Module 3

Deadlocks

Example 1

A single processor system has three resource types X, Y and Z, which are shared by three processes. There are 5 units of each resource type. Consider the following scenario, where the column alloc denotes the number of units of each resource type allocated to each process, and the column request denotes the number of units of each resource type requested by a process in order to complete execution. Which of these processes will finish LAST?

- 1. PO
- 2. P1
- 3. P2
- 4. None of the above since the system is in a deadlock

	Alloc			Request		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
P0	1	2	1	1	0	3
P1	2	0	1	0	1	2
P2	2	2	1	1	2	0

Example 2

An operating system uses the banker's algorithm for deadlock avoidance when managing the allocation of three resource types X, Y and Z to three processes P0, P1 and P2. The table given below presents the current system state. Here, the Allocation matrix shows the current number of resources of each type allocated to each process and the Max matrix shows the maximum number of resources of each type required by each process during its execution.

	Allocation			Max		
	×	Y	Z	×	Y	Z
P0	0	0	1	8	4	3
P1	3	2	0	6	2	0
P2	2	1	1	3	3	3

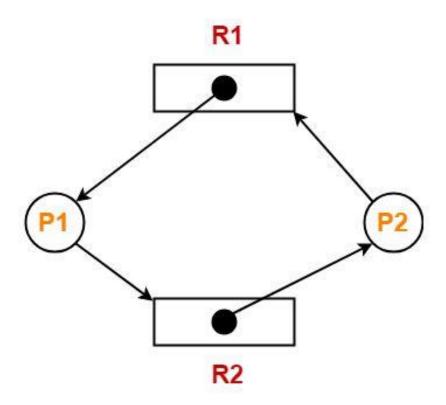
There are 3 units of type X, 2 units of type Y and 2 units of type Z still available. The system is currently in safe state. Consider the following independent requests for additional resources in the current state-

REQ1: P0 requests 0 units of X, 0 units of Y and 2 units of Z

REQ2: P1 requests 2 units of X, 0 units of Y and 0 units of Z

Example 3

Consider the resource allocation graph in the figure-



Find if the system is in a deadlock state otherwise find a safe sequence.