```
Finclude <string.h>
Fdefine MAXPAROLA 30
#define MAXRIGA 80
   int freq[MAXPAROLA]; /* vettore di condatori
delle frequenze delle lunghezze delle parole
   char riga[MAXRIGA] ;
lint i, inizio, lunghezza ;
```

System and Device Programming

Synchronization Exercises (part A)

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Exercise

- Use a conditional variable to implement the following behavior
 - > A program creates 3 threads
 - Thread 1 and thread 2
 - Update a variable (count), increasing it at each iteration
 - ➤ Thread 3
 - Awaits until the variable (count) reaches a specified value
 - When the value is reached, it displays a message on standard output

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include "pthread.h"
#define NUM THREADS 3
#define COUNT LIMIT 12
typedef struct cond s {
 pthread_mutex_t lock;
 pthread cond t cond;
  int count;
} cond t;
```

Conditional variable + protection mutex + condition (counter)

```
int main () {
                                            Conditional variable
  cond t cond d;
                                           & mutex initialization
 pthread t tids[3];
  setbuf (stdout, 0);
  pthread mutex init (&cond d.lock, NULL);
 pthread cond init (&cond d.cond, NULL);
                                                   Run threads
  cond d.count = 0;
 pthread create (&tids[0],NULL,inc,(void *) &cond d);
 pthread create (&tids[1],NULL,inc,(void *) &cond d);
 pthread create (&tids[2],NULL,watch,(void *) &cond d);
 pthread join (tids[0], NULL);
 pthread join (tids[1], NULL);
                                          Wait for threads
 pthread join (tids[2], NULL);
 pthread exit(0);
```

```
static void *inc (void *args) {
  cond t *cond d = (cond t *) args;
                                         Protect CS
  int stop = 0;
 while (!stop) {
                                               Increase counter
    pthread mutex lock (&cond d->lock);
    cond d->count++;
    printf ("Increment count [T=%ld] (%d -> %d) \n",
      (long int)pthread self(),cond d->count-1,cond d->count);
    if (cond d->count == COUNT LIMIT) {
                                                Signal conditional variable
      pthread cond signal (&cond d->cond);
      printf ("Threshold reached (count=%d).\n", cond d->count);
    if (cond_d->count >= COUNT LIMIT) stop = 1;
    pthread mutex unlock (&cond d->lock);
                                                     When the limit
                                 Release CS
 pthread exit(0);
                                                    is reached stop
                                                     the while loop
```

```
static void *watch (void *args) {
      cond t *cond d = (cond t *) args;
                                                Protect CS
     printf ("Starting watch on count\n");
                                                           Wait on
while
                                                          conditional
     pthread mutex lock (&cond d->lock);
                                                           variable
      if (cond d->count < COUNT LIMIT) {</pre>
        pthread cond wait (&cond d->cond, &cond d->lock);
        printf ("Watch count: Condition signal received.\n");
     pthread mutex unlock (&cond d->lock);
                                         Release CS
     pthread exit(0);
```

The generated output

Output

```
Starting watch on count
Increment count [T=139696519681792] (0 -> 1)
Increment count [T=1396965280744961
                                    (1 -> 2)
Increment count [T=139696519681792] (2 -> 3)
Increment count [T=139696528074496] (3 -> 4)
Increment count [T=139696519681792] (4 -> 5)
Increment count [T=139696528074496]
                                     (5 -> 6)
Increment count [T=139696519681792]
                                    (6 -> 7)
Increment count [T=139696528074496] (7 -> 8)
Increment count [T=139696519681792] (8 -> 9)
Increment count [T=139696528074496] (9 -> 10)
Increment count [T=139696519681792] (10 -> 11)
Increment count [T=139696528074496] (11 -> 12)
Threshold reached (count=12).
Watch count: Condition signal received.
Increment count [T=139696519681792] (12 -> 13)
```

One more increment (by the "other thread") before exiting the while cycle

Exercise

- Implement a Producer-Consumer scheme with an unbounded buffer
 - ➤ The main thread runs NP producers and NC consumers
 - Producers read strings from an input file
 - Consumers display strings on the output device
 - Producers and consumers communicate using as a buffer a LIFO list
 - The list is implemented with dynamic elements, fields, and pointers
 - Use condition variables to perform synchronization

