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- 2 fundamental synchronization problems:
 - Producers-Consumers
 - Readers-Writers

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Kansas legislation early 1900's

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A starts first

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B takes over

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- The main difference with deadlock is that the system is not completely stuck!

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 - Not all can be shared
 - E.g., disks, printers, etc.

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 - Hold-and-Wait → a thread cannot hold a lock when it requests another
 - Acquire all locks at once, atomically
 - Use a global lock that wraps the acquisition of all locks
 - Hard to predict all the resources a thread will need and inefficient!

Deadlock Prevention

- Ensure that **at least one** of the **4** necessary conditions doesn't hold
 - No Preemption → if a thread requests a resource that cannot be allocated to it, the OS preempts (releases) all the resources that the thread is already holding
 - Some thread libraries allow "trying" acquiring multiple locks
 - Not all resources can be easily preempted (e.g., printers)

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 - Circular Wait → impose an ordering (i.e., numbering) on resources and enforce to request them in such order
 - Hard to establish such an order

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- Can be used only in limited environments where one has full knowledge of all tasks and locks needed

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- knowledge:
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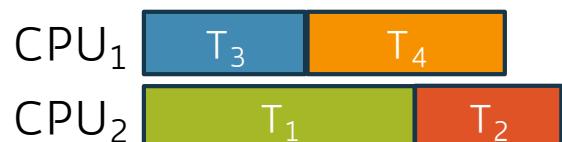
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T_3 and T_1 (T_2) can run in parallel

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- Given n threads, the naïve, brute-force approach would require analyzing **all the possible permutations** of them $O(n!)$

Banker's Algorithm

- Handles multiple instances of the same resource
- Forces threads to provide information on what resource they might need, in advance
- The resources requested must not exceed the total available in the system
- The algorithm allocates resources to a requesting thread if the allocation leaves the system in a safe state, otherwise the thread waits

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- This solution ensures that if any safe sequence exists, one will be found **without needing to test all permutations**

Banker's Algorithm: Data Structures

- n = number of threads; m = number of resource types
- $\text{available}[1..m]$: m -dimensional vector
 - $\text{available}[j] = k$ means there are k resources of type j available
- $\text{max}[1..n, 1..m]$: $n \times m$ matrix
 - $\text{max}[i, j] = k$ means thread i may require at most k resources of type j
- $\text{allocation}[1..n, 1..m]$: $n \times m$ matrix
 - $\text{allocation}[i, j] = k$ means thread i has allocated k resources of type j
- $\text{need}[1..n, 1..m]$: $n \times m$ matrix
 - $\text{need}[i, j] = \text{max}[i, j] - \text{allocation}[i, j] = k$ means thread i may need k more resources of type j to complete its task

