

# The Queue Length of a GI/M/1 Queue with Set-Up Period and Bernoulli Working Vacation Interruption

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## ABSTRACT

Consider a GI/M/1 queue with set-up period and working vacations. During the working vacation period, customers can be served at a lower rate, if there are customers at a service completion instant, the vacation can be interrupted and the server will come back to a set-up period with probability  $p(0 \leq p \leq 1)$  or continue the working vacation with probability  $1-p$ , and when the set-up period ends, the server will switch to the normal working level. Using the matrix analytic method, we obtain the steady-state distributions for the queue length at arrival epochs.

**KEYWORDS:** GI/M/1; set-up period; working vacation; vacation interruption; Bernoulli

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Servi and Finn [1] first introduced the working vacation models and studied an M/M/1 queue, the server commits a lower service rate rather than completely stopping the service during a vacation. Baba [2] considered a GI/M/1 queue with working vacations by the matrix-analytic method. For the vacation interruption models, Li and Tian [3] first introduced and studied an M/M/1 queue with working vacations and vacation interruption. Then, Li et al. [4] analyzed the GI/M/1 queue with working vacations and vacation interruption by the matrix-analytic method. Meanwhile, in some practical situations, it needs some times to switch the lower rate to the normal working level, which we call set-up times. Zhao et al. [5] considered a GI/M/1 queue with set-up period and working vacation and vacation interruption. Bai et al. [6] studied a GI/M/1 queue with set-up period and working vacations.

In this paper, based on the Bernoulli schedule rule we analyze a GI/M/1 queue with set-up period and working vacation and vacation interruption at the same time. Zhang and Shi [7] first studied an M/M/1 queue with vacation and vacation interruption under

the Bernoulli rule. In our model, during the working vacation period, if there are customers at a service completion instant, the server can come back to a set-up period with probability  $p(0 \leq p \leq 1)$ , not with probability 1, or continue the working vacation with probability  $1-p$ , which is different from the situation many authors considered before, and when the set-up period ends, the server will switch to the normal busy period. Clearly, the models in [5,6] will be the special cases of the model we consider.

## 2. Model description and embedded Markov chain

Consider a GI/M/1 queue such that the arrival process is a general distribution process. The server begins a vacation each time when the queue becomes empty and if there are customers arriving in a vacation period, the server continues to work at a lower rate, i.e., the working vacation period is an operation period in lower speed. At a service completion instant, if there are customers in the vacation period, the vacation can be interrupted and the server is resumed to a set-up period with probability  $p(0 \leq p \leq 1)$ , or continues the vacation with probability

$\bar{p}$  ( $\bar{p} = 1 - p$ ), and when the set-up period ends, the server will switch to the normal working level. Otherwise, the server continues the vacation. Meanwhile, if there is no customer when a vacation ends, the server begins another vacation, otherwise, he switches to the set-up period, and after the set-up period, the server switches to the normal busy period.

Suppose  $\tau_n$  be the arrival epoch of  $n$ th customers with  $\tau_0 = 0$ . The inter-arrival times  $\{\tau_n, n \geq 1\}$  are independent and identically distributed with a general distribution function, denoted by  $A(t)$  with a mean  $1/\lambda$  and a Laplace Stieltjes transform (LST), denoted by  $A^*(s)$ . The service times during a normal service period, the service times during a working vacation period, the set-up times and the working vacation times are exponentially distributed with rate  $\mu, \eta, \beta$  and  $\theta$ , respectively.

Let  $L(t)$  be the number of customers in the system at time  $t$  and  $L_n = L(\tau_n - 0)$  be the number of the customers before the  $n$ th arrival. Define  $J_n = 0$ , the  $n$ th arrival occurs during a working vacation period;  $J_n = 1$ , the  $n$ th arrival occurs during a set-up period;  $J_n = 2$ , the  $n$ th arrival occurs during a normal service period. Then, the process  $\{(L_n, J_n), n \geq 1\}$  is an embedded Markov chain with state space

