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Control of Multi-class Queueing Networks with Infinite Virtual Queues

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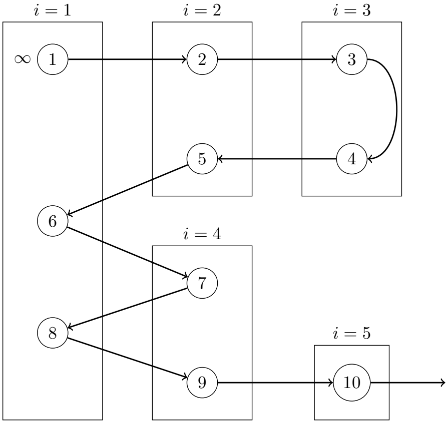

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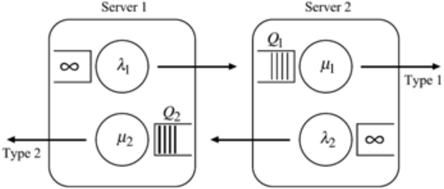

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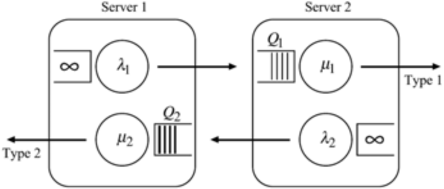

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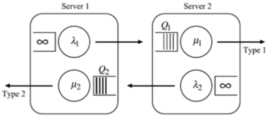

$$\max_{u,\alpha} \; w_1\alpha_1 + w_2\alpha_2$$

$$\text{s.t.} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_1 & -\mu_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & -\mu_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ 0 \\ \alpha_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$u, \alpha \geq 0$$

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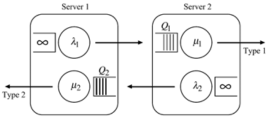

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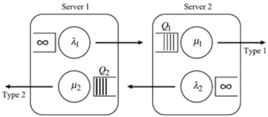

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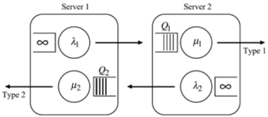

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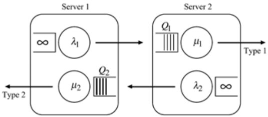

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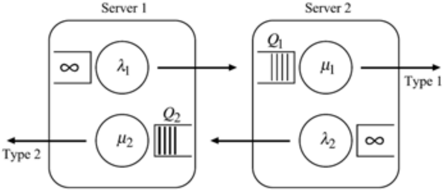

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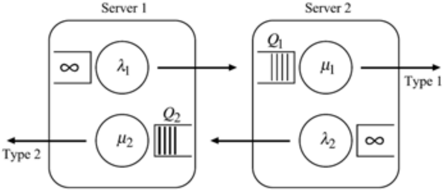

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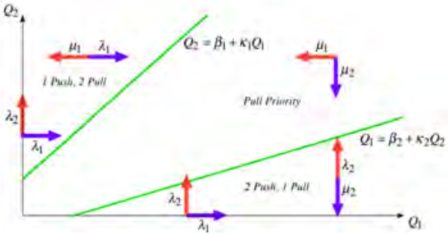

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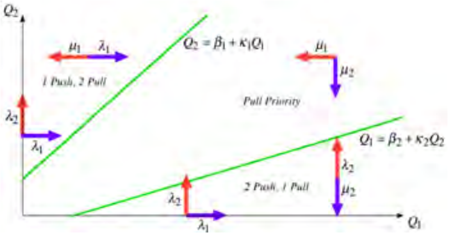

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Determine stabilizing u (preferably not $u(t)$ but $u[Q(t)]$)

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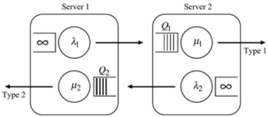

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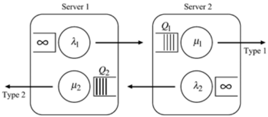

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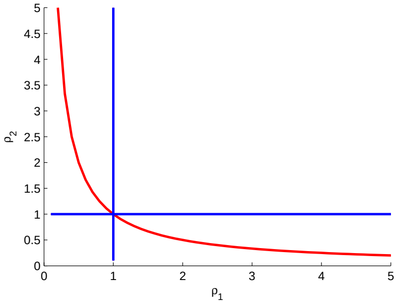

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Resulting control problem

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while making sure that

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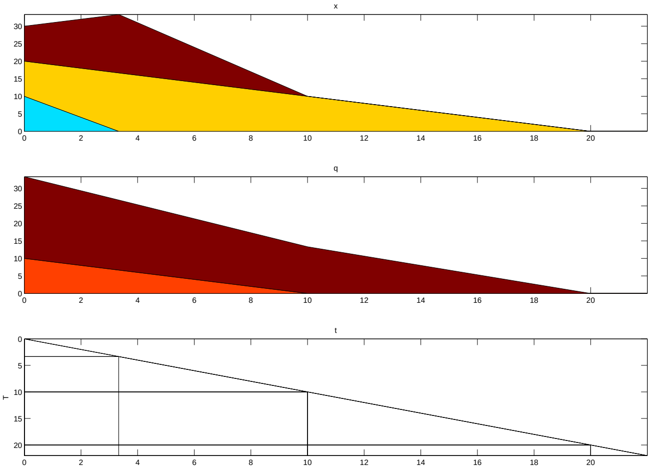

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