Banker's Algorithm: Pseudocode

```
work = available                                // m-dimensional vectors
finish[i] = false for all i

repeat                                              // outer loop
    found = false
    for i in 1..n:                                // inner loop
        if not finish[i] and need[i] <= work:
            work = work + allocation[i]
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    until not found

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The **inner loop** scans all n threads to look for one that can finish → O(n)

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The **outer loop** runs as long as we find at least one process that can finish.

In the worst case, finding and completing only one thread at each iteration → O(n)

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Checking $\text{need}[i] \leq \text{work}$ may require up to m resource types → $O(m)$ per thread

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Overall,
 $O(n^2*m)$

Banker's Algorithm: Example

A snapshot of the current state of the system

THREADS		RESOURCES								
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE		
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	0	0	1			
T ₁		1	7	5	1	0	0			
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$$\begin{aligned}A &= 2 + 1 = 3 \\B &= 9 + 5 = 14 \\C &= 9 + 2 = 11\end{aligned}$$

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Q2: What is the content of the NEED matrix?

		RESOURCES												
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Q3: Is the system in a safe state? Why?

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Banker's Algorithm: Example

Let's start with T_0

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	0	0	1				0	0	0
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Eventually, T_0 finishes and releases all its resources

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T_1 can't execute as it still might NEED $(0, 7, 5)$ and AVAILABLE = $(1, 5, 3)$

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Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_2 can execute as it still might NEED $(1, 0, 0)$ and AVAILABLE = $(1, 5, 3)$

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Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_2 can execute as it still might NEED $(1, 0, 0)$ and AVAILABLE = $(1, 5, 3)$

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-				-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	0	0				0	7	5
	T_2	2	3	5	2	3	5				0	0	0
	T_3	0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2
	Total				3	9	8	0	5	3			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_2 eventually finishes and releases all its resources

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T_0		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T_1		1	7	5	1	0	0	-	-	-	0	7	5
T_2		2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T_3		0	6	5	0	6	3	-	-	-	0	0	2
Total					1	6	3	2	8	8			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_3 can execute as it still might NEED $(0, 0, 2)$ and AVAILABLE = $(2, 8, 8)$

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-				-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	0	0				0	7	5
	T_2	2	3	5	-	-	-				-	-	-
	T_3	0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2
	Total				1	6	3	2	8	8			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_3 can execute as it still might NEED $(0, 0, 2)$ and AVAILABLE = $(2, 3, 6)$

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	0	0	0	7	5	0	7	5
	T_2	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T_3	0	6	5	0	6	5	2	8	6	0	0	0
	Total				1	6	5	2	8	6			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

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THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₁		1	7	5	1	0	0	-	-	-	0	7	5
