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1. INTRODUCTION

This project implements a multi-threaded ferry simulation system using POSIX threads (pthreads) in C. The simulation models a ferry service operating between two sides of a city (Side A and Side B), managing vehicle transportation with realistic constraints including capacity limits, toll systems, and queuing mechanisms.

Project Objectives

- Demonstrate concurrent programming concepts using threads
- Implement thread synchronization using mutexes and condition variables
- Simulate a real-world transportation system with multiple constraints
- Handle resource management and prevent race conditions

2. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

2.1. Main Components

The system consists of three main source files:

- **main.c** - Program entry point and thread initialization
- **ferry.c** - Core logic implementation
- **ferry.h** - Header file with structure definitions and function prototypes

2.2.Key Data Structures

```
typedef struct {
    int id;
    int type;
    int load;
    int initial_side;
    int current_side;
    int target_side;
    int on_ferry;
    int returned;
    double queue_entry_time; // Time when vehicle entered the queue
    double boarding_time;    // Time when vehicle boarded the ferry
} Vehicle;

typedef struct {
    int load;
    int vehicle_count;
    int current_side;
    int target_side;
} Ferry;
```

Figure 1 Vehicle Structure and Ferry Structure “ferry.h”

3. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

3.1.Vehicle Types and Capacity

The system handles three types of vehicles:

- **Cars:** 1 unit of ferry capacity
- **Minibuses:** 2 units of ferry capacity
- **Trucks:** 3 units of ferry capacity

Total vehicles: 30 (12 cars + 10 minibuses + 8 trucks)

Ferry capacity: 20 units

3.2.Thread Architecture

The system creates:

- 1 ferry departure thread
- 30 vehicle threads (one per vehicle)
- Total: 31 concurrent threads

```
#include "ferry.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <time.h>

int main() {
    srand(time(NULL));

    pthread_create(&ferry_departure_thread, NULL, (void*)ferry_departure, NULL);

    init_variables();

    for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        pthread_mutex_init(&toll_mutex[i], NULL);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
        pthread_mutex_init(&square_mutex[i], NULL);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < VEHICLE_COUNT; i++) {
        pthread_create(&vehicleThreads[i], NULL, vehicle_lifecycle, &vehicles[i]);
    }

    pthread_join(ferry_departure_thread, NULL);

    for (int i = 0; i < VEHICLE_COUNT; i++) {
        pthread_join(vehicleThreads[i], NULL);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        pthread_mutex_destroy(&toll_mutex[i]);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
        pthread_mutex_destroy(&square_mutex[i]);
    }

    pthread_mutex_destroy(&ferry_mutex);
    pthread_cond_destroy(&ferry_available);
    pthread_cond_destroy(&departure_available);

    printf("\nAll vehicles have returned to their initial side. Simulation finished.\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Figure 2 main() function of main.c – Thread Creation

3.3.Synchronization Mechanisms

Mutexes:

- 4 toll mutexes (2 per side)
- 2 square mutexes (1 per side)
- 1 ferry mutex

Condition Variables:

- **ferry_available:** Signals when ferry is ready for boarding
- **departure_available:** Signals when ferry should depart

3.4.Vehicle Lifecycle

Each vehicle follows this lifecycle:

- **Pass through toll (pass_toll(Vehicle* vehicle))** - One vehicle at a time per toll
- **Wait in square (wait_square(Vehicle* vehicle))**- Queue for ferry boarding
- **Board ferry (boarding_ferry(void* arg))** - When space available and correct destination
- **Travel (ferry_departure())** - Ferry transit time
- **Disembark (leaving_ferry())** - Leave ferry at destination
- **Return journey** - Repeat process to return home

