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Operating Systems

Deadlock

Deadlocks

- 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, which 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 blocked processes each holding a resource and waiting to acquire a resource held by another process in the set

Example

System has 2 disk drives

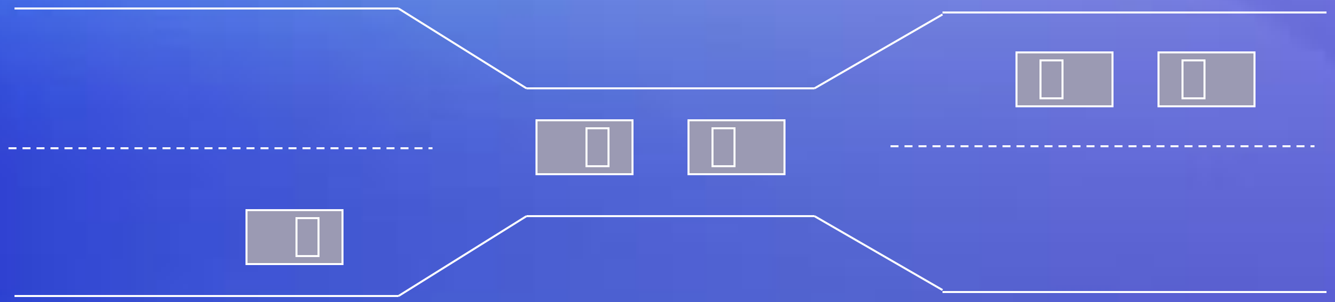
P_1 and P_2 each hold one disk drive and each needs another one

Example

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 section of a bridge can be viewed as a resource
- 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
- Note – Most OSes do not prevent or deal with deadlocks

System Model

Resource types $R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m$

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.

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 $\{P_0, P_1, \ldots, P_n\}$ 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*.

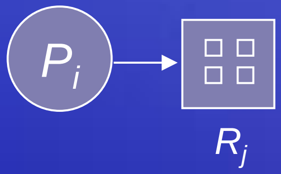
- V is partitioned into two types:
  - $P = \{P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n\}$, the set consisting of all the processes in the system
  - $R = \{R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system
- **request edge** – directed edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$
- **assignment edge** – directed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

Resource-Allocation Graph (Cont.)

