


*Welcome back!*

# CONCURRENCY: SEMAPHORES

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*Midterm 2*

# AGENDA / LEARNING OUTCOMES

## Concurrency abstractions

How can semaphores help with producer-consumer?

How to implement semaphores?

**RECAP**

# CONCURRENCY OBJECTIVES

**Mutual exclusion** (e.g., A and B don't run at same time)

solved with *locks*

**Ordering** (e.g., B runs after A does something)

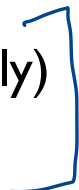
solved with *condition variables* (*with state*)

# CONDITION VARIABLES

*associated*

**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)

*which thread, when thread woken up will run*

- wake a single waiting thread (if  $\geq 1$  thread is waiting)
- if there is no waiting thread, just return, doing nothing

# JOIN IMPLEMENTATION

Parent:

```
void thread_join() {  
    Mutex_lock(&m);           // w  
    if (done == 0)           // x  
        Cond_wait(&c, &m); // y  
    Mutex_unlock(&m);        // z  
}
```

*state*

Child:

```
void thread_exit() {  
    Mutex_lock(&m);           // a  
    done = 1;                // b  
    Cond_signal(&c);         // c  
    Mutex_unlock(&m);        // d  
}
```

Parent: w

x

y

z

Child:

a

b

c

**Rule of Thumb: Keep state** in addition to CV's!

# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: TWO CVS AND WHILE

```
void *producer(void *arg) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < loops; i++) {  
        Mutex_lock(&m); // p1  
        while (numfull == max) // p2  
            Cond_wait(&empty, &m); // p3  
        do_fill(i); // p4  
        Cond_signal(&fill); // p5  
        Mutex_unlock(&m); // p6  
    }  
}
```

*State*

```
void *consumer(void *arg) {  
    while (1) {  
        Mutex_lock(&m);  
        while (numfull == 0)  
            Cond_wait(&fill, &m);  
        int tmp = do_get();  
        Cond_signal(&empty);  
        Mutex_unlock(&m);  
    }  
}
```

1. Keep state in addition to CV's
2. Always do wait/signal with lock held
3. Whenever thread wakes from waiting, recheck state

*check if state is still true*



# INTRODUCING SEMAPHORES

Condition variables have no **state** (other than waiting queue)

- Programmer must track additional state

Semaphores have state: **track integer value**

- State cannot be directly accessed by user program, but state determines behavior of semaphore operations

*initialize → set the state*

# SEMAPHORE OPERATIONS

## Allocate and Initialize

```
sem_t sem;
```

```
sem_init(sem_t *s, int initval) {
```

```
    s->value = initval;
```

```
}
```

*← user can set the state at initialization!*

User **cannot read or write value** directly after initialization

# SEMAPHORE OPERATIONS

## Wait or Test: sem\_wait(sem\_t\*)

Decrements sem value by 1, Waits if value of sem is negative ( $< 0$ )

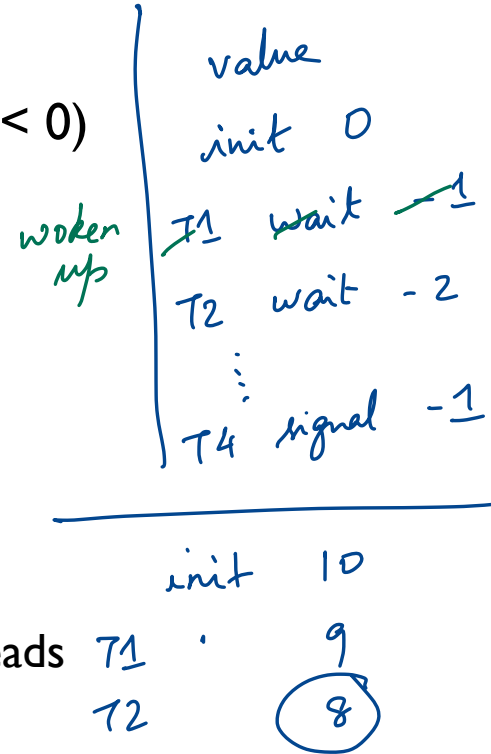
```
{ s → value -- ;  
  if (s → value < 0) wait();  
}
```

