

Konzepte objektorientierter Programmierung – Lecture 8 –

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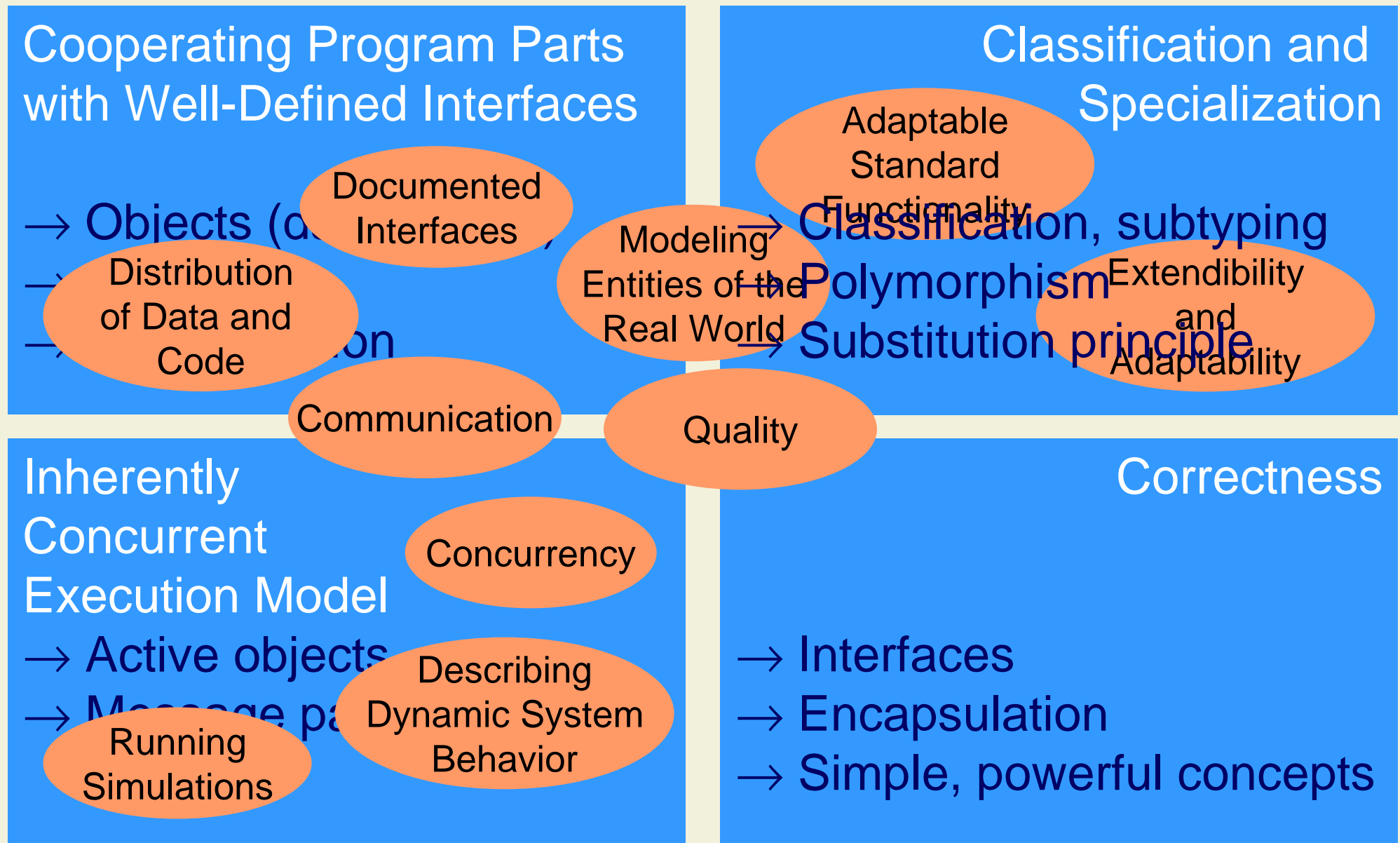
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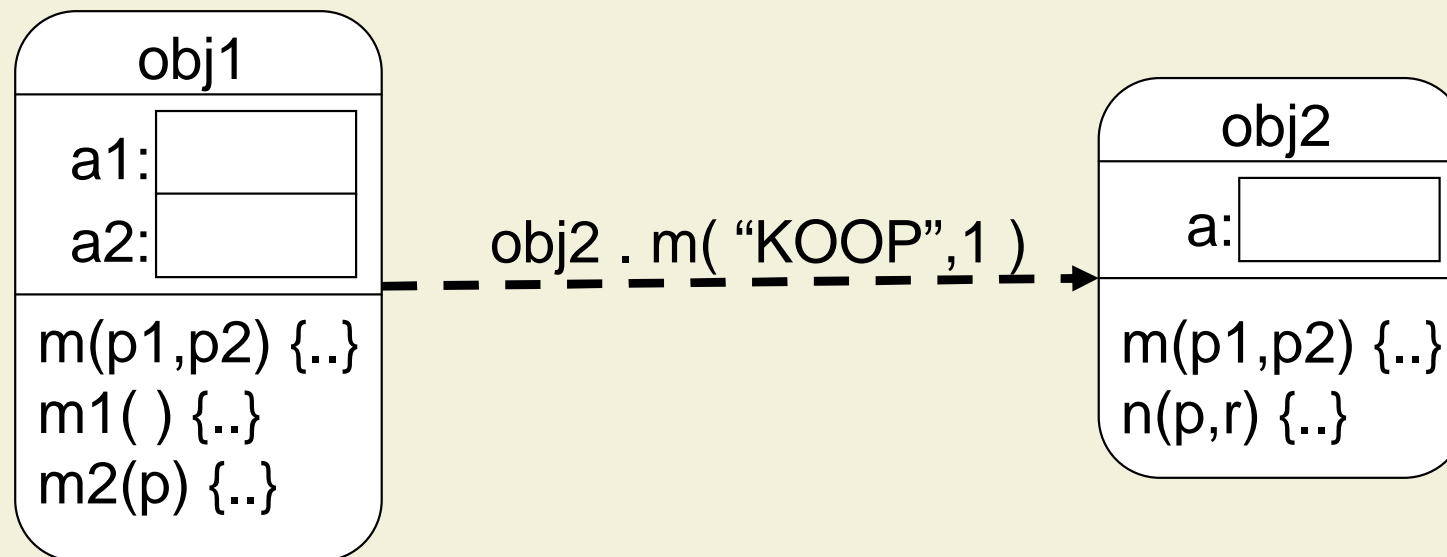
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Meeting the Requirements



The Object Model

- A software system is a set of cooperating objects
- Objects have state and processing ability
- Objects exchange messages



Agenda for Today

8. Concurrency

8.1 Threads

8.2 Synchronization

8.3 Active Objects

Objectives

- Object-oriented concurrency model
- Synchronization of objects and object structures

8. Concurrency

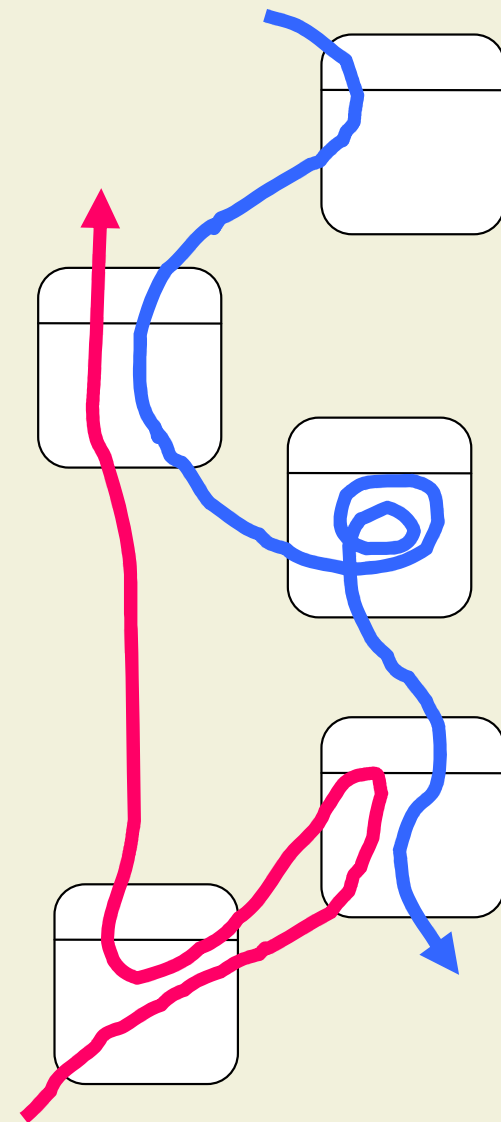
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Threads

