

Table 5.1 Some Key Terms Related to Concurrency

critical section	A section of code within a process that requires access to shared resources and that may not be executed while another process is in a corresponding section of code.
deadlock	A situation in which two or more processes are unable to proceed because each is waiting for one of the others to do something.
livelock	A situation in which two or more processes continuously change their state in response to changes in the other process(es) without doing any useful work.
mutual exclusion	The requirement that when one process is in a critical section that accesses shared resources, no other process may be in a critical section that accesses any of those shared resources.
race condition	A situation in which multiple threads or processes read and write a shared data item and the final result depends on the relative timing of their execution.
starvation	A situation in which a runnable process is overlooked indefinitely by the scheduler; although it is able to proceed, it is never chosen.

Table 5.2 Process Interaction

Degree of Awareness	Relationship	Influence that one Process Has on the Other	Potential Control Problems
Processes unaware of each other	Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Results of one process independent of the action of others •Timing of process may be affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mutual exclusion •Deadlock (renewable resource) •Starvation
Processes indirectly aware of each other (e.g., shared object)	Cooperation by sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Results of one process may depend on information obtained from others •Timing of process may be affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mutual exclusion •Deadlock (renewable resource) •Starvation •Data coherence
Processes directly aware of each other (have communication primitives available to them)	Cooperation by communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Results of one process may depend on information obtained from others •Timing of process may be affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Deadlock (consumable resource) •Starvation

Table 5.3 Possible Scenario for the Program of Figure 5.9

	Producer	Consumer	s	n	Delay
1			1	0	0
2	semWaitB(s)		0	0	0
3	n++		0	1	0
4	if (n==1) (semSignalB(delay))		0	1	1
5	semSignalB(s)		1	1	1
6		semWaitB(delay)	1	1	0
7		semWaitB(s)	0	1	0
8		n--	0	0	0
9		semSignalB(s)	1	0	0
10	semWaitB(s)		0	0	0
11	n++		0	1	0
12	if (n==1) (semSignalB(delay))		0	1	1
13	semSignalB(s)		1	1	1
14		if (n==0) (semWaitB(delay))	1	1	1
15		semWaitB(s)	0	1	1
16		n--	0	0	1
17		semSignalB(s)	1	0	1
18		if (n==0) (semWaitB(delay))	1	0	0
19		semWaitB(s)	0	0	0
20		n--	0	-1	0
21		semSignalB(s)	1	-1	0

Colored areas represent the critical section controlled by semaphore s.

Table 5.4 Design Characteristics of Message Systems for Interprocessor Communication and Synchronization

Synchronization	Format
Send	Content
blocking	Length
nonblocking	fixed
Receive	variable
blocking	Queuing Discipline
nonblocking	FIFO
test for arrival	Priority
Addressing	
Direct	
send	
receive	
explicit	
implicit	
Indirect	
static	
dynamic	
ownership	

Table 5.5 State of the Process Queues for Program of Figure 5.23

Readers only in the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>wsem</i> set• no queues
Writers only in the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>wsem</i> and <i>rsem</i> set• writers queue on <i>wsem</i>
Both readers and writers with read first	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>wsem</i> set by reader• <i>rsem</i> set by writer• all writers queue on <i>wsem</i>• one reader queues on <i>rsem</i>• other readers queue on <i>z</i>
Both readers and writers with write first	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>wsem</i> set by writer• <i>rsem</i> set by writer• writers queue on <i>wsem</i>• one reader queues on <i>rsem</i>• other readers queue on <i>z</i>