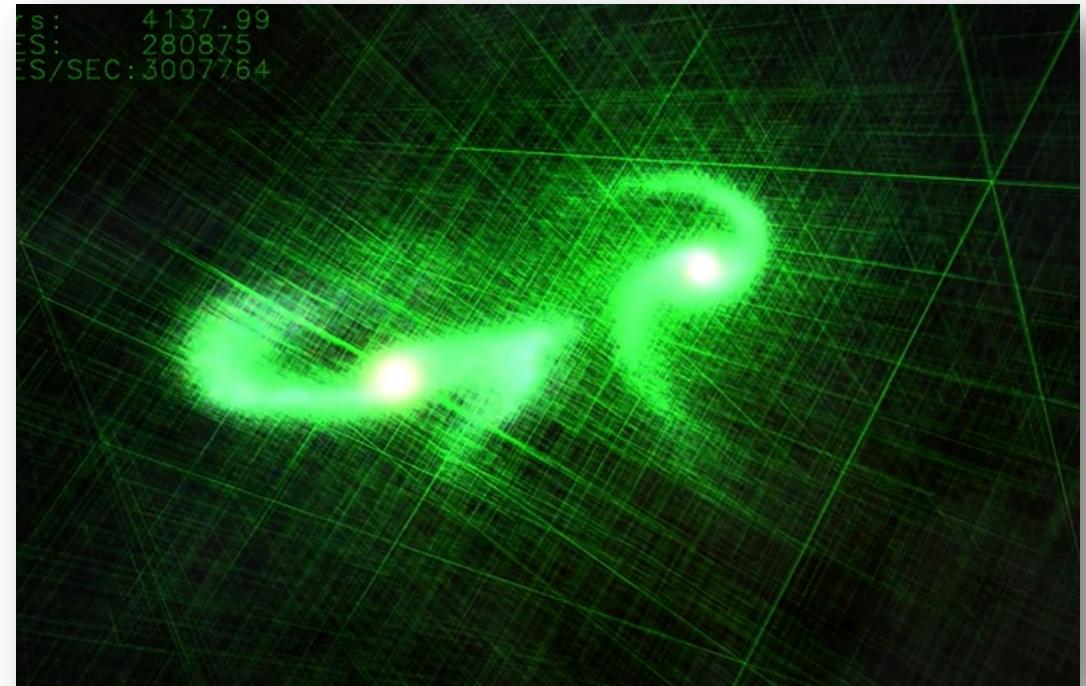


CSE113: Parallel Programming

April 27, 2021

- **Topic:** Concurrent Objects
 - Motivation
 - Bank Account Example
 - Specification
 - Sequentially consistent
 - Linearizability



Announcements

- Homework was due
 - we are going to start grading, I will keep you posted about ETA for grades
- New homework posted
 - Benchmarking questions; don't share timing until next week
 - Bonus questions for those looking for extra
- Office hours are as advertised this week

Announcements

- Midterm assigned on Thursday
 - It will provided both as a MS word document and PDF
 - Your submission should be a PDF
 - My suggestion:
 - complete using a combination of a word processor and some problems using pencil/paper.
- Make sure to give yourself time to juggle both homework and midterm!

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- Poll, mid class break:
 - Do we want a 5 minute break in the middle of class?

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- Speaking of polls:
 - There seems to be some cases where students are only logging in for the attendance points.
 - Please don't do this.
 - It is a small portion of your grade. You get 2 excused absences in the quarter
 - If we continue to see inconsistent patterns we will move to a more accurately attendance mechanism.

Quiz

- If you aren't planning on staying for the whole lecture, don't submit the quiz.
- Don't submit the quiz if you are not listening to the lecture live.

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- Discuss answers

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simple example:
We can understand this!



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{
    if (n <= 1)
        return n;
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}

int main ()
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 - We will focus on "container" objects, lists, sets, queues, stacks.
- These are:
 - Practical - used in many applications
 - Well-specified - their sequential behavior is agreed on
 - Interesting implementations - great for us to study!

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Mar 19, 2021 Virginia Beach , VA

Pick up today Most wanted Under \$25 \$25 - \$50 \$50 - \$100 \$100+ Deals

Item	Description	Price	Status	Action
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5 gifts still needed

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Shared memory concurrent objects

- Lets ground this even more in a shared memory system.
- Shopping cart examples mostly occur in a distributed system setting where there are many different concerns
 - Consider taking a class from Prof. Kuper or Prof. Alvaro!

