

# **Synchronization:** Basics

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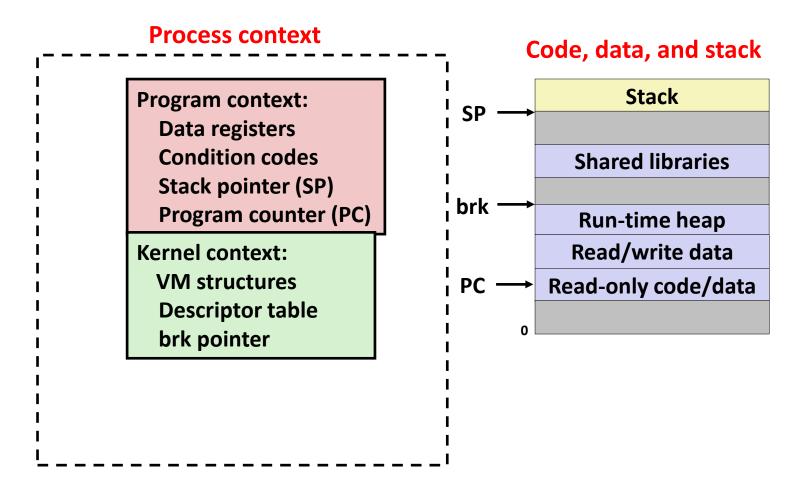
# Today

### Threads review

- Sharing
- Mutual exclusion
- Semaphores
- Producer-Consumer Synchronization

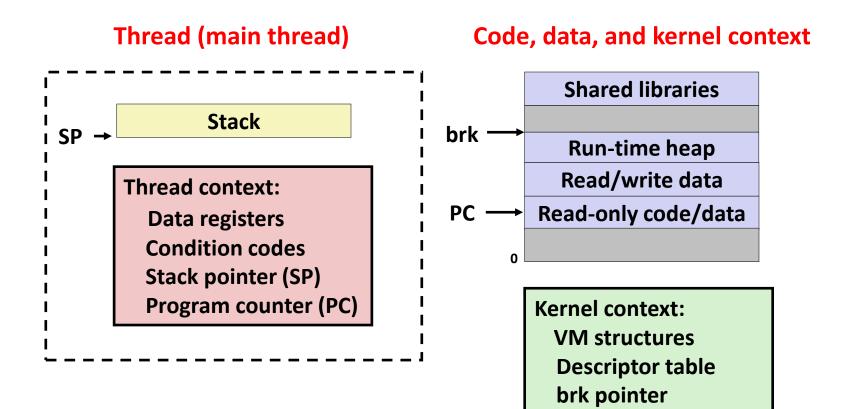
### **Traditional View of a Process**

Process = process context + code, data, and stack



### **Alternate View of a Process**

Process = thread + code, data, and kernel context

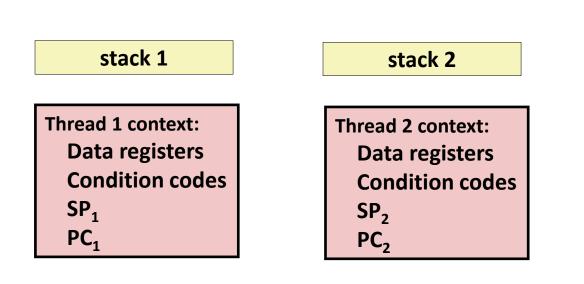


# **A Process With Multiple Threads**

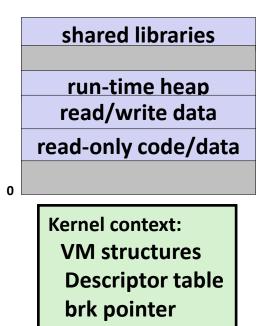
### Multiple threads can be associated with a process

- Each thread has its own logical control flow
- Each thread shares the same code, data, and kernel context
- Each thread has its own stack for local variables
  - but not protected from other threads
- Each thread has its own thread id (TID)

Thread 1 (main thread) Thread 2 (peer thread)



### Shared code and data



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# **Shared Variables in Threaded C Programs**

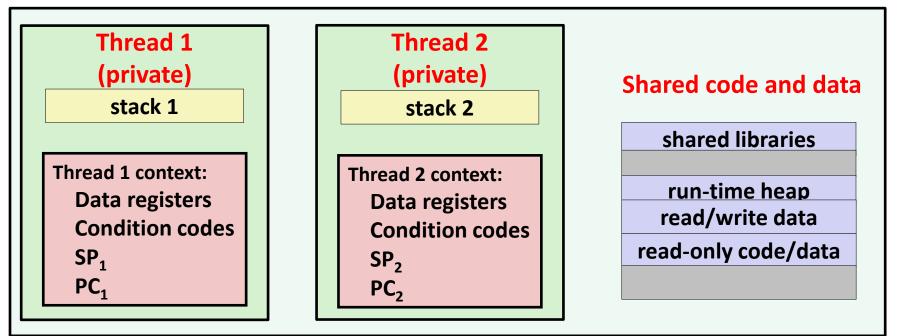
- Question: Which variables in a threaded C program are shared?
  - The answer is not as simple as "global variables are shared" and "stack variables are private"
- Def: A variable x is shared if and only if multiple threads reference some instance of x.

### Requires answers to the following questions:

- What is the memory model for threads?
- How are instances of variables mapped to memory?
- How many threads might reference each of these instances?

