# Deadlocks

# System Model

- System consists of resources
- 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 $P_0$.

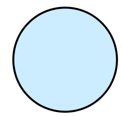
# Resource-Allocation Graph

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

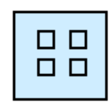
- V is partitioned into two types:
  - $P = \{P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n\}$, the set consisting of all the processes in the system
  - $R = \{R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system
- **request edge** – directed edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$
- **assignment edge** – directed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

# Resource-Allocation Graph (Cont.)

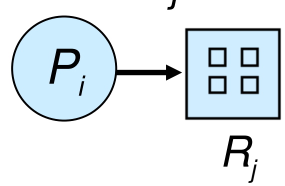
- Process



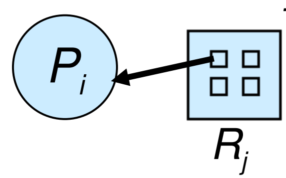
- Resource Type with 4 instances



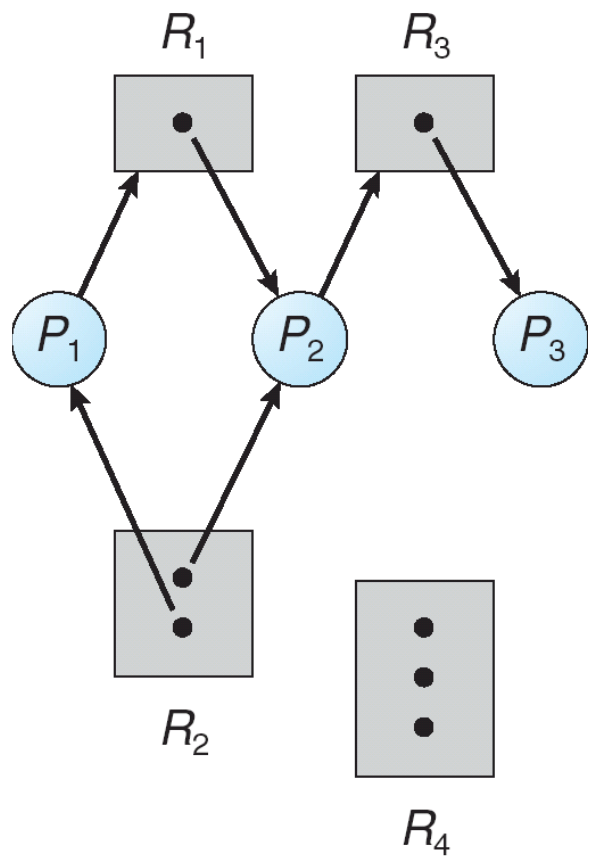
- $P_i$ requests instance of $R_j$



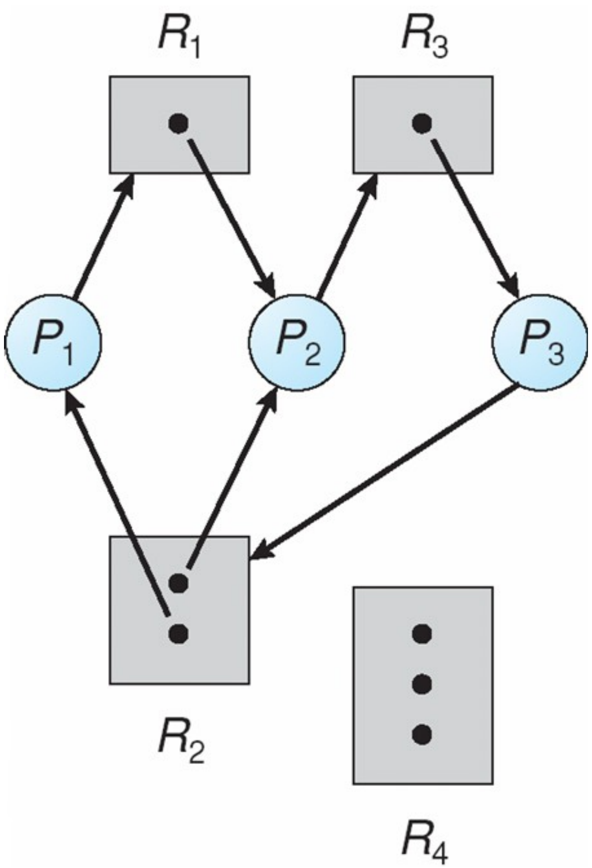

- $P_i$ is holding an instance of $R_j$



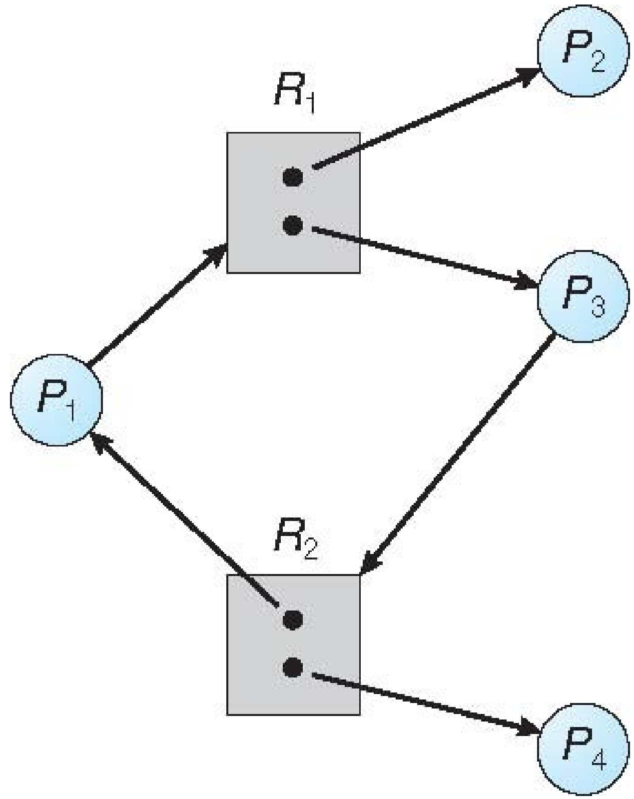
# Example of a Resource Allocation Graph



