

# **Chapter 5 Lecture**

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# Concurrency

**Table 5.1 Some Key Terms Related to Concurrency**

<b>critical section</b>	A section of code within a process that requires access to shared resources and which may not be executed while another process is in a corresponding section of code.
<b>deadlock</b>	A situation in which two or more processes are unable to proceed because each is waiting for one of the others to do something.
<b>livelock</b>	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.
<b>mutual exclusion</b>	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.
<b>race condition</b>	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.
<b>starvation</b>	A situation in which a runnable process is overlooked indefinitely by the scheduler; although it is able to proceed, it is never chosen.

# Concurrency - Definition

**“The fact of two or more events happening at the same time”**

## **CS Implications:**

- In a single processor system, can two processes truly execute concurrently?
  - Appearance of concurrency, but in actuality only one process can execute
- Scheduler determines which process is executing
- Two “concurrent processes” may execute in arbitrary order, arbitrary interleaving.
- Result - never assume a particular order of execution of two concurrent processes

# Difficulties of Concurrency

- Sharing of global resources
- Operating system managing the allocation of resources optimally
- Difficult to locate programming errors

## A Simple Example

```
void echo()  
{  
    chin = getchar();  
    chout = chin;  
    putchar(chout);  
}
```

# A Simple Example

- Assume
  - single processor
  - 2 processes execute echo
  - global variables

```
void echo()  
{  
    chin = getchar();  
    chout = chin;  
    putchar(chout);  
}
```

- What are the possible outputs?

# A Simple Example

Now assume 2 processors

**Process P1**

```
.  
chin = getchar();  
.br/>chout = chin;  
putchar(chout);  
.br/>.
```

**Process P2**

```
.  
.br/>chin = getchar();  
chout = chin;  
.br/>putchar(chout);  
.
```

# Difficulties of Concurrency

- Sharing of global resources
- Operating system managing the allocation of resources optimally
- Difficult to locate programming errors



# When is Concurrency Important?

- Communication among processes
- Sharing resources
- Synchronization of multiple processes
- Allocation of processor time

# Concurrency

- Multiple applications
  - Multiprogramming
- Structured application
  - Application can be a set of concurrent processes
- Operating-system structure
  - Operating system is a set of processes or threads

# Process Interaction

- Processes unaware of each other
- Processes indirectly aware of each other
- Process directly aware of each other

**Table 5.2 Process Interaction**

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

# Competition Among Processes for Resources

- Mutual Exclusion
  - Critical sections
    - Only one program at a time is allowed in its critical section
    - Example only one process at a time is allowed to send command to the printer
- Deadlock
- Starvation

# Requirements for Mutual Exclusion

- Only one process at a time is allowed in the critical section for a resource
- A process that halts in its non-critical section must do so without interfering with other processes
- No deadlock or starvation

# Requirements for Mutual Exclusion cont.

- A process must not be delayed access to a critical section when there is no other process using it
- No assumptions are made about relative process speeds or number of processes
- A process remains inside its critical section for a finite time only

# Mutual Exclusion: Hardware Support

- Interrupt Disabling
  - In general: A process runs until it invokes an operating system service or until it is interrupted
  - Uni-processor: Disabling interrupts guarantees mutual exclusion
    - Processor is limited in its ability to interleave programs
  - Multiprocessing
    - disabling interrupts on one processor will not guarantee mutual exclusion



# Mutual Exclusion: Hardware Support

- Special Machine Instructions
  - Performed in a single instruction cycle
  - Access to the memory location is blocked for any other instructions

# Mutual Exclusion: Hardware Support

- Test and Set Instruction

```
boolean testset (int i) {  
    if (i == 0) {  
        i = 1;  
        return true;  
    }  
    else {  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```

# Mutual Exclusion: Hardware Support

- Exchange Instruction

```
void exchange(int register,  
              int memory) {  
    int temp;  
    temp = memory;  
    memory = register;  
    register = temp;  
}
```

# Mutual Exclusion

- parbegin: initiate all processes and resume program after all  $P_i$ 's have terminated

<pre>/* program mutualexclusion */ const int n = /* number of processes */; int bolt; void P(int i) {     while (true)     {         while (!testset (bolt))             /* do nothing */;         /* critical section */;         bolt = 0;         /* remainder */     } } void main() {     bolt = 0;     parbegin (P(1), P(2), . . . ,P(n)); } }</pre>	<pre>/* program mutualexclusion */ int const n = /* number of processes*/; int bolt; void P(int i) {     int keyi;     while (true)     {         keyi = 1;         while (keyi != 0)             exchange (keyi, bolt);         /* critical section */;         exchange (keyi, bolt);         /* remainder */     } } void main() {     bolt = 0;     parbegin (P(1), P(2), . . . , P(n)); } }</pre>
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(a) Test and set instruction

(b) Exchange instruction

Figure 5.2 Hardware Support for Mutual Exclusion

# Mutual Exclusion Machine Instructions

- Advantages
  - Applicable to any number of processes on either a single processor or multiple processors sharing main memory
  - It is simple and therefore easy to verify
  - It can be used to support multiple critical sections

# Mutual Exclusion Machine Instructions

- Disadvantages
  - Busy-waiting consumes processor time
  - Starvation is possible when a process leaves a critical section and more than one process is waiting.
  - Deadlock
    - If a low priority process has the critical section and a higher priority process needs it, the higher priority process will obtain the processor to wait for the critical section (which will not be returned).

# Software Solutions – Bakery Algorithm

- Also called Lamport's bakery algorithm
  - after Leslie Lamport
  - A New Solution of Dijkstra's Concurrent Programming Problem  
Communications of the ACM 17, 8 (August 1974), 453-455.
- This is a mutual exclusion algorithm to prevent concurrent threads from entering critical sections concurrently
- source: wikipedia

# Bakery Algorithm

- Analogy
  - bakery with a numbering machine
  - each customer receives unique number
    - numbers increase by one as customers enter
  - global counter displays number of customer being served currently
    - all others wait in queue
  - after baker is done serving customer the next number is displayed
  - served customer leaves



# Bakery Algorithm

- threads and bakery analogy
  - when thread wants to enter critical section it has to make sure it has the smallest number.
    - however, with threads it may not be true that only one thread gets the same number
      - e.g., if number operation is non-atomic
    - if more than one thread has the smallest number then the thread with lowest id can enter
    - use pair (number, ID)
      - In this context  $(a,b) < (c,d)$  is equivalent to
      - $(a < c)$  or  $((a == c) \text{ and } (b < d))$

# Bakery Algorithm

from wikipedia

```
// declaration and initial values of global variables
Entering: array [1..N] of bool = {false};
Number: array [1..N] of integer = {0};

