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Does "energy neutral" imply that the app does not consume any battery power?

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What should be the duty cycle of the 4G radio so that the mobile application is energy neutral for 1 hour of app operation?

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Does the ability for energy neutral operation depend on the initial battery level?

- ☐ No, the ability for energy neutral operation does not depend on anything.  
☐ Yes, but it does not depend on the application.  
☐ Maybe, but it depends solely on the initial battery level.  
☒ Maybe, but it depends on both battery level and power profile of the application.

4. Can the results of a single macro-benchmark be achieved by carefully combining multiple micro-benchmarks?

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- ☐ true  
☒ false

5. What are some of the problems with a model based power measurement software tool? *Select all that apply.*

1 point

- ☒ The models tend to provide a different granularity of data than sensors and introduce errors in the process.  
☒ The software tool measuring power can influence the power measurements.  
☒ The models are not accurate and only work for a small set of experiments.  
☒ The sensors are not accurate enough to guarantee good accuracy for the models.

6. Which statement *most accurately* describes how the number of wakelocks relates to power?

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- ☐ Lower number of wakelocks result in lower average power  
☒ Lower number of wakelocks result in lower instantaneous power  
☐ Lower number of wakelocks result in higher instantaneous power  
☐ Lower number of wakelocks result in higher average power

7. Suppose there is a mobile application that can run in two modes: Lazy or Eager. In Lazy Mode, the execution time is **4 seconds**. In Eager Mode, the app utilizes a faster timer resolution for its computations, so the execution time in Eager Mode is **3 seconds** (i.e., Eager Mode execution time is **75%** of Lazy Mode execution time).
- After finishing computation, the app sends some data to the cloud, regardless of the mode it's in. The data size sent to the cloud is **50 MB**. The bandwidth of communication is **5 MBps** for WiFi and **4 MBps** for 4G. Assume that the communication radio is idle during the computation time.
- Assume that the communication radio for WiFi has a power consumption of **60 mW** when active and **1 mW** when idle. Similarly, assume that the communication radio for 4G has a power consumption of **80 mW** when active and **2 mW** when idle. The Idle Power of the CPU is **0.5 mW**, whereas the Active Power of the CPU is **1 mW** per unit utilization. Assume that the power consumption of the CPU is a linear function of its utilization. In other words:  $P = (\text{Idle Power}) + (\text{Utilization}) * (\text{Power per unit Utilization})$ .
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- Which configuration is the *most* energy efficient?
- ☐ Eager 4G
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- ☒ Eager WiFi
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- Which configuration has the *shortest* execution time?
- ☒ Eager WiFi
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- Which configuration has the *highest* maximum power consumption?
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- ☒ Lazy 4G
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Which configuration has the *highest* average power consumption?

- ☐ Lazy 4G
- ☒ Eager 4G
- ☐ Lazy WiFi
- ☐ Eager WiFi