

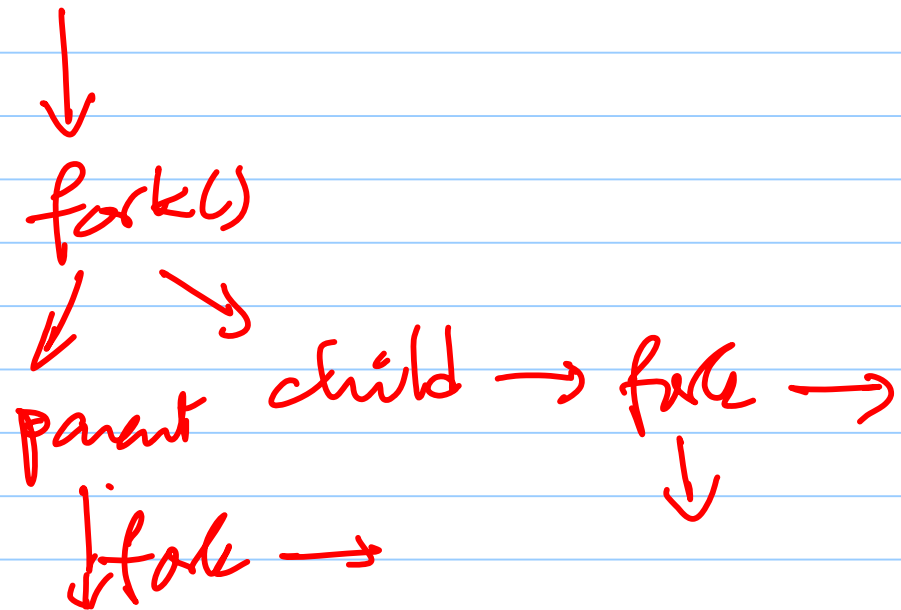
## Threads

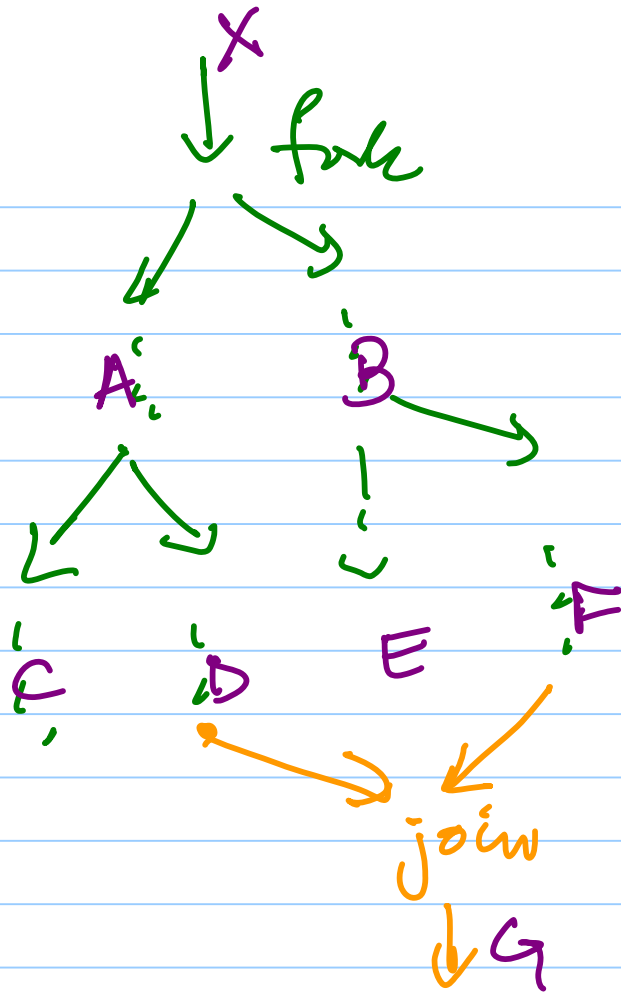
↳ activity + stack + shared mem  
(thread of control) (private memory) from parent

↙  
code, data, heap

# Starting a thread

① fork (not unix fork)  
+ join





← precedence graph.

