Class Assignment - 8

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• Q1:

1. Run the reference code and record the output

```
(base) → code gcc semaphore sync.c -lpthread -o sem
(base) → code ./sem
Hello from A
Hello from B
```

2. Modify it by removing semaphore logic and observe the output by running it multiple times

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
void* threadA(void* arg)
printf("Hello from A\n");
return NULL;
void* threadB(void* arg)
printf("Hello from B\n");
return NULL;
int main()
pthread t tA, tB;
pthread create(&tA, NULL, threadA, NULL);
pthread create(&tB, NULL, threadB, NULL);
 pthread join(tA, NULL);
pthread join(tB, NULL);
 return 0;
```

```
(base) → code gcc q1.c -lpthread -o q1
(base) → code ./q1
Hello from A
Hello from B
(base) → code ./q1
Hello from B
(base) → code ./q1
Hello from B
(base) → code ./q1
Hello from B
Hello from B
```

3. Explain why the order changes without synchronization.

printf("Hello from B\n");

ANS: Both threads are free to execute independently as soon as they are created.

4. Add one more thread "threadC" which should execute only after threadB has done its execution. Note You will need one more sem_t variable Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
sem_t semB, semC;
void* threadA(void* arg)
{
   printf("Hello from A\n");
   sem_post(&semB);
   return NULL;
}
void* threadB(void* arg)
{
   sem_wait(&semB);
}
```

```
sem_post(&semC);
return NULL;
void* threadC(void* arg)
sem wait(&semC);
printf("Hello from C\n");
return NULL;
int main()
pthread_t tA, tB, tC;
 sem init(&semB, 0, 0);
sem init(&semC, 0, 0);
 pthread create(&tA, NULL, threadA, NULL);
pthread_create(&tB, NULL, threadB, NULL);
pthread create(&tC, NULL, threadC, NULL);
pthread join(tB, NULL);
 sem destroy(&semB);
sem destroy(&semC);
return 0;
```

```
(base) → code gcc q1b.c -lpthread -o q1b
(base) → code ./q1b
Hello from A
Hello from B
Hello from C
```

• Q2:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
sem t aArrived, bArrived;
void* threadA(void* arg)
printf("A1 (Starting task)\n");
sem post(&aArrived);
sem wait(&bArrived);
printf("A2 (Ending task)\n");
return NULL;
void* threadB(void* arg)
printf("B1 (Starting task)\n");
sem post(&bArrived);
sem wait(&aArrived);
printf("B2 (Ending task)\n");
return NULL;
pthread t tA, tB;
  sem init(&aArrived, 0, 0);
  sem_init(&bArrived, 0, 0);
  pthread create(&tA, NULL, threadA, NULL);
  pthread create(&tB, NULL, threadB, NULL);
  pthread join(tB, NULL);
  sem destroy(&aArrived);
   sem destroy(&bArrived);
   return 0;
```

```
(base) → code ./q2
A1 (Starting task)
B1 (Starting task)
B2 (Ending task)
A2 (Ending task)
(base) → code ./q2
B1 (Starting task)
A1 (Starting task)
A2 (Ending task)
B2 (Ending task)
```

• Q3:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
long counter = 0;
pthread mutex t lock;
void* threadFuncNoMutex(void* arg) {
  for (long i = 0; i < 100000; i++) {</pre>
      counter++;
   return NULL;
void* threadFuncWithMutex(void* arg) {
   for (long i = 0; i < 100000; i++) {</pre>
      pthread mutex lock(&lock);
       counter++;
       pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
   return NULL;
int main() {
  pthread t threads[10];
  counter = 0;
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)</pre>
       pthread create(&threads[i], NULL, threadFuncNoMutex, NULL);
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);

printf("Final counter value (no mutex): $ld (expected $ld)\n", counter,
(long)10 * (long)100000);

counter = 0;
pthread_mutex_init(&lock, NULL);

for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, threadFuncWithMutex, NULL);

for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);

printf("Final counter value (with mutex): $ld (expected $ld)\n",
counter, (long)10 * (long)100000);
pthread_mutex_destroy(&lock);

return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
(base) → code gcc mutex demo.c -lpthread -o mutex
(base) → code gcc q3.c -lpthread -o q3
(base) → code ./q3
Final counter value (no mutex): 225257 (expected 1000000)
Final counter value (with mutex): 1000000 (expected 1000000)
(base) → code ./q3
Final counter value (no mutex): 130261 (expected 1000000)
Final counter value (with mutex): 1000000 (expected 1000000)
(base) → code ./q3
Final counter value (no mutex): 231097 (expected 1000000)
Final counter value (with mutex): 1000000 (expected 1000000)
```

EXPLANATION:

Ten threads increment a shared counter. Without a mutex, simultaneous access causes race conditions and incorrect counts. With a mutex, threads access the counter one at a time, ensuring the final count is correct.

