# User's Guide for ContactCenters Simulation Library Core API Specification

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This is the API specification of the ContactCenters library, a software library providing a toolset to build contact center simulators. The document provides detailed documentation about each interface, class and method for one to extend existing contact center simulators or create new ones.

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## 2 OVERVIEW

## Overview

A contact center is a set of resources (communication equipment, employees, computers, etc.) providing an interface between customers and a business [1, 8, 15, 4]. A contact represents a customer's request for some service such as information, subscription, order, etc. Customers may use various media for contacting a business: telephone, fax, mail, or Internet. A contact center processing phone calls only is named a *call center*.

Inbound contacts are initiated by customers trying to communicate with the business. A customer can be *blocked*, i.e., receive a busy signal, if all phone lines are used at the time he calls. He can also be queued if service cannot be started immediately. A queued customer may become impatient and abandon without receiving service. A *retrial* occurs if the customer having abandoned tries to contact the business again. A served customer may also *return* to get new service, or to satisfy its initial request.

Outbound contacts are initiated by agents contacting customers, or by a *predictive dialer* making phone calls by trying to anticipate the number of free agents at the time contacted customers are reached. A *right party connect* occurs when an outbound contact is successful, i.e., the right person has been reached. A *mismatch* represents a successful contact that cannot be served immediately. Often, these mismatches are considered as lost calls, because most customers will not wait after they answer.

Modern contact centers use *skill-based* routing for processing different types of requests when each agent is trained for handling only a subset of these types. Each contact is assigned a type (or skill) k in  $0, \ldots, K-1$ . To determine this type, before reaching an agent, a customer must indicate his needs: callers interact with an *interactive voice response* (IVR) unit while Internet users enter data in a Web form. Outbound contacts can also have a type, since all customers are not contacted for the same reason.

The agents are partitioned in I agent groups or skill sets. All agents in a group i share the same skills, i.e., they can serve the same types of contacts (although some members may be more efficient than others).

Queueing theory can be used to derive approximations for estimating the performance measures of contact centers, but only for models that oversimplify the complexities of reallife systems for which only simulation can provide accurate results. Simulation permits the analysis of the impact of parameter changes on contact center's performance. For example, it can evaluate service level of contacts, occupancy ratio of agents, waiting times, etc. for (almost) arbitrary contact centers.

The *ContactCenters* library provides a set of building blocks to help programmers in the development of contact center simulators. The library uses Stochastic Simulation in Java (SSJ) [14] to perform discrete-event simulation and to generate random variates. It also relies on Collections Tuned (Colt) [9] for matrix manipulation.

A precompiled generic contact center simulator, adapted for blend and multi-skill models, is provided and can use XML files for parameters. See guidemsk.pdf for more information about this simulator, how to configure it, and how to use it. The document guideapp.pdf describes in more details the various interfaces, classes, and methods permitting the user to access precompiled simulators from other Java programs.

For existing simulators to be extended or new ones to be created, the simulation toolset provided by this library must be used directly. This toolset is comprised of various components grouped in different packages. Each component corresponds to a specific contact center element and can easily be extended or replaced by the user. The umontreal.iro.lecuyer. contactcenters package provides some facilities to manage contact centers in general. It defines base classes for contact center simulation applications as well as a framework to generate contact-specific values during the simulation. The package umontreal.iro.lecuyer. contactcenters.contact defines the Contact class whose instances represent the contacts traveling into the system. It also defines several arrival processes for inbound contacts.

The package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server defines the facilities for serving contacts by agents. It defines agent groups as well as a data structure to store information about served contacts.

The package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue defines the waiting queue contacts can have to wait in if they cannot be served at the time they enter the center. It defines a First-In-First-Out waiting queue as well as a generic priority queue, with a data structure to store information about queued contacts.

The package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer defines the dialer capable of performing outbound calls. The defined dialer can implement a complex dialing policy obtaining contacts from various sources.

The package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router implements the routing facilities, linking all the contact center objects together. It defines a base class representing a router as well as several subclasses for various routing policies.

## Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters

Contains general interfaces and classes for simulating contact centers. The interfaces Named and Initializable are defined to represent objects having a name and which can be initialized, respectively. The interface ToggleElement is defined for contact center objects that can be enabled or disabled. The simulation event ToggleEvent can be used to toggle objects implementing ToggleElement.

The class **PeriodChangeEvent** can be use to divide the simulation time into periods to simulate non-stationary contact centers. The interface **PeriodChangeListener** can be implemented by simulation objects to be notified when period changes occur.

The ValueGenerator interface is defined to generate state-dependent random values during the contact center simulation. Some general-purpose implementations of this interface are provided.

The package also contains a base ContactCenter class providing convenience methods used to implement a simulator.

# Initializable

Defines an object that can be initialized by the use of an initialization method.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public interface Initializable

Method

public void init()
Initializes this object.

## Named

Represents an object having a name.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public interface Named

## Methods

public String getName()

Returns the name associated with this object. If no name was set, this must return an empty string, not null.

**Returns** the name of this object.

#### public void setName (String name)

Sets the name of this object to name. The given name cannot be null and the implementation can throw an UnsupportedOperationException if the name is read-only.

### Parameter

name the new name of the object.

#### Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if the name cannot be changed.

NullPointerException if name is null.

## ToggleElement

Specifies an element that can be enabled or disabled at any time during the simulation. The meaning of the "enabled" and "disabled" states depends on the particular toggle element. For example, an enabled contact arrival process provides contacts to the system whereas a disabled arrival process does not.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public interface ToggleElement

#### Methods

#### public void start()

Enables the element represented by this object. This method throws an IllegalState-Exception if the element is already enabled.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the element is already enabled.

```
public void stop()
```

Disables the element represented by this object. This method throws an IllegalState-Exception if the element is already disabled.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the element is already disabled.

#### public boolean isStarted()

Determines if the element is enabled or disabled. Returns **true** if the element is enabled, **false** otherwise.

**Returns** the current state of the element.

## ToggleEvent

This event instructs a toggle element, i.e., any object implementing ToggleElement, to be started or stopped during the simulation. It can be useful to toggle some elements of a contact center, e.g., arrival processes, at determined moments during simulation. After the event is constructed and scheduled, when the simulation clock reaches the scheduled time, the event starts or stops the associated toggle element. Note that for the event to have a meaningful name when printing the event list, the target toggle element should override its toString method.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public class ToggleEvent extends Event

### Constructors

public ToggleEvent (ToggleElement element, boolean start)

Constructs a new toggle event that will, at the time of its execution, start the toggle element element if start is true, or stop it if enabled is false.

#### Parameters

element the toggle element affected by the event.

start the status of the toggle element after the event occurs.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if element is null.

public ToggleEvent (Simulator sim, ToggleElement element, boolean start)
 Equivalent to ToggleEvent (ToggleElement, boolean), with a user-defined simulator
 sim.

#### Parameters

sim the simulator associated with the toggle event.

element the toggle element affected by the event.

start the status of the toggle element after the event occurs.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if sim or element are null.

### Methods

public ToggleElement getToggleElement() Returns the toggle element affected by this event. **Returns** the toggle element affected by this event.

#### public void setToggleElement (ToggleElement element)

Changes the associated toggle element to element.

#### Parameter

element the new toggle element.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if element is null.

#### public boolean getStart()

Returns the status of the toggle element associated with this object after this event has occurred.

**Returns** the status of the associated toggle element after this event has occurred.

#### public void setStart (boolean start)

When the event occurs, the activity status of the toggle element will be set to start.

#### Parameter

start true if the toggle element will be started, false if it will be stopped.

## SwitchEvent

Represents an event that toggles an element on predefined simulation times. This differs from ToggleEvent that occurs only at a specific simulation time, and enables or disables the toggle element once. This event is constructed with a toggle element, and an array of simulation times. The constructors determines the first time, in the array, that is greater than the current simulation time, and schedules the event at that time. When the event happens, the element is toggled, and the event is scheduled again until all the times in the array have been used.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public class SwitchEvent extends Event

### Constructors

public SwitchEvent (ToggleElement el, double[] times)

Constructs a new switch event from the toggle element el, and the simulation times times. The times in times must be sorted in ascending order.

#### Parameters

el the toggle element.

times the simulation times the event will occur.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if el or times are null.

public SwitchEvent (Simulator sim, ToggleElement el, double[] times)
 Equivalent to SwitchEvent (ToggleElement, double[]), with a user-defined simulator
 sim.

#### Parameters

sim the simulator attached to the new event.

el the toggle element.

times the simulation times the event will occur.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if sim, el, or times are null.

### Methods

public ToggleElement getToggleElement()
Returns the toggle element affected with this event.

**Returns** the affected toggle element.

## public double[] getToggleTimes()

Returns an array containing the toggle times used by this event.

**Returns** the array of toggle times.

## public void skipTime()

Cancels this event if it is scheduled, and skips to the next toggle time.

# ${\bf PeriodChangeListener}$

Represents a period-change listener being notified when period-change events occur.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public interface PeriodChangeListener

### Methods

#### public void changePeriod (PeriodChangeEvent pce)

Switches to the next period defined by pce. This can change the parameters and correct scheduled events accordingly. If no parameters are available for the new period, the method should try to use those of the last available period. The listener is called after the period change has occurred, so PeriodChangeEvent.getCurrentPeriod() returns the index of the new period.

### Parameter

pce the source period-change event.

#### public void stop (PeriodChangeEvent pce)

This method is called after the period-change event is stopped by PeriodChangeEvent. stop().

### Parameter

pce the period-change event being stopped.

## PeriodChangeEvent

Defines a simulation event that occurs upon period changes and supporting fixed-sized or variable-sized periods. Because this event must cover the complete simulation horizon (day, week, etc.), not only the times at which the contact center is opened, three types of periods need to be defined.

The P periods during which the contact center is opened are denoted main periods, or simply periods. Main period p, where  $p = 1, \ldots, P$ , corresponds to simulation time interval  $[t_{p-1}, t_p]$ , where  $t_0 < \cdots < t_P$ . During the preliminary period  $[0, t_0)$ , the contact center is closed. Sometimes, arrivals start at time  $t_0 - \tau$  for a queue to build up before agents enter into service. During the wrap-up period  $[t_P, T]$ , no more arrival occurs, but ongoing services are terminated. Note that preliminary and wrap-up periods are more useful when a simulation replication corresponds to a day.

Before starting the simulation, the period-change event should be initialized by calling init(), which resets the current period index. The event needs to be started by using start(); this schedules it at the beginning of the first main period. This also schedules auxiliary event managing period changes at the other periods. It is recommended to start the period-change event before scheduling any other event to ensure that period changes have priority over other events. When the period change occurs, it is notified to any registered PeriodChangeListener implementation. When returning from Sim.start or just before calling Sim.stop, it is recommended to call the stop() method of this object, since the end of the wrap-up period is not scheduled as an event. This notifies all registered listeners about the end of the simulation, and disables any remaining auxiliary event. This can be useful for some statistical collectors.

Note: the PeriodChangeListener implementations are notified in the order of the list returned by getPeriodChangeListeners(), and a period-change listener modifying the list of listeners by using addPeriodChangeListener (PeriodChangeListener) or removePeriod-ChangeListener (PeriodChangeListener) could result in unpredictable behavior.

### Field

public static final double PRIORITY

Default priority of period-change events. This priority index is set to 0.1, because the period-change event should execute before any other event at the same time.

## Constructors

## 

Constructs a new period-change event with fixed-sized main periods of duration periodDuration, a total of P + 2 = numPeriods periods, with the first main period beginning at time  $t_0 = \text{startingTime}$ , and using the default simulator. For the event to be used, there must be at least two periods (preliminary and wrap-up). With a total of numPeriods periods, the event defines numPeriods - 2 main periods, a preliminary, and a wrap-up periods, even if the given starting time is 0.

Note that this constructor calls the setFixedPeriods (double, double) method.

## Parameters

periodDuration the length of each period, in simulation time units.

numPeriods the total number of periods P + 2.

startingTime the beginning of the first period.

## Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the number of periods is smaller than 2 or the period duration or starting time is smaller than 0.

Equivalent to PeriodChangeEvent (double, int, double), with a user-defined simulator sim.

## Parameters

sim the simulator attached to the new event.

periodDuration the length of each period, in simulation time units.

numPeriods the total number of periods P+2.

startingTime the beginning of the first period.

## Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if **sim** is **null**, if the number of periods is smaller than 2, or the period duration or starting time is smaller than 0.

public PeriodChangeEvent (double... endingTimes)

Constructs a new period-change event with variable-sized periods, using the default simulator. The object will support endingTimes.length + 1 periods where  $t_p = endTimes[p]$ . The ending times in the array must be non-decreasing, otherwise an IllegalArgument-Exception is thrown.

This constructor accepts a variable number of arguments, i.e., one can use new PeriodChangeEvent (t1, t2, t3, t4, t5), where tN are ending times. One can also pass a regular array.

Note that this constructor calls the setEndingTimes (double...) method.

#### Parameter

endingTimes the ending times of periods.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if one ending time is negative or the ending times are not non-decreasing.

#### public PeriodChangeEvent (Simulator sim, double... endingTimes)

Equivalent to PeriodChangeEvent (double...), with a user-defined simulator sim.

#### Parameters

sim the simulator attached to this event.

endingTimes the ending times of periods.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if sim is null, or if one ending time is negative or the ending times are not non-decreasing.

### Methods

## 

Sets this period-change event to fixed-length periods of duration periodDuration, and with main period starting at  $t_0 = \text{startingTime}$ . It should not be used during a simulation replication. It is not allowed to modify the number of periods as many other objects depend on this parameter.

#### **Parameters**

periodDuration the length of each main period.

startingTime the starting time of the first main period.

### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if one argument is negative.

public final void setEndingTimes (double... endingTimes)

Changes the ending times of periods to endingTimes. This should not be used during a simulation replication, otherwise the period-change event will be cancelled and no more period change will be notified to listeners. It is also not allowed to change the number of periods, because many objects can depend on this number.

#### Parameter

endingTimes the new period ending times.

## Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if one ending time is negative, the ending times are not nondecreasing, or one tries to change the number of periods.

```
public void addPeriodChangeListener (PeriodChangeListener 1)
```

Registers the period-change listener 1 to be notified when a period change occurs.

## Parameter

1 the listener to be registered.

## Throws

NullPointerException if 1 is null.

public void removePeriodChangeListener (PeriodChangeListener 1)

Removes the period-change listener 1 from this period-change event.

## Parameter

```
1 the period change listener being removed.
```

```
public void clearPeriodChangeListeners()
```

Removes all the period change listeners from this event.

```
public List<PeriodChangeListener> getPeriodChangeListeners
()
```

Returns an unmodifiable list containing the period-change listeners currently registered with this event.

**Returns** the list of period-change listeners.

public void init()

Equivalent to init (simulator().time()).

public void init (double initTime)

Inits this period-change event at initial time initTime. This initializes the event for a new simulation replication, which resets the current period index. When start() is called, no period changes will be scheduled before initTime.

### Parameter

initTime the initialization time.

```
public void initAndNotify()
```

```
Equivalent to initAndNotify (simulator().time()).
```

#### public void initAndNotify (double initTime)

Calls init() and notifies the period-change listeners if the period changed due to the initialization. This can be useful to force period-change listeners to restore parameters.

```
public void start()
```

Starts the period-change event by scheduling it.

#### public void stop()

This method should be called when the simulation ends. It calls the PeriodChange-Listener.stop (PeriodChangeEvent) method of all registered PeriodChangeListener implementations.

#### public boolean wasStopped()

Determines if this period-change event was stopped since the last call to init().

Returns true if and only if the period-change event was stopped.

#### public int getCurrentPeriod()

Returns the index of the current simulation period.

**Returns** the index of the current period.

#### public void setCurrentPeriod (int p)

Sets the current period to **p** and disables all period changes initiated by this event. When the period is arbitrarily set by this method, the period-change event is cancelled and cannot be used to change period until the next call to **init(**), or **initAndNotify(**). However, this method can be used multiple times without calling **init(**). Each time this method changes the current period, registered period-change listeners are notified.

#### Parameter

**p** the new period index.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the period index is negative or greater than or equal to
 getNumPeriods().

#### public boolean isLockedPeriod()

Returns true if the current period was changed using setCurrentPeriod (int) from the last call to init(). When the period is locked, only calls to setCurrentPeriod (int) can change the period index. If the period is not locked, this returns false.

**Returns** the period locking indicator.

## public int getCurrentMainPeriod()

Returns the current main period for this period-change event. This is equivalent to get-MainPeriod (getCurrentPeriod()).

**Returns** the index of the current main period.

## public boolean isPreliminaryPeriod (int period)

Determines if the period index **period** corresponds to the preliminary period. This method returns **true** if and only if **period** is equal to 0.

## Parameter

period the tested period index.

Returns true if and only if the period index corresponds to the preliminary period.

## public boolean isMainPeriod (int period)

Determines if the period index period corresponds to a main period. The method returns true if and only if period is greater than 0 and smaller than or equal to getNumPeriods() - 2.

## Parameter

period the tested period index.

**Returns** true if period corresponds to a main period.

## public boolean isWrapupPeriod (int period)

Determines if the period index period corresponds to the wrap-up period. This method returns true if and only if period is equal to getNumPeriods() - 1.

## Parameter

period the tested period index.

Returns true if and only if the period index corresponds to the wrap-up period.

## public int getMainPeriod (int period)

Returns the main period index corresponding to period **period**. This returns the result of **period** - 1 for main periods. If the period is the preliminary period, this returns 0, the index of the first main period. If the period is the wrap-up period, this returns the index of the last main period.

## Parameter

**period** the period index to be processed.

**Returns** the main period index.

## public int getPeriod (double simTime)

Computes the period index corresponding to the simulation time simTime.

## Parameter

simTime the simulation time.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ corresponding \ period \ index}.$ 

public boolean isPeriodStartingTime (double time)

Determines if the time time corresponds to the beginning of a period. This class cannot force period-change events to have priority over simulation events happening at the time of a period change, but the period change should usually be processed before any other event happening at the same time. Otherwise, parameters may have inconsistent values. This method can be used to help reschedule offending events manually if they cannot be scheduled after start() is called. One can use getPeriod (double) to obtain the period corresponding to the given simulation time if needed.

## Parameter

time the simulation time to test.

**Returns** true if the given time corresponds to the time of a (future) period change, false otherwise.

## public double getPeriodStartingTime (int period)

Returns the simulation time at which the period period starts.

#### Parameter

period the index of the queried period.

**Returns** the simulation time at which the period begins.

## Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the period index is invalid.

## public double getPeriodEndingTime (int period)

Returns the simulation time at which the period period ends. If the index of the last period is given, this returns the time at which stop() was called. If it was not called yet, this returns the current simulation time if the current period is the last one or Double.NaN otherwise.

## Parameter

period the queried period.

**Returns** the simulation time of the beginning of the period.

Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the period index is invalid.

## public double getPeriodDuration (int period)

Returns the duration of the period period. This corresponds to getPeriodEndingTime (int) minus getPeriodStartingTime (int).

## Parameter

period the period of interest.

**Returns** the duration of the period.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the period index is invalid.

## public int getNumPeriods()

Returns P + 2, the number of periods supported by this period change event.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ number \ of \ periods}.$ 

## public int getNumMainPeriods()

Returns P, the number of main periods used by this period change event, i.e., getNum-Periods() - 2.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ number \ of \ main \ periods}.$ 

## Non Stationary Measure Matrix

Computes per-period values for a one-period measure matrix. This class extends the IntegralMeasureMatrix and maps a period with a contact center period. It automatically calls IntegralMeasureMatrix.newRecord() upon period changes.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

## Constructor

```
public NonStationaryMeasureMatrix (PeriodChangeEvent pce, M mat)
```

Constructs a new non-stationary measure matrix from the one-period measure matrix **mat** and using the period change event **pce** to define the periods.

#### Parameters

pce the period change event.

mat the one-period only measure matrix.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if a multiple-periods measure matrix is given.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

## MultiPeriodGen

Represents a random variate generator for non-stationary distributions with constant parameters during each period. When a new random variate is required, a random variate generator corresponding to the appropriate period is selected and a value is drawn from this generator.

This generator supports caching by using internal RandomVariateGenWithCache instances for each period. If a single cache was used, the generator could recover a value whose distribution does not correspond with the current period. Caching is disabled by default, and can be enabled by using the setCaching (boolean) method.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;
```

public class MultiPeriodGen extends RandomVariateGen implements ValueGenerator

#### Constructors

#### public MultiPeriodGen (PeriodChangeEvent pce, RandomVariateGen gen)

Constructs a new multi-period random variate generator with period-change event pce, and random variate generator gen for every period.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event.

gen one random variate generator for every period.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

#### public MultiPeriodGen (PeriodChangeEvent pce, RandomVariateGen[] gens)

Constructs a new multi-period random variate generator with period-change event pce, and the per-period random variate generators gens.

#### Parameters

pce the period change event.

gens one random variate generator for each period.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

illegalArgumentException if the length of gens does not correspond to the number of periods.

## Methods

```
public boolean isCaching()
```

Determines if this multiple-periods generator is caching the generated values, using internal RandomVariateGenWithCache objects. By default, caching is disabled for better memory utilization.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ status \ of \ the \ caching.}$ 

## public void setCaching (boolean caching)

Sets the status of the caching for this generator.

## Parameter

caching the new status of the caching.

## public PeriodChangeEvent getPeriodChangeEvent()

Returns the period-change event associated with this object.

**Returns** the associated period-change event.

## public RandomVariateGen[] getGenerators()

Returns the random variate generators associated with this object.

Returns the associated random variate generators.

## public RandomVariateGenWithCache[] getGeneratorsWithCache

#### ()

Returns the random variate generators with cache used by this object. If caching is disabled (the default), this method throws an IllegalStateException.

Returns the random variate generators with cache.

## Throws

IllegalStateException if caching is disabled.

## public void setGenerators (RandomVariateGen[] gens)

Sets the per-period random variate generators to **gens**. Note that if caching is enabled, the cache is reset when using this method.

## Parameter

gens the array containing the new random variate generators.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the length of gens is invalid.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

## public RandomVariateGen getGenerator (int p)

Returns the random variate generator corresponding to the period **p**.

## Parameter

p index of the period.

**Returns** the corresponding random variate generator.

## Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if p is out of bounds.

public RandomVariateGenWithCache getGeneratorWithCache (int p)

Returns the random variate generator with cache corresponding to the period p. If caching is disabled (the default), this method throws an IllegalStateException.

### Parameter

p index of the period.

**Returns** the corresponding random variate generator with cache.

### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if p is out of bounds.

IllegalStateException if caching is disabled.

public void setGenerator (int p, RandomVariateGen gen)

Sets the random variate generator for period p to gen.

## Parameters

p the period index.

gen the new random variate generator.

## Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if p is out of bounds.

#### public void initCache()

Resets the cache of this generator, if caching is enabled. If caching is disabled, this method does nothing. When the cache is reset, cached values are returned upon calls to next-Double(), until the cache is exhausted. When there is no more cached value, random variates are computed as usual.

#### public void clearCache()

Clears the values cached by this generator. If caching is disabled, this method does nothing.

## public int[] getCacheIndices()

Returns an array containing the cache indices of each per-period generator.

**Returns** the array of cache indices.

## Throws

IllegalStateException if caching is disabled.

## public void setCacheIndices (int[] ind)

Sets the array of cache indices to ind.

## Parameter

ind the new array of cache indices.

## Throws

NullPointerException if ind is null.

IllegalArgumentException if ind has incorrect size.

IllegalStateException if caching is disabled.

## public DoubleArrayList[] getCachedValues()

Returns an array of array lists containing the values cached by each period-specific generator.

**Returns** the array of cached values.

## public void setCachedValues (DoubleArrayList[] values)

Sets the array list containing the cached values to values[g] for each period-specific generator g. This resets the cache index to the size of the given array for each generator.

## Parameter

values the array list of cached values.

## Throws

NullPointerException if values is null.

## public TimeUnit getSourceTimeUnit()

Returns the time unit in which the values coming from the probability distribution are expressed. If the source unit is null, no conversion of the generated values is performed. By default, this returns null.

**Returns** the source time unit.

#### public void setSourceTimeUnit (TimeUnit unit)

Sets the source time unit to unit.

## Parameter

unit the source time unit.

See also getSourceTimeUnit()

## public TimeUnit getTargetTimeUnit()

Returns the time unit in which the values returned by nextDouble() must be expressed. If the target unit is null, no conversion of the generated values is performed. By default, this returns null.

**Returns** the target time unit.

```
public void setTargetTimeUnit (TimeUnit unit)
```

Sets the target time unit to unit.

### Parameter

unit the target time unit.

See also getTargetTimeUnit()

public static double getMean (RandomVariateGen rvg)

Returns the mean of the distribution for a random variate generator, taking the shift into account. This method first calls Distribution.getMean() on the distribution associated with the generator. If rvg is an instance of RandomVariateGenWithShift or RandomVariate-GenIntWithShift, it then subtracts the associated shift.

## Parameter

 ${\tt rvg}$  the random variate generator.

**Returns** the possibly shifted mean.

## public double getMean (int p)

Returns the mean for period **p**.

## Parameter

p the index of the period.

Returns the mean.

## public double getVariance (int p)

Returns the variance for the period **p**.

## Parameter

 ${\tt p} \quad {\rm the \ index \ of \ the \ period}.$ 

**Returns** the variance.

## public double getMult()

Returns the multiplier applied to each generated random variate. The default multiplier is 1.

**Returns** the applied multiplier.

### public void setMult (double mult)

Sets the multiplier applied to each generated random variate to mult.

### Parameter

mult the new multiplier.

#### public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random stream used during the current period.

public Distribution getDistribution()

Returns the distribution used during the current period.

#### public double nextDouble (Contact contact)

Ignores the given contact and calls nextDouble().

Constructs and returns a multiple-periods random variate generator using the constant distribution with value values[p] for period p as defined by pce.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event.

values the values of the constant.

**Returns** the constructed multiple-periods generator.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the length of array is less than the number of periods.

public static MultiPeriodGen createExponential (PeriodChangeEvent pce, RandomStream stream, double[] lambdas)

Constructs and returns a multiple-periods random variate generator using the exponential distribution with rate lambdas[p] for period p as defined by pce. The random stream stream is used for all the periods.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event.

stream the random stream.

lambdas the rates for the exponential variates.

**Returns** the constructed multiple-periods generator.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the length of array is less than the number of periods.

Constructs and returns a multiple-periods random variate generator using the gamma distribution with parameters alphas[p] and lambdas[p] for period p as defined by pce. The random stream stream is used for all the periods. The underlying gamma generators use acceptance-rejection rather than inversion for efficiency.

## Parameters

pce the period-change event.

stream the random stream.

alphas the alpha parameters for the gamma variates.

lambdas the lambda parameters for the gamma variates.

**Returns** the constructed multiple-periods generator.

## Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the length of the arrays is less than the number of periods, or the two arrays have different lengths.

## ValueGenerator

Represents a value generator for random variates used for simulating contact centers. Implementations of this interface are linked to contact center objects and usually uses a random variate generator to obtain some continuous variates. The generator used or some adjustments made to the value can depend on the concerned contact, the object containing this value generator, the simulation time, etc. This interface defines a method similar to Random-VariateGen.nextDouble() but taking a Contact object as an argument. This way, random values can depend on the particular contact.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;
```

public interface ValueGenerator extends Initializable

## Methods

public double nextDouble (Contact contact)

Generates and returns a new value for the contact contact. If contact is null and this is not allowed by the implementation, this method should throw a NullPointerException.

#### Parameter

contact the contact being concerned.

**Returns** the generated value.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if contact is illegally null.

#### public void init()

Initializes the generator at the beginning of the simulation.

## Constant Value Generator

Implements the ValueGenerator interface for a constant and possibly non-stationary value. During each period of the simulation, the generated value is constant for each contact type. When a new period begins, the constant value can be changed.

This implementation only takes contact type identifiers (Contact.getTypeId()) and current period (PeriodChangeEvent.getCurrentPeriod()) into account for generating values.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;
```

public class ConstantValueGenerator implements ValueGenerator

### Constructors

#### public ConstantValueGenerator (int numTypes, double val)

Constructs a new constant stationary value generator supporting numTypes contact types, and with value val for each contact type.

#### Parameters

numTypes the number of supported contact types.

val the value that will be returned by nextDouble (Contact).

```
public ConstantValueGenerator (double[] vals)
```

Constructs a new constant stationary value generator with value vals[k] for contact type k.

#### Parameter

vals the values for each contact type.

### 

Constructs a new constant value generator with period-change event pce, value vals[p] for period p, and supporting numTypes contact types.

#### Parameters

pce the associated period-change event.

numTypes the number of supported contact types.

vals the generated value for each period.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if a value is not specified for each period.

#### public ConstantValueGenerator (PeriodChangeEvent pce, double[][] vals)

Constructs a new constant value generator with values vals and period-change event pce. The array element vals[p][k] gives the value for period p, contact type k.

#### Parameters

pce the associated period-change event.

vals the array of values.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if an array of values is not specified for each period.

#### Methods

#### public double[][] getValues()

Returns the values used by this generator. The format of the array is the same as in the last constructor.

**Returns** the associated values.

#### public void setValues (double[][] vals)

Sets the values for this generator to vals. This method can be used to change the number of supported contact types, but it cannot be used to change the number of periods.

#### Parameter

vals the new values for this generator.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the length of the given array is incorrect.

#### public double nextDouble (Contact contact)

Returns the value of the constant corresponding to the type of contact, and the current period. If the contact type identifier is greater than or equal to the number of supported contact types, or a type smaller than zero, an exception is thrown.
# Random Value Generator

Implements the ValueGenerator interface when the values come from a continuous and possibly non-stationary distribution. For each period and contact type, a different random variate generator can be used to get a value. This class can be instantiated the same way a ConstantValueGenerator is constructed, replacing constants with random variate generators.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public class RandomValueGenerator implements ValueGenerator

# Constructors

public RandomValueGenerator (int numTypes, RandomVariateGen gen)

Constructs a new random stationary value generator with generator gen for each contact type, and supporting numTypes contact types.

#### Parameters

numTypes the number of supported contact types.

gen the random variate generator used for all contact types.

## public RandomValueGenerator (RandomVariateGen[] gens)

Constructs a new random stationary value generator with generator gens[k] for contact type k.

## Parameter

gens the random variate generators used by this object.

# 

Constructs a new random value generator with period-change event pce, generator gens[p] for period p, and supporting numTypes contact types.

# Parameters

pce the associated period-change event.

numTypes the number of supported contact types.

gens the array containing a generator for each period.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if a generator is not specified for each period.

Constructs a new random value generator with period-change event pce and random variate generators gens. For the period p and contact type k, the random variate generator gens[p][k] is used.

## Parameters

pce the associated period-change event.

gens the array of generators for each period and contact type.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if an array of generators is not specified for each period.

# Methods

#### public RandomVariateGen[][] getRandomVariateGens()

Returns the array of random variate generators associated with this object. The format of this array is the same as the array passed to the last constructor.

**Returns** the random variate generators for this object.

#### public void setRandomVariateGens (RandomVariateGen[][] gens)

Sets the random variate generators for this object to gens. This method can be used to change the number of supported contact types, but it cannot be used to change the number of periods.

## Parameter

gens the new random variate generators for this object.

## Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the length of the given array is incorrect.

# MinValueGenerator

Value generator for the minimum of values. This value generator defines an internal array of value generators used by the nextDouble (Contact) method. When nextDouble (Contact) is called, a value is generated using all registered value generators and the minimum value, generated by  $v[j^*]$ , is returned. It is also possible to get the index  $j^*$  of the value generator having returned the minimum as well as all the generated values. This class is used by waiting queues and agent groups to generate the maximal queue times and service times.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

#### public class MinValueGenerator implements ValueGenerator

# Constructors

#### public MinValueGenerator()

Constructs a minimum value generator with no registered internal value generator.

#### public MinValueGenerator (int initialLength)

Constructs a minimum value generator with an internal array of value generators containing initialLength elements.

#### Parameter

initialLength the number of elements in the internal array.

# Methods

```
public void compact()
```

Recreates the internal array of value generators for its length to correspond to getMax-VType().

```
public int getMaxVType()
```

Returns the maximum index (non-inclusive) for which getValueGenerator (int) returns a non-null value.

**Returns** the highest index of registered value generators.

#### public ValueGenerator getValueGenerator (int vType)

Returns the value generator corresponding to value type vType.

#### Parameter

vType the queried value type.

**Returns** the associated value generator.

#### public void setValueGenerator (int vType, ValueGenerator vgen)

Sets the value generator corresponding to value type vType to vgen.

Since the value generators are stored in an internal array, it is recommended to use small value types. This will avoid the creation of large arrays of null's.

#### Parameters

vType the affected value type.

vgen the new value generator.

#### public boolean isKeepingValues()

Determines if the value generator is keeping all the generated values used to compute the last minimum.

**Returns** the generated values keeping indicator.

#### public void setKeepingValues (boolean k)

Sets the keeping-values indicator to k.

#### Parameter

k the new keeping-values indicator.

#### public void init()

Initializes all the associated value generators.

#### public double nextDouble (Contact contact)

Generates and returns a new value for the contact contact. For each associated value generator, this method calls nextDouble and returns the minimal value. If there is no associated value generator, Double.NaN is returned.

#### Parameter

contact the contact for which a value is generated.

**Returns** the generated value.

#### public double getLastValue()

Returns the last value returned by nextDouble (Contact).

**Returns** the last generated value.

#### public int getLastVType()

Returns the value type for the last value. This corresponds to the index of the value generator, as returned by getValueGenerator (int), having generated the chosen minimal value.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ index \ of \ the \ minimal \ value}.$ 

# public double[] getLastValues()

Returns all the generated values upon the last call to nextDouble (Contact) if isKeeping-Values() returns true, or throws an IllegalStateException. The length of the returned array corresponds to getMaxVType().

**Returns** the generated values.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if the object does not keep generated values.

# public double getLastValue (int vType)

Returns the value generated by getValueGenerator (vType) upon the last call to next-Double (Contact) if isKeepingValues() returns true, or throws an IllegalState-Exception. If the associated value generator is null, Double.NaN is returned.

# Parameter

vType the queried value type.

**Returns** the generated value.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if the object does not keep generated values.

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if vType is negative or greater than or equal to get-MaxVType().

# ContactCenter

Defines utility methods for contact center simulation. This class provides facilities to initialize the contact center's objects, and to perform some actions on a group of objects.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public class ContactCenter

# Methods

public static void initElements (Iterable<?> el)
 Initializes all elements enumerated by the iterable el. This method calls the init method of
 any iterated object which is an instance of Initializable, MeasureMatrix, ListOfStat Probes, and MatrixOfStatProbes. For other elements instance of Iterable, this method
 is called recursively.

public static void initElements (Object[] el)
 Equivalent to initElements (Iterable) for an array of objects.
 Parameter

el the array of elements.

- public static void initElements (Initializable[] el)
   Initializes all elements in el. For each Initializable object in the array, calls the
   Initializable.init() method.
- public static void initElements (MeasureMatrix[] el)
   Initializes all elements in el. For each MeasureMatrix object in the array, calls the Measure
   Matrix.init() method.
- public static void initElements (StatProbe[] el)
  Initializes all elements in el. For each StatProbe object in the array, calls the StatProbe.
  init() method.
- public static void initElements (ListOfStatProbes<?>[] el)
   Initializes all elements in el. For each ListOfStatProbes object in the array, calls the
   ListOfStatProbes.init() method.
- public static void initElements (MatrixOfStatProbes<?>[] el)
   Initializes all elements in el. For each MatrixOfStatProbes object in the array, calls the
   MatrixOfStatProbes.init() method.

Toggles the elements to the status enabled. For each ToggleElement object enumerated by the iterable el, calls the ToggleElement.start() or ToggleElement.stop() methods.

# Parameters

el the list of toggle elements.

enabled true if the toggle elements are enabled, false if they are disabled.

public static void toggleElements (ToggleElement[] el, boolean enabled)
Toggles the elements to the status enabled. For each ToggleElement object in the array
el, calls the ToggleElement.start() or ToggleElement.stop() methods.

# Parameters

el the array of toggle elements.

enabled true if the toggle elements are enabled, false if they are disabled.

For each period-change event enumerated by the iterable pce, calls the PeriodChangeEvent. start() method.

# Parameter

pce the list of period-change events.

public static void startPeriodChangeEvents (PeriodChangeEvent[] pce)

For each period-change event in the array pce, calls the PeriodChangeEvent.start() method.

# Parameter

pce the array of period-change events.

```
public static void stopPeriodChangeEvents (Iterable<? extends</pre>
```

## PeriodChangeEvent> pce)

For each period-change event enumerated by the iterable pce, calls the PeriodChangeEvent. stop() method.

# Parameter

 $\verb|pce|$  the list of period-change events.

# public static void stopPeriodChangeEvents (PeriodChangeEvent[] pce)

For each period-change event in the array pce, calls the PeriodChangeEvent.stop() method.

# Parameter

pce the array of period-change events.

Clears all waiting queues enumerated by the iterable waitingQueues with dequeue type dqType. For each WaitingQueue object in the list, calls the WaitingQueue.clear() method with the given dqType.

## Parameters

waitingQueues the list of waiting queues.

dqType the dequeue type being used.

## Throws

NullPointerException if the given list is null.

Clears all waiting queues in waitingQueues with dequeue type dqType. For each Waiting-Queue object in the array, calls the WaitingQueue.clear() method with the given dqType.

#### Parameters

waitingQueues the array of waiting queues.

dqType the dequeue type being used.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if the given list is null.

Clears all waiting queues in waitingQueues with dequeue type dqType. For each Waiting-QueueSet object in the array, clears all registered waiting queues with the given dqType.

## Parameters

waitingQueues the array of waiting queues.

dqType the dequeue type being used.

## Throws

NullPointerException if the given list is null.

#### public static String toShortString (Named named)

Returns a short string representation of the named object named. If the length of named.getName() is greater than 0, returns that name. Otherwise, this returns the result of the toString method defined in Object.

**Returns** a short string representation of the named object.

# MatrixUtil

Contains utility methods to add rows or columns to matrices, and to construct a matrix by repeating a submatrix several times.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public class MatrixUtil

## Methods

#### public static DoubleMatrix2D getCost (DoubleMatrix2D m, double[] cost)

Converts the matrix m into a matrix of costs using the cost vector **cost**. The matrix m should contain counts of events, e.g., the number of arrivals, or the integral over simulation time of a quantity, e.g., the queue size. Each row corresponds to one count and each column represents one period. Assuming the cost vector is a row vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , the method computes C \* M, and stores the result in the matrix m. C is a  $d \times d$  matrix with the costs on its diagonal, i.e.,  $C_{k,k} = \text{costs}[k]$ , and  $C_{i,j} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . M is a  $d \times P$  matrix stored in m. If m has d + 1 rows, the last row of the matrix is filled with the total costs, i.e.,

$$M_{d,j} = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} M_{i,j} C_{i,i}$$

for  $j = 0, \dots, P - 1$ .

#### Parameters

m the matrix of values.

cost the cost vector.

Returns the given matrix m.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the length of cost does not correspond to m.rows() or m.rows() - 1.

public static DoubleMatrix2D addSumRow (DoubleMatrix2D m)

Equivalent to addSumRow (m, false).

#### Parameter

m the matrix being processed.

**Returns** the matrix with the added row of sums.

public static DoubleMatrix2D addSumRow (DoubleMatrix2D m, boolean always) Makes a copy of the matrix m with a new row containing the sum of each column. If m has a single row and if always is set to false, the matrix is returned unchanged. Otherwise, a new matrix is created with the additional row of sums. The sums of columns are stored in the last row of the returned matrix.

# Parameters

m the matrix being processed.

always if true, the row is added even if m has one row.

**Returns** the matrix with the added row of sums.

```
public static DoubleMatrix2D addSumColumn (DoubleMatrix2D m)
```

Equivalent to addSumColumn (m, false).

#### Parameter

m the matrix being processed.

**Returns** the matrix with the added column of sums.

This method, similar to addSumRow (DoubleMatrix2D, boolean), adds an extra column to the matrix m for the sum of each column.

#### Parameters

m the matrix being processed.

always determines if the column is always added.

**Returns** the matrix with the added column of sums.

Constructs a matrix by copying m a certain number of times. The new matrix contains numRows\*numCols copies of m tiled in a grid with dimensions numRows×numCols. If numRows and numCols are both 1, the matrix is returned unchanged.

#### **Parameters**

m the matrix to be tiled.

numRows the number of rows containing copies of m.

numCols the number of columns containing copies of m.

**Returns** the matrix containing copies of m.

# RandomStreamUtil

Provides utility methods to create and extend arrays of random streams.

# package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public class RandomStreamUtil

#### Methods

Creates or extends an array of random streams. This can be useful when reconstructing a contact center with new parameters, to keep as many random streams as possible for maximizing random number synchronization.

If oldArray is null, a new array of length size will be allocated and filled with random streams. If oldArray is not null and its length is greater than or equal to size, it is returned unchanged. Otherwise, a new array is created, the already constructed random streams are copied and new ones are constructed to fill the array. The random streams are created using the given random stream factory. The method returns an array of random streams with length greater than or equal to size.

#### Parameters

oldArray the old array of random streams.

size the minimal size of the returned array.

**rsf** the random stream factory used to create the random streams.

**Returns** the constructed array of random streams.

# public static RandomStream[][] createRandomStreamMatrix (RandomStream[][] oldMatrix, int rows, int columns, RandomStreamFactory rsf)

Creates or extends a matrix (i.e., 2D array) of random streams. This can be useful when reconstructing a contact center with new parameters, to keep as many random streams as possible for maximizing random number synchronization.

If oldMatrix is null, a new array of length rows will be allocated and filled with arrays of random streams. If oldMatrix is not null and its length is greater than or equal to rows, it is returned unchanged. Otherwise, a new array is created, the already constructed arrays of random streams are copied and new ones are constructed to fill the array. The internal arrays of random streams are created using createRandomStreamArray (RandomStream[], int, RandomStreamFactory).

# Parameters

oldMatrix the old matrix of random streams.

rows the required number of rows.

columns the required number of columns.

**rsf** the random stream factory used to create streams.

**Returns** the new matrix of random streams.

# StatUtil

Provides methods to add ratios into lists and matrices of statistical probes as well as a method to trim arrays of observations in statistical probes in order to save memory.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

```
public class StatUtil
```

# Methods

Equivalent to add (mt, x, y, mult, Double.NaN).

For each tally (r, c) in the matrix of tallies mt, adds the ratio mult\*x.get (r, c)/y.get (r, c). If a 0/0 ratio must be added, the value zeroOverZero is used instead of Double.NaN.

#### Parameters

- mt the target matrix of tallies.
- **x** the numerator matrix.
- y the denominator matrix.
- mult the multiplier of the ratio.
- **zeroOverZero** the value for 0/0.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the dimensions of x or y do not correspond to the dimensions of the matrix of tallies.

public static void addRatio (ListOfTallies<?> mt, double[] x, double[] y)
Equivalent to add (mt, x, y, 1.0).

For each tally *i* in the list of tallies at, adds the ratio mult\*x[i]/y[i].

## Parameters

at the target list of tallies.

- $\mathbf{x}$  the numerator array.
- y the denominator array.

mult the multiplier of the ratio.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the length of x or y do not correspond to the length of the list of tallies.

# public static MatrixOfFunctionOfMultipleMeansTallies< FunctionOfMultipleMeansTally> createMatrixOfRatioTallies (MatrixOfTallies<?> upper, MatrixOfTallies<?> lower)

Creates a matrix of ratio tallies from two matrices of tallies. This method takes two matrices which must have the same dimensions. The ratio tally for row r and column c is constructed by taking the tallies at corresponding row and column in **upper** and **lower**.

#### Parameters

upper the matrix of upper parts of ratios.

lower the matrix of lower parts of ratios.

**Returns** the new matrix of ratio tallies.

#### public static void compactProbes (Iterable<?> probes)

Trims the internal arrays of statistical probes listed in **probes** to minimize memory utilization. For each TallyStore object in **probes** or in an array or matrix added to **probes**, calls TallyStore.getArray().trimToSize().

#### Parameter

probes the list of statistical probes to process.

# RepSimCC

Extends RepSim to use measure matrices as counters, to compute observations. This class defines a list matrices of measures that can be added to. At the beginning of each replication, the matrices are initialized, and the program updates them. Each column of such matrices usually corresponds to a period as defined by a period-change event. At the end of the replication, in the RepSim.addReplicationObs (int) method, values are extracted from the matrices before they are added to matrices of tallies.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public abstract class RepSimCC extends RepSim

#### Constructors

public RepSimCC (int minReps)
Calls super (minReps).

public RepSimCC (Simulator sim, int minReps) Calls RepSim.RepSim (Simulator, int).

public RepSimCC (int minReps, int maxReps) Calls super (minReps, maxReps).

public RepSimCC (Simulator sim, int minReps, int maxReps) Calls RepSim.RepSim (Simulator, int, int).

#### Methods

public List<MeasureMatrix> getMeasureMatrices()
 Returns the matrices of measures registered to this object. These matrices must be capable
 of supporting multiple periods. The returned list should contain non-null instances of
 MeasureMatrix only.

**Returns** the list of measure matrices.

public void performReplication (int r)
 This method is overridden to initialize the matrices of measures after the simulator is ini tialized.

Computes the matrix of observations from the matrix of measures mat, and stores the result in m. The returned matrix has the same number of rows as the number of measures and the same number of columns as the number of periods. Element (r, c) of the matrix is given by mat.getMeasure (r, c).

## Parameters

mat the matrix of measures for which observations are queried.

m the matrix of double's filled with the result.

Returns the given matrix m.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the dimensions of the matrix are invalid.

NullPointerException if mat or m are null.

public static DoubleMatrix2D getReplicationValues (MeasureMatrix mat)

Constructs a matrix m with as many rows as the number of measures in mat and as many columns as the number of periods, calls getReplicationValues (mat, m) to fill the matrix, and returns it.

#### Parameter

mat the measure matrix for which observations are queried.

**Returns** the matrix filled with the result.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if mat is null.

public	static	DoubleMatrix2D	getReplicationValues	(MeasureMatrix mat,
				DoubleMatrix2D m,
				boolean preliminary,
				<pre>boolean wrapup, boolean[]</pre>
				mainPeriods)

Computes the matrix of observations for the measure matrix mat and stores the result in m. It is assumed that the matrix contains observations for np periods, including a preliminary and a wrap-up periods. The matrix m must contain observations for main periods only as well as the time-aggregate observations. If preliminary is set to true, the observations of the preliminary period will be included in the time-aggregate count. If wrapup is true, the observations in the wrap-up period will be included. If mainPeriods is null, all main periods will be included in the aggregate values. Otherwise, the value for (main) period p will be included in the aggregated sum if and only if mainPeriods [p - 1] is true.

Each column of the matrix corresponds to one period and the last column contains the values for the whole replication. Each row corresponds to one type of measure.

#### Parameters

mat the measure matrix for which observations are queried.

m the matrix filled with the result.

preliminary if the preliminary period is included in the last column of the matrix.

wrapup if the wrap-up period is included in the last column of the matrix.

mainPeriods indicates which main periods are included in the aggregate measure.

Returns the given matrix m.

# Throws

NullPointerException if mat or m are null.

Equivalent to getReplicationValues (mat, m, preliminary, wrapup, null).

# Parameters

mat the measure matrix for which observations are queried.

m the matrix filled with the result.

preliminary if the preliminary period is included in the last column of the matrix.

wrapup if the wrap-up period is included in the last column of the matrix.

Returns the given matrix m.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the dimensions of the matrix are invalid.

NullPointerException if mat or m are null.

Computes the matrix of observations for the measure matrix **mat**, and returns the result in a matrix. This method uses getReplicationValues for the computation.

# Parameters

mat the measure matrix for which observations are queried.

preliminary if the preliminary period is included in the last column of the matrix.

wrapup if the wrap-up period is included in the last column of the matrix.

mainPeriods indicates which main periods are included in the aggregated measure.

**Returns** the matrix filled with the result.

## Throws

NullPointerException if mat or m are null.

IllegalArgumentException if mainPeriods is not null and has an invalid length.

Equivalent to getReplicationValues (mat, preliminary, wrapup, null).

#### Parameters

mat the measure matrix for which observations are queried.

preliminary if the preliminary period is included in the last column of the matrix.

wrapup if the wrap-up period is included in the last column of the matrix.

**Returns** the matrix filled with the result.

## Throws

NullPointerException if mat or m are null.

Normalizes the matrix m using simulation time. Usually, this method receives a matrix produced by getReplicationValues (MeasureMatrix, DoubleMatrix2D). It assumes that each row corresponds to a count or an integral and one column corresponds to a main period. If there is one more column than the number of main periods, the last column corresponds to values for the whole replication. Each element of the matrix is divided by a simulation time determined by the period-change event pce. For each column c corresponding to one main period, each row is divided by the period duration obtained using PeriodChangeEvent.get-PeriodDuration (c + 1). For the column corresponding to the whole replication, the rows are divided by the total simulation time totalTime.

## Parameters

pce the period-change event defining the periods.

m the matrix being normalized.

totalTime the supplied total simulation time.

Returns the given matrix m.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of columns of m is incorrect.

Equivalent to timeNormalize (PeriodChangeEvent, DoubleMatrix2D, double) with automatic computation of total simulation time. The total time is computed by summing the duration of the periods defined by pce. The parameters preliminary, wrapup and mainPeriods play the same role as with getReplicationValues (MeasureMatrix, DoubleMatrix2D).

# Parameters

pce the period-change event defining the periods.

m the matrix being normalized.

preliminary determines if the preliminary period is included in the time-aggregate values.

wrapup determines if the wrap-up period is included in the time-aggregate values.

mainPeriods indicates which main periods are included in the aggregated measure.

Returns the given matrix m.

Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of columns of m is incorrect.

Equivalent to timeNormalize (pce, m, preliminary, wrapup, null).

## Parameters

pce the period change event defining the periods.

m the matrix being normalized.

preliminary determines if the preliminary period is included in the time-aggregate values.

wrapup determines if the wrap-up period is included in the time-aggregate values.

 ${\bf Returns}$  the given matrix m.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of columns of m is incorrect.

# BatchMeansSimCC

Extends BatchMeansSim to use matrices of measures for storing the intermediate values  $\mathbf{V}_j$ 's of real batches. This class defines a list of measure matrices which is automatically initialized after the warmup period. When batch aggregation is turned OFF, these matrices contain a single period and are reinitialized at the beginning of each batch. If batch aggregation is turned ON, each period in measure matrices correspond to a real batch.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters;

public abstract class BatchMeansSimCC extends BatchMeansSim

# Constructors

Calls super (minBatches, batchSize, warmupTime).

Calls BatchMeansSim.BatchMeansSim (Simulator, int, double, double).

Calls super (minBatches, maxBatches, batchSize, warmupTime).

Calls BatchMeansSim.BatchMeansSim (Simulator, int, int, double, double).

#### Methods

public List<MeasureMatrix> getMeasureMatrices()

Returns the matrices of measures registered to this object. These matrices must be capable of supporting multiple periods. The returned list should contain non-null instances of MeasureMatrix only.  ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ list \ of \ measure \ matrices}.$ 

```
public void initBatchStat()
```

Initializes registered matrices of measures if batch aggregation is turned OFF.

```
public void initRealBatchProbes()
```

Initializes the matrices of measures.

