

## Semaphores

- definition (by Dijkstra)
  - Busy wait
  - assumes atomicity
- Some usage

# Implementation

- no busy waiting
- fair, no starvation
- atomicity needs...

type semaphore

— struct

[ int count;  
Queue of TCBs — Q;

Init (Sem, ; P(Sem); V(Sem)  
value);

Init(Sem, v)

{ Sem.count = v }

$P(\text{Sem})$  start atomic

{ Sem.count -- ;

if (Sem.count < 0) {

block  
current  
~~process~~  
thread

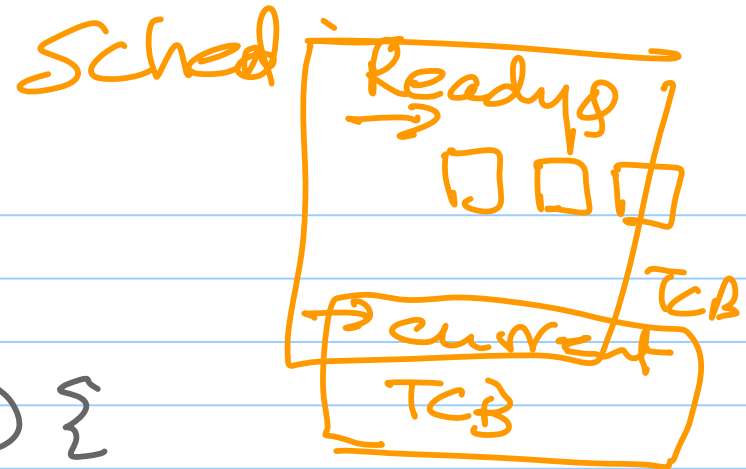
- put current TCB into  
Sem.q

- delete 1 TCB from Readyq

- select as current TCB

- context switch

else - end atomic



} end  
atomic

①  
start\_atomic → DISABLE

end\_atomic - ENABLE

②  
test&set(semlock)

semlock = 1

V(Sem) { start atomic

Sem.count++

if (Sem.count <= 0)

unblock → {  
• get one TCB from  
Sem.Q (delete it)  
• add it to the  
Ready Q  
}  
end atomic

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int global = 0;
f1() { int local = 0;
      ∞ loop
      global++; local++;
      print(global, local);
}
f2() {
  → { int local = 0;
      global, local++;
      print;
    }
}
main() { runs both f1 & f2 }
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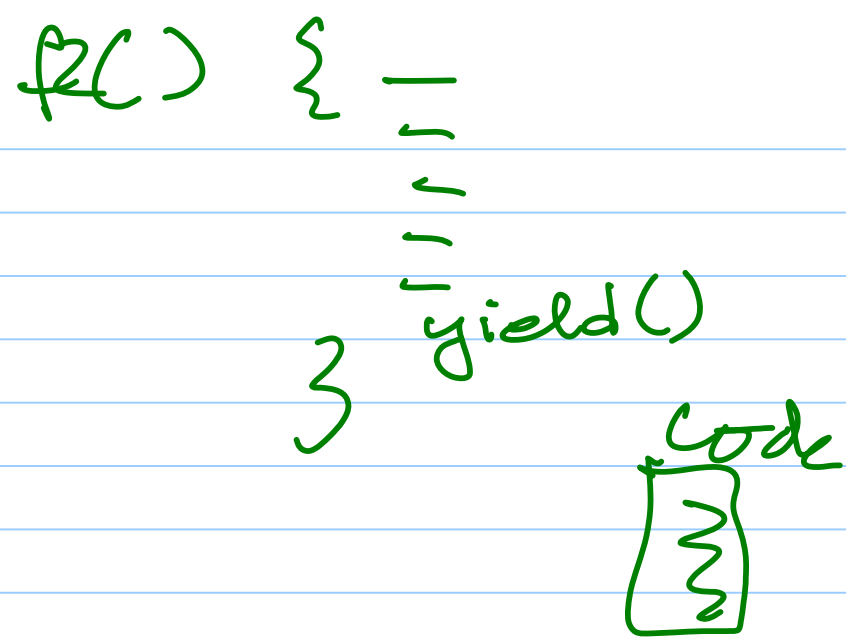
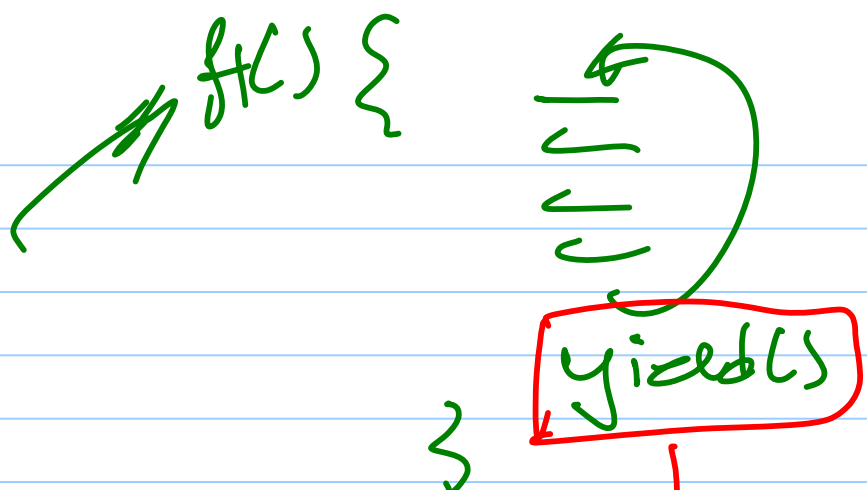


