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#include <pthread.h>
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
#include <vector>
#include <string.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include <set>
using namespace std;

// Definition of type script_function, that masks a void* (*)(void*)
typedef void* (*script_function)(void*);
// Definition of type script_vector, a std::vector of type script_function
typedef std::vector<script_function> script_vector;

// Definition of type _single_data_readers_log, that masks a std::vector of type int
//
// structure: _single_data_readers_log, used to encapsulate a vector of type int
//           containing the positions of all the threads that have read a particular
//           data item, as well as a mutex for synchronized use.
//
struct _single_data_readers_log {
    vector<int> _readers;
    pthread_mutex_t _mutex;

    _single_data_readers_log(){
        pthread_mutex_init (&_mutex, NULL);
    };
};

//
// structure: _data_value_spec_thread, used to encapsulate a pthread,
//           which will run a speculative thread for data value speculation,
//           keeping as well some related data.
//
struct _data_value_spec_thread{

    pthread_t _thread; //thread and mutex to manage it
    pthread_mutex_t _thread_mutex;

    void* (*_thread_instructions) (void*); //thread instructions and arguments, necessary
    void* _const_args; //to create a thread again.

    //red-black tree for keeping the per-thread data copies.
    //These copies help to prevent antidependence violations and
    //output violations (WAR and WAW).
    map<void*, _data_copy> _copied_data; //The _data_copy type is defined in branch_speculator.h

    //set for tracking the shared_data data that the thread has read.
    set<void*> _read_data;

    //
    //default constructor, initializes the mutexes
    //
    _data_value_spec_thread(){
        pthread_mutex_init (&_thread_mutex, NULL);
    };
};

//!
//! \class data_value_speculator
//!
//! \brief implements a class that takes n conditional branches and
//!         executes them speculatively, until one of them is
//!         proven valid in the pre-branch section. In order to do this
//!         the class relies on write_data and read_data functions, that
//!         check for data dependence violations; and 3 other functions
//!         (validate_supposition, speculate and get_results),
//!         that are in charge of control dependence.
//!         Additional functionality is provided with an append function
//!         that allows the pre-branch to dynamically add new branches
//!         to an on-going speculative execution.
//!
//! Limitations:
//! * If a speculative thread is to be canceled, it cannot use functions
//!   that involve system mutexes, such as printf, etc. In this case, it
//!   is possible that the thread can be canceled while holding such a mutex,
//!   and the application can go into deadlock. In order to prevent this the
//!   user has to surround this "dangerous" code with:
//!       "pthread_setcancelstate(PTHREAD_CANCEL_DISABLE, NULL);" and

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//!      "pthread_setcancelstate(PTHREAD_CANCEL_ENABLE, NULL);".
//!
//! * Sequential consistency is mostly guaranteed, save for exception
//! behaviour.
//!

class data_value_speculator
{
private:

    //bool values to set if the speculator is active, or has control
    //of the pre-branch section
    bool _is_active, _has_pre_branch;

    //mutex for synchronisation of the previous group of variables
    pthread_mutex_t _is_active_mutex;

    //thread to manage the pre-branch & related mutex
    pthread_t _pb;
    pthread_mutex_t _pb_mutex;

    //the speculative threads and it's data
    vector<_data_value_spec_thread> _spec_threads;

    //red-black tree, used as a thread index to relate a pthread_id with
    //it's model id, i.e. it's position in _spec_threads. -1 is used to
    //indicate a thread in deferred cancel
    map<pthread_t, int> _thread_index;

    //mutex for a synchronized access to both of the former
    pthread_mutex_t _spec_threads_mutex;

    //shared_data data between the pre-branch & the speculative threads
    void*& _shared_data;

    //auxiliary data to reset _shared_data and prevent segmentation faults.
    int _null_data;

    //position of the valid thread, -1 if none has been validated.
    int _valid_thread;

    //mutex for a synchronized access to the former
    pthread_mutex_t _valid_thread_mutex;

    //red-black tree that relates the reference of a data element from
    //shared_data data with a vector of type int used to keep track of all the
    //readers of that particular data element.
    map<void*, _single_data_readers_log> _readers_log;

