

On the speed of computers with paged and interleaved memory

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**Abstract:** A performance measure (the speed) of computer mathematical models is defined. This measure is given as a function of hardware and program behaviour parameters for Bélády's computer model with paged memory and Vulihman's model with interleaved memory.

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## 1. Introduction

Computer performance is investigated by empirical, simulation and analytical methods [1].

The analytical method is based on the analysis of mathematical models reflecting the essence of processes by "exact" methods /e.g. queueing or Markov-chain theory, combinatorics etc./.

Due to the inaccuracy of models the analytical method usually gives only a rough estimate, but the results are general and convenient for computer planning or development.

In this lecture we recommend an analytical method, based on Bélády's [2], Coffman's [3] and Kogan's [4] methods and give some concrete formulas derived by this method.

2. Definition of the speed

The set  $N = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  ( $1 < n < \infty$ ) is called a program, and the sequence  $\omega_T = r_1 \dots r_T$  ( $1 \leq T \leq \infty$ ,  $r_t \in N$ ,  $t=1, \dots, T$ ) consisting of elements of  $N$  /T-element permutations with repetition/ is called a program realization of length  $T$ . Denote  $N^T$  the set of all possible sequences  $\omega_T$ . Denote  $\tau[\omega_T]$  the processing time of a sequence  $\omega_T$  on given computer model. The distribution of the elements of  $N$  in the sequences  $\omega_T$  is called program behaviour [5]. This behaviour is given by the set  $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_T\}$  of distribution-functions  $D_1, \dots, D_T$  where  $D_T[\omega_T]$  gives the probability of  $\omega_T$  in the space of events  $N^T$ , that is

$$/2.1/ \quad \forall \omega_T \quad 0 \leq D_T[\omega_T] \leq 1$$

and

$$/2.2/ \quad \forall T \quad \sum_{\omega_T \in N^T} D_T[\omega_T] = 1.$$

Further we suppose

$$/2.3/ \quad \sum_{i=1}^n D_{T+1}[\omega_T v_i] = D_T[\omega_T].$$

Instead of  $D_T[\omega_T]$  we use the marking  $D[\omega_T]$ .

Denote the set of  $D$ 's satisfying the conditions /2.1/, /2.2/ and /2.3/ by  $\mathcal{D}$ .

In this lecture we use 6 simple behaviour model: homogeneous [6], cyclical [6], random [2], random with step [3], random with repetition [7] and independent [5] ones. Let  $HOM$ ,  $CYCL$ ,  $RAN$ ,  $STEP_p$ ,  $REP_p$  and  $IND_{p_1, \dots, p_n}$  denote them.

According to the homogeneous model the references are equivalent, that is

$$/2.4/ \quad P\{r_1 = v_i\} = \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad r_t = r_1 \quad (t=2,3,\dots; i=1,\dots,n).$$

This formula is equivalent to the following definition:

$$/2.5/ \quad \text{HOM}[\omega_k] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if in } \omega_k \quad r_1=r_2=\dots=r_k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (k=1,2,\dots).$$

According to the cyclical model the step  $v_i, v_{i+1}$  ( $v_{n+1} \equiv v_1$ ) has a probability 1, that is

$$/2.6/ \quad P\{r_1 = v_i\} = \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad P\{r_{t+1} = v_{i+1}\} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } r_t = v_i, \\ 0, & \text{if } r_t \neq v_i \end{cases}$$

$$(t=1,2,\dots; i=1,\dots,n).$$

This formula is equivalent to the following definition:

$$/2.7/ \quad \text{CYCL}[\omega_k] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if in } \omega_k \text{ from } r_t = v_i, r_{t+1} = v_j \\ & \text{follows } j \equiv i+1 \pmod{n} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$(t=1,2,\dots).$$

According to the random model ; the references occur randomly, that is

$$/2.8/ \quad P\{r_t = v_i\} = \frac{1}{n} \quad (t=1,2,\dots; i=1,\dots,n).$$

This formula is equivalent to the following definition:

$$/2.9/ \quad \text{RAN}[\omega_k] = \frac{1}{n^k} \quad (k=1,2,\dots, \omega_k \in N^k).$$

