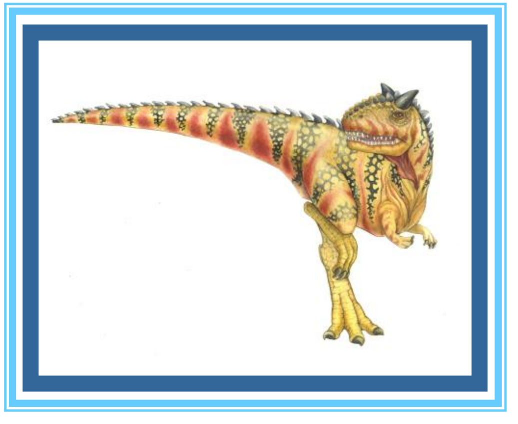
Deadlocks



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Outline

- System Model
- Deadlock Characterization
- Methods for Handling Deadlocks
- Deadlock Prevention
- Deadlock Avoidance
- Deadlock Detection
- Recovery from Deadlock

Chapter Objectives

- Illustrate how deadlock can occur when mutex locks are used
- Define the four necessary conditions that characterize deadlock
- Identify a deadlock situation in a resource allocation graph
- Evaluate the four different approaches for preventing deadlocks
- Apply the banker's algorithm for deadlock avoidance
- Apply the deadlock detection algorithm
- Evaluate approaches for recovering from deadlock

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 with Semaphores

- Data:
  - A semaphore $\mathbf{s_1}$ initialized to 1
  - A semaphore $\mathbf{s_2}$ initialized to 1
- Two threads T_1 and T_2
- $\boldsymbol{T_1}$**:**

  $\mathtt{\mathbf{wait(s_1)}}$

  $\mathtt{\mathbf{wait(s_2)}}$
- $\boldsymbol{T_2}$**:**

  $\mathtt{\mathbf{wait(s_2)}}$

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Deadlock Characterization

Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously.

- **Mutual exclusion:** only one thread at a time can use a resource
- **Hold and wait:** a thread holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other threads
- **No preemption:** a resource can be released only voluntarily by the thread holding it, after that thread has completed its task
- **Circular wait:** there exists a set $\{T_0, T_1, \ldots, T_n\}$ of waiting threads such that T_0 is waiting for a resource that is held by T_1, T_1 is waiting for a resource that is held by T_2, …, T_{n-1} is waiting for a resource that is held by T_n, and T_n is waiting for a resource that is held by T_0.

