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# Process Management ( PYQs)

Q17. The atomic fetch-and-set  $x, y$  instruction unconditionally sets the memory location  $x$  to 1 and fetches the old value of  $x$  in  $y$  without allowing any intervening access to the memory location  $x$ . consider the following implementation of P and V functions on a binary semaphore  $S$ .

Binary semaphore with TSL:

TSV

1  
0

```
void P (binary_semaphore *s) {
    unsigned y;
    unsigned *x = &(s->value);
    do {
        fetch-and-set(x, y);
    } while (y);
```

If  $s=1$ , process will be in infinite loop.  
No preemption  $\rightarrow$  so only that process will execute for ever in the loop.

atomic means no preemption

OS Kernel

Which one of the following is true?

[ GATE 2006 : 2Marks ]

(A) The implementation may not work if context switching is disabled in P  $\rightarrow$  Tight

(B) Instead of using fetch-and-set, a pair of normal load/store can be used

(C) The implementation of V is wrong

(D) The code does not implement a binary semaphore

*but not tight answer.*

A, D both are light  
but  $\overline{\overline{A}}$  is more tight.

A

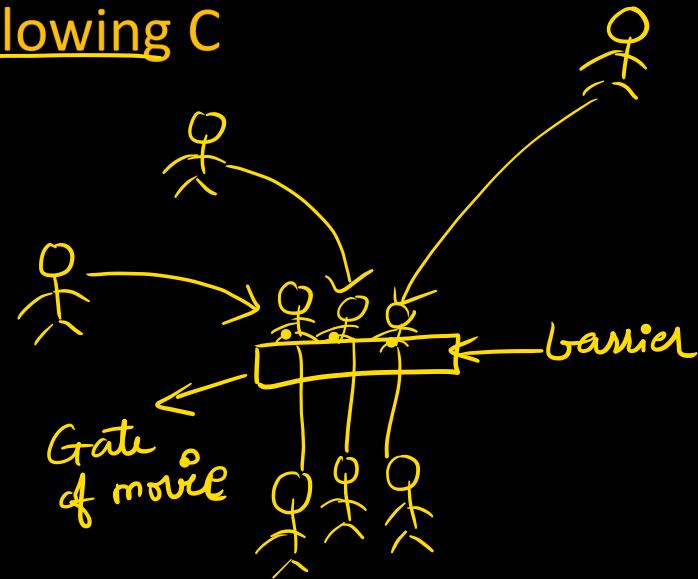
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void P (binary_semaphore *s) {
    unsigned y;
    unsigned *x = &(s->value);
    do {
        fetch-and-set x, y;
    } while (y);
}

void V (binary_semaphore *s) {
    S->value = 0;
}
```

## Common data for Q18 and Q19

Barrier is a synchronization construct where a set of processes synchronizes globally i.e. each process in the set arrives at the barrier and waits for all others to arrive and then all processes leave the barrier. Let the number of processes in the set be three and S be a binary semaphore with the usual P and V functions. Consider the following C implementation of a barrier with line numbers shown on left.

```
void barrier (void) {  
1:   P(S);  
2:   process_arrived++;  
3:   V(S);  
4:   while (process_arrived != 3);  
5:   P(S);  
6:   process_left++;  
7:   if (process_left == 3) {  
8:     process_arrived = 0;  
9:     process_left = 0;  
10: }  
11: V(S);  
}
```



The variables process\_arrived and process\_left are shared among all processes and are initialized to zero. In a concurrent program all the three processes call the barrier function when they need to synchronize globally.

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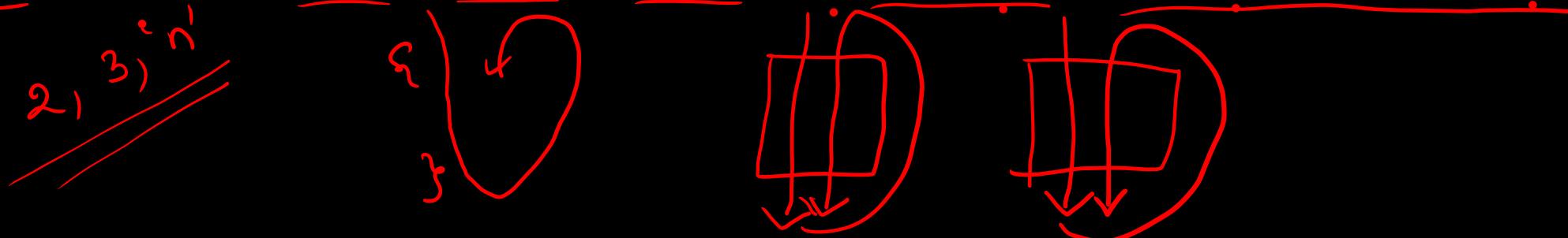
[ GATE 2006 : 2Marks ]

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[ GATE 2006 : 2Marks ]

- (A) The barrier implementation is wrong due to the use of binary semaphore S *(Select)*
- (B) The barrier implementation may lead to a deadlock if two barrier invocations are used in immediate succession.
- (C) Lines 6 to 10 need not be inside a critical section  $\rightarrow$  Shared resources are accessed.
- (D) The barrier implementation is correct if there are only two processes instead of three.