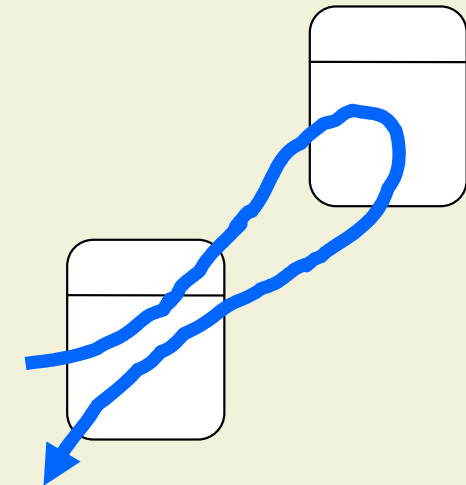
- Execution threads are **sequences of atomic actions** during a program execution
- Concurrent programs can have **more than one thread**
- Execution of threads can be **parallel** (on several processors) or **virtually parallel** (on one processor)
- A **scheduler** maps threads to processors



Concurrency in OO-Programs

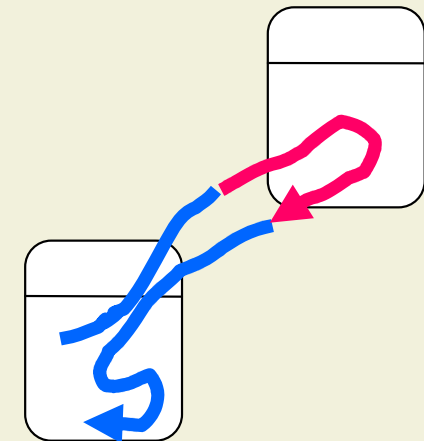
■ Passive objects

- Threads **pass through different objects** (by method invocations)
- **Several threads** executed **on one object** possible



■ Active objects

- **Each object has** its own **thread**
- Upon method invocation, the thread of the target object serves the request
- **At most one thread** executed on one object



Threads and Passive Objects

- Threads have to be created, started, synchronized, and controlled
- Threads are represented by special objects
- Method “start” starts new thread and returns immediately

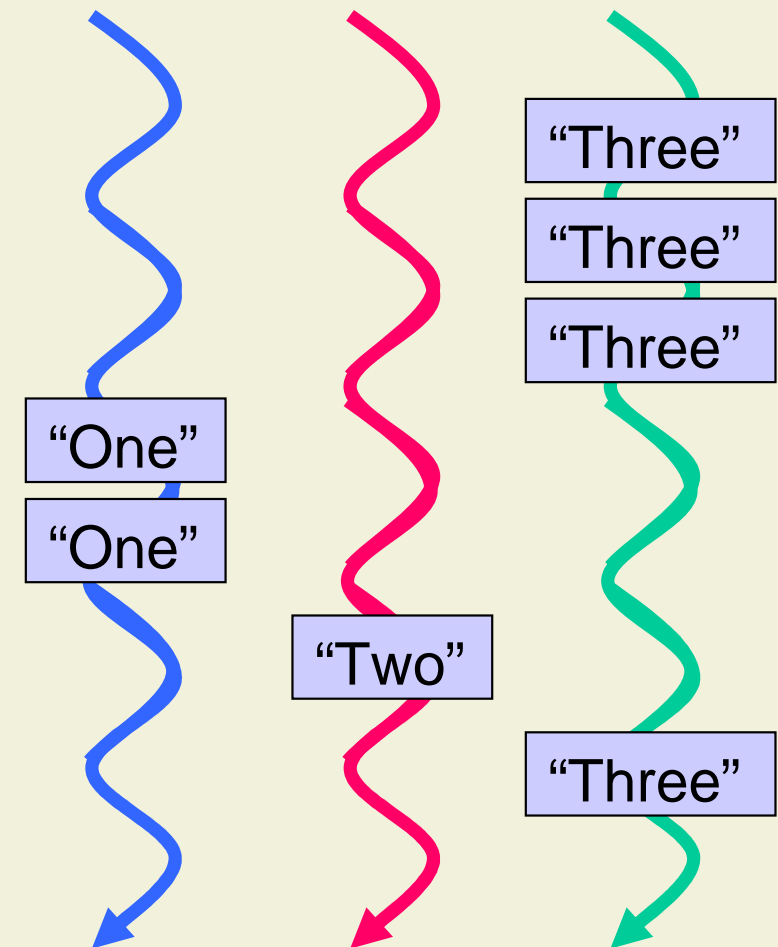
```
interface Runnable {  
    void run( );  
}
```

```
class Thread  
    implements Runnable {  
    Thread( Runnable target ) { ... }  
    void run( ) { ... }  
    native void start( );  
    void interrupt( ) { ... }  
    ...  
}
```


Example

```
class Printer implements Runnable {  
    String val;  
    Printer( String s ) { val = s; }  
    void run( ) {  
        while( true )  
            System.out.println( val );  
    }  
}
```

```
new Thread( new Printer( "One" ) ).start( );  
new Thread( new Printer( "Two" ) ).start( );  
new Thread( new Printer( "Three" ) ).start( );
```



8. Concurrency

8.1 Threads

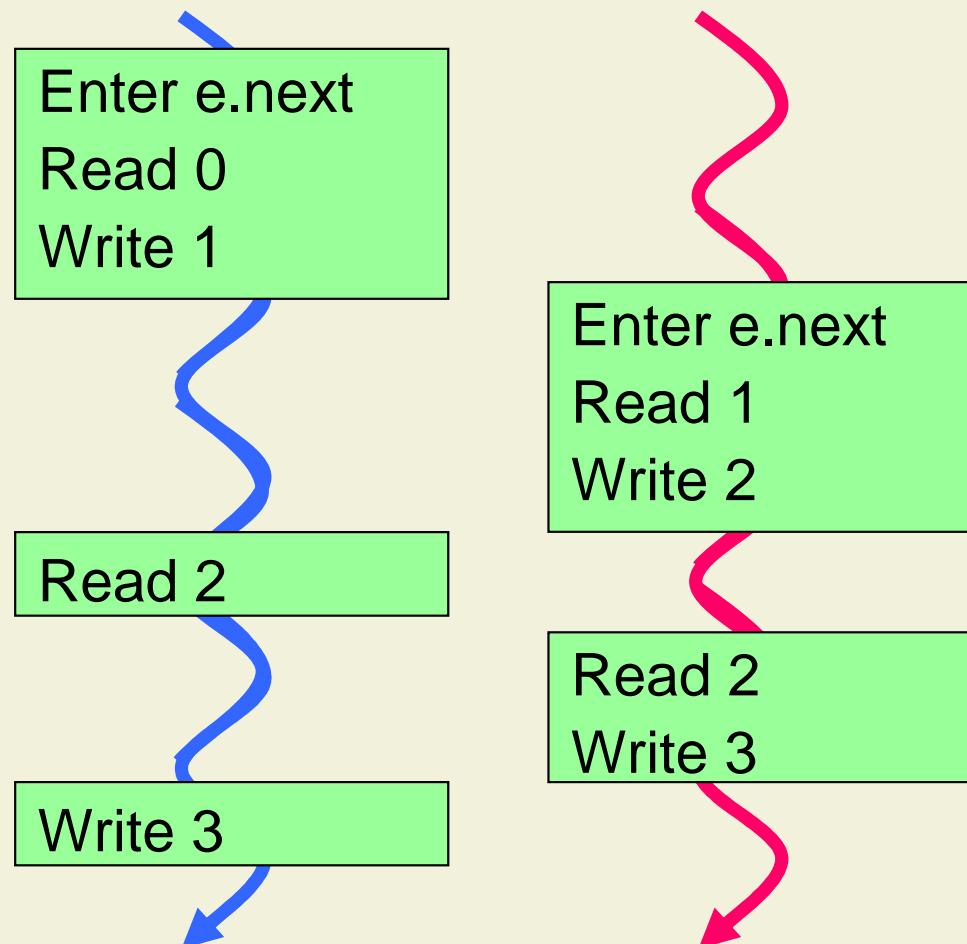
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Data Races

