

CS & IT ENGINEERING



Operating System

Process Synchronization

Lecture -4



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Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

Semaphore

Topic

Questions on Semaphore

Topics to be Covered



Topic

Semaphore

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Producer-Consumer Problem

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Reader-Writer Problem

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Dining Philosopher Problem

[NAT]



Ans = 7

#Q. Consider a non-negative counting semaphore S . The operation $P(S)$ decrements S , and $V(S)$ increments S . During an execution, 20 $P(S)$ operations and 12 $V(S)$ operations are issued in some order. The largest initial value of S for which at least one $P(S)$ operation will remain blocked is _____.

[2016]

Successful $P(S) = 20 - 1 = 19$

$$S - 19 + 12 = 0$$

$$\boxed{S = 7}$$

#Q. Consider a non-negative counting semaphore S . The operation $P(S)$ decrements S , and $V(S)$ increments S . During an execution, 43 $P(S)$ operations and 27 $V(S)$ operations are issued in some order. The largest initial value of S for which at least 5 $P(S)$ operation will remain blocked is 11?

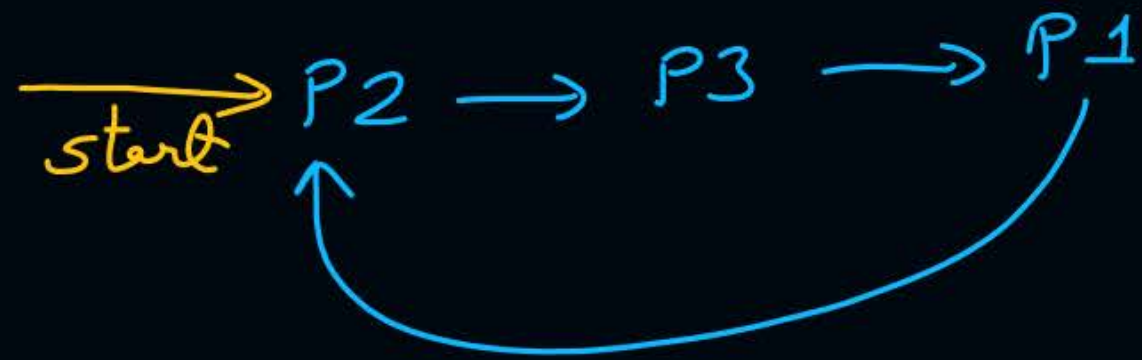
successful $P(S) = 43 - S = 38$

$$S - 38 + 27 = 0$$

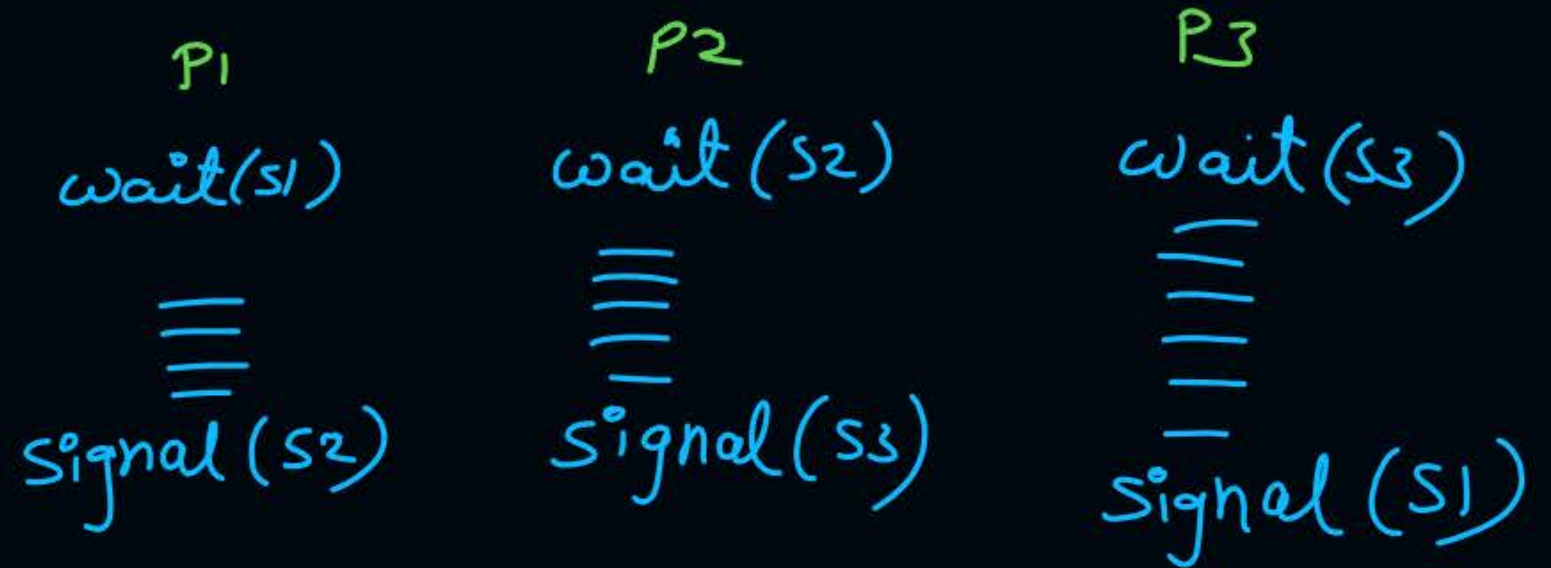
$$S = 11$$

Ques) 3 Processes P_1, P_2, P_3

$S_1 = 0, S_2 = 1, S_3 = 0$



precedence graph

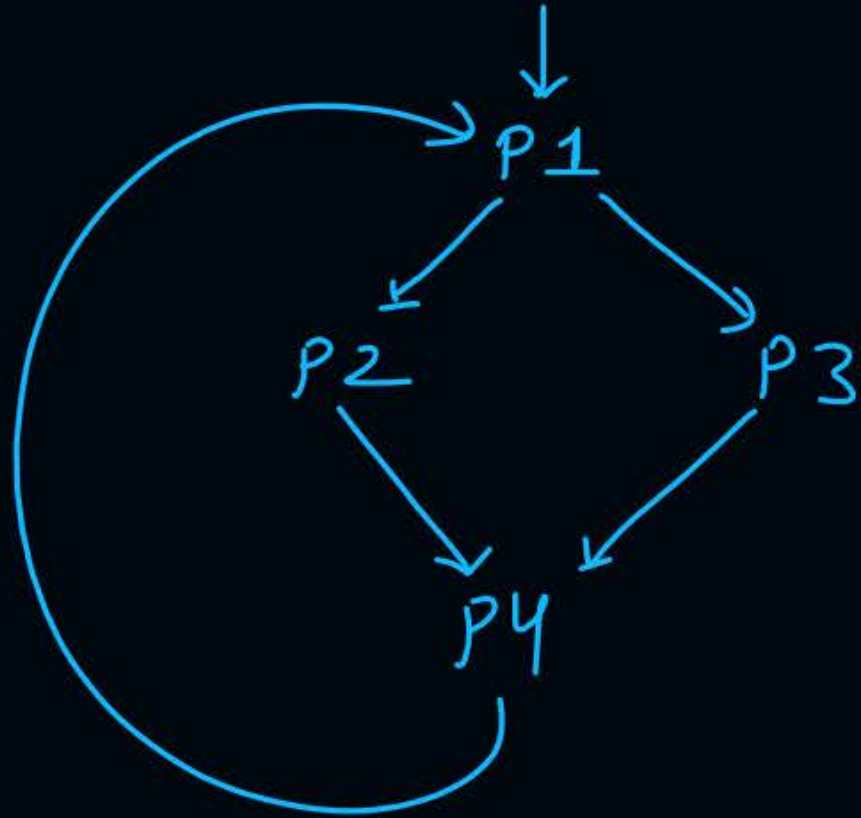


Ques)

