

# Synchronization 3: Barriers (con't) / Semaphores / Monitors

# Changelog

Changes made in this version not seen in first lecture:

27 September: counting resources: use consistent colors for up/down

27 September: counting semaphores with binary semaphores: add missing mutex unlock, correct function names

# last time

compiler reordering — optimizer assumes no threads  
unless you use something special to tell it

cache coherency — keeping caches in sync  
communicate via shared bus  
ensure **at most one writing cache** at a time

hardware support for locking  
**atomic read-modify-write**  
and instructions to prevent reordering

mutexes: locks with wait queues  
give up CPU instead of “spinning”

# quiz question: code snippet

```
node *head = NULL;
void prepend(int new_value) {
    node *new_head = new node;
    new_head->value = new_value;
    new_head->next = head;
    head = new_head;
}
```

new\_head: on stack (local to thread)

new\_head->next: on heap (unique for each call)

head: in global data area

head = new\_head: **pointer** assignment (doesn't dereference pointers)

# quiz question: interleaving

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# barriers API

`barrier.Initialize(NumberOfThreads)`

`barrier.Wait()` — return after all threads have waited

idea: multiple threads perform computations in parallel

threads wait for **all other threads** to call `Wait()`

# barrier: waiting for finish

```
barrier.Initialize(2);
```

Thread 0

```
partial_mins[0] =  
    /* min of first  
       50M elems */;
```

```
barrier.Wait();
```

```
total_min = min(  
    partial_mins[0],  
    partial_mins[1]  
);
```

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# pthread barriers

```
pthread_barrier_t barrier;  
pthread_barrier_init(  
    &barrier,  
    NULL /* attributes */,  
    numberOfThreads  
);  
...  
...  
pthread_barrier_wait(&barrier);
```

# life homework (pseudocode)

```
for (int time = 0; time < MAX_ITERATIONS; ++time) {  
    for (int y = 0; y < size; ++y) {  
        for (int x = 0; x < size; ++x) {  
            to_grid(x, y) = computeValue(from_grid, x, y);  
        }  
    }  
    swap(from_grid, to_grid);  
}
```

# life homework

compute grid of values for time  $t$  from grid for time  $t - 1$

compute new value at  $i, j$  based on surrounding values

parallel version: produce parts of grid in different threads

use barriers to finish time  $t$  before going to time  $t + 1$

avoid trying to read things that aren't computed

# life homework even/odd

naive way has an operation that needs locking:

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for (int time = 0; time < MAX_ITERATIONS; ++time) {  
    ... compute to_grid ...  
    swap(from_grid, to_grid);  
}
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but this alternative needs less locking:

```
Grid grids[2];  
for (int time = 0; time < MAX_ITERATIONS; ++time) {  
    from_grid = &grids[time % 2];  
    to_grid = &grids[time % 2 + 1];  
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# generalizing locks

barriers are very useful

do things locks can't do

but can't do things locks can do

semaphores and condition variables are more general

can implement locks *and* barriers *and* ...

# generalizing locks: semaphores

semaphore has a non-negative integer **value** and two operations:

**P()** or **down** or **wait**:

wait for semaphore to become positive ( $> 0$ ),  
then decrement by 1

**V()** or **up** or **signal** or **post**:

increment semaphore by 1 (waking up thread if needed)

P, V from Dutch: *proberen* (test), *verhogen* (increment)

# semaphores are kinda integers

semaphore like an integer, but...

cannot read/write directly

down/up operation only way to access (typically)  
exception: initialization

never negative — wait instead

down operation wants to make negative? thread waits

## reserving books

suppose tracking copies of library book...

```
Semaphore free_copies = Semaphore(3);
```

```
void ReserveBook() {  
    // wait for copy to be free  
    free_copies.down();  
    ... // ... then take reserved copy  
}
```

