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- We will clarify our understanding of mutual exclusion
- We will also show you how to reason about various properties in an asynchronous concurrent setting





In his 1965 paper E. W. Dijkstra wrote:

"Given in this paper is a solution to a problem which, to the knowledge of the author, has been an open question since at least 1962, irrespective of the solvability. [...] Although the setting of the problem might seem somewhat academic at first, the author trusts that anyone familiar with the logical problems that arise in computer coupling will appreciate the significance of the fact that this problem indeed can be solved."





- Formal problem definitions
- Solutions for 2 threads
- Solutions for n threads
- Fair solutions
- Inherent costs



Warning

- You will never use these protocols
 - Get over it
- You are advised to understand them
 - The same issues show up everywhere
 - Except hidden and more complex



Time

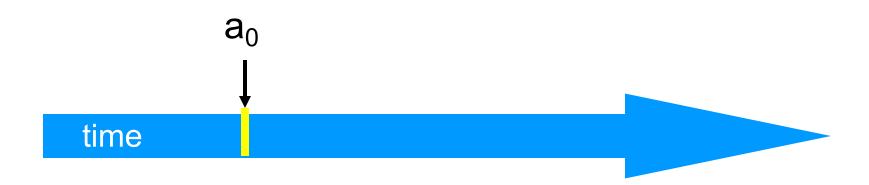
- "Absolute, true and mathematical time, of itself and from its own nature, flows equably without relation to anything external." (I. Newton, 1689)
- "Time is, like, Nature's way of making sure that everything doesn't happen all at once." (Anonymous, circa 1968)

time



Events

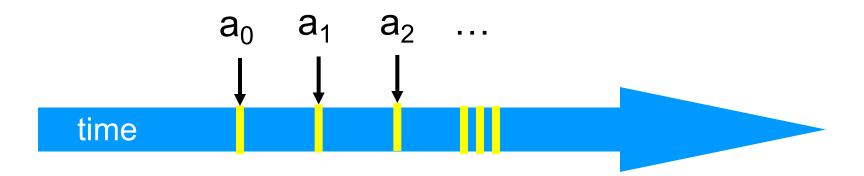
- An event a₀ of thread A is
 - Instantaneous
 - No simultaneous events (break ties)





Threads

- A thread A is (formally) a sequence a₀,
 a₁, ... of events
 - "Trace" model
 - Notation: $a_0 \rightarrow a_1$ indicates order



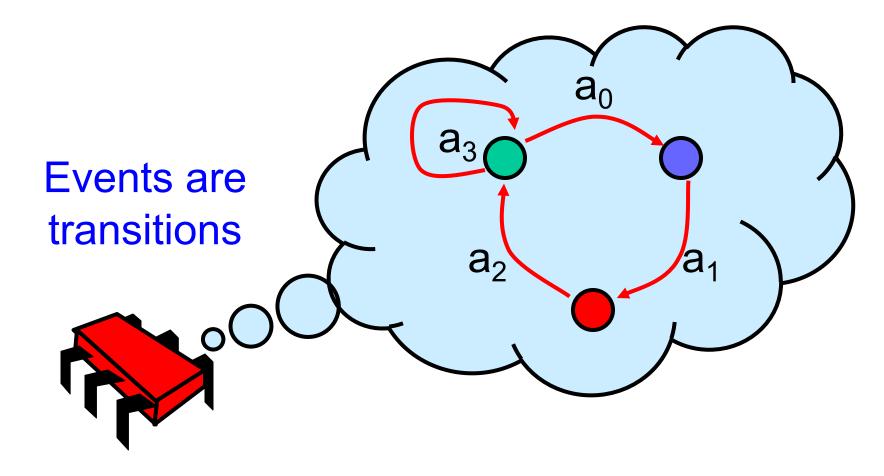


Example Thread Events

- Assign to shared variable
- Assign to local variable
- Invoke method
- Return from method
- Lots of other things ...