According to the random model with repetition the repetition has a probability  $p$ , and other references have a probability  $\frac{1-p}{n-1}$  :

$$/2.10/ \quad P\{r_1 = v_i\} = \frac{1}{n}; \quad P\{r_t = v_i\} = \begin{cases} p, & \text{if } r_{t-1} = v_i, \\ \frac{1-p}{n-1} & \text{if } r_{t-1} \neq v_i, \end{cases} \\ (t=2, 3, \dots; i=1, \dots, n).$$

This formula is equivalent to the following definition:

$$/2.11/ \quad \text{REP}_p [\omega_k] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot p^f \left(\frac{1-p}{n-1}\right)^{k-f-1} \quad (k=1, 2, \dots),$$

where  $f$  is the number of the repetitions in  $\omega_k$ .

According to the random model with step [3] the step  $v_i, v_{i+1}$  ( $v_{n+1} \equiv v_1$  in  $\omega_k$ ) has a probability  $p$ , and other references have a probability  $\frac{1-p}{n-1}$ :

$$/2.12/ \quad P\{r_1 = v_i\} = \frac{1}{n}; \quad P\{r_t = v_{i+1}\} = \begin{cases} p, & \text{if } r_{t-1} = v_i, \\ \frac{1-p}{n-1}, & \text{if } r_{t-1} \neq v_i, \end{cases} \\ (t=2, 3, \dots; i=1, \dots, n).$$

This formula is equivalent to the following definition:

$$/2.13/ \quad \text{STEP}_p [\omega_1] = \frac{1}{n}; \quad \text{STEP} [\omega_k] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot p^f \left(\frac{1-p}{n-1}\right)^{k-f-1} \quad (k=1, 2, \dots),$$

where  $f$  is the number of the steps in  $\omega_k$ .

According to the independent model [5] the reference to the page  $v_i$  has a probability  $p_i$ , that is

$$/2.14/ \quad P\{r_t = v_i\} = p_i \quad (t=1, 2, \dots).$$

This formula is equivalent to the following definition:

$$/2.15/ \quad \text{IND}_{p_1, \dots, p_n} [\omega_k] = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i)^{f_i},$$

where  $f_i$  is the number of the references to the page  $v_i$ .

Computer performance is characterized by the number of operations in a time unit:  $V.V$  is called the speed of the computer model and is determined by the formula

$$/2.16/ \quad v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sum_{\omega_k \in N^k} \frac{D[\omega_k] \tau[\omega_k]}{k}} .$$

If in /2.16/ we have existence of the lim in addition to the lim inf, then this limit is denoted by  $V'$  .

Our aim is to determine the speed for various computer and program behaviour models.

### 3. The mathematical model of computers with paged memory

For the investigation of computers with paged memory we use the well-known model proposed by Bélády [2] in 1966.

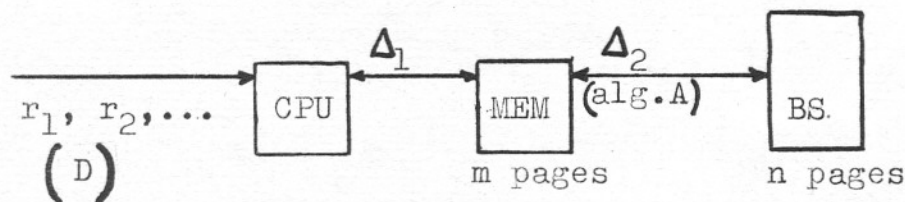


Fig 1. The scheme of a computer with 2 level paged memory.

The computer consists of a central processor unit /CPU/, an  $m$ -paged main memory /MEM/ and an  $n$ -paged backing store /BS/. The CPU has direct access to MEM-access time  $\Delta_1$  - while an indirect access to BS-access time  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2$ . The paging is controlled by a demand paging algorithm. The set of demand paging algorithms is denoted by  $\mathcal{A}$  .