# **Threads Memory Model: Conceptual**

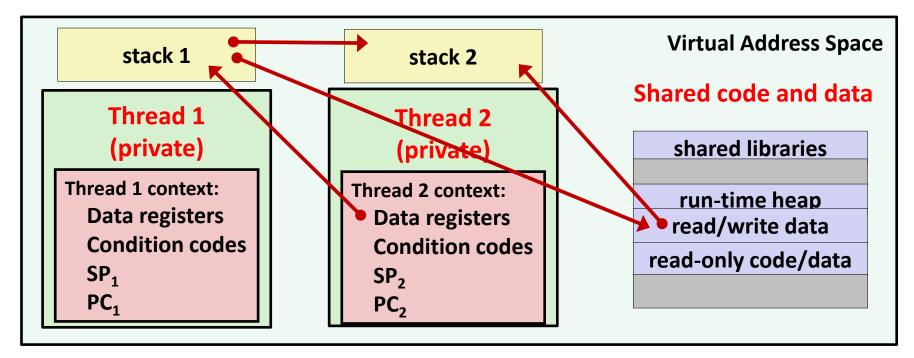
- Multiple threads run within the context of a single process
- Each thread has its own separate thread context
  - Thread ID, stack, stack pointer, PC, condition codes, and GP registers
- All threads share the remaining process context
  - Code, data, heap, and shared library segments of the process virtual address space
  - Open files and installed handlers



## **Threads Memory Model: Actual**

### Separation of data is not strictly enforced:

- Register values are truly separate and protected, but...
- Any thread can read and write the stack of any other thread



### The mismatch between the conceptual and operation model

### is a source of confusion and errors

## **Example Program to Illustrate Sharing**

```
char **ptr; /* global var */
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
    long i;
   pthread t tid;
    char *msgs[2] = \{
        "Hello from foo",
        "Hello from bar"
    };
   ptr = msgs;
    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
        Pthread create (&tid,
            NULL,
            thread,
            (void *)i); ←
    Pthread exit(NULL);
                            sharing.c
```

```
void *thread(void *vargp)
```

```
long myid = (long)vargp;
static int cnt = 0;
```

```
printf("[%ld]: %s (cnt=%d)\n",
      myid, ptr[myid], ++cnt);
return NULL;
```

Peer threads reference main thread's stack indirectly through global ptr variable

A common, but inelegant way to pass a single argument to a thread routine

# Mapping Variable Instances to Memory

### Global variables

- *Def:* Variable declared outside of a function
- Virtual memory contains exactly one instance of any global variable

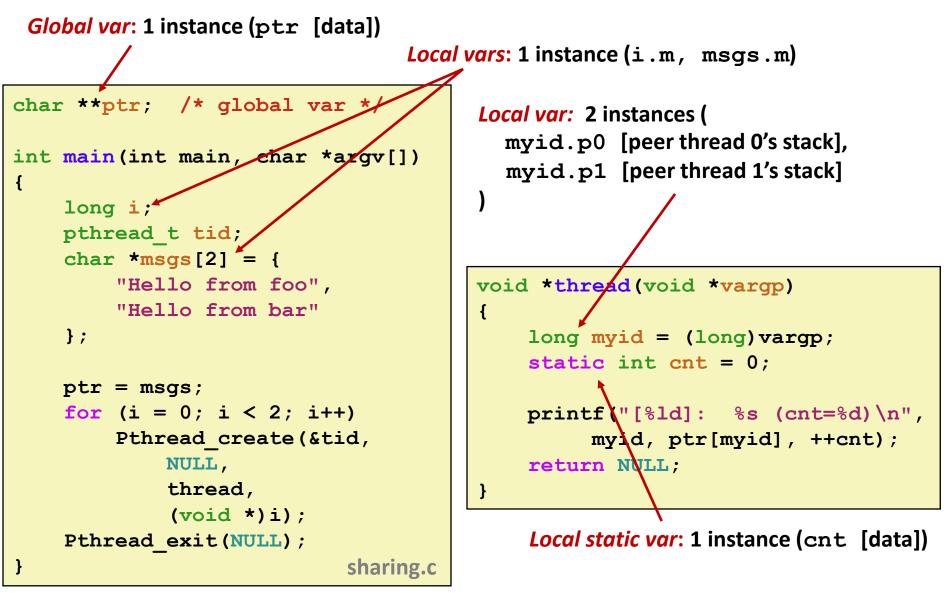
### Local variables

- Def: Variable declared inside function without static attribute
- Each thread stack contains one instance of each local variable

### Local static variables

- Def: Variable declared inside function with the static attribute
- Virtual memory contains exactly one instance of any local static variable.

## **Mapping Variable Instances to Memory**



# **Shared Variable Analysis**

### Which variables are shared?

Variable instance	Referenced by main thread?	Referenced by peer thread 0?	<i>Referenced by peer thread 1?</i>	
ptr	yes	yes	yes	
cnt	no	yes	yes	
i.m	yes	no	no	
msgs.m	yes	yes	yes	
myid.p0	no	yes	no	
myid.p1	no	no	yes	

```
char **ptr; /* global var */
                                        void *thread(void *varqp)
int main(int main, char *argv[]) {
  long i; pthread t tid;
                                          long myid = (long) vargp;
  char *msgs[2] = {"Hello from foo",
                                          static int cnt = 0;
                   "Hello from bar" };
   ptr = msqs;
                                          printf("[\$ld]: \$s (cnt=\$d) \n",
    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
                                                  myid, ptr[myid], ++cnt);
        Pthread create(&tid,
                                          return NULL;
            NULL, thread, (void *)i);
    Pthread exit(NULL);}
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Answer: A variable x is shared iff multiple threads reference at least one instance of x. Thus:

- ptr, cnt, and msgs are shared
- i and myid are not shared

## **Synchronizing Threads**

- Shared variables are handy...
- ...but introduce the possibility of nasty synchronization errors.

### badcnt.c: Improper Synchronization