$$\Omega = \{0, 0\} \cup \{(k, j), k \geq 1, j = 0, 1, 2\}.$$

In order to express the transition matrix of  $(L_n, J_n)$ , let

$$P_{(i,j),(k,l)} = P(L_{n+1} = k, J_{n+1} = l | L_n = i, J_n = j).$$

Meanwhile, we introduce the expressions below

$$a_k = \int_0^\infty \frac{(\mu t)^k}{k!} e^{-\mu t} dA(t), \quad k \geq 0,$$

$$b_k = \int_0^\infty \int_0^t \beta e^{-\beta x} \frac{(\mu(t-x))^k}{k!} e^{-\mu(t-x)} dx dA(t), \quad k \geq 0,$$

$$c_k = \int_0^\infty \bar{p}^k \frac{(\eta t)^k}{k!} e^{-\eta t} e^{-\theta t} dA(t), \quad k \geq 0,$$

$$d_k = \int_0^\infty \sum_{l=0}^k \bar{p}^l \int_0^t \frac{(\eta x)^l}{l!} e^{-\eta x} \theta e^{-\theta x} \int_x^t \beta e^{-\beta(y-x)} \times \frac{(\mu(t-y))^{k-l}}{(k-l)!} e^{-\mu(t-y)} dy dx dA(t), \quad k \geq 0,$$

$$e_k = \int_0^\infty \sum_{l=1}^k \bar{p}^{l-1} p \int_0^t \frac{\eta(\eta x)^{l-1}}{(l-1)!} e^{-\eta x} e^{-\theta x} \int_x^t \beta e^{-\beta(y-x)} \times \frac{(\mu(t-y))^{k-l}}{(k-l)!} e^{-\mu(t-y)} dy dx dA(t), \quad k \geq 1,$$

$$f_k = \int_0^\infty \bar{p}^k \int_0^t \frac{(\eta x)^k}{k!} e^{-\eta x} \theta e^{-\theta x} e^{-\beta(t-x)} dx dA(t), \quad k \geq 0,$$

$$g_k = \int_0^\infty \bar{p}^{k-1} p \int_0^t \frac{\eta(\eta x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} e^{-\eta x} e^{-\theta x} e^{-\beta(t-x)} dx dA(t), \quad k \geq 1.$$

Using the lexicographic sequence for the states, the transition probability matrix of  $(L_n, J_n)$  can be written as the Block-Jacobi matrix

$$\bar{P} = \begin{pmatrix} B_{00} & A_{01} & & & & & \\ B_1 & A_1 & A_0 & & & & \\ B_2 & A_2 & A_1 & A_0 & & & \\ B_3 & A_3 & A_2 & A_1 & A_0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$B_{00} = 1 - c_0 - d_0 - f_0; \quad A_{01} = (c_0, f_0, d_0);$$

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & f_0 & d_0 \\ 0 & A^*(\beta) & b_0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad A_k = \begin{pmatrix} c_k & f_k + g_k & d_k + e_k \\ 0 & 0 & b_k \\ 0 & 0 & a_k \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k (c_i + d_i + e_i + f_i + g_i) - c_0 - d_0 - f_0 \\ 1 - \sum_{i=0}^k b_i - A^*(\beta) \\ 1 - \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

### 3. Steady-state distribution at arrival epochs

We first define

$$A(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_k z^k, B(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty b_k z^k, C(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty c_k z^k,$$

$$D(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty d_k z^k, E(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty e_k z^k, F(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty f_k z^k, G(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty g_k z^k.$$

In this section, we derive the steady-state distribution for  $(L_n, J_n)$  at arrival epochs using matrix-geometric approach. In order to derive the steady-state distribution, we need the following three lemmas.