```
public void addRealBatchObs()
```

For each IntegralMeasureMatrix instance in the list returned by getMeasureMatrices(), calls IntegralMeasureMatrix.newRecord().

Copies the values corresponding to the current effective batch for the measure matrix **mat** into the matrix **m**. The given matrix of measures should be registered to this object for this method to be used. The Colt matrix **m** must have one row for each measure, and a single column. The method returns **m** after it is filled.

# Parameters

mat the measure matrix for which the Colt matrix is required.

- m the matrix receiving the results.
- **s** the starting real batch.
- h the number of real batches per effective batch.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the dimensions of the matrix m are incompatible.

Constructs a matrix with one row for each measure in mat and a single column, then calls getBatchValues (MeasureMatrix, DoubleMatrix2D, int, int).

h)

Equivalent to getBatchValues (MeasureMatrix, DoubleMatrix2D, int, int) for a Double-Matrix1D instance.

Constructs a matrix with one row for each measure in mat, and calls getBatchValues (MeasureMatrix, DoubleMatrix1D, int, int).

Equivalent to getBatchValues (MeasureMatrix, DoubleMatrix2D, int, int) for an array.

- public static double[] getBatchValues (MeasureMatrix mat, int s, int h) Constructs an array with one element for each measure in mat, and calls getBatchValues (MeasureMatrix, double[], int, int).
- public static DoubleMatrix2D timeNormalize (DoubleMatrix2D m, double 1)

Normalizes the rows of the one-column matrix m using the batch length 1. Each row of the matrix is divided by 1 and the modified matrix is returned.

#### Parameters

- m the matrix being normalized.
- 1 the batch length.

**Returns** the modified matrix.

- public static DoubleMatrix1D timeNormalize (DoubleMatrix1D m, double 1)
   Equivalent to timeNormalize (DoubleMatrix2D, double) with an instance of DoubleMatrix1D.
- public static double[] timeNormalize (double[] m, double l)
   Equivalent to timeNormalize (DoubleMatrix2D, double) for an array.

# Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact

Manages contact arrivals into the contact center system. Any *contact* traveling in the system is represented by an object from the **Contact** class being defined in this package. This class defines a number of attributes associated with all contacts, and the user can add custom attributes by defining a subclass.

Although an object representing a contact can be freely instantiated, it is usually constructed by a *contact source*. Two types of contact sources are available: *contact arrival processes* provided by this package, and *dialers* supported by the umontreal.iro.lecuyer. contactcenters.dialer package. Arrival processes determine when contact objects need to be created, according to specific (stochastic) arrival processes. Each concrete arrival process must correspond to an algorithm for generating inter-arrival times. These times could depend on the entire state of the system in a complicated way, but they often depend only on the simulation time and previous inter-arrival times. For each process, the first arrival is scheduled when the arrival process is started, often at the beginning of the simulation. Figure 1 gives a UML diagram for this contact creation facility.



Figure 1: UML diagram describing the facilities for creating contacts

The *factory* design pattern is used to allow the sources to construct contacts without knowing their types explicitly. The **ContactFactory** interface specifies a method called **new-Instance** returning a newly-constructed and configured contact object. A contact source can create contacts from any class that implements this interface simply by invoking this **newInstance** method. Thus, changing the type of contact (and the name of its explicit constructor) requires no change to the implementation of the contact source.

When a new contact occurs, it is instantiated by the associated factory and broadcast to the registered *new-contact listeners*. Then the next arrival is scheduled. Each contact source is assigned a factory that typically constructs contacts of a single type. All contact sources can be initialized, started, and stopped.

# Contact

Represents a contact (phone call, fax, e-mail, etc.) into the contact center. A contact enters the system at a given time, and requires some form of service. If it cannot be served immediately, it joins a queue or leaves the system. In more complex contact centers, contacts can be served more than once and can join several queues sequentially. A contact object holds all the information about a single contact. The arrival time, the total time spent in queue, the total time spent in service, the last joined queue, and the last serving agent group can be obtained from any contact object. Information about the complete path of the contact into the system can also be stored, but this is disabled by default to reduce memory usage.

For easier indexing in skill-based routers, every contact has a numerical type identifier. For waiting queues supporting it, a contact object also holds a priority. The **Contact** class implements the **Comparable** interface which allows to define the default priorities when contacts are in priority queues.

Extra information can be added to a contact object using two different mechanisms: by adding attributes to the map returned by getAttributes(), or by defining fields in a subclass. The getAttributes() method returns a Map that can be used to define custom contact attributes dynamically. This can be used for quick implementation of user-defined attributes, but it can reduce performance of the application since look-ups in a map are slower than direct manipulation of fields. Alternatively, this class can be extended to add new attributes as fields. However, the contact subclass will have to be used for communication between parts of the program needing the extra information, which involves casts.

By default, no trunk group is associated with contacts. As a result, every contact can enter the system, since its capacity is infinite. If a contact is associated with a trunk group using setTrunkGroup (TrunkGroup), a line is allocated by the router at the time of its arrival. If no line is available in the associated trunk group, the contact is blocked. Otherwise, it is processed and the channel is released when it exits.

Each contact has an associated simulator which is used to schedule contact-related events such as abandonment or service termination. This simulator is determined at the time of construction. If a constructor accepting a Simulator instance is called, the given simulator is used. Otherwise, the default simulator returned by Simulator.getDefaultSimulator() is used.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class Contact implements Comparable<Contact>, Named, Cloneable

#### Constructors

```
public Contact()
```

Constructs a new contact object with type identifier 0, priority 1, and the default simulator.

## public Contact (Simulator sim)

Equivalent to constructor Contact(), with the given simulator sim.

## Parameter

sim the simulator attached to the new contact.

## Throws

NullPointerException if sim is null.

# public Contact (int typeId)

Constructs a new contact with priority 1, type identifier typeId, and the default simulator.

# Parameter

typeId type identifier of the new contact.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the type identifier is negative.

# public Contact (Simulator sim, int typeId)

Equivalent to constructor Contact (int), with the given simulator sim.

# Parameters

sim the simulator attached to the new contact.

typeId type identifier of the new contact.

## Throws

NullPointerException if sim is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the type identifier is negative.

## public Contact (double priority, int typeId)

Constructs a new contact object with a priority priority, type identifier typeId, and the default simulator. The contact type identifier must be non-negative while the priority can be any value. The smaller is the value of priority, the greater is the priority of the contact.

# Parameters

priority the contact's priority.

typeId the type identifier of this contact.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the type identifier is negative.

public Contact (Simulator sim, double priority, int typeId)

Equivalent to constructor Contact (double, int), with the given simulator sim.

#### Parameters

sim the simulator attached to the new contact.

priority the contact's priority.

typeId type identifier of the new contact.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if sim is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the type identifier is negative.

# Methods

public final Simulator simulator()

Returns a reference to the simulator attached to this contact.

**Returns** the simulator attached to this contact.

#### public final void setSimulator (Simulator sim)

Sets the simulator attached to this contact to sim. This method should not be called while this contact is in a waiting queue, or being served. The main use of this method is for splitting: a contact is cloned, and a new simulator is assigned to the copy while the original contact keeps the old simulator.

#### Parameter

sim the new simulator.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if sim is null.

#### public double getArrivalTime()

Returns the contact's arrival simulation time. This is the simulation time at which the contact object was constructed.

**Returns** the arrival simulation time of this contact.

#### public void setArrivalTime (double arrivalTime)

Sets the arrival time of this contact to **arrivalTime**. This method should be called before the contact enters into a waiting queue or an agent group.

#### Parameter

arrivalTime the new arrival time.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if arrivalTime is negative.

# public double getDefaultPatienceTime()

Returns the default patience time for this contact object. This corresponds to the maximal queue time before the contact abandons the queue. By default, this is Double.POSITIVE\_IN-FINITY, i.e., no abandonment occurs.

**Returns** the patience time of the contact.

# public void setDefaultPatienceTime (double patienceTime)

Sets the default patience time of this contact to patienceTime.

# Parameter

patienceTime the new patience time of the contact.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the given patience time is negative or NaN.

# public ServiceTimes getContactTimes()

Returns the contact times for this contact.

**Returns** the contact times.

# public ServiceTimes getAfterContactTimes()

Returns the after-contact times for this contact.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ after-contact \ times}.$ 

# public double getDefaultServiceTime()

Returns the default service time for this contact object. This corresponds to the result of the sum of getDefaultContactTime(), and getDefaultAfterContactTime().

**Returns** the service time of the contact.

# public void setDefaultServiceTime (double serviceTime)

Sets the default service time of this contact to **serviceTime**. This method sets the contact time to **serviceTime**, and resets the after-contact time to 0.

# Parameter

**serviceTime** the new service time of the contact.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the given service time is negative or NaN.

# public double getWaitingTimeEstimate()

Returns the estimate waiting time that a call must before beginnig it service in the call center.

**Returns** the waiting time estimate for a call when it arrive in the call center.

#### public void setWaitingTimeEstimate (double waitingTimeEstimate)

Sets the waiting time estimate value for a call arivie in the call center. to waitingTimeEstimate.

#### Parameter

waitingTimeEstimate the new waiting time in virtual queue.

#### public double getDefaultContactTime()

Returns the default contact time with an agent. By default, this is set to Double.POSI-TIVE\_INFINITY.

**Returns** the default contact time.

#### public void setDefaultContactTime (double contactTime)

Sets the default contact time to contactTime.

#### Parameter

contactTime the new contact time.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the contact time is negative or NaN.

#### public double getDefaultAfterContactTime()

Returns the default duration of after-contact work performed by an agent after this contact is served. By default, this is set to 0.

**Returns** the default after-contact time.

#### public void setDefaultAfterContactTime (double afterContactTime)

Sets the default after-contact time to afterContactTime.

#### Parameter

afterContactTime the new after-contact time.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the after-contact time is negative or NaN.

#### public double getDefaultContactTime (int i)

Returns the default contact time if this contact is served by an agent in group i. If this contact time was never set, this returns the result of getDefaultContactTime().

#### Parameter

i the index of the agent group.

**Returns** the contact time.

# public boolean isSetDefaultContactTime (int i)

Determines if a contact time was set specifically for agent group i, by using setDefault-ContactTime (int, double).

# Parameter

i the tested agent group index.

**Returns** the result of the test.

## public void setDefaultContactTime (int i, double t)

Sets the default contact time for this contact if served by an agent in group i to t. Note that setting t to Double.NaN unsets the contact time for the specified agent group.

# Parameters

- i the index of the agent group to set.
- t the new contact time.

## public void ensureCapacityForDefaultContactTime (int capacity)

Makes sure that the array containing default contact times specific to each agent group contains at least capacity elements. This method should be called before setDefault-ContactTime (int, double) to avoid multiple array reallocation.

# Parameter

capacity the new capacity.

## public double getDefaultAfterContactTime (int i)

Returns the default after-contact time if this contact is served by an agent in group i. If this after-contact time was never set, this returns the result of getDefaultAfterContactTime().

# Parameter

i the index of the agent group.

**Returns** the after-contact time.

## public boolean isSetDefaultAfterContactTime (int i)

Determines if an after-contact time was set specifically for agent group i, by using set-DefaultAfterContactTime (int, double).

# Parameter

i the tested agent group index.

**Returns** the result of the test.

# public void setDefaultAfterContactTime (int i, double t)

Sets the default after-contact time for this contact to t, if served by an agent in group i. Note that setting t to Double.NaN unsets the after-contact time for the specified agent group.

## Parameters

- i the index of the agent group to set.
- t the new after-contact time.

#### public void ensureCapacityForDefaultAfterContactTime (int capacity)

Makes sure that the array containing default after-contact times specific to each agent group contains at least capacity elements. This method should be called before setDefault-AfterContactTime (int, double) to avoid multiple array reallocation.

## Parameter

capacity the new capacity.

#### public double getDefaultServiceTime (int i)

Returns the default service time for this contact if served by an agent in group i. This returns the sum of getDefaultContactTime (int) and getDefaultAfterContactTime (int).

## Parameter

i the tested agent group.

**Returns** the default service time.

## public List<ContactStepInfo> getSteps()

Returns the list containing the steps in the life cycle of this contact. This list should contain ContactStepInfo implementations only. If steps tracing was not enabled for this contact, this returns null.

Returns the list of contact steps, or null if steps tracing is disabled.

## public void enableStepsTracing()

Enables steps tracing for this contact object. By default, steps tracing is disabled for better performance and memory usage. This method should be called as soon as the contact is constructed to avoid any loss of information.

## public double getPriority()

Returns the priority for this contact. The priority is a number which indicates the level of emergency of the contact. A low value represents a high priority.

**Returns** the contact's priority.

# public void setPriority (double newPriority)

Changes the contact's priority to **newPriority**. This method should not be called when a contact is in a priority queue.

# Parameter

newPriority the new contact's priority.

# public double getTotalQueueTime()

Returns the total time the contact has spent waiting in queues. This returns the cumulative waiting time, for all waiting queues visited by the contact.

**Returns** the contact's queue time.

# public void addToTotalQueueTime (double delta)

Adds delta to the currently recorded total queue time returned by getTotalQueueTime(). This method can be used, e.g., to subtract time passed in a virtual queue from the queue time of a contact.

# Parameter

delta the amount to add.

# public WaitingQueue getLastWaitingQueue()

Returns the last waiting queue this contact entered in. If the contact was never queued, this returns null.

**Returns** the last waiting queue of the contact.

# public double getTotalServiceTime()

Returns the total time this contact has spent being served by agents. This returns the cumulative contact time (not after-contact time) for all agents visited by the contact.

**Returns** the contact's service time.

# public void addToTotalServiceTime (double delta)

Adds delta to the currently recorded total service time returned by getTotalService-Time() for this contact.

# Parameter

delta the amount to add.

# public AgentGroup getLastAgentGroup()

Returns the last agent group who began serving this contact. If the contact was never served, this returns null.

**Returns** the last agent group serving the contact.

#### public int getTypeId()

Returns the type identifier for this contact object.

**Returns** the contact's type identifier.

#### public void setTypeId (int newTypeId)

Changes the type identifier for this contact object to newTypeId. The type identifier of a contact should not change when it is in a waiting queue or served by an agent.

#### Parameter

newTypeId the contact's new type identifier.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the type identifier is smaller than 0.

#### public Map<Object, Object> getAttributes()

Returns the map containing the attributes for this contact. Attributes can be used to add user-defined information to contact objects at runtime, without creating a subclass. However, for maximal efficiency, it is recommended to create a subclass of Contact instead of using attributes.

**Returns** the map containing the attributes for this object.

public ContactSource getSource()

Returns the contact's primary source which has produced this contact object. If no source has created this contact, this returns null. If a contact results from a call back managed by a dialer, this returns the preceding arrival process which created the contact, not the dialer managing the call back.

**Returns** the source having created this contact.

#### public void setSource (ContactSource src)

Sets the source of this contact to src. Once a non-null source was given, it cannot be changed. If one tries to change the contact source, an IllegalStateException is thrown.

#### Parameter

**src** the new contact source.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if one tries to change the contact source.

#### public TrunkGroup getTrunkGroup()

Returns the trunk group this contact will take a trunk from. By default, this returns null.

**Returns** the associated trunk group.

# public void setTrunkGroup (TrunkGroup tg)

Sets the trunk group for this contact to tg. This method does not allocate a trunk in the group; this task is performed by the router.

# Parameter

tg the new trunk group.

# public Router getRouter()

Returns a reference to the router currently managing this contact, or **null** if the contact is not currently in a router.

**Returns** the router taking care of this contact.

# public void setRouter (Router router)

This should only be called by the router. Associates the router router to this contact.

# Parameter

router the new router.

# public boolean hasExited()

Determines if the contact has exited the system. If a contact has exited the system, it will not be admitted into a router for further processing. This is used to prevent contacts from incorrectly entering in the router several times.

**Returns** the exited indicator.

## public void setExited (boolean b)

Sets the exited indicator to b.

# Parameter

**b** the exited indicator.

# public void enqueued (DequeueEvent ev)

This method is called by a waiting queue object when a contact is put in queue, the dequeue event **ev** representing the queued contact.

# Parameter

ev the dequeue event associated with the contact.

# public void dequeued (DequeueEvent ev)

This method is called when a contact leaves a queue, the dequeue event  $\mathbf{ev}$  representing the queued contact.

#### Parameter

ev the dequeue event associated with the contact.

#### public void blocked (int bType)

This method is called when the contact is blocked by its current router with blocking type bType. The getRouter() method can be used to access the reference to the router which blocked this contact while bType indicates the reason why the contact was blocked.

#### Parameter

bType the contact blocking type.

#### public void beginService (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called when the service of this contact by an agent begins, the end-service event **ev** representing the contact being served.

#### Parameter

ev the event occurring at the end of the service.

#### public void endContact (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called when the communication between this contact and an agent is terminated. The end-service event ev can be used to obtain information about the end of communication.

# Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the contact.

#### public void endService (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called when the service of this contact (communication and after-contact work) was terminated, ev containing information about the served contact.

#### Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the contact.

#### public int getNumWaitingQueues()

Returns the number of waiting queues this contact is waiting in simultaneously, at the current simulation time.

**Returns** the number of waiting queues this contact is waiting in.

#### public int getNumAgentGroups()

Returns the number of agent groups serving this contact simultaneously at the current simulation time.

**Returns** the number of agent groups serving this contact simultaneously.

# public int compareTo (Contact otherContact)

Compares this contact with otherContact. By default, the contacts are ordered in ascending order of priority. The lower the priority value, the more important the contact will be. If two compared contacts share the same priority, they are ordered using their arrival times.

# Parameter

otherContact the other contact this contact is compared to.

**Returns** a value smaller than 0 if this contact is greater than the other object, 0 if it is equal, or a value greater than 0 if it is smaller.

## public Contact clone()

Returns a copy of this contact object. In contrast with the original contact object, the returned copy is not in any waiting queue, router, or agent group. The map containing the attributes, if getAttributes() returns a non-null value, is cloned, but the elements in the map are not cloned. If contact steps tracing is enabled, the list of steps as well as the step objects are cloned.

**Returns** the copy of the contact.

# **Service** Times

Stores service times for a contact. By default, there are two types of service times: contact times and after-contact times. However, a model can define additional types of service times. For each of these types, one may generate a default service time v which applies for all agents, one service time  $v_i$  for each agent group i. This class can be used to store and retrieve such service times. For greater efficiency, it is recommended to call method ensureCapacityForServiceTime before using setServiceTime in order to avoid multiple array reallocations.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;
```

public class ServiceTimes implements Cloneable

# Constructor

```
public ServiceTimes (double serviceTime)
```

Constructs a new container for service times using the default service time **serviceTime**. It is used when no service time is given for a specific agent group.

#### Parameter

serviceTime the default service time v.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the given service time is negative or NaN.

# Methods

public double getServiceTime()

Returns the default service time v for this object.

**Returns** the default service time.

#### public void setServiceTime (double serviceTime)

Sets the default service time v of this object to serviceTime.

#### Parameter

serviceTime the new default service time.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the given service time is negative or NaN.

#### public double getServiceTime (int i)

Returns the service time  $v_i$  for contacts served by an agent in group i. If this service time was never set, i.e., if isSetServiceTime (int) returns false, this returns the result of getServiceTime().
i the index of the agent group.

**Returns** the service time  $v_i$ , or v if  $v_i$  is not set.

# public double[] getServiceTimes()

Returns the array of service times for all groups.

**Returns** the service times of all groups

# public boolean isSetServiceTime (int i)

Determines if a service time was set specifically for agent group i, by using setServiceTime (int, double).

## Parameter

i the tested agent group index.

**Returns** the result of the test.

# public void setServiceTime (int i, double t)

Sets the service time  $v_i$  for contacts served by an agent in group i to t. Note that setting t to Double.NaN unsets the service time for the specified agent group.

# Parameters

- i the index of the agent group to set.
- t the new service time.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if t is negative.

# public void ensureCapacityForServiceTime (int capacity)

Makes sure that the length of the array containing the  $v_i$ 's is at least capacity for the number of groups. This method should be called before setServiceTime (int, double) to avoid multiple array reallocations.

# Parameter

capacity the new capacity for the groups

# public void set (ServiceTimes st)

Replaces the service times v and  $v_i$ 's stored in this object with the values obtained from st.

# Parameter

st the input service times.

# public void add (ServiceTimes st)

Adds the service times stored in st to the corresponding service times in this object. Let v and  $v_i$  for i = 0, ..., be the service times in this object, and w and  $w_i$ , the service times in st. This method replaces v with v + w; and  $v_i$  with  $v_i + w_i$  for any i such that  $v_i$  or  $w_i$  exists. When  $v_i$  or  $w_i$  does not exists, v or w is used.

st the service times to add to this object.

## public void mult (double mult)

Multiplies each service time v and  $v_i$  stored in this object by the given constant mult.

#### Parameter

mult the multiplier for service times.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if mult is negative.

# public ServiceTimes clone()

Clones this object, and its internal arrays of service times.

# ContactFactory

Allows contact sources to create contact objects of user-defined classes. When the Contact class is extended to add user-defined attributes, a contact factory must also be created to allow contact sources to instantiate objects derived from the Contact subclass. To construct a new contact factory, the user simply implements this interface to provide a newInstance() method the contact sources call to get contacts.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public interface ContactFactory

## Method

public Contact newInstance()

Constructs and returns a new Contact object. If a contact cannot be instantiated, a ContactInstantiationException is thrown.

**Returns** the new contact object.

Throws

ContactInstantiationException if a contact cannot be instantiated.

# **SimpleContactFactory**

This implements the ContactFactory interface to instantiate Contact objects with fixed parameters.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class SimpleContactFactory implements ContactFactory

## Constructors

```
public SimpleContactFactory()
```

Constructs a new contact factory which will create contact objects with priority 1 and type ID 0.

public SimpleContactFactory (Simulator sim)

Equivalent to SimpleContactFactory(), using the given simulator sim.

```
public SimpleContactFactory (int typeId)
```

Constructs a new contact factory which will create contact objects with priority 1 and type ID typeId.

#### Parameter

typeId the type ID of the contacts.

public SimpleContactFactory (Simulator sim, int typeId)

Equivalent to SimpleContactFactory (int), using the given simulator sim.

```
public SimpleContactFactory (double priority, int typeId, boolean tracing)
```

Constructs a new contact factory which will create contact objects with priority priority and type ID typeId. If tracing is true, contact objects with steps tracing enabled will be created.

#### Parameters

priority the priority of the contact.

typeId the type ID of the contacts.

tracing the contact steps tracing indicator.

Equivalent to SimpleContactFactory (double, int, boolean), using the given simulator sim.

# Methods

```
public Simulator simulator()
```

Returns the simulator associated with this contact factory. This simulator is associated with every contact instantiated by the factory.

**Returns** the associated simulator.

## public void setSimulator (Simulator sim)

Sets the simulator associated with this contact factory to sim.

# Parameter

sim the new associated simulator.

# public double getPriority()

Returns the priority of the created and reused contact objects.

**Returns** the priority of the generated contact.

# public int getTypeId()

Returns the type ID of the created and reused contact objects.

**Returns** the type ID of the generated contact.

# public boolean getTracing()

Returns true if the created contacts will support steps tracing.

**Returns** the contact steps tracing indicator.

# **SingleTypeContactFactory**

Represents a contact factory used to create contacts of a single type. This factory also associates default patience, contact, and after-contact times to the constructed contacts. All random variates are generated at the time the contact is created.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class SingleTypeContactFactory implements ContactFactory

## Constructors

public	SingleTypeContactFactory	(int type, ValueGenerator probBalkGen,
		RandomStream streamBalk, RandomVariateGen
		pgen, RandomVariateGen cgen,
		RandomVariateGen[] cgenGroups,
		RandomVariateGen acgen, RandomVariateGen[]
		acgenGroups)

Constructs a new contact factory constructing contacts of type type. The probBalkGen value generator is used to generate probabilities of balking while streamBalk is used to determine if the contact balks if not served immediately. The generators pgen, cgen, and acgen are used to generate patience times for contacts that do not balk, contact times, and after-contact times. cgenGroups and acgenGroups can be used to generate contact and after contact times used if the contact is served by a specific agent group.

If probBalkGen or streamBalk are null, the probability of balking will always be 0. If pgen is null, the patience time will always be infinite. The default contact time when the given generator is null is infinite while the default after-contact time is 0.

The constructed call factory assigns the default simulator returned by Simulator.get-DefaultSimulator() to each new contact.

## Parameters

type the contact type identifier of all new contacts.

probBalkGen the generator for balking probabilities.

streamBalk the random stream for balking.

pgen the patience time generator.

cgen the default contact time generator.

cgenGroups the agent-group specific contact time generators.

acgen the default after-contact time generator.

acgenGroups the agent-group specific after-contact time generators.

Equivalent to SingleTypeContactFactory (int, ValueGenerator, RandomStream, Random-VariateGen, RandomVariateGen, RandomVariateGen[], RandomVariateGen, RandomVariate-Gen[]), using the given simulator sim.

# Methods

## public Simulator simulator()

Returns the simulator associated with this contact factory. This simulator is associated with every contact instantiated by the factory.

Returns the associated simulator.

## public void setSimulator (Simulator sim)

Sets the simulator associated with this contact factory to sim.

## Parameter

sim the new associated simulator.

## public Contact newInstance()

Creates a new instance of class Contact, and initializes it by calling the setRandomVariables (Contact) method.

## public void setRandomVariables (Contact contact)

Generates the random variates related to a contact, and assigns the generated value to the given contact object.

## Parameter

contact the contact object to set up.

#### public RandomStream getStreamBalk()

Returns the random stream used for balking.

**Returns** the random stream used for balking.

## public void setStreamBalk (RandomStream streamBalk)

Sets the random stream used for balking to **streamBalk**.

streamBalk the new random stream for balking.

## public ValueGenerator getProbBalkGenerator()

Returns a reference to the value generator used for generating probabilities of balking.

## public void setProbBalkGenerator (ValueGenerator probBalkGen)

Sets the value generator for probability of balking to probBalkGen.

## public RandomVariateGen getPatienceTimeGen()

Returns the random-variate generator for patience times.

**Returns** the random variate generator for patience times.

## public void setPatienceTimeGen (RandomVariateGen pgen)

Sets the random variate generator for patience times to pgen.

### Parameter

pgen the new random variate generator for patience times.

## public RandomVariateGen getContactTimeGen()

Returns the random-variate generator for default contact times. This generates the contact times used when no contact time specific to the agent group performing the service is available.

**Returns** the random variate generator for contact times.

#### public void setContactTimeGen (RandomVariateGen cgen)

Sets the random variate generator for default contact times to cgen.

## Parameter

cgen the new random variate generator for contact times.

## public RandomVariateGen getAfterContactTimeGen()

Returns the random-variate generator for default after-contact times. This generates the after-contact times used when no after-contact time specific to the agent group performing the service is available.

**Returns** the random variate generator for default after-contact times.

#### public void setAfterContactTimeGen (RandomVariateGen acgen)

Sets the random variate generator for default after-contact times to acgen.

acgen the new random variate generator for default after-contact times.

# public RandomVariateGen[] getContactTimeGenGroups()

Returns the random variate generators for contact times when served by agents in specific groups.

**Returns** the contact time generators.

# public RandomVariateGen getContactTimeGen (int i)

Returns the random variate generator for contacts served by agents in group i.

## Parameter

i the agent group index.

**Returns** the contact time generator.

# public void setContactTimeGenGroups (RandomVariateGen[] cgenGroups)

Sets the contact-time generators for contacts served by specific agent groups to cgenGroups.

## Parameter

cgenGroups the new contact-time generators.

# public RandomVariateGen[] getAfterContactTimeGenGroups()

Returns the random variate generators for after-contact times when served by agents in specific groups.

**Returns** the after-contact time generators.

## public RandomVariateGen getAfterContactTimeGen (int i)

Returns the random variate generator for contacts served by agents in group i.

# Parameter

i the agent group index.

**Returns** the after-contact time generator.

# public void setAfterContactTimeGenGroups (RandomVariateGen[] acgenGroups)

Sets the contact-time generators for contacts served by specific agent groups to cgenGroups.

# Parameter

acgenGroups the new contact-time generators.

# public double getMeanContactTime (int i)

Returns the mean contact time for a new contact served by an agent in group i.

i the agent group identifier.

**Returns** the mean contact time.

## public double getMeanAfterContactTime (int i)

Returns the mean after-contact time for a new contact served by an agent in group i.

## Parameter

i the agent group identifier.

**Returns** the mean contact time.

## public int getTypeId()

Returns the type identifier for contacts returned by this factory.

**Returns** the type identifier of constructed contacts.

## public void setTypeId (int type)

Sets the type identifier of constructed contacts to type.

#### Parameter

type the type identifier of constructed contacts.

# **RandomTypeContactFactory**

Represents a contact factory that can create contacts of random types. Any instance of this class encapsulates an array of contact factories, and a probability of selection for each factory. Each time a new contact is needed, an internal factory is selected randomly based on the selection probabilities, and used to instantiate the contact.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;
```

```
public class RandomTypeContactFactory implements ContactFactory
```

#### Constructor

Constructs a random-type contact factory selecting contact factories from the array factories, with probabilities given by prob, and using the random stream stream. Contact factory factories[k] is selected with probability prob[k], for k=0,...,factories.length-1. If the values in prob do not sum to 1, they are normalized by dividing by their sum.

#### Parameters

factories the array of contact factories.

prob the array of probabilities of selection.

stream the random stream.

#### Throws

- NullPointerException if any of the above argument is null, or if at least one given contact factory is null.
- IllegalArgumentException if factories and prob do not share the same length, or if prob contains at least one negative value.

#### Methods

public ContactFactory[] getContactFactories()

Returns an array giving each internal contact factory that can be selected.

**Returns** the array of contact factories.

public double[] getProbabilities()

Returns an array giving the probability of selection for each internal contact factory.

**Returns** the array containing probabilities of selection.

# public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random stream used for performing the selection.

**Returns** the random stream for selection.

#### public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Sets the random stream for performing further selections to stream.

#### Parameter

**stream** the new random stream for selection.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if stream is null.

# **ContactInstantiationException**

This exception is thrown when a contact factory cannot instantiate a contact on a call to its ContactFactory.newInstance() method.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class ContactInstantiationException extends RuntimeException

## Constructors

#### public ContactInstantiationException (ContactFactory factory)

Constructs a new contact instantiation exception with no message, no cause, and thrown by the given factory.

#### Parameter

factory the contact factory having thrown the exception.

# 

Constructs a new contact instantiation exception with the given **message**, no cause, and concerning factory.

#### **Parameters**

factory the contact factory concerned by the exception.

message the error message describing the exception.

## 

Constructs a new contact instantiation exception with no message, the given cause, and concerning factory.

#### Parameters

factory the contact factory concerned by the exception.

cause the cause of the exception.

## 

Constructs a new contact instantiation exception with the given message, the supplied cause, and concerning factory.

factory the contact factory concerned by the exception.

message the error message describing the exception.

cause the cause of the exception.

# Methods

```
public ContactFactory getContactFactory()
```

Returns the contact factory concerned by this exception.

**Returns** the contact factory concerned by this exception.

## public String toString()

Returns a short description of the exception. If getContactFactory() returns null, this calls super.toString. Otherwise, the result is the concatenation of the strings:

- The name of the actual class of the exception
- ": For contact factory "
- the result of getContactFactory().toString()
- If Throwable.getMessage() is non-null
  - \_ ", "
  - The result of Throwable.getMessage()

**Returns** a string representation of the exception.

# NewContactListener

Defines a new-contact listener that receives incoming contacts for further processing. This interface is mainly used to link the contact arrival processes to routers or dialer lists. It can also be used for counting the number of arrivals, for statistical collecting.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public interface NewContactListener

## Method

```
public void newContact (Contact contact)
```

Notifies the listener about a new contact contact. The given contact object can be assumed non-null, and may be stored or processed in any needed ways.

## Parameter

contact the new contact.

# ContactSumMatrix

This sum matrix can be used to compute contact-related observations. It defines one measure type for each contact type as well as one aggregate measure. When the supported number of contact types is 1, it computes the aggregate sum only. When the supported number of contact types is greater than 1, it computes a sum specific for each type as well as the aggregate sum. If one does not require the sum row, one can use a SumMatrix instead.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class ContactSumMatrix extends SumMatrix

#### Constructors

public ContactSumMatrix (int numTypes)

Constructs a new contact sum matrix for numTypes contact types and one period.

#### Parameter

numTypes the number of contact types.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of contact types is negative or 0.

#### public ContactSumMatrix (PeriodChangeEvent pce, int numTypes)

Constructs a new contact sum matrix with period change event pce and for numTypes contact types. The number of periods is determined by using PeriodChangeEvent.getNum-Periods().

## Parameters

pce the period change event.

numTypes the number of contact types.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of contact types is negative or 0.

NullPointerException if pce is null.

public ContactSumMatrix (int numTypes, int numPeriods)

Constructs a new contact sum matrix for numTypes contact types and numPeriods periods.

#### Parameters

numTypes the number of contact types.

numPeriods the number of periods.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of contact types or periods is negative or 0.

# Methods

public void add (Contact contact, double x)

Equivalent to add (contact.getTypeId(), period, x) where period is the period at which the contact arrived. If no period change event was associated with this object, the period is always 0.

## Parameters

contact the contact to which the observation is related.

 $\mathbf{x}$  the value being added.

## Throws

NullPointerException if contact is null.

public void add (Contact contact, int period, double x)
Equivalent to add (contact.getTypeId(), period, x).

## Parameters

contact the contact to which the observation is related.

period the period the observation is added to.

 $\mathbf{x}$  the value being added.

## Throws

NullPointerException if contact is null.

public void add (int type, int period, double x)

Adds a new observation x for contact type type in the period **period**. If the object supports only one contact type, this will add one observation in the measure 0 of the matrix, independently of the contact type identifier. Otherwise, an observation is added in the measure corresponding the contact type as well as in the last measure for the aggregate sum. Even if the contact type identifier cannot be mapped to a valid measure index, the observation is added to the last row.

## Parameters

type the contact type of the new observation.

period the period of the new observation.

 $\mathbf{x}$  the value being added.

## Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if type or period are negative or greater than or equal to the number of supported contact types or periods.

# ContactStepInfo

Represents an information object about a single step (end of service, exit of waiting queue, etc.) in the life cycle of a contact in the contact center. Implementations of this interface are used when the steps of contacts are traced.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public interface ContactStepInfo

## Methods

public Contact getContact()

Returns the contact concerned by this step.

**Returns** the concerned contact.

#### public double getStartingTime()

Returns the simulation time at which this step started.

**Returns** the start time of the step.

#### public double getEndingTime()

Returns the simulation time at which this step ended.

**Returns** the end time of the step.

#### public ContactStepInfo clone (Contact clonedContact)

Makes a copy of this data object that will be associated with the cloned contact clonedContact. This method is intended to be used in Contact.clone().

#### Parameter

clonedContact the contact being cloned.

**Returns** the clone of this data object.

# TrunkGroup

Represents a group of trunks, i.e., phone lines or more generally communication channels, in a contact center. After a contact is constructed, it can be assigned a trunk group using Contact.setTrunkGroup (TrunkGroup). When the contact enters the router, a line is allocated. The contact is blocked if a line is not available.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class TrunkGroup implements Initializable, Named

## Constructor

#### public TrunkGroup (int capacity)

Constructs a new trunk group with capacity capacity. The capacity corresponds to the maximum number of allocated lines at any simulation time.

#### Parameter

capacity the total number of lines in the trunk group.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the capacity is negative.

# Methods

public int getCapacity()

Returns the current capacity of this trunk group.

**Returns** the current capacity.

public void setCapacity (int capacity)

Changes the capacity to capacity. If the given capacity is negative or smaller than the current number of allocated lines, an IllegalArgumentException is thrown.

## Parameter

capacity the new capacity.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if capacity is too small or negative.

public int lines()

Returns the current number of allocated lines.

**Returns** the current number of lines.

#### public void init()

Resets this trunk group, releasing all allocated lines. If statistical collecting is enabled, this also calls initStat().

#### public void initStat()

Initializes the two statistical collectors for the number of lines and the capacity. If statistical collecting is disabled, this throws an IllegalStateException.

#### Throws

**IllegalStateException** if statistical collecting is disabled.

public boolean take (Contact contact)

Indicates that the contact contact enters the system and takes one line from this trunk group. If all lines are busy, this returns false. Otherwise, this returns true.

#### Parameter

contact the contact allocating the line.

**Returns** the success indicator.

#### public void release (Contact contact)

Releases the trunk line allocated by the contact contact.

## Parameter

contact the contact releasing the line.

#### public boolean isStatCollecting()

Determines if this trunk group is collecting statistics about the number of allocated lines and its capacity. By default, statistical collecting is turned OFF.

**Returns** the statistical collecting indicator.

#### public void setStatCollecting (boolean b)

Sets the statistical collecting to b. If b is true, the collecting is turned ON. Otherwise, it is turned OFF.

#### Parameter

**b** the statistical collecting indicator.

#### public void setStatCollecting (Simulator sim)

Enables statistical collecting, but associates the given simulator to the internal accumulates.

sim the simulator associated to the internal accumulates.

# public void setStatCollectiong (Simulator sim)

Enables statistical collecting, and attach the simulator sim to the internal accumulates. The given simulator is used to determine the simulation time when the values of the probes are updated.

# Parameter

sim the given simulator.

# public Accumulate getStatCapacity()

Returns the statistical collector for the capacity of this trunk group through simulation time. The returned value is non-null only if setStatCollecting (boolean) was called with true.

**Returns** the statistical collector for the capacity of this trunk group.

# public Accumulate getStatLines()

Returns the statistical collector for the number of allocated lines through simulation time. The returned value is non-null only if setStatCollecting (boolean) was called with true.

**Returns** the statistical collector for the number of allocated lines.

# ContactSource

Represents a contact source which produces contacts during a simulation. Before any simulation replication, any contact source needs to be initialized. Since initialization disables the source, the source must be enabled to produce contacts. When a contact is produced, the contact source should instantiate a Contact object using a user-specified ContactFactory implementation, or pick an instance from an internal list. It should then notify the new contact to any registered NewContactListener implementation.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public interface ContactSource extends ToggleElement, Initializable, Named

#### Methods

#### public void init()

Initializes the contact source for a new replication of a simulation. This method should disable the contact source if it is enabled, and cancel any scheduled event. One can assume this method will be called before any simulation replication starts.

#### public void addNewContactListener (NewContactListener listener)

Adds the listener listener to be notified when a new contact is produced. If the listener was already registered, nothing happens, because the listener cannot be notified more than once.

## Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being added.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

#### public void removeNewContactListener (NewContactListener listener)

Removes the new-contact listener listener from the list associated with this contact source. If the listener was not previously registered with this contact source, nothing happens.

#### Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being removed.

#### public void clearNewContactListeners()

Clears the list of new-contact listeners associated with this contact source.

#### public List<NewContactListener> getNewContactListeners()

Returns an unmodifiable list containing all the new-contact listeners registered with this contact source.

Returns the list of all registered new-contact listeners.

## public Simulator simulator()

Returns a reference to the simulator associated with this contact source. The simulator is used to schedule any event required by the contact source to produce contacts.

Any implementation of this interface should provide a constructor accepting the simulator as an argument. Constructors not receiving a simulator should use the default simulator returned by Simulator.getDefaultSimulator().

**Returns** the associated simulator.

## public void setSimulator (Simulator sim)

Sets the simulator attached to this contact source to sim. This method should not be called while the contact source is started.

## Parameter

sim the new simulator.

## Throws

NullPointerException if sim is null.

# **ContactArrivalProcess**

Represents a contact arrival process modeling the arrival of inbound contacts. Such a process schedules an event for each new contact, and broadcasts the arrival to any registered new-contact listeners. More specifically, a single simulation event manages arrivals as follows: upon an arrival, a new contact is instantiated using the associated contact factory, the contact is broadcast to any registered listener, and the next arrival is scheduled. The interarrival times are computed using the nextTime() method which needs to be implemented in a concrete subclass. This abstract class also takes care of new-contact listeners registration and notification. Subclasses only needs to define nextTime() and optionally init() which initializes the arrival process at the beginning of the simulation. It is also possible to access the scheduled new-contact event to reschedule or cancel it as needed. Implementing getArrivalRate (int), and getExpectedArrivalRate (int) is recommended to allow programs to get the arrival rate and expected arrival rate.

Each arrival process has an associated simulator which is an instance of the Simulator class. This simulator is used to schedule the event managing the arrival process. It is also assumed that the user-defined contact factory attaches this simulator to each new contact. Failing to meet this condition might lead to unexpected behavior, and will trigger a failed assertion if assertion checking is turned on during execution.

The arrival process can be inflated or deflated by a *busyness factor* denoted B, a random variable with mean 1, and usually generated once for a day. Any arrival process can be defined as  $\{N(t), t \ge 0\}$ , where N(t) is the number of arrivals during the time interval [0, t). The process affected by the busyness,  $\{\tilde{N}(t), t \ge 0\}$ , is given by taking  $\tilde{N}(t) = \text{round}(BN(t))$ , where round( $\cdot$ ) rounds its argument to the nearest integer. The exact way to take account of the busyness factor depends on the specific arrival process. For example, for Poisson processes, the busyness is used to inflate or deflate the  $\lambda$  arrival rate.

The busyness factor must be set externally, because the value of B for this arrival process is often correlated with B for other arrival processes. The recommended way to set B is using init (double). The current value of B might be obtained using getBusynessFactor(). By default, it is assumed that  $\mathbb{E}[B] = 1$ . If this is not true for a particular model, one should call setExpectedBusynessFactor (double) to set the expectation of the factor.

Note: the NewContactListener implementations are notified in the order of the list returned by getNewContactListeners(), and a new-contact listener modifying the list of listeners by using addNewContactListener (NewContactListener) or removeNewContact-Listener (NewContactListener) could result in unpredictable behavior.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public abstract class ContactArrivalProcess implements ContactSource

# Field

#### protected final Event contactEvent

Event representing the arrival of a new contact. Subclasses can cancel or reschedule this event to adjust it when a parameter change occurs.

## Constructors

## public ContactArrivalProcess (ContactFactory factory)

Constructs a new contact arrival process creating contacts using the given factory.

#### Parameter

factory the factory creating contacts for this arrival process.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if factory is null.

#### public ContactArrivalProcess (Simulator sim, ContactFactory factory)

Equivalent to  ${\tt ContactArrivalProcess}$  (ContactFactory), with a user-defined simulator sim.

## Parameters

sim the simulator attached to this arrival process.

factory the factory creating contacts for this arrival process.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if sim or factory are null.

## Methods

public abstract double nextTime()

Computes and returns the time before the next contact arrival is simulated by this object. If this method returns Double.POSITIVE\_INFINITY, no more arrival events will be scheduled until the arrival process is reinitialized.

**Returns** the time before the next arrival.

## public double getBusynessFactor()

Returns the currently used busyness factor B, which must be greater than or equal to 0, and defaults to 1.

**Returns** the current busyness factor.

#### public void setBusynessFactor (double b)

Sets the busyness factor to b. This method should be called before init() is called, or one should use init (double).

#### Parameter

**b** the new busyness factor.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if b is negative.

#### public double getExpectedBusynessFactor()

Returns the expected value of the busyness factor for this arrival process.

**Returns** the expected value of the busyness factor.

#### public void setExpectedBusynessFactor (double bMean)

Sets the expected busyness factor for this arrival process to bMean.

#### Parameter

bMean the new value of the expectation.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if bMean is negative.

#### public void init (double b)

Initializes this process with a specific busyness factor B = b. By default, this method simply calls setBusynessFactor (double) followed by init().

#### Parameter

**b** the value of the busyness factor.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if  $b \leq 0$ .

#### public void init()

Initializes the new arrival process. If this method is overridden by a subclass, it is important to call super.init() in order to ensure that everything is initialized correctly.

#### public ContactFactory getContactFactory()

Returns a reference to the associated contact factory. This factory is used to instantiate contact objects.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ associated \ contact \ factory}.$ 

# public void setContactFactory (ContactFactory factory)

Sets the contact factory to factory. This new contact factory will be used to instantiate future contact objects.

# Parameter

factory the new contact factory.

# Throws

NullPointerException if the given contact factory is null.

# public void startStationary()

Setup the arrival process to be stationary, and starts it using the **start()** method. When an arrival process is started using this method, its parameters do not evolve with time. This can be useful, e.g., to simulate a single period as if it was infinite in the model. If the arrival process does not support stationary mode, this method throws an unsupported-operation exception. The default behavior of this method is to throw this exception.

# public void start (double delay)

Starts this arrival process and schedules the first arrival to happen after delay simulation time units, independently of how nextTime() is implemented. If delay is set to Double. POSITIVE\_INFINITY, no arrival is scheduled. Any subsequent inter-arrival times will be generated with nextTime() as usual.

# Parameter

delay the first inter-arrival time.

# public double getNextArrivalTime()

Returns the simulation time of the next arrival currently scheduled by this arrival process. If the arrival process is stopped or no arrival is scheduled, this returns a negative number.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ arrival \ time \ of \ the \ next \ contact.}$ 

# public double getArrivalRate (int p)

Determines the arrival rate in period p for this arrival process. The arrival rate corresponds to the expected number of arrivals per simulation time unit during the specified period; one must multiply the rate by the period duration to get the expected number of arrivals during the period.

If arrival rate is random, this returns the arrival rate for the current replication. One should use getExpectedArrivalRate (int) or getExpectedArrivalRateB (int) to get the expected arrival rate.

If the arrival rate is not available, throws an  ${\tt UnsupportedOperationException}.$ 

# Parameter

 ${\tt p} \quad {\rm the \; queried \; period \; index.}$ 

**Returns** the arrival rate in that period.

```
public void getArrivalRates (double[] rates)
```

Fills the given array rates with the arrival rate for each period. After this method returns, element rates [p] corresponds to the value returned by getArrivalRate (p).

## Parameter

rates the array filled with rates.

# public double getExpectedArrivalRate (int p)

Determines the expected arrival rate in period **p** for this arrival process assuming that the expected value of the busyness factor is 1. The arrival rate corresponds to the expected number of arrivals per simulation time unit during the specified period; one must multiply the rate by the period duration to get the expected number of arrivals during the period. If arrival rates are deterministic, this returns the same value as getArrivalRate (int).

If  $\mathbb{E}[B] \neq 1$ , one should use getExpectedArrivalRateB (int) which takes the expectation of the busyness factor into account.

If the expected arrival rate is not available, throws an UnsupportedOperationException. This is the default behavior of this method if not overridden by a subclass.

## Parameter

**p** the queried period index.

**Returns** the expected arrival rate in that period.

# public void getExpectedArrivalRates (double[] rates)

Fills the given array **rates** with the expected arrival rate for each period. After this method returns, element **rates**[p] corresponds to the value returned by **getExpectedArrivalRate**(p).

## Parameter

**rates** the array filled with rates.

## public double getExpectedArrivalRateB (int p)

Returns the expected arrival rate considering the current expected busyness factor. This corresponds to the product of the value returned by getExpectedArrivalRate (int), and the value returned by getExpectedBusynessFactor().

# Parameter

**p** the tested period.

**Returns** the tested arrival rate.

# public void getExpectedArrivalRatesB (double[] rates)

Fills the given array **rates** with the expected arrival rate for each period. After this method returns, element **rates**[p] corresponds to the value returned by **getExpectedArrivalRateB**(p).

rates the array filled with rates.

## public double getArrivalRate (double st, double et)

Determines the mean arrival rate in time interval [s, e]. The arrival rate corresponds to the expected number of arrivals per simulation time unit during the specified interval; one must multiply the rate by the interval length to get the expected number of arrivals during the interval. If  $\lambda(t)$  is the arrival rate at time t, this method returns the result of

$$\int_{s}^{e} \lambda(t) dt / (e-s).$$

If arrival rate is random, this returns the arrival rate for the current replication. One should use getExpectedArrivalRate (double, double) or getExpectedArrivalRateB (double, double) to get the expected arrival rate.

This method returns 0 if  $e \leq s$ .

If the arrival rate is not available, throws an UnsupportedOperationException. This is the default behavior of this method if not overridden by a subclass.

## Parameters

- st the starting time s.
- et the ending time e.

**Returns** the arrival rate in the given time interval.

#### public double getExpectedArrivalRate (double st, double et)

Determines the expected mean arrival rate in time interval [s, e] for this arrival process assuming that the expected value of the busyness factor is 1. The arrival rate corresponds to the expected number of arrivals per simulation time unit during the specified interval; one must multiply the rate by the interval length to get the expected number of arrivals during the interval. If arrival rates are deterministic, this returns the same value as getArrivalRate (double, double). If  $\lambda(t)$  is the arrival rate at time t, this method returns

$$\int_{s}^{e} \mathbb{E}[\lambda(t)] dt / (e-s).$$

If  $\mathbb{E}[B] \neq 1$ , one should use getExpectedArrivalRateB (double, double) which takes the expectation of the busyness factor into account.

This method returns 0 if  $e \leq s$ .

If the expected arrival rate is not available, throws an UnsupportedOperationException. This is the default behavior of this method if not overridden by a subclass.

## Parameters

- st the starting time s.
- et the ending time e.

**Returns** the expected arrival rate in the given time interval.

## public double getExpectedArrivalRateB (double st, double et)

Returns the expected mean arrival rate considering the current expected busyness factor. This corresponds to the product of the value returned by getExpectedArrivalRate (double, double), and the value returned by getExpectedBusynessFactor().

## Parameters

st the starting time s.

et the ending time e.

**Returns** the expected arrival rate in the given time interval.

# public void notifyNewContact (Contact contact)

Notifies the contact contact to every registered listener.

## Parameter

contact the contact to be notified.

# ${\bf Stationary Contact Arrival Process}$

Defines a contact arrival process with inter-arrival times following a stationary distribution. When an inter-arrival time is required, a random variate generator is used to get a random value.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class StationaryContactArrivalProcess extends ContactArrivalProcess

#### Constructors

## public StationaryContactArrivalProcess (ContactFactory factory, RandomVariateGen timesGen)

Constructs a new contact arrival process creating contacts using the given factory and using timesGen to generate the inter-arrival times.

#### Parameters

factory the factory creating contacts for this arrival process.

timesGen the random variate generator used to generate times between arrivals.

```
public StationaryContactArrivalProcess (Simulator sim, ContactFactory
factory, RandomVariateGen timesGen)
```

Equivalent to StationaryContactArrivalProcess (ContactFactory, RandomVariateGen), using the given simulator sim.

# Methods

#### public RandomVariateGen getTimesGen()

Returns the random variate generator used to generate the times between each arrival.

**Returns** the random variate generator associated with this object.

#### public void setTimesGen (RandomVariateGen timesGen)

Sets the random variate generator for inter-arrival times to timesGen.

#### Parameter

timesGen the new random variate generator.

## Throws

NullPointerException if timesGen is null.

# **PoissonArrivalProcess**

Represents a Poisson-based contact arrival process. This base class implements a Poisson arrival process with (piecewise-)constant arrival rates: when an inter-arrival time is required, it is generated from the exponential distribution with rate  $B\lambda$ . By default, the arrival rate is constant, but it may be changed at any time during the simulation. When the arrival rate changes, the currently scheduled arrival is adjusted automatically to reflect the change. This class can be used as a basis each time the rate function  $\lambda(t)$  of a Poisson process is piecewise-constant over the simulation time t.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class PoissonArrivalProcess extends ContactArrivalProcess

#### Constructors

Constructs a new Poisson arrival process instantiating new contacts using factory. The parameter  $\lambda$  is initialized with lambda and the random number stream stream is used to generate the needed uniforms.

## Parameters

factory the factory instantiating contacts.

lambda the initial value of  $\lambda(t)$ .

stream random number stream.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if lambda < 0.

NullPointerException if factory or stream are null.

public PoissonArrivalProcess (Simulator sim, ContactFactory factory, double lambda, RandomStream stream)

Equivalent to PoissonArrivalProcess (ContactFactory, double, RandomStream), with the given simulator sim.

## Methods

public double getLambda()

Returns the current value of the arrival rate  $\lambda$ .

**Returns** the current value of  $\lambda$ .

## public void setLambda (double newLambda)

Changes the value of  $\lambda$  to newLambda. This adjusts the time of the next arrival if necessary. If newLambda is set to 0, the currently scheduled arrival, if any, is cancelled and the Poisson process is stopped. The Poisson process can be restarted by setting a new non-zero  $\lambda$  value.

## Parameter

newLambda the new value of  $\lambda$ .

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if newLambda < 0.

## public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random number stream used to generate the uniforms for inter-arrival times.

**Returns** the random number stream for the uniforms.

## public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Sets the random number stream used to generate the uniforms for the inter-arrival times to stream.

## Parameter

stream the new random number stream.

## Throws

NullPointerException if stream is null.

## public boolean isCaching()

Determines if the generated inter-arrival times are cached for more efficiency. When caching is enabled, the arrival process records every standardized inter-arrival time generated. These random times follow the exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 1$ , and are divided by the arrival rate in use. Therefore, the cache can be used even if the arrival rate changes. The **initCache()** method must be called to start reusing cached values. This avoids some computations and increases the performance, at the expense of memory. This is useful when comparing several contact centers with common random numbers. By default, this caching is disabled for more efficient memory usage.

**Returns** the caching indicator for this arrival process.

## public void setCaching (boolean caching)

Sets the caching indicator to caching for this Poisson process.

# Parameter

caching the new value of the caching indicator.

```
See also isCaching()
```

```
public void initCache()
```

Resets the random variate generator cache to get the generated inter-arrival times. This method has no effect if caching is disabled.

```
See also isCaching()
```

```
public void clearCache()
```

Clears the cached inter-arrival times for this Poisson arrival process. This has some effect only if caching is enabled.

See also isCaching()

public RandomVariateGenWithCache getGenWithCache()

Returns the random variate generator for the exponential arrival times used when caching is enabled. If caching is disabled, the method throws an IllegalStateException.

**Returns** the random variate generator.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if caching is disabled.

```
public void startStationary()
```

This method calls ContactArrivalProcess.start() assuming that the  $\lambda$  arrival rate will not change during simulation. Subclasses violating this assumption should override this method.

Estimates the parameters of a Poisson arrival process with arrival rate  $\lambda$  from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals**. Element **arrivals**[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, p = 0, ..., P - 1, n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This method sums the number of arrivals on every period for each day and uses the resulting array of numObs observations to estimate a Poisson arrival rate. This returns an array containing the estimated  $\hat{\lambda}$ , which estimates the expected number of arrivals during one day.

# Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the estimated arrival rates.

```
public static PoissonArrivalProcess getInstanceFromMLE (ContactFactory
factory,
RandomStream
stream, double
dayLength, int[][]
arrivals, int
numObs, int
numPeriods)
```

Constructs a new arrival process with arrival rate estimated by the maximum likelihood method based on the numObs observations in array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, p = 0, ..., P - 1, n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. The estimated arrival rate, which approximates the expected number of arrivals during a day, is divided by dayLength to be relative to one time unit.

## Parameters

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream to generate arrival times.

dayLength the duration of the day, in simulation time units.

arrivals the number of arrivals.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the constructed arrival process.

# PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess

Represents a non-homogeneous Poisson arrival process with piecewise-constant arrival rates. Each inter-arrival time is an exponential variate with rate  $\lambda(t)$ , where  $\lambda(t) = B\lambda_{p(t)}$  is a piecewise-constant function over simulation time. The function p(t) gives the period corresponding to simulation time t whereas  $\lambda_p$  is the base arrival rate for the Poisson process, during period p. This class uses the PoissonArrivalProcess base class to generate interarrival times and to adjust the arrival time when the rate changes. If a single period p is simulated as if it was infinite in the model, the arrival rate is fixed to  $\lambda_p$ .

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;
```

public class PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess extends PoissonArrivalProcess implements PeriodChangeListener

# Field

public static double s\_bgammaParam

Contains the parameter for the gamma-distributed busyness factor given by methods for parameter estimation. This is the alpha parameter of the gamma distribution for busyness. ATTENTION: variable de travail; utiliser tout de suite apres getMLENegMulti

## Constructors

# 

Constructs a new Poisson arrival process with piecewise-constant arrival rates instantiating new contacts using factory. The parameter  $\lambda$  is initialized with Blambdas[0], and is updated at the beginning of each period with a value from lambdas. The random number stream stream is used to generate the needed uniforms. The newly-constructed arrival process is added to the period-change event pce for the arrival rate to be automatically updated.

## Parameters

pce the period-change event associated with this object.

factory the factory instantiating contacts.

lambdas the base arrival rates.

stream the random number generator for inter-arrival times.
IllegalArgumentException if there is not one rate per period.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

Similar to (PeriodChangeEvent, ContactFactory, double[], RandomStream), but with busyness generator bgen. It generates a busyness factor multiplying the base rate.

## Parameters

pce the period-change event associated with this object.

factory the factory instantiating contacts.

lambdas the base arrival rates.

stream the random number generator for inter-arrival times.

bgen random number generator for busyness

Throws

IllegalArgumentException if there is not one rate per period.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

## Methods

public static void setNumMC (int n)

Sets the number of Monte Carlo samples to n. This is the number of MC samples used in the getMLE method in subclasses.

## Parameter

n

```
public static int getNumMC()
```

Sets the number of Monte Carlo samples to n. This is the number of MC samples used in the getMLE method in subclasses.

## public boolean isNormalizing()

Determines if the base arrival rates are normalized with period duration. When normalization is enabled, for period p, the effective base arrival rate is getLambda (p)/getPeriod-ChangeEvent().getPeriodDuration (p). No normalization is applied for the wrap-up period, because its duration is unknown when it starts. If normalization is disabled (the default), the base arrival rates are used as specified.

**Returns** if the arrival process normalizes base arrival rates.

```
public void setNormalizing (boolean b)
```

Sets the arrival rates normalization indicator to b.

#### Parameter

**b** the new arrival rate normalization indicator.

```
See also isNormalizing()
```

```
public PeriodChangeEvent getPeriodChangeEvent()
```

Returns the period-change event associated with this object.

**Returns** the associated period-change event.

public void startStationary()

This method checks that the associated period-change event is locked to a fixed period, and calls ContactArrivalProcess.start() if this is the case. Otherwise, it throws an unsupported-operation exception since the arrival rate can change with the current period.

#### public double[] getLambdas()

Returns the current value of lambdas.

**Returns** the current base rates for the process.

#### public void setLambdas (double[] lambdas)

Sets the base arrival rates to lambdas.

#### Parameter

lambdas the new base arrival rates.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if the given array is null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if the length of the array is smaller than the number of periods.

## 

Estimates the parameters of a Poisson arrival process with piecewise-constant arrival rate from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals**, and returns an array giving the estimated arrival rate for each main period. Element **arrivals**[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during main period p, where i = 0, ..., n-1, p = 0, ..., P-1, n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This method estimates the expected number of arrivals during main period p, noted  $\lambda_p$ , independently for each main period, assuming that the number of arrivals in that period follows the Poisson distribution. The returned array contains the estimated arrival rate for each of the P periods, noted  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_P$ .

#### Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the estimated arrival rates.

#### public static void setVarianceEpsilon (double eps)

Sets the lower limit for the variance of the busyness distribution. When the variance would be smaller than eps, the parameter of the busyness distribution is reset so that variance = eps.

#### public static double getVarianceEpsilon()

Returns the value of varianceEpsilon.

**Returns** the lower bound of the variance for busyness

## 

Estimates the parameters of a Poisson arrival process with piecewise-constant arrival rate multiplied by a day-specific busyness factor following the gamma( $\alpha_0, \alpha_0$ ) distribution from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals**. Element **arrivals**[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals of this type on day i during main period p, where  $i = 0, \ldots, n - 1$ ,  $p = 0, \ldots, P - 1$ , n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This returns an array with the estimated arrival rates and stores the gamma busyness parameter in **s\_bgammaParam**. This method assumes that the number of arrivals during main periods, represented by the vector  $A_1, \ldots, A_P$ , follows the negative multinomial distribution with parameters ( $\alpha_0, \rho_1, \ldots, \rho_P$ ) where  $\rho_p = \lambda_p/(\alpha_0 + \sum_{k=1}^P \lambda_k)$  for  $p = 1, \ldots, P$ . After  $\alpha_0, \rho_1, \ldots, \rho_P$  are estimated using maximum likelihood, arrival rate for any main period  $p = 1, \ldots, P$  can be obtained using  $\lambda_p = \alpha_0 \rho_p / \rho_0$ , where  $\rho_0 = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^P \rho_k$ . This method thus returns the array with  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_P$ .

#### Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the estimated arrival rates.

public static PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess getInstanceFromMLE
(PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream, int[][]
arrivals, int numObs, int numPeriods, boolean withGammaBusyness)

Constructs a new arrival process with arrival rates estimated by the maximum likelihood method based on the numObs observations in array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, p = 0, ..., P - 1, n =numObs, and P = numPeriods. If withGammaBusyness is true, the number of arrivals is considered to follow the negative multinomial distribution, and the  $\alpha_0$  parameter for the gamma-distributed busyness factor is stored in s\_bgammaParam. Otherwise, the periods are considered independent, and the number of arrivals during a period is considered to follow the Poisson distribution. The expected number of arrivals used during the preliminary period is equal to the expectation estimated for the first main period while the arrival rate during the wrap-up period is always 0.

#### **Parameters**

pce the period-change event marking the end of periods.

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream to generate arrival times.

arrivals the number of arrivals.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

withGammaBusyness determines if the  $\alpha_0$  parameter is estimated in addition to the arrival rates.

**Returns** the constructed arrival process.

# ${\bf Poisson Arrival Process With Time Intervals}$

Represents a Poisson arrival process with piecewise-constant arrival rates that can change at arbitrary moments during the simulation. This process is similar to PiecewiseConstant-PoissonArrivalProcess, except the times arrival rates change do not need to correspond to main periods. More specifically, let  $t_0 < \cdots < t_L$  be an increasing sequence of simulation times, and let  $B\lambda_j$ , for  $j = 0, \ldots, L - 1$ , be the arrival rate during time interval  $[t_j, t_{j+1})$ . The arrival rate is 0 for  $t < t_0$  and  $t \ge t_L$ .

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;
```

Constructors

Calls PoissonArrivalProcessWithTimeIntervals (Simulator.getDefaultSimulator(), factory, times, lambdas, stream).

Constructs a new arrival process using the simulator sim, the contact factory factory for creating contacts, times  $t_0, \ldots, t_L$  in array times, and arrival rates in array lambdas. Interarrival times are generated using the random stream stream.

## Parameters

sim the simulator used to schedule events.

factory the factory creating contacts for this arrival process.

times the sequence of times at which arrival rate changes.

lambdas the arrival rates.

stream the random stream for inter-arrival times.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

IllegalArgumentException if lambdas.length is smaller than 1, or if times.length
 does not correspond to lambdas.length plus 1, or if times is not an increasing sequence
 of numbers.

## Methods

```
public boolean isNormalizing()
```

Determines if the base arrival rates are normalized with length of intervals. When normalization is enabled, for interval  $t_{j+1} - t_j$ , the effective base arrival rate is  $\lambda_j/(t_{j+1} - t_j)$ . If normalization is disabled (the default), the base arrival rates are used as specified.

**Returns** if the arrival process normalizes base arrival rates.

```
public void setNormalizing (boolean b)
```

Sets the arrival rates normalization indicator to b.

#### Parameter

**b** the new arrival rate normalization indicator.

See also isNormalizing()

```
public double[] getTimes()
```

Returns the array of times containing  $t_0, \ldots, t_L$ .

**Returns** the array of times.

```
public double[] getArrivalRatesInt()
```

Similar to ContactArrivalProcess.getArrivalRates (double[]), for the arrival rates per interval.

#### public double[] getExpectedArrivalRatesInt()

Similar to ContactArrivalProcess.getExpectedArrivalRates (double[]), for the arrival rates per interval.