```
void ReturnBook() {  
    ... // return reserved copy  
    free_copies.up();  
    // ... then wakeup waiting thread  
}
```

# counting resources: reserving books

suppose tracking copies of same library book  
non-negative integer count = # how many books used?  
**up** = give back book; **down** = take book

Copy 1
Copy 2
Copy 3

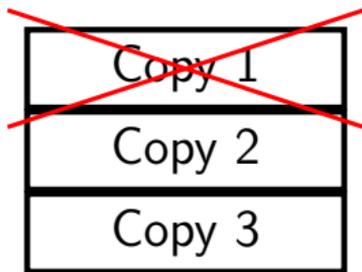
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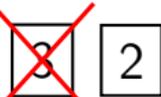
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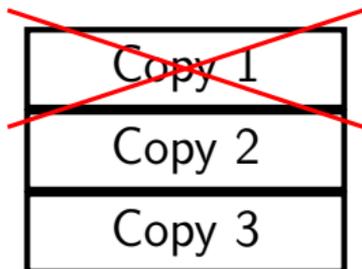


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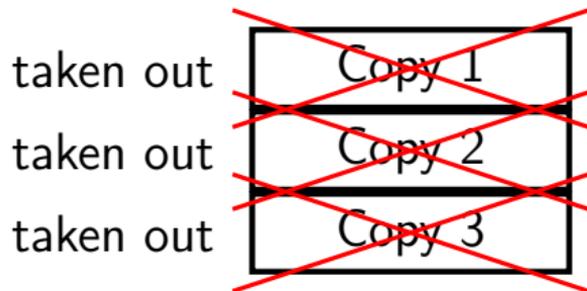
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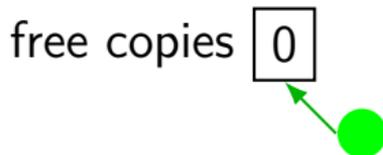
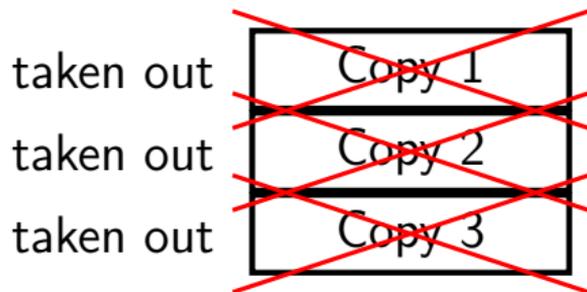


free copies

after calling down three times  
to reserve all copies

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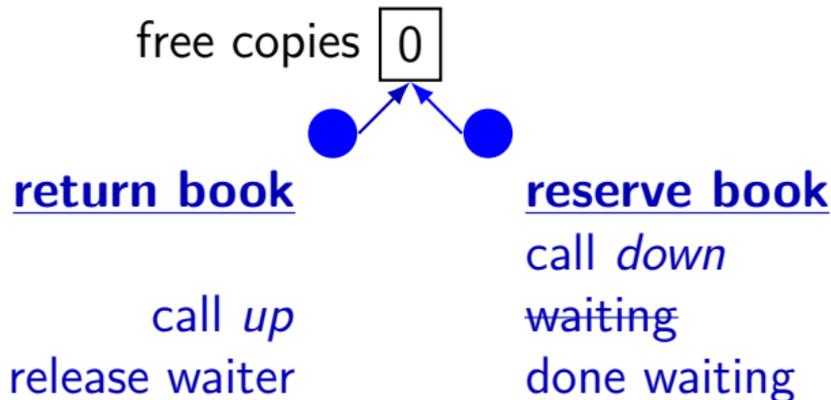
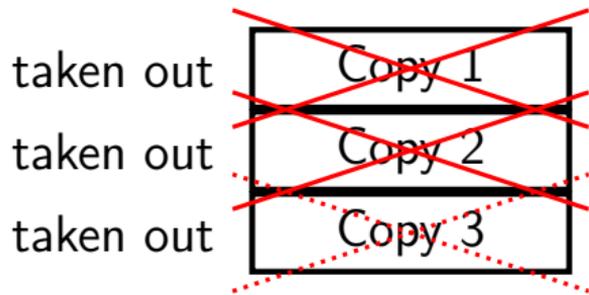
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**reserve book**  
call *down* again  
start waiting...

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# implementing mutexes with semaphores

```
struct Mutex {  
    Semaphore s; /* with initial value 1 */  
    /* value = 1 --> mutex if free */  
    /* value = 0 --> mutex is busy */  
}  
  
MutexLock(Mutex *m) {  
    m->s.down();  
}  
MutexUnlock(Mutex *m) {  
    m->s.up();  
}
```

# implementing join with semaphores

```
struct Thread {
    ...
    Semaphore finish_semaphore; /* with initial value 0 */
    /* value = 0: either thread not finished OR already joined */
    /* value = 1: thread finished AND not joined */
};
thread_join(Thread *t) {
    t->finish_semaphore->down();
}