4 Processes

P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4

$S_1 = 1, S_2 = 0, S_3 = 0, S_{41} = 0, S_{42} = 0$



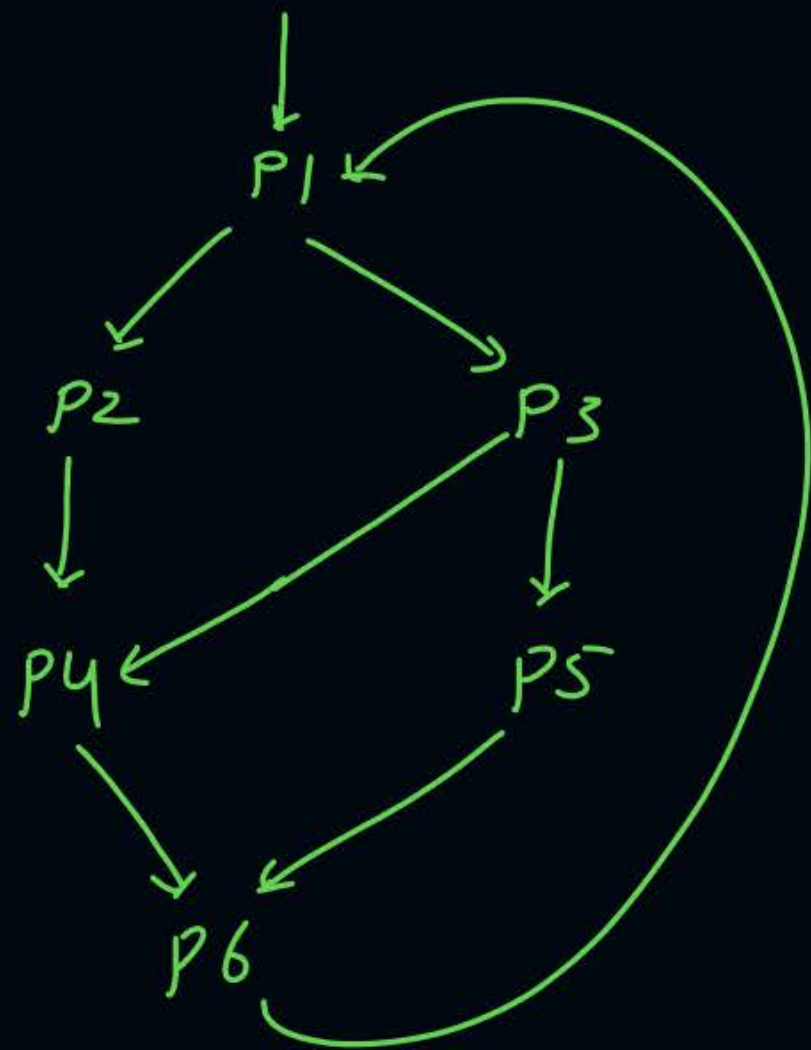
P_1
wait(S_1)
≡
signal(S_2)
signal(S_3)

P_2
wait(S_2)
≡
signal(S_{41})

P_3
wait(S_3)
≡
signal(S_{42})

P_4
wait(S_{41})
wait(S_{42})
≡
signal(S_1)

Ques)



$S_1 = 1, S_2 = 0, S_3 = 0, S_{41} = 0, S_{42} = 0, S_5 = 0, S_{61} = 0, S_{62} = 0$

P1	P2	P3	P4
wait(S_1)	wait(S_2)	wait(S_3)	wait(S_{41})
\equiv	\equiv	\equiv	wait(S_{42})
signal(S_2)	signal(S_{41})	signal(S_{42})	\equiv
signal(S_3)		signal(S_5)	signal(S_{61})

P5	P6
wait(S_5)	wait(S_{61})
\equiv	wait(S_{62})
signal(S_{62})	\equiv
	signal(S_1)

[NAT]

$x = 0$

Ans = 2



- #Q. A shared variable x , initialized to zero, is operated on by four concurrent processes W , X , Y , Z as follows. Each of the process W and X reads x from memory, increments by one, stores it to memory and then terminates. Each of the processes Y and Z reads x from memory, decrements by two, stores it to memory and then terminates. Each processes before reading x invokes the P operation (i.e., wait) on a counting semaphore S and invokes the V operation (i.e., signal) on the semaphore S after storing x to memory. Semaphore S is initialized to two. What is the maximum possible value of x after all processes complete execution?

[2013]

W
wait(s)
 $x = x + 1$
signal(s)

X
wait(s)
 $x = x + 1$
signal(s)

Y
wait(s)
 $x = x - 2$
signal(s)

Z
wait(s)
 $x = x - 2$
signal(s)

Ques In prev ques.