## Signal or Post: sem\_post(sem\_t\*)

Increment sem value by 1, then wake a single waiter if exists

```
{ s → value ++ ;  
  wake up waiting thread  
}
```

Value of the semaphore, when negative = the number of waiting threads



# BINARY SEMAPHORE (LOCK)

```
typedef struct __lock_t {  
    sem_t sem;  
} lock_t;
```

```
void init(lock_t *lock) {  
    sem_init(lock->sem, 1)  
}
```

```
void acquire(lock_t *lock) {  
    sem_wait(lock->sem)  
}
```

```
void release(lock_t *lock) {  
    sem_post(lock->sem)  
}
```

sem\_init(sem\_t\*, int initial)

sem\_wait(sem\_t\*): Decrement, wait if value < 0

sem\_post(sem\_t\*): Increment value  
then wake a single waiter

*exactly 1 thread should be able to acquire*

<i>T1</i>	<i>acquire()</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>T2</i>	<i>acquire()</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>wait</i>
	<i>⋮</i>		
<i>T1</i>	<i>release()</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>wake up T2</i>

# JOIN WITH CV VS SEMAPHORES

Parent → block  
0

Child → wakes up  
parent

```
void thread_join() {  
    Mutex_lock(&m);           // w  
    if (done == 0)           // x  
        Cond_wait(&c, &m);   // y  
    Mutex_unlock(&m);        // z  
}
```

Child 0  
post → 1  
Parent 0 → not wait

```
void thread_exit() {  
    Mutex_lock(&m);           // a  
    done = 1;                // b  
    Cond_signal(&c);         // c  
    Mutex_unlock(&m);        // d  
}
```

```
sem_t s;  
sem_init(&s, 0, -);
```

```
void thread_join() {  
    sem_wait(&s); →  
}
```

Parent  
wait

sem\_wait(): Decrement, wait if value < 0  
sem\_post(): Increment value, then wake a single waiter

```
void thread_exit() {  
    sem_post(&s)  
}
```

# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: SEMAPHORES #1

Single producer thread, single consumer thread

Single shared buffer between producer and consumer

Use 2 semaphores

- emptyBuffer: Initialize to 1
- fullBuffer: Initialize to 0

*Prod first  
→ not block  
on empty Buffer*

*Cons first  
→ block on  
full buffer*

Producer

```
while (1) {  
    sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);  
    Fill(&buffer);  
    sem_post(&fullBuffer);  
}
```

Consumer

```
while (1) {  
    sem_wait(&fullBuffer);  
    Use(&buffer);  
    sem_post(&emptyBuffer);  
}
```

# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: SEMAPHORES #2

Single producer thread, single consumer thread

Shared buffer with **N elements** between producer and consumer

Use 2 semaphores

- emptyBuffer: Initialize to  $\frac{N}{\quad}$
- fullBuffer: Initialize to  $\frac{0}{\quad}$

→ still want consumer to block if it runs first

Producer

```
i = 0;
while (1) {
    sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);
    Fill(&buffer[i]);
    i = (i+1)%N;
    sem_post(&fullBuffer);
}
```

*Producer can go N times*

Consumer

```
j = 0;
While (1) {
    sem_wait(&fullBuffer);
    Use(&buffer[j]);
    j = (j+1)%N;
    sem_post(&emptyBuffer);
}
```

