



# Deadlock

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# Deadlock

- processes which share resources or communicate with each other become permanently blocked -> deadlock
- if processes request resources without releasing the resources they hold, deadlock may occur

# Potential Deadlock Example

## P1

```
req(D);  
lock(D);  
  req(T);  
  lock(T);  
    <.....>  
  unlock(T);  
unlock(D);
```

## P2

```
req(T);  
lock(T);  
  req(D);  
  lock(D);  
    <.....>  
  unlock(D);  
unlock(T);
```

**Deadlock potential !**

# Blocking Mode x Non-blocking Mode

if a resource is unavailable when requested:

- in blocking mode, process is blocked until resource becomes available
- in non-blocking mode, process receives an error message and tries later

## Potential Deadlock Example

**Example:** If *receive\_msg* works in blocking mode, then the following scenario has a deadlock potential.

**P1**

receive\_msg(P2);

...

send\_msg(P2);

...

**P2**

receive msg(P1);

...

send\_msg (P1);

...

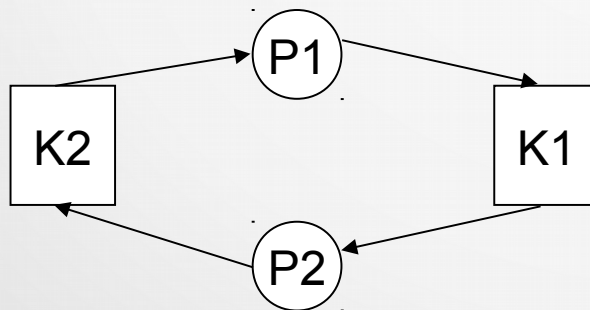


# Conditions for Deadlock

- mutual exclusion condition
  - only one process can use a shared resource at a time
- hold and wait condition
  - processes wait for a requested resource until it becomes available while holding onto its own resources
- no pre-emption condition
  - resources allocated to a process cannot be taken back without the process' consent
- circular wait condition
  - two or more processes wait for the other's resource while not releasing its own in a circular fashion

# Graph Representation

- a graph representation may be used
  - nodes in graph:
    - circle: process
    - square: resource
  - edges in graph:
    - process  $\rightarrow$  resource : process requests resource
    - resource  $\rightarrow$  process : resource allocated to process



Deadlock with circular wait.

# Deadlock Example with Graph Representation

## P1

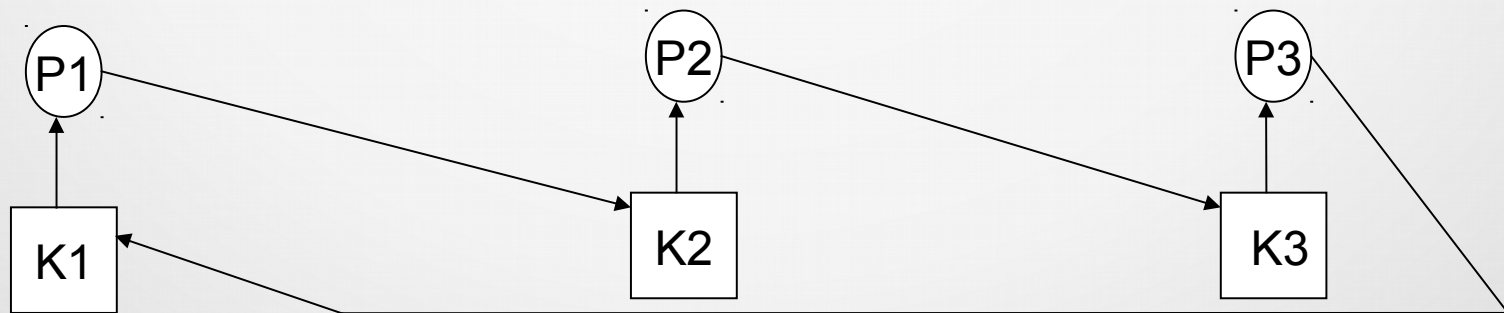
req(K1);  
lock(K1);  
req(K2);  
lock(K2);  
<.....>  
unlock(K2);  
unlock(K1);

