

# Deadlock Questions?

## Operating Systems

### Deadlock

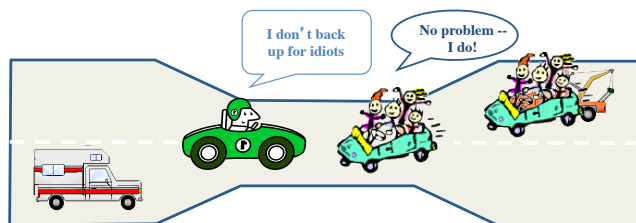


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- What is a deadlock?
- What causes a deadlock?
- How do you deal with (potential) deadlocks?

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## Deadlock: What is a deadlock?



Deitel & Deitel anecdote

- All entities are waiting for a resource that is **held** by another waiting entity.
  - Since all are waiting for each other, none can provide any of the things being waited for (they are ALL blocked).
- **Simple Example:** narrow bridge (resource access to the bridge) --
  - if a deadlock occurs, resolved if one car backs up

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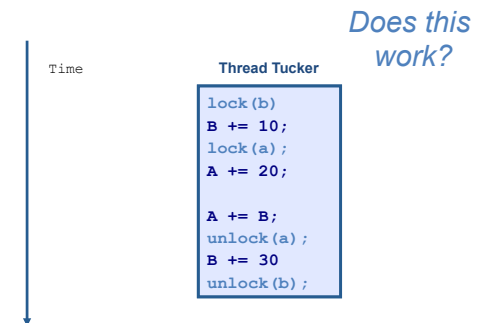
## Example (Review): Two Threads?

- Two threads access two shared variables, A and B
  - Variable A is protected by lock a
  - Variable B by lock b
- How to add lock and unlock statements?

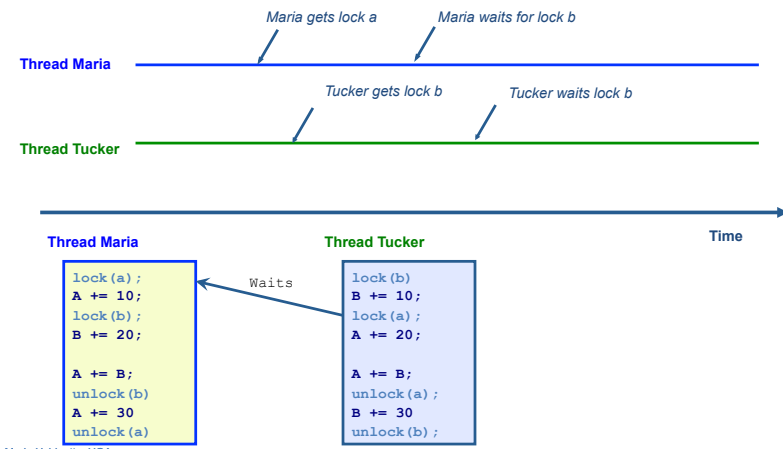
```
Thread Maria
lock (a);
A += 10;
lock (b);
B += 20;

A += B;
unlock (b);
A += 30;
unlock (a);
```

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# Example: Maria & Tucker



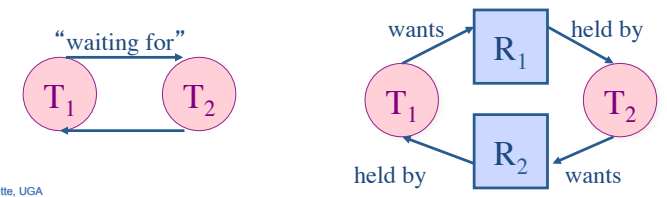
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# Representing Deadlock

Two common ways of representing deadlock:

- Vertices (circles or rectangles)
  - threads (or processes) in system
  - resources [types] (e.g., locks, semaphores, printers)
- Edges : indicates either (determined by direction):
  - 'waiting for' or 'wants' (head of arrow on resource) OR
  - 'held by' (head of arrow on thread)

Wait-For Graph OR Resource Allocation Graph (RAG)



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## 4 Conditions for Deadlock

All four conditions must hold simultaneously

- Mutual exclusion:
  - Resource cannot be shared
  - Requests are delayed until resource is released
- Hold and wait:
  - Thread holds one resource while it waits for another
- No preemption:
  - previously granted resources cannot forcibly be taken away
- Circular wait:
  - Circular dependencies exist in "waits-for" or "resource-allocation" graphs
  - Each is waiting for a resource held by next member of the chain.



All four conditions must hold simultaneously

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## What to do: Handling Deadlock

- Ignore
  - Easiest and most common approach (e.g., UNIX).
- Deadlock prevention
  - Ensure deadlock does not happen
  - Ensure at least one of 4 conditions does not occur
    - Hold&Wait, No Preemption, Circularity, Mutual Exclusion
    - System build so deadlock cannot happen
- Deadlock detection and recovery
  - Allow deadlocks, but detect when occur
  - Recover and continue
- Deadlock avoidance
  - Ensure deadlock does not happen
  - Use information about resource requests to dynamically avoid unsafe situations (Thursday)



Ostrich algorithm

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# Deadlock Prevention

- Approach
  - Ensure 1 of 4 conditions cannot occur
  - Negate each of the 4 conditions
- No single approach is appropriate (or possible) for all circumstances!
- Examples ...

Mutual exclusion  
Hold and wait  
No preemption  
Circular wait

# Deadlock Prevention: *Mutual Exclusion*

- No mutual exclusion
- --> Make access to resources sharable ;
- Examples: Access to files
  - Read-only files
  - Printer daemon needs exclusive access to the printer, there is only one printer daemon -- uses spooling.

Mutual exclusion  
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# Deadlock Prevention *Hold and Wait*

- Make rules on how a resources hold and requests(waits) on resources
- Two General Approaches:
  1. A Thread only requests resources when it does not hold other resources
    - *release* resources before requesting new ones

Mutual exclusion  
Hold and wait  
No preemption  
Circular wait

```
lock (a) ;
A += 10 ;
unlock (a) ;
lock (b) ;
B += 20 ;
unlock (b) ;
lock (a) ;
A += 30 ;
unlock (a) ;
```

```
lock (b) ;
B += 10 ;
Unlock (b) ;
lock (a) ;
A += 20 ;
unlock (a) ;
lock (b) ;
B += 30 ;
unlock (b) ;
```

# Deadlock Prevention *Hold and Wait*

- Two Approaches:
  2. Atomically acquire all resources at once (all or none)
    - » Example: Single lock to protect all (other variations - e.g., release access to one variable earlier)