T ₂		2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₃		0	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		1	0	0	2	14	11						

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_1 can now execute since NEED (0, 7, 5) and AVAILABLE = (2, 14, 11)

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	7	5	0	0	0			
	T_2	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T_3	0	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total				1	7	5	2	7	6			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

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which leads to safe state!

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₁		1	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₂		2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₃		0	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total					-	-	-	3	14	11			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

Q4: If T_1 issues a REQUEST (0, 5, 2), can this be granted immediately?

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	0	0	1				0	0	0
T ₁		1	7	5	1	0	0				0	7	5
T ₂		2	3	5	1	3	5				1	0	0
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

We have to ask ourselves:

1. if the request can be satisfied;
2. if it will lead to a safe state

		RESOURCES											
T H R E A D S	T ₀	MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE			NEED		
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀	T ₀	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	4	3	0	0	0
T ₁	T ₁	1	7	5	1	0	0	4	3	3	0	7	5
T ₂	T ₂	2	3	5	1	3	5	3	2	2	1	0	0
T ₃	T ₃	0	6	5	0	6	3	2	1	2	0	0	2
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

To answer 1. check if: a. REQUEST <= NEED and b. REQUEST <= AVAILABLE

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	0	0	1				0	0	0
T ₁		1	7	5	1	0	0				0	7	5
T ₂		2	3	5	1	3	5				1	0	0
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

1.a. REQUEST \leq NEED?

		RESOURCES									NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C						
