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Assignment no - 7(a)

Aim :- full duplex communication between two independent process. first process accepts sentence and writes on one pipe to be read by second process and second process counts number of lines in accepted sentences write this output in txt file and writes the contents of the file and write the contents of the file on second pipe to be read by first process and displays on standard output.

objectives :- To study

- FIFO
- FIFO operation
- use of fifo for inter process communication

Theory :-

PIPES :-

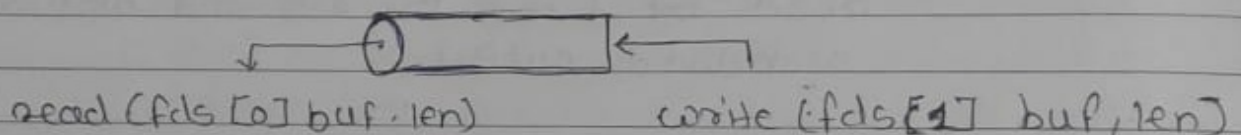
Pipes provides an inter-process communication channel between related processes. The pipe interface is intended to look a file interface. Although a pipe may seem like a file, it is not a file. Each write to pipe fills as man does blocks as are needed to satisfy it provided that it does not exceed the maximum pipe size filled blocks are because they do not exist any where in file system creating a pipe.

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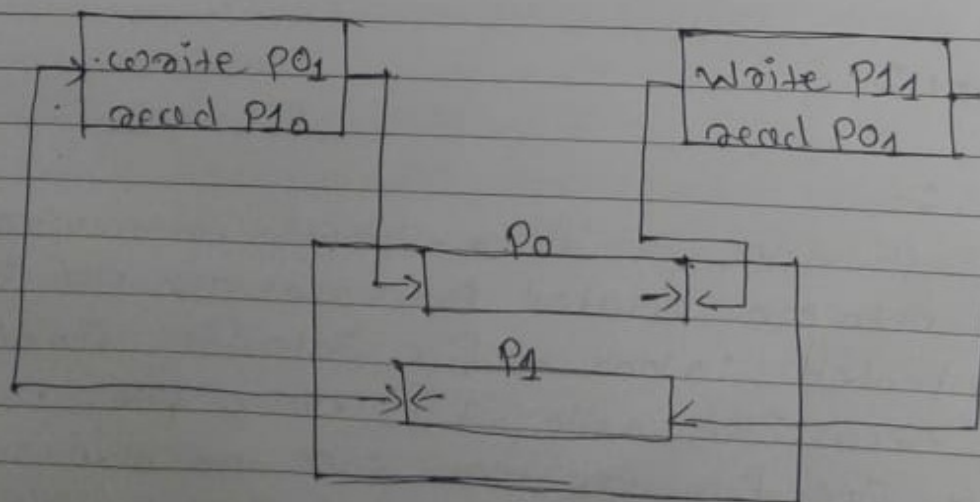
ssize + read (int fd, void * buf, ssize_t count);

Read upto count bytes from file descriptor fd into buffer starting at buf

A UNIX pipe provides half duplex communication. The pipe (2) system call return two file descriptors from a "pipe" a one-way communication channel with a "read-end" and "write end".



A unix pipe provide full duplex communication via two pipes one for each direction. Create two sep pipes say P0 and P1.



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FIFOs

A fifo (first in first out) is one way flow of data. fifo have a name so unrelated process can share the fifo, fifo is named pipe. Any process can open or close the fifo.

Properties

- 1) After a fifo is created, it can be opened for read or write.
- 2) Normally, opening a fifo for read or write it blocks until another process opens it for write or read.
- 3) A read gets as much as it requests or much data as fifo has, whichever is less.
- 4) A write to fifo is atomic, as long as write does not exceed the capacity of the fifo.
- 5) fifo must be opened by two processes, one opens it as reader on one end, the other opens it as sender on other end. The first / earlier opener has to wait until the second / later opener to come. This is somewhat like hand-shaking.

Conclusion:-

Thus we studied Inter Process communication using fifos.