

Lincheck

Testing concurrency on JVM

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Set-up check

For the workshop you will need:

1. IntelliJ IDEA
2. Cloned [lincheck-workshop](https://git.io/JZp6P) project:

```
$ git clone https://git.io/JZp6P
```

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... testing it is not much easier!

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1. Generates a random scenario
2. Executes a scenario using either the *stress* or the *model checking strategy*
3. Verifies the results

Counter

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    }  
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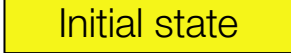
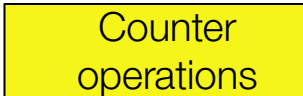

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Counter operations

Magic check

Run the test!

Run Counter test

1. Checkout **1.1-counter** branch:

```
$ git checkout 1.1-counter
```

2. CounterTest.kt

3. Run `runStressTest()`, `runModelCheckingTest()`

Failed?

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```

```
java.lang.AssertionError: Invalid  
interleaving found:  
= Invalid execution results: =  
Parallel part:  
| addAndGet(1): 1 | addAndGet(1): 1 |
```

Trace the error

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Managed strategy



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| addAndGet(1): 1 | addAndGet(2): 2 |

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Parallel part trace:

```
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|                               | result: 2
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|                                     |   switch                                             |
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Sequential algorithm



Sequential specification on
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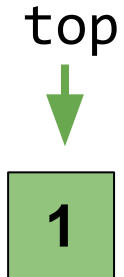
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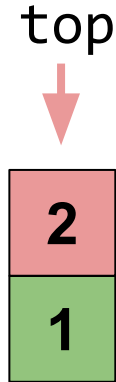


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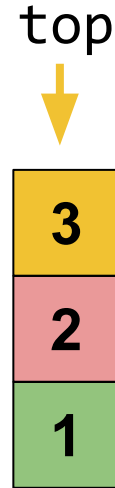
Stack: **LAST IN, FIRST OUT**



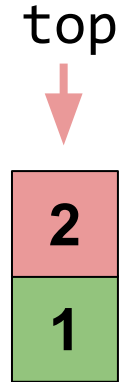
push(2)



push(3)



pop(): 3



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Concurrent algorithm



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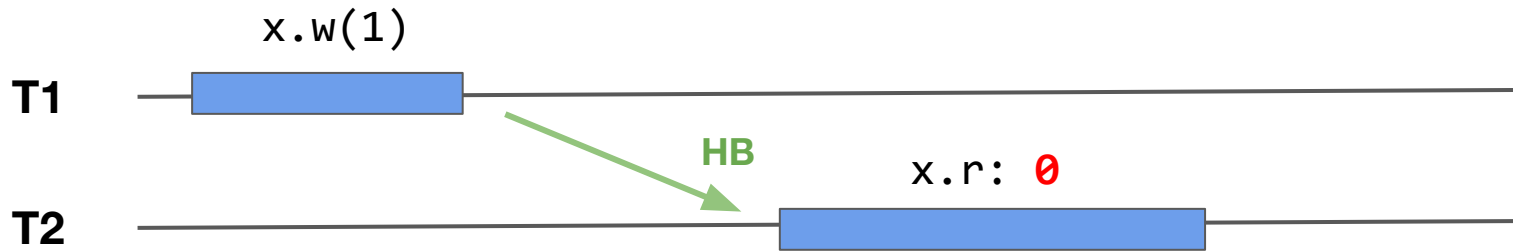
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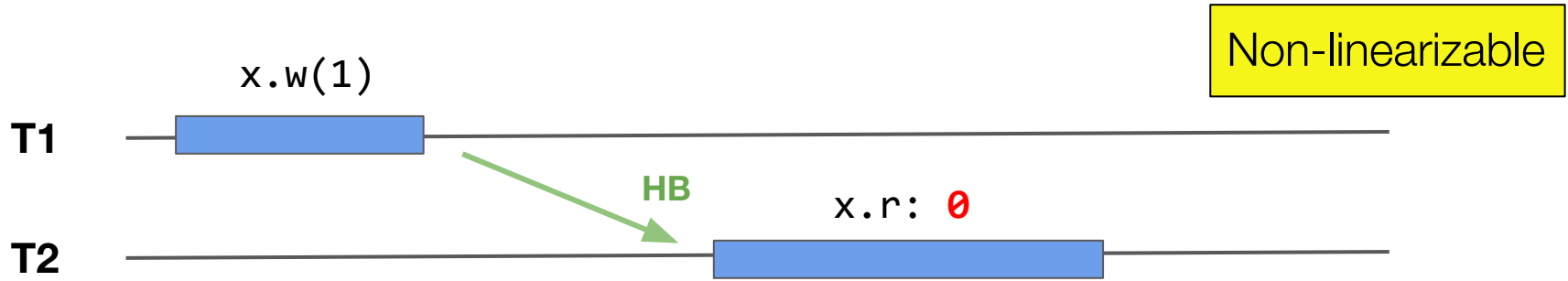
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Execution is **linearizable** iff \exists equivalent sequential execution wrt *happens-before order*

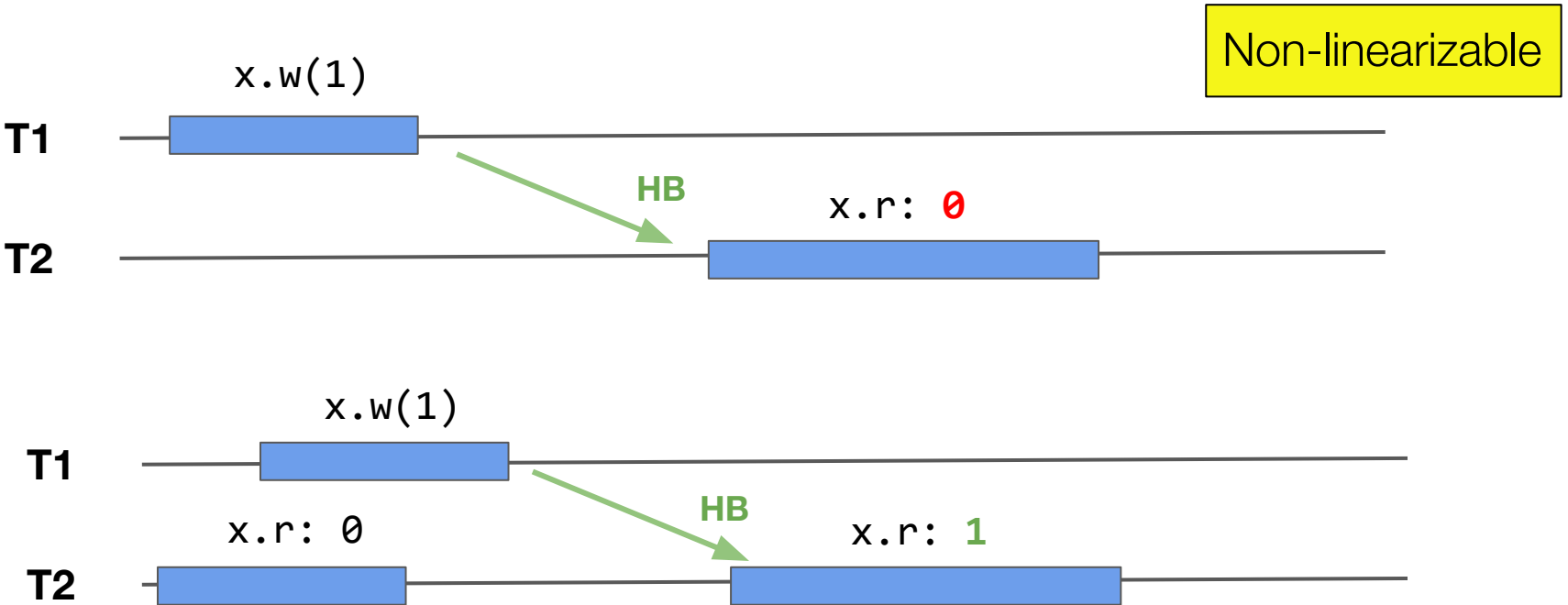
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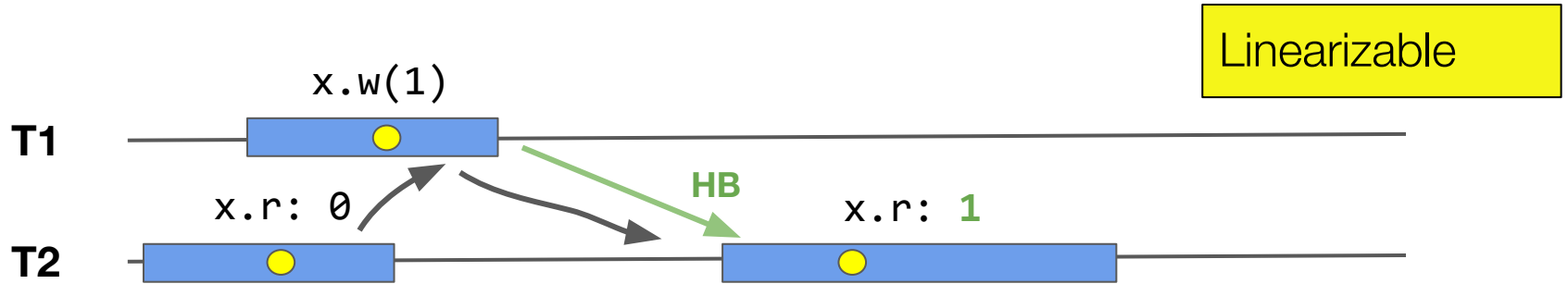
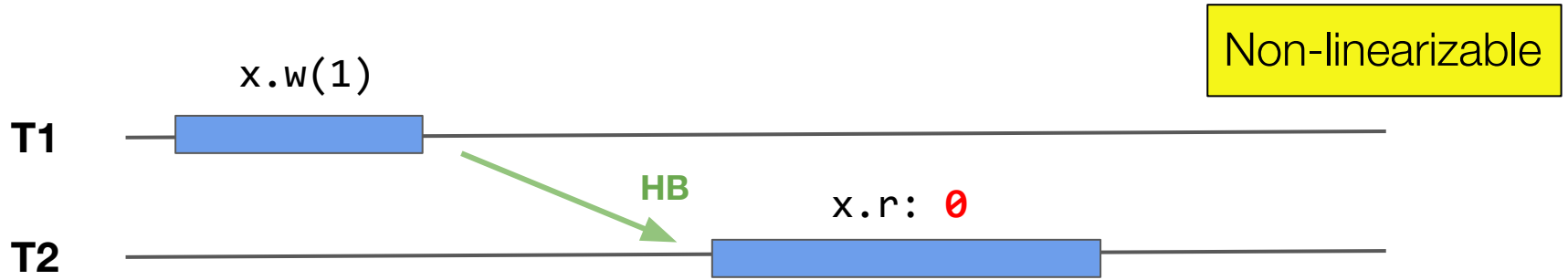
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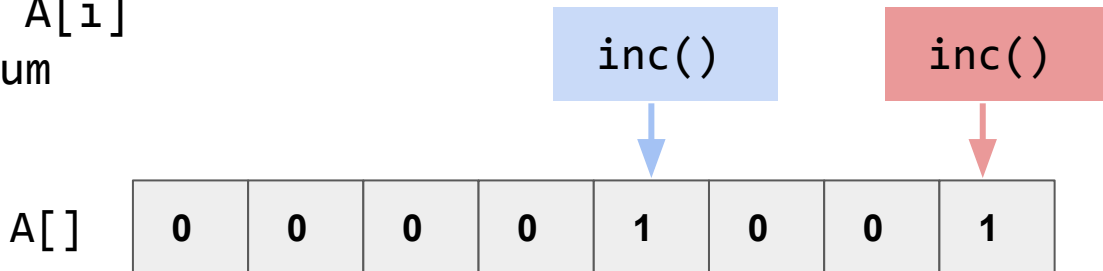
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Scalable counter

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fun inc() {  
    i := rand(K)  
    FAA(&A[i], +1)  
}
```

