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I. INTRODUCTION

The usages of energy are growing rapidly with the increase of portable devices, embedded system, automation and much real time devices with its energy consuming application. Research is going on to provide better power efficiency both in hardware and software level [1]. In dynamic voltage frequency scheduling(DVFS) many scheduling algorithms are available which can provide a great power efficient task schedule system, but almost not usable in real time

system as they have performed very low in case of deadline miss ratio. We have analyzed those algorithms and unlike other DVFS algorithms, we have developed an algorithm named Frequency Falling EDF (FF-EDF) which can provide a greater power efficiency with it's dynamic frequency and also can perform very well in case of future task execution without a great dealing of deadline miss ratio. Here we have presented FF-EDF with it's pseudo code, mathematical model and working principle with it's comparison to Base EDF and Static EDF in case of power consumption and deadline miss ratio. It has been shown here that Frequency Falling EDF can deliver on average 2X power consumption in case of Base EDF without missing relatively as much deadline as other DVFS algorithm miss.

DVFS is a technique that is used in operating system level for optimizing power consumption. When CPU is active its power consumption is calculated by $P_{active} = C * F^3$ [2], where C is a constant, F is the speed or frequency of the processor and P_{active} is processor active power consumption. Therefore, energy saving highly depends on the number of frequency of the processor while running a task. RT-DVFS scheduling algorithm takes two important decisions. Firstly, which task we should run and secondly which frequency it should run. Static slack and dynamic slack is available for this algorithm. Static slack depends on the characters of task set and dynamic slack is available for variation of execution time. Based on the amount of tasks and their execution time with the actual period Frequency Falling EDF start from a higher frequency and start to lower down the frequency over time to the end of the period. In case of future tasks, it again increases it is frequency to execute the new task within the period. In this paper we have shown up the mathematical model of FF-EDF, how it works and from which frequency it will start and to which frequency it will go. Simulation is also done by a C++ program to compare this developed algorithm with Base EDF and static EDF.

A Significant amount of research has been done in the field of RT-DVFS. Pillni and Shin devised five RT-DVFS algorithms and found that EDF based schedulers outperform the RMA based one [8]. RT-DVFS algorithms are designed for real-time systems and aim at saving energy while maintaining hard real-time constraints.

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They scale the CPU frequency based on the worst-case execution times of the real-time application. Most of the RT-DVFS algorithms differ in their techniques to utilize the static slack available due to the low CPU utilization of the application or dynamic slack available due to the actual execution time being much lesser than the worst case execution time of the real-time application. We have observed that the performance of a RT-DVFS algorithm is highly dependent on the energy efficiency of the idle states of the processor [2]. Energy constraints real time scheduling is discussed and developed by T. A. AlEnawy and H. Aydin [3]. Energy minimization is found by E. Bini, G. Buttazzo, and G. Lipari [4].

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II. ALGORITHMS

There are two types of slacks e.g. static slack and dynamic slack and RT-DVFS Algorithms use these two types of slacks. Three RT-DVFS schedulers are evaluated based on their performance in this section we will discuss about these three algorithms. Two important decisions have to make by RT-DVFS schedulers (i) which task to run and (ii) which frequency to run it at. Each other differ in a way, when they estimate slack to scale the frequency [7]. static slack, which is available due to the characteristic of the task-set itself, such as less than 100% CPU utilization, and dynamic slack, which is available due to variations in the execution time [7].

We will describe the algorithms with the help of an example task-set. Let us consider a three task periodic task-set with tasks T1, T2 and T3 whose characteristics are described by the Table 1.

Table 2.1: Sample Task set with their properties

Task	WCET	Actual Time	Period
T ₁	2	1.6	5
T ₂	1	0.8	5
T ₂	3	2.4	15

The Base EDF scheduler does not involve any type of frequency scaling and run at maximum frequency [8]. The task scheduling is based on the earliest deadline and every task is run at maximum

frequency. We have included this experiment for comparison.

