

Process Synchronization

Synonym phrases

Process synchronization
Process concurrency
Process Parallelism

Intra-Concurrency

Precedence Graph

A directed acyclic graph whose nodes correspond to individual statements of a process and edges corresponds to the order in which statements are executed.

Process Synchronization

Concurrency may happen in two levels:

Intra-concurrency

(parallelism within a process)

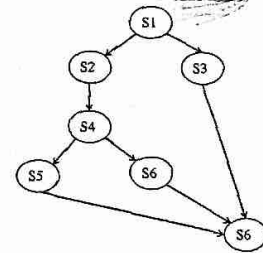
Inter-concurrency

(parallelism among several processes)

Intra-Concurrency

A Simple Example

$a = 5;$ S1: $a = 5;$
 $b = a * 2;$ S2: $b = a * 2;$
 $c = a / 2;$ S3: $c = a / 2;$
 $x = b + 5;$ S4: $x = b + 5;$
 $y = x * 8;$ S5: $y = x * 8;$
 $z = x - 4;$ S6: $z = x - 4;$
 $g = c + y + z;$ S7: $g = c + y + z;$



Intra-Concurrency

Goal:

Achieving parallelism within a process.

To meet the goal:

Use Precedence graph which is implemented by the following constructs:

Fork ... Join

Parbegin ... parend

Intra-Concurrency

S7: $g = c + y + z;$

Variable whose value is changed (write into)
It makes the set:
 $W(S7) = \{g\}$

Variables whose values are needed (read from)
They make the set:
 $R(S7) = \{c, y, z\}$

Precedence graph

Concurrency condition (Bernstein Conditions)

Two statements of S_i and S_j can concurrently be executed if

- $R(S_i) \cap W(S_j) = \emptyset$
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Fork & Join

```
Fork L1
•
•
•
Go to L2
L1: •
•
•
L2: •
•
•
```

Implementation of a Precedence graph

Use of

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Fork ... Join
Parbegin ... parend
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Fork & Join

Join is a construct that brings together the two parallel processes to continue with a sequential process.

<label> Join <counter>

Fork & Join

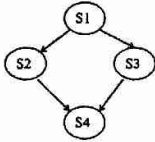
Fork is a construct that indicates the beginning of two parallel executions

Fork <label>

Fork & Join

```
count = 2;
Fork L1
•
•
•
Go to L2
L1: •
•
•
L2: Join count
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Fork & Join



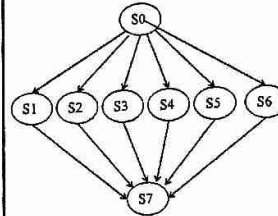
Count = 2;
 S1;
 Fork L1;

 S2;

 Go to L2;
 L1: S3;

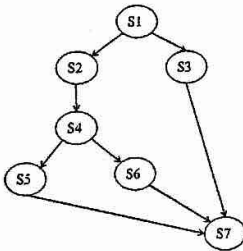
 L2: Join count;
 S4;

Parbegin ... parend



S₀
 Parbegin
 S₁;
 S₂;
 S₃;
 S₄;
 S₅;
 S₆;
 parend
 S₇;

Fork & Join



Count = 3;
 S1;
 Fork LS3;
 S2;
 S4;
 Fork LS6
 S5;
 Go to LS7;
 LS6: S6;
 Go to LS7;
 LS3: S3;
 LS7: Join Count
 S7;

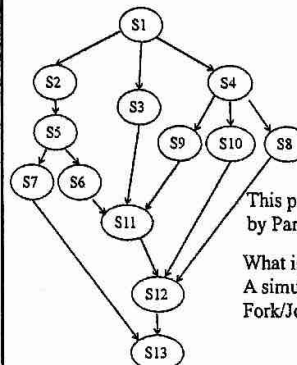
Parbegin ... parend

Is *Parbegin ... Parend* powerful enough to handle any precedence graph? NO.

Parbegin ... parend

S₀
 Parbegin S₁, S₂, ... S_n parend
 S_{n+1}

Example



This precedence graph cannot be handled by *Parbegin ... Parend* statement.

What is the solution?
 A simulated concurrency statement using Fork/Join statements

Back Ground

Parbegin s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n Parend
statement could be simulated by
Fork/Join as follows:

The given example cannot be
handled by Parbegin s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n
Parend. However, the simulated
one can handle it but $\text{count}=n$ will
be replaced by other counters

```
Count = n;
Fork L2;
Fork L3;
.
.
Fork Ln
  Si;
  Go to Lj;
L2: S2;
  Go to L1;
L3: S3;
  Go to L1;
.
.
Ln: Sn;
Lj: Join Count;
```

