

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project 2a: Graded – see Learn@UW; contact your TA if questions  
Part 2b will be longer....

Exam 2: Monday 10/26 7:15 – 9:15 Ingraham B10

- Covers all of Concurrency Piece (lecture and book)
- Light on chapter 29, nothing from chapter 33
- Very few questions from Virtualization Piece
- Multiple choice (fewer pure true/false)
- Look at two concurrency homeworks
- **Questions from Project 2**

Project 3: Only xv6 part; watch two videos early

- Due Wed 10/28

Today's Reading: Chapter 31

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CS 537  
Introduction to Operating Systems

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# SEMAPHORES

## Questions answered in this lecture:

- Review: How to implement join with condition variables?
- Review: How to implement producer/consumer with condition variables?
- What is the difference between **semaphores** and condition variables?
- How to implement a **lock** with semaphores?
- How to implement semaphores with locks and condition variables?
- How to implement **join** and producer/consumer with semaphores?
- How to implement **reader/writer locks** with semaphores?

## 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* and *semaphores*

## CONDITION VARIABLES

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

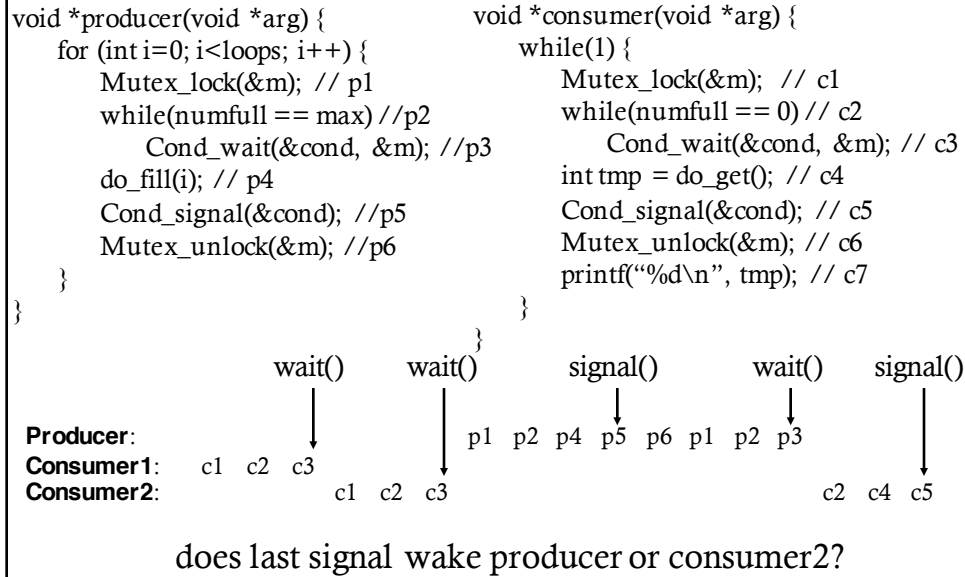
- assumes the lock is held when wait() is called
- puts caller to sleep + releases the lock (atomically)
- when awoken, reacquires lock before returning

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

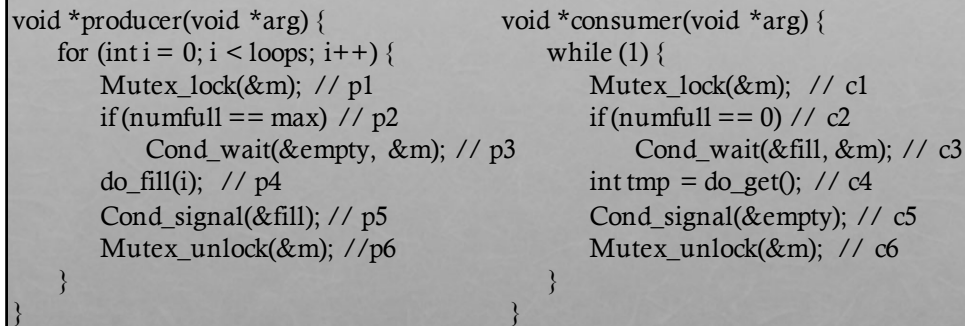
- wake a single waiting thread (if  $\geq 1$  thread is waiting)
- if there is no waiting thread, just return, doing nothing



## BROKEN IMPLEMENTATION OF PRODUCER CONSUMER



## PRODUCER/CONSUMER: TWO CVS



Is this correct? Can you find a bad schedule?

1. consumer1 waits because numfull == 0
2. producer increments numfull, wakes consumer1
3. before consumer1 runs, consumer2 runs, grabs entry, sets numfull=0.
4. consumer2 then reads bad data.

