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pthread_mutex_t m = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER; // declare/init a lock
pthread_cond_t c = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER; // declare/init a CV
```

a **condition variable** (CV) is:

- queue of waiting threads
- a single **lock** is associated with a CV (sometimes N CVs per lock)

**wait** (cond\_t \*cv, mutex\_t \*lock)

- assumes the lock is held when wait() is called
- puts caller to sleep + releases the lock (atomically)
- when awoken, reacquires lock before returning

**signal** (cond\_t \*cv)

- wake a single waiting thread (if >= 1 thread is waiting)
- if there is no waiting thread, just return w/o doing anything

A CV is usually **PAIRED** with some kind **state variable**

- e.g., integer (which indicates the state of the program)

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int done = 0; // example of related "state" variable (could be an int)
```

### SOLUTION 1: Spin

```
void *child(void *arg) {
    printf("child\n");
    done = 1;
    return NULL;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    pthread_t p;
    printf("parent: begin\n");
    Pthread_create(&p, 0, child, 0);
    while (done == 0)
        ; // spin (inefficient)
    printf("parent: end\n");
    return 0;
}
```

### SOLUTION 2: No Lock

```
void *child(void *arg) {
    printf("child\n");
    done = 1;
    Pthread_cond_signal(&c);
    return NULL;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    pthread_t p;
    printf("parent: begin\n");
    Pthread_create(&p, 0, child, 0);
    while (done == 0) {
        Pthread_cond_wait(&c, &m);
    }
    printf("parent: end\n");
    return 0;
}
```

### SOLUTION 3: No State Variable

```
void *child(void *arg) {
    printf("child\n");
    Pthread_mutex_lock(&m);
    Pthread_cond_signal(&c);
    Pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
    return NULL;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    pthread_t p;
    printf("parent: begin\n");
    Pthread_create(&p, 0, child, 0);
    Pthread_mutex_lock(&m);
    Pthread_cond_wait(&c, &m);
    Pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
    printf("parent: end\n");
    return 0;
}
```

### SOLUTION 4: Actually Works

```
void *child(void *arg) {
    printf("child\n");
    Pthread_mutex_lock(&m);
    done = 1;
    Pthread_cond_signal(&c);
    Pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
    return NULL;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    pthread_t p;
    printf("parent: begin\n");
    Pthread_create(&p, 0, child, 0);
    Mutex_lock(&m);
    while (done == 0)
        Cond_wait(&c, &m);
    Mutex_unlock(&m);
    printf("parent: end\n");
    return 0;
}
```