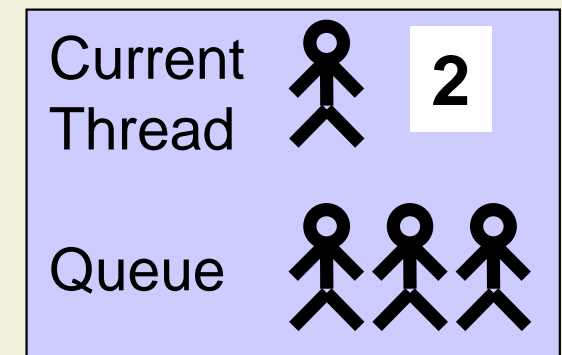
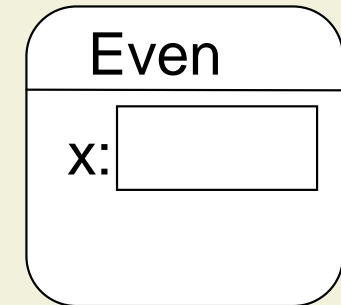
- Access to **common resources** (e.g., variables) can lead to unwanted behavior
- Execution is divided into **critical** and non-critical **sections**
- Execution of **critical sections** should be **mutually exclusive**

```
class Even {  
    private int x;  
    void next( ) { x++; x++; }  
}
```

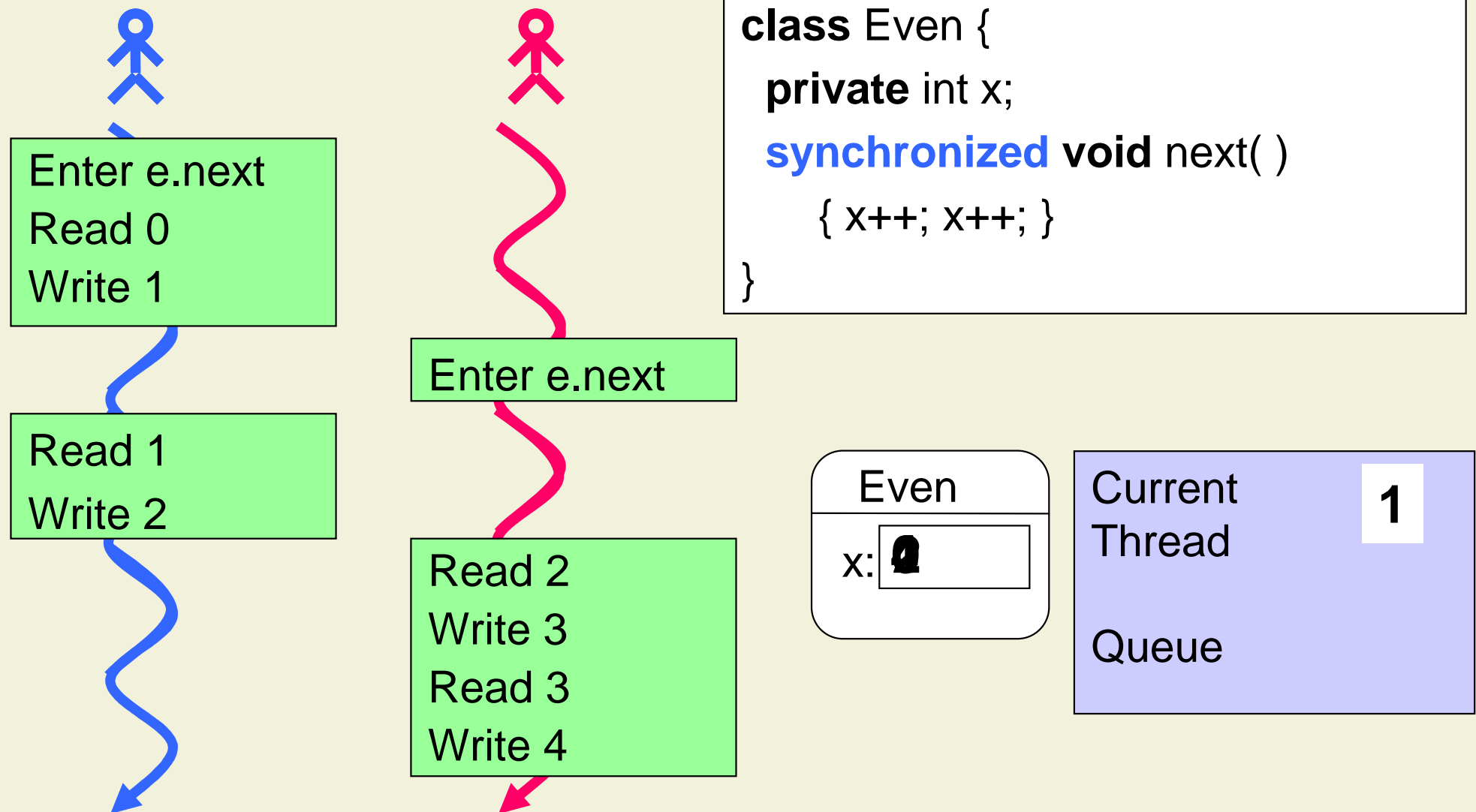


Object-Oriented Monitors

- Each object has a monitor
- Execution of synchronized methods requires lock of monitor
 - Lock is obtained upon invocation
 - Lock is released upon termination
 - Other threads have to wait
- Monitor keeps track of
 - Thread that has locked the monitor
 - Number of locks of this thread
 - Queue of blocked threads

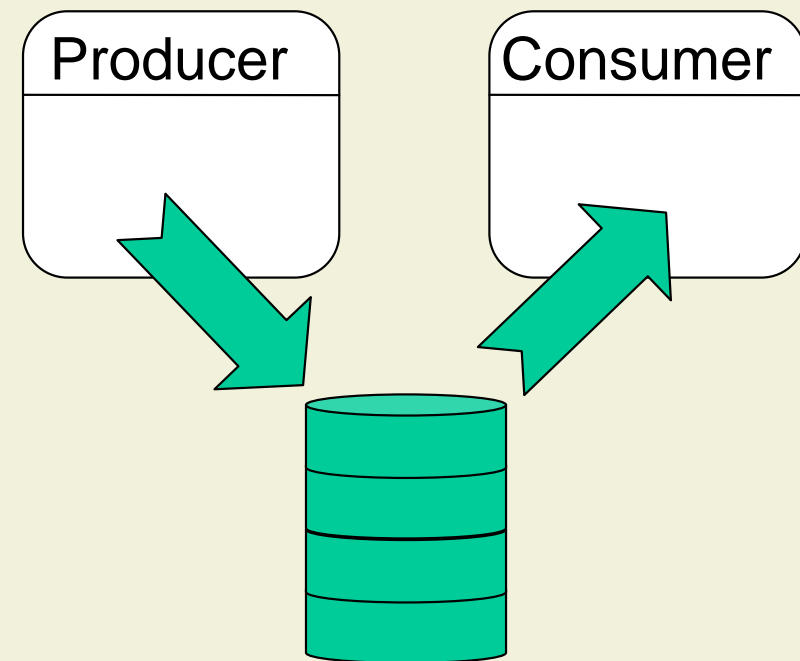


Preventing Data Races



Cooperating Threads

- One thread has to wait until another thread has performed an action
- Wait condition usually depends on commonly used variables (occurs inside synchronized methods)