#### Lemma 3.1.

$$A(z) = A^*(\mu - \mu z),$$

$$B(z) = \frac{\beta[A^*(\mu - \mu z) - A^*(\beta)]}{\beta - \mu(1 - z)},$$

$$C(z) = A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z),$$

$$D(z) = \frac{\theta\beta}{\beta - \mu(1 - z)} \frac{[A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z) - A^*(\beta)]}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z - \beta} - \frac{\theta\beta}{\beta - \mu(1 - z)} \frac{[A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z) - A^*(\mu - \mu z)]}{\theta + p\eta z - (\mu - \eta)(1 - z)},$$

$$E(z) = \frac{p\eta z\beta}{\beta - \mu(1 - z)} \frac{[A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z) - A^*(\beta)]}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z - \beta} - \frac{p\eta z\beta}{\beta - \mu(1 - z)} \frac{[A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z) - A^*(\mu - \mu z)]}{\theta + p\eta z - (\mu - \eta)(1 - z)},$$

$$F(z) = \frac{\theta[A^*(\beta) - A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z)]}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z - \beta},$$

$$G(z) = \frac{p\eta z[A^*(\beta) - A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z)]}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z - \beta}.$$

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $\theta > 0$ , the equation  $z = A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z)$  has a unique root in the range  $0 < z < 1$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** If  $\theta > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $\rho = \lambda / \mu < 1$ , then the matrix equation  $R = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} R^k A_k$  has the minimal nonnegative solution

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & \delta(r_2 - r_1) & \Delta\delta(r_3 - r_2) - \gamma\delta(r_3 - r_1) \\ 0 & r_2 & \Delta(r_3 - r_2) \\ 0 & 0 & r_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $r_2 = A^*(\beta)$ ,  $r_1$  and  $r_3$  are the unique roots in the range  $0 < z < 1$  of equations  $z = A^*(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta z)$  and  $z = A^*(\mu - \mu z)$ , respectively, and  $\delta = (\theta + p\eta r_1) / (\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1 - \beta)$ ,  $\Delta = \beta / [\beta - \mu(1 - r_2)]$ ,  $\gamma = \beta / [\theta + p\eta r_1 - (\mu - \eta)(1 - r_1)]$ .

Moreover, we can easily verify that the Markov chain  $\bar{P}$  is positive recurrent if and only if  $\theta > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $\rho < 1$ . And the matrix

$$B[R] = \begin{pmatrix} B_{00} & A_{01} \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} R^{k-1} B_k & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} R^{k-1} A_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - c_0 - d_0 - f_0 & c_0 & f_0 & d_0 \\ c_0 + f_0 - \frac{\delta(r_2 - r_1)}{r_1} - \omega & 1 - \frac{c_0}{r_1} & \frac{\delta(r_2 - r_1)}{r_1} - \frac{f_0}{r_1} & \omega \\ 1 - \frac{a_0\Delta(r_3 - r_2)}{r_2 r_3} + \frac{b_0}{r_2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{a_0\Delta(r_3 - r_2)}{r_2 r_3} - \frac{b_0}{r_2} \\ \frac{a_0}{r_3} & 0 & 0 & 1 - \frac{a_0}{r_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\omega = [\frac{\Delta\delta(r_3 - r_2)}{r_2 r_3} - \frac{\gamma\delta(r_3 - r_1)}{r_1 r_3}]a_0 + \frac{\delta(r_2 - r_1)}{r_1 r_2}b_0 - \frac{d_0}{r_1}$  has a positive left invariant vector

$$K(1, r_1, \delta(r_2 - r_1), \Delta\delta(r_3 - r_2) - \gamma\delta(r_3 - r_1)) \quad (1)$$

where  $K$  is a random positive real number.

Let  $(L, J)$  be the stationary limit of the process  $(L_n, J_n)$ , and denote

$$\pi_0 = \pi_{00}; \quad \pi_k = (\pi_{k0}, \pi_{k1}, \pi_{k2}), \quad k \geq 1,$$

$$\pi_{kj} = P\{L = k, J = j\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{L_n = k, J_n = j\}, \quad (k, j) \in \Omega.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $\theta > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $\rho < 1$ , the stationary probability distribution of  $(L, J)$  is given by

$$\begin{cases} \pi_{k0} = (1 - r_3)\sigma r_1^k, & k \geq 0, \\ \pi_{k1} = (1 - r_3)\sigma\delta(r_2^k - r_1^k), & k \geq 0, \\ \pi_{k2} = (1 - r_3)\sigma[\Delta\delta(r_3^k - r_2^k) - \gamma\delta(r_3^k - r_1^k)], & k \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\sigma = \frac{(1 - r_1)(1 - r_2)}{(1 - r_3)[(1 - r_2) + \delta(r_2 - r_1)] + \Delta\delta(1 - r_1)(r_3 - r_2) - \gamma\delta(1 - r_2)(r_3 - r_1)}.$$

