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**PSEUDO-CODE OF THE THREADS** 

Get the team info from the arguments and print "looking for a car".

Acquire the global lock

Check if any of the two conditions are satisfied.

If not, release the global lock and start sleeping,

If satisfied, wake necessary combination of threads and declare itself as the captain, not output it yet.

Print "found a spot"

Wait at the barrier

If it is the captain

Print captain message

Destroy and reinitialize the barrier

Terminate/return

## SYNCHRONIZATION MECHANISMS USED

I have implemented my own semaphores using pthread mutexes and condition variables with the help of the implementation in the lecture slides of the synchronization chapter and used one semaphore for each Team, semA and semB respectively. I have changed the sem\_wait() function and added a mutex\_ unlock statement to unlock the global mutex after decrementing the value. Since each thread checks the value of the semaphore in order to control if the conditions are satisfied or not, this makes it impossible for threads to decrement the value nearly at the same time due to context switches and prevents potential deadlocks that may be caused due to all threads sleeping with no thread to wake them up.

I have used a barrier to make it sure that each thread woken up by the thread prints that it has found a spot before the captain reveals itself by printing to the console "I am the captain"., thus satisfying one of the correctness criteria described in the assignment document. The other correctness criteria are satisfied by my usage of the pthread mutexes and semaphores.

## **IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS**

Semaphore implementation

```
typedef struct semaphore // Implemented
{
   int val; // Value of the semaphore
   pthread_mutex_t lock; // lock
   pthread_cond_t c; // cond. variable
} sem_t;
```

sem\_ wait() and sem\_post()

sem\_lockandwait() function has pthread\_mutex\_unlock() to unlock global mutex after the decrement operation in order to prevent a deadlock that may be caused from threads sleeping again right after they wake up.

Checking of conditions inside the thread function: this implementation makes it sure that the last thread satisfying the condition will wake the other threads.