

# Queuing Theory without probabilities

- **Queueing system** 
	- servers + waiting rooms
	- customers arrive, wait, get served, depart or go to next server
	- queueing disciplines
		- non-preemptive: fifo, priority, ...
		- preemptive: round-robin, multi-level feedback, ...
- Operating systems are examples of queueing systems
	- servers: hw/sw resources (cpu, disk, reg handler, ...)
	- customers: PCBs, TCBs, ...
- Given: arrival rates, service times, queueing disciplines, ...
- Obtain: queue sizes, response times, fairness, bottlenecks, ...

# Queuing Theory without probabilities

- Consider cars traveling on a road with a turn
	- each car takes 3 seconds to go through the turn
	- at most one car can be in the turn at any time
- $N(t)$ : # cars in the turn and waiting to enter the turn



# Queuing Theory without probabilities

- Assume unending stream of customers:
	- **•** arrival rate  $\lambda$  or  $X$ : # arrivals per second
	- average service time *S*: *work needed per customer*
	- average response time *R*: *departure time D arrival time A*
	- average wait time *W*: *response time service time*
	- throughput *X*: *# departures per sec averaged over all time*
	- average customers in system *N*: *waiting or busy*
	- utilization *U*: *fraction of time server is busy*
- **Typical goal** 
	- Given: arrival rate, avg service time, queueing discipline
	- Obtain: average response time, average queue size
- Little's Law (for any steady-state system):
	- $N = \lambda \times R$

# Queuing Theory without probabilities

- Avg queue size *N* increases *exponentially* with load *ρ* 
	- becoming  $\infty$  as  $\rho \rightarrow 1$
- *N* increases as burstiness increases









# **Deadlocks**

- Necessary conditions for deadlock
	- Mutual exclusion Threads claim exclusive control of resources
	- Hold and wait Threads hold resources while waiting for additional resources
	- No preemption Resources cannot be removed from threads that hold them
	- Circular wait There exists a chain of threads such that each holds one or more resources that are requested by the next thread in the chain
- What to do?
	- prevent
	- avoid
	- deal with when they occur
	- pretend they never happen



## Resource Allocation Graph

A set of vertices *V* and a set of edges *E*:

#### • V is partitioned into two types:

- $P = {P_1, P_2, ..., P_n}$ , the set of all the processes in the system
- $R = \{R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m\}$ , the set of all resource types in the system
- request edge: directed edge  $P_i \rightarrow R_j$
- assignment edge: directed edge  $R_i \rightarrow P_i$



- $P_1$  requesting instance of  $R_1$
- *P2* requesting instance of *R2*
- one  $R_1$  held by  $P_1$
- one  $R_2$  held by  $P_3$
- distinct  $R_3$  instances held by  $P_1$  and  $P_2$

#### **Resource Allocation Graph deadlock**



- $P_2 \rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow P_3 \rightarrow R_3 \rightarrow P_2$  deadlock
- $R_3 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow R_1 \rightarrow P_2$

not deadlock, but blocked by deadlock

#### Handling Deadlocks what to do

- What to do?
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# Deadlock Prevention

- Try to prevent one of the four conditions from holding true
	- Difficult to eliminate mutual exclusion
	- Prevent threads from requesting new resources when holding other resources (eliminates hold and wait)
	- Require threads not immediately able to get all needed resources to give up those they have (eliminates no preemption)
	- Require agreed-upon resource acquisition ordering (eliminates circular waiting).