Threads are State Machines





States

- Thread State
 - Program counter
 - Local variables
- System state
 - Object fields (shared variables)
 - Union of thread states



Concurrency

Thread A

time



Concurrency

Thread A



Thread B





Interleavings

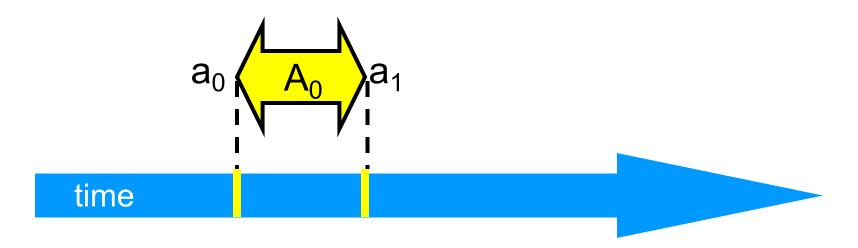
- Events of two or more threads
 - Interleaved
 - Not necessarily independent (why?)





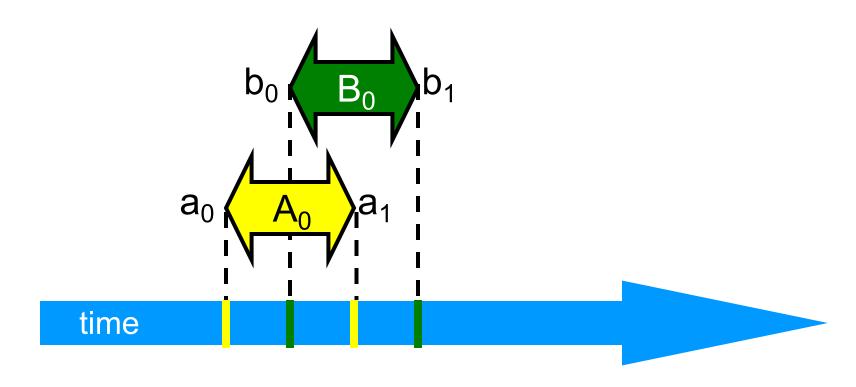
Intervals

- An interval $A_0 = (a_0, a_1)$ is
 - Time between events a₀ and a₁



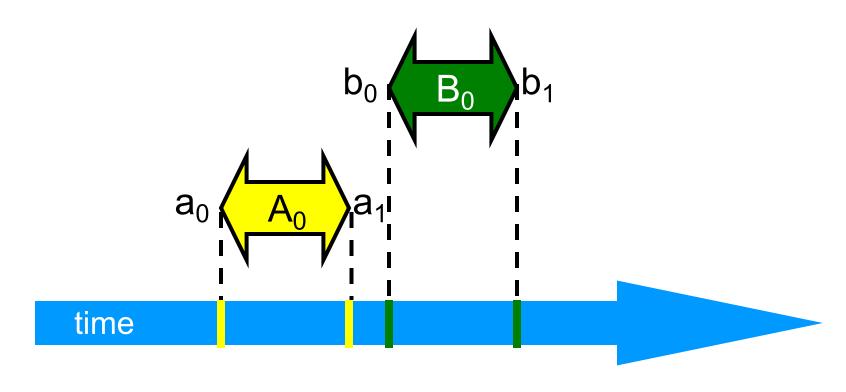


Intervals may Overlap





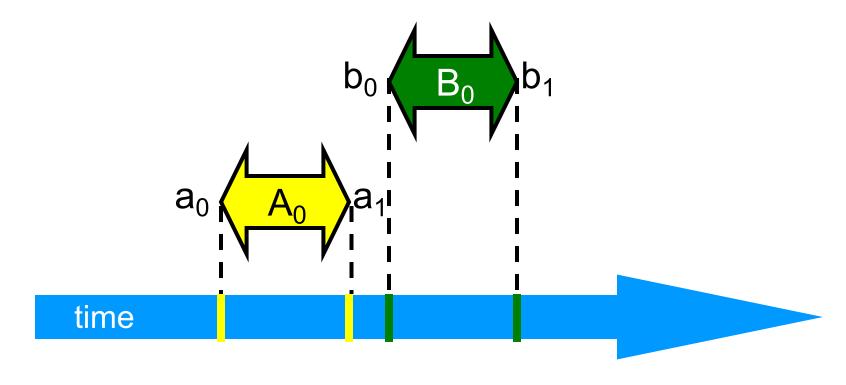
Intervals may be Disjoint





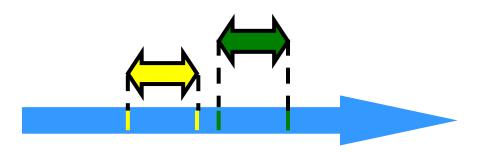
Precedence

Interval A₀ precedes interval B₀





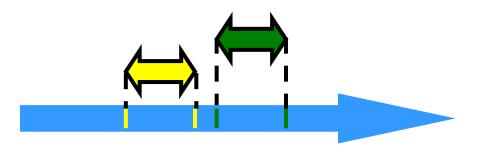
Precedence



- Notation: $A_0 \rightarrow B_0$
- Formally,
 - End event of A₀ before start event of B₀
 - Also called "happens before" or "precedes"



