

CS2310 Modern Operating System Exercises Spring 2023

Exercise 3: Deadlocks

Due Time: Mar. 17, 2023

1. A computer system has 8 printers that are shared by K process. Each of the processes can take no more than 3 printers.
 - a. What is the minimum value of K that may cause the system deadlock? Why?
 - b. Is there a minimum value of K that must cause the system deadlock? Why?

2. Consider the following snapshot of a system:

| | Allocation | | | | Max | | | | Available | | | |
|----|------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|
| | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| P0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| P1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| P2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | | | | |
| P3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 6 | | | | |
| P4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 2 | | | | |

Answer the following questions using the banker's algorithm:

- a. What is the content of the matrix Need?
 - b. Is the system in a safe state? Why or why not?
 - c. If a request from process P2 arrives for (0,2,0,0), can the request be granted immediately? Briefly Explain.
3. Consider a system with four processes P1, P2, P3, and P4, and two kinds of resources, R1, and R2, respectively. Each kind of resource has two instances. Furthermore:
 - P1 is allocated with an instance of R2, and requests an instance of R1.
 - P2 is allocated with an instance of R1, but doesn't need any more resource.
 - P3 is allocated with an instance of R1, and requests an instance of R2.
 - P4 is allocated with an instance of R2, but doesn't need any more resource
 - a. Draw the resource allocation graph.
 - b. Is there a cycle in the graph? If yes name it.
 - c. Is the system in deadlock? If yes, explain why. If not, give a possible sequence of executions after which every process completes.
4. A system has four processes and five allocable resources. The current allocation and maximum needs are as follows:

| | Allocated | Maximum | Available |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Process A | 1 0 2 1 1 | 1 1 2 1 3 | 0 0 1 X 2 |
| Process B | 2 0 1 1 0 | 2 2 2 1 0 | |
| Process C | 1 1 0 1 0 | 2 1 3 1 0 | |
| Process D | 1 1 1 1 0 | 1 1 2 2 1 | |

What is the smallest value of X for which this is a safe state?