

From last time

Explain briefly how a deadlock may occur (2 marks)
set of processes, each holding some resources & waiting for resources held by another process in the set

line	Thread A	Thread B	shared variables:
1.	do{	do{	x, y, s
2.	V(S1)	P(S1)	
3.	P(S2)	V(S2)	initial values:
4.	x=x+y	P(S1)	S1=S2=0
5.	V(S1)	y=x-y	x=y=1
6.	V(S1)	s=s+1	s=0
7.	P(S2)	P(S1)	
8.	print s,y	V(S2)	
9.	}while(s<7)	}while(s<7)	

Will A ever terminate? Justify your answer. (1 mark)

sequence = e.g. A2 B2-3 A3-5 B4-6 A6 B7-8 A7-8

x=1 y=1 s=0; x=2 y=1 s=1; x=3 y=2 s=2; x=5 y=3 s=3; ...

(fibonacci) so s eventually reaches 7

ctd.

Explain the purpose of the semaphores in:

– lines 2 & 3 of both threads (1 mark)

barrier (B waits for A then A waits for B): synchronises loops

– line 5 of A & line 4 of B. (1 mark)

$x = x + y$ happens before $y = y - y$, $s++$

– lines 6 & 7 of A & lines 7 & 8 of B. (1 mark)

another barrier: $y = y - y$, $s++$ happens before print

What is output by the print statement in line 8 of A? (3 marks)

1,1 2,2 3,3 4,5 5,8 6,13 7,21

Question

What output would you expect from Example 1?

5

4

exiting main thread

3

2

1

exiting child thread

Question: Possible Output?

Typical (just last digit of each number output):

Sent 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4

Got 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4

Sent 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Got 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Possible?:

Sent 01234567 89012345

Got 01234567 89012345

Sent 67890123 456789

Got 67890123 456789

I saw this once, I don't know why:

Sent 012345678 9 01 23 4

Got 012345678 90 12 34

Sent 56 7 8 9 01 2 3 4 5 67 8 9

Got 5 6 7 8 90 1 2 3 4 56 7 8 9