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Unit 3 Deadlocks

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Main Topics

- System Model*
- Deadlock Characterization*
- Methods for Handling Deadlocks*
 - Deadlock Prevention*
 - Deadlock Avoidance*
 - Deadlock Detection*
- Recovery from Deadlock*

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Chapter Objectives



- ❖ To develop a description of deadlocks, which prevent sets of concurrent processes from completing their tasks
- ❖ To present a number of different methods for preventing or avoiding deadlocks in a computer system.

System Model



- ❖ System consists of resources
- ❖ Resource types R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m
 - ✓ CPU cycles, memory space, I/O devices
- ❖ Each resource type R_i has W_i instances.
- ❖ Each process utilizes a resource as follows:
 - request
 - use
 - release

Request

System call

Open()

Allocate()

Wait()

Use

Close()

Release

System call

Free()

Signal()

Deadlock Characterization



❖ *Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously.*

- *Mutual exclusion: only one process at a time can use a resource*
- *Hold and wait: a process holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other processes*
- *No preemption: a resource can be released only voluntarily by the process holding it, after that process has completed its task.*
- *Circular wait: there exists a set $\{P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ of waiting processes such that P_0 is waiting for a resource that is held by P_1 , P_1 is waiting for a resource that is held by P_2 , ..., P_{n-1} is waiting for a resource that is held by P_n , and P_n is waiting for a resource that is held by P_0 .*

Resource-Allocation Graph



A set of vertices \mathcal{V} and a set of edges \mathcal{E} .

❖ *\mathcal{V} is partitioned into two types:*

- *$\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$, the set consisting of all the processes in the system*
- *$\mathcal{R} = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system*

❖ *request edge – directed edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$*

❖ *assignment edge – directed edge $R_j \rightarrow P_i$*

Resource-Allocation Graph (Cont.)

Process



Resource Type with 4 instances



P_i requests instance of R_j



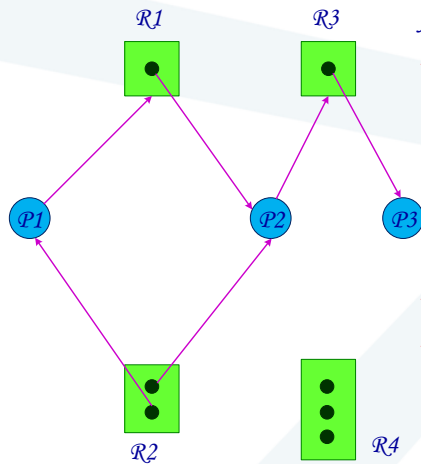
P_i is holding an instance of R_j



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Example of a Resource Allocation Graph



A set of vertices V and a set of edges E .

❖ V is partitioned into two types:

➤ $P = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$, the set consisting of all the processes in the system

$R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system

❖ request edge – directed edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$

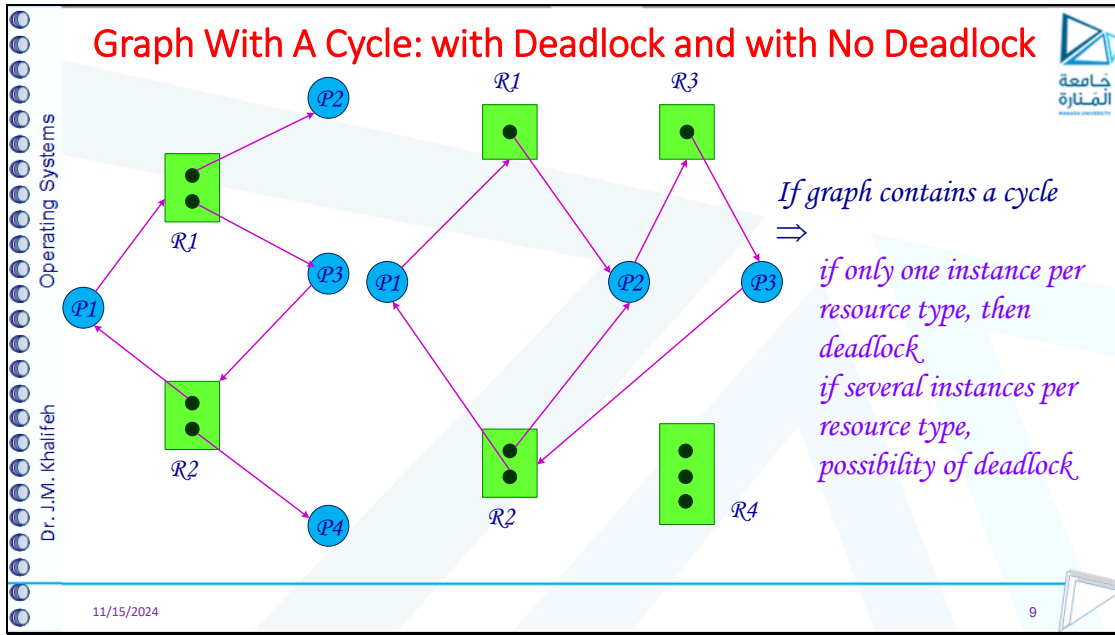
❖ assignment edge – directed edge $R_j \rightarrow P_i$