**Proof.** With the Theorem 1.5.1 in [8],  $(\pi_{00}, \pi_{10}, \pi_{11}, \pi_{12})$  is given by the positive left invariant vector Eq. (1), and satisfies the normalizing condition

$$\pi_{00} + (\pi_{10}, \pi_{11}, \pi_{12})(I - R)^{-1}e = 1,$$

where  $e$  is a column vector with all elements equal to one. Substituting  $R$  into the above relationship, we can get

$$K = \frac{(1 - r_1)(1 - r_2)(1 - r_3)}{(1 - r_3)[(1 - r_2) + \delta(r_2 - r_1)] + \Delta\delta(1 - r_1)(r_3 - r_2) - \gamma\delta(1 - r_2)(r_3 - r_1)} = (1 - r_3)\sigma.$$

Therefore, we have

$$(\pi_{10}, \pi_{11}, \pi_{12}) = (1 - r_3)\sigma(r_1, \delta(r_2 - r_1), \Delta\delta(r_3 - r_2) - \gamma\delta(r_3 - r_1)).$$

Using the Theorem 1.5.1 of Neuts [8], we can obtain

$$\pi_k = (\pi_{k0}, \pi_{k1}, \pi_{k2}) = (\pi_{10}, \pi_{11}, \pi_{12})R^{k-1}, \quad k \geq 1. \quad (2)$$

Taking  $(\pi_{10}, \pi_{11}, \pi_{12})$  and  $R^{k-1}$  into Eq. (2), the theorem can be derived.

Then, we discuss the distribution of the queue length  $L$  at the arrival epochs. From Theorem 3.4, we have

$$\pi_0 = P\{L = 0\} = \pi_{00} = (1 - r_3)\sigma,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_k &= P\{L = k\} = \pi_{k0} + \pi_{k1} + \pi_{k2} \\ &= (1 - r_3)\sigma[(1 - \delta)r_1^k + \delta r_2^k + \Delta\delta(r_3^k - r_2^k) - \gamma\delta(r_3^k - r_1^k)], \quad k \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

The state probability of a server in the steady-state is given by

$$P\{J = 0\} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \pi_{k0} = \frac{(1 - r_3)\sigma}{1 - r_1},$$

$$P\{J = 1\} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \pi_{k1} = \frac{\sigma\delta(1 - r_3)(r_2 - r_1)}{(1 - r_1)(1 - r_2)},$$

$$P\{J = 2\} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \pi_{k2} = \frac{\sigma\Delta\delta(1 - r_1)(r_3 - r_2) - \sigma\gamma\delta(1 - r_2)(r_3 - r_1)}{(1 - r_1)(1 - r_2)}.$$

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $\theta > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $\rho < 1$ , the stationary queue length  $L$  can be decomposed as  $L = L_0 + L_d$ , where  $L_0$  is the stationary queue length of a classical GI/M/1 queue without vacation, and follows a geometric distribution with parameter  $r_3$ . Additional queue length  $L_d$  has a distribution

$$P\{L_d = 0\} = \sigma,$$

$$P\{L_d = k\} = \sigma(\delta - 1 - \gamma\delta)(r_3 - r_1)r_1^{k-1} + \sigma\delta(\Delta - 1)(r_3 - r_2)r_2^{k-1}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