```

void* vehicle_lifecycle(void* arg) {
    Vehicle* vehicle = (Vehicle*)arg;
    int in_square = 0;

    while (!vehicle->returned) {
        if (!vehicle->on_ferry) {
            if (!in_square) {
                pass_toll(vehicle);
                wait_square(vehicle);
                in_square = 1;
            } else {
                boarding_ferry(vehicle);
            }
        } else {
            in_square = 0;
        }

        usleep(50000);
    }

    return NULL;
}

```

Figure 3 vehicle_lifecycle(void* arg) function of ferry.c

4. Ferry Operation Logic

4.1. Departure Conditions

The ferry departs when:

- **Ferry is full (20/20 units)** - Immediate departure
- **No suitable vehicles can fit** - Example: Ferry has 18 units, next vehicle needs 3 units
- **All suitable vehicles have boarded** - No more vehicles going to target side


```

if (ferry.load == FERRY_CAPACITY ||
    (ferry.load > 0 && !existsSuitableVehicleOnSide())) {

    // Check departure reason
    if (!departure_triggered) {
        if (ferry.load == FERRY_CAPACITY) {
            // Case 1: Ferry is full
            printf("\n[FERRY] Ferry is full (20/20) → Departure triggered\n");
            departure_triggered = 1;
        } else {
            // Check if there's a vehicle that cannot fit
            int found_unfit = 0;
            pthread_mutex_lock(&square_mutex[ferry.current_side]);
            for (int i = 0; i < square_count[ferry.current_side]; i++) {
                if (square[ferry.current_side][i] != NULL &&
                    square[ferry.current_side][i]->target_side == ferry.target_side &&
                    square[ferry.current_side][i]->load + ferry.load > FERRY_CAPACITY &&
                    !square[ferry.current_side][i]->returned &&
                    !square[ferry.current_side][i]->on_ferry) {
                    // Case 2: Vehicle cannot fit
                    printf("\n[FERRY] Vehicle #d (%s) cannot fit: %d + %d = %d > %d (Ferry Capacity) → Departure triggered\n",
                        square[ferry.current_side][i]->id + 1,
                        get_vehicle_type(square[ferry.current_side][i]->type),
                        ferry.load,
                        square[ferry.current_side][i]->load,
                        ferry.load + square[ferry.current_side][i]->load,
                        FERRY_CAPACITY);
                    departure_triggered = 1;
                    found_unfit = 1;
                    break;
                }
            }
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&square_mutex[ferry.current_side]);

            // Case 3: No more suitable vehicles
            if (!found_unfit && !existsSuitableVehicleOnSide()) {
                printf("\n[FERRY] All suitable vehicles in square have boarded → Departure triggered\n");
                departure_triggered = 1;
            }
        }
    }

    departure_available_status = 1;
    pthread_cond_broadcast(&departure_available);
}

// Make ferry available for other vehicles
ferry_available_status = 1;
pthread_cond_broadcast(&ferry_available);
pthread_mutex_unlock(&ferry_mutex);

```

Figure 4 Three Conditions for departure from boarding_ferry() ferry.c

4.2.Empty Ferry Movement

If the ferry is empty but vehicles are waiting on the other side, it travels empty to serve them.

5. Output Format and Features

5.1. Initialization Output

```
[FERRY] Initialized (Current Side: B, Target Side: A)
[VEHICLE # 1][CAR] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE # 2][CAR] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE # 3][CAR] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE # 4][CAR] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE # 5][CAR] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE # 6][CAR] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE # 7][CAR] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE # 8][CAR] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE # 9][CAR] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #10][CAR] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #11][CAR] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #12][CAR] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #13][MINIBUS] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #14][MINIBUS] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #15][MINIBUS] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #16][MINIBUS] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #17][MINIBUS] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #18][MINIBUS] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #19][MINIBUS] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #20][MINIBUS] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #21][MINIBUS] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #22][MINIBUS] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #23][TRUCK] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #24][TRUCK] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #25][TRUCK] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #26][TRUCK] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #27][TRUCK] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #28][TRUCK] Created (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #29][TRUCK] Created (Side: A)
[VEHICLE #30][TRUCK] Created (Side: B)
```

Figure 5 Initialization Output (Example Output)

5.2.Real-time Operation Logs

The system provides detailed logs for:

- Toll passages with toll number
- Queue status with current length
- Boarding events with waiting time
- Departure triggers with specific reasons
- Unloading process with travel times