For this model the speed  $V_p$  is [8]

$$/3.1/ \quad V_p = \frac{1}{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 \cdot C},$$

where  $C$  is the average cost of a reference, that is the page fault probability [5]. By definition

$$/3.2/ \quad C = C(m, n, A, D) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\omega_k \in N^k} \left( D[\omega_k] \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \delta_i}{k} \right),$$

where  $A \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ ,

$$/3.3/ \quad \delta_i = \delta(i, m, n, \omega_T, A) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } r_i \in S_t, \\ 1, & \text{if } r_i \notin S_t, \end{cases}$$

and  $S_t$  is the set of pages in MEM at time  $t$ .  $S_t$  is called the memory state. If in /3.2/ there exist a limit, then it is denoted by  $C'$ .

#### 4. General assertions on the speed of computers with paged memory

Lemma 1. ([7]). If  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , and  $1 \leq m < n < \infty$ , then

$$/4.1/ \quad 0 = C(m, n, A, \text{HOM}) \leq C(m, n, A, D) \leq C(m, n, \text{LRU}, \text{CYCL}) = 1,$$

that is for the speed

$$/4.2/ \quad \frac{1}{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2} = \underbrace{V_p(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, m, n, \text{LRU}, \text{CYCL})}_{\leq} \leq V_p(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, m, n, A, D) \leq V_p(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, m, n, A, \text{HOM}) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta_1}$$

holds.

Definition 1. ([9]) The demand paging algorithms, for which

$$/4.3/ \quad \forall T_1, \forall T_2 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{T_1} \delta(i, m, n, \omega_{T_1}, A) = \sum_{i=1}^{T_1} \delta(i, m, n, \omega_{T_1}, \omega_{T_2}, A)$$

are called sequential [6]. The set of the sequential algorithms is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Lemma 2. If  $1 \leq m < n < \infty$ , then for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and for every  $D \in \mathcal{D}$

$$/4.4/ \quad C_{\text{inf}} = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\omega_k \in N^k} D[\omega_k] \delta_k \leq C(m, n, B, D) \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\omega_k \in N^k} D[\omega_k] \delta_k.$$

Definition 2. Let  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $N_+^k$  ( $k=1, 2, \dots$ ;  $N_+^k \subseteq N^k$ ) be given. Denote  $a_k$  the sum  $\sum_{\omega_k \in N_+^k} D[\omega_k]$ . If

$$/4.5/ \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0,$$

then we shall say, that the sequence  $N_+^k$  has zero limit-density in  $N^k$ .

Lemma 3. ([7]). If for a given  $D$  there exist an  $m$ -tuple of pages  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , for which

$$/4.6/ \quad \forall \omega_k \quad D[\omega_k \vee_i] \geq \epsilon \cdot D[\omega_k] \text{ holds, then the sequence } N_+^k \text{ has zero limit-density in } N^k, \text{ where } N_+^k \text{ is the set of } \omega_k \in N^k, \text{ for which } |S_t| = |S_t(m, \omega_k, B)| < m.$$

Definition 3. Let  $\omega_T$  be given. The sequences of length  $/T+f/$   $/f=0, 1, \dots/$  identical to  $\omega_T$  up to the  $T$ -th element, are called the bundle  $\pi_f[\omega_T]$  with root  $\omega_T$  and length  $f$ .

Definition 4. The average cost of a references  $C^\pi$  in a given bundle  $\pi_f[\omega_T]$  is by definition

$$/4.7/ \quad C = C^\pi / m, n, A, D, \omega_T / = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\omega_k \in \pi_{k-T}[\omega_T]} D[\omega_k] \delta_k,$$

where  $D^\pi[\omega_k]$  is the probability of sequence  $\omega_k$  ( $\omega_k \in \pi_{k-T}[\omega_T]$ ) within the bundle, that is

$$/4.8 / \quad D^\pi[\omega_k] = \frac{D[\omega_k]}{\sum_{\omega_k \in \pi_{k-T}[\omega_T]} D[\omega_k]} = \frac{D[\omega_k]}{D[\omega_T]} .$$

Lemma 4. ([7]). Let  $N_+^k$  denote the set of  $\omega_k$ 's not belonging to any bundle, which has a cost  $C^\pi$ . If the sequence  $N_+^k$  / $k=1,2,\dots$ / has a zero limit density in  $N^k$ , then  $C(m,n,B,D)$  exists and is  $C^\pi$ .