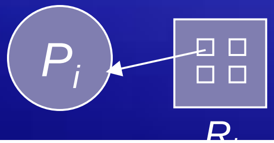
Process

Resource Type with 4 instances

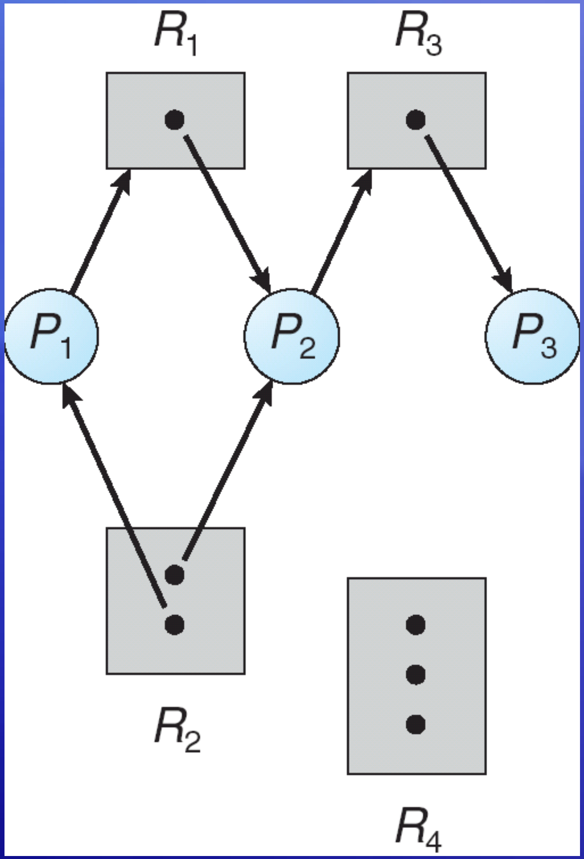
P_i requests instance of R_j



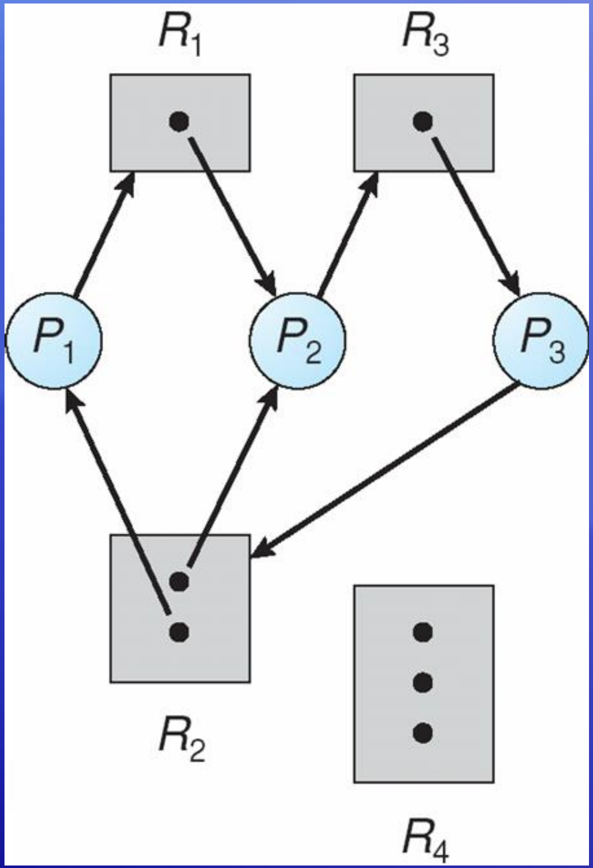
P_i is holding an instance of R_j



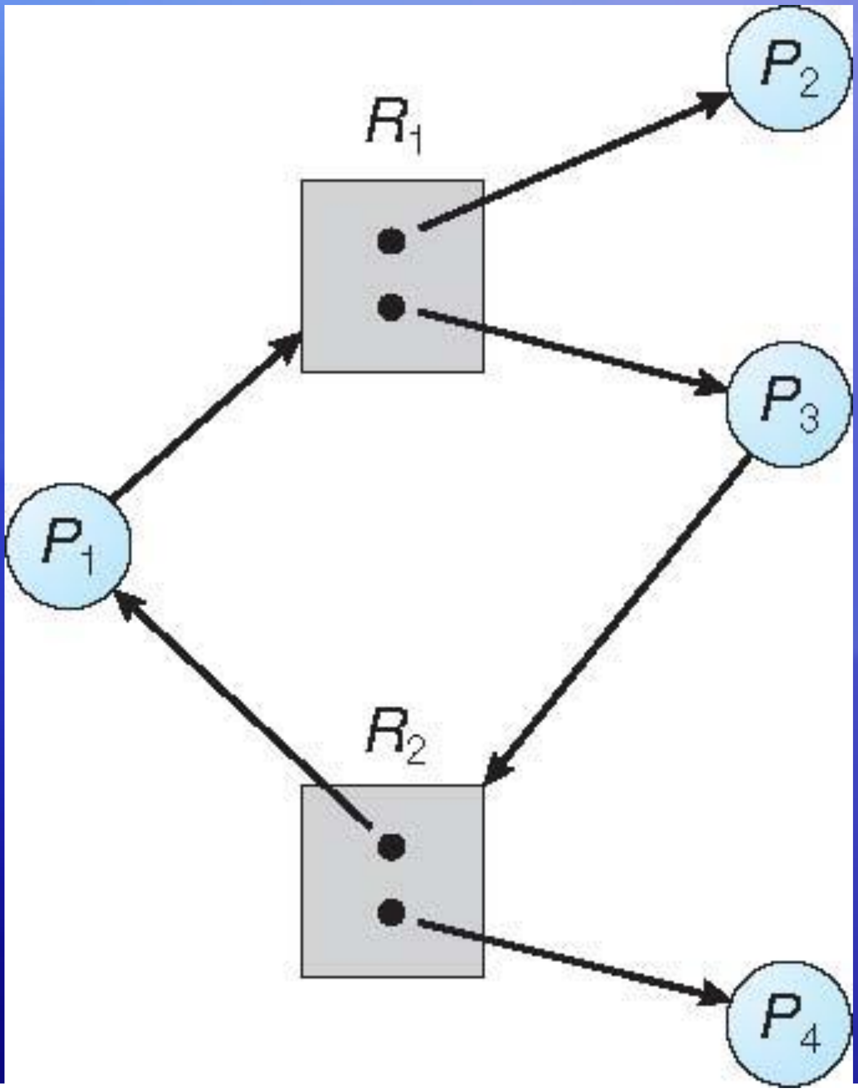
Example of a Resource Allocation Graph



Resource Allocation Graph With A Deadlock



Graph With A Cycle But No Deadlock



Basic Facts

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

Methods for Handling Deadlocks

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

Deadlock Prevention

Restrain the ways request can be made

- **Mutual Exclusion** – not required for sharable resources; must hold for non sharable 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

