

# **Review of topics in concurrency**

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thread t

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2   cnt = counter;
3   counter = cnt + 1;
4 }
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thread u

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}                               8
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3. 6
4. 10

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The final value of counter is 5 when both threads read counter == 0, one thread proceeds and increments it to 5, and the other thread overwrites the same values up to 5.

But there are schedules where there is an even more **destructive** interference between the two threads, so that the final value of counter can be as low as 2!

#	t'S LOCAL	u'S LOCAL	SHARED
1	pc <sub>t</sub> : 2 cnt <sub>t</sub> : 1	pc <sub>u</sub> : 6 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 1	counter : 0
2	pc <sub>t</sub> : 2 cnt <sub>t</sub> : 1	pc <sub>u</sub> : 7 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 0	counter : 0
3	pc <sub>t</sub> : 3 cnt <sub>t</sub> : 0	pc <sub>u</sub> : 7 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 0	counter : 0
4	pc <sub>t</sub> : 3 cnt <sub>t</sub> : 0	pc <sub>u</sub> : 6 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 0	counter : 1
5	pc <sub>t</sub> : 3 cnt <sub>t</sub> : 0	pc <sub>u</sub> : 7 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 1	counter : 1
6	pc <sub>t</sub> : 3 cnt <sub>t</sub> : 0	pc <sub>u</sub> : 6 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 1	counter : 2
7	pc <sub>t</sub> : 3 cnt <sub>t</sub> : 0	pc <sub>u</sub> : 7 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 2	counter : 2
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20	done	pc <sub>u</sub> : 7 cnt <sub>u</sub> : 1	counter : 5
21	done	done	counter : 2

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```
int n = 0; Semaphore s = new Semaphore(2); // capacity 2
```

---

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3 n = x + 1;  
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The value 1 occurs if one thread  $t$  reads 0 initially, and then waits inside its critical section, while the other threads go through their critical section in mutual exclusion. Then,  $t$  finishes by writing 1, thus overwriting the increments of all other threads.



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```
monitor class CountPrint {  
    private Condition isX = new Condition();  
    private Condition isY = new Condition();  
    public void x()  
    { isX.wait(); System.out.print("X"); isY.signal(); }  
    public void y()  
    { isY.wait(); System.out.print("Y"); isX.signal(); }  
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Under “signal and continue”, it is possible that two unblocked calls to `y()` get in the entry queue and then execute one after another.

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1. [2,4,6,8]
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receive  
x -> io.format("X");  
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end,  
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What does `ptwice([1,2,3,4], [], 4)` return?

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  R;
ptwice([], R, N) ->
  receive X -> ptwice([], [X|R], N-1) end;
ptwice([H|T], R, N) ->
  Me = self(),
  spawn(fun ()-> Me ! 2*H end),
  ptwice(T, R, N).
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Each send is executed by a different spawned process; hence there is no guarantee on the receiving order.