1 lock(integer i)
2 {
3     Entering[i] = true;
4     Number[i] = 1 + max(Number[1], ..., Number[N]);
5     Entering[i] = false;
6     for (j = 1; j <= N; j++) {
7         // Wait until thread j receives its number:
8         while (Entering[j]) { /* nothing */ }
9         // Wait until all threads with smaller numbers or with the same
10        // number, but with higher priority, finish their work:
11        while ((Number[j] != 0) && ((Number[j], j) < (Number[i], i))) {
12            /* nothing */
13        }
14    }
15 }
16 unlock(integer i) { Number[i] = 0; }
17
18 Thread(integer i) {
19     while (true) {
20         lock(i);
21         // The critical section goes here...
22         unlock(i);
23         // non-critical section...
24     }
25 }
```

# Peterson's Algorithm 1981

- solves critical section problem
- based on shared memory for communication

```

boolean flag [2];
int turn;
void P0()
{
    while (true) {
        flag [0] = true;
        turn = 1;
        while (flag [1] && turn == 1) /* do nothing */;
        /* critical section */;
        flag [0] = false;
        /* remainder */;
    }
}
void P1()
{
    while (true) {
        flag [1] = true;
        turn = 0;
        while (flag [0] && turn == 0) /* do nothing */;
        /* critical section */;
        flag [1] = false;
        /* remainder */;
    }
}
void main()
{
    flag [0] = false;
    flag [1] = false;
    parbegin (P0, P1);
}

```

**Figure 5.3 Peterson's Algorithm for Two Processes**

# Semaphores

- Special variable called a semaphore is used for signaling
- If a process is waiting for a signal, it is suspended until that signal is sent

# Semaphores

- Semaphore is a variable that has an integer value
  - May be initialized to a nonnegative number
  - *Wait* operation decrements the semaphore value
  - *Signal* operation increments semaphore value



```
struct semaphore {
    int count;
    queueType queue;
};
void semWait(semaphore s)
{
    s.count--;
    if (s.count < 0) {
        /* place this process in s.queue */;
        /* block this process */;
    }
}
void semSignal(semaphore s)
{
    s.count++;
    if (s.count <= 0) {
        /* remove a process P from s.queue */;
        /* place process P on ready list */;
    }
}
```

**Figure 5.6 A Definition of Semaphore Primitives**

```

struct binary_semaphore {
    enum {zero, one} value;
    queueType queue;
};
void semWaitB(binary_semaphore s)
{
    if (s.value == one)
        s.value = zero;
    else {
        /* place this process in s.queue */;
        /* block this process */;
    }
}
void semSignalB(semaphore s)
{
    if (s.queue is empty())
        s.value = one;
    else {
        /* remove a process P from s.queue */;
        /* place process P on ready list */;
    }
}

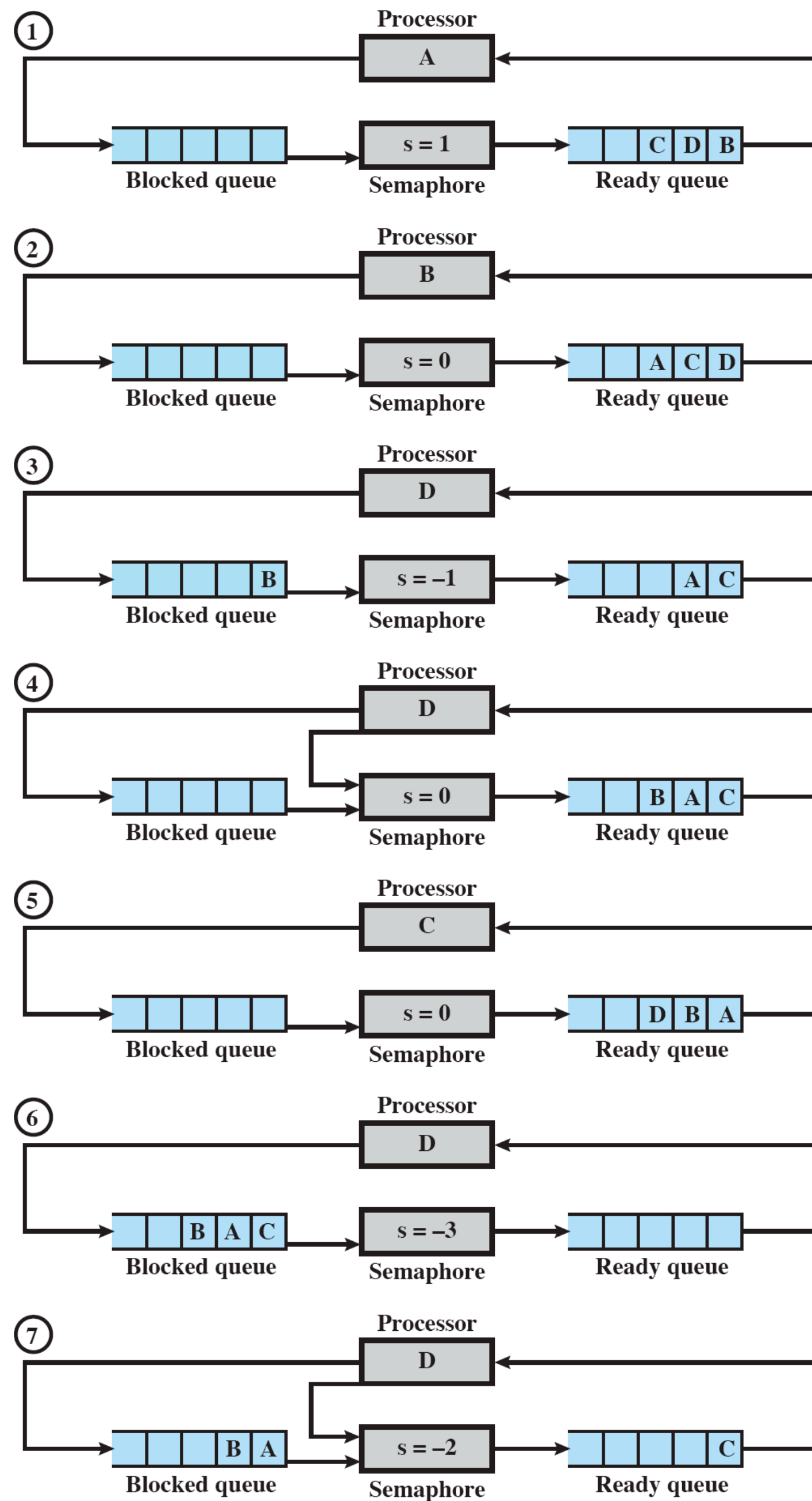
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**Figure 5.7 A Definition of Binary Semaphore Primitives**



