

A simulation model of a long-distance passenger rail service

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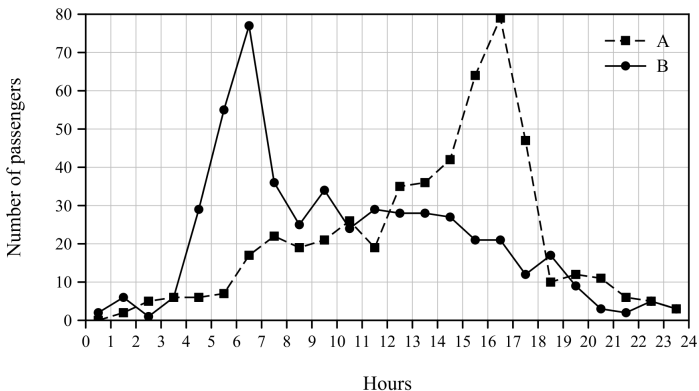
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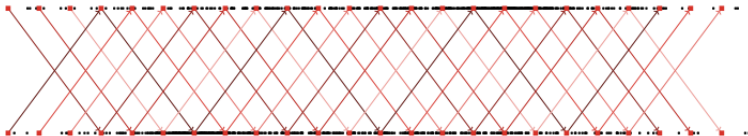
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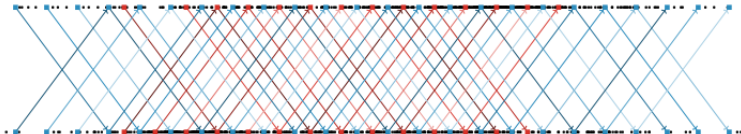
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- price-adjustment $\epsilon_t \sim U(0, 1]$
- per-minute schedule-delay cost $w = 1/60$
- the simulation ends after $f = 100$ cycles
- operational cost of a trip $C_j = 2,000$
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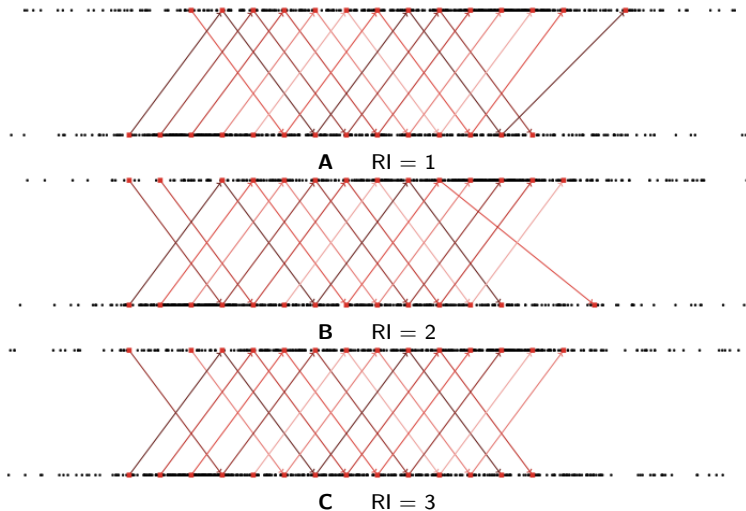
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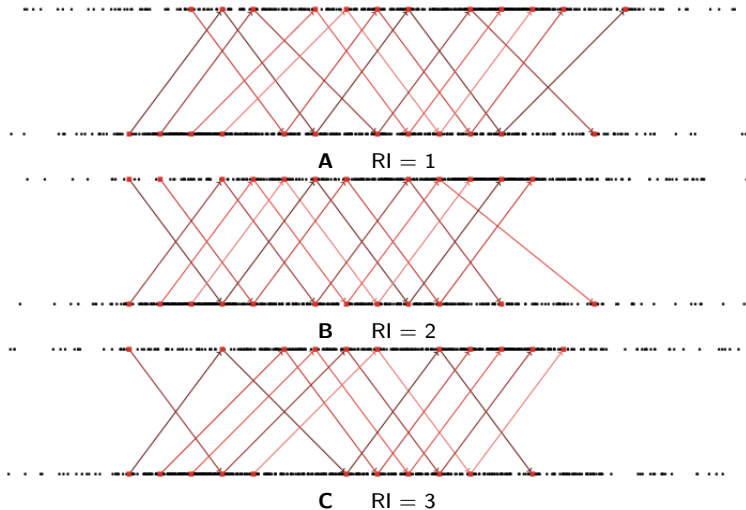