```
public double[] getExpectedArrivalRatesBInt()
```

Similar to ContactArrivalProcess.getExpectedArrivalRatesB (double[]), for the arrival rates per interval.

# PoissonGammaArrivalProcess

Represents a doubly-stochastic Poisson process with piecewise-constant randomized arrival rates [11]. The base arrival rates  $\lambda_p$  are constant during each period, but they are not deterministic: for period p, the base rate of the Poisson process is defined as  $\lambda_p$  times a gamma random variable with shape and scale parameters  $\alpha_{G,p}$ , and mean 1. However, if  $\alpha_{G,p}$ or  $\lambda_p$  are 0, the resulting arrival rate during period p is always set to 0. As with the Poisson process with deterministic arrival rates, the generated base arrival rates are multiplied by a global busyness factor B for the day, and also by a busyness factor  $B_p$  specific to each period of the day in order to get the arrival rates. Because the values of  $\lambda(t)$  are generated once for a replication, in the **init()** method, not calling this method before the simulation starts could lead to unpredictable arrival rates.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class PoissonGammaArrivalProcess extends PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess

## Constructor

```
public PoissonGammaArrivalProcess (PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory
factory, double[] galphas, double[]
glambdas, RandomStream stream,
RandomStream streamBusyness)
```

Constructs a new Poisson-gamma arrival process using factory to instantiate contacts. For each period **p**, the parameters of the gamma rate are given in galphas[**p**] and glambdas[**p**]. The random stream stream is used to generate the uniforms for the exponential times whereas the stream streamBusyness is used to generate the busyness factors for each period of the day.

## Parameters

pce the period-change event associated with this object.

factory the factory creating contacts for this generator.

galphas the  $\alpha_{G,p}$  parameters for the gamma variates for busyness.

glambdas the  $\lambda_p$  arrival rates.

stream random number stream for the exponential variates.

streamBusyness random number stream for the gamma rate values.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if there is not one rate for each period.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

## Methods

public double[] getGammaAlphas()

Returns the parameters  $\alpha_{G,p}$  of the gamma distribution for busyness.

**Returns** the  $\alpha_{G,p}$  parameters.

public double[] getGammaLambdas()

Returns the  $\lambda_p$  parameters for the rates.

**Returns** the  $\lambda_p$  parameters.

public void setGammaParams (double[] galphas, double[] glambdas)

Sets the  $\alpha_{G,p}$  and  $\lambda_p$  parameters for the busyness and the arrival rates to galphas and glambdas, respectively.

#### **Parameters**

galphas the new  $\alpha_{G,p}$  parameters.

glambdas the new  $\lambda_p$  rates.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if the given arrays are null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if the length of the given arrays does not correspond to at least the number of periods.

#### public RandomStream getBusynessStream()

Returns the random stream used to generate the busyness factors for this arrival process.

**Returns** the random stream for the values of the busyness factors.

public void setBusynessStream (RandomStream streamBusyness)

Changes the random stream used to generate the busyness factors for this arrival process.

#### Parameter

streamBusyness random number stream for the busyness factors.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if the parameter is null.

## 

Estimates the parameters of a Poisson-gamma arrival process from the number of arrivals in the array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, and p = 0, ..., P - 1, with n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This method estimates  $\alpha_{G,p}$  and  $\lambda_p$  independently for each period, assuming that the number of arrivals in that period follows the negative binomial distribution with first parameter  $\alpha_{G,p}$ . The returned array contains  $(\alpha_{G,0}, \lambda_0, ..., \alpha_{G,P-1}, \lambda_{P-1})$ .

## Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the estimated  $\alpha_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  parameters.

## public static PoissonGammaArrivalProcess getInstanceFromMLE (PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream, RandomStream streamBusyness, int[][] arrivals, int numObs, int numPeriods)

Constructs a new arrival process with gamma arrival rates estimated by the maximum likelihood method based on the numObs observations in array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, p = 0, ..., P - 1, with n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. The parameters of the gamma-distributed arrival rates during the main periods are estimated using getMLE (int[][], int, int). For the preliminary period, the parameters of the first main period are used. For the wrap-up periods, both parameters are set to 0; as a result, the arrival rate is always 0 during the wrap-up period.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event marking the end of periods.

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream random stream to generate arrival times.

streamBusyness random stream to generate busyness factors.

arrivals the number of arrivals.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the constructed arrival process.

## 

Estimates the parameters of a Poisson-gamma arrival process for the case of a global busyness factor for the day, and specific busyness factors for each period of the day, from the number of arrivals in the array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, and p = 0, ..., P - 1, with n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This method estimates and returns the parameters of the gamma distribution  $\alpha_{G,p}$  and the average rate  $\lambda_p$  for each period. The returned array contains  $(\alpha_{G,0}, \lambda_0, ..., \alpha_{G,P-1}, \lambda_{P-1})$ . The global busyness factor is also estimated. This is the case where the arrivals are determined from  $B * B_i * \lambda_i$ .

## Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

numMC the number of MonteCarlo samples used in the estimation.

arrPar other parameters of the arrival process.

**Returns** the estimated gamma and lambda parameters of this process.

## ${\bf Poisson Gamma Norta Rates Arrival Process}$

Represents a doubly-stochastic Gamma-Poisson process with piecewise-constant randomized correlated arrival rates. The base arrival rates  $\lambda_p$  are constant during each period, but they are not deterministic: for period p, the base rate of the Poisson process is defined as a correlated gamma random variable. The marginal distribution of the rate is gamma with shape parameter  $\alpha_{G,p}$ , and scale parameter  $\lambda_{G,p}$  (mean  $\alpha_{G,p}/\lambda_{G,p}$ ). The correlation structure is modelled using Normal copula model with positive definite correlation matrix  $\Sigma$  having elements in [-1, 1]. If  $\alpha_{G,p}$  or  $\lambda_{G,p}$  are 0, the resulting arrival rate during period p is always 0. As with the Poisson process with deterministic arrival rates, the generated base arrival rates are multiplied by a busyness factor B to get the arrival rates. Because the values of  $\lambda(t)$  are generated once for a replication, in the init() method, not calling this method before the simulation starts could lead to unpredictable arrival rates.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class PoissonGammaNortaRatesArrivalProcess extends PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess

#### Constructor

public	${\tt PoissonGammaNortaRatesArrivalProcess}$	(PeriodChangeEvent pce,
		ContactFactory factory,
		<pre>double[] galphas, double[]</pre>
		<pre>glambdas, double[][] CorrMtx,</pre>
		RandomStream stream,
		RandomStream busynessStream)

Constructs a new Poisson-gamma arrival process using factory to instantiate contacts. For each period **p**, the parameters of the gamma rate are given in galphas[p] and glambdas[p]. The random stream stream is used to generate the uniforms for the exponential times whereas the stream busynessStream is used to generate the gamma rates.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event associated with this object.

factory the factory creating contacts for this generator.

galphas the  $\alpha_{G,p}$  parameters of the gamma variates.

glambdas the  $\lambda_{G,p}$  parameters of the gamma variates.

CorrMtx the correlation matrix of the Normal copula model for rates.

stream random number stream for the exponential variates.

busynessStream random number stream for the busyness factor.

**IllegalArgumentException** if there is not one rate for each period.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

#### Methods

```
public double[] getGammaAlphas()
```

Returns the parameters  $\alpha_{G,p}$  for the gamma rates.

**Returns** the  $\alpha_{G,p}$  parameters for this object.

#### public double[] getGammaLambdas()

Returns the  $\lambda_p$  parameters for the arrivals rates.

**Returns** the  $\lambda_p$  parameters.

```
public void setGammaParams (double[] galphas, double[] glambdas)
```

Sets the  $\alpha_{G,p}$  and  $\lambda_p$  parameters for the gamma arrival rates to galphas and glambdas, respectively.

#### Parameters

galphas the new  $\alpha_{G,p}$  parameters.

glambdas the new  $\lambda_p$  parameters.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if the given arrays are null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if the length of the given arrays does not correspond to at least the number of periods.

#### public double[][] getSigma()

Returns the correlation matrix associated with this arrival process.

**Returns** the associated correlation matrix.

#### public void setSigma (double[][] CorrMtx)

Sets the associated correlation matrix to CorrMtx.

#### Parameter

CorrMtx the new sigma correlation matrix.

NullPointerException if CorrMtx is null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if CorrMtx is not a  $P \times P$  symmetric and positive-definite matrix.

#### public RandomStream getBusynessStream()

Returns the random stream used to generate the busyness factors for the Poisson arrival process.

**Returns** the random stream for the values of  $\lambda_p$ .

#### public void setBusynessStream (RandomStream busynessStream)

Changes the random stream used to generate the busyness factors for the Poisson arrival process.

## Parameter

**busynessStream** random number generator for the  $\lambda_p$  values.

## Throws

NullPointerException if the parameter is null.

Estimates the parameters of a Poisson-gamma-norta-rates arrival process from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals**. Element **arrivals**[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, and p = 0, ..., P - 1, with n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This method estimates and returns the parameters of the gamma distribution  $\alpha_{G,p}$  and the average rate  $\lambda_p$  for each period. The returned array contains  $(\alpha_{G,0}, \lambda_0, ..., \alpha_{G,P-1}, \lambda_{P-1})$ . It also estimates the correlation matrix using algorithm fit, and returns it in corr. The memory for the numPeriods x numPeriods elements of matrix corr must be reserved outside this method before calling it.

#### Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

numMC the number of MonteCarlo samples used in the estimation.

fit type of fit used to compute the correlation matrix.

corr the estimated correlation matrix is returned in corr.

Returns the estimated gamma and lambda parameters of this process.

public static PoissonGammaNortaRatesArrivalProcess getInstanceFromMLE (PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream, RandomStream busynessStreams, int[][] arrivals, int numObs, int numPeriods, int numMC, CorrelationFit fit)

Constructs a new arrival process with gamma arrival rates estimated by the maximum likelihood method based on the numObs observations in array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, p = 0, ..., P - 1, n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. The parameters of the gamma-distributed arrival rates during the main periods are estimated using getMLE (int[][], int, int, int, CorrelationFit, double[][]). For the preliminary period, the parameters of the first main period are used. For the wrap-up periods, both parameters are set to 0; as a result, the arrival rate is always 0 during the wrap-up period.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event marking the end of periods.

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream to generate arrival times.

busynessStreams the random stream to generate busyness factors.

arrivals the number of arrivals.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

numMC the number of MonteCarlo samples used in the estimation.

fit type of fit used to compute the correlation matrix.

**Returns** the constructed arrival process.

## GammaParameterEstimator

This class implements the parameter estimation for the doubly Gamma-Poisson process. The rate  $T_{i,j}$  of this process consists of three multiplicative contributions: (i) the deterministic piece-wise constant rate  $\lambda_i$ , (ii) the busyness factor for the day,  $\beta_j$ , (iii) the business factor for the sub-period of the day,  $B_{i,j}$ . The input data are counts observed for I sub-periods of the day during J days. We assume that the rate follows  $T_{i,j} = \lambda_i \beta_j B_{i,j}, \forall i = 1 \dots I, j = 1 \dots J$ and input data  $Y_{i,j} \sim \text{Poisson}(T_{i,j})$  follow the Poisson distribution conditional on the rates. The busyness factor for the day follows Gamma distribution with parameters Q and Q. The busyness factor follows the Gamma distribution with parameters R and R. The busyness factors are assumed to be independent across days and sub-intervals of the day. The class implements two estimators of the process parameters: the Moment Matching Estimator (MME) in the method getMMEdoublyGamma() and the Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE) in the method getMLEdoublyGamma(). The MME is a suboptimal, but simple and fast estimator based on matching the theoretical means, variances and covariances of the process with their empirical counterparts. The MLE is a statistically optimal estimator with greater accuracy than the MME, but it is less computationally efficient. The MLE is implemented using the stochastic trust-region Gauss-Newton algorithm. The MLE estimator first calls the MME estimator and uses it as a starting point for the optimization. The startGradUncTrustRegion (double[]) method uses common random numbers to track changes in the cost function and call of this method with option "CostOnly" must, in general, be always preceded by the call of this method without this option in order to provide meaningful results.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class GammaParameterEstimator

#### Constructors

#### public GammaParameterEstimator (int[][] data, int N, int P)

Constructs a new estimator object with a given set of input data

#### Parameters

- data the matrix of input data  $Y_{i,j}$  with N rows corresponding to N observations and P columns corresponding to P sub-periods in the day.
- ${\tt N}$   $\,$  the number of observations  $\,$
- **P** the number of sub-periods in the day

#### public GammaParameterEstimator (int[][] data, int N, int P, int M)

Constructs a new estimator object with a given set of input data and default seed for the Gamma random variable generators.

#### Parameters

- data the matrix of input data  $Y_{i,j}$  with N rows corresponding to N observations and P columns corresponding to P sub-periods in the day.
- N the number of observations
- P the number of sub-periods in the day
- ${\tt M}~$  the number of Monte-Carlo samples used in the evaluation of stochastic derivatives and the cost function

## public GammaParameterEstimator (int[][] data, int N, int P, int M, long[] Seed)

Constructs a new estimator object with a given set of input data and a user defined seed for the Gamma random variable generators.

#### Parameters

- data the matrix of input data  $Y_{i,j}$  with N rows corresponding to N observations and P columns corresponding to P sub-periods in the day.
- N the number of observations
- P the number of sub-periods in the day
- ${\tt M}~$  the number of Monte-Carlo samples used in the evaluation of stochastic derivatives and the cost function
- Seed is the vector of 6 integers. The first 3 values of the seed must all be less than  $m_1 = 4294967087$ , and not all 0; and the last 3 values must all be less than  $m_2 = 4294944443$ , and not all 0.

#### Methods

#### public double[] getMMEdoublyGamma()

Estimates the parameters of a doubly Gamma Poisson-Gamma arrival process that has both busyness factor for the day and the busyness factor for the sub-period of the day, both following the Gamma distribution, from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals** using method of moments. The day-specific busyness factor follows the Gamma(Q, Q) distribution, the sub-period-specific busyness factor follows the gamma(R, R) distribution. Element **arrivals**[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day **i** during period **p**, where  $i = 0, \ldots, n - 1$ , and  $p = 0, \ldots, P - 1$ , n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. If we follow the notation introduced for PoissonGammaArrivalProcess, then this method estimates  $\alpha_{G,p}$ ,  $\lambda_{G,p}$  and the daily gamma busyness parameter. It is assumed that  $\alpha_{G,p}$  is a vector of distinct values while all the entries of  $\lambda_{G,p}$  are the same and equal to R. The estimation is based on matching the empirical first and second order moments of the distribution of counts (mean, variance and covariance) with the analytical moments of the doubly Gamma Poisson-Gamma arrival process distribution. The returned array of 2P+1 elements contains ( $\alpha_{G,0}, \lambda_{G,0}, \ldots, \alpha_{G,P-1}, \lambda_{G,P-1}$ ), $\beta_0$ . **Returns** the estimated gamma parameters.

#### public double[] getMMEdoublyGammaGeneral()

Estimates the parameters of a doubly Gamma Poisson-Gamma arrival process that has both busyness factor for the day and the busyness factor for the sub-period of the day, both following the Gamma distribution, from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals** using method of moments. The day-specific busyness factor follows the Gamma(Q, Q) distribution, the sub-period-specific busyness factor follows the gamma(R, R) distribution. Element **arrivals**[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where  $i = 0, \ldots, n - 1$ , and  $p = 0, \ldots, P - 1$ , n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. If we follow the notation introduced for PoissonGammaArrivalProcess, then this method estimates  $\alpha_{G,p}$ ,  $\lambda_{G,p}$  and the daily gamma busyness parameter. It is assumed that  $\alpha_{G,p}$  and  $\lambda_{G,p}$  are vectors of distinct values. The estimation is based on matching the empirical first and second order moments of the distribution of counts (mean, variance and covariance) with the analytical moments of the doubly Gamma Poisson-Gamma arrival process distribution. The returned array of 2P + 1 elements contains ( $\alpha_{G,0}, \lambda_{G,0}, \ldots, \alpha_{G,P-1}, \lambda_{G,P-1}$ ),  $\beta_0$ .

**Returns** the estimated gamma parameters.

#### public double[] getMLEdoublyGamma()

Estimates the parameters of a doubly Gamma Poisson-Gamma arrival process that has both busyness factor for the day and the busyness factor for the sub-period of the day, both following the Gamma distribution, from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals** using maximum likelihood approach. It uses the trust region Gauss-Newton optimizer implemented in **startGradUncTrustRegion** (double[]) and the stochastic approximation of the likelihood function and its derivatives implemented in **getLikelihoodDerivatives**-DoublyGamma (double[], double, double, String) in order to obtain the MLE. Before launching the Gauss-Newton optimizer, this algorithm calls the **getMEdoublyGamma**() in order to get good initialization for the values of parameters. The output is formatted the same way as it is done for the **getMMEdoublyGamma**(). If we follow the notation introduced for PoissonGammaArrivalProcess, then this method estimates  $\alpha_{G,p}$ ,  $\lambda_{G,p}$  and the daily gamma busyness parameter. It is assumed that  $\alpha_{G,p}$  is a vector of distinct values while all the entries of  $\lambda_{G,p}$  are the same and equal to R. Thus the returned array of 2P + 1 elements contains ( $\alpha_{G,0}, \ldots, \alpha_{G,P-1}, \lambda_{G,0}, \ldots, \lambda_{G,P-1}, \beta_0$ .

**Returns** the estimated gamma parameters.

#### public double[] getMLEdoublyGammaSpline()

Estimates the parameters of a doubly Gamma Poisson-Gamma arrival process that has both busyness factor for the day and the busyness factor for the sub-period of the day, both following the Gamma distribution, from the number of arrivals in the array arrivals using maximum likelihood approach. It uses the trust region Gauss-Newton optimizer implemented in startGradUncTrustRegion (double[]) and the stochastic approximation of the likelihood function and its derivatives implemented in getLikelihoodDerivatives-DoublyGamma (double[], double, double, String) in order to obtain the MLE. Before launching the Gauss-Newton optimizer, this algorithm calls the getMMEdoublyGamma() in order to get good initialization for the values of parameters. The output is formatted the same way as it is done for the getMEdoublyGamma(). If we follow the notation introduced for PoissonGammaArrivalProcess, then this method estimates  $\alpha_{G,p}$ ,  $\lambda_{G,p}$  and the daily gamma busyness parameter. It is assumed that  $\alpha_{G,p}$  is a vector of distinct values while all the entries of  $\lambda_{G,p}$  are the same and equal to R. Thus the returned array of 2P + 1 elements contains  $(\alpha_{G,0}, \ldots, \alpha_{G,P-1}, \lambda_{G,0}, \ldots, \lambda_{G,P-1}, \beta_0)$ .

**Returns** the estimated gamma parameters.

## 

Calculates the values of the log-likelihood function and its derivatives for the doubly Gamma-Poisson arrival process model. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., I - 1, and p = 0, ..., P - 1, I = numObs, and P = numPeriods.

For the doubly Gamma-Poisson arrival process model the log-likelihood function does not admit any closed form as it contains an integral over  $\beta_j$ , the daily busyness factor. The integral cannot be treated analytically. This integral is thus treated numerically via the Monte-Carlo approach. The Monte-Calro approach uses numSamples samples for the evaluation of the integral. The Gamma distribution with both parameters equal to Q is taken as the proposal distribution. The cost function and all the derivatives are thus approximated stochastically. There is an option to return only the value of the cost function (the log-likelihood function) by assigning to OutType the string "CostOnly". In this case the algorithm uses the random numbers common with the ones that were used to evaluate the derivatives last time the function was called. The importance sampling is used to compensate for possible change of integration measure (that may arise due to change in the value of Q between calls). This feature is used by the trust region algorithm for determining the quality of the trust region and for regulating the step size of the optimization. The common random numbers approach reduces the effects of noise on the step size regulation.

The returned array of 2 \* (P + 2) + 1 elements contains

```
1) The value of the cost function
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```
2) P values of first order derivatives for deterministic rates
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```
3) Derivative with respect to R, sub-period Gamma rate
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```
4) Derivative with respect to $Q$, daily Gamma rate
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```
5) P values of second order derivatives for deterministic rates
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```
6) Second order derivative with respect to R, sub-period Gamma rate
```

```
7) Second order derivative with respect to Q, daily Gamma rate
```

#### Parameters

Lam initial values of base rates.

- ${\tt R}~$  initial value of the Gamma distribution parameter for the sub-period of the day business factor.
- **Q** initial value of the Gamma distribution parameter for the daily business factor.

OutType the string controlling output options

**Returns** the values of the log-likelihood function and its first and second order derivatives.

## public double[][] getLikelihoodDerivativesDoublyGammaSpline (double[] Lam, double[] R, double Q, String OutType)

Calculates the values of the log-likelihood function and its derivatives for the doubly Gamma-Poisson arrival process model. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., I - 1, and p = 0, ..., P - 1, I = numObs, and P = numPeriods.

For the doubly Gamma-Poisson arrival process model the log-likelihood function does not admit any closed form as it contains an integral over  $\beta_j$ , the daily busyness factor. The integral cannot be treated analytically. This integral is thus treated numerically via the Monte-Carlo approach. The Monte-Calro approach uses numSamples samples for the evaluation of the integral. The Gamma distribution with both parameters equal to Q is taken as the proposal distribution. The cost function and all the derivatives are thus approximated stochastically. There is an option to return only the value of the cost function (the log-likelihood function) by assigning to OutType the string "CostOnly". In this case the algorithm uses the random numbers common with the ones that were used to evaluate the derivatives last time the function was called. The importance sampling is used to compensate for possible change of integration measure (that may arise due to change in the value of Q between calls). This feature is used by the trust region algorithm for determining the quality of the trust region and for regulating the step size of the optimization. The common random numbers approach reduces the effects of noise on the step size regulation.

The returned 2D array Output of  $P \times 7$  elements contains

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1) Output[0][0] The value of the cost function
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2) Output[:][1] (second column) P values of first order derivatives with respect to determin

3) Output[:][2] P values of second order derivatives with respect to deterministic rates

4) Output[:][3] P values of first order derivatives with respect to \$R\_p\$, sub-period Gamma respect to \$R\_p\$, sub-period Gamma respect to \$R\_p\$.

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5) Output[:][4] P values of second order derivatives with respect to $R_p$, sub-period Gamma
```

6) Output[0][5] Derivative with respect to \$Q\$, daily Gamma rate

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7) Output[0][6] Second order derivative with respect to $Q$, daily Gamma rate
```

## Parameters

Lam initial values of base rates.

- ${\tt R}~$  initial value of the Gamma distribution parameter for the sub-period of the day business factor.
- **Q** initial value of the Gamma distribution parameter for the daily business factor.

OutType the string controlling output options

**Returns** the 2D array containing values of the log-likelihood function and its first and second order derivatives.

#### public double[] startGradUncTrustRegionSpline (double[] SolInit)

Implements the trust region Gauss-Newton maximizer of the likelihood of the doubly Gamma-Poisson process. In this algorithm the expressions for the second order derivatives (or their approximations having reduced number of terms) are used as pre-scalers for the gradients. Moreover, there is also a set of step size regulators that reflect the size of the trust region, the region in which we believe our model of the cost function (the locally linear model based on the first order Taylor expansion of the cost function) is correct. Step size regulators determine the magnitude of the step at each optimization iteration. We have three step size regulators: for the rates  $\lambda_i$ , for R and for Q. By choosing three different step size regulators for each group of parameters we make sure that we can choose optimal gradient scaling for each group of parameters. This compensates for the fact that the second order derivatives (or their approximations) provide suboptimal scaling of the gradient by either over- or underestimating the necessary scale of gradient step. The factor by which the scaling is under- or overestimated is typically different for different groups of parameters. Finally, because our optimization uses stochastic approximation of derivatives, there is some noise in the gradients. To account for this fact we two methods could be used. First option is the third scaling factor, the noise attenuator eta, which is a positive constant smaller than one. In the case eta is smaller than 1, only a portion of the gradient is used during each iteration. As the number of Monte-Carlo samples used to approximate the derivatives reduces, the (absolute) value of the noise attenuator must also be reduced. The second option is to use the stochastic approximation approach with the step size reduction sequence of the form  $t^{-\alpha}$ , where t is the iteration number and  $\alpha$  is the number between 1/2 and 1. In our implementation we have parameter pwr with default value 5/6 that determines the speed of decay of the step sequence and is equivalent to  $\alpha$ .

#### Parameter

SolInit the value of the solution at first iteration

**Returns** xiter the MLE estimator of the parameters of the doubly Gamma-Poisson process

#### public void setTrustRegionMaxIterations (int Value)

Sets the maximum number of iterations in the trust region optimization algorithm

#### Parameter

Value maximum number of iterations in the trust region optimization algorithm

## 

Sets the lower and higher bounds on the quality metrics of the trust region. If the quality metric has value lower than c0 then the size of the trust region (the step size regulator) will be reduced. If the quality metric has value higher than c1 then the size of the trust region (the step size regulator) will be increased.

## Parameters

LowQualBound is the lower bound

HighQualBound is the higher bound

## 

Sets the multipliers that control the rate at which the step size regulator is increased (g1) or decreased (g0). If the quality metric has value lower than c0 then the size of the trust region (the step size regulator) is multiplied by g0. If the quality metric has value higher than c1 then the size of the trust region (the step size regulator) will be multiplied by g1. IncreaseMultiplier must be greater than 1, DecreaseMultiplier must be between 0 and 1.

## Parameters

IncreaseMultiplier

DecreaseMultiplier

## public void setTrustRegionTol (double Value)

Sets the threshold for the tolerance of the trust region optimization algorithm. If the difference between the updated and the previous values of the cost function is greater than this value, algorithm stops and returns current values of parameters as a solution.

## Parameter

Value the value of the stopping criterion

#### public void setTrustRegionNoiseAttenuator (double Value)

Sets the value of the noise attenuator for the trust region approach. The optimization algorithm is based on stochastic derivatives. Because of this derivatives contain noise and to reduce its adverse effects we use only portion of the gradient to during each update. As the number of Monte-Carlo samples used to approximate the derivatives reduces, the (absolute) value of the noise attenuator must also be reduced.

## Parameter

Value the value of the noise attenuator

## public void setTrustRegionInitBoundary (double Value)

Sets the initial size of the trust region (initial value of the step size regulator). This value should be reasonably small to prevent the algorithm from making unreasonably large initial steps at the beginning, when the optimal scaling for the gradients is not known. As the optimization progresses, the step size regulator grows (if necessary) fast at the geometric rate and the optimal scaling for the derivatives is quickly learnt.

## Parameter

Value the initial value of the step size regulator.

## public void setTrustRegionAnnealingPwr (double Value)

Sets the power law in the step size stochastic approximation annealing sequence.

## Parameter

Value

## public void setSmoothingLambda (double lambda)

Sets the smoothing parameter for the use with the smoothing spline doubly gamma penalized MLE.

## Parameter

lambda smoothing parameter in the interval [0, 1]. When this parameter is equal to 1, the smoothing spline is not used and shape parameters are assumed to be independent across sub-periods. Default value 0.95.

## public void setMovingWindowSize (int movWindSize)

Sets the number of sub-periods over which to average the MME estimate in getMMEdoublyGammaGeneral. Without averaging the MME estimates are too noisy. If we want no averaging we can set movWindSize=1. Default value 5.

## Parameter

movWindSize number of sub-periods over which to average the MME estimate.

## public double[][] getOptimizationTrace()

Returns the the matrix of the optimization trace containing the evolution of parameters during optimization iterations.

## public double[] getPolyakAverage()

Calculates the estimates of the parameters based on the stochastic optimization framework described by B T Polyak and A B Juditsky in "Acceleration of Stochastic Approximation by Averaging", SIAM J Control Optim. 30(4) 838?855. For the proper use of this option the trust region optimization algorithm must be configured correspondingly. In particular, recommended settings for parameters are Rinit 0.1, eta 0.3 and 5/6.

**Returns** The average of the optimization trace over iterations.

# public void estimateNortaRateParamsStochasticRootFinding ()

Estimates the parameters of the Gamma-Poisson NORTA model for rates using stochastic root finding approach. It stores the estimated Gaussian copula correlation matrix in yGauss-Corr, the estimated base rates in Qout and the parameter of the Gamma distribution in LamOut. These quantities can be accessed using methods getNortaRateGaussCorr(), get-NortaRateGammaShape() and getNortaRateGammaScale(). The parameters of the Gamma distribution are estimated using method getNegBinMLE (int[], double). The entries of the copula correlation matrix are estimated using method getNortaRhoStochasticRoot-Finding (double, double[][], double).

public double[] getNegBinMLE (int[] X, double tole)

Calculates the MLEs of parameters of the negative binomial distribution.

## Parameters

X vector of observed counts

 $\verb"tole"$  parameter search tolerance for the binary search

**Returns** Array of size 2 containing MLEs of the parameters of the negative binomial distribution. First element of the array is the MLE of the number of failures. Second element of the returned array is the MLE of the success probability.

## public double getLogNegBinDer (int[] X, double Xmean, double r)

Calculates the derivative of the log-likelihood function for the Negative binomial distribution.

## Parameters

X data values

Xmean mean of the data values

**r** parameter of the negative binomial distribution (number of failures)

**Returns** derivative of the log-likelihood function for the Negative binomial distribution with respect to parameter r.

## 

Solves the problem of fitting the NORTA correlation coefficient to the empirical Spearman correlation coefficient of counts in the Gamma-Poisson copula model using stochastic root finding approach.

## Parameters

- **rhoTarget** the empirically observed Spearman correlation coefficient of counts in the Gamma-Poisson copula model
- NegBinParams estimated parameters of the marginal distribution, which is Negative Binomial in the case of Gamma-Poisson copula model

rhoInit initial value of the NORTA correlation coefficient. Typically, rhoInit = rhoTarget

Returns Fitted NORTA correlation coefficient

## public double[] getNortaRateGammaShape()

Returns the estimated vector of  $\alpha_G$  parameters of the Gamma distribution in the compound Gamma-Poisson NORTA model for rates. The definition of vector  $\alpha_G$  follows that introduced in PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess so that the base rate in subperiod p is equal to  $\alpha_{G,p}/\lambda_{G,p}$ .

**Returns** the estimated vector of  $\alpha_G$ 

## public double[] getNortaRateGammaScale()

Returns the estimated vector of  $\lambda_G$  parameters of the Gamma distribution in the compound Gamma-Poisson NORTA model for rates. The definition of vector  $\lambda_G$  follows that introduced in PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess so that the base rate in subperiod p is equal to  $\alpha_{G,p}/\lambda_{G,p}$ .

**Returns** the estimated vector of  $\lambda_G$ 

## public double[][] getNortaRateGaussCorr()

Returns the estimated copula correlation matrix for the Gamma-Poisson NORTA model for rates.

**Returns** the estimated copula correlation matrix

public double[][] getNortaRateGaussCorrCorrected()

Returns the estimated and corrected copula correlation matrix for the Gamma-Poisson NORTA model for rates. The estimated correlation matrix, which is not necessarily positive definite is transformed into a positive definite matrix using the POSDEF algorithm described in [6].

**Returns** the estimated and corrected copula correlation matrix

#### public double getNortaRateGaussCorrFitMarkovSingleRho()

Fits the single  $\rho$  Markov linear model  $r_j = b^j$  to the estimated copula correlation matrix for the Gamma-Poisson NORTA model for rates.

Returns b

#### public double[] getNortaRateGaussCorrFitGeneralLinear()

Fits the general linear model  $r_j = ab^j + c$  to the estimated copula correlation matrix for the Gamma-Poisson NORTA model for rates. Returns a vector of length 3 with parameters a, b and c.

**Returns** vector [a, b and c]

## **DirichletCompoundArrivalProcess**

Represents a generalization of the non-homogeneous Poisson process where the arrival rates are generated from a Dirichlet compound negative multinomial distribution [16]. As proven in [3], if the arrival rate of a Poisson process is a piecewise-constant function of the simulation time given by  $\lambda(t) = B\lambda_{p(t)}$ , B being a gamma-distributed busyness factor with shape parameter  $\gamma$ , the distribution of the vector  $(A_1, \ldots, A_P)$  giving the number of arrivals in each main period is the negative multinomial with parameters  $(\gamma, \rho_1, \ldots, \rho_{P+1})$  [10, page 292], where

$$\rho_p = \frac{\lambda_p}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^P \lambda_j},\tag{1}$$

for p = 1, ..., P, and  $\rho_{P+1} = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{P} \rho_j$ .

This arrival process generalizes the previous process by modeling  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \ldots, A_P)$  with a Dirichlet compound negative multinomial distribution [16] instead of a negative multinomial. In this model, the user specifies  $\gamma$  as well as  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_{P+1}$ . At the beginning of each replication, when base arrival rates are needed, the vector  $(\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_{P+1})$  is generated from the Dirichlet distribution with parameters  $(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_{P+1})$ , and the base arrival rates  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_P$  are determined by solving (1). This results in  $\lambda_p = \rho_p / \rho_{P+1}$ . During preliminary and wrap-up periods, the base arrival rate is set to 0.

The inter-arrival times are generated using the rates  $B\lambda_p$ , where B is a busyness given by the user. Note that this variability factor should be gamma-distributed with shape parameter  $\gamma$  and scale parameter 1 to remain consistent with the Dirichlet compound model.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class DirichletCompoundArrivalProcess extends PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess

#### Constructor

Constructs a new Dirichlet compound Poisson arrival process. The constructed process uses the period-change event pce, creates contacts using the factory factory, and uses the Dirichlet parameters alphas. The random stream stream is used for the uniforms for inter-arrival times, and streamRates is used for Dirichlet.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event associated with this object.

factory the factory creating contacts for this generator.

alphas the values of the  $\alpha_p$  parameters.

stream the random number stream for the exponential variates.

streamRates the random number stream for the Dirichlet compound arrival rates.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of main periods is not alphas.length - 1, or if one  $\alpha_p$  value is negative or 0.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

#### Methods

## public double getAlpha (int p)

Returns the value of the  $\alpha_p$  parameter for the Dirichlet distribution.

#### Parameter

**p** the index of the parameter.

**Returns** the value of the parameter.

#### public void setAlphas (double[] alphas)

Sets the Dirichlet parameters  $\alpha_p$  for this object.

#### Parameter

alphas a new vector of parameters.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the length of alphas is smaller than P+1, where P is the number of main periods, or if one or more  $\alpha_p$  values are negative or 0.

#### public RandomStream getRateStream()

Returns the random stream used to generate the rates for the Poisson arrival process.

**Returns** the random stream for the values of  $\lambda_p$ .

#### public void setRateStream (RandomStream streamRates)

Changes the random stream used to generate the rates for the Poisson arrival process to streamRates.

#### Parameter

streamRates the random number generator for the  $\lambda_p$  values.

NullPointerException if the parameter is null.

Estimates the parameters of a Dirichlet compound negative multinomial arrival process with a busyness factor following the gamma( $\gamma$ , 1) distribution from the number of arrivals in the array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, and p = 0, ..., P - 1, n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This returns the  $\alpha_p$  Dirichlet parameters, for P = 0, ..., P, and stores the gamma busyness parameter in PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess.sbgammaParam.

#### Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the estimated Dirichlet parameters.

```
public static DirichletCompoundArrivalProcess getInstanceFromMLE
(PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream,
   RandomStream streamRates, int[][] arrivals, int numObs, int numPeriods)
```

Constructs a new arrival process with parameters estimated by the maximum likelihood method based on the numObs observations in array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where  $i = 0, \ldots, n - 1$ ,  $p = 0, \ldots, P - 1$ , n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. The number of arrivals is considered to follow the Dirichlet compound negative multinomial distribution, and the  $\gamma$  parameter for the gamma busyness factor is stored in PiecewiseConstantPoissonArrivalProcess.s\_bgammaParam.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event marking the end of periods.

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream to generate arrival times.

streamRates the random stream to generate Dirichlet vectors from.

arrivals the number of arrivals.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the constructed arrival process.

## PoissonUniformArrivalProcess

This arrival process can be used when the number of arrivals per period  $A_p$  is known (when B = 1). By default, for each period p,  $A_p^* = \text{round}(BA_p)$  uniforms are generated and sorted in increasing order to get the inter-arrival times, supposing we have a Poisson process with stationary increments. Because this algorithm requires the duration of each period, arrivals are not allowed during the wrap-up period, which has a random duration not known at the time arrivals are generated. The algorithm for generating arrival times can be customized by overriding computeArrivalTimes(). The number of arrivals, constant by default, can also be changed between replications.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

## public class PoissonUniformArrivalProcess extends ContactArrivalProcess

## Field

#### protected DoubleArrayList times

Array list containing the arrival times of contacts.

## Constructor

## public PoissonUniformArrivalProcess (PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, int[] arrivals, RandomStream stream)

Constructs a new arrival process with known number of arrivals in each period. The constructed process uses period-change event pce, contact factory factory, mean number of arrivals arrivals[p] in period p, and random number stream to generate random values.

## Parameters

pce the period-change event defining the periods.

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

arrivals the mean number of arrivals in each period.

stream the random number stream for the uniforms.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if there is not a mean number of arrivals for each period.

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

## Methods

public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random number stream used to generate uniforms.

**Returns** the associated random number stream.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Sets the random number stream to **stream** for generating uniforms.

#### Parameter

stream the new random number stream.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if stream is null.

#### public PeriodChangeEvent getPeriodChangeEvent()

Returns the period-change event associated with this object.

**Returns** the associated period-change event.

```
public double getArrivalRate (double st, double et)
```

Computes the arrival rate using the period-change event returned by getPeriodChange-Event() to determine the boundaries of periods, and the arrival rates returned by get-ArrivalRate (int).

public double getExpectedArrivalRate (double st, double et)

Computes the expected arrival rate using the period-change event returned by getPeriod-ChangeEvent() to determine the boundaries of periods, and the expected arrival rates returned by getExpectedArrivalRate (int).

public int[] getArrivals()

Returns the number of arrivals for each period.

**Returns** the array of number of arrivals.

```
public void setArrivals (int[] arrivals)
```

Sets the number of arrivals in each period to arrivals.

#### Parameter

arrivals the number of arrivals.

NullPointerException if the array is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the length of the given array does not correspond to the
 number of periods as defined by getPeriodChangeEvent().

protected void computeArrivalTimes()

This is called by init() to compute the arrival times based on the number of arrivals in each period. The arrival times must be stored in the array list times, which is empty at the time the method is called. The arrival times in the list are assumed to be sorted in increasing order after the method returns. The method should use the random stream returned by getStream() to generate the random numbers.

By default, for each period p = 0, ..., P (preliminary and main periods), this generates  $A_p^*$  uniforms in  $[t_{p-1}, t_p)$ , where  $t_{-1} = 0$ ,  $A_p$  is the expected number of arrivals in period p, and  $t_p$  is the ending time of period p. The generated arrival times are then sorted. If B = 1,  $A_p^* = A_p$ , otherwise  $A_p^* = \text{round}(A_pB)$ .

# **FixedCountsArrivalProcess**

Represents an arrival process in which the numbers of arrivals per-period  $C_p$  (the counts) are given (in a file or directly).  $A_0$  and  $A_{P+1}$ , the number of arrivals during the preliminary and the wrap-up periods, respectively, are always 0 for this process. The busyness factor is always 1.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class FixedCountsArrivalProcess extends PoissonUniformArrivalProcess

#### Constructor

## 

Constructs a new Poisson arrival process conditional on the number of arrivals being given in each period. With period-change event pce, contact factory factory, number of arrivals in each period arrivals, and random number stream stream.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event defining the periods.

factory the contact factory instantiating contacts.

counts the number of arrivals in each period.

stream the random number stream for uniform arrival times.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if one argument is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the length of arrivals do not correspond to number of main periods P.

## DirichletArrivalProcess

Represents an arrival process where the number of arrivals are spread in periods using a Dirichlet distribution [3]. Let's define the vector of ratios

$$\mathcal{Q} \equiv (\mathcal{Q}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{Q}_P) = (A_1/A, \ldots, A_P/A),$$

where  $A_p$  denotes the number of arrivals during main period p and

$$A = \sum_{p=1}^{P} A_p$$

is the total number of arrivals. The number of arrivals during the preliminary and the wrap-up periods,  $A_0$  and  $A_{P+1}$  respectively, are always 0 for this process.

At the beginning of each replication, A is generated from a probability distribution such as gamma. A vector Q is then generated from a Dirichlet distribution [10] with parameters  $(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_P)$ . Each component of Q is multiplied with A to get  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  before the vector  $\mathbf{A}$  is obtained by rounding each component of  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  to the nearest integer.

Since per-period numbers of arrivals are generated directly rather than through arrival rates, this process does not arise as a Poisson arrival process. However, inter-arrival times are generated as if the  $A_p^* = \text{round}(BA_p)$  were Poisson variates. As a result, for each main period, the arrival process generates  $A_p^*$  uniforms ranging from the beginning to the end of the period, and the uniforms are sorted to get inter-arrival times.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class DirichletArrivalProcess extends PoissonUniformArrivalProcess

#### Constructor

## public DirichletArrivalProcess (PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, double[] alphas, RandomStream stream, RandomVariateGen agen)

Constructs a new Dirichlet arrival process with period-change event pce, contact factory factory, Dirichlet parameters alphas, random number stream stream, and generator agen for the number of arrivals.

#### Parameters

pce the period change event.

factory the contact factory instantiating contacts.

alphas the parameters of the Dirichlet distribution.

stream the random number stream for Dirichlet vectors and uniform arrival times.

agen the random variate generator for the number of arrivals.

**IllegalArgumentException** if there is not an  $\alpha$  value for each main period, or if one  $\alpha$  value is negative or 0.

NullPointerException if one argument is null.

## Methods

#### public RandomVariateGen getNumArrivalsGenerator()

Returns the random variate generator used for the total number of arrivals A.

**Returns** the random variate generator for the total number of arrivals.

public void setNumArrivalsGenerator (RandomVariateGen agen)

Changes the random variate generator for the number of arrivals to agen.

#### Parameter

agen the new random variate generator for the number of arrivals.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if the parameter is null.

#### public double getAlpha (int p)

Returns the value of the  $\alpha_p$  parameter for the Dirichlet distribution.

#### Parameter

p the index of the parameter.

**Returns** the value of the parameter.

#### public void setAlphas (double[] alphas)

Sets the Dirichlet parameters  $\alpha_p$  for this object.

#### Parameter

alphas a new vector of parameters.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the length of alphas does not correspond to the number of main periods or if one of the  $\alpha$  parameter is negative or 0.

NullPointerException if alphas is null.

#### public void initWithFixedA (double a)

Initializes the number of arrivals with a fixed A **a**.

## Parameter

a the total number of arrivals.

IllegalArgumentException if a is negative or 0.

Estimates the Dirichlet parameters of an arrival process from the number of arrivals in the array **arrivals**. Element **arrivals**[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, and p = 0, ..., P - 1, n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. This method computes  $\rho_{i,p} = X_{i,p}/Y_i$  where  $X_{i,p}$  is the number of arrivals on day *i* during period *p*, and  $Y_i$  is the total number of arrivals during day *i*. The returned array contains the Dirichlet parameters  $\hat{\alpha}_0, ..., \hat{\alpha}_{P-1}$  estimated by assuming that the ratios  $\rho_{i,p}$  follow the Dirichlet distribution.

## Parameters

arrivals the number of arrivals during each day and period.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods.

**Returns** the estimated Dirichlet parameters.

```
public static DirichletArrivalProcess getInstanceFromMLE
(PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream,
  RandomVariateGen agen, int[][] arrivals, int numObs, int numPeriods)
```

Constructs a new arrival process with Dirichlet parameters estimated by the maximum likelihood method based on the numObs observations in array arrivals. Element arrivals[i][p] corresponds to the number of arrivals on day i during period p, where i = 0, ..., n - 1, p = 0, ..., P - 1, n = numObs, and P = numPeriods. The created arrival process uses the random variate generator agen to generate the total number of arrivals for each day while the Dirichlet parameters are estimated using getMLE (int[][], int, int).

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event marking the end of periods.

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream to generate arrival times.

agen the random variate generator for A.

arrivals the number of arrivals.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods. parameter is estimated in addition to the arrival rates.

Returns the constructed arrival process.

```
public static DirichletArrivalProcess getInstanceFromMLE
(PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream,
  RandomStream streamArr, Class<? extends Distribution> aDistClass, int[][]
  arrivals, int numObs, int numPeriods)
```

Similar to getInstanceFromMLE (PeriodChangeEvent, ContactFactory, RandomStream, RandomVariateGen, int[][], int, int), but also estimates the parameters for A. This method accepts a class object aDistClass which is the guessed probability distribution of A. It uses DistributionFactory to get an instance of the distribution (with estimated parameters), and constructs the arrival process by using this distribution, and the Dirichlet parameters estimated by getMLE (int[][], int, int).

## Parameters

pce the period-change event marking the end of periods.

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream to generate arrival times.

**streamArr** the random stream for A.

aDistClass the class of the probability distribution of A.

arrivals the number of arrivals.

numObs the number of days.

numPeriods the number of periods. parameter is estimated in addition to the arrival rates.

**Returns** the constructed arrival process.

Represents an arrival process in which the numbers of arrivals per-period are correlated negative binomial random variables, generated using the NORTA method. To generate the number of arrivals, the process first obtains a vector  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_P)$  from the multivariate normal distribution with mean vector  $\mathbf{0}$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . Assuming that  $\Sigma$  is a correlation matrix, i.e., each element is in [-1, 1] and 1's are on its diagonal, the vector of uniforms  $\mathbf{U} = (\Phi(X_1), \ldots, \Phi(X_P))$  is obtained, where  $\Phi(x)$  is the distribution function of a standard normal variable. For main period p, the marginal probability distribution for  $A_p$  is assumed to be negative binomial with parameters  $\gamma_p$  and  $\rho_p$ ,  $\gamma_p$  being a positive number and  $0 < \rho_p < 1$ .  $A_0$  and  $A_{P+1}$ , the number of arrivals during the preliminary and the wrap-up periods, respectively, are always 0 for this process.

Since the numbers of arrivals per-period are generated directly, this process does not arise as a Poisson arrival process. However, inter-arrival times are generated as if  $A_p^* =$ round $(BA_p)$  was a Poisson variate. As a result, for each main period, the arrival process generates  $A_p^*$  uniforms ranging from the beginning to the end of the period, and the uniforms are sorted to get inter-arrival times.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class NORTADrivenArrivalProcess extends PoissonUniformArrivalProcess

#### Constructor

```
public NORTADrivenArrivalProcess (PeriodChangeEvent pce, ContactFactory
factory, DoubleMatrix2D sigma, double[]
gammas, double[] probs, RandomStream
stream)
```

Constructs a new NORTA-driven arrival process with period-change event pce, contact factory factory, correlation matrix sigma, negative binomial parameters (gammas[p], probs[p]), and random number stream stream.

#### Parameters

- pce the period-change event defining the periods.
- factory the contact factory instantiating contacts.

sigma the correlation matrix.

gammas the  $\gamma$  parameters for negative binomials.

**probs** the  $\rho$  parameters for negative binomials.

**stream** the random number stream for correlated negative binomial vectors and uniform arrival times.
## Throws

NullPointerException if one argument is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the dimensions of the correlation matrix does not correspond to  $P \times P$ , or the length of ns or probs do not correspond to number of main periods P.

## Methods

```
public DoubleMatrix2D getSigma()
```

Returns the correlation matrix associated with this arrival process.

**Returns** the associated correlation matrix.

```
public void setSigma (DoubleMatrix2D sigma)
```

Sets the associated correlation matrix to sigma.

## Parameter

sigma the new correlation matrix.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if sigma is null.

```
<code>IllegalArgumentException</code> if <code>sigma</code> is not a P \times P symmetric and positive-definite matrix.
```

#### public double getNegBinGamma (int p)

Returns the value of  $\gamma_p$ , the negative binomial double-precision parameter associated with main period p.

#### Parameter

**p** the main period index.

**Returns** the value of  $\gamma_p$ .

#### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if p is negative or greater than or equal to P.

#### public double getNegBinP (int p)

Returns the value of  $\rho_p$ , the negative binomial double-precision parameter associated with main period p.

## Parameter

p the main period index.

**Returns** the value of  $\rho_p$ .

#### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if p is negative or greater than or equal to P.

public void setNegBinParams (int p, double gammap, double rhop)

Sets the parameters for the negative binomial of period p to  $\gamma_p$  and  $\rho_p$ .

#### Parameters

**p** the index of the main period.

gammap the new value of  $\gamma_p$ .

**rhop** the new value of  $\rho_p$ .

#### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if p is negative or greater than or equal to P.

IllegalArgumentException if the negative binomial parameters are invalid.

# ${\bf Correlation Matrix Corrector}$

Implements the algorithm POSDEF that transforms the approximate correlation matrix that may contain negative eigenvalues to the valid positive definite correlation matrix. The algorithm is described in Davenport, J. M. and Iman, R. L. (1982). An iterative algorithm to produce a positive definite correlation matrix from an approximate correlation matrix. Technical report, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico. If the POSDEF algorithm fails to converge this implementation uses diagonal loading algorithm. In this case it returns the original matrix plus scaled identity matrix. The returned matrix is scaled so that the diagonal entries are equal to 1.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class CorrelationMatrixCorrector

#### Constructors

## 

Constructs CorrelationMatrixCorrector object from the correlations matrix Rin. Sets maximum number of iterations equal to maxit and the number, which is used to substitute the negative eigenvalues, equal to epsilon. The correlation matrix Rin must be symmetric.

#### Parameters

maxit Maximum number of iterations

epsilon Number used to replace the negative eigenvalues

Rin Input correlation matrix

#### public CorrelationMatrixCorrector (double[][] Rin)

Constructs CorrelationMatrixCorrector object from the correlations matrix Rin. Sets maxit and epsilon to default values of 100 and 1e-3 respectively.

#### Parameter

Rin the input correlation matrix

## Methods

## public double[][] getRout()

Returns the corrected positive definite correlation matrix.

**Returns** the positive definite correlation matrix

#### public double getEpsilon()

Returns the number, which is used to substitute for the negative eigenvalues.

**Returns** value replacing negative eigenvalues

#### public int getMaxit()

Returns the maximum number of iterations in the algorithm.

**Returns** maximum number of iterations

#### public void setMaxit (int maxit)

Sets the maximum number of iterations in the algorithm.

#### Parameter

maxit The maximum number of iterations in the algorithm.

#### public void setEpsilon (double epsilon)

Sets the number, which is used to substitute the negative eigenvalues in the POSDEF algorithm

#### Parameter

epsilon The positive number, which is used to substitute the negative eigenvalues in the POSDEF algorithm

#### public void setEpsilonLoading (double epsilonLoading)

Sets the number, which is used to scale the identity matrix in the diagonal loading algorithm

#### Parameter

epsilonLoading The positive number, which is used to scale the identity matrix in the diagonal loading algorithm

#### public double[][] calcCorrectedR()

Calculate the corrected correlation matrix according to the posdef algorithm proposed by Davenport and Iman.

**Returns** Corrected correlation matrix in 2D double array.

# CorrelationMtxFitting

Fits the parametric model for the correlation matrix using method of least squares. Two models are implemented: (i) general linear model  $r_j = ab^j + c$ , (ii) single rho Markov model  $r_j = b^j$ . Method fitMarkovGeneralLinear() implements fitting of model (i), method fit-MarkovSingleRho() implements fitting of model (ii). The optimization of parameter b is performed using exhaustive grid search with step step in the range [-1+delta, 1-delta]. For model (i) parameters a and c have closed form expressions in terms of the entries of correlation matrix and parameter b.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class CorrelationMtxFitting

## Methods

```
public void setDelta (double delta)
```

Sets the limits in which exhaustive grid search for the optimization of parameter b is performed. The search is performed in the interval [-1+delta, 1-delta].

#### Parameter

delta Exhaustive grid search boundary offset

#### public void setStep (double step)

Sets the exhaustive grid search grid size for the optimization of parameter b.

#### Parameter

step Exhaustive grid search grid size

#### public double[] fitMarkovGeneralLinear()

Fits general linear model  $r_j = ab^j + c$ . Returns vector of length 3 with parameters a, b and c.

**Returns** vector of [a, b and c].

public double fitMarkovSingleRho()

Fits the Markov model with single correlation coefficient of the form  $\rho_j = b^j$ .

**Returns** parameter *b*.

## **PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion**

Defines a Poisson arrival process with arrival rate  $B\lambda(t)$  at time t and generated by inversion. If

$$B\Lambda(t) = \int_0^t B\lambda(s)ds$$

is the cumulative arrival rate of the Poisson process, and  $M(t) = N(\Lambda^{-1}(t)/B)$ ,  $\{M(t), t \ge 0\}$  is a standard Poisson process, i.e., homogeneous with arrival rate 1. If  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  can be computed easily, this class generates arrival times by inversion as follows: generate the arrival times  $X_0, X_1, \ldots$  for a standard Poisson process and let  $T_j = \Lambda^{-1}(X_j)/B$  be the arrival times of the non-homogeneous Poisson process.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion extends PoissonArrivalProcess

### Constructors

```
public PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion (ContactFactory factory,
RandomStream stream,
MathFunction cLambda,
MathFunction invLambda)
```

Constructs a new transformed Poisson arrival process using contact factory factory for creating contacts, random stream for generating uniforms, cLambda for the  $\Lambda(t)$  function, and invLambda for the  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  function.

#### Parameters

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream used to generate uniforms.

cLambda the function defining  $\Lambda(t)$ .

invLambda the function defining  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$ .

#### Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

<pre>public PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion</pre>	(Simulator sim, ContactFactory
	factory, RandomStream stream,
	MathFunction cLambda,
	MathFunction invLambda)

Equivalent to PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion (ContactFactory, RandomStream, MathFunction, MathFunction), using the given simulator sim.

```
public PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion (ContactFactory factory,
RandomStream stream,
MathFunction cLambda)
```

Similar to PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion (factory, stream, cLambda, f), where f is a function performing the inversion of cLambda using the Brent-Decker root finding algorithm. This can be used when the  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  function is unavailable, and  $\Lambda(t)$  can be computed efficiently. However, the generated inversion function can be slow to compute.

## Parameters

factory the contact factory used to create contacts.

stream the random stream used to generate uniforms.

cLambda the function defining  $\Lambda(t)$ .

#### Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

public PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion (Simulator sim, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream, MathFunction cLambda)

Equivalent to PoissonArrivalProcessWithInversion (ContactFactory, RandomStream, MathFunction), using the given simulator sim.

## Methods

public MathFunction getCumulativeLambdaFunction() Returns the function  $\Lambda(t)$  in use. **Returns** the  $\Lambda(t)$  function.

public void setCumulativeLambdaFunction (MathFunction cLambda) Sets the  $\Lambda(t)$  function to cLambda.

#### Parameter

cLambda the new  $\Lambda(t)$  function.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if cLambda is null.

public MathFunction getInvertedLambdaFunction() Returns the function  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  in use. **Returns** the  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  function.

public void setInvertedLambdaFunction (MathFunction invLambda) Sets the  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  function to invLambda. If invLambda is null, the method sets the current  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  to the default inversion function, which uses the Brent-Decker root finder. Parameter

invLambda the new  $\Lambda^{-1}(t)$  function.

# ${\bf Poisson Arrival Process With Thinning}$

Defines a Poisson arrival process with arrival rate  $B\lambda(t) \leq B\overline{\lambda}$  for time t, and generated using the thinning method. This arrival process generates pseudo-arrivals as a homogeneous Poisson process with rate  $B\overline{\lambda}$ . A pseudo-arrival at time t is accepted, i.e., becomes an arrival, with probability  $\lambda(t)/\overline{\lambda}$ , and rejected with probability  $1 - \lambda(t)/\overline{\lambda}$ .

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.contact;

public class PoissonArrivalProcessWithThinning extends PoissonArrivalProcess

## Constructors

```
public PoissonArrivalProcessWithThinning (ContactFactory factory,
RandomStream stream,
RandomStream uStream,
MathFunction lambda, double
lambdaMax, double maxTime)
```

Constructs a new thinned Poisson arrival process using factory to generate contacts, stream to generate pseudo-arrivals, uStream to test for acceptance or rejection, lambda for  $\lambda(t)$ , and lambdaMax for  $\overline{\lambda}$ .

#### Parameters

factory the contact factory used to construct contacts.

stream the random stream for pseudo-arrivals.

uStream the random stream for tests of acceptance.

lambda the function  $\lambda(t)$ .

lambdaMax the value of  $\bar{\lambda}$ .

maxTime the smallest time T for which  $\lambda(t) = 0$  for any  $t \ge T$ .

## Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

IllegalArgumentException if lambdaMax is negative, infinite, or NaN, or if maxTime is negative.

public PoissonArrivalProcessWithThinning (Simulator sim, ContactFactory factory, RandomStream stream, RandomStream uStream, MathFunction lambda, double lambdaMax, double maxTime)

Equivalent to PoissonArrivalProcessWithThinning (ContactFactory, RandomStream, RandomStream, MathFunction, double, double), using the given simulator sim.

## Methods

public MathFunction getLambdaFunction() Returns the  $\lambda(t)$  function. **Returns** the  $\lambda(t)$  function.

public void setLambdaFunction (MathFunction lambda) Sets the  $\lambda(t)$  function to lambda.

#### Parameter

lambda the new  $\lambda(t)$  function.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if lambda is null.

public double getLambda() Returns the value of  $\bar{\lambda}$ .

public void setLambda (double lambda) Sets the value of  $\overline{\lambda}$  to lambda.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if lambdaMax is negative, infinite, or NaN.

public RandomStream getRejectionStream()
 Returns the random stream for tests of acceptance.
 Returns the random stream for tests of acceptance.

public void setRejectionStream (RandomStream uStream)

Sets the random stream for tests of acceptance to uStream.

#### Parameter

uStream the new random stream for tests of acceptance.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if uStream is null.

#### public double getMaximalTime()

Returns the smallest time T for which  $\lambda(t) = 0$  for all  $t \ge T$ . This corresponds to the maximal time an arrival can occur.

**Returns** the maximal time.

public void setMaximalTime (double maxTime) Sets the maximal time T to maxTime.

#### Parameter

maxTime the new maximal time T.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if maxTime is negative.

## Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue

Manages waiting queues for storing contacts not being served immediately. A waiting queue represents a data structure organizing waiting contacts while supporting abandonment. Three types of data structures are available for waiting queues, each implemented in concrete subclasses of WaitingQueue: a list, a sorted set, or a heap.

The StandardWaitingQueue uses a List for First In First Out (FIFO) or Last In First Out (LIFO) queues. Queued contacts are ordered based on their arrival times, and can be easily enumerated. When the number of priorities is finite and small, priority queues can be implemented efficiently by combining several standard waiting queues.

General priority queues are implemented by QueueWaitingQueue, which uses a heap implemented by the Queue interface. By default, contacts are ordered using their arrival times and their priorities, but the user may supply its own Comparator to change this order. Heaps are very efficient for inserting new contacts or removing the first contact, but queued contacts are not enumerated in any particular order.

The most generic waiting queue, PriorityWaitingQueue, uses a SortedSet to store contacts. As with the heap-based queue, the user can supply its own Comparator to order contacts. Contacts are also enumerated in the order defined by the comparator used. However, the operations on the sorted set are slower than the operations on a list or a heap.

This package also provides support classes to obtain maximal queue times and to compute the integral of the queue size over simulation time.

## WaitingQueue

Represents a waiting queue where contacts are added if they cannot be served immediately. The queue contains DequeueEvent objects being scheduled to happen at the time of automatic removal, e.g., abandonment, disconnection, etc. These dequeue events, which encapsulate contacts, are used to support abandonment as well as other types of exits of queue. When a contact is added at the end of the queue using the add (Contact) method, its dequeue event is constructed, and scheduled if a maximal queue time is available. If the dequeue event occurs, the associated queued contact is removed from the queue. Queued contacts can also be removed manually using the removeFirst (int) or removeLast (int) methods (this cancels the appropriate dequeue event), or visited by an iterator returned by iterator (int). An iterator is useful to enumerate queued contacts, and to remove arbitrary ones.

All registered *waiting-queue listeners* are notified about added and removed contacts. The reason of the removal is available for listeners through an integer called the *dequeue type*, encapsulated in the dequeue event. For example, this permits statistical collectors to distinguish abandonment from disconnection.

This abstract class does not implement a data structure for storing queued contacts. The subclasses StandardWaitingQueue, QueueWaitingQueue, and PriorityWaitingQueue implement such data structures.

Note: the WaitingQueueListener implementations are notified in the order of the list returned by getWaitingQueueListeners(), and a waiting-queue listener modifying the list of listeners by using addWaitingQueueListener (WaitingQueueListener) or remove-WaitingQueueListener (WaitingQueueListener) could result in unpredictable behavior.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

Field

protected int dqTypeRet

Contains the dequeue type generated by getMaximalQueueTime (DequeueEvent).

#### Constructor

#### public WaitingQueue()

Constructs a new waiting queue.

## Methods

```
public void init()
```

Initializes this waiting queue for a new simulation replication. This removes all the contacts from the queue without notification of individual contacts to the listeners.

public void clear (int dqType)

Removes all the contacts contained into this waiting queue with dequeue type dqType. In contrast with init(), any removed contact is notified to the registered listeners.

#### Parameter

dqType the dequeue type of the removed contacts.

public int size()

Returns the number of contacts in this waiting queue.

**Returns** the number of contacts in the waiting queue.

#### public int size (int k)

Returns the number of contacts of type  ${\tt k}$  in this waiting queue.

#### Parameter

k the tested contact type.

Returns the number of contacts of type k in the queue.

public DequeueEvent add (Contact contact)

Adds the contact contact to the waiting queue and returns a reference to the constructed dequeue event. The maximal queue time is obtained using getMaximalQueueTime (Dequeue-Event), and an event is scheduled with its corresponding dequeue type. In case of a zero or negative maximal queue time, the contact is enqueued then immediately dequeued. Otherwise, the contact is enqueued and a dequeue event is scheduled if the maximal queue time is not Double.POSITIVE\_INFINITY or Double.NaN. The returned event can be used to get information about the queued contact and to manually remove it from the queue. If it is directly cancelled, the contact will not leave the queue automatically.

#### Parameter

contact the contact to be added.

**Returns** a reference to the dequeue event.

This is the same as add (Contact), except that the enqueue time, maximal queue time and dequeue type if the queue time is reached, are specified explicitly.

contact the contact being queued.

enqueueTime the time at which the contact joined the queue.

maxQueueTime the maximal queue time.

dqType the dequeue type if the maximal queue time is reached.

**Returns** the dequeue event representing the queued contact.

public DequeueEvent addFromOldEvent (DequeueEvent oldDequeueEvent)

Adds a contact into the queue by using the information stored in an old dequeue event oldDequeueEvent. This method extracts the queued contact, the scheduled maximal queue time, and the scheduled dequeue type from the given event, and uses that information to call add (Contact, double, double, int).

#### Parameter

oldDequeueEvent the old dequeue event.

**Returns** the new dequeue event representing the queued contact.

#### protected double getMaximalQueueTime (DequeueEvent ev)

Generates and returns the maximal queue time for the queued contact represented by ev. The method can store a dequeue type in the protected field dqTypeRet if the default value of 1 is not appropriate.

By default, a MinValueGenerator is used. For each dequeue type q with an associated value generator, a maximal queue time  $V_q$  is generated. The scheduled queue time is  $V_{q^*} = \min_q \{V_q\}$ , and the dequeue type is  $q^*$ .

#### Parameter

ev the dequeue event representing the queued contact.

**Returns** the maximal queue time.

#### public boolean remove (DequeueEvent dqEvent, int dqType)

Removes the contact identified by the dequeue event dqEvent, setting its effective dequeue type to dqType. Returns true if the removal was successful, false otherwise.

#### Parameters

dqEvent the dequeue event.

dqType the effective dequeue type.

**Returns** the success indicator of the operation.

public boolean remove (Contact contact, int dqType)

Removes the contact contact from the waiting queue. with dequeue type dqType. Returns true if the contact was removed, false otherwise. If a dequeue event was scheduled when the contact was added, this event is cancelled. This method has to linearly search for the contact being removed using getDequeueEvent (Contact), which is less efficient than when a dequeue event is given.

#### Parameters

contact the contact being removed from the queue.

dqType the effective dequeue type of the contact.

Returns true if the contact was removed, false otherwise.

#### public DequeueEvent getDequeueEvent (Contact contact)

Returns the dequeue event for the contact contact. If the contact is not in queue, this returns null. Since this method has to perform a linear search, it is more efficient to keep the dequeue events returned by add (Contact) when they are needed.

#### Parameter

contact the queried contact.

**Returns** the dequeue event for the contact, or **null** if the contact was not found.

#### public DequeueEvent getFirst()

Returns the dequeue event representing the first contact in the queue, or throws a NoSuch-ElementException if the queue is empty.

**Returns** the dequeue event for the first contact in the queue.

#### Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue is empty.

#### public DequeueEvent getLast()

Returns the dequeue event representing the last contact in the queue, or throws a NoSuch-ElementException if the queue is empty.

**Returns** the dequeue event for the last contact in the queue.

#### Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue is empty.

#### public DequeueEvent removeFirst (int dqType)

Removes the first contact in the waiting queue and returns the corresponding dequeue event. The event is assigned the effective dequeue type dqType. If the queue is empty, a NoSuch-ElementException is thrown. The getFirst() method is used to get the dequeue event.

dqType the effective dequeue type.

**Returns** the dequeue event corresponding to the removed contact.

## Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue is empty.

## public DequeueEvent removeLast (int dqType)

Removes the last contact in the waiting queue and returns the corresponding dequeue event. The event is assigned the effective dequeue type dqType. If the queue is empty, a NoSuch-ElementException is thrown. The getLast() method is used to get the dequeue event.

## Parameter

dqType the effective dequeue type.

**Returns** the dequeue event corresponding to the removed contact.

## Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue is empty.

## public Iterator<DequeueEvent> iterator (int dqType)

Returns an iterator allowing the dequeue events representing contacts in queue to be enumerated. The order of the elements depends on the type of waiting queue and the order of insertion. The objects returned by the iterator's next() method are instances of the DequeueEvent class. The optional remove() method is implemented and removes contacts with dequeue type dqType. If remove() is never called on the returned iterator, dqType is not used.

## Parameter

dqType the dequeue type of any removed contact.

**Returns** an iterator enumerating the contacts in queue.

## public Iterator<DequeueEvent> iterator()

This is similar to iterator (int), except it uses the default dequeue type returned by getDefaultDequeueType().

**Returns** the constructed iterator.

## public int getDefaultDequeueType()

Returns the default dequeue type used by this object when the user does not specify a dequeue type explicitly. The initial default dequeue type is 0.

**Returns** the default dequeue type.

## public void setDefaultDequeueType (int dqTypeDefault)

Sets the default dequeue type to dqTypeDefault.

dqTypeDefault the new default dequeue type.

## public void addWaitingQueueListener (WaitingQueueListener listener)

Adds the new waiting-queue listener listener to this object. If the listener is already added, nothing happens; it is not added a second time.

## Parameter

listener the listener being added.

## Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

## public void removeWaitingQueueListener (WaitingQueueListener listener)

Removes the waiting-queue listener listener from this object. If the listener is not registered, nothing happens.

## Parameter

listener the waiting-queue listener being removed.

## public void clearWaitingQueueListeners()

Removes all waiting-queue listeners registered with this waiting queue.

## public List<WaitingQueueListener> getWaitingQueueListeners

#### ()

Returns an unmodifiable list containing all the waiting-queue listeners registered with this waiting queue.

**Returns** the list of all registered waiting-queue listeners.

#### protected void notifyInit()

Notifies every registered listener that this waiting queue was initialized.

#### protected void notifyEnqueued (DequeueEvent ev)

Notifies every registered listener that a contact was enqueued, this event being represented by ev.

#### Parameter

ev the dequeue event representing the queued contact.

## protected void notifyDequeued (DequeueEvent ev)

Notifies every registered listener that a contact left this queue, this event being represented by ev.

ev the event representing the contact having left the queue.

