

CS304 Operating Systems

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Mutex Quiz

Threads T1-T5 are contending for a mutex m . T1 is the first to obtain the mutex. Which thread will get access to m after T1 releases it? Mark all that apply.



T2



T4

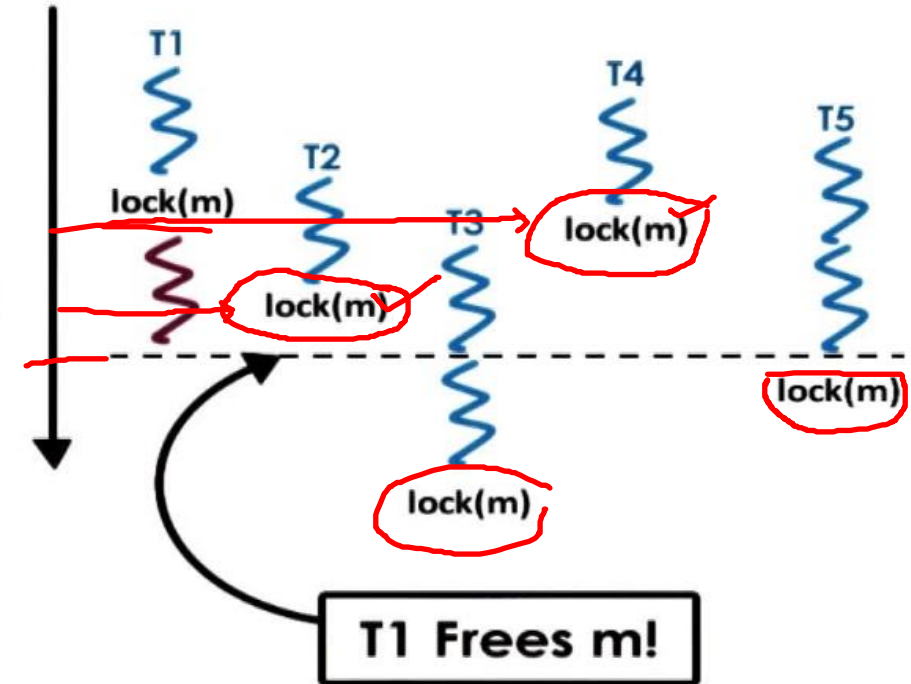


T3



T5

time



Feb 1, Locks Contd...

Implementation Attempt -1

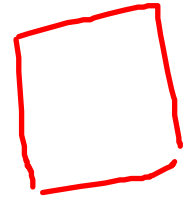
- Lock: spin on a flag variable until it is unset, then set it to acquire lock
- Unlock: unset flag variable

```
typedef struct __lock_t { int flag; } lock_t;

void init(lock_t *mutex) {
    // 0 -> lock is available, 1 -> held
    mutex->flag = 0;
}

void lock(lock_t *mutex) {
    while (mutex->flag == 1) ✓ // TEST the flag
        ; // spin wait (do nothing)
    mutex->flag = 1; // now SET it!
}

void unlock(lock_t *mutex) {
    mutex->flag = 0;
}
```



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- Thread 1 spins, lock is released, ends spin
 - Thread 1 interrupted just before setting flag
 - Race condition has moved to the lock acquisition code!