Mutual exclusion  
Hold and wait  
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Circular wait

```
lock (AB) ;
A += 10 ;
B += 20 ;
A += 30 ;
unlock (AB) ;
```

```
lock (AB) ;
B += 10 ;
A += 20 ;
B += 30 ;
unlock (AB) ;
```



# Deadlock Prevention

## *Hold and Wait*

- **Summary the Two Approaches:**

1. Only request resources when it does not hold other resources
2. Atomically acquire **all** resources at once

- **Problems:**

- Low resource utilization: ties up resources other processes could be using
- May not know required resources before execution
- **Starvation:** A thread that need popular resources may wait forever

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# Deadlock Prevention

## *No Preemption*

- Two Approaches:

1. Preempt **requestors** resource
    - **Example:** B is holding some resources and then requests additional resources that are held by other threads, then B releases all its resources (and start over)
  2. Preempt **holders** resource
    - **Example:** A waiting for something held by B, then take resource away from B and give them to A (B starts over).
- Not possible if resource cannot be saved and restored
    - Can't take away a lock without causing problems
  - Only works for some resources (e.g., CPU and memory)
    - May cause thrashing.

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# Deadlock Prevention

## *Circular Wait Condition*

- Impose **ordering** on resources

- Give all resources a ranking or priority; must acquire highest ranked resource first.
  - **Dijkstra:** Establishing the convention that all resources will be requested in order, and released in reverse order,

Mutual exclusion  
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# Deadlock Detection & Recovery

1. Allow system to enter deadlock state
2. Detection algorithm
3. Recovery scheme

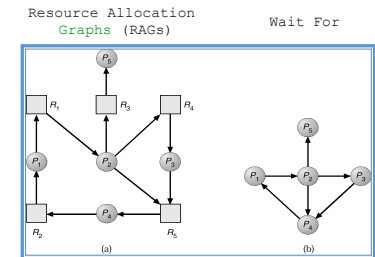
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## Side Node

- Discovering a deadlock after it occurs, is decidable
- Discovering it 'before' it occurs, is in *general* undecidable: same as the halting problem.

## Deadlock *Detection* Single Instance of Each Resource Type

- Maintain a *wait-for* graph (it works on RAGS as well)
  - Nodes are processes.
  - Simplify: removes resource nodes and collapse edges
  - $P_i \rightarrow P_j$  if  $P_i$  is waiting for  $P_j$ .
- Periodically invoke an algorithm (breadth first) that searches for a *cycle* in the graph.



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## Example Code : A depth first search to find circles

For each node in the graph:

```

L = {empty list} and Nodes = {list of all unvisited nodes};
current node = initial node // pick one randomly
while( current node is not the initial node twice ) then done
    L.enqueue(current node); // add to node to end of L
    if( current node is in L twice )
        there is a cycle => cycle and return
    if( there is an unmarked arc explore that one )
        mark the arc as visited and use destination as new
        current node
    else // backtrack
        go back to previous node
Back to initial node there is no cycle
    
```

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## Deadlock detection

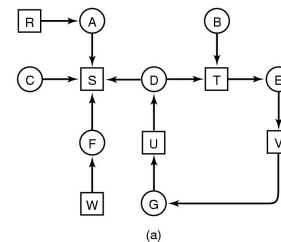
- Do a depth-first-search on the resource allocation graph (RAG)

D, E, G ?

are *deadlocked*

A, C, F ?

are *not deadlocked* because S can be allocated to either *and then the others can take turn to complete*

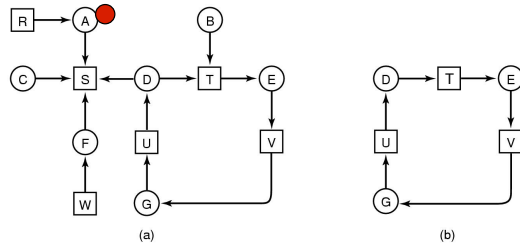


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# Example: Deadlock Detection

- Do a depth-first-search on the resource allocation graph

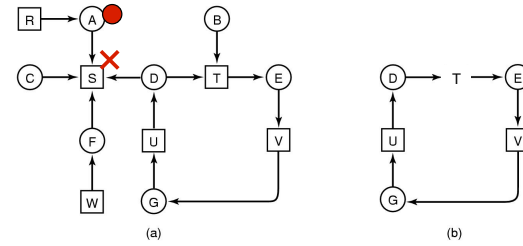
*Initialize a list to the empty list, designate arcs as 'unvisited'*



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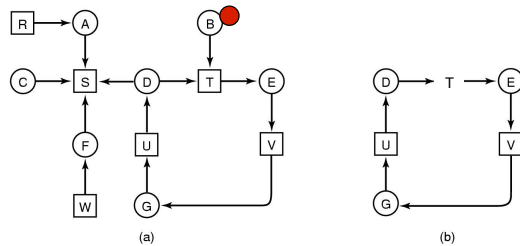
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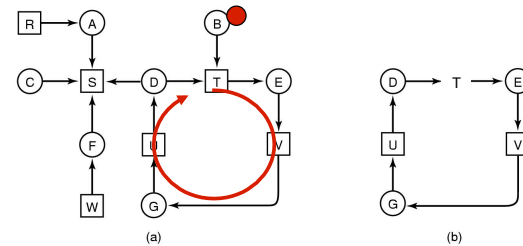
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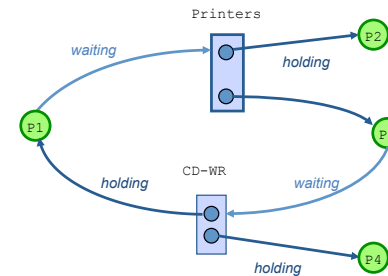


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# Deadlock Detection with Multiple Resources

- What about resources that have multiple resources (e.g., multiple printers)

- **Theorem:** *If a graph does not contain a cycle then **no processes are deadlocked***
  - A **cycle** in a RAG is a **necessary** condition for deadlock
  - BUT is it a **sufficient** condition?



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## Deadlock Detection Algorithm: Multiple Resource Instances

- Next create an algorithm with multiple instances, and its data structures.

- Matrices and Vectors each column are numbers available of a particular kind or type, e.g., printers.

- Allocation Matrix
- Request Matrix
- Numbers in Existence Vector
- Numbers Available Vector

Resources in existence  
( $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_m$ )



Resources available  
( $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_m$ )

Current allocation matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & \dots & C_{1m} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} & \dots & C_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & C_{n3} & \dots & C_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

Row n is current allocation to process n

What I have (now!)