```

void barrier (void) {
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3: 3) V(S);
4: 4) while (process_arrived != 3);
5: 5) P(S);
6: 6) process_left++;
7: 7) if (process_left == 3) {
8: 8)   process_arrived = 0;
9: 9)   process_left = 0;
10:10}
11:11 V(S);
}

```

Normal flow:

$PA = \emptyset \times \Sigma^* \beta \circledast 4$     $PL = \emptyset \times \Sigma^* \beta \circledast 0$

$P_1: 1 2 3 \overset{4}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{4}}}$  |  $P_2: 1 2 3 \overset{4}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{4}}}$  |  $P_3: 1 2 3 \overset{4}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{4}}} 5 6 \neq 11$

$P_1: 4 5 6 \neq 11$  |  $P_2: 4 5 6 \neq 8 9 11$  |

Barrier in working  $\rightarrow 2, 3, 10 \dots \dots n$

$PA = \emptyset \times \Sigma^* \beta \circledast 4$     $PL = \emptyset \circledast 1$

$\underline{P_1: 1 2 3 \overset{4}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{4}}}}$  |  $\underline{P_2: 1 2 3 \overset{4}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{4}}}}$  |  $\underline{P_3: 1 2 3 4 5 6 \neq 11 \overset{1}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{1}}}}$

$2 3 4 \overset{1}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{1}}} | P_1: 4 \overset{1}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{1}}} | P_2: 4 \overset{1}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{1}}} | P_3: 4 \overset{1}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{1}}} | P_1: 4 \overset{1}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{1}}} | P_2: 4 \overset{1}{\underset{\curvearrowleft}{\textcircled{1}}}$

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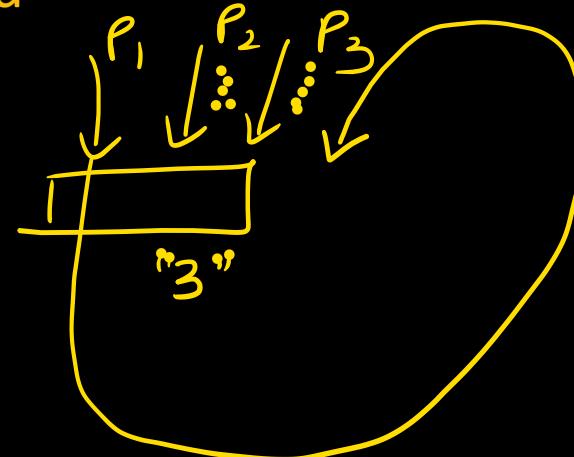
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- (A) Lines 6 to 10 are simply replaced by process\_arrived–
- (B) At the beginning of the barrier the first process to enter the barrier waits until process\_arrived becomes zero before proceeding to execute P(S).
- (C) Context switch is disabled at the beginning of the barrier and re-enabled at the end.
- (D) The variable process\_left is made private instead of shared

$$PA = 0$$

while ( $\text{process\_arrived} != 3$ ) not '3'.



Q20. Processes P1 and P2 use critical\_flag in the following routine to achieve mutual exclusion. Assume that critical\_flag is initialized to FALSE in the main program.

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{
    if (critical_flag == FALSE) {
        critical_flag = TRUE ;
        critical_region () ;
        critical_flag = FALSE;
    }
}
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        critical_region (); ←  
        critical_flag = FALSE; ←  
    }  
}
```

like Lock

critical Flag $\Rightarrow$  FALSE  $\rightarrow$  available  
 $\hookrightarrow$  True  $\rightarrow$  unavailable

preemption

flag = True ✓

Consider the following statements.

