

Concurrency: Deadlock and Starvation



Agenda

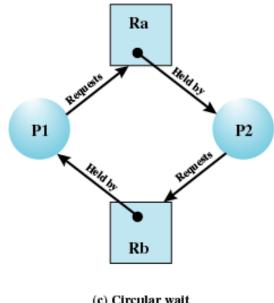
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Conditions for Deadlock

- Mutual exclusion
 - Only one process may use a resource at a time
- Hold-and-wait
 - A process may hold allocated resources while awaiting assignment of others
- No preemption
 - No resource can be forcibly removed form a process holding it

Circular wait

 A closed chain of processes exists, such that each process holds at least one resource needed by the next process in the chain



(c) Circular wait

Possibility of Deadlock

- Mutual exclusion
- No preemption
- Hold and wait

Existence of Deadlock

- Mutual exclusion
- No preemption
- Hold and wait
- Circular wait

Three general approaches exist for dealing with deadlock.

<u>First</u>, one can <u>prevent</u> deadlock by adopting a policy that eliminates one of the conditions (conditions 1 through 4).

<u>Second</u>, one can <u>avoid</u> deadlock by making the appropriate dynamic choices based on the current state of resource allocation.

Third, one can attempt to detect the presence of deadlock (conditions 1 through 4 hold) and take action to recover.

- We can view deadlock prevention methods as falling into two classes.
- An <u>indirect</u> method of deadlock prevention is to prevent the occurrence of one of the three necessary conditions listed previously (items 1 through 3).
- A <u>direct</u> method of deadlock prevention is to prevent the occurrence of a circular wait (item 4).

- Mutual Exclusion
 - Must be <u>supported</u> by the <u>operating system</u>

- Hold and Wait
 - Require a process request <u>all of its required</u> resources at one time

- No Preemption
 - Process <u>must release resource and request</u> <u>again</u>
 - Operating system <u>may preempt</u> a process to require it releases its resources
- Circular Wait
 - The circular-wait condition can be prevented by
 Defineing a linear ordering of resource types.
 - (If a process has been allocated resources of type R, then it may subsequently request only those resources of types following R in the ordering.)

To see that this strategy works, let us associate an index with each resource type. Then resource R_i precedes R_j in the ordering if i < j. Now suppose that two processes, A and B, are deadlocked because A has acquired R_i and requested R_j , and B has acquired R_j and requested R_i . This condition is impossible because it implies i < j and j < i.

As with hold-and-wait prevention, circular-wait prevention may be inefficient, slowing down processes and denying resource access unnecessarily.

Deadlock Avoidance

 In deadlock prevention, we constrain resource requests to prevent at least one of the four conditions of deadlock.

- This is either done indirectly, by preventing one of the three necessary policy conditions (mutual exclusion, hold and wait, no preemption), or directly, by preventing circular wait.
- This leads to <u>inefficient</u> use of resources and inefficient execution of processes.

Deadlock Avoidance

- Deadlock avoidance, on the other hand, allows the three necessary conditions but makes <u>judicious choices</u> to assure that the deadlock point is never reached.
- As such, avoidance <u>allows more concurrency than</u> prevention.
- With deadlock avoidance, A decision is made <u>dynamically</u> whether the current resource allocation request will, if granted, potentially lead to a deadlock.
- Requires knowledge of future process requests 12

Two Approaches to Deadlock Avoidance

 Do not start a process if its demands might lead to deadlock

 Do not grant an incremental resource request to a process if this allocation might lead to deadlock

Resource Allocation Denial

- The strategy of resource allocation denial, referred to as the banker's algorithm.
- Let us begin by defining the concepts of <u>state</u> and <u>safe state</u>.
- Consider a system with a <u>fixed</u> number of processes and a <u>fixed</u> number of resources.
- At any time a process may have <u>zero</u> or <u>more</u> resources allocated to it.

