**OSP-2150-PrgAsg1**

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In this report, I will explain how the algorithm for the Producer-Consumer problem and the Dining Philosophers’ problem works and which real-world industrial or business scenarios each algorithm applies in.

**The Producer-Consumer Problem**

First, I defined NUM\_THREADS as 5 and NUM\_BUCKETS as 10 because they are given. I also defined MAX\_RANDOM\_NUMBER as 99 to generate random numbers between 1 and 99. There are some global variables, bucketIn variable is declared for Producer to see which bucket Producer is in and initialised to 0 as it starts from the first bucket, whereas bucketOut variable is declared for Consumer to see which bucket Consumer is in and initialised to 0 as it starts from the first bucket. An integer NumOfItems is declared and initialised to 0 to check how many items in the bucket. A size 10 integer array bucket[NUM\_BUCKETS] is declared to contain the produced random numbers. Four timeval variables are declared to check the start and end time. A double variable elapsedTime is declared to calculate the running time. Lastly, pthread\_cond\_t and pthread\_mutex\_t is declared.

After declared all the global variables, the algorithm starts from the main method. Firstly, gettimeofday() is used to check the start time. A size 5 integer array threadNum[NUM\_THREADS] is declared and initialised for Producer’s and Consumer’s numbering. An integer variable result is used to check the result of thread creation. Srand((unsinged) time(NULL)) is used to use of the computer’s internal clock to keep changing the seed for random number generator. Both of pthread\_mutex\_init() and pthread\_cond\_init() are used to initialize. And 5 producers and 5 consumers are declared by each array producers[NUM\_THREADS] and consumers[NUM\_THREADS]. After declared producers and consumers, using for loop 5 producer threads and 5 consumer threads are created by using pthread\_create(). Own numbering from array threadNum is passed to each producer and consumer thread when they are created.

The function producer is used to state what producers need to do and the function consumer is used to state what consumers need to do. Firstly, in producer function all the producers have infinite while loop to keep producing items, but while loop will be broken when the running time is greater than or equal to 10 seconds. Therefore, producers only work for 10 seconds. A producer produces one item which is a random number between 1 and 99. pthread\_mutex\_lock() is used to lock this thread so that no other thread can execute the same region until this thread is unlocked which is pthread\_mutex\_unlock(). While inside of pthread\_mutex\_lock() a producer checks if buckets are full which means NumOfItems is 10, then this producer thread wait until a consumer thread consumes an item. If buckets are not full, then this producer thread produces an item and put it in the bucket and increase NumOfItems by 1. Once the production is done, then pthread\_mutex\_unlock() is used to unlock this thread so that other threads can execute and also pthread\_cond\_signal() is used to send a signal to another thread who is on waiting. This can avoid deadlock because sending a signal to other threads prevents making all threads to wait. After send the signal, this thread sleeps 10000 microseconds which are same as 0.01 seconds. This can avoid starvation because while this tread is sleeping, other treads can start working, so this ends up dividing the work fairly.

Now, either a producer or a consumer starts working. Secondly, in consumer function all the consumers also have infinite while loop, so consumers also work for 10 seconds. A consumer consumes one item which is a producer produced in a bucket before. Likewise, pthread\_mutex\_lock() is used to lock this consumer thread to prevent those other threads execute the same region. While this consumer thread is locked, this consumer checks if buckets are empty which means NumOfItmes is 0, then this consumer thread wait until a producer thread produces an item. If buckets are not empty, then this consumer thread consumes an item and make this bucket empty, and decrements NumOfItems by 1. Once the consumption is done, then pthread\_mutex\_unlock() is used to unlock this thread so that other threads can start working and pthread\_cond\_signal() is also used to send a signal to another thread who is on waiting. After send the signal, this thread sleeps 10000 microseconds which are same as 0.01 seconds. This can avoid starvation because while this tread is sleeping, other treads can start working, so this ends up dividing the work fairly. After production and consumption run for 10 seconds, pthread\_join() is used to wait all threads to be terminated. Once all the threads are terminated, then checks the total running time and print it. Lastly, pthread\_mutex\_destroy() is used to destroy the mutex object and pthread\_exit(NULL) is used to terminate calling thread.

We can see the producer and consumer problem in real-world industrial. For example, in post office if customers send parcels, then these parcels are kept in post office. While these parcels are waiting to be sent to the recipient, a delivery truck comes to post office and workers load parcels into the truck. Therefore, other workers need to unload these parcels from the full delivery truck to deliver them to the recipient and workers in post office need to wait until next empty delivery truck comes in to load parcels. Here we can clearly items are parcels, producers are workers who need to load parcels into an empty delivery truck, consumers are workers who need to unload parcels from a full delivery truck to deliver them to the recipient and buckets are delivery trucks.

