

1 1. Example to illustrate interleavings: say that thread A executes f()  
 2 and thread B executes g(). (Here, we are using the term "thread"  
 3 abstractly. This example applies to any of the approaches that fall  
 4 under the word "thread".)

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 6 a. [this is pseudocode]

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7     int x;
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9     int main(int argc, char** argv) {
10
11         tid tid1 = thread_create(f, NULL);
12         tid tid2 = thread_create(g, NULL);
13
14         thread_join(tid1);
15         thread_join(tid2);
16
17         printf("%d\n", x);
18     }
19
20
21     void f() {
22         x = 1;
23         thread_exit();
24     }
25
26     void g() {
27         x = 2;
28         thread_exit();
29     }
30 }
```

31  
 32 What are possible values of x after A has executed f() and B has  
 33 executed g()? In other words, what are possible outputs of the  
 34 program above?

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 36  
 37 b. Same question as above, but f() and g() are now defined as  
 38 follows

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39     int y = 12;
40
41     f() { x = y + 1; }
42     g() { y = y * 2; }
```

43  
 44 What are the possible values of x?

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 47 c. Same question as above, but f() and g() are now defined as  
 48 follows:

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49     int x = 0;
50
51     f() { x = x + 1; }
52     g() { x = x + 2; }
```

53  
 54 What are the possible values of x?  
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 60 2. Linked list example

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61     struct List_elem {
62         int data;
63         struct List_elem* next;
64     };
65
66     List_elem* head = 0;
67
68     insert(int data) {
69         List_elem* l = new List_elem;
70         l->data = data;
71         l->next = head;
72         head = l;
73     }
74 }
```

75  
 76 What happens if two threads execute insert() at once and we get the  
 77 following interleaving?

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78
79 thread 1: l->next = head
80 thread 2: l->next = head
81 thread 2: head = l;
82 thread 1: head = l;
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87 3. Producer/consumer example:
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89  /*
90  "buffer" stores BUFFER_SIZE items
91  "count" is number of used slots. a variable that lives in memory
92  "out" is next empty buffer slot to fill (if any)
93  "in" is oldest filled slot to consume (if any)
94  */
95
96 void producer (void *ignored) {
97     for (;;) {
98         /* next line produces an item and puts it in nextProduced */
99         nextProduced = means_of_production();
100         while (count == BUFFER_SIZE)
101             ; // do nothing
102         buffer [in] = nextProduced;
103         in = (in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
104         count++;
105     }
106 }
107
108 void consumer (void *ignored) {
109     for (;;) {
110         while (count == 0)
111             ; // do nothing
112         nextConsumed = buffer[out];
113         out = (out + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
114         count--;
115         /* next line abstractly consumes the item */
116         consume_item(nextConsumed);
117     }
118 }
119
120 /*
121 what count++ probably compiles to:
122     reg1 <-- count # load
123     reg1 <-- reg1 + 1 # increment register
124     count <-- reg1 # store
125
126 what count-- could compile to:
127     reg2 <-- count # load
128     reg2 <-- reg2 - 1 # decrement register
129     count <-- reg2 # store
130 */
131
132 What happens if we get the following interleaving?
133
134     reg1 <-- count
135     reg1 <-- reg1 + 1
136     reg2 <-- count
137     reg2 <-- reg2 - 1
138     count <-- reg1
139     count <-- reg2
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143 4. Some other examples. What is the point of these?
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145 [From S.V. Adve and K. Gharachorloo, IEEE Computer, December 1996,
146 66-76. http://sadve.cs.illinois.edu/Publications/computer96.pdf]
147
148 a. Can both "critical sections" run?
149
150     int flag1 = 0, flag2 = 0;
151
152     int main () {
153         tid id = thread_create (p1, NULL);
154         p2 (); thread_join (id);
155     }
156
157     void p1 (void *ignored) {
158         flag1 = 1;
159         if (!flag2) {
160             critical_section_1 ();
161         }
162     }
163
164     void p2 (void *ignored) {
165         flag2 = 1;
166         if (!flag1) {
167             critical_section_2 ();
168         }
169     }
170
171 b. Can use() be called with value 0, if p2 and p1 run concurrently?
172
173     int data = 0, ready = 0;
174
175     void p1 () {
176         data = 2000;
177         ready = 1;
178     }
179
180     int p2 () {
181         while (!ready) {}
182         use(data);
183     }
184
185 c. Can use() be called with value 0?
186
187     int a = 0, b = 0;
188
189     void p1 (void *ignored) { a = 1; }
190
191     void p2 (void *ignored) {
192         if (a == 1)
193             b = 1;
194     }
195
196     void p3 (void *ignored) {
197         if (b == 1)
198             use (a);
199     }

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