```
public WaitingQueueState save()
```

Constructs a new WaitingQueueState object holding the current state of this waiting queue, i.e., every queued contact.

**Returns** the state of this waiting queue.

## public void restore (WaitingQueueState state)

Restores the state of the waiting queue by using the restore method of state.

## Parameter

state the saved state of the waiting queue.

## public int getId()

Returns the identifier associated with this queue. This identifier, which defaults to -1, can be used as an index in routers.

**Returns** the identifier associated with this queue.

## public void setId (int id)

Sets the identifier of this queue to id. Once this identifier is set to a positive or 0 value, it cannot be changed anymore. This method is automatically called by the router when a waiting queue is connected. If one tries to attach the same queue to different routers, the queue must have the same index for each of them. For this reason, if one tries to change the identifier, an IllegalStateException is thrown.

## Parameter

id the new identifier associated with the queue.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the identifier was already set.

## public ValueGenerator getMaximalQueueTimeGenerator (int dqType)

Returns the maximal queue time generator associated with dequeue type dqType for this waiting queue. Returns null if no value generator is associated with the given dqType.

## Parameter

dqType the queried dequeue type.

**Returns** the maximal queue time generator of this object.

public void setMaximalQueueTimeGenerator (int dqType, ValueGenerator dqgen)

Changes the maximal queue time generator associated with dequeue type dqType for this waiting queue to dqgen.

dqType the affected dequeue type.

dqgen the new maximal queue time generator.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the given dequeue type is negative.

NullPointerException if dqgen is null.

protected abstract Iterator<DequeueEvent> elementsIterator

()

Returns an iterator capable of traversing, in the correct order, the elements in the waiting queue's internal data structure. This is different from the iterator (int) method because this iterator returns the contacts marked for dequeue as well as the contacts still enqueued. If the returned iterator does not implement remove(), remove (Contact, int) and get-DequeueEvent (Contact) will not work properly.

**Returns** an iterator for the waiting queue elements.

#### protected abstract void elementsClear()

Clears all elements in the data structure representing the queued contacts.

#### protected abstract void elementsAdd (DequeueEvent dqEvent)

Adds the new dequeued event dqEvent to the internal data structure representing the waiting queue.

#### Parameter

dqEvent the dequeue event being added.

#### protected abstract boolean elementsIsEmpty()

Determines if the internal waiting queue data structure is empty.

**Returns** true if the data structure is empty, false otherwise.

#### protected abstract DequeueEvent elementsGetFirst()

Returns the first element of the waiting queue's internal data structure, or throws a No-SuchElementException if no such element exists.

**Returns** the first element of the data structure.

Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue's data structure is empty.

#### protected abstract DequeueEvent elementsGetLast()

Returns the last element of the waiting queue's internal data structure, or throws a NoSuch-ElementException if no such element exists.

**Returns** the last element of the data structure.

## Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue's data structure is empty.

## protected abstract DequeueEvent elementsRemoveFirst()

Removes and returns the first element in the waiting queue's internal data structure. Throws a NoSuchElementException if no such element exists.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ removed \ element.}$ 

## Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue's data structure is empty.

## protected abstract DequeueEvent elementsRemoveLast()

Removes and returns the last element in the waiting queue's internal data structure. Throws a NoSuchElementException if no such element exists.

**Returns** the removed element.

## Throws

NoSuchElementException if the queue's data structure is empty.

## public Map<Object, Object> getAttributes()

Returns the map containing the attributes for this waiting queue. Attributes can be used to add user-defined information to waiting queue objects at runtime, without creating a subclass. However, for maximal efficiency, it is recommended to create a subclass of Waiting-Queue instead of using attributes.

**Returns** the map containing the attributes for this object.

# DequeueEvent

Represents an event happening when a contact leaves a waiting queue without being explicitly removed. This event also holds the necessary information about a contact in queue and is added to the waiting queue's data structure. When it becomes obsolete, it can be used to keep track of the queueing step of the concerned contact. For this reason, the event implements the ContactStepInfo interface.

Note that the natural ordering of dequeue events corresponds to ascending order of automatic removal from queue, not the order of insertion. This is adapted for insertion of dequeue events in event lists, not for priority queues. The class DequeueEventComparator must be used to impose the order of insertion, for priority queues. This comparator is used when calling the default constructor of PriorityWaitingQueue and QueueWaitingQueue.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

#### Constructor

#### protected DequeueEvent (WaitingQueue queue, Contact contact, double enqueueTime)

Constructs a new dequeue event with contact contact entering waiting queue queue at simulation time enqueueTime.

This constructor is rarely used directly; the recommended way to create dequeue events is to use WaitingQueue.add (Contact).

#### Parameters

queue the associated waiting queue.

contact the contact being queued.

enqueueTime the time at which the contact enters the queue.

#### Methods

public Contact getContact()

Returns a reference to the queued contact.

**Returns** a reference to the queued contact.

#### public WaitingQueue getWaitingQueue()

Returns a reference to the waiting queue.

**Returns** a reference to the waiting queue.

### public double getEnqueueTime()

Returns the simulation time at which the contact was enqueued.

**Returns** the contact's enqueue time.

#### public double getScheduledQueueTime()

Returns the scheduled queue time for this contact. This corresponds to the maximal time the contact can spend in queue before being automatically removed, if this event occurs.

**Returns** the contact's scheduled queue time.

```
public int getScheduledDequeueType()
```

Returns the scheduled dequeue type of the contact if this event occurs. This scheduled dequeue type can be overridden when a contact is manually removed.

**Returns** the contact's scheduled dequeue type.

#### public void setScheduledDequeueType (int dqType)

Changes the dequeue type of the contact to dqType when the event occurs. If this is called after the contact was dequeued, an IllegalStateException is thrown.

### Parameter

dqType the new type of removal.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the contact was dequeued.

#### public double getEffectiveQueueTime()

Returns the simulation time the contact has effectively spent in queue.

**Returns** the effective queue time.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the contact is still in queue.

#### public int getEffectiveDequeueType()

Returns the effective dequeue type of the contact having waited in this queue. Throws an IllegalStateException if the contact is still in queue.

**Returns** the effective dequeue type.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the contact is still in queue.

public boolean remove (int dqType1)

Removes this dequeue event from its associated waiting queue, with dequeue type dqType. Returns true if and only if the removal was successful. This method calls getWaiting-Queue() .remove (this, dqType), and returns the result.

dqType1 the dequeue type.

**Returns** the success indicator of the operation.

#### public boolean dequeued()

Indicates that the contact has left the queue and that this event is obsolete. If an obsolete event is scheduled, an IllegalStateException is thrown at the time it happens. The event can be used as a data structure to keep a trace of the queueing process of the contact.

**Returns** the dequeue indicator.

#### public boolean isObsolete()

Determines if this event is obsolete. When calling WaitingQueue.init(), some dequeue events might still be in the simulator's event list. One must use this method in actions() to test if this event is obsolete. If that returns true, one should return immediately.

Returns true for an obsolete event, false otherwise.

#### public int compareTo (DequeueEvent ev)

Compares this dequeue event with the other event ev. The method extracts the Contact object from this event and from the ev argument. The Contact.compareTo (Contact) method is then used to compare objects. A contact that cannot be extracted is assigned the null value and precedes any non-null contacts.

#### Parameter

ev the other event being compared.

**Returns** the result of the comparison.

#### public DequeueEvent clone()

Returns a copy of this event. This method clones every field of the event, except the waiting queue which is not cloneable.

## public DequeueEvent clone (Contact clonedContact)

Similar to clone(), but initializes the contact of the cloned event with clonedContact instead of a clone of the contact returned by getContact(). This method can be useful when cloning a contact c for which c.getSteps() returns a non-empty list containing dequeue events. In that case, the contact associated with the events included in c.getSteps() must correspond to c rather than clones of c.

## Dequeue Event Comparator

Default comparator used to sort dequeue events in a priority queue. The default order for DequeueEvent is given by the Comparable.compareTo (T) method, which sorts events according to time of occurrence, i.e., dequeue time. This is adapted for inserting dequeue events in the event list of the simulator, not in a waiting queue. This comparator can be used when the waiting queue needs a comparator to establish the order of the elements. This comparator is not needed for waiting queues using a list, i.e., StandardWaitingQueue.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public class DequeueEventComparator implements Comparator<DequeueEvent>

## Method

public int compare (DequeueEvent e1, DequeueEvent e2)

Compares dequeue event e1 with the other event e2. The method extracts the Contact objects from the events. The Contact.compareTo (Contact) method is then used to compare objects. A contact that cannot be extracted is assigned the null value and precedes any non-null contacts.

## Parameters

- $\tt e1$  the first event.
- $e2\ {\rm the\ second\ event.}$

**Returns** the result of the comparison.

## WaitingQueueSet

Represents a group of waiting queues for which it is possible to get the total size. This can be used when the total number of contacts in a subset of the contact center's waiting queues is needed for statistical collecting or for capacity limitation.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;
```

## Methods

```
public int queueSize()
```

Returns the total size of the queues currently in this group of waiting queues.

**Returns** the size of all contained queues.

#### public boolean add (WaitingQueue queue)

Adds the waiting queue queue to this set of waiting queues.

Parameter

queue the waiting queue being added.

Throws

NullPointerException if queue is null.

public boolean remove (Object queue)

Removes the waiting queue queue from this set of waiting queues.

#### Parameter

queue the waiting queue being removed.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if queue is null.

#### public void clear()

Removes all the waiting queues contained in this set of waiting queues.

#### public void init()

Initializes all the waiting queues contained in this set.

#### public void initStat()

Initializes the statistical collector for the size of the queues in this set. If statistical collecting is turned OFF, this throws an IllegalStateException.

## Throws

IllegalStateException if statistical collecting is turned OFF.

## public boolean isStatCollecting()

Determines if this set of waiting queues is collecting statistics about the total size of the queues. If this returns **true**, statistical collecting is turned ON. Otherwise (the default), it is turned OFF.

**Returns** the state of statistical collecting.

## public void setStatCollecting (boolean b)

Sets the state of statistical collecting to b. If b is true, statistical collecting is turned ON. The statistical collectors are created or reinitialized. If b is false, statistical collecting is turned OFF.

## Parameter

**b** the new state of statistical collecting.

## public void setStatCollecting (Simulator sim)

Enables statistical collecting, but associates the given simulator to the internal accumulate.

## Parameter

sim the simulator associated to the internal accumulate.

## public Accumulate getStatQueueSize()

Returns the statistical collector for the size of the queues in the set. This returns a non-null value only if statistical collecting was turned ON since this object was constructed.

**Returns** the queue size statistical collector.

## public WaitingQueueSet clone()

Constructs and returns a copy of this set of waiting queues. This method clones the internal set of waiting queues as well as the statistical collectors if they exist. This does not clone the waiting queues themselves.

**Returns** a clone of this object.

# WaitingQueueListener

Represents a waiting-queue listener which can be notified about events concerning waiting queues. When an implementation is registered to a waiting queue, it is notified when contacts are enqueued and dequeued, or when the queue is initialized.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

#### public interface WaitingQueueListener

## Methods

#### public void enqueued (DequeueEvent ev)

This method is called after a contact was added to a queue. The event ev can be used to access the available information about the queued contact. When this is called, it should be possible to use the waiting-queue iterator to find the contact in the queue. However, if the contact is immediately dequeued, it can be absent from the queue.

#### Parameter

ev the dequeue event associated with the queued contact.

#### public void dequeued (DequeueEvent ev)

This method is called when a contact is removed from a waiting queue, ev representing the corresponding dequeue event.

#### Parameter

ev the obsolete dequeue event.

#### public void init (WaitingQueue queue)

This method is called after the WaitingQueue.init() method is called for the waiting queue queue.

#### Parameter

queue the queue being initialized.

# ${\bf Standard Waiting Queue}$

Extends the WaitingQueue class for a standard waiting queue, without priority. The queue uses a List to store the dequeue events ordered by insertion times. By default, a doubly-linked list is used, which implements insertion and removal of the first and last elements in constant time.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public final class StandardWaitingQueue extends WaitingQueue

## Constructors

## public StandardWaitingQueue()

Constructs a new waiting queue using a LinkedList to store the elements.

## public StandardWaitingQueue (List<DequeueEvent> list)

Constructs a new waiting queue using the given List implementation to manage the elements. This list must contain only **DequeueEvent** objects and it will be cleared before being used.

## Parameter

list the list containing the queued contacts.

# **PriorityWaitingQueue**

Extends the WaitingQueue class for a priority waiting queue. The queue uses a Sorted-Set to store the dequeue events, and the user can supply a comparator indicating how to order pairs of elements. By default, the sorted set is implemented using a red black tree [5] which is a binary tree with automatic balancing for more stable search speed. This class should be used only when there are many priorities in the system, and queued contacts needs to be enumerated in a consistent order. If there are only a few degrees of priorities, it is more efficient to use one standard waiting queue per priority. If contacts do not have to be enumerated, using a heap is more efficient.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public final class PriorityWaitingQueue extends WaitingQueue

#### Constructors

#### public PriorityWaitingQueue()

Constructs a new waiting queue using a TreeSet to store the elements. Dequeue events are compared based on their associated contacts, using DequeueEventComparator.

public PriorityWaitingQueue (Comparator<? super DequeueEvent> comparator)
Constructs a new waiting queue using a TreeSet to store the elements, and the given
comparator to determine how to order pairs of elements. The supplied comparator must be
able to compare DequeueEvent objects.

#### Parameter

comparator the comparator used to sort the elements.

#### public PriorityWaitingQueue (SortedSet<DequeueEvent> set)

Constructs a new waiting queue using the given SortedSet implementation to manage the elements. At any given time, this sorted set contains only DequeueEvent objects. If no comparator is given, dequeue events are compared based on their associated contacts, using Contact.compareTo (Contact). The given set will be cleared before it is used.

#### Parameter

set a sorted set object that will contain the dequeue events.

#### Method

#### public Comparator<? super DequeueEvent> comparator()

Returns the comparator used to compare the dequeue events, or null if no comparator was given. This method calls SortedSet.comparator() and returns the result.

**Returns** the associated comparator or null.

# ${\bf Queue Waiting Queue}$

Represents a waiting queue using a Java Queue implementation as a data structure. For example, PriorityQueue can be used as a queue to have a heap. This can be more efficient than using PriorityWaitingQueue, which is backed by a SortedSet, but WaitingQueue. getLast() and WaitingQueue.removeLast (int) are not supported, because Queue does not provide any method for getting or removing the last element. Moreover, the iterator does not enumerate queued contacts in a particular order.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public class QueueWaitingQueue extends WaitingQueue

#### Constructors

#### public QueueWaitingQueue()

Constructs a waiting queue using a priority heap with DequeueEventComparator for dequeue event.

#### public QueueWaitingQueue (Comparator<? super DequeueEvent> comparator)

Constructs a new waiting queue using a priority heap with the comparator comparator.

#### Parameter

comparator the comparator used to compare events.

#### public QueueWaitingQueue (Queue<DequeueEvent> queue)

Constructs a new waiting queue using the queue **queue** as a data structure. The given waiting queue can only contain dequeue events, and is cleared before usage.

#### Parameter

queue the queue being used.

## Throws

NullPointerException if queue is null.

# QueueSizeStat

Computes statistics for a specific waiting queue. Using accumulates, this class can compute the integral of the queue size from the last call to init() to the current simulation time. Optionally, it can also compute the integral of the number of contacts of each type k in queue.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public class QueueSizeStat implements Cloneable

## Constructors

```
public QueueSizeStat (WaitingQueue queue)
```

Constructs a new queue size statistical probe for the waiting queue queue and only computing aggregate queue size. This is equivalent to QueueSizeStat (queue, 0).

#### Parameter

queue the observed waiting queue.

```
public QueueSizeStat (Simulator sim, WaitingQueue queue)
```

Equivalent to QueueSizeStat (WaitingQueue), using the given simulator sim to construct accumulates.

```
public QueueSizeStat (WaitingQueue queue, int numTypes)
```

Constructs a new queue size statistical probe for the waiting queue queue supporting numTypes contact types.

#### Parameters

queue the observed waiting queue.

numTypes the supported number of contact types.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of contact types is smaller than 0.

```
public QueueSizeStat (Simulator sim, WaitingQueue queue, int numTypes)
    Equivalent ot QueueSizeStat (WaitingQueue, int), using the simulator sim to construct
    accumulates.
```

## Methods

```
public void setSimulator (Simulator sim)
Sets the simulator attached to internal accumulates to sim.
```

sim the new simulator.

## Throws

NullPointerException if sim is null.

## public final WaitingQueue getWaitingQueue()

Returns the waiting queue currently associated with this object.

**Returns** the currently associated waiting queue.

## public final void setWaitingQueue (WaitingQueue queue)

Sets the associated waiting queue to queue. If the given queue is null, the statistical collector is disabled until a non-null waiting queue is given. This can be used during a replication if the integrals must be computed during some periods only.

## Parameter

queue the new associated waiting queue.

## public Accumulate getStatQueueSize()

Returns the statistical collector for the queue size over the simulation time.

**Returns** the queue size statistical collector.

## public int getNumContactTypes()

Returns the number of contact types supported by this object.

**Returns** the number of supported contact types.

## public Accumulate getStatQueueSize (int type)

Returns the statistical collector for the number of contacts of type type in the queue.

#### Parameter

type the target contact type.

**Returns** the size collector for the target type.

#### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if type is negative or greater than or equal to the number of supported contact types.

#### public QueueSizeStat clone()

Constructs and returns a clone of this queue-size collector. This method clones the internal statistical collectors, but the clone has no associated waiting queue. This can be used to save the state of the statistical collector for future restoration.

**Returns** a clone of this object.

## ${\bf Queue Size Stat Measure Matrix}$

Queue size statistical collector implementing MeasureMatrix. This class extends QueueSize-Stat and implements the MeasureMatrix interface and defines measures for queue sizes. If the object supports K > 1 contact types, the measure  $0 \le k < K$  corresponds to the integral of the number of contacts of type k over the simulation time. The measure K corresponds to the integral of the queue size over the simulation time. If K = 1, only the integral of the queue size is computed and stored in measure 0. Since this measure matrix supports only one period, it must be combined with IntegralMeasureMatrix for the integral of the queue size to be obtained for each period.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

## Constructors

#### public QueueSizeStatMeasureMatrix (WaitingQueue queue)

Constructs a new queue size statistical probe for the waiting queue queue and only computing aggregate queue size. This is equivalent to QueueSizeStat (queue, 0).

#### Parameter

queue the observed waiting queue.

public QueueSizeStatMeasureMatrix (Simulator sim, WaitingQueue queue)
 Equivalent to QueueSizeStatMeasureMatrix (WaitingQueue), using the given simulator
 sim to create internal probes.

#### public QueueSizeStatMeasureMatrix (WaitingQueue queue, int numTypes)

Constructs a new queue size statistical probe for the waiting queue queue supporting numTypes contact types.

## Parameters

queue the observed waiting queue.

numTypes the supported number of contact types.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of contact types is smaller than 0.

## 

Equivalent to QueueSizeStatMeasureMatrix (WaitingQueue, int), using the given simulator sim to create internal probes.

## Methods

# public static MeasureSet getQueueSizeIntegralMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[] qscalc)

Returns a measure set regrouping the queue size integrals for several waiting queues. Row **r** of the resulting matrix corresponds to the queue size integral stored in **qscalc[r]**, and the last row contains the total queue size.

## Parameter

qscalc the queue size matrices.

**Returns** the queue size integral measure set.

# public static MeasureSet getQueueSizeIntegralMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[] qscalc, int numTypes)

Returns a measure set regrouping the integrals of the number of contacts of each type in a set of waiting queues. The row numTypes\*q + k contains the integral of the number of contact of type k stored in qscalc[q] over the simulation time. If the measure set is computing the sum row (the default), row numTypes\*qscalc.length + k corresponds to the integral of the total number of queued contacts of type k, over the simulation time.

## Parameters

qscalc the queue size integral matrices.

numTypes the number of contact types.

**Returns** the queue size integral measure set.

# Contact Patience Time Generator

Value generator for the patience time of contacts. This implementation simply calls the Contact.getDefaultPatienceTime() method to get the patience times. For each new waiting queue, such a value generator is created and used by default.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public class ContactPatienceTimeGenerator implements ValueGenerator

# WaitingQueueState

Represents the state of a waiting queue. For now, this state is represented by an array of dequeue events representing queued contacts.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public class WaitingQueueState

## Constructor

```
protected WaitingQueueState (WaitingQueue queue)
```

Constructs a new state object by saving the state of the waiting queue queue.

## Parameter

queue the queue to be saved.

## Method

#### public DequeueEvent[] getQueuedContacts()

Returns the array containing the queued contacts in the queue at the time the state was saved.

**Returns** the state of the queued contacts.

# EnqueueEvent

Represents a simulation event that will put a queued contact back in its original waiting queue. This is used for state restoration of a waiting queue.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queue;

public class EnqueueEvent extends Event

#### Constructors

#### public EnqueueEvent (DequeueEvent oldDequeueEvent)

Constructs a new enqueue event from an old dequeue event using the target queue returned by DequeueEvent.getWaitingQueue().

#### Parameter

oldDequeueEvent the old dequeue event to be used.

## 

Constructs a new enqueue event from an old dequeue event that will put a queued contact into the target waiting queue targetQueue.

#### Parameters

targetQueue the target waiting queue.

oldDequeueEvent the old dequeue event to be used.

## 

Constructs a new enqueue event that will put a contact contact into the target waiting queue targetQueue. The maximal queue time of the contact will be queueTime while its dequeue type is dqType.

#### Parameters

targetQueue the target waiting queue.

contact the contact being queued.

queueTime the maximal queue time.

dqType the dequeue type.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if contact or targetQueue are null.

IllegalArgumentException if queueTime is negative.
# Methods

# public WaitingQueue getTargetWaitingQueue()

Returns the waiting queue in which the previously queued contact will be added by this event.

**Returns** the target waiting queue.

# public Contact getContact()

Returns the contact to be queued when the event occurs.

**Returns** the contact being queued.

#### public double getScheduledQueueTime()

Returns the scheduled maximal queue time assigned to the contact when it is queued.

**Returns** the scheduled maximal queue time.

#### public int getScheduledDequeueType()

Returns the scheduled dequeue type assigned to the contact when it is queued.

**Returns** the scheduled dequeue type.

#### public DequeueEvent getNewDequeueEvent()

Returns the dequeue event representing the contact put back in the waiting queue. This returns a non-null value only after the execution of the actions() method.

**Returns** the new dequeue event.

# Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queuemodel

Implements different formulae used to compute the delay probability and the service level, assuming some queueing model for the arrival and service rates. Examples of models are the Erlang A, the Erlang B and the Erlang C models. The service level is defined as the probability  $Pr\{W \leq awt\}$ , where W is the waiting time and awt is the acceptable waiting time.

# ErlangC

The Erlang C formula is used to compute the delay probability  $Pr\{W > 0\}$  and also the service level, defined as  $Pr\{W \le awt\}$ , where W is the waiting time and awt the acceptable waiting time. This formula assumes a M/M/c queueing model such that the arrival and service rates are exponential. The M/M/c assumes one call type and one agent group. This queueing model can be analyzed as a stochastic process  $X(t) \in \{0, \ldots, c+q\}$  representing the number of calls in the system at time t and where c + q is maximum number of calls in the system. The number of servers is c and the capacity of the queue is q. Calls are blocked when the system is at full, X(t) = c + q. It assumes no abandonment due to the impatience of the client.

The rates at each state are :

$$\lambda_{k} = \lambda, \qquad k = 1, 2, \dots, c + q - 1 \\ \mu_{k} = \begin{cases} k\mu, & k = 1, 2, \dots, c - 1 \\ c\mu, & k = c, c + 1, \dots, c + q. \end{cases}$$

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.queuemodel;

public class ErlangC

#### Constructors

public ErlangC (double arrivalRate, double serviceRate, int capacity)

Creates a new instance of ErlangC. Set the capacity to Integer.MAX\_VALUE for infinite queue capacity.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

capacity the capacity of the queue.

```
public ErlangC (double arrivalRate, double serviceRate)
```

Creates a new instance of ErlangC assuming an infinite queue capacity.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

# Methods

```
public double getProbDelay (int server)
```

Returns the delay probability :  $Pr\{W > 0\}$ , such that the call will wait.

#### Parameter

server the number of servers.

Returns the delay probability.

Returns the delay probability :  $Pr\{W > 0\}$ , such that the call will wait. Assumes an infinite queue.

#### **Parameters**

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

server the number of servers.

**Returns** the delay probability.

Returns the delay probability :  $Pr\{W > 0\}$ , such that the call will wait.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

capacity the capacity of the queue, sets to Integer.MAX\_VALUE for infinite queue capacity.

server the number of servers.

**Returns** the delay probability.

Returns the mass probability distribution of the states (number of calls) in the queueing system. First element is the state, the second element is the mass probability.

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

capacity the capacity of the queue, it must be finite and greater or equal to 0.

server the number of servers.

**Returns** the mass probability distribution or null if it cannot be computed. The first element is the state, the second element is the mass probability. The size of the vector is : number of server + capacity + 1 (for the empty state).

public double getServiceLevel (int server, double awt)

Returns the service level which is the proportion of calls that have waited less or equal to awt,  $Pr\{W \le awt\}$ . awt must be given in the same unit as the arrival and service rates.

# Parameters

server the number of servers.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

**Returns** the service level.

# 

Returns the service level which is the proportion of calls that have waited less or equal to awt,  $Pr\{W \leq awt\}$ . awt must be given in the same unit as the arrival and service rates. This method assumes a queue with an infinite capacity.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

server the number of servers.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

**Returns** the service level.

Returns the service level which is the proportion of calls that have waited less or equal to awt,  $Pr\{W \leq awt\}$ . awt must be given in the same unit as the arrival and service rates. Give a capacity of Integer.MAX\_VALUE for a queue with an infinite capacity.

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

capacity the capacity of the waiting queue.

server the number of servers.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

**Returns** the service level.

```
public int minServer (double awt, double sl)
```

Returns the minimum number c of servers needed to have a service level of at least sl, that is :  $\min_{c\geq 0} \{c : Pr\{W \leq awt\} \geq sl\}$ . This function uses a binary search.

#### Parameters

awt the acceptable waiting time.

sl the target service level, it must be in the interval [0, 1].

**Returns** the minimum number of servers needed to satisfy a service level of *sl*.

Returns the minimum number c of servers needed to have a service level of at least sl, that is :  $\min_{c\geq 0} \{c : Pr\{W \leq awt\} \geq sl\}$ . The capacity of the queue is assumed infinite. This function uses a binary search.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the exponential arrival rate.

**serviceRate** the exponential service rate.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

sl the target service level, it must be in the interval [0, 1].

**Returns** the minimum number of servers needed to satisfy a service level of *sl*.

Returns the minimum number c of servers needed to have a service level of at least sl, that is :  $\min_{c\geq 0}\{c: Pr\{W \leq awt\} \geq sl\}$ . If the capacity is Integer.MAX\_VALUE, the capacity of the queue is assumed infinite. This function uses a binary search.

arrivalRate the exponential arrival rate.

serviceRate the exponential service rate.

capacity the capacity of the queue.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

sl the target service level, it must be in the interval [0, 1].

**Returns** the minimum number of servers needed to satisfy a service level of *sl*.

#### public double getAverageWaitTime (int server)

Returns the average wait time :  $\mathbb{E}[W]$ .

#### Parameter

server the number of servers.

**Returns** the average wait time.

Returns the average wait time :  $\mathbb{E}[W]$ . It assumes an infinite queue capacity.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

server the number of servers.

**Returns** the average wait time.

Returns the average wait time :  $\mathbb{E}[W]$ .

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

capacity the capacity of the queue.

server the number of servers.

**Returns** the average wait time.

#### public double getAverageExcessTime (int server, double awt)

Returns the average excess time :  $\mathbb{E}[(W - awt)^+]$ . It corresponds to the average of waiting time exceeding awt.

#### Parameters

server the number of servers.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

**Returns** the average excess time.

Returns the average excess time :  $\mathbb{E}[(W - awt)^+]$ . It corresponds to the average of waiting time exceeding awt. It assumes an infinite queue capacity.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

server the number of servers.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

**Returns** the average excess time.

Returns the average excess time :  $\mathbb{E}[(W - awt)^+]$ . It corresponds to the average of waiting time exceeding awt.

#### Parameters

arrivalRate the arrival rate.

serviceRate the service rate.

capacity the capacity of the queue.

server the number of servers.

awt the acceptable waiting time.

**Returns** the average excess time.

#### public static void main (String[] args) throws Exception

Returns the service level and the delay probability of given parameters. Arguments to give : <arrival rate> <service rate> <number of servers> <awt> [<capacity>]. If the capacity is omitted, the queue is assumed to have an infinite capacity.

# Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server

Manages the simulation of the contact's service process. The purpose of the contact center is to offer some service which is provided by a pool of servers or agents sharing the same skills.

An agent group *i*, represented by an instance of AgentGroup, contains  $N_i(t) \in \mathbb{N}$  members at simulation time *t*. Among these agents,  $N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t)$  are idle, and  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t)$  are busy. Only  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t) \leq N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t)$  agents are available to serve new contacts.

The service of a contact is divided in two steps. After communicating with a customer (first step), an agent can perform after-contact work (second step), e.g., update an account, take some notes, etc. After the first step, the contact may exit the system, or be transferred to another agent. However, the agent becomes free only after the second step (if any) is over.

By default, for better efficiency, an agent group does not contain an object for each agent, preventing the simulator from differentiating them. Individual agents can of course be simulated by creating groups with a single member, but regrouping the agents can be useful for more efficient routing. The subclass DetailedAgentGroup offers an implementation where each individual agent is a separate object with its own characteristics. Each such agent can be added to or removed from a group at any time during a simulation.

This package also provides helper classes to assign service times to contacts and compute the integrals of the number of agents over simulation time.

# AgentGroup

Represents a group i of agents capable of serving some types of contacts. An instance of this class keeps counters for the number of agents in a group, and provides logic to manage the service of contacts. It also defines a list of observers being notified when the agent group changes.

An agent group contains  $N_i(t) \in \mathbb{N}$  members at simulation time t. Among these agents,  $N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t)$  are idle and  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t)$  are busy. Since agents terminate their service before they leave, we can have  $N_i(t) < N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t)$ , in which case  $N_{\mathrm{G},i}(t) = N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t) - N_i(t)$  ghost agents need to disappear after they finish their work. As a result, the true number of agents in a group iat time t is given by  $N_i(t) + N_{\mathrm{G},i}(t)$ . New contacts are not accepted by the group when  $N_i(t) \leq N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t)$ . Since  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t)$  includes the ghost agents, we have

$$N_i(t) + N_{G,i}(t) = N_{B,i}(t) + N_{I,i}(t).$$
(2)

Some idle agents may be unavailable to serve contacts at some times during their shift. They can be taking unplanned breaks, going to the bathroom, etc. These details can be modeled in the simulation if the appropriate information is available. But in practice they are often approximated by various models such as an efficiency factor  $\epsilon_i \in [0, 1]$ , which corresponds to the fraction of agents being effectively busy or available to serve contacts. If  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t) = 0$ , the number of free agents  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t)$  available to serve contacts is given by  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t) = \mathrm{round}(\epsilon_i N_i(t))$  where round( $\cdot$ ) rounds its argument to the nearest integer. If  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t) > 0$ , the number of busy members of the group,  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t) - N_{\mathrm{G},i}(t)$ , needs to be subtracted to get  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t)$ . This yields:

$$\operatorname{round}(\epsilon_i N_i(t)) + N_{\mathrm{G},i}(t) = N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t) + N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t).$$
(3)

If  $\epsilon_i = 1$ ,  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t) = N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t)$  and we are back to (2). This elementary efficiency model is provided because it can be used without simulating individual agents. When agents are differentiated, other more complex and more realistic models can easily be implemented by manipulating the state of agents during simulation.

The service of a contact, started by the serve (Contact) method, is divided in two steps. After communicating with a customer (first step), an agent can perform after-contact work (second step), e.g., update an account, take some notes, etc. After the first step, the contact may exit the system, or be transferred to another agent. However, the agent becomes free only after the second step (if any) is over. The end of these steps is scheduled using a simulation event EndServiceEvent that contains additional information about the service. Service can be terminated automatically through the event or manually through the endContact (EndServiceEvent, int) and endService (EndServiceEvent, int) methods of this class. Special indicators called the *end-contact type* and *end-service type* tell us which type of termination has occurred for each step. By default, the two steps of the service are terminated automatically after durations obtained using the Contact.getDefault-ContactTime() and Contact.getDefaultAfterContactTime() methods of the concerned contact, respectively. These default times can be set to infinity if services need to be terminated manually, conditional on some event. The way times are obtained can also be changed by setting value generators using setContactTimeGenerator (int, ValueGenerator), and setAfterContactTimeGenerator (int, ValueGenerator), or by overriding getContact-Time (EndServiceEvent) and getAfterContactTime (EndServiceEvent).

Registered *agent-group listeners* can be notified when  $N_i(t)$  changes, when a service starts, and when it ends.

Note: the AgentGroupListener implementations are notified in the order of the list returned by getAgentGroupListeners(), and an agent-group listener modifying the list of listeners by using addAgentGroupListener (AgentGroupListener) or removeAgentGroup-Listener (AgentGroupListener) could result in unpredictable behavior.

An agent group can also be viewed as a collection of end-service events. For this reason, this class implements the Collection interface. The collection contains end-service events corresponding to in-progress services. Its size thus always corresponds to the number of busy agents.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

# Fields

#### protected int ecTypeRet

The end-contact type associated with the contact time returned by getContactTime (End-ServiceEvent).

#### protected int esTypeRet

The end-service type associated with the after-contact time returned by getAfterContact-Time (EndServiceEvent).

# Constructors

# public AgentGroup (int n)

Constructs a new agent group with **n** available agents.

# Parameter

**n** the number of agents in the group.

# public AgentGroup (PeriodChangeEvent pce, int[] ns)

Constructs a new agent group with the period-change event pce, and ns[p] agents in the period p. The agent group is automatically added to the period-change event for the number of agents to be set automatically during the simulation.

pce the period-change event defining the simulation periods.

ns the number of agents in the group for each period.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if there is not a number of agent for each period.

#### Methods

#### public PeriodChangeEvent getPeriodChangeEvent()

Returns the period-change event associated with this agent group.

**Returns** the associated period-change event.

#### public double getEfficiency()

Returns  $\epsilon_i$ , the fraction of free and busy agents available to serve contacts over the total number of agents. The default efficiency is set to 1.

**Returns** the agents' efficiency.

#### public void setEfficiency (double eff)

Changes the agents' efficiency to eff. This calls setNumAgents (int) to update the number of free agents according to the new efficiency factor. If there is no busy agent, the number of free agents is given by getNumAgents()\*eff, rounded to the nearest integer. The efficiency factor must be in [0, 1], otherwise an exception is thrown.

#### Parameter

eff the new efficiency.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the efficiency factor is smaller than 0 or greater than 1.

#### public ValueGenerator getContactTimeGenerator (int ecType)

Returns the value generator used to generate contact times for end-contact type ecType. This returns null if there is no value generator associated with this type of contact termination. By default, a non-null value is returned for ecType = 0 only.

#### Parameter

ecType the queried end-contact type.

**Returns** the value generator associated with this end-contact type.

#### public ValueGenerator getAfterContactTimeGenerator (int esType)

Returns the value generator used to generate after-contact times for end-service type esType. This returns null if there is no value generator associated with this type of service termination.

esType the queried end-service type.

**Returns** the value generator associated with this end-service type.

public void setContactTimeGenerator (int ecType, ValueGenerator cgen) Sets the contact time generator for end-contact type ecType to cgen.

#### Parameters

ecType the affected end-contact type.

cgen the new contact time generator associated with this end-contact type.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the end-contact type is negative.

public void setAfterContactTimeGenerator (int esType, ValueGenerator acgen)
Sets the after-contact time generator for end-service type esType to acgen.

#### Parameters

esType the affected end-service type.

acgen the new after-contact time generator associated with this end-service type.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the end-service type is negative.

#### public void init()

Initializes the agent group for a new simulation replication. It must be called after the simulator is initialized and before it is started.

#### public boolean isKeepingEndServiceEvents()

Determines if this object keeps track of the end-service events for contacts in service by an agent. If this returns **true**, the events are stored. Otherwise (the default), they are stored in the SSJ event list only.

**Returns** the value of the keep end-service events flag.

#### public void setKeepingEndServiceEvents (boolean keepEsev)

Sets the keep end-service-event indicator to keepEsev.

#### Parameter

**keepEsev** the new value of the indicator.

See also isKeepingEndServiceEvents()

# public Iterator<EndServiceEvent> endServiceEventsIterator

()

Constructs and returns an iterator for the end-service events. If isKeepingEndService-Events() returns true, the iterator is constructed from the set returned by getEndService-Events(). Otherwise, an illegal state exception is thrown.

**Returns** the iterator for end-service events.

# public Set<EndServiceEvent> getEndServiceEvents()

Returns a reference to a set containing all the end-service events for this agent group. This set contains the end-service events for each contact currently served by an agent. As soon as a contact ends its service (including after-contact work), it is removed from the set. If the agent group does not keep track of these events (the default), this throws an Illegal-StateException.

**Returns** the set of end-service events.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the agent group does not keep end-service events.

#### public EndServiceEvent serve (Contact contact)

Begins the service of the contact contact and returns the constructed end-service event. If no agent is available to serve the contact, an IllegalStateException is thrown. Otherwise, a contact time is obtained using getContactTime (EndServiceEvent). The end-service event is then constructed and scheduled if the contact time is not infinite. If an infinite contact time is generated, one must manually abort the communication using endContact (EndServiceEvent, int) or schedule the end-service event. When the communication is over, the same rules are applied for generating the after-contact time using getAfterContact-Time (EndServiceEvent). When the after-contact time is finite, the end-service event is scheduled a second time for the service termination.

#### Parameter

contact the contact to be served.

**Returns** a reference to the end-service event.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if no free agent is available.

# 

This is similar to serve (Contact), except that the specified contact time and end-contact type are used instead of generated ones. The after-contact time is generated as in serve (Contact). The main purpose of this method is for recreating an end-service event based on saved state information.

contact the contact being served.

contactTime the communication time of the contact with the agent.

ecType the end-contact type.

**Returns** the end-service event representing the service.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if no free agent is available.

This is similar to **serve** (Contact) except that the contact and after-contact times are specified explicitly. The main purpose of this method is for recreating an end-service event based on saved state information.

# Parameters

contact the contact being served.

contactTime the contact time.

ecType the end-contact type.

afterContactTime the after-contact time.

esType the end-service type.

**Returns** the end-service event representing the service.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if no free agent is available.

# public EndServiceEvent serve (EndServiceEvent oldEndServiceEvent)

Starts the service of a contact based on information stored in the old end-service event oldEndServiceEvent. If the event contains information about the effective end-contact time, i.e., if EndServiceEvent.contactDone() returns true, the method uses the effective end-contact time and end-contact type, and the scheduled end-service time and end-service type to start the service. Otherwise, it uses the scheduled end-contact time and end-contact type only.

#### Parameter

oldEndServiceEvent the old end-service event.

**Returns** the new end-service event.

# public AgentGroupState save()

Constructs a new AgentGroupState instance holding the state of this agent group. The method isKeepingEndServiceEvents() must return true for this method to be called, because the state includes every contact served by agents in this group.

**Returns** the state of this agent group.

#### public void restore (AgentGroupState state)

Restores the state of this agent group by using the restore method of state.

#### Parameter

state the saved state of this agent group.

#### protected double getContactTime (EndServiceEvent es)

Generates and returns the contact time for the service represented by **es**. The method returns the generated value and can store an end-contact type indicator in the protected field **ecTypeRet** if the default value of 0 is not appropriate.

By default, a MinValueGenerator is used. For each end-contact type c with an associated value generator, a contact time  $C_c$  is generated. The scheduled contact time is  $C_{c^*} = \min_c \{C_c\}$ , and the end-contact type is  $c^*$ .

#### Parameter

es the end-service event.

**Returns** the generated contact time.

#### protected double getAfterContactTime (EndServiceEvent es)

Generates and returns the after-contact time for the service represented by **es**. The method returns the generated value and can store an end-service type indicator in the protected field **esTypeRet** if the default value of 0 is not appropriate.

By default, a MinValueGenerator is used. For each end-service type c with an associated value generator, an after-contact time  $C_c$  is generated. The scheduled after-contact time is  $C_{c^*} = \min_c \{C_c\}$ , and the end-service type is  $c^*$ .

#### Parameter

es the end-service event.

**Returns** the generated after-contact time.

#### public boolean endContact (EndServiceEvent es, int ecType)

Aborts the communication with a contact identified by the end-service event es, overriding the event's end-contact type with ecType. Returns true if the operation was successful, or false otherwise. Note that the after-contact time is generated and after-contact work is performed. One must call endService (EndServiceEvent, int) after this method to completely abort the service.

#### Parameters

es the end-service event representing the service to be aborted.

ecType the type of communication termination.

**Returns** the success indicator of the operation.

# public boolean endService (EndServiceEvent es, int esType)

Aborts the service of a contact identified by the end-service event es, overriding the event's end-service type with esType. Returns true if the operation was successful, or false otherwise. For this method to return true, the communication between the agent and the contactor must have ended. One can use endContact (EndServiceEvent, int) to abort the communication.

# Parameters

es the end-service event representing the after-contact work to be aborted.

esType the type of service termination.

**Returns** the success indicator of the operation.

# public int getNumAgents()

Returns the total number of agents in the agent group. It is possible that only a fraction of these agents can serve contacts.

**Returns** the total number of agents in the group.

#### public void setNumAgents (int n)

Changes the number of agents of this group to n. The number of free agents is computed by multiplying n by the efficiency factor, rounding the result to the nearest integer, and subtracting the number of busy members of the group.

#### Parameter

 ${\tt n}$  the total number of agents.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the given number of agents is negative.

#### public int[] getAllNumAgents()

Returns the array containing the number of agents for each period. This method cannot be used unless the agent group is constructed with a period-change event.

**Returns** the number of agents for each period.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the per-period numbers of agents are not available.

#### public int getNumAgents (int p)

Returns the number of agents in period **p**. This method cannot be used unless the agent group is constructed with a period-change event.

#### Parameter

p the period index.

**Returns** the number of agents in the period.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the per-period numbers of agents are not available.

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if the period index is negative or greater than or equal to the number of periods.

#### public void setNumAgents (int p, int n)

Sets the number of agents in period p to n. This method cannot be used unless the agent group is constructed with a period-change event.

#### Parameters

- p the period index.
- **n** the new number of agents.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the per-period numbers of agents are not available.

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if the period index is negative or greater than or equal to the number of periods.

#### public void setNumAgents (int[] allNumAgents)

Sets the vector giving the number of agent for each period to allNumAgents.

#### Parameter

allNumAgents the new vector of agents.

#### public int getNumGhostAgents()

Returns  $N_{G,i}(t)$ , the number of agents that should disappear immediately after they have finished serving a contact. Such ghost agents appear when the total number of agents is set to be smaller than the number of busy agents.

**Returns** the number of ghost agents.

#### public int getNumIdleAgents()

Returns  $N_{I,i}(t)$ , the number of idle agents in this agent group. Since only a fraction of these idle agents can serve contacts, the returned value is greater than or equal to getNum-FreeAgents(). If getEfficiency() returns 1, this returns the same value as getNumFreeAgents().

**Returns** the number of idle agents.

#### public int getNumFreeAgents()

Returns  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t)$ , the total number of agents in the agent group which are available to process contacts. This number must always be smaller than or equal to the total number of agents.

**Returns** the number of free agents in the group.

```
public int getNumBusyAgents()
```

Returns  $N_{B,i}(t)$ , the number of busy agents in the group. At any time during the simulation, the value returned by this method should be smaller than or equal to the sum of getNum-Agents() and getNumGhostAgents().

**Returns** the number of busy agents.

public int getNumBusyAgents (int k)

Returns the number of busy agents serving contacts of type k.

# Parameter

 ${\tt k} \quad {\rm the \ contact \ type \ index}.$ 

Returns the number of busy agents serving contacts of type k.

public int getId()

Returns the identifier associated with this agent group. This identifier, which defaults to -1, can be used as an index in routers.

**Returns** the identifier associated with this agent group.

#### public void setId (int id)

Sets the identifier of this agent group to id. Once this identifier is set to a positive or 0 value, it cannot be changed anymore. This method is automatically called by the router when an agent group is connected. If one tries to attach the same group to different routers, the group must have the same index for each of them. For this reason, if one tries to change the identifier, an IllegalStateException is thrown.

#### Parameter

id the new identifier associated with the agent group.

#### Throws

**IllegalStateException** if the identifier was already set.

#### public void addAgentGroupListener (AgentGroupListener listener)

Adds the agent-group listener listener to this object.

#### Parameter

listener the agent-group listener being added.

# Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

# public void removeAgentGroupListener (AgentGroupListener listener) Removes the agent-group listener listener from this object.

listener the agent-group listener being removed.

#### public void clearAgentGroupListeners()

Removes all the agent-group listeners registered with this agent group.

# public List<AgentGroupListener> getAgentGroupListeners()

Returns an unmodifiable list containing all the agent-group listeners registered with this agent group.

**Returns** the list of all registered agent-group listeners.

#### protected void notifyInit()

Notifies every registered listener that this agent group has been initialized.

#### protected void notifyChange()

Notifies every registered listener that the number of agents of this group has changed.

#### protected void notifyBeginService (EndServiceEvent es)

Notifies every registered listener that a service, represented by **es**, was started by this agent group.

#### Parameter

es the end-service event representing the service.

#### protected void notifyEndContact (EndServiceEvent es, boolean aborted)

Notifies every registered listener that the communication part of the service represented by **es** has ended.

#### **Parameters**

es the end-service event.

aborted determines if the service was aborted or terminated normally.

protected void notifyEndService (EndServiceEvent es, boolean aborted) Notifies every registered listener that the service represented by **es** is finished.

#### Parameters

es the end-service vent representing the ended service.

aborted determines if the after-contact work was aborted or terminated normally.

#### public Map<Object, Object> getAttributes()

Returns the map containing the attributes for this agent group. Attributes can be used to add user-defined information to agent group objects at runtime, without creating a subclass. However, for maximal efficiency, it is recommended to create a subclass of AgentGroup instead of using attributes.

**Returns** the map containing the attributes for this object.

# EndServiceEvent

Represents the simulation event for a contact's end of service. It is constructed and returned by the AgentGroup.serve (Contact) method and can be used to abort the service of a contact, dynamically modify its service time, or get information about the service. The event contains scheduled as well as effective information. A scheduled information is determined at the time the event is scheduled. For example, the schedule contact time is the contact time which was generated at the beginning of the service. An effective information is determined at the time the event occurs, or the service is aborted. It is different from the scheduled information only when the service is aborted.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

# Constructor

# 

Constructs a new end-service event with contact contact served by an agent in group group, with service beginning at simulation time beginServiceTime.

This constructor is rarely used directly; the recommended way to create end-service events is to use AgentGroup.serve (Contact).

#### Parameters

group the associated agent group.

contact the contact being served.

beginServiceTime the time at which the service begins.

# Methods

public Contact getContact()

Returns the contact being served.

**Returns** the contact being served.

public double getBeginServiceTime()

Returns the simulation time at which the service started.

**Returns** the time of beginning of service.

#### public double getScheduledContactTime()

Returns the scheduled duration of the communication with the contact.

**Returns** the scheduled contact time.

#### public double getEffectiveContactTime()

Returns the effective contact time. If the communication is not terminated, this throws an IllegalStateException.

**Returns** the effective contact time.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the communication is not terminated.

#### public double getScheduledAfterContactTime()

Returns the scheduled after-contact time. If the communication is not terminated, an IllegalStateException is thrown.

**Returns** the scheduled after-contact time.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the communication is not terminated.

#### public double getEffectiveAfterContactTime()

Returns the effective after-contact time. If the service is not terminated, this throws an IllegalStateException.

**Returns** the effective after-contact time.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the service is not terminated.

#### public int getScheduledEndContactType()

Returns the type of contact termination that will occur when this event happens for the first time. This scheduled end-contact type can be overridden by using the AgentGroup. endContact (EndServiceEvent, int) method.

**Returns** the scheduled end-contact type.

#### public int getScheduledEndServiceType()

Returns the type of the service termination that will occur when this event happens for the second time. This scheduled end-service type can be overridden by using the AgentGroup. endService (EndServiceEvent, int) method.

**Returns** the scheduled end-service type.

# public int getEffectiveEndContactType()

Returns the effective type of contact termination. If the communication is not terminated, this throws an IllegalStateException.

**Returns** the effective end-contact type.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the communication is not terminated.

#### public int getEffectiveEndServiceType()

Returns the effective type of the service termination. If the service is not terminated, this throws an IllegalStateException.

**Returns** the effective end-service type.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the service is not terminated.

#### public void setScheduledEndContactType (int ecType)

Changes the type of contact termination that will occur when this event happens to ecType. If the communication is terminated, this throws an IllegalStateException.

#### Parameter

ecType the new end-contact type.

#### Throws

**IllegalStateException** if the communication is terminated.

#### public void setScheduledEndServiceType (int esType)

Changes the type of service termination that will occur when this event happens to esType. If the service is terminated, this throws an IllegalStateException.

#### Parameter

esType the new end-service type.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the service is terminated.

#### public AgentGroup getAgentGroup()

Returns the agent group containing the agent serving the contact.

**Returns** the agent group serving the contact.

#### public boolean endContact (int ecType1)

Terminates the communication part of the service represented by this event, with endcontact type ecType, and returns true if and only if the communication part was terminated successfully. This method calls getAgentGroup() AgentGroup.endContact (EndService-Event, int), and returns the result.

ecType1 the end-contact type.

**Returns** the success indicator of the operation.

#### public boolean endService (int esType1)

Terminates the after-contact part of the service represented by this event, with end-service type esType, and returns true if and only if the after-contact part was terminated successfully. This method calls getAgentGroup() AgentGroup.endService (EndServiceEvent, int), and returns the result.

#### Parameter

esType1 the end-service type.

**Returns** the success indicator of the operation.

#### public boolean contactDone()

Determines if the communication is finished between the contact and the agent.

Returns true if the contact was served, false otherwise.

#### public boolean afterContactDone()

Determines if the after-contact work or service is terminated by the agent.

**Returns** true if the after-contact work is done, false otherwise.

#### public boolean wasGhostAgent()

Determines if the agent ending the service of the contact disappears after the service is completed.

**Returns** the ghost agent status.

#### public boolean isObsolete()

Determines if this event is obsolete. When calling AgentGroup.init(), some end-service events might still be in the simulator's event list. Since this agent group does not store every scheduled end-service event by default, one must use this method in actions() to test if this event is obsolete. If that returns true, one should return immediately.

Returns true for an obsolete event, false otherwise.

#### public EndServiceEvent clone()

Returns a copy of this event. This method clones every field of the event, except the agent group which is not cloneable.

#### public EndServiceEvent clone (Contact clonedContact)

Similar to clone(), but initializes the contact of the cloned event with clonedContact instead of a clone of the contact returned by getContact(). This method can be useful when cloning a contact c for which c.getSteps() returns a non-empty list containing endservice events. In that case, the contact associated with the events included in c.getSteps() must correspond to c rather than clones of c.

# DetailedAgentGroup

Extends the AgentGroup class for a detailed agent group, where individual agents can be differentiated. When serving a contact, a specific agent, represented by an instance of the class Agent, must be chosen automatically using the longest idle policy, or manually. At any time during the simulation, agents can be added to or removed from the group. Agents can also be made available or unavailable to process new contacts.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class DetailedAgentGroup extends AgentGroup

# Constructors

#### public DetailedAgentGroup (int n)

Constructs a new agent group with n available agents.

#### Parameter

**n** the number of agents in the group.

```
public DetailedAgentGroup (PeriodChangeEvent pce, int[] ns)
```

Constructs a new agent group with the period-change event pce, and ns[p] agents in the period p. The agent group is automatically added to the period-change event for the number of agents to be set automatically during the simulation.

#### Parameters

pce the period-change event defining the simulation periods.

ns the number of agents in the group for each period.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if there is not a number of agents for each period.