➤ $E = \{P_1 \rightarrow R_1, P_2 \rightarrow R_3, R_1 \rightarrow P_2, R_2 \rightarrow P_1, R_3 \rightarrow P_2, R_2 \rightarrow P_1, R_3 \rightarrow P_3\}$

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Graph With A Cycle: with Deadlock and with No Deadlock



Methods for Handling Deadlocks

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- ❖ Ensure that the system will never enter a deadlock state
 - ❖ Allow the system to enter a deadlock state and then recover
 - ❖ Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system; used by most operating systems, including UNIX
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Deadlock Prevention



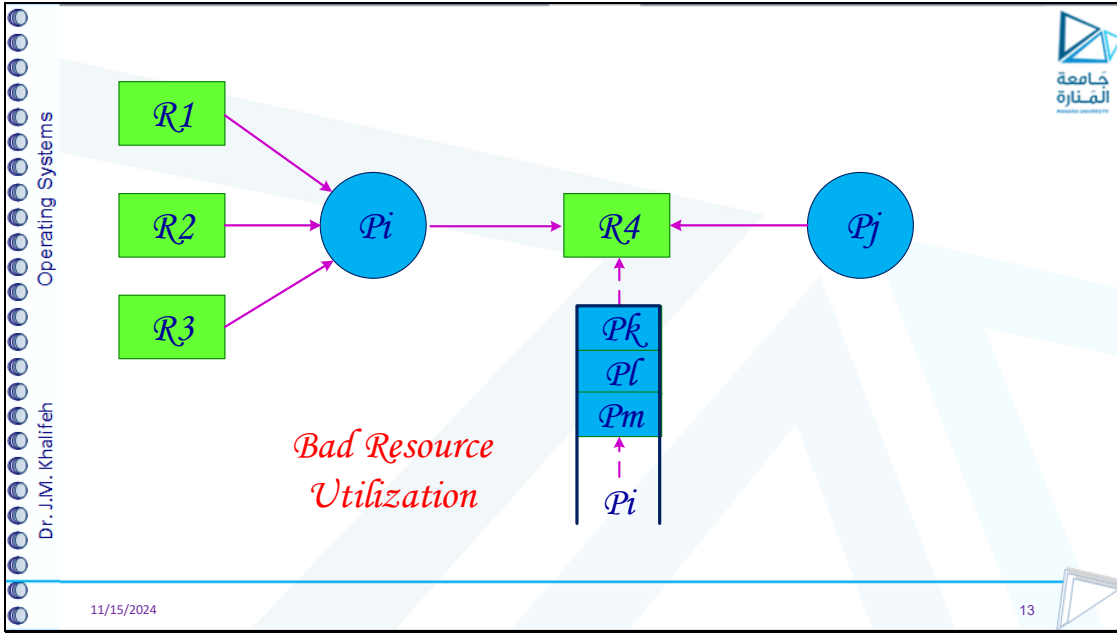
Restrain the ways request can be made

- ❖ *Eliminate Mutual Exclusion* – *It is not possible to dis-satisfy the mutual exclusion because some resources, such as the tape drive and printer, are inherently non-shareable.*
- ❖ *Eliminate Hold and Wait* – *must guarantee that whenever a process requests a resource, it does not hold any other resources*
 - *Require process to request and be allocated all its resources before it begins execution, or allow process to request resources only when the process has none*
 - *Low resource utilization; starvation possible.*

Deadlock Prevention (Cont.)



- ❖ *Eliminate No Preemption* –
 - *If a process that is holding some resources requests another resource that cannot be immediately allocated to it, then all resources currently being held are released*
 - *Preempted resources are added to the list of resources for which the process is waiting*
 - *Process will be restarted only when it can regain its old resources, as well as the new ones that it is requesting*



Deadlock Prevention (Cont.)

