

Assignment 3: Condition Synchronisation

- **Fair Semaphores**
- **Blocking Queue**

Semaphore: fair Locks do not help

```
public final class Semaphore {
    private volatile int value;
    private final ReentrantLock lock = new ReentrantLock(true);
    private final Condition cond = lock.newCondition();

    public Semaphore(int initial) {
        if (initial < 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        value = initial;
    }

    public int available() {
        return value;
    }

    ...
}
```

Semaphore: fair Locks do not help

```
public void acquire() {
    lock.lock();
    try {
        while (value <= 0) {
            try { cond.await(); } catch (InterruptedException e) {}
        }
        value--;
    } finally { lock.unlock(); }
}

public void release() {
    lock.lock();
    try {
        value++;
        cond.signal();
    } finally { lock.unlock(); }
}
```

- new Semaphore(0);
- T1 calls `acquire`, requests the `lock`, sees that `value <= 0` and calls `cond.await()`
- T2 invokes `release` and gets the `lock`.
- T3 calls `acquire` and discovers that the `lock` is used. T3 queues up for the `lock`.
- T2 increments `value` and invokes `cond.signal()`. As a consequence T1 is awoken and tries to get the `lock`. It queues up behind T3!
- T2 releases the `lock` and T3 gets the `lock` as T3 acquired the lock before T1 reacquired it.

Semaphore1 with a Thread queue

```
public final class Semaphore {  
    private int value;  
    private final List<Thread> queue = new LinkedList<Thread>();  
  
    public Semaphore(int initial) {  
        if (initial < 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        value = initial;  
    }  
  
    public synchronized int available() {  
        return value;  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```

Semaphore1 with a Thread queue

```
public synchronized void acquire () { // uninterruptibly
    queue.add(Thread.currentThread());
    while (value <= 0 || queue.get(0) != Thread.currentThread()) {
        try {
            wait();
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
        }
    }
    // value > 0 && queue.get(0) == Thread.currentThread()
    queue.remove(0); notifyAll(); // as queue changed
    value--;
}

public synchronized void release() {
    value++;
    notifyAll(); // all need to be woken up!
}
}
```

Semaphore2 with a Condition queue

```
public final class Semaphore {
    private int value;
    private final Lock lock = new ReentrantLock();
    private final LinkedList<Condition> waitQueue = new LinkedList<>();

    public Semaphore(int initial) {
        if (initial < 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        value = initial;
    }

    public int available() {
        lock.lock();
        try {
            return value;
        } finally { lock.unlock(); }
    }

    ...
}
```

Semaphore2 with a Condition queue

```
public void release() {  
    lock.lock();  
    try {  
        value++;  
        if (!waitQueue.isEmpty()) waitQueue.getFirst().signal();  
    } finally {  
        lock.unlock();  
    }  
}  
  
...
```

Semaphore2 with a Condition queue

```
public void acquire() { // uninterruptibly
    lock.lock();
    try {
        Condition curr = lock.newCondition();
        waitQueue.add(curr);
        while (available() <= 0 || waitQueue.getFirst() != curr ) {
            try { curr.await(); } catch (InterruptedException e) { }
        }
        value--;
        waitQueue.removeFirst();
        if (!waitQueue.isEmpty()) waitQueue.getFirst().signal();
    } finally { lock.unlock(); }
}
```


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Queue

```
public Object dequeue() {
    used.acquire();
    Object result;
    synchronized(this) {
        result = buf[head];
        head = (head + 1) % SIZE;
    }
    free.release();
    return result;
}
```

```
public void enqueue(Object x) {
    free.acquire();

    synchronized(this) {
        buf[tail] = x;
        tail = (tail + 1) % SIZE;
    }
    used.release();
}
```

- Dequeue and Enqueue operations do not need to exclude each other
 - Dequeue: changes **head** field only
 - Enqueue: changes **tail** field only
 - No *size* field which is adjusted by enqueue and dequeue methods

Queue

```
private Object deq =  
    new Object();  
  
public Object dequeue() {  
    used.acquire();  
    Object result;  
    synchronized(deq) {  
        result = buf[head];  
        head = (head + 1) % SIZE;  
    }  
    free.release();  
    return result;  
}
```

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private Object enc =  
    new Object();  
  
public void enqueue(Object x) {  
    free.acquire();  
  
    synchronized(enc) {  
        buf[tail] = x;  
        tail = (tail + 1) % SIZE;  
    }  
    used.release();  
}
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}
```

- Release operations on semaphores may already be executed within synchronized block