```
Premises
#include <stdio.h>
#include "pthread.h"
                                     Stack
                                 (data + pointer)
#define N 100
typedef struct stack e {
  char *id;
                                        Global objects, mutex
  /* ... more stuff here ... */
                                        and condition variable
  struct stack e *next;
                                            initialization
} stack t;
stack t *stack d = NULL;
FILE *fp;
pthread cond t cv = PTHREAD COND INITIALIZER;
pthread mutex t m = PTHREAD MUTEX INITIALIZER;
```

```
Producer
                             Begin of CS
while (1) {
  pthread mutex lock (&m);
                                                  Read from file
  fscanf (fp, "%s", str);
  tmp = malloc (1 * sizeof (stack t));
  if (tmp==NULL) exit (1);
                                            Push data into
  tmp->id = strdup (str);
                                            the LIFO stack
  tmp->next = stack d;
  stack d = tmp;
                                               End of CS
  pthread mutex unlock (&m);
  pthread cond signal (&cv);
  if (strcmp (str, "end") == 0) {
    fseek (fp, -4, SEEK END);
    break;
                                         Let "end" be available
                                         to stop all consumers
```

```
Consumer
                               Begin of CS
while (1) {
  pthread mutex lock(&m);
  while (stack d == NULL)
    pthread cond wait (&cv, &m);
                                                     End of CS
  tmp = stack d;
  stack d = stack d->next;
  strcpy (str, tmp->id);
                                          Pop the data
  free (tmp->id);
                                         from LIFO stack
  free (tmp);
  pthread mutex unlock(&m);
  fprintf (stdout, "Pop element %s: %s\n", str);
  if (strcmp (str, "end")==0)
    break;
                                        Try to stop in a clean way
                                             all consumers
```

Exercise

- Implement a Producer-Consumer scheme with an bounded buffer
 - ➤ The main thread runs NP producers and NC consumers
 - Producers read strings from an input file
 - Consumers display strings on the output device

Simplified: in and out N integers

- Producers and consumers communicate using a buffer of size 1 (a variable)
- Use condition variables to perform synchronization

Buffer

```
Premises
```

```
int buffer;
                         Initially empty
int count = 0;
pthread cond t cv = PTHREAD COND INITIALIZER;
pthread mutex t m = PTHREAD MUTEX INITIALIZER;
void enqueue (int value) {
  assert (count==0);
  count = 1;
  buffer = value;
int dequeue () {
  assert (count==1);
  count = 0;
  return (buffer);
```

```
void *producer(void *arg) {
  int i;
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    enqueue (i);
  }
}</pre>
```

Producer and Consumer with NO protection

Logic scheme Need synchronization

```
void *consumer(void *arg) {
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    int tmp = dequeue ();
    printf ("%d", tmp);
}</pre>
```

```
void *producer(void *arg) {
  int i;
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    pthread_mutex_lock (&m);
    if (count==1)
      pthread_cond_wait(&cv, &m);
    enqueue (i);
    pthread_cond_signal(&cv);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
}</pre>
```

Producer and Consumer 1 producer and 1 consumer

```
void *consumer(void *arg) {
  int i;
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    pthread_mutex_lock (&m);
    if (count==0)
      pthread_cond_wait(&cv, &m);
    int tmp = dequeue (i);
    pthread_cond_signal (&cv);
    pthread_mutex_unlock (&m);
    printf ("%d", tmp);
  }
}</pre>
```

Broken scheme (2 problems)

- With more than 1 producer and/or more than 1 consumer the previous solution has a problem
- For example, with 2 consumers
 - ➤ The second consumer can enter the CS after the first consumer has been woken up from the wait but before is lock the mutex
 - One of the two will read a wrong data
- The problem is due to the fact that the status can change even after a thread wakes up from a wait

