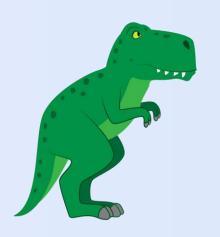


Chapter 8.

Deadlocks



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8.1 System Model

■ A **deadlock** is

- a situation in which
 - every process in *a set of processes* is waiting for
 - an event that can be caused only by another process in the set.
- a situation in which
 - a waiting thread (or process) can never again change state,
 - because the *resources* it has requested
 - are held by other waiting threads (or processes).



8.1 System Model

- Let us consider a system
 - consisting of a finite number of resources
 - to be distributed among a number of *competing threads*.
 - Resource types consist of
 - some number of *identical instances*.
 - e.g., CPU cycles, files, and I/O devices(such as printers, drives, etc.)
 - If a thread requests an *instance* of a *resource type*,
 - the allocation of *any instance* should *satisfy* the request.
 - A thread may utilize a resource as follows:
 - Request Use Release.



8.2 Deadlock in Multithreaded Applications

pthread_mutex_t first_mutex;
pthread_mutex_t second_mutex;

void *do_work_two(void *param)

* Do some work

pthread_exit(0);

/**

pthread_mutex_init(&first_mutex,NULL);
pthread_mutex_init(&second_mutex,NULL);

/* thread_two runs in this function */

pthread_mutex_lock(&second_mutex);

pthread_mutex_unlock(&first_mutex);

pthread_mutex_unlock(&second_mutex);

pthread_mutex_lock(&first_mutex);

• How can a deadlock occur?

```
/* thread_one runs in this function */
void *do_work_one(void *param)
{
    pthread_mutex_lock(&first_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_lock(&second_mutex);
    /**
     * Do some work
     */
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&second_mutex);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&first_mutex);
    pthread_exit(0);
}
```

Figure 8.1 Deadlock example.



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Four Necessary Conditions:

1. Mutual Exclusion:

- At least one resource is held in a non-sharable mode.

2. Hold and Wait:

- A thread *holds* at *least* one resource and *waiting* to acquire additional resources *held by* other threads.

3. No preemption:

- Resources *cannot* be *preempted*.

4. Circular Wait:

- A set of waiting threads exist such that the dependency graph of waiting is circular.





Resource-Allocation Graph:

- is a *directed graph* to describe deadlocks more precisely.
- consists of a set of vertices *V* and a set of edges *E*.
- Two different node types of *V*:
 - $T = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}$: the set of all the *active threads* in the system.
 - $R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, T_m\}$: the set of all the *resource types* in the system.
- A directed edge: $T_i \rightarrow R_i$ (request edge)
 - signifies that a thread T_i has requested an instance of R_i .
- A directed edge: $R_i \rightarrow T_i$ (assignment edge)
 - signifies that an instance of R_i has been allocated to a thread T_i .

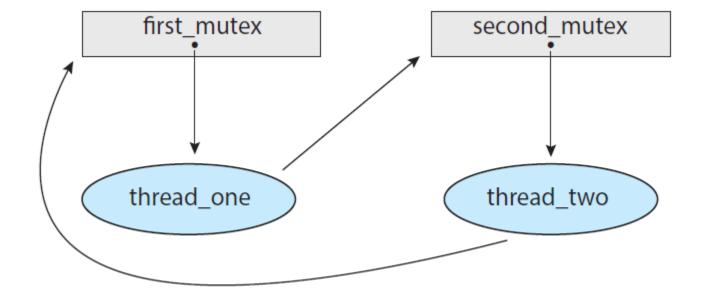


Figure 8.3 Resource-allocation graph for program in Figure 8.1.





