

Problem	1	2	3	Total
Points:	6	32	42	80
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This homework assignment has 3 problems, for a total of 80 points.

1. (6 points) Of the following statements, identify all that hold about e-business concepts.
 - A. The key need for e-business is to build integrated systems from heterogeneous parts
 - B. The so-called optimistic approach, i.e., letting violations occur but correcting them, is not compatible with the assumptions of e-business
 - C. Coherence is the appropriate standard of correctness for e-business systems
2. (32 points) Of the following statements, identify all that hold about services and contracts.
 - A. Traditional process modeling approaches are well-suited to technical services
 - B. A technical service is a computation that can participate in a computational process
 - C. Coproduction is something that applies to coproduced goods not to services, since services are not produced
 - D. Coproduction is an accurate description of health care since people pick up many diseases in hospitals
 - E. If a service engagement is well-designed, the order in which business relationships are set up matches the order in which the messages occur during enactment
 - F. Contracts provide the constraints on how an e-business system may function
 - G. Contracts in e-business settings help specify each business partner as a black box that does what it is supposed to
 - H. We can use commitments to analyze whether a contract is well formed
 - I. The commitments in a contract capture what a business partner needs to do to comply with it
 - J. Sometimes a commitment may have two antecedents
 - K. Modeling commitment regression can help us capture how a satisfied or violated commitment can go back to being active
 - L. If a message from a debtor to a creditor creates a commitment, such as by stating an offer, the commitment goes into effect on both parties only after the message has been received
 - M. If a message from a debtor to a creditor creates a commitment, such as by stating an offer, the commitment goes into effect only after the creditor accepts the offer
 - N. A commitment $C(d, c, p, q)$ goes into effect only if the creditor creates a commitment $C(c, d, q, p)$
 - O. A benefit of modeling protocols using commitments is that we can produce additional enactments based on commitments (such as via delegation) without having to specify them in advance
 - P. When a commitment is delegated, the responsibility for discharging it remains with the original debtor

3. (42 points) Of the following statements, identify all that hold about protocols and specifications.
- A. Traditional process modeling approaches mix private and public elements, thus conflating policies and protocols
 - B. The essential idea of method invocation in object-oriented programming applies in modeling business interactions
 - C. A telephone call, viewed at the user level, is a classical example of a remote procedure call
 - D. In asynchronous messaging, information flows to the receiver of a message
 - E. In synchronous messaging, information flows to the sender of a message
 - F. The sending of a message is causally prior to its receipt
 - G. The guards in a sequence diagram specifying a protocol may refer to the internal state variables of the party whose lifeline they occur on
 - H. The typical scenario with a delegation of work (as in a merchant asking a shipper to make a delivery) does not quite fit into the nested remote procedure call pattern
 - I. An operational specification of a protocol describes the steps taken by each party and how they are to be ordered
 - J. Judging whether a sequence diagram specification of a protocol is well formed should depend only on considerations of information flows in a causally realistic manner
 - K. A declarative specification of a protocol does not describe the steps taken by each party and how they are to be ordered
 - L. A constitutive specification of a protocol is a kind of a meaning-based specification
 - M. A well-designed protocol has both private and public components
 - N. Beginning from the policy points identified in a sequence diagram, we can determine a useful protocol
 - O. In applying state diagrams to specify a protocol, we place all messages on transitions between states
 - P. A nested state signifies that the state is a conjunction of all its substates
 - Q. If we have obtained state diagrams for distinct protocols, we can produce the state diagram of the composed protocol by using the individual protocols as parallel states
 - R. State diagrams serve as a useful representation for protocols when we identify meaningful states
 - S. Determining the meaning underlying a state that arises from a given transition is an element of business modeling
 - T. In a state diagram, the labels associated with states are irrelevant to the enactment: all that matters is knowing the current state and computing the guards on the various transitions
 - U. Race conditions cannot arise in protocols modeled using state diagrams because there is always a unique correct state of the entity being modeled