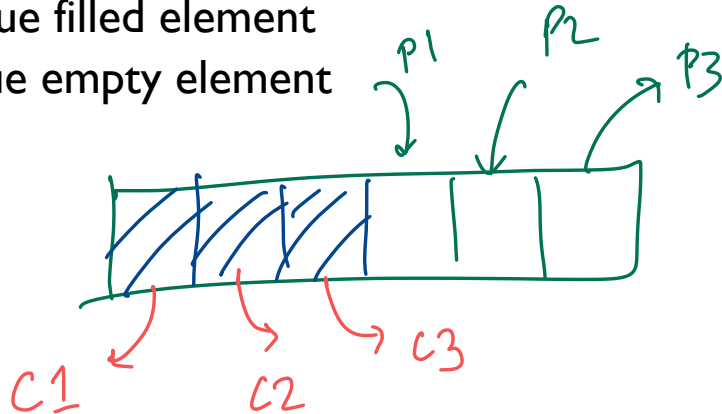
# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: SEMAPHORE #3

Final case:

- Multiple producer threads, multiple consumer threads
- Shared buffer with N elements between producer and consumer

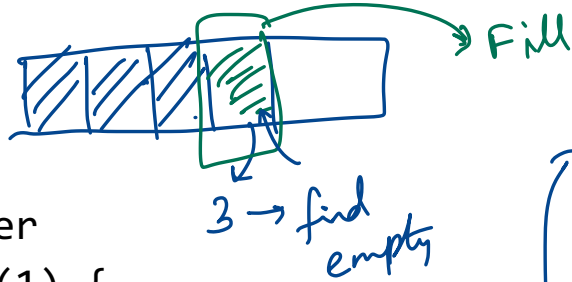
Requirements

- Each consumer must grab unique filled element
- Each producer must grab unique empty element





# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS



each thread gets its own spot

Producer

```
while (1) {  
    sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);  
    → my_i = findempty(&buffer);  
    Fill(&buffer[my_i]);  
    sem_post(&fullBuffer);  
}
```

Consumer

```
while (1) {  
    sem_wait(&fullBuffer);  
    my_j = findfull(&buffer);  
    Use(&buffer[my_j]);  
    sem_post(&emptyBuffer);  
}
```

don't want  
two threads  
to get same my\_i

Are my\_i and my\_j private or shared? Where is mutual exclusion needed???

↳ locks!

# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS

*binary locks*

Consider three possible locations for mutual exclusion  
Which work??? Which is best???

Producer #1

```
→ sem_wait(&mutex);  
  sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);  
  my_i = findempty(&buffer);  
  Fill(&buffer[my_i]);  
  sem_post(&fullBuffer);  
→ sem_post(&mutex);
```

*blocked*

Consumer #1

```
→ sem_wait(&mutex);  
  sem_wait(&fullBuffer);  
  my_j = findfull(&buffer);  
  Use(&buffer[my_j]);  
  sem_post(&emptyBuffer);  
→ sem_post(&mutex);
```

*grabs mutex  
sleep while  
holding the  
mutex*

*empties*  
→ Consumer goes first:

*Producer comes in*

*dead lock*

# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS

Producer #2

```
sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);  
sem_wait(&mutex); → not blocked  
myi = findempty(&buffer); on empty buffer  
Fill(&buffer[myi]);  
sem_post(&mutex);  
sem_post(&fullBuffer);
```

Consumer #2

```
sem_wait(&fullBuffer);  
sem_wait(&mutex);  
myj = findfull(&buffer);  
Use(&buffer[myj]);  
sem_post(&mutex);  
sem_post(&emptyBuffer);
```

*Consumer  
first  
blocked*

Works, but limits concurrency:

Only 1 thread at a time can be using or filling different buffers

# PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS

Producer #3

```
sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);  
sem_wait(&mutex);  
myi = findempty(&buffer);  
sem_post(&mutex);  
Fill(&buffer[myi]);  
sem_post(&fullBuffer);
```

Consumer #3

```
sem_wait(&fullBuffer);  
sem_wait(&mutex);  
myj = findfull(&buffer);  
sem_post(&mutex);  
Use(&buffer[myj]);  
sem_post(&emptyBuffer);
```