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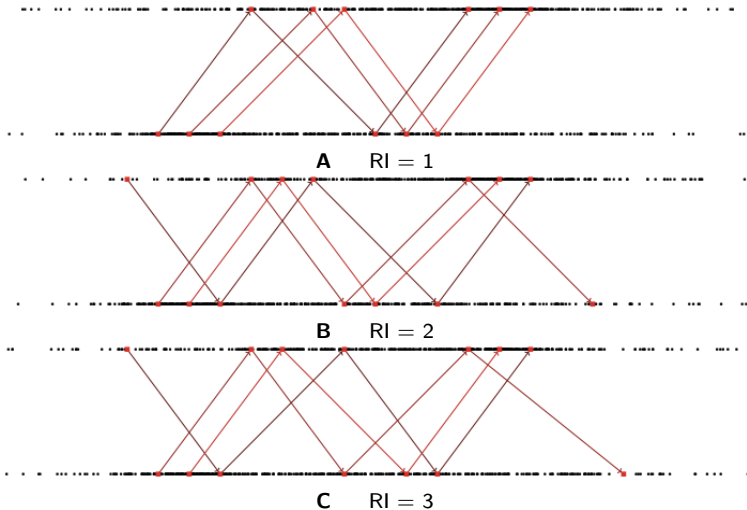
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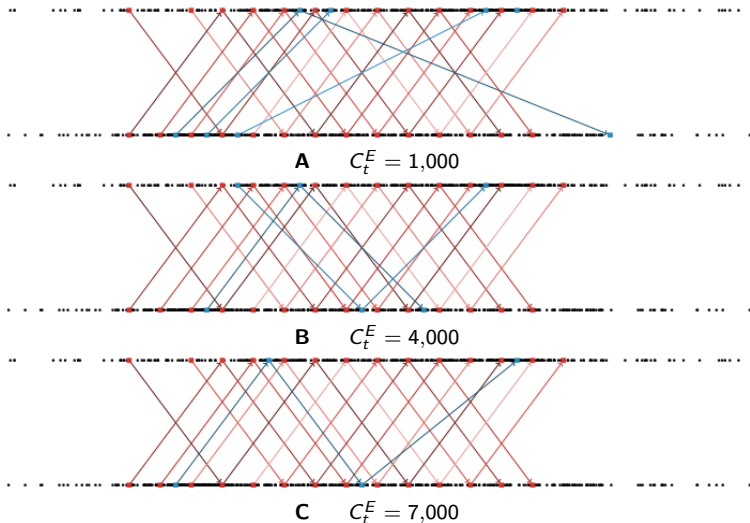
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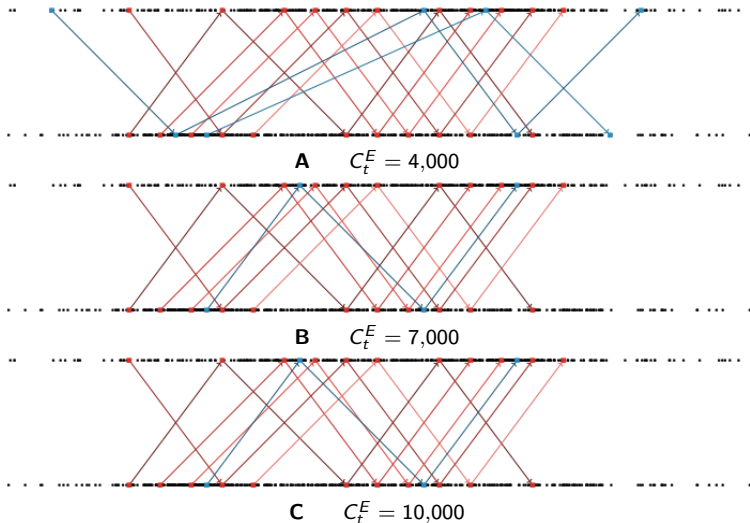
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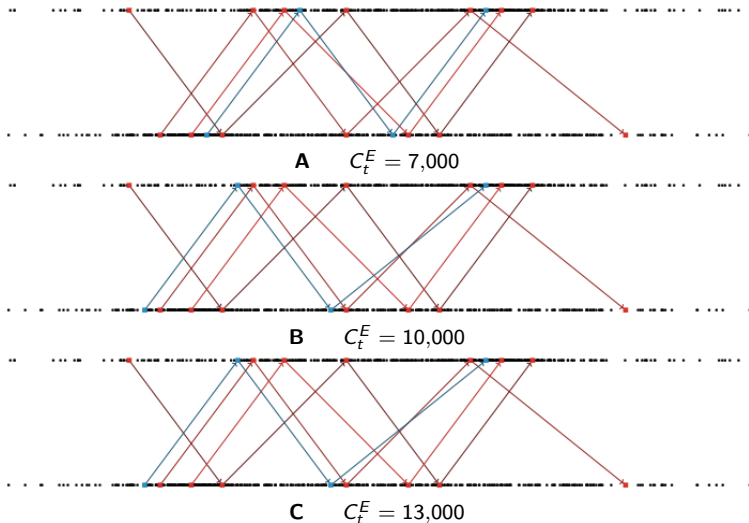
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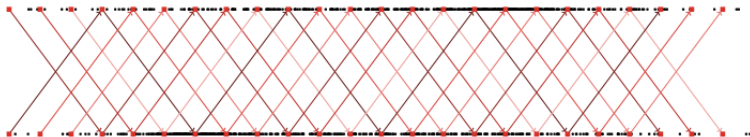
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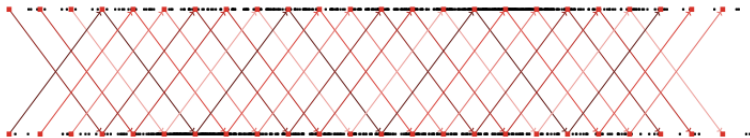
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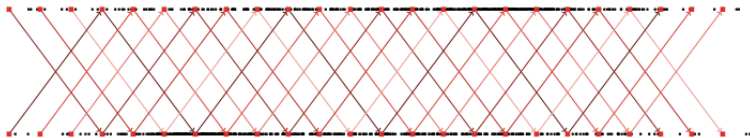
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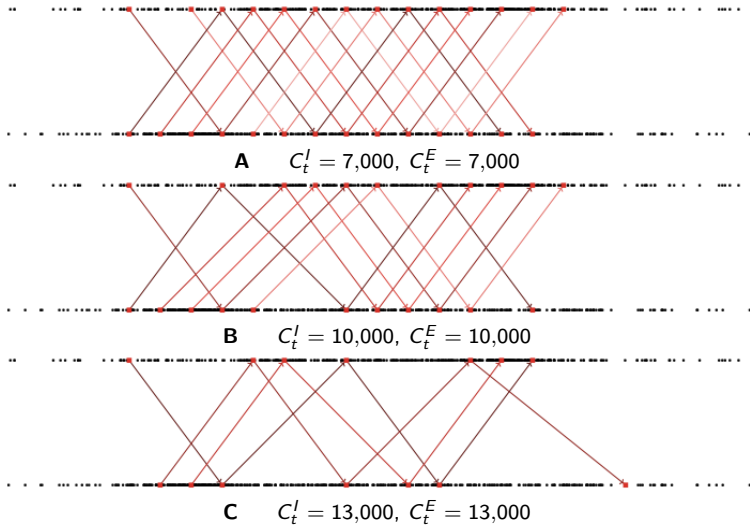
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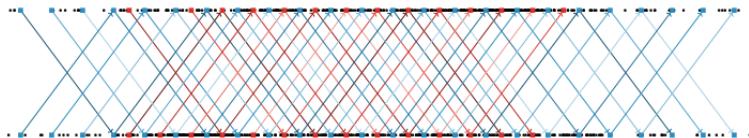