Thread 1

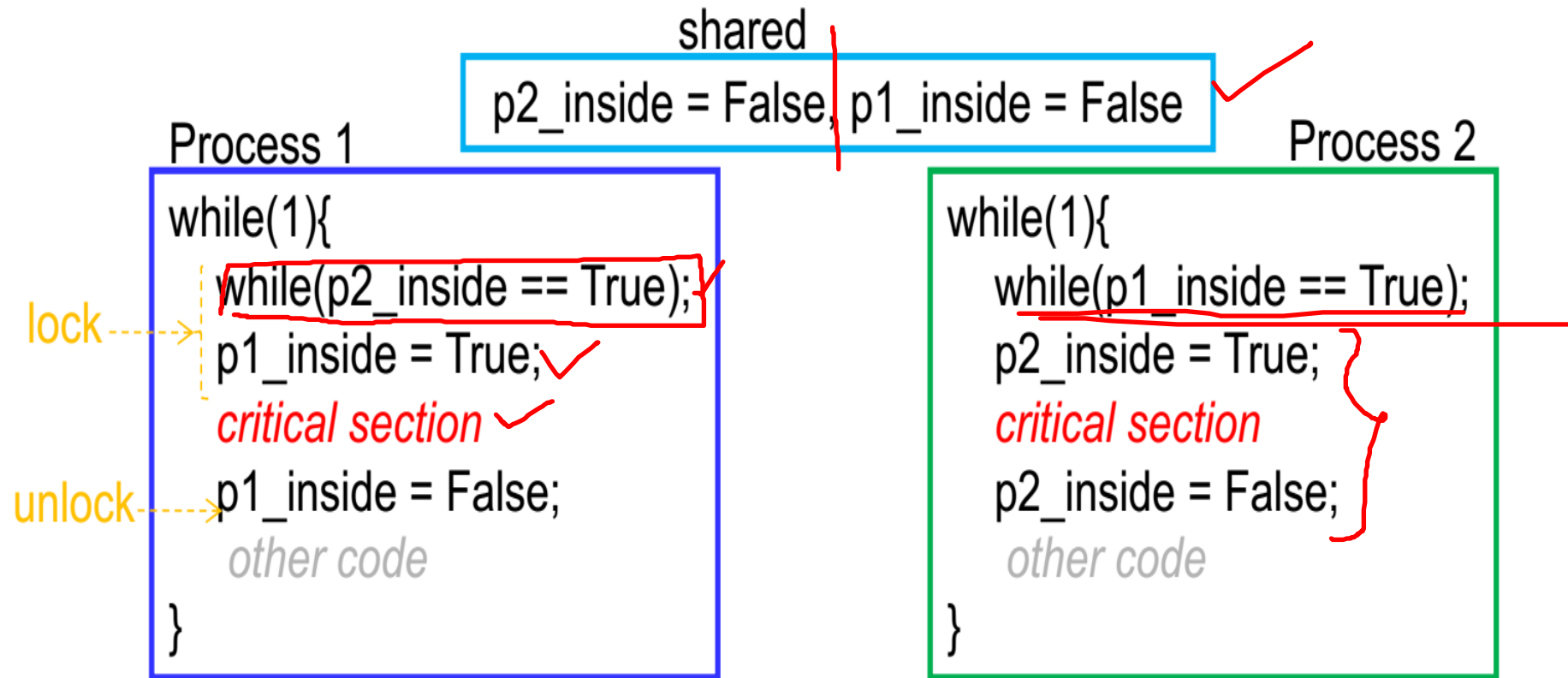
```
call lock()  
while (flag == 1) ✓  
interrupt: switch to Thread 2
```

```
flag = 1; // set flag to 1 (too!)
```

Thread 2

```
call lock()  
while (flag == 1) ✓  
flag = 1; ✓  
interrupt: switch to Thread 1
```

Attempt -2



time ↓

CPU	p1_inside	p2_inside
<code>while(p2_inside == True);</code>	False	False
context switch		
<code>while(p1_inside == True);</code> ✓	False	False
<code>p2_inside = True;</code>	False	True
context switch		
<code>p1_inside = True;</code>	True	True

