CSc 360 Operating Systems Deadlocks

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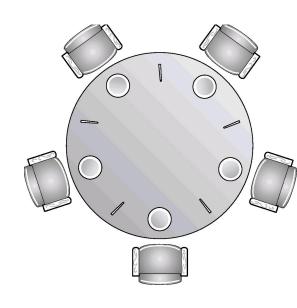
Review

- Ways to process synchronization
 - hardware-assisted solutions
 - mutex, semaphores
 - monitors
- Required properties
 - mutual exclusion
 - making progress (i.e., no deadlock)
 - bounded waiting (i.e., no livelock)

Dining philosophers: semaphores

- Shared data
 - Initially all values are 1 semaphore chopstick[5];
- Using semaphores, for Philosopher i:

```
wait(chopstick[i]);
wait(chopstick[(i+1) % 5]);
...
eat;
...
signal(chopstick[i]);
signal(chopstick[(i+1) % 5]);
...
think;
...
} while (1);
```



Dining philosophers: monitors

```
monitor DP {
   void test (int i) {
        if ( (state[(i + 4) % 5] != EATING) &&
        (state[i] == HUNGRY) &&
        (state[(i + 1) % 5] != EATING) ) {
           state[i] = EATING;
                self[i].signal (); // no effect if not blocked

    Using monitors

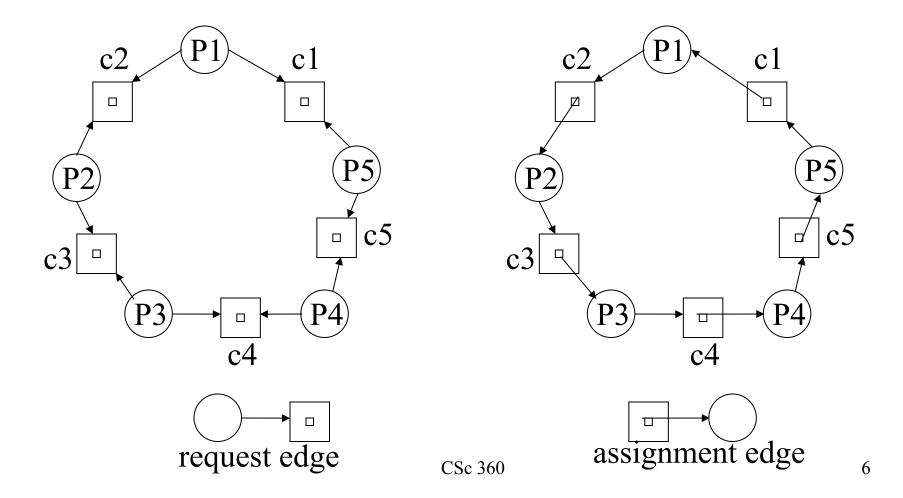
    initialization_code() {
                                                        dp.pickup (i)
       for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
         state[i] = THINKING;
                                                            EAT
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                                                         dp.putdown (i)
```

* what's the problem? how to implement monitors with or without condition variables?

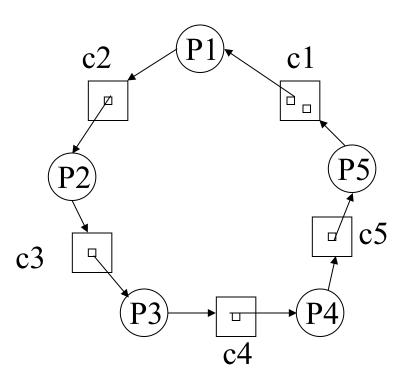
Deadlocks

- Deadlock can occur if all are true
 - mutual exclusion
 - wait(chopstick[i]);
 - hold-and-wait
 - wait(chopstick[i]); wait(chopstick[(i+1)%5]);
 - no-preemption
 - wait();
 - -circular-wait
 - chopstick[(i+1)%5]

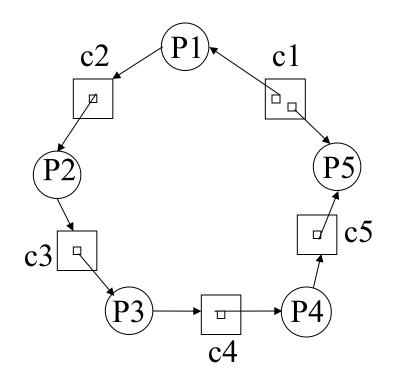
Resource-allocation graph



How about this?