## P2

req(K2);  
lock(K2);  
req(K3);  
lock(K3);  
<.....>  
unlock(K3);  
unlock(K2);

## P3

req(K3);  
lock(K3);  
req(K1);  
lock(K1);  
<.....>  
unlock(K1);  
unlock(K3);





# Strategies used for Dealing with Deadlock

- **prevention:** structure the system in such a way that one of the deadlock conditions is negated
- **detection and recovery:** let deadlocks occur, detect them and take action
- **avoidance:**
  - don't start processes whose requests may cause a deadlock
  - don't grant requests which may cause a deadlock
- **ignore**

# Deadlock Avoidance

- the Banker's algorithm
  - Dijkstra, 1965
  - Assumes a fixed number of processes and resources in the system
  - **system state**: current allocation of resources to processes
  - **state**: consists of *resource* and *free* vectors, *allocation* and *max\_request* matrices

# Banker's Algorithm - Definitions

- *resource*: shows all resources in system
- *free*: shows all free resources in system
- *allocation*: shows the amount of each type of resource allocated to each process
- *max\_request*: shows the maximum number of requests a process will make during its lifetime for each type of resource
- **safe state**: a state is **safe** if it is not deadlocked and there exists some scheduling order in which every process can run to completion even if all of them request their maximum no. of resources immediately.
- **unsafe state**: such a scheduling order cannot be found

# Banker's Algorithm

when a process requests a resource, the request is granted only if:

- (resources process already has) + (resources it requests)  $\leq$  (max\_request)
- if **after** granting this request, some scheduling order **still** exists in which every process can run to completion even if all of them request their **maximum** no. of resources **immediately**



# Banker's Algorithm – Example with One Type of Resource

## Example 1:

Total no. of resources = 12

Safe state ✓

1. give 2 resources to B
2. B releases 6 resources when it is completed
3. A and C can run to completion.

*Allocated=10 Free=2*

Proc.	Allocation	Max_Request	Remaining_Request
A	1	4	3
B	4	6	2
C	5	8	3



# Banker's Algorithm – Example with One Type of Resource

## Example 2:

Total no. of resources = 12

Unsafe state X

- potential deadlock

*Allocated=11      Free=1*

Process	Allocation	Max_Request	Remaining_Request
A	8	10	2
B	2	5	3
C	1	3	2

# Banker's Algorithm – Example with One Type of Resource

## Example 3:

Total no. of resources = 12

- system is in safe state of example 1.
- C requests one more resource

**Q: Is this request granted?**

- update the system state as if the request has been granted
- check if the new state is safe

Unsafe state X

- Request is NOT granted!

*Allocated=11*

*Free=1*

Process	Allocation	Max_ Request	Remaining_ Request
A	1	4	3
B	4	6	2
C	6	8	2

# Banker's Algorithm – Example with One Type of Resource

**Example 4:** Total no. of resources = 12

- system is in safe state of example 1.
- B requests one more resource

**Q: Is this request granted?**

# Banker's Algorithm – One Type of Resource

```
free = total_resources;
for i= 1 to no_of_processes do
begin
    free = free - allocated[i],
    may_not_finish[i] = TRUE;
    remaining_request[i] = max_request[i] - allocated[i];
end;
flag = TRUE;
while (flag) do
begin
    flag = FALSE;
    for i=1 to no_of_processes do
    begin
        if ((may_not_finish[i]) AND
            (remaining_request[i] LE free)) then
        begin
            may_not_finish[i] = FALSE;
            free = free + allocated[i];
            flag = TRUE;
        end;
    end;
end;
if (free EQ total_resources) then
    ----- SAFE STATE -----
else
    ----- UNSAFE STATE -----
```

# Banker's Algorithm – Multiple Type of Resources Example

Max\_Request Matrix

	K1	K2	K3
P1	3	2	2
P2	6	1	3
P3	3	1	4
P4	4	2	2

K1	K2	K3
9	3	6

Resource Vector

Allocated Matrix

	K1	K2	K3
P1	1	0	0
P2	6	1	2
P3	2	1	1
P4	0	0	2

K1	K2	K3
0	1	1

Free Vector

Remaining\_Request Matrix

	K1	K2	K3
P1	2	2	2
P2	0	0	1
P3	1	0	3
P4	4	2	0

if processes are executed in the order  
P2, P3, (P1 or P4) all may run to  
completion

⇒ SAFE STATE ✓



## Banker's Algorithm – Multiple Type of Resources Example

**Q:** When the system is in the safe state given in the previous slide, if P3 requests one more K3, will this request be granted?