Assume process A,B  
and C depend on result  
of process D

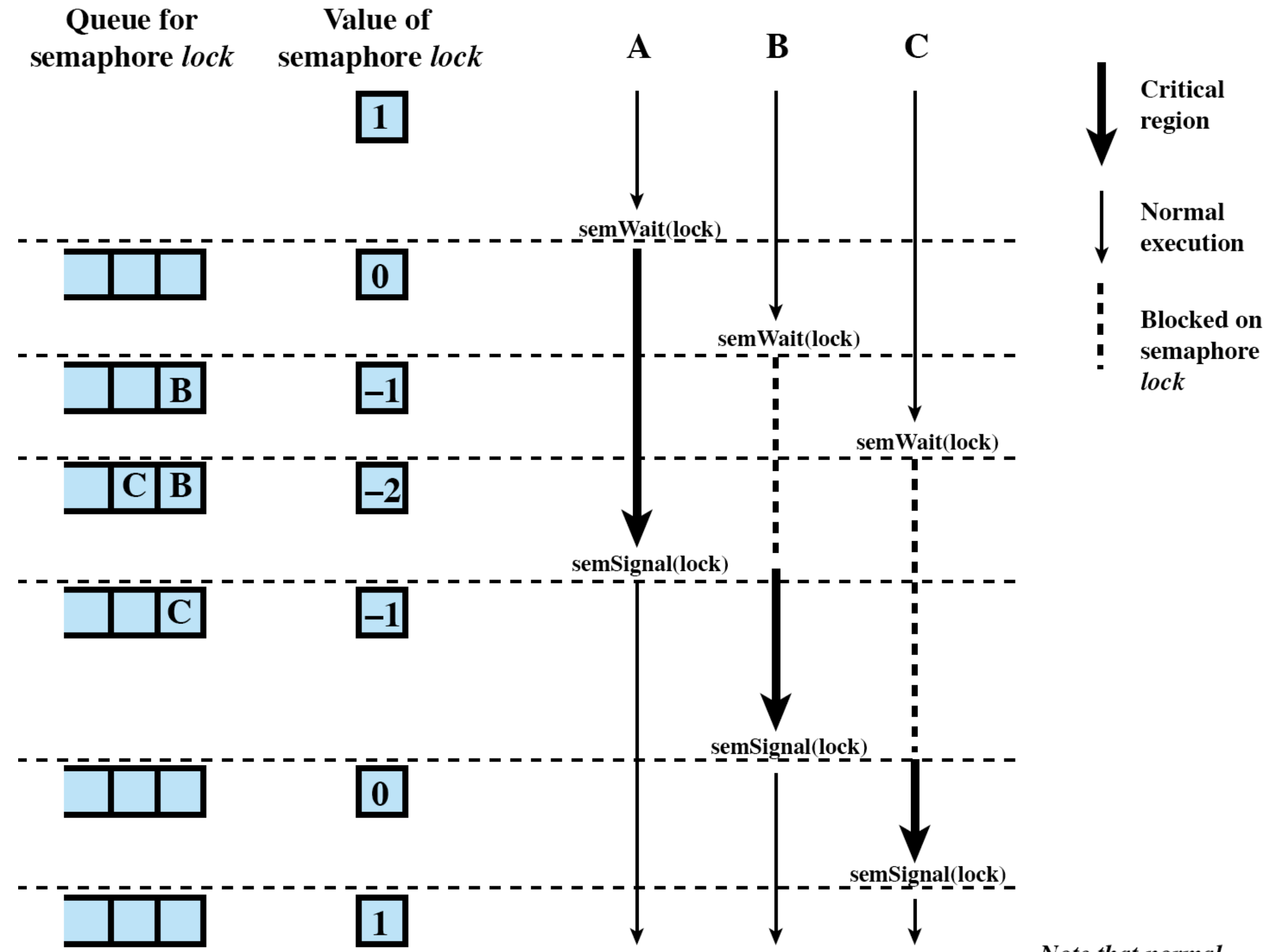
Initially one result of D  
is available ( $s = 1$ )



```
/* program mutualexclusion */
const int n = /* number of processes */;
semaphore s = 1;
void P(int i)
{
    while (true) {
        semWait(s);
        /* critical section */;
        semSignal(s);
        /* remainder */;
    }
}
void main()
{
    parbegin (P(1), P(2), . . ., P(n));
}
```

**Figure 5.9 Mutual Exclusion Using Semaphores**

Assume 3 processes, A, B and C



*Note that normal execution can proceed in parallel but that critical regions are serialized.*

# Producer/Consumer Problem

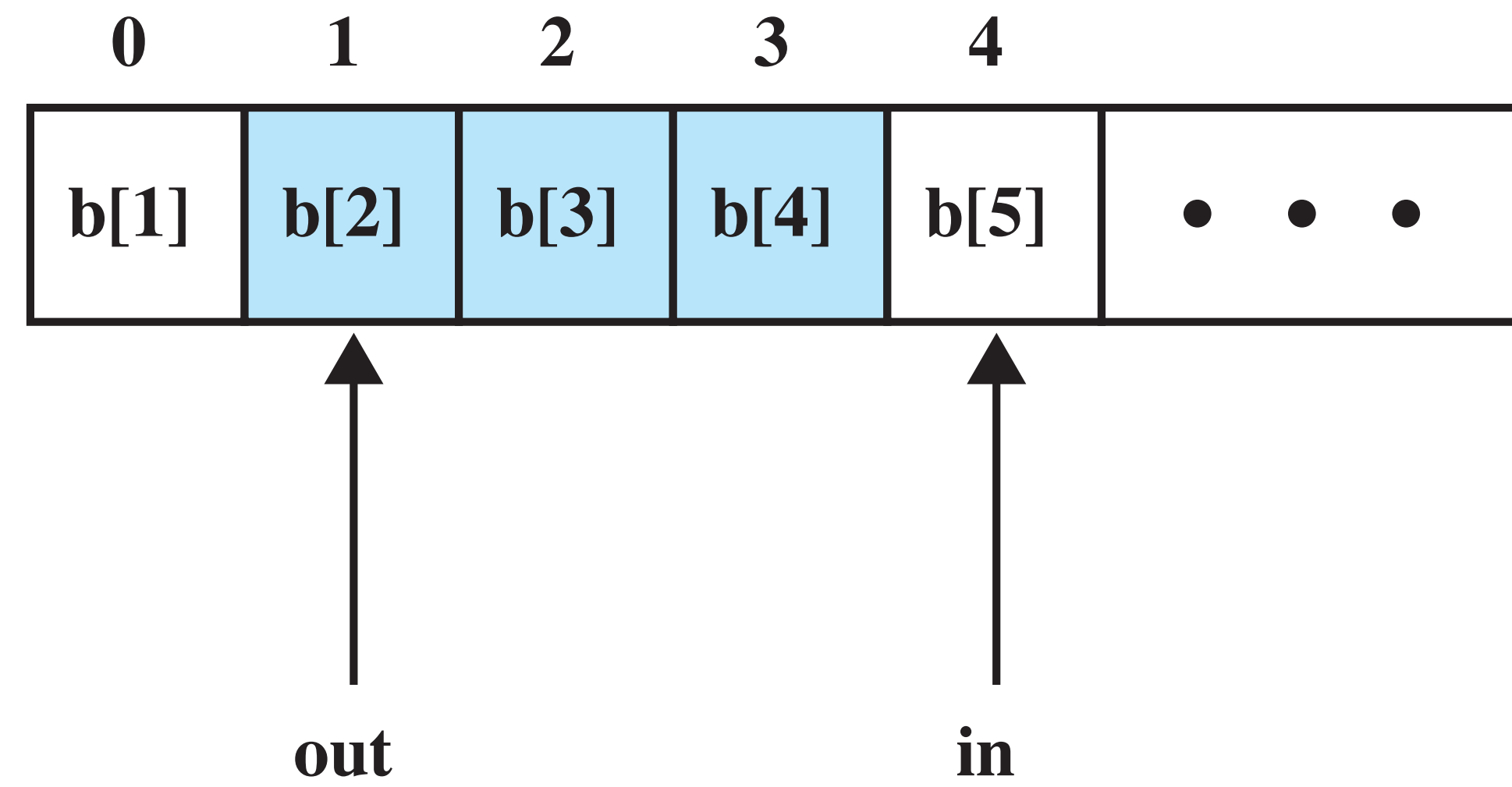
- One or more producers are generating data and placing these in a buffer
- A single consumer is taking items out of the buffer one at time
- Only one producer or consumer may access the buffer at any one time

