

Betriebssysteme

Process Coordination

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Synchronization

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Producer-Consumer Problem

- Concurrent access to shared data may result in data inconsistency
- Maintaining data consistency requires mechanisms to ensure the orderly execution of cooperating processes
- Example: consumer-producer problem that fills all the available buffers
 - One integer (`count`) keeps track of the number of full buffers, initially set to 0. It is incremented by the producer after it produces an item and it is decremented by the consumer after consuming an item from the buffer.

```
while (true) {  
    /* produce item in nextProduced */  
    while (count == BUFFER.SIZE)  
        ; // do nothing  
    buffer [in] = nextProduced;  
    in = (in + 1) % BUFFER.SIZE;  
    count++;  
}
```

```
while (true) {  
    while (count == 0)  
        ; // do nothing  
    nextConsumed = buffer[out];  
    out = (out + 1) % BUFFER.SIZE;  
    count--;  
    /* consume item in nextConsumed */  
}
```

Producer - Consumer Race Condition

- `count++` could be implemented as
`register1 = count`
`register1 = register1 + 1`
`count = register1`
- `count--` could be implemented as
`register2 = count`
`register2 = register2 - 1`
`count = register2`
- Consider this execution interleaving with “`count = 5`” initially:
S0: producer execute `register1=count` {`register1 = 5`}
S1: producer execute `register1=register1+1` {`register1 = 6`}
S2: consumer execute `register2=count` {`register2 = 5`}
S3: consumer execute `register2=register2-1` {`register2 = 4`}
S4: producer execute `count=register1` {`count = 6`}
S5: consumer execute `count=register2` {`count = 4`}

Synchronization Hardware

- Many systems provide hardware support for critical section code
- Uniprocessors could disable interrupts
 - Currently running code would execute without preemption
 - Generally too inefficient on multiprocessor systems
- Operating systems disabling interrupts are not broadly scalable
- Modern machines provide special atomic (= non-interruptable) hardware instructions
 - Test memory word And Set value (TAS)
 - Load-Store (ldstwb)(e.g., SPARC V9)
 - Fetch and Add (e.g., x86)
 - Swap contents of two memory words
 - Compare and Swap (CAS) (e.g., SPARC V9, 68K)
 - Load-Link/Store-Conditional (LL/SC) (e.g., ARM, PowerPC, MIPS)

Solution to Critical-section Problem Using Locks

```
do {  
    acquire lock  
    critical section  
    release lock  
    remainder section  
} while (TRUE);
```

Bounded-waiting Mutual Exclusion with TestAndSet

```
do {
    waiting[i] = TRUE;
    key = TRUE;
    while (waiting[i] && key)
        key = TestAndSet(&lock);
    waiting[i] = FALSE;
    // critical section
    j = (i + 1) % n;
    while ((j != i) && !waiting[j])
        j = (j + 1) % n;
    if (j == i)
        lock = FALSE;
    else
        waiting[j] = FALSE;
    // remainder section
} while (TRUE);
```

Semaphore

- Synchronization tool that does not necessarily require busy waiting
- Semaphore S - integer variable
- Two standard operations: wait(S) and signal(S)
- Originally called P() ("proberen") and V() ("verhogen" = increment)
- Can only be accessed via two indivisible (atomic) operations

```
wait(S){
    while S <= 0
        ; // no-op
    S--;
}
```

```
signal(S){
    S++;
}
```

Semaphore Implementation

- Must guarantee that no two processes can execute `wait()` and `signal()` on the same semaphore at the same time
- Thus, implementation becomes the critical section problem where the wait and signal code are placed in the critical section.
 - Could now have `busy waiting` in critical section implementation
 - But implementation code is short
 - Little busy waiting if critical section rarely occupied
- Note that applications may spend lots of time in critical sections and therefore this is not a good solution.

