

AGENDA

- 1.) sync problem
what / when
- 2.) solutions characteristics
- 3.) Types of solutions

* PROBLEM:

-) assume we have shared count variable
initially = 0
- ⇒ we do - 2 operations parallelly:
 - 1 ⇒ Add 1 till 100
 - 2 ⇒ Sub 1 till 100

∴

(T₁)

(T₂)

Adding

Subtracting

(simultaneously)

|

Finally → Print (Count)

Expected answer:

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Observation → O/P is NOT 0 and random No. Instead...

Q) WHY ??

Synchronisation Problem.

→ same data is shared b/w 2 threads...

both try to Modify → causing issues.

Eg:

ADDER

- ① $x = \text{Read}(c)$
- ② $x = x + 1$
- ③ $x = \text{update}(c)$

SUBTRACTOR

- ④ $x = \text{Read}(c)$
- ⑤ $x = x - 1$
- ⑥ $x = \text{update}(c)$

order of execution can be anything....

* CONDITIONS LEADING TO SYNC PROB:

1.) CRITICAL SECTION -

Part of code working on same data/ var

eg:

	Adder (t ₁)		Sub (t ₂)
①	Piunt(hi)		Piunt(hello)
②	C++		C--
③	Piunt(bye)		Piunt(bye)

#2 → critical section

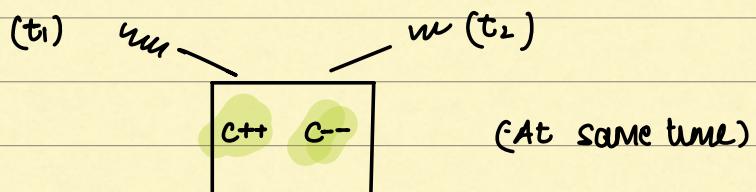
C.S. can be More than 1 line ??

∴ Potential section of code where issues can happen.

↳ CRITICAL SECTION

2.) RACE CONDITION:

when More than ① thread enters critical section



solution:

If we can prevent More than (1) thread to enter into CS — Probably Good (✓)

3.) Preemption:

if a thread (t_1) in critical section is
preempted by OS, to do something else.....
COULD BE PROBLEM

(t_1)	(t_2)
Print(hi)	Print(hi)
$x = \text{Read}(c)$	$x = \text{Read}(c)$
$x++$	$x--$
count = x	count = x
Print(bye)	Print(bye)

- t_1 starts \rightarrow executes ① ② \rightarrow Paused
- t_2 starts \rightarrow completes fully
- t_1 - Now when it resumes - value updated by (t_1)
IS NOT Latest

Solution: if thread has entered c.s. \rightarrow No Preemption

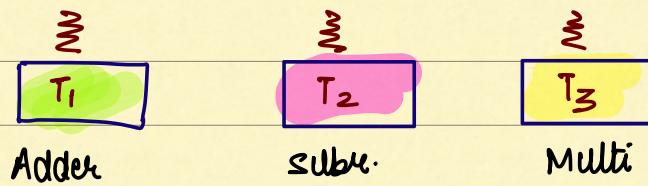
allowed ...

A) PROPERTIES OF GOOD SOLUTION:

Goal: avoid above (3) Problems

1) Offer Mutual Exclusion-

allows only (1) thread to enter C.S.



-) if adder is allowed
-) subtractor & Multi should WAIT

Prevents Race Condition

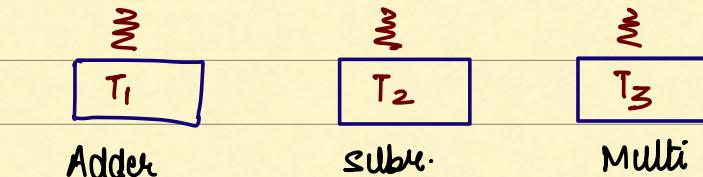
2.) Overall system should make Progress.

Never block All threads

3.) Bounded waiting:

No thread should wait only. Should have some time limit

eg:



case:

t_1 is allowed

t_2 arrives

t_3 arrives



Order of execution $\rightarrow t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_3$.

\therefore Threads will access C.S. in order of request

4.) NO BUSY wait:

Busy waiting - threads check continuously if they can enter C.S.

Solution \rightarrow Notify threads when they can execute so that CPU is more productive

*] SOLUTIONS:

1.) MUTEX: (lock)

Mut - Mutual
Ex - exclusion }
exclusion

Nothing but a lock, that enables Mutual Exclusion.

Adder (t_1)

Print (hi)

$x = \text{Read}(c)$

$x++$

$c = x$

Print (bye)

Subr (t_2)

Print (hi)

$x = \text{Read}(c)$

$x--$

$c = x$

Print (bye)

M.E says: Thread Must take a lock before entering into C.S.

AND →

release lock ASAP; it's out of C.S.

- Languages provide lock objects
- it is developer's duty to Acq and Rel. locks.

* LOCK OBJECTS:

1.) only ① thread can unlock at a time

Others → wait

2.) Notifies other thread to execute; when lock is released.

→ Mutual exclusion ✓

bounded waiting ✓

system prog ✓

No busy wait ✓

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2.7 sync keyword:

(JAVA specific)

In Java, many objects (default) have implicit lock.

USAGE:

Just use '**synchronized**' with Object

sync over any object is ~ taking lock.

Advantages

⇒ ONLY 1 object is Passed

Note: when you have ② shared vars., always go with Mutex.

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sync Methods:

assume: some complex piece of code

count {

....

IncrementValue();

GetValue();

} Methods

}

If you have access to Methods and
Not variable...

→ doing same thing # DEMO

∴ declaring method of a class as sync

ONLY 1) thread can access

any sync Method on that Object

(T_1)	(T_2)	will execute Parallelly
C ₁ . increment()	C ₁ . increment()	X
C ₁ . increment()	C ₂ . decrement()	X
C ₁ . increment()	C ₁ . getvalue()	✓
C ₁ . increment()	C ₂ . increment()	✓

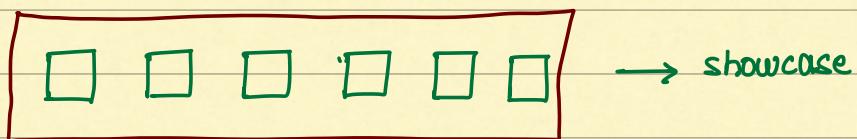
3.) SEMAPHORES:

Allows multiple threads in critical section

e.g.: Producer Consumer Problem

Analogy:

store where we sell shirts



1-) Producers: (tailors)

2-) Consumers: customers

Now, usecase:

→ we only allow customer to enter when

we have shirt available

∴ Also, we allow producer to create shirt ONLY
if space is available

At any instant t :

No. of Producers = Empty spaces }
No. of Consumers = # filled spaces }

similarly in code:

store = List<Object>

size_of_store = 6

Producer: Thread in system } # Add New Object

Consumer: Thread in system } # Remove Object

Now, Running 100 threads in parallel of P and C

is that problem ??

Yes...

1.) consumer removing from empty list

2.) Producer adding in full list

SOLUTION:

(i) (Naive) - add if() check

would that work ??

(ii) (lock)