Producer-Consumer Example

```
class Buffer {  
    ...  
    synchronized boolean put( Prd p ) {  
        if ( isFull( ) )    return false;  
        ...  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    synchronized Prd get( ) {  
        if ( isEmpty( ) )    return null;  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
class Producer extends Thread {  
    Buffer buf;  
    void run( ) {  
        while ( true ) {  
            Prd p = new Prd( );  
            while( buf.put( p ) == false )  
                sleep( 1000 );  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
class Consumer extends Thread {  
    Buffer buf;  
    void run( )  
        { // analogous }  
}
```

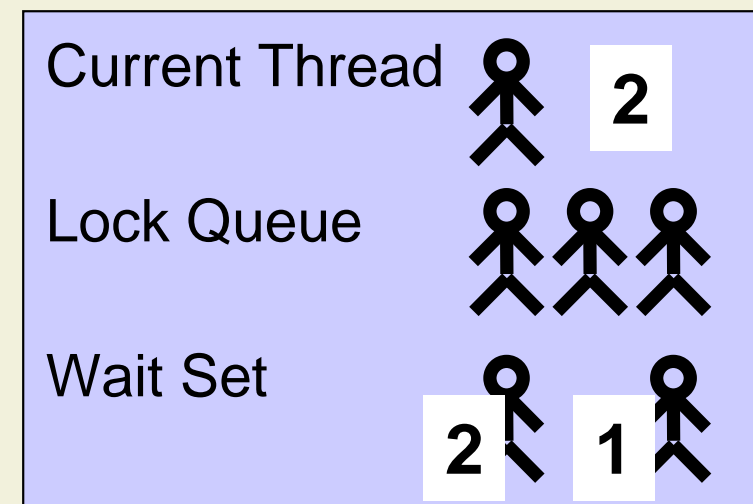
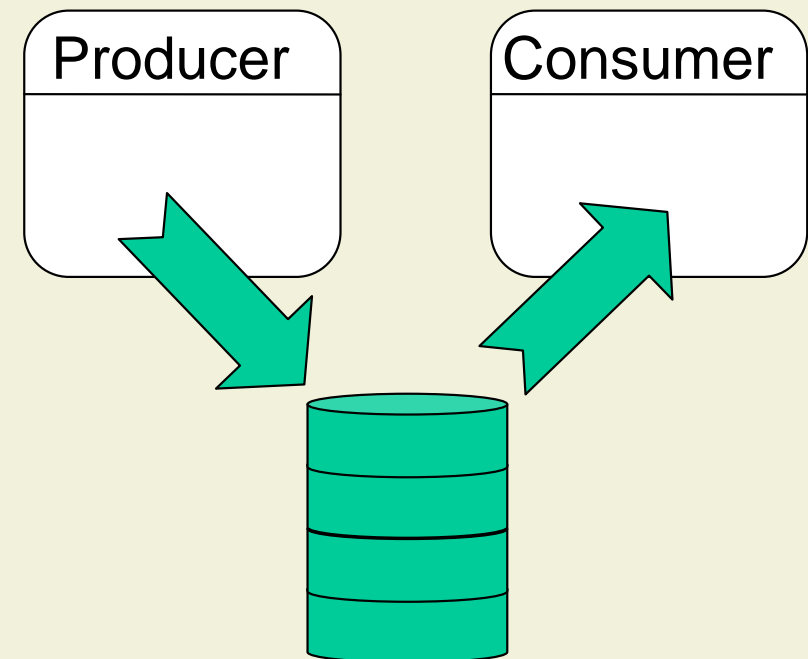
Wait and Notify

■ Wait operation

- Can be applied if a thread has locked a monitor
- Puts thread into wait state and adds thread to wait set
- Releases lock

■ Notify operation

- Can be applied if a thread has locked a monitor
- Chooses one thread from wait set and re-enables it for scheduling



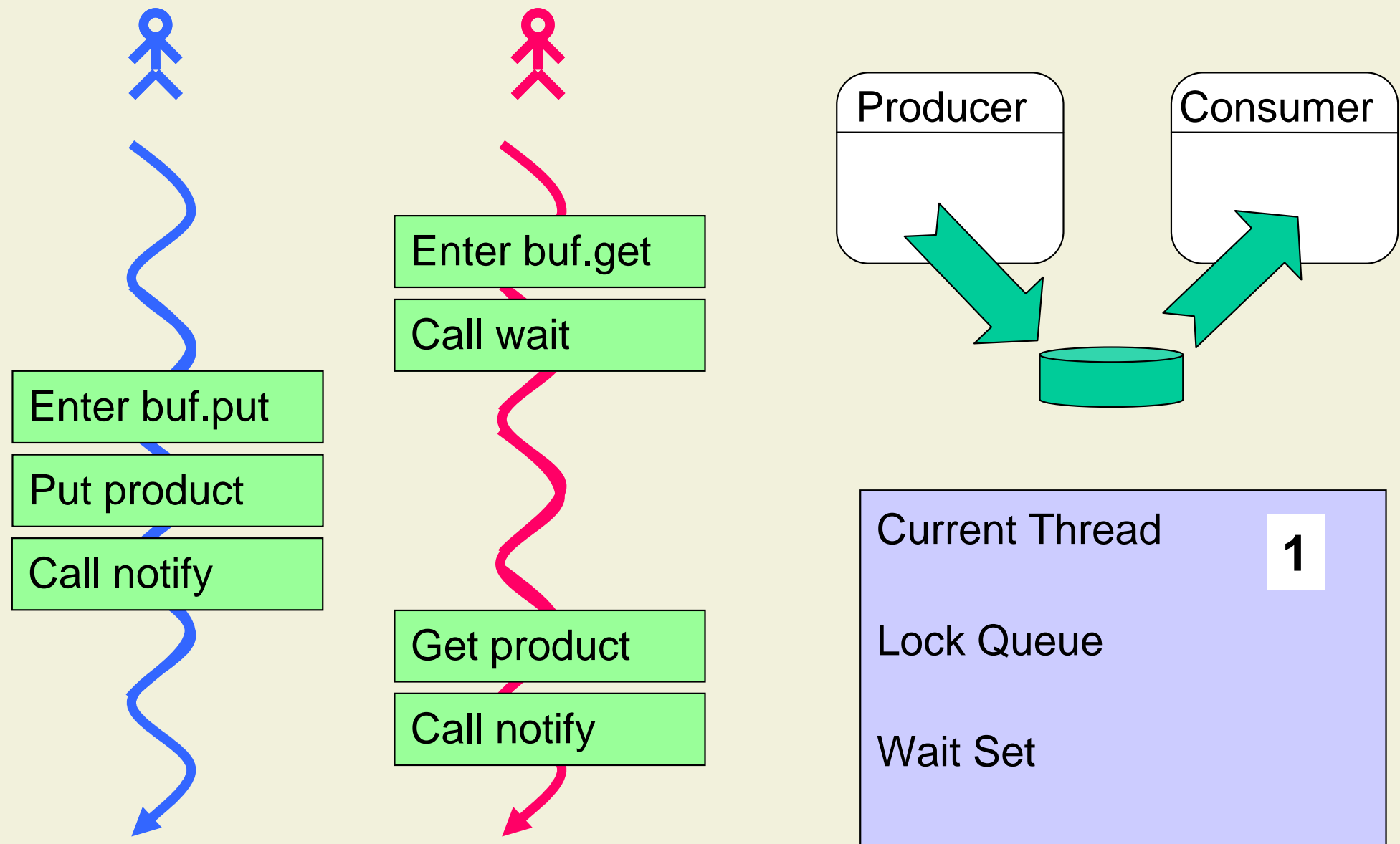
Producer-Consumer Example Revisited

```
class Buffer {  
    ...  
    synchronized void put( Prd p ) {  
        if ( isFull( ) )    wait( );  
        ...  
        notify( );  
    }  
  
    synchronized Prd get ( ) {  
        if ( isEmpty( ) )    wait( );  
        ...  
        notify( );  
    }  
}
```

```
class Producer extends Thread {  
    Buffer buf;  
    void run( ) {  
        while ( true )  
            buf.put( new Prd( ) );  
    }  
}
```

```
class Consumer extends Thread {  
    Buffer buf;  
    void run( ) {  
        while ( true )  
            buf.get( );  
    }  
}
```