#### Methods

#### public Simulator simulator()

Returns a reference to the simulator used to obtain simulation times at which agents are added or become free, for computing login and idle times of agents.

**Returns** the attached simulator.

#### public void setSimulator (Simulator sim)

Sets the attached simulator of this agent group to sim.

sim the new attached simulator.

#### public void setNumAgents (int n)

Sets the number of agents in the agent group to n. When the number of agents is increased, the createAgent() method is used to create the required new agents. When removing agents, the method uses the busyness status (busy agents are removed only if there is no more idle agent), and the login time (the agent with the longest login time is chosen) to decide which agent to remove. The methods addAgent (Agent) and removeAgent (Agent) are used to add and remove the agents.

#### Parameter

**n** the new number of agents.

#### Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the number of agents is negative.

#### public void addAgent (Agent agent)

Adds the agent **agent** to the agent group. When an agent is a ghost, it can be added back to its previous group, but it cannot be added to another group until he has terminated his in-progress service. When an agent is not in any group and not serving any contact, he can be added to any group.

#### Parameter

agent the agent being added.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if agent is null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if the agent is already in a group.

#### public void removeAgent (Agent agent)

Removes the agent **agent** from this agent group. If the agent is serving a contact, it becomes a ghost until the contact is served.

#### Parameter

agent the agent being removed.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if agent is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the removed agent is not in this group.

#### public boolean isAddingAgent()

Determines if this agent group is currently adding an agent using the addAgent (Agent) method. This method can be used by AgentGroupListener.agentGroupChange (Agent-Group) to determine the origin of a change in an observed agent group. If an agent is added explicitly using addAgent (Agent), this method returns true. Otherwise, the change originates from a call to setNumAgents (int).

**Returns** the result of the test.

# public boolean isRemovingAgent()

Determines if an agent is currently being removed using removeAgent (Agent). This method can be used by an agent-group listener as described in isAddingAgent().

**Returns** the result of the test.

#### public List<Agent> getIdleAgents()

Returns a list containing all the idle agent objects. These idle agents are not necessarily available to process contacts.

**Returns** the idle agents.

# public List<Agent> getBusyAgents()

Returns a list containing all the busy agent objects which are members of this group. This excludes ghost agents since they have been removed from the group.

**Returns** the busy agents.

#### public List<Agent> getGhostAgents()

Returns a list containing all the ghost agent objects having been members of this agent group and finishing an in-progress service.

**Returns** the ghost agents.

#### public int getNumFreeAgents()

Returns the number of free agents available to process contacts. These are the free agents for which Agent.isAvailable() returns true.

**Returns** the number of free agents.

#### public double getEfficiency()

Returns the current efficiency of this agent group, which is given by the fraction of available agents (free or busy) over the total number of agents. This efficiency can change when the agents are added to or removed from the group, or when the availability status of agents changes.

**Returns** the efficiency of the agent group.

#### public void setEfficiency (double eff)

Sets the efficiency of the agents in the group. The method computes a target number of available agents by multiplying  $N_i(t)$  by eff and rounding the result to the nearest integer. Some agents are then made available or unavailable to meet this target, starting with free agents, then with busy agents. This method is provided for compatibility with the AgentGroup base class. The recommended way to change the efficiency is to change the availability of each individual agent by using Agent.setAvailable (boolean). This permits the implementation of more complex and realistic models of agents' availability.

eff the new agent group's efficiency.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if eff is smaller than 0 or greater than 1.

#### public Agent getLongestIdleAgent()

Returns the idle agent with the longest idle time in this agent group. If all agents are busy or unavailable to process new contacts, this returns null.

**Returns** the idle agent with the longest idle time.

public EndServiceEventDetailed serve (Contact contact)

Begins the service of the contact contact by the agent with the longest idle time in this group. After the agent is selected, the serve (Contact, Agent) method is called to begin the service.

#### Parameter

contact the contact being served.

**Returns** the end of service event being created.

#### public EndServiceEventDetailed serve (Contact contact, Agent agent)

Begins the service of the contact contact by the agent agent. Returns the constructed endservice event. Communication times are generated using getContactTime (EndService-Event), and after-contact times are obtained using getAfterContactTime (EndService-Event).

#### Parameters

contact the contact being served.

agent the agent serving the contact.

**Returns** the constructed end-service event.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if an argument is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the given agent is in the wrong agent group.

IllegalStateException if the agent is not available or already serving a contact.

# 

This is similar to serve (Contact, Agent), except that the specified contact time and endcontact type are used instead of generated ones. The after-contact time is generated as in serve (Contact). The main purpose of this method is for recreating an end-service event based on saved state information.

contact the contact being served.

agent the agent serving the contact.

contactTime the communication time of the contact with the agent.

ecType the end-contact type.

**Returns** the end-service event representing the service.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if no free agent is available.

This is similar to serve (Contact, Agent) except that the contact and after-contact times are specified explicitly. The main purpose of this method is for recreating an end-service event based on saved state information.

#### Parameters

contact the contact being served.

agent the agent serving the contact.

contactTime the contact time.

ecType the end-contact type.

afterContactTime the after-contact time.

esType the end-service type.

**Returns** the end-service event representing the service.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if no free agent is available.

#### protected double getContactTime (EndServiceEvent es)

By default, this method calls Agent.getContactTime (Contact). If this returns Double. NaN, the method of the superclass is called.

#### Parameter

es the end-service event.

**Returns** the generated contact time.

#### protected double getAfterContactTime (EndServiceEvent es)

By default, this method calls Agent.getAfterContactTime (Contact). If the called method returns Double.NaN, the method calls the equivalent method of the superclass.

es the end-service event.

 ${f Returns}$  the generated after-contact time.

# protected Agent createAgent()

Constructs a new agent object. This method can be overridden to create subclasses of Agent containing additional information.

**Returns** the constructed agent object.

# ${\bf EndServiceEventDetailed}$

Represents the end-service event for a detailed agent group.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class EndServiceEventDetailed extends EndServiceEvent

# Constructor

# 

Constructs a new end-service event with contact contact served by agent agent, with service beginning at beginServiceTime.

This constructor is rarely used directly; the recommended way to create end-service events is to use DetailedAgentGroup.serve (Contact).

#### Parameters

contact the contact being served.

agent the agent serving the contact.

beginServiceTime the simulation at which the service begins.

# Method

#### public Agent getAgent()

Returns the agent serving or having served the contact.

**Returns** the serving agent.

# Agent

Represents an individual agent in a detailed agent group.

Note: the AgentListener implementations are notified in the order of the list returned by getAgentListeners(), and an agent listener modifying the list of listeners by using add-AgentListener (AgentListener) or removeAgentListener (AgentListener) could result in unpredictable behavior.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;
```

public class Agent implements Initializable, Named

#### Fields

```
protected int ecType
```

The end-contact type associated with the contact time returned by getContactTime (Contact).

#### protected int esType

The end-service type associated with the after-contact time returned by getAfterContact-Time (Contact).

#### Methods

#### public AgentState save()

Constructs and returns a token object containing the state of this agent.

**Returns** the state of this agent.

#### public void restore (AgentState state)

Restores the state of this agent by using the given state object state.

#### Parameter

state the state of the agent.

```
public void addAgentListener (AgentListener listener)
```

Adds the agent listener listener to this object.

#### Parameter

listener the agent listener being added.

# Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

# public void removeAgentListener (AgentListener listener)

Removes the agent listener listener from this object.

# Parameter

listener the agent listener being removed.

# public void clearAgentListeners()

Removes all the agent listeners registered with this agent.

# public List<AgentListener> getAgentListeners()

Returns an unmodifiable list containing all the agent listeners registered with this agent.

**Returns** the list of all registered agent listeners.

# public EndServiceEventDetailed serve (Contact contact)

Instructs this agent to begin the service of the contact contact, and returns the constructed end-service event representing the service. This method calls getAgentGroup().serve (contact, this).

# Parameter

contact the contact to be served.

**Returns** the end-service event representing the service.

# public ValueGenerator getContactTimeGenerator (int ecType1)

Returns the value generator used to generate contact times for end-contact type ecType. This returns null if there is no value generator associated with this type of contact termination.

# Parameter

ecType1 the queried end-contact type.

**Returns** the value generator associated with this end-contact type.

# public ValueGenerator getAfterContactTimeGenerator (int esType1)

Returns the value generator used to generate after-contact times for end-service type esType. This returns null if there is no value generator associated with this type of service termination.

# Parameter

esType1 the queried end-service type.

**Returns** the value generator associated with this end-service type.

public void setContactTimeGenerator (int ecType, ValueGenerator cgen)
Sets the contact time generator for end-contact type ecType to cgen.

#### Parameters

ecType the affected end-contact type.

cgen the new contact time generator associated with this end-contact type.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the end-contact type is negative.

public void setAfterContactTimeGenerator (int esType, ValueGenerator acgen)
Sets the after-contact time generator for end-service type esType to acgen.

#### Parameters

esType the modified end-service type.

acgen the new after-contact time generator associated with this end-service type.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the end-service type is negative.

#### public void init()

Initializes this agent for a new simulation replication.

#### public boolean isAvailable()

Determines if the agent is available, or is serving contacts.

**Returns** the availability status of this agent.

#### public void setAvailable (boolean avail)

Sets the availability status of this agent to avail. If this method is called with true, the agent will be capable of processing new contacts (the default). Otherwise, it will not receive new contacts. This does not affect the contact being served by this agent if it is busy.

#### Parameter

avail the new availability status of this agent.

#### public boolean isGhost()

Determines if this agent is a ghost, i.e., if it was removed from an agent group before it has ended the service of a contact.

**Returns** true if the agent is a ghost agent, false otherwise.

#### public boolean isBusy()

Determines if this agent is busy.

**Returns** the agent's busyness indicator.

# public EndServiceEventDetailed getEndServiceEvent()

Returns the current end-service event for this agent, or null if the agent is not busy.

Returns the current end-service event, or null.

# public double getIdleSimTime()

Returns the last simulation time at which this agent became idle.

**Returns** the simulation idle time of this agent.

Throws

IllegalStateException if this agent is not idle.

# public double getIdleTime()

Returns the time elapsed since the last moment this agent became idle. This corresponds to the current simulation time minus the result of getIdleSimTime().

**Returns** the agent's idle time.

# public double getFirstLoginTime()

Returns the first simulation time at which this agent was added to an agent group.

**Returns** the agent's first login time.

#### public double getLastLoginTime()

Returns the last simulation time at which this agent was added to an agent group.

**Returns** the agent's last login time.

# public DetailedAgentGroup getAgentGroup()

Returns the detailed agent group this agent is part of, or null if the agent is not in a group.

**Returns** the parent agent group.

# protected double getContactTime (Contact contact)

Generates and returns the contact time associated with the contact contact. The method returns the generated value and can store an end-contact type indicator in the protected field ecType if the default value of 0 is not appropriate. If this returns Double.NaN, the contact time will be generated by the parent agent group.

By default, a MinValueGenerator is used. For each end-contact type c with an associated value generator, a contact time  $C_c$  is generated. The scheduled contact time is  $C_{c^*} = \min_c \{C_c\}$ , and the end-contact type is  $c^*$ .

# Parameter

contact the contact being served.

**Returns** the generated contact time.

# protected double getAfterContactTime (Contact contact)

Generates and returns the after-contact time associated with the contact contact. The method returns the generated value and can store an end-service type indicator in the protected field esType if the default value of 0 is not appropriate. If this returns Double. NaN, the after-contact time will be generated by the parent agent group.

By default, a MinValueGenerator is used. For each end-service type c with an associated value generator, an after-contact time  $C_c$  is generated. The scheduled after-contact time is  $C_{c^*} = \min_c \{C_c\}$ , and the end-service type is  $c^*$ .

#### Parameter

contact the contact being served.

**Returns** the generated after-contact time.

#### public int getId()

Returns the identifier associated with this agent. This identifier, which defaults to -1, can be used as an index in routers.

**Returns** the identifier associated with this agent.

#### public void setId (int id)

Sets the identifier of this agent to id. Once this identifier is set to a positive or 0 value, it cannot be changed anymore.

#### Parameter

id the new identifier associated with the agent.

#### Throws

IllegalStateException if the identifier was already set.

#### public Map<Object, Object> getAttributes()

Returns the map containing the attributes for this agent. Attributes can be used to add user-defined information to agent objects at runtime, without creating a subclass. However, for maximal efficiency, it is recommended to create a subclass of Agent instead of using attributes.

**Returns** the map containing the attributes for this object.
# AgentGroupSet

Represents a set of agent groups for which it is possible to get the total number of members.

### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

# Methods

```
public int getNumAgents()
```

Returns the total number of agents currently in the registered agent groups.

**Returns** the total number of agents.

### public int getNumFreeAgents()

Returns the total number of free agents currently in the set of agent groups.

**Returns** the total number of free agents.

### public int getNumBusyAgents()

Returns the total number of busy agents currently in the set of agent groups.

**Returns** the total number of busy agents.

### public int getNumIdleAgents()

Returns the total number of idle agents currently in the set of agent groups.

**Returns** the total number of idle agents.

### public int getNumGhostAgents()

Returns the total number of ghost agents currently in the set of agent groups.

**Returns** the total number of ghost agents.

public boolean add (AgentGroup group)

Adds the agent group group to this set of agent groups.

### Parameter

group the agent group being added.

### Throws

NullPointerException if group is null.

public boolean remove (Object group)

Removes the agent group group from this set of agent groups.

# Parameter

group the agent group being removed.

### Throws

NullPointerException if group is null.

```
public void clear()
```

Removes all the agent groups contained in this set of agent groups.

```
public void init()
```

Initializes all the agent groups in this set of agent groups.

```
public void initStat()
```

Initializes the statistical collectors for this set of agent groups. If statistical collecting is turned OFF, this throws an IllegalStateException.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if statistical collecting is turned OFF.

# public boolean isStatCollecting()

Determines if this set of agent groups is collecting statistics about the number of agents. If this returns **true**, statistical collecting is turned ON. Otherwise (the default), it is turned OFF.

**Returns** the state of statistical collecting.

### public void setStatCollecting (boolean b)

Sets the state of statistical collecting to b. If b is true, statistical collecting is turned ON, and the statistical collectors are created or reinitialized. If b is false, statistical collecting is turned OFF.

### Parameter

**b** the new state of statistical collecting.

### public void setStatCollecting (Simulator sim)

Enables statistical collecting, and uses the given simulator sim. The simulator is used by the internal accumulates when the simulation time is required to update probes with new values.

### Parameter

sim the simulator attached to accumulates.

### public Accumulate getStatNumAgents()

Returns the statistical collector for the number of agents in the agent groups. This returns a non-null value only if statistical collecting was turned ON since this object was constructed.

**Returns** the statistical collector for the number of agents.

# public Accumulate getStatNumFreeAgents()

Returns the statistical collector for the number of free agents in the agent groups. This returns a non-null value only if statistical collecting was turned ON since this object was constructed.

**Returns** the statistical collector for the number of free agents.

# public Accumulate getStatNumBusyAgents()

Returns the statistical collector for the number of busy agents in the agent groups. This returns a non-null value only if statistical collecting was turned ON since this object was constructed.

**Returns** the statistical collector for the number of busy agents.

# public Accumulate getStatNumIdleAgents()

Returns the statistical collector for the number of idle agents in the agent groups. This returns a non-null value only if statistical collecting was turned ON since this object was constructed.

**Returns** the statistical collector for the number of idle agents.

# public Accumulate getStatNumGhostAgents()

Returns the statistical collector for the number of ghost agents in the agent groups. This returns a non-null value only if statistical collecting was turned ON since this object was constructed.

**Returns** the statistical collector for the number of ghost agents.

# AgentGroupListener

Represents an agent-group listener which is notified when the number of agents in a group is modified or when a service starts or ends.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public interface AgentGroupListener

### Methods

### public void agentGroupChange (AgentGroup group)

This method is called when the number of available or free agents in the agent group group is changed. This happens when the AgentGroup.setNumAgents (int) method is called, or when the efficiency is changed. This is also called when DetailedAgentGroup.addAgent (Agent) or DetailedAgentGroup.removeAgent (Agent) are used.

### Parameter

group the agent group being modified.

### public void beginService (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called after the service of a contact by an agent was started. The end-service event **ev** holds all the available information about the service.

### Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the contact being served.

### public void endContact (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called after the communication of a contact with an agent was terminated, with ev containing all the information.

#### Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the served contact.

### public void endService (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called after the service of a contact by an agent was terminated. The service includes the communication as well as the after-contact work.

### Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the served contact.

### public void init (AgentGroup group)

This method is called after the AgentGroup.init() method is called for the agent group group.

### Parameter

group the agent group being initialized.

# AgentListener

Represents an agent listener being notified when the state of an individual agent changes.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public interface AgentListener

# Methods

public void agentAvailable (Agent agent, boolean avail)

This method is called when the availability status of the agent agent changes to avail.

### **Parameters**

agent the agent being affected.

avail the new availability status.

public void agentAdded (Agent agent, DetailedAgentGroup group) This method is called when the agent agent is added to the agent group group.

### Parameters

agent the agent being added.

group the agent group the agent is added to.

public void agentRemoved (Agent agent, DetailedAgentGroup group)

This method is called when the agent agent is removed from the agent group group.

# Parameters

agent the agent being removed.

group the agent group the agent is removed from.

### public void init (Agent agent)

This method is called when the Agent.init() method is called.

### Parameter

agent the initialized agent.

### public void beginService (EndServiceEventDetailed ev)

This method is called after the service of a contact by an agent is started. The end-service event **ev** holds all the available information about the service.

# Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the contact being served by an agent.

## public void endContact (EndServiceEventDetailed ev)

This method is called when the communication with a contact is terminated. The end-service event **ev** holds all the available information about the service.

## Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the served contact.

# public void endService (EndServiceEventDetailed ev)

This method is called after the service of a contact by an agent was terminated. The service includes the communication and the after-contact work. The end-service event **ev** holds all the available information about the service.

# Parameter

ev the end-service event associated with the served contact.

# GroupVolumeStat

Computes statistics for a specific agent group. Using accumulates, this class can compute integrals of  $N_i(t)$ ,  $N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t)$ ,  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t)$ ,  $N_{\mathrm{G},i}(t)$ , and  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t)$ , for agent group *i* from the last call to init() to the current simulation time. Optionally, it can also compute the integral for  $N_{\mathrm{B},i,k}(t)$ , the number of busy agents in group *i* serving contacts of type *k*, for  $k = 0, \ldots, K-1$ .

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class GroupVolumeStat implements Cloneable

### Constructors

### public GroupVolumeStat (AgentGroup group)

Constructs a new agent-group volume statistical probe observing the agent group group and only computing aggregate statistics. This is equivalent to GroupVolumeStat (group, 0).

### Parameter

group the observed agent group.

### public GroupVolumeStat (AgentGroup group, int numTypes)

Constructs a new agent-group volume statistical probe observing the agent group group, and supporting numTypes contact types.

# Parameters

group the observed agent group.

numTypes the number of contact types.

### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if numTypes is negative.

# Methods

### public void setSimulator (Simulator sim)

Sets the simulator attached to internal accumulates to sim.

### Parameter

sim the new simulator.

### Throws

NullPointerException if sim is null.

### public final AgentGroup getAgentGroup()

Returns the agent group currently associated with this object.

**Returns** the currently associated agent group.

### public final void setAgentGroup (AgentGroup agentGroup)

Sets the associated agent group to agentGroup. If the given group is null, the statistical collector is disabled until a non-null agent group is given. This can be used during a replication if the integrals must be computed during some periods only.

### Parameter

agentGroup the new associated agent group.

### public Accumulate getStatNumAgents()

Returns the statistical probe computing the integral of the total number of agents over the simulation time.

**Returns** the statistical probe for the total number of agents.

### public Accumulate getStatNumGhostAgents()

Returns the statistical probe computing the integral of the number of ghost agents over the simulation time.

**Returns** the statistical probe for the number of ghost agents.

#### public Accumulate getStatNumIdleAgents()

Returns the statistical probe computing the integral of the number of idle (available and unavailable) agents over the simulation time.

**Returns** the statistical probe for the number of idle agents.

### public Accumulate getStatNumFreeAgents()

Returns the statistical probe computing the integral of the number of free agents over the simulation time.

**Returns** the statistical probe for the number of free agents.

### public Accumulate getStatNumBusyAgents()

Returns the statistical probe computing the integral of the number of busy agents over the simulation time.

**Returns** the statistical probe for the number of busy agents.

### public Accumulate getStatNumBusyAgents (int k)

Returns the statistical probe computing the integral of the number of busy agents serving contacts of type k, over the simulation time.

### Parameter

k the queried contact type.

**Returns** the service volume statistical probe.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if k is negative or greater than or equal to the number of supported contact types.

public int getNumContactTypes()

Returns the number of contact types supported by this object.

**Returns** the number of supported contact types.

# public GroupVolumeStat clone()

Constructs and returns a clone of this agent-group statistical collector. This method clones the internal statistical collectors, but the clone has no associated agent group. This can be used to save the state of the statistical collector for future restoration.

**Returns** a clone of this object.

# **GroupVolumeStatMeasureMatrix**

Agent group statistical collector implementing MeasureMatrix. This class extends Group-VolumeStat and implements the MeasureMatrix interface and defines measures for the service, idle, working, and total volumes. The service volume corresponds to the integral of the number of busy agents  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t)$  obtained by AgentGroup.getNumBusyAgents(). The idle volume is the integral of the number of idle agents  $N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t)$  over the simulation time. This is obtained using AgentGroup.getNumIdleAgents(). The working volume is the integral of the number of working agents,  $N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t) + N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t)$  over the simulation time, obtained by AgentGroup.getNumBusyAgents(). The total volume corresponds to the integral of the number of agents  $\int_0^T (N_i(t) + N_{\mathrm{G},i}(t)) dt = \int_0^T (N_{\mathrm{B},i}(t) + N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t)) dt$  over the simulation time. This quantity is given by the sum of the accumulates returned by the methods AgentGroup.getNumAgents() and AgentGroup.get-NumGhostAgents(). These quantities can be used to compute the agent group's occupancy ratio, which is the ratio of the service volume and total volume, or the ratio of the service volume.

This class can be given the number of contact types K to track for computing  $\int_0^T N_{\text{B},i,k}(t) dt$ . If K > 1, the measure  $0 \le k < K$  represents the integral of the number of busy agents serving contacts of type k over the simulation time. Measures K through K + 3 represents respectively the service, idle, working, and total volumes.

When K = 1, the measure 0 corresponds to the service volume, the measure 1, to the idle volume, and the measure 2 is the working volume, and measure 3 is the total volume.

Since this measure matrix supports only one period, it must be combined with Integral-MeasureMatrix for one to get the measures for each period.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

### Constructors

### public GroupVolumeStatMeasureMatrix (AgentGroup group)

Constructs a new agent-group volume statistical probe observing the agent group group and only computing aggregate statistics. This is equivalent to GroupVolumeStat (group, 0).

### Parameter

group the observed agent group.

public GroupVolumeStatMeasureMatrix (Simulator sim, AgentGroup group)

Equivalent to GroupVolumeStatMeasureMatrix (AgentGroup), using the given simulator sim for creating internal probes.

# public GroupVolumeStatMeasureMatrix (AgentGroup group, int numTypes)

Constructs a new agent-group volume statistical probe observing the agent group group, and supporting numTypes contact types.

# Parameters

group the observed agent group.

numTypes the number of contact types.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if numTypes is negative.

Equivalent to GroupVolumeStatMeasureMatrix (AgentGroup, int), using the given simulator sim for creating internal probes.

# Methods

public void setNumMeasures (int nm)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

# Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

public void setNumPeriods (int np)

 $Throws \ an \ {\tt UnsupportedOperationException}.$ 

# Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

public static MeasureSet getServiceVolumeMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[] vcalc)

Returns a measure set regrouping the service volumes for several agent groups and computing the sum. Row **r** of the resulting matrix corresponds to the service volume stored in **vcalc[r]**, and the last row contains the sum of the service volumes.

# Parameter

vcalc the agent group volume matrices.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ service \ volume \ measure \ set.}$ 

# 

Returns a measure set regrouping the service volumes stored in vcalc for numTypes contact types. Row numTypes\*i + k of the resulting measure set corresponds to the integral of the number of busy agents in group i serving contacts of type k. If the measure set is computing the sum row (the default), row numTypes\*vcalc.length + k gives the integral of the total number of agents serving contacts with type k.

# Parameters

vcalc the agent group volume matrices.

numTypes the number of contact types.

**Returns** the service volume measure set.

# public static MeasureSet getIdleVolumeMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[] vcalc)

Returns a measure set regrouping the idle volumes for several agent groups and computing the sum. Row r of the resulting matrix corresponds to the idle volume stored in vcalc[r], and the last row contains the sum of the idle volumes.

# Parameter

vcalc the agent group volume matrices.

**Returns** the idle volume measure set.

public static MeasureSet getWorkingVolumeMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[] vcalc)

Returns a measure set regrouping the working volumes for several agent groups. Row r of the resulting matrix corresponds to the working volume stored in vcalc[r], and the last row contains the sum of the working volumes.

# Parameter

vcalc the agent group volume matrices.

**Returns** the working volume measure set.

# 

Returns a measure set regrouping the working volumes stored in vcalc, with each working volume repeated numTypes times. This is used to create a measure set matching with get-ServiceVolumeMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[], int) to compute per-contact type agent's occupancy ratios. If the measure set is computing the sum rows (the default), the last numTypes rows contain the sum of the working volumes for all agents.

# Parameters

vcalc the agent group volume matrices.

numTypes the number of contact types.

**Returns** the working volume measure set.

# public static MeasureSet getTotalVolumeMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[] vcalc)

Returns a measure set regrouping the total volumes for several agent groups. Row r of the resulting matrix corresponds to the total volume stored in vcalc[r], and the last row contains the sum of the total volumes.

# Parameter

vcalc the agent group volume matrices.

**Returns** the total volume measure set.

# 

Returns a measure set regrouping the total volumes stored in vcalc, with each total volume repeated numTypes times. This is used to create a measure set matching with getService-VolumeMeasureSet (MeasureMatrix[], int) to compute per-contact type agent's occupancy ratios. If the measure set is computing the sum rows (the default), the last numTypes rows contain the sum of the total volumes for all agents.

# Parameters

vcalc the agent group volume matrices.

numTypes the number of contact types.

**Returns** the total volume measure set.

# ContactTimeGenerator

Value generator for the communication times of contacts. This implementation simply calls the Contact.getDefaultContactTime (int) method to get the contact times. For each new agent group, such a value generator is created and used by default.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class ContactTimeGenerator implements ValueGenerator

## Constructors

```
public ContactTimeGenerator (AgentGroup group)
```

Constructs a contact time generator returning the same contact time for each contact type.

### Parameter

group the associated agent group.

### public ContactTimeGenerator (AgentGroup group, double[] mult)

Constructs a new contact time generator with a different multiplier for each contact type. When a contact time is required for a contact of type k, the result of Contact.getDefault-ContactTime() is multiplied by mult[k].

# Parameters

group the associated agent group.

mult the vector contact time multipliers.

# Methods

### public AgentGroup getAgentGroup()

Returns the reference to the associated agent group.

**Returns** the associated agent group.

### public void setAgentGroup (AgentGroup group)

Sets the associated agent group to group.

### Parameter

group the new associated agent group.

### public double[] getMultipliers()

Returns the vector of multipliers for this contact time generator. For contact type k, the multiplier of the contact times is given by the element with index k in the array. If this returns null, contact times all have multiplier 1.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ vector \ of \ contact \ times \ multipliers.}$ 

# public void setMultipliers (double[] mult)

Sets the contact time multiplier for each contact type to mult.

# Parameter

mult the new vector of contact times multipliers.

# AfterContactTimeGenerator

Value generator for the after-contact time of contacts. This implementation simply calls the Contact.getDefaultAfterContactTime() method to get the after contact times. For each new agent group, such a value generator is created and used by default.

### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class AfterContactTimeGenerator implements ValueGenerator

## Constructors

### public AfterContactTimeGenerator (AgentGroup group)

Constructs an after-contact time generator returning the same after-contact time for each contact type.

### Parameter

group the associated agent group.

### public AfterContactTimeGenerator (AgentGroup group, double[] mult)

Constructs a new after-contact time generator with a different multiplier for each contact type. When an after-contact time is required for a contact of type k, the result of Contact.getDefaultAfterContactTime() is multiplied by mult[k].

### Parameters

group the associated agent group.

mult the vector of after-contact time multipliers.

# Methods

### public double[] getMultipliers()

Returns the vector of multipliers for this after-contact time generator. For contact type k, the multiplier of the after-contact times is given by the element with index k in the array. If this returns null, after-contact times all have multiplier 1.

**Returns** the vector of after-contact times multipliers.

### public void setMultipliers (double[] mult)

Sets the after-contact time multiplier for each contact type to mult.

# Parameter

mult the new vector of after-contact times multipliers.

# public AgentGroup getAgentGroup()

Returns the reference to the associated agent group.

**Returns** the associated agent group.

# public void setAgentGroup (AgentGroup group)

Sets the associated agent group to group.

# Parameter

group the new associated agent group.

# AgentGroupState

Represents the state of an agent group, i.e., the contacts being served at a specific simulation time.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

### public class AgentGroupState

# Constructor

### protected AgentGroupState (AgentGroup group)

Constructs a new state object holding the state of the agent group group.

### Parameter

group the agent group to be saved.

# Methods

### public EndServiceEvent[] getContactsInService()

Returns the end-service events representing the contacts being served at the time the state was saved.

**Returns** the array of end-service events representing contacts in service.

## public double getEfficiency()

Returns the efficiency of the agent group at the time of state saving.

**Returns** the efficiency at the time the state was saved.

### public int getNumAgents()

Returns the number of agents in the agent group at the time of state saving.

**Returns** the number of agents at the time the state was saved.

#### public int getNumFreeAgents()

Returns the number of free agents in the agent group at the time of state saving.

**Returns** the number of free agents at the time the state was saved.

### public int getNumGhostAgents()

Returns the number of ghost agents in the agent group at the time of state saving.

**Returns** the number of ghost agents at the time the state was saved.

# ${\bf Detailed Agent Group State}$

Represents the state of a detailed agent group.

### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

# public class DetailedAgentGroupState extends AgentGroupState

# Constructor

### protected DetailedAgentGroupState (DetailedAgentGroup group)

Constructs a new agent group state object holding state information about the agent group group.

### Parameter

group the agent group to save state.

# Methods

# public AgentState[] getBusyAgents()

Returns the state information for each busy agent in the group at the time of state saving.

**Returns** the state information about busy agents.

# public AgentState[] getGhostAgents()

Returns the state information for the ghost agents in the group, at time of state saving.

**Returns** the state information about ghost agents.

# public AgentState[] getIdleAgents()

Returns the state information about idle agents in the group, at the time of state saving.

**Returns** the state information about idle agents.

# AgentState

Represents the state of an agent in a group.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class AgentState

### Methods

```
public void restore()
```

Restores the state of the agent attached to this state object.

```
public Agent getAgent()
```

Returns the agent for which the state was saved.

**Returns** the agent for which the state was saved.

### public boolean wasAvailable()

Determines the availability status of the agent at the time of state saving.

**Returns** true if the agent was available for serving contacts at the time of state saving, false otherwise.

```
public double getFirstLoginTime()
```

Returns the first login time of the agent at the time the state was saved.

**Returns** the first login time of the agent.

#### public double getIdleSimTime()

Returns the last simulation time the agent became idle, at the time of state saving.

**Returns** the last idle time of the agent.

# **StartServiceEvent**

Represents an event that restarts the service of a contact. Service can be restarted in its communication phase, or in the after-contact work. This is used for state restoration of an agent group.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class StartServiceEvent extends Event

## Constructors

public StartServiceEvent (EndServiceEvent oldEndServiceEvent)

Constructs a new start-service event that will put the contact in service represented by oldEndServiceEvent in the target agent group given by EndServiceEvent.getAgent-Group().

### Parameter

oldEndServiceEvent the old end-service event.

# 

Constructs a new start-service event that will put the contact in service represented by oldEndServiceEvent in the target agent group targetGroup.

### **Parameters**

targetGroup the target agent group.

oldEndServiceEvent the old end-service event.

Constructs an event that will call targetGroup.serve (contact, contactTime, ecType) when it happens.

### **Parameters**

targetGroup the target agent group.

contact the contact to serve.

contactTime the contact time.

ecType the end-contact type.

# Throws

NullPointerException if targetGroup or contact are null.

IllegalArgumentException if contactTime is negative.

Constructs an event that will call targetGroup.serve (contact, contactTime, ecType, afterContactTime, esType) when it happens.

### Parameters

targetGroup the target agent group.

contact the contact to serve.

contactTime the contact time.

ecType the end-contact type.

afterContactTime the after-contact time.

esType the end-service type.

### Throws

NullPointerException if targetGroup or contact are null.

IllegalArgumentException if contactTime or afterContactTime are negative.

public StartServiceEvent (Agent targetAgent, Contact contact, double

contactTime, int ecType)

Constructs an event that will call targetAgent.getGroup().serve (contact, targetAgent, contactTime, ecType) when it happens.

### Parameters

targetAgent the target agent.

contact the contact to serve.

contactTime the contact time.

ecType the end-contact type.

### Throws

NullPointerException if targetAgent or contact are null.

IllegalArgumentException if contactTime is negative.

Constructs an event that will call targetAgent.getGroup().serve (contact, targetAgent, contactTime, ecType, afterContactTime, esType) when it happens.

# Parameters

targetAgent the target agent.

contact the contact to serve.

contactTime the contact time.

ecType the end-contact type.

afterContactTime the after-contact time.

esType the end-service type.

### Throws

NullPointerException if targetAgent or contact are null.

IllegalArgumentException if contactTime or afterContactTime are negative.

# Methods

### public AgentGroup getTargetAgentGroup()

Returns the agent group that will receive the contact stored into the attached end-service event.

**Returns** the target agent group.

# public Agent getTargetAgent()

Returns the target agent of this event, or null if no target agent was specified.

**Returns** the target agent.

### public Contact getContact()

Returns the contact being served.

**Returns** the contact being served.

### public double getScheduledContactTime()

Returns the scheduled duration of the communication between the contact and an agent.

**Returns** the scheduled contact time.

### public double getScheduledAfterContactTime()

Returns the scheduled after-contact time. If the after-contact time was not set, an Illegal-StateException is thrown.

**Returns** the scheduled after-contact time.

## Throws

IllegalStateException if the after-contact time was not set.

### public int getScheduledEndContactType()

Returns the type of contact termination that will occur when the end-service event happens for the first time.

**Returns** the scheduled end-contact type.

### public int getScheduledEndServiceType()

Returns the type of the service termination that will occur when the end-service event happens for the second time.

**Returns** the scheduled end-service type.

### public boolean contactDone()

Determines if the communication is finished between the contact and the agent.

**Returns** true if the contact was served, false otherwise.

### public EndServiceEvent getNewEndServiceEvent()

Returns the end-service event representing the contact's restarted service. This returns a non-null value only after the execution of the actions() method.

**Returns** the new dequeue event.

# SetNumAgentsEvent

Represents a simulation that sets the number of agents and agents' efficiency in an agent group.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class SetNumAgentsEvent extends Event

# Constructors

## 

Constructs a new set-num-agents event that sets the number of agents in the group group to numAgents, and the efficiency factor to efficiency.

### Parameters

group the target agent group.

numAgents the number of agents in the group after the event occurs.

efficiency the efficiency after the event occurs.

Equivalent to SetNumAgentsEvent (AgentGroup, int, double), using the given simulator sim.

### Methods

#### public AgentGroup getTargetAgentGroup()

Returns the agent group affected by this event.

**Returns** the target agent group.

public int getNumAgents()

Returns the number of agents in the target group after the event occurs.

**Returns** the desired number of agents in the target group.

# public double getEfficiency()

Returns the agents' efficiency in the target group after this event occurs.

**Returns** the desired efficiency in the target agent group.

# RestoreAgentsEvent

Represents an event that restores the state of busy and ghost agents after the service of contacts are started, during state restoration.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.server;

public class RestoreAgentsEvent extends Event

## Constructor

# 

Constructs a new agent restoration event concerning agents in the group dgroup. When the event occurs, the state (available, last idle time, etc.) will be restored for all agents referred by busyAgents and ghostAgents while agents referred by ghostAgents will be removed from the agent group.

### Parameters

dgroup the agent group affected by the restoration.

busyAgents the busy agents to be restored.

ghostAgents the ghost agents to be removed from the group.

### Methods

### public DetailedAgentGroup getTargetAgentGroup()

Returns the agent group affected by this event.

**Returns** the target agent group.

### public AgentState[] getBusyAgents()

Returns the state of the busy agents that will be restored when the event occurs.

**Returns** the state of the busy agents.

### public AgentState[] getGhostAgents()

Returns the state of the ghost agents that will be restored when this event occurs.

**Returns** the state of ghost agents.

# Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer

Manages a predictive dialer capable of making outbound contacts. A *predictive dialer* is normally used to generate outbound calls. The dialer's policy determines the number of calls to try on each occasion, and supplies a list to extract them from. Each extracted contact is then tested for success or failure. The dialer defines separate lists of new-contact listeners for right party connects, and failed calls.

This package provides the Dialer representing the predictive dialer. Any dialing policy is an implementation of the interface DialerPolicy and dialer lists are represented by Dialer-List objects. The package provides implementations of dialer lists as well as commonly used dialing policies.

# Dialer

Represents a predictive dialer making outbound contacts. A *predictive dialer* is normally used to generate outbound calls. The dialer's policy determines the number of calls to try on each occasion (as a function of the system's state), and supplies a list to extract them from. This list could be produced by a contact factory and is often assumed to be infinite for simplicity. Such lists could also be constructed from customer contacts who left a message, who were disconnected, etc.

For each call extracted from the dialer list, a success test is performed. This test succeeds with a probability being fixed or depending on the tested call, and the state of the system. Successful calls represent right party connects whereas failed calls represent wrong party connects and connection failures. The dialer generates a random delay representing the time between the beginning of dialing and the success or failure. This delay may depend on the success indicator, the call itself, the current time, etc. An event for broadcasting the call to registered listeners is then scheduled to occur at the time of success or failure.

The dialer defines separate lists of new-contact listeners for right party connects, and failed calls. Usually, only right party connects reach the router, but statistical collectors may need to listen to failed calls as well.

Note: the order in which NewContactListener implementations are notified is unspecified, and a new-contact listener modifying a list of listeners could result in unpredictable behavior.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class Dialer implements ContactSource

### Constructors

# 

Constructs a new dialer using the dialer policy policy, the random stream streamReach to determine if a dialed call reaches the right party, and with 0 reach and fail times.

### **Parameters**

policy the dialer's policy being used.

streamReach the random number stream used to determine the success of a dial.

probReach the probability of reaching the right party.

# Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

Equivalent to Dialer (DialerPolicy, RandomStream, ValueGenerator), with the given user-defined simulator sim.

# Parameters

sim the simulator attached to the dialer.

policy the dialer's policy being used.

streamReach the random number stream used to determine the success of a dial.

probReach the probability of reaching the right party.

# Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

Constructs a new dialer using the dialer policy policy. The random stream streamReach is used to determine if a call is reached, reachTimeGen and failTimeGen compute the reach and fail times, respectively, i.e., the simulation time between the call to dial() and the notification to the appropriate new-contact listeners.

# Parameters

policy the dialer policy being used.

streamReach the random number stream used to compute the status of a dial.

probReach the probability of successful contact.

reachTimeGen the value generator for the time between dialing and reaching.

failTimeGen the value generator for the time between dialing and failing.

# Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

public Dialer (Simulator sim, DialerPolicy policy, RandomStream streamReach, ValueGenerator probReach, ValueGenerator reachTimeGen, ValueGenerator failTimeGen)

Equivalent to Dialer (DialerPolicy, RandomStream, ValueGenerator, ValueGenerator, ValueGenerator), using the given simulator sim.

## Parameters

sim the simulator attached to the dialer.

policy the dialer policy being used.

streamReach the random number stream used to compute the status of a dial.

probReach the probability of successful contact.

reachTimeGen the value generator for the time between dialing and reaching.

failTimeGen the value generator for the time between dialing and failing.

## Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

### Methods

public void addNewContactListener (NewContactListener listener) Calls addReachListener (NewContactListener).

#### Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being added.

### Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

public void removeNewContactListener (NewContactListener listener) Calls removeReachListener (NewContactListener).

### Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being removed.

```
public void clearNewContactListeners()
```

Calls clearReachListeners().

```
public List<NewContactListener> getNewContactListeners()
    Returns the result of getReachListeners().
```

### public void addReachListener (NewContactListener listener)

Adds the new-contact listener listener which will be notified upon right party connects.

### Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being added.

# Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

# public void removeReachListener (NewContactListener listener)

Removes the new-contact listener listener from the list of listeners being notified upon right party connects.

# Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being removed.

# public void clearReachListeners()

Removes all new-contact listeners being notified when this dialer makes a right party connect.

# public List<NewContactListener> getReachListeners()

Returns an unmodifiable list containing all the new-contact listeners notified when a rightparty connect occurs.

Returns the list of all registered new-contact listeners.

# public void addFailListener (NewContactListener listener)

Adds the new-contact listener listener which will be notified upon wrong party connects or connection failures.

# Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being added.

# Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

# public void removeFailListener (NewContactListener listener)

Removes the new-contact listener listener from the list of listeners being notified upon wrong party connects or connection failures.

# Parameter

listener the new-contact listener being removed.

# public void clearFailListeners()

Removes all new-contact listeners being notified when this dialer fails to make a contact.

# public List<NewContactListener> getFailListeners()

Returns an unmodifiable list containing all the new-contact listeners notified when the dialer fails making a contact.

**Returns** the list of all registered new-contact listeners.

# public DialerPolicy getDialerPolicy()

Returns the dialing policy used by this dialer.

**Returns** the used dialer's policy.

### public void setDialerPolicy (DialerPolicy policy)

Sets the dialing policy to policy.

### Parameter

policy the new dialer's policy.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if policy is null.

#### public RandomStream getStreamReach()

Returns the random stream used to determine if a called person is reached or not.

**Returns** the stream used to determine if a called person is reached.

### public void setStreamReach (RandomStream streamReach)

Sets the stream used to determine if a called person is reached to streamReach.

### Parameter

streamReach the new stream for success tests.

### Throws

NullPointerException if streamReach is null.

#### public ValueGenerator getProbReachGenerator()

Returns the value generator for the probability of a call to be successful, i.e., the probability of right party connect.

**Returns** the value generator for the reach probability.

### public void setProbReachGenerator (ValueGenerator probReach)

Sets the value generator for right party connect probabilities to probReach.

### Parameter

probReach the value generator for right party connect probabilities.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if probReach is null.

### public ValueGenerator getReachTimeGenerator()

Returns the value generator for the reach times. A reach time corresponds to the simulation time from the call to dial() to the notification of the successful call to the listeners.

**Returns** the value generator for reach times.

# public void setReachTimeGenerator (ValueGenerator reachTimeGen)

Sets the value generator for reach times to reachTimeGen. If reachTimeGen is null, the dial delay for successful calls is reset to 0.

# Parameter

reachTimeGen the value generator for reach times.

### public ValueGenerator getFailTimeGenerator()

Returns the value generator for the fail times. A fail time corresponds to the simulation time from the call to dial() to the notification of the failed call to the listeners.

**Returns** the value generator for fail times.

### public void setFailTimeGenerator (ValueGenerator failTimeGen)

Sets the value generator for fail times to failTimeGen. If reachTimeGen is null, the dial delay for successful calls is reset to 0.

### Parameter

failTimeGen the value generator for fail times.

### public boolean isSuccessful (Contact contact)

Determines if the call represented by contact is a right party connect. Returns true if the call is successful, or false otherwise.

The default implementation uses the random stream returned by getStreamReach() to return true with some probability. The probability of right party connect is generated using the value generator returned by getProbReachGenerator().

### Parameter

contact the contact being tested.

**Returns** the success indicator.

### public boolean isUsingNumActionsEvents()

Determines if the dial() method subtracts the number of action events returned by getNum-ActionEvents() from the return value of DialerPolicy.getNumDials (Dialer) in order to determine the number of calls to dial. When dial delays are large enough for the dialer to start often while phone numbers are being composed, the agents of the contact center might receive too many calls to serve, which results in a large number of mismatches. If this flag is enabled (the default), the dialer will take into account the number of calls for which dialing is in progress while determining the number of additional calls to dial.

Returns true if the number of action events must be taken into account while dialing.

### public void setUsingNumActionEvents (boolean useNumActionEvents)

Sets the flag for taking the number of action events into account while dialing to useNumActionEvents.

### Parameter

useNumActionEvents the new value of the flag.

See also isUsingNumActionsEvents()

### public void dial()

Instructs the dialer to try performing outbound calls. This should be called at the end of a service, or at any time the number of agents capable of serving outbound calls increases. This method does nothing if the dialer is disabled.

The method uses the dialer's policy to get the appropriate number of calls to dial as well as the dialer list. The contact objects representing the calls being made are removed from the dialer list, and each call is tested using isSuccessful (Contact). After the success indicator is determined, a corresponding dial delay is generated, and an event is scheduled to happen if the delay is non-zero. After the delay is elapsed, the appropriate new-contact listeners are notified about the new call.

### protected void notifyListeners (Contact contact, boolean success)

Notifies registered new-contact listeners about the success or failure of the contact contact.

### Parameters

contact the contact to broadcast.

success the success indicator.

### public void stopDial()

Stops any ongoing dialing of calls. This can be called when the simulation program knows that if the called persons are reached, a mismatch will occur. Cancelled calls are notified as failed calls to the appropriate listeners if dialer action events are kept. However, if the dialer does not keep track of the action events, cancelled calls are lost without any notification.

### public DialerState save()

Saves the state of this dialer and returns a state object containing the information.

**Returns** the state of the dialer.

### public void restore (DialerState state)

Restores the state of this dialer with state information included in state.

### Parameter

state the saved state of the dialer.

### public boolean isKeepingActionEvents()

Determines if this dialer is keeping the action events. If this returns true, the getAction-Events() method can be used to return a set containing the events. Otherwise, the action events are stored in the event list only, and cannot be enumerated by the dialer. By default, the events are not stored by the dialer. **Returns** the keep action events indicator.

# public void setKeepingActionEvents (boolean keepActionEvents)

Sets the keep-dial-events indicator to keepActionEvents.

# Parameter

keepActionEvents the new value of the indicator.

See also isKeepingActionEvents()

public Iterator<DialerActionEvent> dialerActionEventsIterator
()

Constructs and returns an iterator for the dialer-action events. If isKeepingAction-Events() returns true, the iterator is constructed from the set returned by getAction-Events(). Otherwise, an iterator traversing the event list and filtering the appropriate events is constructed and returned.

**Returns** the iterator for dialer-action events.

# public Set<DialerActionEvent> getActionEvents()

Returns a set containing all the currently scheduled DialerActionEvent objects. If the dialer does not keep track of these events, an IllegalStateException is thrown.

**Returns** the set of dialer action events.

### public int getNumActionEvents()

Returns the number of action events currently scheduled by this dialer. This corresponds to the number of calls the dialer is currently attempting.

**Returns** the current number of action events.

### public void startNoDial()

This is the same as **start()**, except that no call to **dial()** is made after the dialer is started. **dial()** will then be called only when an agent becomes free.

# DialerActionEvent

This event occurs when the dialer reached or failed to reach a called person. Such events are scheduled by the Dialer.dial() method if generated dial delays are greater than zero.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class DialerActionEvent extends Event implements Cloneable

### Constructor

public DialerActionEvent (Dialer dialer, Contact contact, boolean success) Constructs a new dialer action event for contact contact with success indicator success. When the event occurs, if success is true, the contact is notified to new-contact listeners for right-party connect. When success is false, a failed contact is notified to the appropriate new-contact listeners.

# Parameters

dialer the associated dialer.

contact the contact object representing the call being tried.

success the success indicator.

### Methods

```
public Contact getContact()
```

Returns the contact object representing the called person.

**Returns** the concerned contact.

#### public Dialer getDialer()

Returns the dialer this event is attached to.

**Returns** the attached dialer.

public boolean isSuccessful()

Returns true if a right party connect will occur at the time of this event. Otherwise, returns false.

**Returns** the success indicator.

### public boolean isObsolete()

Determines if this event is obsolete. When calling Dialer.init(), some action events might still be in the simulator's event list. One must use this method in actions() to test if this event is obsolete. If that returns true, one should return immediately.

**Returns** true for an obsolete event, false otherwise.
# DialerPolicy

Represents a dialer's policy to determine the outbound calls to try on each occasion. A dialer's policy works as follows: each time the dialer is triggered, using the Dialer.dial() method, it uses the dialer policy to get the number of calls to try. It then uses the policy to obtain a dialer list from which to extract calls.

The simplest dialer policies compute and return a single number of calls to dial, e.g., by looking at the number of free outbound agents. A fixed dialer list is then returned to allow the dialer to get the contacts. However, most complex policies might generate a list of contacts each time the dialer is triggered.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public interface DialerPolicy

# Methods

public int getNumDials (Dialer dialer)

Returns the number of calls the dialer should try to make simultaneously at the current simulation time.

If Dialer.isUsingNumActionsEvents() returns true, this method must take into account the current number of action events while determining the additional number of calls to dial. In the simplest and most common cases, the method subtracts the result of Dialer. getNumActionEvents() to the number of calls to dial. However, in some cases, it might be necessary to use Dialer.getNumActionEvents (int) to get the number of action events for each contact type individually.

# Parameter

dialer the triggered dialer.

**Returns** the number of calls the dialer should try to make.

#### public DialerList getDialerList (Dialer dialer)

Returns the dialer list from which contacts have to be removed from, at the current simulation time. This list should not be stored into another object since it could be constructed dynamically when getNumDials (Dialer) is called.

## Parameter

dialer the dialer for which the dialer list is required.

**Returns** the associated dialer list.

#### public void init (Dialer dialer)

Initializes this dialer's policy for a new simulation replication. This method can be used, for example, to clear data structures containing information about a preceding simulation. This method should also clear the associated dialer list when appropriate.

# Parameter

dialer the dialer which initialized this policy.

# public void dialerStarted (Dialer dialer)

This method is called when the dialer using this policy is started.

# Parameter

dialer the started dialer.

# public void dialerStopped (Dialer dialer)

This method is called when the dialer using this policy is stopped.

# Parameter

dialer the stopped dialer.

# ConstantDialerPolicy

Represents a dialer's policy which always tries to make the same number of calls on each trial.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class ConstantDialerPolicy implements DialerPolicy

# Constructor

```
public ConstantDialerPolicy (DialerList list, int n)
```

Constructs a new dialer's policy with dialer list list, and n calls to make on each trial.

## Parameters

list the dialer list to extract calls from.

 ${\tt n}$   ${\rm \ the\ number\ of\ calls\ to\ make\ on\ each\ occasion.}$ 

#### Throws

NullPointerException if list is null.

IllegalArgumentException if n is negative.

# Methods

public void setDialerList (DialerList list)
 Sets the dialer list to list.

#### Parameter

list the new dialer list.

# Throws

NullPointerException if list is null.

#### public void setNumDials (int n)

Sets the number of dialed contacts to **n**.

### Parameter

n the number of calls to make upon each trial.

### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if n is negative.

# ThresholdDialerPolicy

Represents a threshold-based dialing policy selecting the number of calls to try based on the number of free agents in certain groups. Before trying to make calls, the policy determines the total number of free agents  $N_{\rm F}^{\rm T}(t)$  in a *test set* of agent groups. If the number of free agents is greater than or equal to  $s_{\rm t}$ , the policy counts the total number  $N_{\rm F}^{\rm D}(t)$  of free agents in a *target set* of agent groups which may differ from the test set. If  $N_{\rm F}^{\rm D}(t) \geq s_{\rm d}$ , the dialer tries to make max{Math.round  $(\kappa N_{\rm F}^{\rm D}(t))+c-a,0$ } calls, where  $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  are predefined numbers. The constant *a* is the result of Dialer.getNumActionEvents() if Dialer.isUsingNumActionsEvents() returns true, or 0 otherwise. Any parameter used by this policy can be changed at any time during the simulation.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class ThresholdDialerPolicy implements DialerPolicy

# Constructors

Constructs a new dialer's policy with dialer list list, test set testGroups, and target set targetGroups. The free agents threshold for the test set is set to minFreeTest, the threshold is set to minFreeTarget for the target set, the multiplicative constant is set to kappa, and the additive constant to c.

# Parameters

list the dialer list being used.

testGroups the test set of agent groups.

targetGroups the target set of agent groups.

minFreeTest the (inclusive) minimum number of free agents in the test set.

minFreeTarget the (inclusive) minimum number of free agents in the target set.

kappa the multiplicative constant.

c the additive constant.

# Throws

NullPointerException if list, testGroups, or targetGroups are null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if the free agents threshold is negative.

Equivalent to ThresholdDialerPolicy (list, testGroups, targetGroups, minFreeTest, 1, kappa, c).

# Methods

public void setDialerList (DialerList list)

Sets the currently used dialer list to list.

# Parameter

list the new dialer list.

## Throws

NullPointerException if list is null.

# public int getMinFreeAgentsTest()

Returns the minimal number of free agents  $s_t$  in the test set to try outbound calls.

**Returns** the minimal number of free agents in the test set to dial.

# public void setMinFreeAgentsTest (int minFreeTest)

Sets the minimal number of free agents in the test set to minFreeTest.

# Parameter

minFreeTest the new minimal number of free agents in the test set.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if minFreeTest is negative.

# public int getMinFreeAgentsTarget()

Returns the minimal number of free agents  $s_d$  in the target set to try outbound calls.

**Returns** the minimal number of free agents in the target set to dial.

# public void setMinFreeAgentsTarget (int minFreeTarget)

Sets the minimal number of free agents in the target set to minFreeTarget.

# Parameter

minFreeTarget the new minimal number of free agents in the target set.

### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if minFreeTarget is negative.

```
public double getKappa()
```

Returns the current value of the multiplicative constant  $\kappa$  for this policy.

**Returns** the multiplicative constant.

public void setKappa (double kappa)

Sets the multiplicative constant  $\kappa$  to kappa for this dialer policy.

#### Parameter

kappa the new multiplicative constant.

### public int getC()

Returns the current value of the additive constant c for this policy. **Returns** the additive constant.

## public void setC (int c)

Sets the additive constant c to c for this dialer's policy.

#### Parameter

c the new additive constant.

#### public AgentGroupSet getTestSet()

Returns the current test set of agent groups.

**Returns** the test set of agent groups.

public void setTestSet (AgentGroupSet testGroups)

Sets the test set of agent groups to testGroups.

#### Parameter

testGroups the new test set of agent groups.

### Throws

NullPointerException if testGroups is null.

# public AgentGroupSet getTargetSet()

Returns the current target set of agent groups.

**Returns** the target set of agent groups.

public void setTargetSet (AgentGroupSet targetGroups)
 Sets the target set of agent groups to targetGroups.

# Parameter

targetGroups the new target set of agent groups.

# Throws

NullPointerException if targetGroups is null.

# **BadContactMismatchRatesDialerPolicy**

Represents a threshold-based dialer's policy taking bad contact and mismatch rates into account for dialing, as used in Deslaurier's blend call center model [7]. This dialer's policy needs to be informed about the contact center's activity through two methods: notifyInboundContact (Contact, boolean), and notifyOutboundContact (Contact, boolean). When an inbound contact is processed (served, abandoned, or blocked) by the contact center, the notifyInboundContact (Contact, boolean) method needs to be called. When an outbound contact is processed, the notifyOutboundContact (Contact, boolean) method must be called. For both contact types, the user has to indicate this dialer's policy if the processed contact must be considered as good or bad. Usually, a good inbound contact is a contact meeting some service level requirements, e.g., having waited less than a certain time in queue. An outbound contact can be considered as good if it is not a mismatch.

When the dialer's policy is asked a number of calls to make, it gets the total number of free agents  $N_{\rm F}^{\rm T}(t)$  in a *test set*. If this number is smaller than a given minimum  $s_{\rm t}$ , no call is made. Otherwise, the dialer looks at the rate of bad inbound contacts in the last p periods of duration d. If this rate is smaller than or equal to a threshold  $s_{\rm i}$ , the dialer's policy evaluates  $N_{\rm F}^{\rm D}(t)$ , the number of free agents in a *target set*. If this number is smaller than  $s_{\rm d}$ , no call is made. Otherwise, the base number of calls to dial  $n = \max{\text{Math.round}}$  $(\kappa N_{\rm F}^{\rm D}(t))+c-a,0$  is computed. Then, if the rate of bad outbound contacts in the p last periods of duration d is smaller than or equal to a threshold  $s_{\rm o}$ , 2n calls are made. Otherwise, n calls are made.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

## Constructors

This is the same as the constructor BadContactMismatchRatesDialerPolicy (Dialer-List, AgentGroupSet, AgentGroupSet, int, int, double, int, double, int, double), with  $\kappa = 1$  and c = 0.

# Parameters

list the dialer list from which to get contacts.

testSet the test agent group set.

targetSet the target agent group set.

minFreeTest the minimal number of free agents in the test set.

minFreeTarget the minimal number of free agents in the target set.

maxBadContactRate the maximal rate of bad contacts.

mismatchRateThresh the mismatch rate threshold.

numCheckedPeriods the number of checked periods p.

checkedPeriodDuration the duration d of checked periods.

## Throws

NullPointerException if list, testSet or targetSet are null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if a threshold on the number of agents, the number of checked periods or the duration of checked periods are negative, or a rate is negative or greater than 1.

Constructs a new bad contact/mismatch rates dialer's policy with the dialer list list, test set testSet, target set targetSet. The minimal number of free agents is set to minFreeTest for the test set, and minFreeTarget for the target set. The maximal rate of bad contacts is set to maxBadContactRate, while the threshold for mismatch rate is mismatchRateThresh. To take its decisions, the policy uses rates for the last numCheckedPeriods periods of duration checkedPeriodDuration.

# Parameters

list the dialer list from which to get contacts.

testSet the test agent group set.

targetSet the target agent group set.

minFreeTest the minimal number of free agents in the test set.

minFreeTarget the minimal number of free agents in the target set.

kappa the  $\kappa$  multiplicative constant.

c the c additive constant.

maxBadContactRate the maximal rate of bad contacts.

mismatchRateThresh the mismatch rate threshold.

numCheckedPeriods the number of checked periods p.

checkedPeriodDuration the duration d of checked periods.

## Throws

NullPointerException if list, testSet or targetSet are null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if a threshold on the number of agents, the number of checked periods or the duration of checked periods are negative, or a rate is negative or greater than 1.

# Methods

```
public double getMaxBadContactRate()
```

Returns the maximal rate of bad contacts  $s_i$  for this dialer's policy.

**Returns** the maximal rate of bad contacts.

# public void setMaxBadContactRate (double maxBadContactRate)

Sets the maximal rate of bad contacts for this dialer's policy to maxBadContactRate.

## Parameter

maxBadContactRate the new rate of bad contacts.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if maxBadContactRate is smaller than 0 or greater than 1.

public double getMismatchRateThresh()

Returns the threshold on the mismatch rate  $s_0$  for this dialer's policy.

**Returns** the mismatch rate threshold.

