CSC 543 Multiprocessing & Concurrent Programming, Spring 2021

Dr. Dale E. Parson, Assignment 3, latches, barriers, atomic arrays, thread pools, etc.
This assignment is due by 11:59 PM on Friday March 26 via make turnitin.

This assignment is a re-do of parts of both assignments 1 and 2 to use new mechanisms out of the Java concurrency library that we have not used before. The source file comments labeled with **STUDENT** give the details.

Perform the following steps to set up this project and to get my handout. Start out in your login directory on csit (a.k.a. acad).

```
cd  $HOME
cp  ~parson/multip/PipesPrisoners2021.problem.zip multip/PipesPrisoners2021.problem.zip
```

Use machine **mcgonagall** for development and testing. Run **make turnitin** on acad or mcgonagall by the due date.

After logging into mcgonagall, do the following.

```
cd   ./multip
unzip  PipesPrisoners2021.problem.zip
cd  ./PipesPrisoners2021
make  clean test
```

Running **make clean test** on the handout code passes because it consists of my solutions to Assignments 1 and 2, which constitute your starting point. There are two portions to the assignment, those tested by running **make clean testprison** for testing your updated Assignment 2 (this is the easier part), and running **make clean testpipe** for testing the updated Assignment 1 pipeline (harder). You can do them in either order. Running **make clean test** tests both; **make testtime** collects execution & CPU times on the pipeline. The following source file comments explain the work you have to do. I have some more documentation added with these comments below.

Update March 17:

make testtime will fail with the handout testtime.ref because StudentBlockingQueue is not in that reference file. (Thanks to the student who brought this to my attention.)

```
$ make testtime
…
echo "STATISTICS in testtime.txt:"
STATISTICS in testtime.txt:
cut -d'|' -f2-3,6 testtime.txt | sort > testtime.out2
diff testtime.out2 testtime.ref > testtime.dif
make: *** [testtime] Error 1
```

Look at testtime.dif to see the difference. If it is simply absence of StudentBlockingQueue, do the following:

```
$ cat testtime.dif
```

7d6
< false|false|PipesPrisoners2021.StudentBlockingQueue
13d11
< true|false|PipesPrisoners2021.StudentBlockingQueue
18d15
< true|true|PipesPrisoners2021.StudentBlockingQueue

$ **mv testtime.out2 testtime.ref**

At this point **make testtime** should work.

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Update March 8:

If one of your program hangs while running, you can control-C to kill it and then start it in command line mode using the following Unix command lines. Wait a while until it hangs, and then type control-\ (control-backslash) to see a stack trace of every thread in the process. Look at the main thread and the threads named "Thread-0" etc., ignore the GC (garbage collection), Compile, and other run-time threads run by the JVM.

CLASSPATH=..:./jcip-annotations.jar /usr/bin/java PipesPrisoners2021.PrisonerTest implicit

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CLASSPATH=..:jcip-annotations.jar .usr/bin/java PipesPrisoners2021.BigDecimalPipelineBuilder true true PipesPrisoners2021.PipeSourceRandom '12345 3000 3000' java.util.concurrent.LinkedBlockingDeque PipesPrisoners2021.PipeStageMath + java.util.concurrent.LinkedBlockingDeque PipesPrisoners2021.PipeSinkFile sink.out

Use the pipeline command line for the hanging test run that appears on your screen.

Also, this join near the bottom of PlayerImplicit and PlayerExplicit never run because of the while loop condition:

```
case terminated :
    if (partner != null) {
        partner.join();
    }
    return ;
```

Please put your termination code down in the finally block at the bottom.

********** **PRISONERS' DILEMMA:**

Source code changes to the updated **make clean testprison**:

PrisonerTest.java

```
33      // STUDENT S21 ASSN3 #1: For the IMPLICIT players, construct
34      // a CountDownLatch object, initialized to the appropriate count for
```

```
35      // this main thread + ALL of the player threads, and have each
36      // of them enter that CountDownLatch object in the appropriate
37      // place in the code, instead of of the join() loop in PrisonerTest.
38      // For the EXPLICIT players, use a CyclicBarrier in the same way.

49      // STUDENT S21 ASSN3 #1: Get rid of this join() for-loop.
50      // See #1 instructions above.
```

PlayerImplicit.java

```
// STUDENT S21 ASSN3 #1: See PrisonerTest.java IMPLICIT section
// of S21 ASSN3 #1 STUDENT comments. Remove the conditional
// .join() call below, since both player 0 and player 1 must enter
// the CountDownLatch instead of joining.
// STUDENT S21 ASSN3 #2: Replace all uses of the intrinsic lock
// and its condition variable on messageBuffer access below,
// and replace the String [] messageBuffer itself, with a 2-element
// java.util.concurrent.atomic.AtomicReferenceArray<String> object
// field called messageBuffer that is used in an equivalent way.
// There will be no actual locking-waiting. Instead, a player must
// spin in a loop until the messageBuffer into which it is writing is null,
// and it must spin in a loop until the messageBuffer from which it is
// reading is non-null. The basic logic is the same, but it uses
// spin loops instead of locks-and-waits. Make sure it remains thread-safe.
// Make sure to update the @GuardedBy annotation if necessary.
```