    //global mutex related to the _readers_log as a whole
    pthread_mutex_t _global_readers_log_mutex;

    //!
    //! private method to reset or cancel speculative threads
    //!
    //! TO BE NOTED:
    //! * this method takes all class mutexes. On invocation
    //!   _spec_threads_mutex and _global_readers_log_mutex should
    //!   be on hold and no other class mutex, save those related
    //!   to a branch that is not about to be canceled or restarted.
    //! * If given reset_all_logs=true && cancel=true and a vector
    //!   threads_to_delete of size 0, the object is initialized
    //!   only deleting the valid_thread from the previous run, if
    //!   it exists.
    //!
    void _reset_spec_threads (vector<int> threads_to_delete, bool reset_all_logs, bool cancel){

        int i;
        bool valid_arguments=true;

        if (!threads_to_delete.empty()){

            for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){

                if (threads_to_delete[i]<0 || threads_to_delete[i]>_spec_threads.size()){
                    valid_arguments=false; //one thread has an invalid id.
                    i=threads_to_delete.size();
                }

            }

        }
        else{ //no threads to delete

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valid_arguments=false;

/*This option will be used to initialize the object, it only cancels the valid thread from the previous run
and resets the object's arrays*/

if (reset_all_logs && cancel){ //all the readers log will be deleted

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    int valid_thread=_valid_thread;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    if (valid_thread>0 && valid_thread<_spec_threads.size())

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    if (_has_pre_branch)

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);

    if (!_spec_threads.empty()){
        if (valid_thread>0 && valid_thread<_spec_threads.size()){
            if (pthread_kill(_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread, 0)==0)
                pthread_cancel(_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread);
            _thread_index[_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread]=-1;
            pthread_mutex_destroy(&_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread_mutex);
        }
        _spec_threads.clear();
    }

    if (!_readers_log.empty()){
        _readers_log.clear();
    }

    if (!_thread_index.empty()){

        /*in order to clear the _thread_index, it will be necessary to guarantee that all the threads in deferred
        cancel have finished, and thus will not use the object*/

        if (_has_pre_branch)

            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

        map <pthread_t, int>::iterator it;
        for (it=_thread_index.begin(); it!=_thread_index.end(); it++){
            if (it->second==-1){
                int a;
                do {
                    a= pthread_kill(it->first, 0);
                } while (a==0);
            }
        }

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        _thread_index.clear();
    }
    else {

        if (_has_pre_branch)

            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    }

}

}

if (valid_arguments) {

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for (i=threads_to_delete.size()-1; i>=0; i--){
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread_mutex);
}

if (reset_all_logs && cancel){ //all the readers log will be deleted, as well as all the threads

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    if (_has_pre_branch)
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);
    for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){
        if (pthread_kill(_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread, 0)==0)
            pthread_cancel(_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread);
        _thread_index[_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread]= -1;
        pthread_mutex_destroy(&_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread_mutex);
    }

    if (_has_pre_branch)
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
}
else {

    //next it will be checked what data has been read by the threads_to_delete.
    set <void*> data_to_access;
    for (i=threads_to_delete.size()-1; i>=0; i--){
        if (!_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._read_data.empty()){
            set <void*>::iterator it;
            for (it=_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._read_data.begin(); it!=_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._read_data.end(); it++){
                if (data_to_access.find(*it)==data_to_access.end()){
                    data_to_access.insert(*it);
                }
            }
            _spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._read_data.clear();
            _spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._copied_data.clear();
        }
    }

    if (data_to_access.empty()){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
        if (_has_pre_branch)
            pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);
        for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){
            if (pthread_kill(_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread, 0)==0){
                pthread_cancel(_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread);
            }
            _thread_index[_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread]= -1;
        }

        if (!cancel) { //this means that the threads will be restarted

            pthread_attr_t attr;
            pthread_attr_init (&attr);

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        pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr, SCHED_RR);

        for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){
            int success=0;
            do{
                success=pthread_create(&_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread, &attr, _spec_
            } while (success!=0);
            _thread_index[_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread]= threads_to_delete[i];
        }
    }

    if (_has_pre_branch)