**The Dining Philosophers’ Problem**

First, I defined NUM\_PHILOSOPHER as 5 because they are given. I also defined LEFT as -1 and RIGHT as 1 because it keeps checking neighbour index, and MAX\_DELAY as 500000 and MIN\_DELAY 100000 to generate random delay time between 100000 and 500000 microseconds. INC\_ONE\_INDEX is also defined as 1 because philosophers and forks numbering starts from 1 but actual index in each array starts from 0 so we need to add INC\_ONE\_INDEX when they need to be converted. There is an enum which has 3 states of philosophers, THINKING, HUNGRY and EATING. There are some global variables, a size 5 integer array NumOfEaten[NUM\_PHILOSOPHER] is declared to contain how many meals each philosopher had. Three timeval variables are declared to check the start and end time. A double variable elapsedTime is declared to calculate the running time. Lastly, pthread\_cond\_t and pthread\_mutex\_t is declared. pthread\_mutex\_t is forks array to lock and unlock whenever each philosopher uses the fork.

After declared all the global variables, the algorithm starts from the main method. Firstly, Srand((unsinged) time(NULL)) is used to use of the computer’s internal clock to keep changing the seed for random number generator. A size 5 integer array threadNum[NUM\_PHILOSOPHER] is declared and initialised for philosopher’s numbering. An integer variable result is used to check the result of thread creation. pthread\_cond\_init() is used to initialize. For loop is used to initialize enum array state, integer array NumOfEaten and pthread\_mutex\_init(). gettimeofday() is used to check the start time. And 5 philosophers are declared by array philosophers[NUM\_PHILOSOPHER]. After declared philosophers, using for loop 5 philosopher threads are created by using pthread\_create(). Own numbering from array threadNum is passed to each when they are created.

The function philosopher is used to state what philosophers need to do. Firstly, in philosopher function all the philosophers have infinite while loop to keep trying to think and pick up left and right forks, but while loop will be broken when the running time is greater than or equal to 10 seconds. Therefore, philosophers only work for 10 seconds. A philosopher needs to recognize index of left fork which is same as philosopher’s index and right fork which is same as philosopher’s index plus one, but we only need index between 0 and 4 so modulo operator is used. It goes into infinite while loop for a repeat of thinking and picking up forks. As soon as it goes into while loop, it checks the running time if it is greater than or equal to 10 seconds. If the running time is done, then it breaks the while loop, and he finishes working. Now, he sleeps for random time between 100000 and 500000 microseconds. After sleeping, his state is changed to HUNGRY, so he tries to pick up left fork first. Here, pthread\_mutex\_trylock is used to check if the left fork is locked or not. If he could pick up left fork, then pthread\_mutex\_trylock will return 0 and he tries to pick up right fork. Here, phtread\_mutex\_trylock is used again for the right fork. If he could pick up both forks, then ready to eat otherwise return the left fork for other philosophers. Once he picked both forks, then it needs to check neighbours state whether they are eating or not. If both neighbours don’t have EATING state and he has HUNGRY state, then his state is changed to EATING to prevent that both neighbours start eating. If both or either of two neighbours have EATING state, then he needs to wait using pthread\_cond\_wait() with two forks. Therefore, other philosophers cannot pick up these two forks. Once he gets a signal from others, he eats meal for random time between 100000 and 500000 microseconds. And increase NumOfEaten by 1, so that how many meals each philosopher had can be checked at the end. Once he finishes eating, then he returns two forks using pthread\_mutex\_unlock with two forks and send signal with pthread\_cond\_signal to others who are waiting. Now, his state is changed to THINKING and keep going on the same process. Therefore, this can avoid deadlock because sending a signal to other philosophers prevents making all philosophers to wait. This also can avoid starvation because if one philosopher had a meal, then it needs to think for random time, so others can pick up forks while it is sleeping. As a result, this ends up giving a fair chance to all philosophers. After the dining is running for 10 seconds, pthread\_join() is used to wait all threads to be terminated. Once all the threads are terminated, then checks the total running time and print it. Lastly, pthread\_mutex\_destroy() is used to destroy all 5 forks threads and pthread\_exit(NULL) is used to terminate calling thread.

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Cooperating processes that need to share limited resources

• Set of processes that need to lock multiple resources – Disk and tape (backup),

• Travel reservation: hotel, airline, car rental databases