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```
1. public void transferFunds (Account from, Account to, int amount) {  
2.     synchronized (from) {  
3.         synchronized (to) {  
4.             from.subtractFromBalance (amount) ;  
5.             to.addToBalance (amount) ;  
6.         }  
7.     }  
8. }
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```
1. public void transferFunds(Account from, Account to, int amount) {
2.     while (true) {
3.         // assume that trylock() does not throw an exception
4.         boolean fromFlag = from.lock.trylock();
5.         if (!fromFlag) continue;
6.         boolean toFlag = to.lock.trylock();
7.         if (!toFlag) { from.lock.unlock(); continue; }
8.         try { from.subtractFromBalance(amount);
9.             to.addToBalance(amount); break; }
10.        finally { from.lock.unlock(); to.lock.unlock(); }
11.    } // while
12. }
```

