

Reminder

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You should now have handed in part 2 of your logbook.

Concurrent Systems

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- ▶ This semester's course
- ▶ Introduction to Concurrent Systems
- ▶ Concurrent processes in Java

This Semester

1: This semester's course

1.1: Concurrent systems

1.1.1: Properties of concurrent systems

- ▶ Critical sections
- ▶ Mutual exclusion
- ▶ Deadlock
- ▶ Starvation
- ▶ Liveness
- ▶ Loosely connectedness

Tools for concurrent systems

1.1.2: Tools for concurrent systems

- ▶ Shared variables
- ▶ Semaphores
- ▶ Monitors

Quantum computing

1.2: Quantum computing

- ▶ Circuits as matrices and vectors
- ▶ Quantum systems
- ▶ Quantum circuits
- ▶ Quantum algorithms

Theoretical aspects

1.3: Theoretical aspects

- ▶ Correctness
- ▶ Complexity
- ▶ *Computability*

Outcomes

1.4: Outcomes

1. Discuss the classification of algorithms according to efficiency and complexity
2. Prove code correct
3. Demonstrate a knowledge of the characteristics of a range of concurrency paradigms
4. Explain the difference between classical and quantum computing
5. Use a standard notation to analyse the efficiency and complexity of algorithms

Lecture Plan

1.5: Lecture Plan

Week	Topic
13	Introduction
14	Dekker's Algorithm
15	Semaphores
16	Monitors
17	Modelling Circuits
— Guidance Week —	
19	Quantum Systems
20	Quantum Computing
21	Correctness
22	Complexity
23	<i>Computability</i>
24	Q&A

Concurrent Systems

2: Introduction to Concurrent Systems

2.1: Why programme concurrent systems?

- ▶ Because they are efficient.
Deterministic polynomial vs. nondeterministic polynomial
- ▶ Because they simplify programming.
GUIs
- ▶ Because you have to.
Operating systems.

Merge sort

2.1.1: Efficiency

2.1.1 A: Sequential merge sort

2.1.1 A(i): Algorithm

```
public void mergeSort() {  
    int half; Sort left,right;  
    if (size > 1) {  
        half = size/2;  
        left = new Sort(list,0,half-1);  
        right = new Sort(list,half,size-1);  
        left.mergeSort(); right.mergeSort();  
        merge(left,right);  
    }  
}
```

Complexity

2.1.1 A(ii): Complexity

- ▶ Assume merge of **N** items takes **N** “time units” **t**.
- ▶ How many merges?

$$\begin{array}{lcl} n \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 \text{ merge} & \text{each } N \\ 2 \text{ merges} & \text{each } \frac{N}{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 2^{n-1} \text{ merges} & \text{each } \frac{N}{2^{n-1}} \\ 2^n \text{ merges} & \text{each } \frac{N}{2^n} \end{array} \right. & \left| \begin{array}{l} 1 \times N = Nt \\ 2 \times \frac{N}{2} = Nt \\ \vdots \\ 2^{n-1} \times \frac{N}{2^{n-1}} = Nt \\ 2^n \times \frac{N}{2^n} = Nt \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

So $n \times Nt$. What is n ?

Complexity

2.1.1 A(iii): Complexity

- ▶ Assume merge of **N** items takes **N** “time units” **t**.
- ▶ How many merges?

$$n \left\{ \begin{array}{lll|ll} 1 \text{ merge} & \text{each } N & = 2^n & 1 \times N & = Nt \\ 2 \text{ merges} & \text{each } \frac{N}{2} & = 2^{n-1} & 2 \times \frac{N}{2} & = Nt \\ & & \vdots & & \\ 2^{n-1} \text{ merges} & \text{each } \frac{N}{2^{n-1}} & = 2 & 2^{n-1} \times \frac{N}{2^{n-1}} & = Nt \\ 2^n \text{ merges} & \text{each } \frac{N}{2^n} & = 1 & 2^n \times \frac{N}{2^n} & = Nt \end{array} \right.$$

So $n \times Nt$. What is n ? $2^n = N \Rightarrow n = \log_2 N$.

- ▶ So (sequential) mergesort $tN \log_2 N$.