/* assume called when thread finishes */
thread_exit(Thread *t) {
    t->finish_semaphore->up();
    /* tricky part: deallocating struct Thread safely? */
}
```

# POSIX semaphores

```
#include <semaphore.h>
...
sem_t my_semaphore;
int process_shared = /* 1 if sharing between processes */;
sem_init(&my_semaphore, process_shared, initial_value);
...
sem_wait(&my_semaphore); /* down */
sem_post(&my_semaphore); /* up */
...
sem_destroy(&my_semaphore);
```

# semaphore intuition

What do you need to wait for?

- critical section to be finished

- queue to be non-empty

- array to have space for new items

what can you count that will be 0 when you need to wait?

- # of threads that can start critical section now

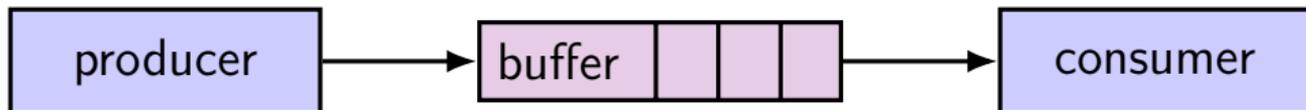
- # of threads that can join another thread without waiting

- # of items in queue

- # of empty spaces in array

use up/down operations to maintain count

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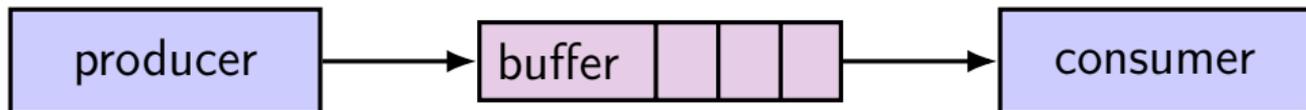


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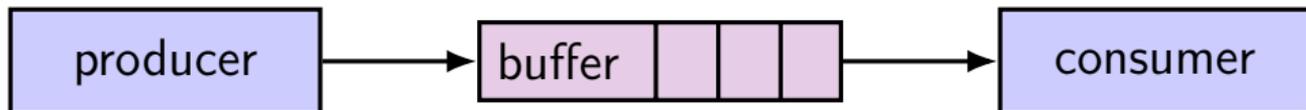
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example: C compiler

preprocessor → compiler → assembler → linker

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one semaphore per constraint:

```
sem_t full_slots;    // consumer waits if empty
sem_t empty_slots;  // producer waits if full
sem_t mutex;        // either waits if anyone changing buffer
FixedSizedQueue buffer;
```

# producer/consumer pseudocode

```
sem_init(&full_slots, ..., 0 /* # buffer slots initially used */);  
sem_init(&empty_slots, ..., BUFFER_CAPACITY);  
sem_init(&mutex, ..., 1 /* # thread that can use buffer at once */);  
buffer.set_size(BUFFER_CAPACITY);  
...
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**No.** Consumer waits on sem\_wait(&mutex)  
so can't sem\_post(&empty\_slots)  
(result: producer waits forever  
problem called *deadlock*)

# producer/consumer: cannot reorder mutex/empty

```
ProducerReordered() {  
    // BROKEN: WRONG ORDER  
    sem_wait(&mutex);  
    sem_wait(&empty_slots);  
  
    ...  
  
    sem_post(&mutex);  
}
```

```
Consumer() {  
    sem_wait(&full_slots);  
  
    // can't finish until  
    // Producer's sem_post(&mutex):  
    sem_wait(&mutex);  
  
    ...  
  
    // so this is not reached  
    sem_post(&full_slots);  
}
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Can we do

```
sem_post(&full_slots);  
sem_post(&mutex);
```

instead?

Yes — post never waits

# producer/consumer summary

producer: wait (down) empty\_slots, post (up) full\_slots

consumer: wait (down) full\_slots, post (up) empty\_slots

two producers or consumers?

still works!

# binary semaphores

*binary semaphores* — semaphores that are **only zero or one**

as powerful as normal semaphores

exercise: simulate counting semaphores with binary semaphores (more than one) and an integer

# counting semaphores with binary semaphores

```
// assuming initialValue > 0
BinarySemaphore mutex(1);
int value = initialValue;
BinarySemaphore gate(1);

void Down() {
    mutex.Down();
    value -= 1;
    if (val == 0) {
        mutex.Up();
        // decremented to 0, wait
        gate.Down();
        mutex.Down();
    }
    mutex.Up();
}
```