Shared memory concurrent objects

```
printf("hello world\n");
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how do we envision printf to work?

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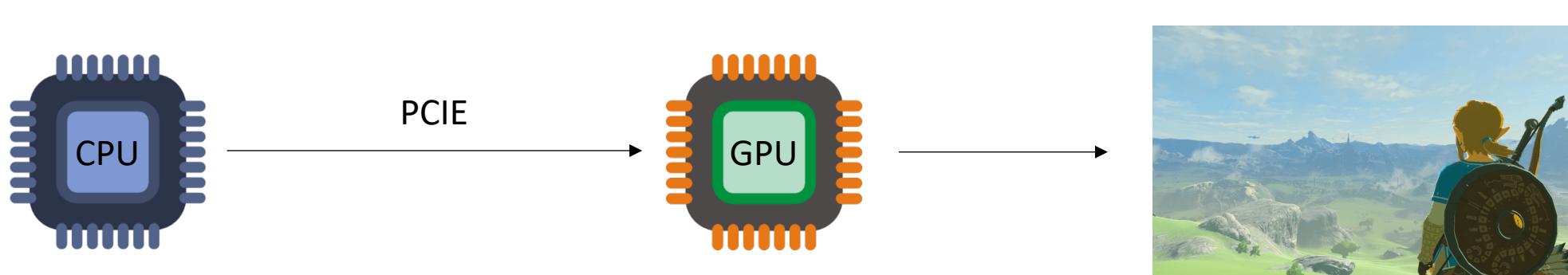
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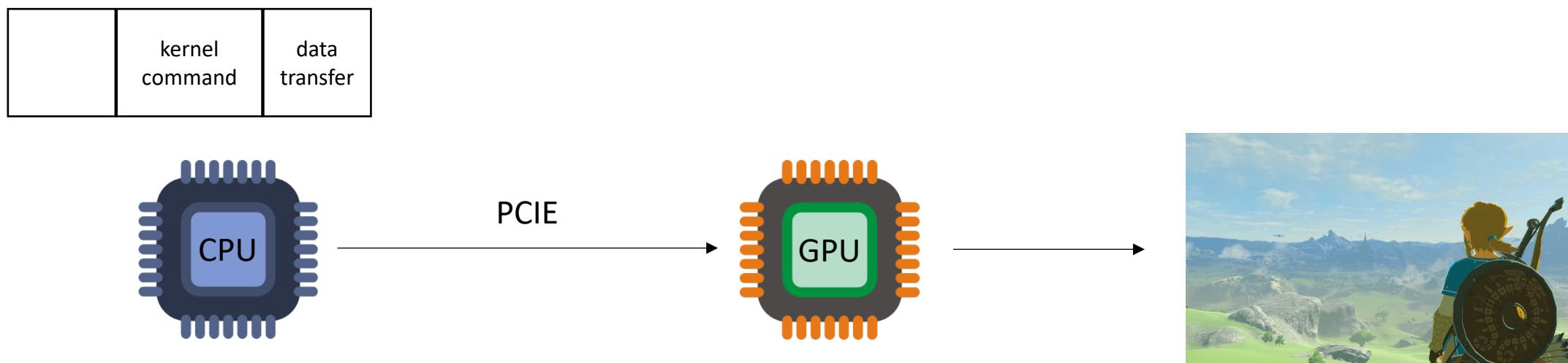
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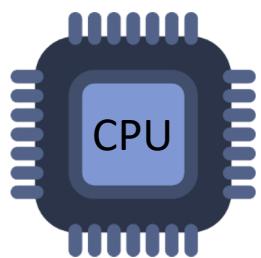
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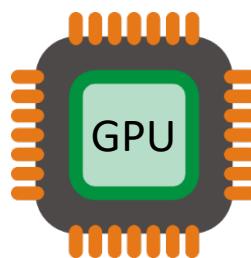
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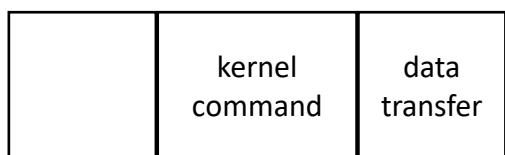
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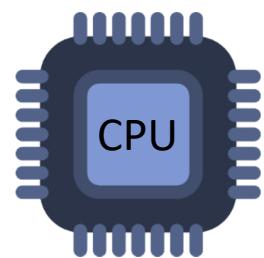
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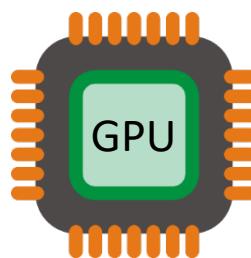
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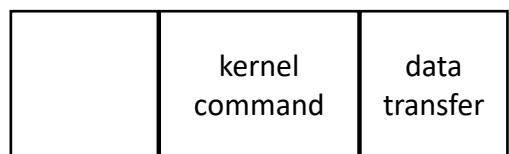
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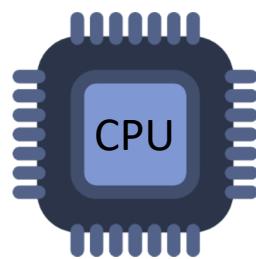
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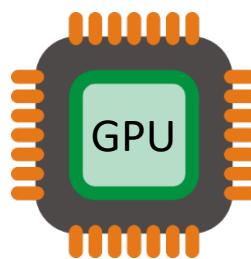


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Single writer, single reader
Like in `Printf`



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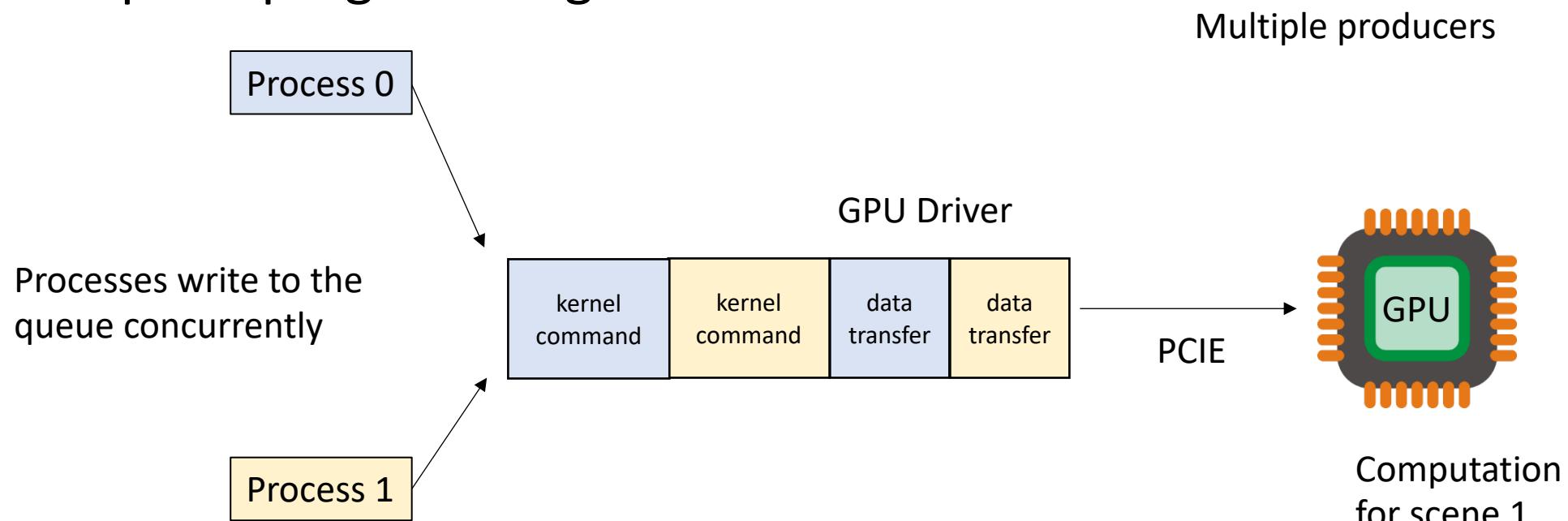
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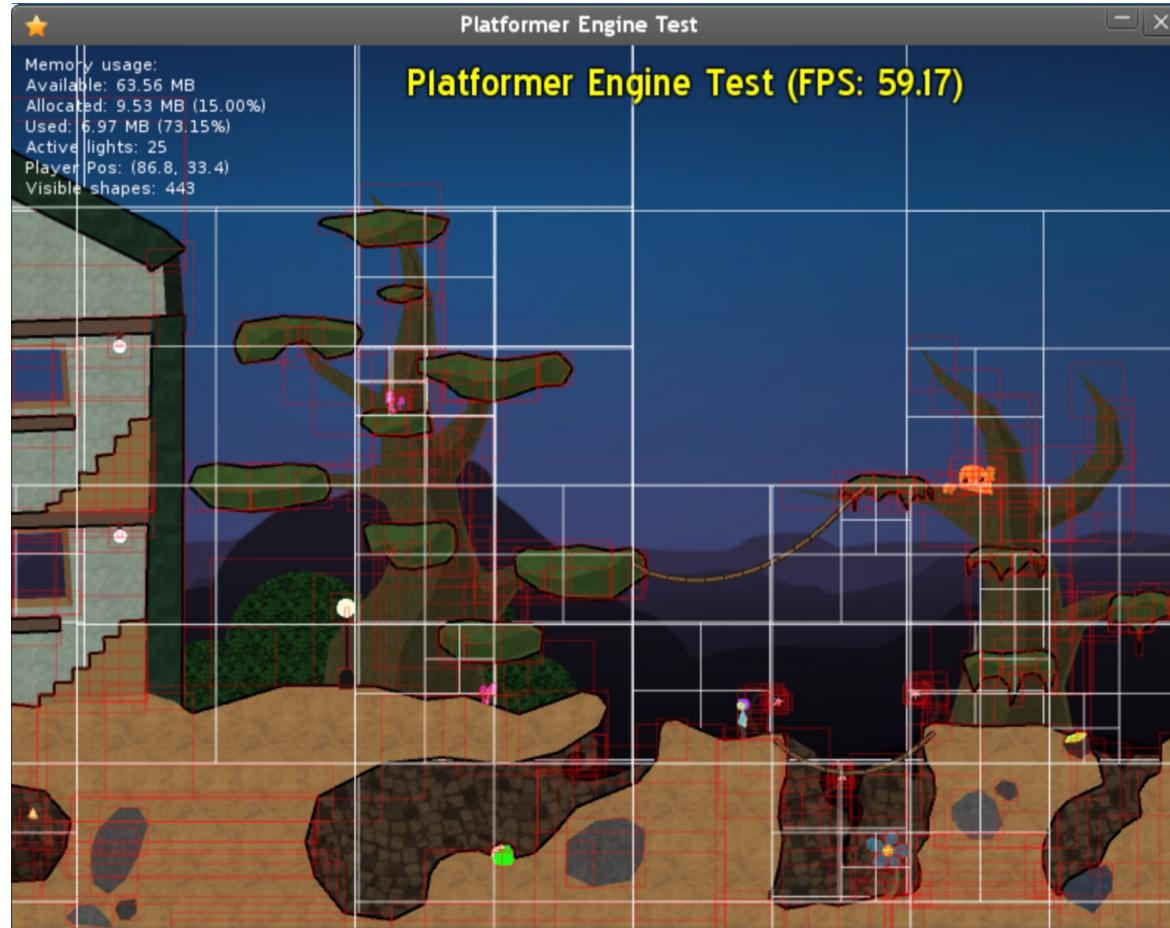
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- They also exist in standalone applications

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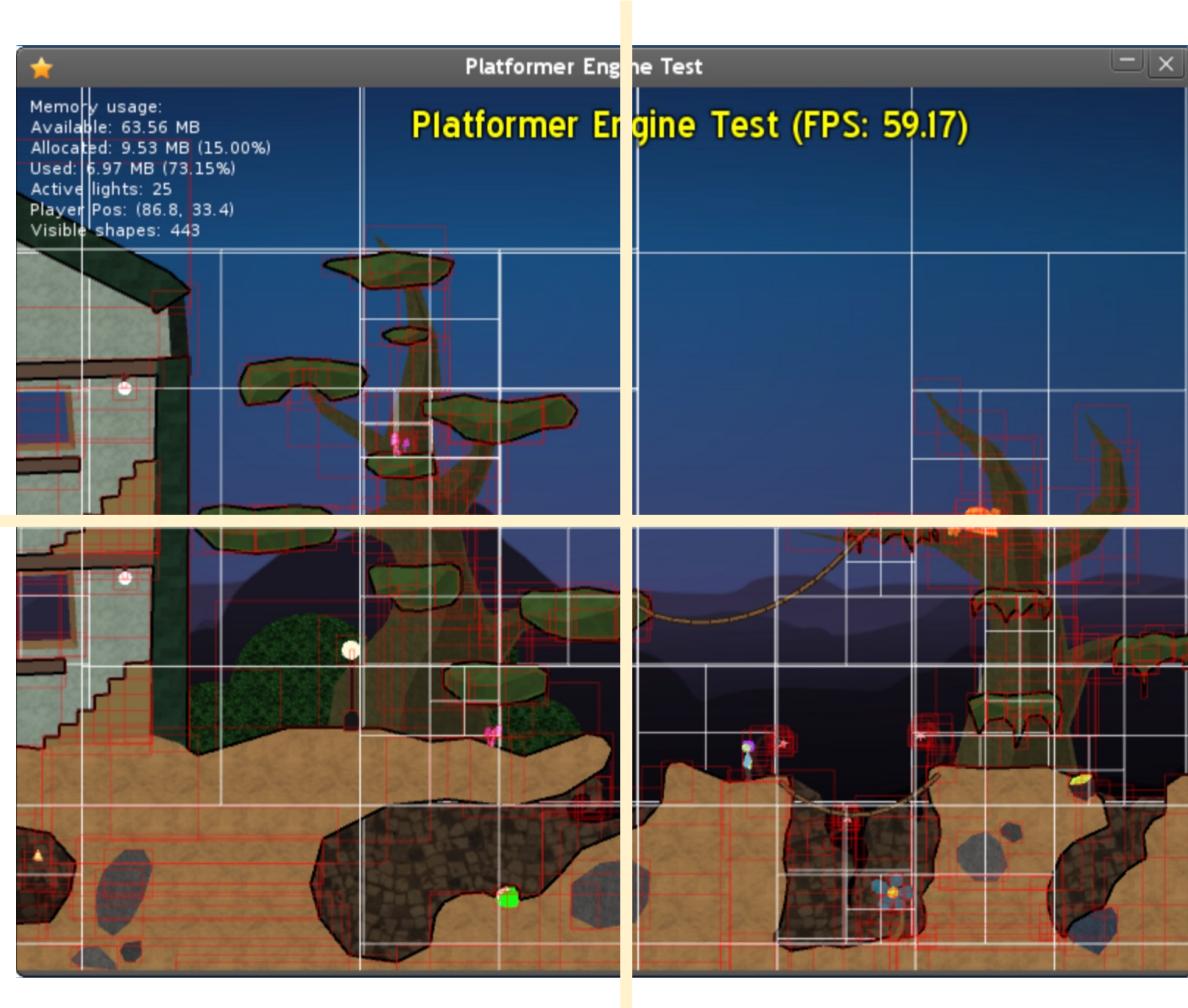
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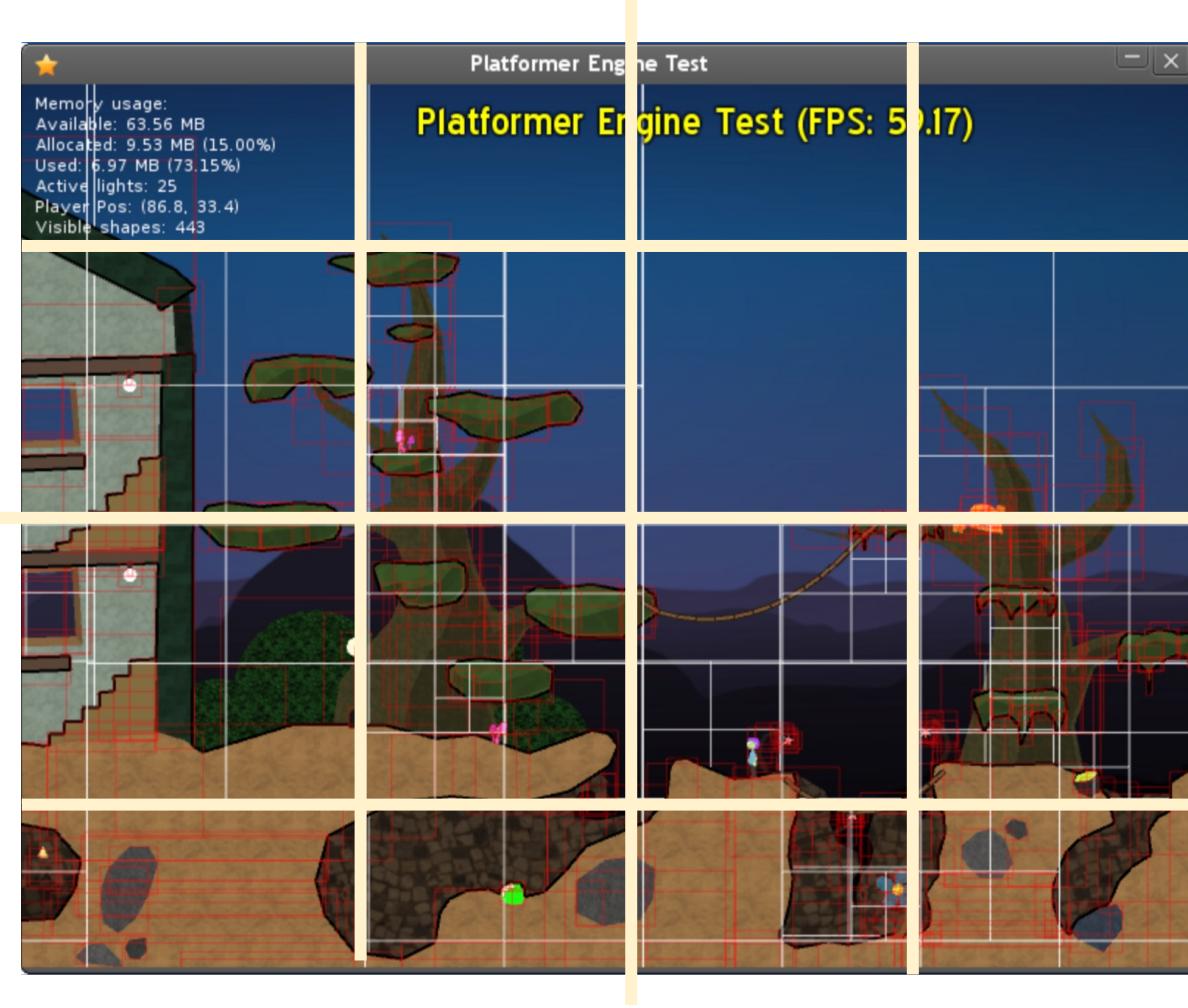
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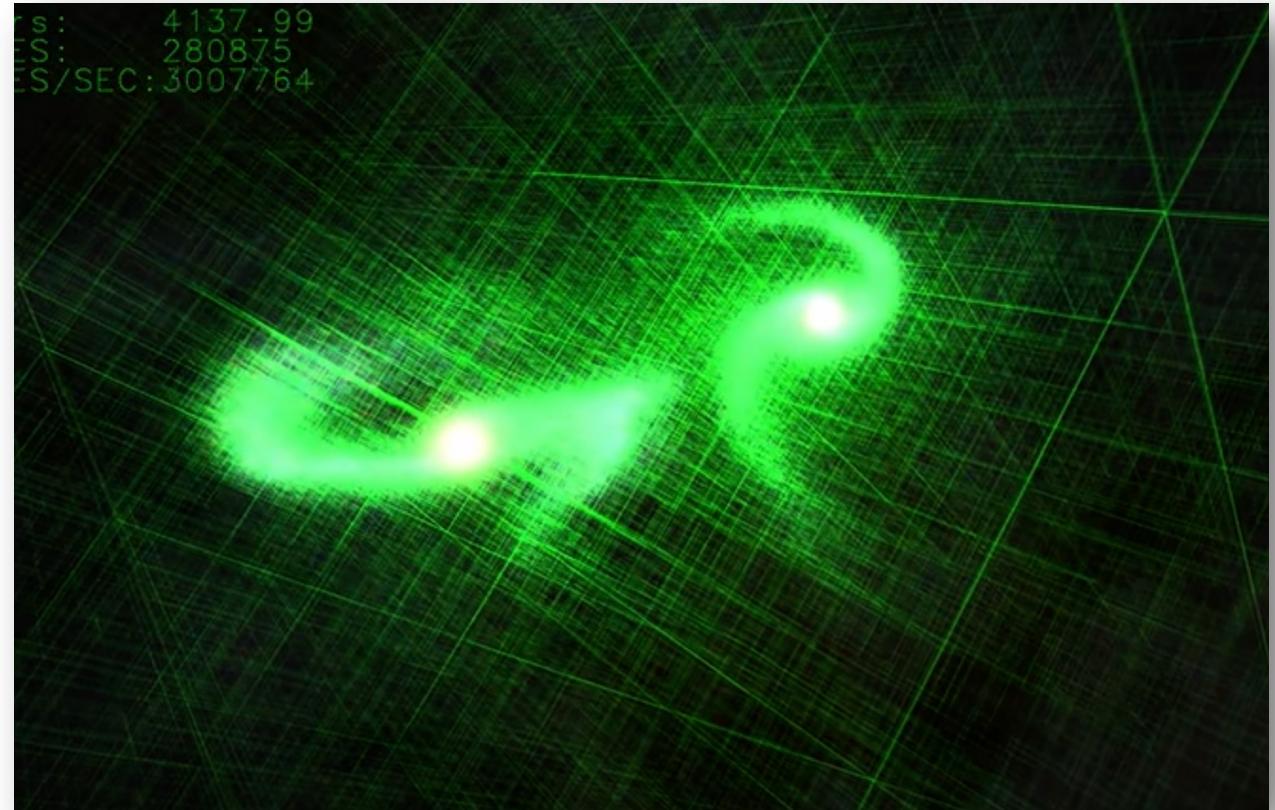
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- Otherwise you must provide your own locks!

Lock free programming

- An object is “lock free” if it does not use a lock in its underlying implementation.
- We can make a lock free bank account