- i. It is possible for both P1 and P2 to access critical\_region concurrently. ✓
- ii. This may lead to a deadlock. ✗

Which of the following holds?

- (A) (i) is false and (ii) is true
- (B) Both (i) and (ii) are false
- (C) (i) is true and (ii) is false
- (D) Both (i) and (ii) are true

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[ GATE2007 : 2Marks]

```
/* P1 */  
while (true) {  
    wants1 = true;  
    while (wants2 == true);  
    /* Critical Section */  
    wants1 = false;  
}  
/* Remainder section */
```

```
/* P2 */  
while (true) {  
    wants2 = true;  
    while (wants1 == true);  
    /* Critical Section */  
    wants2=false;  
}  
/* Remainder section */
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[ GATE2007 : 2Marks]

$P_1, P_2$   $P_1, P_2$

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while (true) {  
    wants1 = true;  
    while (wants2 == true);  
    /* Critical Section */  
    wants1 = false;  
}  
/* Remainder section */
```

Preemption

```
/* P2 */  
while (true) {  
    wants2 = true;  
    while (wants1 == true);  
    /* Critical Section */  
    wants2 = false;  
}  
/* Remainder section */
```

deadlock

$\omega_1$	$\omega_2$
T	$\overline{T} - D$
T	F - 1
F	T - 2
F	F - No
F	F

- (A) It does not ensure mutual exclusion.
- (B) It does not ensure bounded waiting.
- (C) It requires that processes enter the critical section in strict alternation.
- (D) It does not prevent deadlocks, but ensures mutual exclusion.

Q22. The P and V operations on counting semaphores, where  $s$  is a counting semaphore, are defined as follows:

$P(s) :$  
$$\begin{array}{l} s = s - 1; \\ \text{If } s < 0 \text{ then wait;} \end{array}$$

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$s = s - 1;$   
If  $s < 0$  then wait,  $\rightarrow$  put in queue

$V(s) :$

$s = s + 1;$

If  $s \leq 0$  then wake up process waiting on s,  $\rightarrow$  from the queue

Assume that P<sub>b</sub> and V<sub>b</sub> the wait and signal operations on binary semaphores are provided.

Two binary semaphores X<sub>b</sub> and Y<sub>b</sub> are used to implement the semaphore operations P(s) and V(s) as follows:

$P(s) :$

$P_b(x_b);$   
 $s = s - 1;$   
if ( $s < 0$ ) {  
    }  
      
 $V_b(x_b);$   
 $P_b(y_b);$   
}

$V(s) :$

$P_b(x_b);$   
 $s = s + 1;$   
if ( $s \leq 0$ )  $V_b(y_b);$   
 $V_b(x_b),$

using binary semaphores  $\rightarrow$  Counting semaphore is implemented.

$S \rightarrow$  count

$S+1$

$S-1$

mutually exclusive.

The initial values of Xb and Yb are respectively

[ GATE 2008 : 2Mark]

- (A) 0 and 0
- (B) 0 and 1
- (C) 1 and 0
- (D) 1 and 1

$P(s) :$

```

 $P_b(x_b);$ 
 $s = s - 1;$ 
if ( $s < 0$ )
     $V_b(x_b);$ 
 $P_b(y_b);$ 
else  $V_b(x_b);$ 