```
/* Global shared variable */
volatile long cnt = 0; /* Counter */
int main(int argc, char **argv)
    long niters;
    pthread t tid1, tid2;
    niters = atoi(argv[1]);
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        thread, &niters);
    Pthread create (&tid2, NULL,
        thread, &niters);
    Pthread join(tid1, NULL);
    Pthread join(tid2, NULL);
    /* Check result */
    if (cnt != (2 * niters))
        printf("BOOM! cnt=%ld\n", cnt);
    else
        printf("OK cnt=%ld\n", cnt);
    exit(0);
                                 badcnt.c
```

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```
/* Thread routine */
void *thread(void *vargp)
```

```
long i, niters =
```

```
*((long *)vargp);
```

```
for (i = 0; i < niters; i++)
    cnt++;</pre>
```

return NULL;

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linux> ./badcnt 10000
OK cnt=20000
linux> ./badcnt 10000
BOOM! cnt=13051
linux>

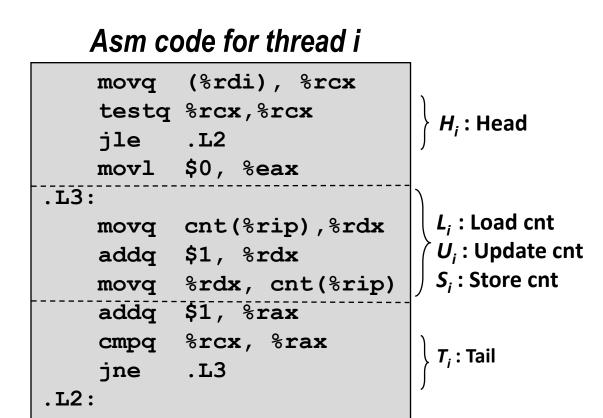
### cnt should equal 20,000.

What went wrong?

### **Assembly Code for Counter Loop**

C code for counter loop in thread i

for (i = 0; i < niters; i++)
 cnt++;</pre>



## **Concurrent Execution**

Key idea: In general, any sequentially consistent\* interleaving is possible, but some give an unexpected result!

- I<sub>i</sub> denotes that thread i executes instruction I
- %rdx<sub>i</sub> is the content of %rdx in thread i's context

i (thread)	instr <sub>i</sub>	%rdx <sub>1</sub>	%rdx <sub>2</sub>	cnt
1	H <sub>1</sub>	-	-	0
1	L <sub>1</sub>	0	-	0
1	<b>U</b> <sub>1</sub>	1	-	0
1	S <sub>1</sub>	1	-	1
2	H <sub>2</sub>	-	-	1
2	$L_2$	-	1	1
2	U <sub>2</sub>	-	2	1
2	S <sub>2</sub>	-	2	2
2	T <sub>2</sub>	-	2	2
1	T <sub>1</sub>	1	-	2

#### \*For now. In reality, on x86 even non-sequentially consistent interleavings are possible

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1	H <sub>1</sub>	-	-	0	]	Thread 1
1	L <sub>1</sub>	0	-	0		critical section
1	$U_1$	1	-	0		critical section
1	S <sub>1</sub>	1	-	1		Thread 2
2	H <sub>2</sub>	-	-	1		critical section
2	L,	-	1	1		
2	$U_2$	-	2	1		
2	S <sub>2</sub>	-	2	2		
2	T <sub>2</sub>	-	2	2		
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### **Concurrent Execution (cont)**

Incorrect ordering: two threads increment the counter, but the result is 1 instead of 2

i (thread)	instr <sub>i</sub>	%rdx <sub>1</sub>	%rdx <sub>2</sub>	cnt	
1	H <sub>1</sub>	-	-	0	
1	L <sub>1</sub>	0	-	0	
1	<b>U</b> <sub>1</sub>	1	-	0	
2	H <sub>2</sub>	-	-	0	
2	L <sub>2</sub>	-	0	0	
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2	S <sub>2</sub>	-	1	1	
2	T <sub>2</sub>	-	1	1	Oops!

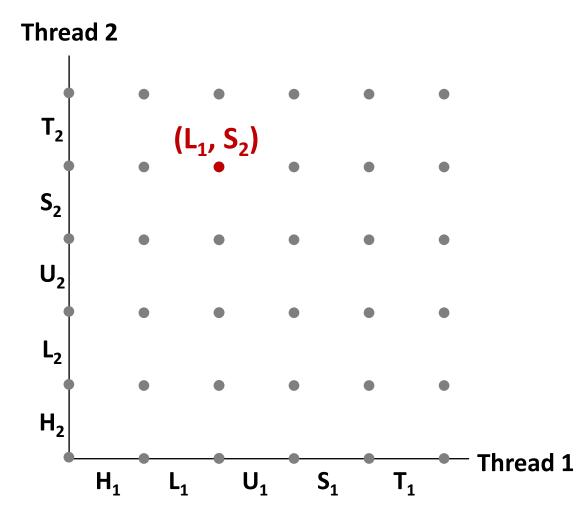
## **Concurrent Execution (cont)**

### How about this ordering?

i (thread)	instr <sub>i</sub>	%rdx <sub>1</sub>	%rdx <sub>2</sub>	cnt	
1	H <sub>1</sub>			0	
1	L <sub>1</sub>	0			
2	H <sub>2</sub>				
2	L <sub>2</sub>		0		
2	$U_2$		1		
2	<b>S</b> <sub>2</sub>		1	1	
1	U <sub>1</sub>	1			
1	S <sub>1</sub>	1		1	
1	T <sub>1</sub>			1	
2	$T_2$			1	Οομ

We can analyze the behavior using a progress graph

### **Progress Graphs**



A progress graph depicts the discrete execution state space of concurrent threads.

