## **Project 1**

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## Part 1

The source code for the interleaving is in KThread.DLL selfTest.

## Part 2.1 (Invalid Data)

This interleaving is in KThread.DLL\_selfTest2 . Initially, testList contains 2 nodes (1, 1) and (6, 6) .

```
Thread 1: testList.insert(3, 3)

++ this.size; // increment size counter
DLLElement newElem =
    new DLLElement(item, sortKey);
if(this.first == null){
    this.first = this.last = newElem;
    return;
}
DLLElement curElem = this.first;
```

```
while(curElem != null
        && curElem.key <= sortKey)
    curElem = curElem.next;
if(curElem == null){
    this.last.next = newElem;
    newElem.prev = this.last;
    this.last = newElem;
    newElem.prev = curElem.prev;
    newElem.next = curElem;
    curElem.prev = newElem;
    if (newElem.prev == null)
        this.first = newElem;
   else newElem.prev.next = newElem;
}
```

```
++ this.size; // increment size counter
DLLElement newElem =
        new DLLElement(item, sortKey);
if(this.first == null){
    this.first = this.last = newElem;
    return;
}
DLLElement curElem = this.first;
while(curElem != null
        && curElem.key <= sortKey)
    curElem = curElem.next;
if(curElem == null){
    this.last.next = newElem;
    newElem.prev = this.last;
    this.last = newElem;
} else {
    newElem.prev = curElem.prev;
    newElem.next = curElem;
    curElem.prev = newElem;
    if (newElem.prev == null)
        this.first = newElem;
   else newElem.prev.next = newElem;
}
```

In Thread 1, after the while loop, <code>curElem</code> will be the node <code>(6, 6)</code> . Then, a context switch happens, Threads 2 starts and finishes. Here, since Thread 1 has made no change to <code>testList</code>, so after Thread 2 (inserting <code>(4, 4)</code> into the list), the list will become

```
(1, 1), (4, 4), (6, 6)
```

Context switching back to Thread 1, since curElem is still the node (6, 6), (3, 3) is inserted just before (6, 6), yielding the final list:

```
(1, 1), (4, 4), (3, 3), (6, 6)
```

This is invalid data since the list supposed to be sorted by sortKey.

## **Part 2.1 (Null Pointer Exception)**

This interleaving is in KThread.DLL\_selfTest3 . Initially, testList contains a single node (1, 1) .

Thread 1: testList.prepend(0)	Thread 2: testList.removeHead()
<pre>int key = 0; if (this.first != null){      key = this.first.key - 1; } this.insert(item, key);</pre>	<pre>if(this.first == null) {     return null; } Object returnData = this.first.data; this.size; // decrement the size this.first = this.first.next; // update new head if(this.first == null) { // if pop the last element     this.last = null; } else {     this.first.prev = null; } return returnData;</pre>

Since testList initially is not empty, Thread 1 will do the if branch. We do a context switch just after Thread 1 done evaluating this.first != null . Then, we do the entirety of testList.removeHead() . Since the Thread 1 has not made any change to testList , testList will end up empty with testList.first become null . Then, when Thread 1 tries to access this.first.key (equivalent to null.key ), it will result in a NullPointerException .