Both p1 and p2 can enter into the critical section at the same time

```

while(1){
    while(p2_inside == True);
    p1_inside = True;
    critical section
    p1_inside = False;
    other code
}

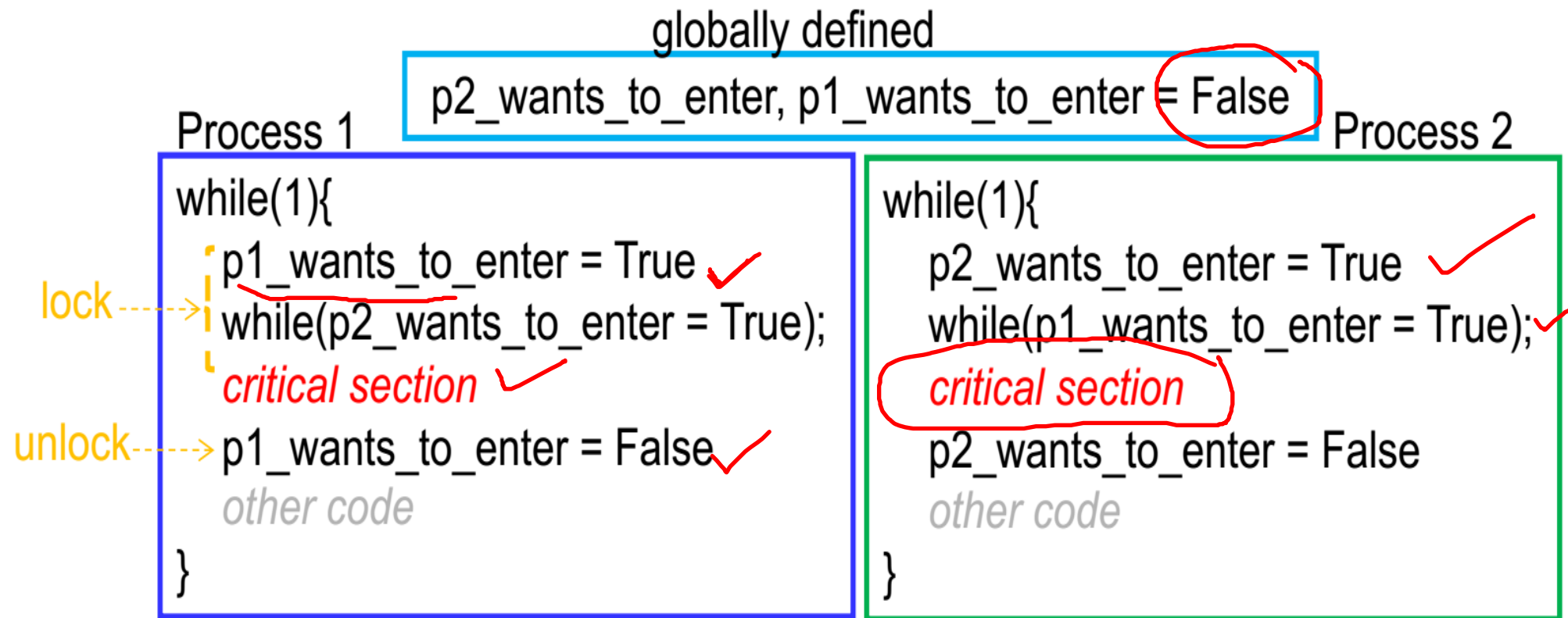
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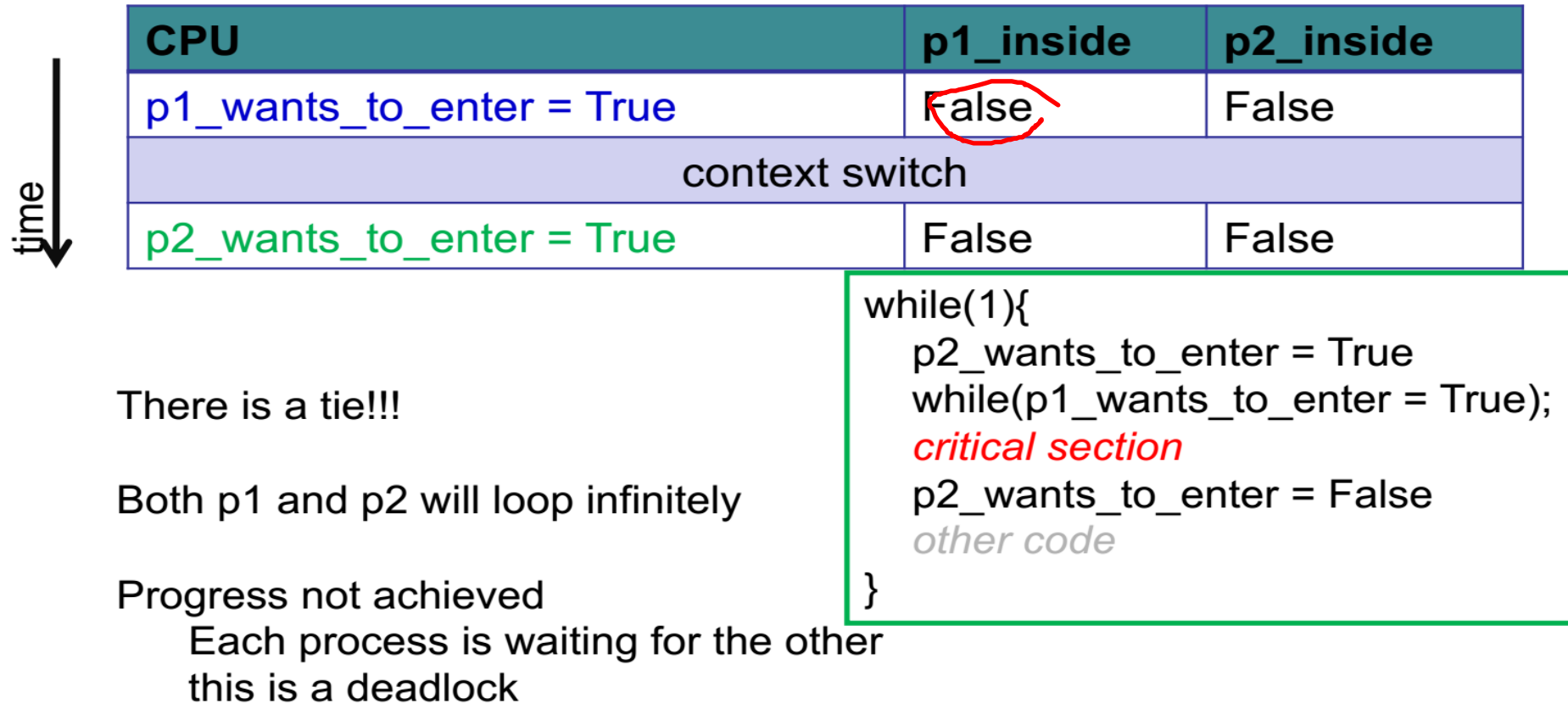
while(1){
    while(p1_inside == True);
    p2_inside = True;
    critical section
    p2_inside = False;
    other code
}

