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Question 1			
Partially correct			
Mark 1.25 out of 2.00			

For Virtu	ual File System to work, which of the following changes are required to be done to an existing OS code (e.g. xv6)?	
☑ a.	A mount() system call should be provided to mount a partition onto some directory in existing namespace rooted at "/"	
□ b.	The generic inode needs to have a field representing if this inode is a mount point and also to refer/point to the root of the mounted file system's inode.	
✓ c.	The lookup() operation needs to check if it's crossing a mount point and call FS specific operations to read inodes/directories	
_ d.	The filesystem related system calls (e.g. read, write) need to invoke the file system specific functions (e.g. ext2_read, ext2_write, ntfs_read, ntfs_write) using function pointers.	
✓ e.	Each open() needs to copy the function pointers from the inode of the parent directory into the inode of the child (if not already one), unless it's traversing a mount point. (This may be done as part of lookup() which is called by open())	•
✓ f.	Each file-system writer needs to provide the set of function pointers for VFS, and these function pointers need to be setup in generic inode of "/" of that file system during mount()	•
g.	The file system specific function pointers, for file system system-calls, need to be setup in the generic inode during lookup.	
□ h.	The operating system in-memory inode needs to be a generic-inode representing "inode" like data structure across multiple file systems.	

The correct answers are: A mount() system call should be provided to mount a partition onto some directory in existing namespace rooted at "/", The filesystem related system calls (e.g. read, write) need to invoke the file system specific functions (e.g. ext2_read, ext2_write, ntfs_read, ntfs_write) using function pointers., The file system specific function pointers, for file system system-calls, need to be setup in the generic inode during lookup., The operating system in-memory inode needs to be a generic-inode representing "inode" like data structure across multiple file systems., The generic inode needs to have a field representing if this inode is a mount point and also to refer/point to the root of the mounted file system's inode., The lookup() operation needs to check if it's crossing a mount point and call FS specific operations to read inodes/directories, Each file-system writer needs to provide the set of function pointers for VFS, and these function pointers need to be setup in generic inode of "/" of that file system during mount(), Each open() needs to copy the function pointers from the inode of the parent directory into the inode of the child (if not already done), unless it's traversing a mount point. (This may be done as part of lookup() which is called by open())

Question 2
Correct
Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Mark the statements as True or False, w.r.t. passing of arguments to system calls in xv6 code.

True	False		
	Ox	Integer arguments are copied from user memory to kernel memory using argint()	*
	Ox	The functions like argint(), argstr() make the system call arguments available in the kernel.	~
Ox	0	String arguments are first copied to trapframe and then from trapframe to kernel's other variables.	~
Ox	•	Integer arguments are stored in eax, ebx, ecx, etc. registers	~
•	Ox	The arguments are accessed in the kernel code using esp on the trapframe.	~
Ox	O	The arguments to system call are copied to kernel stack in trapasm.S	~
	Ox	The arguments to system call originally reside on process stack.	~
	Ox	String arguments are NOT copied in kernel memory, but just pointed to by a kernel memory pointer	~

Integer arguments are copied from user memory to kernel memory using argint(): True

The functions like argint(), argstr() make the system call arguments available in the kernel.: True

String arguments are first copied to trapframe and then from trapframe to kernel's other variables.: False

Integer arguments are stored in eax, ebx, ecx, etc. registers: False

The arguments are accessed in the kernel code using esp on the trapframe.: True

The arguments to system call are copied to kernel stack in trapasm.S: False

The arguments to system call originally reside on process stack.: True

String arguments are NOT copied in kernel memory, but just pointed to by a kernel memory pointer: True

Question **3**

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Assuming a 8- KB page size, what is the page numbers for the address 1115565 reference in decimal: (give answer also in decimal)

Answer: 136 ✓

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Question 4

Complete

Mark 1.00 out of 3.00
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List down all changes required to xv6 code, in order to add the system call chown().

Every change should be mentioned in terms of either of the following:

- (a) pseudo-code of new function to be added
- (b) prototype of any new function or new system call to be added
- (c) pseudo-code of changes to an existing function, describing lines to be removed, and lines to be added
- (d) precise declaration of new data structures to be added in C, or changes to the existing data structure
- (e) Name and a one-line description of new userland functionality to be added

Modify the Makefile to include the new source files created for the new system call:

- (f) Changes to Makefile
- (g) Any other change in a maximum of 20 words per change.