T H R E A D S	T ₀	0	0	1	0	0	1				0	0	0			
	T ₁	1	7	5	1	0	0				0	7	5			
	T ₂	2	3	5	1	3	5				1	0	0			
	T ₃	0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2			
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2						

Banker's Algorithm: Example

1.a. REQUEST \leq NEED? YES! $(0, 5, 2) \leq (0, 7, 5)$

		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T H R E A D S	T ₀	0	0	1	0	0	1				0	0	0
	T ₁	1	7	5	1	0	0				0	7	5
	T ₂	2	3	5	1	3	5				1	0	0
	T ₃	0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

1.b. REQUEST <= AVAILABLE?

		RESOURCES									NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C						
T H R E A D S	T ₀	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	2	0	0	0			
	T ₁	1	7	5	1	0	0	2	3	3	0	7	5			
	T ₂	2	3	5	1	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0			
	T ₃	0	6	5	0	6	3	4	1	2	0	0	2			
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2						

Banker's Algorithm: Example

1.b. REQUEST \leq AVAILABLE? YES! $(0, 5, 2) \leq (1, 5, 2)$

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C						
T ₀	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	2	0	0	0	0			
T ₁	1	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	7	5			
T ₂	2	3	5	1	3	5	5	5	0	0	1	0	0			
T ₃	0	6	5	0	6	3	3	2	9	9	0	0	2			
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2						

Banker's Algorithm: Example

To answer 2. we simulate the request is granted
and see if we are still in a safe state

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	0	0	1				0	0	0
T ₁		1	7	5	1	0	0				0	7	5
T ₂		2	3	5	1	3	5				1	0	0
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2
Total					2	9	9	1	5	2			

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THREADS	T ₀	MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE			NEED		
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
		0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