```

Attempt -3



No Progress



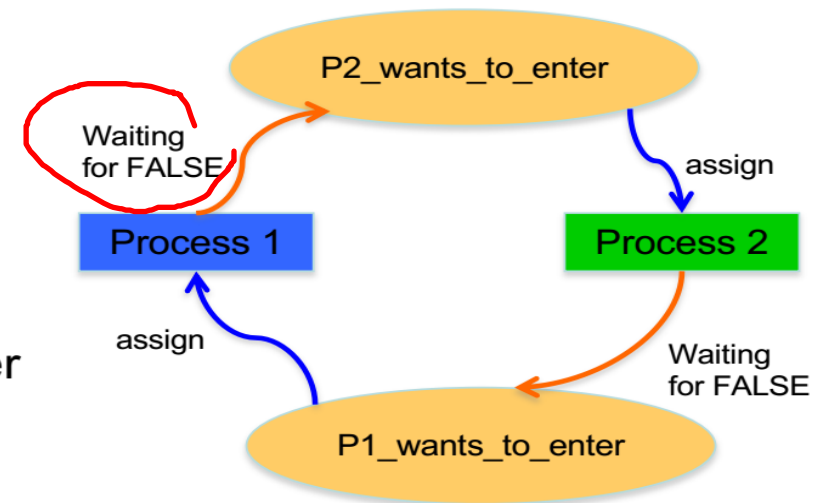
time
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CPU	p1_inside	p2_inside
p1_wants_to_enter = True	False	False
context switch		
p2_wants_to_enter = True	False	False