Request matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} & \dots & R_{1m} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} & \dots & R_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ R_{n1} & R_{n2} & R_{n3} & \dots & R_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

Row 2 is what process 2 needs

What I am requesting now

- **Available:** Indicates the number of available resources of each type (m)
  - **Allocation:** Number of resources of each type currently allocated (nxm)
  - **Request:** current requests of each thread (nxm)
- » If Request  $[i, j] = k$ , then process  $P_i$  is requesting  $k$  more instances of type  $R_j$ .

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# Example

- Algorithmic Question: Is there a possible allocation sequence of resources so that each process can complete?

$$E = \begin{matrix} \text{Tape drives} \\ \text{Plotters} \\ \text{Scanners} \\ \text{CD Roms} \end{matrix} (4 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 1)$$

$$A = \begin{matrix} \text{Tape drives} \\ \text{Plotters} \\ \text{Scanners} \\ \text{CD Roms} \end{matrix} (2 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0)$$

Current allocation matrix

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Request matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Detection algorithm

A **marked** process means it can run to completion

Initially all processes are unmarked.

- Look for an unmarked process  $P_i$ , whose needs can be satisfied (all):
  - the  $i$ th whole row of  $R$  (need) is less than or equal to  $A$  (available) (i.e. all the resource(s) is/are available)
- If such a process is found, add the  $i$ -th row of  $C$  (currently allocated) to  $A$  (available), mark the process and go back to step 1 (b/c it is done processing and can release its resource)
- If no such process exists the algorithm terminates

*If all marked, no deadlock, o/w deadlocked*

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Can we satisfy a ROW in the Request Matrix?

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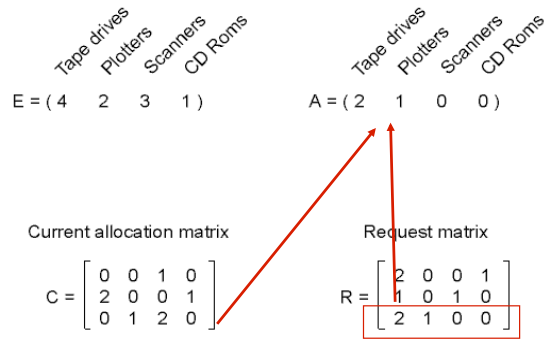
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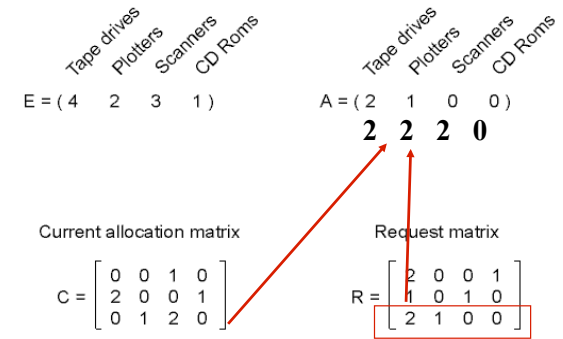


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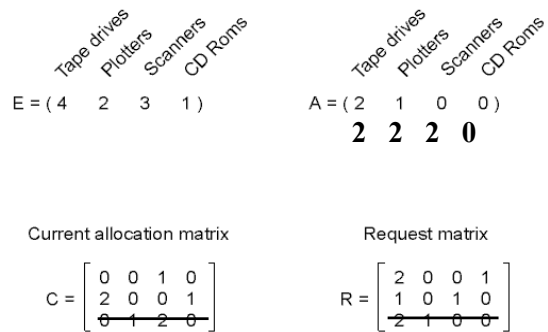
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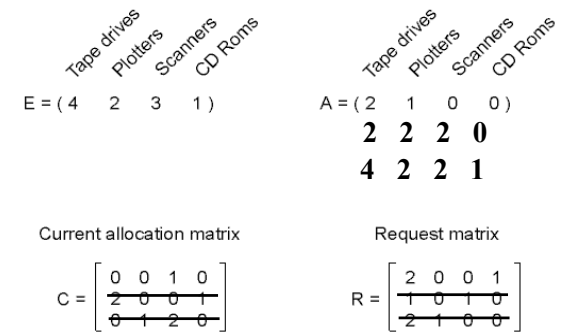
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**No deadlock!**

# Deadlock detection issues

- How often should the algorithm run?
  - After every resource request?
  - Periodically?
  - When CPU utilization is low?
  - When we suspect deadlock because some thread has been asleep for a long period of time?

# Recovery from deadlock

- What should be done to recover?
  - Abort deadlocked processes and reclaim resources
  - Temporarily reclaim resource, if possible
  - Abort one process at a time until deadlock cycle is eliminated
- Where to start?
  - Low priority process
  - How long process has been executing
  - How many resources a process holds
  - Batch or interactive
  - Number of processes that must be terminated

# Other deadlock recovery techniques

- Recovery through rollback
  - Save state periodically
    - take a checkpoint
    - start computation again from checkpoint
  - Done for large computation systems

# Review: Handling Deadlock

- Ignore
  - Easiest and most common approach (e.g., UNIX).
- Deadlock prevention
  - Ensure deadlock does not happen
  - Ensure at least one of 4 conditions does not occur
- Deadlock detection and recovery
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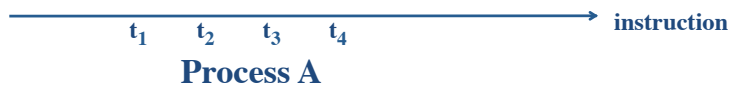
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Don't allocate resource if it leads to deadlock

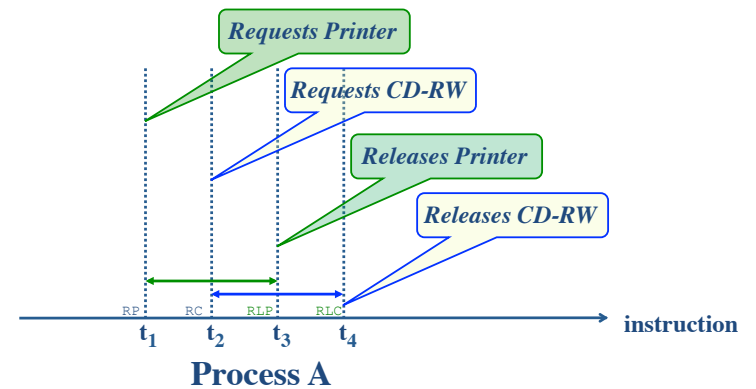
- Detection vs. avoidance...
  - **Detection** – “optimistic” (pretends that everything is A-OK) approach
    - Allocate resources
    - “Break” system to fix it
  - **Avoidance** – “pessimistic” (conservative) approach
    - Don't allocate resources if it lead to deadlock
    - If a process requests a resource...
      - ... make it wait until you are sure it's OK
      - (see if it safe to proceed)
- Which one to use depends upon the application
- Lets create an Avoidance Deadlock Algorithm !