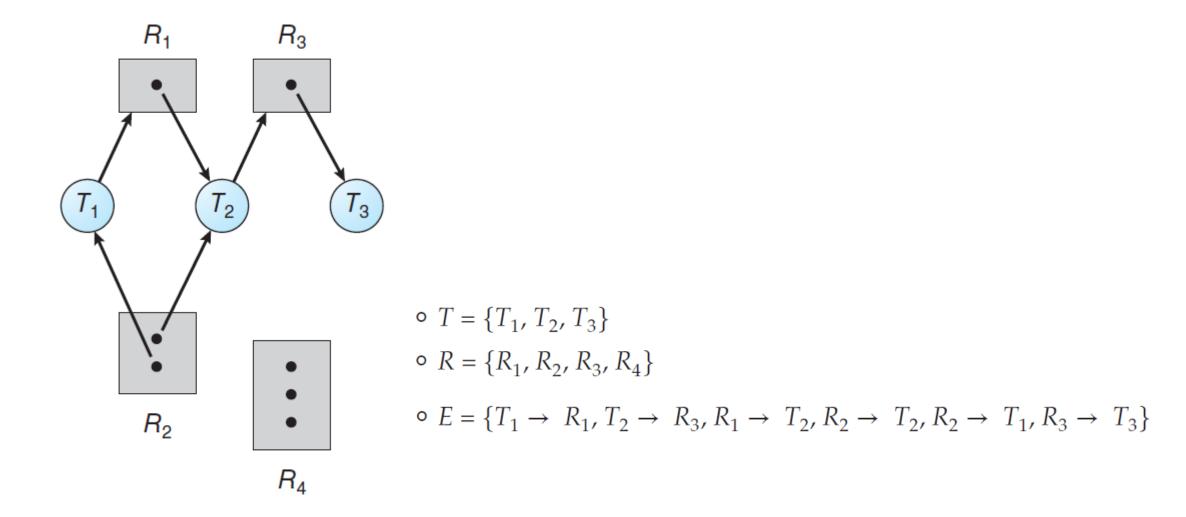
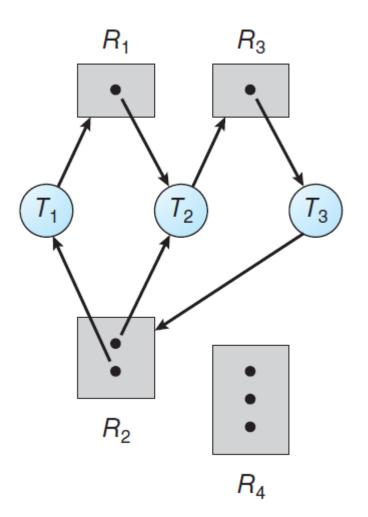


Figure 8.4 Resource-allocation graph.





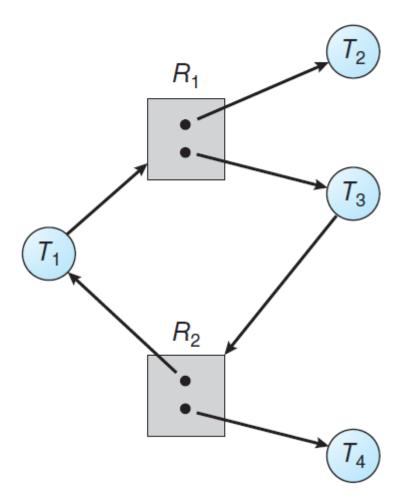


• Two cycles exist in this graph.

Figure 8.5 Resource-allocation graph with a deadlock.







• One cycle exists in this graph.

$$T_1 \rightarrow R_1 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow T_1$$

Figure 8.6 Resource-allocation graph with a cycle but no deadlock.





- An important observation:
 - If a resource-allocation graph does not have a cycle,
 - then the system is **not** in a deadlocked state.
 - If a resource-allocation graph has a cycle,
 - then the system *may* or *may not* be in a deadlocked state.



8.3 Methods for Handling Deadlocks

- Three ways of dealing with the Deadlock Problem:
 - *Ignore* the problem altogether
 - and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system.
 - Use a protocol to prevent or avoid deadlocks,
 - ensuring that the system will *never enter* a deadlocked state.
 - Deadlock Prevention (\$8.5)
 - Deadlock Avoidance (\$8.6): Banker's Algorithm
 - Allow the system to enter a deadlocked state,
 - then *detect* it, and *recover* it.
 - Deadlock Detection (\$8.7)
 - Recovery from Deadlock (\$8.8)



8.5 Deadlock Prevention

Deadlock Prevention:

- For a deadlock to occur,
 - each of the *four necessary conditions* must hold.
- Hence, we can *prevent* the occurrence of a deadlock,
 - by ensuring that *at least one* of these conditions cannot hold.
 - 1. Mutual Exclusion
 - 2. Hold and Wait
 - 3. No Preemption
 - 4. Circular Wait





8.5 Deadlock Prevention

• Mutual Exclusion

- At least one resource must be non-sharable.
- *In general*, it *cannot be applied to* most applications.
 - some resources are *intrinsically* non-sharable.
 - e.g., a mutex lock cannot be shared by several threads.

