

CMSC 412 Homework Three

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Read Chapters 4 and 5.

Due Tuesday Sept 23.

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1. How many simultaneous pthreads can a single process run on linuxlab (heaving.csic.umd.edu)? Write and turn in the code, it's maybe 50 lines. `pthread_create` and `pthread_join` are needed. To compile, `gcc -Wall -g t.c -o t -lpthread`.
2. How long does it take to start, execute, and join that many threads if the thread body is empty? (i.e., the function returns without executing any logic.) Note: you may need to put some code in the thread body to ensure that it sticks around for question 1; be sure to remove it for this benchmark.
3. 4.10 Which of the following components of program state are shared across threads in a multithreaded process? (a) register values; (b) heap memory; (c) global variables; (d) stack memory.
4. 4.11 Can a multithreaded solution using multiple user-level threads achieve better performance on a multiprocessor system than on a single-processor system? Explain.
5. 5.2 Explain the difference between preemptive and nonpreemptive scheduling.
6. 5.9 Why is it important for the scheduler to distinguish I/O-bound programs from CPU-bound programs?
7. 5.12 Consider the following set of processes:

Process	Burst time (ms)	Priority
P_1	10	3
P_2	1	1
P_3	2	3
P_4	1	4
P_5	5	2

The processes are assumed to arrive in order P_1, P_2, \dots, P_5 at time 0.

- (a) Draw four Gantt charts that illustrate the execution of these processes using the following scheduling algorithms: FCFS, SJF, nonpreemptive priority (smaller priority number is higher) and RR (quantum = 1ms).
 - (b) What is the turnaround time of each process for each of the scheduling algorithms in part a?
 - (c) What is the waiting time of each process for each of these scheduling algorithms?
 - (d) Which of the algorithms results in the minimum average waiting time (over all processes)?
8. 5.16 Consider a system implementing multilevel queue scheduling. What strategy can a computer user employ to maximize the amount of CPU time allocated to the user's process.