Concurrency

6 - Deadlock



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Monitors & Condition Synchronization - Repetition

Concepts: monitors:

encapsulated data + access procedures mutual exclusion + condition synchronization single access procedure active in the monitor nested monitors

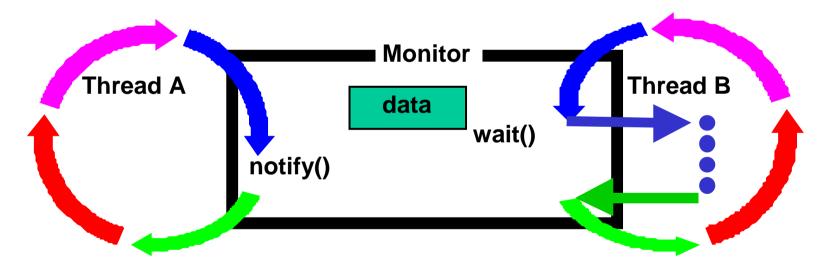
Models: guarded actions

Practice: private data and synchronized methods (exclusion). wait(), notify() and notifyAll() for condition synch. single thread active in the monitor at a time

wait(), notify(), and notifyAll() - Repetition

public final void wait() throws InterruptedException;

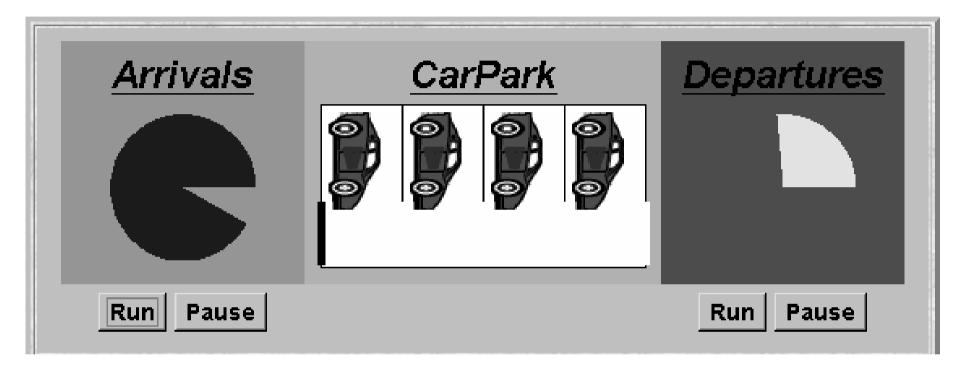
Wait() causes the thread to exit the monitor, permitting other threads to enter the monitor



```
public final void notify();

public final void notifyAll();
```

The Car Park Example - Repetition



A controller is required to ensure:

- cars can only enter when not full
- cars can only leave when not empty (duh!)

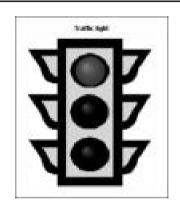
Condition Synchronization (in Java) - Repetition

```
class CarParkControl {
                                                  Runnable
    protected int spaces, capacity;
    synchronized void arrive()
                   throws Int'Exc' {
                                             Arrivals
                                                       Departures
         while (spaces==0) wait();
                                                       carpark
                                             carpark
         --spaces;
         notify();
                                                CarParkControl
                                                  arrive()
                                                  depart()
    synchronized void depart()
                   throws Int'Exc' {
         while (spaces==capacity) wait();
         ++spaces;
         notify();
```

Semaphores - Repetition

Semaphores are widely used for dealing with inter-process synchronization in operating systems.

Semaphore s: integer var that can take only non-neg. values.

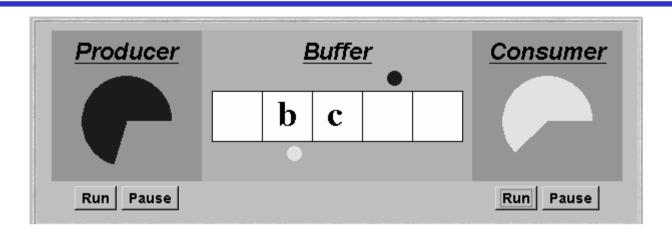


down(s): if (s>0) then decrement(s); Aka. "P" ~ Passern else block execution of calling process

up(s): if (processes blocked on s) then awake one of them else increment(s);

Aka. "V" ~ Vrijgeven

Nested Monitors - Bounded Buffer Model - Repetition



LTSA's (analyse safety) predicts a possible DEADLOCK:

```
Composing
potential DEADLOCK
States Composed: 28 Transitions: 32 in 60ms
Trace to DEADLOCK:
get
```

This situation is known as the *nested monitor problem*.