• Hold and Wait

- We can guarantee that, whenever a thread requests a resource,
 - it does not hold any other resources.
- It is *impractical* for most applications.



No preemption

- We can use a protocol to ensure that there should be *preemption*.
- If a thread is holding some resources and requests another resources
 - that cannot be immediately allocated to it.
 - then, all resources the thread is currently holding are *preempted*.
- The preempted resources are added to the list of resources
 - for which the threads are waiting.
- The thread will be restarted
 - only when it can regain its *old resources* as well as *new ones*.
- cannot generally be applied to most applications.



- Circular Wait: sometimes practical.
 - Impose a *total ordering* of all resource types
 - and to *require* that each thread requests
 - resources in an *increasing order* of enumeration.
 - It is *provable* that these two protocols are used,
 - then the circular-wait condition cannot hold.
 - Note that, however,
 - imposing a lock ordering does not guarantee deadlock prevention,
 - if locks can be acquired dynamically.



```
void transaction(Account from, Account to, double amount)
  mutex lock1, lock2;
  lock1 = get_lock(from);
  lock2 = get_lock(to);
                                         transaction(checking_account, savings_account, 25.0)
  acquire(lock1);
     acquire(lock2);
                                         transaction(savings_account, checking_account, 50.0)
       withdraw(from, amount);
       deposit(to, amount);
     release(lock2);
  release(lock1);
```

Figure 8.7 Deadlock example with lock ordering.





8.17 In Section 8.5.4, we described a situation in which we prevent deadlock by ensuring that all locks are acquired in a certain order. However, we also point out that deadlock is possible in this situation if two threads simultaneously invoke the transaction() function. Fix the transaction() function to prevent deadlocks.



- The Demerits of the Deadlock Prevention:
 - It prevents deadlocks by limiting how requests can made,
 - ensuring that at least one of the necessary conditions cannot occur.
 - However, possible side effects of preventing deadlocks are
 - low device utilization and reduced system throughput.



Deadlock Avoidance:

- Let the system to decide for each request whether or not
 - the thread should *wait* in order to *avoid* a possible *future deadlock*.
- It requires additional information about
 - how resources are to be requested.
- For example, in a system with resources R_1 and R_2 ,
 - A thread P will request first R_1 and then R_2 before releasing them.
 - A thread Q will request R_2 then R_1 .





- Given a *priori* information,
 - it is possible to *construct an algorithm* that
 - ensures the system will *never enter* a deadlocked state.
 - Let the *maximum number* of resources of each type that it may need.
 - Let the **state** of resource allocation be
 - the number of *available* and *allocated* resources
 - and the *maximum demands* of the threads.





Safe State:

- A state is *safe*
 - if the system *can allocate* resources to each thread (up to its *maximum*)
 - *in some order* and *still avoid* a deadlock.
- A system is in a safe state *if only if* there exists a **safe sequence**.
- A sequence of threads $\langle T_1, T_2, \cdots, T_n \rangle$ is a *safe sequence*,
 - if, for each thread T_i , the resources that T_i can still request
 - can be satisfied by the currently available resources + resources held by all T_i , with j < i.





Basic facts:

- A safe state is not a deadlocked state.
- Conversely, a deadlocked state is an unsafe state.
- However, not all unsafe states are deadlocks,
 - an unsafe state *may* lead to a deadlock.

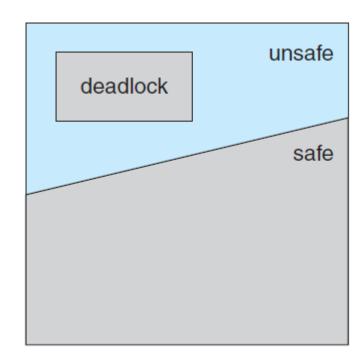


Figure 8.8 Safe, unsafe, and deadlocked state spaces.





- Given the concept of a **safe state**:
 - we can define an avoidance algorithm that
 - ensure that the system will *never enter* a deadlocked state.
 - The idea is simply to ensure that
 - the system will *always remain in a safe state*.
 - *Initially*, the system is *in a safe state*.
 - Whenever a thread *requests* a *resource* that is currently *available*,
 - the system *decides* whether the resource can be *allocated or not*.
 - The request is *granted*
 - *if and only if* the allocation *leaves* the system *in a safe state*.