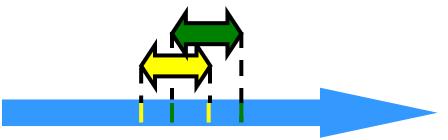
Precedence Ordering



- Remark: A₀ → B₀ is just like saying
 - $-1066 AD \rightarrow 1492 AD$
 - Middle Ages → Renaissance,
- Oh wait,
 - what about this week vs this month?



Precedence Ordering



- Never true that A → A
- If A →B then not true that B →A
- If $A \rightarrow B \& B \rightarrow C$ then $A \rightarrow C$
- Funny thing: A →B & B →A might both be false!



Partial Orders

(review)

- Irreflexive:
 - Never true that A → A
- Antisymmetric:
 - If A → B then not true that B → A
- Transitive:
 - $If A \rightarrow B \& B \rightarrow C then A \rightarrow C$



Total Orders

(review)

- Also
 - Irreflexive
 - Antisymmetric
 - Transitive
- Except that for every distinct A, B,
 - Either A → B or B → A



Repeated Events

```
while (mumble) {
  a_0; a_1;
                         k-th occurrence of
                               event a<sub>0</sub>
                       k-th occurrence of
                       interval A_0 = (a_0, a_1)
```



Implementing a Counter

```
public class Counter {
  private long value;
  public long getAndIncrement() {
   temp = value;
   value = temp + 1;
                       Make these steps
                     indivisible using locks
```



Locks (Mutual Exclusion)

```
public interface Lock {
  public void lock();
  public void unlock();
}
```



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Locks (Mutual Exclusion)

```
public interface Lock {

public void lock();

public void unlock();

release lock
```



```
public class Counter {
  private long value;
 private Lock lock;
  public long getAndIncrement() {
  lock.lock();
   try {
    int temp = value;
   value = value + 1;
   } finally {
     lock.unlock();
   return temp;
  }}
```



```
public class Counter {
 private long value;
 private Lock lock;
  public long getAndIncrement() {
  lock.lock();
                              acquire Lock
   int temp = value;
   value = value + 1;
   } finally {
    lock.unlock();
   return temp;
 }}
```



```
public class Counter {
 private long value;
 private Lock lock;
 public long getAndIncrement() {
  lock.lock();
   try {
   int temp = value;
   value = value + 1;
    finally {
                               Release lock
     lock.unlock();
                             (no matter what)
   return temp;
 }}
```



```
public class Counter {
  private long value;
 private Lock lock;
  public long getAndIncrement() {
  lock.lock();
   int temp = value;
                                        critical section
    value = value + 1;
    Tinally {
     lock.unlock();
   return temp;
 }}
```



Let CS_i^k be thread i's k-th critical section execution



- Let CS_i^k be thread i's k-th critical section execution
- And CS_j^m be thread j's m-th critical section execution

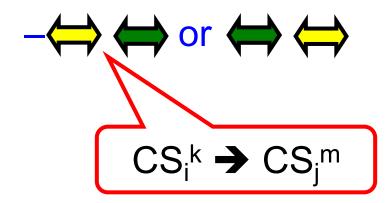


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- Then either





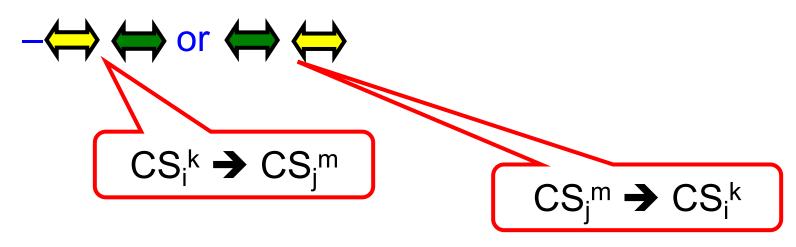
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Mutual Exclusion

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- And CS_j^m be j's m-th execution
- Then either





Deadlock-Free



- If some thread calls lock()
 - And never returns
 - Then other threads must complete lock() and unlock() calls infinitely often
- System as a whole makes progress
 - Even if individuals starve



