CS162 Operating Systems and Systems Programming Lecture 7

Language Support for Concurrent Programming, Deadlocks

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Goals for Today

- · Recap: Readers/Writers
- · Language Support for Synchronization
- Discussion of Resource Contention and Deadlocks
 - Conditions for its occurrence
 - Solutions for breaking and avoiding deadlock

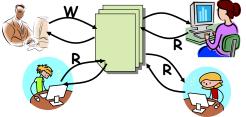
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Recap: Readers/Writers Problem



- Motivation: Consider a shared database
 - Two classes of users:
 - » Readers never modify database
 - » Writers read and modify database
 - Is using a single lock on the whole database sufficient?
 - » Like to have many readers at the same time
 - » Only one writer at a time

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Recap: Readers/Writers Solution

- · Correctness Constraints:
 - Readers can access database when no writers
 - Writers can access database when no readers or writers
 - Only one thread manipulates state variables at a time
- Basic structure of a solution:

- Reader()

Wait until no writers Access database

Check out - wake up a waiting writer

-Writer()

Wait until no active readers or writers Access database

Check out - wake up waiting readers or writer

- State variables (Protected by a lock called "lock"):
 - » int AR: Number of active readers; initially = 0
 - » int WR: Number of waiting readers; initially = 0
 - » int AW: Number of active writers; initially = 0
 - » int WW: Number of waiting writers; initially = 0
 - » Condition okToRead = NIL
 - » Condition okToWrite = NIL

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Code for a Reader
    Reader() {
      // First check self into system
      lock.Acquire();
      while ((AW + WW) > 0) \{ // \text{ Is it safe to read?} 
                               // No. Writers exist
        okToRead.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var
                               // No longer waiting
      AR++;
                               // Now we are active!
      lock.release();
      // Perform actual read-only access
      AccessDatabase(ReadOnly);
      // Now, check out of system
      lock.Acquire();
      AR--;
                               // No longer active
      if (AR == 0 && WW > 0) // No other active readers
        okToWrite.signal(); // Wake up one writer
      lock.Release();
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C-Language Support for Synchronization

• C language: All locking/unlocking is explicit: you need to check every possible exit path from a critical section.

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Code for a Writer Writer() { // First check self into system lock.Acquire(); while ((AW + AR) > 0) $\{ // \text{ Is it safe to write} \}$ // No. Active users exist WW++; okToWrite.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var // No longer waiting // Now we are active! AW++; lock.release(); // Perform actual read/write access AccessDatabase(ReadWrite); // Now, check out of system lock.Acquire(); AW--; // No longer active if (WW > 0)// Give priority to writers okToWrite.signal(); // Wake up one writer else if (WR > 0) { // Otherwise, wake reader okToRead.broadcast(); // Wake all readers lock.Release(); 9/25/13 Lec 7.6 Anthony D. Joseph and John Canny CS162 ©UCB Fall 2013

C++ Language Support for Synchronization

- Languages with exceptions like C++
 - Languages that support exceptions are more challenging: exceptions create many new exit paths from the critical section.
 - Consider:
 void Rtn() {
 lock.acquire();
 ...
 DoFoo();
 ilock.release();
 }
 void DoFoo() {
 if (exception) throw errException;
 ...
 }
 - Notice that an exception in DoFoo() will exit without releasing the lock

C++ Language Support for Synchronization (cont'd) Must catch all exceptions in critical sections - Catch exceptions, release lock, and re-throw exception: void Rtn() { lock.acquire(); try { DoFoo(); } catch (...) { // really three dots! // catch all exceptions lock.release(); // release lock // re-throw unknown exception lock.release(); void DoFoo() { if (exception) throw errException; 9/25/13 Lec 7.9 Anthony D. Joseph and John Canny CS162 ©UCB Fall 2013

Java Language Support for Synchronization Java supports both low-level and high-level synchronization: Low-level: - Lock class: a lock, with methods: » lock.lock() » lock.unlock() - Condition: a condition variable associated with a lock, methods: » condvar.await() » condvar.signal() High-level: every object has an implicit lock and condition var - synchronized keyword, applies to methods or blocks - Implicit condition variable methods: » wait() » notify() and notifyAll() 9/25/13 Anthony D. Joseph and John Canny CS162 ©UCB Fall 2013 Lec 7.11

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C++ Language Support for Synchronization
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    Alternative (Recommended by Stroustrup): Use the lock class

 destructor to release the lock.
 Set it on entry to critical section contained in a { } block, gets
 automatically destroyed (& released) on block exit.