Producer-Consumer Example Revisited



Safety and Liveness

■ Safety

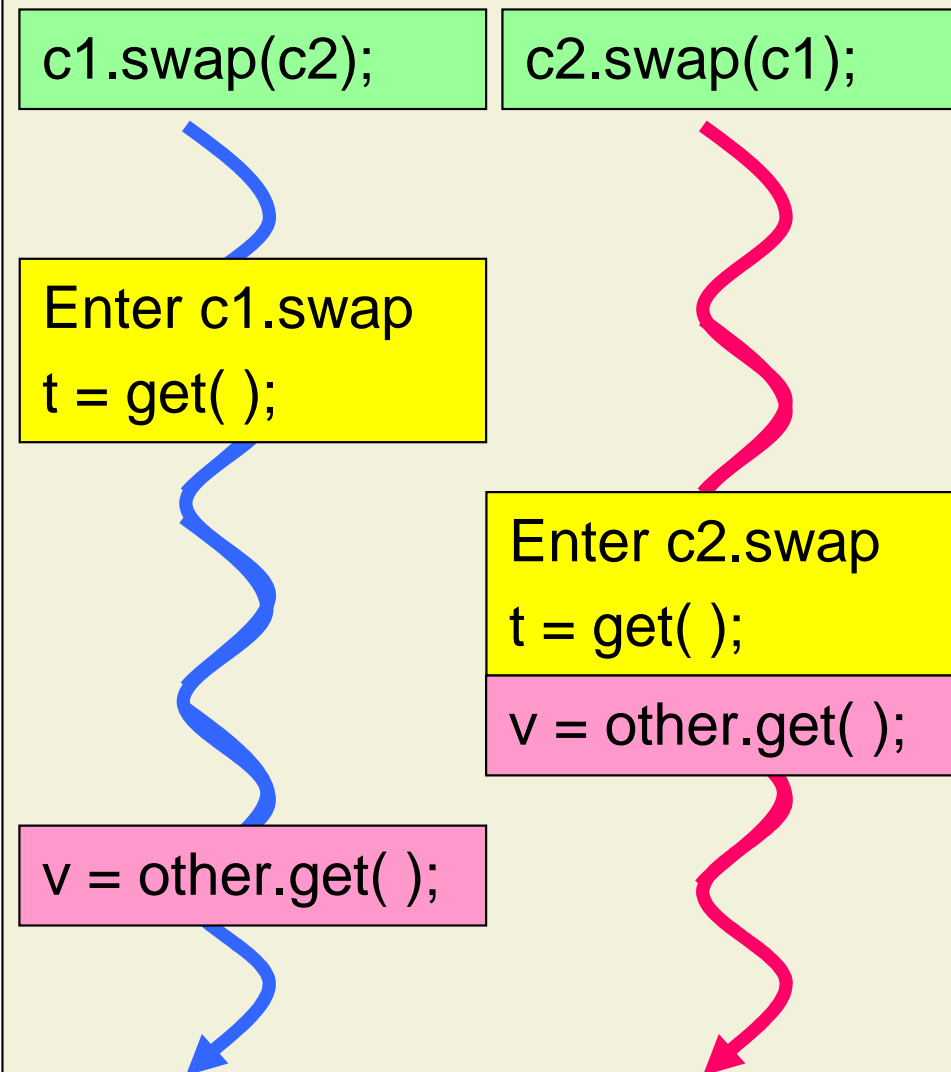
- **“Nothing bad ever happens”**
- To perform method actions only when in consistent states
- Achieved by mutual exclusion

■ Liveness

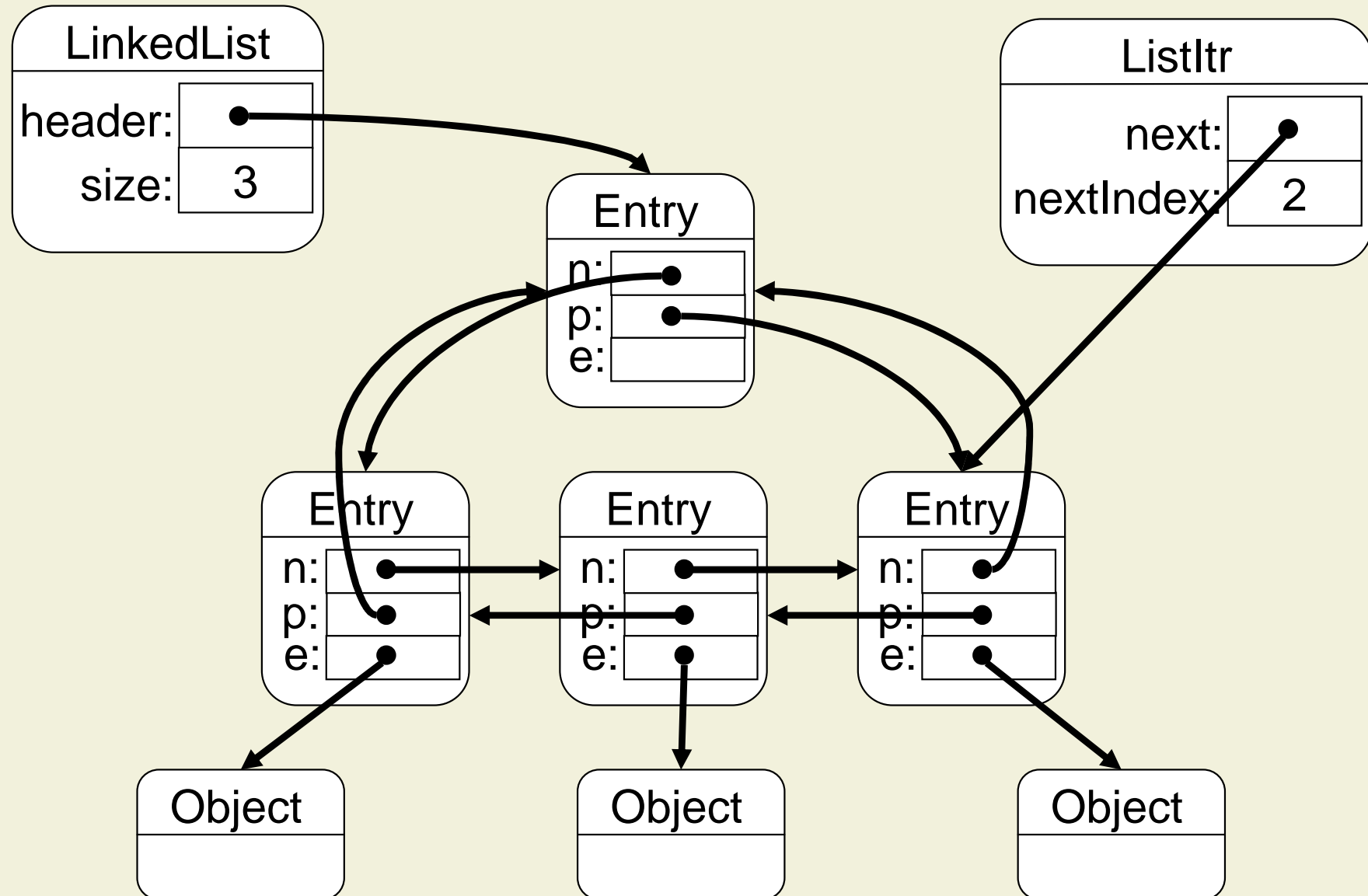
- **“Something eventually happens”**
- Every called method should eventually execute
- Avoiding deadlocks
- Avoiding unfair scheduling (not guaranteed in Java)

Deadlock Example

```
class Cell {  
    private long value;  
    synchronized long get( )  
    { return value; }  
    synchronized void set( long v )  
    { value = v; }  
    synchronized void  
        swap( Cell other ) {  
        long t = get( );  
        long v = other.get( );  
        set( v );  
        other.set( t );  
    }  
}
```

