CSC369 Week 10 Notes

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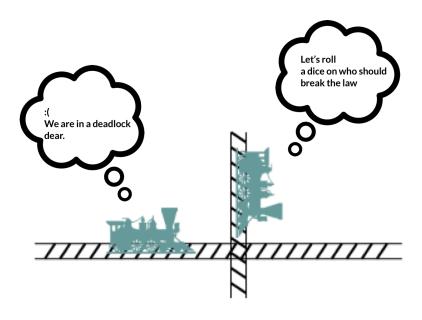
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• Deadlock Defined

- Google Definition: Is a situation one typically involving opposing parties, in which no progress can be made.
- Is permanent
- Happens to set of processes that
 - * Compete for same system resources
 - * Communicate with each other

• Example of Deadlock

- Law passed by Kansas Legislature in in early 20th century
 - * "When two trains approach each other at a crossing, both shall come to a full stop and <u>neither</u> shall start upon again until the other is gone"

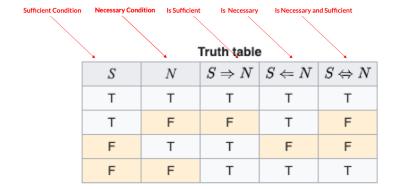


• Conditions for Deadlock

- Neccesary and Sufficient Conditions
 - 1. Mutual Exclusion
 - * Only one process may use a resource at a time
 - 2. Hold and wait
 - * A process may hold allocated resources while awaiting assignment of others
 - 3. No preemption
 - * No Resource can be forcibly removed from a process holding it
 - 4. Circular wait
 - * Each process must be waiting for a resource which is being held by another process, which in turn is waiting for the first process to release the resource [3]

Aside

- 1. Wait. Necessary condition? [1]
 - We say N is a necessary condition for S if we don't have N, we won't have S.
- 2. Wait. Sufficient condition? [1]
 - We say S is a necessary condition for N if we have S, then we know that N must follow, i.e. $S \Rightarrow N$
- 3. Hold on. How about necessary and sufficient condition?
 - Is when necessary and sufficient conditions are put together similar to if and only if $^{[2]}$



References

1) Fayetteville State University: Necessary and Sufficient Conditions, link

- 2) Wikipedia: Necessity and Sufficiency, link
- 3) Wikipedia: Deadlock, link

• Solutions

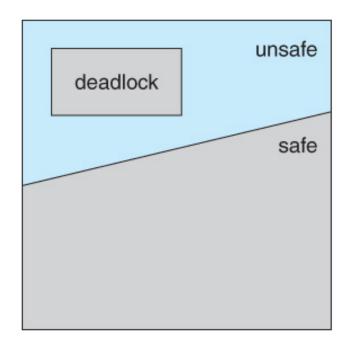
- Prevention
 - * Ensures that at least one of the necessary conditions to deadlock will never occur $^{[1]}$
- Avoidance
 - * Ensures that the system will not enter an unsafe mode [1]
- Detection and Recovery
 - * Ensures that the system recovers from deadlock if a deadlock has occured in the system. [2]
- Do Nothing and hope
 - * Is done by Windows, Linux, and JVM
 - * Works until eventually the deadlock snowballs, no longer functions, and requires manual intervention (Press power, and restart) [3]

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- 1) pediaa: What is the Difference Between Deadlock Prevention and Deadlock Avoidance, link
- 2) Geeks for Geeks: Recovery from Deadlock in Operating System, link
- 3) Casanova H. (2018). Synchronization: Deadlocks. Medium. link

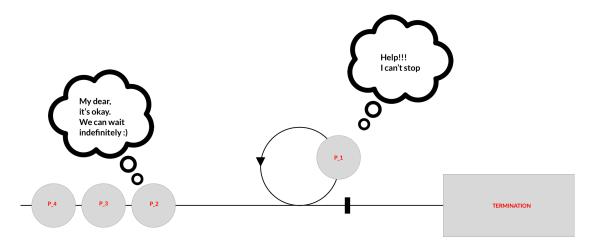
• Safe States

 A state is safe if the system can allocate all resources requested by all processes without entering a deadlocked state [1]



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- 1) University of Chicago: Deadlock Avoidance, link
- Unsafe States & Algorithm
 - An **unsafe** state is one which is not safe
- What is Atomicity?
 - atomic means without interruption (from week 2 notes)
 - e.g. Using outdoor ATM machine (Single account)
 - * Only one person can use the machine.
 - * Others need to wait in line
 - * None can interrupt the transaction
- Deadlock and Starvation
 - A set of threads is in a deadlocked state when every process in the set is waiting
 for an event that can be caused only by another process in the set.



- A thread is suffering **starvation** if it is waiting indefinitely because other threads are in some way preferred

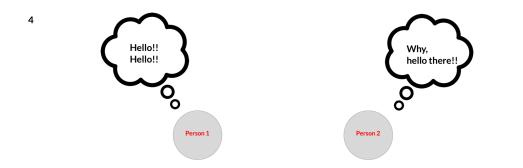
• Livelock

 Occurs when a set of processes continually retry some failed operation and prevent other processes in the set from making progress

Example:

1. Two people who meet face-to-face in a corridor, and both move aside to let the other pass $^{[1]}$





References

1) Guru 99: Livelock: What is, Example, Difference with Deadlock, link