Starvation-Free



- If some thread calls lock()
 - It will eventually return
- Individual threads make progress



Two-Thread vs *n*-Thread Solutions

- 2-thread solutions first
 - Illustrate most basic ideas
 - Fits on one slide
- Then *n*-thread solutions



Two-Thread Conventions

```
class ... implements Lock {
    ...
    // thread-local index, 0 or 1
    public void lock() {
        int i = ThreadID.get();
        int j = 1 - i;
    ...
    }
}
```



Two-Thread Conventions

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    ...
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        int i = ThreadID.get();
        int j = 1 - i;
        ...
    }
}
```

Henceforth: i is current thread, j is other thread



```
class LockOne implements Lock {
  private boolean[] flag = new boolean[2];
  public void lock() {
    flag[i] = true;
    while (flag[j]) {}
}
```



```
class LockOne implements Lock {
private boolean[] flag = new boolean[2];
public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
  while (flag[j]) {}
}
Each thread has flag
```



```
class LockOne implements Lock {
private boolean[] flag = new boolean[2];
public void lock() {
   flag[i] = true;
   while (flag[j]) {} Set my flag
}
```



```
class LockOne implements Lock {
private boolean[] flag = new boolean[2];
public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
 while (flag[j]) {}
               Wait for other flag to
```

become false



LockOne Satisfies Mutual Exclusion

- Assume CS_A^j overlaps CS_B^k
- Consider each thread's last (j-th and k-th) read and write in the lock() method before entering
- Derive a contradiction



From the Code

- write_A(flag[A]=true) →
 read_A(flag[B]==false) → CS_A
- write_B(flag[B]=true) →
 read_B(flag[A]==false) → CS_B

```
class LockOne implements Lock {
...
public void lock() {
   flag[i] = true;
   while (flag[j]) {}
}
```



From the Assumption

read_A(flag[B]==false) → write_B(flag[B]=true)

read_B(flag[A]==false) → write_A(flag[A]=true)



Assumptions:

- read_A(flag[B]==false) \rightarrow write_B(flag[B]=true)
- read_B(flag[A]==false) \rightarrow write_A(flag[A]=true)

From the code

- write_{Δ}(flag[A]=true) \rightarrow read_{Δ}(flag[B]==false)
- write_B(flag[B]=true) → read_B(flag[A]==false)



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 - write_B(flag[B]=true) → read_B(flag[A]==false)



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 - write_B(flag[B]=true) → read_B(flag[A]==false)



Assumptions:

```
– read<sub>A</sub>(flag[B]==false) → write<sub>B</sub>(flag[B]=true)
```

```
– read<sub>B</sub>(flag[A]==false) → write<sub>A</sub>(flag[A]=true)
```

- From the code
 - write_A(flag[A]=true) → read_A(flag[B]==false)
 - write_B(flag[B]=true) → read_B(flag[A]==false)



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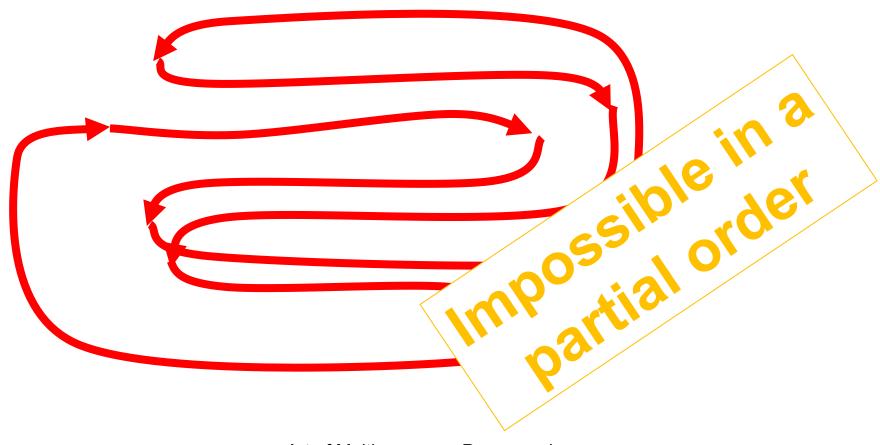
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    – write<sub>B</sub>(flag[B]=true) → read<sub>B</sub>(flag[A]==false)
```



- Assumptions:
 - read_A(flag[B]==false) → write_B(flag[D]=true)
 - read_B(flag[Δ]==false) → write_A(πag[Δ]=true)
- From the code
 - wr te_A(flag[A]=true) → read_A(flag[B]==false)
 - write_B(flag[B]=true) → read_B(flag[A]==false)



Cycle!





