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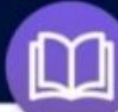
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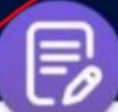
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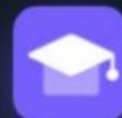
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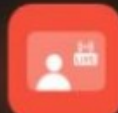


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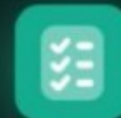
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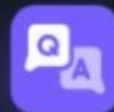
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A critical region is

- ☒ A. One which is enclosed by a pair of P and V operations on semaphores.
- ☒ B. A program segment that has not been proved bug-free.
- ☒ C. A program segment that often causes unexpected system crashes.
- ☒ D. A program segment where shared resources are accessed.

$P()$
C.S.
 $V()$

GATE 1990

Match the pairs in the following questions:

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Critical region | (p) Hoare's monitor |
| (b) Wait/Signal | (q) Mutual exclusion |
| (c) Working Set | (r) Principle of locality |
| (d) Deadlock | (s) Circular Wait |

a - q
b - p
c - r
d - s

} Any.

GATE 1996

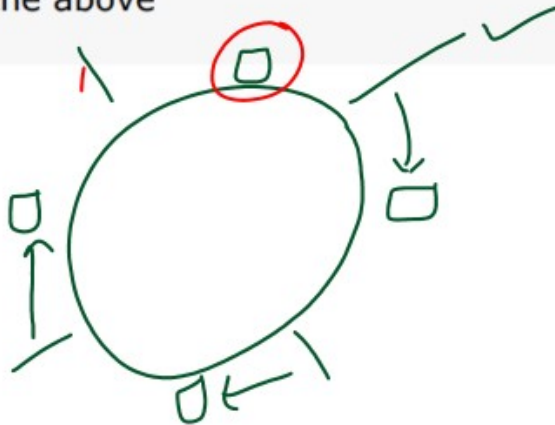
A critical section is a program segment

- ☒ A. which should run in a certain amount of time
- ☒ B. which avoids deadlocks
- ☒ C. where shared resources are accessed
- ☒ D. which must be enclosed by a pair of semaphore operations, P and V

GATE 1996

A solution to the Dining Philosophers Problem which avoids deadlock is to

- A. ensure that all philosophers pick up the left fork before the right fork
- B. ensure that all philosophers pick up the right fork before the left fork
- ✓ C. ensure that one particular philosopher picks up the left fork before the right fork, and that all other philosophers pick up the right fork before the left fork
- D. None of the above



GATE 1997

Each Process P_i , $i = 1 \dots 9$ is coded as follows

```
repeat  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_9$ 
  P(mutex)
  {Critical section}
  V(mutex)
forever
```

The code for P_{10} is identical except it uses $V(mutex)$ in place of $P(mutex)$. What is the largest number of processes that can be inside the critical section at any moment?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- ✓ D. None

Ans = 10

mutex = ~~1~~ 1
~~1~~
~~0~~
~~1~~
~~0~~
~~1~~
~~0~~
~~1~~

P_1
 ~~P_{10}~~
 P_2
 P_3
 ~~P_{10}~~

P_4

while (true)
{

}

GATE 1998

When the result of a computation depends on the speed of the processes involved, there is said to be

A. cycle stealing

✓ B. race condition ✓

C. a time lock

D. a deadlock

GATE 2000

$m[0] \rightarrow P[0]$
 $m[1] \rightarrow P[1]$
 $m[2] \rightarrow P[2]$
 $m[3] \rightarrow P[3]$
 $m[4] \rightarrow P[4]$

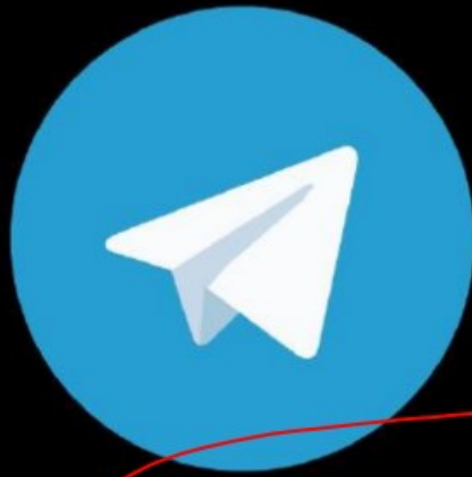
Let $m[0] \dots m[4]$ be mutexes (binary semaphores) and $P[0] \dots P[4]$ be processes.
Suppose each process $P[i]$ executes the following:

```
wait (m[i]; wait (m(i+1) mod 4));  
.....  
release (m[i]); release (m(i+1) mod 4));
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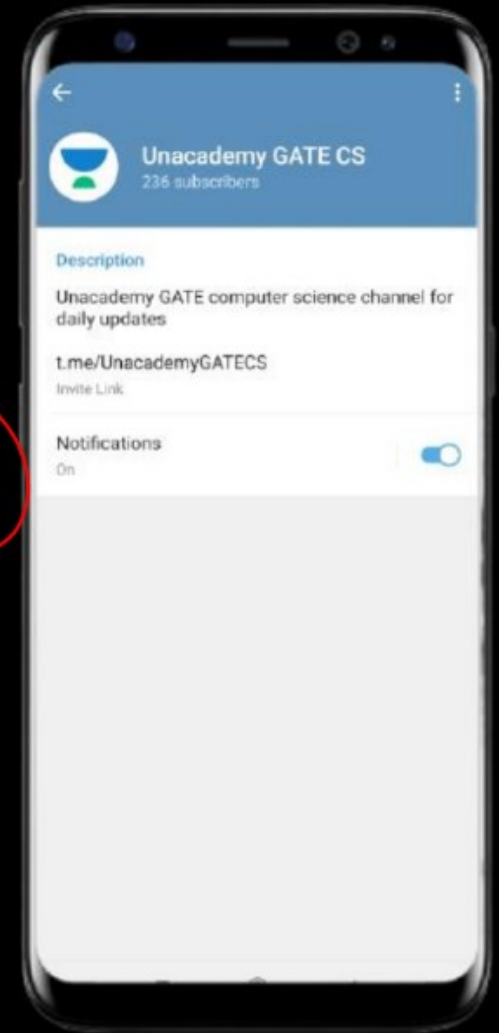
This could cause

- ☒ A. Thrashing
- ☐ B. Deadlock
- ☒ C. Starvation, but not deadlock
- ☐ D. None of the above

| $P[0]$ | $P[1]$ | $P[2]$ |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>wait $m[0]$</u> wait $m[1]$ | wait $m[1]$ wait $m[2]$ | wait $m[2]$ wait $m[3]$ |
| $P[3]$ | $P[4]$ | |
| wait $m[3]$ wait $m[0]$ | wait $m[4]$ wait $m[1]$ | |



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