

Exercise 1. *Wait-free implies lock free*

Because if there was a lock, it would be possible for one thread to starve (by never succeeding to acquire the lock). Thus, it couldn't be wait free. Therefore wait-free implies lock-free.

Exercise 2. *Consensus among prisoners*

We divide the block days into blocks of 100. We propose the following strategy:

- If it's the first day of a 100-day block
 - If the light bulb is turned off, turn it on.
 - If the light bulb is turned on, state "by now every prisoner was in the room at least once"
- On any other day:
 - If we are in the room for the first time during the current 100-day block, do nothing.
 - If we are in the room for the second time during the current 100-day block, turn the light bulb off.

Eventually we will have a 100-day block where each prisoner is in the room just once. In that case, the light bulb will be turned on at the beginning of the next 100-day block.

Our strategy is neither wait-free, nor non-blocking.

Non-blocking: No two prisoners can be in the room at the same time. **Wait-free:** In theory it is possible that one prisoner will have to wait forever. It is thus not wait-free.

Exercise 3. *Implementing two thread consensus*

Algorithm 1 consensus

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1: procedure CONSENSUS(val)
2:   result[mythreadid] = val
3:   if TAS() == 1 then return result[mythreadid]
   return result[otherthreadid]
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Exercise 4. *Linearizability*

- (a) The history is invalid. Thread A calls `s.push(1)`, but gets void only after `s.pop()`.
- (b) The history is linearizable. `s.pop()` are the linearization points for both threads.
- (c) The history is not linearizable, but it is sequentially consistent.