

Lecture 5: finish sched / synchronization

- SRTF / Adaptive scheduling
- Real time scheduling
- Mutual exclusion

Round-robin

- like FCFS, periodically preempt processes

- how long should quantum be?

 - short quantum: lots of context switches

 - long quantum: potentially long delays

 - low responsiveness

 - high avg. waiting time

(infinite quantum: FCFS)

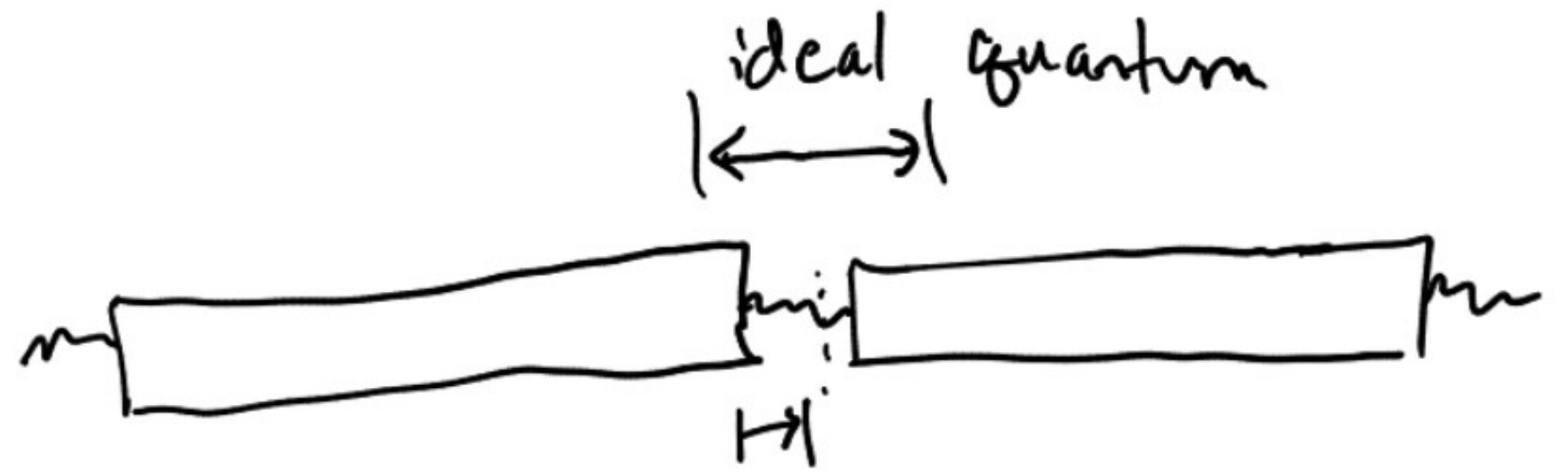
time spent
in
ready
state

Two kinds of processes:

I/O bound processes

- text editor
- web server

• need responsiveness: short quantum



higher priority
(handle first)

CPU-bound processes

- data processing

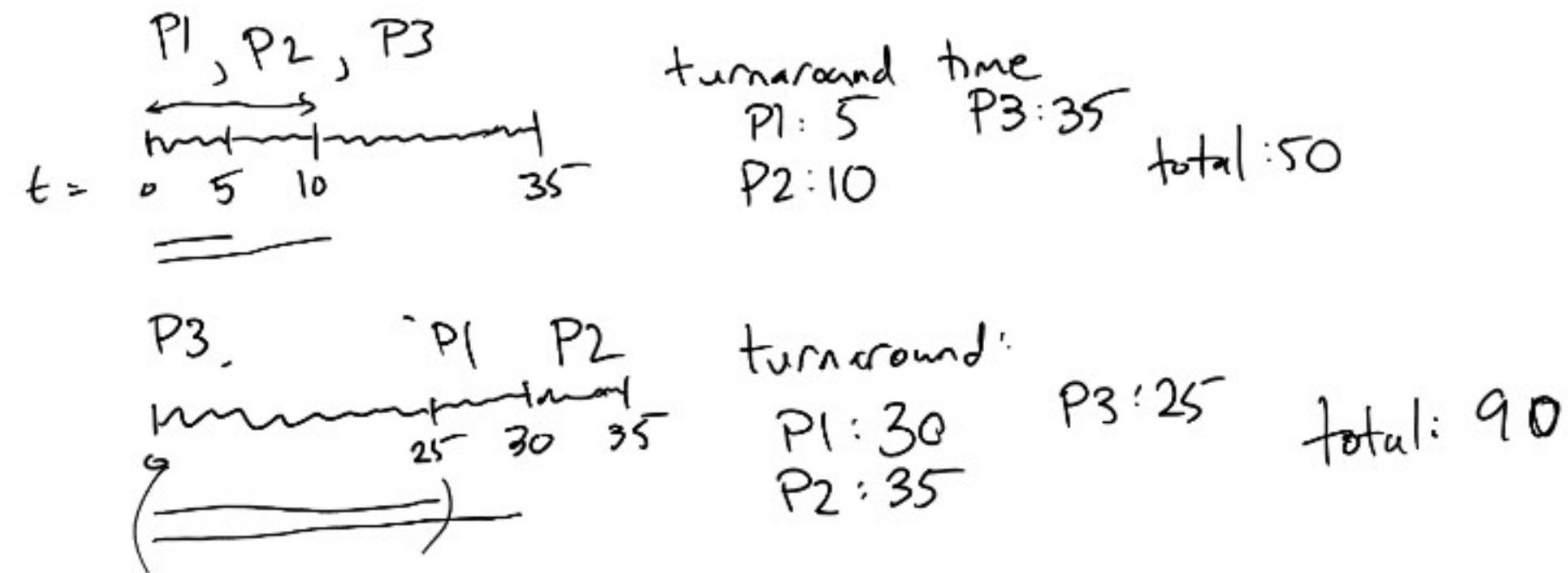
• need efficient use of CPU: long quantum.



