Deadlocks

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Deadlock Overview

- The Deadlock Problem
- System Model
- Deadlock Characterization
- Methods for Handling Deadlocks
- Deadlock Prevention
- Deadlock Avoidance
- Deadlock Detection
- Recovery from Deadlock

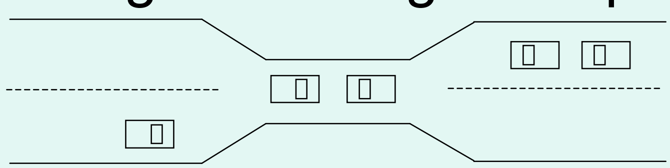
Objectives
- To develop a description of deadlocks (prevent sets of concurrent processes from completing their tasks)
- To present a number of different methods for preventing or avoiding deadlocks in a computer system.

The Deadlock Problem

- A set of <u>blocked processes</u> each <u>holding a resource and waiting</u> to acquire a resource held by another process in the set.
- <u>Example</u>
  - System has 2 tape drives.
  - P_1 and P_2 each hold one tape drive and each needs another one.
- <u>Example</u>
  - semaphores *A* and *B*, initialized to 1

P_0	P_1
wait (A);	*wait(B)*
wait (B);	*wait(A)*

Bridge Crossing Example



- Traffic only in one direction.
- Each <u>section of a bridge</u> can be viewed as a <u>resource</u>.
- If a deadlock occurs, it can be resolved if one car backs up (preempt resources and rollback).
- Several cars may have to be backed up if a deadlock occurs.
- Starvation is possible.

System Model

- Resource types R_1, R_2, . . ., R_m

  CPU cycles, memory space, I/O devices
- Each resource type R_i has W_i instances.
- Each process utilizes a resource as follows:
  - request
  - use
  - release

Deadlock Characterization

Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously.

1. **Mutual exclusion:** only one process at a time can use a resource.
2. **Hold and wait:** a process holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other processes.
3. **No preemption:** a resource can be released only voluntarily by the process holding it, after that process has completed its task.
4. **Circular wait:** there exists a set {P_0, P_1, …, P_0} of waiting processes such that P_0 is waiting for a resource that is held by P_1, P_1 is waiting for a resource that is held by P_2, …, P_{n-1} is waiting for a resource that is held by P_n, and P_n is waiting for a resource that is held by P_0.

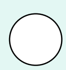
Resource-Allocation Graph

A set of vertices *V* and a set of edges *E*.

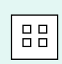
- V is partitioned into two types:
  - $P = \{P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n\}$, the set consisting of all the processes in the system.
  - $R = \{R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system.
- request edge – directed edge $P_1 \rightarrow R_j$
- assignment edge – directed edge $R_j \rightarrow P_i$

Resource-Allocation Graph (Cont.)

