

Hardware Solutions to Critical Section Problem

- Peterson solution is not guaranteed to work on modern computers with multiple cores.
- Use hardware instructions provided by modern computers
- TestAndSet Instruction
- Swap Instruction

Important characteristics of these instructions:—

1) Two TestAndSet() instructions cannot be run in parallel on two different CPU's.

T1 T2
→ Test → Test

2) TestAndSet() instruction is executed atomically.

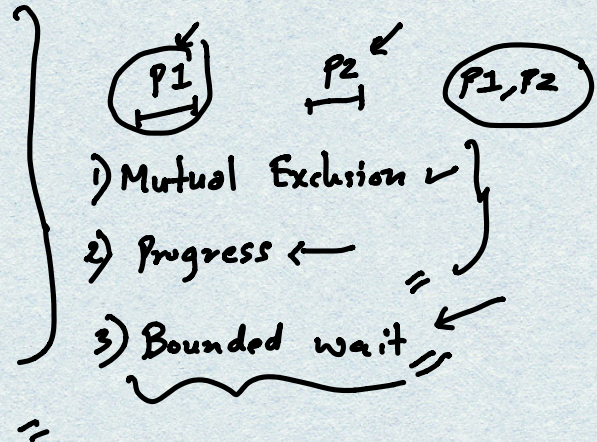
→ 1) Parallel execution

→ 2) Interrupts


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lock = False
do {
  while (testAndSet(&lock))
    // critical section
} while (True);

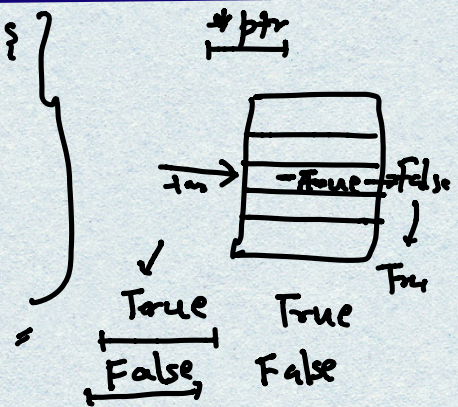
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boolean TestAndSet(boolean *target) {
  boolean rv = *target;
  *target = True;
  return rv;
}

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Fair — Many process can starve.

Wasting CPU cycles

Swap() Instruction For Critical Section Problem

1) Two process cannot run swap() instruction in parallel on two different cpu's.

2) swap() instruction is executed atomically.

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i) Parallel execution

ii) Interrupts

lock = False
do {
 P1 → Key = True;
 → While(Key == True) {
P2 → swap(&lock, &key);
 }
} while(True);

→ // Critical Section ←

→ lock = False; ←

→ while(True); Re sleep()

(P2)

(P2)

1st
2nd

void Swap(boolean *a, boolean *b) {
 → boolean temp = *a;
 → *a = *b;
 → *b = temp;
}

Key == False

lock = F
key = T

Lock = False

{ lock = T
key = F

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Progress ←

Bounded wait