Requires that the system has some additional *a priori* information 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 **safe state** if there exists a sequence $<P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n>$ of ALL the processes in the systems such that 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 $j < I$
- That is:
  - 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

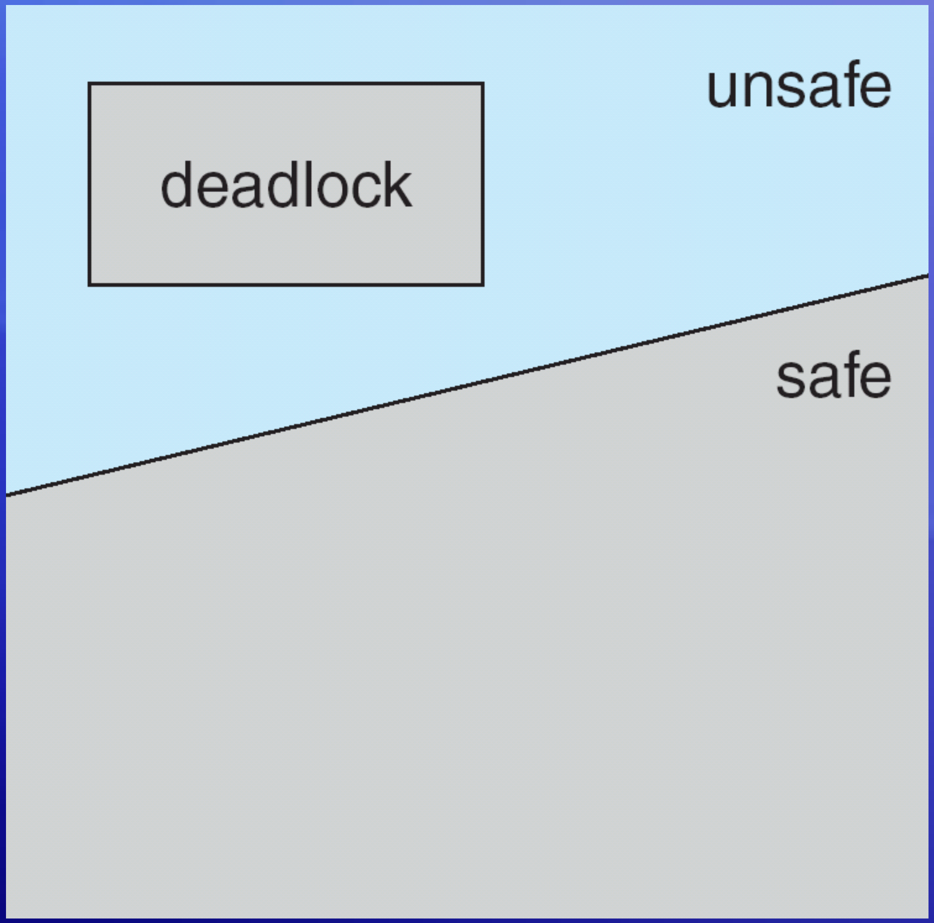
Basic Facts

If a system is in safe state $\Rightarrow$ no deadlocks

If a system is in unsafe state $\Rightarrow$ possibility of deadlock

Avoidance $\Rightarrow$ ensure that a system will never enter an unsafe state.