### 5. Theorems on the speed of computers with paged memory

Theorem A /Bélády, 1966/ [2]. If  $L$  is a nonlookahead demand paging algorithm, then

$$/5.1/ \quad C(m,m,L,RAN) = \frac{n-m}{n} .$$

Theorem B /Aho, Denning, Ullman, 1971/ ([5]). If  $1 \leq m < n < \infty$ , then

$$/5.2 / \quad C'(m,n,OPT,IND) = \sum_{i=m}^n p_i - \frac{\sum_{i=m}^n p_i^2}{\sum_{i=m}^n p_i} ,$$

where  $OPT$  is the optimal paging algorithm, always replacing the page of  $S_t$  with minimal  $p_i$  [5].

Theorem C. /Stoyan, 1975/ ([8]). If  $1 \leq m < n < \infty$ , then

$$/5.3 / \quad C'(m,n,REF_a, RAN) = \frac{n-m}{n+a} \quad /a=0,1,\dots,m-1/,$$

where  $REF_a$  is a lookahead algorithm, which knows a references



ahead, and holds required pages in the memory if possible, and chooses randomly among the others.

Theorem 1 ([7]). If  $1 \leq m < n < \infty$  and  $0 \leq a \leq m$ , then

$$C'/m, n, \text{REF}_a, \text{REP}_p/ =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & /5.4 / \\ & \frac{1/n-m/ \ /1-p/}{n-1 + [\min/a, m-1/]/1-p/ + [\max/0, a-m+1/](1-m! \frac{1-p/m-1}{n-1/m-1})/1-p/} \end{aligned}$$

Theorems A and C follow from theorem 1 /in cases  $a=0, p=\frac{1}{n}$  and  $0 \leq a \leq m-1, p=\frac{1}{n}$  /.

Theorem 2. ([7]). If  $1 \leq m < n < \infty$ , then

$$/5.5 / \quad C'(m, n, \text{PP}_b, \text{RAN}) = \frac{n-m}{n} \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^b \quad /b=0, 1, /,$$

where  $\text{PP}_b$  is a lookahead algorithm, which knows at time  $t$  the next  $b$  references, differing from  $r_t$  and each other, and hold these pages if possible, in the memory, and chooses randomly among the others.

In case  $b=1, m=2, n=3$ , it follows from theorem 2 the partial resolution of the problem, investigated by Bélády in 1966, namely  $C'(2, 3, \text{MIN}, \text{RAN}) = \frac{2}{9}$  .

Theorem 3 ([7]). If  $1 \leq m < n < \infty$  and  $a \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & /5.6 / \\ & C'/2, 3, \text{REF}_a, \text{REP}_p/ = \\ & \frac{1-p}{2 + [\min/a, 1/]/1-p/ + \text{sign}[\max/0, a-1/] p/1-p^{a-1}/} \end{aligned}$$

From this theorem it follows /in the case  $a \rightarrow \infty$ , when

$REF_a \rightarrow MIN/$ , that

$$/5.7 / \quad C' / 2, 3, MIN, REP_p / = \frac{1-p}{3} .$$

### 6. Mathematical model of computers with interleaved memory

We investigate the following model of computers with interleaved memory due to V.E.Vulihman [10]:

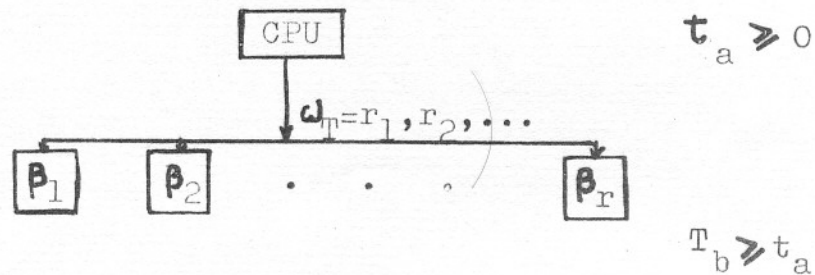


Fig.2. Scheme of computers with interleaved memory

The computer consists of a central processor unit /CPU/ and modules of memory  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r$ . The set of modules is denoted by B. The elements of  $\omega_T$  are generated by the CPU requiring  $t_a \geq 0$  time per element. A request to a module reserve that module for a time  $T_b > t_a$  during this time other request can't be served by this module. If the module being requested is occupied, then the generation of  $\omega_T$  will be suspended until the module is free.

The speed of this model is denoted by  $V_i$ .

### 7. General assertions on the speed of computers with interleaved memory

Hellerman in his book [6], Bokova and Tzaturyan in their

paper [11] proved the following assertions.

Lemma 5 ([6]). If  $T_b > t_a \geq 0$ , then for every  $D \in \mathcal{P}$  and for every  $r \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} /7.1/ \quad \frac{1}{T_b} &= V_i / t_{a, T_b, r, \text{HOM}} / \leq V_i / t_{a, T_b, r, D} / \leq V_i / t_{a, T_b, r, \text{CYCL}} / = \\ &= \frac{1}{T_b} \min / r, \frac{T_b}{t_a} / , \end{aligned}$$

where HOM and CYCL are the homogeneous and cyclical behaviour model.

Definition 5. Let  $\varphi_i / \varphi_0 = 0$  denote the processing time of  $\omega_T$  up to  $i$ -th element. Then the increment due to the  $i$ -th element is  $\delta_i = \varphi_i - \varphi_{i-1}$ .

Example. For every  $\omega_2 \in N^2$

$$/7.2 / \quad \delta_1 = T_b + t_a, \delta_2 = \begin{cases} T_b, & \text{if } r_2 = r_1 \\ t_a, & \text{if } r_2 \neq r_1 \end{cases} .$$

Lemma 6. ([11]). If  $T_b > t_a \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} /7.3/ \quad \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sum_{\omega_k \in N^k} D[\omega_k] \delta_k} &\leq V_i / t_{a, T_b, r, D} / \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sum_{\omega_k \in N^k} D[\omega_k] \delta_k} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 7. ([11]). If  $T_b > t'_a > t''_a \geq 0$ , then

$$/7.4 / \quad V_i (t'_a, T_b, r, D) \leq V_i (t''_a, T_b, r, D).$$

Lemma 8. ([11]). If  $T_b > t_a \geq 0$ , and  $r' > r''$ , then

$$/7.5 / \quad V_i / t_a, T_b, r', D / \geq V_i / t_a, T_b, r'', D / .$$

8. Theorems on the speed of computers with interleaved memory

Theorem 4. ([7]). If  $T_b > t_a \geq 0$ , then for  $r \geq 1$

$$V_i' / t_a, T_b, r, RAN / \leq$$

$$/7.6 / \quad \leq \frac{1}{t_a \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=2}^i p_{i,j} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^r p_{i,1} \right) \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} \left( \max(t_a, T_b^{-k} \cdot t_a) \sum_{j=k+1}^r \frac{p_j}{j} \right) \right]}$$

and the equality holds

- a/ if  $t_a = 0$ , then for  $r \geq 1$ ;
- b/ if  $\frac{T_b}{2} \leq t_a \leq T_b$ , then for  $r \geq 1$ ;
- c/ if  $0 < t_a < \frac{T_b}{2}$ , then for  $r = 1, 2$ .

In the formula /7.6/

$$/7.7 / \quad p_i = \frac{r/r-1 / \dots / r-i+1 /}{r^{i+1}} \quad i/1 \leq i \leq r/,$$

and

$$/7.8 / \quad p_{i,j} = \frac{p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^r i \cdot p_i} \quad /1 \leq i \leq r, \quad 1 \leq j \leq i/.$$

The following corollaries follow from theorem 4 as special cases.