PlayerExplicit.java

```
// STUDENT S21 ASSN3 #1: See PrisonerTest.java EXPLICIT section
// of S21 ASSN3 #1 STUDENT comments. Remove the conditional
// .join() call below, since both player 0 and player 1 must enter
// the CyclicBarrier instead of joining.
// STUDENT S21 ASSN3 #3: Replace all uses of the extrinsic lock
// and its condition variable on messageBuffer access below,
// with two two-element arrays of java.util.concurrent.Semaphore
// objects called isNull (initialized to a count of 1 and fair = true),
// and isReady (initialized to a count of 0 and fair = true).
// State "sendMyAction" must acquire the correct isNull element,
// then write a message, then release the correct isReady element.
// State "awaitOtherAction" must acquire the correct isReady element,
// then read and null a message slot, then release the correct isNull
// element. In this case the String [] messageBuffer is @GuardedBy
// both Semaphores; one guards writing, and the other guards
// reading/nulling. Semaphore-based approaches predate condition
// variables, and don't quite fit the @GuardedBy semantics.
```

********** **PIPELINE**:

Source code changes to the updated **make clean testpipe**:

StudentBlockingQueue.java (see additional comments below)

See STUDENT comments in **StudentBlockingQueue.java**. DO NOT CHANGE LinkedList<E> IN container IN THIS LINE OF CODE:

LinkedList<E> container = new LinkedList<E>();

You must continue to use a LinkedList<E> object while making StudentBlockingQueue thread-safe.

All of the methods following the empty constructor in that class were generated by running **make genstudent** which runs Jython script **GenQueueMethods.py** to create file **StudentBlockingQueue.start.txt**. You must update one or two Python string variables inside **GenQueueMethods.py**:

```
STUDENT_PREFIX = '{\t//STUDENT_PREFIX template\n'
STUDENT_SUFFIX = '}\t//STUDENT_SUFFIX template\n'
```

They generate the following types of method call wrappers in the current **StudentBlockingQueue.java**:

```
public boolean add(
   E arg0
) {
   {   //STUDENT_PREFIX template
      return container.add(arg0);
   }   //STUDENT_SUFFIX template
}
```

All of the non-blocking functions from interface Queue delegate by calling the underlying LinkedList<E> container method. You must update STUDENT_PREFIX and possibly STUDENT_SUFFIX, re-run **make genstudent**, and replace the method definitions following the constructor in xx with a copy of the re-generated methods in **StudentBlockingQueue.start.txt**.

Update March 8: The Jython script is not adding the STUDENT_PREFIX and STUDENT_SUFFIX to this generated function:

```
public <T>T[] toArray(
   T[] arg0
) {
   return container.toArray(arg0);
}
```

Rather than change the generator after students may have already started work, please just note that you must add the STUDENT_PREFIX and STUDENT_SUFFIX to this generated function by hand.

The generated BlockingQueue blocking methods must be completed via hand coding, using a condition variable to implement wait()ing where necessary.

```
public E take(
) throws java.lang.InterruptedException {
   /* STUDENT BlockingQueue problem */
   return null ;
}
```

From the handout StudentBlockingQueue.java:

```
*   When implementing the BlockingQueue blocking functions, STUDENTs
 *   may assume that the offer() and put() calls will always succeed,
 *   since LinkedList does not have a fixed bound on size. Also,
 *   where TimeUnit appears, just assume that it is in milliseconds --
 *   you must implement timed waiting where it using milliseconds.
 *
 *   Provide the correct field modifiers for "container" same as in
 *   previous assignments, and provide all required Annotations.
 *
 *   Ignore this warning from the compiler:
 *   Note: StudentBlockingQueue.java uses unchecked or unsafe operations.
 *   Note: Recompile with -Xlint:unchecked for details.
 *
 *   After the above is done, uncomment the following three lines in testscript:
 *   runatest false false PipesPrisoners2021.StudentBlockingQueue
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```

Note that I have annotated generated blocking functions with the comment "STUDENT BlockingQueue problem". For any BlockingQueue operations that must block when **READING** an empty queue, use the condition variable associated with your locking mechanism to wait until contents appear. For any BlockingQueue operations that must block when **WRITING** a queue, assume that LinkedList can complete that write operation without failing. Also, do not catch InterruptedException within StudentBlockingQueue methods; just let it propagate out to the callers to your class. ADDED 3/17 right after class: EVERY method that adds data to the container, whether blocking or not, must do the notifyAll(), signalAll(), or your equivalent to wake up any blocked reader threads.

You can assumed the TimeUnit associated with time-limited blocking calls is milliseconds. We are not using any of them in our test framework, and I don't want to complicate things any further.

testscript

```
#
# After StudentBlockingQueue is thread-safe and complete,
# uncomment the following three lines in testscript:
# runatest false false PipesPrisoners2021.StudentBlockingQueue
# runatest true false PipesPrisoners2021.StudentBlockingQueue
# runatest true true PipesPrisoners2021.StudentBlockingQueue
```

Running **make testpipe** tests the pipeline and **make testtime** benchmarks pipeline running times as in Assignment 1.

Visually check your classes to make sure their field declarations and scopes of their locks are thread safe. Testing is not enough by itself. Update thread safety annotations where needed.

After a final visual check and a successful run of **make clean test**, run **make turnitin** by the deadline.