*might be outside expensive*

*only search empty slot*

*while holding mutex*

Works and increases concurrency; only finding a buffer is protected by mutex;  
Filling or Using different buffers can proceed concurrently

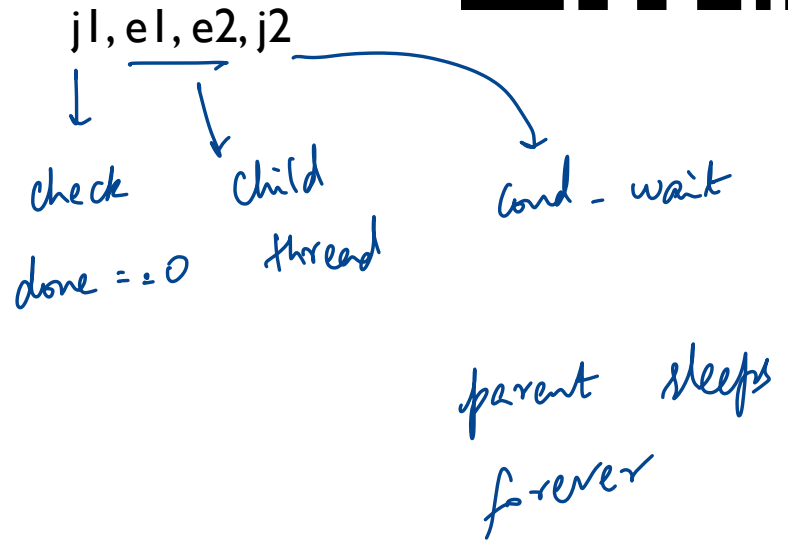
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```
int done = 0;
pthread_cond_t c = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;

void thr_exit() {
    → done = 1; //e1
    → pthread_cond_signal(&c); //e2
}

void thr_join() {
    if (done == 0) //j1
        pthread_cond_wait(&c); //j2
}
```

Execution order



```

void *producer(void *arg) {
    for (int i=0; i<loops; i++) {
        Mutex_lock(&m); // p1
        if(numfull == max) //p2
            Cond_wait(&cond, &m); //p3
        do_fill(i); // p4
        Cond_signal(&cond); //p5
        Mutex_unlock(&m); //p6
    }
}

```

```

void *consumer(void *arg) {
    while(1) {
        Mutex_lock(&m); // c1
        if(numfull == 0) // c2
            Cond_wait(&cond, &m); // c3
        int tmp = do_get(); // c4
        Cond_signal(&cond); // c5
        Mutex_unlock(&m); // c6
        printf("%d\n", tmp); // c7
    }
}

```

Producer runs for one iteration followed by the consumer?

Assume you start from  $i = 0$ ,  $numfull = 0$ ,  $max = 5$

$p1 \ p2 \ p4 \ p5 \ p6 \ c1 \ c2 \ c4 \ c5 \ c6 \ c7$

If the consumer runs first?

$c1 \ c2 \ \boxed{c3} \ p1 \ p2 \ p4 \ p5 \ p6 \ c4 \ c5 \ c6 \ c7$

The variable 'numfull' cannot be greater than the variable 'loops'.

True

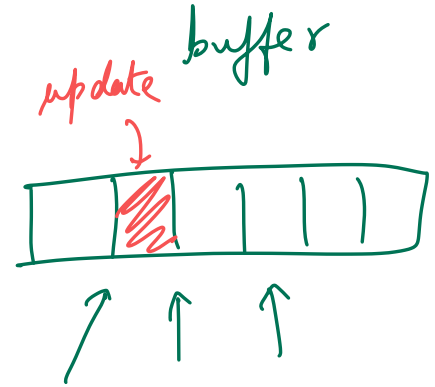
# READER/WRITER LOCKS

Let multiple reader threads grab lock (shared)

Only one writer thread can grab lock (exclusive)

- No reader threads
- No other writer threads

Let us see if we can understand code...



already

1

reader

→ its ok to admit  
any other reader  
thread

# READER/WRITER LOCKS

