**3.13** The Fibonacci sequence is the series of numbers 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, .... Formally, it can be expressed as:

$$fib_0 = 0$$
  
 $fib_1 = 1$   
 $fib_n = fib_{n-1} + fib_{n-2}$ 

Write a C program using the fork() system call that generates the Fibonacci sequence in the child process. The number of the sequence will be provided in the command line. For example, if 5 is provided, the first five numbers in the Fibonacci sequence will be output by the child

process. Because the parent and child processes have their own copies of the data, it will be necessary for the child to output the sequence. Have the parent invoke the wait() call to wait for the child process to complete before exiting the program. Perform necessary error checking to ensure that a non-negative number is passed on the command line.

3.17 In Exercise 3.13, the child process must output the Fibonacci sequence, since the parent and child have their own copies of the data. Another approach to designing this program is to establish a shared-memory segment between the parent and child processes. This technique allows the child to write the contents of the Fibonacci sequence to the sharedmemory segment and has the parent output the sequence when the child completes. Because the memory is shared, any changes the child makes will be reflected in the parent process as well.

This program will be structured using POSIX shared memory as described in Section 3.5.1. The program first requires creating the data structure for the shared-memory segment. This is most easily accomplished using a struct. This data structure will contain two items: (1) a fixed-sized array of size MAX\_SEQUENCE that will hold the Fibonacci values and (2) the size of the sequence the child process is to generate sequence\_size, where sequence\_size < MAX\_SEQUENCE. These items

can be represented in a struct as follows:

#define MAX\_SEQUENCE 10

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typedef struct {
  long fib_sequence[MAX_SEQUENCE];
  int sequence_size;
} shared_data;
```

The parent process will progress through the following steps:

- a. Accept the parameter passed on the command line and perform error checking to ensure that the parameter is  $\leq$  MAX\_SEQUENCE.
- Create a shared-memory segment of size shared\_data.
- c. Attach the shared-memory segment to its address space.

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- Set the value of sequence\_size to the parameter on the command line.
- Fork the child process and invoke the wait() system call to wait for the child to finish.
- Output the value of the Fibonacci sequence in the shared-memory segment.
- Detach and remove the shared-memory segment.

Because the child process is a copy of the parent, the shared-memory region will be attached to the child's address space as well as the parent's. The child process will then write the Fibonacci sequence to shared memory and finally will detach the segment.

One issue of concern with cooperating processes involves synchronization issues. In this exercise, the parent and child processes must be synchronized so that the parent does not output the Fibonacci sequence until the child finishes generating the sequence. These two processes will be synchronized using the wait() system call; the parent process will invoke wait(), which will cause it to be suspended until the child

process exits.

3.20 Design a file-copying program named filecopy using ordinary pipes. This program will be passed two parameters: the name of the file to be

copied and the name of the copied file. The program will then create an ordinary pipe and write the contents of the file to be copied to the pipe. The child process will read this file from the pipe and write it to the destination file. For example, if we invoke the program as

filecopy input.txt copy.txt

the file input.txt will be written to the pipe. The child process will read the contents of this file and write it to the destination file copy.txt.

Write this program using UNIX ordinary pipes!!