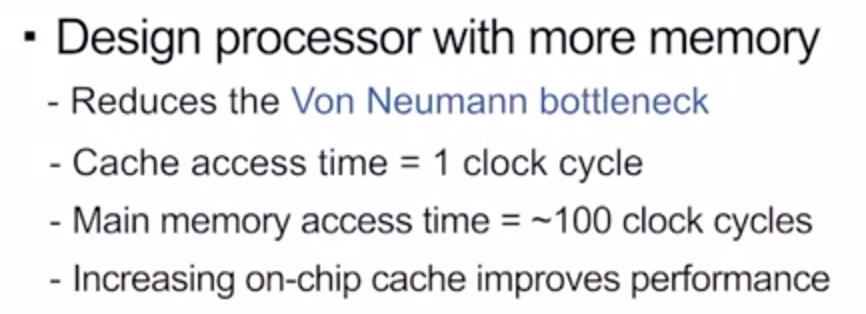
**Course 3 Concurrency**

# Week 1

## M1.1.1-3v3 Parallel Execution

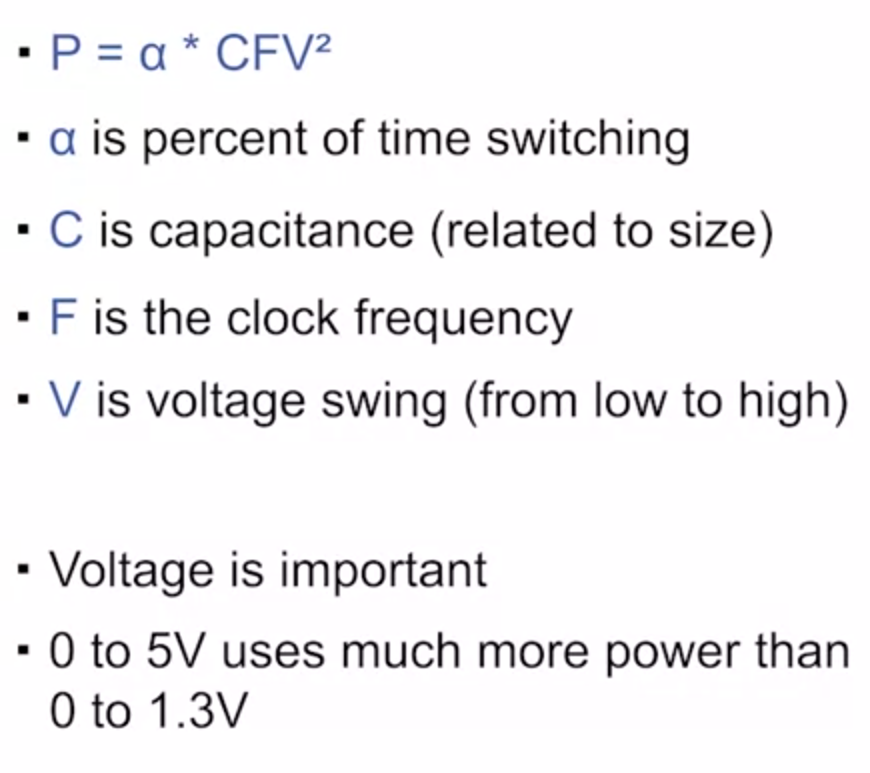
* Two Programs execute in parallel if they execute at exactly the same time
* Generally, one core runs one instruction at a time
* In order to get parallel execution, you need replicated hardware

## Topic 1.2 Von Neumann Bottleneck



* Moore’s Law is fizzling out

## Topic 1.3 Power Wall

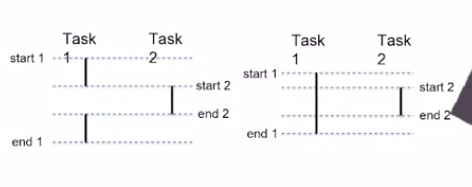
* Transistors consume power when they switch
* More power consumed – increased heat 🡪 ECE 304
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Dennard Scaling:

* Voltage should scale with transistor size
* Voltage can’t go too low though
  + Can’t drop below threshold voltage
  + Must be robust to noise