```
void *producer(void *arg) {
  int i;
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    pthread_mutex_lock (&m);
    while (count==1)
      pthread_cond_wait(&cv, &m);
    enqueue (i);
    pthread_cond_signal(&cv);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
}</pre>
```

Producer and Consumer NP producer and NC consumer

```
void *consumer(void *arg) {
  int i;
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    pthread_mutex_lock (&m);
    while(count==0)
      pthread_cond_wait(&cv, &m);
    int tmp = dequeue (i);
    pthread_cond_signal (&cv);
    pthread_mutex_unlock (&m);
    printf ("%d", tmp);
  }
}</pre>
```

Broken scheme (1 problem)

- There is still one problem
 - > There is only 1 condition variable
 - ➤ A producer (consumer) can wake-up another consumer (producer)

```
void *producer(void *arg) {
  int i;
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    pthread_mutex_lock (&m);
    while (count==1)
      pthread_cond_wait(&empty, &m);
    enqueue (i);
    pthread_cond_signal(&full)
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
  }
}</pre>
```

Producer and Consumer NP producer and NC consumer

```
void *consumer(void *arg) {
  int i;
  int loops = int (args):
  for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
    pthread_mutex_lock (&m);
    while(count==0)
      pthread_cond_wait(&full, &m);
    int tmp = dequeue (i);
    pthread_cond_signal (&empty);
    pthread_mutex_unlock (&m);
    printf ("%d", tmp);
  }
}</pre>
```

Exercise

- Implement the First Reader-Writer (with the reader precedence) scheme using
 - Mutexes
 - Condition Variables
 - Read-Write Locks

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <sys/time.h>
#include "pthread.h"
#include "semaphore.h"
#define N 20
typedef struct rw s {
  int nr;
 pthread mutex t meR;
 pthread mutex t meW;
 pthread mutex t w;
} rw t;
rw t *rw;
```

With mutexes we have a 1:1 correspondence with the high-level (pseudo-code) solution

Number of concurrent readers and writers

nr, meR, meW, w (see high-level solution)

```
int main (void) {
 pthread t th a, th b;
 int i, v[N];
 setbuf (stdout, NULL);
 rw = (rw t *) malloc (1 * sizeof(rw t));
 rw->nr = 0;
 pthread mutex init (&rw->meR, NULL);
                                              Init mutex
 pthread mutex init (&rw->meW, NULL);
 pthread mutex init (&rw->w, NULL);
 for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
   v[i] = i;
   pthread create (&th a, NULL, reader, (void *) &v[i]);
   pthread create (&th b, NULL, writer, (void *) &v[i]);
                                              Run threads
 free (rw);
                                          (N readers, N writers)
 pthread exit (NULL);
                              No joins!
```

```
static void *reader (void *arg) {
 int *p = (int *) arg;
 int i = *p;
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->meR);
 rw->nr++;
                                           Prologue
 if (rw->nr == 1)
   pthread mutex lock (&rw->w);
 pthread mutex unlock (&rw->meR);
                                             CS
 printf("Thread %d reading\n", i);
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->meR);
 rw->nr--;
                                           Epilogue
 if (rw->nr == 0)
   pthread mutex unlock (&rw->w);
 pthread mutex unlock (&rw->meR);
 pthread exit (NULL);
```

```
static void *writer (void *arg) {
 int *p = (int *) arg;
 int i = *p;
                                          Prologue
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->meW);
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->w);
                                             CS
 printf("Thread %d writing\n", i);
 pthread mutex unlock (&rw->w);
 pthread_mutex_unlock (&rw->meW);
                                           Epilogue
 pthread exit (NULL);
```

As previous solution

Several different solutions are possible

```
typedef struct rw_s {
  pthread_mutex_t lock;
  pthread_cond_t turn;
  int nr, nw;
} rw_t;
```