```

$V(s) :$

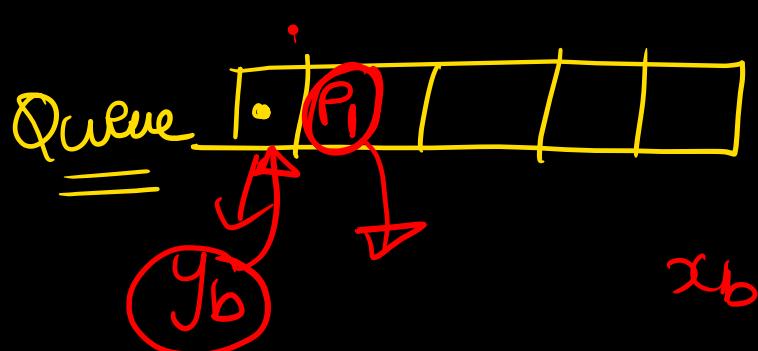
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 $s = s + 1;$ 
if ( $s \leq 0$ )
     $V_b(y_b);$ 
 $V_b(x_b);$ 

```

$x_b$  is used ~~not~~ to provide mutual exclusion to 's'. only one process at a time can change 's'.

$x_b$  → mut ex on value of semaphore  
 $y_b$  → to maintain the queue of blocked processes.



$x_b = 1$  → no one can access every process has to be blocked on  $P_b(y_b)$   
 $y_b = 0$

Q23. The following program consists of 3 concurrent processes and 3 binary semaphores. The semaphores are initialized as  $S_0 = 1$ ,  $S_1 = 0$ ,  $S_2 = 0$ . [ GATE2010 : 2Marks]

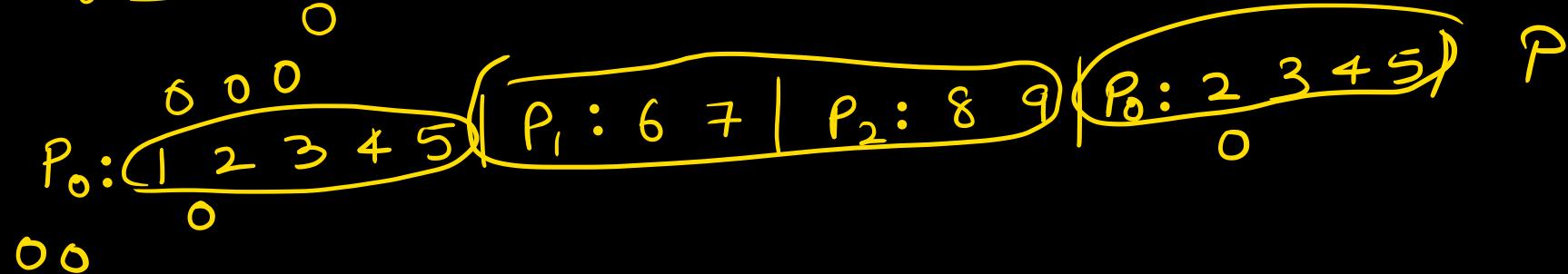
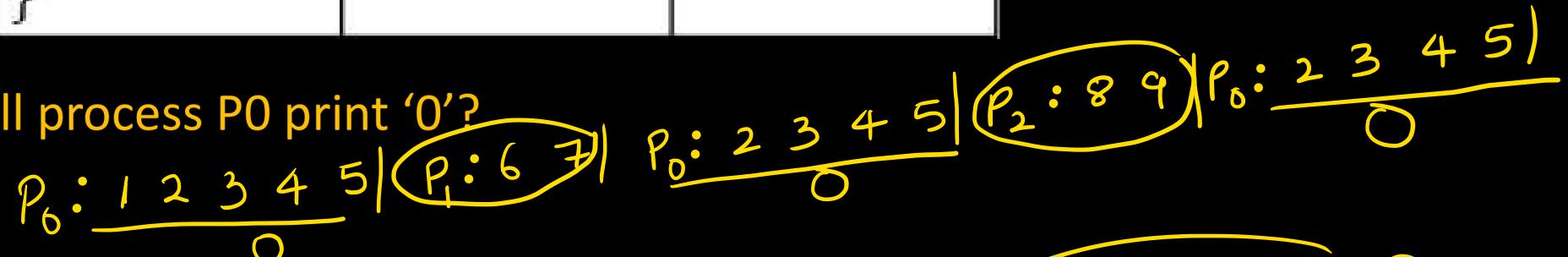
Process P0	Process P1	Process P2
<pre>while (true) {     wait (S0);     print '0';     release (S1);     release (S2); }</pre>	<pre>wait (S1); release (S0);</pre>	<pre>wait (S2); release (S0);</pre>

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How many times will process P0 print '0'?

- (A) At least twice
- (B) Exactly twice
- (C) Exactly thrice
- (D) Exactly once



Process P0	Process P1	Process P2
<pre>while (true) {     wait (S0);     print '0';     release (S1);     release (S2); }</pre>	<pre>wait (S1); release (S0);</pre>	<pre>wait (S2); release (S0);</pre>

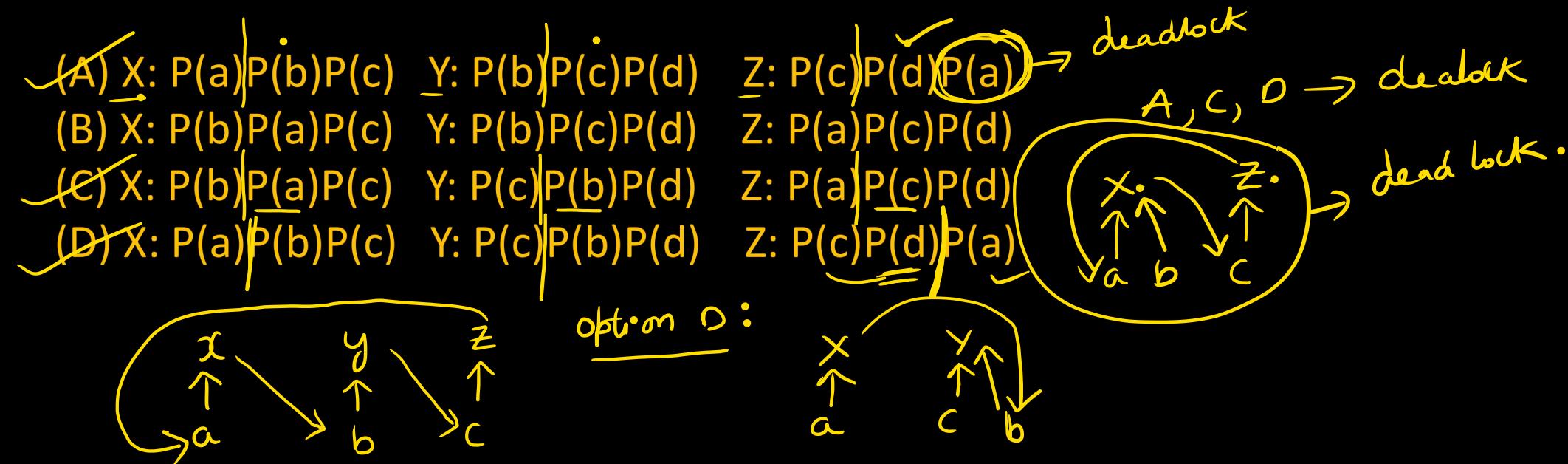
$$S_0 = 1$$

Q24. Three concurrent processes X, Y, and Z execute three different code segments that access and update certain shared variables. Process X executes the P operation (i.e., wait) on semaphores a, b and c; process Y executes the P operation on semaphores b, c and d; process Z executes the P operation on semaphores c, d, and a before entering the respective code segments. After completing the execution of its code segment, each process invokes the V operation (i.e., signal) on its three semaphores. All semaphores are binary semaphores initialized to one. Which one of the following represents a deadlock-free order of invoking the P operations by the processes?

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Prove that  
DL is possible  
Don't prove  
DL is not  
possible.

(A) X:  $P(a)P(b)P(c)$    Y:  $P(b)P(c)P(d)$    Z:  $P(c)P(d)P(a)$

