A	D	χ	C(LO)	C(HI)
1	0	12	HI	3	5
2	1	4	HI	1	2
3	6	11	HI	2	4
4	7	8	LO	1	1

$$\begin{array}{ll} PT_{LO} = & J_4 \succ J_2 \succ J_3 \succ J_1 \\ PT_{HI} = & J_2 \succ J_3 \succ J_1 \end{array}$$



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