Lab 11 exercise 02

This exercise is very similar to number 1 but there is a cycle: after D terminates its execution A has to execute again its cycle.

To implement this feature a semaphore is used: this semaphore (sems[0]) is locked by thread A and unlocked by thread D.

Each thread contains a for loop to execute its core 10 times.

Notice that here we need to use 4 semaphores in total (2 more than exercise 1) because thread B and C must be unlocked by 2 different semaphores, otherwise it is possible that a thread finishes its cycle and start another one right away (e.g an execution order of A B B D or A C C D is possible).

It is worth noting that once thread D finishes its execution it is possible that there are still some thread executing, if the scheduler removed the control from (for instance) C after it unlocked sems[3] for the last time but before its pthread_exit is executed.