

科目：作業系統 (Operating System)

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1. (15%) Suppose that a scheduling algorithm (at the level of short-term CPU scheduling) favors those processes that have used the least processor time in the recent past.
 - (a) (8%) Will this scheduling algorithm favor CPU-bound processes or I/O-bound processes? Why?
 - (b) (7%) Please discuss if the starvation situation will permanently occur in this scheduling algorithm?
2. (15%) Suppose a thread is running in a critical section of code. It means that the thread has acquired all the locks through proper arbitration. Can this thread get context switched? Please explain the reasons.
3. (20 %) Are the following statements true or false? For each statement, you will get 4 points for correct answer, zero point for blank, or -2 point for incorrect answer.
 - (a) Inverted page table is used to reduce the size of memory committed to page tables
 - (b) An inverted page table has one entry for each page
 - (c) TLS is used by IPSec to provide network security
 - (d) The nslookup tool allows you to query the DNS to obtain the mapping between domain name and IP address.
 - (e) Ordinary pipes are unidirectional.
4. (10%) Consider a computer with a 64-bit logical address and a 4 KB page size. The system supports up to 2 GB of physical memory.
 - (a) (5%) How many entries are there in a single-level page table?
 - (b) (5%) How many frames are there in the physical memory?
5. (15%) Consider the following page reference string:
1 2 3 2 4 6 2 7 3 7 6 3 7 4 2 5 3 6
Assume that the system has N **frames**, which are initially empty. How many page replacements could occur if the following page replacement algorithms are used?
 - (a) (5%) LRU algorithm for N=4
 - (b) (5%) FIFO with pre-fetching the subsequent page, for N=4 (i.e. Assume that referencing page 1 causes a page fault. Then, the system evicts two pages and puts page 1 and page 2 into the frames)
 - (c) (5%) Which of the above two algorithms has the best performance? Why?

6. (25%) Java supports the automatic garbage collection mechanism. On the other hand, C++ does not support this mechanism. Please answer the following questions:
- (a) (5%) Explain why garbage collection makes applications slow at runtime.
 - (b) (10%) The virtual memory space of a process/application is usually partitioned into several conceptual regions: code, static data, heap, and stack. What region (or regions) should be scanned by the garbage collector? Why?
 - (c) (10%) What should a C++ programmer do in order to develop a robust application, in the case that C++ does not support automatic garbage collection?