```
void Up() {
    mutex.Down();
    value += 1;
    if (value == 1) {
        // value was 0, start a waiter
        gate.Up();
    }
    mutex.Up();
}
```

# Anderson-Dahlin and semaphores

Anderson/Dahlin complains about semaphores

“Our view is that programming with locks and condition variables is superior to programming with semaphores.”

argument 1: clearer to have **separate constructs** for waiting for condition to become true, and allowing only one thread to manipulate a thing at a time

argument 2: tricky to verify thread calls up exactly once for every down

alternatives allow one to be sloppier (in a sense)

# monitors/condition variables

**locks** for mutual exclusion

**condition variables** for waiting for event

operations: wait (for event); signal/broadcast (that event happened)

related data structures

**monitor** = lock + 0 or more condition variables + shared data

Java: every object is a monitor (has instance variables, built-in lock, cond. var)

pthread: build your own: provides you locks + condition variables

# monitor idea

a monitor

lock
shared data
condvar 1
condvar 2
...
operation1(...)
operation2(...)

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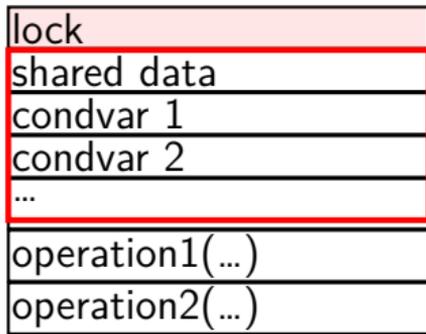