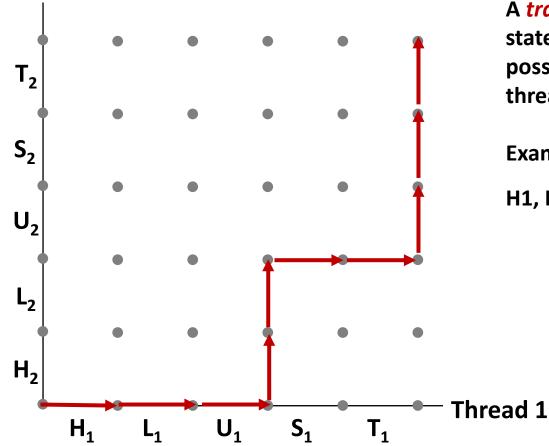
Each axis corresponds to the sequential order of instructions in a thread.

Each point corresponds to a possible *execution state* (Inst<sub>1</sub>, Inst<sub>2</sub>).

E.g.,  $(L_1, S_2)$  denotes state where thread 1 has completed  $L_1$  and thread 2 has completed  $S_2$ .

### **Trajectories in Progress Graphs**



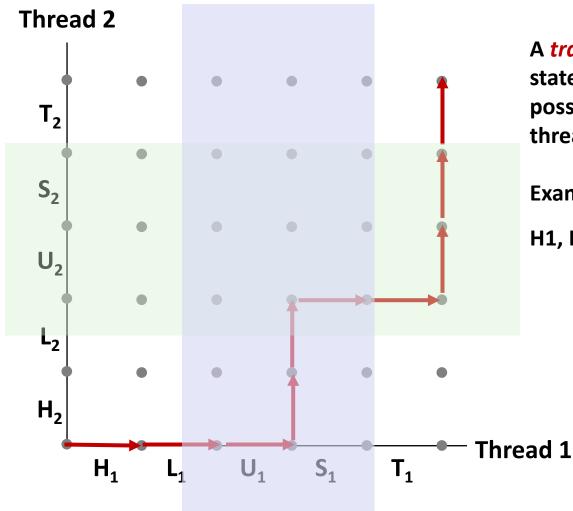


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H1, L1, U1, H2, L2, S1, T1, U2, S2, T2

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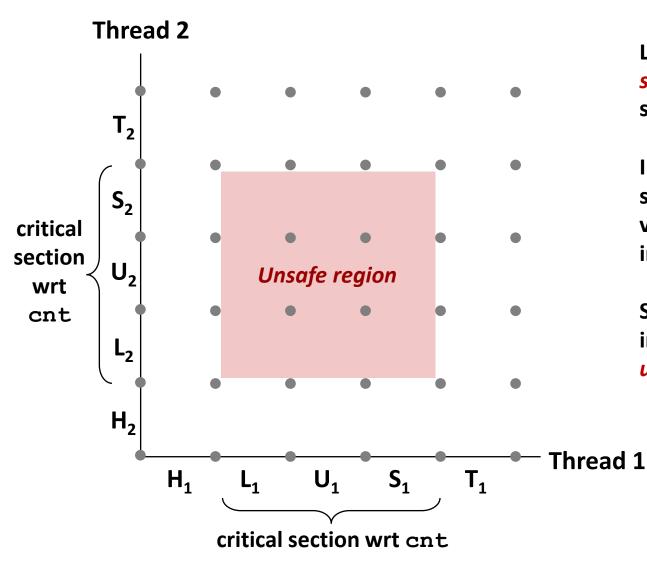


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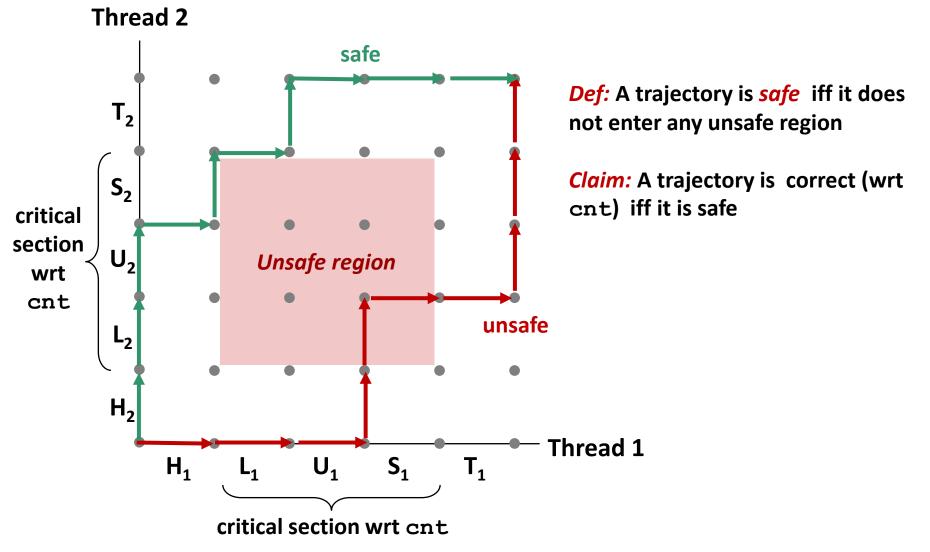


