

Exercises

1. Consider the following algorithm:

Algorithm 6.15: Semaphore algorithm A	
semaphore $S \leftarrow 1$ , $T \leftarrow 0$	
p	q
p1: wait( $S$ ) p2: write("p") p3: signal( $T$ )	q1: wait( $T$ ) q2: write("q") q3: signal( $S$ )

- (a) What are the possible outputs of this algorithm?
- (b) What are the possible outputs if we erase the statement wait( $S$ )?
- (c) What are the possible outputs if we erase the statement wait( $T$ )?

2. What are the possible outputs of the following algorithm?

Algorithm 6.16: Semaphore algorithm B		
semaphore $S1 \leftarrow 0$ , $S2 \leftarrow 0$		
p	q	r
p1: write("p") p2: signal( $S1$ ) p3: signal( $S2$ )	q1: wait( $S1$ ) q2: write("q") q3:	r1: wait( $S2$ ) r2: write("r") r3:

3. What are the possible outputs of the following algorithm?

Algorithm 6.17: Semaphore algorithm with a loop	
semaphore $S \leftarrow 1$ boolean $B \leftarrow \text{false}$	
p	q
p1: wait( $S$ ) p2: $B \leftarrow \text{true}$ p3: signal( $S$ ) p4:	q1: wait( $S$ ) q2: while not $B$ q3:     write("*") q4: signal( $S$ )

4. Show that if the initial value of  $S.V$  in Algorithm 6.3 is  $k$ , at most  $k$  processes can be in the critical section at any time.