**Producer:** p1 p2 p4 p5 p6  
**Consumer1:** c1 c2 c3 c4! ERROR  
**Consumer2:** c1 c2 c4 c5 c6



## CV RULE OF THUMB 3

Whenever a lock is acquired, recheck assumptions about state!

Use “while” instead of “if”

Possible for another thread to grab lock between signal and wakeup from wait

- Difference between Mesa (practical implementation) and Hoare (theoretical) semantics
- Signal() simply makes a thread runnable, does not guarantee thread run next

Note that some libraries also have “spurious wakeups”

- May wake multiple waiting threads at signal or at any time

## 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
    }
}

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);
    }
}

```

Is this correct? Can you find a bad schedule?

Correct!

- no concurrent access to shared state
- every time lock is acquired, assumptions are reevaluated
- a consumer will get to run after every do\_fill()
- a producer will get to run after every do\_get()

## SUMMARY: RULES OF THUMB FOR CVS

Keep state in addition to CV's

Always do wait/signal with lock held

Whenever thread wakes from waiting, recheck state

## CONDITION VARIABLES VS 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

## SEMAPHORE OPERATIONS

### Allocate and Initialize

```
sem_t sem;
sem_init(sem_t *s, int initval) {
    s->value = initval;
}
```

User cannot read or write value directly after initialization

### Wait or Test (sometime P() for Dutch word)

Waits until value of sem is > 0, then decrements sem value

### Signal or Increment or Post (sometime V() for Dutch)

Increment sem value, then wake a single waiter

wait and post are atomic

## JOIN WITH CV VS SEMAPHORES

### CVs:

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

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

### Semaphores:

Sem\_wait(): Waits until value > 0, then decrement  
Sem\_post(): Increment value, then wake a single waiter

```
sem_t s;
sem_init(&s, ???); Initialize to 0 (so sem_wait() must wait...)
```

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

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

## EQUIVALENCE CLAIM

Semaphores are equally powerful to Locks+CVs

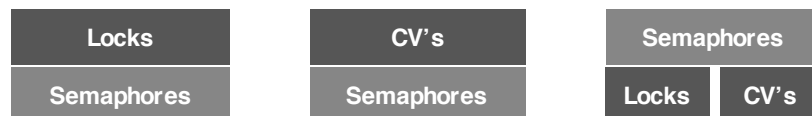
- what does this mean?

One might be more convenient, but that's not relevant

Equivalence means each can be built from the other

## PROOF STEPS

Want to show we can do these three things:



## BUILD LOCK FROM SEMAPHORE

```
typedef struct __lock_t {
// whatever data structs you need go here
} lock_t;

void init(lock_t *lock) {
}

void acquire(lock_t *lock) {
}

void release(lock_t *lock) {
}
```

Sem\_wait(): Waits until value > 0, then decrement  
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Locks

Semaphores

## BUILD LOCK FROM SEMAPHORE

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

void init(lock_t *lock) {
    sem_init(&lock->sem, ??); 1 → 1 thread can grab lock
}

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

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

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## BUILDING CV'S OVER SEMAPHORES

Possible, but really hard to do right

CV's

Semaphores

Read about Microsoft Research's attempts:

<http://research.microsoft.com/pubs/64242/ImplementingCVs.pdf>

## BUILD SEMAPHORE FROM LOCK AND CV

```

Typedef struct {
    // what goes here?

} sem_t;

Void sem_init(sem_t *s, int value) {
    // what goes here?

}

```

Sem\_wait(): Waits until value > 0, then decrement  
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Semaphores

Locks

CV's

## BUILD SEMAPHORE FROM LOCK AND CV

```
Typedef struct {
    int value;
    cond_t cond;
    lock_t lock;
} sem_t;
```

```
Void sem_init(sem_t *s, int value) {
    s->value = value;
    cond_init(&s->cond);
    lock_init(&s->lock);
}
```

Sem\_wait(): Waits until value > 0, then decrement  
Sem\_post(): Increment value, then wake a single waiter

Semaphores

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## BUILD SEMAPHORE FROM LOCK AND CV

```
Sem_wait{sem_t *s) {
    // what goes here?
```

```
Sem_post{sem_t *s) {
    // what goes here?
```

```
}
```

Sem\_wait(): Waits until value > 0, then decrement  
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Semaphores

Locks

CV's

## BUILD SEMAPHORE FROM LOCK AND CV

