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# Banker's Algorithm for Deadlock Avoidance

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# Banker's Algorithm

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**Aim:**

To implement Bankers Algorithm for deadlock avoidance using

- (a) Safety algorithm
- (b) resource request algorithm

**Objectives:**

To understand the concept of deadlock.

How to avoid deadlock by implementing safety algorithm.

# Data Structures for the Banker's Algorithm

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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

To determine whether system is in safe state

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

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*Work* := *Available*

*Finish* [*i*] = *false* for *i* = 1, 2, ..., *n*.

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*<sub>*i*</sub>

*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

$Request_i$  = request vector for process  $P_i$ .

If  $Request_i[j] = k$  then process  $P_i$  wants  $k$  instances of resource type  $R_j$ .

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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:  
 $Available := Available - Request_i;$   
 $Allocation_i := Allocation_i + Request_i;$   
 $Need_i := Need_i - Request_i;$

- Call safety algorithm
- If safe  $\Rightarrow$  the resources are allocated to  $P_i$ .
- If unsafe  $\Rightarrow P_i$  must wait, and the old resource-allocation state is restored

# Example of Banker's Algorithm

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5 processes  $P_0$  through  $P_4$ ; 3 resource types A (10 instances), B (5 instances), and C (7 instances).

Snapshot at time  $T$  :

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Available</u>
	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.)

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The content of the matrix. Need is defined to be Max – Allocation.

	<u>Need</u>
	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  $\langle P_1, P_3, P_4, P_0, P_2 \rangle$  or  $\langle P_1, P_3, P_4, P_2, P_0 \rangle$  satisfies safety criteria.



$m=3, n=5$  Step 1 of Safety Algo

Work = Available

Work = 

3	3	2
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0      1      2      3      4

Finish = 

false	false	false	false	false
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For  $i = 0$  Step 2

Need<sub>0</sub> = 7, 4, 3 ✗

Finish [0] is false and Need<sub>0</sub> > Work

So P<sub>0</sub> must wait But Need ≤ Work

For  $i = 1$  Step 2

Need<sub>1</sub> = 1, 2, 2 ✓

Finish [1] is false and Need<sub>1</sub> < Work

So P<sub>1</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3

Work = Work + Allocation<sub>1</sub>

Work = 

A	B	C
5	3	2

0      1      2      3      4

Finish = 

false	true	false	false	false
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For  $i = 2$  Step 2

Need<sub>2</sub> = 6, 0, 0 ✗

Finish [2] is false and Need<sub>2</sub> > Work

So P<sub>2</sub> must wait

For  $i = 3$  Step 2

Need<sub>3</sub> = 0, 1, 1 ✓

Finish [3] = false and Need<sub>3</sub> < Work

So P<sub>3</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3

Work = Work + Allocation<sub>3</sub>

Work = 

A	B	C
7	4	3

0      1      2      3      4

Finish = 

false	true	false	true	false
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For  $i = 4$  Step 2

Need<sub>4</sub> = 4, 3, 1 ✓

Finish [4] = false and Need<sub>4</sub> < Work

So P<sub>4</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3

Work = Work + Allocation<sub>4</sub>

Work = 

A	B	C
7	4	5

0      1      2      3      4

Finish = 

false	true	false	true	true
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For  $i = 0$  Step 2

Need<sub>0</sub> = 7, 4, 3 ✓

Finish [0] is false and Need < Work

So P<sub>0</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3

Work = Work + Allocation<sub>0</sub>

Work = 

A	B	C
7	5	5

0      1      2      3      4

Finish = 

true	true	false	true	true
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For  $i = 2$  Step 2

Need<sub>2</sub> = 6, 0, 0 ✓

Finish [2] is false and Need<sub>2</sub> < Work

So P<sub>2</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3

Work = Work + Allocation<sub>2</sub>

Work = 

A	B	C
10	5	7

0      1      2      3      4

Finish = 

true	true	true	true	true
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Finish [i] = true for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  Step 4

Hence the system is in Safe state

The safe sequence is P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>3</sub>, P<sub>4</sub>, P<sub>0</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>

# Example (Cont.).....

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At time  $T_1$ :

$P_1$  request (1,0,2)

# Resource-Request algorithm

$\begin{matrix} & A & B & C \\ \text{Request}_1 = & 1, & 0, & 2 \end{matrix}$

To decide whether the request is granted we use Resource Request algorithm

$\begin{matrix} & A & B & C \\ \text{Request}_1 < \text{Need}_1 & 1, 0, 2 & 1, 2, 2 \end{matrix}$