Deadlock Freedom

- LockOne Fails deadlock-freedom
 - Concurrent execution can deadlock

```
flag[i] = true; flag[j] = true;
while (flag[j]){} while (flag[i]){}
```

Sequential executions OK



```
public class LockTwo implements Lock {
  private int victim;
  public void lock() {
    victim = i;
    while (victim == i) {};
  }
  public void unlock() {}
}
```



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    victim = i;
    while (victim == i) {};
  }
  public void unlock() {}
```



LockTwo Claims

- Satisfies mutual exclusion
 - If thread i in CS
 - Then victim == j
 - Cannot be both 0 and 1

```
public void LockTwo() {
  victim = i;
  while (victim == i) {};
}
```

- Not deadlock free
 - Sequential execution deadlocks
 - Concurrent execution does not



```
public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
  victim = i;
  while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
}
public void unlock() {
  flag[i] = false;
}
```



Announce I'm

```
public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
  victim = i;
  while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
}
public void unlock() {
  flag[i] = false;
}
```



```
Announce I'm
                           interested
public void
  lag[i] = true;
                           Defer to other
 victim
 while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
public void unlock() {
flag[i] = false;
```



```
Announce I'm
                            interested
         = true;
                            Defer to other
 victim
while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
public void unlock() {
                         Wait while other
flag[i] = false;
                         interested & I'm
                           the victim
```



```
Announce I'm
                           interested
        = true;
                           Defer to other
victim
while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
  lic void unlock()
                        Wait while other
flag[i] = false;
                        interested & I'm
         No longer
                           the victim
         interested
```



Mutual Exclusion

(1) write_B(Flag[B]=true) \rightarrow write_B(victim=B)

```
public void lock() {
   flag[i] = true;
   victim = i;
   while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
}
```

From the Code



Also from the Code

(2) write_A(victim=A)→read_A(flag[B])
→read_A(victim)

```
public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
  victim = i;
  while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
}
```



Assumption

(3) write_B(victim=B) \rightarrow write_A(victim=A)

W.L.O.G. assume A is the last thread to write victim



Combining Observations

- (1) write_B(flag[B]=true) \rightarrow write_B(victim=B)
- (3) write_B(victim=B) \rightarrow write_A(victim=A)
- (2) write_A(victim=A) \rightarrow read_A(flag[B])
 - → read_A(victim)



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- (2) write_A(victim=A) \rightarrow read_A(flag[B])
 - → read_A(victim)



```
(1) write<sub>B</sub>(flag[B]=true)→
```

```
(3) write<sub>B</sub>(victim=B)\rightarrow
```

(2) write_{\triangle}(victim=A) read_A(flag[B])

→ read_A(victim)

A read flag[B] == true and victim == A, so it could not have entered the CS (QED)



Deadlock Free

```
public void lock() {
    ...
    while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
```

- Thread blocked
 - only at while loop
 - only if other's flag is true
 - only if it is the victim
- Solo: other's flag is false
- Both: one or the other not the victim



Starvation Free

 Thread i blocked only if j repeatedly re-enters so that

```
flag[j] == true and
victim == i
```

- When j re-enters
 - it sets victim to j.
 - So i gets in

```
public void lock() {
   flag[i] = true;
   victim = i;
   while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
}

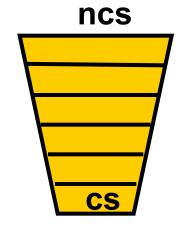
public void unlock() {
   flag[i] = false;
}
```



The Filter Algorithm for *n* Threads

There are n-1 "waiting rooms" called levels

- At each level
 - At least one enters level
 - At least one blocked if many try



Only one thread makes it through



```
class Filter implements Lock {
   int[] level; // level[i] for thread i
   int[] victim; // victim[L] for level L
 public Filter(int n) {
                                                      n-1
     level = new int[n];
                              level 0 0
                                            0 0 0 0
     victim = new int[n];
     for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
         level[i] = 0;
     }}
                Thread 2 at level 4
                                                n-1
               Art of Multiprocessor Programming
                                           victim
```