Deadlock

Concepts: system deadlock (no further progress)

4 necessary & sufficient conditions

Models: deadlock - no eligible actions

Practice: blocked threads

Aim: deadlock avoidance - to design systems where deadlock cannot occur.

Deadlock: 4 Necessary and Sufficient Conditions

1. Serially reusable resources:

the processes involved share resources which they use under mutual exclusion.

2. Incremental acquisition:

processes hold on to resources already allocated to them while waiting to acquire additional resources.

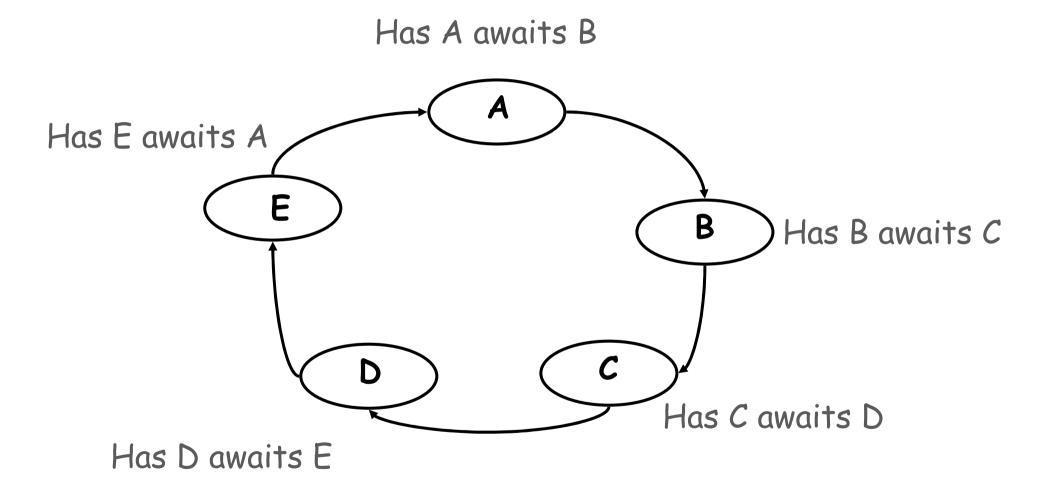
3. No pre-emption:

once acquired by a process, resources cannot be "pre-empted" (forcibly withdrawn) but are only released voluntarily.

4. Wait-for cycle:

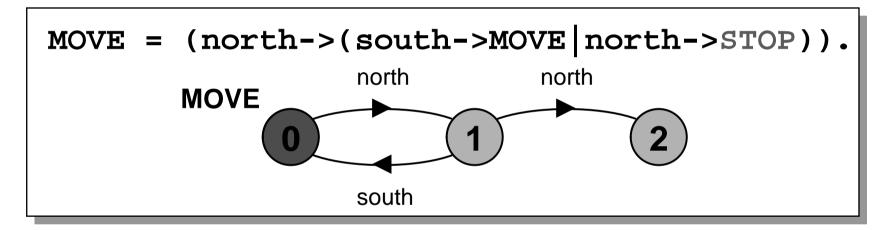
a circular chain (or cycle) of processes exists such that each process holds a resource which its successor in the cycle is waiting to acquire.

Wait-For Cycle



6.1 Deadlock Analysis - Primitive Processes

- ◆ Deadlocked state has no outgoing transition
- ♦ In FSP: (modelled by) the STOP state



* Analysis using LTSA:

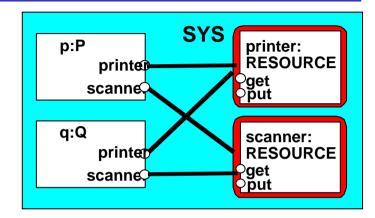
Shortest path to DEADLOCK:

Trace to DEADLOCK:
north
north

Deadlock Analysis - Parallel Composition

◆ In practise, deadlock arises from parallel composition of interacting processes.