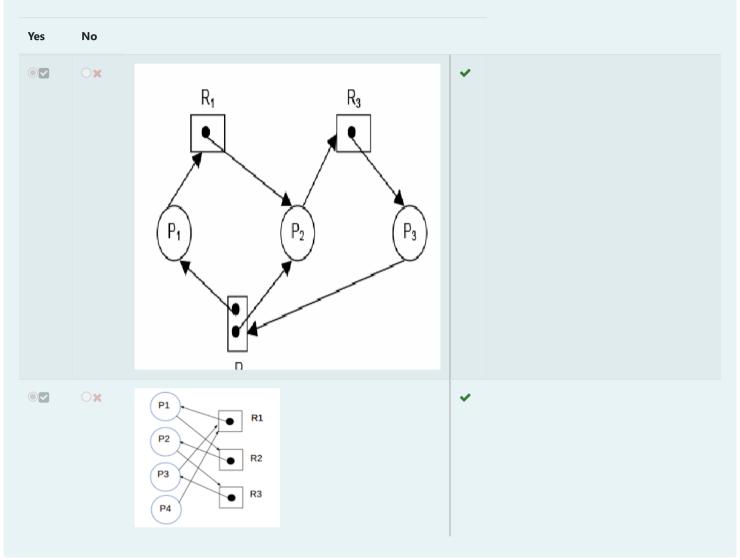
```
Added pseudo code of system call in sysfile.c
int
sys_chown(void)
//takes two parameters path and owner
char *path;
int owner;
// checking parameter was given or not and retuen to chown() code
return chown(path, owner);
Add a prototype for the new system call to the file syscall.h
int chown(char *path, int owner);
add implementation in fs.c
Changing system call number in syscall.h by adding the following line:
#define SYS_chown 22
Update system call jump table in syscall.c:
[SYS_chown] sys_chown,
Add a test case for the new system call to the file usertests.c. The test case should verify that chown() changes the owner of a file successfully.
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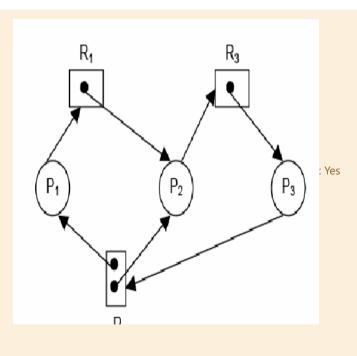
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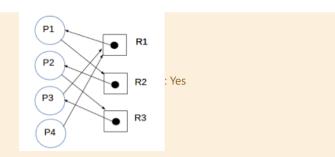
_\chown

For each of the resource allocation diagram shown,

infer whether the graph contains at least one deadlock or not.







Question **6**Partially correct
Mark 1.50 out of 2.00

Select all the correct statements about synchronization primitives.

Select one or more:

a. Blocking means moving the process to a wait queue and calling scheduler*

b. Mutexes can be implemented using spinlock*

c. Blocking means moving the process to a wait queue and spinning

d. Spinlocks consume CPU time*

e. Semaphores are always a good substitute for spinlocks

f. Mutexes can be implemented without any hardware assistance

g. Mutexes can be implemented using blocking and wakeup*

h. Thread that is going to block should not be holding any spinlock*

i. All synchronization primitives are implemented essentially with some hardware assistance.

j. Semaphores can be used for synchronization scenarioes like ordered execution*

k. Blocking means one process passing over control to another process

l. Spinlocks are good for multiprocessor scenarios, for small critical sections

Your answer is partially correct.

You have correctly selected 6.

The correct answers are: Spinlocks are good for multiprocessor scenarios, for small critical sections, Spinlocks consume CPU time, Semaphores can be used for synchronization scenarioes like ordered execution, Mutexes can be implemented using spinlock, Mutexes can be implemented using blocking and wakeup, Thread that is going to block should not be holding any spinlock, Blocking means moving the process to a wait queue and calling scheduler, All synchronization primitives are implemented essentially with some hardware assistance.

Mark 0.00 out of 1.00
Select all the correct statements w.r.t user and kernel threads
Select one or more: a. all three models, that is many-one, one-one, many-many, require a user level thread library
☑ b. one-one model can be implemented even if there are no kernel threads スペー
☑ c. A process blocks in many-one model even if a single thread makes a blocking system call ✓
☐ d. one-one model increases kernel's scheduling load
e. A process may not block in many-one model, if a thread makes a blocking system call
☑ f. many-one model can be implemented even if there are no kernel threads ✓
g. many-one model gives no speedup on multicore processors
Your answer is incorrect.
The correct answers are: many-one model can be implemented even if there are no kernel threads, all three models, that is many-one, one-one, many-many, require a user level thread library, one-one model increases kernel's scheduling load, many-one model gives no speedup on multicore processors, A process blocks in many-one model even if a single thread makes a blocking system call
Question 8 Correct Mark 1.00 out of 1.00
Given that the memory access time is 150 ns, probability of a page fault is 0.9 and page fault handling time is 6 ms, The effective memory access time in nanoseconds is:
Answer: 5400015 ✓
The correct answer is: 5400015.00

Question **7**Incorrect

Partially correct	
Mark 0.63 out of	1.00
Select all cor	rrect statements about file system recovery (without journaling) programs e.g. fsck
Select one o	or more:
a. Rec	overy programs are needed only if the file system has a delayed-write policy.
b. The	y can make changes to the on-disk file system❤
c. A re	ecovery program, most typically, builds the file system data structure and checks for inconsistencies
d. Rec	overy is possible due to redundancy in file system data structures 🗸
e. Eve	n with a write-through policy, it is possible to need a recovery program.❤
f. The	y are used to recover deleted files
g. The	y may take very long time to execute❤
h. It is	possible to lose data as part of recovery
i. Rec	overy programs recalculate most of the metadata summaries (e.g. free inode count)
Your answer	is partially correct.
	rrectly selected 5.
The correct a	answers are: Recovery is possible due to redundancy in file system data structures, A recovery program, most typically, builds the
	lata structure and checks for inconsistencies, It is possible to lose data as part of recovery, They may take very long time to ey can make changes to the on-disk file system, Recovery programs recalculate most of the metadata summaries (e.g. free inode
	ey can make changes to the on-disk life system, recovery programs recalculate most of the metadata summanes (e.g. free mode expert) and the metadata summanes (e.g. free mode expert) are programs are needed only if the file system has a delayed-write policy., Even with a write-through policy, it is possible to
	very program.
Question 10	
Partially correct	
Mark 0.67 out of	1.00
Select all cor	rrect statements about journalling (logging) in file systems like ext3
Select one o	ir more:
	ifferent device driver is always needed to access the journal
b. Jou	rnal is hosted in the same device that hosts the swap space
c. the	journal contains a summary of all changes made as part of a single transaction♥
☑ d. The	purpose of journal is to speed up file system recovery
☑ e. Mos	st typically a transaction in journal is recorded atomically (full or none)❤
	rnals must be maintained on the same device that hosts the file system *
☑ g. Jou	rnals are often stored circularly❤
j	
V	
	is partially correct.
	ected too many options. answers are: The purpose of journal is to speed up file system recovery, the journal contains a summary of all changes made as

part of a single transaction, Most typically a transaction in journal is recorded atomically (full or none), Journals are often stored circularly

