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Sequential Consistency vs. Linearizability

Please explain the differences between Sequential Consistency and Linearizability.

Linearizability

Definitions

For the following history of a shared register with the operations write(x)/void and read()/x answer the questions below.

B: r.write(1)

A: r.read()

C: r.write(2)

A: r:1

B: r:void

C: r:void

B: r.read()

B: r:1

A: q.write(3)

C: r.read()

A: q:void

- What is H|B?
- What is H|r?
- \bullet Turn H into a complete subhistory H'.
- Is H' sequential?
- Is H' well-formed?
- Is H' linearizable? If yes, prove it!
- ullet If the first two events are swapped, is the resulting history equivalent to H?

Overlap

In the following history, do the marked method executions overlap?

A: q.enq(x)

B: q.enq(y)

B: q:void

B: q.deq()

A: q:void

A: q.deq()

B: q:x

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Linearizability, FIFO I

Is the following history of a FIFO queue with the operations $enq(x)/void\ deq()/x$ linearizable? If yes, prove it! Is it sequentially consistent?

A: r.enq(x)

A: r:void

B: r.enq(y)

A: r.deq()

B: r:void

A: r:y

Linearizability, FIFO II

Is the following history of a fifo queue with the operations enq(x)/void deq()/x linearizable? If yes, prove it!

A: q.enq(x)

B: q.enq(y)

A: q:void

B: q:void

A: q.deq()

C: q.deq()

A: q:y

C: q:y