- The state of the system reflects the current allocation of resources to processes.
- Thus, the state consists of the two vectors,
 Resource and Available, and the two matrices,
 Claim and Allocation, defined earlier.
- A safe state is one in which there is at least one sequence of resource allocations to processes that does not result in a deadlock (i.e., all of the processes can be run to completion).
- An **unsafe state is, of course, a** state that is not safe.

Consider a system of <u>n processes</u> and <u>m different types</u> of resources.

Let us define the following vectors and matrices:

Resource = $\mathbf{R} = (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m)$	Total amount of each resource in the system
Available = $\mathbf{V} = (V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m)$	Total amount of each resource not allocated to any process
Claim = $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \dots & C_{1m} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \dots & C_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$	C_{ij} = requirement of process i for resource j
Allocation = $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1m} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$	A_{ij} = current allocation to process i of resource j

The following relationships hold:

1.
$$R_j = V_j + \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij}$$
, for all j

All resources are either available or allocated.

2.
$$C_{ij} \leq R_j$$
, for all i,j

No process can claim more than the total amount of resources in the system.

3.
$$A_{ij} \leq C_{ij}$$
, for all i,j

No process is allocated more resources of any type than the process originally claimed to need.

With these quantities defined, we can define a deadlock avoidance policy that <u>refuses to start a new process if its</u> <u>resource requirements might lead to deadlock</u>.

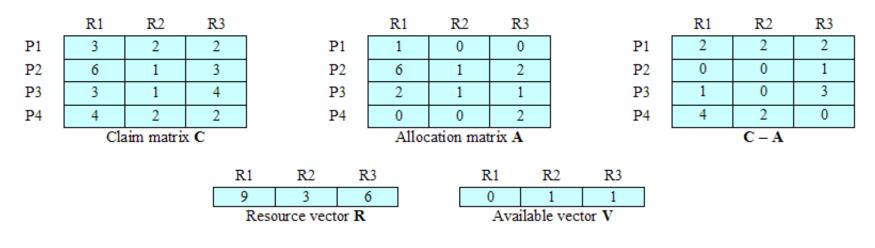
Start a new process P_{n+1} only if

$$R_j \ge C_{(n+1)j} + \sum_{i=1}^n C_{ij}$$
 for all j

The following example illustrates these concepts.
 Next Figure-a shows the state of a system consisting of <u>four</u> processes P and <u>three</u> resources R.

- The total amount of resources R1, R2, and R3 are
 9, 3, and 6 units, respectively.
- In the current state allocations have been made to the four processes, <u>leaving</u>
 - 1 unit of R2 and 1 unit of R3 available.

Determination of a Safe State Initial State



(a) Initial state

<u>To answer</u> this question, we ask an intermediate question: Can any of the four processes be run to completion with the <u>resources available</u>?

That is, can the <u>difference</u> between the maximum requirement and current allocation for <u>any</u> process be met with the available resources? $C_{ij} - A_{ij} \le V_j$, for all j

Determination of a Safe State P2 Runs to Completion

	R1	R2	R3
P1	3	2	2
P2	0	0	0
P3	3	1	4
P4	4	2	2
Claim matrix C			

	R1	R2	R3
P1	1	0	0
P 2	0	0	0
P3	2	1	1
P4	0	0	2
Allocation matrix A			rix A

	R1	R2	R3
P1	2	2	2
P2	0	0	0
P3	1	0	3
P4	4	2	0
		C – A	

R1	R2	R3	
9	3	6	
Resource vector R			

R1	R2	R3	
6	2	3	
Available vector V			

(b) P2 runs to completion

Determination of a Safe State P1 Runs to Completion

	R1	R2	R3
P1	0	0	0
P 2	0	0	0
P3	3	1	4
P4	4	2	2
	Claim matrix C		

	R1	R2	R3
P1	0	0	0
P2	0	0	0
P3	2	1	1
P4	0	0	2
	Allocation matrix A		

	R1	R2	R3
P1	0	0	0
P2	0	0	0
P3	1	0	3
P4	4	2	0
		$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}$	