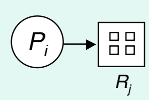
- Process



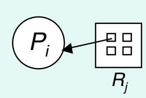
- Resource Type with 4 instances



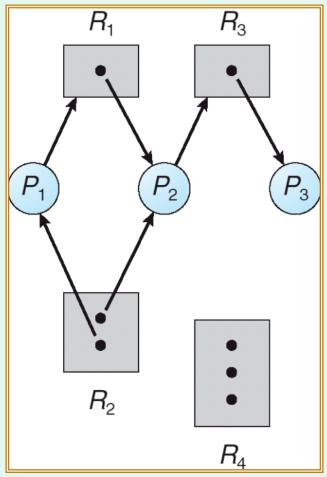
- P_i requests instance of R_j



- P_i is holding an instance of R_j

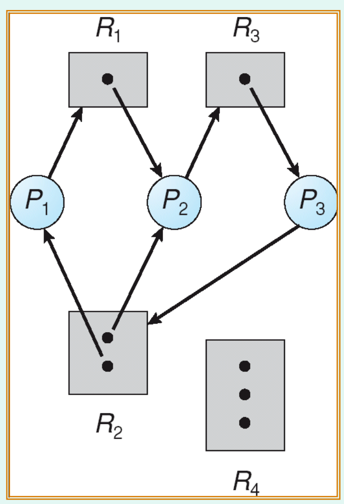


Resource Allocation Graph 1



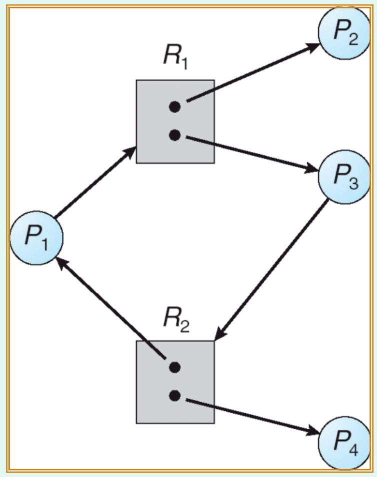
Is there a deadlock in this graph?

Resource Allocation Graph 2



Is there a deadlock in this graph?

Resource Allocation Graph 3



Is there a deadlock in this graph?

Basic Facts

- If graph contains no cycles ⇒ no deadlock.
- If graph contains a cycle ⇒
  - if only one instance per resource type, then deadlock.
  - if several instances per resource type, possibility of deadlock.

Methods for Handling Deadlocks

1. Ensure that the system will *never* enter a deadlock state.
2. Allow the system to enter a deadlock state and then recover.
3. Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system; used by most operating systems, including UNIX and Windows.

Deadlock Prevention

Restrain the ways request can be made.

- **Mutual Exclusion** – not required for sharable resources; must hold for nonsharable resources.
  Hold and Wait – must guarantee that whenever a process requests a resource, it does not hold any other resources.
  - Require process to *request and be allocated all its resources* before it begins execution, or allow process to request resources only when the process has none.
  - Low resource utilization; starvation possible.

Deadlock Prevention (Cont.)

- **No Preemption** –
  - If a process that is holding some resources requests another resource that cannot be immediately allocated to it, then all resources currently being held are released.
  - Preempted resources are added to the list of resources for which the process is waiting.
  - Process will be restarted only when it can regain its old resources, as well as the new ones that it is requesting.
- **Circular Wait** – impose a total ordering of all resource types, and require that each process requests resources in an increasing order of enumeration.

Deadlock Avoidance

Some additional information must be available:

- Simplest and most useful model requires that each process declare the *maximum number* of resources of each type that it may need.
- The deadlock-avoidance algorithm dynamically examines the resource-allocation state to ensure that there can never be a circular-wait condition.
- Resource-allocation *state* is defined by the number of available and allocated resources, and the maximum demands of the processes.

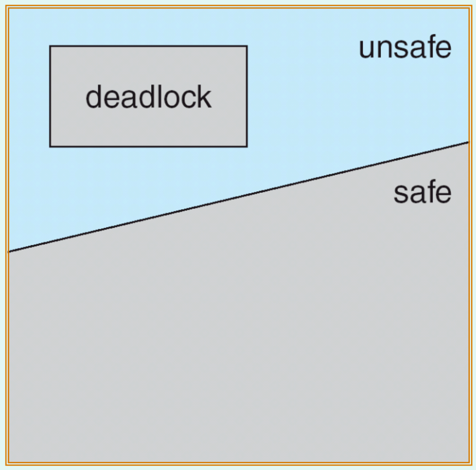
Safe State

- When a process requests an available resource, system must decide if immediate allocation leaves the system in a safe state.
- System is in <u>safe state</u> if there *exists a safe sequence of all processes*.
- Sequence <P_1, P_2, …, P_n> is safe if for each P_i, the resources that P_i can still request can be satisfied by currently available resources + resources held by all the P_j, with $j<i$.
  - If P_i resource needs are not immediately available, then P_i can wait until all P_j have finished.
  - When P_j is finished, P_i can obtain needed resources, execute, return allocated resources, and terminate.
  - When P_i terminates, P_{i+1} can obtain its needed resources, and so on.