```
public void setMismatchRateThresh (double mismatchRateThresh)
Sets the threshold on the mismatch rate to mismatchRateThresh.
```

#### Parameter

mismatchRateThresh the threshold on the mismatch rate.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if mismatchRateThresh is smaller than 0 or greater than 1.

public int getNumCheckedPeriods()

Returns the number of checked periods p for this dialer's policy.

**Returns** the number of checked periods.

public void setNumCheckedPeriods (int numCheckedPeriods)

Sets the number of checked periods to numCheckedPeriods.

#### Parameter

numCheckedPeriods the number of checked periods.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if numCheckedPeriods is negative or 0.

## public double getCheckedPeriodDuration()

Returns the duration d of the checked periods.

Returns the checked period duration.

public void setCheckedPeriodDuration (double checkedPeriodDuration) Sets the duration of the checked periods to checkedPeriodDuration.

#### Parameter

checkedPeriodDuration the duration of the checked periods.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if checkedPeriodDuration is negative or 0.

#### public double getCurrentBadContactRate()

Gets the current bad contact rate as used by getNumDials (Dialer).

**Returns** the current bad contact rate.

```
public double getCurrentMismatchRate()
```

Returns the current mismatch rate as used by getNumDials (Dialer).

**Returns** the current mismatch rate.

#### public void notifyInboundContact (Contact contact, boolean bad)

Notify a processed inbound contact to this dialer's policy. The **bad** indicator determines if a bad contact is notified. The simulator must determine which contacts to notify as well as a definition of bad contacts. Usually, all inbound contacts are notified to the dialer, and bad contacts have a waiting time greater than some acceptable waiting time.

# Parameters

contact the notified contact.

bad true if a bad contact is notified, false if a good contact is notified.

public void notifyOutboundContact (Contact contact, boolean m)

Notifies an outbound contact to this dialer policy. If m is true, the contact is a mismatch, i.e., it has balked (most often) or needed to wait before abandoning or being served. The application needs to decide which outbound contacts are notified and determine if contacts are mismatches or not. Usually, only outbound contacts produced by the dialer using this policy are notified, including right and wrong party connects.

# Parameters

contact the notified contact.

m true if the notified contact is a mismatch, false otherwise.

# public SumMatrixSW getInBadContactsSumMatrix()

Returns the matrix of sums counting the number of bad inbound contacts notified to this dialing policy.

**Returns** the matrix of sums for bad contacts.

# public SumMatrixSW getInTotalSumMatrix()

Returns the matrix of sums counting the total number of inbound contacts notified to this dialing policy.

**Returns** the matrix of sums for the total number of contacts.

# public SumMatrixSW getMismatchSumMatrix()

Returns the matrix of sums counting the number of mismatches notified to this dialing policy.

**Returns** the matrix of sums for the number of mismatches.

# public SumMatrixSW getOutTotalSumMatrix()

Returns the matrix of sums counting the total number of outbound contacts for this dialing policy.

**Returns** the matrix of sums for the number of outbound contacts.

# **AgentsMoveDialerPolicy**

Represents a dialer policy that dynamically moves agents from inbound to outbound groups to balance performance. This policy is inspired from a real dialer called SER's SmartAgent Manager. This dialer manages a subset of the I agent groups of the contact center by separating them into two categories: inbound agent groups and outbound agent groups. The inbound groups are assumed to serve inbound contacts only while the outbound groups process outbound contacts only. An inbound agent is an agent belonging to an inbound group while any outbound agent belongs to an outbound group. Consequently, an inbound agent is made outbound by removing it from its original inbound group, and adding it into an outbound group. A similar process is used to turn an outbound agent into an inbound one. This dialer policy performs such transfers in order to balance performance.

Note that this dialer policy does not impose outbound contacts to be routed to outbound agents, and inbound contacts to be sent to inbound agents. The routing policy must be configured separately to be consistent with the inbound and outbound agent groups managed by the dialer.

This policy required two different aspects to be specified: how contacts are dialed, and how agents are moved across groups. We will now describe these two aspects in more details.

The dialing process. Two algorithms are available for dialing: one simple method using no routing information, and one more elaborate method using the information. With the first and fastest method, the policy does not control the distribution of the dialed calls, which can result in many mismatches if agents can only serve a restricted subset of the calls. With the second method, the number of dialed calls of each type depends on the agents available to serve them. Both methods use a dialer list L to obtain calls to dial.

The first method works as follows. When the dialer is triggered, i.e., when it is requested to dial numbers, this policy computes the number of outbound agents managed by the dialer given by

$$N = \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t) \mathbb{I}\{i \text{ is an outbound agent group managed by the dialer}\}$$

The number of calls to dial is then obtained using  $n = \operatorname{round}(\kappa N) + c - a$  where  $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\operatorname{round}(\cdot)$  rounds its argument to the nearest integer. The dialer schedules an *action event* for each call waiting a dial delay. If the number of action events is taken into account (the default), the constant a is the number of action events currently scheduled by the dialer. Otherwise, a = 0. An action event occurs when a call made by the dialer reaches a person or fails. The n calls to be dialed are extracted from the dialer list L.

The dialing method using routing information works as follows. For each managed agent group, the dialer determines a number of calls to dial using the number of free agents. It then sums up the number of calls  $m_k$  for each type, and constructs a dialer list  $L_2$  containing at most  $m_k$  calls of type k. The calls are extracted from the dialer list L. The contents of the dialer list might be affected by limits imposed on the number of calls of each type.

The values of  $m_k$  are computed as follows. First,  $m_k = 0$  for each value of k. Then, for each managed outbound agent group i, the dialer obtains  $n_i = \text{round}(\kappa N_{\text{F},i}(t)) + c$ . Let  $K_i$  be the number of different types of calls agents in group i can serve, and  $b_{k,i} = 1$  if and only if agents in group i can serve calls of type k. If  $K_i > 0$ , for each value of k, the value round $(b_{k,i}n_i/K_i)$  is added to  $m_k$ . Usually,  $K_i = 1$  with this model, i.e., agents in each group i can serve a single outbound call type.

After each agent group is processed, if the dialer takes the number of action events into account, the number of action events concerning calls of type k is subtracted to each value of  $m_k$ , for each call type k.

**Management of agents.** This dialer regroups agent groups into virtual groups containing inbound and outbound agent groups. Let J be the total number of virtual agent groups, and  $V_j(t) = I_j(t) + O_j(t)$  the number of agents in virtual group j at simulation time t, where  $I_j(t)$  is the total number of inbound agents in virtual group j, and  $O_j(t)$  is the total number of outbound agents in virtual group j at time t. This dialer policy never changes the virtual group of an agent; it only transfers agents to groups within the same virtual group.

Note that an agent group can only be in a single virtual group, for a single dialer.

Any external change to an agent group managed by this dialer policy is handled the same way as if the dialer never transferred agents from groups to groups. This requires the dialer to keep track of the number of agents transferred into or out of each managed group. The changes are performed as follows. If the number of agents is increased, agents are added to the concerned group. However, if the number of agents is reduced, the dialer first removes outbound agents, then inbound agents if the affected virtual group does not contain any more outbound agents. The order in which the agent groups are selected to remove agents from is random to avoid an agent group having priority over other groups. The only constraint on the order is the priority of outbound agents over inbound agents. When the dialer is stopped, every outbound agent becomes inbound, but busy outbound agents terminate their on-going services before they become inbound.

Two flags are available for this dialer policy: inbound-to-outbound flag, and outbound-toinbound flag. These flags trigger procedures that can be considered as background processes, although they are implemented with simulation events. When the inbound-to-outbound flag is turned ON, the policy starts the following procedure for each virtual agent group j, each time the dialer is required to take a decision.

- 1. If the procedure is already running for virtual group j, stop.
- 2. Let  $\tau$  be the delay between the last time an inbound agent in virtual group j became outbound, and the current simulation time. If  $\tau < D_{OO,j}$ , wait for  $D_{OO,j} \tau$ .
- 3. Generate a random permutation of the inbound agent groups in the virtual group j.
- 4. For each inbound agent group i in the virtual group j, do the following. Agent groups are processed in the order given by the random permutation of the previous step. While  $N_{\mathrm{I},i}(t) > 0$ ,

- (a) Select an agent A in group i with the following characteristics:
  - The agent is in group i (idle or busy) for a minimal time  $D_{IO,j}$ ,
  - The idle time of the agent is greater than or equal to  $t_j$ ,
  - The number of idle inbound agents in virtual group j is greater than or equal to  $m_j$ ,
  - The number of outbound idle agents in virtual group j is smaller than  $M_j$ .
- (b) If no agent was selected at previous step, skip to next agent group.
- (c) Remove agent A from group i, select outbound agent group o with probability  $p_{j,o}$ , and add the agent A to group o.
- (d) Wait for a delay  $D_{OO,j}$ .

When the flag is turned OFF, every process moving inbound agents to outbound groups is stopped.

On the other hand, when the outbound-to-inbound flag is turned ON, the policy starts the following procedure for each virtual agent group j, each time the dialer is required to take a decision.

- 1. If the procedure is already running for group j, stop.
- 2. Let  $\tau$  be delay between the last time an outbound agent in virtual group j became inbound, and the current simulation time. If  $\tau < D_{\text{II},j}$ , wait for  $D_{\text{II},j} \tau$ .
- 3. Generate a random permutation of outbound agent groups.
- 4. For each outbound agent group o in virtual group j, do the following. Agent groups are processed in the order given by the random permutation generated at the previous step. While  $N_{I,o}(t) > 0$ ,
  - (a) Select an agent A in group o with the following characteristic:
    - The agent is in group o (idle or busy) for a minimal time  $D_{OI,j}$ .
  - (b) If no agent was selected at previous step, skip to next agent group.
  - (c) Remove agent A from group o, select inbound agent group with probability  $p_{j,i}$ , and add agent A to group i.
  - (d) Wait for a delay  $D_{\text{II},j}$ .

When the flag is turned OFF, every process moving outbound agents to inbound groups is stopped.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class AgentsMoveDialerPolicy implements DialerPolicy

# Constructor

# 

Constructs a new dialer policy using the dialer list list, and agent group information groupInfo. Each AgentGroupInfo object results in a virtual group of agents for the dialer.

# Parameters

list the dialer list.

groupInfo the agent group information.

# Methods

# public AgentGroupInfo[] getAgentGroupInfo()

Returns an array containing the references to the virtual agent groups managed by this dialer policy.

**Returns** the virtual agent groups for this policy.

#### public void dialerStopped (Dialer dialer)

Calls init (Dialer).

```
public DialerList getDialerList (Dialer dialer)
```

Returns the dialer list associated with this policy.

public void setDialerList (DialerList list)

Sets the dialer list of this policy to list.

# Parameter

list the new dialer list.

# public int getNumDials (Dialer dialer)

This method returns the number of free agents in all outbound groups connected to this dialer.

#### public void init (Dialer dialer)

Makes every agent inbound when the dialer stops.

# public boolean isInboundToOutboundStarted()

Determines if the inbound-to-outbound flag is turned ON.

**Returns** the status of the inbound-to-outbound flag.

public void startInboundToOutbound()

Turns the inbound-to-outbound flag on.

public void stopInboundToOutbound()

Turns the inbound-to-outbound flag off.

public boolean isOutboundToInboundStarted()

Determines if the outbound-to-inbound flag is turned ON.

**Returns** the status of the outbound-to-inbound flag.

public void startOutboundToInbound()

Turns the outbound-to-inbound flag on.

public void stopOutboundToInbound()

Turns the outbound-to-inbound flag off.

# Nested class

#### public static class AgentGroupInfo

Represents a virtual agent group j for the AgentsMoveDialerPolicy. This class encapsulates information about inbound and outbound groups in the virtual group as well as thresholds, probabilities, and delays. It also implements methods to transfer agents from groups to groups.

#### Constructor

```
public AgentGroupInfo (AgentGroup[] inboundGroups, double[]
inboundGroupProbs, AgentGroup[] outboundGroups,
double[] outboundGroupProbs, RandomStream stream)
```

Constructs a new virtual agent group containing all inbound agent groups int inboundGroups, and all outbound agent groups in outboundGroups. The arrays inboundGroupProbs and outboundGroupProbs contain probabilities  $p_{j,i}$  of selection of agent groups as targets for transfers. The random stream stream is used to generated random numbers for permutations, and for selecting target agent groups during transfers.

### Parameters

inboundGroups the inbound agent group.

- inboundGroupProbs the probabilities of selection for each inbound agent group when performing transfers.
- outboundGroups the outbound agent group.
- **outboundGroupProbs** the probabilities of selection for each outbound agent group when performing transfers.

#### Methods

public double getDelayInIn() Returns the value of  $D_{\text{II},j}$ , which defaults to 0.

- public void setDelayInIn (double delayInIn) Sets the value of  $D_{\text{II},j}$  to delayInIn.
- public double getDelayInOut() Returns the value of  $D_{\text{IO},j}$ , which defaults to 0.
- public void setDelayInOut (double delayInOut) Sets the value of  $D_{IO,j}$  to delayInOut.
- public double getDelayOutIn() Returns the value of  $D_{OI,j}$ , which defaults to 0.
- public void setDelayOutIn (double delayOutIn) Sets the value of  $D_{OI,j}$  to delayOutIn.
- public double getDelayOutOut() Returns the value of  $D_{OO,j}$ , which defaults to 0.
- public void setDelayOutOut (double delayOutOut) Sets the value of  $D_{OO,j}$  to delayOutOut.

public AgentGroup[] getInboundGroups()
Returns the inbound agent group associated with this information object.

public AgentGroup[] getOutboundGroups()
 Returns the outbound agent group associated with this information object.

- public int getMaximumIdleOutboundAgents() Returns the value of  $M_j$ , which defaults to 0.
- public void setMaximumIdleOutboundAgents (int maximumIdleAgents) Sets the value of  $M_i$  to maximumIdleAgents.
- public int getMinimumIdleInboundAgents() Returns the value of  $m_i$ , which defaults to 0.
- public void setMinimumIdleInboundAgents (int minimumIdleAgents) Sets the value of  $m_i$  to minimumIdleAgents.

#### public double getMinimumIdleTime()

Returns the value of  $t_i$ , which defaults to 0.

```
public void setMinimumIdleTime (double minimumIdleTime)
Sets the value of t_i to minimumIdleTime.
```

#### public double[] getInboundGroupProbs()

Returns the probabilities  $p_{j,i}$  of selection for each inbound agent group. Element k of the returned array corresponds to the probability associated with agent group k in the array returned by getInboundGroups().

**Returns** the probability of selection for inbound agent groups.

#### public double[] getOutboundGroupProbs()

Returns the probabilities  $p_{j,i}$  of selection for each outbound agent group. Element k of the returned array corresponds to the probability associated with agent group k in the array returned by getOutboundGroups().

**Returns** the probability of selection for outbound agent groups.

#### public void transferToInbound (int n)

Transfers n agents from the outbound groups of this object to its inbound group. For each transfer, the order of outbound agent groups is chosen randomly to avoid an outbound group having priority over the others.

#### Parameter

**n** the number of agents to transfer.

# public void transferToOutbound (int n)

Transfers **n** agents from the inbound groups of this object to its outbound group. For each transfer, the order of inbound agent groups is chosen randomly to avoid an inbound group having priority over the others.

# Parameter

**n** the number of agents to transfer.

public boolean transferToInbound (int idxOut, Agent agent) Transfers the agent agent to a randomly-chosen inbound agent group.

# Parameter

agent the agent to transfer.

public boolean transferToOutbound (int idxIn, Agent agent) Transfers the agent agent to a randomly-chosen outbound agent group.

## Parameter

agent the agent to transfer.

## public void startInboundToOutbound()

Starts the process moving inbound agents to outbound for the agent groups associated with this object. This method does nothing if the moving process is already started.

# public void stopInboundToOutbound()

Stops the process moving inbound agents to the outbound group.

# public void startOutboundToInbound()

Similar to startInboundToOutbound(), for the outbound-to-inbound process.

# public void stopOutboundToInbound()

Similar to stopInboundToOutbound(), for the outbound-to-inbound process.

# public void makeAllInbound()

Moves all outbound agents to the inbound group. Any busy outbound agent is marked to be moved after its on-going service if finished.

# public void init()

Initializes both agent groups, and resets the fields storing the last time moves happened.

# DialerList

Represents a list that contains and manages contacts to be made later by a dialer. This interface specifies methods to clear the current list, to remove the first contact of the list, and to compute the current size of the list. The contents of the dialer list depends on the implementation. For example, InfiniteDialerList always has an infinite size, and uses a user-supplied contact factory to obtain contacts. The ContactListenerDialerList, on the other hand, is backed by a fixed list which is populated by a contact listener. The contents of the dialer list could also change with time. For example, during some time intervals of the day, a limit on the maximal number of dialed contacts might be imposed by restricting the size of the dialer list.

Some dialer lists might also allow one to restrict the types of contacts that can be extracted from the list. This can be useful for some dialing policies managing contacts of several types, and composing specific numbers of contacts of each type.

A dialer list also implements the ContactFactory interface; the implementation of the ContactFactory.newInstance() method usually forwards the call to removeFirst (int[]). However, while the contact factory always creates new objects, a dialer list may extract them from a list with possibly finite size.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public interface DialerList extends ContactFactory

# Methods

```
public int size (int[] contactTypes)
```

Returns the number of contacts of desired types stored into this dialer list. This method counts and returns the number of stored contacts whose type identifiers correspond to one of the elements in the given contactTypes array. If the array is null, the check is applied for all contact types. If the size of the list is infinite, this must return Integer.MAX\_VALUE. If the dialer list does not allow restriction to specific contact types, this method throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

# Parameter

contactTypes the array of desired contact types.

**Returns** the number of contacts in the dialer list.

# Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if contactTypes is non-null while the dialer list does not support restrictions to specific contact types.

# public void clear()

Clears the contents of this dialer list. This method does not always reset the size of the list to 0. For example, this method has no effect in the case of infinite dialer lists. For dialer lists with limits on the number of dialed contacts, this resets the size to the maximum number of contacts allowed.

# public Contact removeFirst (int[] contactTypes)

Removes and returns the first contact with one of the desired types from the dialer list. If the list is empty or does not contain any contact of the desired types, this method must throw a NoSuchElementException. If contactTypes is null, any contact type is allowed. If contactTypes is non-null while the dialer list does not support restrictions to specific contact types, this throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

# Parameter

contactTypes the array of desired contact types.

**Returns** the removed contact.

# Throws

NoSuchElementException if the dialer list is empty.

UnsupportedOperationException if contactTypes is non-null while the dialer list does not support restrictions to specific contact types.

# InfiniteDialerList

Implements the DialerList interface for an infinite dialer list whose elements are produced using a contact factory. This list can be used when there is no defined model for the calls made by the dialer.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class InfiniteDialerList implements DialerList

# Constructor

```
public InfiniteDialerList (ContactFactory factory)
```

Constructs a new infinite dialer list whose contacts are instantiated using the contact factory factory.

# Parameter

factory the contact factory used to instantiate contacts.

Throws

NullPointerException if factory is null.

# Methods

```
public ContactFactory getContactFactory()
  Returns the contact factory associated with this dialer list.
  Returns the associated contact factory.

public void setContactFactory (ContactFactory factory)
  Sets the contact factory used to instantiate contacts to factory.

Parameter
  factory the new contact factory.

Throws
  NullPointerException if factory is null.
```

# ${\bf Contact List ener Dialer List}$

Implements the DialerList interface for a finite dialer list whose elements are obtained from an external source. Since this class implements the NewContactListener interface, it can be bound to an arrival process or any source of contacts. When a new contact is notified to this dialer list, it is added at the end of an internal ordered list for later use. When calling removeFirst (int[]), the first element from this internal list is returned.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

# Constructors

#### public ContactListenerDialerList()

Constructs a new empty dialer list implemented by a doubly-linked list. The used implementation is provided by the standard LinkedList class.

```
public ContactListenerDialerList (List<Contact> dialerList)
```

Constructs a new dialer list using the given dialerList to store the contacts. The given list should be empty or contain only Contact instances.

# Parameter

dialerList the list used to store the contacts.

## Throws

NullPointerException if dialerList is null.

# Methods

```
public List<Contact> getList()
```

Returns the internal list containing the contacts to dial. This list should contain only non-null Contact instances.

**Returns** the internal dialer list.

```
public void setList (List<Contact> dialerList)
```

Sets the internal list of contacts to dial to dialerList.

#### Parameter

dialerList the list used to store the contacts.

# Throws

NullPointerException if dialerList is null.

public void newContact (Contact contact)

Adds the new contact contact to the dialer list.

# Parameter

contact the contact being added.

# Throws

NullPointerException if contact is null.

# DialerListNoQueueing

This wrapper dialer list is used by dialers dropping mismatches. It uses a regular dialer list, and resets the patience time of all created contacts to 0. As a result, contacts that cannot be served immediately (mismatches) leave the system without waiting in queue.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class DialerListNoQueueing implements DialerList

# Constructor

```
public DialerListNoQueueing (DialerList list)
```

Constructs a new dialer list with no queueing by using the inner list list.

## Parameter

list the inner dialer list.

# Method

public DialerList getDialerList()

Returns a reference to the internal dialer list.

**Returns** a reference to the internal dialer list.

# DialerState

Represents the state of a dialer.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class DialerState

# Constructor

protected DialerState (Dialer dialer)

Constructs a new dialer state containing the state of the dialer dialer.

## Parameter

dialer the dialer for which the state must be saved.

# Method

# public DialerActionState[] getDialerActionEvents()

Returns an array containing a state object for each dialer action event saved.

**Returns** the array of dialer action events.

# DialerActionState

Represents the information needed to scheduled a dialer action event.

## package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;

public class DialerActionState

### Constructors

# 

Constructs a new dialer action event state object for a contact contact. The success flag gives the success indicator when the dial-up is finished at simulation time dialEndTime.

# Parameters

contact the contact being dialed.

success the success indicator.

dialEndTime the simulation time of success or failure.

#### public DialerActionState (DialerActionEvent ev)

Constructs a new dialer action state object from the dialer action event ev.

### Parameter

ev the dialer action event to extract information from.

# Methods

# public Contact getContact()

Returns the contact being dialed.

**Returns** the contact being dialed.

### public boolean isSuccessful()

Returns the success indicator of the dial.

**Returns** the success indicator of the dial.

# public double getDialEndTime()

Returns the time at which success or failure will occur.

**Returns** the success or failure time.

# MismatchChecker

This agent-group listener checks that the number of free agents in the test and target sets for a given dialer never fall outside the user-defined thresholds while dialing is in-progress. This listener is constructed using a dialer using an instance of ThresholdDialerPolicy as a dialer's policy. It should then be registered with all agent groups in the target sets.

Each time a service begins (and the number of free agents is reduced), the method **check-Thresh()** is called, and checks for the thresholds. If the number of free agents becomes smaller than the given threshold, in-progress dialing is stopped. If the policy is not an instance of **ThresholdDialerPolicy**, this listener does nothing.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.dialer;
```

public class MismatchChecker implements AgentGroupListener

# Constructor

public MismatchChecker (Dialer dialer)

Constructs a new mismatch checker for the dialer dialer.

# Parameter

dialer the dialer for which mismatches are checked.

# Method

# public void checkThresh()

Checks the thresholds on the number of free agents in the test and target sets for the dialer's policy of the associated dialer.

# Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router

Contains the contact routing facilities. A *router*, called an *automatic call distributor* (ACD) for call centers, can be any class listening to new contacts, and assigning them to agent groups or adding them to waiting queues. The router listens to service terminations to assign queued contacts to free agents and to waiting queue events for statistical collection and overflow support.

This package provides the **Router** base class as a basis to implement routers using almost arbitrary policy. It can listen to new contacts and interact with waiting queues and agent groups, which makes it a central point in any contact center. For contacts to be counted correctly during statistical collection, an *exited-contact listener* can also be registered with a router which knows exactly when contacts abandon, are blocked, and are served. Figure 2 gives a UML diagram summarizing how the router is connected to the other parts of the system.



Figure 2: UML diagram describing the routing of contacts

The routing policy itself must be implemented in a subclass by defining fields for the data and implementing or overriding methods for the routing logic. The router needs schemes for agent and contact selections, and it can optionally clear waiting queues when the contact center does not have idle or busy agents capable of serving the waiting contacts. Algorithms to process dequeued and served contacts may also be needed in complex systems supporting overflow or service by multiple agents.

This package provides a few predefined policies inspired from [17] and [12]. These policies do not cover all possible scenarios, but new policies can easily be added.

A first class of policies uses ordered lists as follows. For each contact type k, the type-togroup map defines an ordered list  $i_{k,0}, i_{k,1}, \ldots$  of agent groups. For each agent group i, the group-to-type map defines an ordered list  $k_{i,0}, k_{i,1}, \ldots$  of contact types. These lists indicate which agent groups can serve a contact of type k and which contact types can be served by agents in group i, respectively. The order of the elements can be used to define priorities. This data structure prevents contact types or agent groups from sharing the same priority, and may produce inconsistent routing policies. For example, a bad router could assign new contacts of type k to agents in group i without pulling contacts of type k from queues when an agent in group i becomes free. Checker methods are provided in RoutingTableUtils to detect this problem, but they need to linearly scan the routing tables. As a result, they must be manually called by the user to avoid decreasing the performance.

In a second type of policy, matrices of ranks assign ranks or priorities  $r_{TG}(k, i)$  and  $r_{GT}(i, k)$  to contacts of type k served by agents in group i. If the rank is  $\infty$ , i.e., Double. POSITIVE\_INFINITY, contacts of type k cannot be served by agents in group i. Otherwise, the smaller is the rank, the higher is the priority of contacts of type k for agents in group i. The matrix defining  $r_{TG}(k, i)$  specifies how contacts prefer agents, and is used for agent selection. The second matrix, defining  $r_{GT}(i, k)$ , specifies how agents prefer contacts, and is used for contact selection. In many cases, it is possible to have  $r_{GT}(i, k) = r_{TG}(k, i)$  and specify a single matrix of ranks. This structure allows equal priorities to exist, but routing policies are more complex. When ranks are equal, a secondary algorithm must be used for tie breaking, reducing the performance of the simulator.

The package also supports the *incidence matrix*, which assigns a boolean value m(i, k) for each contact types and agent groups. m(i, k) is *true* if and only if contacts of type k can be served by agents in group i. Such a matrix is not used for routing because it does not encode any priority, but the package provides methods to convert it to a type-to-group, group-to-type, or matrix of ranks.

The package also provides some helper classes and methods to ease the implementation of routers with complex routing policies. These methods can test the consistency of routing information data structures, and perform conversions from one structure to another. They can also help in contact and agent selections.

# Router

Represents a contact router which can perform agent and contact selections. A router links the contact sources, agent groups and waiting queues together and acts as a central element of the contact center. It supports a certain number of contact types and contains slots for waiting queues and agent groups.

Dequeued contacts and freed agents are notified to the router through nested classes implementing the appropriate listener interfaces. These classes listen to the connected agent groups and waiting queues only. Agent groups and waiting queues are connected to the router using the setAgentGroup (int, AgentGroup) and setWaitingQueue (int, WaitingQueue) methods, respectively. During connection, they are assigned a numerical identifier to be referred to efficiently during routing.

This abstract class does not implement any routing policy. To implement such a policy, many informations must be provided in a subclass: data structures, algorithms for agent, waiting queue and contact selections, and an algorithm to automatically clear waiting queues. A router can also specify what happens when a contact is served or abandons. We now examine these elements in more details. Data structures are encoded into fields, and usually consist of a type-to-group and a group-to-type maps, or matrices of ranks. Algorithms are provided by overriding methods.

When a new contact is notified through its newContact (Contact) method specified by the NewContactListener interface, the router performs *agent selection*, i.e., it tries to assign an agent to the contact. The selectAgent (Contact) method is used to select the agent, and selectWaitingQueue (Contact) is called if no free agent is available.

The router supports contact rerouting which works as follows. When a contact is queued, the router gets a delay using getReroutingDelay (DequeueEvent, int). If that delay is finite and greater than or equal to 0, a *rerouting event* is scheduled. When such an event happens, the router tries to use selectAgent (DequeueEvent, int) to assign an agent to a queued contact. If this rerouting fails, the router uses selectWaitingQueue (Dequeue-Event, int) to decide if the contact should be dropped, transferred into another queue, or kept in the same queue. After this queue reselection has happened, the router uses getReroutingDelay (DequeueEvent, int) again to decide if a subsequent rerouting will happen. By default, this functionality is disabled. One has to override getReroutingDelay (DequeueEvent, int) and selectAgent (DequeueEvent, int) to use rerouting.

When an agent becomes free, the router must perform *contact selection*, i.e., it must try to assign a queued contact to the free agent through the checkFreeAgents (AgentGroup, Agent) method. The checkFreeAgents (AgentGroup, Agent) method is called, and usually calls selectContact (AgentGroup, Agent) to get queued contacts. If no queued contact is available for the free agent, the agent remains free.

The router also supports agent rerouting which works as follows. If an agent has finished the service of a contact and cannot find a new contact to serve, before letting the agent idle, the router gets a delay using getReroutingDelay (Agent, int). If this delay is finite and greater than or equal to 0, the router schedules an event that will try to assign a new contact to the agent. The contact is selected using the selectContact (Agent, int) method. As with contact rerouting, agent rerouting can happen multiple times and it is disabled by default. One needs to use detailed agent groups considering individual agents and override getReroutingDelay (Agent, int) as well as selectContact (Agent, int) to take advantage of agent rerouting.

At some moments during the day, queued contacts may never be served, because no skilled agent is present. For example, when the center closes, all agents leave and queued contacts are forced to wait forever or abandon. To avoid this, an additional algorithm may be implemented in checkWaitingQueues (AgentGroup) to automatically clear the queues when no agent can serve contacts. This clearing is disabled by default but can be enabled by using setClearWaitingQueue (int, boolean) or setClearWaitingQueues (boolean).

Finally, the moment a contact exits can be controlled. By default, dequeued and served contacts exit the system, but it is possible to override methods in this class to change this behavior, e.g., transfer a dequeued contact to another queue, transfer a served contact to another agent, etc.

Note that the blocking, dequeue, end-contact and end-service indicators Integer.MAX\_VALUE - 1000 through Integer.MAX\_VALUE are reserved for present and future use by routers. Dequeue type 0 is also reserved, and represents the beginning of the service for a queued contact. The constant DEQUEUETYPE\_BEGINSERVICE can be used to represent this.

Note: the ExitedContactListener implementations are notified in the order of the list returned by getExitedContactListeners(), and an exited-contact listener modifying the list of listeners by using addExitedContactListener (ExitedContactListener) or removeExitedContactListener (ExitedContactListener) could result in unpredictable behavior.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public abstract class Router implements NewContactListener

# Fields

```
public static final int BLOCKTYPE_NOLINE
```

Contact blocking type occurring when there is no communication channel available in the trunk group associated with an incoming contact.

public static final int BLOCKTYPE\_QUEUEFULL

Contact blocking type occurring when the total queue capacity is exceeded upon the arrival of a contact.

public static final int BLOCKTYPE\_CANTQUEUE

Contact blocking type occurring when a contact cannot be queued, i.e., selectWaiting-Queue (Contact) returns null.

#### public static final int DEQUEUETYPE\_BEGINSERVICE

Contact dequeueing type representing the beginning of the service.

#### public static final int DEQUEUETYPE\_NOAGENT

Contact dequeuing type occurring when a waiting queue is cleared because there is no agent in the system capable of serving the contact.

#### public static int DEQUEUETYPE\_FANTOM

Contact dequeue type used to remove multiple copies of a contact from waiting queues. When a contact has to wait in more than one waiting queues, it can exit any of these queues at any time. When the contact is dequeued, e.g., because it is transferred to an agent. In this case, the contact also needs to be removed from other queues. This dequeue type can be used to avoid such contacts being counted several times by statistical facilities.

# public static int DEQUEUETYPE\_TRANSFER

Contact dequeue type used when transferring a contact from a waiting to another waiting queue.

### protected int dqTypeRet

Contains the dequeue type used when a contact leaves a queue to enter a new one. By default, this is set to 1.

# Constructor

## public Router (int numTypes, int numQueues, int numGroups)

Constructs a new router with numTypes contact types, numQueues waiting queues, and numGroups agent groups.

## Parameters

numTypes number of contact types.

numQueues number of waiting queues.

numGroups number of agent groups.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if any argument is negative.

## Methods

#### public boolean isKeepingReroutingEvents()

Determines if this router keeps track of all rerouting events scheduled. By default, these events are discarded, i.e., they are stored in the event list only.

Returns true if the router keeps track of the rerouting events, false otherwise.

## public void setKeepingReroutingEvents (boolean keep)

Sets the keep-rerouting-events indicator to keep.

## Parameter

keep the value of the indicator.

# public Iterator<ContactReroutingEvent> contactReroutingEventsIterator ()

Constructs and returns an iterator for the contact rerouting events. If isKeepingRerouting-Events() returns true, the iterator is constructed from the set returned by getContact-ReroutingEvents(). Otherwise, an iterator traversing the event list and filtering the appropriate events is constructed and returned.

**Returns** the iterator for contact rerouting events.

public Map<DequeueEvent, ContactReroutingEvent> getContactReroutingEvents
()

Returns an unmodifiable map containing the currently scheduled contact rerouting events. Each key of this map corresponds to a dequeue event while each value corresponds to an instance of ContactReroutingEvent. If rerouting events are not kept, this throws an Illegal-StateException.

**Returns** the map of contact rerouting events.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if rerouting events are not kept.

# public Iterator<AgentReroutingEvent> agentReroutingEventsIterator ()

Constructs and returns an iterator for the agent rerouting events. If isKeepingRerouting-Events() returns true, the iterator is constructed from the set returned by getAgent-ReroutingEvents(). Otherwise, an iterator traversing the event list and filtering the appropriate events is constructed and returned.

**Returns** the iterator for agent rerouting events.

# public Map<Agent, AgentReroutingEvent> getAgentReroutingEvents ()

Returns an unmodifiable map containing the currently scheduled agent rerouting events. Each key of this map corresponds to an Agent object while each value corresponds to an instance of AgentReroutingEvent. If rerouting events are not kept, this throws an Illegal-StateException.

**Returns** the map of agent rerouting events.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if rerouting events are not kept.

# public RouterState save()

Saves the state of this router, and returns the resulting state object.

**Returns** the current state of this router.

# public void restore (RouterState state)

Restores the state state of this router.

# Parameter

state the saved state of the router.

# public int getTotalQueueCapacity()

Returns the total capacity of the waiting queues for this router. This capacity determines the maximal number of contacts that can be queued simultaneously by this router. By default, this is Integer.MAX\_VALUE, i.e., infinite.

**Returns** the total queue capacity of the router.

# public void setTotalQueueCapacity (int capacity)

Sets the total queue capacity to capacity for this router. If the given capacity is negative, an IllegalArgumentException is thrown. If the capacity is less than the total number of queued contacts, this throws an IllegalStateException.

# Parameter

capacity the new total queue capacity.

# Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the given capacity is negative.

**IllegalStateException** if the given capacity is less than the actual number of queued contacts.

# public int getCurrentQueueSize()

Returns the total number of contacts in the connected waiting queues.

**Returns** the total number of contacts in queues.

# public int getNumContactTypes()

Returns the number of contact types supported by this router.

**Returns** the supported number of contact types.

# public int getNumAgentGroups()

Returns the number of agent groups supported by this router.

**Returns** the number of agent groups.

# public int getNumWaitingQueues()

Returns the number of waiting queues supported by this router.

**Returns** the number of waiting queues.

# public WaitingQueue getWaitingQueue (int q)

Returns the waiting queue with index q for this router. If q is less than 0 or greater than or equal to the number of supported queues, an exception is thrown. Calling the Waiting-Queue.getId() method on the returned waiting queue should return q, unless this method returns null.

# Parameter

 $q \quad {\rm the \ index \ of \ the \ queue.}$ 

Returns the associated waiting queue, or null if no queue is defined for this index.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if q is negative or greater than or equal to getNumWaiting-Queues().

# public WaitingQueue[] getWaitingQueues()

Returns an array containing the waiting queues attached to this router.

**Returns** the waiting queues attached to this router.

# public void setWaitingQueue (int q, WaitingQueue queue)

Associates the waiting queue queue with the index q in the router. The method tries to set the queue id to q and registers a waiting-queue listener for queue to be notified about automatic dequeues if needed. If a waiting queue was previously associated with the index, the router's waiting-queue listener is removed from that previous waiting queue.

Note that some routers assume that waiting queues use FIFO discipline. In this case, one should use StandardWaitingQueue instances only. Using PriorityWaitingQueue may lead to routing not corresponding to the defined policy.

# Parameters

 $\mathbf{q}$  the index of the queue.

queue the queue to be associated.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if the queue id was already set to another value than q.

IndexOutOfBoundsException if q is negative or greater than or equal to getNumWaiting-Queues().

# public boolean mustClearWaitingQueue (int q)

Determines if the router must clear the waiting queue q when all queued contacts cannot be served since no agent capable of serving them is online anymore. By default, this is set to false.
${\bf q}$   $\;$  the index of the checked waiting queue.

Returns the clear-waiting-queue indicator.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if q is negative or greater than or equal to getNumWaiting-Queues().

public void setClearWaitingQueue (int q, boolean b)

Sets the clear-waiting-queue indicator for the waiting queue q to b. See mustClearWaiting-Queue (int) for more information.

# Parameters

- q the index of the affected waiting queue.
- **b** the new value of the indicator.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if q is negative or greater than or equal to getNumWaiting-Queues().

```
See also mustClearWaitingQueue (int)
```

```
public void setClearWaitingQueues (boolean b)
```

Sets the clear-waiting-queue indicator to b for all waiting queues. See mustClearWaiting-Queue (int) for more information.

# Parameter

**b** the new value of the indicator.

```
See also mustClearWaitingQueue (int)
```

# public SingleTypeContactFactory getContactFactory (int k)

Returns the contact factory used by the simulator to create contacts of type k. This factory may be used by some routing policies to obtain information such as the distribution of service times. When a routing policy uses this information, the simulator should create contacts of type k with this single-type contact factory only.

# Parameter

 ${\tt k}$   $\,$  the contact type identifier.

**Returns** the contact factory.

```
public void setContactFactory (int k, SingleTypeContactFactory factory)
Sets the contact factory used to create contacts of type k to factory.
```

k the contact type identifier.

factory the contact factory.

# public AgentGroup getAgentGroup (int i)

Returns the agent group with index i for this router. If i is less than 0 or greater than or equal to the number of groups, an exception is thrown. Calling AgentGroup.getId() on the returned group should return i, unless this method returns null.

### Parameter

i the index of the agent group.

Returns the associated agent group, or null if no agent group is defined for this index.

### Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to getNumAgent-Groups().

# public AgentGroup[] getAgentGroups()

Returns an array containing the agent groups attached to this router.

**Returns** the attached agent groups.

# public void setAgentGroup (int i, AgentGroup group)

Associates the agent group group with the index i in the router. The method tries to set the identifier of the group to i and registers an agent-group listener to be notified about agents becoming free in order to perform contact selection. If an agent group was previously associated with the index, the router's agent-group listener is removed from that previous agent group.

#### Parameters

i the index of the agent group.

group the agent group to be associated.

# Throws

IllegalStateException if the group id was already set to another value than i.

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to getNumAgent-Groups().

# public List<Dialer> getDialers (int i)

Returns a list containing the dialers which will be triggered when the service of a contact by an agent in group i ends. This list, which may contain only non-null instances of the Dialer class, should be used instead of an agent-group listener to activate the dialer. As opposed to an agent-group listener requesting dialers to try calls, dialers in the returned list are activated only after contact selection for agents in group i is done, and they are guaranteed to be activated in the order given by the list.

i the index of the agent group.

**Returns** the list of dialers.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if the agent group index is out of bounds.

# public abstract boolean canServe (int i, int k)

Returns true if and only if some agents in group i are authorized to serve contacts of type k by this router.

# Parameters

- i the agent group index.
- ${\tt k} \quad {\rm the \ contact \ type \ index.}$

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm determines} \ {\rm if} \ {\rm contacts} \ {\rm can} \ {\rm be} \ {\rm served}.$ 

# public boolean needsDetailedAgentGroup (int i)

Determines if the agent group i should consider individual agents. This does not determine directly how the agent group returned by getAgentGroup (int) is implemented. This method only gives clues to a simulator on how to construct the concerned agent group.

# Parameter

i the index of the agent group.

**Returns** the detailed status of the agent group.

# public WaitingQueueType getWaitingQueueType()

Returns an indicator describing how the implemented routing policies organizes waiting queues. The supported modes of organization cover the most common cases only: waiting queues corresponding to contact types or agent groups. For any other modes, the Waiting-QueueType.GENERAL must be used.

By default, this method returns WaitingQueueType.GENERAL.

**Returns** the organization mode of waiting queues.

# public WaitingQueueStructure getNeededWaitingQueueStructure (int q)

Returns the needed data structure for waiting queue with index q. This method is used by the simulator to get clues on how to construct the waiting queue; it does not affect directly the implementation of the waiting queue returned by getWaitingQueue (int). By default, this returns WaitingQueueStructure.LIST.

# Parameter

 $q \quad {\rm the \ index \ of \ the \ waiting \ queue.}$ 

**Returns** the structure indicator.

public Comparator<? super DequeueEvent> getNeededWaitingQueueComparator
(int q)

Determines how contacts in queue should be compared with each other for waiting queue q. This comparator is used by a simulator to construct a waiting queue if getNeeded-WaitingQueueStructure (int) returns WaitingQueueStructure.SORTEDSET or Waiting-QueueStructure.PRIORITY. By default, this returns null.

# Parameter

q the index of the waiting queue.

**Returns** the waiting queue comparator.

# public void newContact (Contact contact)

This method is called when the new contact contact enters in the system and should not be overridden. The Contact.setRouter (Router) method is first used to set the router of the new contact to this object. Then, if Contact.getTrunkGroup() returns a non-null value, a communication channel is allocated. If no communication channel is available for the contact, the contact is blocked with blocking type BLOCKTYPE\_NOLINE. If the contact has no associated trunk group or if a communication channel could be successfully allocated, the selectAgent (Contact) method is called to try to assign it an agent. In case of failure, i.e., selectAgent (Contact) returns null, the router tries to queue the contact. If the total queue size is equal to the total queue capacity, or if selectWaitingQueue (Contact) returns null, the contact is blocked with blocking type BLOCKTYPE\_QUEUEFULL or BLOCKTYPE\_CANTQUEUE, respectively.

# Parameter

contact the arrived contact.

# Throws

- IllegalStateException if Contact.getRouter() returns a non-null value before the
  router is set.
- IllegalArgumentException if the contact type identifier of the contact is negative or greater than or equal to getNumContactTypes().

# public void addExitedContactListener (ExitedContactListener listener)

Adds the exited-contact listener listener to this router. If the listener is already registered, nothing happens.

# Parameter

listener the listener being added.

# Throws

NullPointerException if listener is null.

public void removeExitedContactListener (ExitedContactListener listener) Removes the exited-contact listener listener from this router.

listener the exited contact listener being removed.

# public void clearExitedContactListeners()

Removes all the exited-contact listeners registered to this router.

# public List<ExitedContactListener> getExitedContactListeners ()

Returns an unmodifiable list containing all the exited-contact listeners registered with this router.

**Returns** the list of all registered exited-contact listeners.

# public void notifyBlocked (Contact contact, int bType)

Notifies every registered listener that the contact contact was blocked with blocking type bType.

# Parameters

contact the blocked contact.

bType the blocking type.

# public void notifyDequeued (DequeueEvent ev)

Notifies every registered listener that a contact left the waiting queue, this event being represented by ev.

# Parameter

ev the event representing the contact having left the queue.

# public void notifyServed (EndServiceEvent ev)

Notifies every registered listener that a contact was served, the service being represented by the end-service event ev.

# Parameter

ev the end-service event representing the end of the service.

# public void exitServed (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method must be called to notify a contact exiting the system after an end of service with end-service event ev. It notifies any registered exited-contact listener, and releases the communication channel taken by the contact. This must be called after the communication between the contact and an agent, before after-contact work.

ev the end-service event.

public void exitDequeued (DequeueEvent ev)

This method must be called to notify that a contact exited the system after being dequeued, ev representing the dequeue event. It notifies any registered exited-contact listener, and releases the communication channel taken by the contact.

# Parameter

ev the dequeue event.

```
public void exitBlocked (Contact contact, int bType)
```

This method can be called when the contact contact was blocked by the router with blocking type bType. It notifies any registered exited-contact listener, and releases the communication channel taken by the contact. The bType = BLOCKTYPE\_NOLINE value is reserved for the special case where there is no available communication channel for the contact.

# Parameters

contact the contact being blocked.

bType the blocking type.

# protected void startDialers (AgentGroup group)

Starts the dialers after the service of a contact by an agent in group group. This method is called after checkFreeAgents (AgentGroup, Agent) and should call the Dialer.dial() method on one or more dialers. The default implementation starts all the dialers in the list getDialers (group.getId()).

# Parameter

group the agent group being notified.

#### public void init()

This method is called at the beginning of the simulation to reset the state of this router.

# protected abstract EndServiceEvent selectAgent (Contact contact)

Begins the service of the contact contact by trying to assign it a free agent. The method must select an agent group with a free agent (or a specific free agent), start the service, and return the end-service event if the service was started, or null otherwise.

# Parameter

contact the contact being routed to an agent.

**Returns** the end-service event representing the started service, or null if the contact could not be served immediately.

Selects an agent for serving a queued contact in the context of rerouting. The event dqEv is used to represent the dequeued contact, while numReroutingsDone indicates the number of reroutings that has happened so far. The method should return the end-service event corresponding to the contact's new service by an agent, or null for the contact to stay in queue.

# Parameters

dqEv the dequeue event representing the queued contact.

numReroutingsDone the number of preceding reroutings.

Returns the end-service event, or null.

```
protected abstract DequeueEvent selectWaitingQueue (Contact contact)
```

Selects a waiting queue and puts the contact contact into it. Returns the dequeue event if the contact could be queued, or null otherwise.

# Parameter

contact the contact being queued.

**Returns** the dequeue event representing the queued contact, or **null** if the contact could not be queued.

# 

Selects a waiting queue for a queued contact in the context of rerouting. The event dqEv is used to represent the queued contact, while numReroutingsDone indicates the number of reroutings that has happened so far. The method should return the dequeue event corresponding to the contact's new queue, or null if the contact is required to leave the system. If no transfer of queue is required, this method should return dqEv. If a transfer occurs, one can use the dqTypeRet field to store the dequeue type of the contact leaving the queue.

# Parameters

 $dqEv\;$  the dequeue event representing the queued contact.

numReroutingsDone the number of preceding reroutings.

Returns the dequeue event, or null.

# protected boolean checkFreeAgents (AgentGroup group, Agent agent)

This method is called when the agent agent in agent group group becomes free. If the given agent is null, the method assumes that one or more arbitrary agents in the group became free. The method must select a contact to be transferred to the free agent. The selected contacts come from waiting queues, and must be removed from the queues with dequeue type DEQUEUETYPE\_BEGINSERVICE before they are transferred to agents. The method returns true if and only if at least one free agent could be made busy.

The default implementation calls selectContact (AgentGroup, Agent) to get a new dequeue event representing the removed contact, extracts the contact, and routes it to an agent, until group has no more free agent.

### Parameters

group the affected agent group.

agent the agent having ended its service.

**Returns** true if some free agents became busy, false otherwise.

# protected DequeueEvent selectContact (AgentGroup group, Agent agent)

Returns a dequeue event representing a queued contact to be served by the agent agent in agent group group. If agent is null, the method must return a contact that can be served by any agent in the group. If no contact is available, this method returns null. The selected contacts come from waiting queues attached to the router. Before the selected contact is returned, it must be removed from its queue with dequeue type DEQUEUETYPE\_BEGINSERVICE, e.g., by using queue.removeFirst (DEQUEUETYPE\_BEGINSERVICE), or queue.remove (ev, DEQUEUETYPE\_BEGINSERVICE), etc.

Generally, it is sufficient to override this method instead of checkFreeAgents (AgentGroup, Agent). One can override checkFreeAgents (AgentGroup, Agent) to improve efficiency when looking for contacts in the same waiting queue. This method is not abstract and returns null by default in order to allow checkFreeAgents (AgentGroup, Agent) to be overridden without implementing this method.

#### **Parameters**

group the affected agent group.

agent the agent having ended its service.

**Returns** the dequeue event representing the contact being selected.

protected DequeueEvent selectContact (Agent agent, int numReroutingsDone) Selects a new contact for the agent agent, in the context of rerouting.

# Parameters

agent the affected agent.

numReroutingsDone the number of preceding reroutings.

Returns the selected contact, or null.

# protected abstract void checkWaitingQueues (AgentGroup group)

This method is called when the agent group group contains no more online agents, i.e., AgentGroup.getNumAgents() returns 0. It must check each waiting queue accessible for agents in this group to determine if they need to be cleared. A queue is cleared if no agent, whether free or busy, is available to serve any contact in it.

# Parameter

group the agent group with no more agents.

# protected double getReroutingDelay (DequeueEvent dqEv, int numReroutingsDone)

Returns the delay, in simulation time units, after which a queued contact should be rerouted. The value of numReroutingsDone gives the number of preceding reroutings, and dqEv is the dequeue event. If this delay is negative, infinite, or NaN, no rerouting happens for the contact. numReroutings will be -1 when this method is called at the time the contact is queued. By default, this method returns Double.POSITIVE\_INFINITY.

# Parameters

dqEv the dequeue event representing the queued contact.

numReroutingsDone the number of reroutings so far.

**Returns** the rerouting delay.

# protected double getReroutingDelay (Agent agent, int numReroutingsDone)

Returns the delay, in simulation time units, after which an agent agent should try a new time to get a contact to serve. If no rerouting should happen, the returned delay must be negative or NaN. numReroutings will be -1 when this method is called at the end of a service. By default, this method returns Double.POSITIVE\_INFINITY.

# Parameters

agent the idle agent, or null.

numReroutingsDone the number of previous reroutings for the agent.

**Returns** the rerouting delay.

# protected void beginService (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called when the service of a contact, represented by the event ev, begins. By default, this method does nothing.

# Parameter

ev the end-service event.

# protected void endContact (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called when the communication between a contact and an agent is finished. By default, it calls exitServed (EndServiceEvent).

ev the end-service event.

#### protected void endService (EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called when the service (communication and after-contact work) of a contact in an agent group has ended. By default, this does nothing.

### Parameter

ev the end-service event.

#### protected void enqueued (DequeueEvent ev)

This method is called when a contact is enqueued, ev representing the dequeue event. By default, this method does nothing.

#### Parameter

ev the dequeue event.

#### protected void dequeued (DequeueEvent ev)

This method is called when a contact leaves a waiting queue, **ev** representing the corresponding dequeue event. By default, for any effective dequeue type other than 0, this calls **exitDequeued (DequeueEvent)**. This method should not notify an exiting contact for a 0 dequeue type since it is reserved for queued and served contacts.

#### Parameter

ev the dequeue event.

#### public String formatWaitingQueues()

Formats the connected waiting queues as a string. For each queue slot, the returned string contains a line with the text Waiting queue q: followed by the queue's toString result. If no queue is connected to the slot, undefined is used as the waiting queue descriptor.

**Returns** the waiting queues of the router.

#### public String formatAgentGroups()

Formats the connected agent groups as a string. For each group slot, the returned string contains a line with the text Agent group i: followed by the group's toString result. If no group is connected to the slot, undefined is used as the agent group descriptor.

**Returns** the agent groups of the router.

#### public WaitingQueueListener getWaitingQueueListener()

Returns the waiting-queue listener registered with each waiting queue connected to this router. Obtaining this listener can be useful to replace it, in the list of listeners of a waiting queue, by a wrapper executing code before or after some events.

**Returns** the waiting-queue listener registered with each waiting queue.

# public AgentGroupListener getAgentGroupListener()

Returns the agent-group listener registered with each agent group connected to this router. Obtaining this listener can be useful to replace it, in the list of listeners of an agent group, by a wrapper executing code before or after some events.

**Returns** the agent-group listener registered with each agent group.

# public String toLongString()

Returns a string representation of detailed information about the router. This returns a string representation of each associated waiting queue and agent group and routing policies. For a short, one-line description, toString() should be used.

**Returns** a string representation of detailed information about the router.

# WaitingQueueType

Represent possible roles of waiting queues for routing policies.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public enum WaitingQueueType

### Constants

#### CONTACTTYPE

When this type is used, there must be one waiting queue for each contact type. More specifically, waiting queue k, for k = 0, ..., K - 1, contains only contacts of type k, where K is the total number of contact types.

#### AGENTGROUP

When this type is used, there must be one waiting queue for each agent group. More specifically, waiting queue i, for i = 0, ..., I - 1, contains only contacts that are to be served by agents in group i, where I is the total number of agent groups.

#### GENERAL

Used when the waiting queues do not correspond to the schemes described by CONTACTTYPE or AGENTGROUP.

# WaitingQueueStructure

Possible data structures for waiting queues.

# package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

# public enum WaitingQueueStructure

# Constants

### LIST

Queued contacts are placed in an ordinary list, in the order they enter the queue. When an agent becomes free, the first contact is usually removed from the queue. This structure therefore implements a FIFO queue. This is the most common, the fastest and is the default structure.

### PRIORITY

Queued contacts are put into a priority queue, usually implemented using a heap. A comparator is used to sort contacts by priority. A free agent removes the contacts with the highest priority first. However, if a priority queue is scanned, the order of the contacts might not be the order imposed by the comparator. The structure used only guarantees that the first contact is the "smallest" with respect to the comparator given.

#### SORTEDSET

Queued contacts are put into a sorted set, usually implemented by a binary tree. This is similar to **PRIORITY**, but the contacts in queue can be enumerated in the correct order at any time. However, sorted sets are slower than priority queues.

# ContactReroutingEvent

Represents an event happening when the router tries to reroute a queued contact to an agent, or another queue.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public final class ContactReroutingEvent extends Event

# Constructor

Constructs an event that will reroute the queued contact dqEv to an agent or another queue.

#### Parameters

router the router this event is linked to.

dqEv the dequeue event.

numReroutingsDone the number of reroutings done.

# Methods

public Router getRouter()

Returns the router associated with this event.

**Returns** the associated router.

#### public DequeueEvent getDequeueEvent()

Returns the dequeue event associated with this rerouting event.

**Returns** the associated dequeue event.

public int getNumReroutingsDone()

Returns the number of reroutings done, i.e., the number of calls to actions() having resulted in the contact not being transferred to an agent.

**Returns** the number of reroutings that has happened.

# AgentReroutingEvent

Represents an event happening when the router tries once more to affect a contact to an agent.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public final class AgentReroutingEvent extends Event

# Constructor

# 

Constructs a new agent rerouting event instructing the router router to try to find a queued contact for the idle agent agent after there was numReroutingsDone preceding reroutings.

### Parameters

router the router to be used.

agent the agent to be rerouted.

numReroutingsDone the number of preceding trials.

### Methods

```
public Router getRouter()
```

Returns the router associated with this event.

**Returns** the associated router.

#### public Agent getAgent()

Returns the agent to be assigned a queued contact.

**Returns** the agent to be assigned a queued contact.

#### public int getNumReroutingsDone()

Returns the number of preceding reroutings.

**Returns** the number of reroutings already tried.

# QueuePriorityRouter

This skill-based router with queue priority ranking is based on the routing heuristic in [12], extended to support queueing. When a contact arrives to the router, an ordered list (the type-to-group map) is used to determine which agent groups are able to serve it, and the order in which they are checked. If agent group  $i_{k,0}$  contains at least one free agent, this agent serves the contact. Otherwise, the router tries to test agent groups  $i_{k,1}$ ,  $i_{k,2}$ , etc. until a free agent is found, or the list of agent groups is exhausted. In other words, the contact overflows from one agent group to another. If no agent group in the ordered list associated with the contact's type is able to serve the contact, the contact is inserted into a waiting queue corresponding to its type unless the queue is full. If the total queueing capacity of the router is exceeded, the contact is blocked.

When an agent becomes free, it uses another ordered list (the group-to-type map) to determine which types of contacts it can serve. If the queue containing contacts of type  $k_{i,0}$  is non-empty, the first contact, i.e., the contact of type  $k_{i,0}$  with the longest waiting time, is removed and handled to the free agent. Otherwise, the queues containing contacts of types  $k_{i,1}$ ,  $k_{i,2}$ , etc. are queried similarly for contacts to be served. If no contact is available in any accessible waiting queue, the agent stays free. The router behaves as if a priority queue was associated with each agent group, implementing priorities by using several FIFO waiting queues.

This router should be used only when the type-to-group and group-to-type maps are specified as input data. If one table has to be generated from the other one, the induced arbitrary order of the lists can affect the performance of the contact center.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class QueuePriorityRouter extends Router

### Fields

protected int[][] typeToGroupMap

Contains the type-to-group map routing table.

protected int[][] groupToTypeMap

Contains the group-to-type map routing table.

#### Constructor

public QueuePriorityRouter (int[][] typeToGroupMap, int[][] groupToTypeMap) Constructs a new queue priority router with a type-to-group map typeToGroupMap, and a group-to-type map groupToTypeMap.

 $\verb"typeToGroupMap" the type-to-group map.$ 

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map.

# Methods

# public int[][] getTypeToGroupMap()

Returns the type-to-group map associated with this router.

**Returns** the associated type-to-group map.

# public int[] getTypeToGroupMap (int k)

Returns the ordered list concerning contact type k in the type-to-group map.

# Parameter

 ${\tt k} \ \ {\rm the index of the contact type.}$ 

**Returns** the ordered list.

# public int[][] getGroupToTypeMap()

Returns the group-to-type map associated with this router.

**Returns** the associated group-to-type map.

# public int[] getGroupToTypeMap (int i)

Returns the ordered list concerning agent group i in the group-to-type map.

# Parameter

 ${\tt i} \quad {\rm the \ index \ of \ the \ agent \ group.}$ 

**Returns** the ordered list.

# public void setRoutingTable (int[][] typeToGroupMap, int[][] groupToTypeMap)

Changes the routing table for this router. The routing table must be specified using typeToGroupMap and groupToTypeMap.

# Parameters

 $\verb"typeToGroupMap" the type-to-group map.$ 

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the type-to-group map does not contain K rows, or the group-to-type map does not contain I rows.