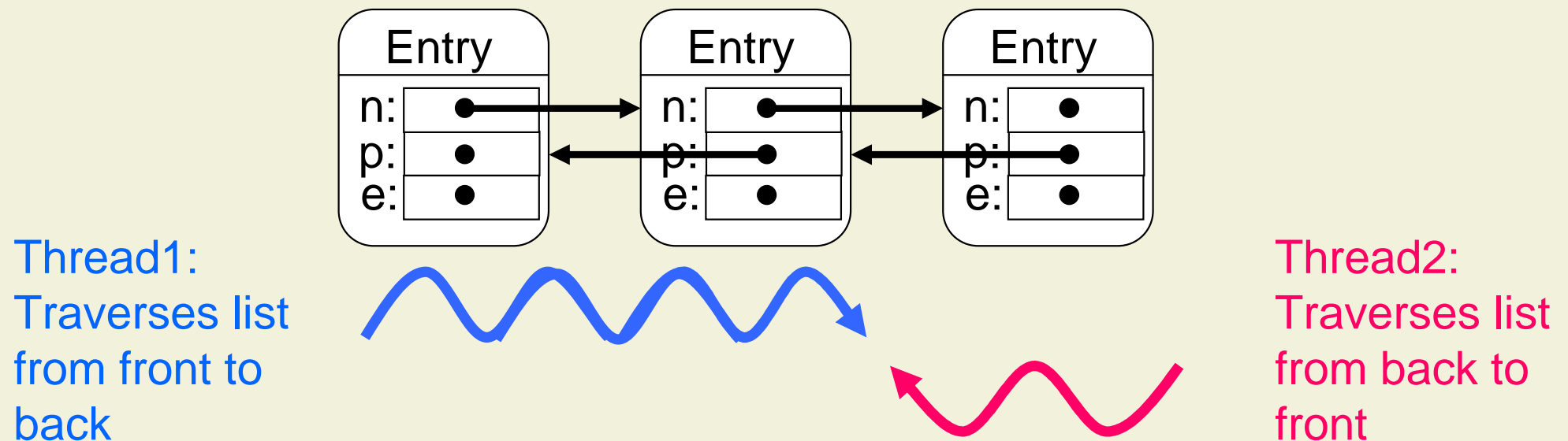


Synchronization with Object Structures



Synchronization on all Objects

- Possible solution: Make the methods of all representation objects **synchronized**
- Disadvantages
 - Direct attribute access must be synchronized separately
 - Might easily lead to deadlocks



Central Objects of Synchronization

- Possible guideline: To access data structure, **lock on one designated object** (e.g., the owner object) must be obtained
- Disadvantages
 - No concurrent operations on data structure
 - Clients might not follow the guideline (encapsulation!)

```
class LinkedList {  
    Entry header;  
    int size;  
    synchronized void  
        add(Object o ) { ... }  
}
```

```
class ListItr {  
    Entry next;  int nextIndex;  
    LinkedList theList;  
    synchronized Object getVal( ) {  
        synchronized( theList ) { ... }  
    }  
}
```

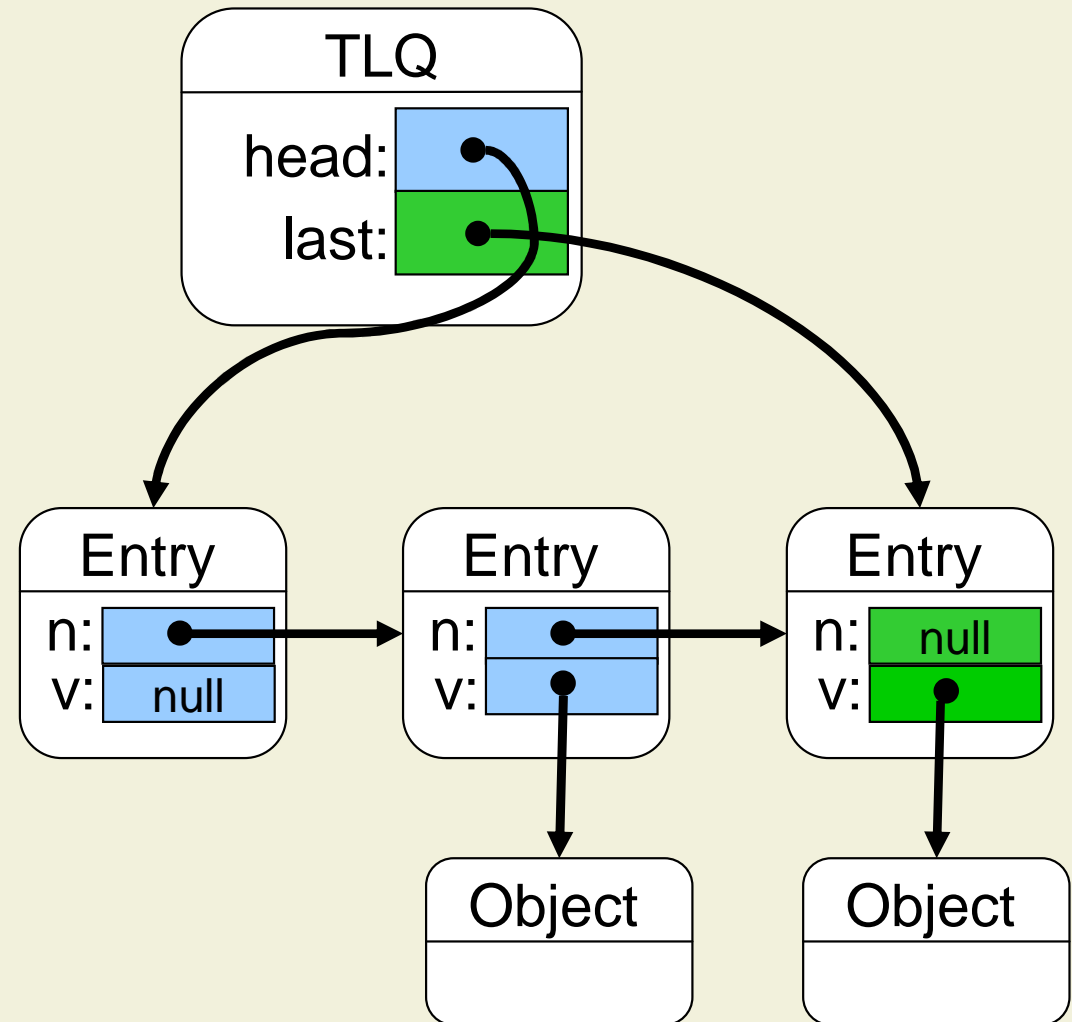
Splitting Locks and Behavior

- Associate a helper object with an **independent subset of state and functionality**
- Delegate actions to helper via pass-through method
- grow and shift can execute simultaneously

```
class Shape {  
    // size & location are independent  
    int height = 0;  
    int width = 0;  
    synchronized void grow() {  
        height++; width++;  
    }  
  
    Location l = new Location(0,0);  
        // fully synchronized  
    void shift() { l.moveBy( 1 1 ); }  
        // Use l's synchronization  
}
```


Concurrent Queue

- put works at the end of the list
- get works at the front of the list
- Operations can be synchronized on different locks



Concurrent Queue: Code

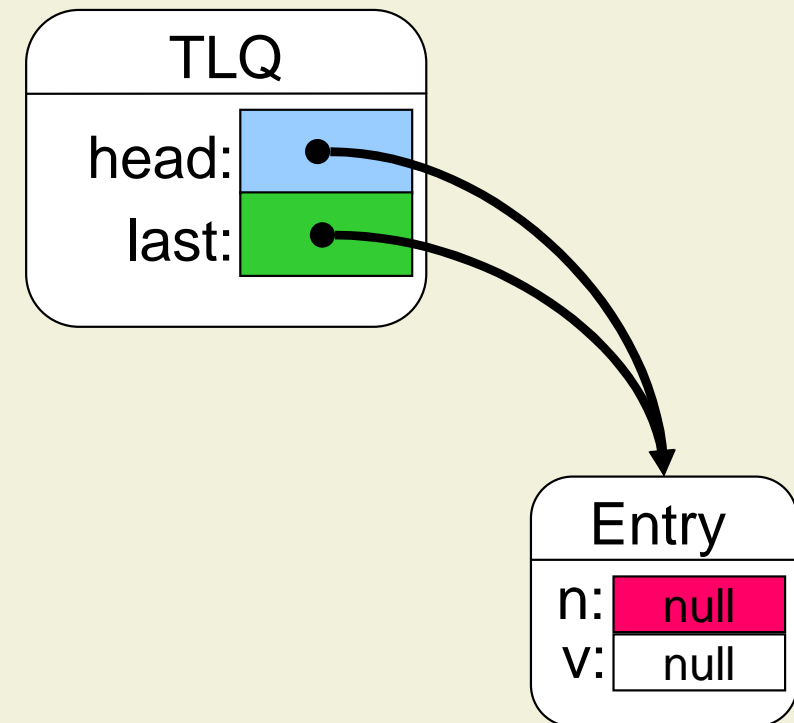
```
class Entry {  
    Object value;  
    Entry next = null;  
    Entry( Object x ) { value = x; }  
}
```

```
class TwoLockQueue {  
    private Entry head =  
        new Entry( null );  
    private Entry last = head;  
    private Object lastLock =  
        new Object( );  
}
```