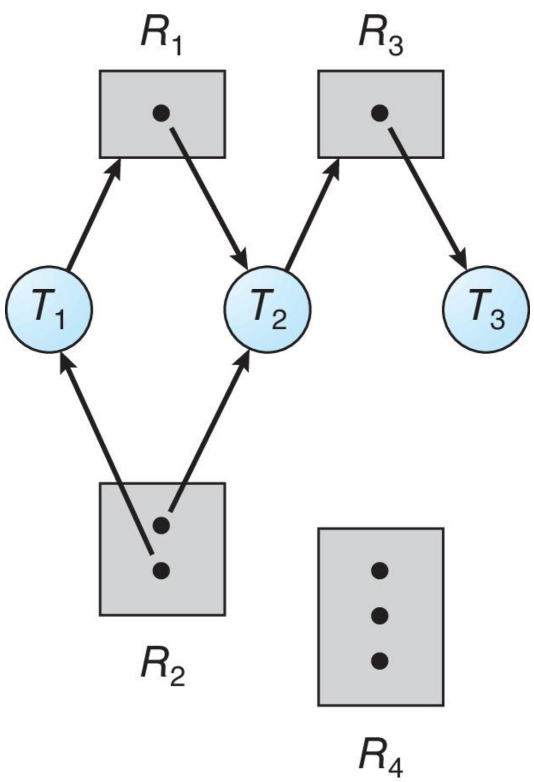
Resource-Allocation Graph

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

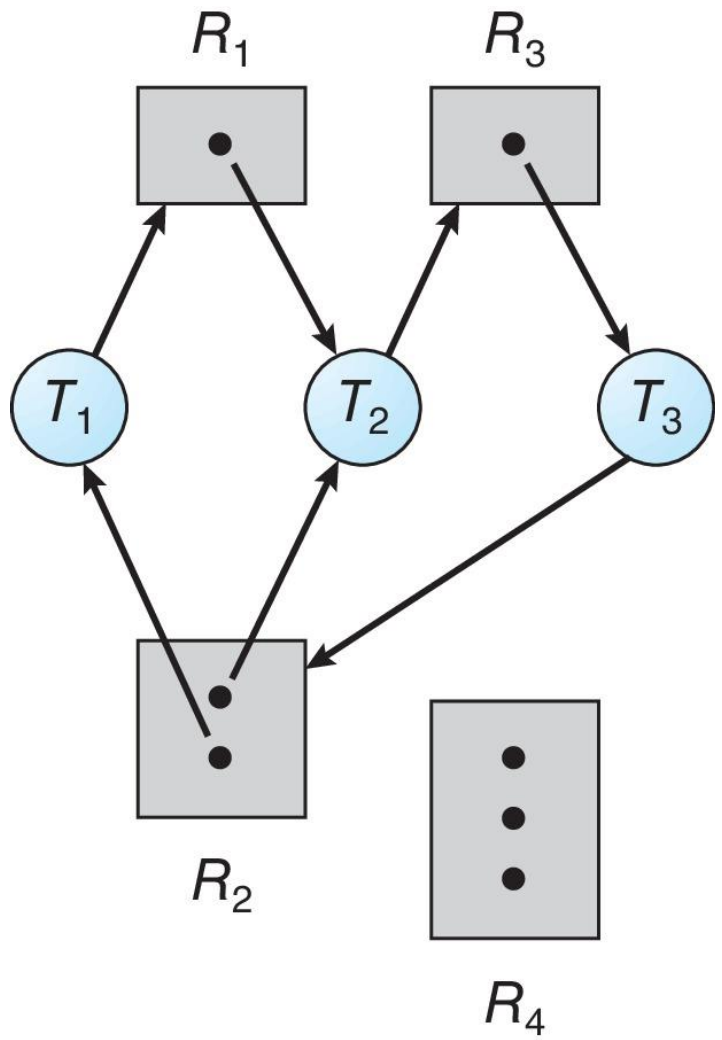
- V is partitioned into two types:
  - $T = \{T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n\}$, the set consisting of all the threads in the system.
  - $R = \{R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system
- **request edge** – directed edge $T_i \rightarrow R_j$
- **assignment edge** – directed edge $R_j \rightarrow T_i$

Resource Allocation Graph Example

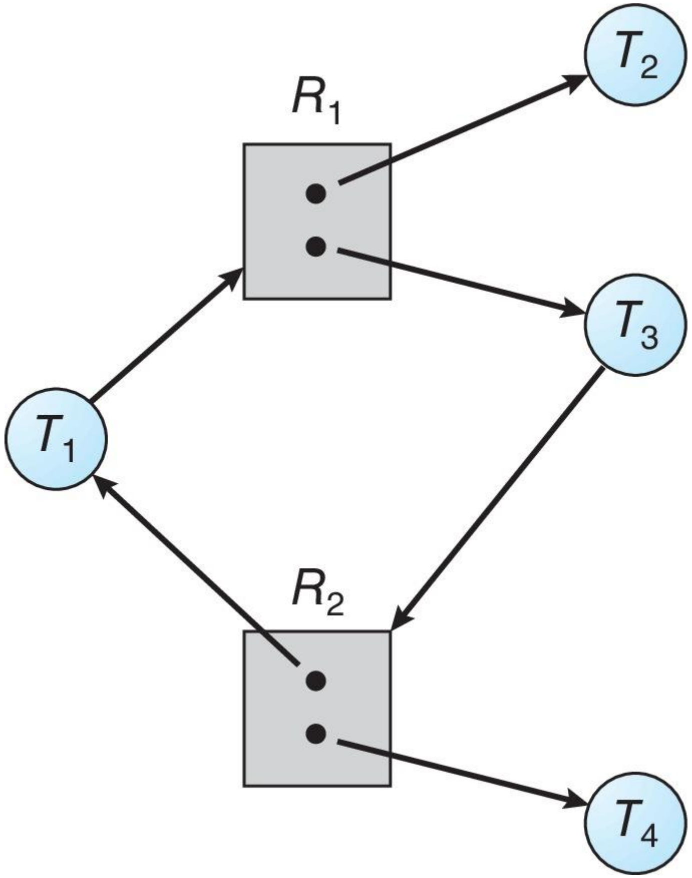
- One instance of R_1
- Two instances of R_2
- One instance of R_3
- Three instance of R_4
- T_1 holds one instance of R_2 and is waiting for an instance of R_1
- T_2 holds one instance of R_1, one instance of R_2, and is waiting for an instance of R_3
- T_3 is holds one instance of R_3



Resource Allocation Graph with a Deadlock



Graph with a Cycle But no Deadlock



Basic Facts

- If graph contains no cycles $\Rightarrow$ no deadlock
- If graph contains a cycle $\Rightarrow$
  - 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 avoidance
- Allow the system to enter a deadlock state and then recover
- Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system.