# protected void checkWaitingQueues (AgentGroup group)

This default implementation is suitable only for routers specifying a type-to-group and a group-to-type map and using one waiting queue for each contact type. If the tables are not specified or the number of supported waiting queues is different from the number of supported contact types, this implementation does nothing.

# Parameter

group the agent group with no more agents.

# public String formatTypeToGroupMap()

Calls RoutingTableUtils.formatTypeToGroupMap (int[][]) with the type-to-group map associated with this router.

**Returns** the type-to-group map, formatted as a string.

# public String formatGroupToTypeMap()

Calls RoutingTableUtils.formatGroupToTypeMap (int[][]) with the group-to-type map associated with this router.

**Returns** the group-to-type map, formatted as a string.

# QueueAtLastGroupRouter

This router uses a queue-at-last-group policy. When a new contact of type k arrives, the serving agent is selected the same way as with queue priority routing policy: each agent group  $i_{k,0}, i_{k,1}, \ldots$  of the type-to-group map is tested to find a free agent. However, if no agent can serve the contact, the contact is put into a waiting queue associated with the last agent group in the ordered list rather than the contact type. As usual, if the router's queue capacity is exceeded, the contact is blocked. When an agent requests a new contact to be served, it looks into its associated waiting queue only. If no contact is available in that queue, the agent remains free. The loss-delay approximation, presented in [2], assumes that the contact center uses this policy.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class QueueAtLastGroupRouter extends Router

# Fields

public static final int NONE Agent group which is neither loss nor delay.

public static final int LOSS Agent group is a loss station; see isLoss (int, int).

public static final int DELAY Agent group is a delay station; see isDelay (int, int).

public static final int LOSSDELAY Agent group is a loss and delay station.

protected int[][] typeToGroupMap Contains the type-to-group map routing table.

# Constructor

public QueueAtLastGroupRouter (int numGroups, int[][] typeToGroupMap) Constructs a new queue at last group router with a type-to-group map typeToGroupMap.

#### **Parameters**

numGroups the number of agent groups.

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map.

# Methods

public int[][] getTypeToGroupMap()

Returns the type-to-group map associated with this router.

**Returns** the associated type-to-group map.

# public int[] getTypeToGroupMap (int k)

Returns the ordered list concerning contact type k in the type-to-group map.

### Parameter

 $\mathbf{k}$  the index of the contact type.

Returns the ordered list.

# public void setTypeToGroupMap (int[][] tg)

Sets the type-to-group map associated with this router to tg.

### Parameter

tg the new type-to-group map.

# public int getAgentGroupType (int k, int i)

Determines the type of agent group i for contacts of type k. This returns LOSS if the group is a loss station, i.e., isLoss (int, int) returns true, DELAY if it is a delay station (isDelay (int, int) returns true), and NONE otherwise.

# Parameters

- ${\tt k} \ \ {\rm the \ contact \ type.}$
- i the agent group.

**Returns** the status of agent group for the contact type.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or k are negative, i is greater than or equal to Router.
getNumAgentGroups() or k is greater than or equal to Router.getNumContactTypes().

#### public boolean isLoss (int k, int i)

Determines if the agent group i is a *loss station* regarding the contact type k, i.e., it forwards contacts of type k it cannot serve immediately to other agent groups in the system, without queueing them. If the group is not in the ordered list for the contact type or if the group appears at the end of the ordered list, this returns **false**. Otherwise, this returns **true**.

#### **Parameters**

- k the contact type identifier being tested.
- i the agent group identifier being tested.

**Returns** true if the agent group is a loss station.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or k are negative, i is greater than or equal to Router.
getNumAgentGroups() or k is greater than or equal to Router.getNumContactTypes().

# public boolean isDelay (int k, int i)

Determines if the agent group i is a *delay station* regarding the contact type k, i.e., it queues contacts of type k if it cannot serve them immediately. If the group is at the last position in the ordered list for the contact type k, this returns **true**. Otherwise, this returns **false**.

# Parameters

- ${\tt k} \ \ \, {\rm the \ contact \ type \ identifier \ being \ tested.}$
- i the agent group identifier being tested.

**Returns** true if the agent group is a delay station.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or k are negative, i is greater than or equal to Router.
getNumAgentGroups() or k is greater than or equal to Router.getNumContactTypes().

# public int getAgentGroupType (int i)

Returns the type of the agent group i regarding all contact types. This returns LOSS if the group is a pure loss station (isPureLoss (int) returns true), DELAY if it is a pure delay station (isPureDelay (int) returns true), LOSSDELAY for a loss/delay station (isLoss-Delay (int) returns true), and NONE otherwise.

# Parameter

i the agent group being tested.

**Returns** the type of the tested agent group.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to Router. getNumAgentGroups().

# public boolean isPureLoss (int i)

Determines if the agent group i is a *pure loss station*, i.e., it forwards all contacts to another agent group.

# Parameter

i the agent group identifier being tested.

**Returns** true if the agent group is a pure loss station, false otherwise.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to Router. getNumAgentGroups().

# public boolean isPureDelay (int i)

Determines if the agent group i is a *pure delay station*, i.e., it queues all contacts it cannot serve immediately.

i the agent group identifier being tested.

Returns true if the agent group is a pure delay station, false otherwise.

## Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to Router.
getNumAgentGroups().

# public boolean isLossDelay (int i)

Determines if the agent group i is a *loss/delay station*, i.e., it queues some contacts it cannot serve while forwarding some other contacts to other agent groups.

# Parameter

i the agent group identifier being tested.

Returns true if the agent group is a loss/delay station, false otherwise.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to Router.
getNumAgentGroups().

## public String formatTypeToGroupMap()

Calls RoutingTableUtils.formatTypeToGroupMap (int[][]) with the type-to-group map associated with this router.

**Returns** the type-to-group map, formatted as a string.

# ${\bf Longest Queue First Router}$

This extends the queue priority router to select contacts in the longest waiting queue. When a contact arrives into the router, the same scheme for agent group selection as with the queue priority router is used. However, when an agent becomes free, instead of using the groupto-type map to determine the order in which the queues are queried, all queues authorized by the group-to-type map are considered, and a contact is removed from the longest one. If more than one queue has the same maximal size, the contact is removed from the first queue in the ordered list given by the group-to-type map.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;
```

public class LongestQueueFirstRouter extends QueuePriorityRouter

# Constructor

# public LongestQueueFirstRouter (int[][] typeToGroupMap, int[][] groupToTypeMap)

Constructs a new longest-queue-first router with a type-to-group map typeToGroupMap and a group-to-type map groupToTypeMap.

# Parameters

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map.

 $\verb"groupToTypeMap"$  the group-to-type map.

# SingleFIFOQueueRouter

This extends the queue priority router to implement a single FIFO queue. The router assumes that every attached waiting queue uses a FIFO discipline. When a contact arrives into the router, the same scheme for agent group selection as with the queue priority router is used. However, when an agent becomes free, instead of using the group-to-type map to determine the order in which the queues are queried, all queues authorized by the group-to-type map are considered, and the contact with the longest waiting time is removed. If more than one queue has a first contact with the same queue time, which rarely happens in practice, the contact is removed from the first one in the ordered list obtained from the group-to-type map. This policy is equivalent to but more efficient than merging all waiting queues, sorting the contacts in ascending arrival times, and having the agents take the first contact they can serve.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class SingleFIFOQueueRouter extends QueuePriorityRouter

# Constructor

# 

Constructs a new single FIFO queue router with a type-to-group map typeToGroupMap and a group-to-type map groupToTypeMap.

# Parameters

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map.

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map.

# LongestWeightedWaitingTimeRouter

This extends the queue priority router to select contacts with the longest weighted waiting time. The router assumes that every attached waiting queue uses a FIFO discipline. When a contact arrives into the router, the same scheme for agent group selection as with the queue priority router is used. However, when an agent becomes free, instead of using the groupto-type map to determine the order in which the queues are queried, all queues authorized by the group-to-type map are considered, and the contact with the longest weighted waiting time is removed. More specifically, let  $w_q$  be a user-defined weight associated with waiting queue q, and let  $W_q$  be the waiting time of the first contact waiting in queue q (if queue q is empty, let  $W_q = -\infty$ ). The router then selects the first contact in the queue with the maximal  $w_q W_q$  value. If more than one queue authorized by the freed agent has a first contact with the same weighted waiting time, which rarely happens in practice, the contact is removed from the first queue in the ordered list obtained from the group-to-type map.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class LongestWeightedWaitingTimeRouter extends QueuePriorityRouter

#### Constructor

# public LongestWeightedWaitingTimeRouter (int[][] typeToGroupMap, int[][] groupToTypeMap, double[] queueWeights)

Constructs a new longest weighted waiting time router with a type-to-group map typeToGroupMap, a group-to-type map groupToTypeMap, and an array of weights queueWeights. Each element of the last array corresponds to a weight assigned to a waiting queue.

#### Parameters

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map.

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map.

queueWeights the array of weights  $w_q$  for waiting queues.

### Methods

```
public double[] getQueueWeights()
```

Returns the weights associated with each waiting queue. Element q of the returned array contains the weight  $w_q$  for the waiting queue q. **Returns** the array of weights.

public void setQueueWeights (double[] queueWeights)

Sets the weights of waiting queues to queueWeights.

#### Parameter

queueWeights the new array of weights.

# AgentsPrefRouter

Performs agent and contact selection based on user-defined priorities. By default, this router selects the agent with the longest idle time when several agents share the same priority, and the longest waiting time to perform a selection among contacts sharing the same priority. The agents' preference-based router is a generalization of the router taken from [17], using matrices of ranks to take its decisions. The router applies static routing when the ranks are different and uses a dynamic policy when they are equal. This permits the user to partially define the priorities instead of assigning all of them as with the queue priority routing. For example, the user can set the router for the first waiting queue to have precedence over the others while the other queues share the same priority.

**Data structures.** Two matrices of ranks can be defined, one specifying how contacts prefer agents, and a second one defining how agents prefer contacts. The former matrix, used for agent selection, defines a function  $r_{\text{TG}}(k, i)$  giving the rank for contacts of type k served by agents in group i. The latter matrix, used for contact selection, defines a function  $r_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ giving the rank of contacts of type k when agents in group i perform contact selection. In many cases, one can specify  $r_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$  only, and have  $r_{\text{TG}}(k, i) = r_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

Additionally, the router uses matrices of weights to adjust the priority for candidates with the same rank. These matrices define functions  $w_{TG}(k,i)$  and  $w_{GT}(i,k)$  which are similar to the ranks functions, except they can take any real number. These matrices are optional and default to matrices of 1's if they are not specified.

**Basic routing schemes.** The priorities defined by matrices of ranks are used to assign agents to incoming contacts, and contacts to free agents by performing several linear searches over the space of agent groups or waiting queues. Each search constructs or narrows a list of candidates until zero or one candidate is retained. The general algorithm can be summarized as follows.

- 1. Find a list of candidates sharing the lowest possible rank, or equivalently the highest possible priority;
- 2. Assign a score to each selected candidate;
- 3. Select the candidate with the best score.

Agent selection. More specifically, when a new contact of type k arrives, the router constructs an initial list of agent groups for which  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t) > 0$ , and  $r_{\mathrm{TG}}(k,i) < \infty$ . If this list of candidates contains several agent groups, the router compares their ranks  $r_{\mathrm{TG}}(k,i)$ , and retains the agent groups with the minimal rank. If more than one candidates share the same minimal rank, a score is assigned to each of them and the candidate with the best score is taken. The default score of an agent group *i* is the longest idle time of the agents in that group multiplied by the weight  $w_{\mathrm{TG}}(k,i)$  (which is 1 by default), also called the longest weighted idle time. For this reason, agent groups linked to this router must be able to take individual agents into account. In the rare event where two candidates share the best score, i.e., two agent groups have the same weighted longest idle time, the candidate with the smallest index i is retained. If, during the algorithm, the list of candidates happens to be empty, the routed contact is put into a waiting queue corresponding to its type, or blocked if the queue capacity is exceeded. If the list of candidates contains a single agent group, this agent group is selected and service starts.

Note that for a fixed contact type k, if  $r_{TG}(k, i)$  is different for all i such that  $r_{TG}(k, i) < \infty$ , the scheme for agent selection is equivalent to a pure overflow router: each agent group is tested in a fixed order for a free agent. In that setting, the weights  $w_{TG}(k, \cdot)$  have no effect. On the other hand, if all finite values of  $r_{TG}(k, i)$  for a fixed k are equal, the routing is completely based on the longest-weighted-idle-time selection policy. Any intermediate combination of these two extremes can be achieved by adjusting the ranks appropriately.

**Contact selection.** Since one waiting queue contains contacts of a single type, we define waiting queue k as the queue containing only contacts of type k. The router assumes that every waiting queue uses a FIFO discipline. When an agent in group i becomes free, an initial list of waiting queues containing at least one contact, and for which  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k) < \infty$ . If the list of candidates contains several waiting queues, the waiting queues k with the minimal rank are retained. If several waiting queue share this minimal rank, a score is assigned to each candidate, and the waiting queue with the best score is chosen. The default score of a waiting queue k is the weighted waiting time of the first queued contact, i.e., the waiting time multiplied by  $w_{\rm GT}(i,k)$ . In the rare event where several waiting queues have the same minimal rank, and the same best score, i.e., several queued contacts have the exact same weighted waiting time, the waiting queue with the smallest index k is chosen. If, at any time during the algorithm, the list of candidates becomes empty, the tested agent remains free. When the list of candidates contains a single waiting queue, the first contact in that waiting queue is assigned to the free agent.

Note that for a fixed agent group i, if  $r_{\rm GT}(i, k)$  is different for all k such that  $r_{\rm GT}(i, k) < \infty$ , this policy is equivalent to the queue priority router's contact selection: the waiting queues are queried in a fixed order for contacts. In that particular setting, the weights  $w_{\rm GT}(i, \cdot)$ have no effect. On the other hand, if, for a fixed i, all finite  $r_{\rm GT}(i, k)$  are equal for all k, the router uses the longest weighted waiting time policy for agent group i. As with agent selection, any combination of these two extremes can be achieved by adjusting the ranks.

**Randomized selection.** By default, if several agent groups or waiting queues share the same minimal rank, a score is assigned to each of them, and the agent group or queue with the minimal score is chosen. However, this selection can be randomized as follows. Let  $C_i$  be the score given to agent group *i* during agent selection, any negative score excluding the concerned group being replaced with 0. When randomized agent selection is used, the agent group *i* is selected with probability  $p_i = C_i / \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} C_i$ . In other words, the highest score an agent group obtains, the greatest is its probability of selection. A similar logic applies for contact selection, with  $C_i$  replaced by  $C_k$ , the score assigned to contact type k.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class AgentsPrefRouter extends Router

# Fields

## protected AgentGroup bestGroup

Best agent group selected by selectAgent (Contact, double, boolean[], int).

### protected Agent bestAgent

Best agent selected by selectAgent (Contact, double, boolean[], int), or null if the best agent group does not take account of individual agents.

#### protected WaitingQueue bestQueue

Contains the best waiting queue selected by selectWaitingQueue (AgentGroup, Agent, double, boolean[], int).

### protected DequeueEvent bestQueuedContact

Contains the best queued contact selected by selectWaitingQueue (AgentGroup, Agent, double, boolean[], int), or null if the first contact in the best queue is taken.

# Constructors

# public AgentsPrefRouter (int numTypes, int[][] groupToTypeMap)

Constructs a new agents' preference-based router with a group-to-type map groupToTypeMap and numTypes contact types. This router always uses queue priority for contact selection. The rank  $r_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$  is the value j for which  $k_{i,j} = k$  in the group-to-type map, and  $r_{\text{TG}}(k,i) = r_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$ . The matrices of weights are initialized with 1's.

# Parameters

numTypes the number of contact types.

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map.

# public AgentsPrefRouter (double[][] ranksGT)

Constructs a new agents' preference-based router with matrix of ranks ranksGT defining how agents prefer contacts. The given matrix must be rectangular with one row per agent group, and one column per contact type. It defines the function  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$  while  $r_{\rm TG}(k,i) = r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$ . The matrices of weights are initialized with 1's.

# Parameter

ranksGT the contact selection matrix of ranks being used.

# Throws

NullPointerException if ranksGT is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the ranks 2D array is not rectangular.

# public AgentsPrefRouter (double[][] ranksTG, double[][] ranksGT)

Constructs a new agents' preference-based router with matrix of ranks **ranksTG** defining how contacts prefer agents, and **ranksGT** defining how agents prefer contacts. The given matrices must be rectangular. The matrices of weights are initialized with 1's.

# Parameters

ranksTG the matrix of ranks defining how contacts prefer agents.

ranksGT the matrix of ranks defining how agents prefer contacts.

# Throws

NullPointerException if ranksGT or ranksTG are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the ranks 2D arrays are not rectangular.

# 

Constructs a new agents' preference-based router with matrix of ranks ranksTG defining how contacts prefer agents, and ranksGT defining how agents prefer contacts. The matrices of weights are set to weightsTG, and weightsGT. The given matrices must be rectangular.

# Parameters

ranksTG the matrix of ranks defining how contacts prefer agents.

ranksGT the matrix of ranks defining how agents prefer contacts.

weightsTG the matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

weightsGT the matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

# Throws

NullPointerException if ranksGT, ranksTG, weightsTG, or weightsGT are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the 2D arrays are not rectangular.

# Methods

public double[][] getRanksTG()

Returns the matrix of ranks defining how contacts prefer agents, used for agent selection.

**Returns** the matrix of ranks defining how contacts prefer agents.

public void setRanksTG (double[][] ranksTG)

Sets the matrix of ranks defining how contacts prefer agents to ranksTG.

ranksTG the new agent selection matrix of ranks.

# Throws

NullPointerException if ranksTG is null.

IllegalArgumentException if ranksTG is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

# public double[][] getRanksGT()

Returns the matrix of ranks defining how agents prefer contacts, used for contact selection.

**Returns** the matrix of ranks defining how agents prefer contacts.

# public void setRanksGT (double[][] ranksGT)

Sets the matrix of ranks defining how agents prefer contacts to ranksGT.

# Parameter

 ${\tt ranksGT}$  the new contact selection matrix of ranks.

# Throws

NullPointerException if ranksGT is null.

IllegalArgumentException if ranksGT is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

# public double[][] getWeightsTG()

Returns the matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

**Returns** the matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

# public void setWeightsTG (double[][] weightsTG)

Sets the matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$  to weightsTG.

# Parameter

weightsTG the new matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

# Throws

NullPointerException if weightsTG is null.

IllegalArgumentException if weightsTG is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

public double[][] getWeightsGT()

Returns the matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$ .

**Returns** the matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

public void setWeightsGT (double[][] weightsGT) Sets the matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$  to weightsGT.

weightsGT the new matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

# Throws

NullPointerException if weightsGT is null.

IllegalArgumentException if weightsGT is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

public double getRankTG (int k, int i)

Returns the rank of contact type k = k for agent group i = i, used for agent selection.

# Parameters

- k the contact type identifier.
- i the agent group identifier.

**Returns** the rank of the contact type for the agent group.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i or k are negative, i is greater than or equal to Router.getNumAgentGroups(), or k is greater than or equal to Router.getNum-ContactTypes().

# public double getRankGT (int i, int k)

Returns the rank of contact type k = k for agent group i = i, used for contact selection.

# Parameters

- i the agent group identifier.
- k the contact type identifier.

**Returns** the rank of the contact type for the agent group.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i or k are negative, i is greater than or equal to Router.getNumAgentGroups(), or k is greater than or equal to Router.getNum-ContactTypes().

# public double getWeightTG (int k, int i)

Returns the weight of contact type k = k for agent group i = i, used for agent selection.

# Parameters

- ${\tt k}$  the contact type identifier.
- i the agent group identifier.
- **Returns** the weight of the contact type for the agent group.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i or k are negative, i is greater than or equal to Router.getNumAgentGroups(), or k is greater than or equal to Router.getNum-ContactTypes().

# public double getWeightGT (int i, int k)

Returns the weight of contact type k = k for agent group i = i, used for contact selection.

# Parameters

- i the agent group identifier.
- ${\tt k}$   $\,$  the contact type identifier.

**Returns** the weight of the contact type for the agent group.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i or k are negative, i is greater than or equal to Router.getNumAgentGroups(), or k is greater than or equal to Router.getNum-ContactTypes().

# public int[][] getTypeToGroupMap()

Computes a type-to-group map from the agent selection matrix of ranks by calling Routing-TableUtils.getTypeToGroupMap (double[][]) on the transpose of the matrix of ranks, and returns the result.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ computed \ type-to-group \ map}.$ 

# public int[][] getGroupToTypeMap()

Computes a group-to-type map from the contact selection matrix of ranks by calling RoutingTableUtils.getGroupToTypeMap (double[][]), and returns the result.

Returns the computed group-to-type map.

# public RandomStream getStreamAgentSelection()

Returns the random stream used for agent selection. If the agent selection is not randomized (the default), this returns null.

**Returns** the random stream for agent selection.

public void setStreamAgentSelection (RandomStream streamAgentSelection)

Sets the random stream for agent selection to **streamAgentSelection**. Setting the stream to **null** disables randomized agent selection.

# Parameter

streamAgentSelection the new random stream for agent selection.

# public RandomStream getStreamContactSelection()

Returns the random stream used for contact selection. If the contact selection is not randomized (the default), this returns null.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ random \ stream \ for \ contact \ selection}.$ 

public void setStreamContactSelection (RandomStream streamContactSelection)

Sets the random stream for contact selection to streamContactSelection. Setting the stream to null disables randomized contact selection.

# Parameter

streamContactSelection the new random stream for contact selection.

public AgentSelectionScore getAgentSelectionScore()

Returns the current mode of computation for the agent selection score. The default value is AgentSelectionScore.LONGESTIDLETIME.

**Returns** the way the score is computed for agent selection.

Sets the way scores for agent selection are computed to agentSelectionScore.

# Parameter

agentSelectionScore the way scores for agent selection are computed.

# Throws

NullPointerException if agentSelectionScore is null.

# public ContactSelectionScore getContactSelectionScore()

Returns the current mode of computation for the contact selection score. The default value is ContactSelectionScore.LONGESTWAITINGTIME.

**Returns** the way the score is computed for contact selection.

Sets the way scores for contact selection are computed to contactSelectionScore.

# Parameter

contactSelectionScore the way scores for contact selection are computed.

# Throws

NullPointerException if contactSelectionScore is null.

# protected double getRankForAgentSelection (int k, int i)

Determines the rank to be used for agent selection for contact type k, and agent in group i. By default, this returns  $r_{\text{TG}}(k, i)$ , but subclasses may override this method for the rank to depend on some state of the system.

 ${\tt k} \quad {\rm the \ contact \ type \ index}.$ 

i the agent group index.

**Returns** the rank associated with (k, i).

# 

This method is called by selectAgent (Contact) to perform the selection of an agent among the numCandidates agent groups sharing the same minimal finite rank and containing at least one free agent. The method must select an agent group i among the agent groups for which candidates[i] is true and store the reference to this group in the protected field bestGroup. The field bestAgent can be used to hold the selected agent if the agent group takes account of individual agents. If no candidate is satisfactory, the method must set bestGroup and bestAgent to null before returning; the incoming contact will be queued or blocked as appropriate.

The default implementation computes a score for each candidate using getScoreForAgent-Selection (Contact, AgentGroup, Agent) and takes the candidate with the best score. This method can be overridden to implement a different selection scheme, e.g., randomly selecting a free agent.

# Parameters

ct the contact being processed.

bestRank the best rank found when looking for a candidate agent.

candidates1 the agent group that could serve the contact.

numCandidates the number of true values in candidates.

# 

Returns the score for contact ct associated with agent group testGroup and agent testAgent. When selecting an agent for contact ct, if there are several agent groups with the same minimal rank, the agent group with the greatest score is selected. Returning a negative infinite score prevents an agent group from being selected. The default selectAgent (Contact, double, boolean[], int) method calls this method with testAgent = null if testGroup is not an instance of DetailedAgentGroup, otherwise the method is called with testAgent = testGroup.getLongestIdleAgent().

By default, this returns a score depending on the return value of getAgentSelection-Score(). This can return the longest weighted idle time (the default), the weighted number of free agents, or the weight only. See AgentSelectionScore for more information.

# Parameters

ct the contact being assigned an agent.

testGroup the tested agent group.

testAgent the tested agent, can be null.

**Returns** the score given to the association between the contact and the agent.

# protected double getRankForContactSelection (int i, int k)

Determines the rank to be used for contact selection for contact type k, when an agent in group i becomes free. By default, this returns  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$ , but subclasses may override this method for the rank to depend on some state of the system.

# Parameters

i the agent group index.

k the contact type index.

**Returns** the rank associated with (i, k).

Selects the queued contact for an agent agent in group group, with waiting queue candidates qCandidates. The waiting queues k for which qCandidates[k] is true share the same minimal rank and contain at least one contact. The method must store the selected waiting queue in the field bestQueue and possibly the contact to be removed in the bestQueued-Contact. If bestQueuedContact is null, the first contact in the best queue will be used. If no waiting queue can be selected, bestQueue must be set to null.

The default implementation selects the waiting queue with the greatest score as computed by getScoreForContactSelection (AgentGroup, DequeueEvent), and the best queued contact is always null. This method can be overridden to use an alternate selection scheme, e.g., randomly selecting a queued contact.

# Parameters

group the agent group containing the free agent.

agent the free agent.

**bestRank** the best rank found when searching for candidates.

qCandidates1 the waiting queue candidates contacts can be pulled from.

# 

Returns the score for the association between the agent group group and the queued contact represented by ev. If contacts can be pulled from several waiting queues with the same minimal rank, the router takes the contact with the greatest score. A negative infinite score prevents a contact from being dequeued.

By default, this returns a score depending on the return value of getContactSelection-Score(). This can return the weighted waiting time (the default), the weighted number of queued agents, or the weight only. See ContactSelectionScore for more information.

# Parameters

group the agent group to which pulled contacts would be assigned.

 ${\tt ev}$  the dequeue event.

**Returns** the assigned score.

# AgentsPrefRouterWithDelays

Extends the agents' preference-based router to support delays for routing, and allow priority to change with waiting time. Often, a contact has to wait for some time before it can overflow to groups of backup agents. Delays are used to favor the usage of primary agents as opposed to backup agents which are kept for customers which have waited long enough. The priority of a waiting contact may also change if it is waiting long enough. This router allows the user to input such delays, and to set up several different matrices of ranks for priority to be a piecewise-constant function of the waiting time.

**Data structures.** This router uses the same structures as the agents' preference-based router without delays, with an additional  $I \times K$  matrix of delays, and optional extra group-to-type matrices of ranks associated with minimal waiting times. Each delay d(i, k) is a finite positive number indicating the minimal time a contact of type k must wait to be accepted for service by an agent in group i.

Each extra matrix of ranks defines a function  $r_{\text{GT},j}(i,k)$  which associates a matrix of ranks with the minimal waiting time  $w_j$ . Let  $w_0 = 0$  and  $r_{\text{GT},0}(i,k) = r_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$ . So if no extra matrix of ranks is given, we have only  $r_{\text{GT},0}(i,k)$ , the default matrix of ranks used by the agents' preference-based routing policy without delays.

Note that fixing d(i, k) = 0 for all *i* and *k*, and omitting extra matrices of ranks reverts to the original agents' preference-based routing without delays.

**Basic routing scheme.** We now describe more specifically how the routing with delays works. Let  $d_{k,1}, d_{k,2}, \ldots$  be the delays  $d(\cdot, k)$  sorted in increasing order, with duplicates eliminated, and  $d_{k,0} = 0$ . When a contact of type k arrives, it can be served only by agents whose group i satisfies d(i, k) = 0 in addition to the conditions imposed by the agents' preference-based routing policy. If a contact is queued as no free agent is available to serve it, an event is scheduled to try routing the contact again after a delay  $d_{k,1}$ . During this so-called rerouting, the delay condition becomes  $W \ge d(i, k)$ , where W is the time the contact has waited in queue so far. If this second agent selection fails, a third trial happens after a delay  $d_{k,2} - d_{k,1}$ . More generally, reroutings happen for each delay  $d_{k,j}$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \ldots$ , unless the contact is accepted by an agent, or abandons. Consequently, as its waiting time increases, the contact can be accepted by a wider range of agents.

Contact selection is done in a similar way as with the agents' preference-based routing policy, except that delays d(i, k), and extra matrices of ranks  $r_{\text{GT},j}(i, k)$  are taken into account while determining the rank for a pair (i, k). More specifically, let  $W_k$  be the longest waiting time among all queued contacts of type k. First, the rank of a queued contact of type kis infinite (so the call cannot leave the queue) if its waiting time  $W_k$  is smaller than the delay d(i, k). On the other hand, if  $W_k \ge d(i, k)$ , the rank is given by  $r_{\text{GT},j'}(i, k)$  where  $j' = \max\{j : W_k \ge w_j\}$  is the index of the matrix of ranks applying to the queued contact. If j' > 0, we check the other queued contacts of type k to determine if another queued contact has a smaller rank, i.e., an higher priority. For each scanned queued contact, we check the delay condition and stop scanning as soon as  $W_k < d(i, k)$  or j' = 0.

The default behavior of this policy can be altered by two switches: overflow transfer, and longest waiting time modes. When overflow transfer is turned ON, a contact gaining access
to some agent groups after waiting some delay also loses access to the original agent groups. When longest waiting time is turned OFF, the contact selection gives priority to pairs (i, k) with small delays d(i, k).

**Overflow transfer mode.** In this mode, turned off by default, the delay condition for the *j*th rerouting (j + 1th agent selection) becomes  $d_{k,j} \leq q < d_{k,j+1}$ , *j* starting with 0, while the original condition is  $d_{k,j} \leq q$ . With this variant, when a contact has waited sufficient long to overflow to a new set of agent groups, it cannot be served by the original agent groups. Overflow can then be considered as a transfer in a new section of the contact center.

**Longest waiting time mode.** In this mode, turned on by default, contact selection is performed in a single pass, in a way similar to the contact selection of the policy without delays. However, the delay condition is enforced to restrict contact-to-agent assignment.

If this option is disabled, contact selection is performed using the following multiplepasses process. When an agent in group *i* becomes free, it first searches for a contact whose type *k* satisfies d(i, k) = 0. Then, it searches for contacts for which  $d(i, k) \leq d_{k,1}$ , for contacts for which  $d(i, k) \leq d_{k,2}$ , etc., in that order. This gives higher priority to contacts with small minimal delay, because they can be served by a more restricted set of agents.

The latter behavior of this router is especially appropriate if delays are functions of the distance between the contact and the agent. For local contacts, d(i, k) is small, while it is large for remote contacts. The router then always gives priority to local assignments. However, it is often simpler and more intuitive to use the single-pass contact selection.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class AgentsPrefRouterWithDelays extends AgentsPrefRouter

# Constructors

public AgentsPrefRouterWithDelays (double[][] ranksGT, double[][] delaysGT)

Constructs a new agents' preference-based router with matrix of ranks ranksGT and delays matrix delaysGT. The given matrices must be rectangular with one row per agent group, and one column per contact type. They define the functions  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$  (with  $r_{\rm TG}(k,i) = r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$ ), and d(i,k), respectively. The weights matrices are initialized with 1's.

# Parameters

 ${\tt ranksGT}$  the contact selection matrix of ranks being used.

delaysGT the delays matrix.

# Throws

NullPointerException if ranksGT or delaysGT are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the ranks or delays 2D array are not rectangular.

Constructs a new agents' preference-based router with matrix of ranks ranksTG defining how contacts prefer agents, ranksGT defining how agents prefer contacts, and delaysGT for routing delays. The given matrices must be rectangular. The weights matrices are initialized with 1's.

# Parameters

ranksTG the matrix of ranks defining how contacts prefer agents.

ranksGT the matrix of ranks defining how agents prefer contacts.

delaysGT the delays matrix.

## Throws

NullPointerException if ranksGT, ranksTG, or delaysGT are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the given 2D arrays are not rectangular.

Constructs a new agents' preference-based router with matrix of ranks ranksTG defining how contacts prefer agents, and ranksGT defining how agents prefer contacts. The weights matrices are set to weightsTG, and weightsGT. The delays matrix is set to delaysGT. The given matrices must be rectangular.

# Parameters

ranksTG the matrix of ranks defining how contacts prefer agents.

ranksGT the matrix of ranks defining how agents prefer contacts.

weightsTG the weights matrix defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

weightsGT the weights matrix defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

delaysGT the delays matrix.

## Throws

NullPointerException if ranksGT, ranksTG, weightsTG, weightsGT, or delaysGT are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the 2D arrays are not rectangular.

# Methods

public double[][] getDelaysGT()
Returns the delays matrix used by this router.

**Returns** the delays matrix.

public double getDelayGT (int i, int k)

Returns d(i, k) for the given agent group index i, and contact type identifier k.

### Parameters

- i the queried agent group index.
- k the queried contact type identifier.

**Returns** the delay d(i, k).

public void setDelaysGT (double[][] delaysGT)
Sets the delays matrix of this router to delaysGT.

### Parameter

delaysGT the new delays matrix.

Throws

NullPointerException if delaysGT is null.

IllegalArgumentException if delaysGT is not rectangular.

public boolean getOverflowTransferStatus()

Returns true if the overflow transfer mode is enabled. By default, this returns false.

**Returns** the status of the overflow transfer mode.

public void setOverflowTransferStatus (boolean overflowTransfer)

Sets the overflow transfer mode to overFlowTransfer.

## Parameter

overflowTransfer the new status of the mode.

See also getOverflowTransferStatus()

public boolean getLongestWaitingTimeStatus()

Returns **true** if the router uses a single-phase agent selection based on the longest waiting time.

**Returns** the status of the longest waiting time mode.

public void setLongestWaitingTimeStatus (boolean longestWaitingTime)
 Sets the longest waiting time mode to longestWaitingTime.

# Parameter

longestWaitingTime the new status of the mode.

See also getLongestWaitingTimeStatus()

public void setRanksGT (double minWaitingTime, double[][] ranksGT)

Sets the matrix of ranks used for selecting contacts which have waited at least minWaitingTime.

## Parameters

minWaitingTime the minimum waiting time.

ranksGT the matrix of ranks for this minimal waiting time.

# AgentSelectionScore

Parameter indicating how the default agent selection score computed by AgentsPrefRouter. getScoreForAgentSelection (Contact, AgentGroup, Agent) is computed.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public enum AgentSelectionScore

## Constants

### WEIGHTONLY

The score for an agent group i for contact type k corresponds to the weight  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

#### NUMFREEAGENTS

The score corresponds to the number of free agents in group i multiplied by the weight  $w_{\text{TG}}(k, i)$ .

#### LONGESTIDLETIME

The score corresponds to the longest idle time of agents in group i, multiplied by the weight  $w_{\text{TG}}(k, i)$ . Using this score if agent groups are not detailed throws an exception.

# ContactSelectionScore

Parameter indicating how the default contact selection score computed by AgentsPref-Router.getScoreForContactSelection (AgentGroup, DequeueEvent) is computed.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public enum ContactSelectionScore

## Constants

### WEIGHTONLY

The score for an agent group i for contact type k corresponds to the weight  $w_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$ .

#### QUEUESIZE

The score corresponds to the number of contacts in queue multiplied by  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

## LONGESTWAITINGTIME

The score corresponds to the waiting time of the queued contact of type k multiplied by the weight  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

# LocalSpecRouter

This router implements the local-specialist policy which tries to assign contacts to agents in the same region and prefers specialists to preserve generalists. This router associates a region identifier with each contact type and agent group. The *originating region* of a contact is determined by the region identifier associated with its type. The *location* of agents in an agent group is determined by the region identifier associated with the agent group. This policy is similar to agents' preference-based routing, but it adds a region tie breaker and the rank  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$  can be considered as a measurement of the specialty of agents in group *i* in serving contacts of type *k*. Often,  $r_{\rm TG}(k,i) = r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$ .

When a new contact arrives, the router applies the same agent selection scheme as the agents' preference-based router, except that only agent groups within the originating region of the contact are accepted as candidates. If the contact cannot be served locally, it is added to a waiting queue corresponding to its type. After the contact spent a certain time in queue, called the *overflow delay*, the router tries to perform a new agent selection, this time allowing local and remote agents to serve the contact. If the contact can be served remotely, it is removed from the waiting queue before service starts. Otherwise, it stays in queue.

When an agent becomes free, the same contact selection scheme as with the agents' preference-based router is applied, except that a contact can be pulled from a waiting queue only if its originating region is the same as the location of the free agent. In other words, the local waiting queues are queried first. If, after this first pass, the agent is still free, the router performs a second pass which proceeds the same way as agents' preference-based, except that a contact can be pulled from a waiting queue only if it is in the same region as the free agent, or its waiting time is greater than the overflow delay.

Often,  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k) = s(i)$  for each k corresponding to a contact type the agents in group i can serve, and  $r_{\rm TG}(k,i) = r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$ . The function s(i) is the *skill count* for agent group i, i.e., the number of contact types agents in group i can serve. An agent in group  $i_1$  is more specialist than an agent in group  $i_2$  if  $s(i_1) < s(i_2)$ . With this format of matrix, if an agent becomes free, local waiting queues are queried first and the contact with the longest weighted waiting time is pulled. Moreover, if weights  $w_{\rm GT}(i,k)$  are all set to 1 (the default), only the location of the free agent induces priority for contact selection.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class LocalSpecRouter extends AgentsPrefRouter

#### Constructors

 Constructs a local-specialist router with contact type region identifiers typeRegion, agent group region groupRegion, overflow delay overflowDelay, skill counts skillCounts, and incidence matrix m. The rank function  $r_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$  is set to skillCounts[i] if m[i][k] is true and  $\infty$  otherwise while  $r_{\text{TG}}(k,i) = r_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$ . The incidence matrix has one row per agent group and one column per contact type; the boolean m[i][k] determines if an agent group i can serve a contact type k. If skillCounts is null, the skill count for agent group *i* is determined by counting the number of *k* values for which m[i][k] is true. The weights matrices are initialized with 1's.

## Parameters

typeRegion the contact type region identifiers.

groupRegion the agent group region identifiers.

overflowDelay the delay before overflow is allowed.

skillCounts the number of skills for each agent group.

m the incidence matrix.

### Throws

NullPointerException if typeRegion, groupRegion, or m are null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if the overflow delay is negative or the incidence matrix is non rectangular.

Constructs a local-specialist router with contact type region identifiers typeRegion, agent group region identifiers groupRegion, overflow delay overflowDelay, and contact selection ranks matrix ranksGT. The agent selection ranks matrix is generated by transposing the contact selection matrix. The weights matrices are initialized with 1's.

## Parameters

typeRegion the contact type region identifiers.

groupRegion the agent group region identifiers.

overflowDelay the delay before overflow is allowed.

ranksGT the matrix giving the  $r_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$  function.

## Throws

NullPointerException if typeRegion, groupRegion, or ranks are null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if the overflow delay is negative.

Constructs a local-specialist router with contact type region identifiers typeRegion, agent group region identifiers groupRegion, overflow delay overflowDelay, agent selection ranks matrix ranksTG, and contact selection ranks matrix ranksGT. The weights matrices are initialized with 1's.

# Parameters

typeRegion the contact type region identifiers.

groupRegion the agent group region identifiers.

overflowDelay the delay before overflow is allowed.

ranksTG the matrix giving the  $r_{TG}(k, i)$  function.

ranksGT the matrix giving the  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$  function.

# Throws

NullPointerException if typeRegion, groupRegion, or ranks are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the overflow delay is negative.

# 

Constructs a local-specialist router with contact type region identifiers typeRegion, agent group region identifiers groupRegion, overflow delay overflowDelay, agent selection ranks matrix ranksTG, and contact selection ranks matrix ranksGT. The weights matrices are set to weightsTG, and weightsGT.

# Parameters

typeRegion the contact type region identifiers.

groupRegion the agent group region identifiers.

overflowDelay the delay before overflow is allowed.

ranksTG the matrix giving the  $r_{TG}(k, i)$  function.

ranksGT the matrix giving the  $r_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$  function.

weightsTG the weights matrix defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

weightsGT the weights matrix defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

# Throws

NullPointerException if typeRegion, groupRegion, ranks or weights matrices are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the overflow delay is negative.

# Methods

```
public double getOverflowDelay()
```

Returns the current overflow delay for this router.

**Returns** the current overflow delay.

public void setOverflowDelay (double overflowDelay)
 Sets the overflow delay to overflowDelay.

## Parameter

overflowDelay the new overflow delay.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the overflow delay is negative.

public int getTypeRegion (int k)

Returns the region identifier for contact type k.

## Parameter

k the contact type identifier.

**Returns** the associated region identifier.

### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if k is negative or greater than or equal to the number of contact types.

## public void setTypeRegion (int k, int r)

Sets the region identifier for contact type k to r.

#### **Parameters**

- k the contact type identifier.
- **r** the new region identifier.

## Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if k is negative or greater than or equal to the number of contact types.

## public int getGroupRegion (int i)

Returns the region identifier for agent group i.

## Parameter

i the agent group identifier.

**Returns** the associated region identifier.

#### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to the number of agent groups.

public void setGroupRegion (int i, int r)

Sets the region identifier for agent group i to r.

# Parameters

- i the agent group identifier.
- ${\tt r}$   $\,$  the new region identifier.

# Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if i is negative or greater than or equal to the number of agent groups.

# public int[][] getTypeToGroupMap()

Computes a type-to-group map from the ranks matrix by calling RoutingTableUtils.get-TypeToGroupMap (double[][], int[], int[]), and returns the result.

**Returns** the computed type-to-group map.

# public int[][] getGroupToTypeMap()

Computes a group-to-type map from the ranks matrix by calling RoutingTableUtils.get-GroupToTypeMap (double[][], int[], int[]), and returns the result.

**Returns** the computed group-to-type map.

# QueueRatioOverflowRouter

This router sends new contacts to agent groups using a fixed list, but for each agent group, routing occurs conditional on the expected waiting time. More specifically, the router uses a  $K \times I$  ranks matrix giving a rank  $r_{\text{TG}}(k, i)$  for each contact type k and agent group i. The lower is this rank, the higher is the priority of assigning contacts of type k to agents in group i. If a rank is  $\infty$ , the corresponding assignment is not allowed. The ranks matrix giving  $r_{\text{TG}}(k, i)$  for all k and i is used to generate overflow lists defined as follows. For each contact type k, the router creates a list of agent groupsets sharing the same priority. The jth groupset for contact type k is denoted  $i(k, j) = \{i = 0, \ldots, I - 1 \mid r_{\text{TG}}(k, i) = r_{k,j}\}$ . Here,  $r_{k,j_1} < r_{k,j_2} < \infty$  for any  $j_1 < j_2$ . The overflow list for contact of type k is then  $i(k, 0), i(k, 1), \ldots$  For example, suppose we have the following ranks matrix:

$$\left(\begin{array}{rrrr}1&1&2\\1&\infty&2\\\infty&1&\infty\end{array}\right)$$

The overflow list for contact type 0 is ((0, 1), (2)), while the overflow list for contact type 1 is ((0), (2)).

When a new contact of type k arrives, the router performs two phases to assign an agent group or waiting queues to the contact. Here, each waiting queue corresponds to a single agent group. The first phase tries to associate an agent groupset with the contact while the second phase, which occurs when the first phase fails, associates a waiting queue to the contact. The first phase checks every agent groupset i(k, j) sequentially, and stops as soon as a groupset containing a free agent is found. For each considered groupset, the router tests every agent group to determine if at least one agent is free. If a single agent is free, the contact is routed to that agent. If several agents of that groupset are free, the contact is routed to the agent with the longest idle time.

If no agent is available in the tested groupset, one or more waiting queues must be selected to add the contact to. A waiting queue *i* with size  $Q_i(t)$  is associated with a single agent group, which has  $N_i(t)$  agents, where *t* is the current simulation time. The router considers waiting queues in the current groupset only, and selects a queue only if the queue ratio  $(S_i(t) + 1)/N_i(t)$  is greater than the agent-group specific target. This queue ratio gives an estimate of the expected waiting time of the contact. Note that this estimate assumes that service times are exponential, and no abandonment is allowed. If no candidate waiting queue is available, e.g., all waiting queues in the groupset have a queue ratio greater than the target queue ratio, the router checks the next agent groupset.

If there are no more groupset, the router performs the second phase as follows. Since no groupset contains a free agent or waiting queue with a small enough queue ratio, the router checks every authorized waiting queue, i.e., each queue *i* for which  $r_{\text{TG}}(k, i) < \infty$ , and selects the waiting queue with the smallest queue ratio. In this phase, the queue ratio is allowed to be greater than the target.

The queues the contact is sent to depend on two flags associated with this router: the copy and overflow modes. The copy mode determines if contacts can be queued to multiple

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agent groups. The overflow mode, which is used only when contacts can be added into multiple queues, can be set to transfer or promotion. In *transfer* mode, the contact moves from groupsets to groupsets. In *promotion* mode, a copy of the contact is left in every considered groupset.

More specifically, if queueing to multiple targets is disabled, the router always sends the contact to the queue with the smallest queue ratio among the considered candidates. In the first phase, these candidates are the queues in the current groupset with a queue ratio smaller than the target. In the second phase, this corresponds to all queues the contact is authorized in.

If contacts can be added to multiple queues, the overflow mode has the following effect. If candidates were found during the first phase, when checking agent groupset i(k, j), the contact is queued to all queues in that groupset when the overflow mode is transfer. However, if the overflow mode is promotion, the contact is also added to all queues in the preceding groupsets, i.e., groupsets i(k, j') for  $j' = 0, \ldots, j$ . If the router reaches the second phase, the contact is always sent to the queue with the smallest queue ratio. In promotion mode, it is also queued to all other authorized waiting queues.

This router needs agent groups taking individual agents into account to select agents based on their longest idle times.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class QueueRatioOverflowRouter extends Router

## Constructor

# public QueueRatioOverflowRouter (int numGroups, double[][] ranksTG, double[] targetQueueRatio, boolean allowCopies, boolean overflowTransfer)

Constructs a new queue-ratio overflow router with ranks matrix ranksTG, numGroups agent groups, and target queue ratio for contact type k set to targetQueueRatio[k]. The allowCopies flag determines if contacts can be added to multiple waiting queues, while the overflowTransfer flag determines if the transfer overflow mode is active. If this latter flag is false, overflow mode is set to promotion. The second flag has no effect if the first flag is false.

#### Parameters

numGroups the number of agent groups.

ranksTG the ranks matrix.

targetQueueRatio the target queue ratio for each contact type.

allowCopies the allow-copies flag.

overflowTransfer the overflow-transfer flag.

## Throws

NullPointerException if any argument is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the length of targetQueueRatio does not correspond to the number of rows in the ranks matrix.

## Methods

```
public double[][] getRanksTG()
```

Returns the ranks matrix defining how contacts prefer agents, used for agent selection.

**Returns** the ranks matrix defining how contacts prefer agents.

#### public void setRanksTG (double[][] ranksTG)

Sets the ranks matrix defining how contacts prefer agents to ranksTG.

## Parameter

ranksTG the new agent selection ranks matrix.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if ranksTG is null.

IllegalArgumentException if ranksTG is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

#### public boolean isAllowCopies()

Determines if contacts can be added to multiple queues.

**Returns** true if and only if contacts can be added to multiple queues.

```
public void setAllowCopies (boolean allowCopies)
```

Sets the allow-copies flag to allowCopies.

#### Parameter

allowCopies the new value of the flag.

```
See also isAllowCopies()
```

#### public boolean isOverflowTransfer()

Determines if the overflow mode is transfer.

**Returns** true if the overflow mode is transfer.

```
public void setOverflowTransfer (boolean overflowTransfer)
Sets the overflow mode to overflowTransfer.
```

#### Parameter

overflowTransfer the new overflow mode.

See also isOverflowTransfer()

# public double[] getTargetQueueRatio()

Gets the target queue ratio for each contact type.

**Returns** the target queue ratios.

## public void setTargetQueueRatio (double[] targetQueueRatio)

Sets the target queue ratio for each contact type to targetQueueRAtio.

## Parameter

targetQueueRatio the new target queue ratios.

## Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the length of targetQueueRatio does not correspond to the number of rows in the ranks matrix.

# **ExpDelayRouter**

Represents a router using the expected delay to assign agent groups to new contacts. When a contact is routed to an agent group, it is assigned a free agent of this particular group. If all agents in the target group are busy, the contact enters a waiting queue specific to the target agent group. The contact cannot move across waiting queues.

A waiting queue is associated with each agent group *i*. When a new contact of type k arrives, the router uses the weighted expected delays  $E_i(t)/w_{\text{TG}}(k,i)$  for each waiting queue to take its decisions. Here,  $E_i(t)$  is a prediction of the waiting time for the new contact arrived at time *t* if sent to queue *i* while  $w_{\text{TG}}(k,i)$  is a user-defined constant weight determining the importance of contacts of type *k* for agents in group *i*. Two decision modes are available: deterministic, or stochastic. In deterministic mode, the router chooses the agent group with the minimal weighted expected delay. In stochastic mode, the router chooses agent group *i* with probability

$$p_i(t) = \frac{w_{\rm TG}(k,i)/E_i(t)}{\sum_{j=0}^{I-1} w_{\rm TG}(k,j)/E_i(t)}$$

independently of the other contacts. With this formula, the smaller is the weighted expected delay for an agent group i, the higher is the probability of selection of group i. When an agent becomes free, it picks up a new contact from its associated waiting queue only.

Note that the routing of a contact of type k to an agent in group i can be prevented by fixing  $w_{\text{TG}}(k,i) = 0$ . Increasing  $w_{\text{TG}}(k,i)$  increases the probability of a contact of type k to be routed to an agent in group i.

The expected delay is estimated using a waiting time predictor. The default predictor is the LastWaitingTimePerQueuePredictor which predicts the waiting time using the last observed waiting time before a service.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class ExpDelayRouter extends Router

## Constructors

public ExpDelayRouter (double[][] weightsTG, RandomStream stream)

Constructs a new router using expected delays, with a weights matrix weightsTG, a random stream stream. The  $K \times I$  weights matrix is used to determine the number of contact types and agent groups while stream determines the mode of the router. If stream is null, the router is in deterministic mode. Otherwise, it is in stochastic mode.

# Parameters

weightsTG the weights matrix.

stream the random stream used in stochastic mode.

Equivalent to ExpDelayRouter (double[][], RandomStream) with a user-defined waiting time predictor pred.

# Parameters

weightsTG the weights matrix.

stream the random stream used in stochastic mode.

pred the waiting time predictor.

# Methods

public double[][] getWeightsTG()

Returns the weights matrix defining  $w_{\rm TG}(k, i)$ .

**Returns** the weights matrix defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

# public void setWeightsTG (double[][] weightsTG)

Sets the weights matrix defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$  to weightsTG.

# Parameter

weightsTG the new weights matrix defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

Throws

NullPointerException if weightsTG is null.

IllegalArgumentException if weightsTG is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

# public RandomStream getStreamAgentSelection()

Returns the random stream used for agent selection. If the agent selection is not randomized, this returns null.

**Returns** the random stream for agent selection.

# public void setStreamAgentSelection (RandomStream streamAgentSelection)

Sets the random stream for agent selection to streamAgentSelection. Setting the stream to null disables randomized agent selection.

# Parameter

streamAgentSelection the new random stream for agent selection.

# **OverflowAndPriorityRouter**

Represents a routing policy allowing contacts to overflow from one set of agents to another, and agents to pick out queued contacts based on priorities that can change at predefined moments during the waiting time. This routing policy also supports some forms of conditional routing. However, the router using this policy might be slow, because of the more complex management of queues. Therefore, if conditional routing is not needed, or if priorities do not change with time, it might be faster to use a simpler policy such as AgentsPrefRouter or AgentsPrefRouterWithDelays. The latter policy also supports some forms of priorities changing with time.

We now describe the policy in details. The agent selection of any new contact C of type k using this policy is based on a sequence of stages. Each stage is defined by a triplet  $(w_{k,j}, f_{k,j}(X, C), g_{k,j}(X, C))$  where  $w_{k,j}$  is a minimal waiting time,  $f_{k,j}(X, C)$  is a function returning a vector of ranks for agent selection, and  $g_{k,j}(X, C)$  is another function returning a vector of ranks for queueing. For any call type  $k = 0, \ldots, K - 1$ , we have  $0 \le w_{k,0} < w_{k,1} < \cdots$ . Often, we have  $f_{k,j} = g_{k,j}$ . The vectors returned by these functions can depend on the contact but also on the state X of the system, which allows the implementation of some forms of conditional routing.

More specifically, when a contact of type k arrives, the router checks the first triplet  $(w_{k,0}, f_{k,0}, g_{k,0})$ . If  $w_{k,0} > 0$ , the contact waits for  $w_{k,0}$  time units in an extra waiting queue no agent has access to; this can be used to model a positive routing delay. Then, the function  $f_{k,0}(X, C)$  is evaluated on the new contact C to get a vector of ranks  $(r_0, \ldots, r_{I-1})$ . These ranks determine which agent groups can be selected for the new contact, and the priority for each group. The smaller is  $r_i$ , the higher is the priority for the agent group i. If  $r_i = \infty$ , the contact cannot be sent to agent group i at this stage of routing.

The router selects the agent group with the smallest value  $r_i$  among the groups containing at least one free agent. If a single group with this minimal rank exists, the contact is sent to a free agent in it, and routing is done. Otherwise, a score  $S_i$  is associated with each group with minimal rank, and the group with the highest score is selected. Usually, the score corresponds to the longest idle time of agents in the group.

If no agent group can be assigned to the new contact, the contact is put into one or more waiting queues. There is one priority queue per agent group, and an extra queue storing contacts not queued to any agent group. To select the waiting queues, the router applies the function  $g_{k,0}(X, C)$  on the new contact to get a vector  $(q_0, \ldots, q_{I-1})$  of ranks. The rank  $q_i$ determines the priority of the contact in queue *i*. The smaller is the rank, the higher is the priority. An infinite rank  $q_i$  prevents the contact to be put in queue *i*. Often, the priority is the same for every waiting queue allowed for the contact, but priorities may differ in general. If all ranks  $q_i$  are infinite, the contact goes into the extra queue.

When an agent becomes free, it looks for a contact in the queue associated with its group only. The contacts in this queue are sorted in increasing order of rank. Contacts sharing the same rank are sorted in decreasing order of score. The default function for the score is the time spent in queue. When a contact is removed from a queue, it is also removed from every other queue managed by the router. If the contact waits for  $w_1$  time units in queue without abandoning or being served, a new agent selection happens. The selection is similar to the first one, except that a new function,  $f_{k,1}(X, C)$ , is used to generate the vector of ranks. The ranks can thus evolve with time. If no agent group is available for the contact at this second stage of routing, a waiting queue update occurs. For this, a vector of ranks is generated using  $g_{k,1}(X, C)$ , and used to determine the new priority of the contact, for each queue. If the priority  $q_i$  goes from an infinite to a finite value, the contact joins queue *i*. If the priority goes from a finite to another finite value, the position of the contact in queue is updated. The priority of a contact can thus evolve with time. This process is repeated at waiting time  $w_2$ ,  $w_3$ , and so on, for all stages of routing.

A contact leaving all waiting queues linked to agent groups at a given stage is put into the extra waiting queue. It can still abandon, but it cannot be served until a subsequent stage of routing puts it back into a waiting queue linked to an agent group. On the other hand, if a contact enters a queue linked to an agent group at a given stage of routing, it leaves the extra queue. Moreover, even if the contact changes queue, it keeps the same residual patience time; changing waiting queue does not reset the maximal queue time.

For example, suppose that a contact of type k can be served by two agent groups, 0 and 1. A newly arrived contact has access to group 0 only, and is queued with priority 1 if it cannot be served immediately. However, after s seconds of wait, the contact gains access to group 1. It is queued to this new group with priority 1, but the priority with original group 0 changes to 2 (a lower priority). The parameters for such a routing would be  $(0, (1, \infty), (1, \infty)), (s, (1, 1), (2, 1))$ . For an example with conditional routing, suppose that at waiting time s, the priorities depend on the service level observed in the last m minutes.

#### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class OverflowAndPriorityRouter extends Router

#### Constructor

# 

Constructs a new overflow and priority router with numGroups agent groups, and stages for information about routing stages. The 2D array stages must contain K rows, each row giving a routing script for a specific contact type.

#### Parameters

numGroups the number of agent groups.

stages the information about routing stages.

# Throws

NullPointerException if stages is null.

**IllegalArgumentException** if **numGroups** is negative or a list of stages are not ordered with respect to waiting time, for at least one contact type.

# Methods

public double[][] getWeightsTG()

Returns the matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k,i)$  for each contact type and agent group. These weights are used by getScoreForAgentSelection (Contact, AgentGroup, Agent) to compute scores for agent groups, and default to 1 if they are not set by setWeightsTG (double[][]).

**Returns** the matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

## public void setWeightsTG (double[][] weightsTG)

Sets the matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k,i)$  for each k and i to weightsTG.

## Parameter

weightsTG the new matrix of weights defining  $w_{TG}(k, i)$ .

## Throws

NullPointerException if weightsTG is null.

IllegalArgumentException if weightsTG is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

## public double[][] getWeightsGT()

Returns the matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$  for each contact type and agent group. These weights are used by getScoreForContactSelection (DequeueEvent) to give scores to waiting queues, and default to 1 if they are not set by setWeightsGT (double[][]).

**Returns** the matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

## public void setWeightsGT (double[][] weightsGT)

Sets the matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i,k)$  for each k and i to weightsGT.

## Parameter

weightsGT the new matrix of weights defining  $w_{\text{GT}}(i, k)$ .

## Throws

NullPointerException if weightsGT is null.

IllegalArgumentException if weightsGT is not rectangular or has wrong dimensions.

## public AgentSelectionScore getAgentSelectionScore()

Returns the current mode of computation for the agent selection score. The default value is AgentSelectionScore.LONGESTIDLETIME.

**Returns** the way the score is computed for agent selection.

# 

Sets the way scores for agent selection are computed to <code>agentSelectionScore</code>.

# Parameter

agentSelectionScore the way scores for agent selection are computed.

Throws

NullPointerException if agentSelectionScore is null.