# Producer

```
producer:  
while (true) {  
    /* produce item v */  
    b[in] = v;  
    in++;  
}
```

# Consumer

```
consumer:
while (true) {
    while (in <= out)
        /*do nothing */;
    w = b[out];
    out++;
    /* consume item w */
}
```



Note: shaded area indicates portion of buffer that is occupied

**Figure 5.11 Infinite Buffer for the Producer/Consumer Problem**

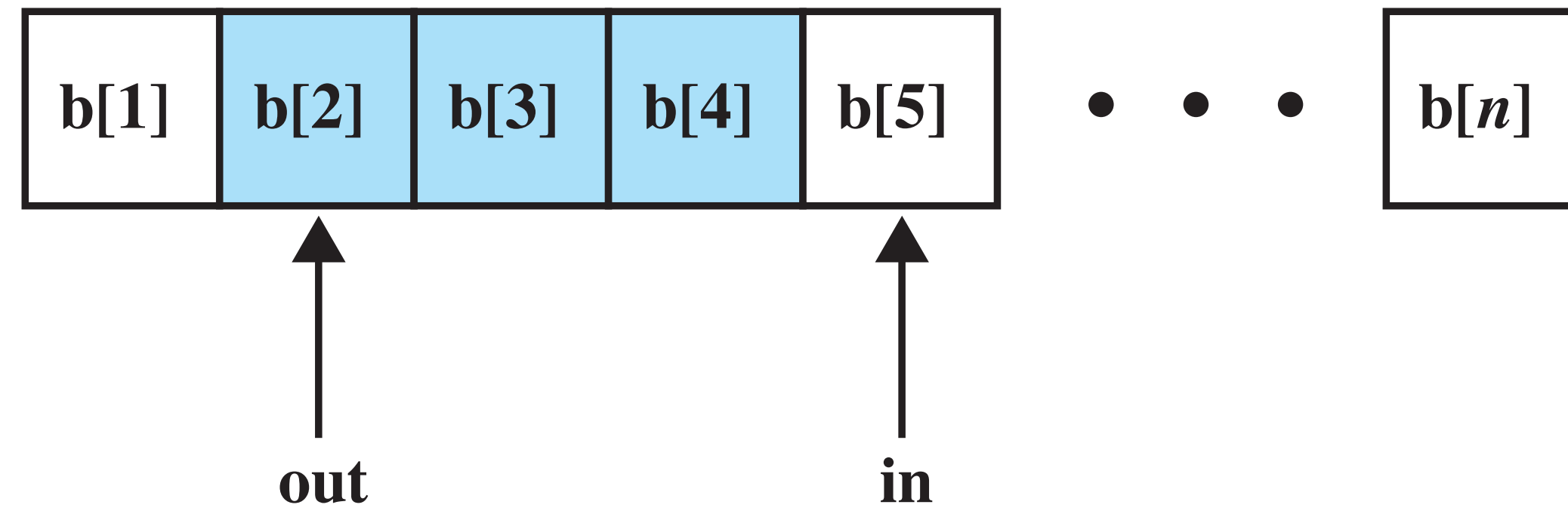
# Producer with Circular Buffer

```
producer:
while (true) {
    /* produce item v */
    while ((in + 1) % n == out)
        /* do nothing */;
    b[in] = v;
    in = (in + 1) % n
}
```