**A:** Granting this request will cause an unsafe state, so it will NOT be granted.

# Application of the Banker's Algorithm

1. Are there any rows in the *remaining\_request* matrix  $\leq$  *free vector* ?  
if not: unsafe state
2. Assume that the process corresponding to the row chosen above, requests all the resources it needs and finishes.
3. Mark the process as completed and add all its resources to the *free vector*
4. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until either all processes are marked as “completed” (safe state) or until a deadlock occurs (unsafe state)

# Evaluation of the Banker's Algorithm

- to be able to apply the algorithm:
  - all processes must declare all their resource requests when they start execution
  - number of resources and processes must be fixed
  - order of process execution should not be important
  - any process holding a resource should not exit without releasing all its resources
- the algorithm grants or rejects requests based on the worst case scenario not all rejected requests would cause a deadlock → inefficient use of resources
- the algorithm is executed each time a request is made → high cost

# Deadlock Detection

- not as restrictive as avoidance strategies
- all requests are granted
- system is checked for deadlock periodically
  - if deadlock is detected:
    - terminate all deadlocked processes
    - or terminate processes one by one until deadlock is removed
    - or ...
- has lower cost since it is not executed on each request
- provides more efficient resource use
- period for checking for deadlock is set based on the frequency of deadlock on the system



# Deadlock Detection Application

- *Allocation* matrix and *Free* vector used.
- *Q Request* matrix defined.  $q_{ij}$  shows the amount of  $j$  type of resources process  $i$  requests
- algorithm determines processes which are not deadlocked and marks them
- initially all processes are unmarked



## Deadlock Detection Steps

- **Step 1:** Mark all processes which correspond to rows with all 0's in the *Allocation* matrix
- **Step 2:** Create a temporary *W* vector to represent the *Free* vector
- **Step 3:** Find an *i* for which all corresponding values in the *Q* matrix are LE those in the *W* vector (*P<sub>i</sub>* must be unmarked).

$$Q_{ik} \leq W_k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq m$$

## Deadlock Detection Steps

- **Step 4:** Terminate algorithm if no such row exists
- **Step 5:** If such a row exists, mark the  $i$ th process and add the corresponding row in the *Allocation* matrix to the  $W$  vector

$$W_k = W_k + A_{ik} , 1 \leq k \leq m$$

- **Step6:** Return to step 3.

# Deadlock Detection Application

- when algorithm terminates, if there are unmarked processes  $\Rightarrow$  Deadlock exists
  - unmarked processes are deadlocked
- algorithm only detects if a deadlock exists in the current state or not

# Deadlock Detection Example

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
P1	0	1	0	0	1
P2	0	0	1	0	1
P3	0	0	0	0	1
P4	1	0	1	0	1

Request Matrix Q

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
P1	1	0	1	1	0
P2	1	1	0	0	0
P3	0	0	0	1	0
P4	0	0	0	0	0

Allocation Matrix A

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
2	1	1	2	1

Resource Vector

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
0	0	0	0	1

Available Vector

1) Mark P4

2)  $W = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)$

3) P3's request  $\leq W \Rightarrow$  Mark P3

$$W = W + (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0) = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1)$$

4) No other such processes can be found  $\Rightarrow$  Terminate algorithm

**P1 and P2 remain unmarked  $\Rightarrow$  deadlocked!**

## After Deadlock Detection

- terminate all deadlocked processes
- roll-back all deadlocked processes to a previous control point in time and resume from there
  - same deadlock may occur again
- terminate deadlocked processes one by one until deadlock no longer exists
- remove allocated resources from deadlocked processes one by one until deadlock no longer exists
- ...



## Deadlocked Process Selection for Termination

- select the one which has used the least amount of CPU
- select the one which has the longest expected time to completion
- select the one which has the least no of allocated resources
- select the one with the lowest priority
- ...