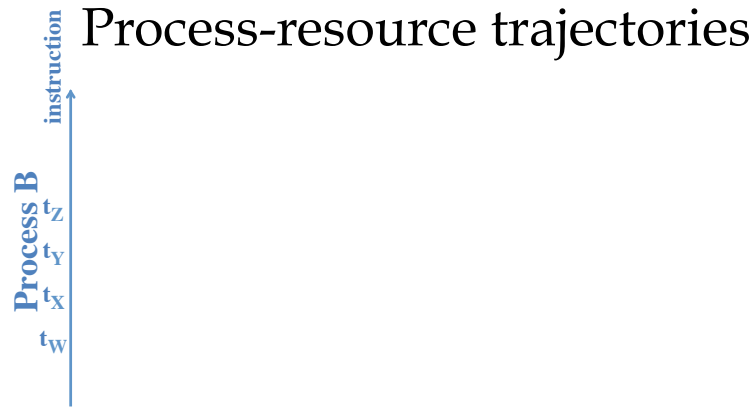
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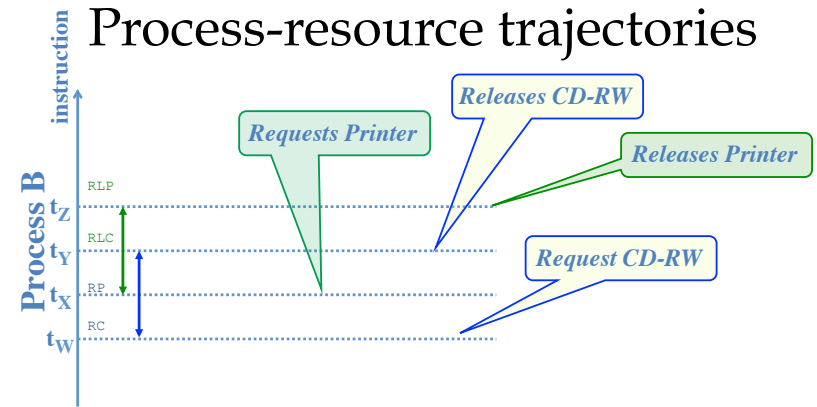


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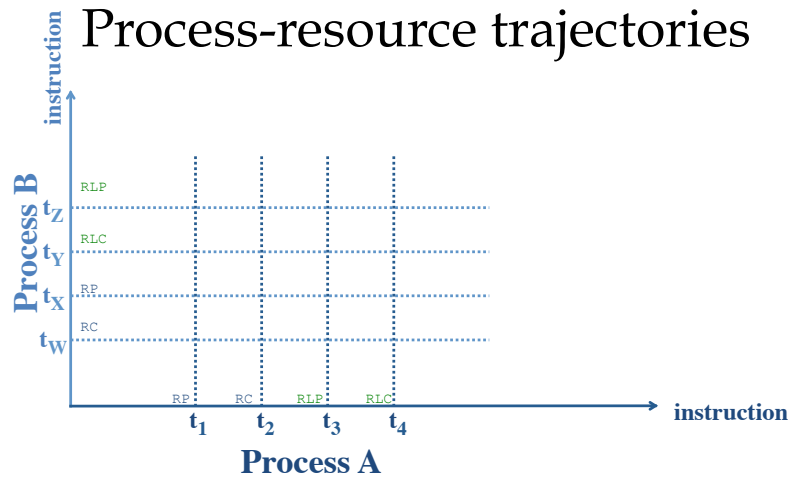