    Exceptions will unwind the stack, call destructor, free the lock

class lock {
                                 mutex m;
 mutex &m ;
public:
 lock(mutex &m) : m_(m) {
   m.acquire();
                                   ... // no explicit unlock
 ~lock() {
    m_.release();
                        Critical Section
};
```

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```
Java Language Low-level Synchronization
public class SynchronizedQueue {
   private Lock lock = new ReentrantLock();
   private Condition cv = lock.newCondition();
   private LinkedList<Integer> q = new LinkedList<Integer>();
   public void enqueue(int item) {
      try {
         lock.lock();
         q.add(item);
         cv.signal();
      } finally {
         lock.unlock();
   }
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Java Language Low-level Synchronization ... public synchronized int dequeue() { int retval = 0; try { lock.lock(); while (q.size() == 0) { cv.await(); } retval = q.removeFirst(); } finally { lock.unlock(); } return retval; } 9/25/13 Anthony D. Joseph and John Canny CS162 @UCB Fall 2013 Lec 7.13

Concurrency Bugs (Lu et al. 2008)

Most concurrency bugs (98%) are either

- 1. Atomicity violations (not protecting shared resources)
- 2. Order violations
- 3. Deadlocks

Type 1. problems are caused by under-protecting shared resources, type 3. often caused by over-protection. Fixes to type 3. bugs often create type 1. bugs. ⊗

Good news:

- 4. Most non-deadlock bugs involve only one variable.
- 5. Most (97%) of deadlocks involve *two threads* which *access at most two resources*.

Not-so-good news: concurrency bugs seem to be a small fraction of all reported bugs, but consume a large fraction of debugging time (days per bug instead of hours).

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Java High-Level Synchronization

KISS Principle:

KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUDENT!

Explicit locks can help efficiency, but are difficult to analyze.

They also make code more brittle and hard to maintain – constraints and invariants must hold in original code, but also in all modified versions.

Q: What is the typical lifetime of a piece of code?

A: At least a decade longer than any of the original developers anticipated!

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Java Language High-level Synchronization

- Every object in Java has an implicit lock associated with it.
- The synchronized keyword wraps this lock around a method or a block:

```
public class TheBank {
   public synchronized Withdraw(..) {
      ... // the implicit lock (on "this") is held in here
   }
}
OR
   synchronized (that) { // Specify which object to lock
      ... // the implicit lock on "that" is held in here
}
```

The JVM takes care of releasing the lock on normal and abnormal exits from the method or block.

Java Language High-level Synchronization In addition to an implicit lock, every object has a single implicit condition variable associated with it – How to wait inside a synchronization method of block: » void wait(); » void wait(long timeout); // Wait for timeout (msecs) » void wait(long timeout, int nanoseconds); //variant - How to signal in a synchronized method or block: » void notify(); // wakes up oldest waiter » void notifyAll(); // like broadcast, wakes everyone - Condition variables can wait for a bounded length of time. This is useful for handling exception cases: t1 = time.now(); while (!ATMRequest()) { wait (CHECKPERIOD); t2 = time.new(); if (t2 - t1 > LONG_TIME) checkMachine(); - Not all Java VMs equivalent!

» Different scheduling policies, not necessarily preemptive!

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Java Language High-level Synchronization public class SynchronizedQueue { public LinkedList<Integer> q = new LinkedList<Integer>(); public synchronized void enqueue (int item) { q.add(item); notify(); public synchronized int dequeue () { while (q.size() == 0) { wait(); return q.removeFirst(); } catch (InterruptedException e) { return 0; 9/25/13 Lec 7 18 Anthony D. Joseph and John Canny CS162 ©UCB Fall 2013

Scala Language: Actors

Actors combine state, methods, and a single thread.





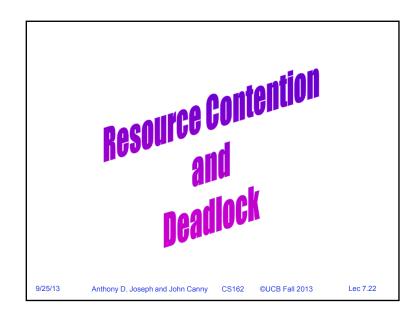






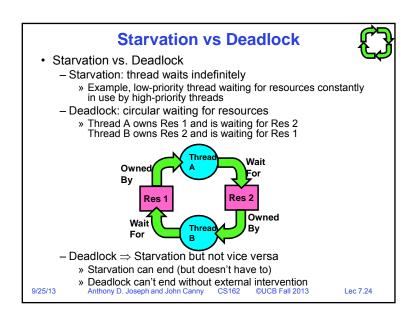
- Actor state is not shared, actors interact by sending and receiving messages.
- Each actor has a single, synchronized message queue, which is part of its implementation.
- Actor code typically comprises a while loop which waits for inbound messages, and dispatches to a message handler.