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❖ *Eliminate Circular Wait* – impose a total ordering of all resource types, and require that each process requests resources in an increasing order of enumeration.

➤ Each resource will be assigned a numerical number. A process can request the resources to increase/decrease order of numbering. For Example, if the P1 process is allocated R3 and R4 resources, now next time if P1 asks for R2, R1 lesser than R3 such a request will not be granted, only a request for resources more than R4 will be granted.

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Deadlock Avoidance

❖ Requires that the system has some additional *a priori* information available

- Simplest and most useful model requires that each process declare the maximum number of resources of each type that it may need
- The deadlock-avoidance algorithm dynamically examines the resource-allocation state to ensure that there can never be a circular-wait condition
- Resource-allocation state is defined by the number of available and allocated resources, and the maximum demands of the processes.

Safe State

❖ When a process requests an available resource, system must decide if immediate allocation leaves the system in a safe state

❖ System is in safe state if there exists a sequence $\langle P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \rangle$ of ALL the processes in the systems such that for each P_i , the resources that P_i can still request can be satisfied by currently available resources + resources held by all the P_j , with $j < i$

❖ That is:

- If P_i resource needs are not immediately available, then P_i can wait until all P_j have finished
- When P_j is finished, P_i can obtain needed resources, execute, return allocated resources, and terminate
- When P_i terminates, P_{i+1} can obtain its needed resources, and so on

Basic Facts

- ❖ *If a system is in safe state \Rightarrow no deadlocks*
- ❖ *If a system is in unsafe state \Rightarrow possibility of deadlock*
- ❖ *Avoidance \Rightarrow ensure that a system will never enter an unsafe state.*

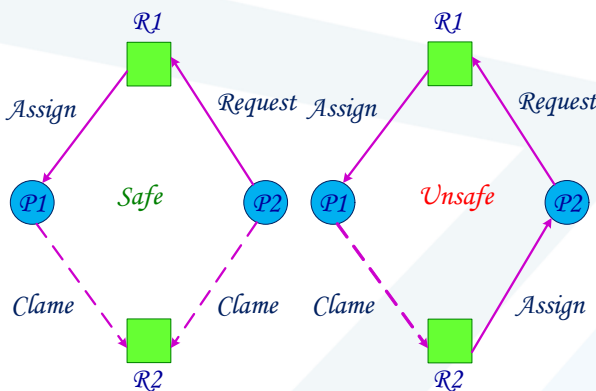
Avoidance algorithms

- ❖ *Single instance of a resource type*
 - *Use a resource-allocation graph*
- ❖ *Multiple instances of a resource type*
 - *Use the banker's algorithm*

Resource-Allocation Graph Scheme

- ❖ Claim edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$ indicated that process P_j may request resource R_j ; represented by a dashed line
- ❖ Claim edge converts to request edge when a process requests a resource
- ❖ Request edge converted to an assignment edge when the resource is allocated to the process
- ❖ When a resource is released by a process, assignment edge reconverts to a claim edge
- ❖ Resources must be claimed a priori in the system

Resource-Allocation Graph



The resource allocation graph (RAG) is used to visualize the system's current state as a graph. The Graph includes all processes, the resources that are assigned to them, as well as the resources that each Process requests. If there are fewer processes, we can quickly spot a deadlock in the system by looking at the graph rather than the tables we use in Banker's algorithm.

State In Resource-Allocation Graph

● Free instance
○ Allocated instance

$\langle P1, P0, P2 \rangle$

	Max Need	Current Need
P0	10	5
P1	4	2
P2	9	2

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Unsafe State In Resource-Allocation Graph

● Free instance
○ Allocated instance

$\langle P1, P2, P1, P2, P0 \rangle$
 $\langle P1, P2, P1, P2, P0 \rangle$

	Max Need	Current Need
P0	10	5
P1	4	2
P2	9	2

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Resource-Allocation Graph Algorithm



- ❖ Suppose that process P_i requests a resource R_j
- ❖ The request can be granted only if converting the request edge to an assignment edge does not result in the formation of a cycle in the resource allocation graph

Banker's Algorithm



Creditors

A	B	C
x	y	z

SUM

Cash

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Debtor applies for a loan: $W=100$

$Cash - SUM \geq W$

Banker's Algorithm



- ❖ *Multiple instances*
- ❖ *Each process must a priori claim maximum use*
- ❖ *When a process requests a resource it may have to wait*
- ❖ *When a process gets all its resources it must return them in a finite amount of time*

Data Structures for the Banker's Algorithm



Available : It is a 1-D array of size 'm' indicating the number of available resources of each type.

