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1. (5 points) What is a spinlock? Give one advantage to using a spinlock implementation of a lock primitive and one disadvantage.

2. (5 points) Compare and contrast **threads** and **process**.

3. Dr. Summet is working on a library of data structures which will be **thread-safe**. That is, her data structures will be safe to be used in concurrent, multi-threaded programs. She is working on a **vector** class which is really an array and a lock to protect the array, like this:

```
typedef struct vector {
    int size;           /* length of vector */
    int* v;             /* pointer to array of ints */
    pthread_mutex_t lock; /* lock to protect array */
} vector_t;
```

Then she wrote a function to add two vectors together in (she thinks...) a thread-safe way:

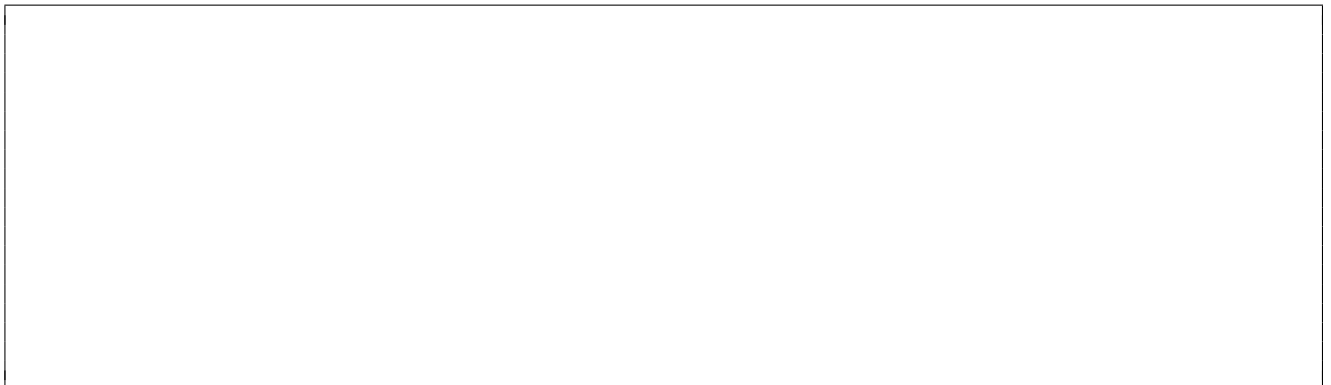
```
1 void add_vector(vector *v1, vector *v2) {
2     mutex_lock(v1->lock);
3     mutex_lock(v2->lock);
4     for(int i = 0; i < v1->size; i++) {
5         v1->v[i] = v1->v[i] + v2->v[i];
6     }
7     mutex_unlock(v1->lock);
9     mutex_unlock(v2->lock);
10 }
```

You are using Dr. Summet's library and have written code which does the following:

Thread 1 calls `add_vector(&vectorA, &vectorB)` Thread 2 calls `add_vector(&vectorB, &vectorA)`

However, the code hangs, and you think you might be observing deadlock. Dr. Summet may have made some mistakes!

- (a) (5 points) Why did the deadlock happen? Describe or draw a picture which clearly shows how deadlock could happen in the given scenario.



- (b) (5 points) How could you write `add_vector` so that this deadlock never happens?

- (c) (5 points) We know that for deadlock to occur we must have the following: hold-and-wait, mutual exclusion, no preemption, and circular dependencies.

In your proposed solution in part b, which of these 4 conditions did you remove? Describe how your solution removes that condition and thus makes deadlock impossible.

4. Consider the following code which implements a counter.

```
int counter = 0;

mythread(void *arg) {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 10000; i++) {
        counter = counter + 1;
    }
    return NULL;
}
```

Assume two threads, A and B, are running the above `mythread` function at the same time.

- (a) (3 points) Circle **all** of the following which is/are possible values of `counter` after both threads have completed.
- A. 5000
  - B. 10000
  - C. 15000
  - D. 20000
  - E. 25000
- (b) (2 points) Do we need a lock to protect the variable `i`? Why or why not?