

CS4410 Announcements 10/1

- Tutorial on this week's lectures (10/1, 10/3)

Sunday 10/6 3pm-430pm

Hollister B14

- Looking ahead: Prelim 1 is Thurs 10/10
+ 1 week (hi)

Likely review session 10/8 in class

Beyond Semaphores (con't)

```
M: Monitor
  var      ... monitor vars ...
          C: Condition       $\{ B_c \}$ 

op: operation (P1, P2 ... )
    var locals
    {
    }
  end
  ...
```

C. wait

thread suspended

C. Continue:

thread exits monitor &
thread blocked on C runs

VS

C. Signal:

thread suspends
on "urgent" queue &
thread blocked on C runs

Acnt: monitor
var acnt: integer
incr: condition $\{ w \geq acnt \}$

deposit: operation (v : integer.)

acnt := acnt + v

incr. signal

end

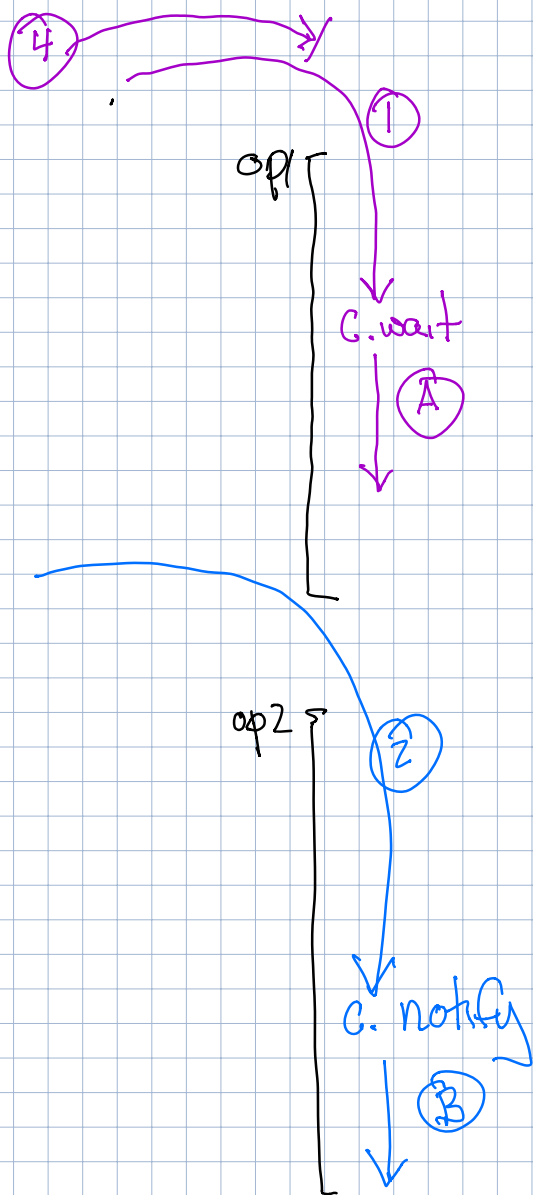
withdraw: operation (w : integer.)

while acnt < w do incr. wait end

$\{ acnt \geq w \}$ acnt := acnt - w

end

end Acnt



Suppose signal operation
does not cause
yield.

← "notify"

If B runs next....

$\{t\} c.wait \{t\}$
 $\{t\} c.notify \{t\}$

Note: Actually, I need
not hold before/after
notify because no
process gets control
at that point!

Implementation of ~~signal/urgent~~ ^{notify} semantics

entry queue for monitor

condition queue for each condition variable

~~urgent queue for monitor~~

monitor call: If monitor in use
then add thread to entry queue
else grant access

c.wait: Put thread on queue for condition c
Invoke scheduler

c.notify: 1 process on condition queue for c
made runnable ^{but}
Continue executing in monitor

c.notifyAll: all process on condition queue for c
made runnable
continue executing in monitor

scheduler: Pick some runnable thread
& run it at most
one process executes in monitor

Summary of signal regimes

C. Continue: thread exits monitor

C. Signal: thread suspends
on "urgent" queue

C. notify: thread continues to
exec in monitor

All cause thread suspended on
C. wait to obtain monitor lock eventually

C. Continue } immediately
C. signal }

C. notify } eventually

Compare with $P \neq \checkmark!$

Use of notify is tricky
Two processes can Acquire when if instead of while.

Monitor:

var locked: boolean init false
Q: condition

Acquire: operation

~~if locked then Q.wait~~
while locked do Q.wait end
locked := true
end

Release: operation

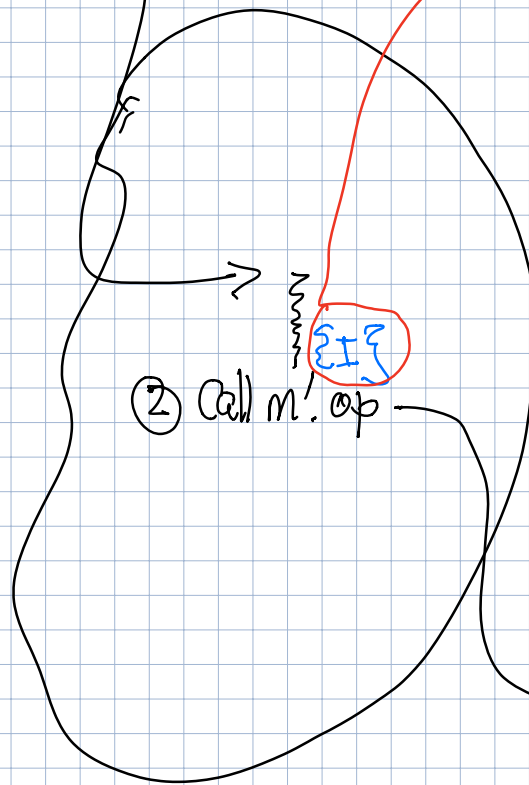
locked := false
Q.notify
end

end monitor

Cautions when using Monitors

I Nested locking

① call m.op



② call m.op

I would have to
hold prior to
call if we
wanted to relax
mutex for m
(Bad idea!)

③ C.wait

II Priority Inversion

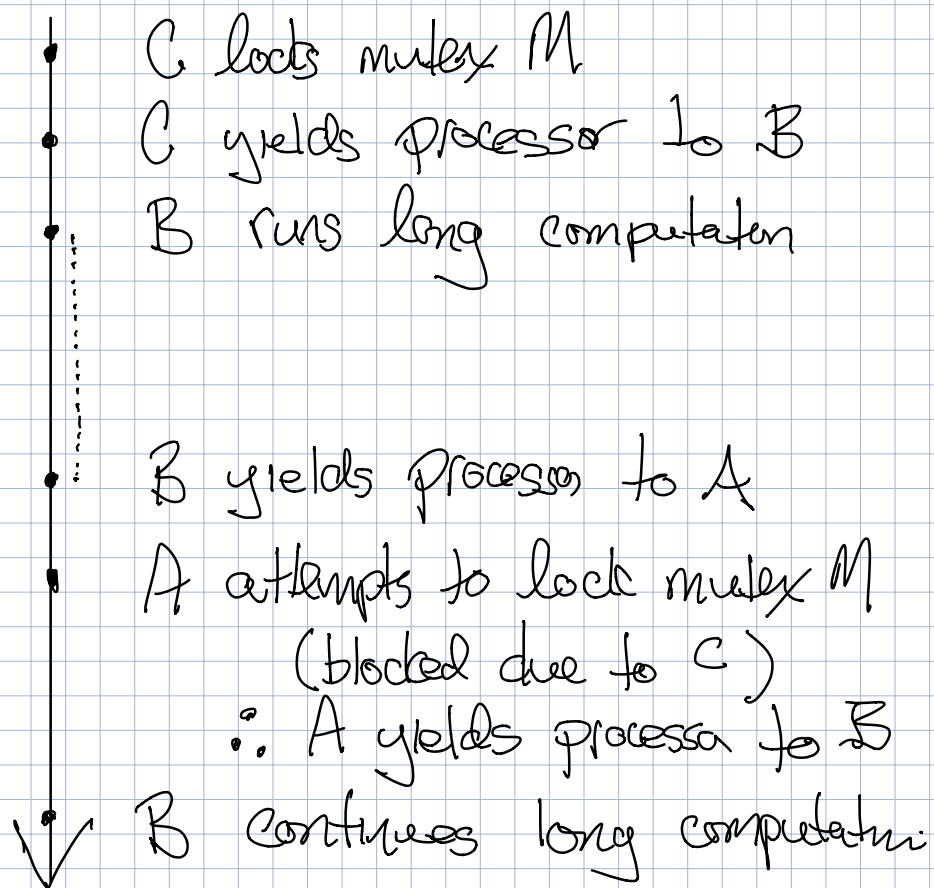
thread

A: high prio

B: med prio

C: low prio

time



Deconstructing Monitors: (Critical) Regions

Yet another synchronization primitive.

(Good ref: Birrell, "An Introduction to Programming with Threads")

Monitor: { mutual exclusion (for ops)
(3 ideas) { cond synchron (within ops.)
selective mutex (due to visibility rules for vars)

- locks define regions
syntax of a region:

```
var m: lock  
region m do  
    ...  
end
```

- Condition variables allow release of locks (wait, notify, notifyAll)

var m: lock

space: condition with m

stuff: condition with m

{

region m do

while slots = 0 do space.wait end

buff[stt + len] := v

len := len + 1; slots := slots - 1

stuff.notify

end

}

region m do

while len = 0 do space.wait end

val := buff[stt]

len := len - 1; slots := slots + 1

stt := stt + 1 mod N + 1

space.notify

end

- associate sets of variables with
each lock.

• allows arbitrary fine-gran grouping of
variables ~

• Problems if each var is associated
with multiple locks.

Message Passing

send m to dest

receve m from source

Various design decisions

How to specify destination & source of msg

↑ ↑
for send for receive

- ① **direct naming**: sender names receiver
receiver names sender.
 $O(N^2)$ channels

Problem — Processes need to know each other's names

- ② **asymmetric direct naming**: sender names receiver
receiver names nobody

Synchrony

blocking ("synchronous"): causes primitive to delay until some event

nonblocking ("asynchronous"): primitive continues

blocking send: sender delayed until msg received

Client {
 send x,y,z to C1
 receive val
}

Serv: {
 receive a,b,c
 send res to

Buffering capacity

How many sent but not received msgs
~~allowed~~

O - capacity

N - capacity

send as V }

receive as P "