Step 1

$\begin{matrix} & A & B & C \\ \text{Request}_1 < \text{Available} & 1, 0, 2 & 3, 3, 2 \end{matrix}$

Step 2

Step 3

$\text{Available} = \text{Available} - \text{Request}_1$   
 $\text{Allocation}_1 = \text{Allocation}_1 + \text{Request}_1$   
 $\text{Need}_1 = \text{Need}_1 - \text{Request}_1$

Process	Allocation	Need	Available
	A B C	A B C	A B C
P <sub>0</sub>	0 1 0	7 4 3	2 3 0
P <sub>1</sub>	3 0 2	0 2 0	
P <sub>2</sub>	3 0 2	6 0 0	
P <sub>3</sub>	2 1 1	0 1 1	
P <sub>4</sub>	0 0 2	4 3 1	

$m=3, n=5$  Step 1 of Safety Algo  
 Work = Available  
 Work = 

2	3	0
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                   0      1      2      3      4  
 Finish = 

false	false	false	false	false
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For  $i=0$  Step 2  
 Need<sub>0</sub> = 7, 4, 3 ✗  
 Finish [0] is false and 7, 4, 3    2, 3, 0  
 So P<sub>0</sub> must wait But Need ≤ Work

For  $i=1$  Step 2  
 Need<sub>1</sub> = 0, 2, 0 ✓  
 Finish [1] is false and 0, 2, 0    2, 3, 0  
 So P<sub>1</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3  
 Work = Work + Allocation<sub>1</sub>  
 Work = 

A	B	C
5	3	2

  
                   0      1      2      3      4  
 Finish = 

false	true	false	false	false
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For  $i=2$  Step 2  
 Need<sub>2</sub> = 6, 0, 0 ✗  
 Finish [2] is false and 6, 0, 0    5, 3, 2  
 So P<sub>2</sub> must wait

For  $i=3$  Step 2  
 Need<sub>3</sub> = 0, 1, 1 ✓  
 Finish [3] is false and 0, 1, 1    5, 3, 2  
 So P<sub>3</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3  
 Work = Work + Allocation<sub>3</sub>  
 Work = 

A	B	C
7	4	3

  
                   0      1      2      3      4  
 Finish = 

false	true	false	true	false
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For  $i=4$  Step 2  
 Need<sub>4</sub> = 4, 3, 1 ✓  
 Finish [4] is false and 4, 3, 1    7, 4, 3  
 So P<sub>4</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3  
 Work = Work + Allocation<sub>4</sub>  
 Work = 

A	B	C
7	4	5

  
                   0      1      2      3      4  
 Finish = 

false	true	false	true	true
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For  $i=0$  Step 2  
 Need<sub>0</sub> = 7, 4, 3 ✓  
 Finish [0] is false and 7, 4, 3    7, 4, 5  
 So P<sub>0</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3  
 Work = Work + Allocation<sub>0</sub>  
 Work = 

A	B	C
7	5	5

  
                   0      1      2      3      4  
 Finish = 

true	true	false	true	true
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For  $i=2$  Step 2  
 Need<sub>2</sub> = 6, 0, 0 ✓  
 Finish [2] is false and 6, 0, 0    7, 5, 5  
 So P<sub>2</sub> must be kept in safe sequence

Step 3  
 Work = Work + Allocation<sub>2</sub>  
 Work = 

A	B	C
10	5	7

  
                   0      1      2      3      4  
 Finish = 

true	true	true	true	true
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Step 4  
 Finish [i] = true for  $0 \leq i \leq n$   
 Hence the system is in Safe state

The safe sequence is P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>3</sub>, P<sub>4</sub>, P<sub>0</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>

## Example (Cont.): $P_1$ request (1,0,2)

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Check that Request  $\leq$  Available (that is,  $(1,0,2) \leq (3,3,2) \Rightarrow \text{true}$ ).

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Available</u>
	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  $\langle P_1, P_3, P_4, P_0, P_2 \rangle$  satisfies safety requirement.

## Example (Cont.)

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At time  $T_2$ : Can request for (3,3,0) by  $P_4$  be granted?

At time  $T_3$ : Can request for (0,2,0) by  $P_0$  be granted?

# Steps for implementation

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1. Accept no of processes
2. Accept no of resource types
3. Accept available, max, allocation matrices
4. Determine need matrix
5. Invoke safety algorithm and display the safety sequence
6. If system is in safe state, accept resource request from user
7. Invoke resource-request algorithm
8. Display whether request can be granted and display safe sequence if any

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# output

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Following is the SAFE Sequence

P1 -> P3 -> P4 -> P0 -> P2