1. min. possible value of $x = \underline{-4}$?
2. no. of distinct possible values of $x = \underline{7}$?

$$0 + 1 + 1 - 2 - 2 \Rightarrow 1, -2, 2, -4, -1, 0, -3$$

ans) In prev. ques if S is initialized by 1.

max value of $x = \underline{-2}$?

solⁿ mutual exclusion satisfied, all processes can run one-by-one.

Ans = 8

#Q. A shared variable x , initialized to zero, is operated on by four concurrent processes W, X, Y, Z as follows. Each of the process W and X reads x from memory, increments by 2, stores it to memory and then terminates. Each of the processes Y and Z reads x from memory, decrements by 3, stores it to memory and then terminates. Each processes before reading x invokes the P operation (i.e., wait) on a counting semaphore S and invokes the V operation (i.e., signal) on the semaphore S after storing x to memory. Semaphore S is initialized to two. What are the total distinct possible values of x after all processes complete execution?

$$0 + 2 + 2 - 3 - 3$$

2, -3, 4, -6, -1, 3, -4, -2
8 values

[MCQ]



#Q. Consider the two functions incr and decr shown below.

```
incr() {  
    wait(s);  
    X = X+1;  
    signal(s);  
}
```

```
decr() {  
    wait(s);  
    X = X-1;  
    signal(s);  
}
```

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= 10 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 \\ &= 12 \\ V_2 &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

There are 5 threads each invoking incr once, and 3 threads each invoking decr once, on the same shared variable X. The initial value of X is 10.

Suppose there are two implementations of the semaphore s, as follows:

I1: s is a binary semaphore initialized to 1.

I2: s is a counting semaphore initialized to 2.

Let V1, V2 be the values of X at the end of execution of all the threads with implementations I1, I2, respectively.

Which one of the following choices corresponds to the minimum possible values of V1, V2, respectively?

[2023]



15, 7



7, 7



✓ 12, 7



12, 8

Spin lock (busy waiting):-

if a process uses CPU but still waits for C.S. by
running a forever loop.



wastage of CPU time.



Topic : Solutions Without Busy Waiting

```
wait(Semaphore s){  
    s=s-1;  
    if (s<0) {  
        // add process to queue  
        block();  
    }  
}
```

```
signal(Semaphore s){  
    s=s+1;  
    if (s<=0) {  
        // remove  
        process p from queue  
        wakeup(p);  
    }  
}
```


#Q. Given below is a program which when executed spawns two concurrent processes:

Semaphore X: = ~~0~~; 1 ~~0~~ ~~1~~ ~~0~~

/* Process now forks into concurrent processes P1 & P2 */

P1 : repeat forever
{
V(X);
Compute;
P(X);
}

P2: repeat forever
{
P(X);
Compute;
V(X);
}

Consider the following statements about processes P1 and P2:

- ✓ I. It is possible for process P1 to starve.
- ✓ II. It is possible for process P2 to starve.



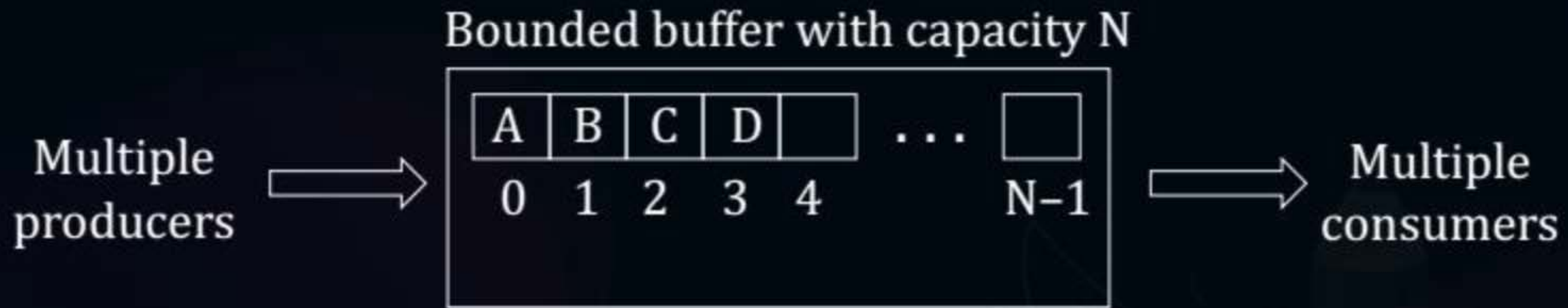
Topic : Classical Problems of Synchronization