```
atomic_fetch_add(atomic_int * addr, int value) {  
    int tmp = *addr; // read  
    tmp += value; // modify  
    *addr = tmp; // write  
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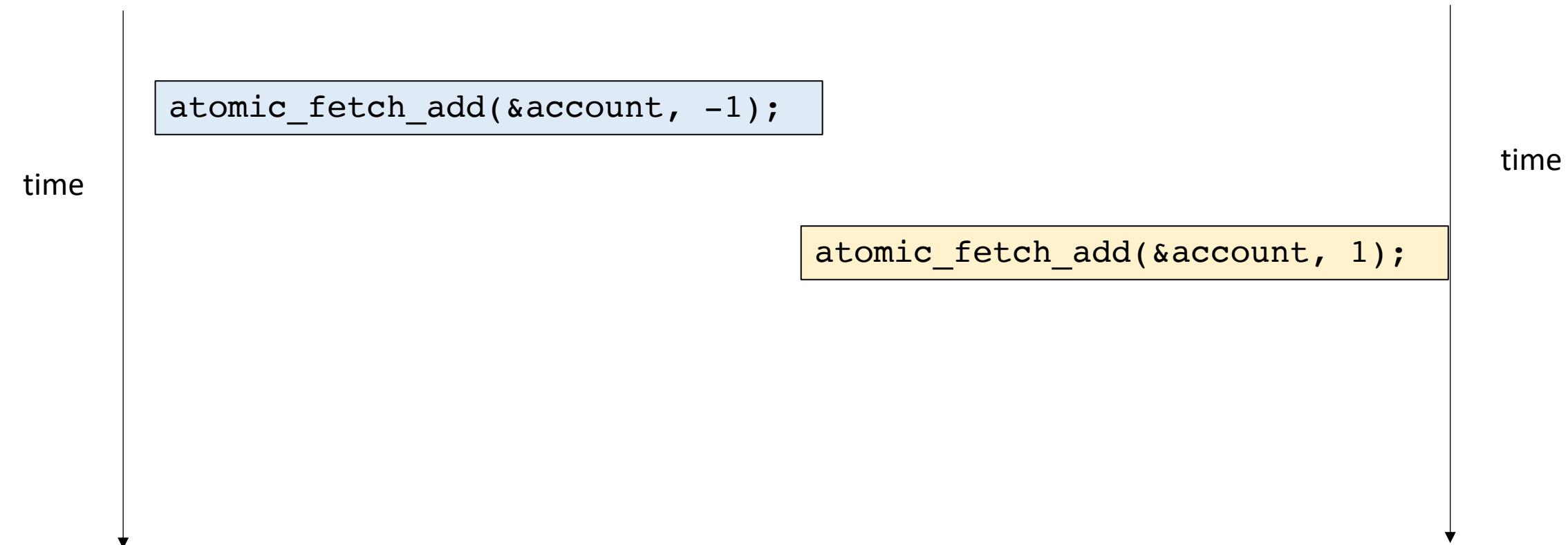
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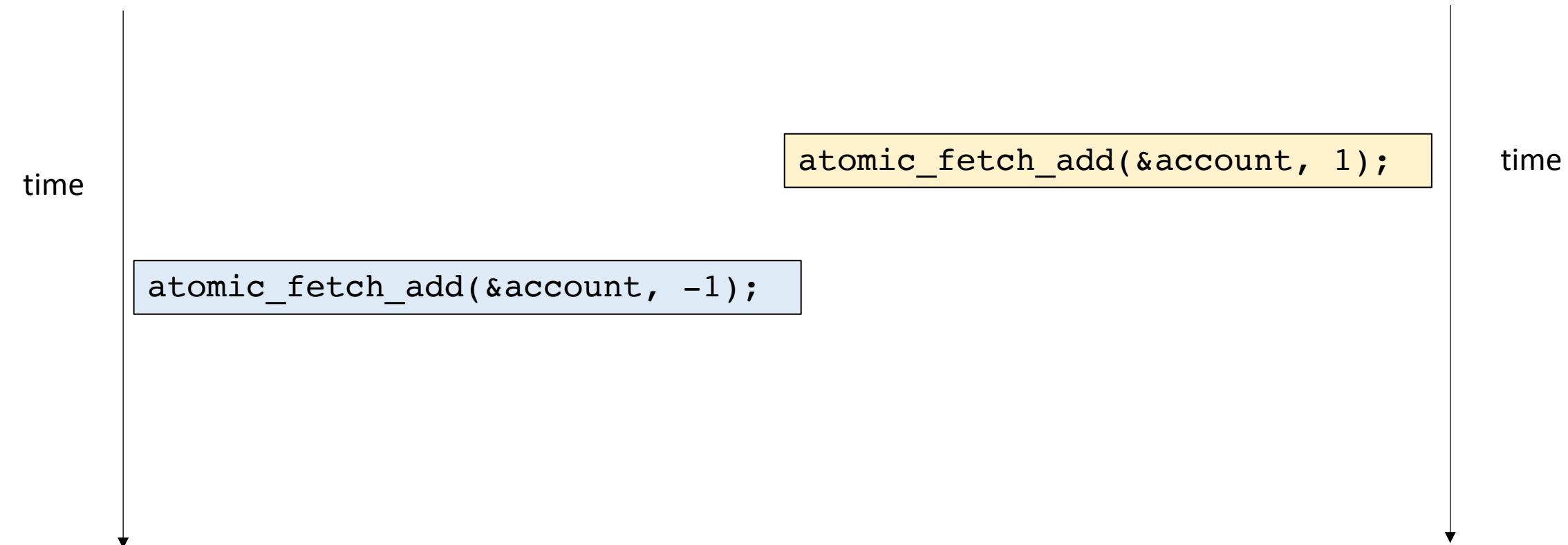
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```
for (int j = 0; j < HOURS; j++) {  
    tylers_account.get_paid();  
}
```

```
class bank_account {  
    public:  
        bank_account() {  
            balance = 0;  
        }  
  
