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EXPERIMENT (4)

✓ Aim:- Implement program on Producer & Consumer problem.

✓ Theory:-

The producer-consumer problem is a classical synchronization problem in OS where two processes share fixed-sized buffer. The producer generates data & adds it to buffer, while the consumer removes & processes it.

• Key challenges:-

1. Synchronization: The producer should not add data if buffer is full. The consumer should not remove data if buffer is empty.

2. Race condition: If both processes access the buffer simultaneously, it may lead to inconsistency.

3. Deadlock: Improper synchronization can cause both processes to wait indefinitely.

• Solution Approach:

To resolve this problem, we use:

- 1] Semaphore
- 2] Mutex
- 3] Monitors

• Simple Analogy:-

Imagine a toy factory (Producers) & a toy store (Consumers) sharing a limited shelf (Buffer).

i] The factory produces toys & places them on the shelf.

ii] The store picks toys from the shelf to sell.

a] If shelf is full, factory must wait until space is limited.

b] If shelf is empty, factory must wait until new toys arrive.

c] Only one person can access the shelf at a time to avoid confusion.

* Conclusion:-

Thus, I have understood the concept of producers-consumers problem & its program in C. method to resolve this class synchronization problem.

Program (Sequential Execution):

```
#include <stdio.h>

#define BUFFER_SIZE 5

int buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
int item_count = 0; // Tracks how many items are in the buffer

// Producer: Adds items to the buffer
void produce(int item) {
    if (item_count >= BUFFER_SIZE) {
        printf("Buffer full! Cannot produce.\n");
        return;
    }
    buffer[item_count++] = item;
    printf("Produced: %d\n", item);
}

// Consumer: Removes and processes items from the buffer
int consume() {
    if (item_count <= 0) {
        printf("Buffer empty! Cannot consume.\n");
        return -1; // Error: No item to consume
    }
    int item = buffer[--item_count];
    printf("Consumed: %d\n", item);
    return item;
}

int main() {
    // Producer adds items
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
        produce(i);
    }
}
```

```
// Consumer takes items
while (item_count > 0) {
    consume();
}

return 0;
}
```

Output:

A screenshot of a terminal window with a black background and white text. The window has a title bar at the top with several icons on the left and the word "input" on the right. The output text is as follows:

```
Produced: 1
Produced: 2
Produced: 3
Produced: 4
Produced: 5
Consumed: 5
Consumed: 4
Consumed: 3
Consumed: 2
Consumed: 1

...Program finished with exit code 0
Press ENTER to exit console.
```