 $\text{Question } \boldsymbol{9}$

Compa	re paging with demand paging and select the correct statements.
Select c	one or more:
□ a.	Paging requires NO hardware support in CPU
v b.	Demand paging always increases effective memory access time. ✓
_ c.	TLB hit ration has zero impact in effective memory access time in demand paging.
☐ d.	With paging, it's possible to have user programs bigger than physical memory.
v e.	Calculations of number of bits for page number and offset are same in paging and demand paging. ✓
✓ f.	Paging requires some hardware support in CPU ✓
g.	The meaning of valid-invalid bit in page table is different in paging and demand-paging. ✓
h.	Demand paging requires additional hardware support, compared to paging. ✓
✓ i.	Both demand paging and paging support shared memory pages. 🗸
V	With demand paging, it's possible to have user programs bigger than physical memory

Your answer is correct.

Question **11**Correct

Mark 2.00 out of 2.00

The correct answers are: Demand paging requires additional hardware support, compared to paging., Both demand paging and paging support shared memory pages., With demand paging, it's possible to have user programs bigger than physical memory., Demand paging always increases effective memory access time., Paging requires some hardware support in CPU, Calculations of number of bits for page number and offset are same in paging and demand paging., The meaning of valid-invalid bit in page table is different in paging and demand-paging.

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Mark the statements as True or False, w.r.t. thrashing

True False \bigcirc × Thrashing can occur even if entire memory is not in use. \bigcirc x Thrashing can be limited if local replacement is used. \bigcirc x The working set model is an attempt at approximating the locality of a process. \circ Thrashing occurs when the total size of all processe's locality exceeds total memory size. $\bigcirc \times$ Processes keep changing their locality of reference, and least number of page faults occur when they are changing the locality.

Thrashing can occur even if entire memory is not in use.: False

time is spent in I/O

changing the locality.

of disk I/O.

Thrashing can be limited if local replacement is used.: True

The working set model is an attempt at approximating the locality of a process.: True

mmap() solves the problem of thrashing.

Thrashing is particular to demand paging systems, and does not apply to pure paging systems.

Processes keep changing their locality of reference, and a high rate of page faults occur when they are

Thrashing occurs because some process is doing lot

During thrashing the CPU is under-utilised as most

Thrashing occurs when the total size of all processe's locality exceeds total memory size.: True

Processes keep changing their locality of reference, and least number of page faults occur when they are changing the locality.: False mmap() solves the problem of thrashing.: False

Thrashing is particular to demand paging systems, and does not apply to pure paging systems.: True

Processes keep changing their locality of reference, and a high rate of page faults occur when they are changing the locality.: True

Thrashing occurs because some process is doing lot of disk I/O.: False

During thrashing the CPU is under-utilised as most time is spent in I/O: True

Question **13**Complete
Mark 0.25 out of 2.00

Write all changes required to xv6 to add a buddy allocator.

Every change should be mentioned in terms of either of the following:

- (a) pseudo-code of new function to be added
- (b) prototype of any new function or new system call to be added
- (c) pseudo-code of changes to an existing function, describing lines to be removed, and lines to be added
- (d) precise declaration of new data structures to be added in C, or changes to the existing data structure
- (e) Name and a one-line description of new userland functionality to be added
- (f) Changes to Makefile
- (g) Any other change in a maximum of 20 words per change.

Need to declare a new data structre budy block which contains its size, address and pointer to next block struct buddy_blk {
 int size;
 char *addr;
 struct buddy_blk *next;
};
Allocator:
 int buddy_alloc(int size);
 init for it:

void buddy_init(char *mem_start, int mem_size);

Modify kalloc() function to use the buddy allocator to allocate memory

Modify the kfree()

And all other like block spliting, block merging functions.

changes in make file: _\budy_allocator

Comment:

checked

Note: for this question you get full marks if you select all and only correct options, you get ZERO if at least one option is wrong or not selected.
Select all the correct statements about log structured file systems.
☑ a. file system recovery may end up losing data✔
☑ b. even if file systems followed immediate writes (i.e. non-delayed writes), it could still require recovery ✔
☐ c. file system recovery recovers all the lost data
oxedge d. a transaction is said to be committed when all operations are written to file system
☑ e. log may be kept on same block device or another block device ✓

Your answer is correct.

Question **14**Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

The correct answers are: file system recovery may end up losing data, log may be kept on same block device or another block device, even if file systems followed immediate writes (i.e. non-delayed writes), it could still require recovery

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Question 15
Partially correct
Mark 0.33 out of 1.00
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```
You have correctly selected 1.
The correct answer is: void
panic(char *s)
{
...
    panicked = 1; → Ensure that no printing happens on other processors, void
acquire(struct spinlock *lk)
{
...
    getcallerpcs(&lk, lk->pcs); → Traverse ebp chain to get sequence of instructions followed in functions calls, void
yield(void)
{
...
    release(&ptable.lock);
} → Release the lock held by some another process
```

```
Question 16
Partially correct
Mark 0.75 out of 1.00
```



```
Your answer is partially correct.
You have correctly selected 3.
The correct answer is: S1 = 0; S2 = 0;
P2:
Statement1;
Signal(S2);
P1:
Wait(S2);
Statemetn2;
Signal(S1);
P3:
Statement S3; → Execution order P2, P1, P3, S = 5
Wait(S)
Critical Section
Signal(S) \rightarrow Counting semaphore, S = 0
P1:
Statement1;
Signal(S)
```

