

## User Behaviour Based Probability Analysis of Internet Traffic Distribution in Two-Market Environment in Computer Networks

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### ABSTRACT

Consider two markets and two operators having different networks operators Both operators are in competition for capturing more and more the internet traffic. The users have presumptive behaviour like faithful, impatient and completely impatient. This paper presented markov chain model based analysis of user behaviour for selecting any one operator. It is found that blocking probability of network plays important role for determining the user's behaviour towards choosing an operator as internet service provider. Also it contains analysis of initial share over the blocking probability varying probability of the rest-state.

**Keywords :** Markov chain model, Blocking probability, Call-by-call basis, Internet traffic, Quality of Service (QoS), Users behavior.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Markov Chain Model is a technique of exploring the transition behavior of a system. Naldi [13] has opened up the problem of internet traffic sharing evaluation. Shukla and Gadewal [5] have shown the application of Markov Chain model to the modelling of space division switches. Shukla and Thakur [9] have predicated useful contribution

for modelling of internet traffic sharing phenomena between two operators in competitive markets. Vern Paxson [16] has discussed the experiences with different measurement and analysis of the Internet Traffic.

Shukla et. al. [17] have given a share loss analysis of internet traffic distribution in computer networks. Medhi [11],[12] contains the foundational aspects of Markov chains in the context of stochastic processes. Dorea and Rajas [4] have shown the application of Markov chain models in data analysis. Aggarwal and Kaur [15] have proposed reliability analysis of fault-tolerant in a multistage interconnection on computer networks. Shukla, Tiwari and Thakur [20] have shown the effects of disconnectivity analysis for congestion control in internet traffic sharing. Yuan and lygevers [6] obtained the stochastic differential equations and proved the criteria of stabilization for Mrakovian switching.

Shukla, Tiwari et. al. [18],[19] have disucussed a comparison of methods for internet traffic sharing in computer network. Newby and Dagg [13] presented a maintenance policy for stochastically deteriorating systems, with the average cost criteria. Shukla, Pathak and Thakur [7] have useful contribution on the use of Markov chain model based approach to explain and specify the behavior of internet traffic users. Shukla, Saurabh et. al. [6] have given analysis using a markov model for same problem. Babikur Mohd. et.al [1] has shown the flow ased internet traffic classification for bandwidth optimization. Some other useful similar contributions are due to Perzen[10] and Agarwal [5].

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2. USER'S BEHAVIOR AND MARKOV CHAIN MODEL

Let  $O_i$  and  $O_j$  ( $i=1,3; j=2,4$ ) be operators (or ISP) in two competitive locations Market-I and Market-II. Users choose first to a market and then enters into cyber cafe (or shop) situated in that market where computer terminals for specific operators are available to access the Internet. Let  $\{X^n, n \geq 0\}$  be a Markov chain having transitions over the state space  $O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4, R_1, R_2, Z_1, Z_2, A, M_1$  &  $M_2$  where

- State  $O_1$ : first operator in market-I
- State  $O_2$ : second operator in market-I
- State  $O_3$ : third operator in market-II
- State  $O_4$ : fourth operator in market-II
- State  $R_1$ : temporary short time rest in market-I
- State  $R_2$ : temporary short time rest in market-II
- State  $Z_1$ : success (in connectivity) in market-I

State  $Z_2$ : success (in connectivity) in market-II

State A: abandon to call attempt process

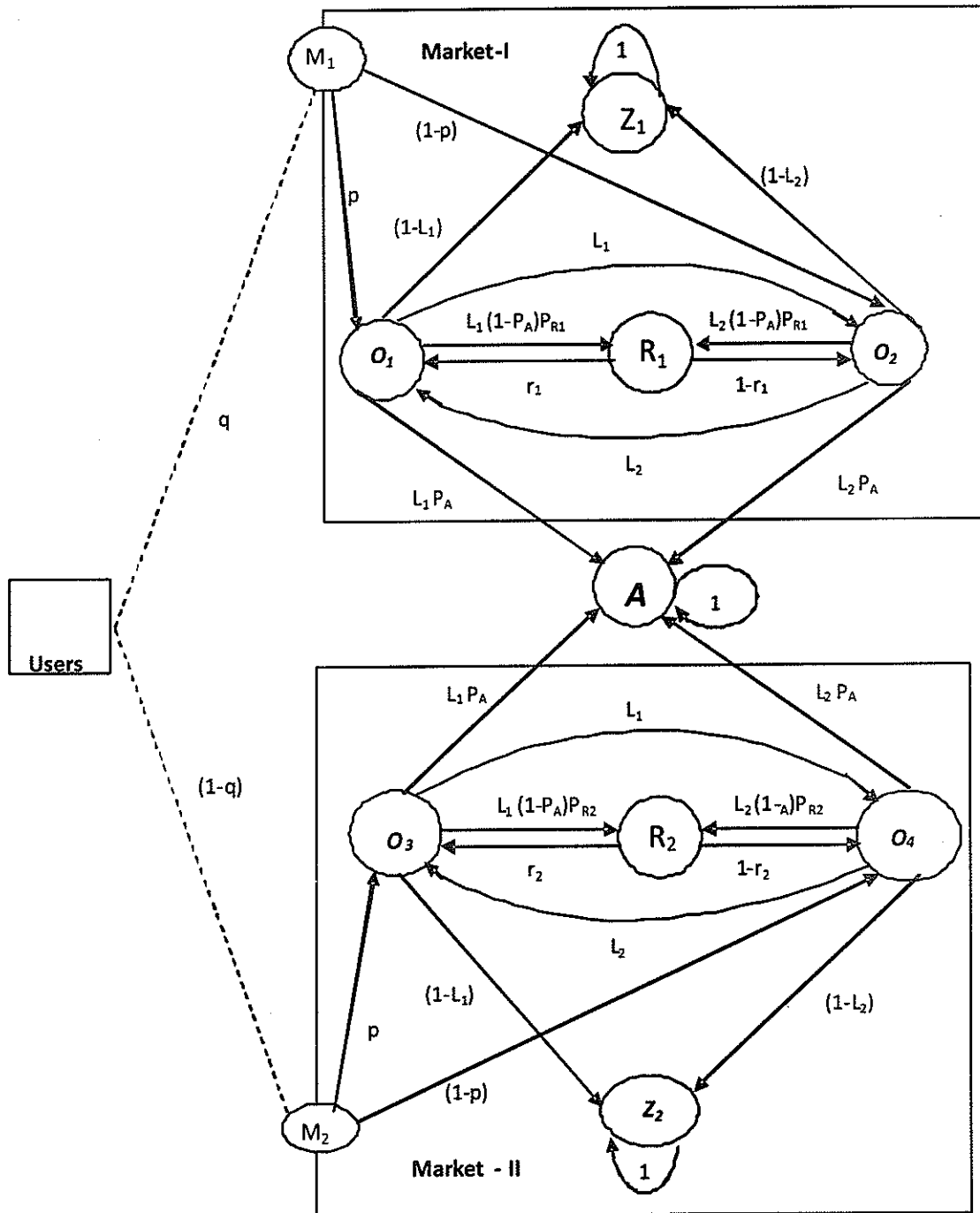
State  $M_1$ : market-I

State  $M_2$ : market-II

The  $X^n$  stands for state of random variable  $X$  at  $n^{\text{th}}$  attempt ( $n \geq 0$ ) made by a user. Some underlying assumptions of the model are:

- (a) User first selects the Market-I with probability  $q$  and Market-II with probability  $(1-q)$  as per case.
- (b) After that User, in a shop, chooses the first operator  $O_i$  with probability  $p$  or to next  $O_j$  with  $(1-p)$ .
- (c) The blocking probability experienced by  $O_i$  is  $L_i$  and by  $O_j$  is  $L_j$ .
- (d) Connectivity attempts of User between operators are on call-by-call basis, which means if the call for  $O_i$  is blocked in  $k^{\text{th}}$  attempt ( $k > 0$ ) then in  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  user shifts to  $O_j$ . If this also fails, user switches to  $O_i$  in  $(k+2)^{\text{th}}$ .

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**Figure 1: Transition Diagram of model.**