```

Sem_wait(sem_t *s) {
    lock_acquire(&s->lock);
    // this stuff is atomic

    lock_release(&s->lock);
}

Sem_post(sem_t *s) {
    lock_acquire(&s->lock);
    // this stuff is atomic

    lock_release(&s->lock);
}

```

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## BUILD SEMAPHORE FROM LOCK AND CV

```

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

Sem_post(sem_t *s) {
    lock_acquire(&s->lock);
    // this stuff is atomic

    lock_release(&s->lock);
}

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## BUILD SEMAPHORE FROM LOCK AND CV

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    lock_acquire(&s->lock);
    while (s->value <= 0)
        cond_wait(&s->cond);
    s->value--;
    lock_release(&s->lock);
}

Sem_post(sem_t *s) {
    lock_acquire(&s->lock);
    s->value++;
    cond_signal(&s->cond);
    lock_release(&s->lock);
}

```

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Sem\_wait(): Waits until value > 0, then decrement  
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## PRODUCER/CONSUMER: SEMAPHORES #1

Simplest case:

- Single producer thread, single consumer thread
- Single shared buffer between producer and consumer

Requirements

- Consumer must wait for producer to fill buffer
- Producer must wait for consumer to empty buffer (if filled)

Requires 2 semaphores

- emptyBuffer: Initialize to ???    1 → 1 empty buffer; producer can run 1 time first
- fullBuffer: Initialize to ???    0 → 0 full buffers; consumer can run 0 times first

Producer

```

While (1) {
    sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);
    Fill(&buffer);
    sem_signal(&fullBuffer);
}

```

Consumer

```

While (1) {
    sem_wait(&fullBuffer);
    Use(&buffer);
    sem_signal(&emptyBuffer);
}

```

## PRODUCER/CONSUMER: SEMAPHORES #2

Next case: **Circular Buffer**

- Single producer thread, single consumer thread
- Shared buffer with N elements between producer and consumer

Requires 2 semaphores

- emptyBuffer: Initialize to ???     $N \rightarrow N$  empty buffers; producer can run N times first
- fullBuffer: Initialize to ???     $0 \rightarrow 0$  full buffers; consumer can run 0 times first

Producer	Consumer
<pre> i = 0; While (1) {     sem_wait(&amp;emptyBuffer);     Fill(&amp;buffer[i]);     i = (i+1)%N;     sem_signal(&amp;fullBuffer); } </pre>	<pre> j = 0; While (1) {     sem_wait(&amp;fullBuffer);     Use(&amp;buffer[j]);     j = (j+1)%N;     sem_signal(&amp;emptyBuffer); } </pre>

## 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
- **Why will previous code (shown below) not work???**

Producer	Consumer
<pre> i = 0; While (1) {     sem_wait(&amp;emptyBuffer);     Fill(&amp;buffer[i]);     i = (i+1)%N;     sem_signal(&amp;fullBuffer); } </pre>	<pre> j = 0; While (1) {     sem_wait(&amp;fullBuffer);     Use(&amp;buffer[j]);     j = (j+1)%N;     sem_signal(&amp;emptyBuffer); } </pre>

Are i and j private or shared? Need each producer to grab unique buffer

## PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS

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

```
While (1) {
    sem_wait(&emptyBuffer);
    myi = findempty(&buffer);
    Fill(&buffer[myi]);
    sem_signal(&fullBuffer);
}
```

Consumer

```
While (1) {
    sem_wait(&fullBuffer);
    myj = findfull(&buffer);
    Use(&buffer[myj]);
    sem_signal(&emptyBuffer);
}
```

Are myi and myj private or shared? Where is mutual exclusion needed???

## PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS

Consider three possible locations for mutual exclusion

Which work??? Which is best???

Producer #1

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

Consumer #1

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

Problem: Deadlock at mutex (e.g., consumer runs first; won't release mutex)

## PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS

Consider three possible locations for mutual exclusion

Which work??? Which is best???

Producer #2

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

Consumer #2

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

Works, but limits concurrency:  
Only 1 thread at a time can be using or filling different buffers

## PRODUCER/CONSUMER: MULTIPLE THREADS

Consider three possible locations for mutual exclusion

Which work??? Which is best???

Producer #3

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

Consumer #3

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

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

## READER/WRITER LOCKS

Goal:

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...

## 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 }
12
```

## READER/WRITER LOCKS

```

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 }
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???

## 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 1: Mutex
- Init to 0: Join (1 thread must arrive first, then other)
- Init to N: Number of available resources

sem\_wait(): Waits until value > 0, then decrement (atomic)

sem\_post(): Increment value, then wake a single waiter (atomic)

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