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fun sum() {  
    sum := 0  
    for (i := 0; i < K; i++)  
        sum += A[i]  
    return sum  
}
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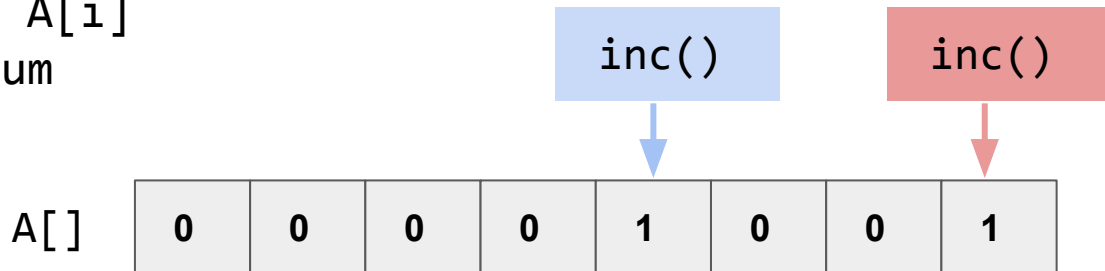
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`java.util.concurrent.atomic.LongAdder`

- Preferable to AtomicLong when multiple threads update a common sum
- Increases array size under high contention



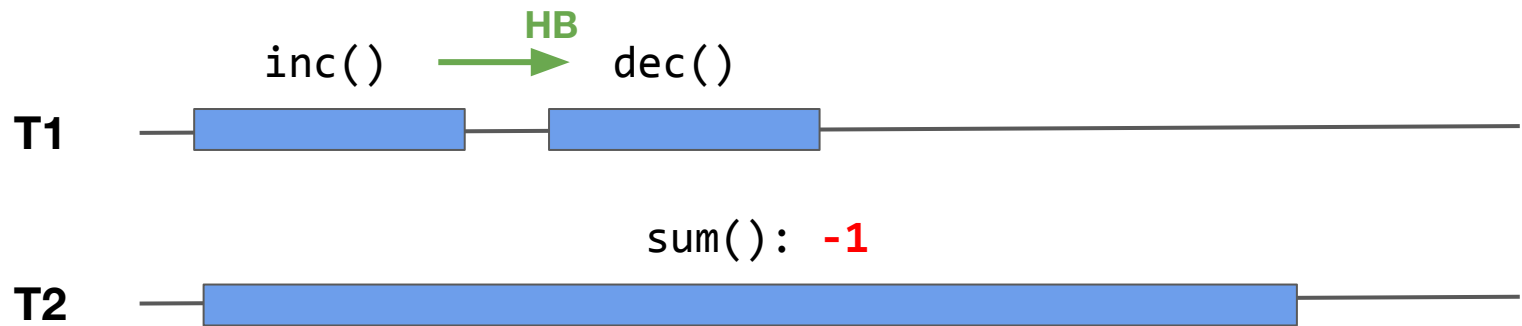
Write a test for LongAdder

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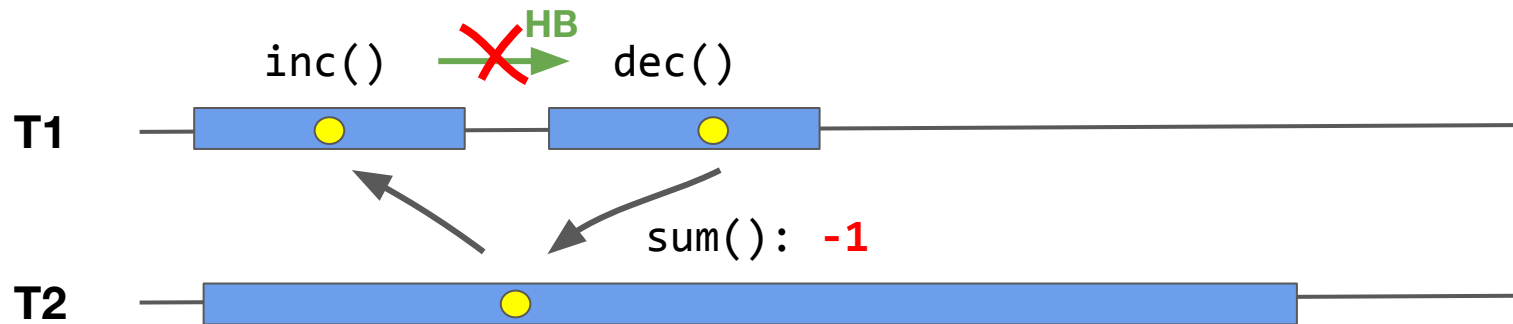
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2. Complete `TODO()` blocks in `LongAdderTest` class
3. Run `runModelCheckingTest()`

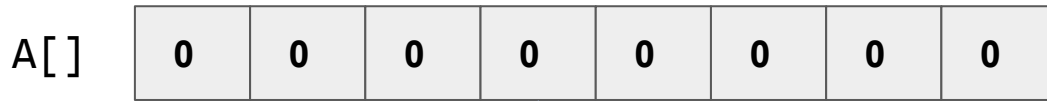
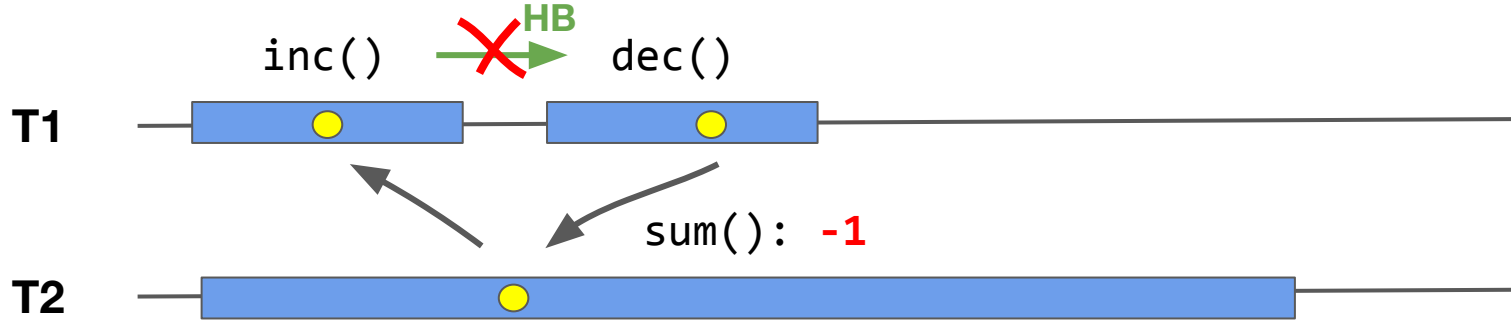
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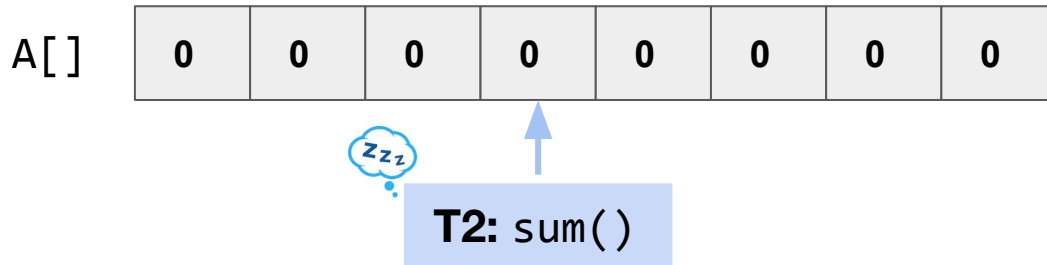
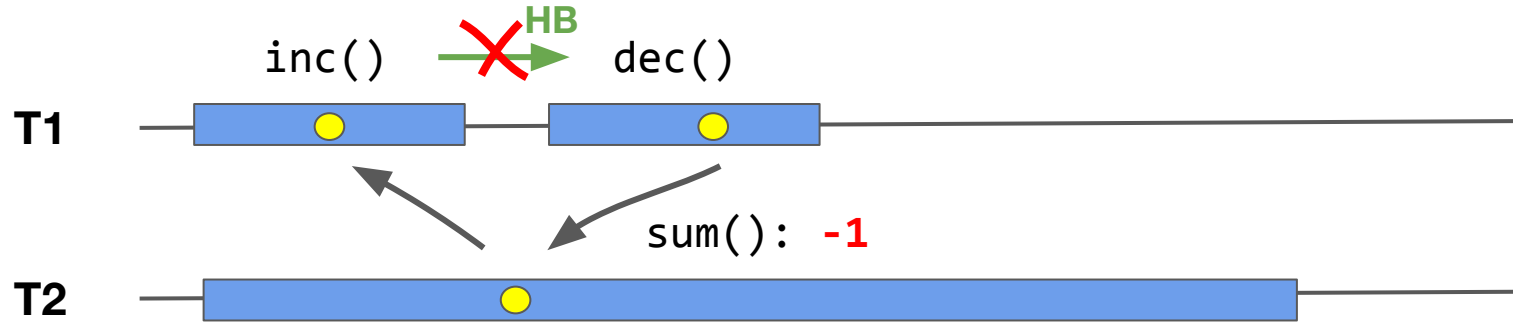


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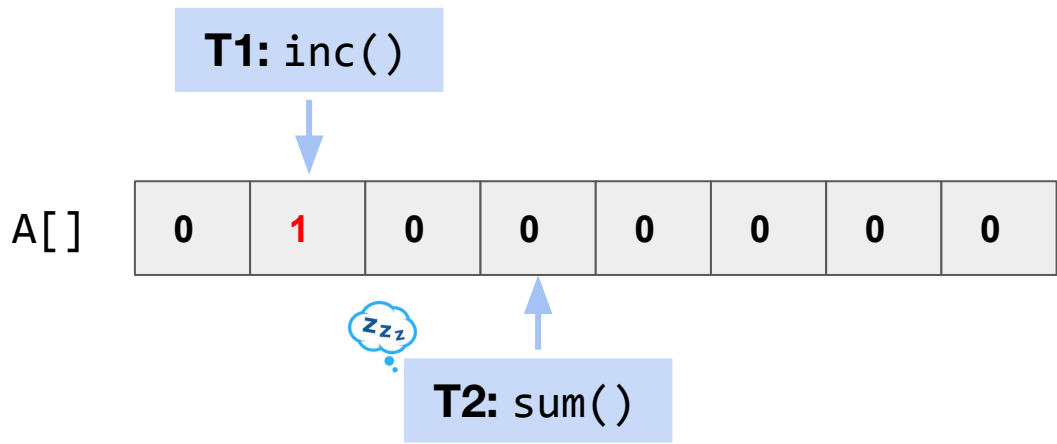
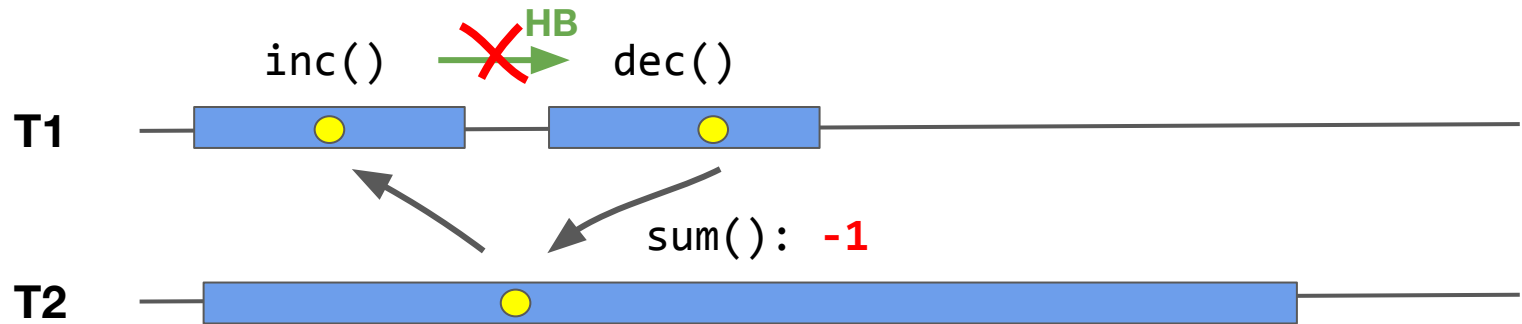