        void buy_coffee() {  
            atomic_fetch_add(&account, -1);  
        }  
  
        void get_paid() {  
            atomic_fetch_add(&account, 1);  
        }  
  
    private:  
        atomic_int balance;  
};
```

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- Noticeably better!
 - Mutexes reduce parallelism
 - Mutexes require many RMW operations
- Straight forward to do with the bank account, we will apply this to more objects
 - This performance matters in frameworks!

3 dimensions for concurrent objects

- **Correctness:**
 - How should concurrent objects behave
- **Progress:**
 - What do we expect from the OS scheduler?
 - Under what conditions can concurrent objects deadlock
- **Performance:**
 - How to make things fast fast fast!

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Let's say: *None*

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This is called a sequential specification:

The sequential specification is nice! We want to base our concurrent specification on the sequential specification!

We will have to deal with the non-determinism of concurrency

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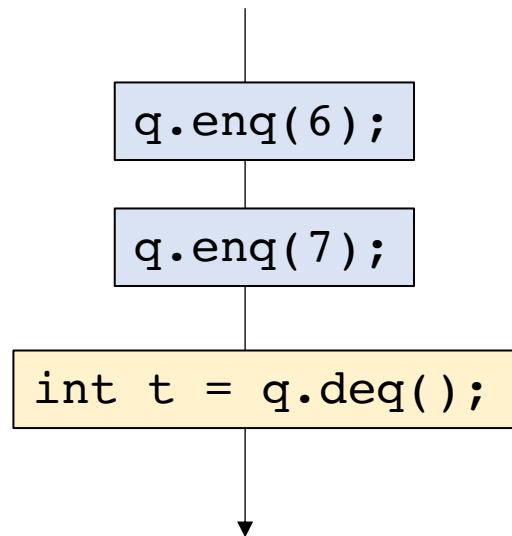
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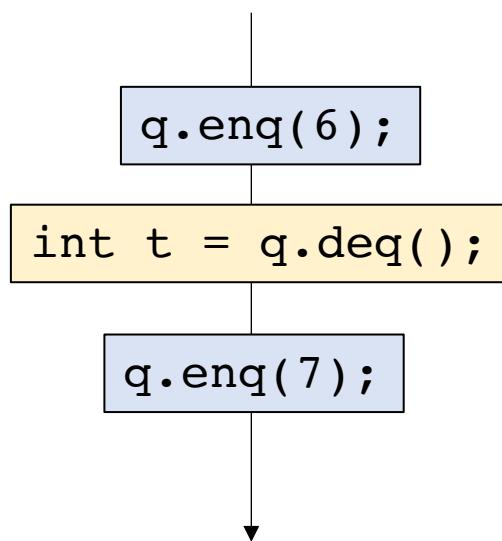
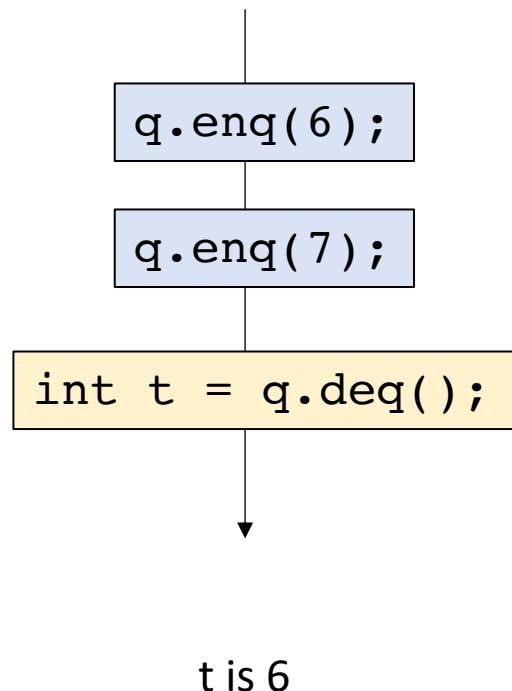
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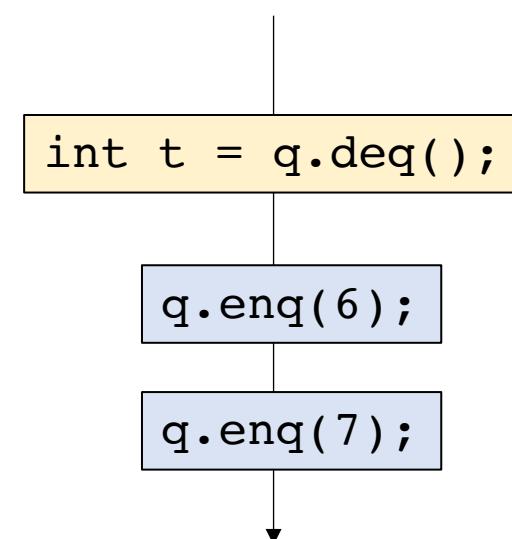
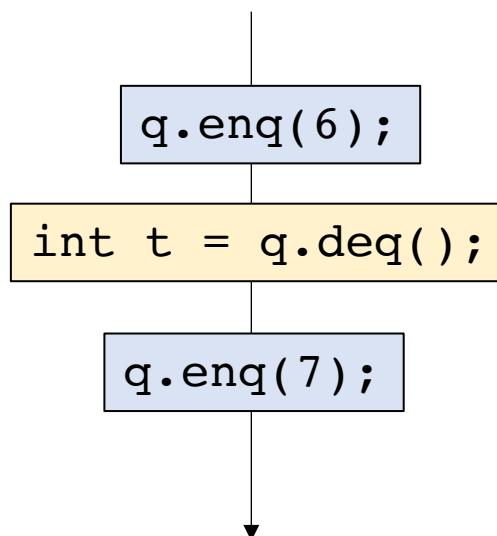
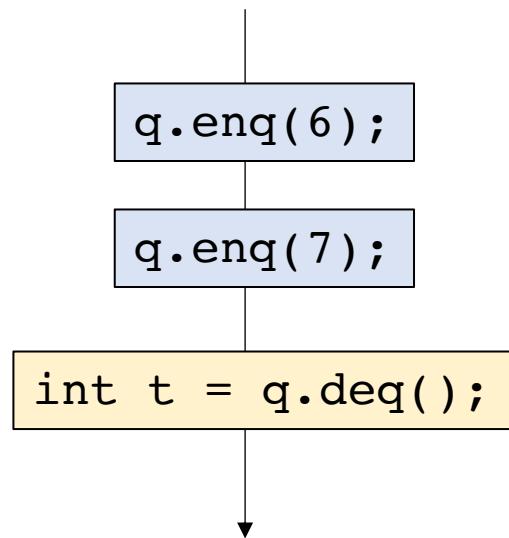
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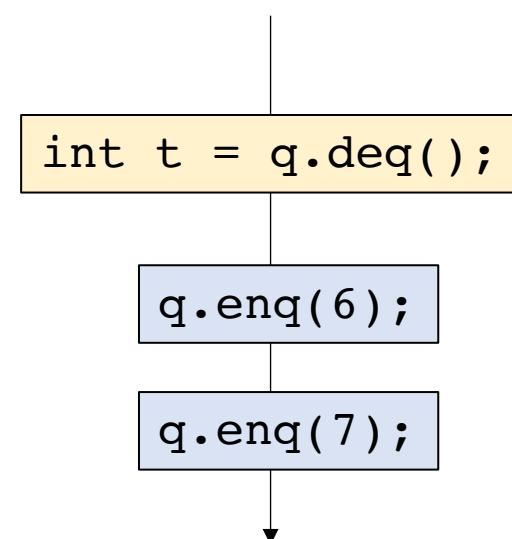
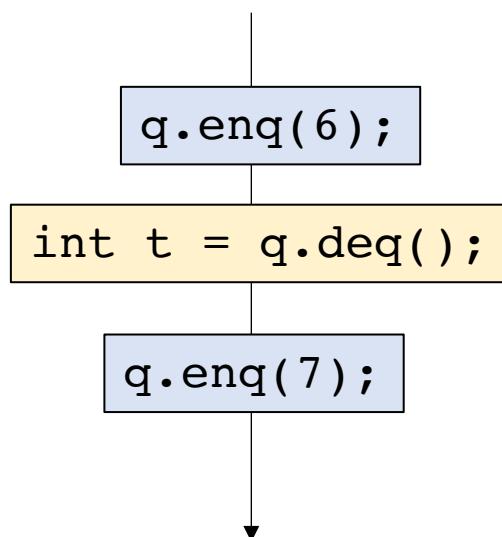
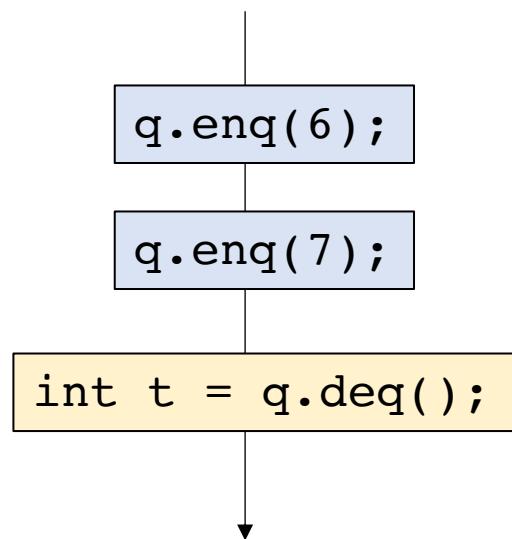
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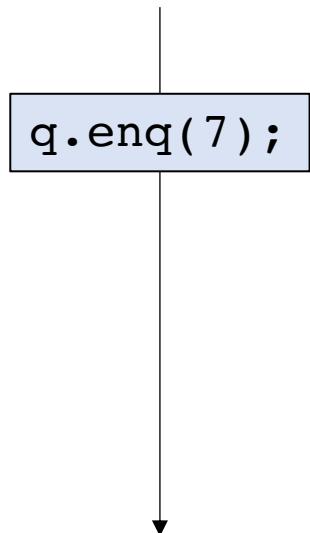
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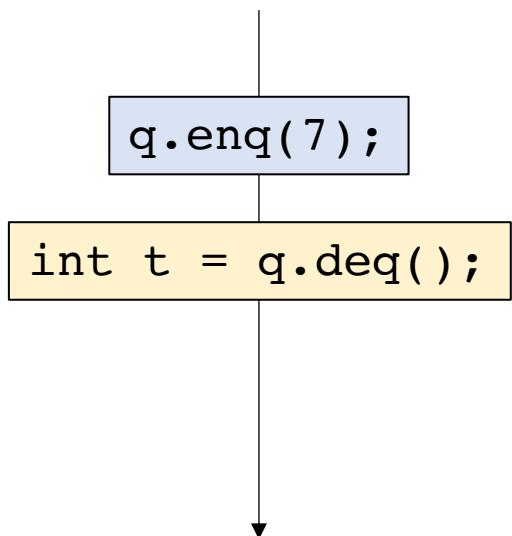
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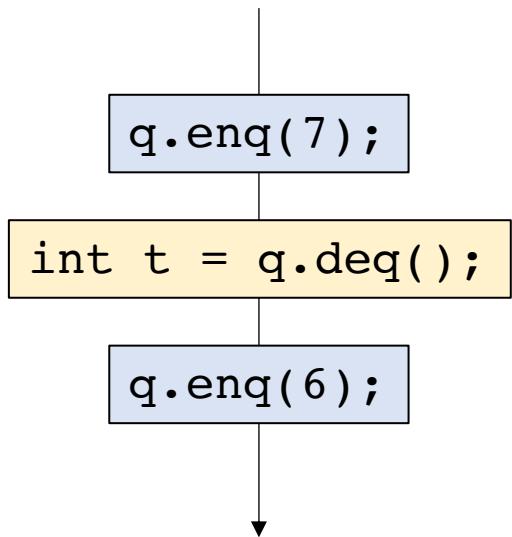
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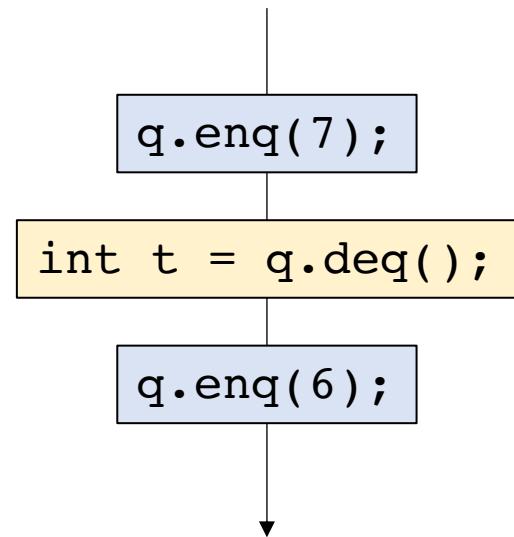
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*The events of Thread 0
don't appear in the same
order of the program!*

This should not be allowed!

Thread 1:

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```



*Can t ever
be 7?*

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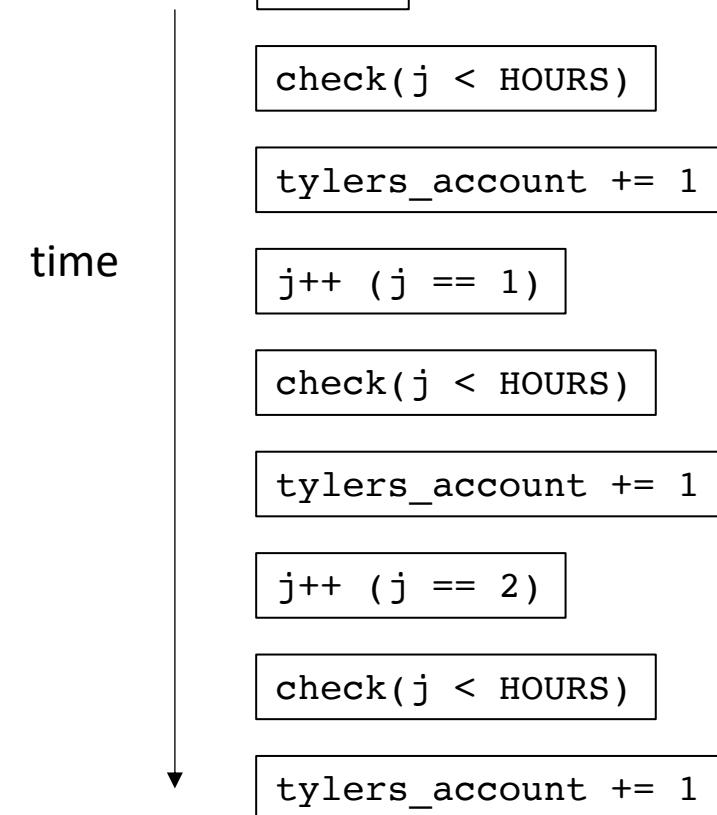
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If N and M execute 150 events each, there are more possible executions than particles in the observable universe!

Tyler's employer

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    tylers_account += 1;  
}
```



Don't think about all possible interleavings!