```
Scala Actor Bank Account Example
                          // b is an actor representing a bank account
val b = actor {
  var balance = 0.0
  loop {
    react {
                         // dispatch on the message type
      case ("deposit", amount:Double) => balance += amount
      case ("withdraw", amount:Double) => balance -= amount
      case ("interest", rate:Double) => balance += balance*rate
      case "balance" => println("balance="+balance)
var grow = true
                        // g is an actor that periodically adds interest
val g = actor {
  while (grow) {
    b! ("interest", 0.05) // send an interest update message to b
    Thread.sleep(3000)
}
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```



Resources

- Resources passive entities needed by threads to do their work
 - CPU time, disk space, memory
- · Two types of resources:
 - Preemptable can take it away
 - » CPU, Embedded security chip
 - Non-preemptable must leave it with the thread
 - » Disk space, printer, chunk of virtual address space
 - » Critical section
- Resources may require exclusive access or may be sharable
 - Read-only files are typically sharable
 - Printers are not sharable during time of printing
- One of the major tasks of an operating system is to manage resources



Conditions for Deadlock



,	
x=1, $y=1$ Thread A	Thread B Deadlock
x.P();	y.P(); A: x.P();
у.Р();	x.P(); B: y.P();
	 X.V(); A: y.P(); B: x.P();
y.V();	x.V(); B: x.P();
x.V();	y.V(); ···

- Deadlock won't always happen with this code
 - » Have to have exactly the right timing ("wrong" timing?)
- Deadlocks occur with multiple resources
 - Means you can't decompose the problem
 - Can't solve deadlock for each resource independently
- Example: System with 2 disk drives and two threads
 - Each thread needs 2 disk drives to function
 - Each thread gets one disk and waits for another one

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Bridge Crossing Example

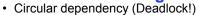


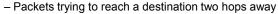
- Each segment of road can be viewed as a resource
 - Car must own the segment under them
 - Must acquire segment that they are moving into
- · For bridge: must acquire both halves
 - Traffic only in one direction at a time
 - Problem occurs when two cars in opposite directions on bridge: each acquires one segment and needs next
- If a deadlock occurs, it can be resolved if one car backs up (preempt resources and rollback)
 - Several cars may have to be backed up
- · Starvation is possible
 - East-going traffic really fast ⇒ no one goes west

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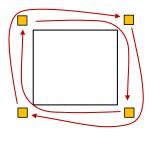
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Routing Example





- Try to reserve the path to destination grab first link, then...
- Important problem to multiprocessor networks
- · Ho do you prevent deadlock?
 - (Answer later)



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Dining Philosopher Problem





- Five chopsticks/Five philosopher (really cheap restaurant)
 - Free for all: Philosopher will grab any one they can
 - Need two chopsticks to eat
- What if all grab at same time?
 - Deadlock!
- How to fix deadlock?
 - Make one of them give up a chopstick (Hah!)
 - Eventually everyone will get chance to eat
- How to prevent deadlock?
- (Answer later)