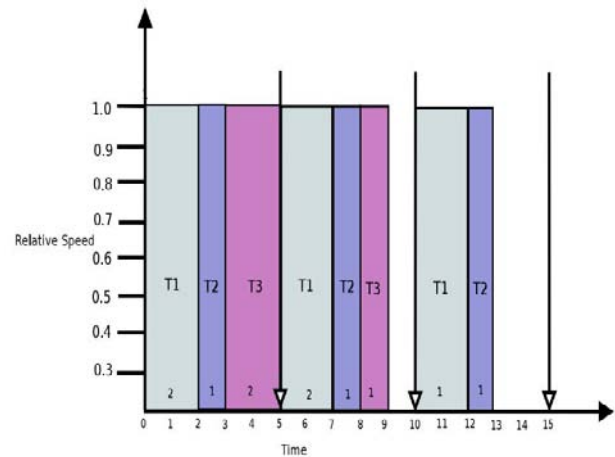


Fig.1: Base-EDF

Static-EDF scheduler uses static slack estimation technique for the CPU frequency to scale up [8]. Based on the utilization value that is static, the task set is used to scale the frequency. From the pseudo code of Base-EDF, we can see that, all the task is running at same frequency so that the utilization of processor is scaled frequency that is 1. This algorithm makes sure that no deadline will miss, although the utilization is equal to or less than 1. The main purpose of this algorithm is to minimize the idle time. Discrete frequency behavior is found in non-ideal processor. A frequency is equal to or less than k is selected for the selected task to run.

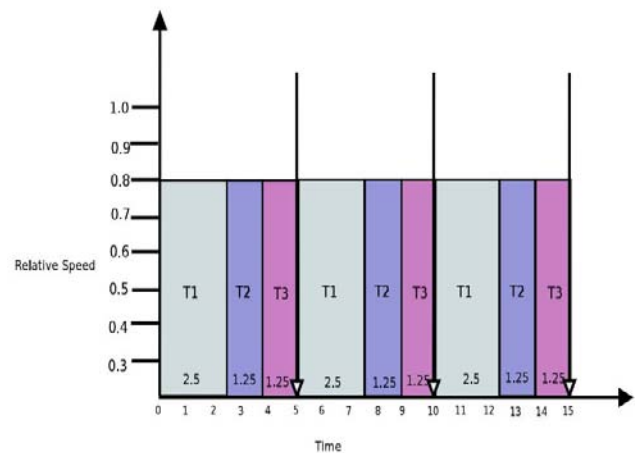


Fig.2: Static EDF

III. ROPOSED FREQUENCY FALLING EDF

In our optimized EDF, from the task set of table 1 if we run Static - EDF algorithm Utilization of task set will,

$$U = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{15} = 0.8$$

So $U=0.8$ as we know that our maximum frequency $f_m=1$ all the task will run at $(U \cdot f_m) = (1 \cdot 0.8) = 0.8$ frequency. As we can see that, STATIC EDF did not consider actual time. In Frequency Falling EDF, initial frequency and ending frequency will follow this rule. Let the frequency we get from STATIC EDF is F_s , FF-EDF initial frequency is F_i and ending frequency is F_e .

Then if $F_s > 0.5 \cdot f_m$

$$F_i = f_m, \text{ and } F_e = 2 \cdot F_s - f_m$$

In Static-EDF $F_s < 0.5 \cdot f_m$

$$F_i = 2 \cdot F_s \text{ and } F_e = 0.$$

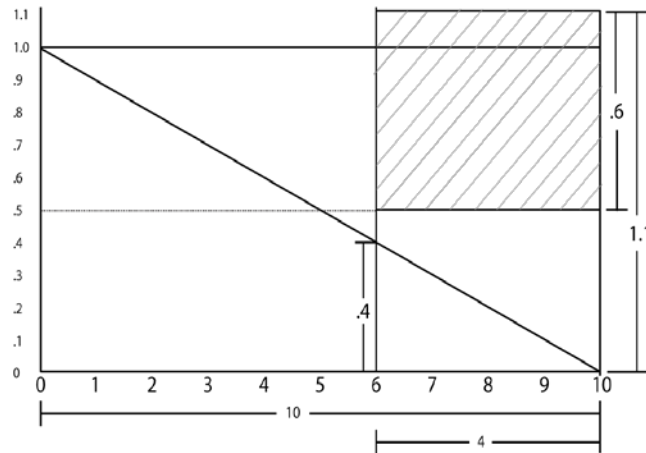


Fig.3: Proposed Frequency Falling EDF

So in that case our frequency will be: - $F_i = 1$ and $F_e = 2 \cdot 0.8 - 1 = 0.6$ When a task start for any time frame the amount of portion of task set completed by Frequency Falling EDF is larger than Static-EDF, because FF-EDF try to finish task sooner as the frequency is higher in the first half of the total time frame of combined task set to complete. And in case of task set that occur in last half section of time frame will also execute sooner as the task before that section had executed before the time frame. Moreover, theoretically the last task will finish its execution at the same time as the Static-EDF but with a lower frequency.