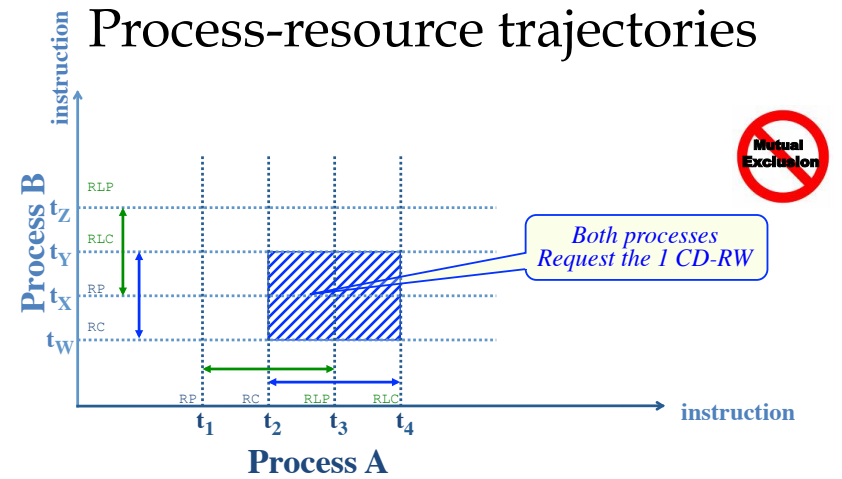
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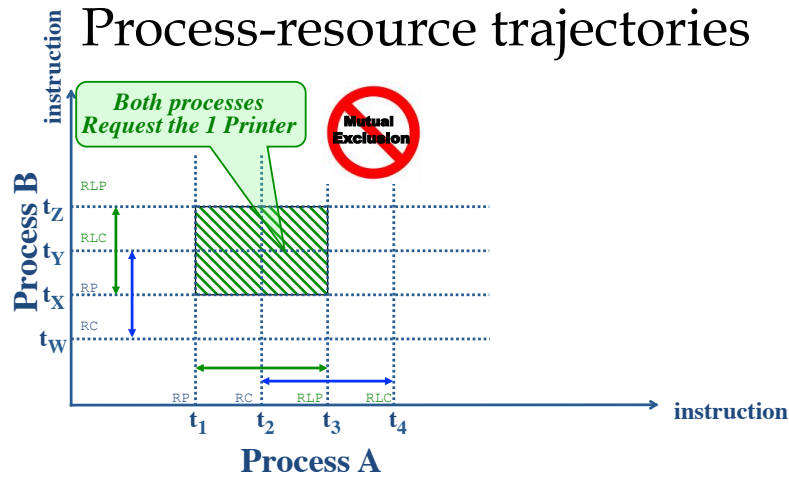
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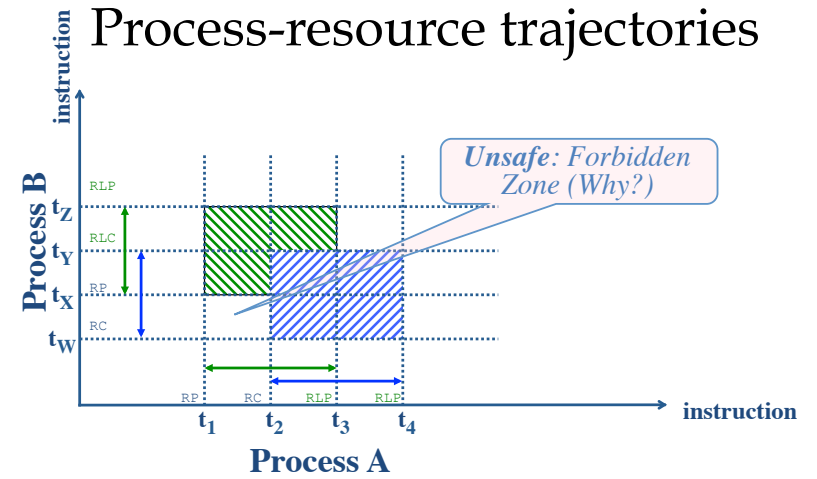
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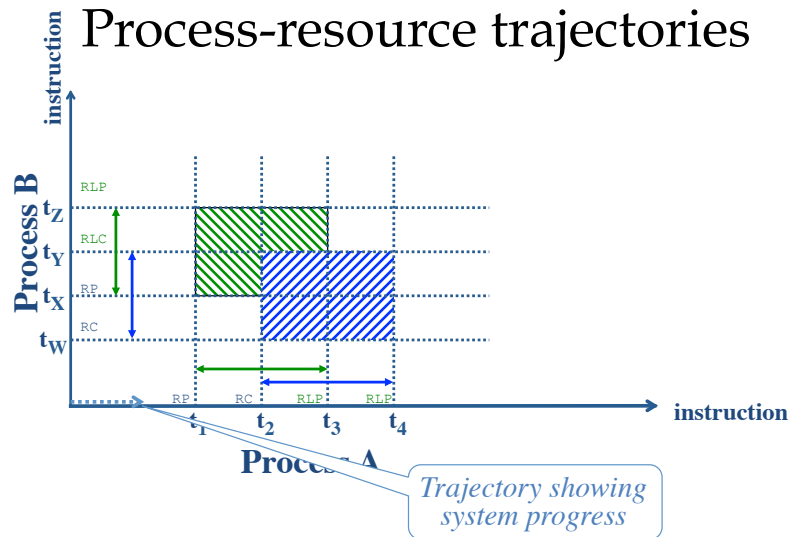
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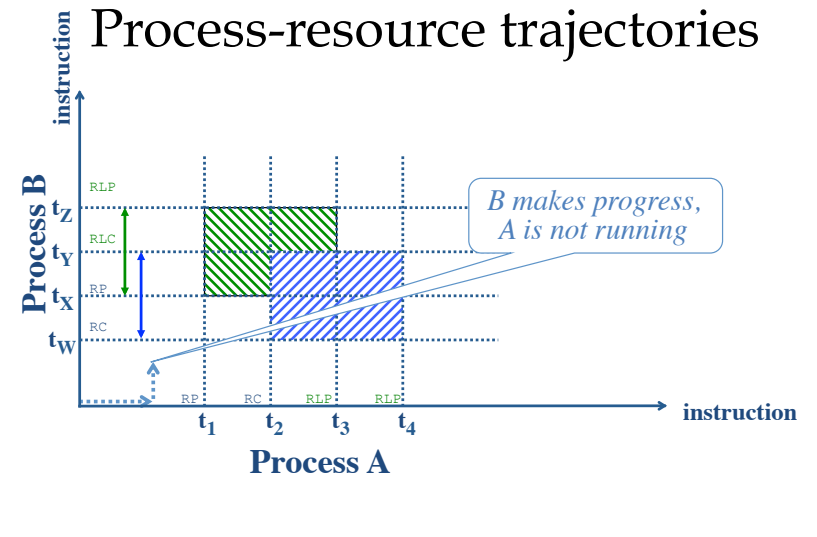
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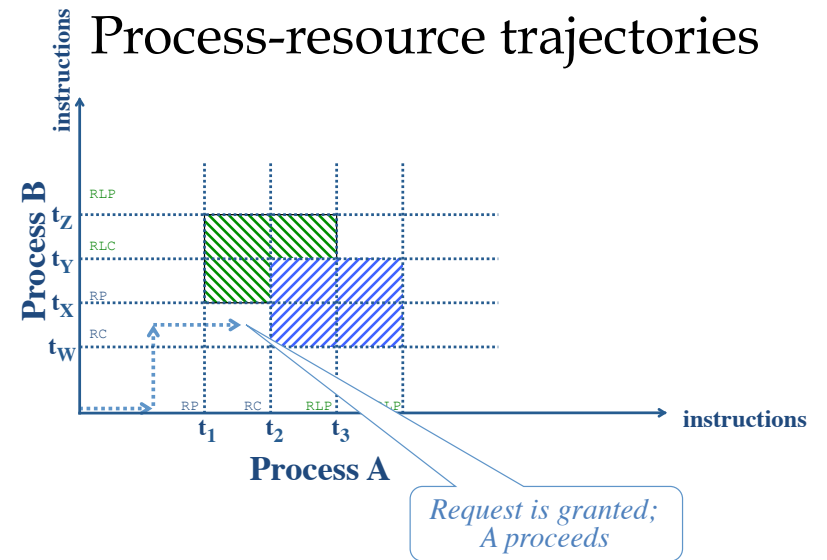
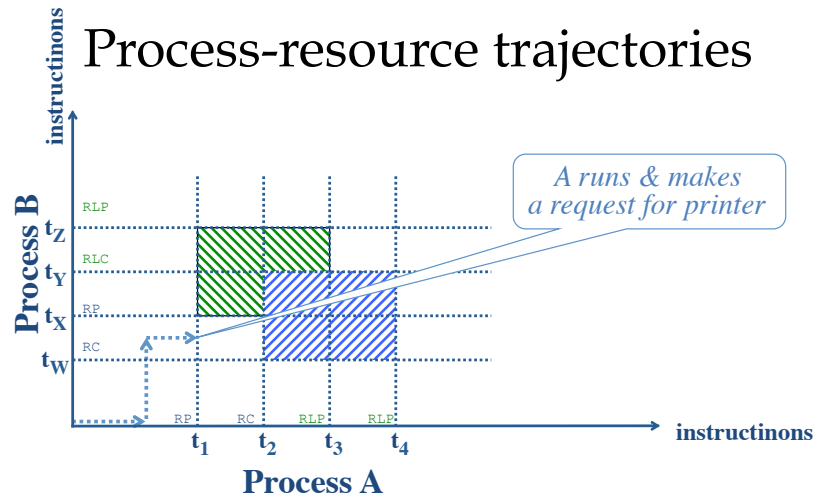
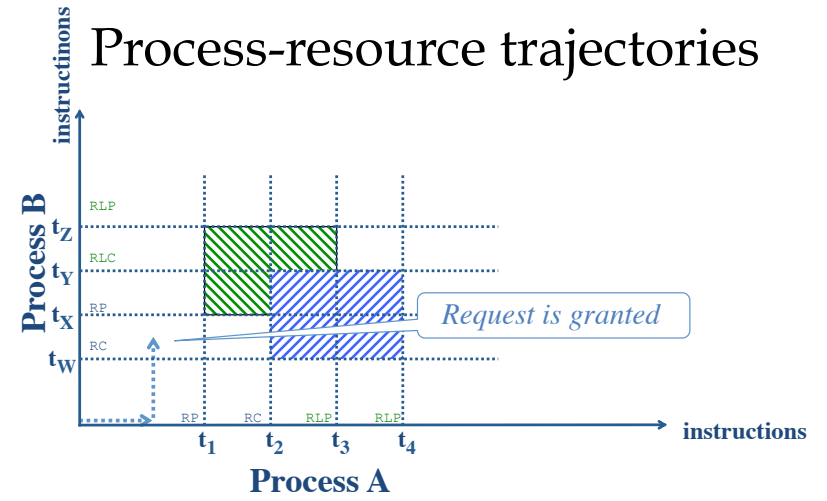
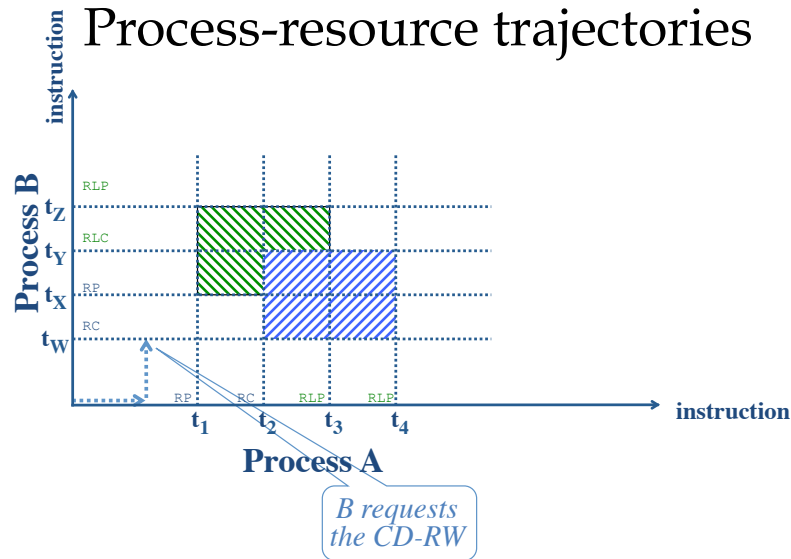
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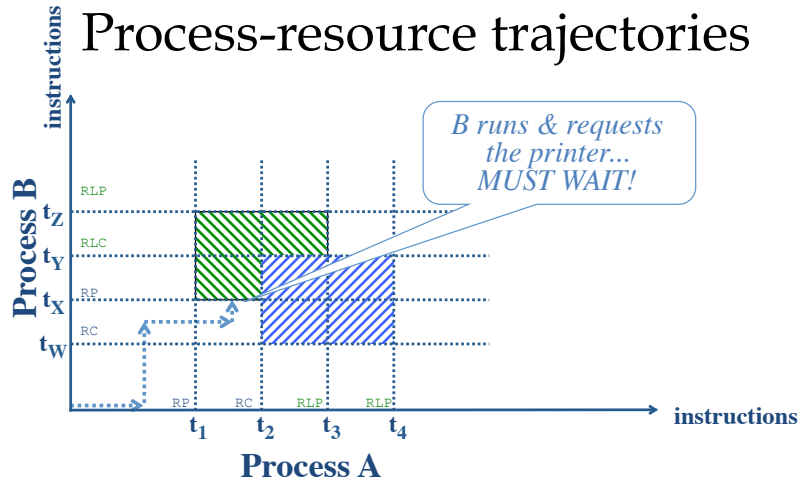


