

Recitation – Week 5

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Plan for today

Quiz discussion

IPC example – Sleeping Barber Problem

Quiz 1

Average: 11.5

Max: 23

The Sleeping Barber Problem



The sleeping barber problem (cont'd)

- ❑ Barber shop - *one* service provider; *many* customers
- ❑ A finite waiting queue
- ❑ One customer is served at a time
- ❑ Service provider, *barber*, sleeps when no customers are waiting
- ❑ Customer *leaves* if shop is full
- ❑ Customer *sleeps* while waiting in queue

The sleeping barber: implementation

```
→ #define  CHAIRS  5
→ semaphore customers = 0; // number of waiting customers
→ Semaphore barbers = 0; // number of available barbers: either 0 or 1
→ int waiting = 0; // copy of customers for reading
→ Semaphore mutex = 1; // mutex for accessing 'waiting'
void barber(void) {
→     while(TRUE)    {
→         down(customers); // block if no customers
→         down(mutex); // access to 'waiting'
→         waiting = waiting - 1;
→         up(barbers); // barber is in..
→         up(mutex); // release 'waiting'
→         cut_hair();    }
→     }
```

The sleeping barber: implementation (cont'd)

```
→ void customer(void) {  
→     down(mutex); // access to `waiting`  
→     if(waiting < CHAIRS) {  
→         waiting = waiting + 1; // increment waiting  
→         up(customers); // wake up barber  
→         up(mutex); // release `waiting`  
→         down(barbers); // go to sleep if barbers=0  
→         get_haircut();  
→     }  
→     else {  
→         up(mutex); /* shop full .. leave */  
→     }  
→ }
```

Any problem with this code? **Two customers on chair at once**

The sleeping barber: correct synchronization

```
#define CHAIRS 5
semaphore customers = 0; // number of waiting customers
Semaphore barbers = 0; // number of available barbers: either 0 or 1
Semaphore mutex = 1; // mutex for accessing 'waiting'
→ Semaphore synch = 0; // synchronizing the service operation
int waiting = 0; // copy of customers for reading

void barber(void) {
    while(TRUE) {
        down(customers); // block if no customers
        down(mutex); // access to 'waiting'
        waiting = waiting - 1;
        up(barbers); // barber is in..
        up(mutex); // release 'waiting'
        cut_hair();
        → down(synch) //wait for customer to leave
    }
}
```

The sleeping barber: correct synchronization (cont'd)

```
void customer(void) {
    down(mutex); // access to `waiting'
    if(waiting < CHAIRS) {
        waiting = waiting + 1; // increment waiting
        up(customers); // wake up barber
        up(mutex); // release `waiting'
        down(barbers); // go to sleep if barbers=0
        get_haircut();
        up(sync); //synchronize service
    }
    else {
        up(mutex);
        /* shop full .. leave */
    }
}
```