```
public ContactSelectionScore getContactSelectionScore()
```

Returns the current mode of computation for the contact selection score. The default value is ContactSelectionScore.LONGESTWAITINGTIME.

**Returns** the way the score is computed for contact selection.

Sets the way scores for contact selection are computed to contactSelectionScore.

# Parameter

contactSelectionScore the way scores for contact selection are computed.

# Throws

NullPointerException if contactSelectionScore is null.

# 

Returns the score for contact ct associated with agent group testGroup and agent testAgent. When selecting an agent for contact ct, if there are several agent groups with the same minimal rank, the agent group with the greatest score is selected. Returning a negative infinite score prevents an agent group from being selected.

By default, this returns a score depending on the return value of getAgentSelection-Score(). This can return the longest weighted idle time (the default), the weighted number of free agents, or the weight only. See AgentSelectionScore for more information.

# Parameters

ct the contact being assigned an agent.

testGroup the tested agent group.

testAgent the tested agent, can be null.

**Returns** the score given to the association between the contact and the agent.

#### protected double getScoreForContactSelection (DequeueEvent ev)

Returns the score for the queued contact represented by ev.

By default, this returns a score depending on the return value of getContactSelection-Score(). This can return the weighted waiting time (the default), the weighted number of queued agents, or the weight only. See ContactSelectionScore for more information.

#### Parameter

ev the dequeue event.

**Returns** the assigned score.

## Nested class

#### public static final class RoutingInfo

Represents information about the routing for a particular contact. When this router processes a contact, it creates an instance of this class and associates it to the contact. This instance can be retrieved by using contact.getAttributes().get (router), where router is the corresponding router.

## Constructor

#### public RoutingInfo (int numGroups)

Constructs a new routing information object for a system with numGroups agent groups.

#### Parameter

numGroups the number of agent groups.

#### Methods

#### public double[] getRanksForAgentSelectionArray()

Returns an array containing the ranks associated with this contact for the last agent selection. The first time this method is called, an array is created and returned. This array can then be filled with ranks.

**Returns** the ranks for agent selection.

#### public double[] getRanksForContactSelectionArray()

Similar to getRanksForAgentSelectionArray(), for the ranks used by waiting queue selection.

**Returns** the ranks for waiting queues.

## public double[] getNewRanksForContactSelectionArray()

Similar to getRanksForAgentSelectionArray(), for the ranks used by waiting queue selection. This array is used when a new vector of ranks is generated, to be compared with the original vector of ranks giving the priorities of the contacts currently in queues.

**Returns** the ranks for waiting queues.

### public DequeueEvent getDequeueEvent (int q)

Returns the event representing the associated contact in queue q. If the contact is not in this queue, this returns null.

### Parameter

 $\mathbf{q}$  the index of the tested queue.

**Returns** the dequeue event.

```
public void setDequeueEvent (int q, DequeueEvent ev)
```

Sets the dequeue event for queue q to ev.

#### Parameters

**q** the index of the waiting queue.

ev the dequeue event.

#### public int getNumQueues()

Returns the number of waiting queues the contact is in.

#### public int getStagesDone()

Returns the number of agent selections performed so far for this contact.

### public void oneStageDone()

Indicates that a new agent selection was just done for the contact.

# RankFunction

Represents a function computing a vector of ranks for a given contact, for the Overflow-AndPriorityRouter router.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public interface RankFunction

### Methods

### public boolean updateRanks (Contact contact, double[] ranks)

Fills the array ranks with the ranks for the contact contact. The given array should have length I, and is filled by this method with ranks. The function might use the given contact as well as any relevant model's state to determine the ranks. Note that additional routing information can be obtained through the OverflowAndPriorityRouter.RoutingInfo.

The vector of ranks given to this method is constructed by the router, and associated to a specific call. When this method is called for a new call, the vector contains Double. POSITIVE\_INFINITY values. For any subsequent calls, the vector contains the current ranks for the call. This method should replace these values with the new ranks concerning the call. The method returns true if and only if at least one of the ranks in the given vector needs to be updated. Otherwise, it returns false.

#### Parameters

contact the contact being routed.

ranks the vector filled with ranks.

**Returns** true if the vector of ranks was modified, false otherwise.

#### public boolean canReturnFiniteRank (int i)

Determines if updateRanks (Contact, double[]) can return a finite rank at position i for this particular function.

# RoutingStageInfo

Represents a stage for routing, with a minimal waiting time, and two rank functions for agent and contact selections. Instances of this class are used by the OverflowAndPriorityRouter router.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public interface RoutingStageInfo

Methods

public double getWaitingTime()
Returns the minimal waiting time for this routing stage.

public RankFunction getRankFunctionForAgentSelection()
 Returns the rank function for agent selection at this stage of routing.

public RankFunction getRankFunctionForContactSelection()
 Returns the rank function for contact selection at this stage of routing.

# ExitedContactListener

Represents an exited-contact listener which gets notified when a contact exits the system. A contact can leave the center when it is served, dequeued or blocked.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public interface ExitedContactListener

## Methods

public void blocked (Router router, Contact contact, int bType)

This method is called when the contact contact is blocked in the router router. The integer bType is used to indicate the reason of the blocking, e.g., the contact could not be served or put into any waiting queue.

#### Parameters

router the router causing the blocking.

contact the blocked contact.

bType an indicator giving the reason why the contact is blocked.

#### public void dequeued (Router router, DequeueEvent ev)

This method is called when a contact leaves a waiting queue linked to the router router, without being served.

## Parameters

router the router causing the dequeueing.

ev the dequeue event.

#### public void served (Router router, EndServiceEvent ev)

This method is called when a contact was served by an agent. This method is called by the router before the after-contact work begins so **ev** does not contain the information about after-contact time.

### Parameters

router the router managing the contact.

ev the end service event.

# RoutingTableUtils

Provides some utility methods to manage routing tables represented using 2D arrays. Three types of routing tables are supported: type-to-group and group-to-type maps, incidence matrices and matrices of ranks. This class provides facilities to check the consistency of such routing tables, to generate one table from the other, and to format them as strings. However, converting from one routing table to another may destroy some information or force the conversion algorithm to infer information, which can lead to bad routing policies.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;
```

public final class RoutingTableUtils

## Methods

# 

Applies a consistency check for the type-to-group map typeToGroupMap supporting I = numGroups agent groups. This checks that every positive element of the given matrix corresponds to an agent group index and no group index appears more than once in an ordered list. If an inconsistency is detected, this throws an IllegalArgumentException describing the problem.

## Parameters

numGroups the number of agent groups I.

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map being checked.

## Throws

NullPointerException if typeToGroupMap or one of its elements are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the matrix is incorrect.

# public static void checkGroupToTypeMap (int numTypes, int[][] groupToTypeMap)

Applies a consistency check for the group-to-type map groupToTypeMap supporting K = numTypes contact types. This checks that every positive element of the given matrix corresponds to a contact type index and no type index appears more than once in an ordered list. If an inconsistency is detected, this throws an IllegalArgumentException describing the problem.

#### **Parameters**

numTypes the number of contact types K.

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map being checked.

# Throws

NullPointerException if groupToTypeMap or one of its elements are null.

IllegalArgumentException if the matrix is incorrect.

Checks the consistency of the routing tables typeToGroupMap and groupToTypeMap. It is assumed that the matrices are themselves consistent routing tables, i.e., checkTypeToGroupMap (groupToTypeMap.length, typeToGroupMap) and checkGroupToTypeMap (typeToGroupMap.length, groupToTypeMap) do not throw exceptions. This methods checks that an agent group index *i* appears in the ordered list for contact type *k* if and only if the contact type *k* appears in the ordered list for agent group *i*. If this consistency criterion is violated, an Illegal-ArgumentException is thrown.

# Parameters

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map.

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map.

## Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the consistency check fails.

See also checkTypeToGroupMap (int, int[][]), checkGroupToTypeMap (int, int[][])

# 

Generates the type-to-group map from the group-to-type map groupToTypeMap. For each contact type k, this method constructs an ordered list containing all agent groups referring to it in the group-to-type map, sorted in increasing order of group identifier. It is assumed that the groupToTypeMap matrix is consistent, i.e., checkGroupToTypeMap (int, int[][]) does not throw an exception when called with it.

# Parameters

numTypes the number of contact types K.

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map being processed.

**Returns** the generated type-to-group map.

```
See also checkGroupToTypeMap (int, int[][])
```

# public static int[][] getTypeToGroupMap (boolean[][] m)

Constructs and returns a new type-to-group map from the incidence matrix m. For each column k of the rectangular matrix m, the method creates a row in the type-to-group map with a column containing value i for each true m(i, k) value. This gives lists of agent groups sorted in increasing order of group identifier.

# Parameter

 ${\tt m}$  the incidence matrix.

Returns the type-to-group map.

```
See also ArrayUtil.checkRectangularMatrix (Object)
```

```
public static int[][] getTypeToGroupMap (double[][] ranksTG)
```

Generates a type-to-group map from the agent selection matrix of ranks ranksTG. Assuming that the given matrix is rectangular, the method first uses a scheme similar to getTypeTo-GroupMap (boolean[][]) to get a list of agent groups sorted in increasing order of group identifier for each contact type. Each row of the resulting type-to-group map is then sorted in rank-increasing order, i.e., an agent group  $i_1$  goes before  $i_2$  if  $r_{TG}(k, i_1) < r_{TG}(k, i_2)$ . If  $r_{TG}(k, i_1) = r_{TG}(k, i_2)$ ,  $i_1$  goes before  $i_2$  in the ordered list for contact type k if  $i_1 < i_2$ .

# Parameter

ranksTG the matrix of ranks being transformed.

**Returns** the generated type-to-group map.

This method is similar to getTypeToGroupMap (double[][]) with a sorting algorithm adapted for the local-specialist policy. Except from the agent selection matrix of ranks, the method needs arrays associating a region identifier to each contact type and agent group. For contact type k, an agent group  $i_1$  goes before an agent group  $i_2$  if the location of  $i_1$  is the same as the originating region of contacts of type k, but  $i_2$ 's location is different from  $i_1$ 's. In other words, groupRegions[i1] == typeRegions[k] and groupRegions[i2] != typeRegions[k] if  $i_1$  is before  $i_2$ . Any pair  $(i_1, i_2)$  not meeting this extra condition is sorted using the same algorithm as in getTypeToGroupMap (double[][]).

# Parameters

ranksTG the matrix of ranks.

typeRegions the region identifier of each contact type.

groupRegions the region identifier of each agent group.

**Returns** the constructed type-to-group map.

Generates the group-to-type map from the type-to-group map typeToGroupMap. For each agent group *i*, this method constructs a list containing all contact types referring to it in the type-to-group map, sorted in increasing order of type identifier. It is assumed that the typeToGroupMap matrix is consistent, i.e., checkTypeToGroupMap (int, int[][]) does not throw an exception when called with it.

# Parameters

numGroups the number of agent groups I.

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map being processed.

**Returns** the generated group-to-type map.

```
See also checkTypeToGroupMap (int, int[][])
```

# public static int[][] getGroupToTypeMap (boolean[][] m)

Constructs and returns a new group-to-type map from the incidence matrix m. For each row i of m, the method creates a row in the group-to-type map with a column having a value k for each true m(i, k) value. This gives lists of contact types sorted in increasing order of type identifier.

## Parameter

m the incidence matrix.

Returns the group-to-type map.

public static int[][] getGroupToTypeMap (double[][] ranksGT)

Generates a group-to-type map from the contact selection matrix of ranks ranksGT. The method first uses a scheme similar to getGroupToTypeMap (boolean[][]) to get a list of contact types sorted in increasing order of type identifier for each agent group. Each row of the resulting group-to-type map is then sorted in rank-increasing order, i.e., a contact type  $k_1$  goes before  $k_2$  if  $r_{\rm GT}(i, k_1) < r_{\rm GT}(i, k_2)$ . If  $r_{\rm GT}(i, k_1) = r_{\rm GT}(i, k_2)$ ,  $k_1$  goes before  $k_2$  in the list if  $k_1 < k_2$ .

## Parameter

ranksGT the matrix of ranks.

Returns the new group-to-type map.

```
public static int[][] getGroupToTypeMap (double[][] ranksGT, int[]
```

typeRegions, int[] groupRegions)

This method is similar to getGroupToTypeMap (double[][]) with a sorting algorithm adapted for the local-specialist policy. Except from the contact selection matrix of ranks, the method needs arrays associating a region identifier to each contact type and agent group. For each agent group *i*, a contact type  $k_1$  goes before a contact type  $k_2$  if the originating region of  $k_1$  is the same as the location of agent group *i*, but  $k_2$ 's originating region is different from  $k_1$ 's. In other words, typeRegions[k1] == groupRegions[i] and typeRegions[k2] != groupRegions[i] if  $k_1$  is before  $k_2$ . Any pair  $(k_1, k_2)$  not meeting this extra condition is sorted using the same algorithm as in getGroupToTypeMap (double[][]).

## Parameters

ranksGT the matrix of ranks.

typeRegions the region identifier of each contact type.

groupRegions the region identifier of each agent group.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm the \ constructed \ group-to-type \ map}.$ 

# 

Constructs and returns the incidence matrix from the typeToGroupMap with numGroups agent groups. The returned incidence matrix has one row for each agent group and one column for each contact type. Element (i, k) of the matrix is true if and only agent group i is included in the list of contact type k, i.e.,  $i_{k,j} = k$  for some j. In the incidence matrix, all the ranking induced by the type-to-group map is lost. It is assumed that the type-to-group map is consistent as checked by checkTypeToGroupMap (int, int[][]).

# Parameters

numGroups the number of agent groups.

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map.

**Returns** the incidence matrix.

# 

Constructs and returns the incidence matrix from the groupToTypeMap with numTypes contact types. The returned incidence matrix has one row for each agent group and one column for each contact type. Element (i, k) of the matrix is **true** if and only if the contact type kis included in the list of agent group i, i.e.,  $k_{i,j} = k$  for some j. In the incidence matrix, all the ranking induced by the group-to-type map is lost. It is assumed that the group-to-type map is consistent as checked by checkGroupToTypeMap (int, int[][]).

# Parameters

numTypes the number of contact types.

 $\verb"groupToTypeMap"$  the group-to-type map.

**Returns** the incidence matrix.

# 

Constructs the agent selection matrix of ranks from the typeToGroupMap with numGroups agent groups. For each non-negative  $i_{k,j} = typeToGroupMap[k][j]$ , the rank  $r_{TG}(k, i_{k,j})$  of contact type k for agent group  $i_{k,j}$  is set to j. If i does not appear in the list of k,  $r_{TG}(k, i) = \infty$ .

# Parameters

numGroups the number of agent groups.

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map.

**Returns** the matrix of ranks.

# 

Constructs the contact selection matrix of ranks from the groupToTypeMap with numTypes contact types. For each non-negative  $k_{i,j} = \text{groupToTypeMap}[i][j]$ , the rank  $r_{\text{GT}}(i, k_{i,j})$  of contact type  $k_{i,j}$  for agent group *i* is set to *j*. If *k* does not appear in the list of *i*,  $r_{\text{GT}}(k, i) = \infty$ .

# Parameters

numTypes the number of contact types.

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map.

**Returns** the matrix of ranks.

```
public static double[][] getRanks (boolean[][] m, int[] skillCounts)
```

Constructs a contact selection matrix of ranks from the incidence matrix m and skill counts skillCounts. Assuming m is rectangular, this method creates a matrix of ranks with m.length rows and m[0].length columns. For each agent group i, and each contact type k, the method sets the rank to  $\infty$  if the contact cannot be served, i.e., if m[k][i] is false. Otherwise,  $r_{\rm GT}(i,k)$  is set to skillCounts[i]. If skillCounts is null, skillCounts[i] is inferred by counting the number of k for which m[i][k] is true.

# Parameters

 ${\tt m}$  the incidence matrix.

skillCounts the skill counts.

**Returns** the matrix of ranks.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if m.length is different from skillCounts.length.

# public static int[][] getOverflowLists (double[][] ranksTG)

Constructs and returns overflow lists from the given matrix of ranks **ranksTG**. More specifically, the ranks matrix giving  $r_{\text{TG}}(k, i)$  for all k and i is used to generate overflow lists defined as follows. For each contact type k, this method creates a list of agent groupsets sharing the same priority. The *j*th groupset for contact type k is denoted  $i(k, j) = \{i = 0, \ldots, I - 1 : r_{\text{TG}}(k, i) = r_{k,j}\}$ . Here,  $r_{k,j_1} < r_{k,j_2} < \infty$  for any  $j_1 < j_2$ . The overflow list for contact type k is then  $i(k, 0), i(k, 1), \ldots$  Array [k] [j] of the returned 3D array contains the elements of i(k, j).

# Parameter

ranksTG the input matrix of ranks.

**Returns** the overflow lists.

# public static String formatTypeToGroupMap (int[][] typeToGroupMap)

Formats the type-to-group ordered lists as a string. For each supported contact type, a line containing Contact type k: [i1, i2, ...] is generated, where i1, i2, ... correspond to agent group indices. Each ordered list is formatted using formatOrderedList (int[]).

## Parameter

typeToGroupMap the type-to-group map being formatted.

**Returns** the type-to-group map, formatted as a string.

# public static String formatGroupToTypeMap (int[][] groupToTypeMap)

Formats the group-to-type ordered lists as a string. For each supported agent group, a line containing Agent group i: [k1, k2, ...] is generated, where k1, k2, ... correspond to contact type indices. Each ordered list is formatted using formatOrderedList (int[]).

## Parameter

groupToTypeMap the group-to-type map being formatted.

**Returns** the group-to-type map, formatted as a string.

## public static String formatRanksTG (double[][] ranksTG)

Formats the agent selection matrix of ranks ranksTG for each contact type and agent group. For each contact type, the returned string contains a line giving the rank of each agent group. When a contact type cannot be served by an agent group, a – is used to represent the infinite rank.

# Parameter

ranksTG the matrix of ranks to be formatted.

**Returns** the ranks formatted as a string.

## public static String formatRanksGT (double[][] ranksGT)

Formats the contact selection matrix of ranks **ranksGT** for each contact type and agent group. For each agent group, the returned string contains a line giving the rank of each contact type. When a contact type cannot be served by an agent group, a – is used to represent the infinite rank.

# Parameter

 ${\tt ranksGT}$  the matrix of ranks to be formatted.

**Returns** the ranks formatted as a string.

# public static String formatWeightsTG (double[][] weightsTG)

Formats the agent selection weights matrix weightsTG for each contact type and agent group. For each contact type, the returned string contains a line giving the weight of each agent group. A - is used to represent an infinite weight.

# Parameter

weightsTG the weights matrix to be formatted.

**Returns** the weights formatted as a string.

```
public static String formatWeightsGT (double[][] weightsGT)
```

Formats the contact selection weights matrix weightsGT for each contact type and agent group. For each agent group, the returned string contains a line giving the weight of each contact type. A – is used to represent an infinite weight.

## Parameter

weightsGT the weights matrix to be formatted.

**Returns** the weights formatted as a string.

```
public static String formatIncidence (boolean[][] m)
```

Formats the incidence matrix m for each contact type and agent group. For each agent group, the returned string contains a line giving the contact types it can serve. Each line contains one value for each contact type. The value 0 is used if the contact cannot be served and 1 otherwise.

# Parameter

m the incidence matrix to be formatted.

**Returns** the incidence matrix formatted as a string.

```
public static String formatOrderedList (int[] orderedList)
```

Formats the ordered list orderedList as a string. This method constructs and returns a string containing the comma-separated list of indices stored in orderedList. If a negative index is found, it is replaced with -1 and formatted in the string only if at least one positive index follows it. For example, the ordered list -2, 0, 3, -1, -1 will be formatted as -1, 0, 3.

# Parameter

orderedList the ordered list to be formatted.

**Returns** the string representing the ordered list.

public static int[][] normalizeRoutingTable (int[][] table, int minColumns)

Converts the routing table table to a rectangular matrix containing table.length rows and at least minColumns columns. Assuming the given 2D array is a valid type-to-group or group-to-type map, evaluates the maximum number of columns in each row and pads the rows with -1 for the returned 2D array to be a rectangular matrix, i.e., each row has the same number of columns. In some circumstances, this can simplify manipulation of the routing table and the returned array is still compatible with the routers since negative indices must be ignored.

# Parameters

table the routing table to be converted.

minColumns the minimal number of columns in the normalized routing table.

**Returns** the converted routing table.

## Throws

NullPointerException if table or one of its elements is null.

IllegalArgumentException if minColumns is negative.

public static int[][] normalizeRoutingTable (int[][] table)
 Equivalent to normalizeRoutingTable (table, 0).

# **AgentGroupSelectors**

Provides some convenience methods to select an agent from a list of agent groups. All the methods provided by this class are static and return a reference to the selected agent group. If no agent group is available, they return null. They must be given an array of indices ind used to reference agent groups in the given router. One can also specify an optional array of booleans subset indicating which element in the list will be taken into account.

For each index j, let i = ind[j]. If  $r \ge 0$  and subset[j] is true if the subset is specified, the agent group Router.getAgentGroup (i) will be considered. Otherwise, i will be ignored.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public final class AgentGroupSelectors

### Methods

# 

Selects, from the given ordered list, the first agent group containing at least one free agent.

## Parameters

router the router used to map indices in the ordered list to AgentGroup references.

ind the ordered list of agent group indices.

subset the subset of indices to take into account when traversing the given list.

**Returns** the selected agent group.

```
public static AgentGroup selectFirst (Router router, int[] ind)
      Equivalent to selectFirst (router, ind, null).
```

Selects, from the given ordered list, the last agent group containing at least one free agent.

## **Parameters**

router the router used to map indices in the ordered list to AgentGroup references.

ind the ordered list of agent group indices.

subset the subset of indices to take into account when traversing the given list.
**Returns** the selected agent group.

```
public static AgentGroup selectLast (Router router, int[] ind)
      Equivalent to selectLast (router, ind, null).
```

Returns a reference to the agent group, among the groups referred to by the given list of indices, containing the greatest number of free agents.

# Parameters

router the router used to map indices in the list to AgentGroup references.

ind the list of agent group indices.

subset the subset of indices to take into account when traversing the given list.

**Returns** the selected agent group.

```
public static AgentGroup selectGreatestFree (Router router, int[] ind)
      Equivalent to selectGreatestFree (router, ind, null).
```

Returns a reference to a randomly selected agent group, among the groups referred to by the given list of indices. The probability of group *i* to be selected is given by  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t)/N_{\mathrm{F}}(t)$ , where  $N_{\mathrm{F},i}(t)$  is the number of free agents in group *i* at current simulation time, and  $N_{\mathrm{F}}(t)$ is the total number of free agents in the groups referred to by the indices.

# Parameters

router the router used to map indices in the given list to AgentGroup references.

ind the list of agent group indices.

subset the subset of indices to take into account when traversing the given list.

stream the random number stream to generate one uniform.

**Returns** the selected agent group.

Equivalent to selectUniform (router, ind, null, stream).

# 

Returns the reference to the agent having the longest idle time among the agent groups indexed by the list ind and possibly restricted by subset if it is non-null. This selection rule will be applied only to DetailedAgentGroup linked to the router. Indices mapping to an AgentGroup instance will be ignored.

# Parameters

router the router used to map indices in the given list to AgentGroup references.

ind the list of agent group indices.

subset the subset of indices to take into account when traversing the given list.

**Returns** the selected agent.

public static Agent selectLongestIdle (Router router, int[] ind)
 Equivalent to selectLongestIdle (router, ind, null).

# RouterState

Represents state information for a router. This information includes the contents of waiting queues, and the contacts served by agents.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class RouterState

# Constructor

protected RouterState (Router router)

Constructs a new state information for a router router.

# Parameter

router the router being processed.

# Methods

```
public AgentGroupState[] getAgentGroups()
```

Returns the state of each agent group saved at the time the state of the router was saved.

**Returns** the state of agent groups.

# public Map<AgentState, ReroutingState> getAgentReroutingInfo ()

Returns the agent rerouting information saved at the time the state of the router was saved. Each key of the returned map is of type Agent while each value is of type ReroutingState.

**Returns** the agent rerouting information.

# public Map<DequeueEvent, ReroutingState> getContactReroutingInfo ()

Returns the contact rerouting information saved at the time the state of the router was saved. Each key of the returned map is of class DequeueEvent while each value is of class ReroutingState.

**Returns** the contact rerouting information.

# public WaitingQueueState[] getWaitingQueues()

Returns the state of the waiting queues attached to the router at the time the state of the router was saved.

**Returns** the state of the waiting queues.

# ReroutingState

Represents state information for contact or agent rerouting.

### package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class ReroutingState implements Cloneable

# Constructor

public ReroutingState (int numReroutingsDone, double nextReroutingTime)

Constructs a new state information object for rerouting for a contact or an agent that has been previously rerouted numReroutingsDone times, and whose next rerouting will happen at time nextReroutingTime.

## Parameters

numReroutingsDone the number of times the contact or agent has been rerouted before.

nextReroutingTime the simulation of the next rerouting.

# Methods

```
public double getNextReroutingTime()
```

Returns the simulation time at which the router will try to reroute the contact or the agent.

**Returns** the next rerouting time.

# public int getNumReroutingsDone()

Returns the number of reroutings that has happened so far for the contact or agent.

**Returns** the number of preceding reroutings.

# ${\bf Enqueue Event With Rerouting}$

Represents an event that queues a contact, and schedules an additional event for supporting rerouting. This event is the same as the event represented by the superclass EnqueueEvent, except that the dequeue event obtained by adding the contact into the waiting queue is used to construct a ContactReroutingEvent based on stored information.

# package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.router;

public class EnqueueEventWithRerouting extends EnqueueEvent

# Constructors

# public EnqueueEventWithRerouting (DequeueEvent oldDequeueEvent, Router targetRouter, ReroutingState reroutingState)

Constructs a new dequeue event with rerouting from the old dequeue event oldDequeueEvent, the target router targetRouter, and the rerouting state reroutingState. This calls super (oldDequeueEvent) and sets the target router and rerouting information.

# Parameters

oldDequeueEvent the old dequeue event.

targetRouter the target router.

reroutingState the rerouting state.

# 

Constructs a new enqueue event with rerouting from the target waiting queue targetQueue, the old dequeue event oldDequeueEvent, the target router targetRouter, and the rerouting state information reroutingState. This calls super (targetQueue, oldDequeueEvent) and sets the target router and rerouting information.

# Parameters

targetQueue the target waiting queue.

oldDequeueEvent the old dequeue event.

targetRouter the target router.

**reroutingState** the rerouting information.

# 

Constructs a new enqueue event with rerouting from the target waiting queue targetQueue, queueing information, and rerouting information. This calls super (targetQueue, contact, queueTime, dqType) and sets the target router and rerouting information.

# Parameters

targetQueue the target waiting queue.

contact the contact being queued.

queueTime the maximal queue time.

dqType the dequeue type.

targetRouter the target router.

numReroutingsDone the number of times the contact or agent has been rerouted before.

nextReroutingTime the simulation of the next rerouting.

# Methods

# public Router getTargetRouter()

Returns the target router for this event, i.e., the router for which the rerouting event will be scheduled.

Returns the target router.

# public double getNextReroutingTime()

Returns the simulation time at which the router will try to reroute the contact or the agent.

**Returns** the next rerouting time.

# public int getNumReroutingsDone()

Returns the number of reroutings that has happened so far for the contact or agent.

**Returns** the number of preceding reroutings.

# Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.expdelay

Provides facilities to predict the waiting time of contacts. This package defines an interface, WaitingTimePredictor, representing a waiting-time predictor. Before a predictor can be used, it must be registered with a router. This registration allows the predictor to register any observer necessary to track system's state. A prediction can be obtained for any contact, whether it is newly-arrived, or is already waiting in a queue.

# WaitingTimePredictor

Represents a heuristic that can predict the waiting time of a contact depending on the system's state. Such predictions can be used, e.g., for routing, altering patience time, etc. A predictor can have an associated router which is used to obtain system state necessary for predictions. It can also register listeners in order to receive additional information. The method getWaitingTime (Contact) is used to get a prediction of the waiting time for a given contact waiting in any queue. The method getWaitingTime (Contact, Waiting-Queue), on the other hand, gives a prediction of the waiting time for a contact waiting in a specific queue.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.expdelay;

public interface WaitingTimePredictor

# Methods

```
public Router getRouter()
```

Returns a reference to the router associated with this predictor. By default, this returns null since no router is bound to a newly-constructed predictor. A router is associated with a predictor using the setRouter (Router) method.

**Returns** a reference to the currently associated router.

#### public void setRouter (Router router)

Sets the router associated with this predictor to **router**. When **router** is non-null, this method can also register any listener required to make the predictions. If the router associated with a predictor is changed, the predictor should unregister any listener associated with the previous router.

#### Parameter

router the new router.

public void init()

Resets any internal variable of this predictor.

#### public double getWaitingTime (Contact contact)

Returns a prediction of the waiting time of contact contact waiting in any queue. This method returns Double.NaN if it cannot make a prediction for the given contact.

#### Parameter

contact the contact for which we need a prediction.

**Returns** the global waiting time.

# public double getWaitingTime (Contact contact, WaitingQueue queue)

Returns a prediction of the waiting time for the given contact contact conditional on the contact joining the waiting queue queue. This method returns Double.NaN if it cannot make a prediction for the given contact, or the given waiting queue.

# Parameters

contact the contact for which a delay is predicted.

queue the target waiting queue.

**Returns** the predicted delay.

# ExpectedDelayPredictor

Approximates the expected waiting time conditional on a given queue assuming that service times are i.i.d. exponential, and a queue is associated with each agent group. More specifically, let  $Q_i(t)$  be the size of waiting queue *i* at time *t*, and  $N_i(t)$  be the total number of agents in group *i*. We suppose that agents in group *i* cannot pick up contacts in other queues than queue *i*. Assuming that service times at agent group *i* are i.i.d. exponential with mean  $1/\mu_i$ , the expected waiting time for a contact waiting at queue *i* is  $(Q_i(t)+1)/(\mu_i N_i(t))$ . The rates  $\mu_i$  are initialized to 1, and should be changed using setMu (int, double). Moreover, if K = I, the rates can be initialized automatically using setMuWithContactTypes().

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.expdelay;
```

public class ExpectedDelayPredictor implements WaitingTimePredictor

# Methods

```
public double getMu (int i)
```

Returns the currently used value of  $\mu_i$ .

# Parameter

i the waiting queue index.

**Returns** the value of  $\mu_i$ .

```
public double[] getMu()
```

Returns an array containing a copy of the values of  $\mu_i$ .

**Returns** an array containing the values of  $\mu_i$ .

public void setMu (int i, double m)

Sets the value of  $\mu_i$  to m.

# Parameters

- i the index of the affected waiting queue.
- m the new value of  $\mu_i$ .

# public void setMu (double[] mu)

Sets the values of  $\mu_i$  to mu.

# Parameter

mu the array containing the new values of  $\mu_i$ .

# public void setMuWithContactTypes()

Initializes the values of  $\mu_i$  using the mean service time for contact types. This method assumes that K = I, i.e., there is a waiting queue for each contact type. In that setting, the service rate  $\mu_i$  is initialized using the mean service time for contact type *i*.

# Last Waiting Time Predictor

Waiting time predictor using the waiting time of the last contact beginning service as a prediction for the waiting time. This predictor monitors every waiting queue attached to the associated router, and stores the last observed waiting time. This waiting time is returned each time a prediction is requested. One can decide if the collected waiting times include times before abandonment, and time before service, using methods setCollectingAbandonment (boolean), and setCollectingService (boolean), respectively. By default, only the waiting times before service are collected.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.expdelay;
```

public class LastWaitingTimePredictor implements WaitingTimePredictor

# Methods

public boolean isCollectingAbandonment()

Determines if the collected waiting times for predictions include times before abandonment. By default, this is set to false.

Returns true if and only if times of abandonment are used for predicting waiting times.

public void setCollectingAbandonment (boolean collectingAbandonment)

Sets the flag for collecting abandonment to collectingAbandonment.

# Parameter

collectingAbandonment the new value of the flag.

See also isCollectingAbandonment()

#### public boolean isCollectingService()

Determines if the collected waiting times for predictions include times before service. By default, this is set to true.

**Returns** true if and only if times of beginning of service are used for predicting waiting times.

public void setCollectingService (boolean collectingService)

Sets the flag for collecting service to collectingService.

# Parameter

collectingService the new value of the flag.

```
See also isCollectingService()
```

# ${\bf LastWaitingTimePerQueuePredictor}$

Waiting time predictor using the waiting time of the last contact exiting queue q for service as a prediction for the waiting time of a new contact entering queue q. This predictor collects the waiting times of contacts, and stores the last waiting time separately for each queue. If a prediction is requested for a specific queue, the last waiting time for that queue is given. If a prediction is requested for any queue, the last waiting time over all queues is given.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.expdelay;
public class LastWaitingTimePerQueuePredictor extends
        LastWaitingTimePredictor
```

# Head Of Queue Predictor

Head of queue waiting time predictor. This predictor obtains a waiting time by taking the longest waiting time among the first queued contacts of the associated router. When waiting queues are first in first out (FIFO), this corresponds to the longest waiting time among all queued contacts. The waiting time of a queued contact is the time from which the contact entered the queue to the current time.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.contactcenters.expdelay;

public class HeadOfQueuePredictor implements WaitingTimePredictor

# Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods

Provides facilities for storing observations during a simulation per time period, for the common situation where time is partitioned into a finite number of intervals, and statistics have to be collected separately for the different intervals. For example, we may want to collect statistics on the quality of service for each hour in a telephone call center.

Sometimes, a vector or a matrix of statistical probes is sufficient for performing this task, especially when simulating independent replications. Probes are used during an experiment to compute sums and the resulting sums or averages are collected in tallies to get samples; the sample size corresponds to the number of replications. However, the number of periods can sometimes be random. This happens when using the batch means method [13], if the number of batches can change adaptively. For the same reason, it can be necessary to regroup periods to save memory, when the total number of periods becomes too large; this is not supported by a matrix of statistical probes. Events can also be counted in previous batches in addition to the last one. As a result, in a general setting, a probe computing a sum and being reset at the end of each batch cannot be used.

When the number of periods is large, it can be necessary to get observations for a subset of these periods, e.g., the last ten periods. For example, this can be used by the dialer of a phone call center to determine the quality of service in the last ten minutes on which decisions can be based.

To address these problems, this package defines an interface for a matrix of measures. Each row of this matrix corresponds to a type of event, e.g., the type of a customer in a retail store. Each column corresponds to a period that can be any time interval such as half an hour, a complete day, etc.

When independent replications of the same simulation are performed, the finite horizon is often divided into periods. For each period, a vector of observations may be computed and stored. This results in a matrix of observations that can be added to a matrix of tallies at the end of each replication. The matrix can be obtained from the vectors of observations directly, or some vectors can be regrouped.

When simulating for an infinite horizon, a single vector of observations may be obtained. However, to get an estimate on the variance, for computing confidence intervals, the simulation time is divided into intervals called batches. For each batch, a vector of observations is obtained. If the simulation length is constant, or if the number of batches is allowed to be random, it is sufficient to compute one vector at a time and collect it as observations at the end of each batch. However, when the number of batches is required to be constant while the simulation length is random, it is necessary to keep all the vectors of observations to regroup them later. Vectors of observations, or groups of vectors, are collected during or at the end of the simulation.

Depending on the type of experiment, matrices of measures can be added directly to tallies as matrices of observations, some columns can be regrouped, or each column (or group of consecutive columns) might be collected in tallies separately. This package provides a mechanism to implement simulation events collecting independently of the way the experiment is performed. The MeasureMatrix interface represents a matrix of measures. Usually, an implementation of this interface counts the number of occurrences of an event, the sum of values, or some integrals. The SumMatrix class implements this interface for computing a matrix of sums. A subclass, SumMatrixSW, provides a sliding window permitting the observations in a subset of the periods to be stored. For integrals, the simulator must provide a custom implementation of MeasureMatrix which computes a function relative to the simulation time, from time 0 to the current simulation time. The IntegralMeasureMatrix class can be used to get the value of the integral for time intervals by storing the value of the integral for user-defined times.

# MeasureMatrix

Represents a matrix of measures for a set of related values during successive simulation periods. For example, it can compute the number of served customers of different types, for each simulation period. A period can be any time interval such as half an hour, a complete day, a batch, etc. At the beginning of a simulation, the matrix is initialized using the init() method. During the simulation, it is updated with new events or values by implementation-specific methods. An implementation of this interface computes raw observations of a simulated system by counting the number of occurrences of events, by summing values, or by computing integrals. At determined times, e.g., at the end of a replication or a batch, these raw observations are processed to be added into some statistical collectors. This interface provides an abstraction layer to separate the computation of observations from the required processing before they are collected.

Some methods specified by this interface are mandatory whereas others are optional. When an unsupported optional method is called, its implementation simply throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

```
public interface MeasureMatrix
```

# Methods

```
public void init()
```

Initializes this matrix of measures for a new simulation replication. This resets the measured values to 0, or initializes the probes used to compute them.

#### public int getNumMeasures()

Returns the number of measures calculated by the implementation of this interface.

**Returns** the number of computed values.

```
public void setNumMeasures (int nm)
```

Sets the number of measures to nm. If this method is supported, it can limit the maximal or minimal accepted number of measures.

#### Parameter

nm the new number of measures.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the given number is negative or not accepted.

UnsupportedOperationException if the number of measures cannot be changed.

#### public int getNumPeriods()

Returns the number of periods stored into this matrix of measures.

**Returns** the number of stored periods.

# public void setNumPeriods (int np)

Sets the number of periods of this matrix to np. If this method is supported, it can limit the maximal or minimal accepted number of periods.

# Parameter

**np** the new number of periods.

# Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the given number is negative or not accepted.

UnsupportedOperationException if the number of periods cannot be changed.

# public double getMeasure (int i, int p)

Returns the measure corresponding to the index i and period p.

# Parameters

- i the index of the measure.
- **p** the period of the measure.

**Returns** the corresponding value.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or p are negative or greater than or equal to the number of measures or the number of periods, respectively.

# public void regroupPeriods (int x)

Increases the length of stored periods by regrouping them. If this method is supported, for p = 0, ..., getNumPeriods()/x - 1, it sums the values for periods xp, ..., xp+x-1, and stores the results in period p whose length will be x times the length of original periods. If the number of periods is not a multiple of x, an additional period is used to contain the remaining sums of values. The unused periods are zeroed for future use. This method can be useful for memory management when using batch means to estimate steady-state performance measures.

# Parameter

**x** the number of periods per group.

# Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the number of periods per group is negative or 0.

UnsupportedOperationException if the matrix does not support regrouping.

# **StatProbeMeasureMatrix**

Matrix of measures whose value is obtained using a statistical probe. This matrix only contains one measure and one period, and its value is obtained by using StatProbe.sum(). Since the sum can be considered as an integral, the IntegralMeasureMatrix class can be used to turn this single-period matrix into a multiple-periods one.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

public class StatProbeMeasureMatrix implements MeasureMatrix, Cloneable

# Constructor

# public StatProbeMeasureMatrix (StatProbe probe)

Constructs a new matrix of measures using the statistical probe probe.

### Parameter

probe the statistical probe being used.

# Methods

```
public StatProbe getStatProbe()
```

Returns the statistical probe associated with this matrix.

**Returns** the associated statistical probe.

# public void setStatProbe (StatProbe probe)

Sets the associated statistical probe to **probe**. If **null** is given, this changes the number of measures and periods to 0. If a non-**null** probe is given, the number of measures in this object is 1.

# Parameter

probe the new statistical probe.

public void setNumMeasures (int nm)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

# Throws

UnsupportedOperation if this method is called.

public void setNumPeriods (int np)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

UnsupportedOperation if this method is called.

public void regroupPeriods (int x)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

# Throws

UnsupportedOperation if this method is called.

public StatProbeMeasureMatrix clone()

Makes a copy of this matrix of measures. The statistical probe is not cloned.

 ${\bf Returns} \quad {\rm a \ clone \ of \ this \ instance}.$ 

# ${\bf List Of Stat Probes Measure Matrix}$

Matrix of measures whose values are obtained using an list of statistical probes. This matrix contains one measure for each element of the list, and a single period. The measures are obtained by using the StatProbe.sum() method. Since the sum can be considered as an integral, the IntegralMeasureMatrix can be used to turn this single-period matrix into a multiple-periods one if needed.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

# Constructor

Constructs a new matrix of measures using the list of probes list.

# Parameter

list the list of statistical probes being used.

# Methods

# public ListOfStatProbes<? extends StatProbe> getListOfStatProbes ()

Returns the list of statistical probes associated with this matrix.

**Returns** the associated list of statistical probes.

Sets the associated list of statistical probes to list. If the given list is null, the number of measures and periods is set to 0. Otherwise, the number of measures corresponds to the length of the list, and the number of periods is 1.

# Parameter

list the new list of statistical probes.

public void setNumPeriods (int np)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

public void regroupPeriods (int x)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

# Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

# public ListOfStatProbesMeasureMatrix clone()

Makes a copy of this matrix of measures. The list of statistical probes is not cloned.

**Returns** a clone of this instance.

# Matrix Of Stat Probes Measure Matrix

Matrix of measures whose values are obtained using a matrix of statistical probes. This matrix contains one measure for each row of the matrix, and one period for each column. The measures are obtained using the StatProbe.sum() method. Since the sum can be considered as an integral, the IntegralMeasureMatrix can be used to turn this matrix into a multiple-periods one if the associated matrix contains a single column.

# package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

# Constructor

public MatrixOfStatProbesMeasureMatrix (MatrixOfStatProbes<?> matrix)
 Constructs a new matrix of measures using the matrix of probes matrix.

# Parameter

matrix the matrix of statistical probes being used.

# Methods

# public MatrixOfStatProbes<?> getMatrixOfStatProbes()

Returns the matrix of statistical probes associated with this matrix of measures.

**Returns** the associated matrix of statistical probes.

# public void setMatrixOfStatProbes (MatrixOfStatProbes<?> matrix)

Sets the associated matrix of statistical probes to matrix. If the given matrix is null, the number of measures and periods are set to 0. Otherwise, they correspond to the number of rows and columns of the matrix, respectively.

#### Parameter

matrix the new matrix of statistical probes.

# public void regroupPeriods (int x)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

# Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

# public MatrixOfStatProbesMeasureMatrix clone()

Makes a copy of this matrix of measures. The statistical probe matrix is not cloned.

**Returns** a clone of this instance.

# MeasureSet

Represents a set of related measures computed using different measure matrices. Each measure of such a set corresponds to a measure computed by another matrix. For example, this class can regroup the queue size for different waiting queues. It can compute the sum of the measures for each period, and give statistical collecting mechanisms access to the measures using the MeasureMatrix interface.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

public class MeasureSet implements MeasureMatrix, Cloneable

## Constructor

#### public MeasureSet()

Constructs a new empty measure set. The addMeasure (MeasureMatrix, int) method must be used to add some measures.

## Methods

#### public boolean isComputingSumRow()

Determines if the measure set contains an additional row containing the sum of each column. If this returns **true** (the default), the row of sums is computed. Otherwise, it is not computed. The sum row adds one additional measure to the measure set only if the number of measures is greater than 1.

**Returns** the sum row computing indicator.

#### public void setComputingSumRow (boolean b)

Sets the computing sum row indicator to b. See isComputingSumRow() for more information.

#### Parameter

**b** the new sum row computing indicator.

#### public void addMeasure (MeasureMatrix mat, int imat)

Adds the measure imat calculated by mat to this set of measures. It is recommended that every added measure matrix has the same number of periods.

#### Parameters

mat the measure matrix computing the added measure.

imat the index of the added measure, in mat.

NullPointerException if mat is null.

#### public void clearMeasures()

Clears all measures contained in this set.

#### public MeasureInfo getMeasureInfo (int i)

Returns the measure information object for measure i.

**Returns** the measure information object.

#### Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i is out of bounds.

#### public int getNumMeasures()

Returns the number of supported measures. If the set contains 0 or 1 measure, this method returns 0 or 1, respectively. If the set contains n > 1 measures, n + 1 is returned if is-ComputingSumRow() returns true, or n is returned otherwise.

**Returns** the number of supported measures.

```
public int getNumPeriods()
```

Returns the number of supported periods. If the set is empty, this returns 0. Otherwise, this returns the maximal number of periods of the contained measure matrices.

**Returns** the supported number of periods.

#### public void setNumMeasures (int nm)

This implementation does not support changing the number of measures.

# Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

public void setNumPeriods (int np)

This implementation does not support changing the number of periods.

#### Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

#### public void regroupPeriods (int x)

This implementation does not support period regrouping.

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

public void init()

This method does nothing in this implementation.

```
public double getMeasure (int i, int p)
```

Returns the measure i in period p for this matrix. Let n be the number of measures in this set, i.e., the value of getNumMeasures() if isComputingSumRow() returns false. If i < n, this returns the *i*th measure added to this set. If i = n, n > 1 and the measure set is computing the sum row, this returns the sum of all the contained measures for period p. Let P be the number of periods as returned by getNumPeriods(). If p is greater than or equal to the number of periods in the queried measure matrix but smaller than P, Double.NaN is returned. In the sum of measures, the NaN value is not counted to avoid a NaN sum.

# Parameters

- i the index of the measure.
- **p** the index of the period.

**Returns** the value of the measure.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if the measure or period indices are out of bounds.

# Nested class

# public static final class MeasureInfo implements Cloneable

Contains information about a measure added to a measure set.

# Constructor

# public MeasureInfo (MeasureMatrix mat, int index)

Constructs a new measure information object for the measure index in the matrix mat.

### Parameters

mat the measure matrix to take the measure from.

index the index of the measure, in mat.

# Throws

NullPointerException if mat is null.

# Methods

# public MeasureMatrix getMeasureMatrix()

Returns the measure matrix from which the measure is extracted.

**Returns** the associated measure matrix.

# public int getMeasureIndex()

Returns the index, in the associated measure matrix, of the represented measure.

**Returns** the index of the measure.

# **SumMatrix**

This matrix of measures can be used to compute sums of values, or the number of occurrences of events. It supports several types of observations on several simulation periods. This class supports every optional operation specified by the MeasureMatrix interface.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

public class SumMatrix implements MeasureMatrix, Cloneable

### Fields

protected int numTypes Number of types of events.

protected int numPeriods Number of periods.

protected int numStoredPeriods Number of stored periods.

protected double[] count

Array containing the sums, in row major order. If i is an event type and p is a stored period, the value at (i, p) is given by count[i + numTypes\*p].

# Constructors

#### public SumMatrix (int numTypes)

Constructs a new matrix of sums for numTypes event types and a single period.

#### Parameter

numTypes the number of event types.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of types is negative.

#### public SumMatrix (int numTypes, int numPeriods)

Constructs a new matrix of sums for numTypes event types and numPeriods periods.

#### Parameters

numTypes the number of event types.

numPeriods the number of stored periods.

IllegalArgumentException if the number of types or periods is negative.

# Methods

public int getNumStoredPeriods()

Returns the total number of periods stored in this matrix of sums. This corresponds to p+1 if p is the maximal period index given to add (int, int, double) or set (int, int, double) since the last call to init(). If add (int, int, double) or set (int, int, double) were not called since the last initialization, this returns 0. The returned value cannot be larger than the number of stored periods (getNumPeriods()).

**Returns** the number of used periods.

public void add (int type, int period, double x)

Adds a new observation x of type type in the period period.

#### Parameters

type the type of the new value.

period the period of the new value.

**x** the value being added.

## Throws

- ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if type or period are negative, if type is greater than or equal to the number of supported types, or if period is greater than or equal to the number of supported periods.
- public void add (int type, int period, double x, DoubleDoubleFunction fn)

Similar to add (int, int, double), but applies a function fn instead of just adding. More specifically, if c is the original value in the matrix, and x is the new value, this method adds the value f(c, x) at the given position in the matrix.

public void set (int type, int period, double x)

Sets the sum for event type in period period for this matrix to x. This is the same as the add (int, int, double) method except the measure is replaced by x instead of being incremented.

#### Parameters

type the type of the event.

period the period of the event.

x the new value.

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if type or period are negative, if type is greater than or equal to the number of supported types, or if **period** is greater than or equal to the number of supported periods.

public void setNumMeasures (int nm)

Sets the number of measures to nm. If nm is greater than getNumMeasures(), new measures are added and initialized to 0. If nm is smaller than getNumMeasures(), the last getNum-Measures() - nm measures are removed. Otherwise, nothing happens.

# Parameter

nm the new number of measures.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the given number is negative.

public void setNumPeriods (int np)

Sets the number of periods to np. As with setNumMeasures (int), added periods are initialized to 0 and the last periods are removed if necessary.

# Parameter

**np** the new number of periods.

# Throws

**IllegalArgumentException** if the given number is negative.

protected void regroupPeriods (int x, boolean onlyFirst)

Similar to regroupPeriods (int), but if onlyFirst is false, do not sum the values in each group. regroupPeriods with onlyFirst = false is internally used by IntegralMeasure-Matrix.

# protected int getPeriod (int p)

Returns the period index corresponding to period p. This returns p by default, but it is overridden by SumMatrixSW to take the sliding window into account.

# Parameter

**p** the source period index.

**Returns** the target period index.

# **SumMatrixSW**

Extends SumMatrix to add a sliding window. By using a circular buffer to store the values, it can compute observations for all the periods or for a subset of the periods.

When values are added to this matrix of sums using the add (int, int, double) method, the index of a *real period* needs to be specified. When obtaining a value from this object, the index of a *stored period* (or simply a period) is needed. If the number of considered periods is smaller than or equal to the number of stored periods, these two index spaces match, no information is lost, and this class behaves exactly as SumMatrix. This is the most common case.

However, if the number of real periods is greater than the number of stored periods, some values are lost. Only the values from the last periods are accessible at any time. For example, if a matrix of sums is defined to store 10 periods, values for the periods 0 to 9 are available until the add (int, int, double) method is required to add a value in the period 10 or greater. After a value is added into the real period 10, values for the period 0 are lost. The stored periods are shifted and stored periods 0 to 9 then correspond to real periods 1 to 10. This facility allows, for example, to compute a statistic for the last ten minutes, at any times during a simulation.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

public class SumMatrixSW extends SumMatrix

## Constructors

#### public SumMatrixSW (int numTypes)

Constructs a new matrix of sums with sliding window for **numTypes** event types and a single period.

#### Parameter

numTypes the number of event types.

#### Throws

IllegalArgumentException if the number of types is negative.

#### public SumMatrixSW (int numTypes, int numPeriods)

Constructs a new matrix of sums with sliding window for numTypes event types and numPeriods periods.

#### Parameters

numTypes the number of event types.

numPeriods the number of stored periods.

IllegalArgumentException if the number of types or periods is negative.

# Methods

public int getFirstRealPeriod()

Returns the real period corresponding to stored period having index 0 when using the Sum-Matrix.getMeasure (int, int) method. If no period is currently lost, this returns 0.

**Returns** the first real period.

public void setFirstRealPeriod (int firstRealPeriod)

Sets the index of the first real period to firstRealPeriod.

# Parameter

firstRealPeriod the new index of the first real period.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if firstRealPeriod is negative.

```
public int getNumRealPeriods()
```

Returns the number of real periods used by this matrix of sums. This corresponds to one plus the maximal value of realPeriod given to add (int, int, double) or set (int, int, double) since the last call to init(). In contrast with the similar method SumMatrix.get-NumStoredPeriods(), the returned value can be greater than SumMatrix.getNumPeriods().

**Returns** the number of used real periods.

# public void add (int type, int realPeriod, double x)

Adds a new observation x of type type in the real period realPeriod. If the given real period is inside the interval [getFirstRealPeriod(), ..., getFirstRealPeriod() + SumMatrix. getNumPeriods() - 1], which we will call the current interval, a new value is added; the corresponding measure is increased by x. If the period is at the left of the current interval, an exception is thrown. Otherwise, the window of observations slides and getFirstReal-Period() is increased; some computed values are then lost.

# Parameters

type the type of the new value.

realPeriod the real period of the new value.

 $\mathbf{x}$  the value being added.

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if type or realPeriod are negative, if type is greater than or equal to the number of supported types, or if realPeriod is smaller than getFirstRealPeriod().

public void set (int type, int realPeriod, double x)

Sets the sum for event type in real period realPeriod for this matrix to x. This is the same as the add (int, int, double) method except the measure is replaced by x instead of being incremented.

### **Parameters**

type the type of the event.

realPeriod the real period of the event.

**x** the new value.

#### Throws

ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException if type or realPeriod are negative, if type is greater than or equal to the number of supported types, or if realPeriod is smaller than getFirstRealPeriod().

# IntegralMeasureMatrix

Computes per-period values for a matrix of measures with a single period. Some matrices of measures only support a single period. For example, when using an Accumulate object to compute an integral over simulation time, per-period measures cannot be computed directly. This class can be used to transform a matrix of measures with a single period computing integrals into a multiple-periods matrix.

Let  $f_i(t)$  be an integral (or a sum) for measure *i*, computed by the underlying single-period matrix over the simulation time, from 0 to *t*. Often,  $f_i(t)$  is a discrete function such as a sum or the integral of a piecewise-constant function, but the function can also be continuous. If newRecord() is called at simulation time  $t_p$ , the value of  $\mathbf{f}(t_p) = (f_0(t_p), f_1(t_p), \ldots)$  is computed and recorded. At time  $t_0$  where init() is called, a record is automatically added with the values in the matrices of measures. At the end of the simulation, if newRecord() was called *P* times, we have P + 1 recorded values of  $\mathbf{f}(t_p)$ , for  $p = 0, \ldots, P$ . This permits the computation of *P* vectors of integrals, each corresponding to a period. The integrals for period **p**, i.e., during the interval  $[t_p, t_{p+1})$ , are computed by  $\mathbf{f}(t_{p+1}) - \mathbf{f}(t_p)$ .

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;
```

# Constructor

```
public IntegralMeasureMatrix (M mat, int numPeriods)
```

Constructs a new matrix of measures for computing integrals on multiple periods. The wrapped matrix of measures is given by mat, and the integral is computed for numPeriods. The object will be able to record numPeriods+1 values of f(t). The number of measures or periods of mat should not be changed after it is associated with this object.

# Parameters

mat the single-period matrix of measures.

numPeriods the required number of periods.

#### Throws

NullPointerException if mat is null.

# Methods

```
protected SumMatrix createSumMatrix (int nm, int np)
```

This methods creates and returns the internal sum matrix, and is overridden in Integral-MeasureMatrixSW to create an instance of SumMatrixSW instead.

### Parameters

nm the number of measures.

np the number of periods.

# public M getMeasureMatrix()

Returns the associated single-period matrix of measures.

**Returns** the associated single-period matrix of measures.

### public void setMeasureMatrix (M mat)

Sets the associated matrix of measures to mat. This should only be called before or after init().

### Parameter

mat the new matrix of measures.

### Throws

NullPointerException if mat is null.

IllegalArgumentException if the given matrix has multiple periods.

#### public SumMatrix getSumMatrix()

Returns the internal sum matrix for which each period p contains the value of  $\mathbf{f}(t_p)$ . The number of measures of this matrix is getNumMeasures() while the number of periods is one more than getNumPeriods().

**Returns** the internal matrix of sums.

# public int getNumStoredRecords()

Returns the current number of records of  $\mathbf{f}(t)$  available for this matrix of measures.

**Returns** the current number of records.

#### public void newRecord()

Records the current values of f(t). This increases the number of stored records, and an IllegalStateException is thrown if no additional record can be stored.

#### protected int getPeriod()

Returns the period, in mpc, the new record needs to be added in. This returns mpc.getNum-StoredPeriods().

**Returns** the period used by newRecord().

# public double getSum (int i, int r)

Returns  $f_i(t_r)$ , the measure i of the associated measure matrix at the simulation time  $t_r$ .

# Parameters

- i the measure index.
- r the record index.

**Returns** the value of the measure.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or r are out of bounds.

public double getMeasure (int i, int p)

Returns the measure i for period p. This corresponds to  $f_i(t_{p+1}) - f_i(t_p)$  where  $t_p$  is the simulation time of the stored record p.

# Parameters

- i the index of the measure.
- **p** the period of the measure.

**Returns** the corresponding value.

# Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or p are negative or greater than or equal to the number of measures or the number of periods, respectively.

# IntegralMeasureMatrixSW

This extends IntegralMeasureMatrix to add a sliding window for the records. With the base class, the total number of records is limited to the number of periods in the measure matrix. With this class, the number of added records can be greater than the number of periods. If a record is added while all allocated periods are used, the first record is lost and the new one is added. Therefore, the integral can be obtained for the last periods only.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stat.mperiods;

# Constructor

```
public IntegralMeasureMatrixSW (M mat, int numPeriods)
Calls super (mat, numPeriods).
```

# Methods

```
public int getFirstRealRecord()
```

Returns the first value p for which a recorded value  $\mathbf{f}(t_p)$  is available. If no recorded value is lost, this returns 0.

**Returns** the first value of p for which  $\mathbf{f}(t_p)$  is available.

```
public void setFirstRealRecord (int firstRealRecord)
```

Sets the index of the first real record to firstRealRecord.

# Parameter

firstRealRecord the index of the first real record.

# Throws

IllegalArgumentException if firstRealRecord is negative.

public int getNumRealRecords()

Returns the total number of times the newRecord() method was called since the last call to IntegralMeasureMatrix.init() plus one. If the returned value exceeds the number of stored records (IntegralMeasureMatrix.getNumStoredRecords()), only the values of f(t) for the last IntegralMeasureMatrix.getNumStoredRecords() are accessible; the first values are then lost.
**Returns** the total number of records.

```
public void newRecord()
```

This is the same as in the superclass, but if the number of stored records exceeds the number of real records, the first stored record is discarded.

```
protected int getPeriod()
```

Returns mpc.getNumRealPeriods().

public double getSum (int i, int r)

Returns  $f_i(t_j)$ , the measure i of the associated measure matrix at the simulation time  $t_j$ , j being r + getFirstRealRecord().

#### Parameters

- i the measure index.
- r the record index.

**Returns** the value of the measure.

#### Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or r are out of bounds.

```
public double getMeasure (int i, int p)
```

Returns the measure i for period p. This corresponds to  $f_i(t_{s+p+1}) - f_i(t_{s+p})$  where  $t_{s+p}$  is the simulation time of the stored record p, and s is the result of getFirstRealRecord().

#### Parameters

- ${\tt i} \quad {\rm the \ index \ of \ the \ measure}.$
- **p** the period of the measure.

**Returns** the corresponding value.

#### Throws

IndexOutOfBoundsException if i or p are negative or greater than or equal to the number of measures or the number of periods, respectively.

### Package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.simevents

Extends the SSJ's discrete-event simulation package to add utility methods and support batch means simulation.

# ${\bf SimTimeMeasureMatrix}$

This matrix of measures contains a single measure corresponding to the current simulation time.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.simevents;

public class SimTimeMeasureMatrix implements MeasureMatrix

#### Methods

public void setNumMeasures (int nm)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

#### Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

public void setNumPeriods (int np)

Throws an UnsupportedOperationException.

#### Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

public void regroupPeriods (int x)

 $Throws \ an \ {\tt UnsupportedOperationException}.$ 

#### Throws

UnsupportedOperationException if this method is called.

## UnusableSimulator

Simulator for which all methods throw an UnsupportedOperationException. By setting Simulator.defaultSimulator to an instance of this class, one can detect unexpected usage of the static Sim class. This can be useful for adapting a program for parallel simulations, because such a program must use an instance of Simulator for each parallel replication rather than the static class. An unexpected use of Sim may lead to unpredictable results in such cases.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.simevents;

public class UnusableSimulator extends Simulator

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