Mutual Exclusion With Shared Memory

Lamport's Distributed Mutex Algorithm

• Requesting process

- 1.Push request in own queue (ordered by time stamps)
- 2.Broadcast request to all processes.
- 3. Wait for replies from all other processes.
- 4.If own request is at the head of queue and all replies have been received, enter critical section.
 - 1.A response may have a lower timestamp if an earlier process sent a request. In which case we wait.
 - 2.At this point: everyone knows of your request, AND you are aware of any earlier requests
- 5.Upon exiting the critical section, remove its request from the queue and send a release message to every process.

• Other processes

1.After receiving a request, pushing the request in its own request queue (ordered by time stamps) and reply with a time stamp.

1.Previous class: Reply after request is head of queue.

2.Alternatively: If waiting for reply from j, wait till j replies to you

2.After receiving release message, remove the corresponding request from queue.

Lamport's Bakery Algorithm

- Shared memory
- Non-atomic operations!
- To enter the critical section, each process acquires a ticket **number**, higher than current max known ticket number ("The doorway")
- Enter the critical section IFF the ticket number is higher than all others
- Lexicographic ordering to break ties (similar to Lamport clock.pid)
 - (Number[i], i) > (Number[k] > k)
 - If numbers are equal, then move to pid
- Each process writes to its own index in a shared array

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Choosing: array [1..N] of bool = {false}; // N processes
Number: array [1..N] of integer = {0};
lock(integer i) {
       Choosing[i] = true;
M:
       Number[i] = 1 + max(Number[1], ..., Number[N]); //non-atomic
       Choosing[i] = false;
       for (k = 1; k \le N; k++) {
              // Wait until thread j receives its number:
               L2: while (Choosing[k]);
               // Wait until all threads with smaller numbers or with the same
               // number, but with higher priority, finish their work:
               L3: while ((Number[k] != 0) && ((Number[k], k) < (Number[i], i))); }
```

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unlock(integer i) {
    Number[i] = 0; }
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Bakery algorithm can be converted to distributed locking

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