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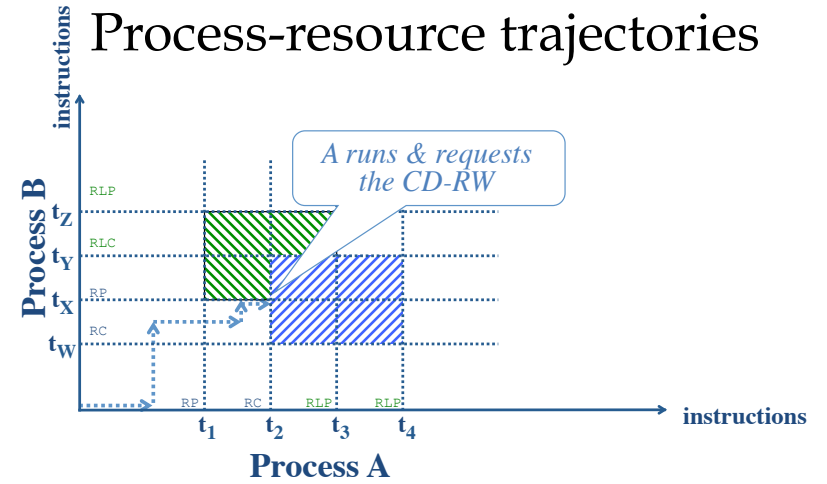


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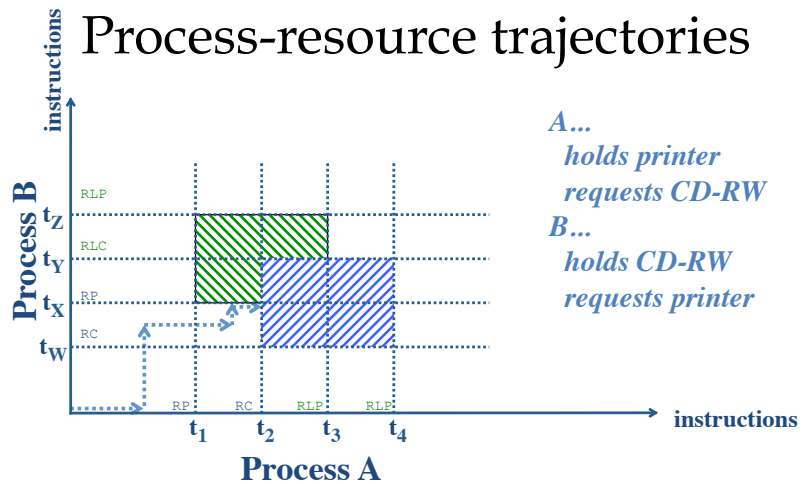