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Four requirements for Deadlock



- Mutual exclusion
 - Only one thread at a time can use a resource
- · Hold and wait
 - Thread holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other threads
- No preemption
 - Resources are released only voluntarily by the thread holding the resource, after thread is finished with it
- Circular wait
 - There exists a set $\{T_1, ..., T_n\}$ of waiting threads
 - » T_1 is waiting for a resource that is held by T_2
 - » T_2 is waiting for a resource that is held by T_3

 - » T_n is waiting for a resource that is held by T_1

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No Deadlock

Resource-Allocation Graph



Symbols

T₂

- System Model
 - A set of Threads T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n
 - Resource types R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m

CPU cycles, memory space, I/O devices

- Each resource type R_i has W_i instances.
- Each thread utilizes a resource as follows:
 - » Request() / Use() / Release()
- Resource-Allocation Graph:
 - V is partitioned into two types:
 - » $T = \{T_1, T_2, ..., T_n\}$, the set threads in the system.
 - » $R = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_m\}$, the set of resource types in system
 - request edge directed edge $T_i \rightarrow R_i$
 - assignment edge directed edge $R_i \rightarrow T_i$

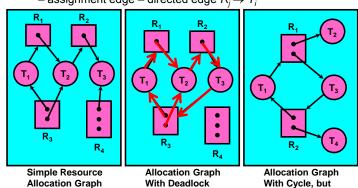
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Resource Allocation Graph Examples



- · Recall:
 - request edge directed edge $T_i \rightarrow R_i$
 - assignment edge directed edge $R_i \rightarrow T_i$



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- · Reminder: Nachos Project I design document due tomorrow (9/26) at 11:59PM
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Methods for Handling Deadlocks



- Allow system to enter deadlock and then recover
 - Requires deadlock detection algorithm (Java JMX) findDeadlockedThreads(), try also jvisualvm)
 - Some technique for forcibly preempting resources and/or terminating tasks
- Deadlock prevention: ensure that system will never enter a deadlock
 - Need to monitor all lock acquisitions
 - Selectively deny those that *might* lead to deadlock
- Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system
- Used by most operating systems, including UNIX

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Deadlock Detection Algorithm

- Only one of each type of resource ⇒ look for loops
- More General Deadlock Detection Algorithm
 - Let [X] represent an m-ary vector of non-negative integers (quantities of resources of each type):

[FreeResources]: Current free resources each type Current requests from thread X [Request_x]: Current resources held by thread X [Alloc_x]:

See if tasks can eventually terminate on their own

```
[Avail] = [FreeResources]
Add all nodes to UNFINISHED
   done = true
   Foreach node in UNFINISHED
      if ([Request<sub>node</sub>] <= [Avail]) {
  remove node from UNFINISHED</pre>
         [Avail] = [Avail] + [Alloc<sub>node</sub>]
         done = false
} until(done)
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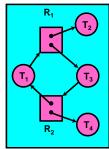
Nodes left in UNFINISHED ⇒ deadlocked

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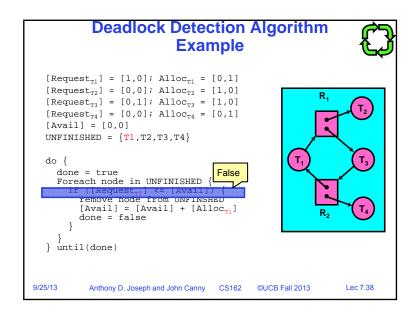
Deadlock Detection Algorithm Example $[Request_{T1}] = [1,0]; Alloc_{T1} = [0,1]$

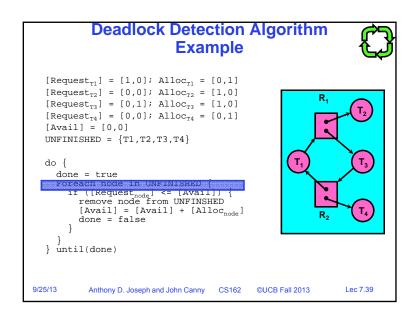
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[Request_{T2}] = [0,0]; Alloc_{T2} = [1,0]
[Request_{T3}] = [0,1]; Alloc_{T3} = [1,0]
[Request<sub>T4</sub>] = [0,0]; Alloc<sub>T4</sub> = [0,1]
[Avail] = [0,0]
UNFINISHED = \{T1, T2, T3, T4\}
do {
  done = true
  Foreach node in UNFINISHE
     if ([Request<sub>node</sub>] <= [Avail])
  remove node from UNFINSHED</pre>
        [Avail] = [Avail] + [Alloc<sub>node</sub>]
        done = false
} until(done)
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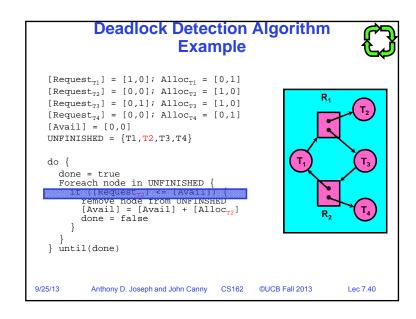
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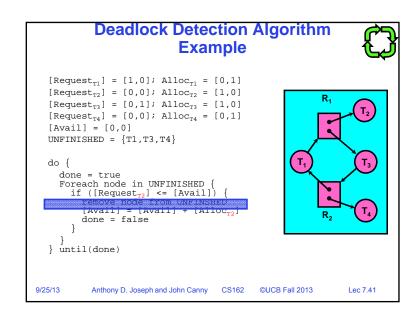


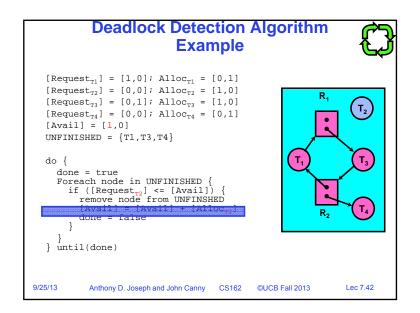
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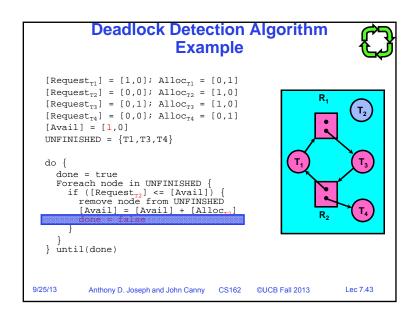


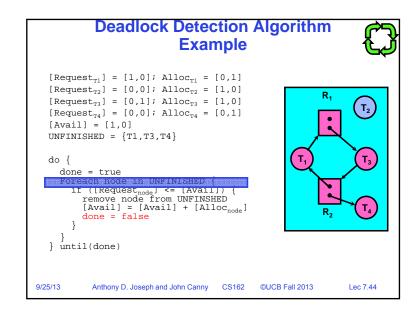


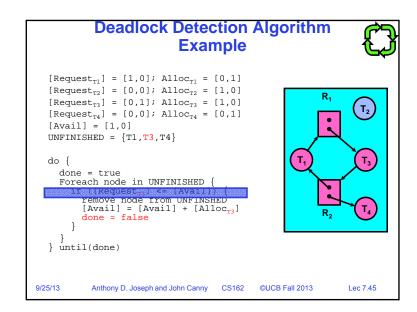


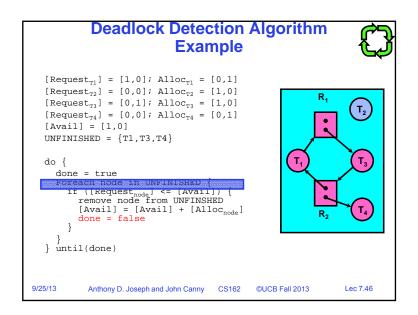


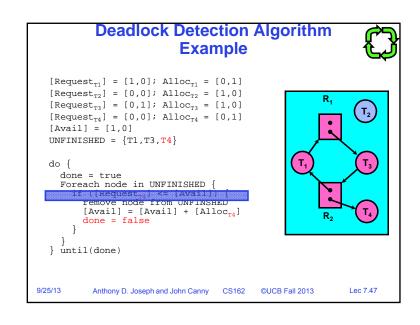


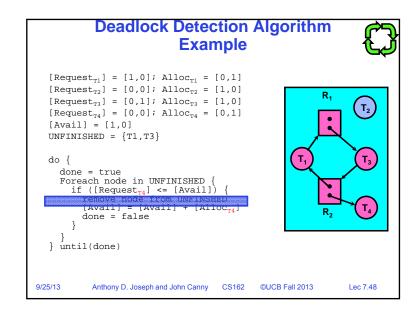


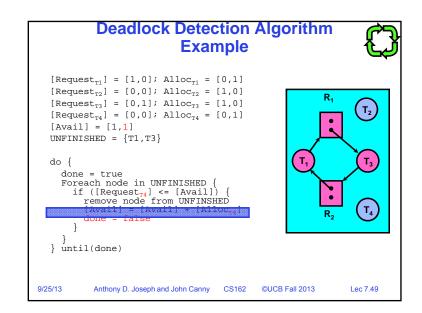