L, U, and S form a *critical section* with respect to the shared variable cnt

Instructions in critical sections (wrt some shared variable) should not be interleaved

Sets of states where such interleaving occurs form *unsafe regions* 

## **Critical Sections and Unsafe Regions**



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vola *t	nread (voi	d *vargp)				
lon	g i, nite					
	*	((long *)	vargp);			
for	(i = 0;	i < niter	s; i++)			
	cnt++;					
ret	return NULL;					
Variable	main	thread1	thread2			
cnt	yes*	yes	yes			
niters.m	yes	no	no			
tid1.m	yes	no	no			
i.1	no	yes	no			
i.2	no	no	yes			
niters.1	no	yes	no			
niters.2	no	no	yes			

# **Enforcing Mutual Exclusion**

- Question: How can we guarantee a safe trajectory?
- Answer: We must synchronize the execution of the threads so that they can never have an unsafe trajectory.
  - i.e., need to guarantee *mutually exclusive access* for each critical section.

### Classic solution:

Semaphores (Edsger Dijkstra)

# Semaphores

- Semaphore: non-negative global integer synchronization variable. Manipulated by P and V operations.
- P(s)
  - If *s* is nonzero, then decrement *s* by 1 and return immediately.
    - Test and decrement operations occur atomically (indivisibly)
  - If s is zero, then suspend thread until s becomes nonzero and the thread is restarted by a V operation.
  - After restarting, the P operation decrements s and returns control to the caller.
- V(s):
  - Increment *s* by 1.
    - Increment operation occurs atomically
  - If there are any threads blocked in a P operation waiting for s to become nonzero, then restart exactly one of those threads, which then completes its P operation by decrementing s.

### Semaphore invariant: (s >= 0)

## Semaphores

- Semaphore: non-negative global integer synchronization variable
- Manipulated by P and V operations:
  - P(s): [ while (s == 0) wait(); s--; ]
    - Dutch for "Proberen" (test)
  - V(s): [ s++; ]
    - Dutch for "Verhogen" (increment)

OS kernel guarantees that operations between brackets [] are executed indivisibly

- Only one *P* or *V* operation at a time can modify s.
- When while loop in P terminates, only that P can decrement s