Basic Facts

- If a system is in safe state ⇒ no deadlocks.
- If a system is in unsafe state ⇒ possibility of deadlock.
- Avoidance ⇒ ensure that a system will never enter an unsafe state.

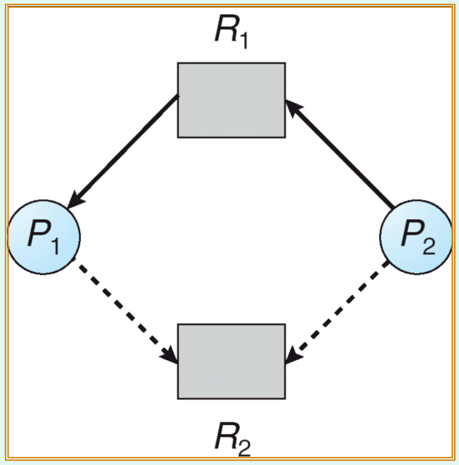
Safe, Unsafe , Deadlock State



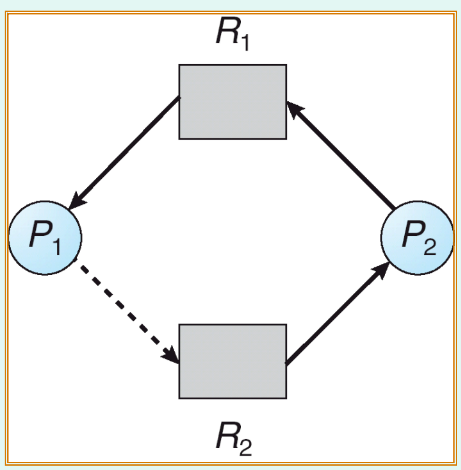
Resource-Allocation Graph Algorithm

- *<u>Claim</u> edge* $P_i \rightarrow R_j$ indicated that process P_i may request resource R_j; represented by a dashed line.
- Claim edge converts to request edge when a process requests a resource.
- When a resource is released by a process, assignment edge reconverts to a claim edge.

Resource-Allocation Graph For Deadlock Avoidance



Unsafe State In Resource-Allocation Graph



Banker's Algorithm

- Multiple instances.
- Each process must claim maximum use before executing.
- When a process requests a resource it may have to wait.
- When a process gets all its resources it must return them in a finite amount of time.

Data Structures for the Banker's Algorithm

Let ***n*** = number of processes, and ***m*** = number of resources types.

- *Available:* Vector of length m. If available [j] = k, there are k instances of resource type R_j available.
- *Max:* n x m matrix. If *Max* [i,j] = k, then process P_i may request at most k instances of resource type R_j.
- *Allocation:* n x m matrix. If Allocation[i,j] = k then P_i is currently allocated k instances of R_j.
- *Need:* n x m matrix. If *Need*[i,j] = k, then P_i may need k more instances of R_j to complete its task.

$$Need\ [i,j] = Max[i,j] – Allocation\ [i,j].$$

Safety Algorithm

1. Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length *m* and *n*, respectively. Initialize:

   Work = Available

   Finish [*i*] = *false* for *i* - 1,3, …, *n.*
2. Find an *i* such that both:

   (a) *Finish* [*i*] = *false*

   (b) $Need_i \le Work$

   If no such *i* exists, go to step 4.
3. $Work = Work + Allocation_i$
   Finish[*i*] = *true*
   go to step 2.
4. If *Finish* [*i*] == true for all *i*, then the system is in a safe state.

Resource-Request Algorithm for Process P_i

Request = request vector for process P_i. If $Request_i$ [*j*] = *k* then process P_i wants *k* instances of resource type R_j.

1. If $Request_i \le Need_i$ go to step 2. Otherwise, raise error condition, since process has exceeded its maximum claim.
2. If $Request_i \le Available$, go to step 3. Otherwise P_i must wait, since resources are not available.
3. Pretend to allocate requested resources to P_i by modifying the state as follows:

   $Available = Available - Request_i$;

   $Allocation_i = Allocation_i + Request_i$;

   $Need_i = Need_i - Request_i$;

- *If safe ⇒ the resources are allocated to* P_i.