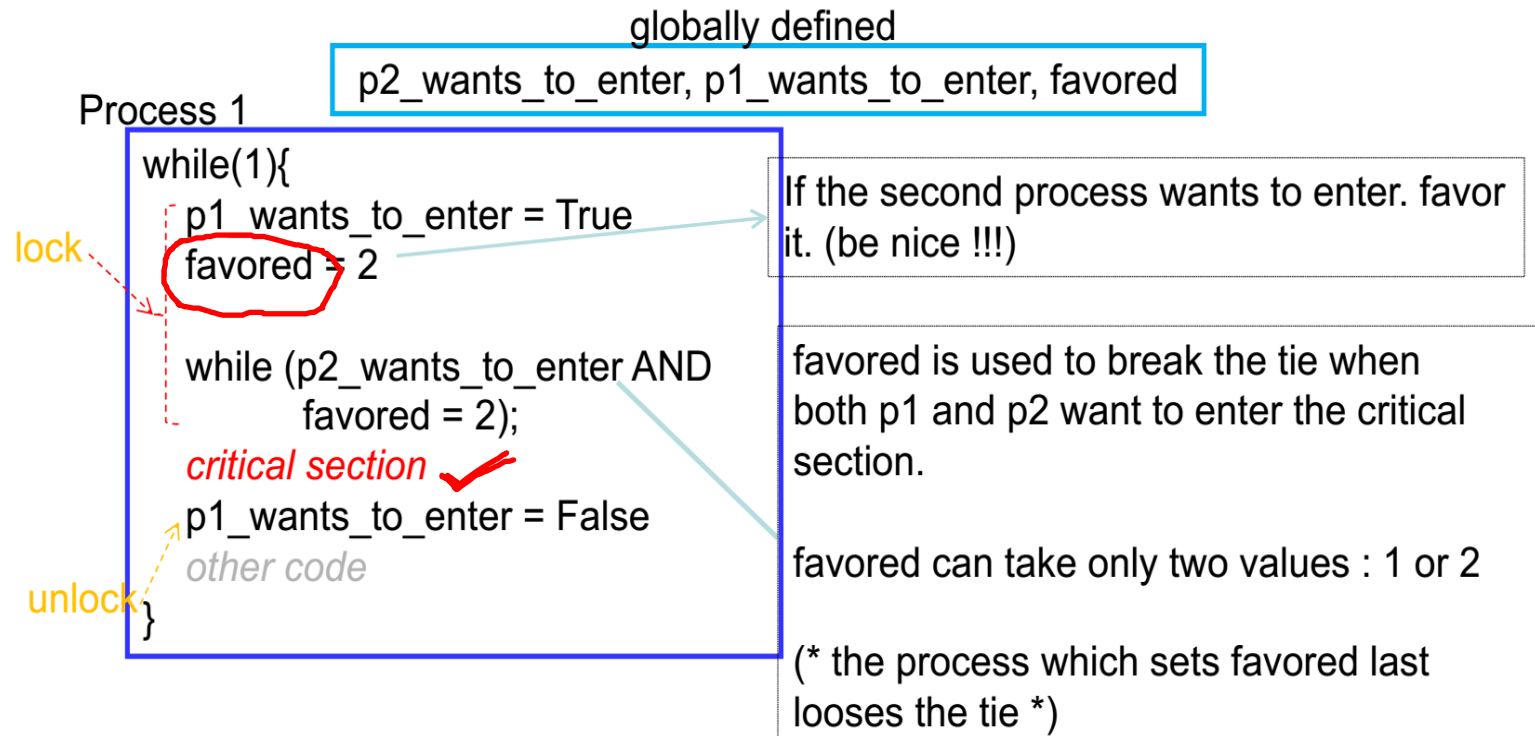
There is a tie!!!