From the Figure 3, new task come at 6s whose period is 4s and worst case execution time is 2.4s. In case of Static-EDF time remaining is $= 10 - 6 = 4$ s, task remaining for previous task set in Static-EDF is $= 4 \cdot 0.5 = 2.0$ s, as new task come total task remaining for Static-EDF is $= 2.0 + 2.4 = 4.8$ s Now our Static-EDF should run at $(4.8/4) = 1.2$ frequency which is beyond the limit of our maximum frequency. So task set will fail to run in terms of Static-EDF in future task handling. For FF-EDF, Time remaining is $= 10 - 6 = 4$ s, task remaining for FF-EDF is $= 0.5 \cdot 4 \cdot 0.4 = 0.8$, as new task come total task remaining for FF-EDF is $= 0.8 + 2.4 = 3.2$ s.

As $F_s > 0.5$

Starting $F_i = f_m = 1$

Ending $F_e = (2 \cdot 0.8) - 1 = 0.6$

Table 2.2: Sample Task set with their properties

Task set			Starting frequency of FF-EDF	Ending frequency of FF-EDF
Task set 1	Number of task		1	0.6
	3			
	Period	Execution time		
	5	2		
	5	1		
	15	3		
Task set 2	Number of task		1	0.54
	3			
	Period	Execution time		
	7	3		
	5	1		
	14	2		
Task set 3	Number of task		1	0.82
	3			
	Period	Execution time		
	8	3		
	5	2		
	15	2		
Task set 4	Number of task		1	0.8
	3			
	Period	Execution time		
	10	3		
	5	2		
	15	3		

From the Figure 3, new task come at 6s whose period is 4s and worst case execution time is 2.4s. Now in case of Static-EDF time remaining is $= 10 - 6 = 4s$, task remaining for previous task set in Static-EDF is $= 4 * 0.5 = 2.0s$, as new task come total task remaining for Static-EDF is $= 2.0s + 2.4s = 4.4s$. Now our Static-EDF should run at $(4.4/4) = 1.1$ frequency which is beyond the limit of our maximum frequency. So task set will fail to run in terms of Static-EDF in future task handling. For our algorithm, Time remaining is $= 10 - 6 = 4s$, task remaining for our algorithm is $= 0.5 * 4 * 0.4 = 0.8$, as new task come total task remaining for our algorithm is $= 0.8 + 2.4 = 3.2s$.

As $F_s > 0.5$

Starting $F_i = f_m = 1$

Ending $F_e = (2 * 0.8) - 1 = 0.6$.

IV. ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN TWO APPROACHES

Base-EDF always runs the task set with maximum frequency $f = f_m = 1$ and considering

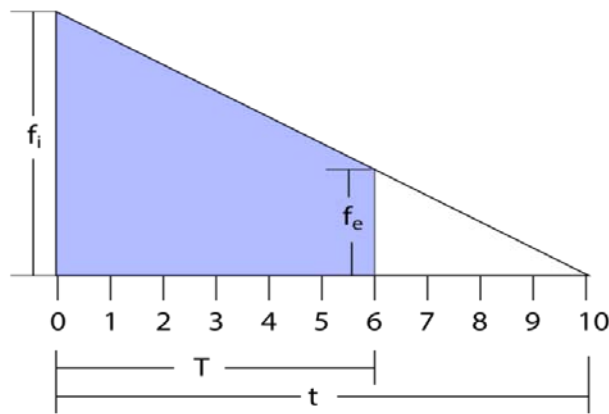


Fig. 4: Energy Consumption of Frequency Falling EDF.

As the frequency start from the initial frequency f_i and end to the frequency f_e , So, We can calculate the power consumption P as:-

$$p = \int_{f_i}^{f_e} t \times f^3$$

$$p = t \times \left[\frac{f^4}{4} \right]_{f_i}^{f_e}$$

$$P = \frac{t \times (f_i^4 - f_e^4)}{4}$$

Here t = total time. The time by which the frequency will fall from the maximum frequency to the minimum frequency.

