

# Automatic Localization of Linearizability Faults

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**Abstract.** Linearizability is an important correctness criterion for concurrent objects. Existing work mainly focuses on linearizability verification of coarse-grained traces with operation invocations and responses only. However, when linearizability is violated, such coarse-grained traces do not provide sufficient information for reasoning about the underlying concurrent program faults. In this paper, we propose a notion of *critical data race sequence* (*CDRS*), based on our fine-grained trace model, to characterize concurrent program faults that cause violation of linearizability. We then develop a labeled tree model of interleaved program executions and show how to identify *CDRSes* and localize concurrent program faults automatically with a specific node-labeling mechanism. We also implemented a prototype tool, FGV<sub>T</sub>, for real-world Java concurrent programs. Experiments show that our localization technique is effective, i.e., all the *CDRSes* reported by FGV<sub>T</sub> indeed reveal the root causes of linearizability faults.

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## 1 First Section

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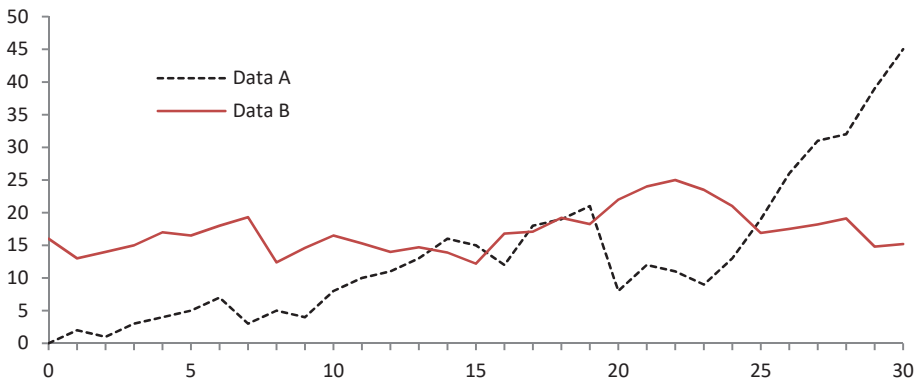
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