P = (x -> y -> P). Q = (y -> x -> Q). ||D = (P || Q).



Deadlock trace?

Avoidance...

Recall the 4 Conditions...

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Deadlock Analysis – Avoidance (#1?)

1. Serially reusable resources:

the processes involved share resources which they use under mutual exclusion.

◆Inherent in "copy using shared scanner/printer" problem.

Deadlock Analysis – Avoidance (#2 ?)

2. Incremental acquisition:

processes hold on to resources already allocated to them while waiting to acquire additional resources.

◆ A "mutex" lock (for both scanner and printer):

Deadlock? ©

Efficiency/Scalability?



Deadlock Analysis – Avoidance (#3?)

3. No pre-emption:

once acquired by a process, resources cannot be pre-empted (forcibly withdrawn) but are only released voluntarily.

*Force release (e.g., through timeout):

Progress?

Deadlock Analysis – Avoidance (#4 ?)

4. Wait-for cycle:

a circular chain (or cycle) of processes exists such that each process holds a resource which its successor in the cycle is waiting to acquire.

◆ Acquire resources in the same order:

```
P = (printer.get->
       scanner.get->
         copy->
           printer.put-> scanner.put-> P).
Q = (printer.get->
       scanner.get->
         copy->
           printer.put-> scanner.put-> Q).
```

Deadlock? ©

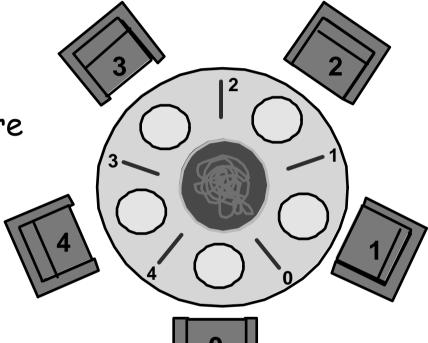
Scalability/Progress/...? ©



6.2 Dining Philosophers

Five philosophers sit around a circular table. Each philosopher spends his life alternately thinking and eating. In the centre of the table is a large bowl of spaghetti. A philosopher needs two forks to eat a helping of spaghetti.

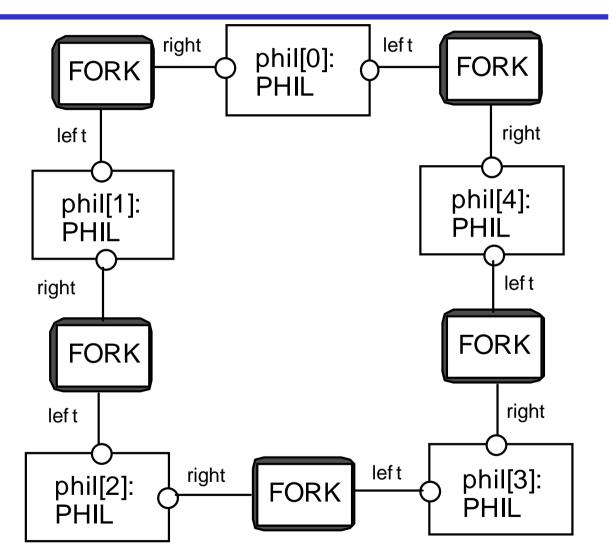
One fork is placed between each pair of philosophers and they agree that each will only use the fork to his immediate right and left.



Dining Philosophers - Model Structure Diagram

Each FORK is a shared resource with actions get and put.

When hungry, each PHIL must first get his right and left forks before he can start eating.