  Use previous "safe algorithm"
- *If unsafe ⇒ Pi must wait, and the old resource-allocation state is restored*

Example of Banker's Algorithm

- 5 processes P_0 through P_4
- 3 resource types *A* (10 instances), *B* (5 instances), and *C* (7 instances).
- Snapshot at time T_0:

	Allocation	*Max*	*Available*
	A B C	*A B C*	*A B C*
P_0	0 1 0	7 5 3	3 3 2
P_1	2 0 0	3 2 2	
P_2	3 0 2	9 0 2	
P_3	2 1 1	2 2 2	
P_4	0 0 2	4 3 3	

Example (Cont.)

- The content of the matrix.
  Need = Max – Allocation

	Need
	A B C
P_0	7 4 3
P_1	1 2 2
P_2	6 0 0
P_3	0 1 1
P_4	4 3 1

- The system is in a safe state since the sequence < P_1, P_3, P_4, P_2, P_0> satisfies safety criteria.

Example P_1 Request (1,0,2) (Cont.)

- Check that Request ≤ Available (that is, (1,0,2) ≤ (3,3,2) ⇒ true.

	Allocation	*Need*	*Available*
	A B C	*A B C*	*A B C*
P_0	0 1 0	7 4 3	2 3 0
P_1	3 0 2	0 2 0	
P_2	3 0 1	6 0 0	
P_3	2 1 1	0 1 1	
P_4	0 0 2	4 3 1	

Pretending This Request Has Been Fulfilled

- Executing safety algorithm shows that sequence <P1, P3, P4, P0, P2> satisfies safety requirement.
- Can request for (3,3,0) by P4 be granted?
- Can request for (0,2,0) by P0 be granted?

Practice Question

	Allocation	*Max*	*Available*
	A B C D	*A B C D*	*A B C D*
P_0	0 0 1 2	0 0 1 2	1 5 2 0
P_1	1 0 0 0	1 7 5 0	
P_2	1 3 5 4	2 3 5 6	
P_3	0 6 3 2	0 6 5 2	
P_4	0 0 1 4	0 6 5 6	

Answer the following questions using the banker's algorithm:

a. What is the content of the matrix *Need*?

b. Is the system in a safe state?

c. If a request from process *P*1 arrives for (0,4,2,0), can the request be granted immediately?

Practice Question

	Allocation	Max	Available
	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D
P_0	0 0 1 2	0 0 1 2	1 5 2 0
P_1	1 0 0 0	1 7 5 0	
P_2	1 3 5 4	2 3 5 6	
P_3	0 6 3 2	0 6 5 2	
P_4	0 0 1 4	0 6 5 6	

a. What is the content of the matrix *Need*? The values of *Need* for processes *P*0 through *P*4 respectively are (0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 7, 5, 0), (1,0, 0, 2), (0, 0, 2, 0), and (0, 6, 4, 2).

b. Is the system in a safe state? Yes. With *Available* being equal to (1,5, 2, 0), either process *P*0 or *P*3 could run. Once process *P*3 runs, it releases its resources which allow all other existing processes to run.

c. If a request from process *P*1 arrives for (0,4,2,0), can the request be granted immediately? Yes it can. This results in the value of *Available* being (1, 1, 0, 0).One ordering of processes that can finish is *P*0, *P*2, *P*3, *P*1, and *P*4.