T2: `sum()`

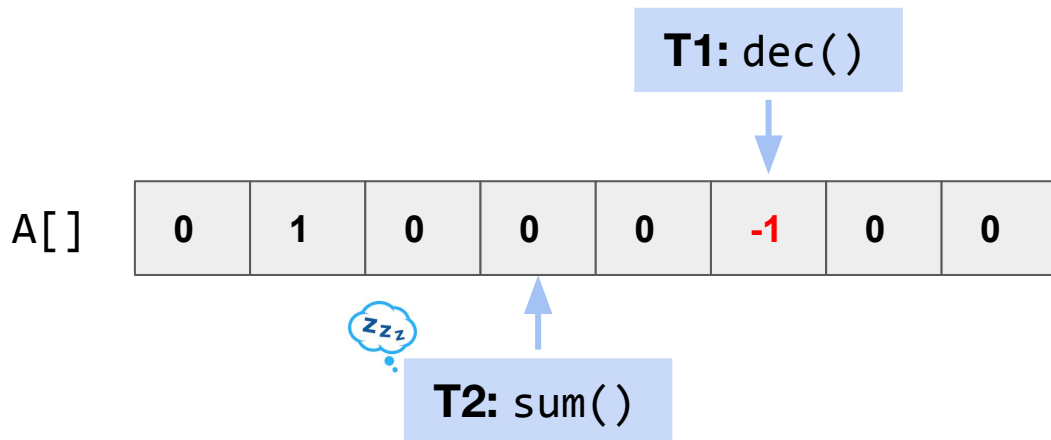
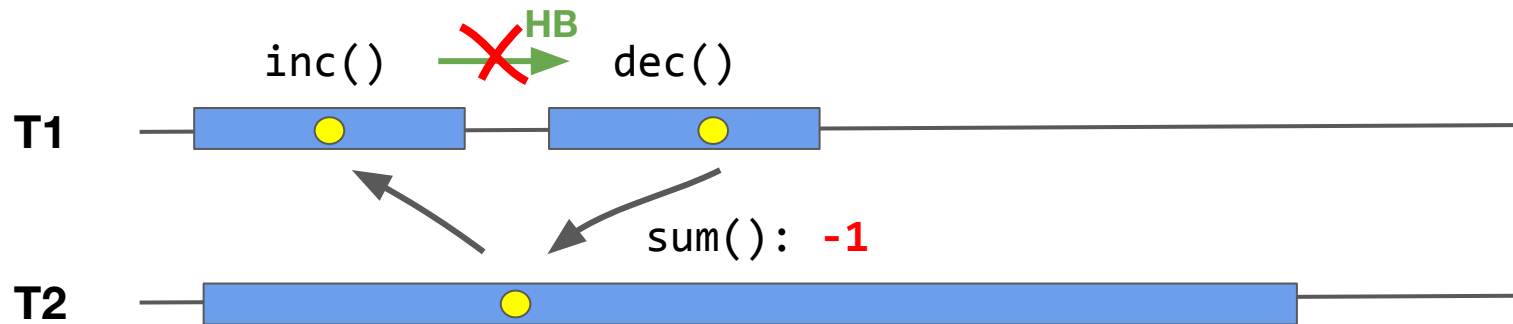
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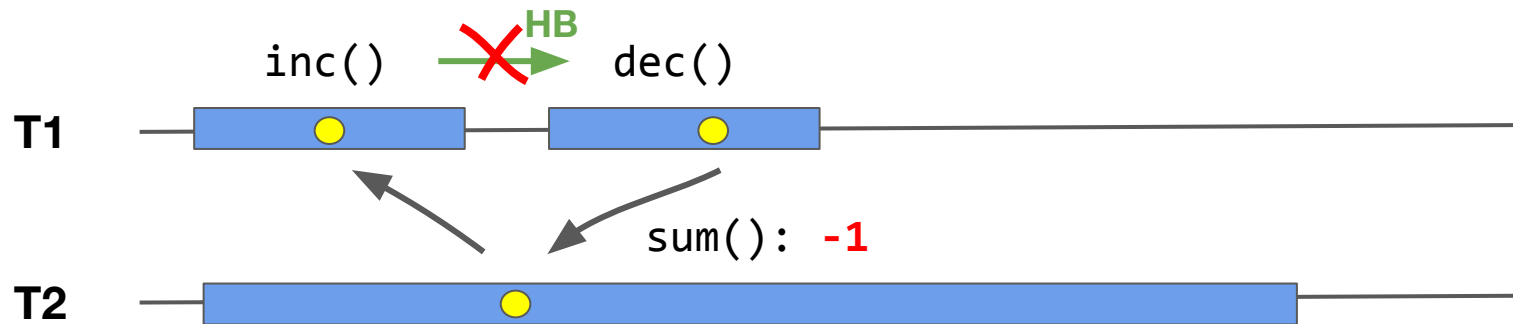
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T2: sum(): -1

Testing strategies

Stress testing

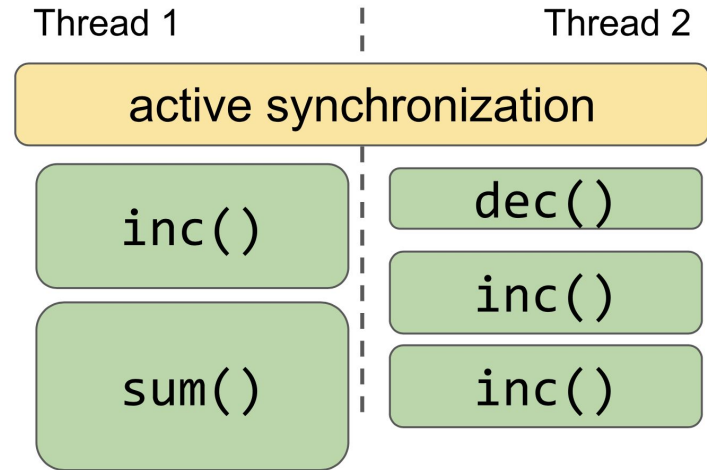
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Stress testing

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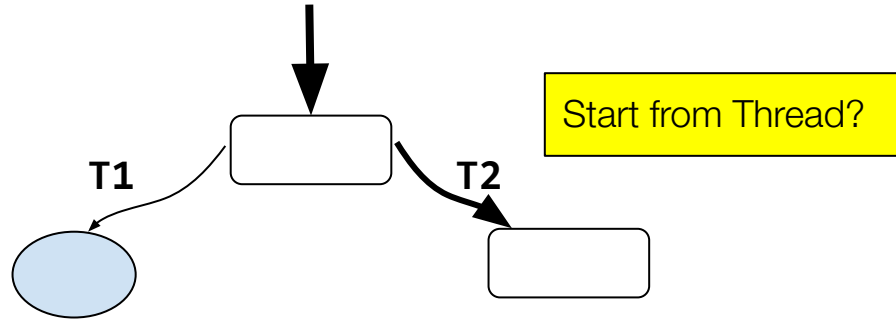
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Model checking

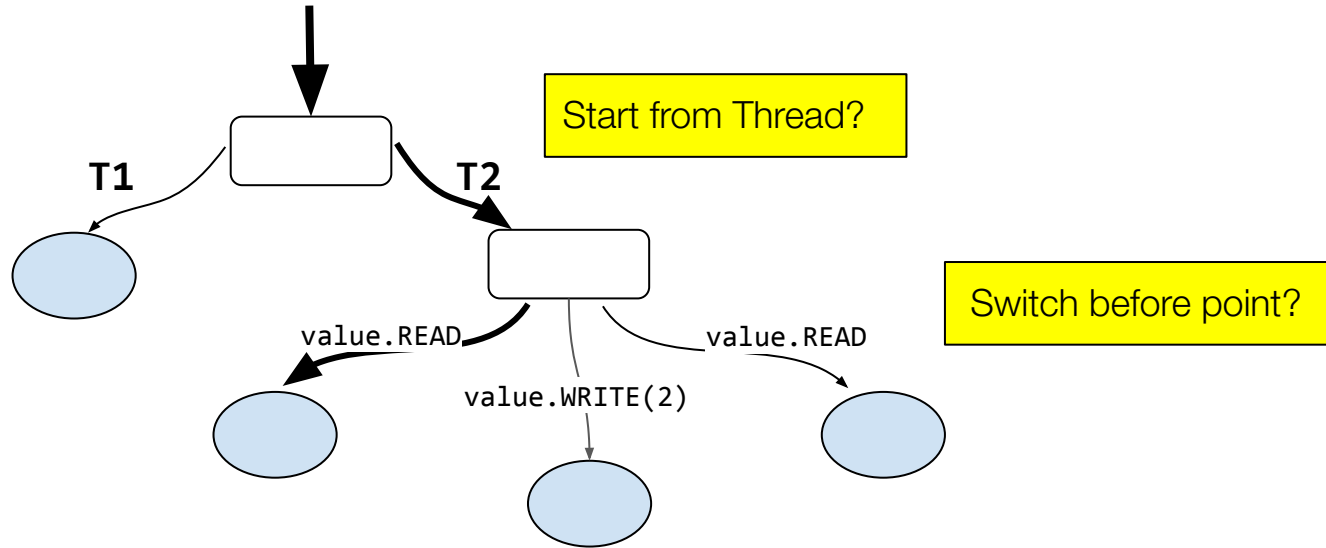
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- Sequential consistency memory model
- Examines many different interleavings within a bounded number of context switches
- Provides a trace