Optimal algorithm: Shortest remaining time first (SRTF)

- Run whichever process will finish first (do I/O)

P1: will run for 5
P2: " 5
P3: " 25



Pro: optimal (waiting time)

- if we assume user-facing procs are I/O bound:
responsive.
- minimal ctx switches

Con:

- impossible to know how long procs will take.
- unfair if lots of short jobs continually arrive (long jobs world starve)

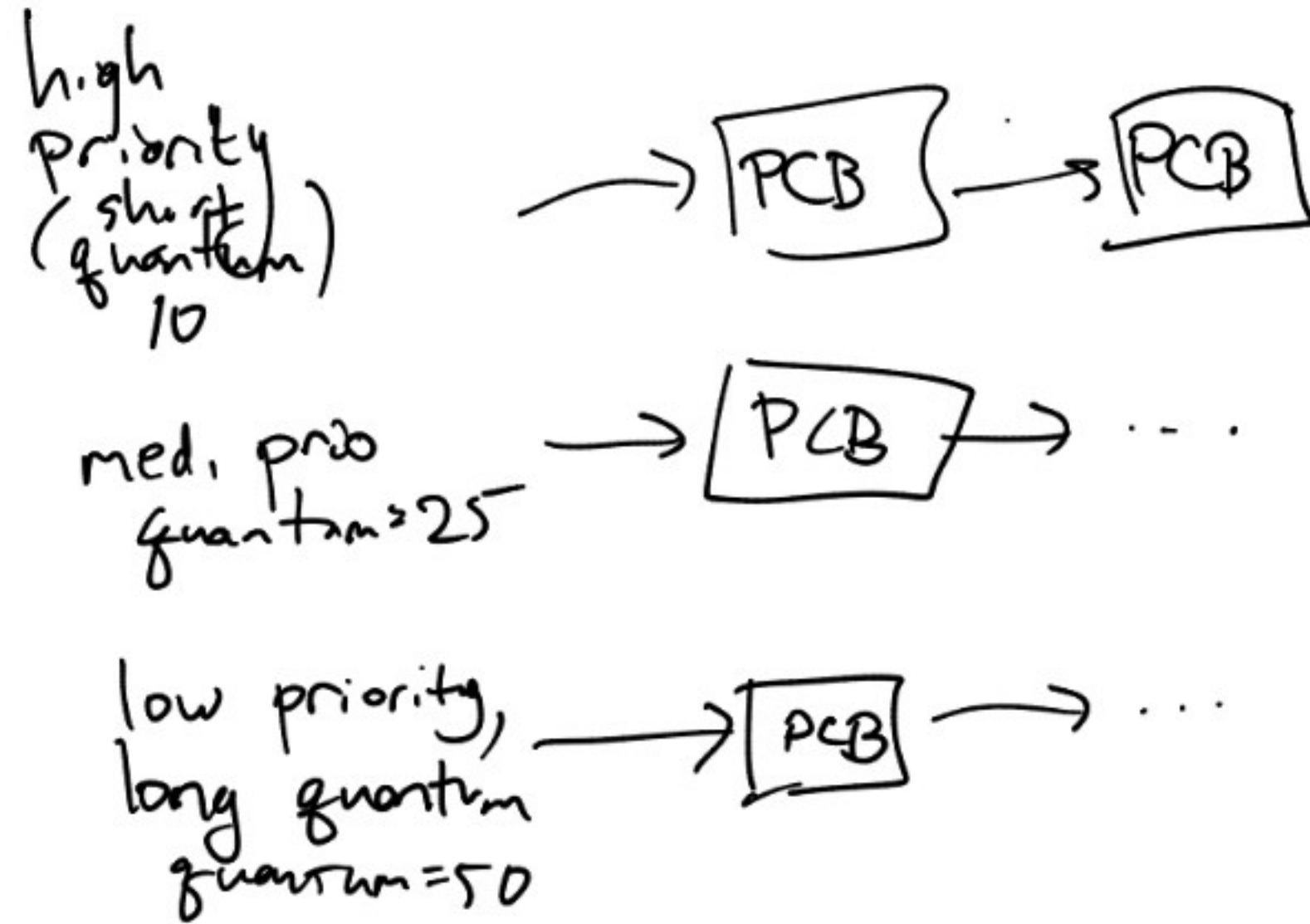
Adaptive multi-level scheduler

idea: deserve procs, I/O bound procs get short quanta,
CPU bound procs get long quanta.

↙ I/O bound procs.

- new procs
(ones that returned from I/O)
go in high priority queue

→ if proc uses whole quantum,
move it to lower priority queue, make down.



divide time between queues:

- proc. high queue for 50 units

- med queue for 50 units

- low queue for 50

Multiple processors

- want to schedule threads that communicate quickly (e.g. locking & unlocking) together (called gang scheduling)
- processor affinity: all things being equal, might be better to run same thread on same processor.
- fairness: want to ensure that all processes get time.

Real-time scheduling

- processes specify deadlines.
 - e.g. audio processing (live)
 - e.g. car, fighter jet, ...
- scheduler makes a schedule
(can be optimal if runtimes are given)
- Soft / Hard RT sched.
 - Soft: "best-effort" OS scheduler tries to meet constraints, but might not be possible.
 - hard: access control: scheduler can refuse requests for resources (CPU before deadline)
 - guarantee that demand is met.

Milk problem / mutual exclusion:

See typed lecture notes