Deadlock Detection

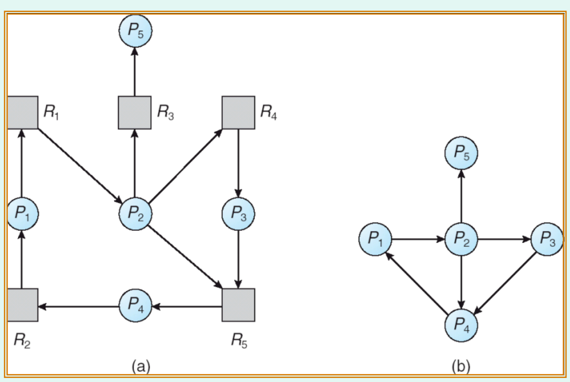
- Allow system to enter deadlock state
- Detection algorithm
- Recovery scheme

Overhead: algorithm and recovery

Single Instance of Each Resource Type

- Maintain wait-for graph
  - Nodes are processes.
  - $P_i \rightarrow P_j$ if P_i is waiting for P_j.
- Periodically invoke an algorithm that searches for a cycle in the graph.
- An algorithm to detect a cycle in a graph requires an order of n^2 operations, where n is the number of vertices in the graph.

Resource-Allocation Graph and Wait-for Graph



Resource-Allocation Graph Corresponding wait-for graph

Several Instances of a Resource Type

- *Available:* A vector of length *m* indicates the number of available resources of each type.
- *Allocation:* An *n* x *m* matrix defines the number of resources of each type currently allocated to each process.
- *Request:* An *n* x *m* matrix indicates the current request of each process. If *Request* $[i_j] = k$, then process P_i is requesting *k* more instances of resource type. R_j.

Detection Algorithm

1. Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length *m* and *n*, respectively Initialize:
   (a) *Work* = *Available*
   (b)For *i* = 1,2, …, *n*, if $Allocation_i \neq 0$, then *Finish*[i] = false;otherwise, *Finish*[i] = *true*.
2. Find an index *i* such that both:
   (a)*Finish*[*i*] == *false*
   (b)$Request_i \leq Work$

   If no such *i* exists, go to step 4.

Detection Algorithm (Cont.)

3. *Work* = *Work* + $Allocation_i$
   Finish[*i*] = *true*
   go to step 2.

4. If *Finish*[*i*] == false, for some *i*, $1 \le i \le n$, then the system is in deadlock state. Moreover, if *Finish*[*i*] == *false*, then P_i is deadlocked.

Algorithm requires an order of O(m x n^2) operations to detect whether the system is in deadlocked state.

Example of Detection Algorithm

- Five processes P_0 through P_4; three resource types A (7 instances), *B* (2 instances), and *C* (6 instances).
- Snapshot at time T_0:

	Allocation	*Request*	*Available*
	A B C	*A B C*	*A B C*
P_0	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
P_1	2 0 0	2 0 2	
P_2	3 0 3	0 0 0	
P_3	2 1 1	1 0 0	
P_4	0 0 2	0 0 2	

- Sequence <P_0, P_2, P_3, P_1, P_4> will result in *Finish*[*i*] = true for all *i*.

Example (Cont.)

- P_2 requests an additional instance of type C.

	Request A B C
P_0	0 0 0
P_1	2 0 1
P_2	0 0 1
P_3	1 0 0
P_4	0 0 2

- State of system?
  - Can reclaim resources held by process P_0, but insufficient resources to fulfill other processes; requests.
  - Deadlock exists, consisting of processes P_1, P_2, P_3, and P_4.

Detection-Algorithm Usage

- When, and how often, to invoke depends on:
  - How often a deadlock is likely to occur?
  - How many processes will need to be rolled back?
    - one for each disjoint cycle
- If detection algorithm is <u>invoked arbitrarily</u>, there may be many cycles in the resource graph and so we would not be able to tell which of the many deadlocked processes "caused" the deadlock.

Recovery from Deadlock: Process Termination

- Terminate a process:
  - Abort all deadlocked processes.
  - Abort one process at a time until the deadlock cycle is eliminated. (overhead)
- In which order should we choose to abort?
  - Priority of the process.
  - How long process has computed, and how much longer to completion.
  - Resources the process has used.
  - Resources process needs to complete.
  - How many processes will need to be terminated.
  - Is process interactive or batch?

Recovery from Deadlock: Resource Preemption

- Selecting a victim – minimize cost.
- Rollback – return to some safe state, restart process for that state.
- Starvation – same process may always be picked as victim, include number of rollback in cost factor.