CS 544, Locks Worksheet

thread 1 lock.acquire() L.append(3) x += 1 lock.release()

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thread 2
y += 1
y += 2
lock.acquire()
diff = len(L) - x
lock.release()
```

thread 1	thread 2	x 2	L [5,4]	diff None	y 4
	y += 1				5
lock.aquire()					
	y += 2				7
L.append(3)			[5,4,3]		time
	lock.acquire()				
	diff = len(L) - x			1	
	lock.release()				
x += 1		3			. ↓
lock.release()					·

Problem 1: which statement executions above **are not possible** in a correct locking system? Which statements would cause exceptions? If the locking system behaved correctly, what would be possible values for diff at the end?

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thread 2
lock.acquire() #X
q = 0  #Y
lock.release() #Z
```

Problem 2: assume q is 2 before the threads start running. Write out an interleaving (for example, something like A, B, C, ...) that leads to an ZeroDivisionError.

```
lock = threading.Lock()
x = 1

def task():
    global x
    with lock:
    x = 2

t = threading.Thread(target=task)
a = x
t.start()
with lock:
    b = x
t.join()
c = x
```

a = _____ b = ____ c =

Problem 3: how do a, b, and c end? Write "?" if it is impossible to know.

```
thread 1
lockA.acquire()
lockB.acquire()
A += 1
B -= 1
lockA.release()
lockB.release()
thread 2
lockB.acquire()
lockA.acquire()
B += 2
A -= 2
lockB.release()
lockB.release()
```

thread 1 thread 2 A B ----- 30 40

time

Problem 4: write an interleaving that leads to "deadlock" (both threads blocked).