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
}
else{
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    if (_has_pre_branch)

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);

    for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){

        if (pthread_kill(_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread, 0)==0){
            pthread_cancel(_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread);

        }

        _thread_index[_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread]= -1;
    }

    if (reset_all_logs){

        set <void*>::iterator it;

        for (it=data_to_access.begin(); it!=data_to_access.end(); it++){

            if (_readers_log.find(*it)!=_readers_log.end()){

                _single_data_readers_log * ptr= &_amp;_readers_log.find(*it)->second;

                pthread_mutex_lock (&ptr->_mutex);

                if (!ptr->_readers.empty()){

                    ptr->_readers.clear();

                }

                pthread_mutex_unlock (&ptr->_mutex);

            }

        }

    }

    else{ //only the threads to delete will be deleted from the logs

        set <void*>::iterator it;

        for (it=data_to_access.begin(); it!=data_to_access.end(); it++){

            if (_readers_log.find(*it)!=_readers_log.end()){

                _single_data_readers_log * ptr= &_amp;_readers_log.find(*it)->second;

                pthread_mutex_lock (&ptr->_mutex);

                if (!ptr->_readers.empty()){

                    for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){

                        vector<int> toErase;

                        for (int j=0; j<ptr->_readers.size(); j++){

                            if (ptr->_readers[j]==threads_to_delete[i]){

                                }

                            }

                        }

                    }

                }

            }

        }

    }

}

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        if (!toErase.empty()){
            int subs=0;
            for (int k=0; k<toErase.size(); k++){
                ptr->_readers.erase(ptr->_readers.begin()+
                    subs++);
            }
        }
        pthread_mutex_unlock (&ptr->_mutex);
    }
}

if (!cancel) { //this means that the threads will be restarted
    pthread_attr_t attr;
    pthread_attr_init (&attr);
    pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr, SCHED_RR);

    for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){
        int success=0;
        do {success=pthread_create(&_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread, &attr, _s
        } while (success!=0);
        _thread_index[_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread]=threads_to_delete[i];
    }
}

if (_has_pre_branch)

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);

pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    }
}
if ( valid_arguments && !(reset_all_logs&&cancel)){

    for (i=0; i<threads_to_delete.size(); i++){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[threads_to_delete[i]]._thread_mutex);
    }
}

};

public:

    ///
    ///! default constructor
    ///!
    data_value_speculator():_shared_data((void*)&_null_data){
        _is_active=false;
        pthread_mutex_init (&_is_active_mutex, NULL);
        pthread_mutex_init (&_pb_mutex, NULL);
        pthread_mutex_init (&_spec_threads_mutex, NULL);
        pthread_mutex_init (&_valid_thread_mutex, NULL);
        pthread_mutex_init (&_global_readers_log_mutex, NULL);
        _valid_thread=-1;//no branch has been validated
        _null_data=-1;
    };

    ///!
    ///! function providing access to the shared_data as a whole
    ///!
    void*& get_shared_data (){

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);

        bool manages_pre_branch=_has_pre_branch;
        if (!_is_active){

            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

            return (void*)&_null_data; //the object is inactive

        }

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        if (_thread_index.empty() ||_thread_index.find(pthread_self())!=_thread_index.end()){

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        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        return _shared_data; //valid branch or branch in deferred cancelation
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    if (manages_pre_branch){

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);

        if (pthread_self()==_pb){

            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
            return _shared_data;

        }

        else {

            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);

            return (void*)&_null_data; //invalid caller

        }

    }

    return _shared_data; //unmanaged pre-branch or branch in deferred cancelation
};

///
///! function allowing to validate one of the threads of the model
///! according to it's position
///!
///! TO BE NOTED:
///! * has to be called from the pre-branch section
///!
int validate_supposition (int thread_to_validate){
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);

    if (!_is_active){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1; //the object is inactive
    }

    bool manages_pre_branch=_has_pre_branch;

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    bool is_pre_branch=false;