```
class Filter implements Lock {
  public void lock(){
    for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
      level[i] = L;
      victim[L] = i;
      while (\exists k != i level[k] >= L) \&\&
             victim[L] == i ) {};
    }}
  public void unlock() {
    level[i] = 0;
  }}
```



```
class Filter implements Lock {
    for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
      victim[L] = i;
      while ((\exists k != i) ]evel[k]
             victim[L] == i
  public void release(int i) {
    level[i] = 0;
                          One level at a time
  }}
```



```
class Filter implements Lock {
  public void lock() {
    for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
      level[i]
      while ((\exists k != i))
                         Tevel[k] \Rightarrow L) &&
              victim[L] == i
                                   Announce
    }}
  public void release(int i) intention to enter
    level[i] = 0;
                                      level L
  }}
```



```
class Filter implements Lock {
  int level[n];
  int victim[n];
  public void lock() {
    for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
      level[i] = L;
     victim[L] = i;
                       level[k] >= L) &&
             victim[L
   }}
                               Give priority to
  public void release(int i)
   level[i] = 0;
                               anyone but me
  }}
```



Wait as long as someone else is at same or higher level, and I'm designated victim public void lock() { for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) { level[i] victim[L] while $((\exists k != i) level[k] >= L) \&\&$ victim[L] == i) {}; public void release(int i) { level[i] = 0;

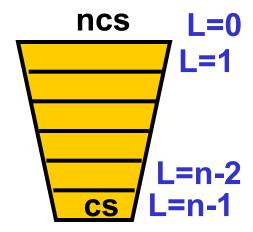


```
class Filter implements Lock {
  int level[n];
  int victim[n];
  public void lock() {
    for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
      level[i] = L;
      victim[L] = i;
     while ((\exists k != i) level[k] >= L) \&\&
             victim[L] == i) {};
 Thread enters level L when it completes
                   the loop
```



Claim

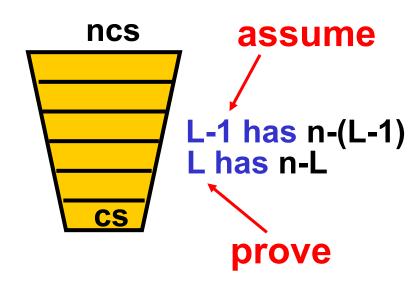
- Start at level L=0
- At most n-L threads enter level L
- Mutual exclusion at level L=n-1





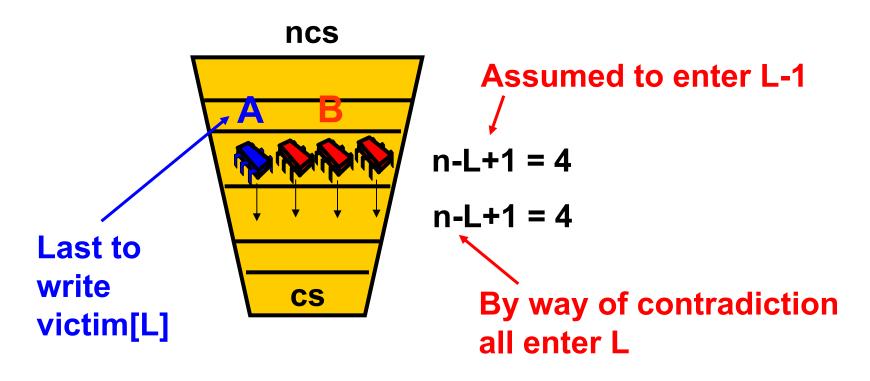
Induction Hypothesis

- No more than n-(L-1) at level L-1
- Induction step: by contradiction
- Assume all at level L-1 enter level L
- A last to write victim[L]
- B is any other thread at level L





Proof Structure



Show that A must have seen
B in level L and since victim[L] == A
could not have entered



Just Like Peterson

(1) write_B(level[B]=L) \rightarrow write_B(victim[L]=B)

```
public void lock() {
  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
    level[i] = L;
    victim[L] = i;

    while ((∃ k != i) level[k] >= L)
          && victim[L] == i) {};
    }
}
```

From the Code



From the Code

(2) write_A(victim[L]=A)→read_A(level[B])
→read_A(victim[L])



By Assumption

(3) write_B(victim[L]=B) \rightarrow write_A(victim[L]=A)

By assumption, A is the last thread to write victim[L]



- (1) write_B(level[B]=L) \rightarrow write_B(victim[L]=B)
- (3) write_B(victim[L]=B) \rightarrow write_A(victim[L]=A)
- (2) write_A(victim[L]=A)→read_A(level[B])
 →read_A(victim[L])