# Resource Allocation Graph With A Deadlock



# Graph With A Cycle But No Deadlock



# Basic Facts

- If graph contains no cycles ⇒ 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

- Ensure that the system will ***never*** enter a deadlock state:
  - Deadlock prevention
  - Deadlock avoidence
- 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 (e.g., read-only files); 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 allocated to it.
  - 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

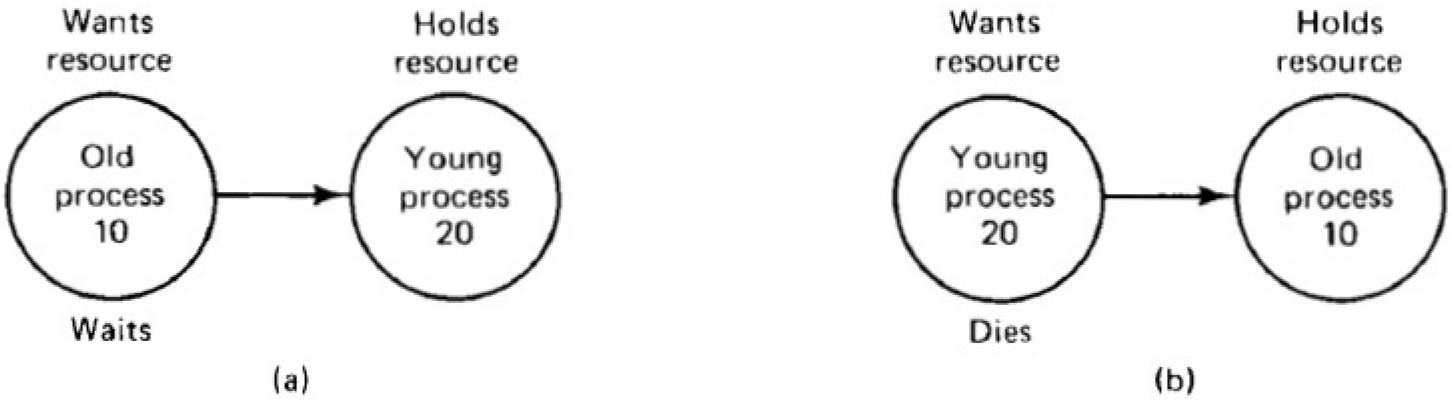
# Algorithm Examples

- Wait-die algorithm
- Wound-wait algorithm

# Wait-die algorithm

- Each transaction must have a time stamp
- Similarly each process has a timestamp of its creation
- In a situation where a process has to wait for another one
  - Allow wait only if the waiting process is older
  - The oldest process will be at the tail
  - The youngest process will be at the head
  - No circle possible
  - Younger waiting processes are killed
- Other way is also possible
  - If older process is killed, then we waste more effort

# Example



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Old process 10
Young process 20
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(a)
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Holds resource
Young process 20
Old process 10
Dies
(b)

# Wound-wait algorithm

- Only applicable in transaction based systems
- Instead of killing a process just rollback the transaction with shared resource
- Older processes preempts
  - Causes younger one to rollback
- Younger processes waits
  - Older process keeps executing

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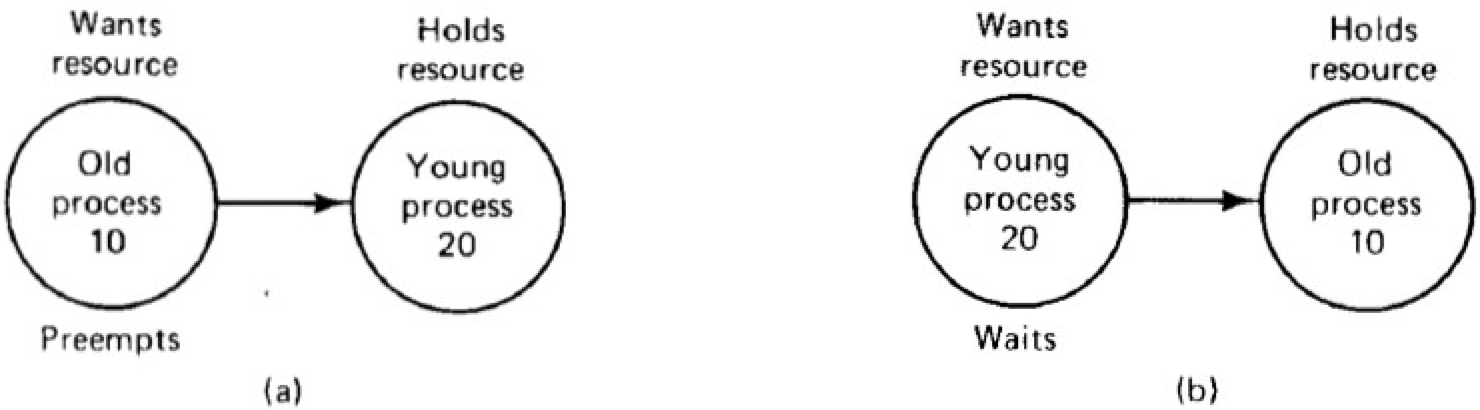

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