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    if (_valid_thread!=-1){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
        return -1;
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    if (manages_pre_branch){

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);

        if (pthread_self()!=_pb){
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
            return -1; //invalid caller
        }
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
        is_pre_branch=true;
    }

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    if (!is_pre_branch){

        if (thread_to_validate<0){
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
            return -1; //invalid argument
        }
        if (_thread_index.find(pthread_self())!=_thread_index.end()){
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
            return -1; //invalid caller
        }
    }

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

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    _valid_thread=thread_to_validate;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    if (thread_to_validate<_spec_threads.size()){
        vector<int> threads_to_delete;
        for (int i=0; i<_spec_threads.size(); i++){
            if (i!=thread_to_validate)
                threads_to_delete.push_back(i);
        }
        if (!threads_to_delete.empty()){
            //the threads that were invalidated are deleted
            _reset_spec_threads(threads_to_delete, false, true);
        }
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    return 0;
};

///
///! function to be called from the speculative branches
///! and pre-branch, in order to read the shared_data
///! while keeping the expected sequential data consistency
///!
template <class T>
T read_data(T*& data_to_be_read){

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    if (!_is_active){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return *(T*)data_to_be_read; //the object is inactive, it's calling data is returned instead
        //of NULL, to prevent segmentation faults.
    }
    bool manages_pre_branch= has_pre_branch;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    T retval;
    bool thrd_id_equals_pb=false;

    if (manages_pre_branch){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);

        thrd_id_equals_pb=(pthread_self()==_pb);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
    }

    if (thrd_id_equals_pb){
        retval= *(T*) data_to_be_read;
        return retval; //the pre-branch does a standard read
    }

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    pthread_t thrd_id=pthread_self();

    //the branches need to make a copy or read an already existing copy, and log the reading.

    int current_thread=-1;

    if (_thread_index.empty()){
        retval= *(T*) data_to_be_read;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
        return retval;
    }
    if (_thread_index.find(thrd_id)!=_thread_index.end()){
        current_thread=_thread_index.find(thrd_id)->second;
    }
    if (current_thread>=0){

        _data_value_spec_thread* thrd_ptr=&_spec_threads[current_thread];

        pthread_mutex_lock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);

        map<void*, _data_copy>::iterator it;

        it=thrd_ptr->_copied_data.find((void*)data_to_be_read);

        if (it!=thrd_ptr->_copied_data.end()){
            retval=(T)it->second._data;
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
        }
    }
}

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        return retval; //if a copy is found, the copy is read
    }

    if (thrd_ptr->_read_data.find((void*)data_to_be_read)!=thrd_ptr->_read_data.end()){
        retval= *(T*) data_to_be_read;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        return retval; //if the data has already been read, then the reading need not be logged.
    }

    thrd_ptr->_read_data.insert((void*)data_to_be_read); //the read is logged in the thread

    pthread_mutex_lock (&_global_readers_log_mutex);

    if (_readers_log.find((void*)data_to_be_read)!=_readers_log.end()){

        _single_data_readers_log * ptr= &_amp;_readers_log.find((void*)data_to_be_read)->second;

        pthread_mutex_lock(&ptr->_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

        ptr->_readers.push_back(current_thread); //the read is marked in the data

        retval= *(T*) data_to_be_read;

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&ptr->_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        return retval;
    }
    else{ // the data log has to be created
        pthread_mutex_t temp;
        pthread_mutex_init (&temp, NULL);
        _single_data_readers_log temp_log;
        temp_log._readers.push_back(current_thread);
        _readers_log.insert(pair<void*, _single_data_readers_log>((void*)data_to_be_read, temp_log));
        retval= *(T*) data_to_be_read;

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        return retval;
    }
}

if (!manages_pre_branch){
    retval=*(T*) data_to_be_read;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    return retval; //un-managed pre-branch
}

pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
return *(T*)data_to_be_read; //invalid caller or branch in deferred cancelation.
//it's calling data is returned instead of NULL, to prevent segmentation faults.
};

//!
//! function to be called from the speculative branches
//! and pre-branch, in order to write the shared_data
//! while keeping the expected sequential data consistency
//!
template <class T>
int write_data(T*& data_to_be_written_upon, T* data_to_write){

