CPE 460 Operating System Design Chapter 5: Process Synchronization

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Synchronization Problems

Concurrent access to shared data may result in data inconsistency



Maintaining data consistency requires mechanisms to ensure the **orderly execution of cooperating processes**

How to get free money?













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double balance = 10000;
<pre>boolean withdraw(int amount){ if(amount < 0){ return false; } if (balance < amount) { return false } else { balance = balance - amount; return true } }</pre>
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<pre>boolean deposit(int amount){ if(amount < 0){ return false; } balance = balance + amount; return true;</pre>



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Why did this trick work?

We allowed both processes to manipulate the balance counter concurrently.

Race Condition

Several processes access and manipulate the **same** data **concurrently** and the outcome of the execution **depends** on the particular order in which the access takes place



When one process in critical section, **no other** may be in its critical section

Each process must **ask permission** to enter critical section



Concurrent accesses to **shared resources/variables** must be protected in such a way that *it cannot be executed by more than one process*.



CRITICAL section **PROBLEM**

A code segment that accesses shared variables or resources and has to be executed as an atomic action that does not allow multiple concurrent accesses The problem of how to ensure that at most one process is executing its critical section at a given time.







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Any solution to the critical-section problem must satisfy:

- Mutual Exclusion If a process is executing in its critical section, then no other processes can be executing in their critical sections.
 - **Progress** If no process is executing in its critical section, and if there are some processes that wish to enter their critical sections, then one of these processes will get into the critical section.
 - **Bounded Waiting** After a process makes a request to enter its critical section, there is a bound on the number of times that other processes are allowed to enter their critical sections, before the request is granted.

Critical Section Handling in OS



Two general approaches are used to handle critical sections in operating systems:

Preemptive

allows preemption of process when running in kernel mode Non-preemptive

runs until exits kernel mode, blocks, or voluntarily yields CPU

Concurrent modification to the list may result in **race condition**

It is up to kernel developers to ensure that the OS is free from such race conditions.

Non-preemptive is essentially free of race conditions in kernel mode

> Why, then would anyone favor a preemptive kernel over a nonpreemptive one?







Peterson's Algorithm

Synchronization Hardware

Mutex Locks

Semaphores



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peterson's_algorithm

ECONORICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE CRITICAL SECTION PROBLEM IN A DISTRIBUTED STRTEM

extended abstract

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1. Introduction

A solution to the critical section problem, first posed by Dijkstra [1], is a fundamental requirement for concurrent program control. The problem is to ensure that no two processes are in a specified area of their programs (the critical section) at the same time. Inprovements to Dijkstra's solution were made by Knuth [2], deBruijn [3]; and Eisenberg and McGuire [4]. The situation: for a distributed system was considered by Lamport [5]. Rivest and Pratt [6] presented a solution for a distributed system where processes may repeatedly fail. The algorithms to be presented will be further improvements, where the conparisons will be made according to three measures: message size -- the number of values the variable for interprocess communication can take on; fairness == the sequence in which waiting processes enter their critical sections; and time -- the amount of time a process spends attempting to enter its critical section.

A read occurring simuteneously with a write returns either the old or new value. A process' state value is succeasizably set to a prespecified value on process failure. When a process later restarts, it begins at a specified control point and its state remains dead.

The processors run totally asynchronously, and we make no assumptions about the relative speeds of any processors at any time. Thus it is possible for one processor to execute bousands of steps while another executes just a few, and then the speeds may suddenly reverse. We assume only that each active process is always executing instructions, although possibly very slowly.

A formalization of this model would be essentially an m-tuple of random access machines, augmented with the visible states and instructions for manipulating them. Our motion of a computation, however, must be considerably more conglicated, for it is mecasury to consider



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Information common to both processes:

A flag[n] value of true indicates that the process n wants to enter the critical section

The variable turn indicates whose turn it is to enter the critical section









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turn == 0	turn == 1	
flag[1] == false	flag[0] == false	

PROBLEM SOLUTIONS

Progress - If no process is executing in its critical section, and if there are some processes that wish to enter their critical sections, then one of these processes will get into the critical section.