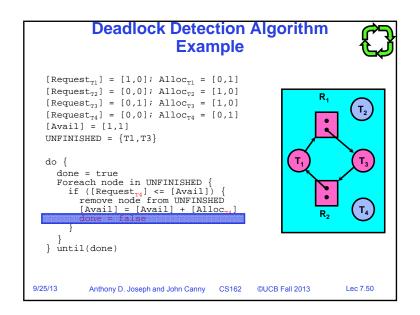


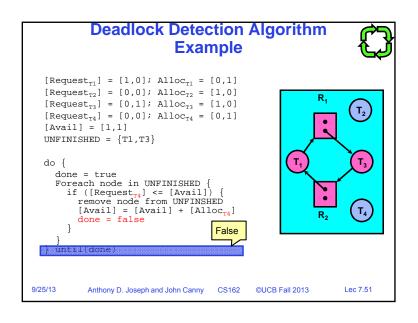


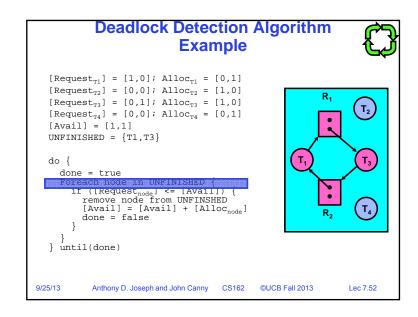


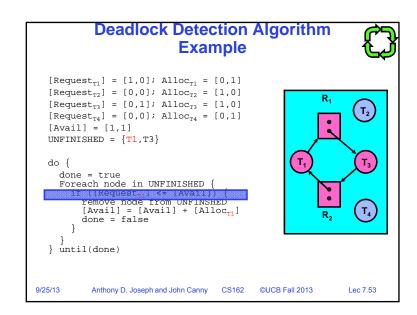


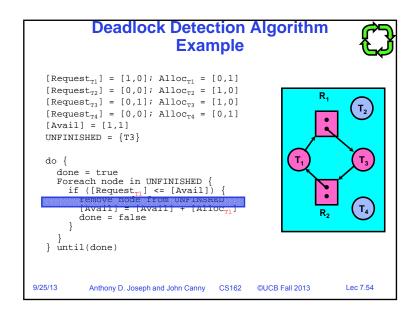


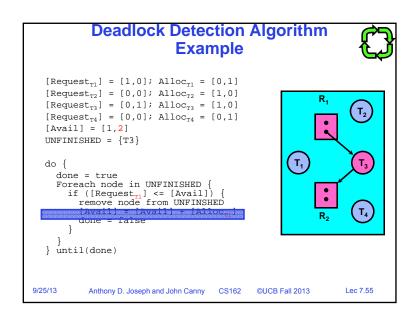


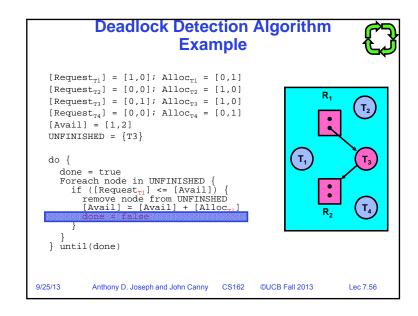


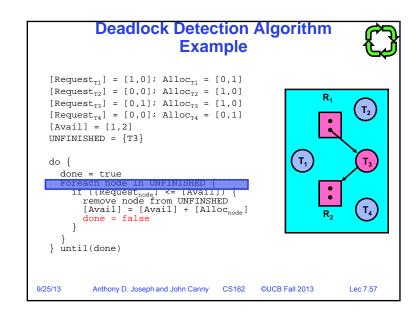


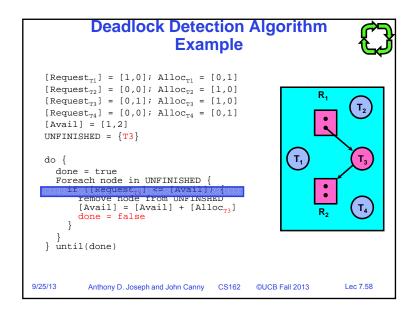


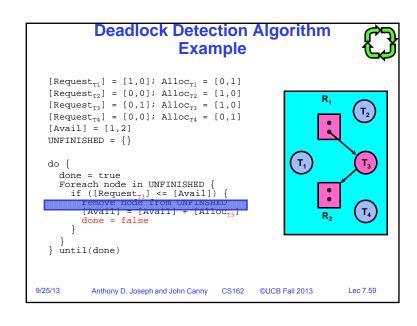


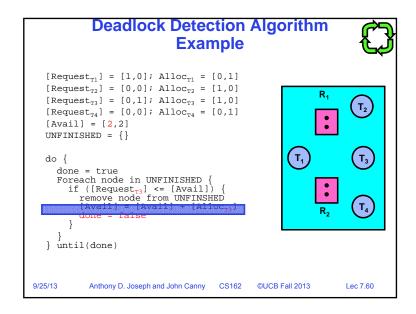


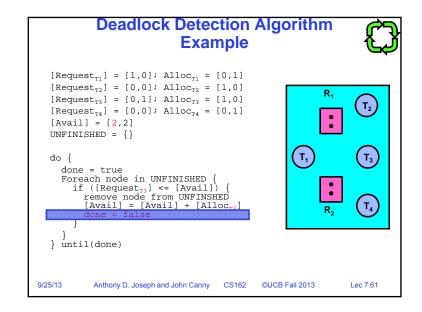


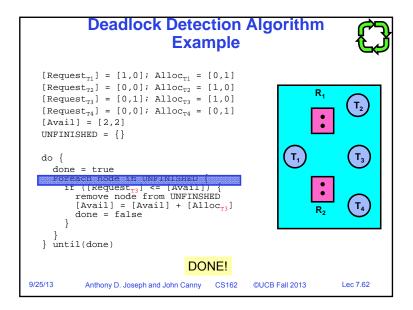












Techniques for Preventing Deadlock (cont'd)



- · Make all threads request everything they'll need at the beginning
 - Problem: Predicting future is hard, tend to over-estimate resources
 - Example:
 - » Don't leave home until we know no one is using any intersection between here and where you want to go!
- Force all threads to request resources in a particular order preventing any cyclic use of resources
 - Thus, preventing deadlock
 - Example (x.P, y.P, z.P,...)
 - » Make tasks request disk, then memory, then...

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Techniques for Preventing Deadlock



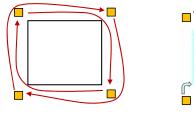
- Infinite resources
 - Include enough resources so that no one ever runs out of resources. Doesn't have to be infinite, just large
 - Give illusion of infinite resources (e.g. virtual memory)
 - - » Bay bridge with 12,000 lanes. Never wait!
 - » Infinite disk space (not realistic yet?)
- No Sharing of resources (totally independent threads)
 - Not very realistic
- · Don't allow waiting
 - How the phone company avoids deadlock
 - » Call to your Mom in Toledo, works its way through the phone lines, but if blocked get busy signal