Both p1 and p2 will loop infinitely

Progress not achieved
 Each process is waiting for the other
 this is a deadlock

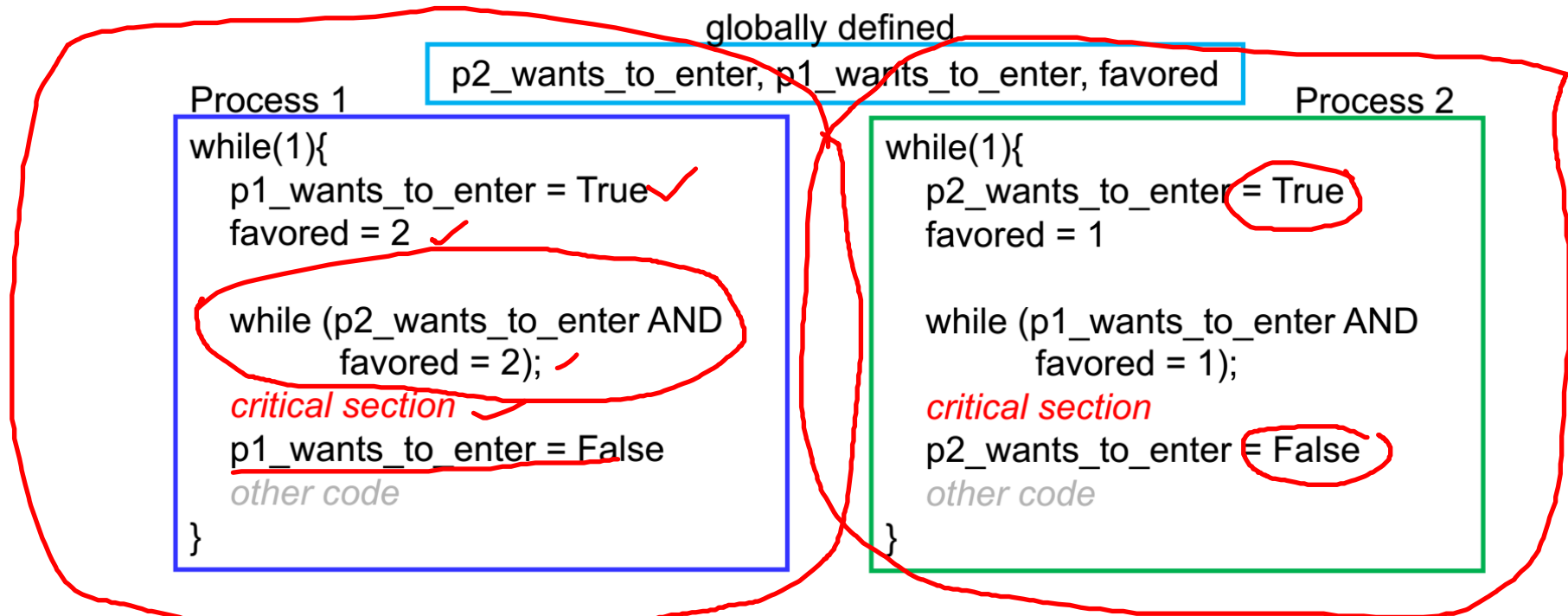


Peterson's Solution



Break the deadlock with a 'favored' process

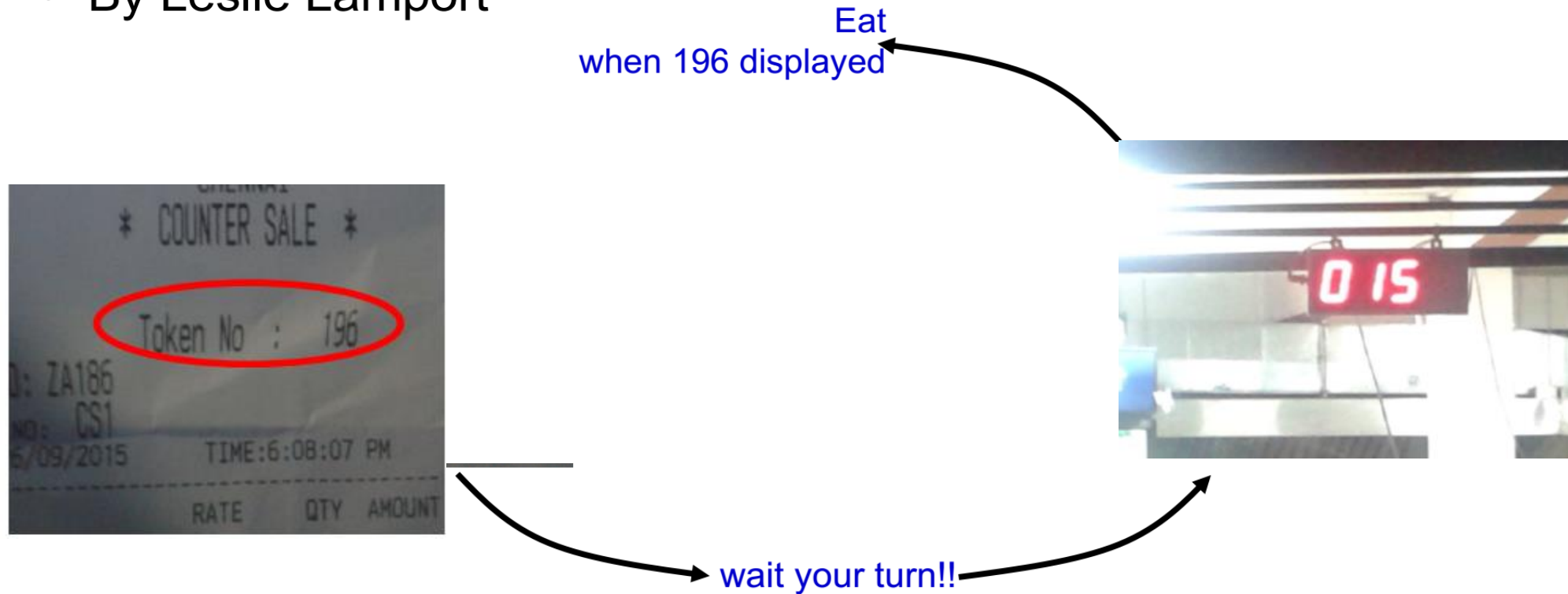
```
int flag[2];  
int turn;  
  
void init() {  
    // indicate you intend to hold the lock w/ 'flag'  
    flag[0] = flag[1] = 0; ✓  
    // whose turn is it? (thread 0 or 1)  
    turn = 0;  
}  
  
void lock() {  
    // 'self' is the thread ID of caller  
    flag[self] = 1; ✓  
    // make it other thread's turn  