Safe, Unsafe, Deadlock State



Avoidance algorithms

Single instance of a resource type

- Use a resource-allocation graph

Multiple instances of a resource type

- Use the banker’s algorithm

Resource-Allocation Graph Scheme

Claim edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$ indicated that process P_j may request resource R_j; represented by a dashed line

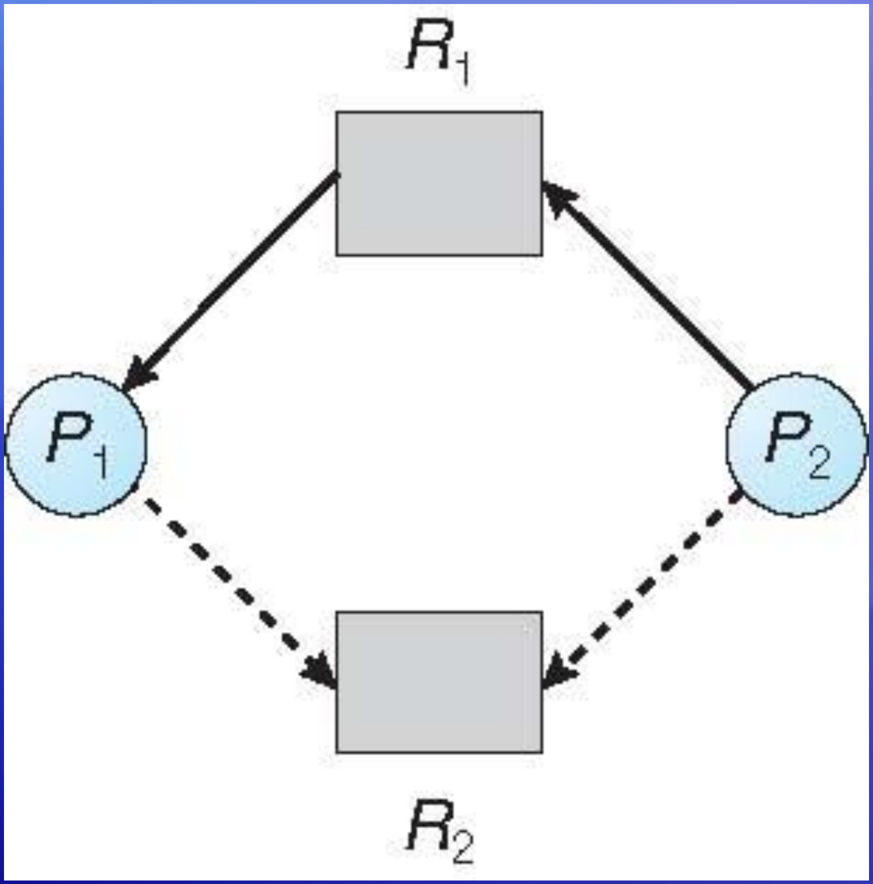
Claim edge converts to request edge when a process requests a resource

Request edge converted to an assignment edge when the resource is allocated to the process

