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Each process/thread counted up to 100 million.

Problem 1: Peterson's solution with multithreading

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$ gcc -o p1 hw6_p1.c -lpthread

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$./p1 Child thread count: -100000000 Parent thread count: 100000000

Global counter: -45

Not perfect, but magnitudes better than when the threads are left to their own devices. Another test resulted in a global counter = -2

Problem 2: Peterson's solution with fork and shared memory

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$ gcc -o p2 hw6_p2.c -lrt

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$./p2 Child process count: -100000000 Parent process count: 100000000

Global counter: 0

Beautiful. A later test resulted in global counter = -1, but that's still very good.

I had to allocate shared memory for the turn and flag variables as well as the global counter. Trying to make them global variables outside of the main function was ineffective.

Problem 3: Semaphores with multithreading

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$ gcc -o p3 hw6_p3.c -lpthread

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$./p3
Parent thread count: 100000000
Child thread count: -100000000

Global counter: 0

So the semaphores worked better than Peterson's solution, but they were significantly slower.

Problem 4: Semaphores with fork and shared memory

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$ gcc -o p4 hw6_p4.c -lpthread -lrt

cassidy@nyota:~/eecs338/hw6\$./p4 Child process count: -100000000 Parent process count: 100000000

Global counter: 0

Again, semaphores are successful, but much slower.