

CSCI 325

Introduction to Parallel Systems and GPU Programming

Lecture 3

C++ Multithreading

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## Concurrency (Liveness) problems

*Deadlock, Livelock, Starvation*

# Concurrency Problems **Deadlock**

Two or more threads get some resources (lock) and then wait each other indefinitely to release the lock. It happens when threads acquire the lock in different order.

<u>T1</u> synchronize (A) { synchronize (B) {  } } }	<u>T2</u> synchronize (B) { synchronize (A) {  } } }
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# Concurrency Problems **Deadlock Example**

[Java Example](#)

[C++](#)

offer your solutions

## Concurrency Problems **Deadlock Solutions**

- Try not to use block threads within each other (cycles, nests)
- Use timed waiting to avoid indefinite block
- Any other?

# Concurrency Problems **Livelock**

## **THREAD 1**

```
while(y < 2)
{
    synchronized
    {
        x++;
        y = x;
    }
}
```

## **THREAD 2**

```
while(y > -2)
{
    synchronized
    {
        x--;
        y = x;
    }
}
```

## **possible output**

### **THREAD 1**

x = 0;

x = 1;

### **THREAD 2**

x = 0;

x = -1;

### **THREAD 1**

x = 0;

### **THREAD 2**

x = -1;

### **THREAD 1**

x = 0;

x = 1;

...

# Concurrency Problems **Livelock Example**

## C++ Livelock Example

How to figure out the error?

Offer solutions to the problem

# Concurrency Problems **Livelock Solutions**

Identify livelock:

- What if use counters for repeated situations?

Solution depends to the problem:

- Use different timed waiting for concurrent threads;



# Concurrency Problems **Starvation**

## **THREAD 1**

```
while(x < 4)
{
    synchronized
(sharedObject)
    {
        x++;
    }
}
```

## **THREAD 2**

```
while(x < 4)
{
    synchronized
(sharedObject)
    {
        x++;
    }
}
```

## **THREAD N**

```
while(x < 4)
{
    synchronized
(sharedObject)
    {
        x++;
    }
}
```

## **possible output**

### **THREAD 1**

```
x = 1;
x = 2;
x = 3;
x = 4;
```

### **THREAD 2**

```
x = 1;
x = 2;
x = 3;
x = 4;
```

### **THREAD N**

```
x = 1;
x = 2;
x = 3;
x = 4;
```

# Concurrency Problems **Starvation Example**

[C++ Starvation Example](#)

# Concurrency Problems **Starvation Solutions**

Identify starvation:

- Are threads running randomly or in particular order?

Solution:

- Use scheduling

# Summary

Threads organization is important to avoid liveness problems: deadlock, livelock and starvation.

Famous problems in concurrency: Producer-Consumer Relationship (bounded-buffer problem), dining philosophers, readers-writers problem etc. have several solutions each.

# Class work and Homework

- Read about liveness problems: deadlock, livelock and starvation
- Understand and implement reasons and solutions
- Please check if cuda is installed on your PC
- Sign up to [learn.nvidia.com](https://learn.nvidia.com)

# Resources

Paul J. Deitel. C++20 Fundamentals, 3rd Edition. 2024;

Harvey Deitel, and Paul J. Deitel. C++20 for Programmers: An Object's-Natural Approach, 3rd Edition, 2022;