

Exercises Week 3

Exercise 1: FindMax.java / FindSum.java

a) Semaphore vs synchronized

Change your solution from last week's exercise FindMax.java / FindSum.java (your choice :D), and use one Semaphore object to replace the synchronized method. Compare the runtimes of the algorithms using the synchronized method versus the algorithms using Semaphore. Look especially at the runtimes of the methods using the synchronized method for each element, versus the methods using the Semaphore for each element. What do you notice? Is Semaphore or synchronized the most efficient?

b) Semaphore as a barrier

Add another Semaphore object to replace the cyclicBarrier. This means that here, instead of making it the access point of a shared resource, make it act as a barrier. Hint: Semaphore's are allowed to take negative integers in their constructor.

CHALLENGE! DivisibleBy.java

Highlight the numbers divisible by `n`, where `n` is an integer greater than 1. Create two different Runnable classes, each with their own `run()` method. One of the `run()` methods should be printing out the numbers divisible by `n` and the other one should be printing out the numbers *not* divisible by `n`.

By using two Semaphore objects, force the threads to print out the numbers in sequential order (0, 1, 2, ...). This way you will get a sequence of numbers where only the ones divisible by `n` are highlighted.

If you want another challenge, you can allow the user to choose both the start and end point (as opposed to only the end point) of your number sequence. You can assume that you only get positive integers.

Fun tip: You can highlight the numbers by using colors in the print statements. Just remember to reset! [Colors can be found here.](#)

Challenge accepted?

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if (challengeAccepted) System.out.println("You are awesome!");
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