- Revisit the Resource-Allocation Graph:
 - Suppose that a system has only one instance of each resource type.
 - Then, introduce a new type of edge, called a *claim edge*.
 - A *claim edge*: $T_i \rightarrow R_i$ indicates that
 - a thread *may request* a resource *at some time in the future*.
 - Then we can check for the safety
 - by a *cycle-detection* algorithm in a directed graph.
 - If *no cycle* exists, the request can be *granted* immediately,
 - since the resource allocation will *leave* the system in a *safe state*.
 - If a cycle is detected, then the request cannot be granted,
 - since the resource allocation will *put* the system in an *unsafe state*.





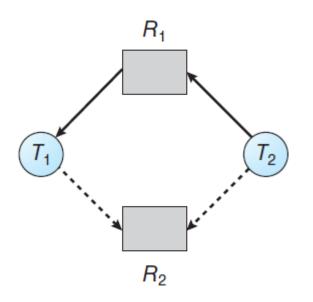


Figure 8.9 Resource-allocation graph for deadlock avoidance.

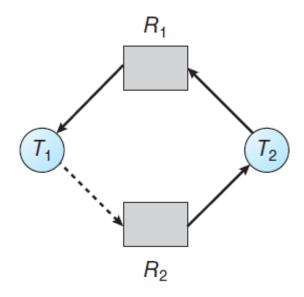


Figure 8.10 An unsafe state in a resource-allocation graph.



- Banker's Algorithm:
 - RAG is not applicable to a resource allocation system
 - with *multiple instances* of each resource type.
 - Banker's algorithm is *applicable* to such a system
 - but *less efficient* and *more complicated* than the RAG.
 - Why Banker's?
 - the bank never allocates its available cash in such a way that
 - it could no longer satisfy the needs of all its customers.



- Data structures:
 - Let *n* be the number of *threads* in the system
 - and let *m* be the number of *resource types*.
 - Available: A vector indicates the number of available resource types.
 - Max: A matrix defines the maximum demand of each thread.
 - Allocation: A *matrix* defines the number of resources of each type *currently allocated* to each thread.
 - **Need**: A *matrix* indicates the *remaining resource need* of each thread.



Data Structures:

- Available[m]:
 - if Available[j] == k, then k instances of R_i are available.
- $Max[n \times m]$:
 - if Max[i][j] == k, then T_i may request at most k instances of R_i .
- $Allocation[n \times m]$:
 - if Allocation[i][j] == k, then T_i is currently allocated k instances of R_i .
- $Need[n \times m]$:
 - if Need[i][j] == k, then T_i may need k more instances of R_i .



Safety Algorithm:

- 1. Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length m and n, respectively. Initialize Work = Available and Finish[i] = false for i = 0, 1, ..., n 1.
- 2. Find an index *i* such that both
 - a. Finish[i] == false
 - b. $Need_i \leq Work$

If no such *i* exists, go to step 4.

- 3. $Work = Work + Allocation_i$ Finish[i] = trueGo to step 2.
- **4.** If Finish[i] == true for all i, then the system is in a safe state.



Resource-Request Algorithm:

- 1. If $Request_i \leq Need_i$, go to step 2. Otherwise, raise an error condition, since the thread has exceeded its maximum claim.
- 2. If $Request_i \leq Available$, go to step 3. Otherwise, T_i must wait, since the resources are not available.
- 3. Have the system pretend to have allocated the requested resources to thread T_i by modifying the state as follows:

 $Available = Available - Request_i$ $Allocation_i = Allocation_i + Request_i$ $Need_i = Need_i - Request_i$



- An illustrative example:
 - a set of five threads: $T = \{T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4\}$
 - a set of three resource types: $R = \{A, B, C\}$
 - the number of instances of each resource types: A = 10, B = 5, C = 7
 - the snapshot representing the current state of the system:

| | <u>Allocation</u> | Max | <u>Available</u> |
|---------|-------------------|-----|------------------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC |
| T_0 | 010 | 753 | 3 3 2 |
| T_1 | 200 | 322 | |
| T_2 | 302 | 902 | |
| T_3^- | 211 | 222 | |
| T_4 | 002 | 433 | |