T ₁	1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3	0	2	3	0
T ₂	2	3	5	1	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
T ₃	0	6	5	0	6	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total				2	14	11	1	0	0				

Banker's Algorithm: Example

Let's start with T_0

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	0	0	1				0	0	0
	T_1	1	7	5	1	5	2				0	2	3
	T_2	2	3	5	1	3	5				1	0	0
	T_3	0	6	5	0	6	3				0	0	2
	Total				2	14	11	1	0	0			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

Eventually, T_0 finishes and releases all its resources

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₁		1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3			
T ₂		2	3	5	1	3	5	1	0	0			
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	3	0	0	2			
Total					2	14	10	1	0	1			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_1 can't execute as it still might NEED $(0, 2, 3)$ and AVAILABLE = $(1, 0, 1)$

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₁		1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3
T ₂		2	3	5	1	3	5	1	0	0
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	3	0	0	2
Total					2	14	10	1	0	1

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_2 can execute as it still might NEED $(1, 0, 0)$ and AVAILABLE = $(1, 0, 1)$

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3			
	T_2	2	3	5	1	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
	T_3	0	6	5	0	6	3	0	0	2			
	Total				2	14	10	1	0	1			

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T_2 can execute as it still might NEED $(1, 0, 0)$ and AVAILABLE = $(1, 0, 1)$

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₁		1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3	0	2	3
T ₂		2	3	5	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	3	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total					3	14	10	0	0	1			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_2 eventually finishes and releases all its resources