## **C** Semaphore Operations

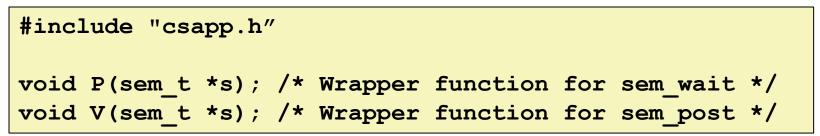
### **Pthreads functions:**

#include <semaphore.h>

int sem init(sem t \*s, 0, unsigned int val);} /\* s = val \*/

int sem\_wait(sem\_t \*s); /\* P(s) \*/
int sem\_post(sem\_t \*s); /\* V(s) \*/

### **CS:APP wrapper functions:**



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{

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void *thread(void *varqp)
    long i, niters =
                *((long *)vargp);
    for (i = 0; i < niters; i++)</pre>
        cnt++;
    return NULL;
```

How can we fix this using semaphores?

# **Using Semaphores for Mutual Exclusion**

### Basic idea:

- Associate a unique semaphore *mutex*, initially 1, with each shared variable (or related set of shared variables).
- Surround corresponding critical sections with *P(mutex)* and *V(mutex)* operations.

### Terminology:

- Binary semaphore: semaphore whose value is always 0 or 1
- Mutex: binary semaphore used for mutual exclusion
  - P operation: "locking" the mutex
  - V operation: "unlocking" or "releasing" the mutex
  - *"Holding"* a mutex: locked and not yet unlocked.
- Counting semaphore: used as a counter for set of available resources.

### goodcnt.c: Proper Synchronization

Define and initialize a mutex for the shared variable cnt:

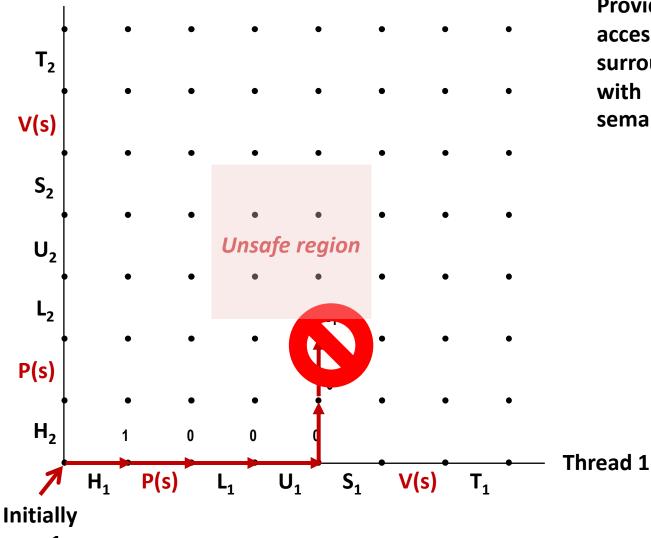
<pre>volatile long cnt = 0; sem_t mutex;</pre>	<pre>/* Counter */ /* Semaphore that protects cnt */</pre>
<pre>sem_init(&amp;mutex, 0, 1);</pre>	/* mutex = 1 */

### Surround critical section with *P* and *V*:

<pre>for (i = 0; i &lt; niters; i++         P(&amp;mutex);         cnt++;         V(&amp;mutex); }</pre>		<pre>linux&gt; ./goodd OK cnt=20000 linux&gt; ./goodd OK cnt=20000 linux&gt;</pre>	
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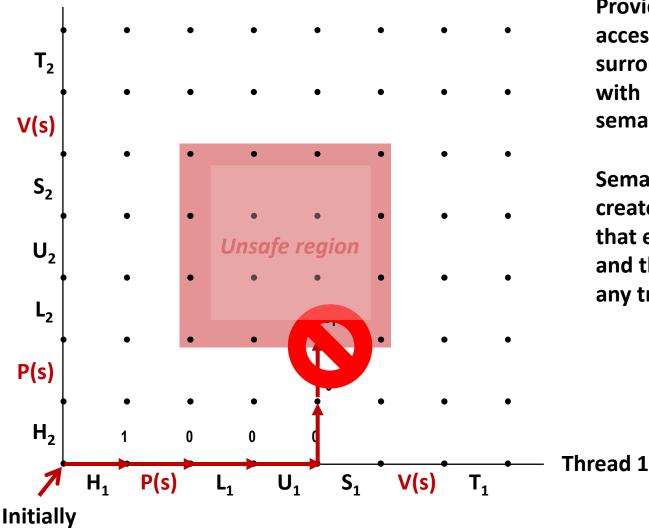




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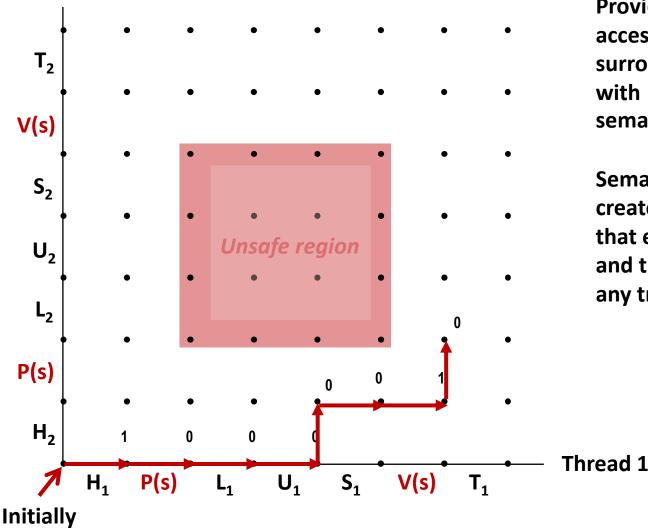
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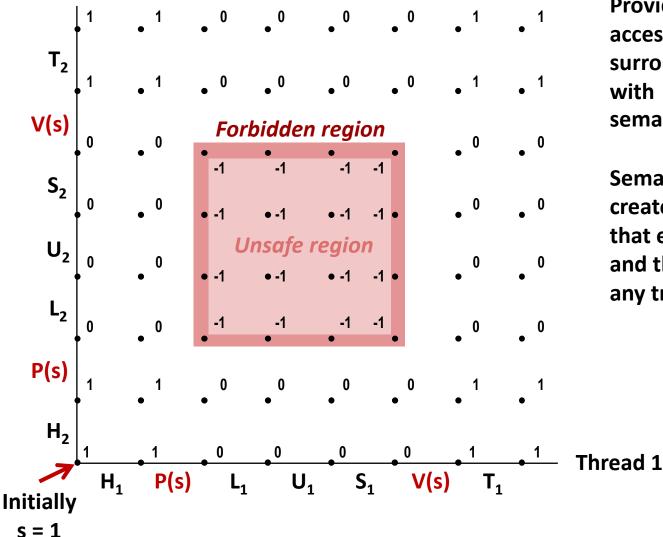
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# **Why Mutexes Work**

Thread 2



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# **Enforcing Mutual Exclusion**

- Mutex is special case of semaphore
  - Value either 0 or 1
- Pthreads provides pthread\_mutex\_t
  - Operations: lock, unlock
- Recommended over general semaphores when appropriate

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## goodmcnt.c: Mutex Synchronization

Define and initialize a mutex for the shared variable cnt:

volatile long cnt = 0; /\* Counter \*/
pthread\_mutex\_t mutex;
pthread\_mutex\_init(&mutex, NULL); // No special attributes

#### Surround critical section with *lock* and *unlock*:

	for }	<pre>pthread_mute cnt++;</pre>	<pre>. &lt; niters; i++) { nutex_lock(&amp;mutex); nutex_unlock(&amp;mutex); goodcnt.c</pre>			<pre>linux&gt; ./goodmcnt 10000 OK cnt=20000 linux&gt; ./goodmcnt 10000 OK cnt=20000 linux&gt;</pre>		
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### Producer-Consumer Synchronization

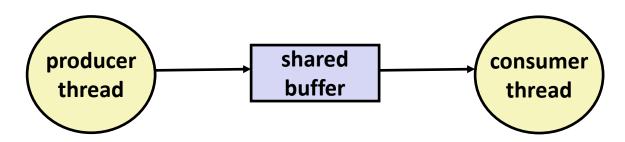
# Using Semaphores to Coordinate Access to Shared Resources

- Basic idea: Thread uses a semaphore operation to notify another thread that some condition has become true
  - Use counting semaphores to keep track of resource state.
  - Use binary semaphores to notify other threads.

#### The Producer-Consumer Problem

 Mediating interactions between processes that generate information and that then make use of that information

## **Producer-Consumer Problem**



### Common synchronization pattern:

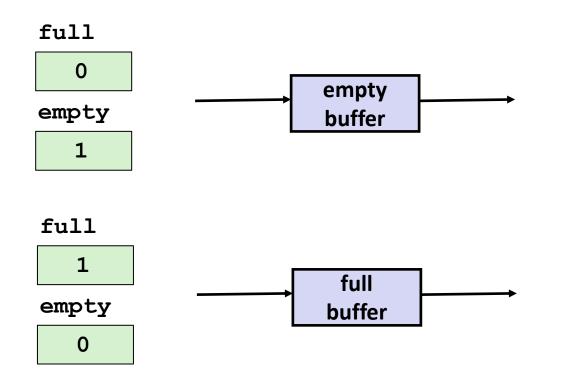
- Producer waits for empty *slot*, inserts item in buffer, and notifies consumer
- Consumer waits for *item*, removes it from buffer, and notifies producer

### Examples

- Multimedia processing:
  - Producer creates video frames, consumer renders them
- Event-driven graphical user interfaces
  - Producer detects mouse clicks, mouse movements, and keyboard hits and inserts corresponding events in buffer
  - Consumer retrieves events from buffer and paints the display

# **Producer-Consumer on 1-element Buffer**

Maintain two semaphores: full + empty



## **Producer-Consumer on 1-element Buffer**

#include "csapp.h"

#define NITERS 5