```
[VEHICLE #27][TRUCK] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 1.430 sec, Ferry Load: 3/20)
[VEHICLE #24][TRUCK] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-1)
[VEHICLE #28][TRUCK] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-2)
[VEHICLE #24][TRUCK] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 15)
[VEHICLE #13][MINIBUS] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-1)
[VEHICLE # 4][CAR] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-2)
[VEHICLE #13][MINIBUS] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 16)
[VEHICLE #12][CAR] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-1)
[VEHICLE #10][CAR] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-2)
[VEHICLE #12][CAR] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 17)
[VEHICLE #14][MINIBUS] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-1)
[VEHICLE #23][TRUCK] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-2)
[VEHICLE #28][TRUCK] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 18)
[VEHICLE # 9][CAR] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-1)
[VEHICLE # 3][CAR] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-2)
[VEHICLE # 4][CAR] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 19)
[VEHICLE #20][MINIBUS] Passing through toll (Side: A, Toll: A-1)
[VEHICLE #20][MINIBUS] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 20)
[VEHICLE #14][MINIBUS] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 21)
[VEHICLE #23][TRUCK] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 22)
[VEHICLE # 9][CAR] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 23)
[VEHICLE # 3][CAR] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 24)
[VEHICLE #10][CAR] Waiting in square (Side: A, Square Queue Length: 25)
[VEHICLE #21][MINIBUS] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 1.535 sec, Ferry Load: 5/20)
[VEHICLE #11][CAR] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 1.656 sec, Ferry Load: 6/20)
[VEHICLE #26][TRUCK] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 1.626 sec, Ferry Load: 9/20)
[VEHICLE #15][MINIBUS] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 1.767 sec, Ferry Load: 11/20)
[VEHICLE # 6][CAR] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 1.756 sec, Ferry Load: 12/20)
[VEHICLE #24][TRUCK] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 0.363 sec, Ferry Load: 15/20)
[VEHICLE #13][MINIBUS] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 0.403 sec, Ferry Load: 17/20)
[VEHICLE #12][CAR] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 0.443 sec, Ferry Load: 18/20)
[VEHICLE # 4][CAR] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 0.473 sec, Ferry Load: 19/20)
[VEHICLE # 9][CAR] Boarded ferry (Side: A, Waiting Time: 0.483 sec, Ferry Load: 20/20)

[FERRY] Ferry is full (20/20) → Departure triggered
```

Figure 6 Pass Toll - Wait Square - Boarding Ferry Outputs (Example Output)

```

=====
[FERRY] TRIP 2 DEPARTING!
  From Side: A → To Side: B
  Vehicles on board: 11
  Total load: 20/20 units
  Remaining capacity: 0 units

VEHICLES ON BOARD:
  1. Vehicle #27 (TRUCK) - 3 units
  2. Vehicle #21 (MINIBUS) - 2 units
  3. Vehicle #11 (CAR) - 1 units
  4. Vehicle #26 (TRUCK) - 3 units
  5. Vehicle #15 (MINIBUS) - 2 units
  6. Vehicle # 6 (CAR) - 1 units
  7. Vehicle #24 (TRUCK) - 3 units
  8. Vehicle #13 (MINIBUS) - 2 units
  9. Vehicle #12 (CAR) - 1 units
 10. Vehicle # 4 (CAR) - 1 units
 11. Vehicle # 9 (CAR) - 1 units
=====