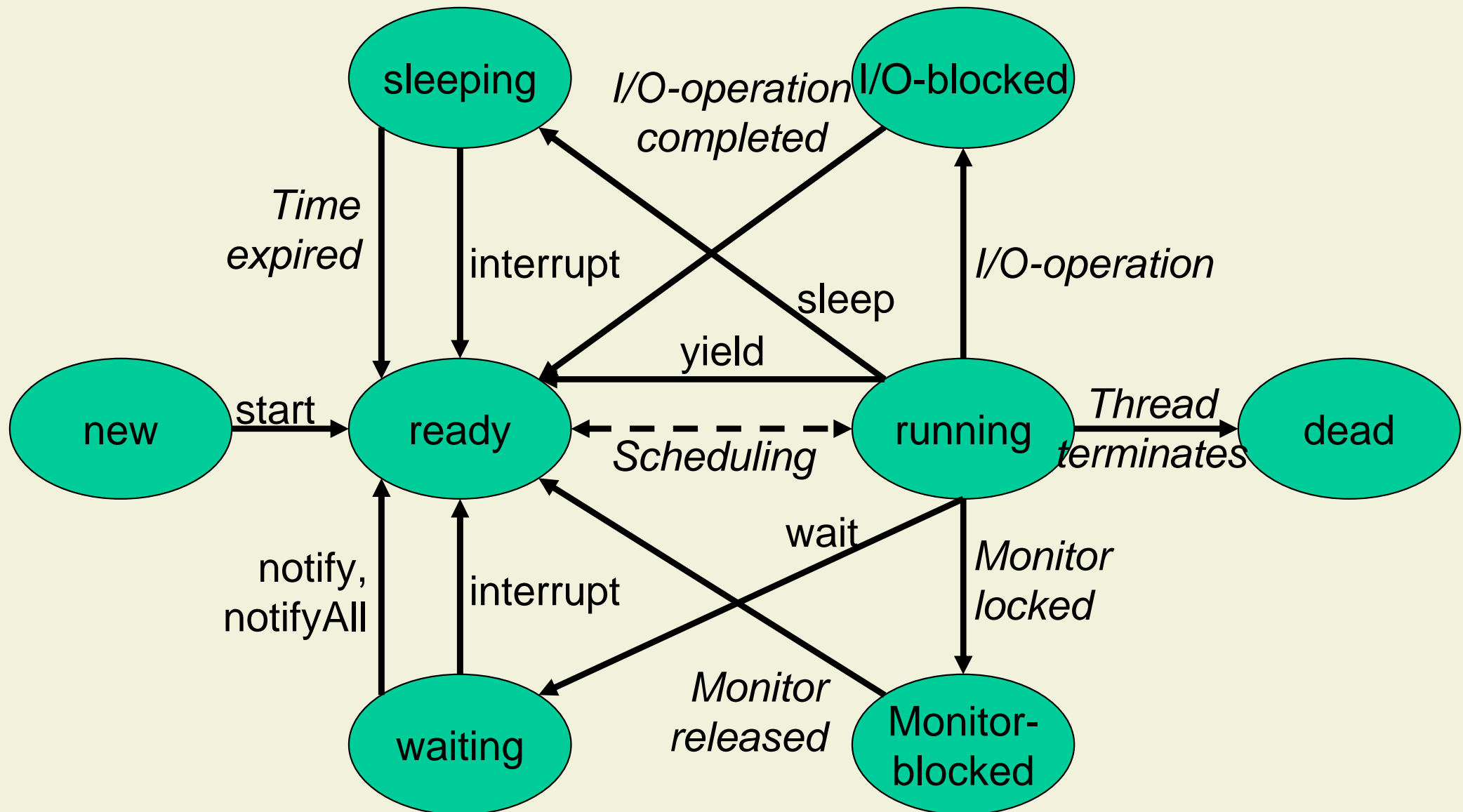
```
void put( Object x ) {  
    synchronized ( lastLock )  
    { last = last.next = new Entry(x); }  
}  
  
synchronized Object get( ) {  
    Object x = null;  
    Entry first = head.next;  
    if (first != null) {  
        x = first.value; first.value = null;  
        head = first;  
    }  
    return x;  
} }
```

Concurrent Queue: Discussion

- put and get can run concurrently
- Java atomicity guarantees at only potential contention point
- Multiple puts and multiple gets disallowed



States of Java Threads



Summary: Object-Oriented Threads

- Threads are objects
 - Threads can be controlled by method invocations
 - Threads can be specialized by inheritance
- Each object has an associated monitor
 - Operations are inherited from Object (wait, notify, etc.)
 - Synchronization works well for individual objects, but is especially difficult for object structures
- Objects are passive
 - No real support for inherently concurrent object model

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[This part is based on a guest lecture by
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Overview

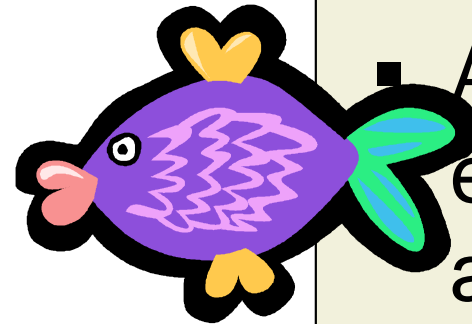
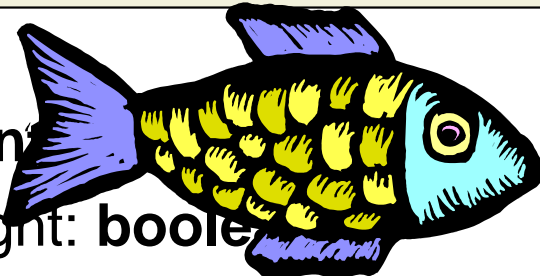
- Objects are a natural “unit” of concurrency
 - Objects can evolve independently and thus concurrently
 - Method calls allow for communication and synchronization
 - Creating an object potentially initiates a concurrent activity
- Model for active (autonomous) objects
 - Autonomous activity expressed by actions
 - Synchronization expressed by guards
- No threads

Actions: Fish Screen Saver

```

class Fish
  attr x, y: int
  attr up, right: boolean
  initialization x, y, up, right := 0, 0, true, true
  action moveUp
    when y < H and up do y := y + 1
  action moveDown
    when y > 0 and not up do y := y - 1
  ...
  action bounceUp
    when y = H and up do up := false
  action bounceDown
    when y = 0 and not up do up := true
end

```



```

var f: Fish ;
for i := 1 to 10 do
  f := new Fish

```

- Actions are executed autonomously
- An action is executed only if its guard is true

Guarded Methods: Bounded Buffer

```
class BoundedBuffer
  attr b: array of Object
  attr in, out, n, max: integer
  initialization (m: integer) in, out, n, max, b := 0, 0, 0, m, new Object[ m ]
  method put (x: Object)
    when n < max do in, b[ in ], n := ( in + 1 ) mod max, x, n + 1
  method get: Object
    when n > 0 do out, result, n := ( out + 1 ) mod max, b[ out ], n - 1
end
```