(B) X:  $P(b)P(a)P(c)$    Y:  $P(b)P(c)P(d)$    Z:  $P(a)P(c)P(d)$

(C) X:  $P(b)P(a)P(c)$    Y:  $P(c)P(b)P(d)$    Z:  $P(a)P(c)P(d)$

(D) X:  $P(a)P(b)P(c)$    Y:  $P(c)P(b)P(d)$    Z:  $P(c)P(d)P(a)$

Q25. A shared variable  $x$ , initialized to zero, is operated on by four concurrent processes  $W, X, Y, Z$  as follows. Each of the processes  $W$  and  $X$  reads  $x$  from memory, increments by one, stores it to memory, and then terminates. Each of the processes  $Y$  and  $Z$  reads  $x$  from memory, decrements by two, stores it to memory, and then terminates. Each process before reading  $x$  invokes the P operation (i.e., wait) on a counting semaphore  $S$  and invokes the V operation (i.e., signal) on the semaphore  $S$  after storing  $x$  to memory. Semaphore  $S$  is initialized to two. What is the maximum possible value of  $x$  after all processes complete execution?

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[ GATE2013 : 2Marks]

- (A) -2
- (B) -1
- (C) 1
- (D) 2

$x=0$

$\omega, x:$

$x=x+1$

$\omega:$

$P(s)$

1) load  $x, R_0$

2) inc  $R_0$

3) store  $R_0, \underline{R^x}$

$v(s)$

$\omega: 1\ 2\ 3$

$x = \cancel{1} - x - \cancel{2}(2)$

$y: z:$   
 ~~$x$~~   $x=x-2$

$x: P(s)$

1 same

2

3

$v(s)$

$x: 1\ 2\ 3$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $R_0 = x$

$S=2$

$y: .$   
 $P(s)$

4 load  $x, R_1$   
5  ~~$\cancel{R_1}, R_1$~~   $\cancel{R_1} = R_1^{-2}$   
6 store  $R_1, \cancel{R_1}$

$v(s)$

$y: z$   
 $P(s)$

4

5

6

$v(s)$

$y: 4\ 5\ 6 | z: 4\ 5\ 6 | x: ?$

$\textcircled{2} \checkmark$   $= \overset{\text{num}}{=} \textcircled{4} \checkmark$

$y: 4 | \omega: 1\ 2\ 3 | x: 1\ 2\ 3 | y: 5\ 6 | z: 4\ 5\ 6$

Q26. A certain computation generates two arrays a and b such that  $a[i]=f(i)$  for  $0 \leq i < n$  and  $b[i]=g(a[i])$  for  $0 \leq i < n$ . Suppose this computation is decomposed into two concurrent processes X and Y such that X computes the array a and Y computes the array b. The processes employ two binary semaphores R and S, both initialized to zero. The array a is shared by the two processes. The structures of the processes are shown below.

[ GATE2013 : 2Marks]

Process X:

```
private i;
for (i=0; i< n; i++) {
    a[i] = f(i);
    ExitX(R, S);
}

```

Annotations: The code is annotated with red circles and arrows. The assignment  $a[i] = f(i)$  is circled. The call `ExitX(R, S);` is circled and followed by a red arrow pointing to a sequence of `V(R)` and `P(S)`, which is also circled. Below this sequence is the handwritten note "Semaphores".

$b[i] \rightarrow$  Can be  
computed only after  
 $a[i]$  is completed

$a[0] \mid b[a[0]]$

Process Y:

```
private i;
for (i=0; i< n; i++) {
    EntryY(R, S);
    b[i] = g(a[i]);
}

```

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$b[0]$

Which one of the following represents the CORRECT implementations of ExitX and EntryY?

A.

```
ExitX(R, S) {  
    P(R);  
    V(S);  
}  
EntryY(R, S) {  
    P(S);  
    V(R);  
}
```

B.

```
ExitX(R, S) {  
    V(R);  
    V(S);  
}  
EntryY(R, S) {  
    P(R);  
    P(S);  
}
```

C.

```
ExitX(R, S) {  
    P(S);  
    V(R);  
}  
EntryY(R, S) {  
    V(S);  
    P(R);  
}
```

D.

```
ExitX(R, S) {  
    V(R);  
    P(S);  
}  
EntryY(R, S) {  
    V(S);  
    P(R);  
}
```

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}
```

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    EntryY(R, S);  
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}
```

## Process X:

A.

```
ExitX(R, S) {  
    P(R);  
    V(S);  
}  
EntryY(R, S) {  
    P(S);  
    V(R);  
}
```

## Process y:

```
private i;  
for (i=0; i< n; i++) {  
    a[i] = f(i);  
    ExitX(R, S);  
}
```

```
private i;  
for (i=0; i< n; i++) {  
    EntryY(R, S);  
    b[i] = g(a[i]);  
}
```

## Process X:

B.

```
ExitX(R, S) {  
    V(R);  
    V(S);  
}  
EntryY(R, S) {  
    P(R);  
    P(S);  
}
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```

## Process X:

C.