$Available[j] = k$ means there are 'k' instances of resource type R_j

$$Available [j] = \{ 4, 6, 2, 1, 7 \}$$

Data Structures for the Banker's Algorithm

Process	Resource				
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R _i
P1	2	0	5	3	1
P2	3	2	6	0	2
P3	1	1	4	3	7
P4	0	2	2	3	2
P _i	1	3	2	6	4

$Max[i, j] = k$ means process P_i may request at most ' k ' instances of resource type R_j .

$Allocation[i, j] = k$ means process P_i is currently allocated ' k ' instances of resource type R_j

$Need[i, j] = k$ means process P_i currently needs ' k ' instances of resource type R_j

$$Need[i, j] = Max[i, j] - Allocation[i, j]$$

Safety Algorithm

1. Let $Work$ and $Finish$ be vectors of length m and n , respectively. Initialize:

- $Work = Available$
- $Finish[i] = false$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

2. Find an i such that both:

- (a) $Finish[i] = false$
- (b) $Need_i \leq Work$
- If no such i exists, go to step 4

3. $Work_k = Work + Allocation_i$

- $Finish[i] = true$
- go to step 2

4. If $Finish[i] == true$ for all i , then the system is in a safe state

Resource-Request Algorithm for Process P_i

❖ $Request_i$ = request vector for process P_i . If $Request_i[j] = k$ then process P_i wants k instances of resource type R_j

- 1. If $Request_i \leq Need_i$ go to step 2. Otherwise, raise error condition, since process has exceeded its maximum claim
- 2. If $Request_i \leq Available$, go to step 3. Otherwise P_i must wait, since resources are not available
- 3. Pretend to allocate requested resources to P_i by modifying the state as follows:

❖ $Available = Available - Request_i;$

❖ $Allocation_i = Allocation_i + Request_i;$

❖ $Need_i = Need_i - Request_i;$

✓ If safe \Rightarrow the resources are allocated to P_i

✓ If unsafe $\Rightarrow P_i$ must wait, and the old resource-allocation state is restored

Example of Banker's Algorithm

5 processes P_0 through P_4 ;

3 resource types: A (10 instances), B (5 instances), and C (7 instances)

Snapshot at time T_0 :

	Allocation			Max			Need			Available		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
P_0	0	1	0	7	5	3	7	4	3	3	3	2
P_1	2	0	0	3	2	2	1	2	2			
P_2	3	0	2	9	0	2	6	0	0			
P_3	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1			
P_4	0	0	2	4	3	3	4	3	1			

Example: P1 Request (1,0,2)

❖ Check that $Request \leq Available$ (that is, $(1,0,2) \leq (3,3,2) \Rightarrow true$)

		Allocation/Need			Available		
		A	B	C	A	B	C
	P0	0	1	0	7	4	3
	P1	3	0	2	0	2	0
	P2	3	0	2	6	0	0
	P3	2	1	1	0	1	1
	P4	0	0	2	4	3	1

❖ Executing safety algorithm shows that sequence $\langle P1, P3, P4, P0, P2 \rangle$ satisfies safety requirement

❖ Can request for $(3,3,0)$ by P4 be granted?

❖ Can request for $(0,2,0)$ by P0 be granted?