- Filtering from buffer in into out

```
x := in.get; if f( x ) then out.put( x )
```

- Execution may block at calls to guarded methods

Semaphore

```
class Semaphore
  attr n: integer
  initialization (m: integer)
    n := m
  method acquire
    when n > 0 do n := n - 1
  method release
    n := n + 1
end
```

- A semaphore *s* that allows *m* concurrent users of a resource

```
var s: Semaphore; s :=  
new Semaphore (m)
```

- A user requiring semaphores *s* and *t* for a critical section

```
s.acquire; t.acquire;  
... critical section ...;  
s.release; t.release
```

Eager versus Lazy Computation

```
class Doubler
  attr x: integer
  method store (u: integer)
    x := 2 * u
  method retrieve: integer
    result := x
end
```

```
class LazyDoubler
  attr x: integer
  attr d: boolean
  initialization d := true
  method store (u: integer)
    x, d := u, false
  method retrieve: integer
    if ¬d then x, d := 2 * x, true;
    result := x
end
```

- Objects of class LazyDoubler can be used wherever objects of class Doubler are expected

Introducing Concurrency

```
class LazyDoubler
  attr x: integer
  attr d: boolean
  initialization d := true
  method store (u: integer)
    x, d := u, false
  method retrieve: integer
    if  $\neg$ d then x, d := 2 * x, true;
    result := x
end
```

```
class DelayedDoubler
  attr x: integer
  attr d: boolean
  initialization d := true
  method store (u: integer)
    x, d := u, false
  method retrieve: integer
    when d do result := x
    action double
      when  $\neg$ d do x, d := 2 * x, true
end
```

- Objects of class DelayedDoubler can be used wherever objects of class Doubler are expected

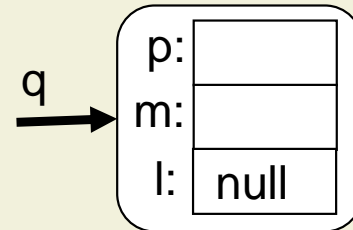
Introducing Concurrency in Subclasses

```
class Doubler  
  attr x: integer  
  method store (u: integer)  
    x := 2 * u  
  method retrieve: integer  
    result := x  
end
```

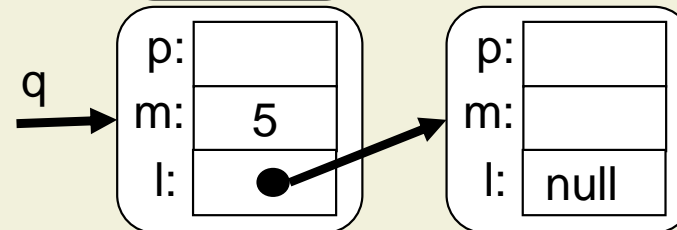
```
class DelayedDoubler  
  inherit Doubler  
  attr d: boolean  
  initialization d := true  
  method store (u: integer)  
    x, d := u, false  
  method retrieve: integer  
    when d do result := x  
  action double  
    when ¬d do x, d := 2 * x, true  
end
```

Concurrent Priority Queue

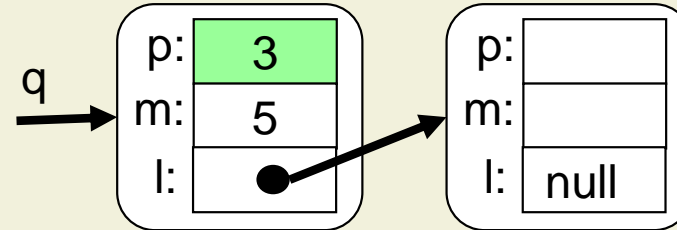
`q := new PQ`



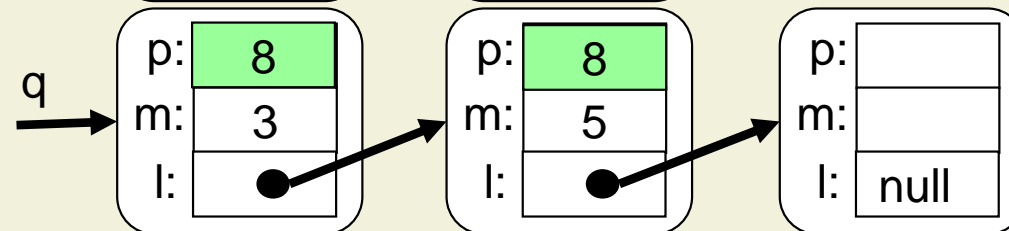
`q.add(5)`



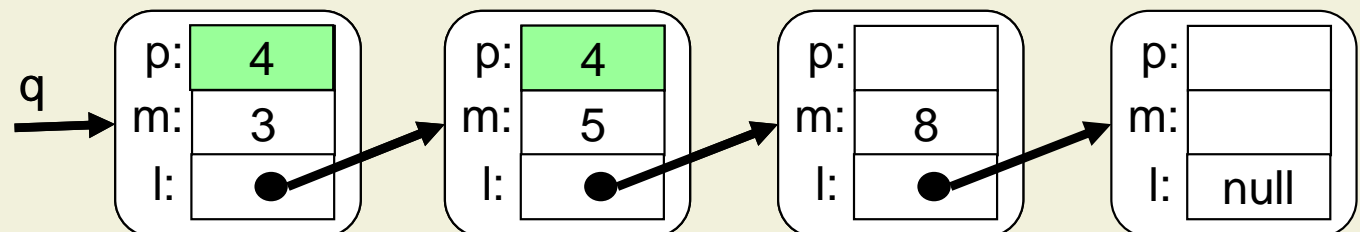
`q.add(3)`



`q.add(8)`



`q.add(4)`



Concurrent Priority Queue: Code

```
class PriorityQueue
  attr m, p: integer
  attr l: PriorityQueue
  attr a: boolean
  initialization l, a := nil, false
  method add (e: integer)
    when ¬a do
      if l = nil then
        begin
          m := e; l := new PriorityQueue
        end
      else
        begin p := e ; a := true end
```

```
    action doAdd
      when a do
        begin
          if m < p then l.add (p)
          else
            begin
              l.add (m) ; m := p
            end;
          a := false
        method empty: boolean
          result := l = nil
        end
```

Dining Philosophers

```
class Fork
```

```
  attr available: boolean
```

```
  initialization available := true
```

```
  method pickUp when available do available := false
```

```
  method putDown available := true
```

```
end
```

```
class Philosopher
```

```
  attr state: (thinking, hungry, eating, full)
```

```
  attr left, right: Fork
```

```
  initialization (l, r : Fork) state, left, right := thinking, l, r
```

```
  action gettingHungry when state = thinking do
```

```
    begin state := hungry; left.pickUp ; right.pickUp; state := eating end
```

```
  action gettingFull when state = eating do
```

```
    begin state := full; left.putDown ; right. putDown; state := thinking end
```

```
end
```


Dining Philosophers: Main Program

```
var fork := new Fork [ 5 ];  
var philosopher := new Philosopher [ 5 ];  
for i := 0 to 4 do  
    fork [ i ] := new Fork ;  
for j := 0 to 4 do  
    philosopher [ j ] := new Philosopher ( fork [ j ], fork [ (j + 1) mod 5 ] )
```

Fairness through Strong Semaphores

```
class WeakBinarySemaphore
  attr a: boolean
  initialization a := true
  method acquire
    when a do a := false
  method release
    a := true
end
```

- If continuously several users try to acquire a weak semaphore, some may be delayed indefinitely

```
class StrongBinarySemaphore
  attr a: boolean
  attr q: seq of Object
  initialization a, q := true, <>
  method acquire( u: Object )
    begin q := q ° <u>;
    when a and u = head( q ) do
      a, q := false, tail( q )
  method release a := true
end
```

- The strong semaphore ensures a first-in first-out policy

Summary of Active Objects

- Language extensions
 - **No** construct for **threads**
 - Classes: attributes, methods, **actions**
 - **Guards** for synchronization: **when** b **do** S = **await** b S

- Goal: Bring the practice of concurrent object-oriented programming as close as possible to a simple model with a sound theory