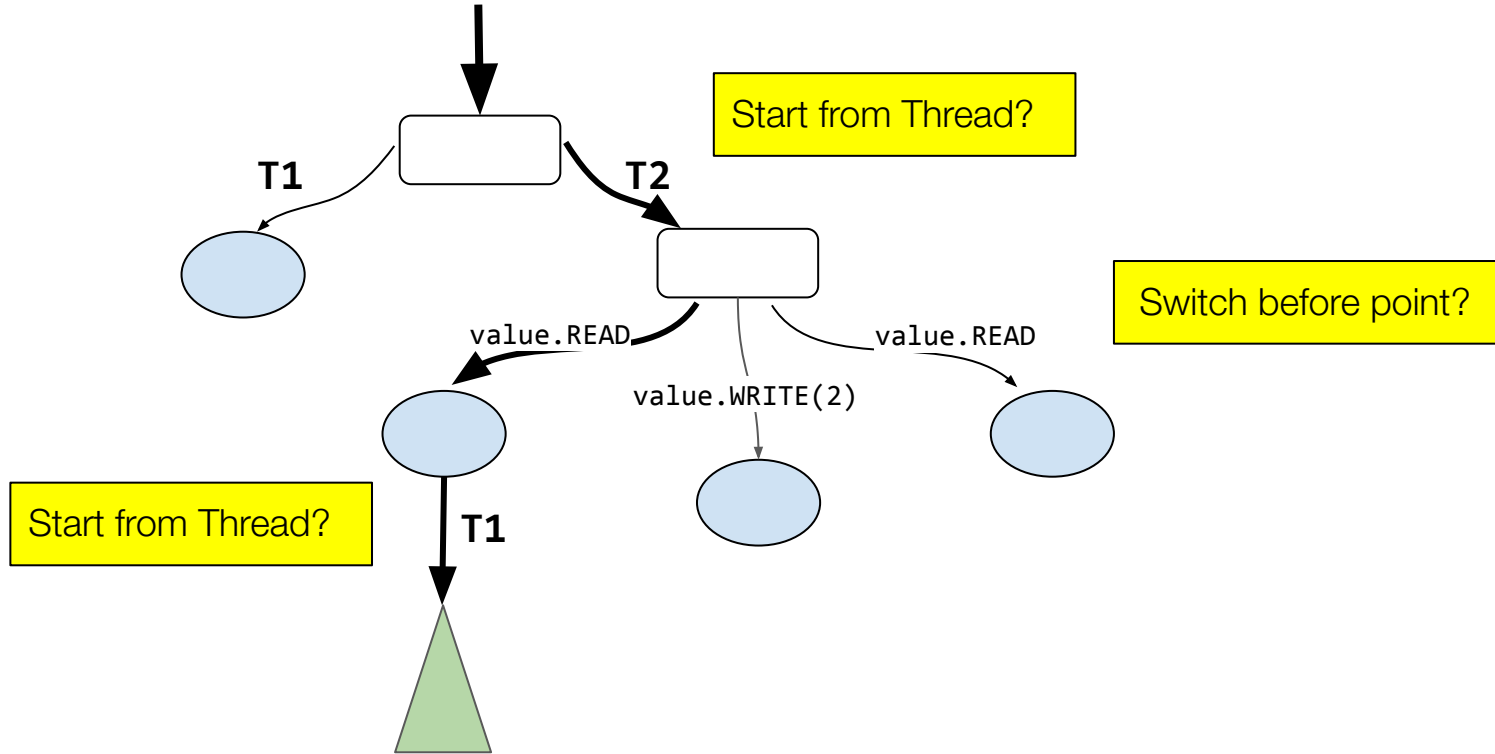
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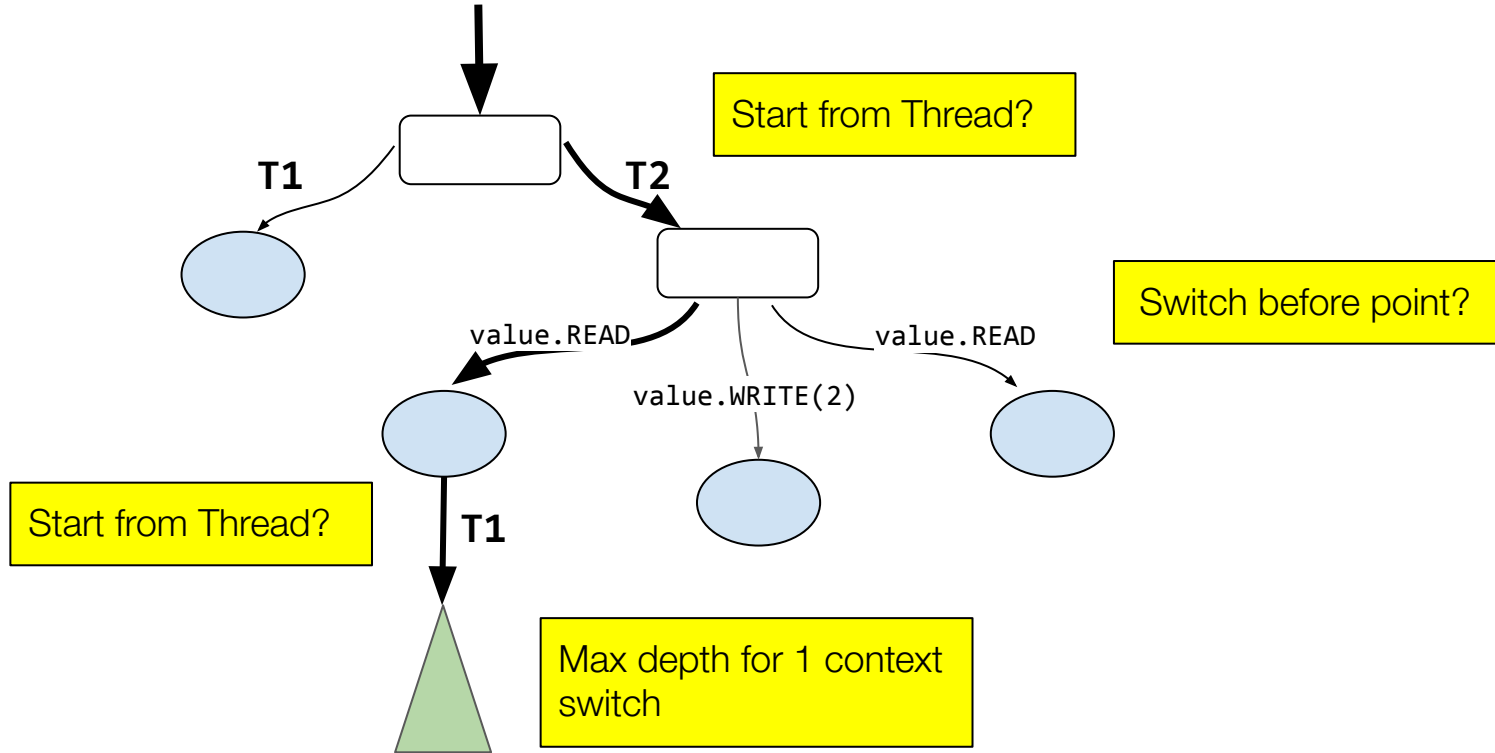
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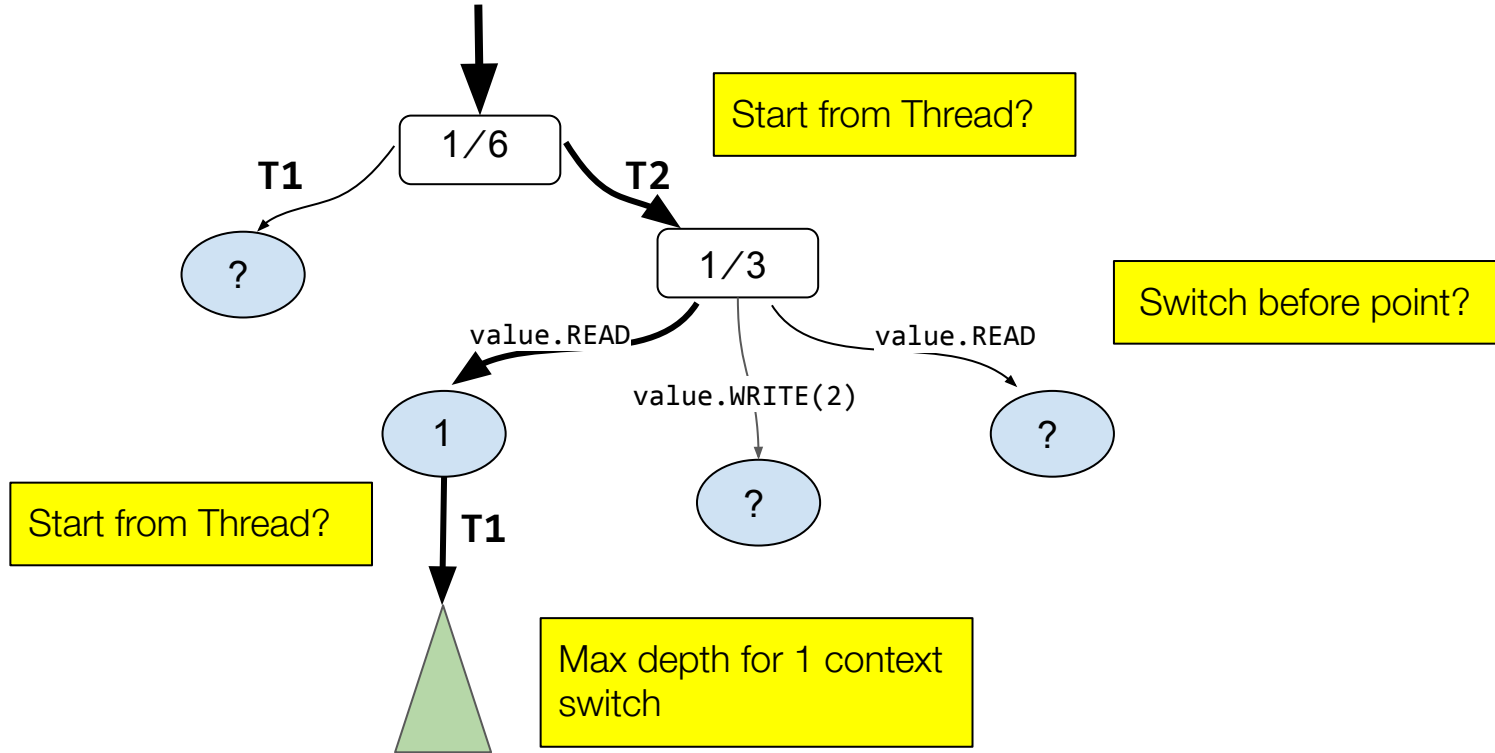
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Stress vs Model checking?

Model checking:

- Bugs under sequentially consistent memory model
- Better coverage
- Trace to reproduce the error

Stress testing:

- Low-level effects bugs
- Rare bugs that require many context switches to reproduce (bounds on model checking do not allow that now)

Configurations

Scenario configuration

```
class MyQueueTest {  
    val q = MyQueue<Int>()  
  
    @Operation fun add(x: Int) = q.add(x)  
    @Operation fun poll() = q.poll()  
  
    @Test fun test() = StressOptions()  
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Init part:

[poll(), add(9)]

Parallel part:

poll()	add(4)
add(3)	add(6)
poll()	poll()

Post part:

[add(1)]

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        .threads(2).actorsPerThread(3)  
        .actorsAfter(1)  
        .invocationsPerIteration(10_000) // Run each scenario 10_000 times  
        .iterations(100) // Try 100 different scenarios  
        .check(this::class)  
}
```


Custom scenarios

```
@Test fun test() = StressOptions()  
  .addCustomScenario {  
    parallel {  
      thread {  
        actor(::add, 5)  
        actor(::add, 6)  
      }  
      thread {  
        actor(::poll)  
      }  
    }  
  }  
  .check(this::class)
```

Parallel part:

add(5)	poll()
add(6)	

Stress test example

1. Checkout **2.1-low-level** branch:

```
$ git checkout 2.1-low-level
```

2. WeakMemoryModel.kt

3. Run `test()`

Parameters Generation

```
class MyHashMap {  
    val map = MyHashMap<Int, Int>()  
  
    @Operation  
    fun put(@Param(gen = IntGen::class,  
                conf = "0:10") key: Int, v: Int) = map.put(key, v)  
  
    @Test fun test() = ...  
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We use parameter
generators!

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    @Operation
    fun put(@Param(name = "key") key: Int, v: Int) = map.put(key, v)

    @Operation fun get(@Param(name = "key") key: Int) = map.get(key)

    @Test fun test() = ...
}
```

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Back to LongAdder

1. Checkout **3.1-longAdder** branch:

```
$ git checkout 3.1-longAdder
```

2. Checkout **3.2-jctools** branch

Custom Parameter Generators

```
class RandomIntParameterGenerator(ignoredConf: String)
    : ParameterGenerator<Int> {
    override fun generate() = Random.nextInt()
}
```

Generated values should be Serializable

Constraints

```
class MpscQueueTest {  
    val q = MpscLinkedAtomicQueue<Int>()  
  
    @Operation fun offer(x: Int) = q.offer(x)  
    @Operation fun poll() = q.poll()  
  
    @Test fun test() = ...  
}
```

Parallel part:

add(2)	add(4)	
poll(): 2	poll(): null	

Constraints

SC queue is incorrect for 2 consumers
by the contract

```
class MpscQueueTest {  
    val q = MpscLinkedAtomicQueue<Int>()  
  
    @Operation fun offer(x: Int) = q.offer(x)  
    @Operation fun poll() = q.poll()  
  
    @Test fun test() = ...  
}
```

Parallel part:

add(2)	add(4)	
poll(): 2	poll(): null	

Constraints

```
@OpGroupConfig(name = "consumers", nonParallel = true)
class MpscQueueTest {
    val q = MpscLinkedAtomicQueue<Int>()

    @Operation fun offer(x: Int) = q.offer(x)
    @Operation(group = "consumers") fun poll() = q.poll()

    @Test fun test() = ...
}
```

Single-consumer queue

1. Checkout **4.1-constraints** branch

Progress guarantees

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Lincheck may test the algorithm for **obstruction-freedom** violation.

```
@Test
fun test() = ModelCheckingOptions()
    .checkObstructionFreedom()
    .check(this::class)
```

