CS 544, Locks Worksheet

<pre>thread 1 lock.acquire() L.append(3) x += 1 lock.release()</pre>		<pre>thread y += 1 y += 2 lock.ac diff = lock.re</pre>		e() _) - x e()			
thread 1	thread 2		x 2	L [5,4]	diff None	y 4	
	y += 1			L-,]		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 behaves correctly, what are possible values for diff at the end?



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
```



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



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