• Q4:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#define NUM THREADS 8
#define MAX CONCURRENT 3
sem t multiplex;
void* worker(void* arg)
int id = *(int*)arg;
// Request to enter
sem wait(&multiplex); // take one token
printf("Thread %d ENTERED critical section.\n", id);
// Critical section (simulate some work)
sleep(1); // simulate processing
printf("Thread %d LEAVING critical section.\n", id);
sem post(&multiplex); // release token
return NULL;
int main()
pthread t threads[NUM THREADS];
int ids[NUM THREADS];
 // Initialize semaphore to MAX CONCURRENT
sem init(&multiplex, 0, MAX CONCURRENT);
 // Create threads
 for (int i = 0; i < NUM THREADS; i++)</pre>
  ids[i] = i + 1;
  pthread create(&threads[i], NULL, worker, &ids[i]);
  // Join threads
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < NUM_THREADS; i++)
{
   pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
}
sem_destroy(&multiplex);
printf("All threads finished.\n");
return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
(base) → code gcc multiplex semaphore.c -lpthread -o multiplex
(base) → code ./multiplex
Thread 2 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 1 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 3 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 2 LEAVING critical section.
Thread 1 LEAVING critical section.
Thread 4 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 5 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 3 LEAVING critical section.
Thread 6 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 6 LEAVING critical section.
Thread 4 LEAVING critical section.
Thread 5 LEAVING critical section.
Thread 7 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 8 ENTERED critical section.
Thread 8 LEAVING critical section.
Thread 7 LEAVING critical section.
All threads finished.
```

EXPLANATION:

This program uses a bounded semaphore to limit concurrent access. At most three threads can enter the critical section simultaneously. Each thread waits on the semaphore before entering and posts it after leaving, ensuring the maximum concurrency is never exceeded.

• Q5:

1. PART A: Naive Barrier Implementation

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#define N 5
int count = 0;
pthread mutex t mutex;
void* naive thread func(void* arg)
  int id = *(int*)arg;
  printf("Thread %d reached the barrier\n", id);
  pthread mutex lock(&mutex);
  count++;
  printf("Thread %d passed the barrier\n", id);
int main() {
  pthread t threads[N];
  int ids[N];
  pthread mutex init(&mutex, NULL);
  sem init(&barrier, 0, 0);
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    ids[i] = i + 1;
    pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, naive_thread_func,
&ids[i]);
}
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
}

pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex);
sem_destroy(&barrier);
return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
(base) → code gcc q5a.c -lpthread -o q5a
(base) → code ./q5a
Thread 1 reached the barrier
Thread 3 reached the barrier
Thread 2 reached the barrier
Thread 4 reached the barrier
Thread 5 reached the barrier
Thread 5 passed the barrier
```

EXPLANATION:

Part A may fail because only one thread signals the semaphore while all threads wait. As a result, threads that don't receive the signal remain blocked, causing a deadlock at the barrier.

2. PART B: Reusable Barrier Solution

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#define N 5
int count = 0;
sem t turnstile;
  sem t turnstile2;
  void* thread func(void* arg)
     int id = *(int*)arg;
     printf("Thread %d reached the barrier\n", id);
     count++;
     if (count == N) {
             sem post(&turnstile);
     sem wait(&turnstile);
     printf("Thread %d passed the barrier\n", id);
     pthread mutex lock(&mutex);
```

```
count--;
   if (count == 0) {
           sem post(&turnstile2); // Reset barrier
   sem wait(&turnstile2);
int main() {
  pthread t threads[N];
  int ids[N];
  pthread mutex init(&mutex, NULL);
  sem init(&turnstile, 0, 0);
  sem init(&turnstile2, 0, 0);
  for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
       ids[i] = i + 1;
       pthread create(&threads[i], NULL, thread func, &ids[i]);
       pthread join(threads[i], NULL);
  pthread mutex destroy(&mutex);
  sem destroy(&turnstile);
   sem destroy(&turnstile2);
   return 0;
```

```
(base) → code gcc q5b.c -lpthread -o q5b
(base) → code ./q5b
Thread 2 reached the barrier
Thread 5 reached the barrier
Thread 1 reached the barrier
Thread 3 reached the barrier
Thread 4 reached the barrier
Thread 4 passed the barrier
Thread 5 passed the barrier
Thread 1 passed the barrier
Thread 1 passed the barrier
Thread 1 passed the barrier
```

EXPLANATION:

This barrier ensures all threads wait until everyone arrives.

- 1. count tracks arrivals, protected by a mutex.
- 2. turnstile lets threads proceed together after all reach the barrier.
- 3. turnstile2 resets the barrier, making it reusable for future use.