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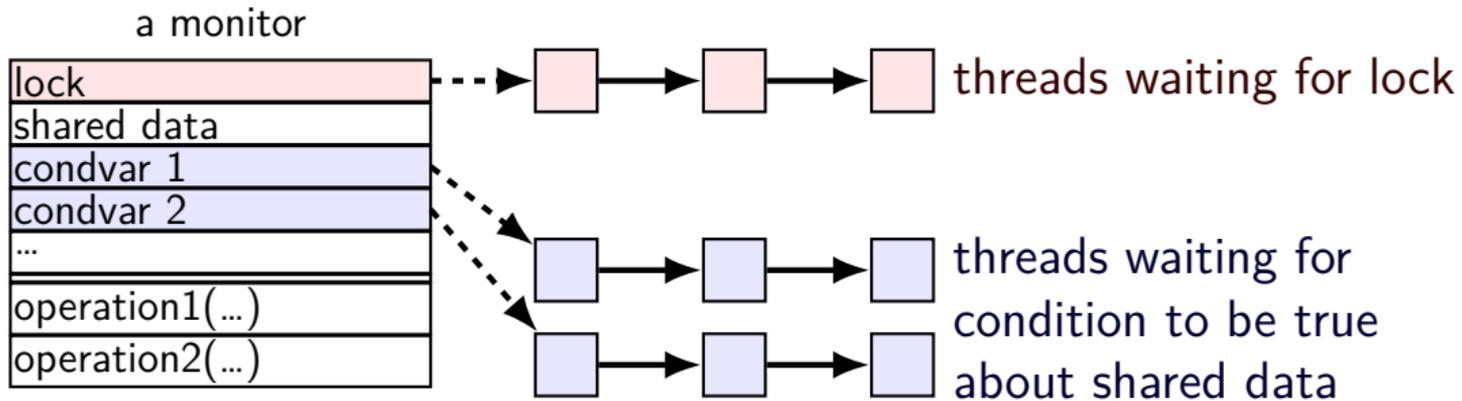
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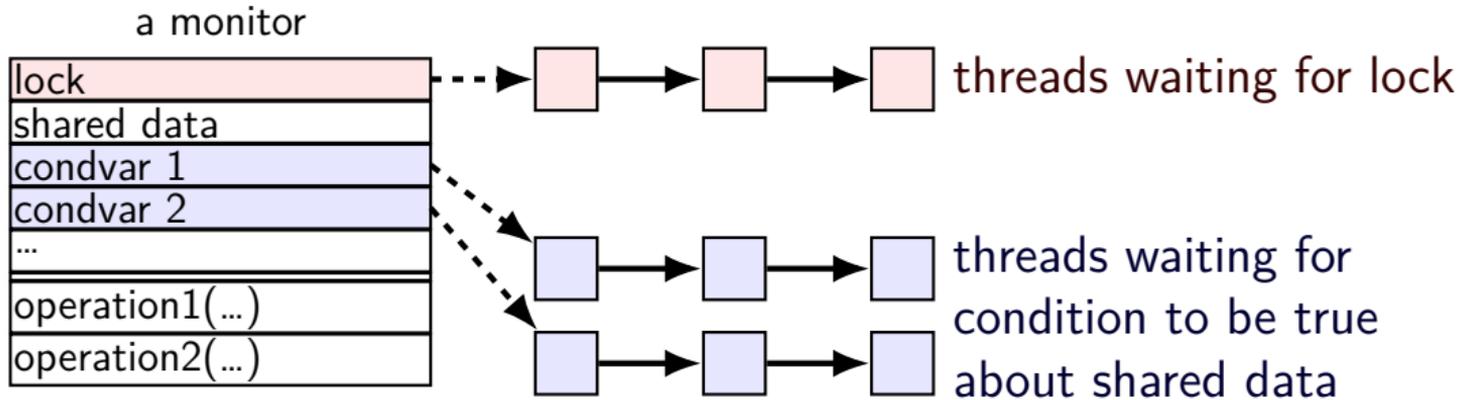
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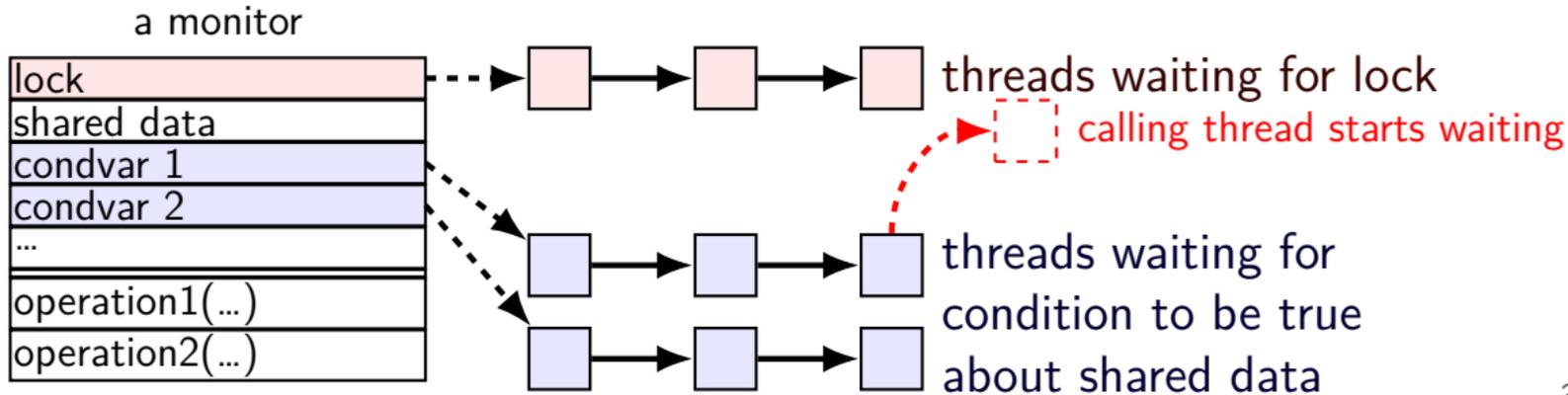
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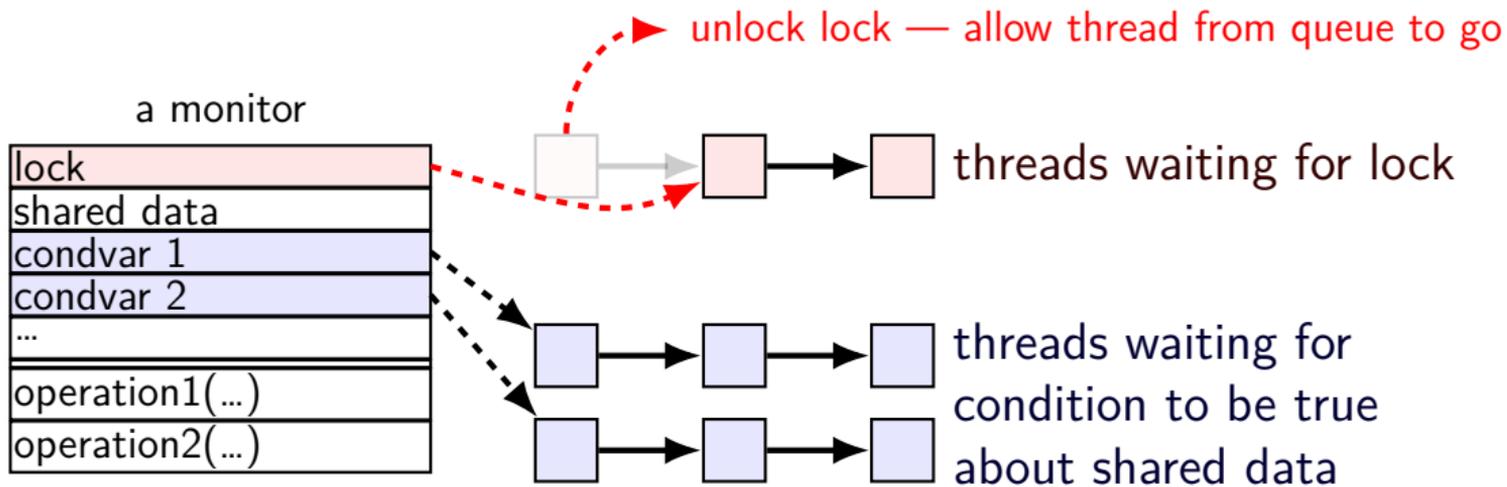
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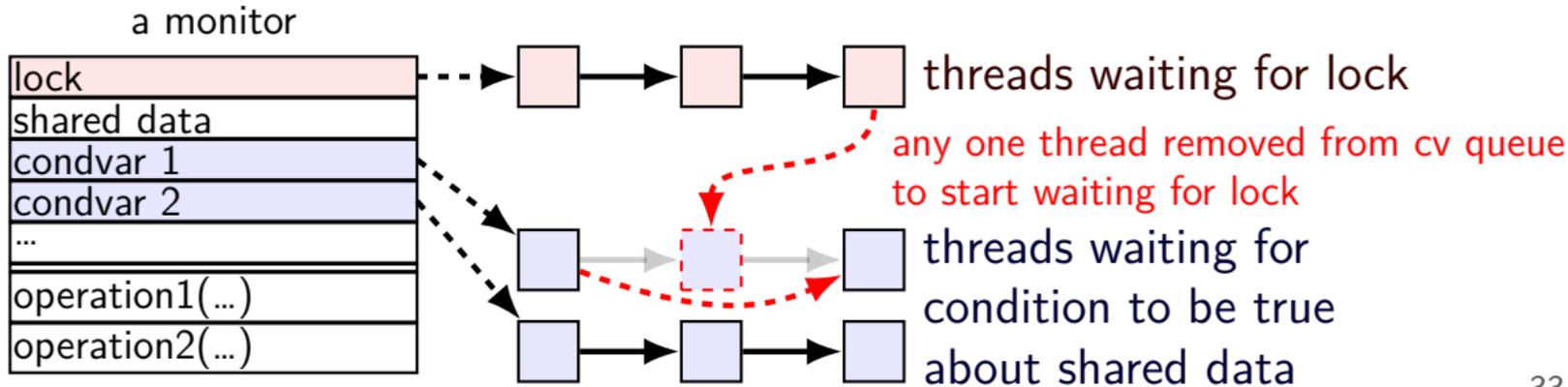
# condvar operations

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Wait(cv, lock) — unlock lock, add current thread to cv queue  
...and reacquire lock before returning

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know we need to wait  
(finished can't change while we have lock)  
so wait, releasing lock...

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allow all waiters to proceed  
(once we unlock the lock)

# WaitForFinish timeline 1

WaitForFinish thread	Finish thread
<code>mutex_lock(&amp;lock)</code> (thread has lock)	
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<code>while (!finished) ...</code> <code>cond_wait(&amp;finished_cv, &amp;lock);</code> (start waiting for cv)	(done waiting for lock)