2.1 The transition probability matrix

		← States $X^{(n)}$ →											
		$O_1$	$O_2$	$O_3$	$O_4$	$Z_1$	$Z_2$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$A$	$M_1$	$M_2$	
$X^{(n-1)}$ States	$O_1$	0	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1(1-P_A) \\ (1-P_{R_1}) \end{bmatrix}$	0	0	$[-L_1]$	0	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1(1-P_A) \\ P_{R_1} \end{bmatrix}$	0	$[L_1 P_A]$	0	0	
	$O_2$	$\begin{bmatrix} L_2(1-P_A) \\ (1-P_{R_1}) \end{bmatrix}$	0	0	0	$[-L_2]$	0	$\begin{bmatrix} L_2(1-P_A) \\ P_{R_1} \end{bmatrix}$	0	$[L_2 P_A]$	0	0	
	$O_3$	0	0	0	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1(1-P_A) \\ (1-P_{R_2}) \end{bmatrix}$	0	$[-L_1]$	0	$\begin{bmatrix} L_1(1-P_A) \\ P_{R_2} \end{bmatrix}$	$[L_1 P_A]$	0	0	
	$O_4$	0	0	$\begin{bmatrix} L_2(1-P_A) \\ (1-P_{R_2}) \end{bmatrix}$	0	0	$[-L_2]$	0	$\begin{bmatrix} L_2(1-P_A) \\ P_{R_2} \end{bmatrix}$	$[L_2 P_A]$	0	0	
	$Z_1$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	$Z_2$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	$R_1$	$r_1$	$[-r_1]$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	$R_2$	0	0	$r_2$	$[-r_2]$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	$A$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
	$M_1$	$p$	$[-p]$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	$M_2$	0	0	$p$	$[-p]$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Figure 2 : Transition Probability Matrix.

- (a) Whenever call connects through either  $O_i$  or  $O_j$  we say system reaches to the state of success ( $Z_1, Z_2$ ).
- (b) The user can terminate call attempt process, marked as system to abandon state  $A$  with probability  $P_A$  (either from  $O_i$  or from  $O_j$ ).
- (c) If user reaches to rest state  $R_k$  ( $k=1,2$ ) from  $O_i$  or  $O_j$  then in next attempt he may either with a call on  $O_i$  or  $O_j$  with probability  $r_k$  and  $(1-r_k)$  respectively.
- (d) From state  $R_k$  user cannot move to states  $Z_k$  and  $A$ .

The transition diagram is in fig.1 to explain the details of assumptions and symbols. In further discussion, operator  $O_1=O_3$  and  $O_2=O_4$  is assumed with network blocking parameter  $L_1=L_3$ ,  $L_2=L_4$ .

**2.2 Logic For Transition Probability In Model**

(a) The starting conditions ( state distribution before the first call attempt) are

$$P[X^{(0)} = O_1] = 0,$$

$$P[X^{(0)} = O_2] = 0,$$

$$P[X^{(0)} = R_1] = 0,$$

$$P[X^{(0)} = R_2] = 0,$$

$$P[X^{(0)} = Z] = 0, \quad \dots(2.2.1)$$

$$P[X^{(0)} = A] = 0,$$

$$P[X^{(0)} = M_1] = q,$$

$$P[X^{(0)} = M_2] = 1 - q,$$

(b) If in  $(n-1)^{th}$  attempt, call for  $O_i$  is blocked, the user may abandon the process in the  $n^{th}$  attempts.

$$P[X^{(n)} = A / X^{(n-1)}=O_i] = P [blocked at O_i].P[abandon the process]=L_i.P_A \quad \dots(2.2.2)$$

Similar for  $O_j$ ,

$$P[X^{(n)} = A / X^{(n-1)}=O_j] = P [blocked at O_j].P[abandon the process]=L_j.P_A \quad \dots(2.2.3)$$

(c) At  $O_i$  in  $n^{th}$  attempts call may be made successfully and system reaches to state  $Z_k$  from  $O_i$ . This happens only when call does not block in  $(n-1)^{th}$  attempt

$$P[X^{(n)} = Z_k / X^{(n-1)}=O_i] = P[does not blocked at O_i] = (1-L_i) \quad \dots(2.2.4)$$

Similar for  $O_j$ ,

$$P[X^{(n)} = Z_k / X^{(n-1)}=O_j] = P[does not blocked at O_j] = (1-L_j) \quad \dots(2.2.5)$$

(d) If user is blocked at  $O_i$  in  $(n-1)^{th}$  attempts, does not want to abandon, then in  $n^{th}$  he shifts to operator  $O_j$ ,

$$P[X^{(n)} = O_j / X^{(n-1)}=O_i] = P [ blocked at O_i].P[does not abandon]=L_i.(1-p_A) \quad \dots(2.2.6)$$

Similar for  $O_j$ ,

$$P[X^{(n)} = O_i / X^{(n-1)}=O_j] = P [ blocked at O_j].P[does not abandon]=L_j.(1-p_A) \quad \dots(2.2.7)$$