**Proof.** The probability generating function of  $L$  is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \pi_{k0} z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \pi_{k1} z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \pi_{k2} z^k \\
 &= (1-r_3) \sigma \left[ \frac{1}{1-r_3 z} + \delta \frac{(r_2-r_1)z}{(1-r_1 z)(1-r_2 z)} + \Delta \delta \frac{(r_3-r_2)z}{(1-r_2 z)(1-r_3 z)} - \gamma \delta \frac{(r_3-r_1)z}{(1-r_1 z)(1-r_3 z)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1-r_3}{1-r_3 z} \sigma \left[ \frac{1-r_3 z}{1-r_1 z} + \delta \frac{(r_2-r_1)(1-r_3 z)z}{(1-r_1 z)(1-r_2 z)} + \Delta \delta \frac{(r_3-r_2)z}{1-r_2 z} - \gamma \delta \frac{(r_3-r_1)z}{1-r_1 z} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1-r_3}{1-r_3 z} \sigma \left[ 1 - \frac{(r_3-r_1)z}{1-r_1 z} + \delta \frac{(r_3-r_1)z}{1-r_1 z} - \delta \frac{(r_3-r_2)z}{1-r_2 z} + \Delta \delta \frac{(r_3-r_2)z}{1-r_2 z} - \gamma \delta \frac{(r_3-r_1)z}{1-r_1 z} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1-r_3}{1-r_3 z} \left[ \sigma + \sigma(\delta-1-\gamma\delta) \frac{(r_3-r_1)z}{1-r_1 z} + \sigma\delta(\Delta-1) \frac{(r_3-r_2)z}{1-r_2 z} \right] \\
 &= L_0(z)L_d(z).
 \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

Thus, the mean queue length at the arrival epoch is given by

$$E[L] = \frac{r_3}{1-r_3} + \frac{\sigma(\delta-1-\gamma\delta)(r_3-r_1)}{(1-r_1)^2} + \frac{\sigma\delta(\Delta-1)(r_3-r_2)}{(1-r_2)^2}.$$

#### 4. Steady-state distribution at arbitrary epochs

Now we consider the steady-state distribution for the queue length at arbitrary epochs. And, denote the limiting distribution of  $L(t) : p_k = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P\{L(t) = k\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** If  $\theta > 0, \beta > 0$  and  $\rho < 1$ , the limiting distribution of  $L(t)$  exists. And, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} p_0 = 1 - \sigma \lambda \left[ \frac{\Delta\delta - \gamma\delta}{\mu} + \frac{(1-\Delta)\delta(1-r_3)}{\beta} + \frac{(1-\delta + \gamma\delta)(1-r_3)}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} \right], \\ p_k = (1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \left[ \frac{\Delta\delta - \gamma\delta}{\mu} r_3^{k-1} + \frac{(1-\Delta)\delta(1-r_2)}{\beta} r_2^{k-1} + \frac{(1-\delta + \gamma\delta)(1-r_1)}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} r_1^{k-1} \right], k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** From the theory of SMP, the limiting distribution of  $L(t)$  has the following expression (see [9]):

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \sum_{i=k-1}^{\infty} \pi_{i2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\mu t)^{i+1-k}}{(i+1-k)!} e^{-\mu t} \lambda(1-A(t)) dt \\
 &+ \sum_{i=k-1}^{\infty} \pi_{i1} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^t \beta e^{-\beta x} \frac{(\mu(t-x))^{i+1-k}}{(i+1-k)!} e^{-\mu(t-x)} dx \lambda(1-A(t)) dt \\
 &+ \pi_{k-1,1} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\beta t} \lambda(1-A(t)) dt \\
 &+ \sum_{i=k-1}^{\infty} \pi_{i0} \int_0^{\infty} \bar{p}^{i+1-k} \frac{(\eta t)^{i+1-k}}{(i+1-k)!} e^{-\eta t} e^{-\theta t} \lambda(1-A(t)) dt \\
 &+ \sum_{i=k-1}^{\infty} \pi_{i0} \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{i+1-k} \bar{p}^l \int_0^t \frac{(\eta x)^l}{l!} e^{-\eta x} \theta e^{-\theta x} \int_x^t \beta e^{-\beta(y-x)} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{(\mu(t-y))^{i+1-k-l}}{(i+1-k-l)!} e^{-\mu(t-y)} dy dx \lambda(1-A(t)) dt \\
 &+ \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} \pi_{i0} \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{i+1-k} \bar{p}^{l-1} p \int_0^t \frac{\eta(\eta x)^{l-1}}{(l-1)!} e^{-\eta x} e^{-\theta x} \int_x^t \beta e^{-\beta(y-x)} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{(\mu(t-y))^{i+1-k-l}}{(i+1-k-l)!} e^{-\mu(t-y)} dy dx \lambda(1-A(t)) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ \sum_{i=k-1}^{\infty} \pi_{i0} \int_0^{\infty} \bar{p}^{i+1-k} \int_0^t \frac{(\eta x)^{i+1-k}}{(i+1-k)!} e^{-\eta x} \theta e^{-\theta x} e^{-\beta(t-x)} dx \lambda(1-A(t)) dt \\
 &+ \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} \pi_{i0} \int_0^{\infty} \bar{p}^{i-k} p \int_0^t \frac{\eta(\eta x)^{i-k}}{(i-k)!} e^{-\eta x} e^{-\theta x} e^{-\beta(t-x)} dx \lambda(1-A(t)) dt \\
 &= b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + b_4 + b_5 + b_6 + b_7 + b_8.
 \end{aligned}$$

