

These problems are provided simply for practice with blocking times and the UB and Exact tests. Brief solutions are included. Please post questions to the newsgroup ([uiuc.class.cs331](mailto:uiuc.class.cs331)), or ask during office hours (5:00–8:00pm Thursday in the 331 lab).

1. There are 4 periodic tasks,  $\tau_1$  through  $\tau_4$ , and 2 data structures shared among the tasks,  $DS_1$  and  $DS_2$ .  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ , and  $\tau_4$  share  $DS_1$  where  $\tau_1$ 's critical section is  $a$  ms,  $\tau_2$ 's critical section is  $b$  ms, and  $\tau_4$ 's critical section is  $c$  ms.  $\tau_2$  and  $\tau_3$  share  $DS_2$  where  $\tau_2$ 's critical section is  $d$  ms and  $\tau_3$ 's critical section is  $e$  ms.

$a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ , and  $e$  are all positive integers. Do not make any assumptions about their relative sizes. The  $\max$  function may be used in your answers. It accepts any number of arguments and returns the largest one. For example,  $\max(5, 20) = 20$  and  $\max(100, 54, 8) = 100$ .

Assuming that semaphores can be nested, what are the worst case blocking times of each task under the Basic Priority Inheritance Protocol (BIP) and the Priority Ceiling Protocol (PCP)?

**Solution:**

Task	BIP	PCP
$\tau_1$	$\max(c, b + d + e)$	$\max(c, b + d)$
$\tau_2$	$c + e$	$\max(c, e)$
$\tau_3$	$c$	$c$
$\tau_4$	0	0

2. There are four periodic tasks with the following computation times ( $C$ ), periods ( $T$ ), blocking times ( $B$ ), and pre-period deadlines ( $D$ ). The context switching time is  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ . Use the Utilization Bound and Exact tests as needed to determine if the task set is schedulable.

Task	$C$	$T$	$B$	$D$
$\tau_1$	15	100	6	30
$\tau_2$	70	150	3	20
$\tau_3$	20	200	4	10
$\tau_4$	26	275	0	10

$$S = 0.5$$

**Solution:**

The following tests show that the task set is schedulable.

- (a) The UB test on  $\tau_1$  passes:

$$\frac{15 + 1 + 6 + 30}{100} = \frac{52}{100} \leq U(1) = 1$$

- (b) The UB test on  $\tau_2$  passes:

$$\frac{15 + 1}{100} + \frac{70 + 1 + 3 + 20}{150} = \frac{59}{75} \approx 0.7867 \leq U(2) \approx 0.8284$$

(c) The UB test on  $\tau_3$  is inconclusive:

$$\frac{15+1}{100} + \frac{70+1}{150} + \frac{20+1+4+10}{200} = \frac{97}{120} \approx 0.8083 \not\leq U(3) \approx 0.7797$$

(d) The Exact test on  $\tau_3$  passes:

$$a_0 = (15+1) + (70+1) + (20+1) = 108$$

$$a_1 = 21 + \left\lceil \frac{108}{100} \right\rceil 16 + \left\lceil \frac{108}{150} \right\rceil 71 = 124$$

$$a_2 = 21 + \left\lceil \frac{124}{100} \right\rceil 16 + \left\lceil \frac{124}{150} \right\rceil 71 = 124$$

$$a_1 = a_2 = 124 \leq (T_3 - B_3 - D_3) = (200 - 4 - 10) = 186$$

(e) The Exact test on  $\tau_4$  passes:

$$a_0 = (15+1) + (70+1) + (20+1) + (26+1) = 135$$

$$a_1 = 27 + \left\lceil \frac{135}{100} \right\rceil 16 + \left\lceil \frac{135}{150} \right\rceil 71 + \left\lceil \frac{135}{200} \right\rceil 27 = 151$$

$$a_2 = 27 + \left\lceil \frac{151}{100} \right\rceil 16 + \left\lceil \frac{151}{150} \right\rceil 71 + \left\lceil \frac{151}{200} \right\rceil 27 = 222$$

