

CS 511 – Quiz 3: Semaphores

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A barbershop¹ consists of a waiting room with n chairs, and the barber room containing the barber chair. If there are no customers to be served, the barber goes to sleep. If a customer enters the barbershop and all chairs are occupied, then the customer leaves the shop (you may assume you have a function `doneWithThisBarber()` that never returns). If the barber is busy, but chairs are available, then the customer sits in one of the free chairs. If the barber is asleep, the customer wakes up the barber. Once the barber finishes helping a customer, the customer pays and then leaves. Write a program to coordinate the barber and the customers.

Hint: You need only use one counter, for customers, in order to determine whether the barbershop is full.

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// declarations
int customers=0;
    semaphore customer, barbersAttention, permissionToLeave, paymentCompleted = new semaphore(0);
    semaphore mutex = new semaphore(1);

thread Customer: {
    mutex.acquire();
    if customers >= N
        mutex.release();
        doneWithThisBarber();
    customers++;
    mutex.release();
    customer.release();
    // waits for barbersAttention to get haircut
    barbersAttention.acquire();
    // gets haircut
    // waits for barbersAttention to pay them
    payment.acquire();
    // pays barber
    // waits for barbersAttention to leave
    permissionToLeave.acquire();
    mutex.acquire();
    customers--;
    mutex.release();
    //leaves
}

thread Barber: {
    while(true) {
        // rendezvous with a customer
        customer.acquire();
        barbersAttention.release();

        // cut hair
        // rendezvous for signalling end of cut
        payment.release();
        // receives pay from customer
        permissionToLeave.release();
        // allows customer to leave
    }
}
```

¹Originally proposed by Dijkstra