- Directed circle
 - one instance per resource type
 - deadlock
 - otherwise: maybe!



- No directed circle
 - no deadlock

Preventing deadlocks

- Prevention
 - mutual exclusion
 - only when mutual exclusion is really necessary

- hold-and-wait
 - all-or-none
- non-preemption
 - give up on request
- circular-wait
 - strictly ordered

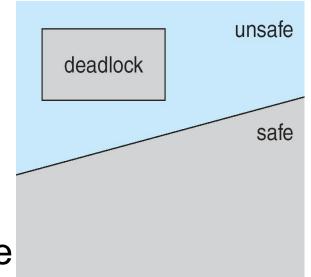
Avoiding deadlocks

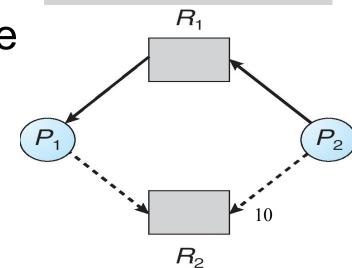
Avoidance

- declare maximal resource usage in advance
 - claim edge
- check against currently admitted processes
- admit if safe (e.g., no circular-wait)
 - a sequence of P_i, such as P_i is satisfied with all P_{j<i}
 - single instance resource: resource-allocation graph
 - multi-instance resource: banker's algorithm

Deadlock avoidance

- Basic fact
 - in safe state: no deadlocks
 - in unsafe state:
 - possible deadlocks
 - avoidance: not in unsafe state
- Single instance of resource
 - resource-allocation graph
 - claim vs request edge
 - assignment edge





Banker's algorithm

Let n = number of processes, and m = number of resources types.

- Available: Vector of length m. If available [j] = k, there are k instances of resource type R_i available.
- Max: $n \times m$ matrix. If Max[i,j] = k, then process P_i may request at most k instances of resource type R_j .
- Allocation: n x m matrix. If Allocation[i,j] = k then P_i is currently allocated k instances of R_i.
- Need: n x m matrix. If Need[i,j] = k, then P_i may need k more instances of R_i to complete its task.

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, ..., n-1.
```

- 2. Find an *i* such that both:
 - (a) Finish [i] = false
 - (b) $Need_i \le Work$

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

Request = request vector for process P_i . If Request_i[j] = k then process P_i wants k instances of resource type R_{i} .

- 1. If $Request_i \le Need_i$ go to step 2. Otherwise, raise error condition, since process has exceeded its maximum claim.
- 2. If $Request_i \le Available$, 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;
Allocation<sub>i</sub> = Allocation<sub>i</sub> + Request<sub>i</sub>;
Need<sub>i</sub> = Need<sub>i</sub> - Request<sub>i</sub>;
```

- If safe: the resources are allocated to Pi.
- If unsafe: Pi must wait, and the old resource-allocation state is restored

An example

Process	Allocation	Max	Available		
	АВС	A B C	АВС		
Po	0 1 0	7 5 3	3 3 2		
P ₁	2 0 0	3 2 2			
P ₂	3 0 2	9 0 2	1		
P ₃	2 1 1	2 2 2			
P ₄	0 0 2	4 3 3	1		

Process	Need		
	Α	В	С
Po	7	4	3
P ₁	1	2	2
P ₂	6	0	0
P ₃	0	1	1
P ₄	4	3	1

- A pending request (1, 0, 2) from P1
 - Is the request legitimate?
 - Is it safe after the grant?

· Yes: Grant

· No: Reject

This lecture

- Deadlocks
 - deadlock characteristics
 - how to prevent deadlocks
 - how to avoid deadlocks
 - how to detect and resolve deadlocks
 - after-class reading
- Explore further
 - CSC 464: Concurrency

Next few lectures

- File system design and implementation
 - as a preparation for P3
- Memory management
 - Main memory
 - Virtual memory
- I/O management