Corollary 1 /Hellerman, 1967/ ([6]). If  $t_a = 0$  and  $r \geq 1$ , then

$$/7.9 / \quad V_i^2 / 0, T_b, r, \text{RAN} / = \frac{1}{T_b} \sum_{i=1}^r i \cdot p_i$$

Burnett, Coffman [3] and Stone [12] proved a more general assertion.

Theorem D /Burnett, Coffman, Stone, 1974/ [3,12].

If  $t_a = 0$  and  $r \geq 1$ , then

$$/7.10 / \quad V_i^2 / 0, T_b, r, \text{STEP}_p / = \frac{1}{T_b} \sum_{k=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \binom{k-1}{j} p^j \left( \frac{1-p}{n-1} \right)^{k-j-1} \cdot C_{n-j, k-j}$$

where

$$/7.11/ \quad C_{n,k} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left[ (-1)^j \binom{k-1}{j} /n-j-1/ /n-j-2/ \dots /n-k+1/ \right]$$

Corollary 2. If  $\frac{T_b}{2} \leq t_a \leq T_b$  and  $r \geq 1$ , then

$$/7.12 / \quad V_i^2 / t_a, T_b, r, \text{RAN} / = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{r} T_b + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) t_a}$$

Corollary 3. If  $T_b > t_a \geq 0$ , then

$$/7.13/ \quad V_b^2 / t_a, T_b, 2, \text{RAN} / = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} t_a + \frac{1}{2} T_b + \frac{1}{6} \max /t_a, T_b - t_a/}$$

Corollary 4. If  $T_b > t_a \geq 0$  and  $r \geq 1$ , then

$$/7.14 / \quad V_i^2 / t_a, T_b, r, \text{RAN} / \leq \frac{1}{\frac{1}{r} T_b + \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) t_a}$$

On the base of the formula /7.9/ it is not easy to estimate the order of  $V_i^2 / 0, T_b, r, \text{RAN} /$ , therefore the following

theorems are interesting.

Theorem E. /Hellerman, 1967/ ([6]). If  $1 \leq r \leq 45$ , then

$$/7.15/ \quad 0,96 \cdot r^{0,56} \leq V_i^*/(0, T_b, r, \text{RAN}) \leq 1,04 \cdot r^{0,56}.$$

Theorem F. /Vulihman, 1972/ ([10]). If  $r \geq 1$ , then

$$/7.16/ \quad V_i^*/(0, T_b, r, \text{RAN}) \leq \left( \sqrt{2\pi r} \right) \frac{1}{T_b}.$$

We proved the following more general theorem.

Theorem 5. ([13]). If  $t_a = 0$  and  $r \geq 1$ , then

$$/7.17/ \quad \frac{1}{T_b} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\pi r}{2}} - 1 \right) < V_i^*/(0, T_b, r, \text{RAN}) = \frac{r! \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} \frac{r^k}{k!}}{T_b \cdot r^r} \frac{1}{T_b} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\pi r}{2}} + 1 \right).$$

In our paper [7] we used a simple direct proof. Using a result due to G. Szegő [14] we can proof a formula with a smaller additive constant, which is exact.

Theorem G. /Szegő, 1928/ ([14]). If  $q$  is a nonnegative integer number, then

$$/7.18/ \quad \frac{1}{2} e^q = 1 + \frac{q}{1!} + \frac{q^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{q^q}{q!} \vartheta_q,$$

where  $\vartheta_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\vartheta_q$  tends monotonically to  $\frac{1}{3}$  as  $q \rightarrow \infty$ .

Theorem 6. If  $t_a = 0$  and  $r \geq 1$ , then

$$/7.19/ \quad V_i^*/(0, T_b, r, \text{RAN}) = \frac{1}{T_b} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\pi r}{2}} - \frac{1}{3} + \rho_r \right),$$

where  $\rho_r$  tends monotonically to zero as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$/7.20/ \quad \rho_1 = \frac{4}{3} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \approx 0,08 \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_2 = \frac{11}{6} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \approx 0,06.$$

It seems a hard but resolvable problem to estimate the order of expression in Coffman's theorem, as a function of  $p$ .

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