Progress guarantees

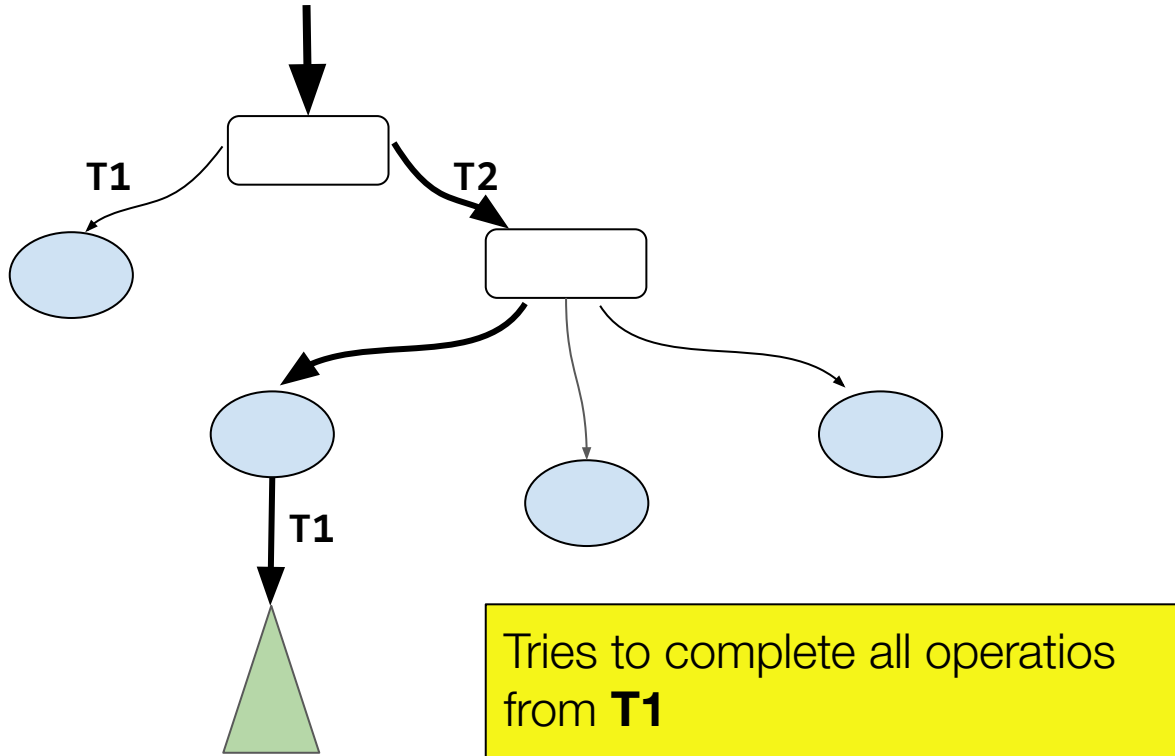
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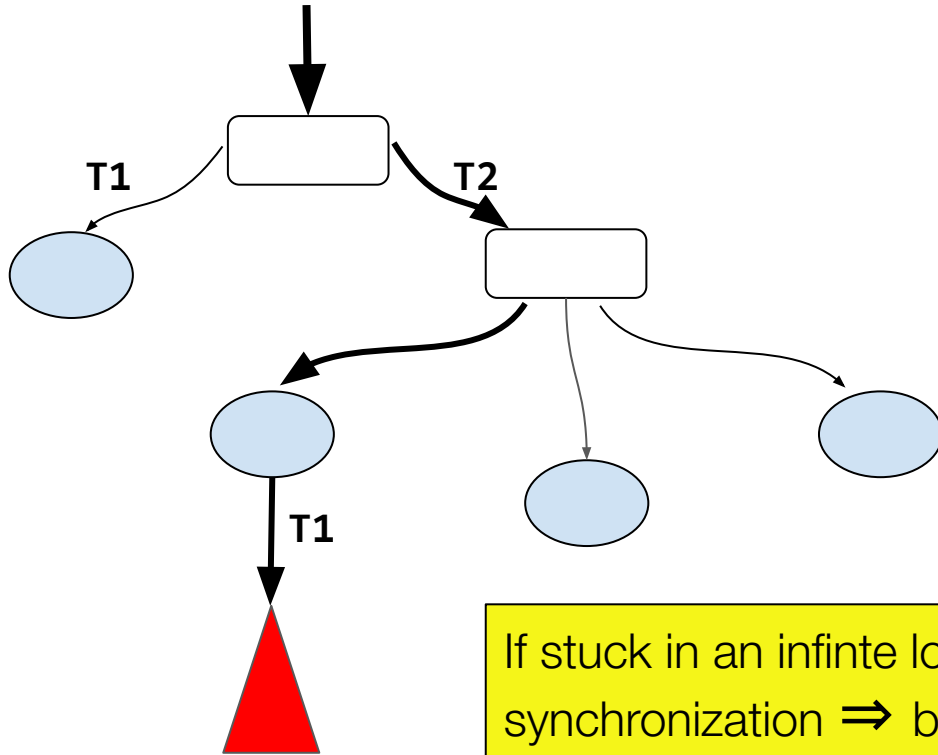
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Progress guarantees
are checked in model
checking mode

Progress guarantees

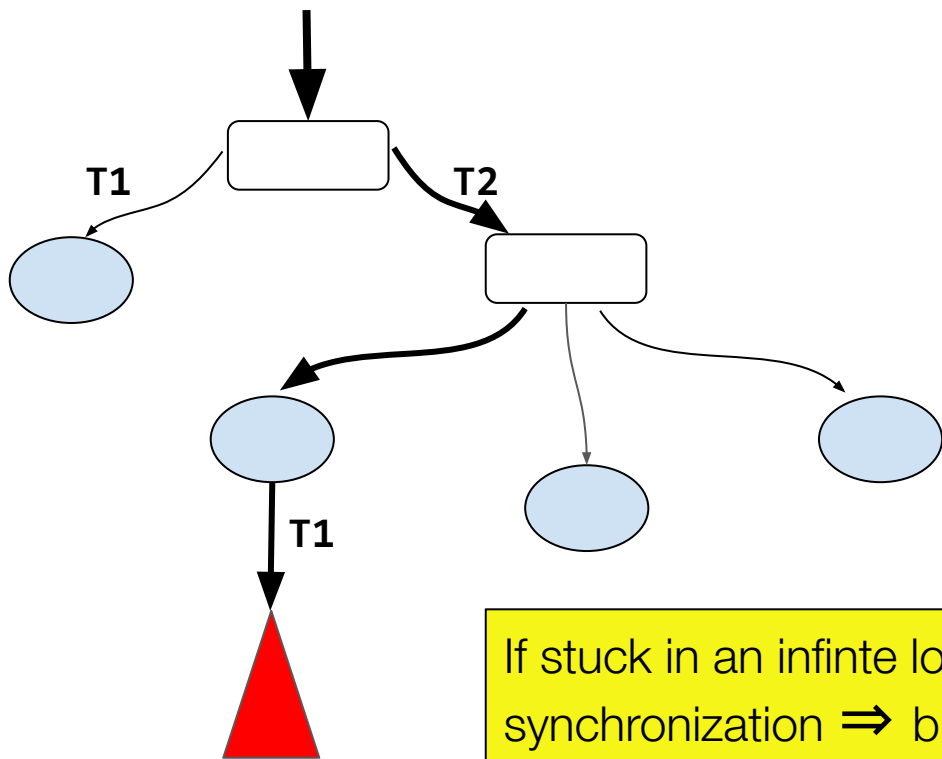


Progress guarantees



If stuck in an infinite loop or synchronization \Rightarrow blocking

Progress guarantees



Obstruction-freedom: any operation may be completed in a bounded number of steps if all the other processes stop.

If stuck in an infinite loop or synchronization \Rightarrow blocking

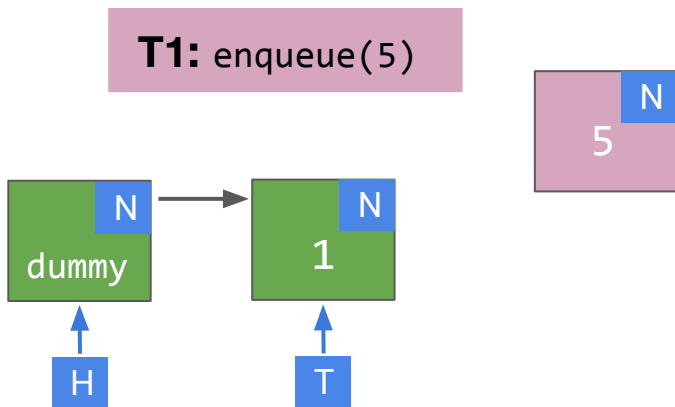
Check whether the algorithm is blocking?

1. Checkout **5.1-dataHolder** branch

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the simplest known lock-free queue, `j.u.c.ConcurrentLinkedQueue`

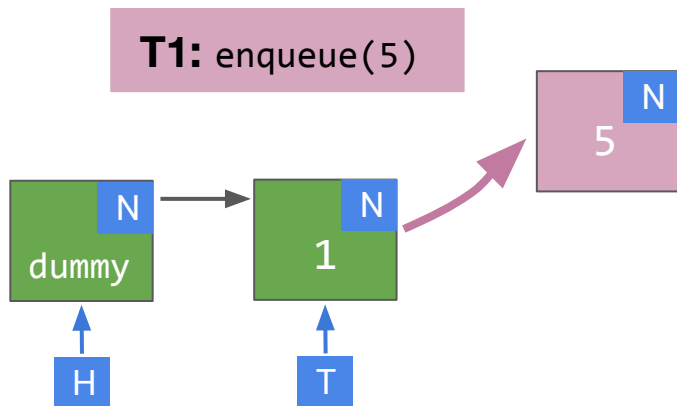


```
fun enqueue(x) {  
  while (true) {  
    tail := T  
    if (tail.N.CAS(null, x)) {  
      T.CAS(tail, x)  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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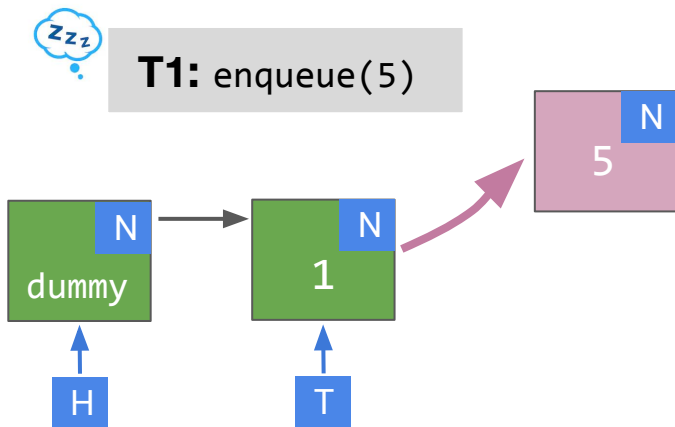


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            T.CAS(tail, x)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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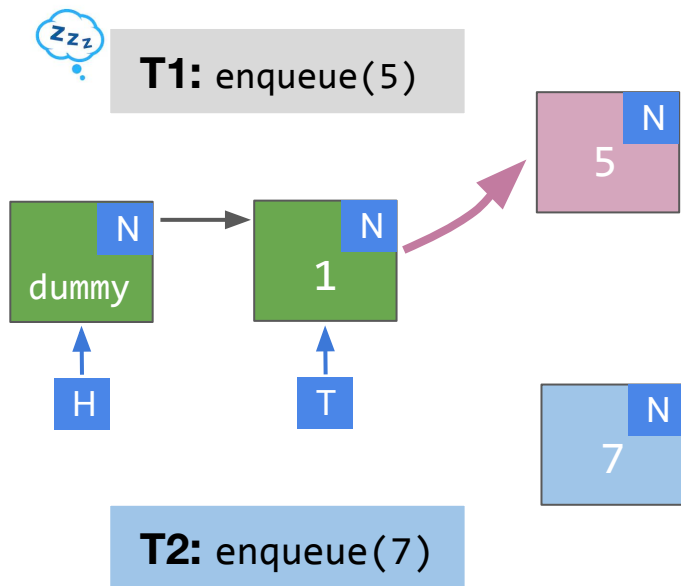


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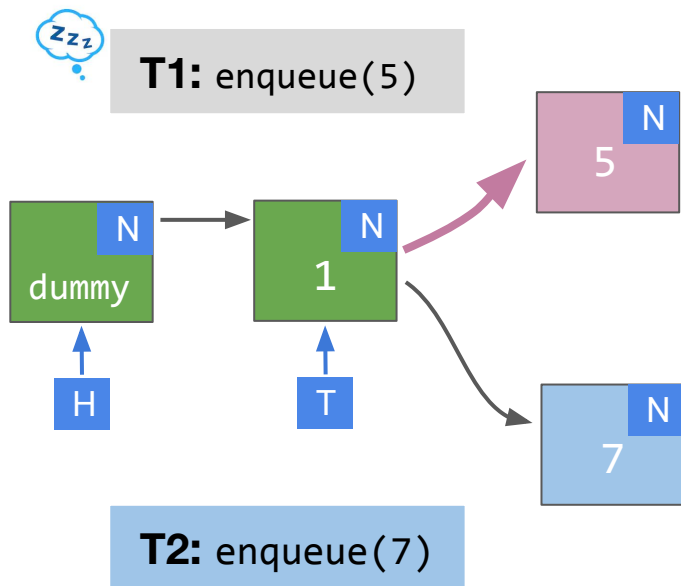


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        if (tail.N.CAS(null, x)) {  
            T.CAS(tail, x)  
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}
```

