

CMPS111 Spring 2018

Homework 3

Marks Available: **25 (5% of final course mark)**

Submission:

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(5 Marks) *Question 1.* Multi-level feedback queues (MLFQs) are implemented in many modern time-sharing operating systems, including those derived from 4.4 BSD Unix. Briefly describe the operation of MLFQs in 4.4 BSD Unix and the motivation behind using them.

(4 Marks) *Question 2.* A system has two processes and three identical resources. Each process needs a maximum of two resources. Is deadlock possible? Explain your answer.

(3 marks) *Question 3.* Explain how quantum value and the time taken to perform a context switch affect each other in a round robin process-scheduling algorithm.

(8 marks) *Question 4.* Five threads, A through E, arrive in alphabetic order at a scheduling queue one second apart from each other. Estimated running times are 10, 6, 2, 4, and 8 seconds, respectively. Their externally determined priorities are 3, 5, 2, 1, and 4, respectively, 5 being the highest priority. For each of the following scheduling algorithms, determine the mean turnaround time and mean waiting time. Assume thread switching is effectively instantaneous.

- (a) First Come First Served
- (b) Round Robin
- (c) Preemptive Priority Scheduling
- (d) Preemptive Shortest Job First

For (b), assume the system is multi-programmed with a quantum of 4 seconds. In all cases, show your work and include diagrams/charts/tables as appropriate.

(5 Marks) *Question 5.* If a hard real-time system has four tasks with periods of 50, 100, 200, and 250 ms (milliseconds) respectively, and the four tasks require 35, 20, 10, and **X** ms of CPU time respectively, calculate the largest value of **X** for which the system is schedulable during the period of the fourth task, and state the scheduling algorithm used. Show all your work and include charts as appropriate.