

Part 1:

- a. Four processes are created.
- b. Eight processes are created now.
- c. The relationship between the number of forks and the processes created is  $2^n$  where  $n$  is the number of forks.
- d. When running with two forks:

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mint@mint-VirtualBox:~/Lab6$ pstree -p 1636
bash(1636)---progPart1(3510)---progPart1(3511)---progPart1(3513)
                                     |
                                     ---progPart1(3512)
```

When running with three forks:

```
mint@mint-VirtualBox:~/Lab6$ pstree -p 1636
bash(1636)---progPart1(3524)---progPart1(3525)---progPart1(3529)---progPart1(3531)
                                     |
                                     ---progPart1(3530)
                                     |
                                     ---progPart1(3526)---progPart1(3528)
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                                     ---progPart1(3527)
```

When the sleep statement is commented, you cannot run pstree properly (no tree displays)

- e. The parents terminated first, creating orphan processes

Part 2:

- a. The print order is parent, child, child, parent. This is because the parent has a wait after its first print statement. This means that the parent must wait for the child to finish all its prints before finishing its own.
- b. The values printed are parent: 5, child: 5, child: 6, parent: 5. This is because the parent has the value initialized at 5 before creating the child. This value is inherited by the child, printing 5. Then, when the child increments  $n$ , it only increments in the child, resulting in a 6 for the child while staying a 5 for the parent.
- c. Both processes print to the output file. This is because the file descriptor is stored as an int which gets shared to the child upon creation (like  $n$  in the previous parts). Another reason is that the processes are both part of the same family so they are allowed to access the file at the same time.
- d. Both processes print and the order is “parent” then “child” most of the time. I would assume that this is because the parent process reaches its write statement first since it

would be a fraction of a second ahead of its child process (unless interrupted). This is why wait statements are important.