If we consider the any interval of time T then T can be calculated by-

$$T = t \times (f_i - f_e)$$

$$\text{or, } t = \frac{T}{f_i - f_e}$$

$t_{\text{execution}}$ = execution time, we can calculate the power consumption of Base-EDF,

$$p = f^3 \times t_{\text{execution}}$$

$$p = 1^3 \times 5 = 5$$

Static-EDF run the task with utilization $U = 5/10 = 0.5$. So $U = 0.5$ as we know that our maximum frequency $F_m = 1$ all the task will run at $(U * F_m) = (1 * 0.5) = 0.5$ frequency. Now for Static-EDF power consumption

$$p = f_{\text{static}}^3 \times \text{period}$$

$$p = 0.5^3 \times 10$$

$$p = 1.25$$

In case of our developed FF-EDF, we can assume the initial frequency = f_i , Ending frequency = f_e , the total time to run the task = t .

So, Our final equation become:-

$$P = \frac{t \times (f_i^4 - f_e^4)}{4 \times (f_i - f_e)}$$

$$P = \frac{10 \times (1^4 - 0^4)}{4(1 - 0)}$$

$$P = 2.5$$

So, we see that at 10s period and with 5s execution time considering maximum frequency 1 unit the power usage of Base EDF, Static EDF and FF-EDF are consecutively 5, 1.25 and 2.5 unit. Therefore, FF-EDF consumes half power with compare to Base EDF and double power with compare to Static EDF. However, this will be not the case in most of the time. It actually depends on the density of task, which is the ration of execution time and period. Here is the data simulated from Static EDF, Base EDF and FF-EDF:-

Table 2.3: Power usage calculation of proposed Frequency Falling EDF

Task Density	Base EDF	Static EDF	FF-EDF
0	0	0	0
1	1	0.01	0.02
2	2	0.08	0.16
3	3	0.27	0.54
4	4	0.64	1.28
5	5	1.25	2.5
6	6	2.16	3.12
7	7	3.43	4.06
8	8	5.12	5.44
9	9	7.29	7.38
10	10	10	10

So, we have presented this graph with different task density. Here in X-axis task density is presented

that defer from 0 to 10 and in Y-axis the power consumption is presented.

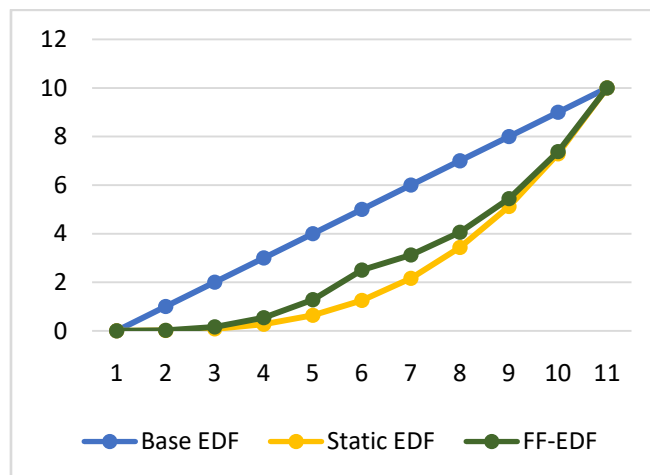


Fig. 5: Comparison of Power Usage of Base EDF, Static EDF and FF-EDF

As we can see that from the above chart that for very low value of time FF-EDF algorithm give less power than Base EDF and Static EDF. If time increases FF-EDF power consumption is better than Base EDF but not better than Static-EDF.

In case of deadline miss ratio, we have tested this entire algorithm by 1 million of task trial at 10 different task densities. Here task density can be defined as the static frequency that it may need to run to execute its entire task within the period.

Base EDF is best algorithm in case of executing the largest number of task without meeting deadline, because it executes its entire task at maximum frequency. It only falls its frequency when there is no task remaining at CPU.

Static algorithm is the best algorithm in case of power saving. However, in case of deadline miss ratio it has the worst performance. Because it runs the entire task at the same frequency. Therefore, when a new task

comes may not be the time to run the new task at its worst-case execution time.

FF-EDF works as a great tradeoff between these two algorithms. Because this developed algorithm starts the task at a higher frequency and start to fall

down by a slope to a lower frequency. By this, it adjusts the power and deadline miss. Here we can see that at the start of the time it has higher execution rate (very similar to Base EDF) with a very low deadline miss ratio and over time, it starts to decrease the execution rate.