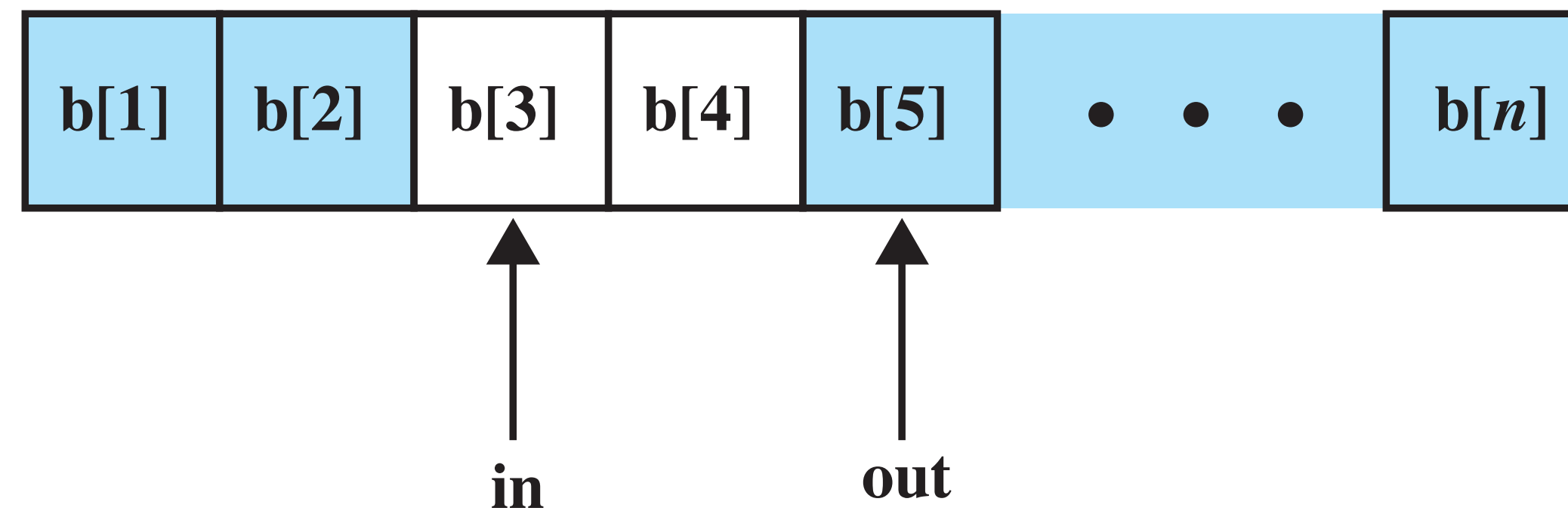


# Consumer with Circular Buffer

```
consumer:
while (true) {
    while (in == out)
        /* do nothing */;
    w = b[out];
    out = (out + 1) % n;
    /* consume item w */
}
```



(a)



(b)

Figure 5.15 Finite Circular Buffer for the Producer/Consumer Problem

```

/* program producerconsumer */
int n;
binary_semaphore s = 1, delay = 0;
void producer()
{
    while (true) {
        produce();
        semWaitB(s);
        append();
        n++;
        if (n==1) semSignalB(delay);
        semSignalB(s);
    }
}
void consumer()
{
    semWaitB(delay);
    while (true) {
        semWaitB(s);
        take();
        n--;
        semSignalB(s);
        consume();
        if (n==0) semWaitB(delay);
    }
}
void main()
{
    n = 0;
    parbegin (producer, consumer);
}

```

**Figure 5.12 An Incorrect Solution to the Infinite-Buffer Producer/Consumer Problem Using Binary Semaphores**

```

/* program producerconsumer */
int n;
binary_semaphore s = 1, delay = 0;
void producer()
{
    while (true) {
        produce();
        semWaitB(s);
        append();
        n++;
        if (n==1) semSignalB(delay);
        semSignalB(s);
    }
}
void consumer()
{
    int m; /* a local variable */
    semWaitB(delay);
    while (true) {
        semWaitB(s);
        take();
        n--;
        m = n;
        semSignalB(s);
        consume();
        if (m==0) semWaitB(delay);
    }
}
void main()
{
    n = 0;
    parbegin (producer, consumer);
}

```

**Figure 5.13** A Correct Solution to the Infinite-Buffer Producer/Consumer Problem Using Binary Semaphores

```

/* program producerconsumer */
semaphore n = 0, s = 1;
void producer()
{
    while (true) {
        produce();
        semWait(s);
        append();
        semSignal(s);
        semSignal(n);
    }
}
void consumer()
{
    while (true) {
        semWait(n);
        semWait(s);
        take();
        semSignal(s);
        consume();
    }
}
void main()
{
    parbegin (producer, consumer);
}

```

**Figure 5.14 A Solution to the Infinite-Buffer Producer/Consumer Problem Using Semaphores**

```

/* program boundedbuffer */
const int sizeofbuffer = /* buffer size */;
semaphore s = 1, n= 0, e= sizeofbuffer;
void producer()
{
    while (true) {
        produce();
        semWait(e);
        semWait(s);
        append();
        semSignal(s);
        semSignal(n);
    }
}
void consumer()
{
    while (true) {
        semWait(n);
        semWait(s);
        take();
        semSignal(s);
        semSignal(e);
        consume();
    }
}
void main()
{
    parbegin (producer, consumer);
}

```

**Figure 5.16 A Solution to the Bounded-Buffer Producer/Consumer Problem Using Semaphores**

```

semWait(s)
{
    while (compare_and_swap(s.flag, 0 , 1) == 1)
        /* do nothing */;
    s.count--;
    if (s.count < 0) {
        /* place this process in s.queue*/;
        /* block this process (must also set s.flag to 0)
*/;
    }
    s.flag = 0;
}

semSignal(s)
{
    while (compare_and_swap(s.flag, 0 , 1) == 1)
        /* do nothing */;
    s.count++;
    if (s.count <= 0) {
        /* remove a process P from s.queue */;
        /* place process P on ready list */;
    }
    s.flag = 0;
}

```

**(a) Compare and Swap Instruction**

```

semWait(s)
{
    inhibit interrupts;
    s.count--;
    if (s.count < 0) {
        /* place this process in s.queue*/;
        /* block this process and allow interrupts */;
    }
    else
        allow interrupts;
}

semSignal(s)
{
    inhibit interrupts;
    s.count++;
    if (s.count <= 0) {
        /* remove a process P from s.queue*/;
        /* place process P on ready list */;
    }
    allow interrupts;
}

```

**(b) Interrupts**

**Figure 5.17 Two Possible Implementations of Semaphores**

# Using Semaphores

- It is difficult to use semaphores
  - see example in Fig 5.12
  - semaphores may be scattered throughout the program
    - difficult to assess overall effect
- Monitors provide similar functionality
  - but are easier to control
  - implemented in languages like Concurrent Pascal, Pascal-Plus, Modula-2 & 3, and Java



# Monitors

- A Monitor is a software module
- Chief characteristics
  - Local data variables are accessible only by the monitor
  - Process enters monitor by invoking one of its procedures
  - Only one process may be executing in the monitor at a time

# Monitors

- Provides mutual exclusion facility
- Shared data structure can be protected by placing it into a monitor
- If the data in a monitor represents some resource, then mutual exclusion is guaranteed for that resource

# Monitors

- Synchronization support is needed
  - implemented using special data types called *condition variables*
  - these variables are affected by two functions
    - `cwait(c)`
      - suspend calling process on condition `c`
      - now monitor can be used by other process
    - `csignal(c)`
      - resume blocked process after `cwait` on same condition `c`

# Monitors

- So what is the difference between the use of `cwait` and `csignal` in monitors and the `wait` and `signal` of semaphores?
  - Hint: remember what got us in trouble when using semaphores

# Monitors

- Monitor wait and signal operations are different from their counterparts in semaphores
  - If a process in a monitor signals and corresponding queue is empty then signal is lost

