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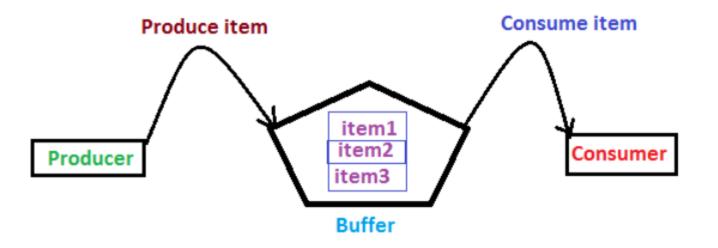
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CLASSICAL PROBLEMS OF SYNCHRONIZATION

(The Bounded-Buffer Problem)

The Bounded-Buffer Problem

Producer-Consumer problem revisited with bounded buffer case.



- N buffers, each can hold one item
- Semaphore mutex initialized to the value 1
- Semaphore full initialized to the value 0
- Semaphore empty initialized to the value N.

Solution_{1/2}

The structure of the *producer* process

```
while (true)
         //produce an item
     wait (empty);
     wait (mutex);
         //add the item to the buffer
     signal (mutex);
     signal (full);
```

Solution_{2/2}

The structure of the consumer process

```
while (true)
     wait (full);
     wait (mutex);
         // remove an item from buffer
     signal (mutex);
     signal (empty);
        // consume the removed item
```

Analysis/Working <Write here>

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