Table 2.4: Execution rate of Base EDF, Static EDF & FF-EDF

Task Density	Base EDF	Static EDF	FF-EDF
0	1000000	853253	853253
0.1	995627	747090	985787
0.2	986541	678417	945665
0.3	952076	596407	906522
0.4	926187	497096	852308
0.5	853253	497090	795678
0.6	804899	375987	681505
0.7	678417	221407	564977
0.8	596407	221408	404927
0.9	375988	8	279589

We have compared the Base EDF, Static EDF and FF-EDF by simulation by a C++ program. This program is run at a different frequency. We have assumed that the max frequency is 1 GHz for simplicity. In addition, the simulation is done by taking 10 different frequency distributions from 0.0 to 0.9 by a difference of 0.1. The test is done to check how many deadlines usually missed by Base EDF, Static EDF and FF-EDF

when new tasks come. The new task can come at any time, at any period and worst-case execution time. For this reason, we have selected starting time, Period and Worst-case execution time randomly. By the simulation, we have taken 1000 trials in each frequency distribution and checked if those algorithms miss the deadline or not.

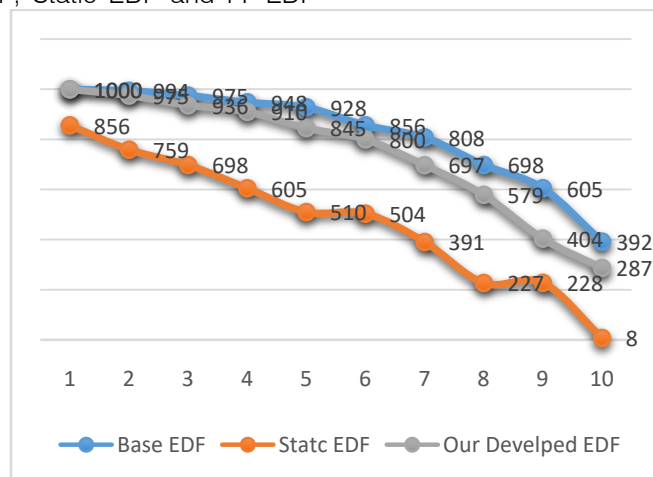


Fig.6: Successful Execution count of Base, Static and Frequency Falling EDF.

We can see that FF-EDF works as a tradeoff between the base EDF and the static EDF in an efficient way. This algorithm is modeled with its pseudo code, and mathematically described how it works with its task set. Also, it has been shown how future task can be handled via changing the instant frequency and the slope of the frequency. The result we got from the simulation and the algorithm process we can decide that in case of RT it will be far useful.

FF-EDF has better power optimization (on average 2X) with compare to base EDF without compromising the deadline miss ratio as much as Static EDF. The Power optimization we got by developed EDF for this deadline miss ration with compared to the Base EDF and Static EDF is relatively high. In the graph, it has been shown that the deadline miss ratio is closer to Base EDF at the start of time. Frequency Falling EDF has designed in such a way that, it can take much load when a future task comes because it has much less task

than the previous. Therefore, if a large amount of task come after just a small amount of time, it almost works as same as Base EDF.

When a process arrives, it is better to run a task as soon as it arrives as higher frequency as possible because in that case, it is possible to run the entire remaining task at a higher frequency if needed to do that without missing any deadline. In addition, Frequency Falling EDF works as a trade-off between power optimization and deadline miss ratio of EDF. The Base EDF is very power consuming algorithm but has the lowest deadline miss ratio. And The Static EDF has the most efficient in case of power consumption but it almost not efficient because of its deadline miss ratio. For this reason, Static EDF is almost not usable in real time scheduling. So, considering this FF-EDF can be used effectively in any real time system scheduler.

There is a limitation of FF-EDF that in this paper we have modeled and simulated the algorithm via worst case execution time. But it can be better performed via actual time. This developed EDF will automatically adjust the frequency for its actual execution time. So, the actual execution time is avoided for simplicity and to keep the simulation accurate.

V. CONCLUSION

FF-EDF is working with worst-case execution time. FF-EDF frequency grows in a linear way for the worst-case execution time. If FF-EDF can work with actual time CPU frequency will drop.

We have simulated FF-EDF, but in case of real system, our result may vary for both power consumption and deadline miss ratio. FF-EDF work based on worst-case execution time of a task and did not consider actual time. If we consider actual time, FF-EDF will give a better result for both power consumption and deadline miss ratio. Base-EDF and Static-EDF keep the linear frequency, but in case of FF-EDF, the frequency will fall within a range.

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