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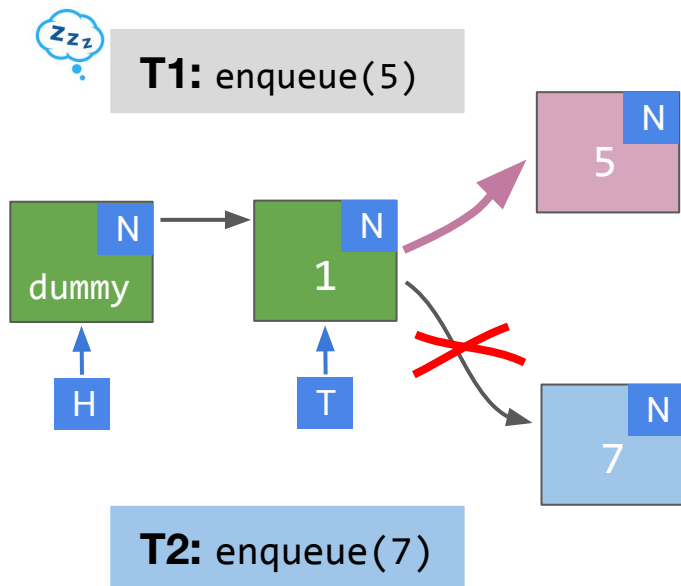


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  while (true) {  
    tail := T  
    if (tail.N.CAS(null, x)) {  
      T.CAS(tail, x)  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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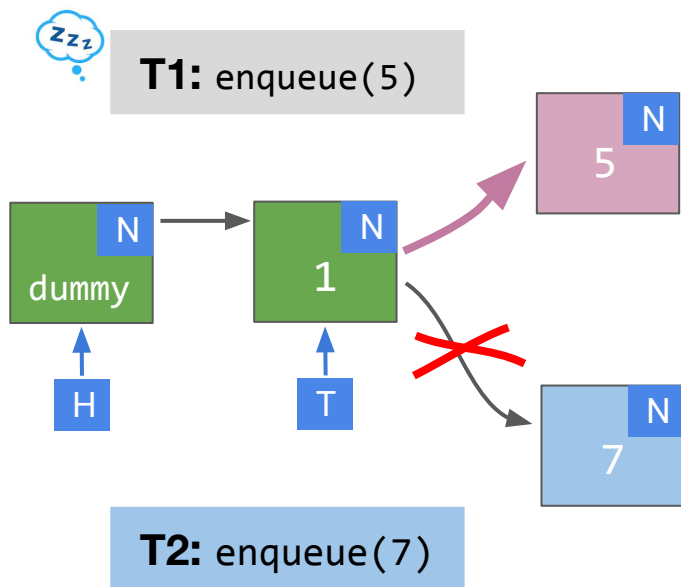


```
fun enqueue(x) {  
  while (true) {  
    tail := T  
    if (tail.N.CAS(null, x)) {  
      T.CAS(tail, x)  
    }  
  }  
}
```


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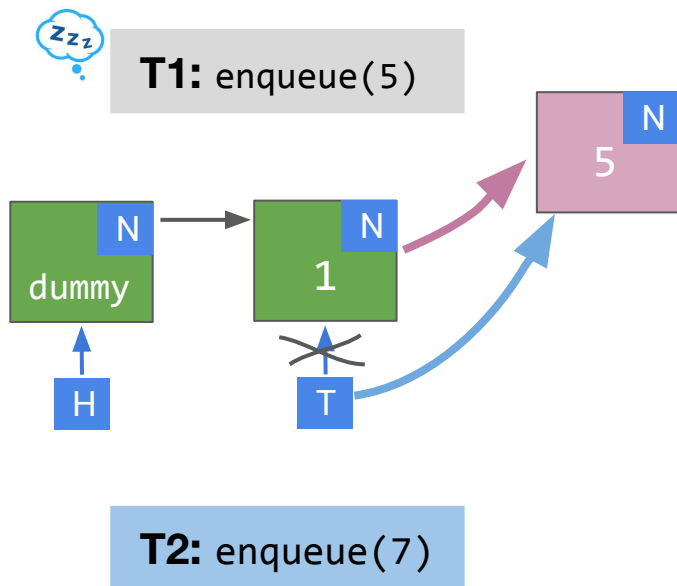
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  while (true) {  
    tail := T  
    if (tail.N.CAS(null, x)) {  
      T.CAS(tail, x)  
    }  
  }  
}
```

T2 can not proceed with `enqueue(7)` \Rightarrow blocking algorithm

Helping in lock-free algorithms

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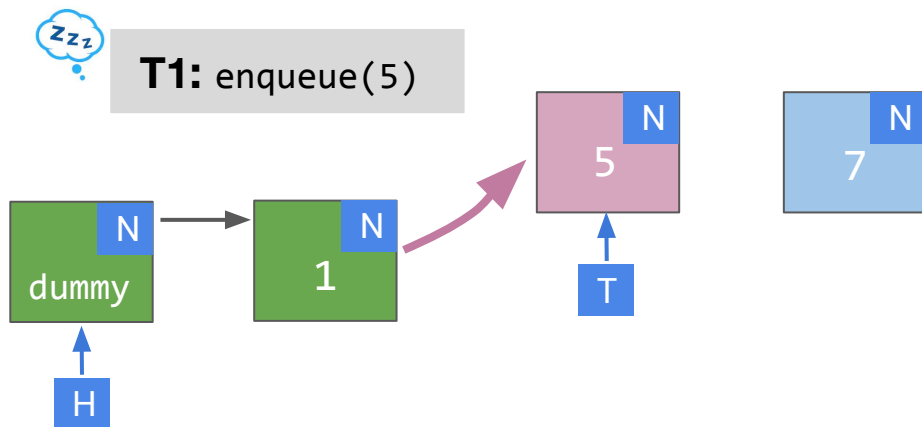
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fun enqueue(x) {  
  while (true) {  
    tail := T  
    if (tail.N.CAS(null, x)) {  
      T.CAS(tail, x)  
    } else {  
      T.CAS(tail, tail.N)  
    }  
  }  
}
```

T2 should help **T1** to complete `enqueue(5)`

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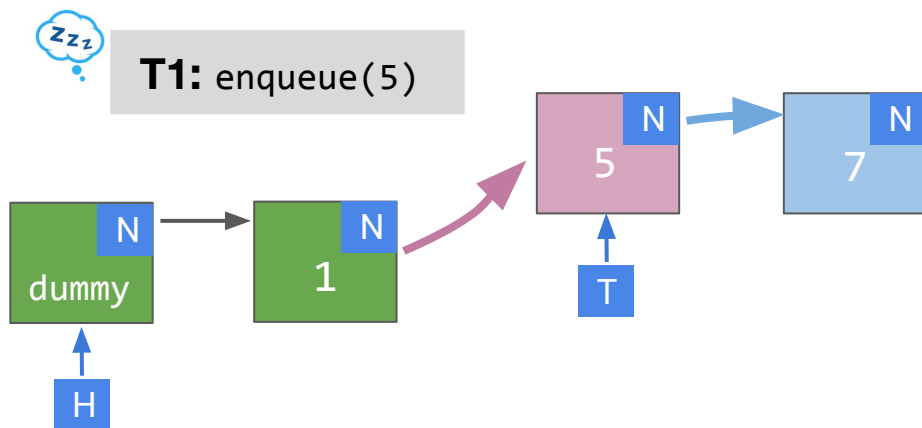


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```

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T1: enqueue(5)

T2: enqueue(7)

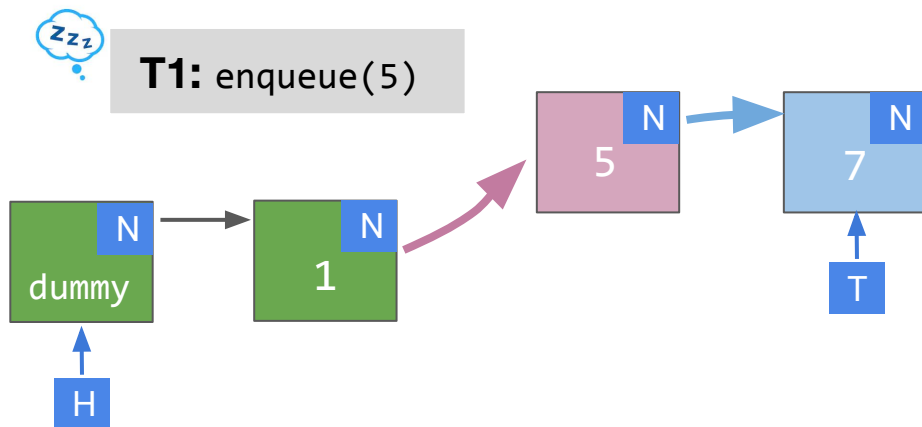
Now **T2** can proceed with
`enqueue(7)`

```
fun enqueue(x) {  
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    } else {  
      T.CAS(tail, tail.N)  
    }  
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}
```

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  }  
}
```

Now **T2** can proceed with `enqueue(7)`

Helping in lock-free algorithms

1. Checkout **5.2-msqueue** branch

Modular testing

If some linearizable data structures are used as building blocks for your algorithm, the number of all possible interleavings may be enormous.

You can treat operations of these data structures atomic \Rightarrow reduce the number of interleavings and speed up testing.

```
@Test
fun test() = ModelCheckingOptions()
    .addGuarantee(
        forClasses(ConcurrentHashMap::class.qualifiedName!!).allMethods().treatAsAtomic()
    )
    .check(this::class)
```

Modular testing

1. Checkout **6.1-multimap** branch

Verification

Results Verification

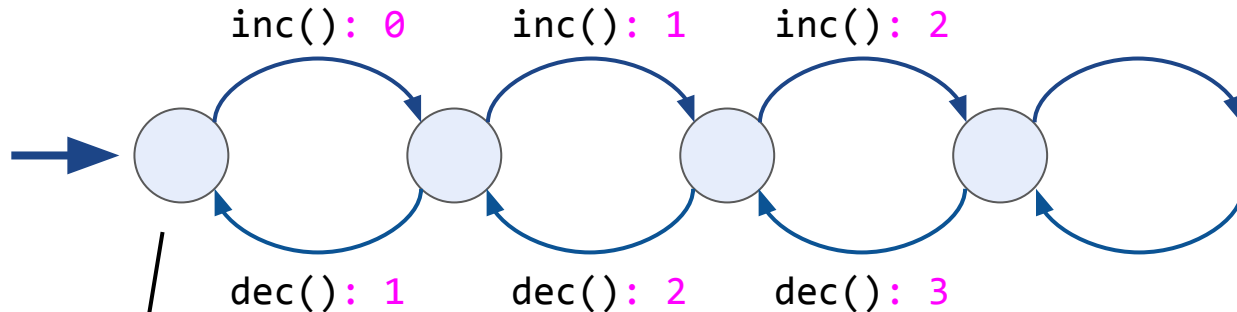
Simplest solution:

1. Generate all possible sequential histories
2. Check whether one of them produces the same results

Smarter solution: Labeled Transition System (LTS)

LTS (Labeled Transition System)

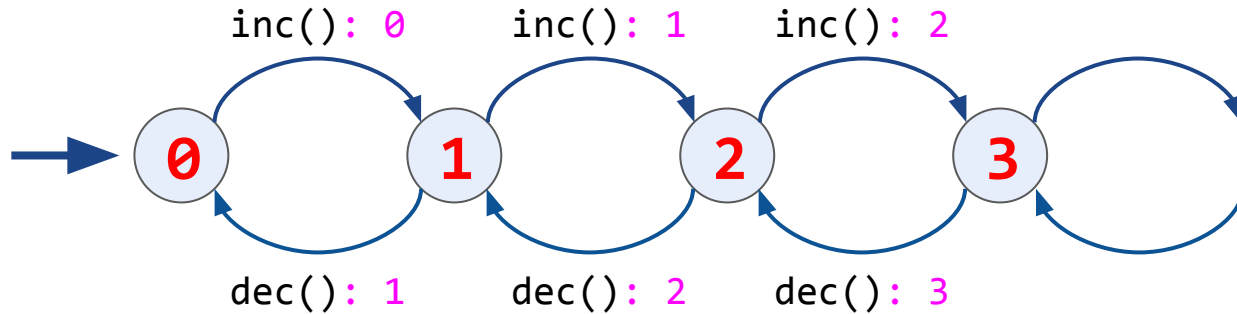
LTS is infinite



Initial state

Operation
with result

LTS (Labeled Transition System)



LTS-based verification

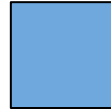
```
val q = MSQueue<Int>()
```