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## WaitForFinish timeline 2

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pthread\_cond\_wait manual page:

“**Spurious wakeups** ... may occur.”

spurious wakeup = wait returns even though nothing happened

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can be hard to avoid loop in more complicated scenarios

e.g. `signal()` saying okay to remove item from queue  
what if another thread sneaks in and does it first?

maybe `signal()` could be redesigned to prevent this somehow?  
...but that's harder to implement

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rule: never touch buffer  
without acquiring lock

otherwise: what if two threads  
simultaneously en/dequeue?  
(both use same array/linked list entry?)  
(both reallocate array?)

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if so, dequeue

okay because have lock

other threads **cannot** dequeue here

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wake one Consume thread  
*if any are waiting*

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...enqueue
...signal
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Thread 2

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	Consume()
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	...empty? yes
	...unlock/start wait
Produce()	waiting for data_ready
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...enqueue	
...signal	stop wait
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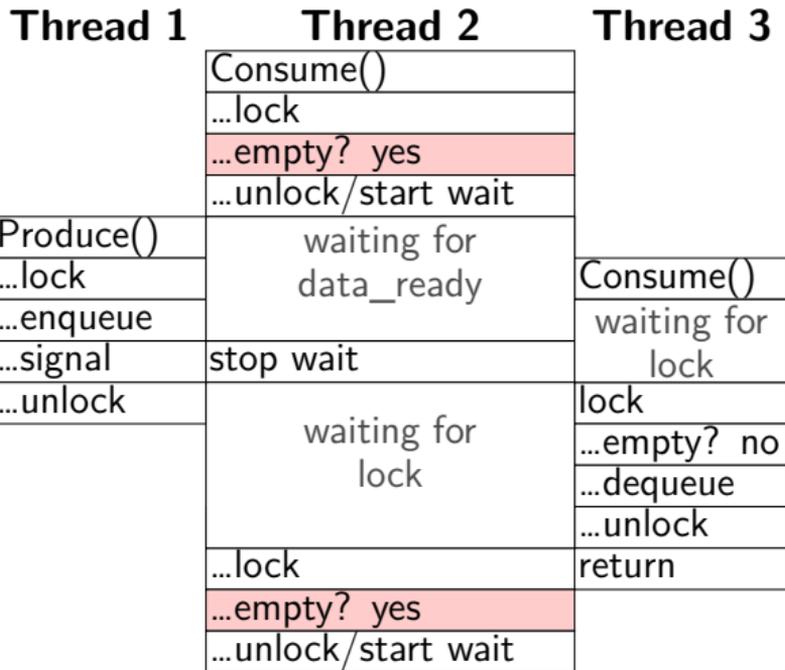
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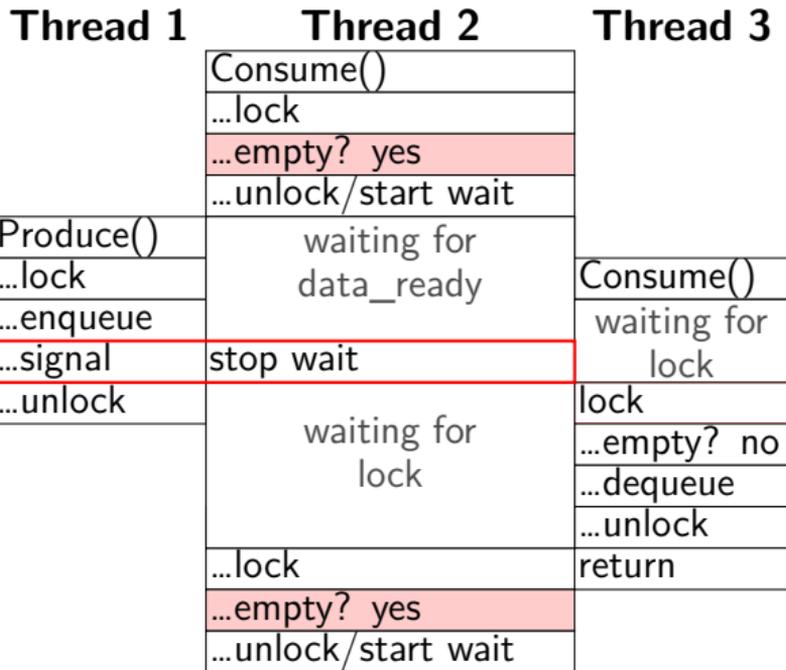
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in pthreads: signalled thread not guaranteed to hold lock next

alternate design: signalled thread gets lock next called "Hoare scheduling" not done by pthreads, Java, ...

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# Hoare versus Mesa monitors

## Hoare-style monitors

signal 'hands off' lock to awoken thread

## Mesa-style monitors

any eligible thread gets lock next  
(maybe some other idea of priority?)

every current threading library I know of does Mesa-style



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my\_info: pointer to sum\_all's stack  
only okay because sum\_all waits!

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