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₁		1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3			
T ₂		2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-			
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	3	0	0	2			
Total					1	11	5	2	3	6			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_3 can execute as it still might NEED $(0, 0, 2)$ and AVAILABLE = $(2, 3, 6)$

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3			
	T_2	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	T_3	0	6	5	0	6	3	0	0	2			
	Total				1	11	5	2	3	6			

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T_3 can execute as it still might NEED $(0, 0, 2)$ and AVAILABLE = $(2, 3, 6)$

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
T ₀		0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T ₁		1	7	5	1	5	2	0	2	3			
T ₂		2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-			
T ₃		0	6	5	0	6	5	0	0	0	0		
Total					1	11	7	2	3	4			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_3 eventually finishes and releases all its resources

THREADS		RESOURCES									NEED		
		MAX			ALLOCATION			AVAILABLE					
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-				-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	5	2				0	2	3
	T_2	2	3	5	-	-	-				-	-	-
	T_3	0	6	5	-	-	-				-	-	-
	Total				1	5	2	2	9	9			

Banker's Algorithm: Example

T_1 can now execute since NEED ($0, 2, 3$) and AVAILABLE = $(2, 9, 9)$

THREADS		RESOURCES						NEED					
		MAX			ALLOCATION								
		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	T_0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T_1	1	7	5	1	7	5	0	0	0			
	T_2	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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T ₃		0	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	3	14	11			

Our Journey

- What is deadlock?
- Conditions for deadlock to happen
- Deadlock prevention
- Deadlock avoidance