A process cannot immediately re-enter the critical section if the other process has set its flag to say that it would like to enter its critical section.

flag[i] = false;

section Peterson's Algorithm

Remainder Section

Bounded Waiting - After a process makes a request to enter its critical section, there is a bound on the number of times that other processes are allowed to enter their critical sections, before the request is granted.

A process will never wait longer than one turn for entrance to the critical section:

} while(true};



Peterson's original formulation worked with only two processes, the algorithm can be generalized for more than two.

Because of the way modern computer architectures perform basic machine-language instructions, such as load and store, there are no guarantees that Peterson's solution will work correctly on such architectures.

Assume that the load and store machine-language instructions are **atomic**; that is, cannot be interrupted

However, it provides a good algorithmic description of solving the critical-section problem and illustrates some of the complexities involved in designing software that addresses the requirements of mutual exclusion, progress, and bounded waiting.





Hardware support for implementing the critical section code

All solutions below based on idea of locking protecting critical regions via locks



} while(true};



Uniprocessors Architecture Could simply disable interrupts so that running code would execute without preemption

Multiprocessors Architecture Generally too inefficient making the OS not broadly scalable



Atomic (Uninterruptible) hardware instructions

compare_and_swap





https://github.com/torvalds/linux/blob/master/arch/sparc/lib/bitops.S



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waiting[j] = false;

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Any solution to the critical-section problem must satisfy:

Mutual Exclusion - If a process is executing in its critical section, then no other processes can be executing in their critical sections.

Progress - If no process is executing in its critical section, and if there are some processes that wish to enter their critical sections, then one of these processes will get into the critical section.

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Bounded Waiting - After a process makes a request to enter its critical section, there is a bound on the number of times that other processes are allowed to enter their critical sections, before the request is granted. do{





} while(true};



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boolean lock = false;



*lock= true
test_and_set(&lock) = true
*lock = true

*lock= false
test_and_set(&lock) = false
*lock= true

Time	$P_0 (\boldsymbol{i} = \boldsymbol{0})$	$P_{1}(i = 1)$
1	Context-switching to P_0 (Ready to Running)	
2	<pre>test_and_set(&lock) = false</pre>	
3	operation_1();	
4	Context-switching to P_1 (<i>Ready to Running</i>)	
5		<pre>test_and_set(&lock) = true</pre>
6		busy_wait();
7		<pre>test_and_set(&lock) = true</pre>
8		busy_wait();
9	Context-switching to P_0 (<i>Ready to Running</i>)	
10	operation_2();	
11	Context-switching to P_1 (<i>Ready to Running</i>)	
12		<pre>test_and_set(&lock) = true</pre>
13	Context-switching to P_0 (<i>Ready to Running</i>)	
14	lock = false;	
15	Context-switching to P_1 (<i>Ready to Running</i>)	
16		busy_wait();
17		<pre>test_and_set(&lock) = false</pre>
18		operation_1();
19	Context-switching to P_0 (<i>Ready to Running</i>)	
20	<pre>test_and_set(&lock) = true</pre>	
21	busy_wait();	



Previous solutions are complicated and generally inaccessible to application programmers

OS designers provide developers with mechanism to build software tools to solve critical section problem





Usually implemented via hardware atomic instructions

} while(true};



} while(true};

The main disadvantage of the implementation given here is that it requires **busy waiting**

We call it **spinlock** because the process "spins" while waiting for the lock to become available.

Running Critical Section



Busy waiting wastes valuable CPU time, let the waiting "spinning" happen on different processor

Spinning "Busy Waiting"

Examples from the Linux kernel for mutex and spin locks

http://kcsl.ece.iastate.edu/linux-results/linux-kernel-3.19-rc1/



Synchronization tool that provides more sophisticated ways (than Mutex locks) for process to synchronize their activities

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Binary Semaphore

Semaphore S can be either 0 or 1 (Similar to mutex locks)

Counting Semaphore

Semaphore S can range over some domain values. For example: number of available resources to a set of processes







This is very naive implementation that requires busy waiting Wasting CPU Time

Can we implement a solution that **blocks** "switches the process from running to waiting" when its waiting for acquire the resource?