 - Technique used in Ethernet/some multiprocessor nets
 - » Everyone speaks at once. On collision, back off and retry

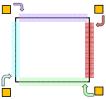
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Routing Example



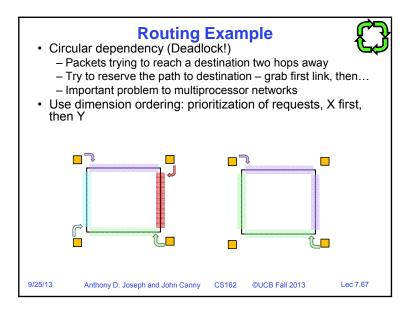
- Circular dependency (Deadlock!)
 - Packets trying to reach a destination two hops away
 - Try to reserve the path to destination grab first link, then ⊗
 - Important problem to multiprocessor networks
- Use dimension ordering: prioritization of requests, X first, then Y

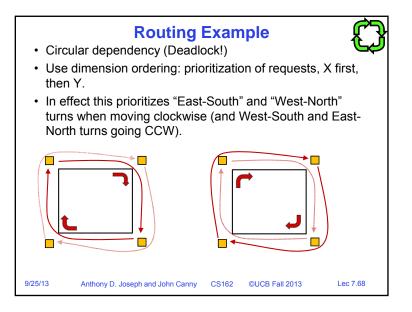




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Banker's Algorithm for Preventing Deadlock



- · Toward right idea:
 - State maximum resource needs in advance
 - Allow particular thread to proceed if:
 (available resources #requested) ≥ max
 remaining that might be needed by any thread



- Banker's algorithm (less conservative):
- Allocate resources dynamically
 - » Evaluate each request and grant if some ordering of threads is still deadlock free afterward
 - » Keeps system in a "SAFE" state, i.e. there exists a sequence $\{T_1, T_2, ... T_n\}$ with T_1 requesting all remaining resources, finishing, then T_2 requesting all remaining resources, etc..
- Algorithm allows the sum of maximum resource needs of all current threads to be greater than total resources

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Banker's Algorithm

Technique: pretend each request is granted, then run deadlock detection algorithm, substitute
 ([Request_node] ≤ [Avail]) → ([Max_node]-[Alloc_node] ≤ [Avail])

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[FreeResources]:
                                Current free resources each type