## M1.2.1-1v3 – Concurrent vs Parallel

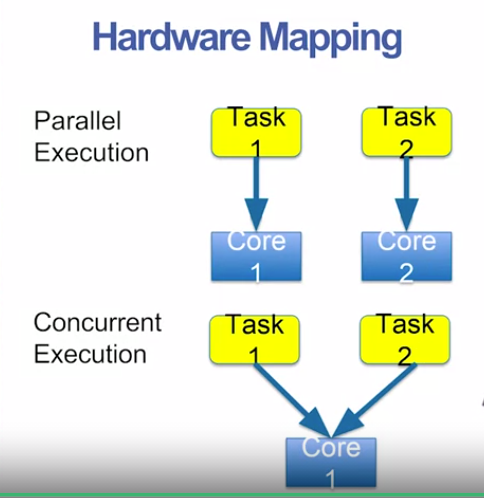
Concurrent Execution

* Not necessarily the same as parallel execution
* **Concurrent:** start and end times overlap
  + Times overlap, but they’re not actually executing at exactly the same time
* **Parallel:** execute at exactly the same time
* Concurrent (left), parallel (right)
* Concurrent tasks may be executed on the same hardware, but they don’t have to be

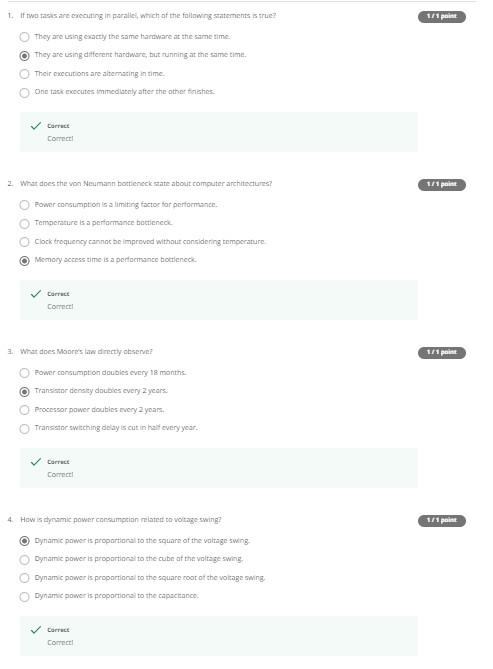
NOTE: Programmer determines which task **can** be executed in parallel, not **which will** be executed in parallel

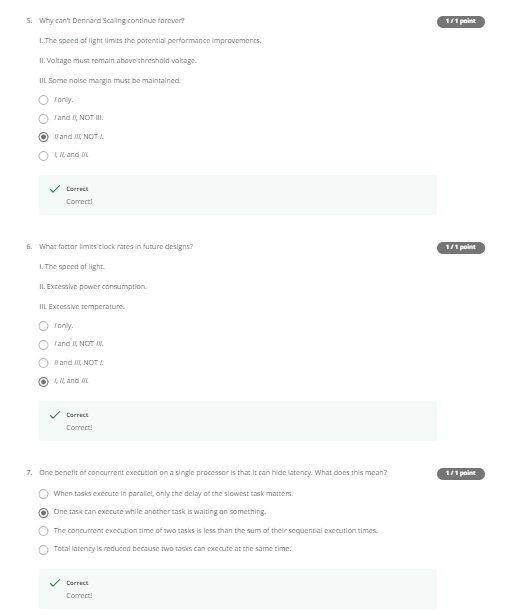
Concurrency improves performance without parallelism

* Tasks must periodically wait for event
  + Think talking to some external memory, send data on the network, io activities/accesses



