

CSC 139: Operating Systems Principles
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Section 1

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Q1. Answer with TRUE or FALSE. [40 points]

1. A process that is holding resources but is not waiting for any resources cannot cause a deadlock regardless of the number of resources that it is holding. TRUE FALSE
2. We can prevent deadlocks by imposing mutual exclusion on all the resources in the system. TRUE FALSE
3. If the **Banker's algorithm** for deadlock avoidance indicates that a given request will put the system in an **unsafe state**, that request will **necessarily** cause a deadlock. TRUE FALSE
4. No matter how many processes are involved in a deadlock, it may be possible to recover from the deadlock by terminating only **one** process. TRUE FALSE

Q2. Circle the right answer. [60 points]

1. Which of the following will **not** prevent deadlocks?
 - a. Don't allow a process to wait for resources if it has resources allocated to it.
 - b. Make all resources non-preemptive.
 - c. Impose a total ordering of all resource types, and require each process to request resources in that order.
 - d. Require each process to request all the resources that it needs before it starts executing.

2. A system has one resource type with 15 instances. Given the following state of the system,

	Maximum Need	Current Allocation
P ₀	10	3
P ₁	6	4
P ₂	12	6

which of the following is a **safe sequence**?

- a. <P₀, P₁, P₂> b. <P₁, P₂, P₀> c. <P₂, P₀, P₁> d. <P₁, P₀, P₂> e. both b and d f. none

3. A system has one resource type with 16 instances. Given the following state of the system,

	Current Allocation	Current Request
P ₀	2	5
P ₁	5	8
P ₂	3	2
P ₃	4	9

which processes are involved in a deadlock?

- a. P₀ and P₁ b. P₀ and P₃ c. P₁ and P₃ d. P₀, P₁ and P₃ e. all processes g. none

Consider a system with processes P₁, P₂, P₃, P₄ and P₅. If P₁ is waiting for P₄, P₃ is waiting for P₅, P₄ is waiting for P₂, P₃ and P₅ and P₅ is waiting for P₁. Answer Questions 4 and 5 below.

4. Which processes are involved in a deadlock?
 - a. P₄ and P₅
 - b. P₄ and P₁
 - c. P₄, P₅ and P₁
 - d. P₄, P₅ and P₃
 - e. P₄, P₅, P₁ and P₃
 - f. all processes
5. Which process(es) will resolve the deadlock if terminated?
 - a. only P₄
 - b. only P₅
 - c. P₄ or P₅
 - d. P₄ and P₅ together
 - e. P₄ or P₅ or P₃
 - f. P₄ or P₅ or P₁
6. Consider a system with processes P₁, P₂ and P₃ and resource types R₁, R₂ and R₃. There is **one** instance of each of R₁ and R₂ and **two** instances of R₃. If P₁ is currently holding an instance of R₃ and requesting an instance of R₁, P₂ is holding an instance of R₂ and requesting an instance of R₃, and P₃ is holding an instance of each of R₁ and R₃ and requesting an instance of R₂, which processes are involved in a deadlock?
 - a. P₁ and P₂ only
 - b. P₁ and P₃ only
 - c. P₂ and P₃ only
 - d. all three processes
 - e. none