Lock mutex
Conditional variable for the turn
(to readers or to writers)
Condition (2 counters)

```
int main (void) {
                                    The main program is similar to
                                       the one with mutexes
 pthread t th a, th b;
  int i, v[N];
  setbuf (stdout, NULL);
  rw = (rw t *) malloc (sizeof(rw t));
 pthread mutex init (&rw->lock, NULL);
 pthread cond init (&rw->turn, NULL);
  rw->nr = rw->nw = 0;
  for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    v[i] = i;
    pthread create (&th a, NULL, reader, (void *) &v[i]);
    pthread create (&th b, NULL, writer, (void *) &v[i]);
  free (rw);
 pthread exit (NULL);
                               No joins!
```

```
static void *reader (void *arg) {
  int *p = (int *) arg;
  int i = *p;
                                                Prologue
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->lock);
 while (rw->nw > 0)
   pthread cond wait (&rw->turn, &rw->lock);
  rw->nr++;
 pthread mutex unlock (&rw->lock);
                                                  CS
 printf ("Thread %2d reading\n", i);
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->lock);
  rw->nr--;
  if (rw->nr==0) pthread cond broadcast (&rw->turn);
 pthread mutex unlock (&rw->lock);
                                                Epilogue
 pthread exit (NULL);
```

```
static void *writer (void *arg) {
  int *p = (int *) arg;
  int i = *p;
                                                Prologue
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->lock);
  while (rw->nw > 0 | | rw->nr > 0)
   pthread cond wait (&rw->turn, &rw->lock);
  rw->nw++;
 pthread mutex unlock (&rw->lock);
 printf ("Thread %2d writing\n", i);
 pthread mutex lock (&rw->lock);
  rw->nw--;
 pthread mutex unlock (&rw->lock);
 pthread cond broadcast (&rw->turn);
                                                Epilogue
 pthread exit (NULL);
```

Solution (with reader-writer locks)

```
Precedence depends on
#define N 20
                                                   how RW locks are
                         This is all we need
                                                     implemented
                           with RW locks
pthread rwlock t rw;
int main (void) {
                                     The main program is similar to
  pthread_t th_a, th_b;
                                         the one with mutexes
  int i, v[N];
  setbuf (stdout, NULL);
  pthread rwlock init (&rw, NULL);
  for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    v[i] = i;
    pthread create (&th a, NULL, reader, (void *) &v[i]);
    pthread create (&th b, NULL, writer, (void *) &v[i]);
  pthread exit(NULL);
```

Solution (with reader-writer locks)

```
static void *reader(void *arg) {
 int *p = (int *) arg;
                                                Prologue
 int i = *p;
 pthread rwlock rdlock (&rw);
                                                  CS
 printf ("Thread %d reading\n", i);
 pthread rwlock unlock (&rw);
                                                Epilogue
 pthread exit (NULL);
static void *writer(void *arg) {
 int *p = (int *) arg;
                                                Prologue
 int i = *p;
 pthread rwlock wrlock (&rw);
                                                  CS
 printf ("Thread %d writing\n", i);
 pthread rwlock unlock (&rw);
                                                Epilogue
 pthread exit (NULL);
```

Exercise

- Implement a priority semaphore, i.e., a semaphore in which
 - > Each thread has an intrinsic priority
 - The priority is an integer value
 - The higher priority corresponds to the lower value
 - ➤ The semaphore has a priority queue associated with it where threads await to be signalled
 - When a call to the signal (sem_post) function wakes-up a thread, threads must be woken-up following their priority
 - We have to awake the threads with the higher priority among the ones waiting on that semaphore

```
... headers ...
#define N 4
typedef struct list s {
  sem t *sem;
  int priority;
  struct list s *next;
} list t;
typedef struct my sem s {
  sem t *mutex;
  int cnt;
  list t *sem list;
} my_sem_t;
... prototypes ...
my sem t *my sem;
```

List element: Semaphore Priority Next pointer We create a new ADT, a priority semaphore. This ADT associates a different semaphore to each thread and we insert thread in a priority queue (a heap)

For the sake of simplicity the heap is substituted by an **ordered list** (linear cost instead of logarithmic cost)

