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Problem	Topic	Marks	Score	Marker's Initials
1	Threads and thread_fork	9		
2	Processes and fork	14		
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Problem 1 (9 marks)

For the program shown below, assume that all function, library and system calls are successful. Recall that the prototype/signature for `thread_fork` is:

```
int thread_fork(const char *name, struct proc *proc,
               void (*func)(void *, unsigned long),
               void *data1, unsigned long data2);

volatile int x = 42;

main()
{
    /* name="1", no process, runs func1 */
    /* parameters 0 and 0, not used */
    thread_fork("1",NULL,func1,0,0);

    /* name="2", no process, runs func2 */
    /* parameters 0 and 0, not used */
    thread_fork("2",NULL,func2,0,0);

    func3(0,0);
}

void func1(unsigned long notused, void *notused2)
{
    kprintf("A: %d\n", x);
    x = 10;
}

void func2(unsigned long notused, void *notused2)
{
    kprintf("B: %d\n", x);
    x = 20;
}

void func3(unsigned long notused, void *notused2)
{
    kprintf("C: %d\n", x);
    x = 30;
}
```

When considering each line of output produced by the program above, what would the output be when printing the value of the variable `x`? If more than one value or a range of values is possible, list all possible values or ranges.

/* From func1 */ A:

/* From func2 */ B:

/* From func3 */ C:

Problem 2 (14 marks)

For the program shown below, what output would be printed when it runs? If a range or multiple values are possible, give the range or possible values. If it is not possible to determine the value, possible values or a range, state so and explain why. Assume that all function, library and system calls are successful. If more than one ordering of output is possible choose one of the possible orderings. Recall that `WEXITSTATUS(status)` just gets the exit code portion of the `status` variable.

```
int x = 42;

main()
{
    int rc, status;

    rc = fork();

    if (rc == 0) {
        func1();
        _exit(1);
    } else {
        rc = waitpid(rc, &status, 0);
        printf("R: %d", WEXITSTATUS(status));
        printf("M: %d\n", x);
        x = 100;
        printf("P: %d\n", x);
        _exit(2);
    }

    func2();
}

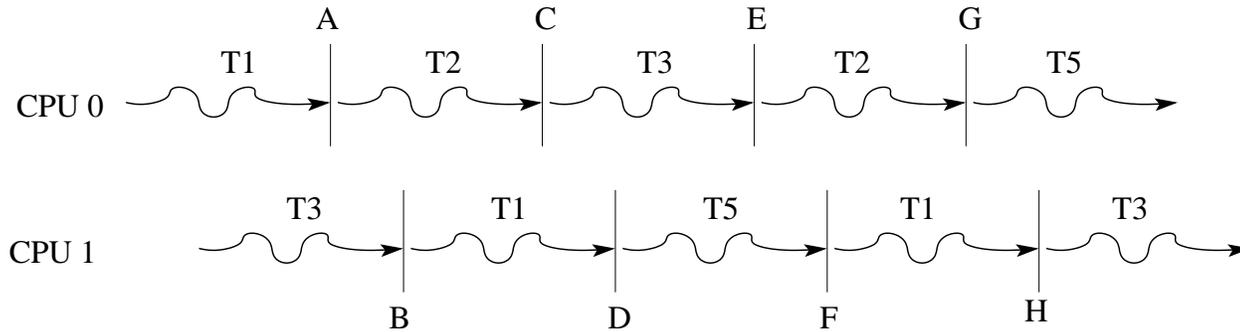
void func1()
{
    int rc, status;

    printf("T: %d\n", x);
    x = 10;
    rc = fork();
    if (rc == 0) {
        x = 50;
        printf("Q: %d\n", x);
        _exit(3);
    }
    rc = waitpid(rc, &status, 0)
    printf("A: %d\n", x);
    printf("D: %d", WEXITSTATUS(status));
    _exit(4);
}

void func2()
{
    printf("C: %d\n", x);
}
```

Problem 3 (12 marks)

The diagram below shows a number of threads executing on two different CPUs (the names of each thread are shown). The vertical lines indicate context switches between two threads and the labels at those vertical lines indicate the time at which the context switch occurred.