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    P(S);  
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    P(R);  
}
```

## Process y:

Q27. Consider the procedure below for the Producer-Consumer problem which uses semaphores:

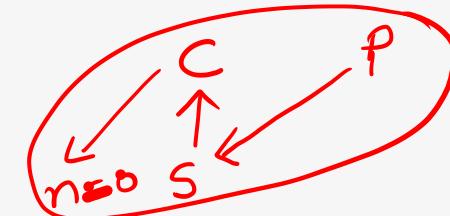
5 men break

[ GATE2014 : 2Marks]

```
semaphore n = 0;  
semaphore s = 1;
```

```
void producer()  
{  
    while(true)  
    {  
        produce();  
        semWait(s); S=0 producer blocked  
        addToBuffer();  
        semSignal(s);  
        semSignal(n);  
    }  
}
```

```
void consumer()  
{  
    while(true)  
    {  
        semWait(s); S=1 C  
        semWait(n); n=0 blocked  
        removeFromBuffer();  
        semSignal(s);  
        consume();  
    }  
}
```



Which one of the following is TRUE?

- (A) The producer will be able to add an item to the buffer, but the consumer can never consume it.
- (B) The consumer will remove no more than one item from the buffer.
- (C) Deadlock occurs if the consumer succeeds in acquiring semaphore s when the buffer is empty.
- (D) The starting value for the semaphore n must be 1 and not 0 for deadlock-free operation.

Q28 .The following two functions P1 and P2 that share a variable B with an initial value of 2 execute concurrently. [ GATE2015 : 1Mark]

P1() {	P2(){
1) C = B - 1;	3) D = 2 * B;
2) B = 2 * C;	4) B = D - 1;
}	}

1 2 3 4  
3 4 1 2  
1 3 4 2  
1 3 2 4  
3 1 2 4  
3 1 4 2 } 6 possibility

The number of distinct values that B can possibly take after the execution is ③

2 8 3 4

Q29. Two processes X and Y need to access a critical section. Consider the following synchronization construct used by both the processes. [ GATE2015 : 1Mark]

Process X	Process Y
<pre>/* other code for process X */\nwhile (true)\n{\n    varP = true; ✓\n    while (varQ == true) ✓\n    {\n        /* Critical Section */ ✓\n        varP = false;\n        .\n    }\n}\n/* other code for process X */</pre>	<pre>/* other code for process Y */\nwhile (true)\n{\n    varQ = true; ✓\n    while (varP == true) ✓\n    {\n        /* Critical Section */ ✓\n        varQ = false;\n        .\n    }\n}\n/* other code for process Y */</pre>

✓  
NO progress.  
NO deadlock

MEX

Here, varP and varQ are shared variables and both are initialized to false. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (A) The proposed solution prevents deadlock but fails to guarantee mutual exclusion
- (B) The proposed solution guarantees mutual exclusion but fails to prevent deadlock
- (C) The proposed solution guarantees mutual exclusion and prevents deadlock
- (D) The proposed solution fails to prevent deadlock and fails to guarantee mutual exclusion

Q30. Consider the following two-process synchronization solution. [ GATE2016 : 2Marks]

PROCESS 0	Process 1
Entry: loop while ( $\text{turn} == 1$ ); (critical section)	Entry: loop while ( $\text{turn} == 0$ ); (critical section)
Exit: $\text{turn} = 1$ ;	Exit $\text{turn} = 0$ ;

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PROCESS 0	Process 1
Entry: loop while ( $\text{turn} == 1$ ); (critical section)	Entry: loop while ( $\text{turn} == 0$ ); (critical section)
Exit: $\text{turn} = 1$ ;	Exit $\text{turn} = 0$ ;

The shared variable turn is initialized to zero. Which one of the following is TRUE?

- (A) This is a correct two-process synchronization solution.
- (B) This solution violates mutual exclusion requirement.
- (C) This solution violates progress requirement.
- (D) This solution violates bounded wait requirement.

Q.31 Consider a non-negative counting semaphore S. The operation P(S) decrements S, and V(S) increments S. During an execution, 20 P(S) operations and 12 V(S) operations are issued in some order. The largest initial value of S for which at least one P(S) operation will remain blocked is \_\_\_\_\_.

[ GATE2016 : 2Marks]

$$S - 20 + 12 = -1$$

$$S = 7$$

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[ GATE2016 : 2Marks]

- (A) 7
- (B) 8
- (C) 9
- (D) 10