We compute each part of the equation and have

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_1 &= (1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \left[ \frac{\Delta\delta - \gamma\delta}{\mu} r_3^{k-1} - \Delta\delta \frac{1-A^*(\mu-\mu r_2)}{\mu(1-r_2)} r_2^{k-1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \gamma\delta \frac{1-A^*(\mu-\mu r_1)}{\mu(1-r_1)} r_1^{k-1} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_2 &= (1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \left[ \Delta\delta \frac{1-A^*(\mu-\mu r_2)}{\mu(1-r_2)} r_2^{k-1} - \Delta\delta \frac{1-r_2}{\beta} r_2^{k-1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{\beta\delta}{\beta-\mu+\mu r_1} \frac{(1-A^*(\mu-\mu r_1))}{\mu(1-r_1)} r_1^{k-1} + \frac{\delta(1-r_2)}{\beta-\mu+\mu r_1} r_1^{k-1} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b_3 = (1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \left[ \frac{\delta(1-r_2)}{\beta} r_2^{k-1} - \frac{\delta(1-r_2)}{\beta} r_1^{k-1} \right],$$

$$b_4 = (1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \frac{1-r_1}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} r_1^{k-1},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_5 &= (1-r_3) \sigma \frac{(1-r_3) \sigma \lambda}{\beta-\mu+\mu r_1} \frac{\theta \beta r_1^{k-1}}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1 - \beta} \left( \frac{1-r_1}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} - \frac{1-r_2}{\beta} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{(1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \theta \gamma r_1^{k-1}}{\beta-\mu+\mu r_1} \left[ \frac{1-r_1}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} - \frac{1-A^*(\mu-\mu r_1)}{\mu(1-r_1)} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_6 &= \frac{(1-r_3) \sigma \lambda}{\beta-\mu+\mu r_1} \frac{p \eta \beta r_1^k}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1 - \beta} \left( \frac{1-r_1}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} - \frac{1-r_2}{\beta} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{(1-r_3) \sigma \lambda p \eta \gamma r_1^k}{\beta-\mu+\mu r_1} \left[ \frac{1-r_1}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} - \frac{1-A^*(\mu-\mu r_1)}{\mu(1-r_1)} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b_7 = \frac{(1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \theta r_1^{k-1}}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1 - \beta} \left( \frac{1-r_2}{\beta} - \frac{1-r_1}{\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1} \right),$$

Then, using these expressions, the theorem can be obtained by some computation.

Let  $\bar{L}$  denote the steady-state system size at an arbitrary epoch, the mean of  $\bar{L}$  can be given by

$$E[\bar{L}] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k p_k = (1-r_3) \sigma \lambda \left[ \frac{\Delta\delta - \gamma\delta}{\mu(1-r_3)^2} + \frac{(1-\Delta)\delta}{\beta(1-r_2)} + \frac{1-\delta + \gamma\delta}{(1-r_1)(\theta + \eta - \bar{p}\eta r_1)} \right].$$

**Remark 4.2.** If  $p = 1$ , the system reduces to the model described in [4], and if  $p = 0$ , the system becomes a GI/M/1 queue with set-up period and multiple working vacations [6].

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