

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am grateful to Dr. E. Gelenbe for pointing out that so far as the general framework of the model is concerned, my paper 'On a certain type of network of queues' (*J. Appl. Prob.* **12** (1975), 195–200) turns out to be a special case of the much more general model by J. R. Jackson ('Jobshop-like queueing systems', *Management Science* **10** (1963), 131–142).

However, in view of the explicit results giving steady state probabilities and also mean queue lengths for the system having an array of k intermediary channels, permitting feedback probabilities in one of the models, my paper is more general compared to some other papers since published by other authors. One common idea in these papers (including my own) is that after getting service at a service channel a customer may leave the system with some probability or may join the subsequent channel with another probability. However, I feel Jackson's assumption that customers come with a routing—an ordered list of service centres—could embrace this assumption.

I should like to express my regrets for not having given the reference to the paper by Jackson.

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