- Higher-level reasoning:
 - I get paid 100 times and buy 100 coffees, I should break even
 - If you enqueue 100 elements to a queue, you should be able to dequeue 100 elements
- Reason about a specific outcome
 - Find an interleaving that allows the outcome
 - Find a counter example

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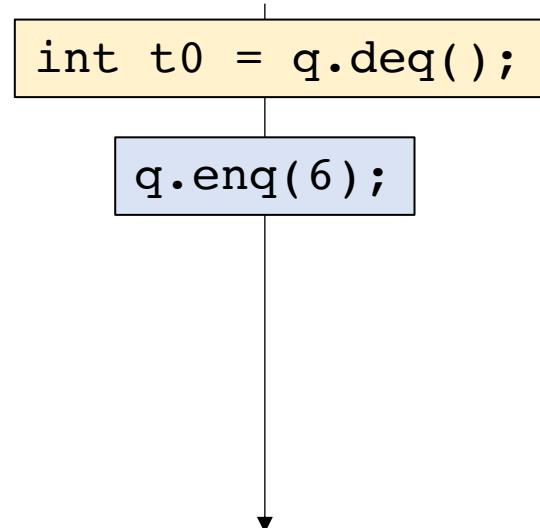
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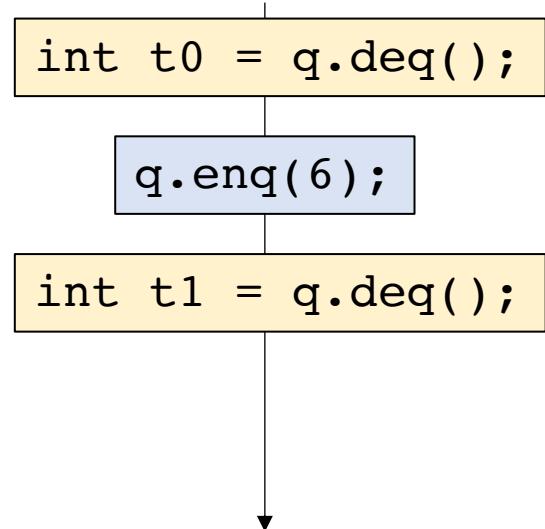
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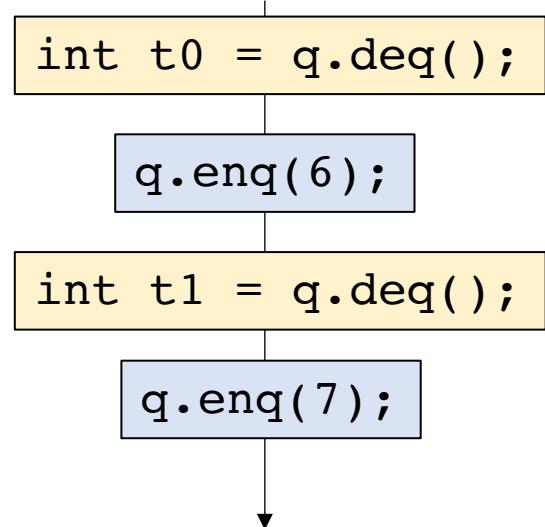
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Valid execution!

Are there others?

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q.enq( 7 );
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Lets do another!



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Can $t0 == 6$ and $t1 == 7$?

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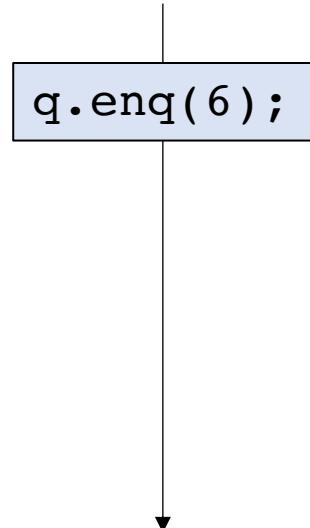
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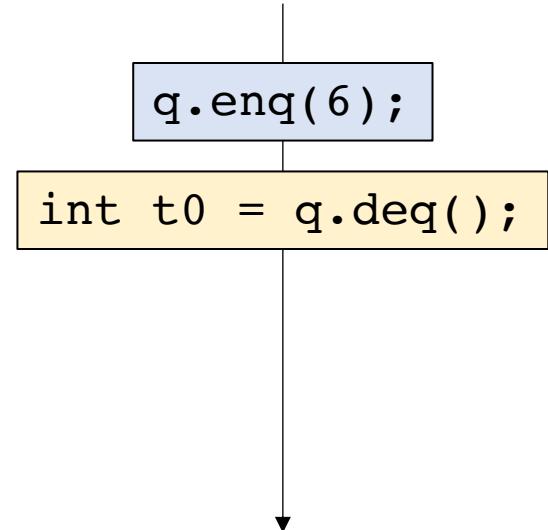
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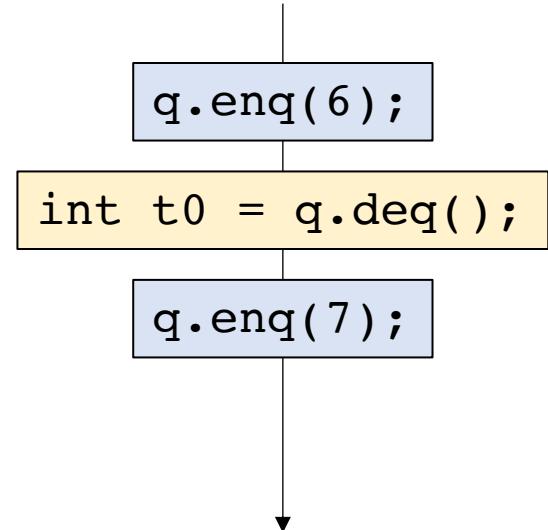
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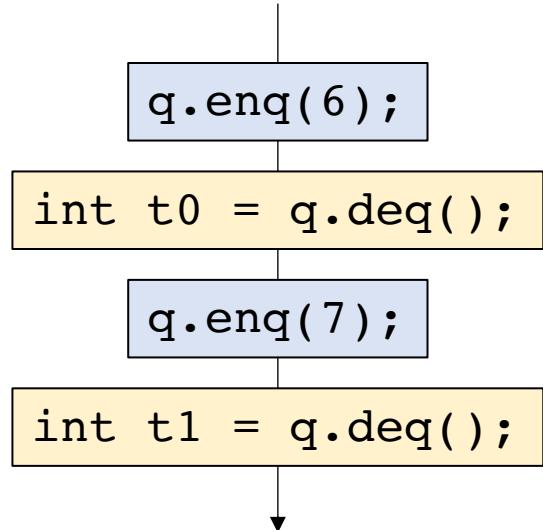
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Can $t0 == 6$ and $t1 == 7$?

Found one! Are there others?

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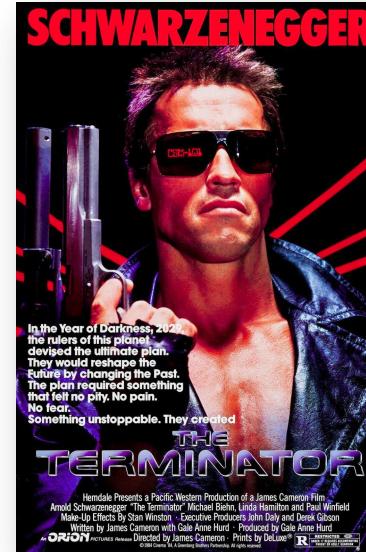
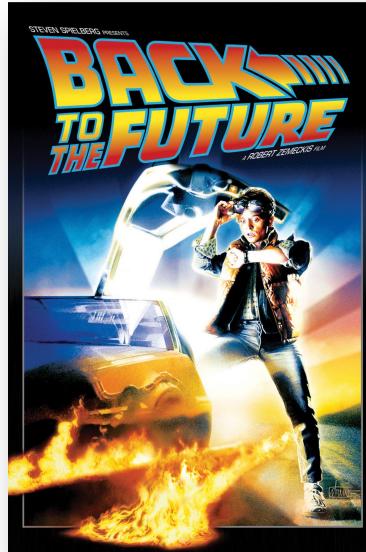
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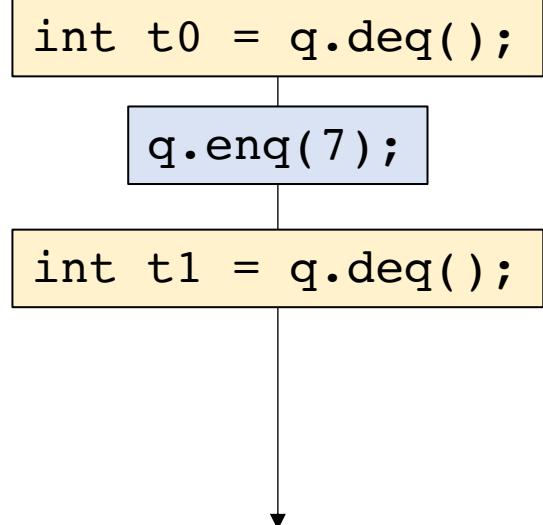
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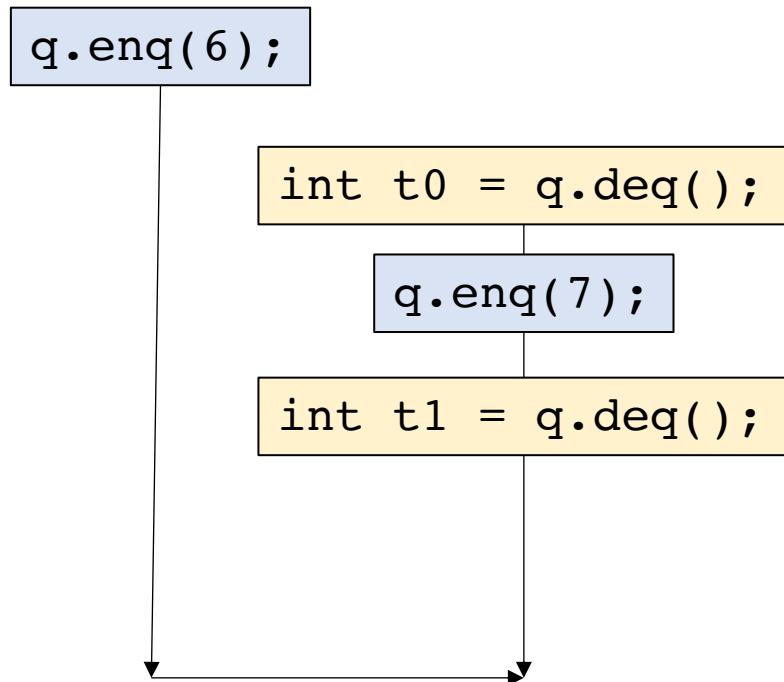
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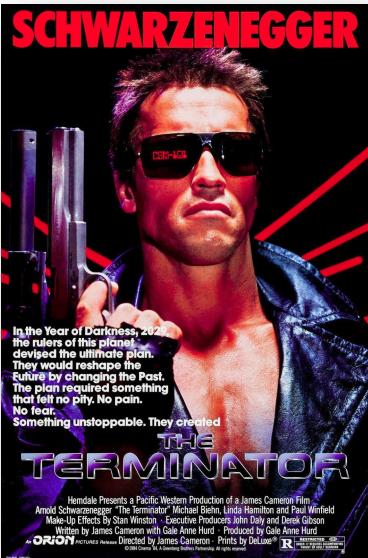
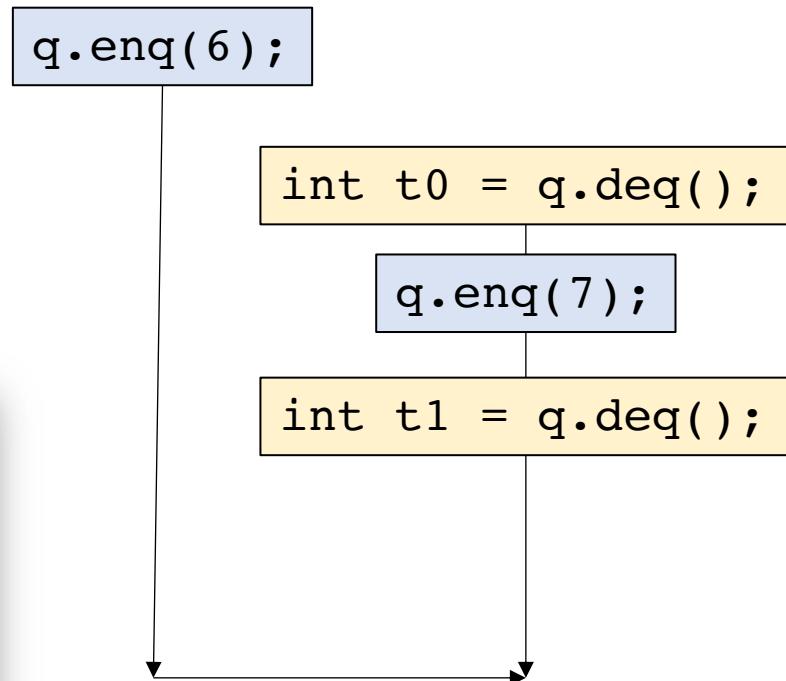
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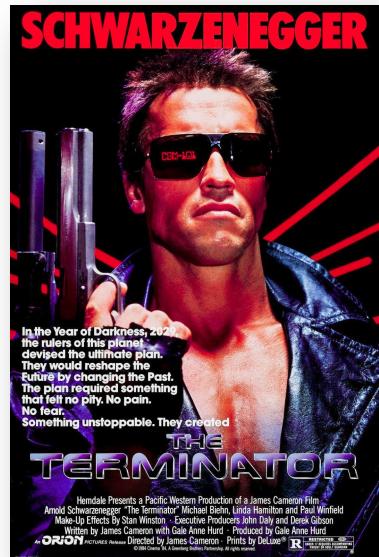
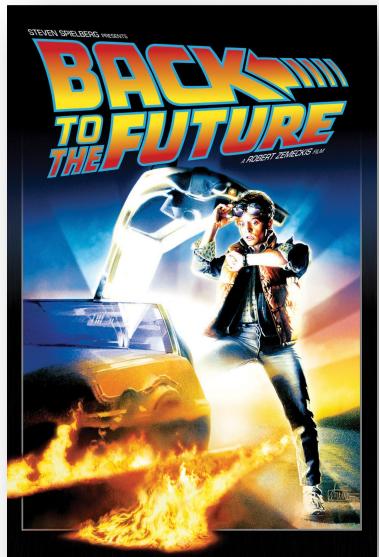
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Can $t0 == 0$ and $t1 == 7$?