```
q.add(4)
```

```
q.poll(): 9
```

```
q.add(9)
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q.poll(): 4
```



LTS-based verification

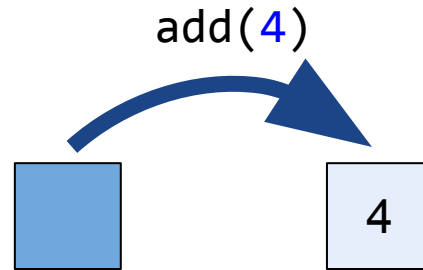
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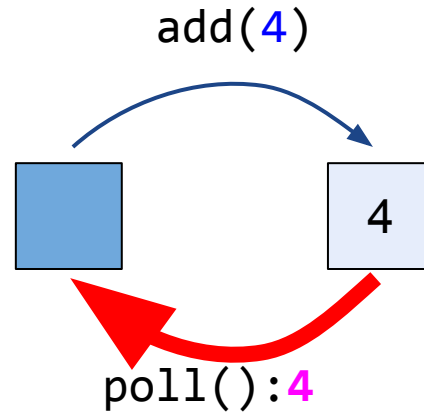
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```



Result is different

LTS-based verification

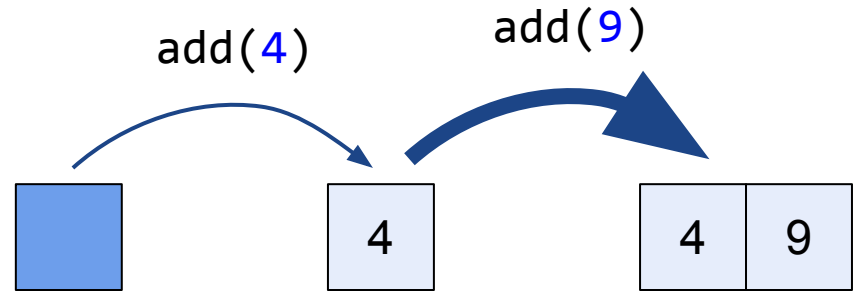
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q.poll(): 9
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```
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```



LTS-based verification

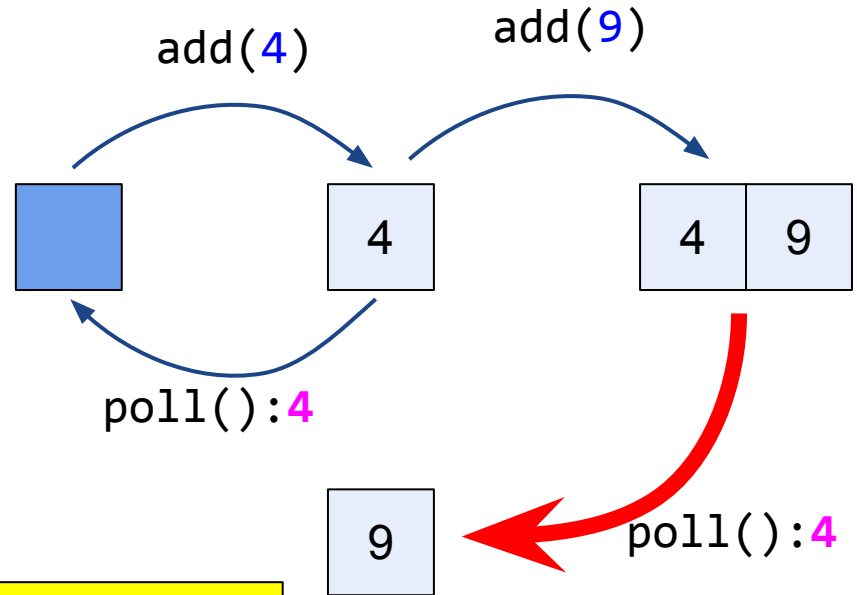
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```
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```



Result is different

LTS-based verification

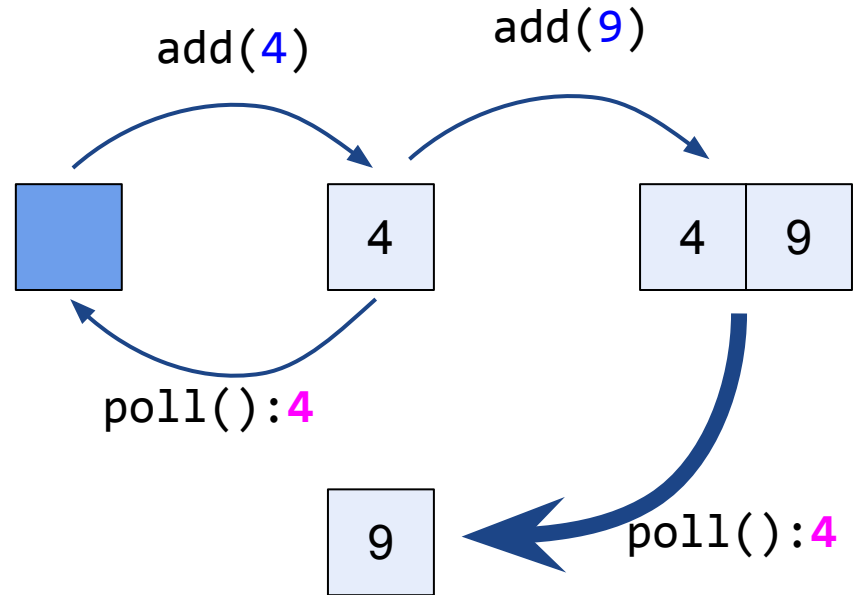
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val q = MSQueue<Int>()
```

```
q.add(4)
```

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q.add(9)
```

```
q.poll(): 4
```

```
q.poll(): 9
```



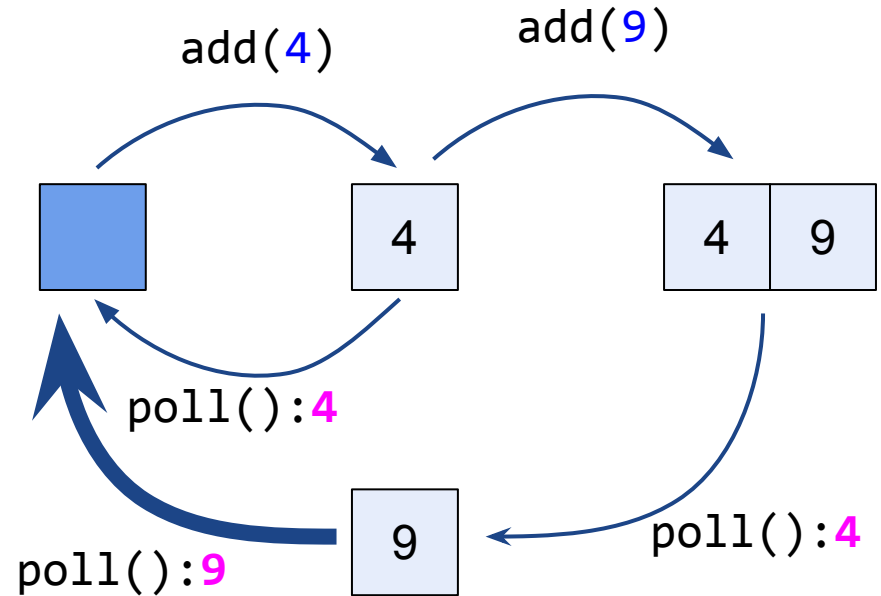
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q.add(4)
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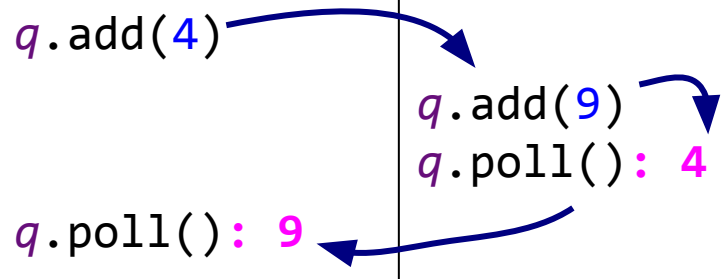
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```
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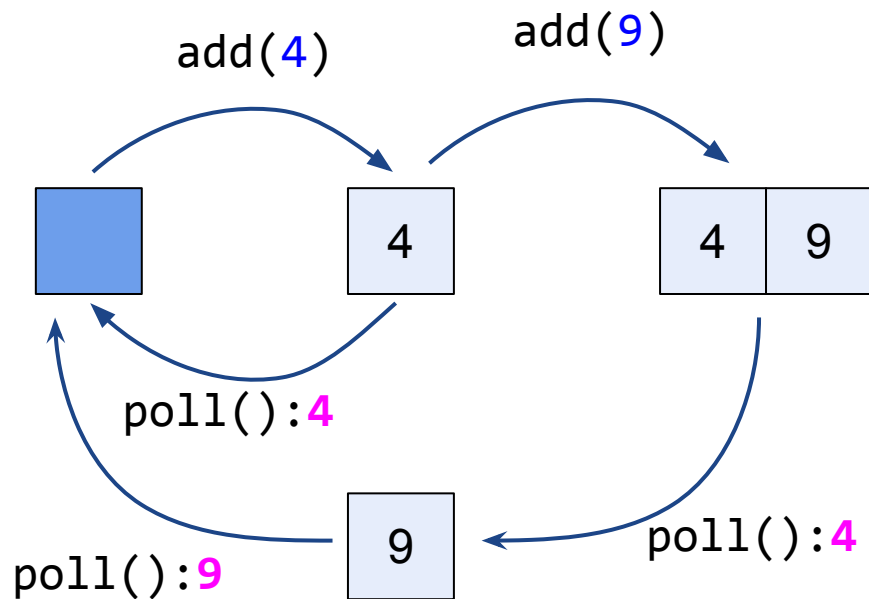


LTS-based verification

```
val q = MSQueue<Int>()
```



Path is found \Rightarrow correct



State equivalency

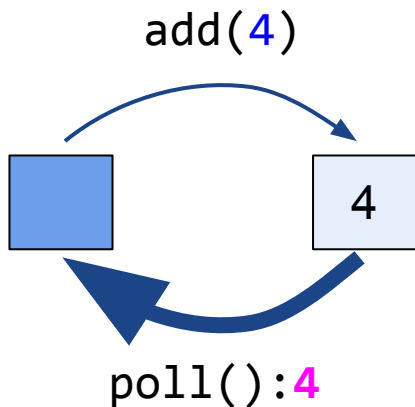
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Till this moment you got this warning for all tests

State equivalency

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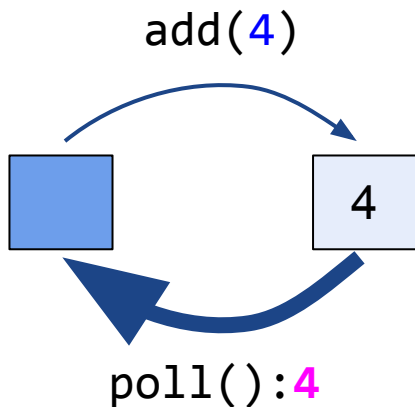


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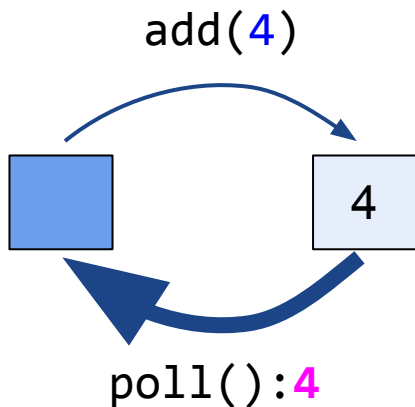
```
class MSQueueTest {  
    val q = MSQueue<Int>()  
  
    // Operations here  
  
    override fun equals(other: Any?) = ...  
    override fun hashCode() = ...  
}
```

State equivalency

Warning: To make verification faster, you can specify the state equivalence relation on your sequential specification.

We can set state equivalency

relation via equals/hashCode():