```
(1) write<sub>B</sub>(level[B]=L)→
```

- (3) write_B(victim[L]=B) \rightarrow write_A(victim[L]=A)
- (2) → read_A(level[B])
 - →read_A(victim[L])



```
(1) write<sub>B</sub>(level[B]=L)\rightarrow
(3) write<sub>B</sub>(victim[L]=B)\rightarrow write<sub>A</sub>(victim[L]=A)
                                    read<sub>A</sub>(level[B])
(2)
           → read<sub>A</sub>(victim[L
   A read level[B] ≥ L, and victim[L] = A, so it
   could not have entered level L!
```



No Starvation

- Filter Lock satisfies properties:
 - Just like Peterson Alg at any level
 - So no one starves
- But what about fairness?
 - Threads can be overtaken by others



Bounded Waiting

- Want stronger fairness guarantees
- Thread not "overtaken" too much
- If A starts before B, then A enters before B?
- But what does "start" mean?
- Need to adjust definitions



Bounded Waiting

- Divide lock() method into 2 parts:
 - Doorway interval:
 - Written D_A
 - always finishes in finite steps
 - Waiting interval:
 - Written W_A
 - may take unbounded steps



First-Come-First-Served

- For threads A and B:
 - $If D_A^k \rightarrow D_B^j$
 - A's k-th doorway precedes B's j-th doorway
 - Then CS_A^k → CS_B^j
 - A's k-th critical section precedes B's j-th critical section
 - B cannot overtake A



Fairness Again

- Filter Lock satisfies properties:
 - No one starves
 - But very weak fairness
 - Can be overtaken arbitrary # of times
 - That's pretty lame…



- Provides First-Come-First-Served
- How?
 - Take a "number"
 - Wait until lower numbers have been served
- Lexicographic order
 - -(a,i) > (b,j)
 - If a > b, or a = b and i > j



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
   boolean[] flag;
   Label[] label;
  public Bakery (int n) {
    flag = new boolean[n];
    label = new Label[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
       flag[i] = false; label[i] = 0;
```



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
  boolean[] flag;
   Label[] label;
  public Bakery (int n)
   flag = new boolean[n];
    label = new Label[n];
                           0 0
   for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
      flag[i] = false; label[i] =
```









Take increasing





```
class Bakery implements Lock {
  boolean flag[n];
                       Someone is
  int label[n];
                      interested ...
 public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
  label[i] = max(lab)
                       0], ..., label[n-1])+1;
        (∃k flag[k]
  while
           && (label[i],i) > (label[k],k));
```

... whose (label,i) in lexicographic order is lower



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
    ...

public void unlock() {
    flag[i] = false;
}
}
```



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
    No longer interested

public void unlock: {
    flag[i] = false;
}

labels are always increasing
```



No Deadlock

- There is always one thread with earliest label
- Ties are impossible (why?)



First-Come-First-Served

- If D_A → D_B then
 - A's label is smaller
- And:
 - write_A(label[A]) →
 - read_B(label[A]) →
 - write_B(label[B]) → read_B(flag[A])
- So B sees
 - smaller label for A
 - locked out while flag[A] is true



- Suppose A and B in CS together
- Suppose A has earlier label
- When B entered, it must have seen
 - flag[A] is false, or
 - label[A] > label[B]



- Labels are strictly increasing so
- B must have seen flag[A] == false



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 Labeling_A



- Labels are strictly increasing so
- B must have seen flag[A] == false
- Labeling_B → read_B(flag[A]) → write_A(flag[A]) →
 Labeling_A
- Which contradicts the assumption that A has an earlier label



Deep Philosophical Question

- The Bakery Algorithm is
 - Succinct,
 - Elegant, and
 - Fair.
- Q: So why isn't it practical?
- A: Well, you have to read N distinct variables



Shared Memory

- Shared read/write memory locations called Registers (historical reasons)
- Come in different flavors
 - Multi-Reader-Single-Writer (Flag[])
 - Multi-Reader-Multi-Writer (Victim[])
 - Not that interesting: SRMW and SRSW



Summary of Lecture

- In the 1960's several incorrect solutions to starvationfree mutual exclusion using RW-registers were published...
- Today we know how to solve FIFO N thread mutual exclusion using 2N RW-Registers

