
Scheduling Algorithm and Analysis

RT Synchronization Protocol (Module 33)

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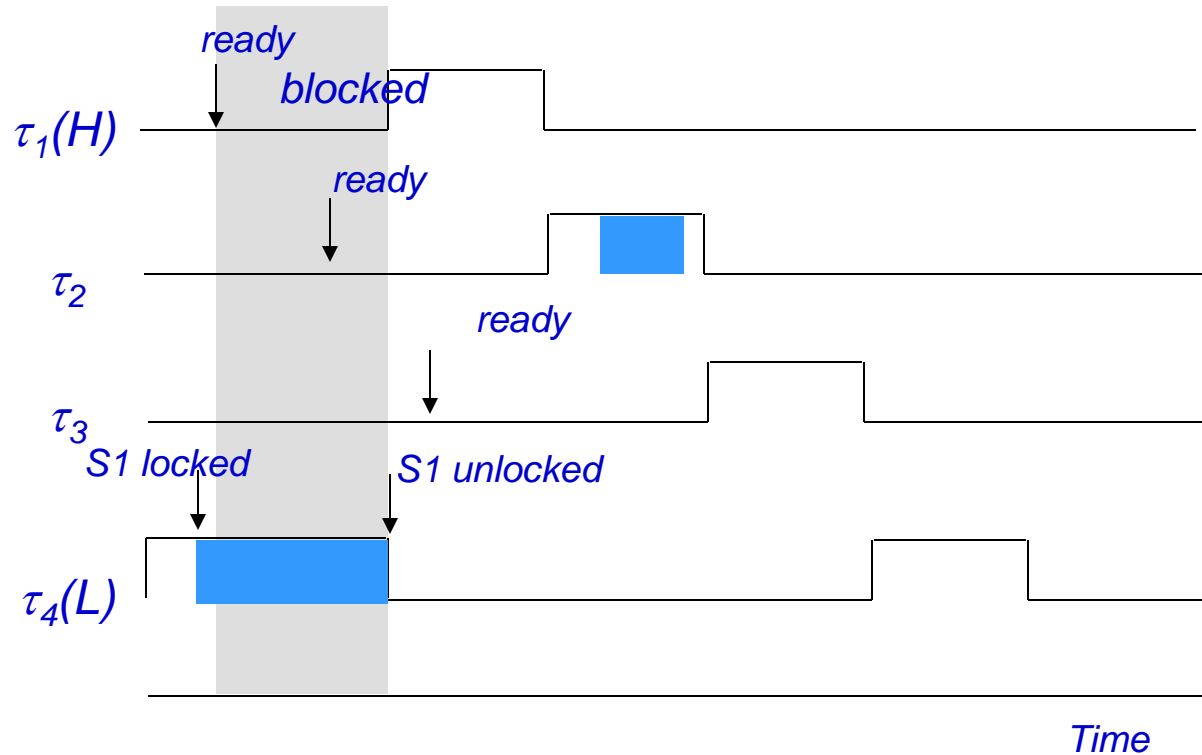
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Nonpreemption Protocol

$\tau_2: \{\dots P(S1) \dots V(S1) \dots\}$

$\tau_4: \{\dots P(S1) \dots V(S1) \dots\}$



Advantages and Disadvantages

□ Advantages:

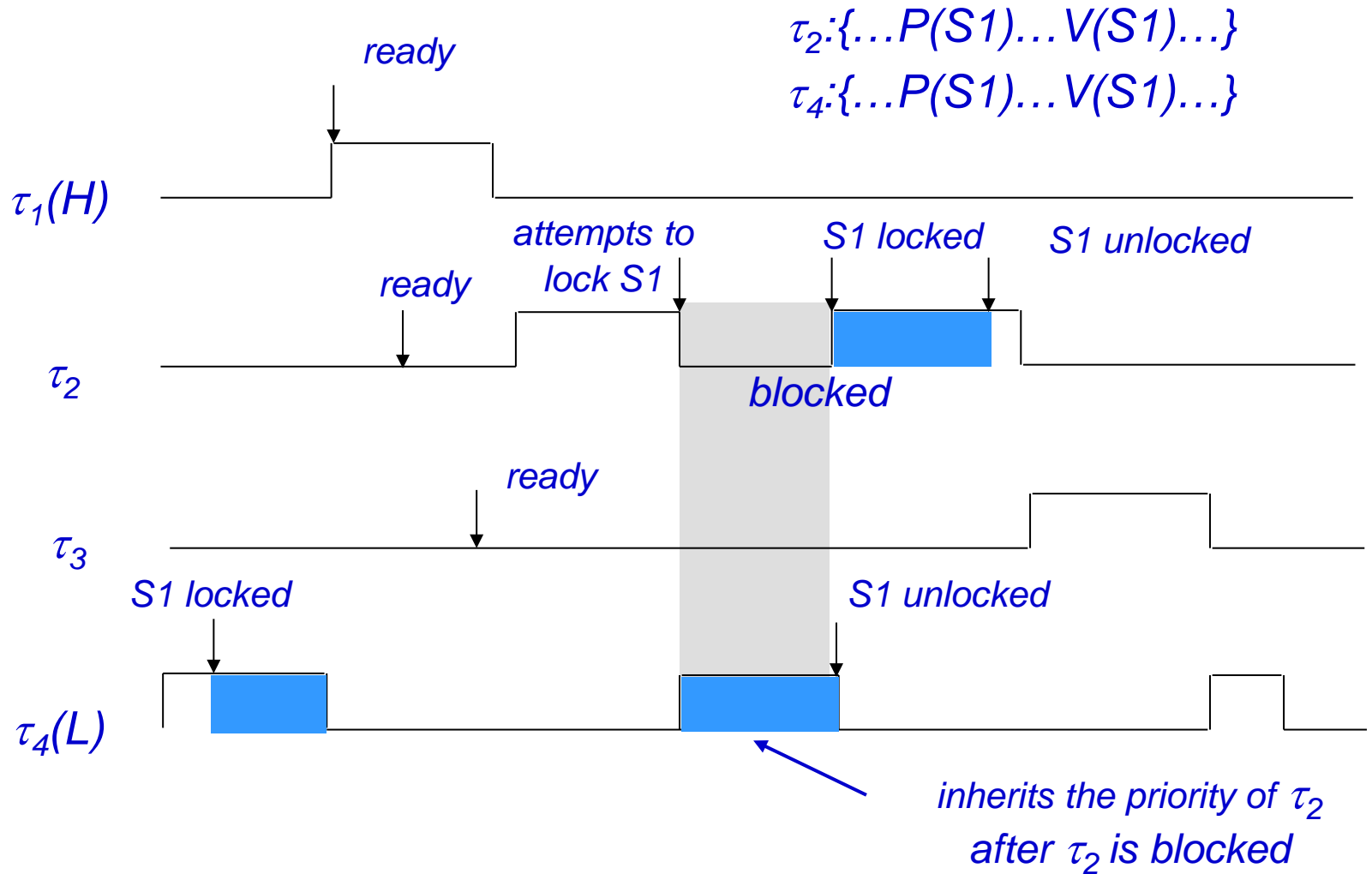
- ❖ Simplicity
- ❖ Use with fixed-priority and dynamic-priority systems
- ❖ No priori knowledge about resource requirement by each task
- ❖ Good when all critical sections are short

□ Disadvantages:

- ❖ Every task can be blocked by every lower priority task, even when there is no resource sharing between the tasks.
- ❖ Blocking time: $\max(cs_i)$



Basic Inheritance Protocol (BIP)



Some Notations

- J_i is the i -th job in Task T .
- π_i = Assigned priority of Job J_i
- $\pi_i(t)$ = current priority of J_i
- If the decision to change the priority of Job J_i is made at $t = t_1$ then
 - ❖ $\pi_i(t_1^-)$ = priority at and immediately before,
 - ❖ $\pi_i(t_1^+)$ = priority immediately after the priority change

- Ω = nonexistent priority, lower than the lowest priority



Terminology and Assumptions

- ❑ *At time t_1 , job J_i requests resource R_k .*
- ❑ *$R_k \rightarrow J_i$: Resource R_k is held by Job J_i*
- ❑ *$J_i \rightarrow R_k$: Job J_i is blocked waiting for resource R_k to be released ($J_i \rightarrow R_k \rightarrow J_i$)*
- ❑ **Scheduling Rules:**
 - ❖ Ready Jobs scheduled on processors preemptively in a priority driven manner according to their current priorities, $\pi_i(t)$.
 - ❖ At job release time the priority is equal to its assigned priority
 - if J_i is release at $t = t'$, then $\pi_i(t') = \pi_i$
- ❑ **Resource allocation:**
 - ❖ If a resource is free then it is allocated when requested
 - ❖ if not free then the request is denied and the requesting job is blocked



Priority Inheritance Rules

- **Scheduling Rule:** same as the assumptions
- **Allocation Rule:** same as the assumptions
- **Priority-Inheritance Rule:**
 - ❖ if $J_i \rightarrow R_k \rightarrow J_l$ and $\pi_l(t_1^-)$ = priority of J_l at $t = t_1$
 - ❖ then $\pi_l(t_1^+) = \pi_i(t_1)$
 - ❖ until J_l releases R_k at t_2 when $\pi_l(t_2^+) = \pi_l(t_1^-)$

- L. Sha, R. Rajkumar, J. Lehoczky, “Priority Inheritance Protocols: An Approach to Real-Time Synchronization”, *IEEE Transactions on Computers*, Vol. 39, No. 9, pp. 1175-1185, 1990



Properties of Priority Inheritance

- ❑ For each resource (semaphore), a list of blocked tasks must be stored in a priority queue.
- ❑ A task (job) τ_i uses its assigned priority, and uses (**inherits**) the highest dynamic priority of all the tasks it blocks when it is in its critical section and blocks some higher priority tasks.
- ❑ Priority inheritance is *transitive*; that is, if task τ_i blocks τ_j and τ_j blocks τ_k , then τ_i can inherit the priority of τ_k .
- ❑ When task τ_i releases a resource, which priority it should use?
- ❑ Chained blocking if requesting multiple resources (nested mutex requests)
- ❑ Direct blocking and indirect (inheritance) blocking (when the lower priority task inherits the higher priority task's priority).



Supplementary Slides