(e) For operator  $O_i$ ,

$$P[X^{(n)}=O_i / X^{(n-1)}=R_k] = r_k \quad \dots(2.2.8)$$

Similar for  $O_j$ ,

$$P[X^{(n)}=O_j / X^{(n-1)}=R_k] = 1-r_k \quad \dots(2.2.9)$$

(f) For  $M_k$ , ( $k=1,2$ ) for  $O_i$ ,  $O_j$

$$P[X^{(n)}=O_i / X^{(n-1)}=M_k] = p. \quad \dots(2.2.10)$$

Similar for  $O_j$ ,

$$P[X^{(n)}=O_j / X^{(n-1)}=M_k] = 1-p. \quad \dots(2.2.11)$$

**3. CATEGORIES OF USERS**

Define three types of users as

- (i) Faithful User (FU).
- (ii) Partially Impatient User (PIU).
- (iii) Completely Impatient User (CIU).

**4. SOME RESULTS FOR  $n^{th}$  ATTEMPTS**

At  $n^{th}$  attempt, the probability of resulting state is derived in following theorems for all  $n=0,1,2,3,4,5 \dots$  for market-

I.

$$A = \left[ L_1(1-P_A)P_{R_1}r_1 \right], \quad B = \left[ L_2(1-P_A)P_{R_1}(1-r_1) \right],$$

$$C = \left[ L_1L_2(1-P_A)^2(1-P_{R_1})^2 \right], \quad D = \left[ L_1^2L_2(1-P_A)^3(1-P_{R_1})^2P_{R_1} \right],$$

$$E = \left[ L_2^2 (1-p_A)^2 (1-p_{R_1})^p p_{R_1} \right]$$

**THEOREM 4.1:** If user is FU and restrict to only  $O_1$ , and  $R_1$  in  $M_1$  then  $n^{th}$  step transitions probability is

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P[X^{(2n)} = O_1] &= pA^n \\ P[X^{(2n+1)} = O_1] &= qpA^n \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**THEOREM 4.2:** If user is FU and restrict to only  $O_2$  and  $R_1$ , then  $n^{th}$  step transitions probability is

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P[X^{(2n)} = O_2] &= (1-p)B^n \\ P[X^{(2n+1)} = O_2] &= q(1-p)B^n \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**THEOREM 4.3:** If user is PIU and restricts to attempt between  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  and not interested to state  $R$  in  $M_1$ , then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P[X^{(2n)} = O_1] &= \frac{[q(1-p)C^{(n)}]}{[L_1(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})]} \\ P[X^{(2n+1)} = O_1] &= [qpC^{(n)}] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P[X^{(2n)} = O_2] &= \frac{[qpC^{(n)}]}{[L_2(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})]} \\ P[X^{(2n+1)} = O_2] &= [q(1-p)C^{(n)}] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**THEOREM 4.4:** If user is CIU and attempts among  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  and  $R$  only in  $M_1$ , then at  $n^{th}$  attempt the approximate probability expression are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P[X^{(2n)} = O_1] &= \frac{[q(1-p)C^{(n)}]}{[L_1(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})]} + \frac{[pC^{(n)} p_{R_1} r_1]}{[L_2(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})^2]} \\ P[X^{(2n+1)} = O_1] &= [qp.C^n] + \frac{[(1-p).C^{(n)} L_2 p_{R_1} (1-r_1)]}{[L_1(1-p_{R_1})]} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P[X^{(2n)} = O_2] &= \frac{[qp.C^{(n)}]}{[L_2(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})]} + \frac{[(1-p).C^{(n)} p_{R_1} (1-r_1)]}{[L_1(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})^2]} \\ P[X^{(2n+1)} = O_2] &= [q(1-p)C^{(n)}] + \frac{[pC^{(n)} L_1 p_{R_1} r_1]}{[L_2(1-p_{R_1})]} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**5. BEHAVIOR OVER LARGE NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS FOR TRAFFIC SHARING**

Suppose  $n$  is very large, then  $\bar{P}_k = \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{P}_k^{(n)} \right]$ ,  $k=1, 2$  and we get final traffic shares,