Parallel merge sort

2.1.1 B: Parallel merge sort

2.1.1 B(i): Algorithm

```
public void mergeSort() throws InterruptedException {  
    int half; Sort left, right; // Note: Sort extends Thread  
    if (size > 1) {  
        half = size/2;  
        left = new Sort(list,0,half-1);  
        right = new Sort(list,half,size-1);  
        left.start(); right.start();  
        left.join(); right.join();  
        merge(left,right);  
    }  
}
```

Complexity

2.1.1 B(ii): Complexity

- Merges at each level can be executed in parallel

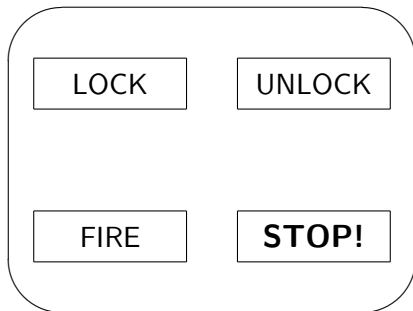
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So $\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{N}{2^i} = N + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{4} + \dots + 1 = 2N$

- So (parallel) mergesort: $2Nt$.

Simplification

2.1.2: Simplification



Sequential

```
while (true) {  
    LOCK.listenTo();  
    UNLOCK.listenTo();  
    FIRE.listenTo();  
    STOP.listenTo();  
}
```

Parallel

```
while (true) {  
    LOCK.listenTo() ||  
    UNLOCK.listenTo() ||  
    FIRE.listenTo() ||  
    STOP.listenTo() ||  
}
```

Necessity

2.1.3: Necessity Operating Systems

- ▶ I/O devices
- ▶ Interrupts
- ▶ Multi-tasking
- ▶ Networks

Aspects of concurrent systems

2.2: Aspects of concurrent systems

Note: A concurrent system is not necessarily truly parallel — timeslicing, interleaving.

2.2.1: Necessary tools

- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Synchronisation

2.2.2: Properties

- ▶ Complexity
- ▶ Correctness
- ▶ Granularity

3: Concurrent processes in Java

3.1: Defining process classes

A parallel process is an instance of a Thread — a Thread runs a Runnable.

- ▶ Either implement the Runnable class

```
class Process implements Runnable {...}
```

- ▶ or extend the Thread class

```
class Process extends Thread {...}
```

run

3.2: Defining process behaviour

```
public void run() {  
    ...  
}
```

Creating a Process

3.3: Creating a process

- ▶ From a subclass of Thread

```
Process process = new Process();
```

- ▶ From an implementation of Runnable

```
Thread thread = new Thread(new MyRunnable());
```

Note: this does *not* start the thread running.

Starting and Stopping Threads

3.4: Starting a thread

```
myThread.start();
```

Note: do *not* call `run()`.

3.5: Waiting for a thread to stop

```
try {  
    myThread.join();  
} catch (InterruptedException e) {} ;
```

Sharing Data Between Processes

3.6: Sharing data between processes

- ▶ a non-static variable is unique to the instance

`int` belongsToPooh;

- ▶ a `static` variable is shared by all instances of the class

`static int` botherItsPigletsToo;

Some Useful Methods

3.7: Some useful methods

3.7.1: Access

- ▶ `someThread.checkAccess()`
Is the currently running thread allowed to modify `someThread`?
- ▶ `someThread.getId()` (returns a **long**)
- ▶ `someThread.getName()` (returns a `String`)

Some Useful Methods

3.7.2: Control

- ▶ `join`:
 - ▶ `someThread.join()`
Wait for `someThread` to die
 - ▶ `someThread.join(millis)`
Wait at most `millis ms` for `someThread` to die (`millis` is **long**)
- ▶ **static void** `sleep(millis)`
Currently executing thread sleeps for `millis ms`.
- ▶ **static void** `yield()`
Currently executing thread temporarily allows another thread to execute.

Priorities

3.7.3: Priorities

- ▶ **static void** setPriority(**int** newPriority)
- ▶ **int** getPriority()
- ▶ MAX_PRIORITY, MIN_PRIORITY, NORM_PRIORITY