Announcements

- Reading chapter 6 (6.7) and chapter 7 (7.1-7.4)
- Midterm #1 is March 5 in class
- Late Policy for programs
  - no late work will be accepted
  - illness and family emergency will be considered on a case by case basis

Implementing Semaphores

- declaration

```
type semaphore = record
   value: integer;
   L: list of process;
end;
```

- P(S): S.value = S.value -1

```
if S.value <= 0 then {
     add this process to S.L
     block;
};
```

- V(S): S.value = S.value+1

```
if S.value > 0 then {
     remove process P from S.L
     wakeup(P);
}
```

Readers/Writers Problem

- Data area shared by processors
- Some processors read data, other processors can read or write data
  - Any number of readers my simultaneously read the data
  - Only one writer at a time may write
  - If a writer is writing to the file, no reader may read it
- Two of the possible approaches
  - readers have priority or writers have priority

Readers have Priority

```
reader()
{
  repeat
        P(x);
                readcount = readcount + 1;
                if readcount = 1 then P (wsem);
        V(x);
        READUNIT;
        P(x);
                readcount = readcount - 1;
                if readcount = 0 V(wsem);
        V(x);
  forever
};

writer()
{
      repeat
            P(wsem);
            WRITEUNIT;
            V(wsem)
      forever
}
```

Comments on Reader Priority

- semaphores x,wsem are initialized to 1
- note that readers have priority - a writer can gain access to the data only if there are no readers (i.e. when readcount is zero, signal(wsem) executes)
- possibility of starvation - writers may never gain access to data

Writers Have Priority

reader

```
repeat
    P(z);
        P(rsem);
        P(x);
            readcount++;
            if (readcount == 1) then
                                P(wsem);
        V(x);
        V(rsem);
    V(z);
    readunit;
    P(x);
        readcount- -;
        if readcount == 0 then
                            V (wsem)
    V(x)
forever
```

writer

```
repeat
    P(y);
        writecount++:
        if writecount == 1 then
                            P(rsem);
    V(y);
    P(wsem);
    writeunit
    V(wsem);
    P(y);
        writecount--;
        if (writecount == 0) then
                            V(rsem);
    V(y);
forever;
```

Notes on readers/writers with writers getting priority

Semaphores x,y,z,wsem,rsem are initialized to 1

```
P(z);
    P(rsem);
    P(x);
        readcount++;
        if (readcount==1) then
                    P(wsem);
    V(x);
    V(rsem);
V(z);
```

readers queue up on semaphore z; this way only a single reader queues on rsem. When a writer signals rsem, only a single reader is allowed through

Deadlocks

- System contains finite set of resources
  - memory space
  - printer
  - tape
  - file
  - access to non-reentrant code
- Process requests resource before using it, must release resource after use
- Process is in a deadlock state when every process in the set is waiting for an event that can be caused only by another process in the set

Formal Deadlocks

- 4 *necessary* deadlock conditions:
  – Mutual exclusion - at least one resource must be held in a non-sharable mode, that is, only a single process at a time can use the resource. If another process requests that resource, the requesting process must be delayed until the resource is released
  – Hold and wait - There must exist a process that is holding at least one resource and is waiting to acquire additional resources that are currently held by other processors

Formal Deadlocks

- No preemption: Resources cannot be preempted; a resource can be released only voluntarily by the process holding it, after that process has completed its task
- Circular wait: There must exist a set {P0,...,Pn} of waiting processes such that P0 is waiting for a resource that is held by P1, P1 is waiting for a resource held by P2 etc.

- Note that these are not sufficient conditions

Deadlock Prevention

- Ensure that one (or more) of the necessary conditions for deadlock do not hold
- Hold and wait
  - guarantee that when a process requests a resource, it does not hold any other resources
  - Each process could be allocated all needed resources before beginning execution
  - Alternately, process might only be allowed to wait for a new resource when it is not currently holding any resource

Deadlock Prevention

- Mutual exclusion
  - Sharable resources do not require mutually exclusive access and cannot be involved in a deadlock.
- Circular wait
  - Impose a total ordering on all resource types and make sure that each process claims all resources in increasing order of resource type enumeration
- No Premption
  - virutalize resources and permit them to be prempted. For example, CPU can be prempted.

Deadlock Avoidance

- Require additional information about how resources are to be requested - decide to approve or disapprove requests on the fly
- Assume that each process lets us know its maximum resource request
- Safe state:
  - system can allocate resources to each process (up to its maximum) in *some order* and still avoid a deadlock
  - A system is in a safe state if there exists a *safe sequence*

Safe Sequence

- Sequence of processes <P_1, .. P_n> is a safe sequence if for each P_i, the resources that P_i can request can be satisfied by the currently available resources plus the resources held by all P_j, $j<i$
- If the necessary resources are not immediately available, P_i can always wait until all P_j, $j<i$ have completed