Cosc 4740 Written Q10

Worth 10 points

All answers are to be typed. This is **NOT** a programming assignment, no compiler needed, which also means it is due at class time.

The following solution has been proposed for solving the mutual exclusion problem (assume that there are only two processes: 0 and 1):

int flag[2]; /* shared variable */
proc(int process id) {
 while (1) {

compute; //takes a random amount of time

flag[process id] = 1; while (flag[(process id+1)mod 2] == 1);

critical section (which takes random amount of time)

flag[process id] = 0;

}

}

Assume that **flag[0]** and **flag[1]** are initialized to 0. Is this a correct solution? Explain your answer clearly.