Dining Philosophers - Model

```
const N = 5
FORK = (get-> put-> FORK).
PHIL = (sitdown->
          right.get-> left.get->
            eat->
          right.put-> left.put->
        arise-> PHIL).
                           Can this system deadlock?
 |DINING_PHILOSOPHERS =
   forall [i:0..N-1] (phil[i]:PHIL
    {phil[i].left,phil[((i-1)+N)%N].right}::FORK).
```

Dining Philosophers - Model Analysis

```
Trace to DEADLOCK:
  phil.0.sitdown
  phil.0.right.get
  phil.1.sitdown
  phil.1.right.get
  phil.2.sitdown
  phil.2.right.get
  phil.3.sitdown
  phil.3.right.get
  phil.4.sitdown
  phil.4.right.get
```

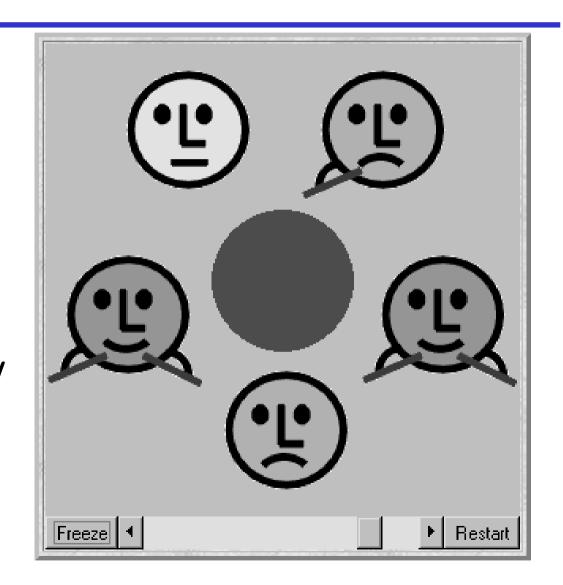
This is the situation where all the philosophers become hungry at the same time, sit down at the table and each philosopher picks up the fork to his right.

The system can make no further progress since each philosopher is waiting for a left fork held by his neighbour (i.e., a wait-for cycle exists)!

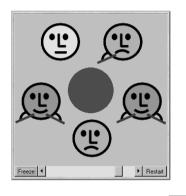
Dining Philosophers

Deadlock is easily detected in our model.

How easy is it to detect a potential deadlock in an implementation?



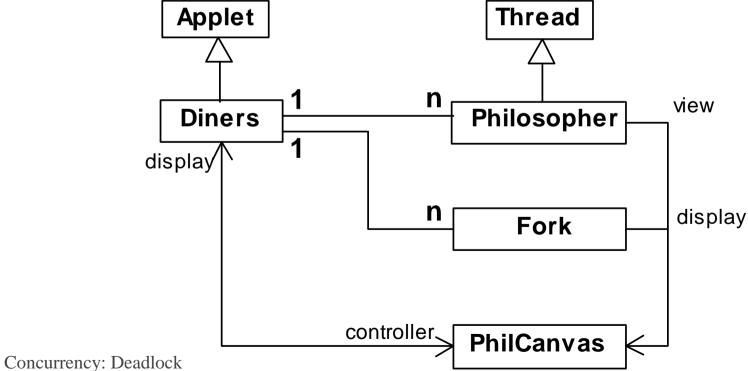
Dining Philosophers - Implementation in Java



Philosophers:active entities(implement as threads)

*Forks: shared passive entities (implement as monitors)

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Dining Philosophers – Fork (Monitor)

```
class Fork {
                                            taken
    private boolean taken = false;
    private PhilCanvas display;
                                            encodes the
    private int identity;
                                            state of the
    Fork(PhilCanvas disp, int id)
                                            fork
        { display = disp; identity = id; }
    synchronized void get() throws Int'Exc' {
        while (taken) wait();
        taken = true;
        display.setFork(identity, taken);
    synchronized void put() {
        taken = false:
        display.setFork(identity, taken);
        notify();
```

Dining Philosophers – Philosopher (Thread)

```
class Philosopher extends Thread {
    public void run() {
        try {
            while (true) {
                 view.setPhil(identity, view.THINKING);
                 sleep(controller.thinkTime());
                 view.setPhil(identity, view.HUNGRY);
                 right.get();
  Sitting down
                 view.setPhil(identity, view.GOTRIGHT);
  and leaving the
                 sleep(500); // constant sleep!
  table has been
                 left.get();
  omitted.
                 view.setPhil(identity, view.EATING);
                 sleep(controller.eatTime());
                 right.put(); left.put();
          catch (InterruptedException ) { }
```