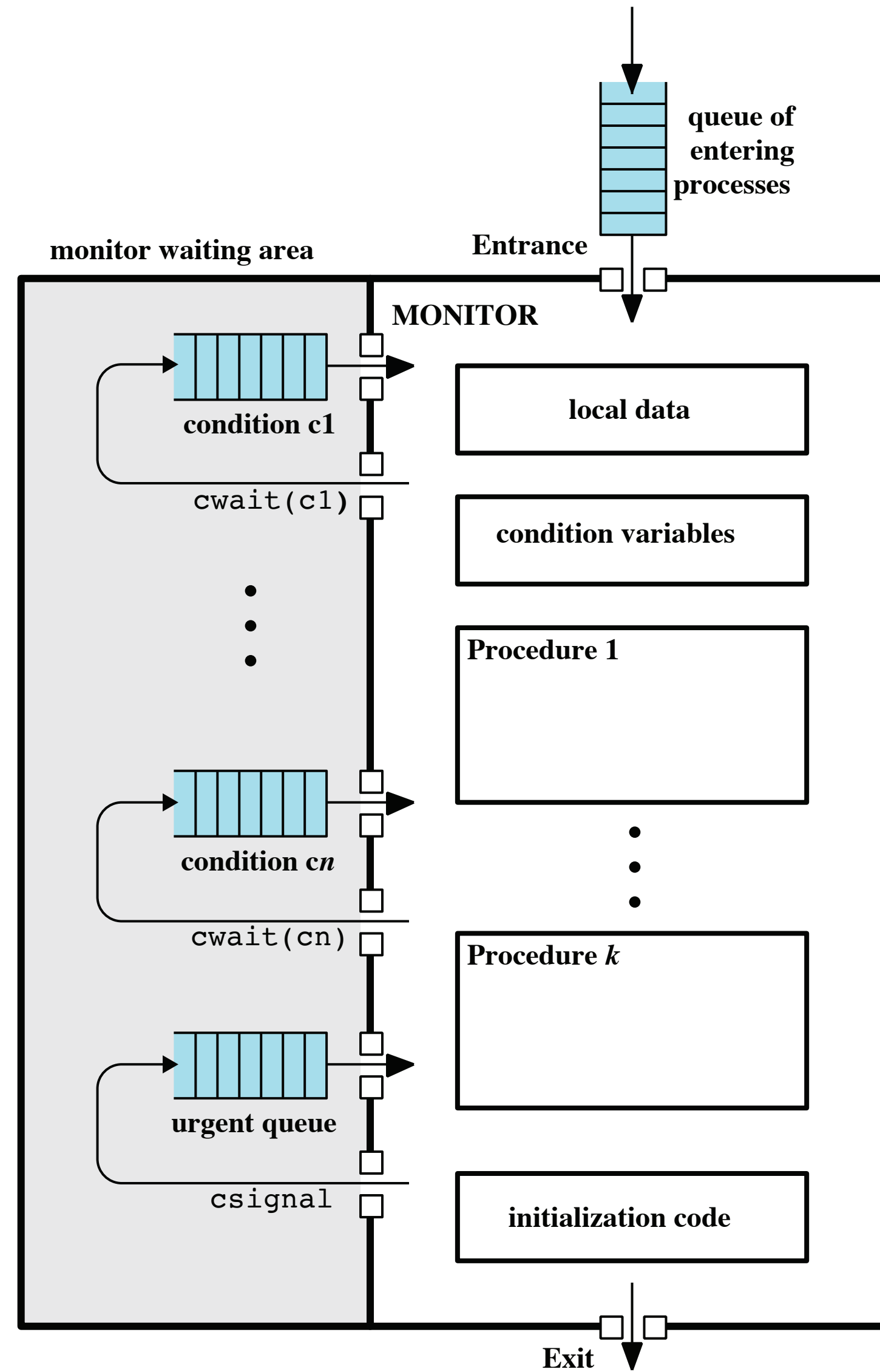


Figure 5.18 Structure of a Monitor

```

/* program producerconsumer */
monitor boundedbuffer;
char buffer [N];
int nextin, nextout;
int count;
cond notfull, notempty;          /* condition variables for synchronization */

void append (char x)
{
    if (count == N) cwait(notfull);    /* buffer is full; avoid overflow */
    buffer[nextin] = x;
    nextin = (nextin + 1) % N;
    count++;
    /* one more item in buffer */
    csignal(notempty);                /* resume any waiting consumer */
}
void take (char x)
{
    if (count == 0) cwait(notempty);   /* buffer is empty; avoid underflow */
    x = buffer[nextout];
    nextout = (nextout + 1) % N;
    count--;
    csignal(notfull);                 /* resume any waiting producer */
}
nextin = 0; nextout = 0; count = 0;   /* monitor body */
}
}
}

```

```

void producer()
{
    char x;
    while (true) {
        produce(x);
        append(x);
    }
}
void consumer()
{
    char x;
    while (true) {
        take(x);
        consume(x);
    }
}
void main()
{
    parbegin (producer, consumer);
}

```

**Figure 5.19 A Solution to the Bounded-Buffer Producer/Consumer Problem  
Using a Monitor**

```

void append (char x)
{
    while(count == N) cwait(notfull);    /* buffer is full; avoid overflow */
    buffer[nextin] = x;
    nextin = (nextin + 1) % N;
    count++;                               /* one more item in buffer */
    cnotify(notempty);                    /* notify any waiting consumer */
}

void take (char x)
{
    while(count == 0) cwait(notempty); /* buffer is empty; avoid underflow */
    x = buffer[nextout];
    nextout = (nextout + 1) % N;
    count--;                               /* one fewer item in buffer */
    cnotify(notfull);                     /* notify any waiting producer */
}

```

**Figure 5.20 Bounded Buffer Monitor Code for Mesa Monitor**



# Message Passing

- Interaction between processes
  - synchronization
  - communication
- One solution to this is message passing
  - works in both tightly and loosely coupled systems

# Message Passing

- Enforce mutual exclusion
- Exchange information

**send (destination, message)**

**receive (source, message)**

# Synchronization

- Sender and receiver may or may not be blocking (waiting for message)
- Blocking send, blocking receive
  - Both sender and receiver are blocked until message is delivered
  - This is called a *rendezvous*