In OS/161 a context switch is initiated by a call to `thread_switch`. That function determines which thread to run next (pointed to by `next`) and calls `switchframe_switch` which performs the context switch from the current thread (pointed to by `cur`) to the next thread (pointed to by `next`). In the code below we have added two `kprintf` calls to print out the names of the `cur` and `next` thread before and after the context switch.

```
kprintf("Before: cur = %s next = %s\n", cur->t_name, next->t_name);

/* do the switch (in assembler in switch.S) */
switchframe_switch(&cur->t_context, &next->t_context);

kprintf("After: cur = %s next = %s\n", cur->t_name, next->t_name);
```

Using the diagram at the top of the page and the code above fill in the output that would be produced after each call to `switchframe_switch` (the output for the “Before” print statement has been provided). If it is not possible to determine the answer from the information provided in the diagram use the label “UN” (for unknown).

Time	Before		After	
	cur	next	cur	next
A	T1	T2		
E	T3	T2		
G	T2	T5		
H	T1	T3		

Problem 4 (10 marks)

Assume a **user-level process** (named P1) executes the code shown below on OS161.

```

main()          Q()          R()          S()
{              {              {              {  int i, x;
  Q();          int x = getpid();  int y = getpid();  for (i=0;i<N;i++) {
  R();          S();              x = x + i;
}              }              }              }

```

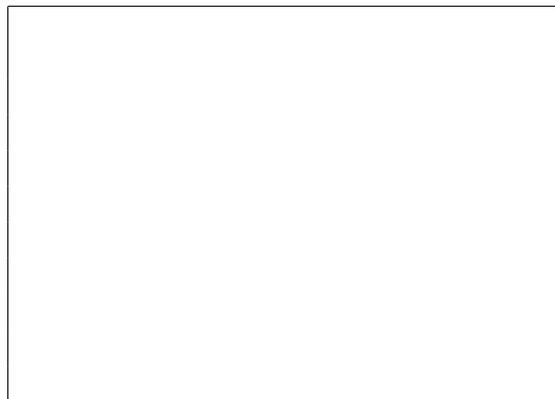
In the rectangles shown for each part of this question below, fill in and label any information about the state of the **kernel stack** for the executing process (P1) as it would appear at the point in time stated in the question. Do not draw anything that has been popped from the stack (is no longer active) and use the same level of detail used in class and the course notes. If they are present, be sure to show trap frames, switch frames, and stack frames. (If you happen to remember some function names for stack frames use them but you don't have to name them or know how many there are just indicate where they are). Draw the stack so that the high addresses are at the top of the diagram and low addresses are at the bottom. Recall that the stack grows from high addresses to low.

- a. **(5 mark(s))** The process P1 calls `int y = getpid()` in the function R. While in the kernel `syscall` function an interrupt occurs. Show what the contents of the stack look like just prior to returning from the interrupt handler and before popping the stack.



Kernel Stack

- b. **(5 mark(s))** The process P1 is executing function S, an interrupt occurs, the kernel determines that the thread has reached its quantum of CPU time and it context switches to a thread of process P2. Show what the kernel stack looks like for P1 after the context switch to P2.



Kernel Stack

Problem 5 (12 marks)

Barrier synchronization can be used to prevent threads from proceeding until a specified number of threads have reached the barrier. Threads reaching the barrier block until the last of the specified number of threads has reached the barrier, at which point all threads can proceed. Below is a partial pseudocode example of how barrier synchronization might be used.

```
/* Used to wait for all mice to be ready to all attack together */
struct barrier *attack_barrier;
/* Used to wait for all mice and the main thread so they can all go to the bar together */
struct barrier *bar_barrier;

main()
{
    unsigned int i;
    attack_barrier = barrier_create(NUM_MICE);
    bar_barrier = barrier_create(NUM_MICE+1);

    for (i=0; i<NUM_MICE; i++) {
        thread_fork("MightyMouse", mouse, NULL, i);
    }

    /* Wait here until all threads are ready to go to the bar */
    barrier_wait(bar_barrier);
    go_to_bar();
}

void
mouse(void *unused, unsigned long mouse_num)
{
    unsigned int i;
    /* Attack the cats a number of times */
    for (i=0; i<ATTACK_COUNT; i++) {
        get_ammo(mouse_num);
        barrier_wait(attack_barrier); /* wait until all mice are ready to attack */
        attack_cats();
    }
    /* Wait here until all threads are ready to go to the bar */
    barrier_wait(bar_barrier);
    go_to_bar();
}
```

