

# Programming Assignment 4

## Implementing TAS, CAS and Bounded Waiting CAS Mutual Exclusion Algorithms

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**Goal:** The goal of this assignment is to implement *TAS*, *CAS* and *Bounded Waiting with CAS* mutual exclusion (ME) algorithms studied in the class. Implement these algorithms in C++.

**Details.** As shown in the book, you have to implement the three mutual exclusion algorithms in C++. Each mutual exclusion algorithm has an entry and exit sections.

To test the performance of mutual exclusion algorithms, develop an application, *me-test* (mutual exclusion test) is as follows. Once, the program starts, it creates  $n$  threads. Each of these threads, will enter critical section (CS)  $k$  times. The pseudocode of the test function is as follows:

Listing 1: main thread

```
1 void main()
2 {
3     ...
4     ...
5     create  $n$  testCS threads;
6     ...
7     ...
8 }
```

Listing 2: testCS thread

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1
2 void testCS()
3 {
4     id = thread.getID();
5     for (i=0; i < k; i++)
6     {
7         reqEnterTime = getSysTime();
8         cout << i << "th CS Request at " << reqEnterTime << " by thread " << id;
9         entry-sec(); // Entry Section
10        actEnterTime = getSysTime();
11        cout << i << "th CS Entry at " << actEnterTime << " by thread " << id;
12        sleep(t1); // Simulation of critical-section
13        exit-sec(); // Exit Section
14        exitTime = getSysTime();
15        cout << i << "th CS Exit at " << exitTime << " by thread " << id;
16        sleep(t2); // Simulation of Reminder Section
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17     }
18 }
```

Here  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are delay values that are exponentially distributed with an average of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  seconds. The objective of having these time delays is to simulate that these threads are performing some complicated time consuming tasks.

**Input:** The input to the program will be a file, named `inp-params.txt`, consisting of all the parameters described above:  $n, k, \lambda_1, \lambda_2$ . A sample input file is: 100 100 5 20.

**Output:** Your program should output to a file in the format given in the pseudocode for each algorithm. A sample output is as follows:

TAS ME Output:

```
1st CS Requested at 10:00 by thread 1
1st CS Entered at 10:05 by thread 1
1st CS Exited at 10:06 by thread 1
1st CS Requested at 10:01 by thread 2
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CAS ME Output:

```
1st CS Requested at 11:00 by thread 1
1st CS Entered at 11:05 by thread 1
1st CS Exited at 11:06 by thread 1
1st CS Requested at 11:01 by thread 2
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Bounded CAS ME Output:

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1st CS Requested at 11:30 by thread 1
1st CS Entered at 11:35 by thread 1
1st CS Exited at 11:36 by thread 1
1st CS Requested at 11:32 by thread 2
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The output should demonstrate that mutual exclusion is satisfied.

**Report:** You have to submit a report for this assignment. This report should contain a comparison of the performance of TAS, CAS and Bounded CAS ME algorithms. You must run these algorithms multiple times to compare the performances and display the result in form of a graph.

For performance, you have to specifically measure two metrics: (1) the average time taken by a process to enter the CS (2) the worst case time taken by a process to enter the CS in a simulation. This shows if processes are starving.

You run these algorithms varying the number of threads from 10 to 50 while keeping other parameters same. Please have  $k$ , the number of CS requests by each thread, fixed to 10 in all these experiments. The graph in the report will be as follows: the x-axis will vary the number

of threads. The y-axis will show the metrics defined above: (1) average time taken to enter the CS by each thread (2) the worst case time taken by a process to enter the CS in a simulation.

Also ensure that each point of the graph is obtained by **averaging over five runs**. Finally, you must also give an analysis of the results while explaining any anomalies observed.

**Deliverables:** You have to submit the following:

- Source files: The source file containing the actual programs to execute. Name it as SrcAssgn4-(ProgName)-<rollno>.cpp where ProgName is one of the following: tas, cas, cas-bounded.
- Readme: A readme.txt that explains how to execute the program. Please name the files as: Assgn4-Readme-<RollNo>.txt.
- Report: The report as explained above. Please name it as Assgn4-Report-<RollNo>.txt

Zip all the three files and name it as ProgAssgn4-<rollno>.zip. Then upload it on the google classroom page of this course by above mentioned deadline.

We have the following grading policy:

1. Design as described in the report and analysis of the results: 50
2. Execution of the programs based on the description in the readme: 40
3. Code documentation and indentation: 10

As mentioned before, all assignments for this course have the late submission policy of a penalty of 10% each day after the deadline. We will consider a late assignment for a maximum of 6 days. Any submission beyond that will not be considered. **Kindly remember that all submissions are subjected to plagiarism checks.**