P2:
Wait(S)
Statment2; → Execution order P1, then P2, S = 1
Wait(S)
Critical Section
Signal(S); → Binary Semaphore for mutual exclusion

```
Question 17
Partially correct
Mark 1.00 out of 2.00
```

Match the snippets of xv6 code with the core functionality they achieve, or problems they avoid. "..." means some code. void yield(void) Atomic test and set instruction (to be expanded inline into code) \$ release(&ptable.lock); void acquire(struct spinlock *lk) Tell compiler not to reorder memory access beyond this line \$ __sync_synchronize(); void acquire(struct spinlock *lk) Release the lock held by some another process \$ getcallerpcs(&lk, lk->pcs); sleep(void *chan, struct spinlock *lk) \$ Avoid a self-deadlock acquire(&ptable.lock); void acquire(struct spinlock *lk) \$ Atomic compare and swap instruction (to be expanded inline into code) pushcli();

```
static inline uint
xchg(volatile uint *addr, uint newval)
 uint result;
 // The + in "+m" denotes a read-modify-write
                                                        Atomic compare and swap instruction (to be expanded inline into code)
                                                                                                                                      $
operand.
 asm volatile("lock; xchgl %0, %1":
         "+m" (*addr), "=a" (result):
         "1" (newval):
         "cc");
 return result;
}
void
panic(char *s)
                                                                                                                                      $
                                                        Release the lock held by some another process
 panicked = 1;
struct proc*
myproc(void) {
pushcli();
c = mycpu();
                                                        Disable interrupts to avoid another process's pointer being returned
                                                                                                                                      $
 p = c->proc;
 popcli();
```

```
if(lk != &ptable.lock){
  acquire(&ptable.lock);
 } → Avoid a self-deadlock, void
acquire(struct spinlock *lk)
{
 pushcli();
 → Disable interrupts to avoid deadlocks, static inline uint
xchg(volatile uint *addr, uint newval)
 uint result;
 // The + in "+m" denotes a read-modify-write operand.
 asm volatile("lock; xchgl %0, %1":
         "+m" (*addr), "=a" (result):
         "1" (newval):
         "cc");
 return result;
\} \rightarrow Atomic compare and swap instruction (to be expanded inline into code), void
panic(char *s)
 panicked = 1; → Ensure that no printing happens on other processors, struct proc*
myproc(void) {
 pushcli();
 c = mycpu();
 p = c -> proc;
 popcli();
 → Disable interrupts to avoid another process's pointer being returned
```

```
Question 18
Correct
Mark 1.00 out of 1.00
```



