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Question1: According to the lockset algorithm, when does eraser signal ...

- If C(v) becomes empty this indicates that there is no lock that consistently protects v. The reason is
 that locks_held(t) is the set of locks held by thread t and C(v) is the set of all locks, if C(v) ∩
 locks_held(t) == NULL then it means that no lock are protecting the variable.
- And when it comes to Initialization and Read-Sharing, it uses four states and race will only be reported
 when a write access from a new thread changes the state from Exclusive or Shared to the SharedModified state because simultaneous reads of a shared variable by multiple threads are not races, there
 is also no need to protect a variable if it is read-only, and it reports races only after an initialized variable
 has become write-shared by more than one thread.

Question2: Under what conditions does Eraser report a false ...

- False Positive: The Eraser will do a good job only if the test case causes enough shared variable reads to follow the corresponding writes.
- False Negatives: If a thread t1 reads v while holding lock m1, and a thread t2 writes v while holding lock m2, the violation of the locking discipline will be reported only if the write precedes the read.

Question3: Typically, instrumenting a program changes the intra ...

• Eraser's testing is not very sensitive to the scheduler interleaving because because the paths violate the locking discipline any variable regardless of the interleaving produced by the scheduler.

Question4: Please raise at least one question of your own for ...

How locks of different granularity are used in a computer system?