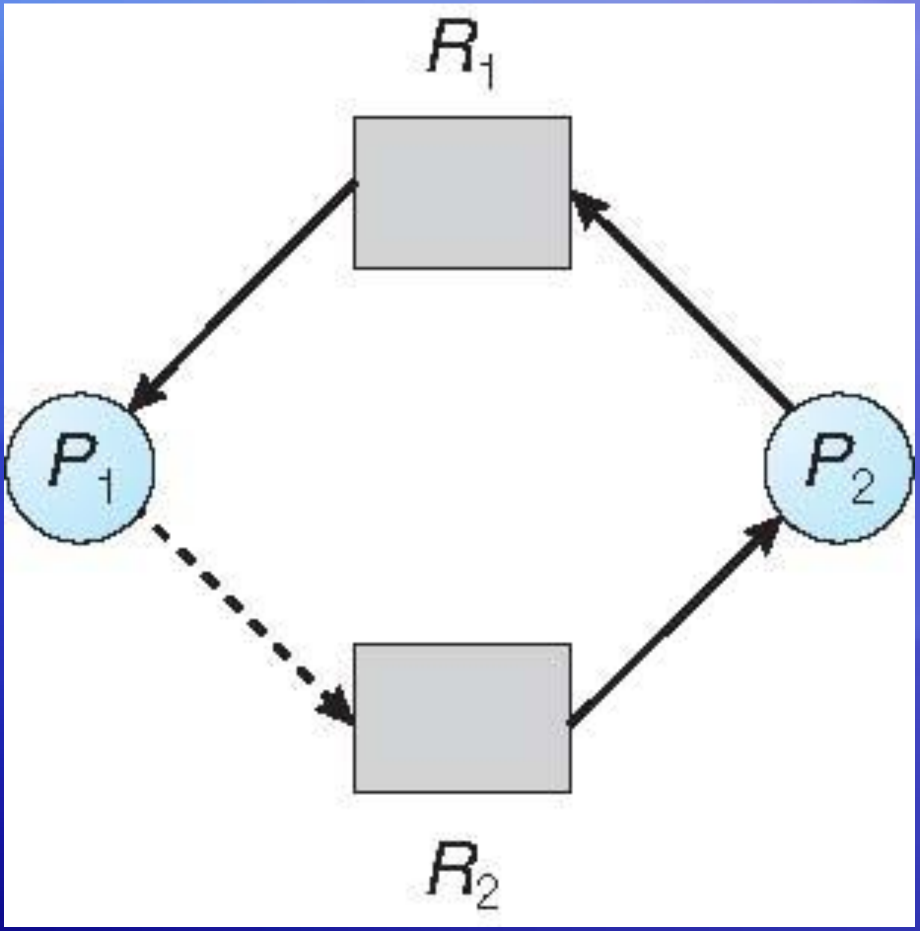
When a resource is released by a process, assignment edge reconverts to a claim edge

Resources must be claimed *a priori* in the system

Resource-Allocation Graph



Unsafe State In Resource-Allocation Graph



Resource-Allocation Graph Algorithm

Suppose that process P_i requests a resource R_j

The request can be granted only if converting the request edge to an assignment edge does not result in the formation of a cycle in the resource allocation graph

Banker's Algorithm

Multiple instances

Each process must a priori claim maximum use

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**: $n \times m$ matrix. If *Max* $[i,j] = k$, then process P_i may request at most k instances of resource type R_j
- **Allocation**: $n \times m$ matrix. If Allocation$[i,j] = k$ then P_i is currently allocated k instances of R_j
- **Need**: $n \times m$ 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* = 0, 1, …, *n*- 1

2. Find an *i* such that both:

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

   (b) $Need_i \leq Work$

   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 $Request_i \leq Need_i$ go to step 2. Otherwise, raise error condition, since process has exceeded its maximum claim
2. If $Request_i \leq Available$, 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:

$$Available = Available - Request;$$

$$Allocation_i = Allocation_i + Request_i;$$

$$Need_i = Need_i - Request_i;$$

- *If safe $\Rightarrow$ the resources are allocated to Pi*
- *If unsafe $\Rightarrow$ 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 (5instances), 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* is defined to be *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)

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 2	6 0 0	
P_3	2 1 1	0 1 1	
P_4	0 0 2	4 3 1	

Executing safety algorithm shows that sequence < P_1, P_3, P_4, P_0, P_2> satisfies safety requirement

Can request for (3,3,0) by P_4 be granted?

