

1. [6 pt] How does the Unix kernel optimize memory usage when it creates a new process using `fork(2)`?

2. [8 pt] Contrast the use of magic number and file extension to determine file type by the kernel. Describe at least one advantage of each. Also give one disadvantage of each.

3. [6 pt] Why cannot we assign CPU to another process in programmed I/O?

4. [10 pt] Consider a machine with the memory access time for RAM to be 100ns. You are running processes that, on an average, have 1 page fault in 25,000 memory accesses. Out of these page faults, 1 in 5 pages turn up with their dirty bit set. The disk has a seek time of 15ms and is spinning at 14,400 rpm. Consider about 1ms for transfer time for data. At any time, there are two processes in the device queue. Compute the effective memory access time for this system.

5. [10 pt] Consider a machine with disk blocks of 4K bytes. You have a new disk of size 2TB. What is the theoretical maximum file size possible using the UFS scheme of file allocation?