The correct answer is: static loading \rightarrow wastage of physical memory, dynamic linking \rightarrow small executable file, dynamic loading \rightarrow allocate memory only if needed, static linking \rightarrow large executable file

Question **19**Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Given that a kernel has 1000 KB of total memory, and holes of sizes (in that order) 300) KB, 200 KB,	100 KB, 250 KB	. For each of the re	equests
on the left side, match it with the chunk chosen using the specified algorithm.				

Consider each request as first request.

100 KB, worst fit	300 KB	\$	~
50 KB, worst fit	300 KB	\$	~
200 KB, first fit	300 KB	\$	~
150 KB, first fit	300 KB	\$	~
150 KB, best fit	200 KB	\$	~
220 KB, best fit	250 KB	\$	~

The correct answer is: 100 KB, worst fit \rightarrow 300 KB, 50 KB, worst fit \rightarrow 300 KB, 200 KB, first fit \rightarrow 300 KB, 150 KB, first fit \rightarrow 300 KB, 150 KB, best fit \rightarrow 200 KB, 220 KB, best fit \rightarrow 250 KB

Question 20

Correct

Mark 1.00 out of 1.00

Calculate the average waiting time using

FCFS scheduling

for the following workload

assuming that they arrive in this order during the first time unit:

Process Burst Time

3

P1 2

P2 6

P3 2

P4

Write only a number in the answer upto two decimal points.

Answer: 5.00

P2 waits for 2 units

P3 waits for 2+6 units

P4 waits for 2 + 6 +2 units of time

Total waiting = 2 + 2 + 6 + 2 + 6 + 2 = 20 units

Average waiting time = 20/4 = 5

The correct answer is: 5

Select T/F for statements about Volume Managers.

Do pay attention to the use of the words physical partition and physical volume.

True	False		
0	Ox	A logical volume may span across multiple physical volumes	~
	O x	A volume group consists of multiple physical volumes	~
	Ox	The volume manager stores additional metadata on the physical disk partitions	~
₹	Ox	A logical volume may span across multiple physical partitions	~
Y	Ox	A physical partition should be initialized as a physial volume, before it can be used by volume manager.	×
	Ox	A logical volume can be extended in size but upto the size of volume group	~
•	Ox	The volume manager can create further internal sub-divisions of a physical partition for efficiency or features.	~

A logical volume may span across multiple physical volumes: True

A volume group consists of multiple physical volumes: True

The volume manager stores additional metadata on the physical disk partitions: True

A logical volume may span across multiple physical partitions: True

A physical partition should be initialized as a physial volume, before it can be used by volume manager.: True