Deadlock and Starvation

- **Deadlock** - two or more processes are waiting indefinitely for an event that can be caused by only one of the waiting processes
- Let S and Q be two semaphores initialized to 1

```
P0                P1
wait (S);        wait (Q);
wait (Q);        wait (S);
.
.
.
signal (Q);      signal (S);
signal (S);      signal (Q);
```

- **Starvation** - indefinite blocking. A process may never be removed from the semaphore queue in which it is suspended (e.g., with LIFO queue ordering)

Classical Problems of Synchronization

- Bounded-Buffer Problem
- Readers and Writers Problem
 - First Readers and Writers Problem
 - Second Readers and Writers Problem
 - Third Readers and Writers Problem
- Dining-Philosophers Problem

Bounded-Buffer Problem

- N buffers, each can hold one item
- Semaphore `mutex` initialized to the value 1
- Semaphore `full` initialized to the value 0
- Semaphore `empty` initialized to the value N

```
do {
    // produce an item in nextP

    wait (empty);
    wait (mutex);

    // add the item to the buffer

    signal (mutex);
    signal (full);
} while (TRUE);
```

```
do {
    wait (full);
    wait (mutex);

    // remove item from buffer to nextC

    signal (mutex);
    signal (empty);

    // consume item in nextC
} while (TRUE);
```

Solution to Dining Philosophers

- Each philosopher invokes the operations pickup() and putdown() in the following sequence:
 - DiningPhilosophers.pickup(i);
 - Eat
 - DiningPhilosophers.putdown(i);

```
monitor DiningPhilosopher
{
    enum {THINKING, HUNGRY, EATING} state[5];
    condition self[5];

    void pickup(int i) {
        state[i] = HUNGRY;
        test(i);
        if (state[i] != EATING) self[i].wait();
    }

    void putdown(int i) {
        state[i] = THINKING;
        // test left and right neighbors
        test((i+4)%5);
        test((i+1)%5);
    }
}
```

```
void test(int i) {
    if ((state[(i+4)%5] != EATING) &&
        (state[i] == HUNGRY) &&
        (state[(i+1)%5] != EATING)) {
        state[i] = EATING;
        self[i].signal();
    }
}

initialization_code() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
        state[i] = THINKING;
}
```

Monitor Implementation Using Semaphores

- Variables

```
semaphore mutex; // (initially = 1) entry
semaphore next; // (initially = 0) re-entry
int next_count = 0;
```

- Each procedure F will be replaced by

```
wait(mutex);
...
body of F;
...
if (next_count > 0)
    signal(next);
else
    signal(mutex);
```

- Mutual exclusion within a monitor is ensured.

Monitor Implementation

- For each condition variable x , we have:

```
semaphore x_sem; // (initially = 0)
int x_count = 0;
```

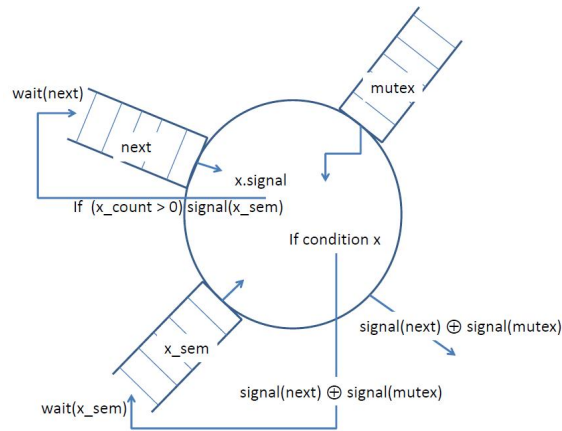
- The operation $x.wait$ can be implemented as:

```
x_count++;
if (next_count > 0)
    signal(next);
else
    signal(mutex);
wait(x_sem);
x_count--;
```

- The operation $x.signal$ can be implemented as:

```
if (x_count > 0) {
    next_count++;
    signal(x_sem);
    wait(next);
    next_count--;
}
```

Monitor Implementation Using Semaphores



Pthreads Synchronization

- Pthreads API is OS-independent
- It provides:
 - mutex locks
 - condition variables
- Non-portable extensions include:
 - read-write locks
 - spin locks

System Model

- 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

Deadlock Characterization

Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously



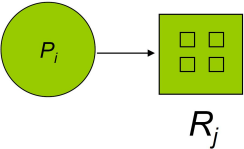
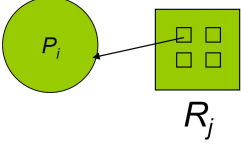
- **Mutual exclusion:** only one process at a time can use a resource
- **Hold and wait:** a process holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other processes
- **No preemption:** a resource can be released only voluntarily by the process holding it, after that 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 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 $R_j \rightarrow P_i$

Resource-Allocation Graph II

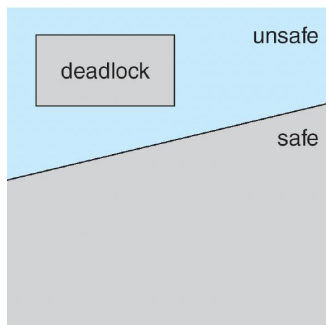
- Process 
- Resource Type with 4 instances 
- P_i requests instance of R_j

- P_i is holding an instance of R_j


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

Safe, Unsafe, Deadlock State

- 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.