Time travel in our specifications should not be allowed!

What does that cycle mean?

- Justify your current state with something you will do in the future:
 - I have my phone right now because I will give it to myself tomorrow
 - Causality cycles: The past influences the future, the future can't influence the past



Lets do one more examples

Global variable:

```
CQueue<int> q;
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Thread 0:

```
q.enq(7);  
int t0 = q.dec();
```

Is it possible for $t0 == 6$
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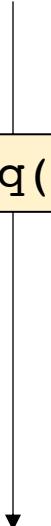
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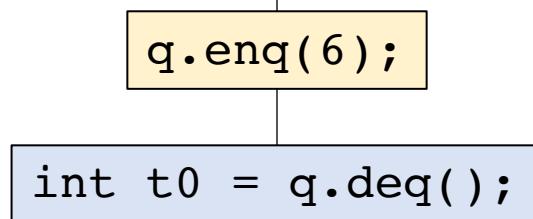
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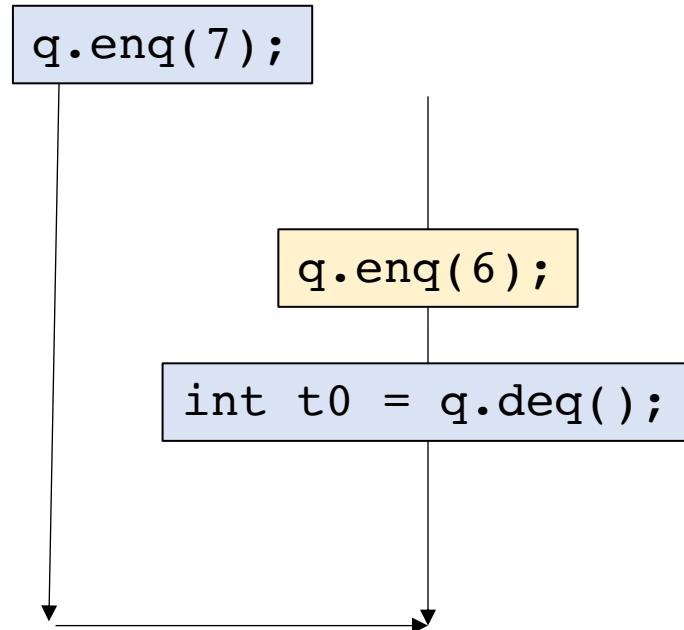
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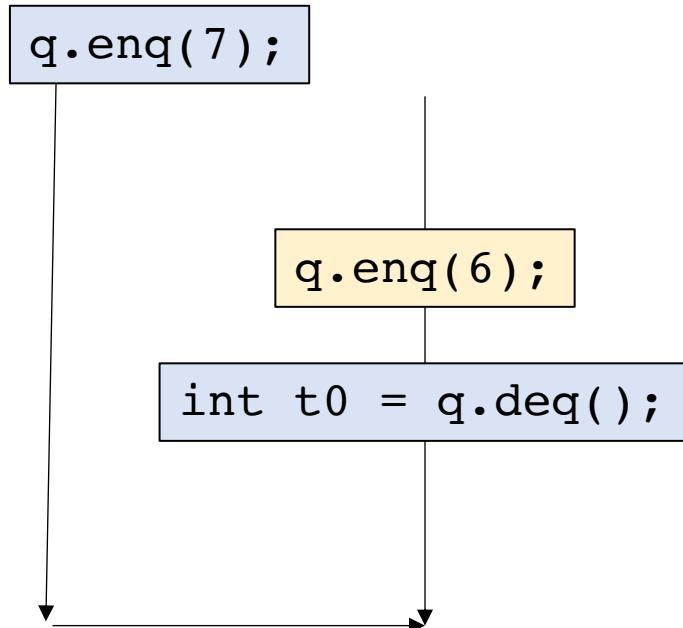
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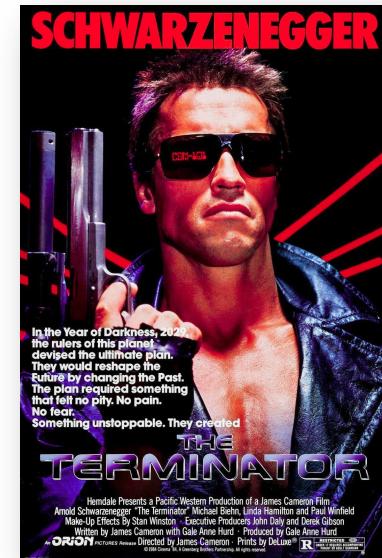
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time travel!
not allowed!

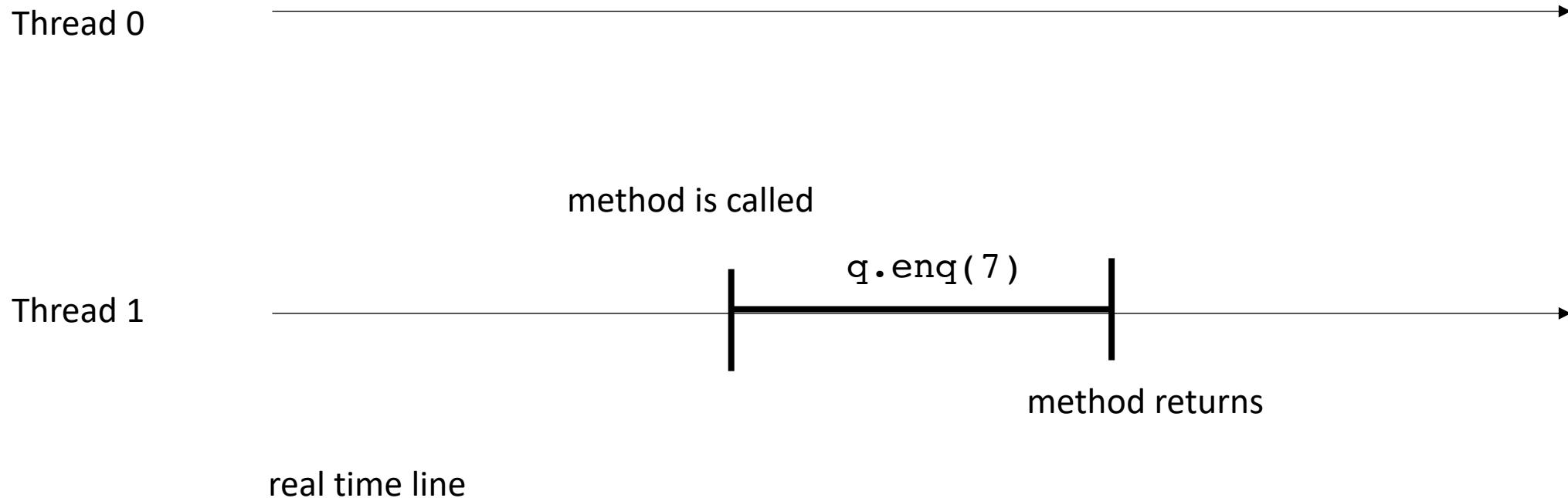
Do we have our specification?

- Is sequential consistency a good enough specification for concurrent objects?
- It's a good first step, but relative timing (happens-before) interacts strangely with concrete time.
- We will need something stronger.

Sequential consistency and real time

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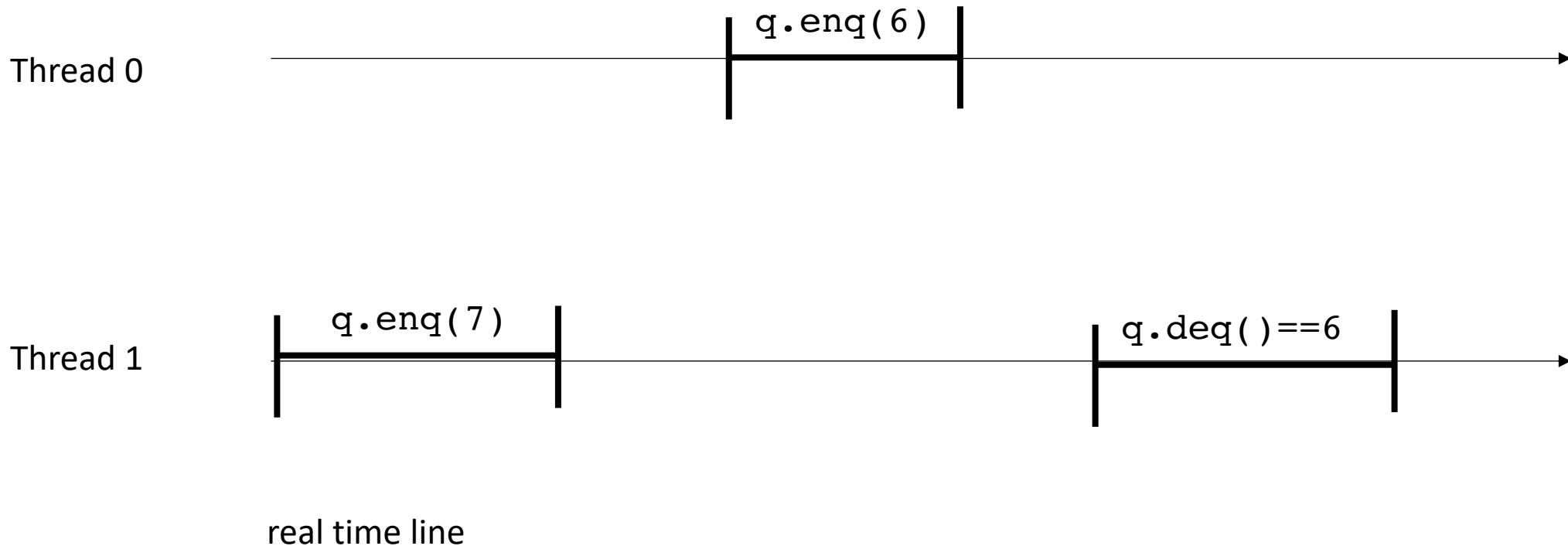
each method as a start, and end time stamp