```
void *producer(void *arg);
void *consumer(void *arg);
```

```
struct {
    int buf; /* shared var */
    sem_t full; /* sems */
    sem_t empty;
} shared;
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
 pthread t tid producer;
 pthread t tid consumer;
  /* Initialize the semaphores */
  Sem init(&shared.empty, 0, 1);
  Sem init(&shared.full, 0, 0);
  /* Create threads and wait */
 Pthread create (&tid producer, NULL,
                 producer, NULL);
 Pthread create (&tid consumer, NULL,
                 consumer, NULL);
 Pthread join(tid producer, NULL);
 Pthread join(tid consumer, NULL);
 return 0;
```

## **Producer-Consumer on 1-element Buffer**

Initially: empty==1, full==0

#### **Producer Thread**

```
void *producer(void *arg) {
  int i, item;
  for (i=0; i<NITERS; i++) {</pre>
    /* Produce item */
    item = i;
    printf("produced %d\n",
            item);
    /* Write item to buf */
    P(&shared.empty);
    shared.buf = item;
    V(&shared.full);
  return NULL;
```

#### **Consumer Thread**

```
void *consumer(void *arg) {
  int i, item;

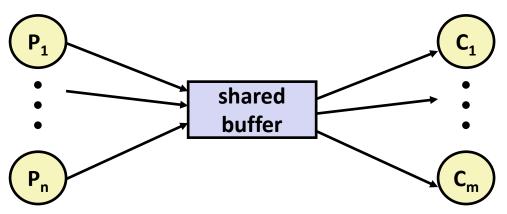
for (i=0; i<NITERS; i++) {
    /* Read item from buf */
    P(&shared.full);
    item = shared.buf;
    V(&shared.empty);

    /* Consume item */
    printf("consumed %d\n", item);
  }
  return NULL;
</pre>
```

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# Why 2 Semaphores for 1-Entry Buffer?

Consider multiple producers & multiple consumers



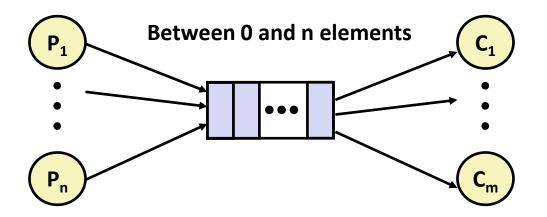
- Producers will contend with each to get empty
- Consumers will contend with each other to get full



<pre>P(&amp;shared.empty);</pre>	empty	1	full	<pre>P(&amp;shared.full);</pre>
<pre>shared.buf = item;</pre>				<pre>item = shared.buf;</pre>
V(&shared.full);		J		V(&shared.empty);

Consumers

## **Producer-Consumer on an** *n***-element Buffer**



#### Implemented using a shared buffer package called sbuf.

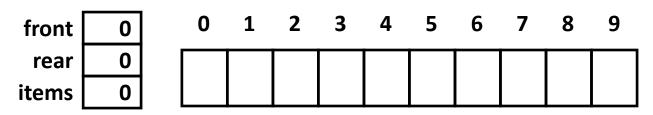
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# Circular Buffer (n = 10)

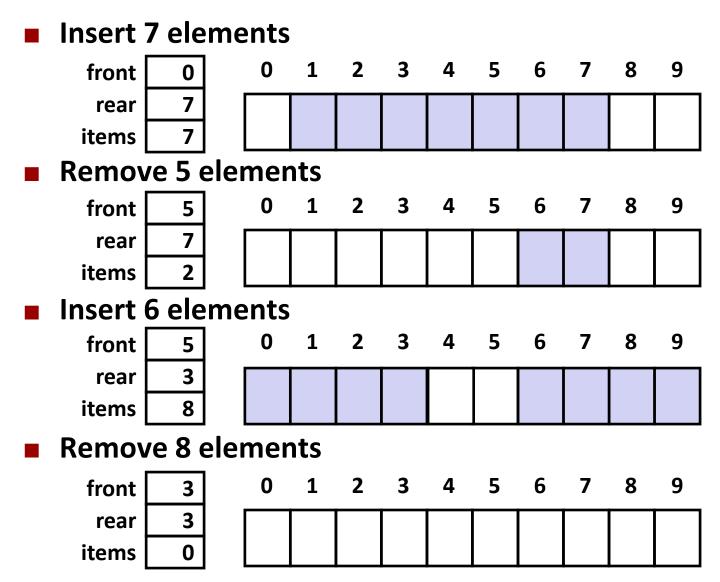
- Store elements in array of size n
- items: number of elements in buffer
- Empty buffer:
  - front = rear

### Nonempty buffer

- rear: index of most recently inserted element
- front: (index of next element to remove 1) mod n
- Initially:



## **Circular Buffer Operation (n = 10)**



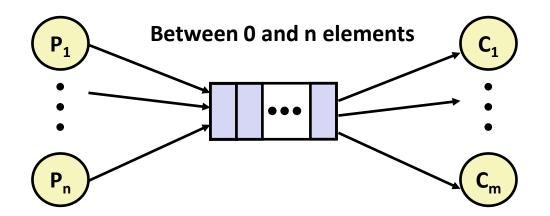
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## **Sequential Circular Buffer Code**