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    if (!_is_active){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1; //the object is inactive.
    }
    bool manages_pre_branch=_has_pre_branch;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    int valid_thread=_valid_thread;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    bool thrd_id_equals_pb=false;

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if (manages_pre_branch){
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);
    thrd_id_equals_pb=(pthread_self()==_pb);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
}

pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

pthread_t thrd_id=pthread_self();

bool is_pre_branch=false;
if (thrd_id_equals_pb){
    is_pre_branch=true;
}

int current_thread=-2;

if (_thread_index.empty()){
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    return -1;
}

if (_thread_index.find(thrd_id)!=_thread_index.end()){
    current_thread=_thread_index.find(thrd_id)->second;
}

if (current_thread==-2 && !manages_pre_branch){
    is_pre_branch=true;
}

if (is_pre_branch){
    pthread_mutex_lock (&_global_readers_log_mutex);

    if (_readers_log.find((void*)data_to_be_written_upon)==_readers_log.end()){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        memcpy ((void*)data_to_be_written_upon, (void*)&data_to_write, sizeof(T));

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

        return 0;//if no log exists for the data, then it is simply written.
    }

    //Otherwise the data is written, then data dependency checks are preformed, in search of a true
    //dependence violation (RAW).

    memcpy ((void*)data_to_be_written_upon, (void*)&data_to_write, sizeof(T));

    _single_data_readers_log *ptr=&_readers_log.find((void*)data_to_be_written_upon)->second;

    pthread_mutex_lock(&ptr->_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_unlock (&_global_readers_log_mutex);

    vector <int> delinquent_readers= ptr->_readers;

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&ptr->_mutex);

    if (!delinquent_readers.empty()){//a true data dependency violation has occurred (RAW).

        _reset_spec_threads(delinquent_readers, false, false);
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    return 0;
}

if (current_thread>=0){

    _data_value_spec_thread* thrd_ptr= &_spec_threads[current_thread];
    pthread_mutex_lock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    //if the thread has a copy, it is written
    if (!thrd_ptr->_copied_data.empty()){
        if(thrd_ptr->_copied_data.find((void*)data_to_be_written_upon)!=thrd_ptr->_copied_data.end()){
            thrd_ptr->_copied_data[(void*)data_to_be_written_upon]._data=(void*)data_to_write;
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);
            return 0;
        }
    }

    //if there is no per-thread copy, it is made and written.
    _data_copy copy;
    copy._data=(void*)data_to_write;

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        copy._size=sizeof(T);
        thrd_ptr->copied_data.insert(pair<void*, _data_copy>((void*)data_to_be_written_upon, copy));
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&thrd_ptr->_thread_mutex);

        return 0;
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    return -1;//invalid caller or branch in deferred cancelation.
};

//!
//! function that permits the pre_branch to dynamically append
//! a new speculative thread at the end of the array in an on-going
//! speculative execution.
//!
int append(void* (f)(void*), void* consts){

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    if (!_is_active){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1; //the object is not active.
    }
    bool manages_pre_branch=_has_pre_branch;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    bool is_pre_branch=false;
    if (manages_pre_branch){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);
        if (pthread_self()==_pb){
            is_pre_branch=true;
        }
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
    }

    int current_thread=-2;

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    pthread_t thrd_id=pthread_self();
    if (_thread_index.find(thrd_id)!=_thread_index.end()){
        current_thread=_thread_index.find(thrd_id)->second;
    }

    if (current_thread==-2 && !manages_pre_branch){
        is_pre_branch=true;
    }
    if (is_pre_branch){
        pthread_attr_t attr;
        pthread_attr_init (&attr);
        pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr, SCHED_RR);
        int success=0;
        _spec_threads.resize(_spec_threads.size()+1);
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads[_spec_threads.size()-1]._thread_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
        if (manages_pre_branch)
            pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);
        do {
            success=pthread_create(&_spec_threads[_spec_threads.size()-1]._thread, &attr, f, consts);
        } while (success!=0);
        _thread_index[_spec_threads[_spec_threads.size()-1]._thread]=_spec_threads.size()-1;
        if (manages_pre_branch)
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[_spec_threads.size()-1]._thread_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        return 0;
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    return -1;//invalid caller.
};