Sequential consistency and real time

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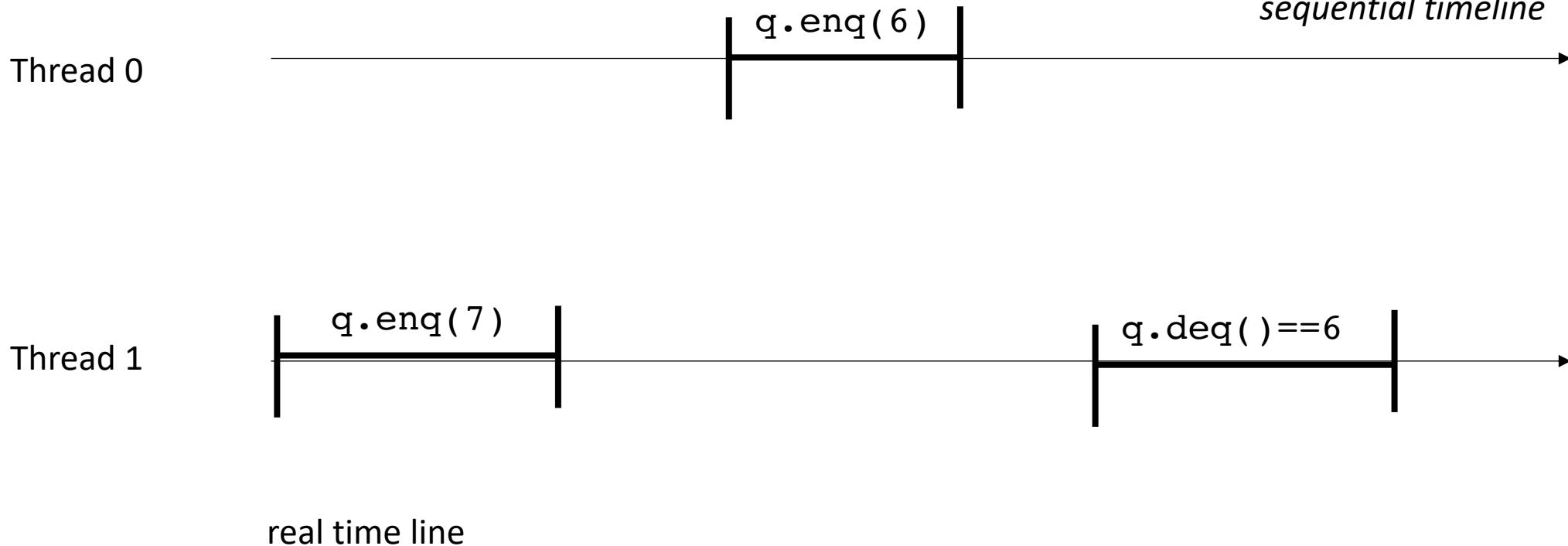


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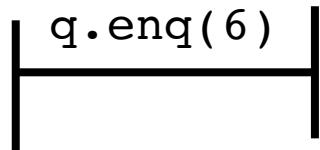
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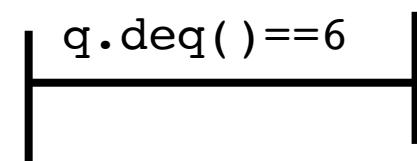
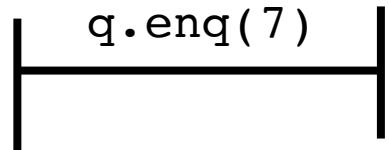
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Thread 1



real time line

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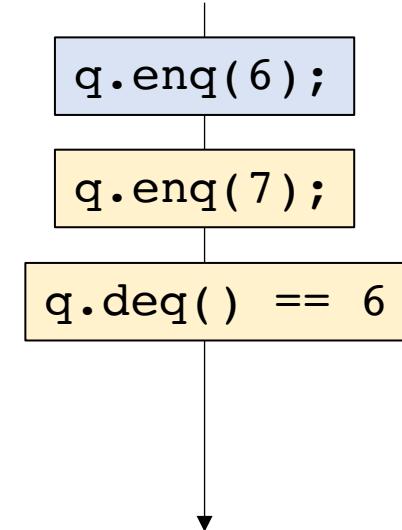
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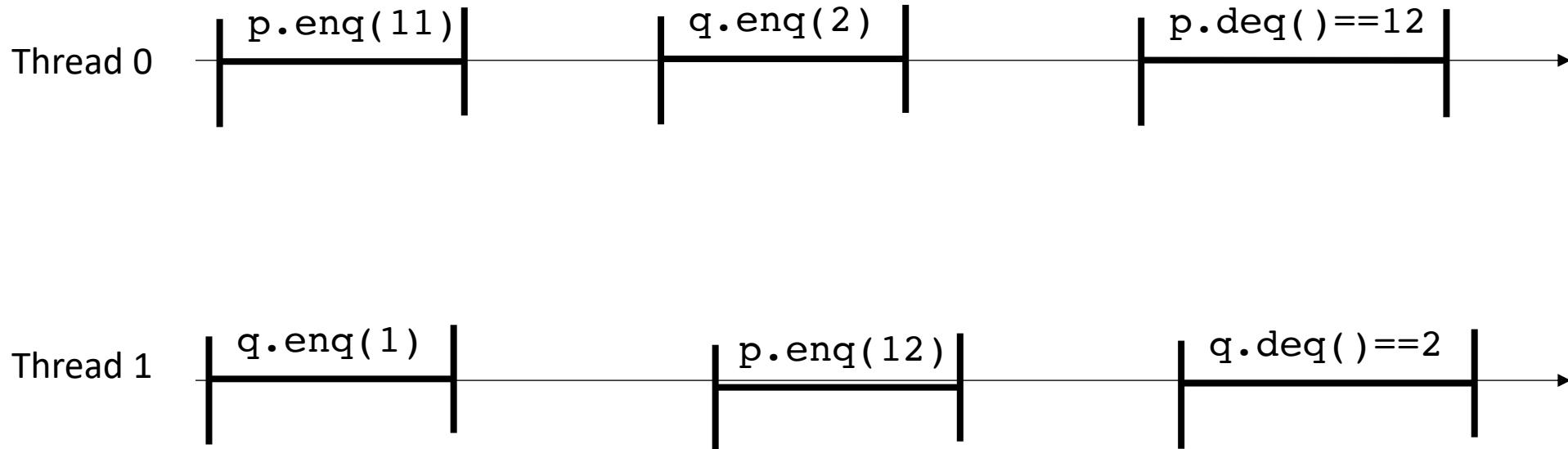
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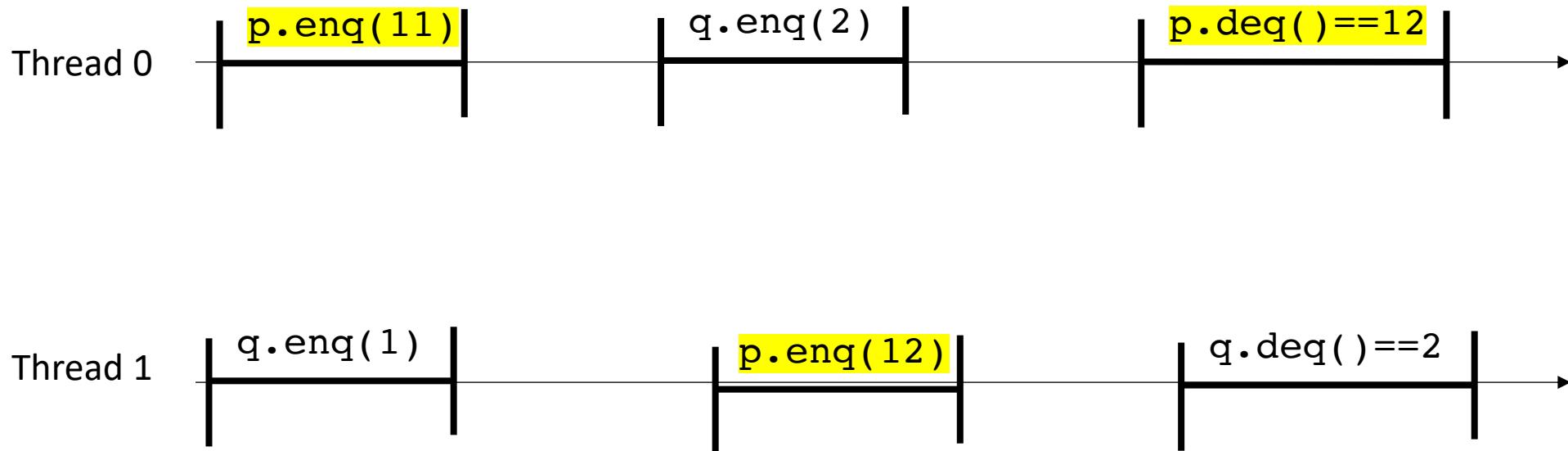
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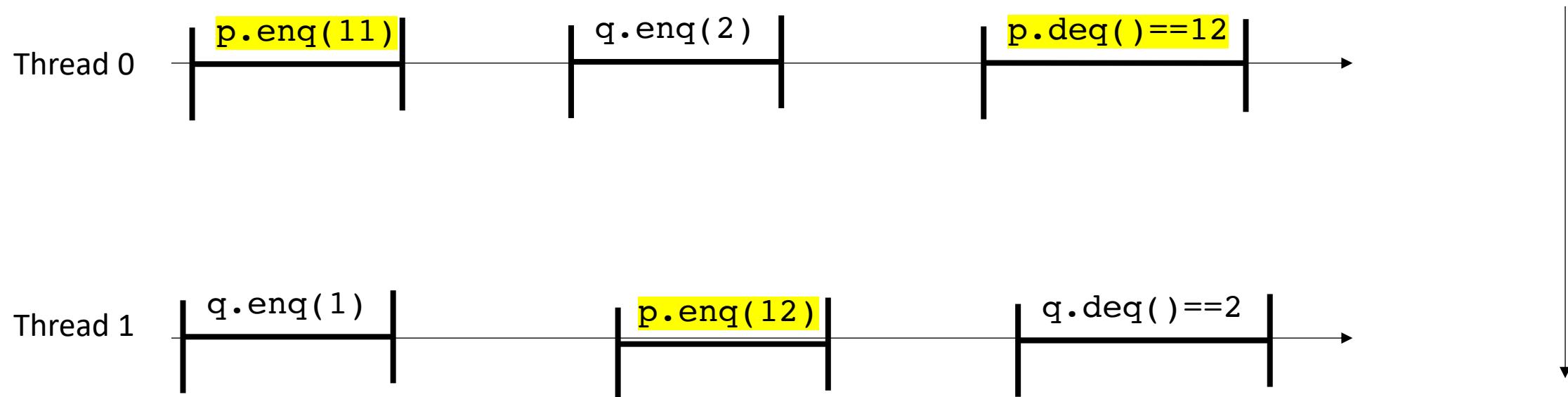
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Consider each object in isolation



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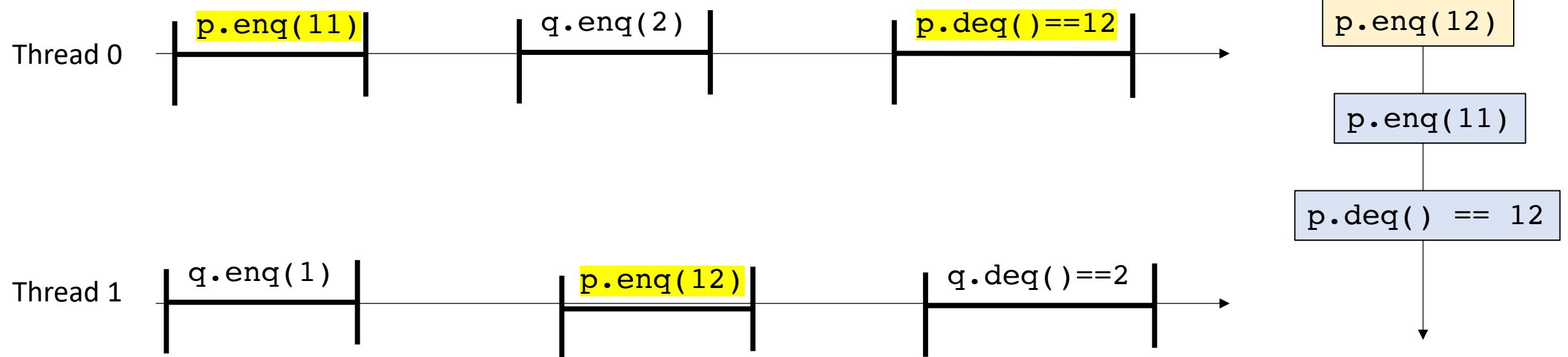
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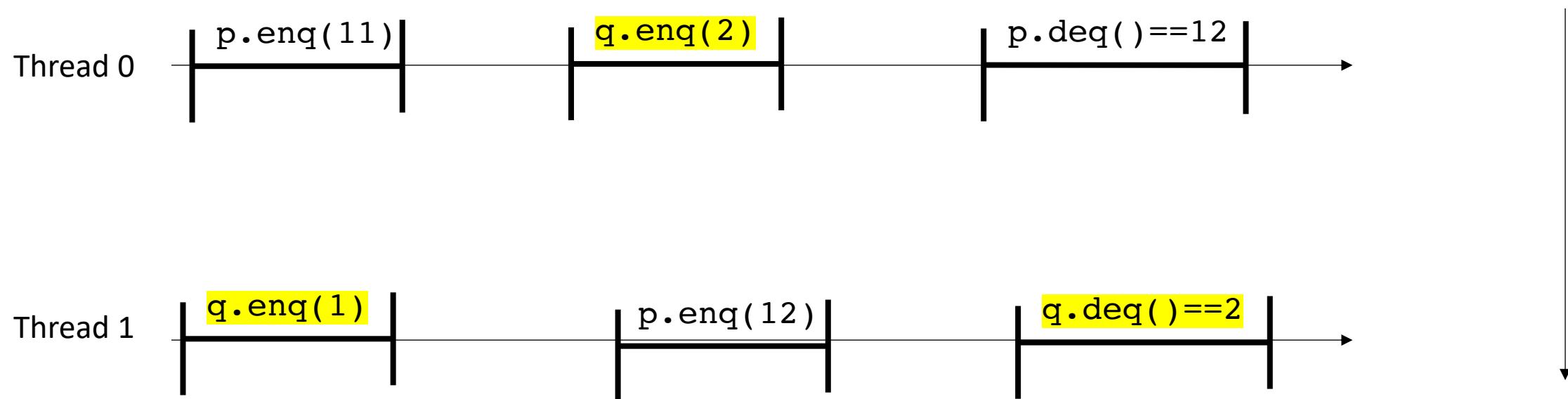
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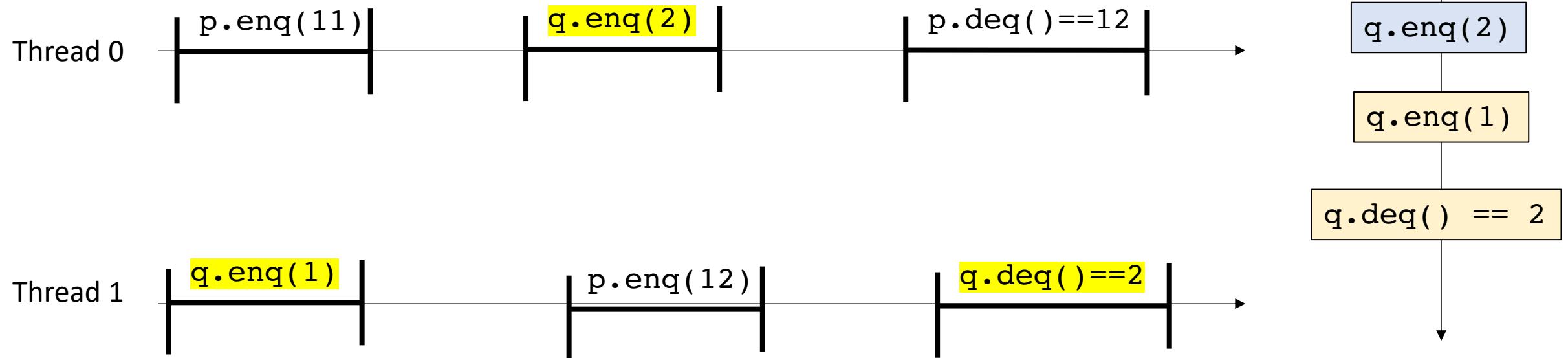
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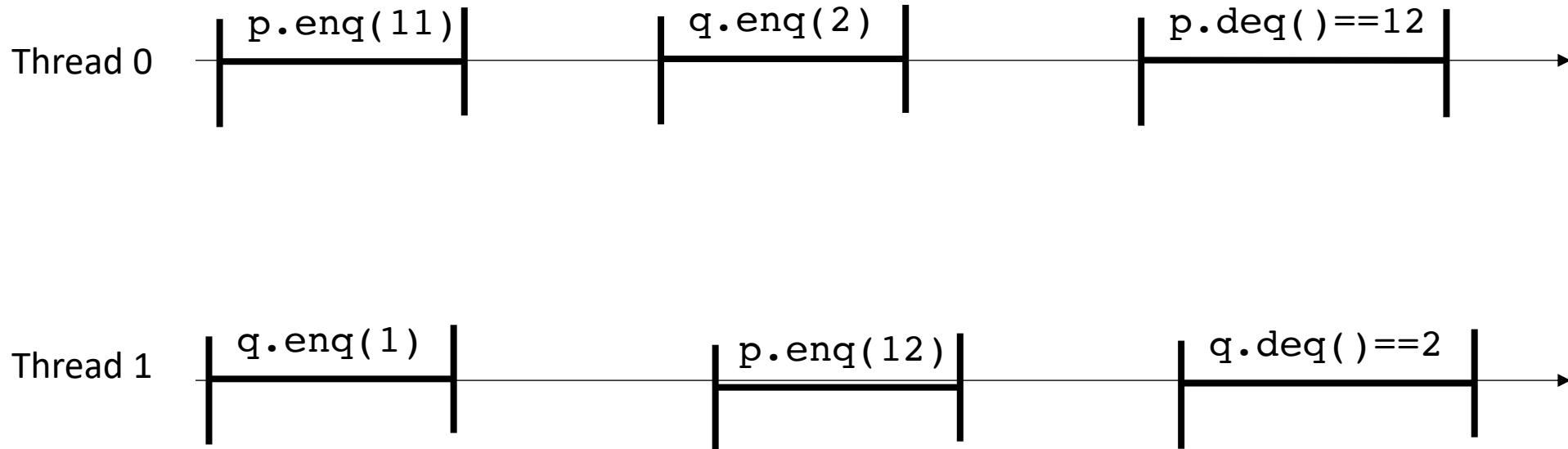
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Sequential consistency and real time

- Add in real time:

Now consider them all together



Global variable:

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CQueue<int> p,q;
```