Fill in the spaces below (or on the next page) to complete the implementation of a barrier. (You will not implement `barrier_destroy`). You must only use locks and condition variables for synchronization (as they are defined in OS/161). To simplify the code, assume that all calls to `kmalloc` and to create any required objects always succeed.

```
struct barrier {

};

/* Create a barrier that can be used with thread_count threads */
struct barrier *barrier_create(unsigned int thread_count)
{

}

/* Callers wait here until the number of threads specified have */
/* reached this point, then they all proceed. */
void
barrier_wait(struct barrier *b)
{

}

}
```

Problem 7 (9 marks)

Note: to make some numbers easier to read, spaces have been added between every 4 hexadecimal characters. Please also use this convention when providing your answers.

The structure `addrspace` shown below describes the address space of a running process on a slightly modified MIPS processor. The `addrspace` and modified processor are similar to the `dumbvm` and MIPS processor provided in OS161/SYS161. The key differences are that this processor uses 36-bit virtual and physical addresses and a page size of 64 KB (`0x1 0000`). In a similar fashion to the 32-bit MIPS OS/161 processor the 36-bit virtual address space on this modified processor is divided into two halves. Virtual addresses from 0 to `0x7 FFFF FFFF` are for user programs and virtual address from `0x8 0000 0000` to `0xF FFFF FFFF` can not be accessed while in user mode. Fortunately, this new version of the OS161 kernel now explicitly represents the stack as segment 3 (note the stack size).

```
struct addrspace {
    vaddr_t as_vbase1 = 0x0 5000 0000;    /* text segment: virtual base address */
    paddr_t as_pbase1 = 0x0 0010 0000;    /* text segment: physical base address */
    size_t as_npages1 = 0x200;           /* text segment: number of pages */
    vaddr_t as_vbase2 = 0x3 0000 0000;    /* data segment: virtual base address */
    paddr_t as_pbase2 = 0x8 0000 0000;    /* data segment: physical base address */
    size_t as_npages2 = 0x137;           /* data segment: number of pages */
    vaddr_t as_vbase3 = 0x4 0000 0000;    /* stack segment: virtual base address */
    paddr_t as_pbase3 = 0x1 0000 0000;    /* stack segment: physical base address */
    size_t as_npages3 = 0x18;           /* stack segment: number of pages */
};
```

For an application executing in user space that uses the address space defined above, assume that it is accessing the specified addresses below. When possible you are to translate the provided address. If the translation is not possible, explain why it is not possible and what would happen during translation. If the translation is possible provide the requested translated address and indicate which segment the address belongs to. Use hexadecimal notation for all addresses and show all 36-bits. Show and explain how you arrived at your result.

Some possibly useful values:

```
1 * 64 KB = 0x1 * 0x1 0000 = 0x1 0000    2 * 64 KB = 0x2 * 0x1 0000 = 0x2 0000
10 * 64 KB = 0xA * 0x1 0000 = 0xA 0000   16 * 64 KB = 0x10 * 0x1 0000 = 0x10 0000
32 * 64 KB = 0x20 * 0x1 0000 = 0x20 0000
```

a. (3 mark(s)) Translate the **Virtual Address** `0x4 0017 6429` to a **Physical Address**.

b. (3 mark(s)) Translate the **Virtual Address** `0x0 5200 AB25` to a **Physical Address**.

c. (3 mark(s)) If possible, determine the user space **Virtual Address** that could be used to access the **Physical Address** `0x8 0128 95FA`.