

3 problems. 40 points. 30 minutes Closed book. Closed notes. No electronic device. Write your name above.

1. [10 points]

Requests are issued to an io device at the rate of 100 requests/second. The requests are of two types: 1/3 are type 1 and the remainder are type 2. The average completion time (from entry to departure) over all requests is 55 ms (milliseconds). The average completion time for type 1 requests is 33 ms.

- What is the average number of requests (of both types) at the io device (both waiting and served)? Explain briefly.
- What is the average number of type 2 requests at the io device. Explain briefly.

Solution

Part a [4 pt]

Overall throughput $X = 100$ req/s [1 pt]

Avg completion time $R = 55$ ms [1 pt]

From Little's Law, avg number of requests $N = X \times R$
 $= 100 \text{ req/s} \times 55 \text{ ms} = 100 \times 55 \times 10^{-3} = 5.5$ [2 pt]

Part b [6 pt]

Type 1 throughput $X_1 = 100/3$ req/s [1 pt]

Type 1 avg completion time $R_1 = 33$ ms [1 pt]

From Little's Law, avg number of type 1 requests $N_1 = X_1 \times R_1$
 $= (100/3) \text{ req/s} \times 33 \text{ ms} = 100 \times 11 \times 10^{-3} = 1.1$ [2 pt]

So avg number of type 2 requests $N_2 = N - N_1 = 5.5 - 1.1 = 4.4$ [2 pt]

2. [10 points] Here is an attempted 2-user spinlock for a multi-cpu system. Does it ensure that at most user holds the lock at any time? If yes, explain very briefly. If no, give an evolution ending with both users holding the lock.

Lock:	acq():
flag[0], flag[1]: initially false	j ← 1 - myid
turn: initially 0	s1: turn ← j
rel():	s2: flag[myid] ← true
flag[myid] ← false	s3: while (flag[j] and turn = j) skip

Solution

NO. For example, evolution 0.s1, 1.s1..s3, 1.s2..s3 ends with both threads holding the lock. Here is a more detailed look at this evolution.

	flag[0]	flag[1]	turn	
initially	false	false	0	
0.s1	false	false	1	0 becomes hungry
1.s1	false	false	0	1 becomes hungry
1.s2	false	true	0	
1.s3	false	true	0	1 acquires lock
0.s2	true	true	0	
0.s3	true	true	0	0 acquires lock

Grading if you said YES (i.e., at most one thread holds lock at any time)

- attempted a *good analysis* (identifying the cases, etc.) [5 pt]
- poor analysis (e.g., treating s1, s2 as atomic) [2 pt]

3. [20 points] Here is a skeleton (multi-cpu) implementation of a condition variable `cv` associated with lock `lck`. Complete the implementation by filling in the boxes. Do not change what is already given.

Variables

- `runq`: run queue
- `runqL`: spinlock protecting `runq`
- `readyq`: ready queue
- `readyqL`: spinlock protecting `readyq`
- `lck`: lock associated with `cv`
- `cvq`: pcb queue for `cv`
- `cvqL`: spinlock protecting `cvq`
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Functions

- `scheduler()`: assumes `runqL` and `readyqL` are free when called
- `updateRunqPcb()`
- `cv.signal()`:
 - `cvqL.acq()`
 - if (`cvq` not empty)
 - `readyqL.acq()`
 - move a pcb from `cvq` to `readyq`
 - `readyqL.rel()`
 - `cvqL.rel()`
- `cv.wait()`:
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Solution

No other variables are needed

<code>cv.wait()</code> :	
<code>cvqL.acq()</code>	[2 pt]
<code>runqL.acq()</code>	[2 pt]
<code>lck.rel()</code>	[2 pt]
<code>updateRunqPcb()</code>	[2 pt]
with <code>ra ← a1</code>	[1 pt]
move my pcb to <code>cvq</code>	[2 pt]
<code>cvqL.rel()</code>	[2 pt]
<code>runqL.rel()</code>	[2 pt]
<code>scheduler()</code>	[2 pt]
<code>a1: lck.acq()</code>	[3 pt]

[-1 pt] if `lck.rel()` comes after `runqL.rel()` or `updateRunqPcb()`
 (Probably would not work if `lck` is a regular (not spin) lock.)

No points lost for acquiring and releasing `readyqL`, as long as solution is ok.