Priority semaphore:
Mutex to protect the sem
Semaphore counter (list length)
Queue list

```
int main (void) {
 pthread t th a;
                                  Init priority
  int i, *pi;
                                  semaphore
  setbuf (stdout, 0);
 my_sem = my_sem_init (0);
  for (i=1; i<=N; i++) {
   pi = (int *) malloc (sizeof (int));
                                                     Run N threads
    *pi = i * 10;
    pthread_create (&th_a, NULL, runner, pi);
  for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    my_sem_signal (my_sem);
    sleep(1);
                                     Wake threads in order
 pthread_exit (0);
```

elements

```
Init the priority
                                                semaphore and
                                              related waiting list
my sem t *my sem init (int value) {
  my sem t *s;
  s = (my sem t *) malloc (sizeof (my sem t));
  s->cnt = value;
  s->mutex = (sem t *) malloc (sizeof (sem t));
  sem init (s->mutex, 0, 1);
  s->sem list = (list t *) malloc (sizeof (list t));
  s->sem list->priority = INT MIN;
  s->sem list->next = (list t *) malloc (sizeof (list t));
  s->sem list->next->priority = INT MAX;
  s->sem list->next->next = NULL;
                                                         Create list
  return s;
                                                        with sentinel
                                                         and dummy
```

Thread function

```
static void *runner (void *arg) {
  int *i = (int *) arg;
 pthread detach (pthread self ());
  sleep (random () % 5);
 printf ("request from %u %d\n",
    (unsigned int) pthread self (), *i);
                                                    All threads just
                                                   wait on the priority
 my_sem_wait (my_sem, *i);
                                                      semaphore
 printf ("service of %u %d\n",
                                                   Priority = thread id
    (unsigned int) pthread self (), *i);
  return 0;
```

```
void my_sem_wait (my_sem_t * s, int prio) {
  sem t *new sem;
                             Enqueue only when
                                                    Enqueue the thread
                            the counter reaches 0
                                                    (on the ordered list)
  sem wait (s->mutex);
  if (--s->cnt < 0) {
    new sem = enqueue sorted (s->sem list, prio);
    sem post (s->mutex);
    sem wait (new_sem);
    sem_destroy (new_sem);
                                          Wait on the semaphore
  } else {
                                            until it is signaled
                                           (by my_sem_signal)
    sem post (s->mutex);
                      Non-blocking wait
```

```
void my_sem_signal (my_sem_t * s) {
  sem t *sem;
                                   Wake-up a waiting
  sem_wait (s->mutex);
                                        thread
  if (++s->cnt <= 0) {
    sem = dequeue sorted (s->sem_list);
    sem_post (sem);
  sem_post (s->mutex);
```

```
sem_t *enqueue_sorted (list_t * head, int priority) {
 list t *p, *new elem;
                                Search insertion position
 p = head;
 while (priority > p->next->priority)
                                                       Set all fields
   p = p->next;
                                                         of new
 new elem = (list t *) malloc (sizeof (list t)); / element
 new elem->sem = (sem t *) malloc (sizeof (sem t));
 sem init (new elem->sem, 0, 0);
                                          Insert new thread
 new elem->priority = priority;
                                          in correct position
 new elem->next = p->next;
 p->next = new elem;
 printf("%u with priority = %d waits on sem %p\n",
    (unsigned int) pthread self(), priority, new elem->sem);
 return new elem->sem;
```

```
sem t *dequeue sorted (list t * head) {
  list t *p;
                   Extract from list head ... once
  sem t *s;
                    skipped the dummy element
                                         Get corresponding
  p = head->next;
                                            semaphore
  s = head->next->sem;
  printf("%u with priority = %d awakes from sem %p\n",
    (unsigned int) pthread self(), head->next->priority, s);
  head->next = head->next->next;
                                             Extract element
  free (p);
  return s;
                      Return semaphore
                          to signal
```

Specification

Implement a program that

- > Takes as argument a number K
- Creates K threads with code TA and 2*K threads with code TB, then exit
 - All threads are identified by their creation index (from 0 to K-1 and from 0 to 2*K-1, respectively)

> Threads

- Sleep a random number of seconds
- Then, they coordinate their effort such that
 - For each set of 3 threads running, the first thread is a thread TA and the other two are threads TB
 - All threads must print their id
 - The last thread TB must also print a newline

