

Strict Alternation: Sample Process Execution shows Why it Fails.

Initially:

- turn = 0
- Index, i is used to indicate a process. If $i = 0 \Rightarrow$ Process 0; if $i = 1 \Rightarrow$ Process 1

Examine the execution of both process. Time progresses in the downward direction in this table...

Process 0 ($i = 0$)	Process 1 ($i = 1$)
<u>Entry section:</u> While(turn != 0) --- UNTRUE since turn = 0	
Critical section	<u>Entry section:</u> While(turn != 1) --- TRUE since turn = 0 (i.e. $0 \neq 1$ is a true statement)
Critical section continues	; // Busy wait
Critical section continues	Process 1 continually checks in the while statement to see if turn != 1
<u>Exit section:</u> turn = 1 – i = 1 – 0 = 1	
Remainder section	While(turn != 1) --- UNTRUE since turn = 1 now (thanks to process 0). (i.e. $1 \neq 0$ is an untrue statement) So skip NULL statement “; // Busy wait ”, and enter critical section...
Remainder section continues	Critical section
<u>Entry section:</u> While(turn != 0) --- TRUE since turn = 1	Critical section continues
; // Busy wait	Critical section continues
	<u>Exit section:</u> turn = 1 – i = 1 – 1 = 0
<u>Entry section:</u> While(turn != 0) --- UNTRUE since turn = 0 now (thanks to process 1). So skip NULL statement “; // Busy wait ”, and enter critical section...	Remainder section
Critical section	Remainder section continues
Critical section continues	Remainder section continues
<u>Exit section:</u> turn = 1 – i = 1 – 0 = 1	Remainder section continues
Process 0 loops and wishes to enter its critical section again. It tests turn: <u>Entry section:</u> while(turn != 0) --- TRUE since turn = 1 (i.e. $1 \neq 0$ is a true statement)	Remainder section continues
; // Busy waiting	Remainder section continues

<i>Process 0 (i = 0)</i>	<i>Process 1 (i = 1)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process 0 busy waits eventhough Process 1 is only executing its Remainder Section (a non-critical section) • Process 0 is being blocked by Process 1 because Process 0 is waiting on Process 1 to change the value of turn to 0. • Since Process 0 is being blocked by Process 1 => violates the Progress condition: No process executing a non-critical section may block a process from entering its critical section 	Remainder section continues
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