A logical volume can be extended in size but upto the size of volume group: True

The volume manager can create further internal sub-divisions of a physical partition for efficiency or features.: True

Match each suggested semaphore implementation (discussed in class) with the problems that it faces

```
struct semaphore {
        int val;
        spinlock lk;
};
sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
        s->val = initval;
        s->sl = 0;
}
wait(semaphore *s) {
        spinlock(&(s->sl));
        while(s->val <=0)
        ;
        (s->val)--;
        spinunlock(&(s->sl));
}
struct semaphore {
```

```
struct semaphore {
    int val;
    spinlock lk;
};
sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
    s->val = initval;
    s->sl = 0;
}
wait(semaphore *s) {
    spinlock(&(s->sl));
    while(s->val <=0) {
        spinunlock(&(s->sl));
        spinlock(&(s->sl));
    }
    (s->val)--;
```

spinunlock(&(s->s1));

deadlock \$

too much spinning, bounded wait not guaranteed \$

```
struct semaphore {
       int val;
        spinlock lk;
        list 1;
};
sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
        s->val = initval;
        s->s1 = 0;
block(semaphore *s) {
        listappend(s->1, current);
        spinunlock(&(s->s1));
        schedule();
                                                                                                      $
                                                      not holding lock after unblock
wait(semaphore *s) {
        spinlock(&(s->sl));
        while(s->val <=0) {
                block(s);
        (s->val)--;
        spinunlock(&(s->sl));
signal(seamphore *s) {
       spinlock(*(s->sl));
        (s->val)++;
        x = dequeue(s->s1) and enqueue(readyq, x);
        spinunlock(*(s->sl));
struct semaphore {
        int val;
        spinlock lk;
        list 1;
};
sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
        s->val = initval;
        s \rightarrow s1 = 0;
block(semaphore *s) {
        listappend(s->1, current);
                                                                                                      $
                                                      blocks holding a spinlock
        schedule();
wait(semaphore *s) {
        spinlock(&(s->sl));
        while(s->val <=0) {
                block(s);
        (s->val)--;
        spinunlock(&(s->s1));
```

```
Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is:

struct semaphore {
    int val;
    spinlock lk;
};

sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
    s->val = initval;
    s->sl = 0;
}

wait(semaphore *s) {
    spinlock(&(s->s1));
    while(s->val <=0)
    ;
    (s->val)--;
    spinunlock(&(s->s1));
}

→ deadlock,
```

```
struct semaphore {
    int val;
    spinlock lk;
};
sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
    s->val = initval;
    s->sl = 0;
}
wait(semaphore *s) {
    spinlock(&(s->sl));
    while(s-val <=0) {
        spinunlock(&(s->sl));
        spinlock(&(s->sl));
    }
    (s->val)--;
    spinunlock(&(s->sl));
}
```

→ too much spinning, bounded wait not guaranteed,

```
struct semaphore {
        int val;
        spinlock lk;
        list 1;
};
sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
        s->val = initval;
        s \rightarrow s1 = 0;
block(semaphore *s) {
        listappend(s->1, current);
        spinunlock(&(s->sl));
        schedule();
wait(semaphore *s) {
        spinlock(&(s->sl));
        while(s->val <=0) {
                block(s);
        (s->val)--;
        spinunlock(&(s->s1));
signal(seamphore *s) {
        spinlock(*(s->sl));
        (s->val)++;
        x = dequeue(s->s1) and enqueue(readyq, x);
        spinunlock(*(s->sl));
```

→ not holding lock after unblock,

```
struct semaphore {
        int val;
        spinlock lk;
        list 1;
sem_init(semaphore *s, int initval) {
        s->val = initval;
        s \rightarrow s1 = 0;
block(semaphore *s) {
        listappend(s->1, current);
        schedule();
wait(semaphore *s) {
        spinlock(&(s->sl));
        while(s->val <=0) {
                 block(s);
        (s->val)--;
        spinunlock(&(s->sl));
```

Question 23	
Incorrect	
Mark 0.00 out of 1.00	

Suppose a kernel uses a buddy allocator. The smallest chunk that can be allocated is of size 32 bytes. One bit is used to track each such chunk, where 1 means allocated and 0 means free. The chunk looks like this as of now:

11010010

Now, there is a request for a chunk of 45 bytes.

After this allocation, the bitmap, indicating the status of the buddy allocator will be

Answer:

11110010

The correct answer is: 11011110

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