Deadlock Prevention

Invalidate one of the four necessary conditions for deadlock:

- **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 thread requests a resource, it does not hold any other resources
  - Require threads to request and be allocated all its resources before it begins execution or allow thread to request resources only when the thread 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 thread is waiting
  - Thread 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 thread requests resources in an increasing order of enumeration

Circular Wait

- Invalidating the circular wait condition is most common.
- Simply assign each resource (i.e., mutex locks) a unique number.
- Resources must be acquired in order.

Deadlock Avoidance

Requires that the system has some additional ***a priori*** information available

- Simplest and most useful model requires that each thread declare the ***maximum number*** of resources of each type that it may need
- The deadlock-avoidance algorithm dynamically examines the resource-allocation state to ensure that there can never be a circular-wait condition
- Resource-allocation *state* is defined by the number of available and allocated resources, and the maximum demands of the processes

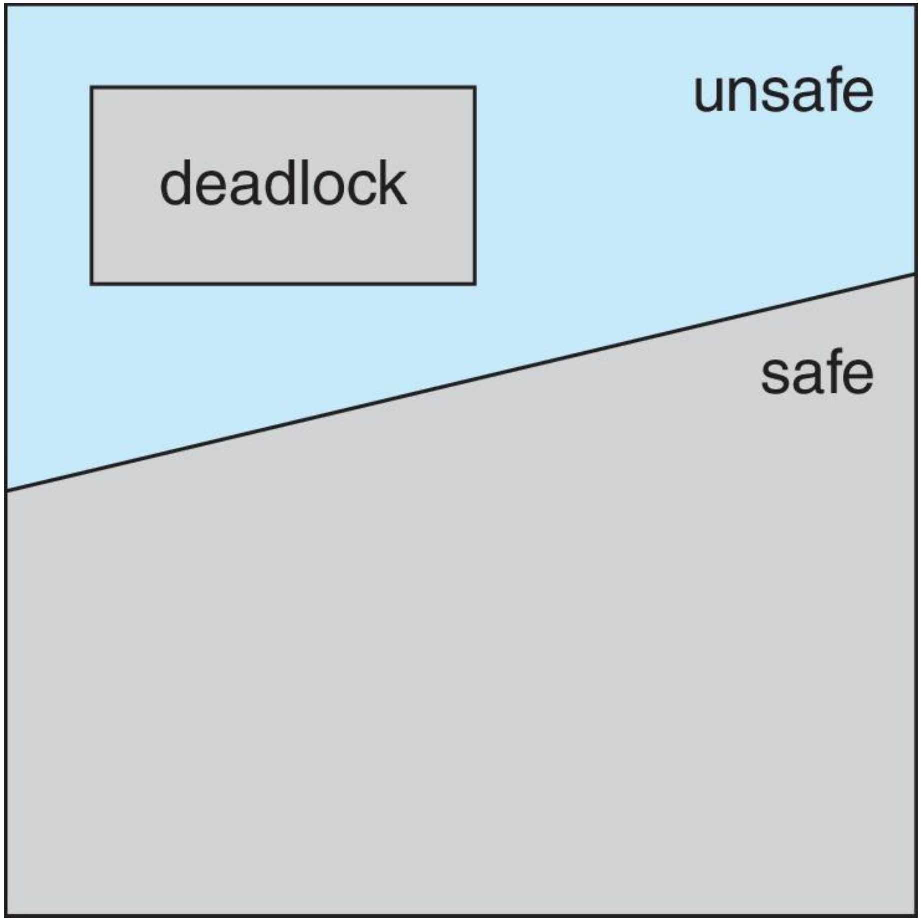
Safe State

- When a thread requests an available resource, system must decide if immediate allocation leaves the system in a safe state
- System is in **safe state** if there exists a sequence $<T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n>$ of ALL the threads in the systems such that for each T_i, the resources that T_i can still request can be satisfied by currently available resources + resources held by all the T_j, with $j < I$
- That is:
  - If T_i resource needs are not immediately available, then T_i can wait until all T_j have finished
  - When T_j is finished, T_i can obtain needed resources, execute, return allocated resources, and terminate
  - When T_i terminates, T_{i+1} can obtain its needed resources, and so on

Basic Facts

- If a system is in safe state $\Rightarrow$ no deadlocks
- If a system is in unsafe state $\Rightarrow$ possibility of deadlock
- Avoidance $\Rightarrow$ ensure that a system will never enter an unsafe state.

Safe, Unsafe, Deadlock State



Avoidance Algorithms

- Single instance of a resource type
  - Use a resource-allocation graph

- Multiple instances of a resource type
  - Use the Banker's Algorithm

Deadlock Detection

- Allow system to enter deadlock state
- Detection algorithm
- Recovery scheme