- **Deadlock detection and recovery**

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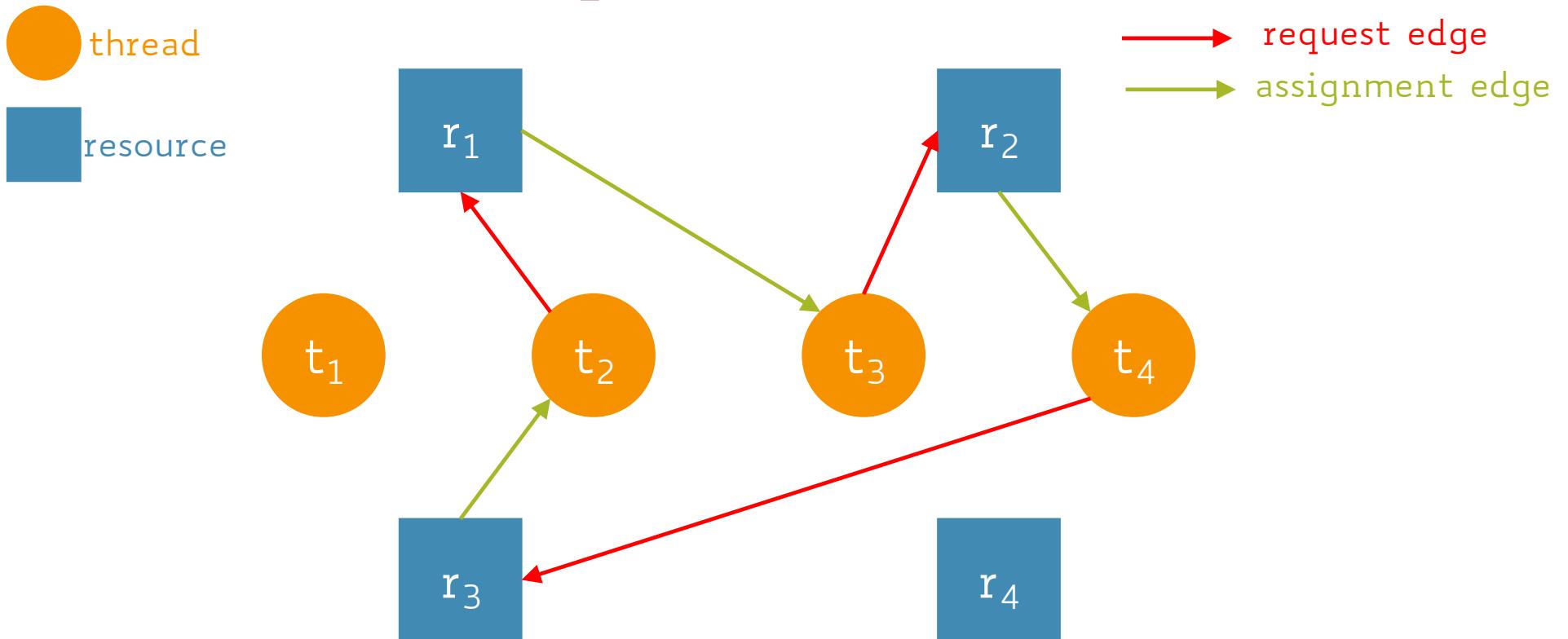
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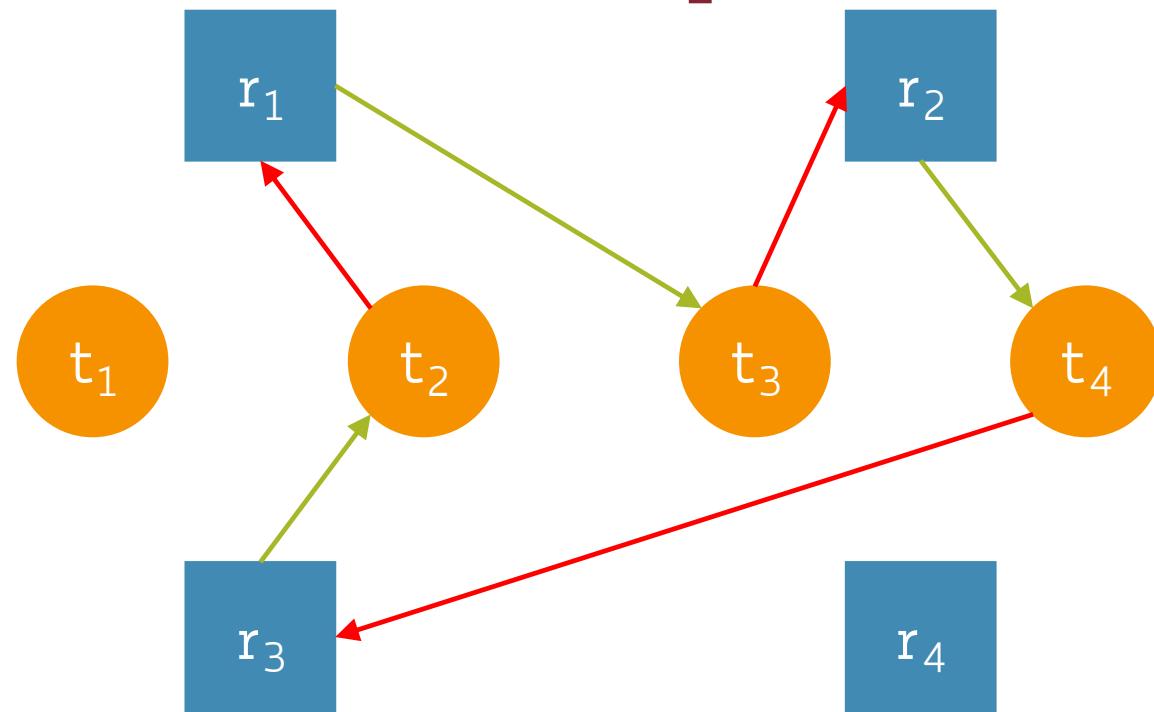
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 - **Request Edge** → a directed edge (t_i, r_j) indicates that t_i has requested r_j , but not yet acquired
 - **Assignment Edge** → a directed edge (r_j, t_i) indicates that the OS has allocated r_j to t_i

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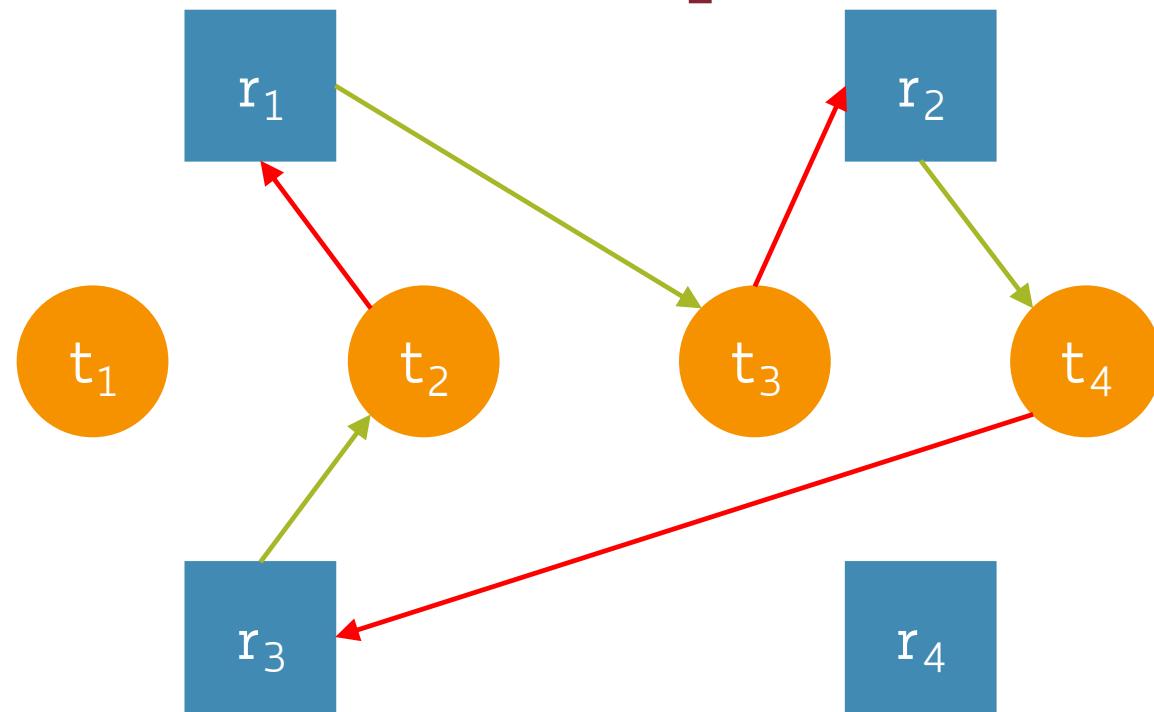


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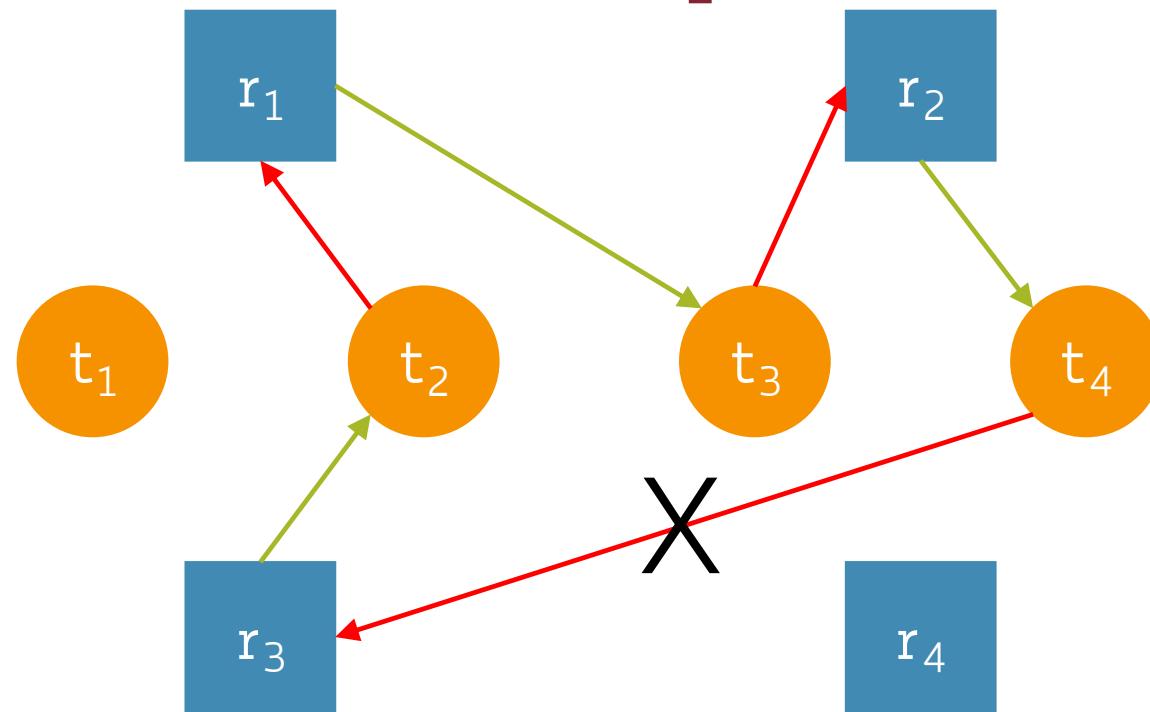
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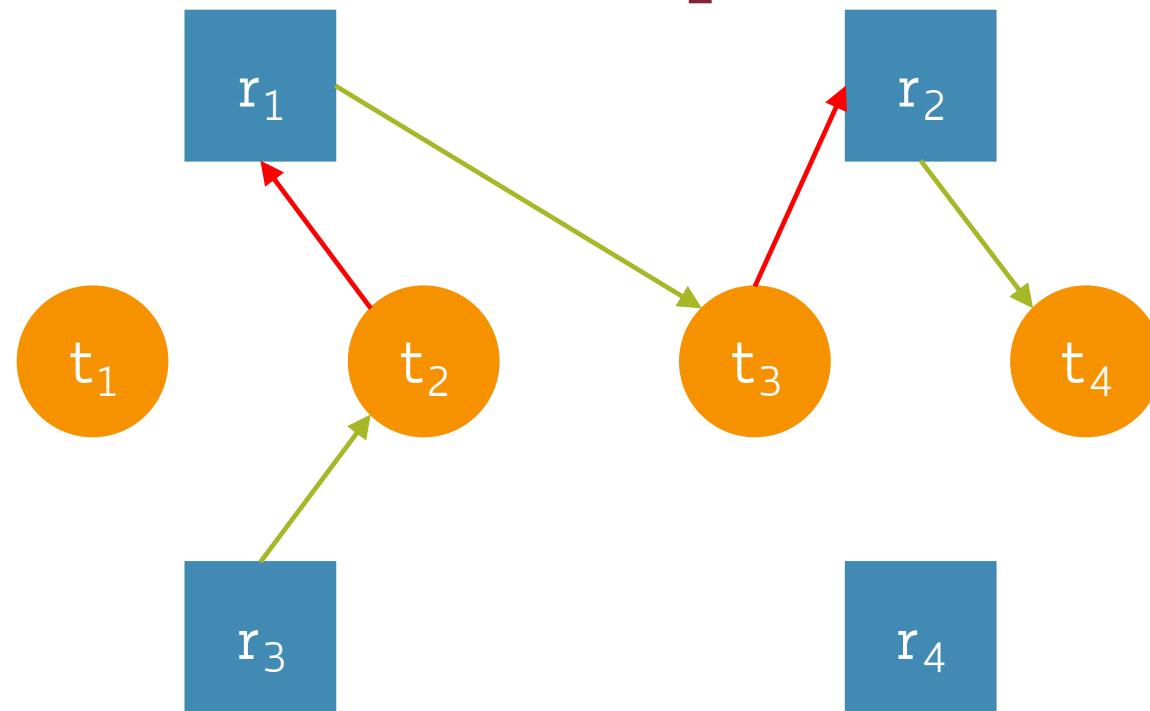
Why?

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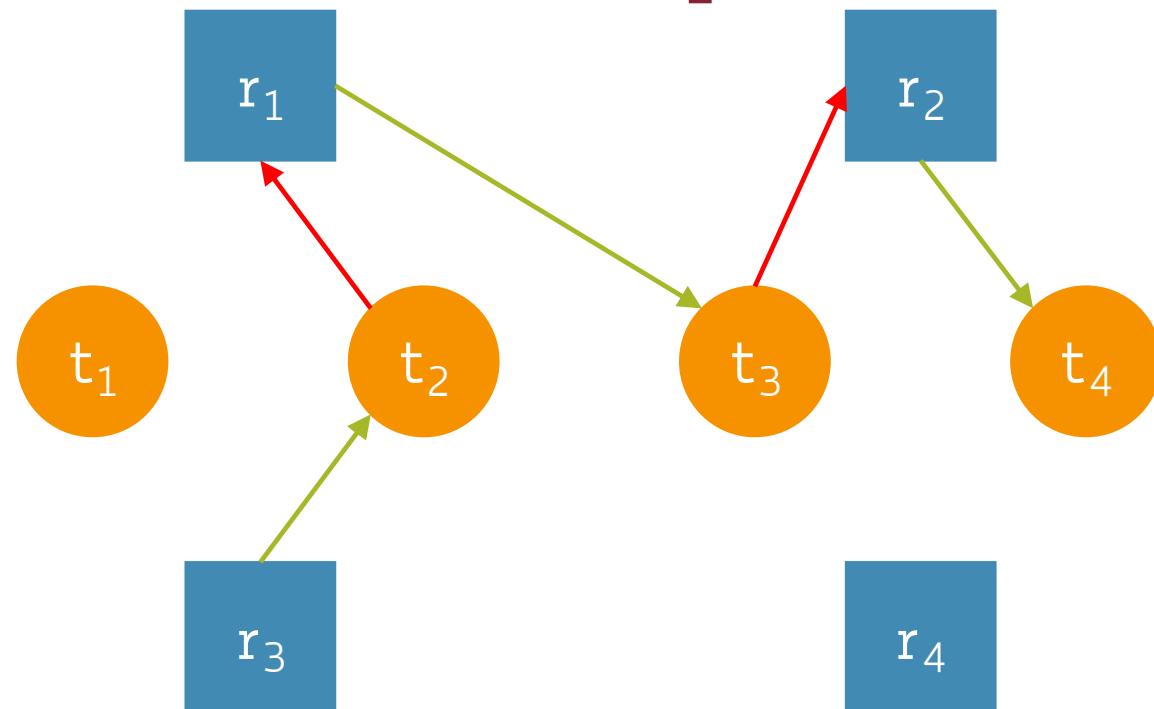
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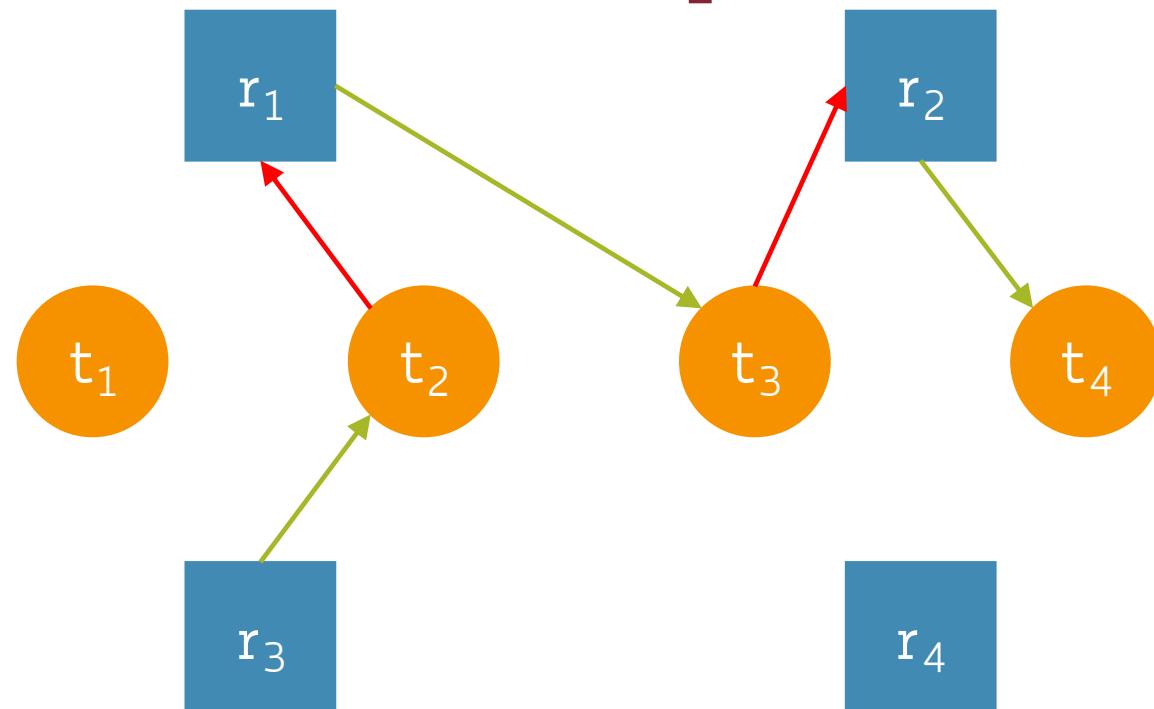


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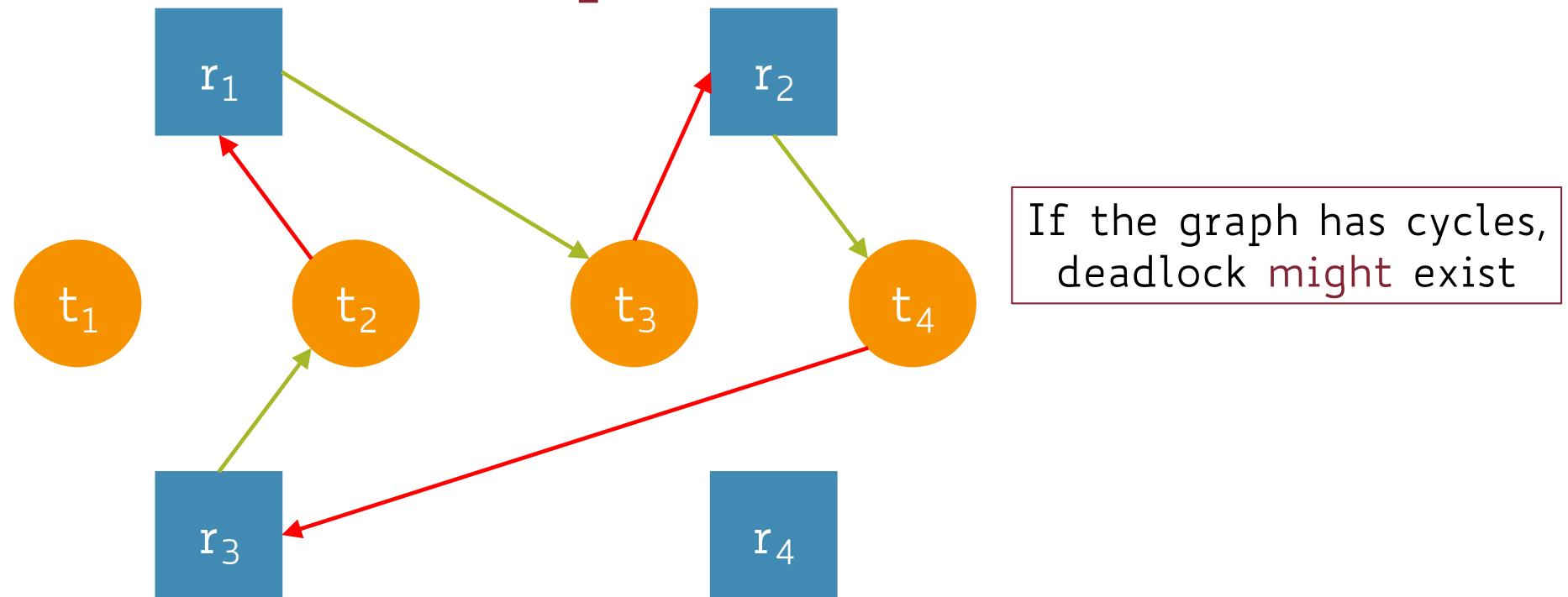
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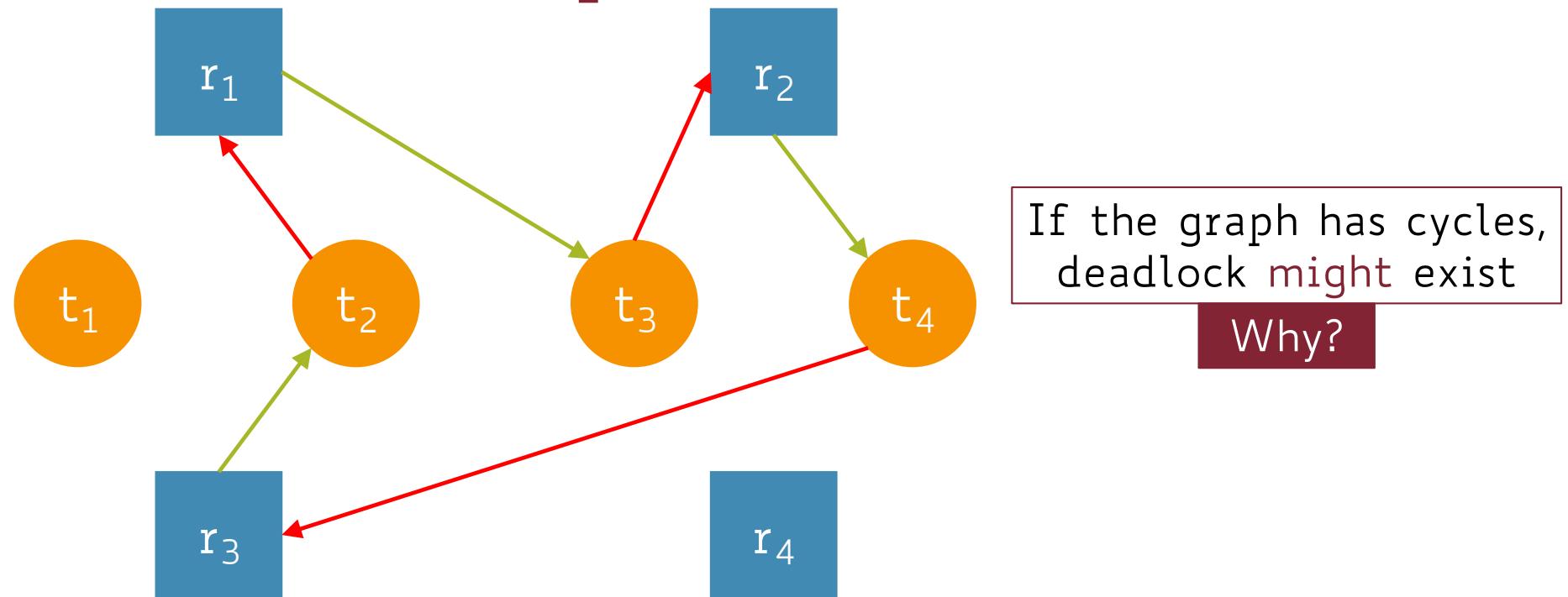
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And so on and so forth...

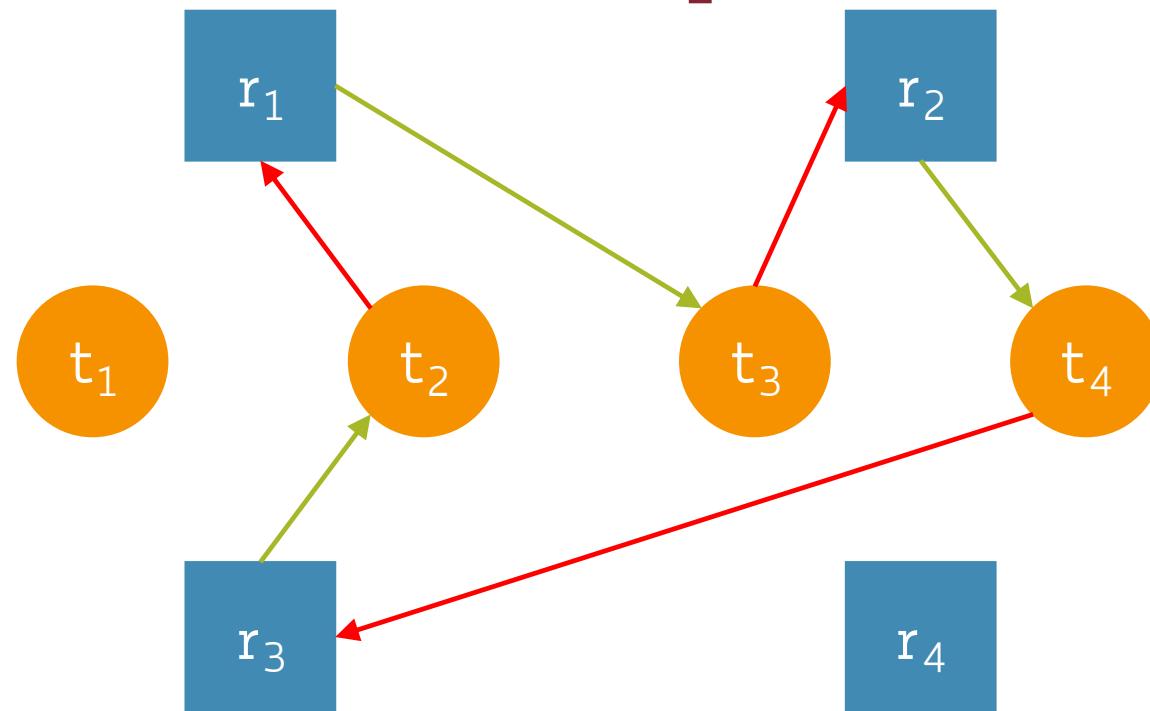
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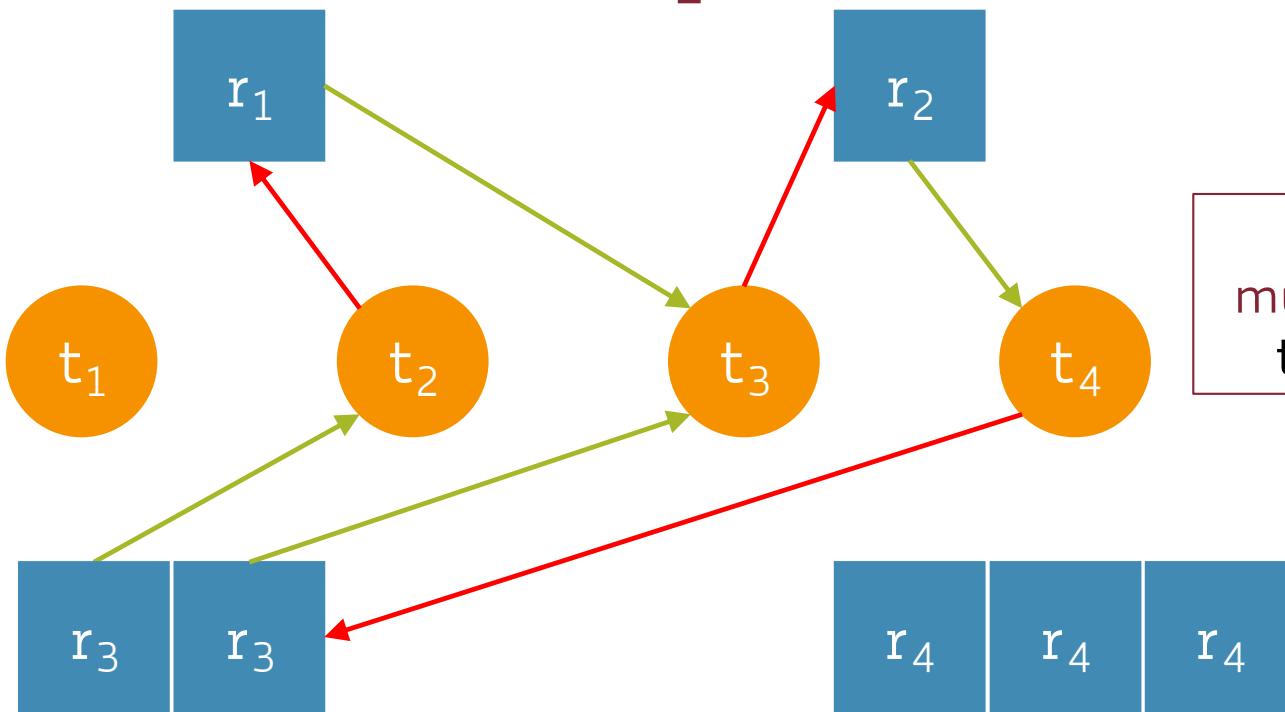
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If the graph has cycles, deadlock **might** exist

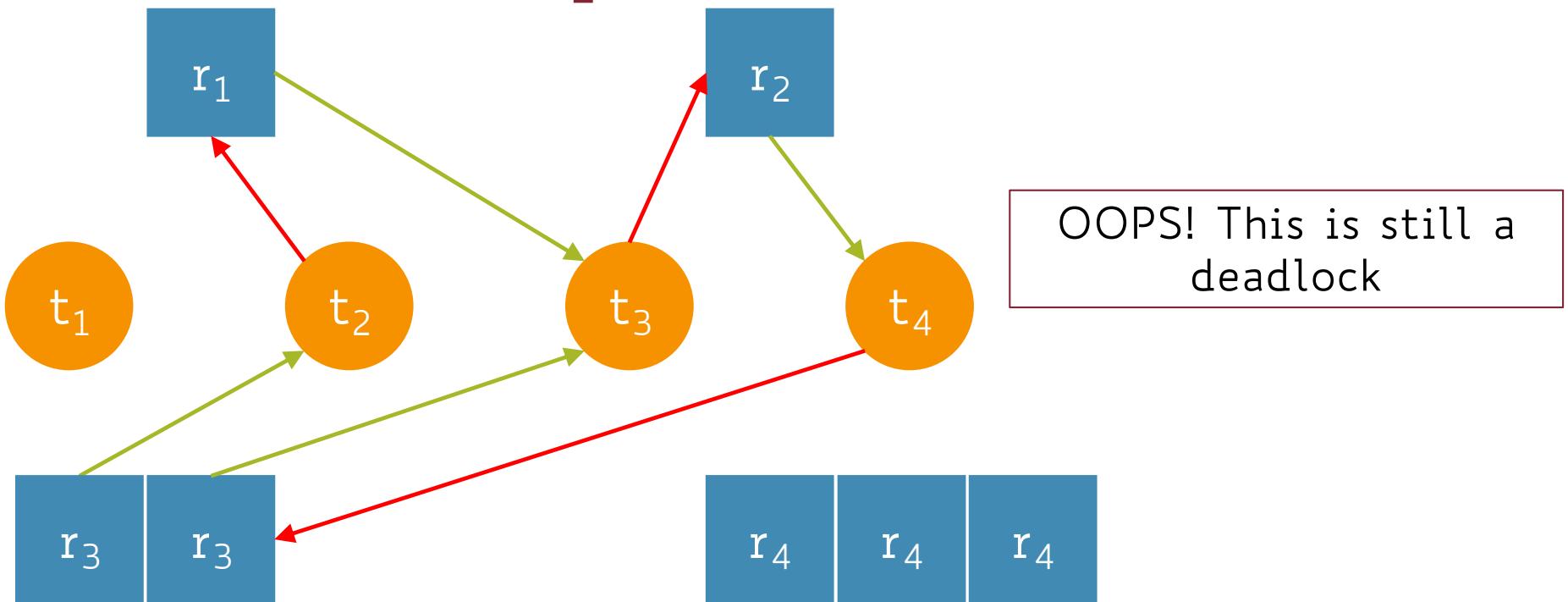
We are assuming the **multiplicity** of each resource is **1** (i.e., one r_1 , one r_2 , etc.)

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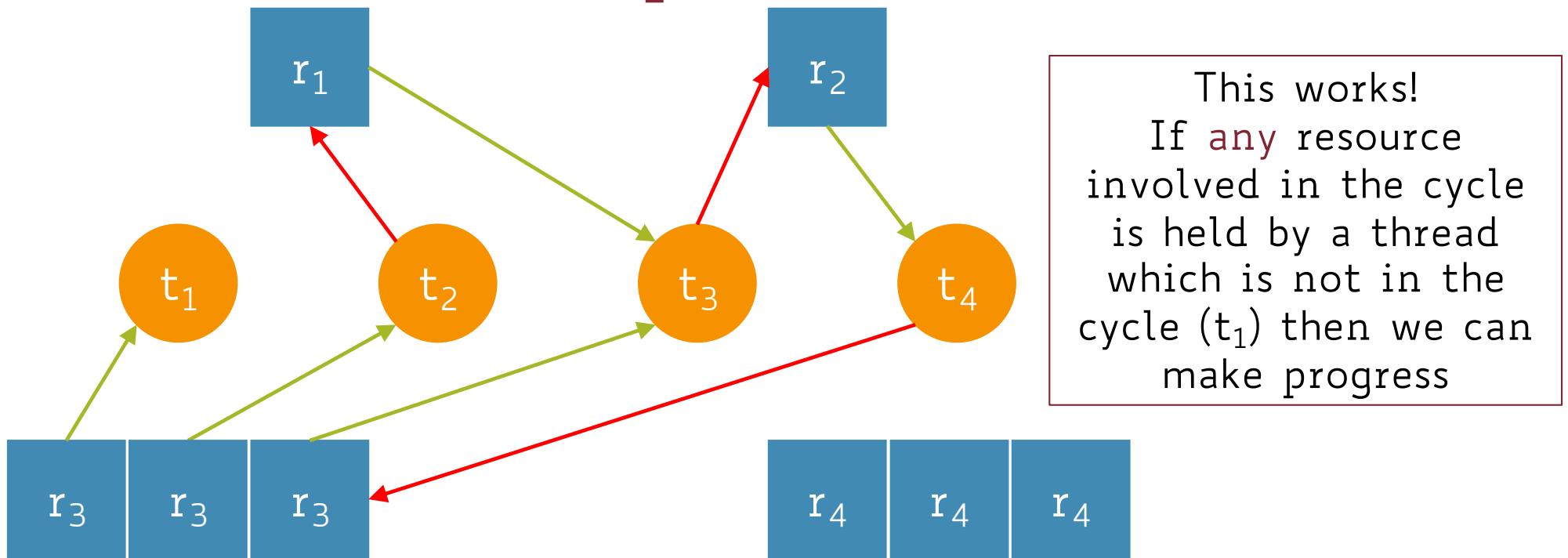


What if there are
multiple instances of
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- How? Several ways of doing it:
 - Kill all the threads in the cycle (quite harsh, ugh?)

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