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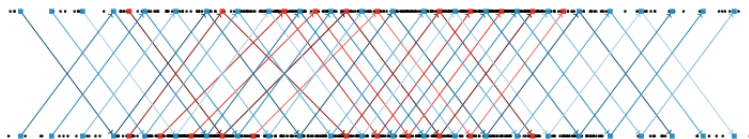


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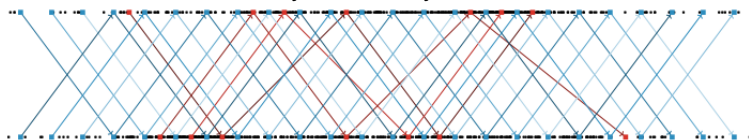




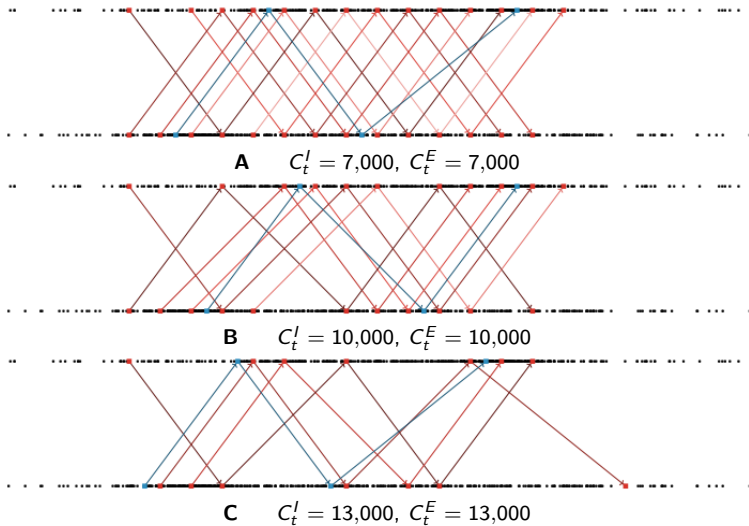
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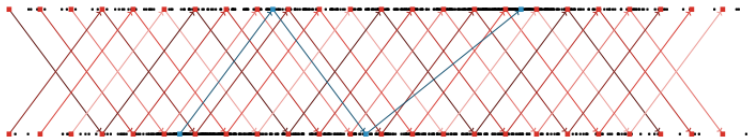


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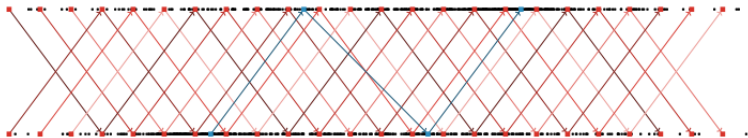


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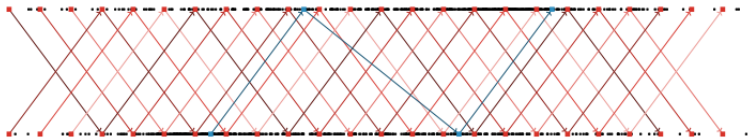




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