## Module 1 Quiz





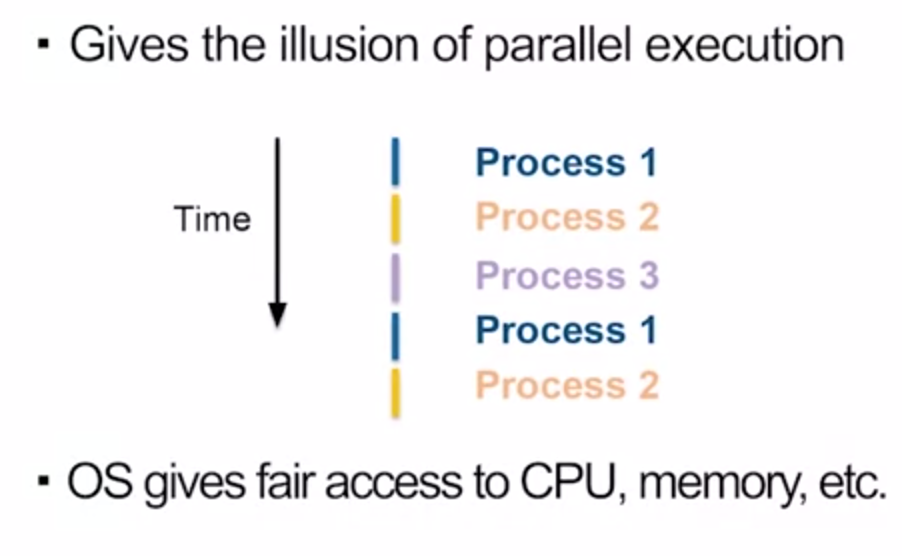
# Week 2: Concurrency Basics

## Topic 1.1 Processes

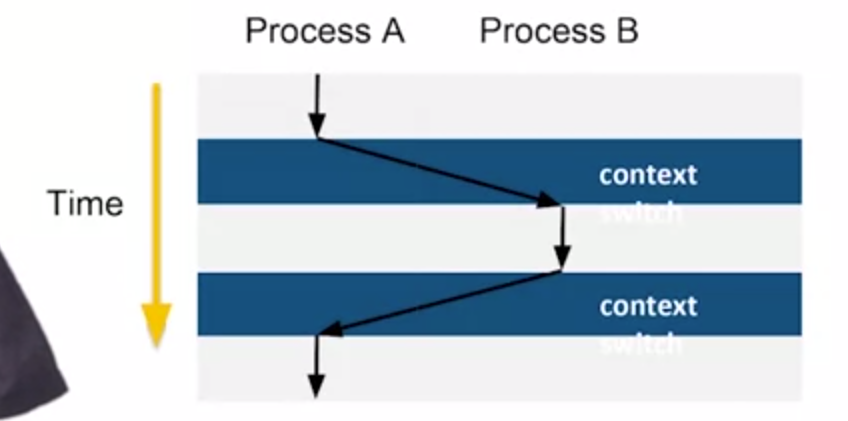
Processes:

* Instance of a running program
* Has memory
  + Virtual address space
  + Code, stack, heap, shared libraries
* Registers
  + Program counter, data regs, stack ptr

## Topic 1.2 Scheduling



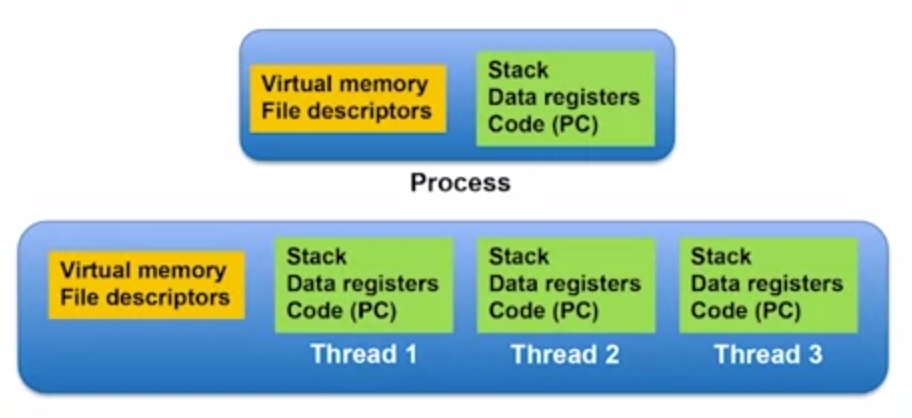
When it moves to another process, it’s called **context switch**