# Synchronization

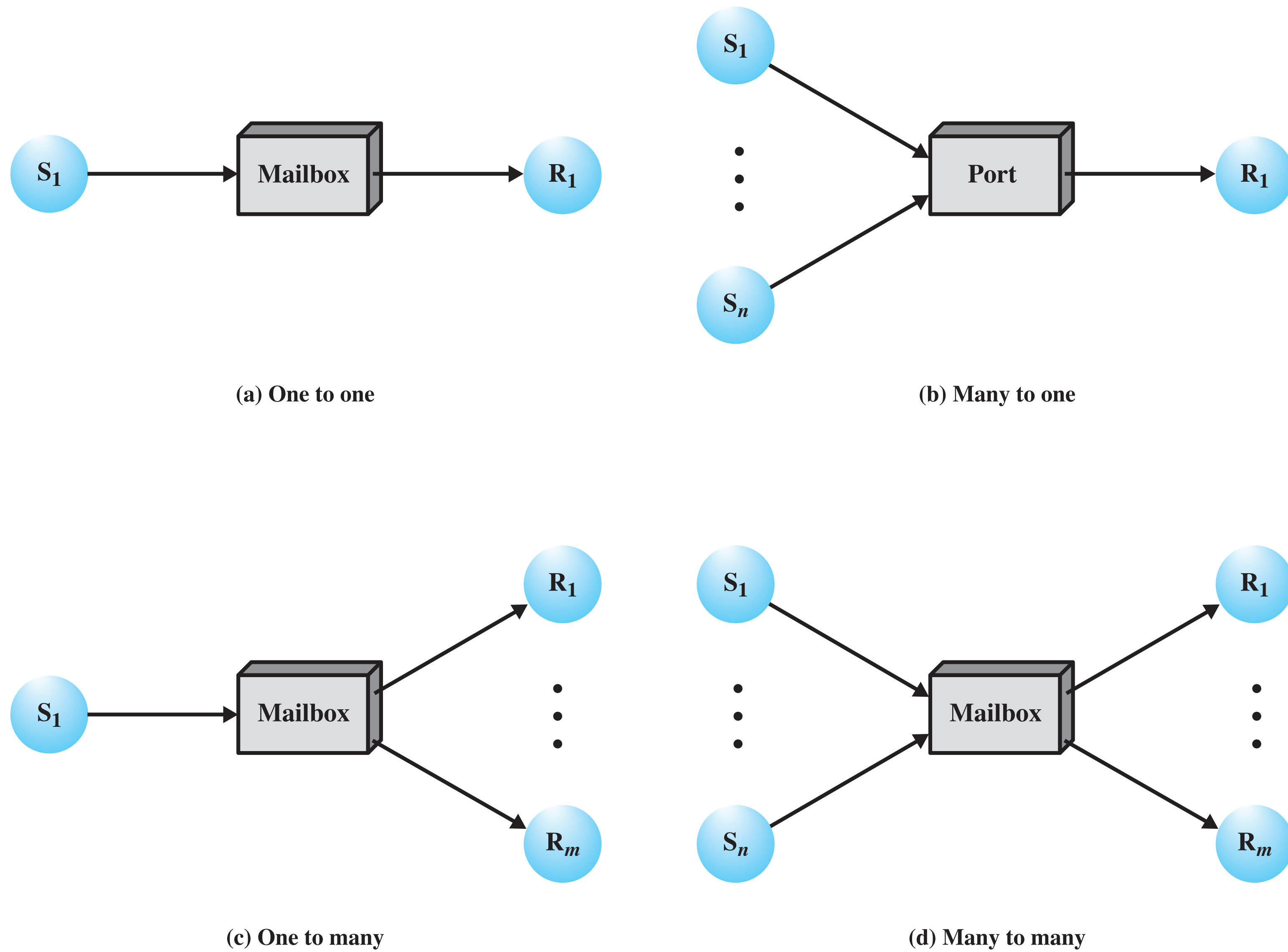
- Nonblocking send, blocking receive
  - Sender continues on
  - Receiver is blocked until the requested message arrives
- Nonblocking send, nonblocking receive
  - Neither party is required to wait

# Addressing

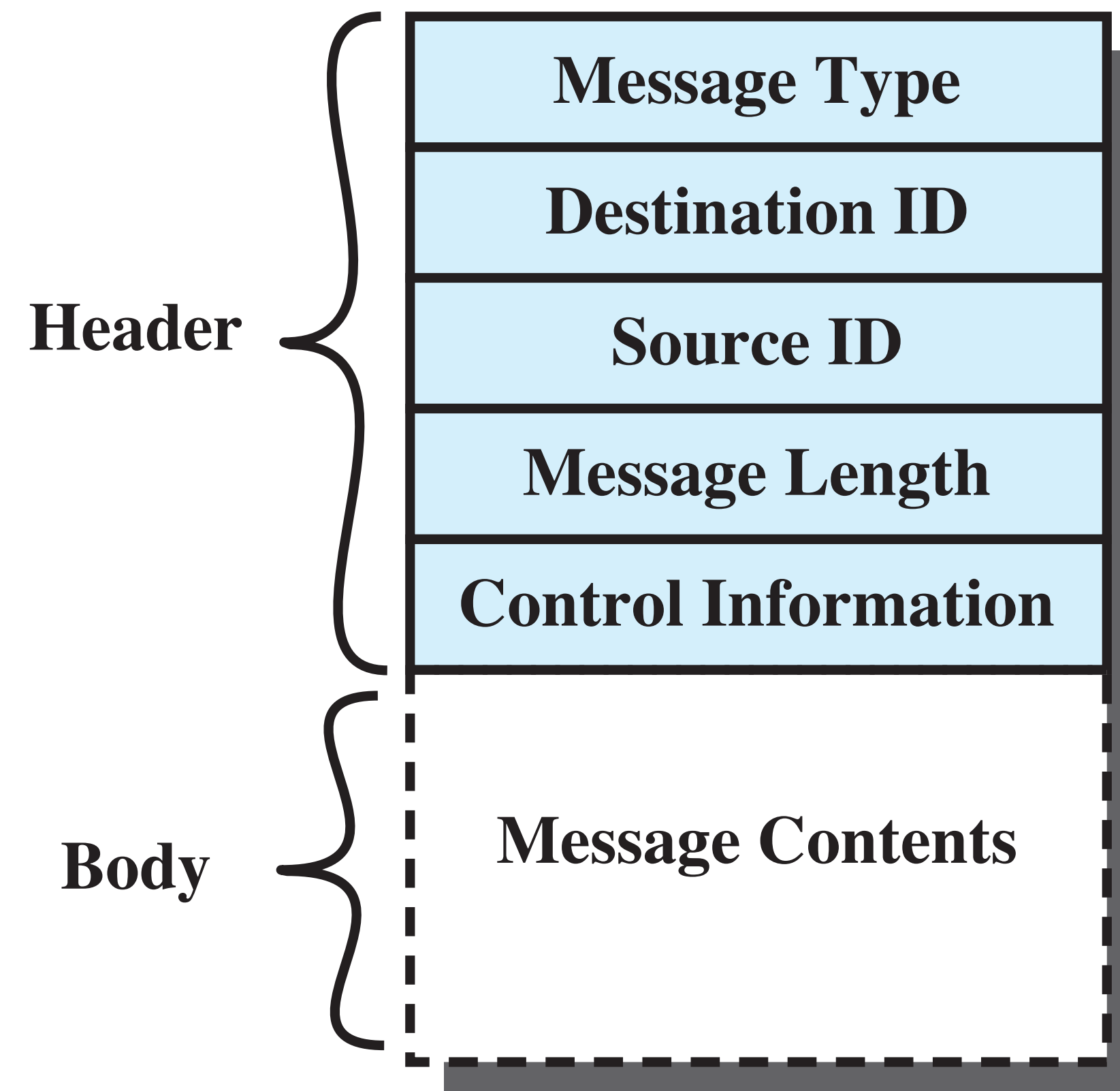
- Direct addressing
  - Send primitive includes a specific identifier of the destination process
  - Receive primitive could know ahead of time which process a message is expecting
  - Receive primitive could use source parameter to return a value when the receive operation has been performed