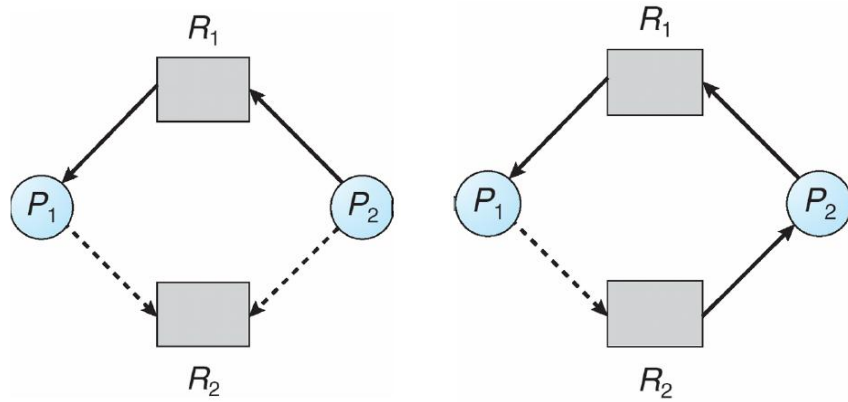
Avoidance algorithms

- 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_i 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
- 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 (=unsafe state)

Unsafe State In Resource-Allocation Graph



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

Resource-Request Algorithm for Process P_i

Request = 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 \times), B(5 \times), and C (7 \times)

- 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 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| P_4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | |

- The system is in a safe state since the sequence $\langle P_1, P_3, P_4, P_2, P_0 \rangle$ satisfies safety criteria

Example: P_1 Request(1,0,2)

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

| | 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 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| P_1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| P_2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| P_3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| P_4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | |

- Executing safety algorithm shows that sequence $\langle P_1, P_3, P_4, P_0, P_2 \rangle$ satisfies safety requirement
- Can request for (3,3,0) by P_4 be granted?
(No, resource not available)
- Can request for (0,2,0) by P_0 be granted?
(No, no safe state)

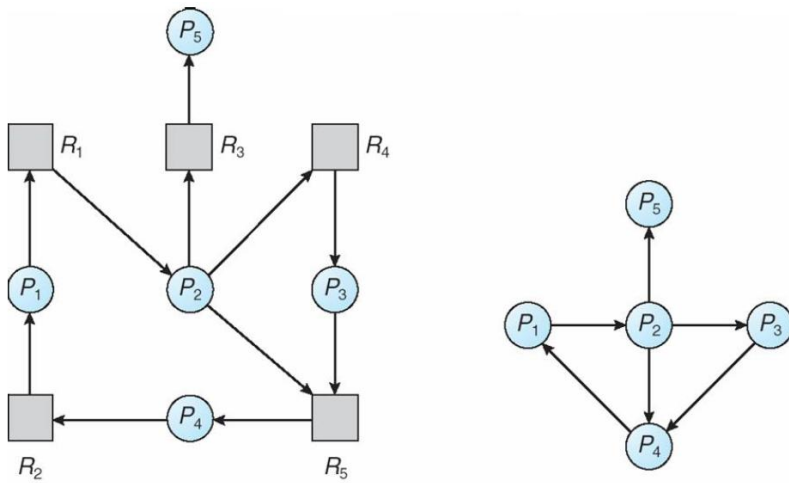
Deadlock Detection

- Allow system to enter deadlock state
- Detection algorithm
- Recovery scheme

Single Instance of Each Resource Type

- Maintain wait-for graph
 - Nodes are processes
 - The corresponding resource-allocation graph contains two edges $P_i \rightarrow R_q$ and $R_q \rightarrow P_j$
 - Wait-for graph: $P_i \rightarrow P_j$; 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



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
- One request may create many cycles in the resource graph
 - Each cycle is completed by the most recent request
 - Each cycle was “caused” by the one identifiable process.
- 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