1. Producer - Consumer (bounded-buffer)
2. Reader - writer
3. Dining - philosophers





Topic : Bounded Buffer Problem





Topic : Bounded Buffer Problem

- Known as producer-consumer problem also
- Buffer is the shared resource between producers and consumers





Topic : Bounded Buffer Problem : Solution



- Producers must block if the buffer is full
- Consumers must block if the buffer is empty





Topic : Bounded Buffer Problem : Solution

- **Variables:**

- Mutex: Binary Semaphore to take lock on buffer (Mutual Exclusion)
- Full: Counting Semaphore to denote the number of occupied slots in buffer
- Empty: Counting Semaphore to denote the number of empty slots in buffer

Initialization:-

mutex = 1

Full = 0

Empty = N



Topic : Producer() & Consumer

Producer

wait(Empty)
wait(mutex)
// add item on buffer
signal(mutex)
signal(Full)

Consumer

wait(Full)
wait(mutex)
// remove item from buffer
signal(mutex)
signal(Empty)



Topic : Producer() & Consumer

Producer

wait(mutex)
→ wait(Empty)

// add item on buffer
signal(mutex)
signal(Full)

if buffer is full \Rightarrow $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Full} = \cancel{N} N-1 \\ \text{Empty} = 0 \\ \text{mutex} = \underline{1} \quad 0 \end{array} \right\}$

Consumer

wait(Full)
→ wait(mutex)
// remove item from buffer
signal(mutex)
signal(Empty)

deadlock



Topic : Producer() & Consumer

Producer

wait(Empty)

→ wait(mutex)
// add item on buffer
signal(mutex)
signal(Full)

when buffer is empty \Rightarrow $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Full} = 0 \\ \text{Empty} = \cancel{N} \quad N-1 \\ \text{mutex} = \cancel{1} \quad 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{deadlock}$

Consumer

wait(mutex)

→ wait(Full)

// remove item from buffer
signal(mutex)
signal(Empty)



Topic : Reader-Writer Problem

Consider a situation where we have a file shared between many people:

- If one of the people tries editing the file, no other person should be reading or writing at the same time, otherwise changes will not be visible to him/her
- However, if some person is reading the file, then others may read it at the same time





Topic : Reader-Writer Problem Solution

- If writer is accessing the file, then all other readers and writers will be blocked
- If any reader is reading, then other readers can read but writer will be blocked

	Reader	writer
Reader	✓	✗
writer	✗	✗



Topic : Reader-Writer Problem Solution

- **Variables:**
 - mutex: Binary Semaphore to provide Mutual Exclusion
 - wrt: Binary Semaphore to restrict readers and writers if writing is going on
 - Readcount: Integer variable, denotes number of active readers
- **Initialization:**
 - mutex: 1
 - w r t : 1
 - Read count: 0



Topic : Writer() & Reader() Processes

Writer

```
wait(wrt)
// writing
signal(wrt)
```

$wrt = \cancel{1} 0$
 $read\ count = \cancel{0} 1$
 $mutex = \cancel{1} 0$

Reader

```
wait(mutex)
Read count ++ ;
if (Read count == 1)
    wait(wrt);
signal(mutex)
```

// Reading

```
wait(mutex)
Read count -- ;
if (Read count == 0)
    signal(wrt);
signal(mutex)
```



Topic : Writer() & Reader() Processes

writer

```
wait(wrt)
// writing
signal(wrt)
```

only one reader
will be allowed
at a time for reading

Reader

```
wait(mutex)
Read count ++ ;
if (Read count == 1)
    wait(wrt);
```

// Reading

```
Read count -- ;
if (Read count == 0)
    signal(wrt);
signal(mutex)
```




2 mins Summary

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Semaphore

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Happy Learning

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