# Addressing

- Indirect addressing
  - Messages are sent to a shared data structure consisting of queues
  - Queues are called *mailboxes*
  - One process sends a message to the mailbox and the other process picks up the message from the mailbox
  - relationship between sender & receiver
    - 1-to-1, many-to-1, 1-to-many, many-to-many



**Figure 5.21 Indirect Process Communication**



**Figure 5.22 General Message Format**



Assumptions: non-blocking send, blocking receive

```
/* program mutualexclusion */
const int n = /* number of processes */;
void P(int i)
{
    message msg;
    while (true) {
        receive (box, msg);
        /* critical section */;
        send (box, msg);
        /* remainder */;
    }
}
void main()
{
    create_mailbox (box);
    send (box, null);
    parbegin (P(1), P(2), . . ., P(n));
}
```

Figure 5.23 Mutual Exclusion Using Messages

```

const int
    capacity = /* buffering capacity */ ;
    null = /* empty message */ ;
int i;
void producer()
{
    message pmsg;
    while (true) {
        receive (mayproduce, pmsg);
        pmsg = produce();
        send (mayconsume, pmsg);
    }
}
void consumer()
{
    message cmsg;
    while (true) {
        receive (mayconsume, cmsg);
        consume (cmsg);
        send (mayproduce, null);
    }
}

void main()
{
    create_mailbox (mayproduce);
    create_mailbox (mayconsume);
    for (int i = 1; i <= capacity; i++) send (mayproduce, null);
    parbegin (producer, consumer);
}

```

**Figure 5.24 A Solution to the Bounded-Buffer Producer/Consumer Problem Using Messages**

# Readers/Writers Problem

- Different variations on the theme, e.g.,
  - dedicated readers and dedicated writers
  - they all can read and write
- Here we look at the “dedicated” case
  - Any number of readers may simultaneously read the file
  - Only one writer at a time may write to the file
  - If a writer is writing to the file, no reader may read it

```

/* program readersandwriters */
int readcount;
semaphore x = 1, wsem = 1;
void reader()
{
    while (true) {
        semWait (x);
        readcount++;
        if (readcount == 1) semWait (wsem);
        semSignal (x);
        READUNIT();
        semWait (x);
        readcount--;
        if (readcount == 0) semSignal (wsem);
        semSignal (x);
    }
}
void writer()
{
    while (true) {
        semWait (wsem);
        WRITEUNIT();
        semSignal (wsem);
    }
}
void main()
{
    readcount = 0;
    parbegin (reader, writer);
}

```

**Figure 5.25** A Solution to the Readers/Writers Problem Using Semaphores: Readers Have Priority

```

/* program readersandwriters */
int readcount, writecount;
semaphore x = 1, y = 1, z = 1, wsem = 1, rsem = 1;
void reader()
{
    while (true) {
        semWait (z);
        semWait (rsem);
        readcount++;
        if (readcount == 1) semWait (wsem);
        semSignal (rsem);
        semSignal (z);
        READUNIT();
        semWait (x);
        readcount--;
        if (readcount == 0) semSignal (wsem);
        semSignal (x);
    }
}
void writer ()
{
    while (true) {
        semWait (y);
        writecount++;
        if (writecount == 1) semWait (rsem);
        semSignal (y);
        semWait (wsem);
        WRITEUNIT();
        semSignal (wsem);
        semWait (y);
        writecount--;
        if (writecount == 0) semSignal (rsem);
        semSignal (y);
    }
}
void main()
{
    readcount = writecount = 0;
    parbegin (reader, writer);
}

```

**Figure 5.26** A Solution to the Readers/Writers Problem Using Semaphores: Writers Have Priority

```

void reader(int i)
{
    message rmsg;
    while (true) {
        rmsg = i;
        send (readrequest, rmsg);
        receive (mbox[i], rmsg);
        READUNIT ();
        rmsg = i;
        send (finished, rmsg);
    }
}

void writer(int j)
{
    message rmsg;
    while(true) {
        rmsg = j;
        send (writerequest, rmsg);
        receive (mbox[j], rmsg);
        WRITEUNIT ();
        rmsg = j;
        send (finished, rmsg);
    }
}

```

```

void controller()
{
    while (true)
    {
        if (count > 0) {
            if (!empty (finished)) {
                receive (finished, msg);
                count++;
            }
            else if (!empty (writerequest)) {
                receive (writerequest, msg);
                writer_id = msg.id;
                count = count - 100;
            }
            else if (!empty (readrequest)) {
                receive (readrequest, msg);
                count--;
                send (msg.id, "OK");
            }
        }
        if (count == 0) {
            send (writer_id, "OK");
            receive (finished, msg);
            count = 100;
        }
        while (count < 0) {
            receive (finished, msg);
            count++;
        }
    }
}

```

Figure 5.27 A Solution to the Readers/Writers Problem Using Message Passing

```

char  rs, sp;
char inbuf[80], outbuf[125] ;
void read()
{
    while (true) {
        READCARD (inbuf);
        for (int i=0; i < 80; i++){
            rs = inbuf [i];
            RESUME squash
        }
        rs = " ";
        RESUME squash;
    }
}
void print()
{
    while (true) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 125; j++){
            outbuf [j] = sp;
            RESUME squash
        }
        OUTPUT (outbuf);
    }
}

```

```

void squash()
{
    while (true) {
        if (rs != "*") {
            sp = rs;
            RESUME print;
        }
        else{
            RESUME read;
            if (rs == "*") {
                sp = "↑";
                RESUME print;
            }
            else {
                sp = "*";
                RESUME print;
                sp = rs;
                RESUME print;
            }
        }
        RESUME read;
    }
}

```

Figure 5.28 An Application of Coroutines