A happens after X  
B " " " X

startthread, createthread



function

createthread(f)

f() {



Start  
at this  
point in time



}

The 'par' construct

$\bar{S}_0$

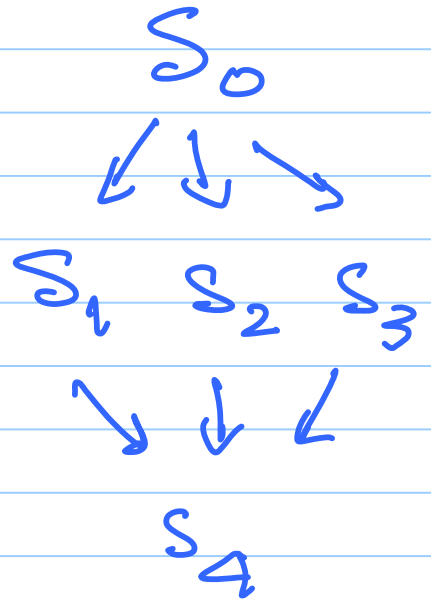
par {

$S_1;$

$S_2;$

$S_3; \}$

$S_4$





problem with threads ...  
→ (due to shared data)

race conditions

→ due to read-write  
conflicts  
or write-write  
conflicts

$f_1() \{$  int x;  
:  
 $x = 5$

→ what  
is the  
value of  $x$ ?  
 $\}$

$f_2() \{$   
:  
 $x = 7$   
:  
 $\}$

Both 5, and 7 are correct.



$x=0$

$f1()$



$x++$   
:  
:  
:

}

not linearizable

incorrect  
correct

$x = 1 \text{ or } 2$

$f2()$



{ produces same results

$x++$   
:  
:

}

same serial execution

$x++$

f1

f2

①  $\text{LOAD } R_1 \leftarrow x$

②  $\text{ADD } R_1, 1$

③  $\text{STO } R_1 \rightarrow x$   
 $x = 1$

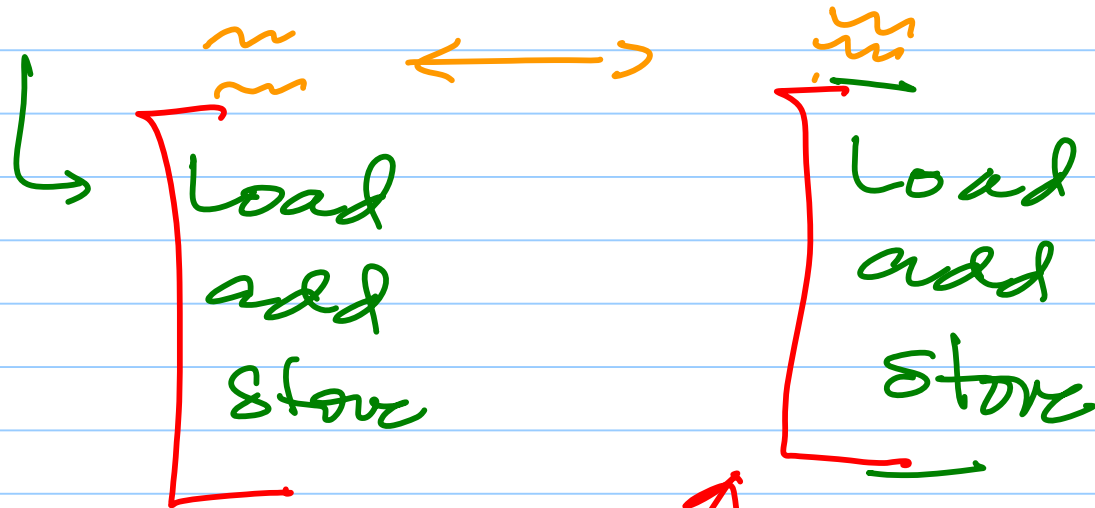
④  $\text{LOAD } R_1$

⑤  $\text{ADD } R_1$

⑥  $\text{STO } R_1$   
 $x = 1$

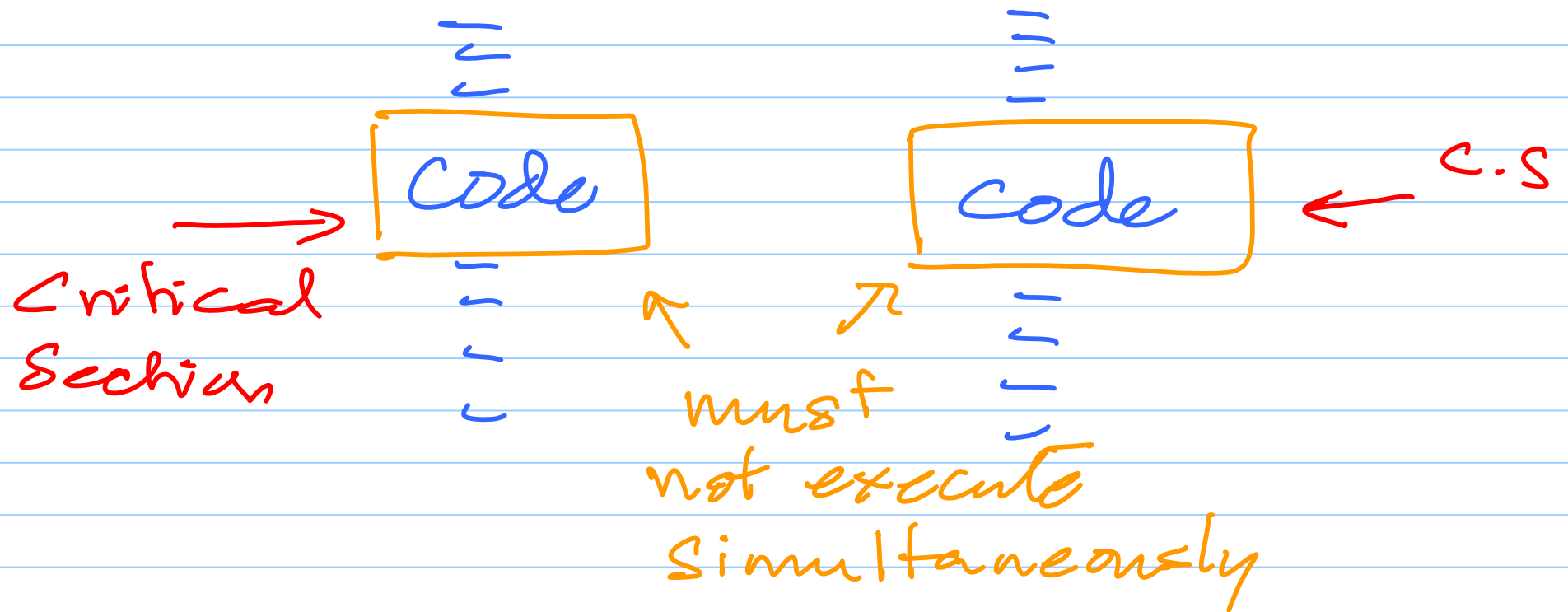
not shared

x++



make these atomic

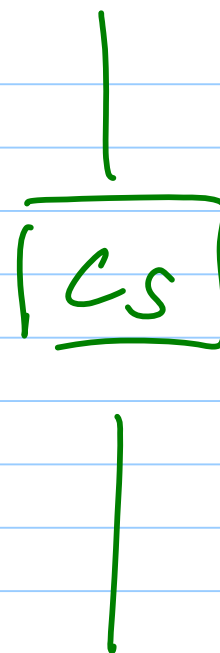
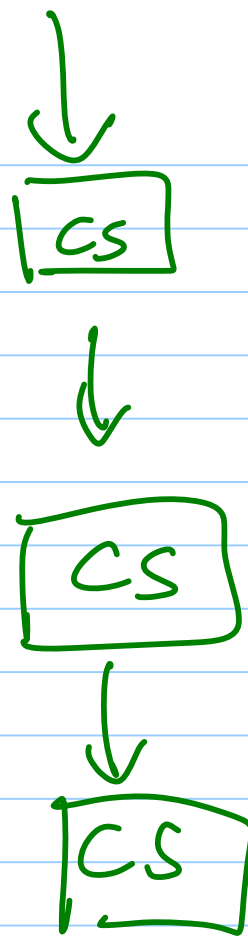
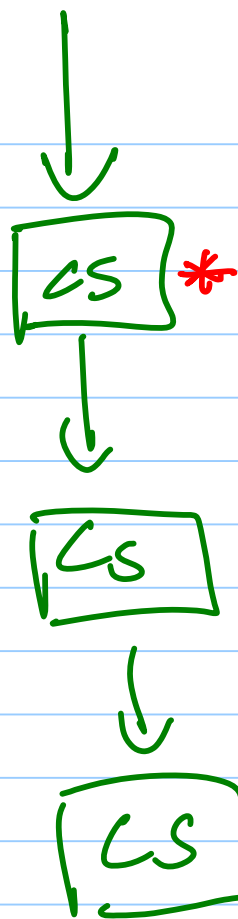
## 2-process (thread) Critical section problem.



# properties of critical sections

## ① mutual exclusion (mutex)

when a process (thread) is executing in a C.S. no other process may execute inside any critical section



## • Progress

- if a process wants to enter a critical section it must be allowed to enter if the section is not in use....

## Bounded waiting

→ if a process wants to enter a CS it must  
no other process can  
be allowed to enter the CS  
more than  $\underline{N}$  times.  
↑ fixed



## 2 process software solution

- entry section

CS

- exit section

flag  $\rightarrow$  0, 1 initially 0

entry section  $\rightarrow$  while(flag == 1);  
flag = 1

CS

exit section  $\rightarrow$  flag = 0

$\text{flag}[\overset{\downarrow}{i}] = 1$

$\text{flag}[j] = 1$

$\text{while}(\text{flag}[j] == 1) \{ \text{flag} = 0 ;$   
 $\text{flag} = 1 \} ;$

CS

$\text{flag}[i] = 0$

$\text{flag}[j] = 0$