

Modified Dining Philosophers Problem

The dining philosophers problem contains five philosophers sitting on a round table can perform only one among two actions – eat and think. For eating, each of them requires two forks, one kept beside each person. Typically, allowing unrestricted access to the forks may result in a deadlock.

(a) Write a program to simulate the philosophers using threads, and the forks using global variables.

I used some well defined process synchronization by using semaphore or mutex and ordering of different functions by using sleep() function .

```
while(forkstate[f1] != 0){
    printf("Philosper%d is thinking for fork%d\n",f1,f1);
    sleep(2);
    forkstate[f1]=1;

    while(forkstate[f2] != 0){
        printf("Philosper%d is thinking for fork%d\n",f1,f2);
        sleep(2);
    }
    forkstate[f2]=1;

    sleep(2); //eating
```

But the deadlock is well removing by using semaphore this question in a.2 question says that using semaphore :

Defined

```
sem_t chopstick[5];
```

Initialized in main function

```
for(i=0;i<5;i++)
    sem_init(&chopstick[i],0,1);
```

Use in function by sem_wait and at the end by sem_post the value of it.

```
printf("Philosopher %d is thinking\n",ph);
sem_wait(&chopstick[ph]);
printf("Philosopher %d picks the left chopstick\n",ph);
sem_wait(&chopstick[(ph+1)%5]);
printf("Philosopher %d picks the right chopstick\n",ph);
printf("Philosopher %d begins to eat\n",ph);
sem_post(&chopstick[(ph+1)%5]);
sem_post(&chopstick[ph]);
```

Resource : <https://dextutor.com/program-on-dining-philosopher-problem/>

Now two more bowl is added and processed again by using process synchronization:

Now again :

Defined two bowls with chopstick[5]: semaphore as show

```
sem_t chopstick[5];  
sem_t bowl1;  
sem_t bowl2;
```

And initiated it in main function:

```
sem_init (&bowl1,0,1);  
sem_init (&bowl2,0,1);  
for(i=0;i<5;i++)  
sem_init(&chopstick[i],0,1);
```

Used in function as above used

```
int philo=*(int *)n;  
printf("Philosopher %d is thinking\n",philo);  
sem_wait(&chopstick[philo]);  
printf("Philosopher %d picks the left chopstick\n",philo);  
sem_wait(&chopstick[(philo+1)%5]);  
printf("Philosopher %d picks the right chopstick\n",philo);  
sem_wait(&bowl1) || sem_wait(&bowl2);  
printf("Philosopher %d has bowl to eat\n",philo);  
printf("Philosopher %d begins to eat\n",philo);  
printf("Philosopher %d has finished eating\n",philo);  
sem_post(&chopstick[(philo+1)%5]);  
sem_post(&chopstick[philo]);  
sem_post(&bowl1) || sem_post(&bowl2);
```

Used it well defined way and enjoy :