```
init(int v)
   items = front = rear = 0;
}
insert(int v)
{
   if (items >= n)
       error();
   if (++rear >= n) rear = 0;
   buf[rear] = v;
   items++;
}
int remove()
{
   if (items == 0)
       error();
   if (++ front >= n) front = 0;
   int v = buf[front];
   items--;
   return v;
```

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## Producer-Consumer on an *n*-element Buffer



#### Requires a mutex and two counting semaphores:

- mutex: enforces mutually exclusive access to the buffer and counters
- slots: counts the available slots in the buffer
- items: counts the available items in the buffer

### Makes use of general semaphores

• Will range in value from 0 to n

## sbuf Package - Declarations

```
#include "csapp.h"
typedef struct {
   int *buf; /* Buffer array
                                                      */
   int n; /* Maximum number of slots
                                                      */
   int front; /* buf[front+1 (mod n)] is first item */
   int rear; /* buf[rear] is last item
                                                      */
   sem t mutex; /* Protects accesses to buf
                                                      */
                                                      */
   sem t slots; /* Counts available slots
   sem t items; /* Counts available items
                                                      */
} sbuf t;
void sbuf init(sbuf t *sp, int n);
void sbuf deinit(sbuf t *sp);
void sbuf insert(sbuf t *sp, int item);
int sbuf remove(sbuf t *sp);
```

sbuf.h

## sbuf Package - Implementation

#### Initializing and deinitializing a shared buffer:

```
/* Create an empty, bounded, shared FIFO buffer with n slots */
void sbuf init(sbuf t *sp, int n)
{
    sp->buf = Calloc(n, sizeof(int));
                            /* Buffer holds max of n items */
    sp \rightarrow n = n;
    sp->front = sp->rear = 0; /* Empty buffer iff front == rear */
    Sem init(&sp->mutex, 0, 1); /* Binary semaphore for locking */
    Sem init(&sp->slots, 0, n); /* Initially, buf has n empty slots */
    Sem init(&sp->items, 0, 0); /* Initially, buf has zero items */
}
/* Clean up buffer sp */
void sbuf deinit(sbuf t *sp)
{
   Free(sp->buf);
}
```

## sbuf Package - Implementation

#### Inserting an item into a shared buffer:

```
/* Insert item onto the rear of shared buffer sp */
void sbuf insert(sbuf t *sp, int item)
ł
   P(&sp->slots);
                               /* Wait for available slot */
                              /* Lock the buffer
                                                          */
   P(&sp->mutex);
    if (++sp->rear >= sp->n)
                               /* Increment index (mod n)
                                                          */
       sp->rear = 0;
   sp->buf[sp->rear] = item; /* Insert the item
                                                          */
                     /* Unlock the buffer
                                                          */
   V(&sp->mutex);
                                /* Announce available item */
   V(&sp->items);
                                                         sbuf.c
```

## sbuf Package - Implementation

#### **Removing an item from a shared buffer:**

```
/* Remove and return the first item from buffer sp */
int sbuf remove(sbuf t *sp)
{
    int item;
                                /* Wait for available item */
    P(&sp->items);
    P(&sp->mutex);
                                /* Lock the buffer
                                                             */
    if (++sp->front >= sp->n) /* Increment index (mod n) */
        sp \rightarrow front = 0;
    item = sp->buf[sp->front];
                                /* Remove the item
                                                             */
                                /* Unlock the buffer
                                                             */
   V(&sp->mutex);
                                 /* Announce available slot */
   V(&sp->slots);
    return item;
                                                               sbuf.c
```

### Demonstration

- See program produce-consume.c in code directory
- 10-entry shared circular buffer
- 5 producers
  - Agent i generates numbers from 20\*i to 20\*i 1.
  - Puts them in buffer

#### 5 consumers

Each retrieves 20 elements from buffer

### Main program

Makes sure each value between 0 and 99 retrieved once

### Summary

- Programmers need a clear model of how variables are shared by threads.
- Variables shared by multiple threads must be protected to ensure mutually exclusive access.
- Semaphores are a fundamental mechanism for enforcing mutual exclusion
  - And can also support producer-consumer synchronization