```
class MSQueueTest : VerifierState() {  
    val q = MSQueue<Int>()  
  
    // Operations here  
  
    override fun generateState() = q  
}
```


Sequential specification

```
class MySuperFastQueueTest {  
    val q = MySuperFastQueue<Int>()  
  
    @Operation fun offer(x: Int) = q.offer(x)  
    @Operation fun poll() = q.poll()  
  
    @Test fun test() = StressOptions()  
        .sequentialSpecification(SequentialQueue::class.java)  
        .check(this::class)  
}
```

```
class SequentialQueue : VerifierState() {  
    val q = LinkedList<Int>()  
  
    fun offer(x: Int) { q.poll(x) }  
    fun poll() = q.poll()  
  
    @Override fun generateState() = q  
}
```

Verification

1. Checkout **7.1-verification** branch

Blocking data structures

Lincheck supports testing blocking data structures implemented via [suspending functions](#) from Kotlin language.

The examples of such data structures from the [Kotlin Coroutines](#) library: [Channel](#), [Mutex](#), [Flow](#)..

See [the coroutines guide](#) for details.

Rendezvous channel

```
class Channel<T> {  
    suspend fun send(x: T)  
    suspend fun receive()  
}
```

```
val c = Channel<Int>()
```

```
c.send(4)
```

```
c.receive() // 4
```

Rendezvous channel

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class Channel<T> {  
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```
val c = Channel<Int>()
```

```
c.send(4)
```

```
c.receive() // 4
```

send waits for receive and vice versa

Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {  
  1 val task = tasks.receive()  
  processTask(task)  
}
```

Have to wait for send



```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```

Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Worker



```
while(true) {  
  ① val task = tasks.receive()  
    processTask(task)  
}
```

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```


Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Worker



```
while(true) {  
  ① val task = tasks.receive()  
    processTask(task)  
}
```

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```

Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
2 tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
tasks.send(task)
```

Rendezvous!

Worker

```
while(true) {
```

```
1 val task = tasks.receive()
```

```
  processTask(task)
```

```
}
```

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```

Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)  
2 tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {  
1 val task = tasks.receive()  
3 processTask(task)  
}
```

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```

Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
2 tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
4 tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {
```

```
1 val task = tasks.receive()
```

```
3 processTask(task)
```

```
}
```

Have to wait for receive

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```

Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
2 tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {
```

```
1 val task = tasks.receive()
```

```
3 processTask(task)
```

```
}
```

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```

Rendezvous channel

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
2 tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
4 tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {
```

```
5 1 val task = tasks.receive()
```

```
3 processTask(task)  
}
```

Rendezvous!

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>()
```

Rendezvous channel

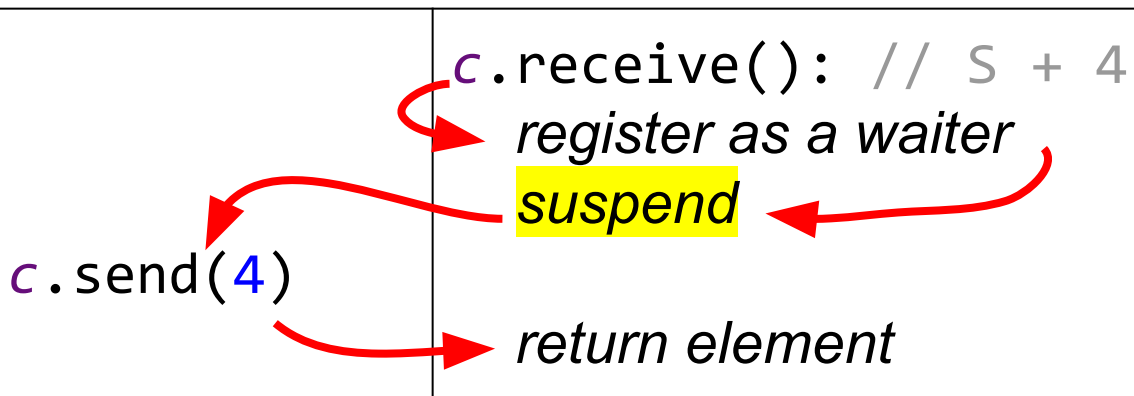
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```

```
c.send(4)
```

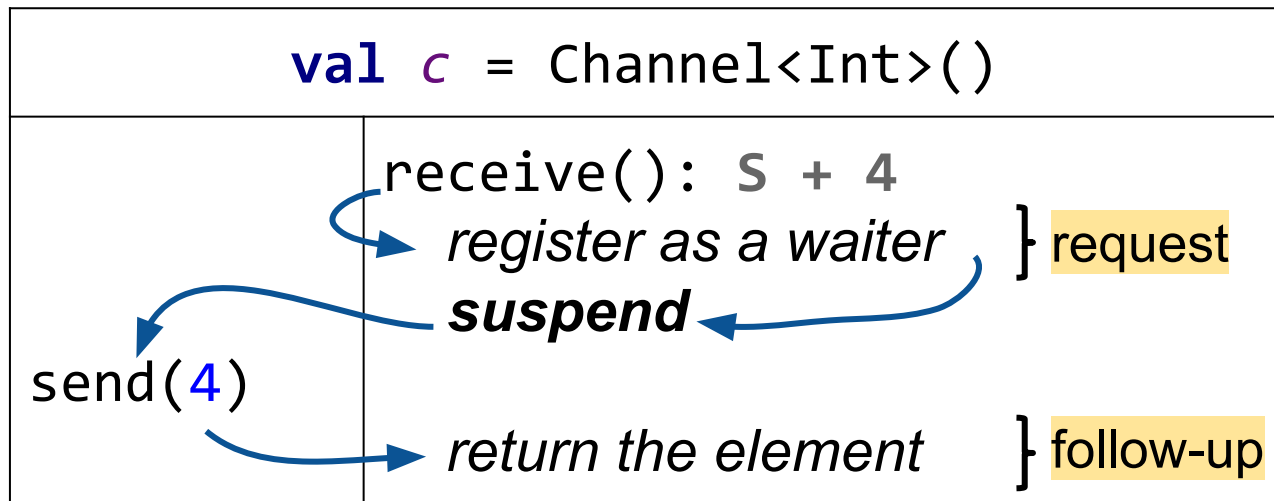
```
c.receive() // S + 4
```

Non-linearizable
because of suspension

```
val c = Channel<Int>()
```

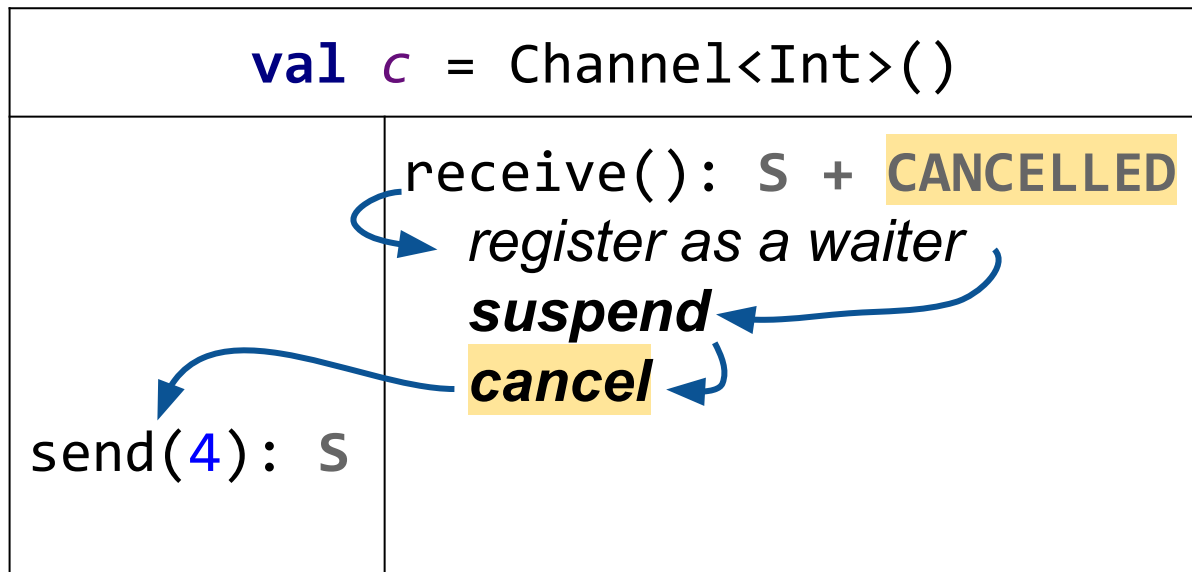


Dual Data Structures*



* “Nonblocking Concurrent Data Structures with Condition Synchronization” by Scherer, W.N. and Scott, M.L.

Dual Data Structures*



Rendezvous channel test

```
class Channel<T> {  
    suspend fun send(x: T)  
    suspend fun receive()  
}
```

```
class ChannelTest {  
    val ch = Channel<Int>()  
  
    @Operation  
    suspend fun send(x: Int) = ch.send(x)  
    @Operation  
    suspend fun receive() = ch.receive()  
  
    @Test fun test() = StressOptions()  
        .check(this::class)  
}
```

Buffered Channels

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)  
tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {  
    val task = tasks.receive()  
    processTask(task)  
}
```

One element can be sent
without suspension

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>(capacity = 1)
```

Buffered Channels

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
1 tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {  
    val task = tasks.receive()  
    processTask(task)  
}
```



Does not suspend!

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)
```

```
tasks.send(task)
```

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>(capacity = 1)
```

Buffered Channels

Client 1


```
val task = Task(...)
```

1 `tasks.send(task)`

Worker

```
while(true) {  
    val task = tasks.receive()  
    processTask(task)  
}
```

Client 2

 `val task = Task(...)`

2 `tasks.send(task)`

The buffer is full, suspends

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>(capacity = 1)
```

Buffered Channels

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)
```

1 `tasks.send(task)`

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)
```

2 `tasks.send(task)`

Worker

```
while(true) {
```

3 `val task = tasks.receive()`

```
    processTask(task)
```

```
    / }
```

Receives the buffered element,
resumes the 2nd client,
and moves its task to the buffer

```
val tasks = Channel<Task>(capacity = 1)
```

Buffered Channels

Client 1

```
val task = Task(...)  
1 tasks.send(task)
```

Client 2

```
val task = Task(...)  
2 tasks.send(task)
```

Worker

```
while(true) {  
4 3 val task = tasks.receive()  
    processTask(task)  
}
```

Retrieves the 2nd task,
no waiters to resume

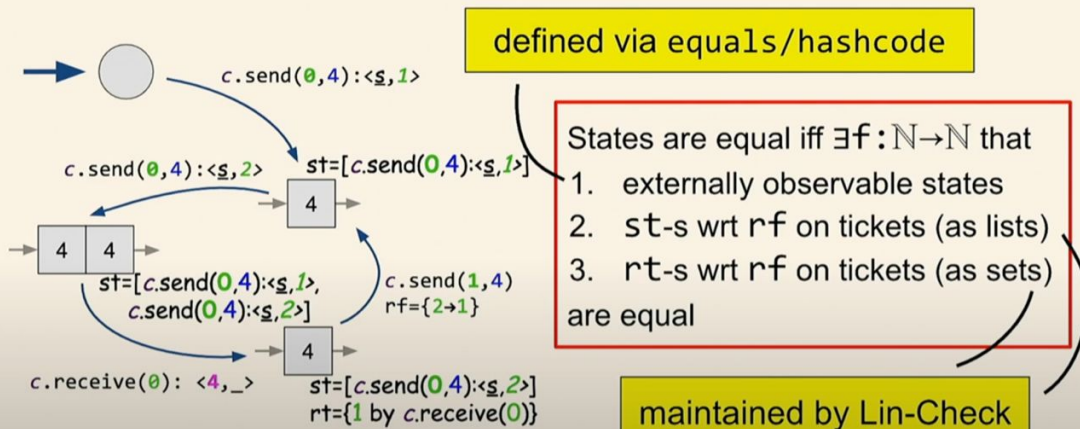
```
val tasks = Channel<Task>(capacity = 1)
```


Blocking data structures

1. Checkout **8.1-rendezvous-channel** branch
2. Checkout **8.2-buffeed-channel** branch

For deep dive into verification of blocking data structures: [“LinCheck: Testing concurrent data structures in Java”](#) by Nikita Koval @ Hydra 2019

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Questions?