    turn = 1 - self;  
    while ((flag[1-self] == 1) && (turn == 1 - self))  
        ; // spin-wait while it's not your turn  
}  
  
void unlock() {  
    // simply undo your intent  
    flag[self] = 0;  
}
```



- ~~Deadlock broken~~ because favored can only be 1 or 2.
 - Therefore, tie is broken. Only one process will enter the critical section
- Solves Critical Section problem for two processes

Bakery Algorithm

- Synchronization between $N > 2$ processes
- By Leslie Lamport



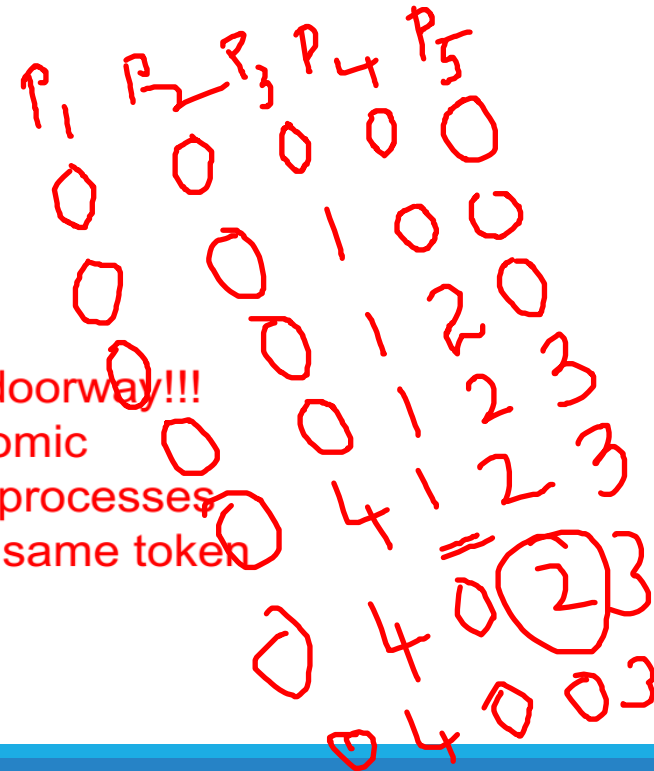
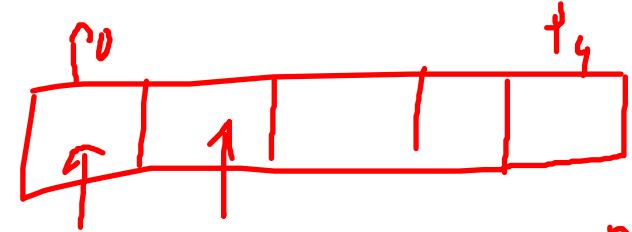
Simplified Bakery Algorithm

