

Final Review

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Lecture 12

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Final Exam Logistics

- Monday, May 18, 7:20pm 10:00pm
 - 160 min, open book, open notes

- Covering topics from lec-1 to lec-11
 - CV, classic sync problems (~18%)
 - CPU job scheduling (~18%)
 - Memory management and paging (~18%)
 Cache replacement policies (~16%)

 - I/O and storage (~30%)

Final Exam Logistics (cont.)

 Like midterm, the final exam sheet will be available on BB (under "Assignment") for downloading at 7:20 pm

- Only pdf format will be provided
 - You can directly work on the pdf
 - Or, print out the pdf, write on printed papers, and scan to pdf with visible resolution

 Submission closes at 10 pm, so please make sure to submit before the deadline

Condition Variables

- CV: an explicit queue that threads can put themselves when some condition is not as desired (by waiting on that condition)
- cond_wait(cond_t *cv, mutex_t *lock)
 - assume the lock is held when cond_wait() is called
 - puts caller to sleep + release the lock (atomically)
 - when awaken, reacquires lock before returning
- cond_signal(cond_t *cv)
 - wake a single waiting thread (if >= 1 thread is waiting)
 - if there is no waiting thread, just return, doing nothing

Condition Variables (cont.)

- Traps when using CV
 - A cond_signal() may only wake one thread, though multiple are waiting
 - Signal on a CV with no thread waiting results in a lost signal

- Good rules of thumb when using CV
 - Always do wait and signal while holding the lock
 - Lock is used to provide mutual exclusive access to the shared variable
 - while() is used to always guarantee to re-check if the condition is being updated by other thread

Classic Problems of Synchronization

Producer-consumer problem (CV-based version)

Readers-writers problem

Five dining philosophers problem

CPU Job Scheduling

- FIFO
 - How it works?
 - Its inherent issues (why we need SJF)?
- SJF
 - How it works?
 - Any limitations (why we need STCF)?
- STCF (preemptive SJF)
 - How it works? How it solves SJF's limitations?
- RR
 - How it works (time quantum or slice)?
 - Why it is needed (compared to SJF & STCF)?
 - The turnaround time vs. response time tradeoff

Assumption: Arrival time is same for

CPU Scheduling Metrics

- Average waiting time
- Average turnaround time
- How to calculate the metric under a specific schedule (Gantt chart)

Memory Management: Addresses & PT

- Virtual addresses and physical addresses
 - VPN, PFN, page offset
 - Virtual address = VPN | offset
- Virtual to physical address translation
 - (Basic) linear page table: using VPN as index of array

Advanced Page Tables

- Approach 1: Linear inverted page table
 - Whole system maintains only one PT
 - Performs a whole-table linear search using pid+VPN to get the index
- Approach 2: Hash inverted page table
 - Leverages hashing to reduce the time complexity from O(N) to O(1)

2L PT

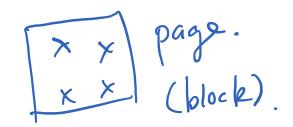
- Approach 3: Multi-level page table
 - Uses hierarchy to reduce the overall memory usage

Cache Replacement Policies

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- FIFO
 - Why it might work? Maybe the one brought in the longest ago is one we are not using now
 - Why it might not work? No real info to tell if it's being used or not
- Random /
 - Sometimes non intelligence is better
- · OPT offline
 - Assume we know about the future
 - Not practical in real cases: offline policy
 - However, can be used as a best case baseline for comparison purpose
- LRU
 - Intuition: we can't look into the future, but let's look at past experience to make a good guess
 - Our "bet" is that pages used recently are ones which will be used again (principle of locality)

Cache Locality



- Spatial locality
 - Access to a single byte on disk brings in the whole page

- Temporal locality
 - Repetitive accesses to the same data

I/O and Storage Basics

- - Disk scheduling policies
 FIFO, SPTF, SCAN, C-SCAN, C-LOOK
 - Hardware storage mediums
- HDDs:
 - Internal mechanical pieces
 - Performance model: seek, rotate, data transfer

Look

- Flash SSDs:
 - Asymmetric read-write performance
 - Due to inherently different architecture

MLC

SLC

RAID

- Redundant array of inexpensive disks
 - Tradeoffs of different RAID configurations
 - RAID-0: No redundancy, perf-capacity upper bound
 - RAID-1: Mirroring
 - RAID-4: A disk is solely used for storing parity



RAID-5: Rotating parity across disks

Question Types

Multi-choice questions

Problem solving

Good Luck!