Specification

Execution example

- pgrm 8
 - A0 B7 B6
 - A1 B8 B5
 - A2 B9 B10
 - A7 B11 B12
 - A4 B4 B13
 - A5 B14 B15
 - A3 B3 B0
 - A6 B2 B1

One TA

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include "pthread.h"
#include "semaphore.h"
sem t *sa, *sb;
int n;
static void *TA (void *);
static void *TB (void *);
```

Global variables:

1 semaphore for threads TA
1 semaphore for threads TB
1 counter (1:TA, 2:TB, 3:TB and newline)

Main (extract)

```
num threads = atoi(argv[1]);
sa = (sem t *) malloc (sizeof(sem t));
sb = (sem t *) malloc (sizeof(sem t));
sem init (sa, 0, 1);
sem init (sb, 0, 0);
setbuf (stdout, 0);
for (i=0; i<2*num threads; i++) {</pre>
  pi = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int)); *pi = i;
  pthread create (&th, NULL, TB, pi);
for (i=0; i<num threads; i++) {</pre>
  pi = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int)); *pi=i;
  pthread create (&th, NULL, TA, pi);
pthread exit(0);
                               No joins!
```

```
static void *TA (void *arg) {
  int id;
  int *pi = (int *) arg;
                                           Detach thread
  id = *pi;
                                           (no need to join)
 pthread_detach (pthread_self ());
  sleep (1);
                         Once TA first
  sem_wait (sa);
 printf ( "A%d ", id);
 n++;
                         Then one TB
  sem_post (sb);
 return 0;
```

```
static void *TB (void *arg) {
  int id;
  int *pi = (int *) arg;
 id = *pi;
 pthread_detach (pthread_self ());
  sleep(1);
                              One TB runs
  sem_wait (sb);
 n++;
 printf ("B%d ", id);
                                         Newline and run TA again
  if (n>=3) {
   printf ("\n"); n = 0; sem_post (sa);
  } else {
    sem_post (sb);
                             Run one more TB
  return 0;
```

Specification

- Modify the previous program such that
 - ➤ The main program runs 1 thread TA and 1 thread TB
 - TA and TB include an infinite cycle in which they display 'A' and 'B', respectively
 - For each set of 3 print instructions, we must have 1 character A and 2 characters B in any position
 - Execution example

```
pgrm
ABB
BBA
BAB
etc.
```

```
Same main
                                            One more semaphore (me)
                                                sem_init (sa, 0, 1);
int main (int argc, char **argv) {
                                                sem_init (sb, 0, 2);
 pthread t th;
                                                sem init (me, 0, 1);
  sa = (sem t *) malloc (sizeof(sem t));
  sb = (sem t *) malloc (sizeof(sem t));
 me = (sem t *) malloc (sizeof(sem t));
  sem init (sa, 0, 1);
  sem init (sb, 0, 2);
  sem init (me, 0, 1);
  setbuf(stdout, 0);
 pthread create (&th, NULL, TA, NULL);
 pthread create (&th, NULL, TB, NULL);
 pthread exit(0);
```

```
static void *TA (void) {
 pthread detach (pthread self ());
                                                   Loop forever
 while (1) {
    sleep (rand()%2);
                                            Wait for a random time
    sem wait (sa);
    sem wait (me);
    printf ( "A");
                                         The last thread wakes-up
    n++;
                                         one A and two B threads
    if (n>=3) {
     printf ("\n");
      n = 0;
      sem_post (sa); sem_post (sb); sem_post (sb);
    sem_post (me);
  return 0;
```

```
static void *TB (void *arg) {
 pthread detach (pthread self ());
                                                   Loop forever
 while (1) {
    sleep (rand()%2);
                                           Wait for a random time
    sem wait (sb); sem wait (me);
    printf ("B");
    n++;
                                         The last thread wakes-up
                                         one A and two B threads
    if (n>=3) {
      printf ("\n");
      n = 0; sem post (sa); sem post (sb); sem post (sb);
    sem_post (me);
  return 0;
```