• Note that Need[i][j] = Max[i][j] - Allocation[i][j].

| | <u>Allocation</u> | Max | <u>Available</u> | | Need |
|---------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC | | ABC |
| T_0 | 010 | 753 | 3 3 2 | T_0 | 743 |
| T_1 | 200 | 3 2 2 | | T_1 | 122 |
| T_2 | 302 | 902 | | T_2 | 600 |
| T_3^- | 211 | 222 | | T_3 | 011 |
| T_4 | 002 | 433 | | T_4 | 431 |





- Now we claim that the system is currently in a safe state.
 - In deed, the sequence $\langle T_1, T_3, T_4, T_2, T_0 \rangle$ satisfies the safety criteria.

| | Allocation | Need | <u>Available</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|------|------------------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC |
| T_0 | 010 | 743 | 3 3 2 |
| T_1° | 200 | 122 | |
| T_2 | 302 | 600 | |
| T_3^- | 211 | 011 | |
| T_4 | 002 | 431 | |





- When a new request is submitted:
 - Suppose that T_1 requests one instance of A and two instances of C.
 - $Request_1 = (1, 0, 2),$
 - Decide whether this request should be *granted or not*.



- Now, determine whether this new system state is safe.
 - Safety algorithm finds that $\langle T_1, T_3, T_4, T_0, T_2 \rangle$ satisfies the safety.

| | <u>Allocation</u> | Need | <u>Available</u> |
|-------|-------------------|------|------------------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC |
| T_0 | 010 | 743 | 230 |
| T_1 | 302 | 020 | |
| T_2 | 302 | 600 | |
| T_3 | 211 | 011 | |
| T_4 | 002 | 431 | |





- - Now, determine with a request of (3, 3, 0) by T_4 .
 - $Request_4 = (3, 3, 0),$

| Allocation | Need | <u>Available</u> |
|-------------------|---|---|
| ABC | ABC | ABC |
| 010 | 743 | 230 |
| 302 | 020 | |
| 302 | 600 | |
| 211 | 011 | |
| 002 | 431 | |
| | A B C 0 1 0 3 0 2 3 0 2 2 1 1 | ABC ABC 010 743 302 020 302 600 211 011 |





8.6 Deadlock Avoidance

- How about a request of (0, 2, 0) by T_0 ?
 - $Request_0 = (0, 2, 0),$

| | Allocation | Need | <u>Available</u> |
|---------|-------------------|------|------------------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC |
| T_0 | 010 | 743 | 230 |
| T_1 | 302 | 020 | |
| T_2 | 302 | 600 | |
| T_3^- | 211 | 011 | |
| T_4 | 002 | 431 | |





Deadlock Detection:

- If a system does not prevent or avoid the deadlock,
 - then a deadlock situation may occur.
- In this environment, the system may provide:
 - An algorithm that examines the state of the system to *determine* whether a deadlock has *occurred*.
 - An algorithm to *recover* from the deadlock.





8.6 Deadlock Avoidance

- Single Instance of Each Resource Type
 - Maintain a wait-for graph,
 - a variant of the resource-allocation graph.
 - Periodically, invoke an algorithm that
 - searches for a cycle in the *wait-for* graph.

8.6 Deadlock Avoidance

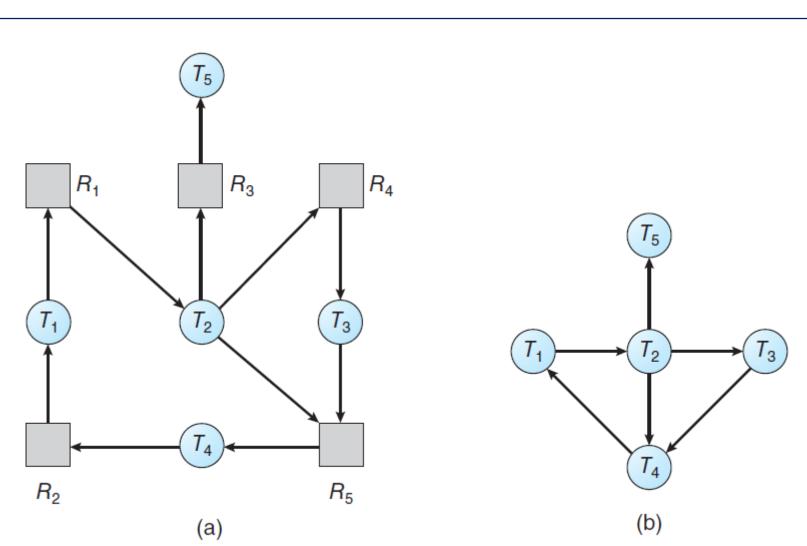


Figure 8.11 (a) Resource-allocation graph. (b) Corresponding wait-for graph.