Thread 0:

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p.enq(11)  
q.enq(2)  
p.deq() == 12
```

Thread 1:

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q.enq(1)  
p.enq(12)  
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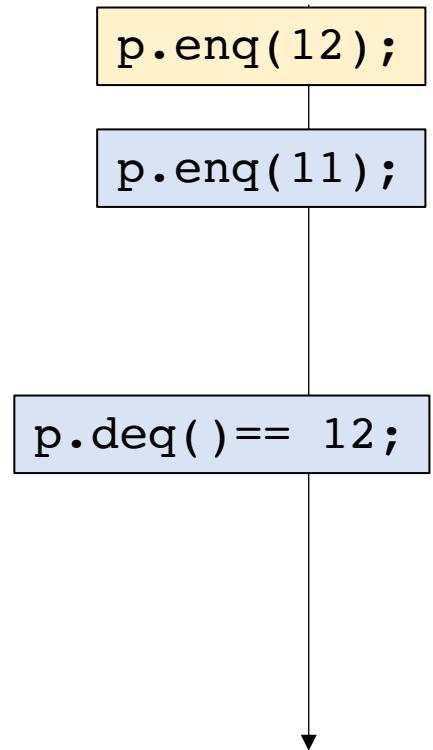


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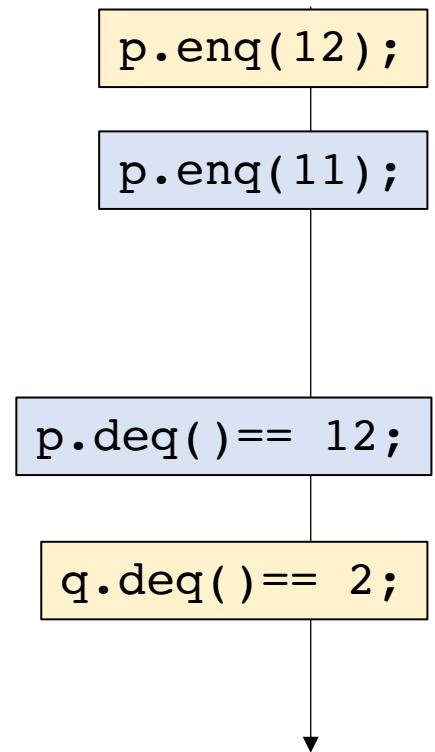
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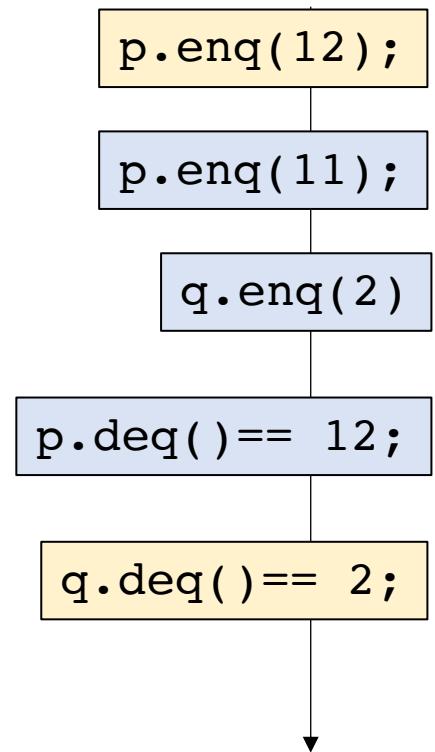


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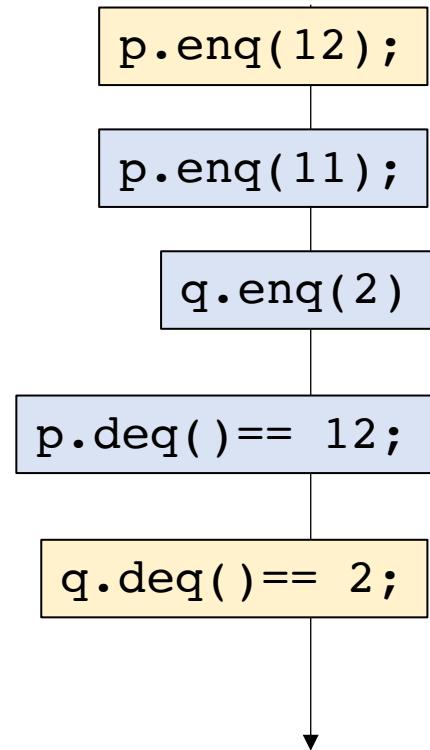
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where to put this?

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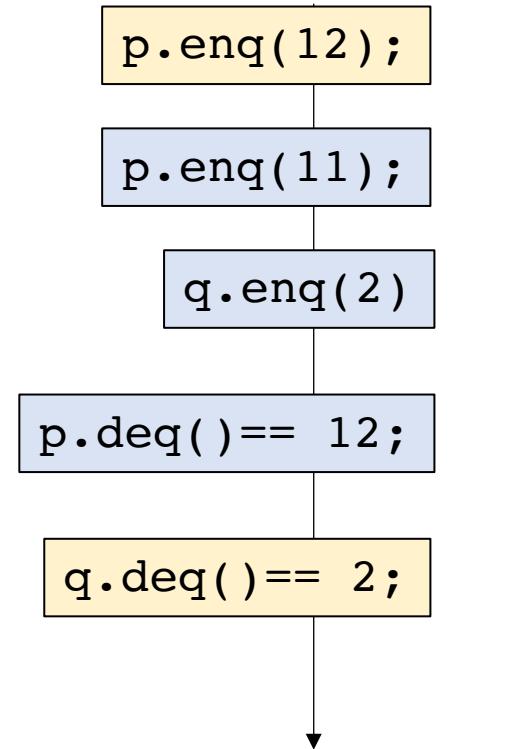
```
q.enq(1);
```

before p.enq(12)

where to put this?

Thread 1:

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p.enq(12)  
q.deq() == 2
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What does this mean?

- Even if objects in isolation are sequentially consistent
- Programs composed of multiple objects might not be!
- We would like to be able to use more than 1 object in our programs!

Next week

- A strong specification: Linearizability
 - Strictly stronger than sequential consistency
 - Reasoning about sequential consistency is still incredibly valuable
- Progress properties of concurrent objects
- Start looking at how to implement a linked list