Starvation

A process may never be removed from the semaphore queue in which it is suspended



Classical Problems of Synchronization

test newly-proposed synchronization schemes



Bounded-Buffer Problem

Readers and Writers Problem

Dining-Philosophers Problem

Bounded-Buffer Problem

mutex = 1, full = 0, empty = n



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Consumer

```
do{
    ...
    /* produce an item in next_produced */
    wait(empty);
    wait(mutex);
    ...
    /* add next produced to the buffer */
    ...
    signal(mutex);
    signal(full);
} while (true);
```











do{
<pre>wait(full);</pre>
<pre>wait(mutex);</pre>
<pre>/* remove an item from buffer to next_consumed */</pre>
<pre>signal(mutex);</pre>
<pre>signal(empty);</pre>
<pre>/* consume the item in next consumed */</pre>
<pre>}while(true);</pre>

do{
<pre>/* produce an item in next_produced */</pre>
<pre>wait(empty);</pre>
wait(mutex);
<pre>/* add next produced to the buffer */</pre>
<pre>signal(mutex);</pre>
<pre>signal(full);</pre>
<pre>} while (true);</pre>

Readers-Writers Problem



Read and writes to the database; they do perform updates

Only one single writer can access the database at the same time





Only read the database; they do not perform any updates

allow multiple readers to read at the same time

```
do {
    wait(mutex);
    read count++;
    if (read count == 1){
        wait(rw_mutex);
    signal(mutex);
    /* reading is performed */
    wait(mutex);
    read count--;
    if (read count == 0)
           signal(rw mutex);
    signal(mutex);
 while (true);
```

do { wait(rw_mutex); . . . /* writing is performed */ . . . signal(rw_mutex); while (true);

Information shared among processes





do{			
<pre>wait(rw_mutex);</pre>			
<pre>/* writing is performed *</pre>	,		
<pre>signal(rw_mutex);</pre>			

} while (true);

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<pre>vait(mutex);</pre>			
read_count++;			
if (read_count == 1){			
<pre>wait(rw_mutex);</pre>			
<pre>signal(mutex);</pre>			
/* reading is performed */			
wait(mutex);			
read count;			
if (read_count == 0)			
<pre>signal(rw_mutex);</pre>			
signal(mutex);			
<pre>}while(true);</pre>			

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dining_philosophers_problem









Suppose that all five philosophers become **hungry at the same time** and each grabs her **left chopstick**. All the elements of chopstick will now be equal to 0. When each philosopher tries to grab her right chopstick, she will be delayed forever



Allow at most 4 philosophers to be sitting simultaneously at the table





Allow a philosopher to pick up the forks only if both are available (picking must be done in a critical section)



Odd-numbered picks up left then right chopstick. Even-numbered picks up right then left chopstick



You release the lock first Once I have finished my task, you can continue. Why should I? You release the lock first and wait until I complete my task.



Deadlock

Deadlock

two or more processes are **waiting indefinitely** for an event that can be caused by only one of the waiting processes







Deadlock Characterization

Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously.

Mutual exclusion: only one process at a time can use a resource

Hold and wait: a process holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other processes

No preemption: a resource can be released only voluntarily by the process holding it, after that process has completed its task

Circular wait: there exists a set $\{P_0, P_1, ..., P_n\}$ of waiting processes such that P_0 is waiting for a resource that is held by P_1 , P_1 is waiting for a resource that is held by P_2 , ..., P_{n-1} is waiting for a resource that is held by P_n , and P_n is waiting for a resource that is held by P_0 .

Resource Allocation Graph



No Cycles \Rightarrow **No Deadlock**



If graph contains a cycle and one instance per resource \Rightarrow Deadlock


If graph contains a cycle with many instances per resource \Rightarrow Deadlock possibility

Methods for Handling Deadlocks

Ensure that the system will never enter a deadlock state via Deadlock prevention and Deadlock avoidance

Allow the system to enter a deadlock state and then recover



Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system; used by most operating systems, including UNIX