$$\left[ \bar{P}_1 \right]_{FU} = \left\{ \frac{(1-L_1).p}{1-[A^2]} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{(1-L_1).qp[A]}{1-[A^2]} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \bar{P}_2 \right]_{FU} = \left\{ \frac{(1-L_2).(1-p)}{1-[B^2]} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{(1-L_2).q(1-p)[B]}{1-[B^2]} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \bar{P}_1 \right]_{PIU} = \left\{ (1-L_1).p + \frac{(1-L_1).pq[C]}{1-[C^2]} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{(1-L_1).qp[C]}{1-[C^2]} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \bar{P}_2 \right]_{PIU} = (1-L_2)(1-p) + \left\{ \frac{(1-L_2)(1-p)q[C]}{1-[C^2]} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{(1-L_2).q(1-p)[C]}{1-[C^2]} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \bar{P}_1 \right]_{CIU} = (1-L_1)p \left\{ 1 + \left[ \frac{q[C]}{1-[C^2]} \right] + \left[ \frac{[D r_1]}{1-[C^2]} \right] \right\} + \left\{ \frac{[q(1-L_1)L_2(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})][C]}{1-[C^2]} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{[(1-L_1)(1-r_1)][E]}{1-[C^2]} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \bar{P}_2 \right]_{CIU} = (1-L_2)p \left\{ 1 + \left[ \frac{q[C]}{1-[C^2]} \right] + \left[ \frac{[D(1-r_1)]}{1-[C^2]} \right] \right\} + \left\{ \frac{[q(1-L_2)L_2(1-p_A)(1-p_{R_1})][C]}{1-[C^2]} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{[(1-L_2)r_1][E]}{1-[C^2]} \right\}$$

**6. AVERAGE BLOCKING PROBABILITY EXPERIENCE BY USERS:**

The user experiences varying average blocking probability, at  $n^{\text{th}}$  attempt, described as:

$$B_i^{(n)} = \frac{P[X^{(n-1)} = O_1]L_1 + P[X^{(n-1)} = O_2]L_2}{P[X^{(n-1)} = O_1] + P[X^{(n-1)} = O_2]}$$

[See Naldi (2002)]

In case of faithful user, by using theorem 4.1 and 4.2.

$$[B_i^{(n)}]_{FU} = pL_1 + (1-p)L_2$$

[See Naldi (2002)]

For Partially Impatient User (PIU), using theorem 4.3

$$[B_i^{(n)}]_{PIU} = \frac{1}{pL_1 + (1-p)L_2} \quad \text{for } n \text{ even}$$

$$[B_i^{(n)}]_{PIU} = pL_1 + (1-p)L_2 \quad \text{for } n \text{ odd}$$

**7. COMPARISONS AMONG USERS:**

(a)  $[B_i^{(n)}]_{PIU} < [B_i^{(n)}]_{FU}$  when  $p < 1$  along with  $L_1 > L_2$

(b)  $[B_i^{(n)}]_{CIU} < [B_i^{(n)}]_{FU}$  when  $p < 1$  along with  $L_1 > L_2$  --- (3.6.1)

(c)  $[B_i^{(n)}]_{CIU} < [B_i^{(n)}]_{PIU}$  when  $p < 1$  along with  $L_1 > L_2$

**8. INITIAL TRAFFIC SHARE ANALYSIS**

According to fig. 8.1-8.3 with the increase of blocking probability of operator  $O$ , the initial traffic share depends highly on opponents blocking probability  $L_2$ . If  $L_2$  is high the initial traffic share of faithful users of  $O$ , is high.

