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CS 202, Fall 2023
Handout 3

1. Example to illustrate interleavings: say that thread tid1 executes f()
and thread tid2 executes g(). (Here, we are using the term "thread"
abstractly. This example applies to any of the approaches that fall
under the word "thread".)

    a. [this is pseudocode]

        int x;

        int main(int argc, char** argv) {

            tid tid1 = thread_create(f, NULL);
            tid tid2 = thread_create(g, NULL);

            thread_join(tid1);
            thread_join(tid2);

            printf("%d\n", x);
        }

        void f()
        {
            x = 1;
            thread_exit();
        }

        void g()
        {
            x = 2;
            thread_exit();
        }


        What are possible values of x after tid1 has executed f() and tid2 has
        executed g()? In other words, what are possible outputs of the
        program above?



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

        int y = 12;

        f() { x = y + 1; }
        g() { y = y * 2; }

        What are the possible values of x?



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

        int x = 0;
        f() { x = x + 1; }
        g() { x = x + 2; }

        What are the possible values of x?

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2. Linked list example

    struct List_elem {
        int data;
        struct List_elem* next;
    };

    List_elem* head = 0;

    insert(int data) {
        List_elem* l = new List_elem;
        l->data = data;
        l->next = head;
        head = l;
    }

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

    thread 1: l->next = head
    thread 2: l->next = head
    thread 2: head = l;
    thread 1: head = l;

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3. Producer/consumer example:

    /*
    "buffer" stores BUFFER_SIZE items
    "count" is number of used slots. a variable that lives in memory
    "out" is next empty buffer slot to fill (if any)
    "in" is oldest filled slot to consume (if any)
    */

     void producer (void *ignored) {
         for (;;) {
             /* next line produces an item and puts it in nextProduced */
             nextProduced = means_of_production();
             while (count == BUFFER_SIZE)
                 ; // do nothing
             buffer [in] = nextProduced;
             in = (in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
             count++;
         }
     }

     void consumer (void *ignored) {
         for (;;) {
             while (count == 0)
                ; // do nothing
             nextConsumed = buffer[out];
             out = (out + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
             count--;
             /* next line abstractly consumes the item */
             consume_item(nextConsumed);
         }
     }

    /*
       what count++ probably compiles to:
        reg1 <-- count      # load
        reg1 <-- reg1 + 1   # increment register
        count <-- reg1      # store

       what count-- could compile to:
        reg2 <-- count      # load
        reg2 <-- reg2 - 1   # decrement register
        count <-- reg2      # store
    */

    What happens if we get the following interleaving?

        reg1 <-- count
        reg1 <-- reg1 + 1
        reg2 <-- count
        reg2 <-- reg2 - 1
        count <-- reg1
        count <-- reg2
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4. Some other examples. What is the point of these?

    [From S.V. Adve and K. Gharachorloo, IEEE Computer, December 1996,
    66-76. http://rsim.cs.uiuc.edu/~sadve/Publications/computer96.pdf]

    a. Can both "critical sections" run?

        int flag1 = 0, flag2 = 0;

        int main () {
            tid id = thread_create (p1, NULL);
            p2 (); thread_join (id);
        }

        void p1 (void *ignored) {
            flag1 = 1;
            if (!flag2) {
                critical_section_1 ();
            }
        }

        void p2 (void *ignored) {
            flag2 = 1;
            if (!flag1) {
                critical_section_2 ();
            }
        }

    b. Can use() be called with value 0, if p2 and p1 run concurrently?

        int data = 0, ready = 0;

        void p1 () {
            data = 2000;
            ready = 1;
        }
        int p2 () {
            while (!ready) {}
            use(data);
        }

    c. Can use() be called with value 0?

        int a = 0, b = 0;

        void p1 (void *ignored) { a = 1; }

        void p2 (void *ignored) {
          if (a == 1)
            b = 1;
        }

        void p3 (void *ignored) {
          if (b == 1)
            use (a);
        }
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