       [Alloc<sub>x</sub>]:
                                Current resources held by thread X
                                Max resources requested by thread X
         [Max_{y}]:
         [Avail] = [FreeResources]
       Add all nodes to UNFINISHED
       do {
          done = true
          Foreach node in UNFINISHED {
         if ([Max<sub>node</sub>]-[Alloc<sub>node</sub>] <= [Avail]) {</pre>
                 remove node from UNFINISHED
                 [Avail] = [Avail] + [Alloc_{node}]
                 done = false
       } until(done)
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Banker's Algorithm Example









- · Banker's algorithm with dining philosophers
 - "Safe" (won't cause deadlock) if when try to grab chopstick either:
 - » Not last chopstick
 - » Is last chopstick but someone will have two afterwards
 - What if k-handed philosophers? Don't allow if:
 - » It's the last one, no one would have k
 - » It's 2nd to last, and no one would have k-1
 - » It's 3rd to last, and no one would have k-2

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Summary: Deadlock

- Starvation vs. Deadlock
 - Starvation: thread waits indefinitelyDeadlock: circular waiting for resources
- Four conditions for deadlocks
 - Mutual exclusion
 - » Only one thread at a time can use a resource
 - Hold and wait
 - » Thread holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other threads
 - No preemption
 - » Resources are released only voluntarily by the threads
 - Circular wait
 - » \exists set $\{T_1, ..., T_n\}$ of threads with a cyclic waiting pattern
- · Deadlock preemption
- Deadlock prevention (Banker's algorithm)

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