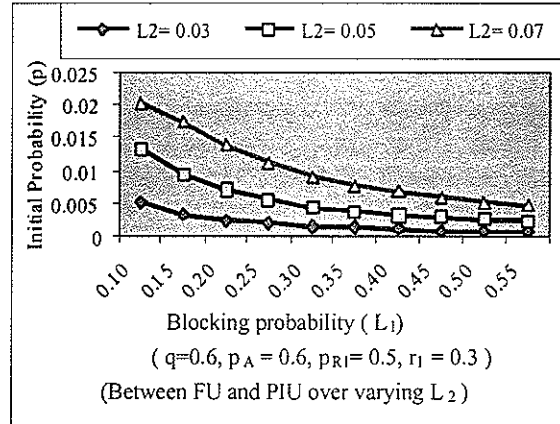


Figure 8.1

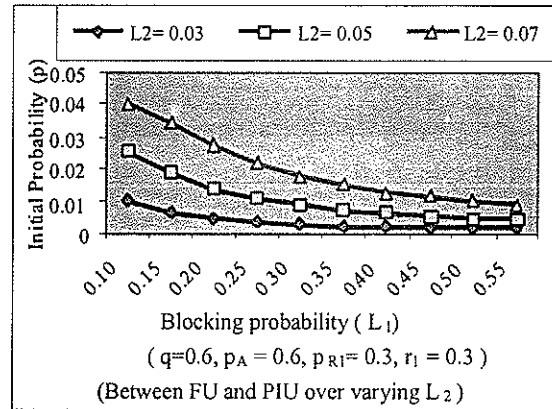


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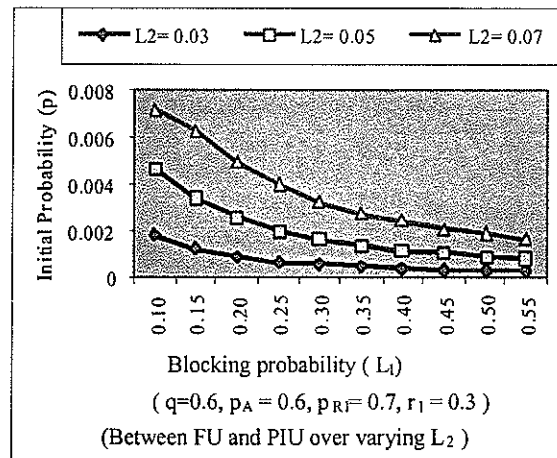


Figure 8.3

When rest state probability  $p_{Ri}$  is high then correspondly the traffic share of faithful users reduces for  $O$ . The rest state  $r_i$  has negative impact over the group of partially impatient users (PIU).

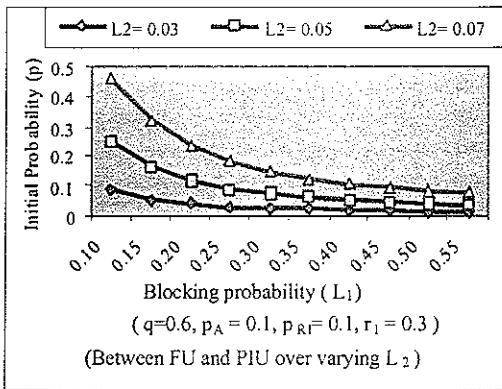


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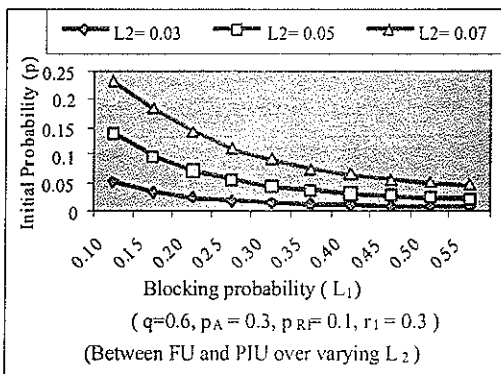


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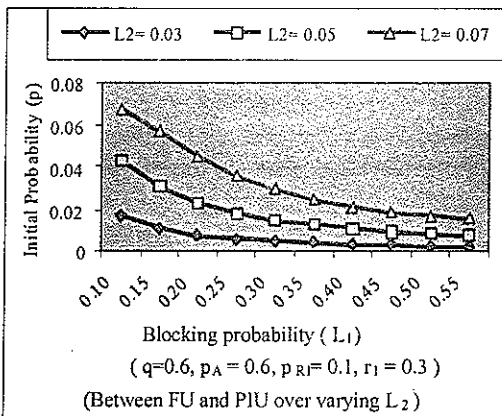


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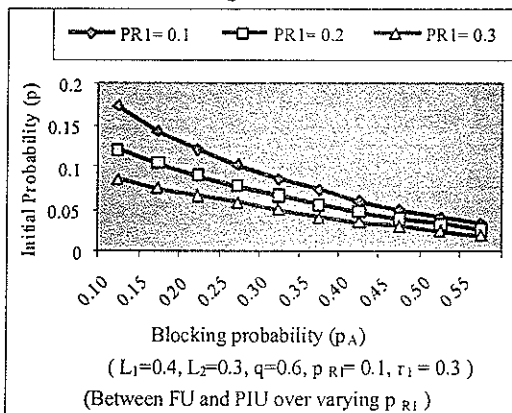


Figure 8.7

With the change of  $P_A$  probability which is the abandoning chance if high, reduces the initial traffic share of faithful users for operator  $O_i$ . Moreover, opponent blocking level, if high, then the loss of PIU users group is also high.

### 9. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The initial traffic share depends on the amount of faithful user that an operator bears. The self blocking probability of an operator, if high, reduces the initial traffic share. Moreover, if opponent blocking of network is high, than faithful user proportion for  $O_i$  is also high. Therefore, in multi-market system a network operator is suggested keep attracting sources and try to reduce the network blocking in order to increase his faithful user group.

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