$$a_3 = 27 + \left\lceil \frac{222}{100} \right\rceil 16 + \left\lceil \frac{222}{150} \right\rceil 71 + \left\lceil \frac{222}{200} \right\rceil 27 = 265$$

$$a_4 = 27 + \left\lceil \frac{265}{100} \right\rceil 16 + \left\lceil \frac{265}{150} \right\rceil 71 + \left\lceil \frac{265}{200} \right\rceil 27 = 265$$

$$a_3 = a_4 = 265 \leq (T_4 - D_4) = (275 - 10) = 265$$

3. There are four periodic tasks with the following computation times ( $C$ ), periods ( $T$ ), blocking times ( $B$ ), and pre-period deadlines ( $D$ ). The context switching time is  $S = 1.5$ .

Task	$C$	$T$	$B$	$D$
$\tau_1$	37	100	0	0
$\tau_2$	60	200	0	0
$\tau_3$	55	250	0	0
$\tau_4$	1	850	0	0

$$S = 1.5$$

*Note: As it is written, this problem requires that the exact test be carried out quite far. Letting  $T_4$  be 800 instead of 850 will make things simpler at the end. Why?*

- (a) Use the Utilization Bound and Exact tests as needed to show that the task set is *not* schedulable.

**Solution:**

The Exact test on  $\tau_3$  fails:

$$a_0 = (37 + 3) + (60 + 3) + (55 + 3) = 161$$

$$a_1 = 58 + \left\lceil \frac{161}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{161}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 201$$

$$a_2 = 58 + \left\lceil \frac{201}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{201}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 304$$

$$a_2 = 304 \not\leq T_3 = 250$$

- (b) Devise a period transformation that makes the task set schedulable. Show that your transformation works.

**Solution:**

Make  $\tau_3$  into  $\tau'_3$  by dividing its computation time and period by 5. This makes the three highest priority tasks harmonic. The following tests show that the modified task set is schedulable.

Task	$C$	$T$	$B$	$D$
$\tau'_3$	11	50	0	0
$\tau_1$	37	100	0	0
$\tau_2$	60	200	0	0
$\tau_4$	1	850	0	0

$$S = 1.5$$

- i. The UB test on  $\tau'_3$  passes:

$$\frac{11 + 3}{50} = \frac{14}{50} \leq U(1) = 1$$

- ii. The UB test on  $\tau_1$  passes (harmonic):

$$\frac{11 + 3}{50} + \frac{37 + 3}{100} = \frac{68}{100} \leq U(2) = 1$$

- iii. The UB test on  $\tau_2$  passes (harmonic):

$$\frac{11 + 3}{50} + \frac{37 + 3}{100} + \frac{60 + 3}{200} = \frac{199}{200} \leq U(3) = 1$$

- iv. The UB test on  $\tau_4$  is inconclusive:

$$\frac{11 + 3}{50} + \frac{37 + 3}{100} + \frac{60 + 3}{200} + \frac{1 + 3}{850} \approx 0.9997 \not\leq U(4) \approx 0.7568$$

v. The Exact test on  $\tau_4$  passes:

$$a_0 = (11 + 3) + (37 + 3) + (60 + 3) + (1 + 3) = 121$$

$$a_1 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{121}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{121}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{121}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 189$$

$$a_2 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{189}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{189}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{189}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 203$$

$$a_3 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{203}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{203}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{203}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 320$$

$$a_4 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{320}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{320}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{320}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 388$$

$$a_5 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{388}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{388}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{388}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 402$$

$$a_6 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{402}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{402}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{402}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 519$$

$$a_7 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{519}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{519}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{519}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 587$$

$$a_8 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{587}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{587}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{587}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 601$$

$$a_9 = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{601}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{601}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{601}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 718$$

$$a_{10} = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{718}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{718}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{718}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 786$$

$$a_{11} = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{786}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{786}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{786}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 800$$

$$a_{12} = 4 + \left\lceil \frac{800}{50} \right\rceil 14 + \left\lceil \frac{800}{100} \right\rceil 40 + \left\lceil \frac{800}{200} \right\rceil 63 = 800$$

$$a_{11} = a_{12} = 800 \leq T_4 = 850$$