R1	R2	R3	
9	3	6	
Resource vector R			

R1	R2	R3	
7	2	3	
Available vector V			

(c) P1 runs to completion

Determination of a Safe State P3 Runs to Completion

	R1	R2	R3
P1	0	0	0
P2	0	0	0
P3	0	0	0
P4	4	2	2
Claim matrix C			

	R1	R2	R3
P1	0	0	0
P2	0	0	0
P3	0	0	0
P4	0	0	2
Allocation matrix A			

	R1	R2	R3
P1	0	0	0
P 2	0	0	0
P3	0	0	0
P4	4	2	0
	C – A		

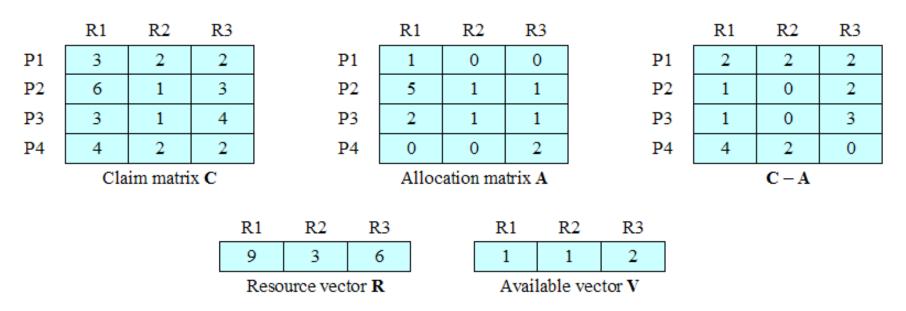
R1	R2	R3		
9	3	6		
Resource vector R				

R1	R2	R3		
9	3	4		
Available vector V				

(d) P3 runs to completion

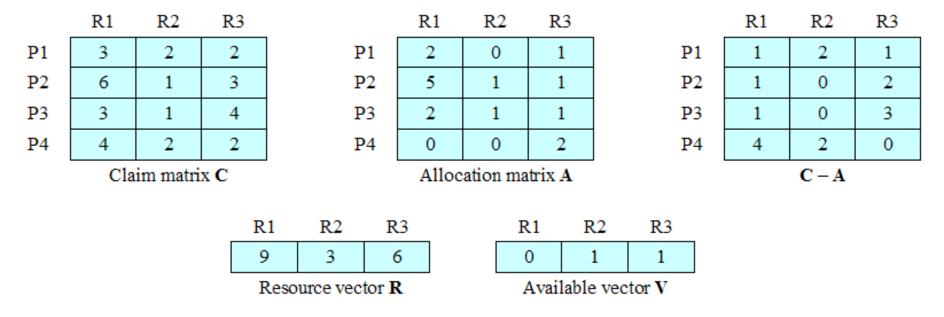
Determination of an Unsafe State

Consider the state defined in Figure a.



(a) Initial state

Suppose that <u>P1</u> makes the request for one additional unit each of R1 and R3; if we assume that the request is granted, we are left in the state of Figure b.



(b) P1 requests one unit each of R1 and R3

Is this a safe state?

The answer is no, because each process will need at least one additional unit of R1, and there are none available.

Thus, on the basis of deadlock avoidance, the request by P1 should be denied and P1 should be blocked

Deadlock Avoidance Logic

```
struct state
{
    int resource[m];
    int available[m];
    int claim[n][m];
    int alloc[n][m];
}
```

(a) global data structures

(b) resource alloc algorithm

Deadlock Avoidance Logic

```
boolean safe (state S)
   int currentavail[m];
   process rest[<number of processes>];
   currentavail = available;
   rest = {all processes};
   possible = true;
   while (possible)
      <find a process Pk in rest such that</pre>
          claim [k,*] - alloc [k,*] <= currentavail;>
                                           /* simulate execution of Pk */
      if (found)
          currentavail = currentavail + alloc [k,*];
          rest = rest - {Pk};
       else
          possible = false;
   return (rest == null);
```

(c) test for safety algorithm (banker's algorithm)