## NWI-IBC019: Operating system concepts / Exercises: week 3 / 2022 v0

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## Exercise 1

In this exercise, you look at two implementations of multi-threaded algorithms, and the goal is to check whether mutual exclusion is guaranteed. To do so, answer the following questions for the two code fragments below:

- In which lines are the critical sections of all shared variables?
- Is mutual exclusion guaranteed? Why?

```
1 int x = 0;
2 mutex m;
4 void T1() {
    while(true) {
      m.lock();
      x = x+1;
      m.unlock();
    }
10 }
11
12 void T2() {
   while(true) {
13
     if(x > 0) {
14
         m.lock();
15
16
         x = x+1;
         m.unlock();
17
18
    }
19
20 }
```

```
1 int el[5];
1 int filled = 0;
3 int next = 0;
5 void T1() {
6 while(true) {
      m.lock();
      if (filled > 0) {
         el[filled] = 0;
         filled = filled - 1;
10
11
      m.unlock();
13
14 }
16 void T2() {
    while(true) {
      m.lock();
      if (filled < 4) {</pre>
         el[filled] = next;
         filled = filled + 1;
         next = next + 1;
        m.unlock();
      }
      else {
25
         m.unlock();
26
    }
28
29 }
```

## Exercise 2

Below you can find a function that applies **f** on every element of an array. Since executing **f** might take a long time, we would like to perform this task in parallel. The goal of this exercise is to give a multi-threaded solution. Below an implementation is given, but mutual exclusion is not guaranteed in it. There are multiple threads and each of them, executes the procedure **T**.

- Where are the critical sections of the variables next and output in the piece of code below?
- Give a version of the algorithm using mutexes such that mutual exclusion is guaranteed.

```
1 const int total = 10000000;
2 int next = 0;
3 int output [total];
5 int f (int x) {
   // f does not make use of the global variables
8 }
10 void T() {
   int index = next;
   next = next+1;
12
   while (index < total) {</pre>
14
    output[index] = f(index);
15
     index = next;
      next = next + 1;
17
    }
18
19 }
```

## Exercise 3

In this exercise, we look at a very simple application of binary semaphores. We would like to make the threads T1 and T2 execute the tasks task1 and task2 in turn.

- Add semaphores so that this behavior is guaranteed.
- Analyze the behavior of your solution if the initial values of s and t are changed.

```
1 semaphore s = 1;
2 semaphore t = 0;
3
4 void T1() {
5    while (true) {
6        task1();
7    }
8    }
9
10 void T2() {
11    while (true) {
12        task2();
13    }
14 }
```