Q32. Consider the following solution to the producer-consumer synchronization problem. The shared buffer size is N. Three semaphores empty, full and mutex are defined with respective initial values of 0, N and 1. Semaphore empty denotes the number of available slots in the buffer, for the consumer to read from. Semaphore full denotes the number of available slots in the buffer, for the producer to write to. The placeholder variables, denoted by P, Q, R and S, in the code below can be assigned either empty or full. The valid semaphore operations are: `wait()` and `signal()`.

empty → no of filled slots  
full → no of empty slots

Producer:	Consumer:
<pre> do {     wait (P); <i>full</i>     { wait (mutex);         //Add item to buffer         signal (mutex);         signal (Q); <i>empty</i>     }while (1);   </pre>	<pre> do {     wait (R); <i>&gt;empty</i>     { wait (mutex);         //consume item from buffer         signal (mutex);         signal (S); <i>full</i>     }while (1);   </pre>

Which one of the following assignments to P, Q, R and S will yield the correct solution?

[ GATE2016 : 2Marks]

- (A) P: full, Q: full, R: empty, S: empty
- (B) P: empty, Q: empty, R: full, S: full
- (C) P: full, Q: empty, R: empty, S: full
- (D) P: empty, Q: full, R: full, S: empty

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<pre>do {     wait (P);     wait (mutex);     //Add item to buffer     signal (mutex);     signal (Q); }while (1);</pre>	<pre>do {     wait (R);     wait (mutex);     //consume item from buffer     signal (mutex);     signal (S); }while (1);</pre>

Q33. Consider three concurrent processes P1, P2 and P3 as shown below, which access a shared variable D that has been initialized to 100. × [ GATE2019 : 1Mark ]

[ GATE2019 : 1Mark]

$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$D = D + 20$	$D = D - 50$	$D = D + 10$
1 load $D, R_0$	4 load $D, R_0$	7 load $D, R_0$
2 $R_0 = R_0 + 20$	5 $R_0 = R_0 - 50$	8 $R_0 = R_0 + 10$
3 stale $R_0 D$	6 stale $R_0 D$	9 stale $R_0 D$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{max} \\
 -50 \\
 \text{min} \\
 50
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{last} \\
 \frac{P_1: 123}{D=120} \quad \frac{P_2: 78}{R_0=130} \quad \frac{P_3: 456}{D=70} \quad \frac{P_1: 9}{D=130} \\
 P_1: 123 \quad D=120 \quad R_0=130 \quad D=70 \quad D=130 \\
 P_2: 78 \quad P_3: 456 \\
 D=130 \quad D=70 \quad D=130 \\
 P_1: 123 \quad P_2: 56 \\
 D=120 \quad D=50 \\
 R_0=50 \\
 130 - 50 = 80
 \end{array}$$

The processes are executed on a uniprocessor system running a time-shared operating system. If the minimum and maximum possible values of  $D$  after the three processes have completed execution are  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, then the value of  $Y-X$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

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T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>
while(true){ wait(S <sub>3</sub> ); print("C"); signal(S <sub>2</sub> ); }	while(true){ wait(S <sub>1</sub> ); print("B"); signal(S <sub>3</sub> ); }	while(true){ wait(S <sub>2</sub> ); print("A"); signal(S <sub>1</sub> ); }

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Which initialization of the semaphores would print the sequence BCABCABC....?

[ GATE2022: 1Mark]

- (A) S1 = 1; S2 = 1; S3 = 1
- (B) S1 = 1; S2 = 1; S3 = 0
- (C) S1 = 1; S2 = 0; S3 = 0
- (D) S1 = 0; S2 = 1; S3 = 1

Q35. The enter\_CS() and leave\_CS() functions to implement critical section of a process are realized using test-and-set instruction as follows:

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    while(test-and-set(X));
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In the above solution, X is a memory location associated with the CS and is initialized to 0. Now consider the following statements:

- I. The above solution to CS problem is deadlock-free
- II. The solution is starvation free.
- III. The processes enter CS in FIFO order.
- IV More than one process can enter CS at the same time.

Which of the above statements is TRUE ?

[ GATE2009 : 2Marks]

- (A) I only
- (B) I and II
- (C) II and III
- (D) IV only

