Quiz Sheet #3

Problem 3.1: scheduling

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Please mark whether the following two statements are true or false. Hint: read carefully.

- a) The period of time for which a process is allowed to run in a preemptive multitasking system is generally called the time slice.
- b) A multilevel feedback queue scheduler assigns processes to different queues based on their priorities. Processes can transition between queues when their priority is adjusted.

Solution:

- a) True
- b) True

P is a set of processes and R is a set of resource types. The resource requests and resource assignments is defined by the set Q:

$$P = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$$

$$R = \{R_1, R_2, R_3\}$$

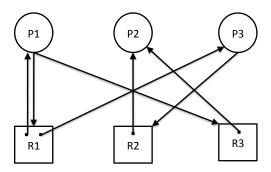
$$Q = \{P_1 \to R_1, P_1 \to R_3, P_3 \to R_2, R_1 \to P_1, R_1 \to P_3, R_3 \to P_2, R_2 \to P_2\}$$

Resource types R_1 has two instances; resource types R_2 and R_3 have one instance each.

- a) Draw a resource allocation graph using the above information.
- b) Write down the resource allocation and resource request matrices.
- c) Is the system in a deadlock state? Which processes are deadlocked and which are not? Explain.

Solution:

a) The resource allocation graph:



b) Allocation and request matrices:

$$Alloc = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Request = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) The resource allocation graph makes it clear that there exists the cycle, $P_1 \to R_1 \to P_1$. However, this cycle does not necessarily lead to a deadlock since P_1 can receive the resource it requests: P_2 has the resources (R_2, R_3) it needs in order to finish. Once the process P_2 leaves the system, it releases the resources (R_2, R_3) and P_3 can then finish as it acquires R_2 . Similarly, P_1 can acquire R_3 and finish as well. As such, there exists no deadlock in the system.