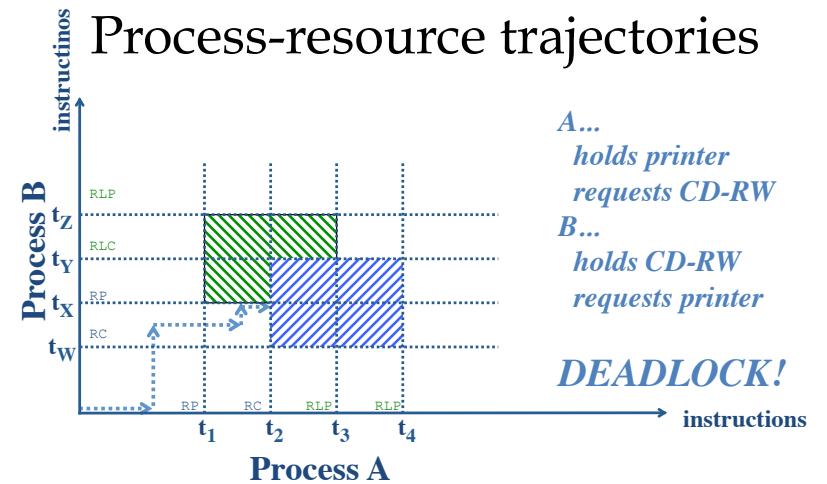
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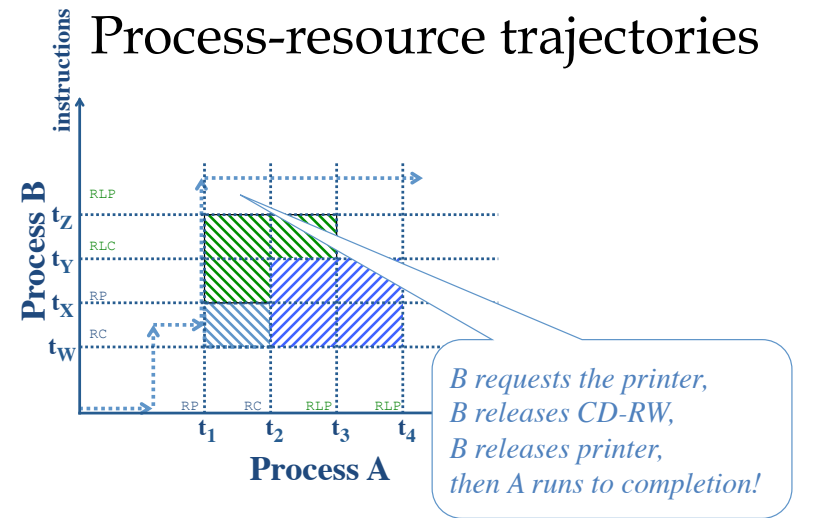
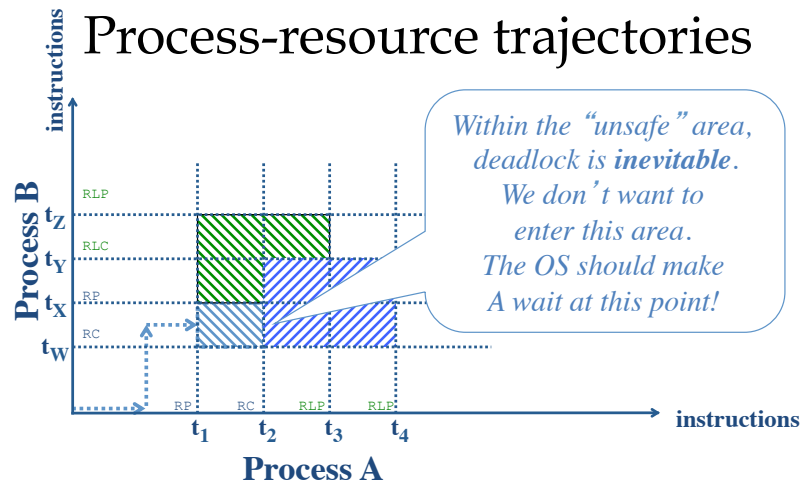
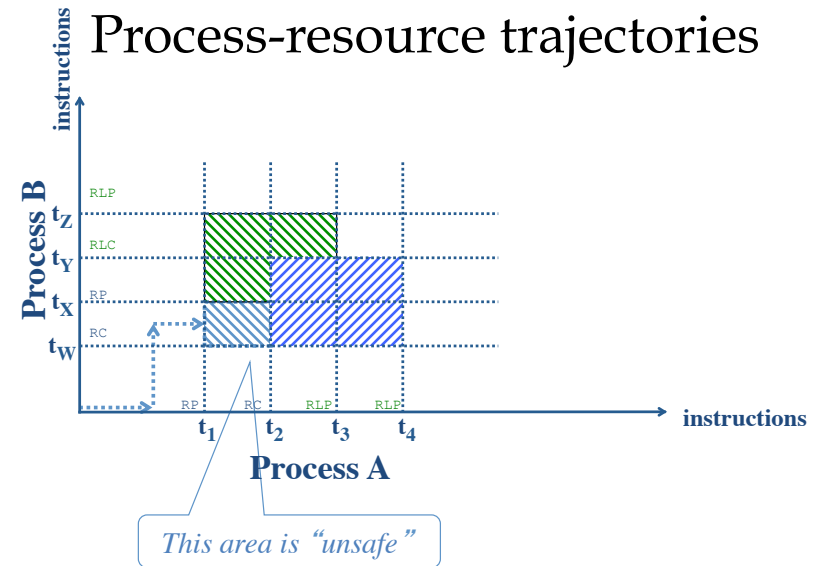
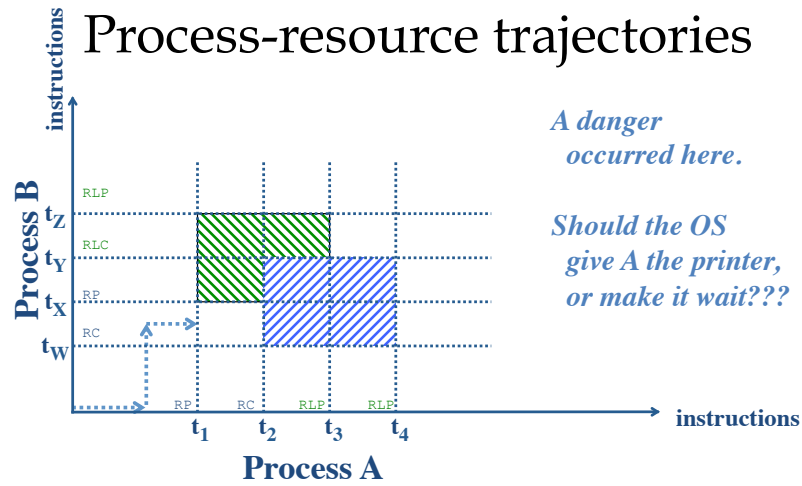
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# Safe states

