

Q1. Semaphore S is an integer variable that, apart from initialisation, is accessed only through 2 standard atomic operations $\text{wait}()$ & $\text{signal}()$.

Definition of $\text{wait}()$:

```
P(Semaphore S) {
    while (S <= 0)
        ; // no operation
    S--;
}
```

Definition of $\text{signal}()$:

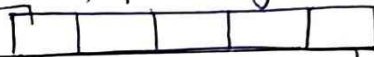
```
V(Semaphore S) {
    S++;
}
```

Q2. Classical Problems of Synchronisation:

① Bounded-Buffer Problem / Producer-Consumer Problem:

- Buffer of n slots, each slot capable of storing 1 unit of data.
- 2 Processes running: Producer & Consumer, operating on buffer.

Producer



Consumer

i) $m(\text{mutex})$: semaphore initialised to '1', used to acquire and release the lock.

ii) empty : semaphore initialised to ' n ' which is no. of slots in buffer.

iii) full : semaphore initialised to '0'.

• Producer:

do {

wait(empty); // wait until $\text{empty} > 0$. & then decrement empty
wait(mutex); // acquire lock.

/* add data to buffer */

signal(mutex); // release lock.

signal(full); // increment 'full'

} while (TRUE)

• Consumer :

do {

wait(full); // wait until full > 0 & then decrement full.

wait(mutex); // acquire lock.

/* remove data from buffer */

signal(mutex); // release lock.

signal(empty); // increment 'empty'

} while (TRUE)

② Readers-Writers Problem (done in Assignment)

③ Dining Philosopher's Problem:

① Solution using Semaphore:

do {

wait(chopstick[i]);

wait(chopstick[(i+1)%5]);

// eat

signal(chopstick[i]);

signal(chopstick[(i+1)%5]);

// think

) while (TRUE);

- It could create deadlock.

- If all 5 get hungry, all pick left chopstick :- chopstick = 0.

- When each go to grab right chopstick, delayed forever.

all elements of chopstick are initialised to 1

Remedies to avoid Deadlock:

- Allow atmost 4 to sit simult. at table.

- Allow one to pick chopstick only if both availab. (pick in critical sol)

- Use asymmetric solⁿ. i.e. odd one picks up his left & then right.
& even one picks up his right & left.

② Solution using Monitors: (deadlock free)

- new DS: `enum { thinking, eating, hungry } state[5];` to distinguish 3 states.
- philoso. i can set variable `state[i] = eating` only if 2 neigh are not eating: $(state[(i+4)\%5] \neq \text{eating}) \ \& \ (state[(i+1)\%5] \neq \text{eating})$
- we need to declare condition `self[5]`; where philo i can delay himself when he hungry but unable to obtain chopstick he need.

monitor dp {

`enum { THINKING, HUNGRY, EATING } state[5];`

`condition self[5];`

`void pickup(int i) {`

`state[i] = HUNGRY;`

`test(i);`

`if (state[i] != EATING)`

`self[i].wait();`

`}`

`void putdown(int i) {`

`state[i] = THINKING;`

`test((i+4)%5);`

`test((i+1)%5);`

`}`

`void test(int i) {`

`if ((state[(i+4)%5] != EATING) && (state[i] == HUNGRY) && (state[(i+1)%5] != EATING)) {`

`state[i] = EATING;`

`self[i].signal();`

`}`

`}`

```
initialization-code() {
```

```
  for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
```

```
    State[i] = THINKING;
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```

```
g))
```