- Several Instances of a Resource Type:
 - The wait-for graph is not applicable to a system
 - with *multiple instances* of each resource type.
 - We can design a deadlock detection algorithm
 - that is *similar to* those used in *the banker's algorithm*.



- Data Structures:
 - Available[m]:
 - Allocation $[n \times m]$:
 - $Request[n \times m]$: indicates the *current request* of each thread.
 - if Request[i][j] == k, then T_i is requesting k more instances of R_i .



Detection Algorithm:

- 1. Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length m and n, respectively. Initialize Work = Available. For i = 0, 1, ..., n-1, if $Allocation_i \neq 0$, then Finish[i] = false. Otherwise, Finish[i] = true.
- 2. Find an index *i* such that both
 - a. Finish[i] == false
 - b. $Request_i \leq Work$

If no such *i* exists, go to step 4.

- 3. Work = Work + Allocation_i Finish[i] = true Go to step 2.
- 4. If Finish[i] == false for some $i, 0 \le i < n$, then the system is in a deadlocked state. Moreover, if Finish[i] == false, then thread T_i is deadlocked.



- An illustrative example:
 - a set of five threads: $T = \{T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4\}$
 - a set of three resource types: $R = \{A, B, C\}$
 - the number of instances of each resource types: A = 7, B = 2, C = 6.
 - the snapshot representing the current state of the system:

| | <u>Allocation</u> | Request | <u>Available</u> |
|-------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC |
| T_0 | 0 1 0 | 000 | 000 |
| T_1 | 200 | 202 | |
| T_2 | 303 | 000 | |
| T_3 | 2 1 1 | 100 | |
| T_4 | 0 0 2 | 002 | |





- Now we claim that the system is *not in a deadlocked state*.
 - the sequence $\langle T_0, T_2, T_3, T_1, T_4 \rangle$ results in Finish[i] == true for all i.

| | Allocation | Request | <u>Available</u> |
|--------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC |
| T_0 | 010 | 000 | 0 0 0 |
| T_1 | 200 | 202 | |
| T_2 | 303 | 000 | |
| T_3 | 2 1 1 | 100 | |
| T_{Δ} | 002 | 002 | |





- Now we claim that the system is *now deadlocked*.
 - a deadlock exists, consisting of threads T_1 , T_2 , T_3 , and T_4 .

| | <u>Allocation</u> | Request | <u>Available</u> |
|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | ABC | ABC | ABC |
| T_0 | 0 1 0 | 000 | 000 |
| T_1 | 200 | 202 | |
| T_2 | 303 | 0 0 1 | |
| T_3^- | 2 1 1 | 100 | |
| T_{4} | 002 | 002 | |





8.8 Recovery from Deadlock

- *When* should we invoke the detection algorithm?
 - How often is a deadlock likely to occur?
 - more frequent deadlocks, more frequent deadlock detections.
 - How *many* threads will be affected by deadlock when it happens?
 - the number of threads involved in the deadlock cycle *may grow*.
 - Invoking for every request .vs. invoking at defined intervals.
 - Note that there is a considerable overhead in computation time.
 - However, there may be many cycles in the resource graph,
 - if the detection algorithm is invoked at arbitrary points in time.





8.4 Recovery from Deadlock

- When a detection algorithm determines a deadlock exists,
 - *inform the operator* that a deadlock has occurred.
 - or let the system *recover from* the deadlock *automatically*.
 - Process and Thread Termination
 - Resource Preemption



8.4 Recovery from Deadlock

Deadlock Recovery

- Process and Thread Termination:
 - Abort *all* deadlocked processes.
 - Abort *one* process *at a time* until the deadlock cycle is eliminated.
- Resource Preemption:
 - Selecting a victim: consider the order of preemption to *minimize cost*.
 - Rollback: roll back the process to some safe state and restart it.
 - Starvation: picked as a victim only a finite number of times.



Any Questions?