//!
//! speculate: a complete function that takes the instructions and arguments
//! of the branches and pre-branch; and starts their speculatively parallel
//! execution, while maintaining the sequential consistency. This function
//! returns in the &shared_data, the results of the computation.
//!
//! TO BE NOTED:
//! * In this version of the function, the object is in control of the pre-
//! branch. This means that on invocation, the caller blocks until the pre-
//! branch and validated thread complete their execution.
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int speculate (void*& shared_data, void* (fpb)(void*), void* const_args_pb, script_vector thread_instructions, vector<void*> cons

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    if (_is_active){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1;//the object is active, hence no other speculation can be started.
    }
    if (thread_instructions.size()!=const_args_spec_threads.size()){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1;//invalid arguments
    }
    _is_active=true;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

    vector<int> threads_to_cancel;//a selective reset is performed, canceling only
    _reset_spec_threads(threads_to_cancel, true, true);//the valid thread from the previous run, if any.

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    _has_pre_branch=true;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    _valid_thread=-1;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    _shared_data=shared_data;

    pthread_attr_t attr;
    pthread_attr_init (&attr);
    pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr, SCHED_RR);

    int success=0;

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_pb_mutex);
    success=pthread_create (&_pb, &attr, fpb, const_args_pb);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_pb_mutex);

    if (success!=0){

        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
        _is_active=false;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

        return -1;//the pre-branch could not be created.
    }

    _spec_threads.resize(thread_instructions.size());

    for (int i=thread_instructions.size()-1; i>=0; i--){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads[i]._thread_mutex);
    }
    for (unsigned int i=0; i<thread_instructions.size(); i++){
        _spec_threads[i].thread_instructions=thread_instructions[i];
        _spec_threads[i].const_args=const_args_spec_threads[i];
        success=pthread_create (&_spec_threads[i]._thread, &attr,
                                _spec_threads[i].thread_instructions,
                                _spec_threads[i].const_args);
        _thread_index[_spec_threads[i]._thread]= i;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[i]._thread_mutex);
        if (success!=0){
            for (int j=i; j<thread_instructions.size(); j++){
                pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[j]._thread_mutex);
            }
            vector<int> threads_to_delete;
            for (int j=0; j>i; j++){
                threads_to_delete.push_back(j);
            }
            _reset_spec_threads(threads_to_delete, true, true);
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

            pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
            _is_active=false;
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

            return -1;//one thread could not be created.
        }
    }

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

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pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

int valid_thread;
int joins_but_no_validation=0;

do{

    success=pthread_join (_pb, NULL);

    if (success!=0){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
        if (_valid_thread===-1){
            success=0;
            joins_but_no_validation++;
        }
        else{
            valid_thread=_valid_thread;
        }
        if (joins_but_no_validation>10){

            /*just in case the validated supposition is not logged in a timely fasion, it is tried
            10 times to see if it get's validated, if not then the object asumes there was no validated
            branch.
            Although slightly un-elegant, the validity of this solution has not been disproved by empirical
            tests.*/

            success=-1;
            valid_thread=-1;
        }
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    }

} while (success==0);

pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

if (valid_thread===-1)
    valid_thread=_spec_threads.size()+1;

if (valid_thread>= _spec_threads.size()){
    vector<int> threads_to_delete;
    for (int i=0; i<_spec_threads.size(); i++){
        threads_to_delete.push_back(i);
    }
    _reset_spec_threads(threads_to_delete, true, true);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    _is_active=false;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    return -1;/*no speculative thread was validated, thus all are canceled save the pre-branch.
}

pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

do{
    success=pthread_join (_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread, NULL);
}while (success==0);

pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread_mutex);

if (!_spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.empty()){
    /*the changes that the valid thread made are communicated unto the &_shared_data
    map<void*, _data_copy>::iterator i;
    for (i=_spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.begin(); i!=_spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.end(); i++){
        memcpy((void*)&const_cast<void*&(i->first), (void*)&(i->second._data), i->second._size);
    }
    _spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.clear();
}
pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread_mutex);

pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
_is_active=false;
pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

return 0;

