



OPERATING SYSTEM 2

SEMAPHORE REVISION

TEST II

- ▶ A fast-food restaurant can accommodate a limited number of customers. This limit is represented by the number **T** of tables available in the restaurant.
- ▶ A customer who arrives washes their hands before sitting at a table; there are only **two (02) washrooms**, each for single use.
- ▶ Then the customer waits in a waiting room if no table is available.
- ▶ When a table becomes available, the customer sits down and eats.
- ▶ As soon as the customer leaves the restaurant, the table is freed for another customer.

SOLUTION

```
program restaurant
const NT=.....;
var
W: semaphore:=2;
T:semaphore:= NT;
```

```
process customer-i
begin
P(W);
washhands();
V(W);
P(T);
eat();
V(T);
end;
```

TEST II

- ▶ A store can accommodate a limited number of customers.
- ▶ This limit is represented by the number **N** of shopping carts available at the store entrance.
- ▶ A customer who arrives waits if no shopping cart is available.
- ▶ When a customer gets a shopping cart, they enter the store to do their shopping.
- ▶ Then they go to the checkout to pay for their purchases in mutual exclusion, i.e., there is only one checkout.
- ▶ As soon as they finish, they release their shopping cart when leaving the store.

SOLUTION

program store

const N:=....;

var

cart:semaphore:=N;

check:semaphore:=1;

process customer-i

begin

P(cart);

shopping();

P(check);

checkout();

V(check);

V(cart);

end;

TEST II

- ▶ A car service center has a **limited number of parking spots**. This limit is represented by the number **P** of parking spaces available in the center.
- ▶ **There are two types of cars: regular and large. Regular cars need one spot; however, large cars occupy two parking spots** instead of one (They must wait until **two spots** are available):
- ▶ A car that arrives waits in a **waiting lane** if no parking spot is available.
- ▶ Before parking, each car must go through a **car wash**; there are only **three (03) washing stations**, each for **single use**.
- ▶ Once the car is washed, it parks in an available spot (or two spots for large cars).
- ▶ As soon as the car leaves the parking spot, it is freed for another car.

SOLUTION

```
program parking
```

```
const spot:=....;
```

```
var
```

```
S:semaphore:=spot;
```

```
W:semaphore:=3;
```

```
process car-i (size)
begin
  if size=1 then P(S)
  else begin
    P(S); P(S);
  end;
  P(W);
  wash();
  V(W);
  if size=1 then V(S)
  else begin
    V(S);V(S);
  end;
end;
```

EXERCISE 1

- ▶ A store can accommodate a limited number of customers. This limit is represented by the number **N** of shopping carts available at the store entrance.
- ▶ A customer who arrives waits if there are no carts available.
- ▶ When a customer acquires a cart, they enter the store to do their shopping.
- ▶ As soon as they finish, they release their cart when leaving the store.
- ▶ There are two categories of customers: **subscribers** and **non-subscribers**.
 - ▶ There is **no mutual exclusion** between subscribers and non-subscribers in the store itself.
 - ▶ However, **subscribers have priority** when acquiring carts.
- ▶ Customers can be modeled as **parallel processes** and carts as **shared resources**.
 - ▶ **Task:** Write the algorithms for the “subscriber” and “non-subscriber” processes using **semaphores**.

SOLUTION

program store

const N = ;

var mutex : semaphore :=1;

S1, S2:semaphore:= 0 ;

NBS, NB1, NB2 : integer :=0;

```
Process Subscriber_Client(i)
begin
  P(mutex);
  if NBS < N then begin
    NBS++;
    V(mutex);
  end

  else begin
    NB1++;
    V(mutex);
    P(S1);
    NB1--;
  end;

  shopping ();

  P(mutex);
  if NB1 > 0 then V(S1);
  else if NB2 > 0 then V(S2);
    else NBS--;
  V(mutex);
end;
```

```
Process NonSubscriber_Client(j)
begin
  P(mutex);
  if NBS < N then begin
    NBS++;
    V(mutex);
  end

  else begin
    NB2++;
    V(mutex);
    P(S2);
    NB2--;
  end;

  shopping ();

  P(mutex);
  if NB1 > 0 then V(S1);
  else if NB2 > 0 then V(S2);
    else NBS--;
  V(mutex);
end;
```

EXERCISE 2

- ▶ Cars coming from the north and the south must cross a bridge.
- ▶ On this bridge, only one lane of cars can pass at a time, and only in one direction.
- ▶ Write an algorithm that allows cars to pass from north to south or from south to north by synchronizing them using semaphores at the bridge.

SOLUTION with STARVATION

program bridge

var

northCount : integer := 0;

southCount : integer := 0;

mutex1 : semaphore := 1;

mutex2 : semaphore := 1;

bridge : semaphore := 1;

process NorthToSouthCar-i;

begin

P(mutex1);

northCount := northCount + 1;

if northCount = 1 then P(bridge);

V(mutex1);

CROSS ();

P(mutex1);

northCount := northCount - 1;

if northCount = 0 then V(bridge);

V(mutex1);

end;

process SouthToNorthCar-j;

begin

P(mutex2);

southCount := southCount + 1;

if southCount = 1 then P(bridge);

V(mutex2);

CROSS ();

P(mutex2);

southCount := southCount - 1;

if southCount = 0 then V(bridge);

V(mutex2);

end;

FAIR SOLUTION

```
program bridge
```

```
var
```

```
  northCount : integer := 0;
```

```
  southCount : integer := 0;
```

```
  mutex1 : semaphore := 1;
```

```
  mutex2 : semaphore := 1;
```

```
  bridge : semaphore := 1;
```

```
  turn : semaphore := 1;
```

```
process NorthToSouthCar-i;
```

```
begin
```

```
  P(turn);
```

```
  P(mutex1);
```

```
  northCount := northCount + 1;
```

```
  if northCount = 1 then P(bridge);
```

```
  V(mutex1);
```

```
  V(turn);
```

```
  CROSS ();
```

```
  P(mutex1);
```

```
  northCount := northCount - 1;
```

```
  if northCount = 0 then V(bridge);
```

```
  V(mutex1);
```

```
end;
```

```
process SouthToNorthCar-j;
```

```
begin
```

```
  P(turn);
```

```
  P(mutex2);
```

```
  southCount := southCount + 1;
```

```
  if southCount = 1 then P(bridge);
```

```
  V(mutex2);
```

```
  V(turn);
```

```
  CROSS ();
```

```
  P(mutex2);
```

```
  southCount := southCount - 1;
```

```
  if southCount = 0 then V(bridge);
```

```
  V(mutex2);
```

```
end;
```

EXERCISE 3 (try to resolve it)

- ▶ Consider a system composed of three smoker processes and one agent process.
- ▶ Each smoker continuously rolls a cigarette and smokes it.
- ▶ To roll a cigarette, **three ingredients are needed**: tobacco, paper, and matches.
- ▶ One smoker process has **paper**, the second smoker process has **tobacco**, and the third smoker process has **matches**.
- ▶ The agent process has an **infinite supply of all three ingredients**.
- ▶ The agent places **two distinct ingredients on the table**, allowing the smoker who possesses the **third ingredient** to roll a cigarette, smoke it, and then signal the agent that they have finished.
- ▶ The agent then places **two other ingredients on the table**, and the cycle repeats.