

Chap. 8) Deadlocks

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Deadlock Problems

Deadlock

✓ two or more processes are waiting indefinitely for an event that can be caused by only one of the waiting processes

Let S and Q be two semaphores initialized to 1

```
P_0 P_1 wait(S); wait(Q); wait(Q); if P_1 wait(Q); signal(S); signal(Q); signal(S);
```



Deadlock Characterization

Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously

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



Handling Deadlocks

Deadlock prevention

- ✓ Restrain how requests are made
- ✓ Ensure that at least one necessary condition cannot hold.

Deadlock avoidance

- ✓ Require additional information about how resources are to be requested.
- ✓ Decide to approve or disapprove requests on the fly

Deadlock detection and recovery

✓ Allow the system to enter a deadlock state and then recover

Deadlock ignorance

- ✓ Just ignore the problem altogether!
- ✓ The Ostrich algorithm



Revisited: Dining Philosopher

A simple solution

```
Semaphore chopstick[N]; // initialized to 1
void philosopher (int i)
  while (1) {
     think ();
     wait (chopstick[i]);
     wait (chopstick[(i+1) % N];
     eat ();
     signal (chopstick[i]);
     signal (chopstick[(i+1) % N];
```

⇒ Problem: causes deadlock



Revisited: Dining Philosopher

Deadlock-free version: starvation?

```
#define N
#define L(i) ((i+N-1)\%N)
#define R(i) ((i+1)\%N)
void philosopher (int i) {
 while (1) {
  think ();
  pickup (i);
  eat();
  putdown (i);
void test (int i) {
 if (state[i] = = HUNGRY &&
    state[L(i)]!=EATING &&
    state[R(i)]!=EATING) {
   state[i] = EATING;
   signal (s[i]);
```

```
Semaphore mutex = 1;
Semaphore s[N];
int state[N];
void pickup (int i) {
 wait (mutex);
 state[i] = HUNGRY;
 test (i);
 signal (mutex);
 wait (s[i]);
void putdown (int i) {
 wait (mutex);
 state[i] = THINKING;
 test (L(i));
 test (R(i));
 signal (mutex);
```