};

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//!
//! speculate: a function that takes the instructions and arguments
//! of the branches , and starts their speculatively parallel execution,
//! while maintaining the sequential consistency with an unmanaged pre-branch.
//!
//! TO BE NOTED:
//! * In this version of the function, the object is not in control of the pre-
//! branch. This means that on invocation, the caller only blocks for the creation
//! of the branches, and can resume it's execution as a possible pre-branch, until
//! calling get_results(), when the caller blocks until the valid branch returns.
//!
int speculate (void*& shared_data, script_vector thread_instructions, vector<void*> const_args_spec_threads){
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    if (_is_active){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1; //the object is active, hence no other speculation can be started.
    }
    if (thread_instructions.size()!=const_args_spec_threads.size()){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1; //invalid arguments
    }
    _is_active=true;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);

    vector<int> threads_to_cancel; //a selective reset is performed, canceling only
    _reset_spec_threads(threads_to_cancel, true, true); //the valid thread from the previous run, if any.

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    _has_pre_branch=false;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    _valid_thread=-1;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    _shared_data=shared_data;

    pthread_attr_t attr;
    pthread_attr_init (&attr);
    pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr, SCHED_RR);

    int success=0;
    _spec_threads.resize(thread_instructions.size());
    for (int i=thread_instructions.size()-1; i>=0; i--){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads[i]._thread_mutex);
    }
    for (int i=0; i<thread_instructions.size(); i++){
        _spec_threads[i]._thread_instructions=thread_instructions[i];
        _spec_threads[i]._const_args=const_args_spec_threads[i];
        success=pthread_create (&_spec_threads[i]._thread, &attr,
                                _spec_threads[i]._thread_instructions,
                                _spec_threads[i]._const_args);
        _thread_index[_spec_threads[i]._thread]= i;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[i]._thread_mutex);
        if (success!=0){
            for (int j=i; j<thread_instructions.size(); j++){
                pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[j]._thread_mutex);
            }
            vector<int> threads_to_delete;
            for (int j=0; j>i; j++){
                threads_to_delete.push_back(j);
            }
            _reset_spec_threads(threads_to_delete, true, true);
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

            pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
            _is_active=false;
            pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
            return -1; //a thread could not be created.
        }
    }

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_global_readers_log_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    return 0;
};

//!
//! function to get the results of the speculation once the un-managed pre-
//! branch has ended it's execution.

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//!
//! TO BE NOTED:
//! * If the pre-branch does not validate the supposition, then none of
//! the results of the branches will be accepted.
//!
int get_results(){
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    if (!_is_active || !_has_pre_branch){
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1; //the object is active or manages it's pre-branch
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_valid_thread_mutex);
    int valid_thread=_valid_thread;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_valid_thread_mutex);

    if (valid_thread!=-1){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
        vector<int> threads_to_delete;
        for (int i=0; i<_spec_threads.size(); i++){
            threads_to_delete.push_back(i);
        }
        _reset_spec_threads(threads_to_delete, true, true);
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

        pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
        _is_active=false;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);
        return -1; //no speculative thread was validated.
    }
    int a=0;

    do{
        a=pthread_join (_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread, NULL);
    } while (a==0);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_lock(&_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread_mutex);
    if (!_spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.empty()){
        //the changes that the valid thread made are communicated unto the &_shared_data
        map<void*, _data_copy>::iterator i;
        for (i=_spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.begin(); i!=_spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.end(); i++){
            memcpy((void*)&const_cast<void*&>(i->first), (void*)&(i->second._data), i->second._size);
        }
        _spec_threads[valid_thread]._copied_data.clear();
    }

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads[valid_thread]._thread_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_spec_threads_mutex);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&_is_active_mutex);
    _is_active=false;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&_is_active_mutex);

    return 0;
};
};

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