```
1 typedef struct _rwlock_t {
2     sem_t lock;
3     sem_t writelock;
4     int readers;
5 } rwlock_t;
6
7 void rwlock_init(rwlock_t *rw) {
8     rw->readers = 0;
9     sem_init(&rw->lock, 1);
10    sem_init(&rw->writelock, 1);
11 }
```

*number of readers*

*no readers*

*similar to binary lock*



# READER/WRITER LOCKS

rw lock

```

13 void rwlock_acquire_readlock(rwlock_t *rw) {
14     sem_wait(&rw->lock);
15     rw->readers++;
16     if (rw->readers == 1)
17         sem_wait(&rw->writelock);
18     sem_post(&rw->lock);
19 }
21 void rwlock_release_readlock(rwlock_t *rw) {
22     sem_wait(&rw->lock);
23     rw->readers--;
24     if (rw->readers == 0)
25         sem_post(&rw->writelock);
26     sem_post(&rw->lock);
27 }

```

T1: acquire\_readlock() 1 ✓  
 T2: acquire\_readlock() 2 ✓  
 T3: acquire\_writelock() wait  
 T2: release\_readlock()  
 T1: release\_readlock()

→ 1 more reader  
 → acquires write lock  
 → release rw lock

T1 acquire\_rl() : reads  
 T2 acquire\_rl()

```

29 rwlock_acquire_writelock(rwlock_t *rw) { sem_wait(&rw->writelock); }
31 rwlock_release_writelock(rwlock_t *rw) { sem_post(&rw->writelock); }

```

# READER/WRITER LOCKS

```
13 void rwlock_acquire_readlock(rwlock_t *rw) {
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23     rw->readers--;
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25         sem_post(&rw->writelock);
26     sem_post(&rw->lock);
27 }
29 rwlock_acquire_writelock(rwlock_t *rw) { sem_wait(&rw->writelock); }
31 rwlock_release_writelock(rwlock_t *rw) { sem_post(&rw->writelock); }
```

T1: acquire\_readlock()  
T2: acquire\_readlock()  
T3: acquire\_writelock()  
T2: release\_readlock()  
T1: release\_readlock()  
T4: acquire\_readlock()  
T5: acquire\_readlock()  
T3: release\_writelock()  
// what happens next?

# BUILD ZEMAPHORE!

```
typedef struct {
    int value;
    cond_t cond;
    lock_t lock;
} zem_t;

void zem_init(zem_t *s, int value) {
    s->value = value;
    cond_init(&s->cond);
    lock_init(&s->lock);
}
```

`zem_wait()`: Waits while value  $\leq 0$ , Decrement  
`zem_post()`: Increment value, then wake a single waiter

Zemaphores

Locks

CV's

# BUILD ZEMAPHORE FROM LOCKS AND CV

```
zem_wait(zem_t *s) {  
    lock_acquire(&s->lock);  
    while (s->value <= 0)  
        cond_wait(&s->cond);  
    s->value--;  
    lock_release(&s->lock);  
}
```

```
zem_post(zem_t *s) {  
    lock_acquire(&s->lock);  
    s->value++;  
    cond_signal(&s->cond);  
    lock_release(&s->lock);  
}
```

`zem_wait()`: Waits while value  $\leq 0$ , Decrement

`zem_post()`: Increment value, then wake a single waiter

Zemaphores

Locks

CV's

# SEMAPHORES

Semaphores are equivalent to locks + condition variables

- Can be used for both mutual exclusion and ordering

Semaphores contain **state**

- How they are initialized depends on how they will be used
- Init to 0: Join (1 thread must arrive first, then other)
- Init to N: Number of available resources

`Sem_wait()`: Decrement and then wait if  $< 0$  (atomic)

`Sem_post()`: Increment value, then wake a single waiter (atomic)

Can use semaphores in producer/consumer and for reader/writer locks

# NEXT STEPS

Concurrency Bugs!