Can request for (0,2,0) by P_0 be granted?

Deadlock Detection

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

Single Instance of Each Resource Type

Maintain *wait-for* graph

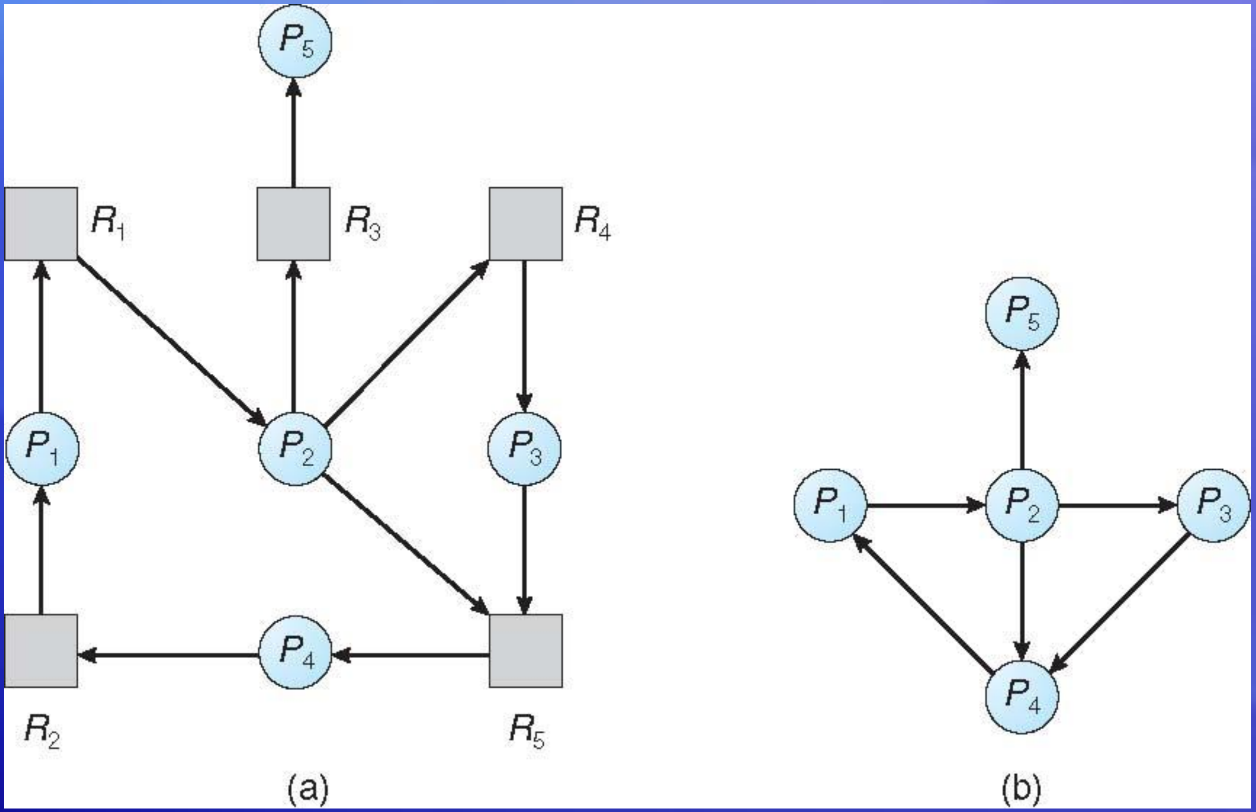
Nodes are processes

$P_i \rightarrow P_j$ if P_i is waiting for P_j

Periodically invoke an algorithm that searches for a cycle in the graph. If there is a cycle, there exists a deadlock

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 $i = 1,2, \ldots, n$, 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, $1 \leq i \leq n$, 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 2
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 invoked arbitrarily, 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

Abort all deadlocked processes

Abort one process at a time until the deadlock cycle is eliminated

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

Reference Book

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