- Processes numbered 0 to N-1 ✓ 5
- num is an array N integers (initially 0).
 - Each entry corresponds to a process

```
lock(i){  
    num[i] = MAX(num[0], num[1], ..., num[N-1]) + 1;  
    for(p = 0; p < N; ++p){  
        while (num[p] != 0 and num[p] < num[i]);  
    }  
}
```

critical section

```
unlock(i){  
    num[i] = 0;  
}
```



This is at the doorway!!!
It has to be atomic
to ensure two processes
do not get the same token

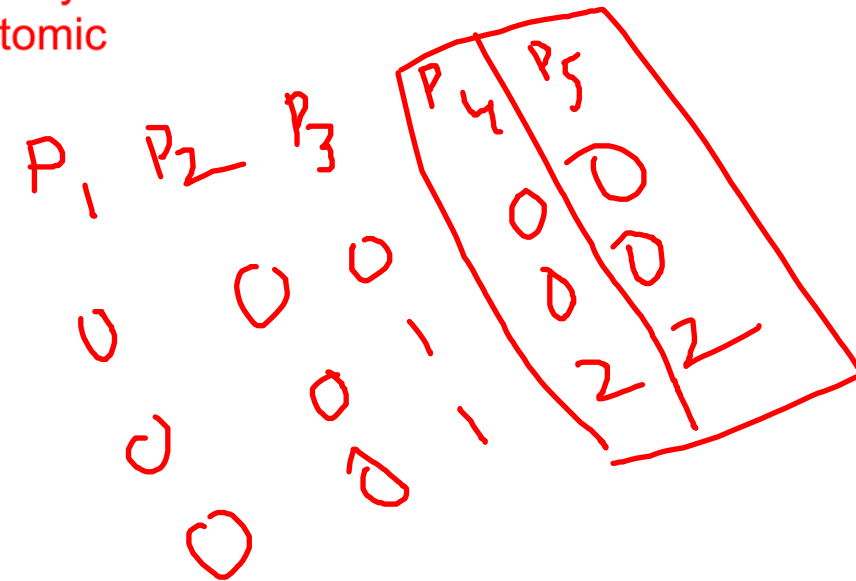
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    }  
}
```

critical section

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unlock(i){  
    num[i] = 0;  
}
```

This is at the doorway!!!
Assume it is not atomic



Original Bakery Algorithm

- Without atomic operation assumptions
- Introduce an array of N Booleans: *choosing*, initially all values False.

```
lock(i){  
    choosing[i] = True  
    num[i] = MAX(num[0], num[1], ..., num[N-1]) + 1  
    choosing[i] = False  
    for(p = 0; p < N; ++p){  
        while (choosing[p]);  
        while (num[p] != 0 and (num[p],p)<(num[i],i));  
    }  
}
```

critical section

```
unlock(i){  
    num[i] = 0;  
}
```

doorway

Favor one process when there is a conflict.
If there are two processes, with the same num value, favor the process with the smaller id (i)

Choosing ensures that a process
Is not at the doorway
i.e., the process is not 'choosing'
a value for num



$(a, b) < (c, d)$ which is equivalent to: $(a < c)$ or $((a == c) \text{ and } (b < d))$

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- Does this scheme provide mutual exclusion?

Process 1

```
while(1){  
    while(lock != 0);  
    lock= 1; // lock  
    critical section  
    lock = 0; // unlock  
    other code  
}
```

lock=0

Process 2

```
while(1){  
    while(lock != 0);  
    lock = 1; // lock  
    critical section  
    lock = 0; // unlock  
    other code  
}
```


No

lock = 0

P1: while(lock != 0);

P2: while(lock != 0);

P2: lock = 1;

P1: lock = 1;

.... Both processes in critical section

context switch

