Computation structures

Support for problem-solving lesson #8

Exercise 1

Give an implementation of the mutual exclusion between 2 processes using only the blocking message queues of size 0 as synchronization mechanism.

Exercise 1

Recall

- A blocking message queue of size 0 means that:
  - **q?x** will block the calling process until another process executes **q!x**;
  - Symmetrically, **q!x** will block the calling process until another process executes **q?x**.

- Blocking message queues of size 0 are only an *abstract* concept
  - They cannot be directly implemented (at least, not using System V).
  - They can, however, be simulated using semaphores.

    shared semaphore sReceive = 0, sSend = 0;
    q!x → signal(sReceive); wait(sSend);
    q?x → signal(sSend); wait(sReceive);
  - Does not consider the message **x**. See slide 248 for a complete example.

Exercise 1

What you should not do:

```
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#define signal 1
shared chan q[0];
```

```
//Process 1
while(true) {
  //Non critical
  q!wait;
  //Critical
  q!signal;
}
```

```
//Process 2
while(true) {
  //Non critical
  q?wait;
  //Critical
  q?signal;
}
```

Why isn't this good?

- This is not mutual exclusion. This is *Rendez-vous*. Both processes will wait each other before and after the critical section (and both will thus be able to execute instructions *in* the critical section).
- How would you scale this to a mutual exclusion with *N* > 2 processes?

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By addind an "unlocker" process.

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Process 1 gets the hand, and tries to enter the critical section. It is blocked on the q!wait operation.

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Process 3 gets the hand, and unlocks Process 1 thanks to the q?wait operation. It is also free to continue.

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Process 3 makes another loop, but is blocked on the **q?signal** operation.

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Process 2 takes the hand, but is blocked on the q!wait operation.

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Process 1 is thus the only one that can proceed, and also the only one that can enter the critical section. It will unlock Process 3 when executing the q!signal operation, and Process 2 will get a chance to enter the critical section.

System V

From theory to practice

- Using system V message queues requires an additional include: <sys/msg.h>
- It also requires a structure to store the messages

```
struct mymsgbuf {
        long mtype;
        char mtext[MAX_SEND_SIZE]; //Be careful about the terminating '0'
};
```

- Creating a message queue: **int msgget (key_t** *key*, **int** *msgflg* **);**
- Posting a message: **int msgsnd (int** *msqid*, **struct msgbuf** **msgp*, **int** *msgsz*, **int** *msgflg* **);**
- Reading a message: **int msgrcv (int** *msqid*, **struct msgbuf** **msgp*, **int** *msgsz*, **long** *mtype*, **int** *msgflg* **);**
- Other operations on queues : **int msgctl (int** *msgqid*, **int** *cmd*, **struct msqid_ds** **buf* **);**

Exercise 2

Consider the following programs:

```
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    #include <stdlib.h>
    #include <sys/msg.h>

    #define MSGLEN 128
6   #define KEY 345782

    struct {
        long mtype;
        char buf[MSGLEN];
11  } msg;

    int main() {
      int qid;

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    }
```

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   if (argc != 2) {
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               argv[0]);
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   }

   int qid;

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      die("could not access the queue");

   msg.type = 1;
   strncpy(msg.buf, argv[1], MSGLEN);
   if(msgsnd(qid,&msg,MSGLEN,0) < 0)
      die("failed to send");

   return EXIT_SUCCESS;
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Not really.

The receiver will wait until the sender sent something, but the reverse is not true.

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Modify the above programs in order to design a reader and a writer that communicate through a message queue:

- The writer sends messages coming from the standard input (stdin) on the queue and ends by sending the "." symbol.
- The reader displays the messages from the queue on the standard output (stdout) and stops when it receives the "." symbol .

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Original programs

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Updated programs

Exercise 4

Simulate a message queue using only semaphores and shared memory.

For simplicity, we consider the case of only two processes sending each other integer values as messages.

Exercise 4

- Our implementation has to respect the semantics of the message queue:
  - The queue has a finite size (N).
  - When sending on a full queue, the sender must be blocked.
  - When receiving from an empty queue, the receiver must be blocked.
  - There must effectively be a message passing (the reader must be able to receive and read what the writer sent, in order, without any message loss).

- But the authorized simplifications make the problem easier:
  - Only two processes → no need for message type.
  - Only integers → no need for character string trimming.

Exercise 4

Let's first start without any synchronization.

```
shared int queue[N];
```

```
int in = 0;
int readFromQueue()
{

    int rc = queue[in];
    in = (in+1)%N

    return rc;
}
```

```
int out = 0;
void postToQueue(int val)
{

    queue[out] = val;
    out = (out+1)%N

}
```

Exercise 4

The reader must be blocked if the queue is empty.

```
shared int queue[N];
shared semaphore empty = 0;
```

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int in = 0;
int readFromQueue()
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    wait(empty);
    int rc = queue[in];
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    return rc;
}
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int out = 0;
void postToQueue(int val)
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    queue[out] = val;
    out = (out+1)%N
    signal(empty);
}
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The writer must be blocked if the queue is full.

```
shared int queue[N];
shared semaphore empty = 0;
shared semaphore full = N;
```

```
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int readFromQueue()
{
    wait(empty);
    int rc = queue[in];
    in = (in+1)%N
    signal(full);
    return rc;
}
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int out = 0;
void postToQueue(int val)
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    wait(full);
    queue[out] = val;
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    signal(empty);
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