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1. No. if the access is read for both threads, then concurrency error will not occur.

2. b), c) and d) are true

### Correct solution

c) and d) are true

### Notes

Question What does it mean when mutex is held by this thread?

Question What I do know is that pthread\_cond\_wait puts thread to sleep. My question here is, how come the mutex is not held when thread is in a blocked state/sleep?

- 3. a) Only b) causes starvation.
  - b) Conditional variable is a queue that allows threads to be put themselves on to sleep (in blocked state) when thread it is not desired using pthread\_cond\_wait function.

Since there are no threads inside cv1, there is nothing to awake using pthread\_cond\_signal.

So, nothing will occur.

c) System call is a subset of interrupt caused by user application to switch from user mode to kernel mode to perform previleged operations for the application.

Interrupt is a signal sent by hardware (e.g keyboard, mouse, hard drive) or software.

It tells the cpu to stop its activities and execute appropriate part of the operating system.

### Notes

• I need to review how interrupt works. I had to look up the information.

Question How does interrupt work?

d) No. This statement is false.

User level threads are generated in user-mode without kenerel being aware about it.

### Notes

Question What is the difference between user-level thread and kernel-level thread?

Question Why is thread that is generated at user level using procedure call faster than kernel level thread?

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Question What is procedure call? How does it work?

e) System calls do not generate processes. fork() does.

With this reason the program run\_stuff generates only 1 additional process.

# Notes

Question What is a process? And how does process work?

Question How come system call doesn't generate process? And how come fork() generates process?

# • Process

- is a running program
- has 3 states
  - 1. Running:
    - \* means a process is running on a processor
    - \* means instructions are being executed
  - 2. Ready:
  - 3. Blocked: