[OS] Day30(3)

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[Ch26] Concurrency: Introduction Homework

Question 1

1. Let's examine a simple program, "loop.s". First, just read and understand it. Then, run it with these arguments (./x86.py -p loop.s -t 1 -i 100 -R dx) This specifies a single thread, an interrupt every 100 instructions, and tracing of register %dx. What will %dx be during the run? Use the -c flag to check your answers; the answers, on the left, show the value of the register (or memory value) after the instruction on the right has run.

loop.s:

```
.main
.top
;Loop dx + 1 times
sub $1,%dx
test $0,%dx
jgte .top
halt
```

```
dx Thread 0
0
-1 1000 sub $1,%dx
-1 1001 test $0,%dx
-1 1002 jgte .top
-1 1003 halt
```

Question 2

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2. Same code, different flags: (./x86.py -p loop.s -t 2 -i 100 -a dx=3, dx=3 -R dx) This specifies two threads, and initializes each %dx to 3. What values will %dx see? Run with -c to check. Does the presence of multiple threads affect your calculations? Is there a race in this code?

```
Thread 0
                                        Thread 1
     1000 sub $1,%dx
1001 test $0,%dx
     1002 jgte .top
     1000 sub $1,%dx
1001 test $0,%dx
    1002 jgte .top
     1000 sub $1,%dx
1001 test $0,%dx
    1002 jgte .top
     1000 sub $1,%dx
     1001 test $0,%dx
    1002 jgte .top
     1003 halt
3
2
2
1
1
0
0
-1
-1
     ----- Halt;Switch ----- Halt;Switch -----
                                 1000 sub $1,%dx
                                 1001 test $0,%dx
                                 1002 jgte .top
                                 1000 sub $1,%dx
                                  1001 test $0,%dx
                                 1002 jgte .top
                                 1000 sub $1,%dx
                                 1001 test $0,%dx
                                 1002 jgte .top
                                 1000 sub $1,%dx
                                 1001 test $0,%dx
                                  1002 jgte .top
                                  1003 halt
```

The presence of multiple threads do not affect the calculation because the interrupt timer frequency enables one thread to finish before executing the next one.

There isn't a data race in the code.(

Question 3

3. Run this: ./x86.py -p loop.s -t 2 -i 3 -r -a dx=3, dx=3 -R dx This makes the interrupt interval small/random; use different seeds (-s) to see different interleavings. Does the interrupt frequency change anything?

```
Thread 0
                                 Thread 1
    1000 sub $1,%dx
    1001 test $0,%dx
    1002 jgte .top
    ----- Interrupt -----
                           ----- Interrupt -----
                         1000 sub $1,%dx
1001 test $0,%dx
                           1002 jgte .top
    ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
    1000 sub $1,%dx
    1001 test $0,%dx
    ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
    1000 sub $1,%dx
    1002 jgte .top
1000 sub $1,%dx
    ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt ----- 1001 test $0,%dx
                          1002 jgte .top
 0
    ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
    1001 test $0,%dx
    1002 jgte .top
    1000 sub $1,%dx
    ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
                         1000 sub $1,%dx
    ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
    1001 test $0,%dx
    1002 jgte .top
    ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
                           1001 test $0,%dx
0
                           1002 jgte .top
   ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
    ---- Halt;Switch ---- Halt;Switch ----
                           1000 sub $1,%dx
1001 test $0,%dx
-1
-1
-1
    ----- Interrupt -----
                           ----- Interrupt -----
                           1002 jgte .top
                           1003 halt
```

Question 4

4. Now, a different program, looping-race-nolock.s, which accesses a shared variable located at address 2000; we'll call this variable value. Run it with a single thread to confirm your understanding: ./x86.py -p

looping-race-nolock.s -t 1 -M 2000 What is value (i.e., at memory address 2000) throughout the run? Use -c to check.

```
2000 Thread 0
0
0 1000 mov 2000, %ax
0 1001 add $1, %ax
1 1002 mov %ax, 2000
1 1003 sub $1, %bx
1 1004 test $0, %bx
1 1005 jgt .top
1 1006 halt
```

Question 5

5. Run with multiple iterations/threads: ./x86.py -p looping-race-nolock.s -t 2 -a bx=3 -M 2000 Why does each thread loop three times? What is final value of value?

Since the starting value in bx is 3, each thread will loop 3 times. Each time it increments the value at 2000 by 1, and thus result in a final answer of 6.

```
2000
                 Thread 0
                                               Thread 1
        1000 mov 2000, %ax
        1001 add $1, %ax
        1002 mov %ax, 2000
        1003 sub $1, %bx
1004 test $0, %bx
        1005 jgt .top
1000 mov 2000, %ax
        1001 add $1, %ax
        1002 mov %ax, 2000
1003 sub $1, %bx
        1004 test $0, %bx
        1005 jgt .top
1000 mov 2000, %ax
        1001 add $1, %ax
        1002 mov %ax, 2000
        1003 sub $1, %bx
        1004 test $0, %bx
        1005 jgt .top
1006 halt
        ----- Halt;Switch ----- Halt;Switch -----
                                       1000 mov 2000, %ax
                                        1001 add $1, %ax
                                        1002 mov %ax, 2000
                                        1003 sub $1, %bx
1004 test $0, %bx
                                        1005 jgt .top
                                        1000 mov 2000, %ax
                                        1001 add $1, %ax
                                        1002 mov %ax, 2000
1003 sub $1, %bx
                                        1004 test $0, %bx
                                        1005 jgt .top
1000 mov 2000, %ax
                                       1001 add $1, %ax
1002 mov %ax, 2000
                                        1003 sub $1, %bx
                                        1004 test $0, %bx
                                        1005 jgt .top
1006 halt
```

Question 6

6. Run with random interrupt intervals: ./x86.py -p looping-race-nolock.s -t 2 -M 2000 -i 4 -r -s 0 with different seeds (-s 1, -s 2, etc.) Can you tell by looking at the thread interleaving what the final value of value will be? Does the timing of the interrupt matter? Where can it safely occur? Where not? In other words, where is the critical section exactly?

Run with see -0:

```
2000
            Thread 0
                                 Thread 1
     1000 mov 2000, %ax
  ø
     1001 add $1, %ax
  1
     1002 mov %ax, 2000
      1003 sub $1, %bx
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
                            1000 mov 2000, %ax
                            1001 add $1, %ax
                            1002 mov %ax, 2000
                            1003 sub $1, %bx
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
      1004 test $0, %bx
  2
      1005 jgt .top
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
                            1004 test $0, %bx
                            1005 jgt .top
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
     1006 halt
     ----- Halt;Switch ----- Halt;Switch -----
                            1006 halt
```

Run with see -1:

```
2000
            Thread 0
                                  Thread 1
  0
  0
      1000 mov 2000, %ax
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  0
                            1000 mov 2000, %ax
                            1001 add $1, %ax
  0
                            1002 mov %ax, 2000
  1
                            1003 sub $1, %bx
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
      1001 add $1, %ax
  1
  1
      1002 mov %ax, 2000
  1
      1003 sub $1, %bx
  1
      1004 test $0, %bx
                            ----- Interrupt -----
      ----- Interrupt -----
                            1004 test $0, %bx
                            1005 jgt .top
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  1
     1005 jgt .top
      1006 halt
      ----- Halt;Switch ----- Halt;Switch -----
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
                            1006 halt
```

Whether the value of ax is pushed back affects the result.

Question 7

7. Now examine fixed interrupt intervals: ./x86.py -p looping-race-nolock.s -a bx=1 -t 2 -M 2000 -i 1 What will the final value of the shared variable value be? What about when you change -i 2, -i 3, etc.? For which interrupt intervals does the program give the "correct" answer?

Run with i = 1:

2000	Thread 0	Thread 1
0		
0	1000 mov 2000, %ax	
0	Interrupt	Interrupt
0		1000 mov 2000, %ax
0	Interrupt	
0	1001 add \$1, %ax	
0	Interrupt	Interrupt
0		1001 add \$1, %ax
0	Interrupt	Interrupt
1	1002 mov %ax, 2000	
1	Interrupt	Interrupt
1		1002 mov %ax, 2000
1	Interrupt	Interrupt
1	1003 sub \$1, %bx	
1	Interrupt	
1		1003 sub \$1, %bx
1	Interrupt	Interrupt
1	1004 test \$0, %bx	
1	Interrupt	·
1		1004 test \$0, %bx
1	Interrupt	Interrupt
1	1005 jgt .top	
1	Interrupt	and the second s
1		1005 jgt .top
	Interrupt	Interrupt
	1006 halt	
	Halt;Switch	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Interrupt	
1		1006 halt

Run with i = 2:

```
2000
                                Thread 1
           Thread 0
  0
  0 1000 mov 2000, %ax
     1001 add $1, %ax
  0
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  0
  0
                          1000 mov 2000, %ax
                           1001 add $1, %ax
  0
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  0
     1002 mov %ax, 2000
  1
     1003 sub $1, %bx
  1
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
                           1002 mov %ax, 2000
                           1003 sub $1, %bx
  1
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  1
     1004 test $0, %bx
  1
  1
     1005 jgt .top
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  1
                           1004 test $0, %bx
                           1005 jgt .top
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  1
     1006 halt
     ----- Halt; Switch ----- Halt; Switch -----
                           1006 halt
```

Run with i = 3:

```
2000
            Thread 0
                                  Thread 1
     1000 mov 2000, %ax
  0
     1001 add $1, %ax
  0
     1002 mov %ax, 2000
  1
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  1
  1
                            1000 mov 2000, %ax
                            1001 add $1, %ax
                            1002 mov %ax, 2000
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
     1003 sub $1, %bx
      1004 test $0, %bx
     1005 jgt .top
  2
  2
      ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
                            1003 sub $1, %bx
  2
                            1004 test $0, %bx
  2
  2
                            1005 jgt .top
     ----- Interrupt ----- Interrupt -----
  2
     1006 halt
  2
      ----- Halt;Switch ----- Halt;Switch -----
  2
                            1006 halt
```

For i≥3 will the program give the correct answer.

Question 8

8. Run the same for more loops (e.g., set -a bx=100). What interrupt intervals (-i) lead to a correct outcome? Which intervals are surprising?

For intervals \geq 597(execute another thread after one finishes) or interval = 3 * x, the program gives the correct answer.

Question 9

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9. One last program: wait-for-me.s. Run: ./x86.py -p wait-for-me.s -a ax=1,ax=0 -R ax -M 2000 This sets the %ax register to 1 for thread 0, and 0 for thread 1, and watches %ax and memory location 2000. How should the code behave? How is the value at location 2000 being used by the threads? What will its final value be?

```
2000
                         Thread 0
                                                     Thread 1
           ax
          1 1000 test $1, %ax
1 1001 je .signaller
1 1006 mov $1, 2000
1 1007 halt
   0
   0
          0 ----- Halt;Switch ----- Halt;Switch -----
          0
                                             1000 test $1, %ax
           0
                                              1001 je .signaller
                                              1002 mov 2000, %cx
           0
                                              1003 test $1, %cx
            0
            0
                                              1004 jne .waiter
                                              1005 halt
```

Question 10

10. Now switch the inputs: ./x86.py -p wait-for-me.s -a ax=0, ax=1 -R ax -M 2000 How do the threads behave? What is thread 0 doing? How would changing the interrupt interval (e.g., -i 1000, or perhaps to use random intervals) change the trace outcome? Is the program efficiently using the CPU?

```
1002 MOV 2000,
                                                   1003 test $1, %cx
                                   0
                                                   1004 jne .waiter
                                                  1002 mov 2000, %cx
                                   0
                                                  1003 test $1, %cx
                                   0
    0
                                                  1004 jne .waiter
                                  0
0 1002 mov 2000,
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
0 1003 test $1, %cx
0 1004 jne .waiter
0 1002 mov 2000, %cx
    0
                                  0
                                                  1002 mov 2000, %cx
    0
                                  0
                                                  1003 test $1, %cx
                                                                                                                                                 ----- Interrupt -----
                                                                                                                                                  1000 test $1, %ax
    0
                                                                                                                                                   1001 je .signaller
                                                                                                                                                   1006 mov $1, 2000
                                                                                                                                                  1007 halt
                                          ----- Halt;Switch ----- Halt;Switch -----
                              0
                                  0
                                          1002 mov 2000, %cx
                                  0
                                                   1003 test $1, %cx
                                   0
                                                   1004 jne .waiter
                                                   1005 halt
```

The threads swapped. Thread 0 keeps running until thread 1 changes the value at 2000.

The CPU is not being efficiently used.