Before a context switch, you need to save the state of the current process

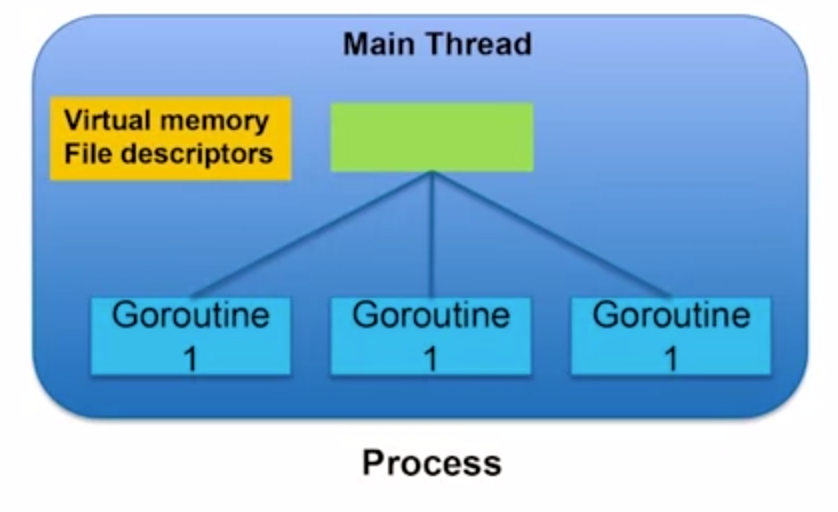
## Topic 1.3 Threads and Goroutines

* Context switch can be slow (move something into memory, pull it back out later)
* Threads can share some context
* Many threads can exist in one process

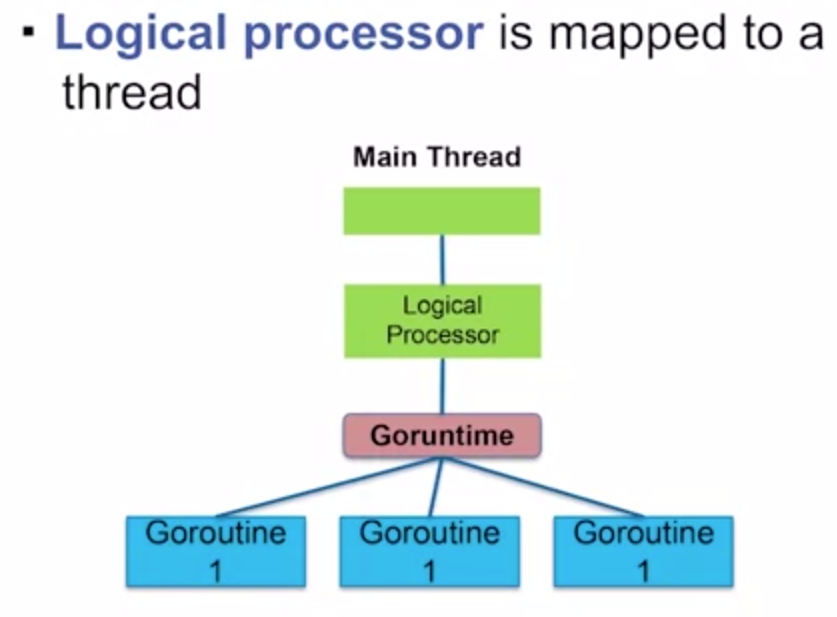


Shared quantities in yellow box

**Goroutines**

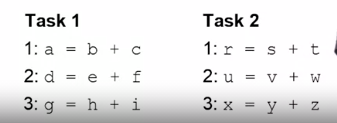
* Like a thread in Go
* Many goroutines execute within a single OS thread
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* OS schedules the main thread, GO handles the scheduling for the goroutines

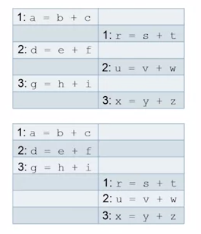
Switching is handled by the GO runtime scheduler

* Schedules goroutines inside an OS thread
* Like a little OS inside a single OS thread
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## Topic 1.2 Interleaving

* Concurrent code can make debugging far more challenging
* Order of execution between concurrent tasks is unknown
* Interleavings between tasks is unknown





* Interleavings occurring at the machine code level
* Ordering is non-deterministic