We need

TCBs and a queue of TCBs

functions to

- initialize TCBs & Queues  
and add/delete TCBs from to Qs
- context switcher



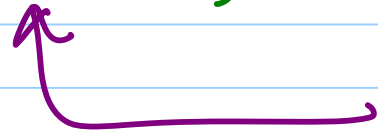
- Context switcher  
or scheduler

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main()
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{ startthread(f1);  
  ,, (f2);
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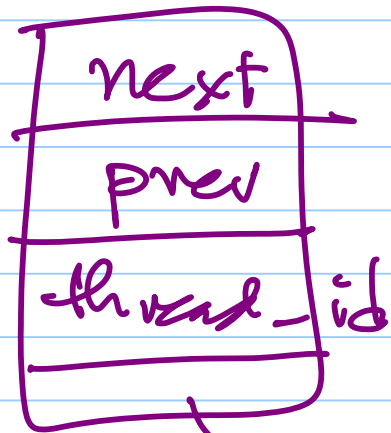
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  Run();
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}
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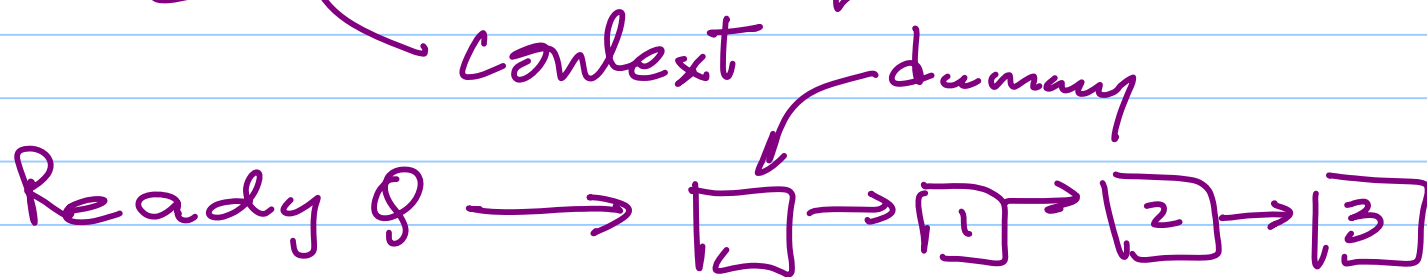


runs the threads  
& never returns

tcb\_t (typedef) ucontext.h



- type ucontext\_t
- getcontext(&u)
- swapcontext(&u, &v)
- makecontext(&u, n, priority)



StartThread(function)

↳ malloc a TCB → \*tcb

malloc a stack → \*int

initialize the TCB

↳ [some code]

Set up  
stack in  
context

makecontext(tcb.context,  
function)

ADD the TCB to ReadyQ

}

yield()

{ tcb \* prev, next;

global

prev = current\_thread

next = dequeue(ReadyQ)

current\_thread = next

swapcontext

(prev.context, next.context)

addQ  
(ReadyQ,  
prev)

}

Run ()

{ u\_context parent;

getcontext (&parent)

swapcontext (parent,

current\_thread  
->context);

runs this

current\_thread  
= Delq (Ready q)