Deadlock Detection

❖ Allow system to enter deadlock state

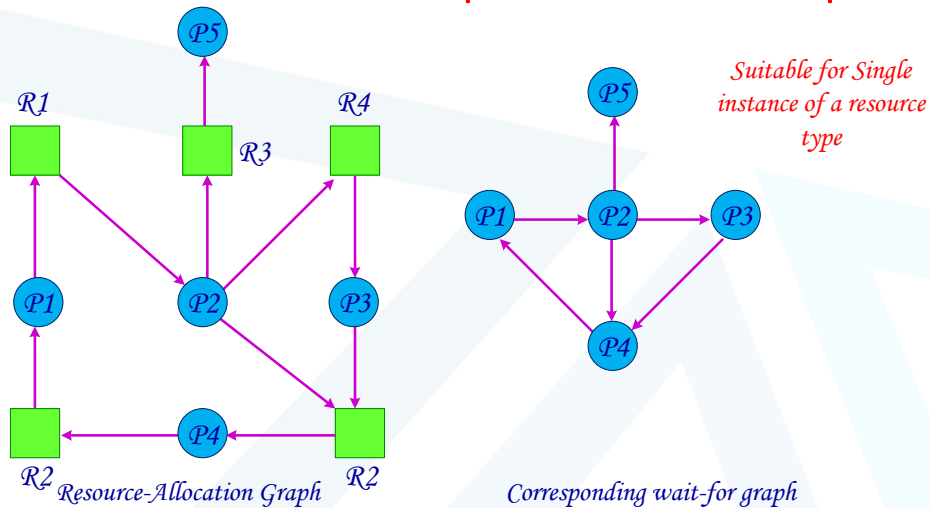
❖ Detection algorithm

❖ Recovery scheme

Single Instance of Each Resource Type

- ❖ *Maintain wait-for graph*
 - *Nodes are processes*
 - $P_i \rightarrow P_j$ if P_i is waiting for P_j
- ❖ *Periodically invoke an algorithm that searches for a cycle in the graph. If there is a cycle, there exists a deadlock.*
- ❖ *An algorithm to detect a cycle in a graph requires an order of n^2 operations, where n is the number of vertices in the graph*

Resource-Allocation Graph and Wait-for Graph



Several Instances of a Resource Type



The algorithm employs several times varying data structures:

- ❖ **Available:** A vector of length m indicates the number of available resources of each type.
- ❖ **Allocation:** An $n \times m$ matrix defines the number of resources of each type currently allocated to a process. The column represents resource and rows represent a process.
- ❖ **Request:** An $n \times m$ matrix indicates the current request of each process. If $request[i][j]$ equals k then process P_i is requesting k more instances of resource type R_j .

Detection Algorithm



- ❖ Let $Work_k$ and $Finish$ be vectors of length m and n respectively. Initialize $Work_k = Available$. For $i=0, 1, \dots, n-1$, if $Request_i = 0$, then $Finish[i] = true$; otherwise, $Finish[i] = false$.
- ❖ Find an index i such that both
 - $Finish[i] == false$
 - $Request_i \leq Work_k$If no such i exists go to step 4.
- ❖ $Work_k = Work_k + Allocation_i$
 $Finish[i] = true$
Go to Step 2.
- ❖ If $Finish[i] == false$ for some i , $0 \leq i < n$, then the system is in a deadlocked state. Moreover, if $Finish[i] == false$ the process P_i is deadlocked.

Example of Detection Algorithm

❖ Five processes P_0 through P_4 ; three resource types

A (7 instances), B (2 instances), and C (6 instances)

❖ Snapshot at time T_0 :

	Allocation	Request	Available	Resource Instances
	$A B C$	$A B C$	$A B C$	7 2 6
P_0	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
P_1	2 0 0	2 0 2		
P_2	3 0 3	0 0 0		
P_3	2 1 1	1 0 0		
P_4	0 0 2	0 0 2		

Sequence $\langle P_0, P_2, P_3, P_1, P_4 \rangle$ will result in $Finish[i] = true$ for all i

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Example of Detection Algorithm

❖ P_2 requests an additional instance of type C

❖ Snapshot at time T_0 :

	Allocation	Request	Available	Resource Instances
	$A B C$	$A B C$	$A B C$	7 2 6
P_0	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
P_1	2 0 0	2 0 2		
P_2	3 0 3	0 1 0		
P_3	2 1 1	1 0 0		
P_4	0 0 2	0 0 2		

State of system?

Can reclaim resources held by process P_0 , but insufficient resources to fulfill other processes; requests

Deadlock exists, consisting of processes $P_1, P_2, P_3,$ and P_4

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Detection-Algorithm Usage

- ❖ *When, and how often, to invoke depends on:*
 - *How often a deadlock is likely to occur?*
 - *How many processes will need to be rolled back?*
 - ✓ *one for each disjoint cycle*
- ❖ *If detection algorithm is invoked arbitrarily, there may be many cycles in the resource graph and so we would not be able to tell which of the many deadlocked processes “caused” the deadlock.*

Recovery from Deadlock: Process Termination

- ❖ *Abort all deadlocked processes*
- ❖ *Abort one process at a time until the deadlock cycle is eliminated*
- ❖ *In which order should we choose to abort?*
 - *Priority of the process*
 - *How long process has computed, and how much longer to completion*
 - *Resources the process has used*
 - *Resources process needs to complete*
 - *How many processes will need to be terminated*
 - *Is process interactive or batch?*

Recovery from Deadlock: Resource Preemption

- ❖ *Selecting a victim – minimize cost*
- ❖ *Rollback – return to some safe state, restart process for that state*
- ❖ *Starvation – same process may always be picked as victim, include number of rollback in cost factor*