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# Introduction to Operating Systems CS 1550



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# Announcements

- Upcoming deadlines
  - Homework 5 is due **this Friday**
  - Project 1 is due on Friday 2/17 at 11:59 pm
  - Lab 2 is due on Tuesday 2/28 at 11:59 pm

# Previous lecture ...

- Dining philosophers
- Deadlock prevention
- Banker's Algorithm for deadlock detection and avoidance

# Banker's Algorithm

How to detect deadlocks?  
How to avoid deadlocks?

# Banker's Algorithm

We can use the same algorithm for both detecting and avoiding deadlocks

# Banker's Algorithm

	A	B	C	D
Avail	2	3	0	1

Hold

Process	A	B	C	D
1	0	3	0	0
2	1	0	1	1
3	0	2	1	0
4	2	2	3	0

Want

Process	A	B	C	D
1	3	2	1	0
2	2	2	0	0
3	3	5	3	1
4	0	4	1	1

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current=avail;
for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
    for (k=0; k<N; k++) {
        if (finished[k])
            continue;
        if (want[k] <= current) {
            finished[k] = 1;
            current += hold[k];
            break;
        }
    }
    if (k==N) {
        printf "Deadlock!\n";
        // finished[k]==0 means process is in
        // the deadlock
        break;
    }
}

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Note: want[j], hold[j], current, avail are arrays!

# Banker's Algorithm Insights

- It is possible that some event sequences lead to a deadlock
- What we are looking for is **at least one** event sequence that can make all processes finish
  - If such sequence exists, the state is safe
  - The Banker's algorithm finds such sequence if it exists

# Using the Banker's Algorithm for Deadlock Avoidance

- Call the algorithm on the following ``What-if'' state instead of the current state

avoiding deadlocks

Request from Process  $i$

$avail' = avail - Request$

$hold[i] = hold[i] + Request$

$Want[i] -= Request$

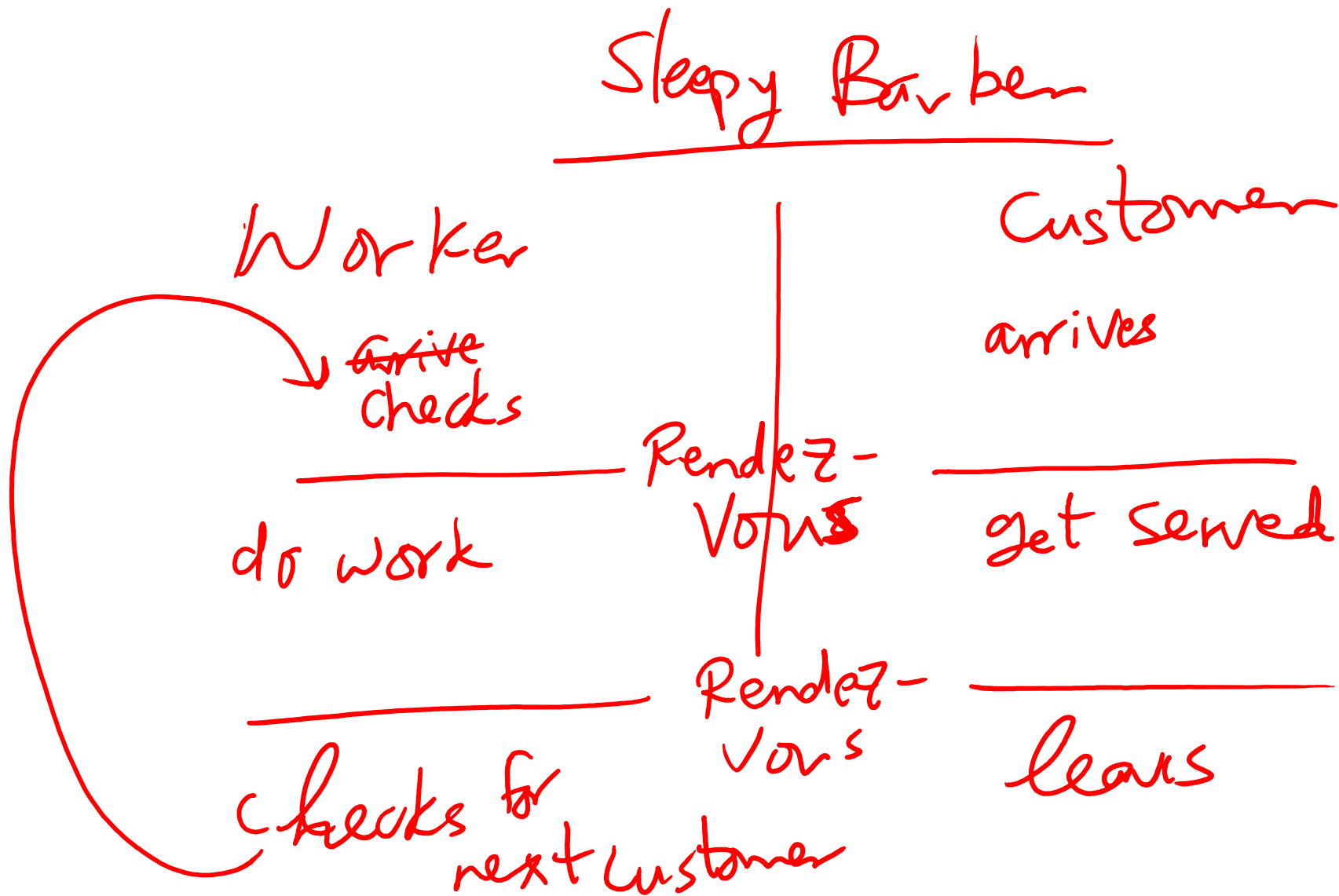
Run algo on  $avail'$ ,  $hold'$ ,  $Want'$



# Problem of the Day: Sleepy Barbers

- We have two sets of processes
  - Worker processes (e.g., barbers)
  - Customer processes
- Customer processes may arrive at anytime
- Worker processes check in when they are not serving any customers
- Each worker process must wait until it gets matched with a customer process
- Each customer process must wait until it gets matched with a worker process
- The customer process cannot leave until the matched worker process finishes the work
- The worker process cannot check in for the next customer until the matched customer process leaves
- Many applications in the real-world

# Rendezvous Pattern



# Solution Using Semaphores: Take 1

- One pair of semaphores per rendezvous
  - RV1a and RV1b
  - RV2a and RV2b
- Notice the flipped order of the down and up calls in the two processes

Worker      Semaphore  
RV1a, RV1b  
(0)      (0)  
RV2a, RV2b  
(0)      (0)

arrives/checks in  
down(RV1a)  
up(RV1b)  
does work  
up(RV2a)  
down(RV2b)

Customer

arrives  
up(RV1a)  
down(RV1b)  
gets served  
down(RV2a)  
up(RV2b)

# Solution Using Semaphores: Take 1

- This solution doesn't work for multiple workers and multiple customers
  - In that case, a customer can leave before its associated worker finishes