--- UNLOADING VEHICLES ---
[VEHICLE #27][TRUCK] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.550 sec)
[VEHICLE #21][MINIBUS] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.394 sec)
[VEHICLE #11][CAR] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.344 sec)
[VEHICLE #26][TRUCK] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.294 sec)
[VEHICLE #15][MINIBUS] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.244 sec)
[VEHICLE # 6][CAR] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.194 sec)
[VEHICLE #24][TRUCK] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.144 sec)
[VEHICLE #24][TRUCK] Has returned to initial side (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #13][MINIBUS] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.093 sec)
[VEHICLE #13][MINIBUS] Has returned to initial side (Side: B)
[VEHICLE #12][CAR] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 1.043 sec)
[VEHICLE #12][CAR] Has returned to initial side (Side: B)
[VEHICLE # 4][CAR] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 0.993 sec)
[VEHICLE # 4][CAR] Has returned to initial side (Side: B)
[VEHICLE # 9][CAR] Got off from ferry (Side: B, Ferry Travel Time: 0.942 sec)
[VEHICLE # 9][CAR] Has returned to initial side (Side: B)
--- UNLOADING COMPLETE ---

[FERRY] Trip 2 completed (Duration: 0.500 sec)
=====

```

Figure 7 Departure Output (Example Output)

5.3.Trip Details

Each trip shows:

- Direction (From → To)
- Number of vehicles
- Capacity utilization
- Individual vehicle details
- Trip duration

```
=====
[FERRY] TRIP 2 DEPARTING!
From Side: A → To Side: B
Vehicles on board: 11
Total load: 20/20 units
Remaining capacity: 0 units

VEHICLES ON BOARD:
 1. Vehicle #27 (TRUCK) - 3 units
 2. Vehicle #21 (MINIBUS) - 2 units
 3. Vehicle #11 (CAR) - 1 units
 4. Vehicle #26 (TRUCK) - 3 units
 5. Vehicle #15 (MINIBUS) - 2 units
 6. Vehicle # 6 (CAR) - 1 units
 7. Vehicle #24 (TRUCK) - 3 units
 8. Vehicle #13 (MINIBUS) - 2 units
 9. Vehicle #12 (CAR) - 1 units
10. Vehicle # 4 (CAR) - 1 units
11. Vehicle # 9 (CAR) - 1 units
=====
```

Figure 8 Trip Details Output (Example Output)

5.4. Summary Statistics

At simulation end, comprehensive statistics are provided:

- Total trips completed
- Total vehicles transported
- Total simulation time
- Average waiting time per vehicle
- Detailed trip history

```
[FERRY] All vehicles have returned. Ferry service ending.

===== SIMULATION SUMMARY =====
Total trips: 7
Total vehicles transported: 60
Total simulation time: 10.855 seconds
Total waiting time in queue: 120.902 seconds
Average waiting time per vehicle: 2.015 seconds

--- TRIP DETAILS ---
Trip 1: From SIDE B → To SIDE A, 11 vehicles, 20/20 units of Ferry Capacity used, 0 units of Ferry Capacity free, Duration: 0.500 sec
Vehicles: #4(CAR) #3(CAR) #14(MINIBUS) #13(MINIBUS) #10(CAR) #20(MINIBUS) #9(CAR) #23(TRUCK) #24(TRUCK) #12(CAR) #28(TRUCK)
Trip 2: From SIDE A → To SIDE B, 11 vehicles, 20/20 units of Ferry Capacity used, 0 units of Ferry Capacity free, Duration: 0.500 sec
Vehicles: #27(TRUCK) #21(MINIBUS) #11(CAR) #26(TRUCK) #15(MINIBUS) #6(CAR) #24(TRUCK) #13(MINIBUS) #12(CAR) #4(CAR) #9(CAR)
Trip 3: From SIDE B → To SIDE A, 9 vehicles, 19/20 units of Ferry Capacity used, 1 units of Ferry Capacity free, Duration: 0.500 sec
Vehicles: #16(MINIBUS) #25(TRUCK) #8(CAR) #11(CAR) #15(MINIBUS) #27(TRUCK) #30(TRUCK) #6(CAR) #26(TRUCK)
Trip 4: From SIDE A → To SIDE B, 11 vehicles, 20/20 units of Ferry Capacity used, 0 units of Ferry Capacity free, Duration: 0.501 sec
Vehicles: #5(CAR) #1(CAR) #30(TRUCK) #28(TRUCK) #14(MINIBUS) #3(CAR) #2(CAR) #23(TRUCK) #17(MINIBUS) #20(MINIBUS) #10(CAR)
Trip 5: From SIDE B → To SIDE A, 5 vehicles, 7/20 units of Ferry Capacity used, 13 units of Ferry Capacity free, Duration: 0.500 sec
Vehicles: #21(MINIBUS) #5(CAR) #1(CAR) #17(MINIBUS) #2(CAR)
Trip 6: From SIDE A → To SIDE B, 8 vehicles, 16/20 units of Ferry Capacity used, 4 units of Ferry Capacity free, Duration: 0.500 sec
Vehicles: #7(CAR) #8(CAR) #22(MINIBUS) #16(MINIBUS) #19(MINIBUS) #18(MINIBUS) #25(TRUCK) #29(TRUCK)
Trip 7: From SIDE B → To SIDE A, 5 vehicles, 10/20 units of Ferry Capacity used, 10 units of Ferry Capacity free, Duration: 0.500 sec
Vehicles: #19(MINIBUS) #22(MINIBUS) #7(CAR) #29(TRUCK) #18(MINIBUS)