Dining Philosophers – Main Applet

The Applet's start() method creates (an array of) shared Fork monitors...:

```
for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {
    fork[i] = new Fork(display, i);
}</pre>
```

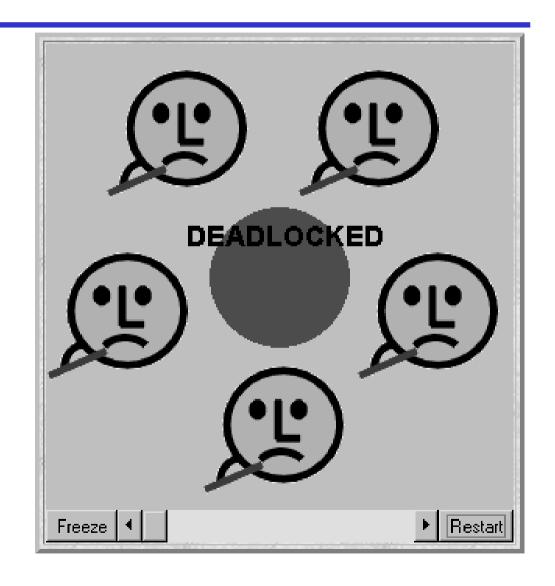
...and (an array of) Philosopher threads each of which is start()'ed:

```
for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {
    phil[i] =
        new Philosopher(this, i, fork[(i-1+N)%N], fork[i]);
    phil[i].start();
}</pre>
```

Dining Philosophers

To ensure deadlock occurs eventually, the slider control may be moved to the left. This reduces the time each philosopher spends thinking and eating.

This "speedup" increases the probability of deadlock occurring.



Deadlock-free Philosophers

Deadlock can be avoided by ensuring that a wait-for cycle cannot exist. *How?*

Introduce an asymmetry into definition of philosophers.

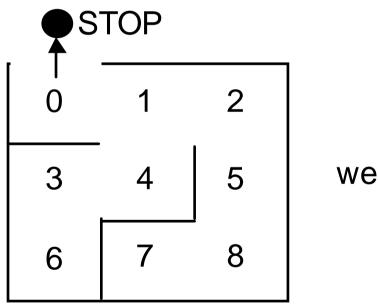
Use the identity 'i' of a philosopher to make even numbered philosophers get their left forks first, odd their right first.

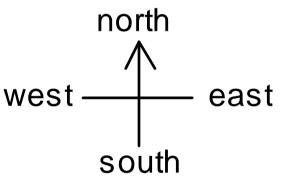
```
PHIL[i:0..N-1] =
   (when (i%2==0) sitdown-> left.get-> ...-> PHIL
   |when (i%2==1) sitdown-> right.get->...-> PHIL).
```

Other strategies?

Maze Example - Shortest Path to STOP (Goal State)

We can exploit the shortest path trace produced by the deadlock detection mechanism of *LTSA* to find the shortest path out of a maze to the STOP process!





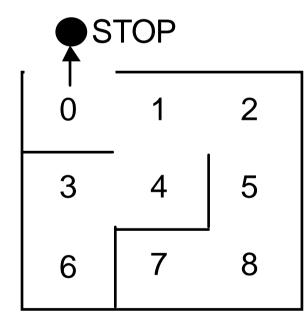
We must first model the MAZE.

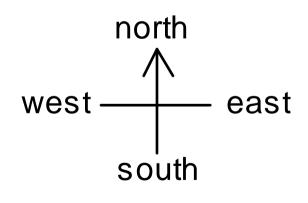
Each position can be modelled by the moves that it permits. The MAZE parameter gives the starting position.

Maze Example - Shortest Path to STOP (Goal State)

$$||GETOUT = MAZE(7).$$

Shortest path escape trace from position 7?





Trace to
DEADLOCK:
east
north
north
west
west
north

Summary

- ◆ Concepts
 - deadlock (no further progress)
 - 4x necessary and sufficient conditions:
 - 1. Serially reusable resources
 - 2. Incremental acquisition
 - 3. No preemption
 - 4. Wait-for cycle
- ◆ Models
 - no eligible actions (analysis gives shortest path trace)
- **◆** Practice
 - blocked threads

Aim - deadlock avoidance:

"Design systems where deadlock cannot occur".