- The current state:
  - “which processes hold which resources”
- A “safe” state:
  - No deadlock, *and*
  - There is some scheduling order in which every process can run to completion even if all of them request their maximum number of units immediately
- The Banker’s Algorithm:
  - *Goal: Avoid unsafe states!!!*
  - *Question: When a process requests more units, should the system (a) grant the request or (b) make it wait?*

# Deadlock Avoidance

- Dijkstra’s Banker’s Algorithm
- **Idea:** Avoid **unsafe states** of processes holding resources
  - Unsafe states **might** lead to deadlock if processes make certain future requests
    - Eventually...
  - When process requests resource, only give if doesn’t cause unsafe state
  - **Problem:** Requires processes to specify future resource demands.

# The Banker’s Algorithm

- Assumptions:
  - Only one type of resource, with multiple units.
  - Processes declare their maximum potential resource needs ahead of time (total sum is 22 units of credit but only has 10)
- *When a process requests more units should the system make it wait to ensure safety?*

## Example: One resource type with 10 units

	Has	Max		Has	Max		Has	Max		Has	Max		Has	Max		Has	Max	
A	3	9	6	A	3	9	A	3	9	A	3	9	A	3	9	A	3	9
B	2	4	2	B	4	4	B	0	-	B	0	-	B	0	-	B	0	-
C	2	7	5	C	2	7	C	2	7	C	7	7	C	0	-	C	0	-
	Free: 3				Free: 1			Free: 5			Free: 0			Free: 7				

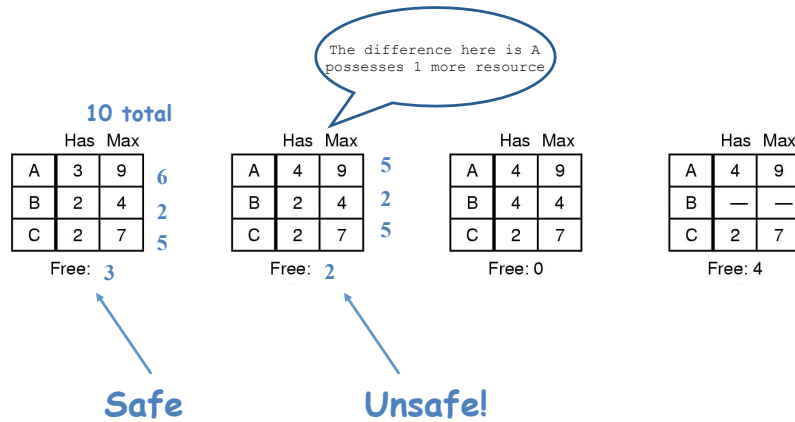
# Safe states

- Safe state – “when system is **not** **deadlocked** and there is some scheduling order in which every process can run to completion even if all of them suddenly request their maximum number of

10 total

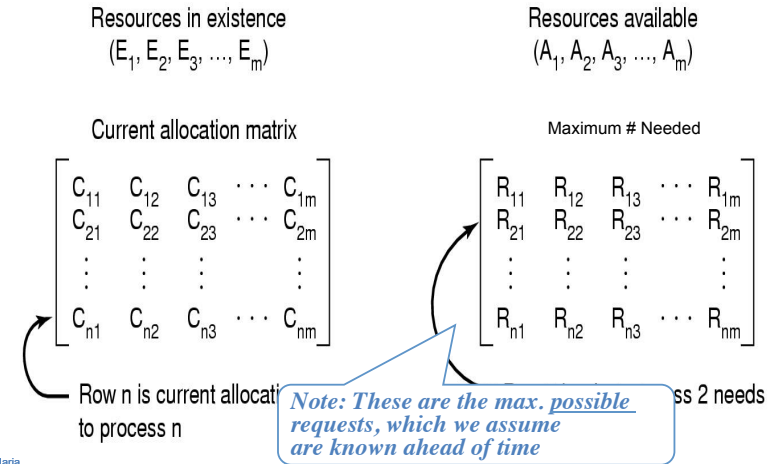
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B	2	4	2	B	4	4	B	0	-	B	0	-	B	0	-	B	0	-
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# Unsafe/Safe state?



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# Avoidance with multiple resource types



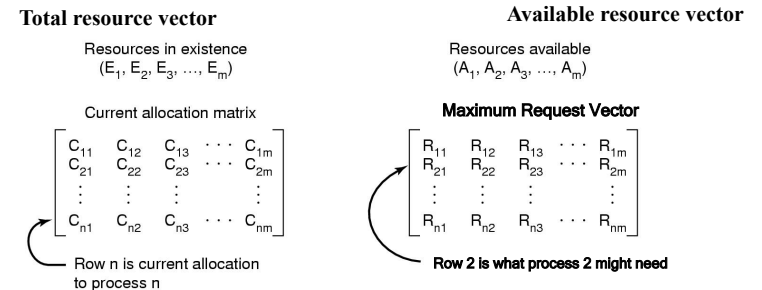
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# Banker's algorithm for multiple resources

- Look for a row,  $R$ , whose unmet resource needs are all smaller than or equal to  $A$ . If no such row exists, the system will eventually deadlock since no process can run to completion
- Assume the process of the row chosen requests all the resources that it needs (which is guaranteed to be possible) and finishes. Mark that process as terminated and add all its resources to  $A$  vector
- Repeat steps 1 and 2, until either all process are marked terminated, in which case the initial state was safe, or until deadlock occurs, in which case it was not

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# Avoidance modeling



**RUN ALGORITHM ON EVERY RESOURCE REQUEST**

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# Avoidance algorithm

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Tape drives  
Plotters  
Scanners  
CD Roms

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Tape drives  
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Current allocation matrix

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

More needed matrix

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# Deadlock avoidance



- Deadlock avoidance is usually impossible
  - because you don't know in advance what resources a process will need!



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