=====
All vehicles have returned to their initial side. Simulation finished.
```

Figure 9 Simulation Summary Output (Example Output)

6. Thread Synchronization Details

6.1. Toll Synchronization

Each toll is protected by a mutex to ensure only one vehicle passes at a time:

```
pthread_mutex_lock(&toll_mutex[vehicle->current_side * 2 + toll_index]);  
  
// Vehicle passes toll  
  
pthread_mutex_unlock(&toll_mutex[vehicle->current_side * 2 + toll_index]);
```

6.2. Square Queue Management

Square access is synchronized to prevent race conditions when vehicles enter/leave:

```
pthread_mutex_lock(&square_mutex[vehicle->current_side]);  
  
// Add/remove vehicle from square  
  
pthread_mutex_unlock(&square_mutex[vehicle->current_side]);
```

6.3. Ferry Boarding Synchronization

Complex synchronization ensures:

- Only one vehicle boards at a time
- Ferry availability is properly signaled
- Departure conditions are checked atomically

7. Performance Metrics

From the sample run:

- **Total simulation time:** 9.303 seconds
- **Average waiting time:** 2.181 seconds per vehicle
- **Ferry utilization:**
 - Trips 1,2,4: 100% (20/20 units)
 - Trip 3: 95% (19/20 units)
 - Trip 5: 85% (17/20 units)
 - Trip 6: 80% (16/20 units)

8. Key Features

- **Dynamic Departure Decisions:** Ferry doesn't wait unnecessarily
- **Detailed Logging:** Every action is logged with timestamps
- **Fair Queuing:** First-come, first-served in squares
- **Efficient Capacity Usage:** Maximizes ferry utilization
- **Deadlock Prevention:** Careful mutex ordering prevents deadlocks
- **Real-time Statistics:** Tracks waiting times and system performance

9. Testing and Validation

The system has been tested for:

- **Correctness:** All vehicles return to initial sides
- **Concurrency:** No race conditions or deadlocks
- **Performance:** Efficient thread synchronization
- **Randomness:** Different initial configurations work correctly

10. Conclusion

This ferry simulation successfully demonstrates:

- Multi-threaded programming with 31 concurrent threads
- Proper synchronization using mutexes and condition variables
- Resource management with capacity constraints
- Real-world system modeling with detailed logging

The project provides a comprehensive example of operating system concepts including thread management, synchronization primitives, and concurrent programming patterns. The detailed output format allows for easy debugging and performance analysis, making it an excellent educational tool for understanding concurrent systems.

Appendix

```
gcc -o 210316016_BerkeAlpaslan main.c ferry.c -lpthread
```

```
./210316016_BerkeAlpaslan
```

Note: This implementation follows POSIX standards and has been tested on Unix-like systems. The use of proper synchronization ensures thread-safe operation across different platforms.