#### Deadlock Prevention circular wait

Agree on lexicographic ordering on lock acquisitions:

T1: pthread mutex lock(m1);  $(1)$ 

 $\left\{ \left. \right\} \right\}$   $\left\{ \textsf{T2:} \right. \left. \textsf{pthread\_mutes\_lock}\left( \textsf{m2} \right) \right\} ; \left\{ \textsf{2} \right\}$ 

pthread\_mutex\_lock(m2);

pthread mutex\_lock(m1);

or address-based:

```
if (m1 > m2) { // grab in high-to-low address order 
    pthread mutex lock(m1);
     pthread_mutex_lock(m2); 
} else { 
    pthread mutex lock(m2);
    pthread mutex lock(m1);
}
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```
## Deadlock Prevention hold and wait

• Acquire all locks at once:

pthread\_mutex\_lock(prevention); // begin acquisition pthread mutex lock(L1); pthread mutex lock(L2); ... pthread mutex unlock(prevention);  $\frac{1}{2}$  // end

- But:
	- prevention lock is global
	- need complete information

#### Deadlock Prevention no preemption

● *Try* locks

atomically grab lock if available, or return w/ error

```
top:
```

```
 pthread_mutex_lock(L1); // begin acquisition 
if (pthread mutex trylock(L2) != 0) {
   pthread mutex unlock(L1);
    goto top; 
 }
```
- Works even if other thread choose different order. However: *livelock:*
	- Possible, though unlikely, that the threads both repeatedly back off. We could fix this with random delays.
	- Other issue is *encapsulation*: some of the locks might be acquired in called functions, making jump back to initial state more difficult

#### Deadlock Prevention mutual exclusion

- *Lock-free* and *wait-free* data structures and algorithms
	- use atomic instructions such as *CompareAndSwap*

*// pseudocode of atomic assembly instruction*

```
int CompareAndSwap(int *address, int expected, int new) { 
   if (*address == expected) {
      *address = new;return 1; \frac{1}{2} // success
 } 
   return 0; \sqrt{2} // failure
}
```
• Use with the following:

```
void AtomicIncrement(int *value, int amount) { 
    do { 
        int old = *value;
    } while (CompareAndSwap(value, old, old + amount) == 0);
}
```
#### Deadlock Prevention more wait-free

*// mutex-based*

```
void insert(int value) { 
   node_t * n = malloc(sizeof(node_t)); n->value = value; 
    pthread_mutex_lock(listlock); // begin critical section 
   n->next = head;
   head = n:
    pthread_mutex_unlock(listlock); // end critical section 
}
```

```
// fixed
```

```
void insert(int value) { 
    node t *n = malloc(sizeof(node t)); assert(n != NULL); n->value = value; 
     do{ 
        n->next = head;
    \} while (CompareAndSwap(&head, n->next, n) == 0);
}
```
# Deadlock Avoidance safe states

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:
	- sequence  $\langle P_1, P_2, ..., P_n \rangle$  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  $P_j$  s.t.  $j < i$
- That is:
	- $\bullet$  If  $P_i$ 's resource needs are not immediately available, then  $P_i$  can wait until all *Pj* have finished
	- When  $P_j$  is finished,  $P_j$  can obtain needed resources, execute, return allocated resources, and terminate
	- When  $P_i$  terminates,  $P_{i+1}$  can obtain its needed resources, ...

#### Deadlock Avoidance safe states

- In other words:
	- System is in safe state  $\longrightarrow$  no deadlocks
	- System is in unsafe state  $\longrightarrow$  possibility of deadlocks
- Avoidance of unsafe states ensure no deadlocks.



## Deadlock Avoidance safe states

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

#### Deadlock Avoidance safe states

- New claim edge  $P_i \rightarrow R_j$  indicates  $P_i$  may request resource  $R_j$ . (represented by 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.

## Deadlock Avoidance safe states  $R<sub>3</sub>$ *R1 P1 P2*  $R<sub>3</sub>$ *R1*  $(P_1)$   $(P_2)$ *safe unsafe* A request by *Pi* for resource *Rj* 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

# Deadlock Mitigation dealing with it

- Maintain wait-for graph
	- Nodes are processes
	- $P_i \rightarrow P_j$  if  $P_i$  is waiting for resource held by  $P_j$
- 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

# Deadlock Mitigation dealing with it





**Resource-Allocation Graph** 

Corresponding wait-for graph

- Construct the waits for graph
- Check for cycles
- Pick *any* thread of the cycle and kill it

# Deadlock Mitigation ignoring it

*"Not everything worth doing is worth doing well"* - Tom West

- Consequence may be
	- minor
	- very rare