

Deadlocks

Ch 6 [Stall 05]

Problem

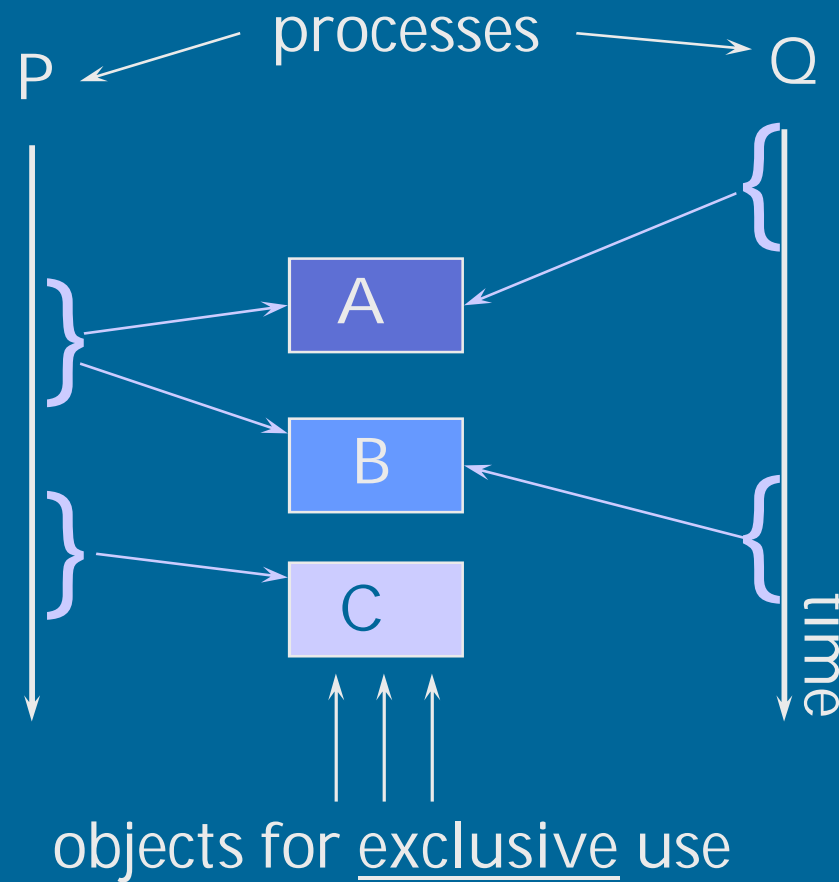
Dining Philosophers
Deadlock occurrence
Deadlock detection
Deadlock prevention
Deadlock avoidance

Motivational Example

- New possible laptop for CS dept use
 - Lenovo 400, dual-core, Intel Centrino 2 technology
 - Ubuntu Linux 8.10
- Wakeup from suspend/hibernation, freezes often
<http://ubuntuforums.org/showthread.php?t=959712>
- Read, study, experiment – some 15 hours?
 - No network?, at home/work?, various units?,, ???
 - Problem with Gnome desktop, not with KDE, ..., ???
- Could two processors cause it?
 - Shut down one processor during hibernation/wakeup
 - Wakeup works fine now
- Same problem with many new laptops running Linux
 - All new laptops with Intel Centrino 2 with same Linux driver?
- Concurrency problem in display driver startup?
 - Bug not found yet, use 1-cpu work-around

<http://git.kernel.org/?p=linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux-2.6.git;a=commitdiff;h=70740d6c93030b339b4ad17fd58ee135dfc13913>
(search "i915_enable_vblank" ...)

Deadlock: Background



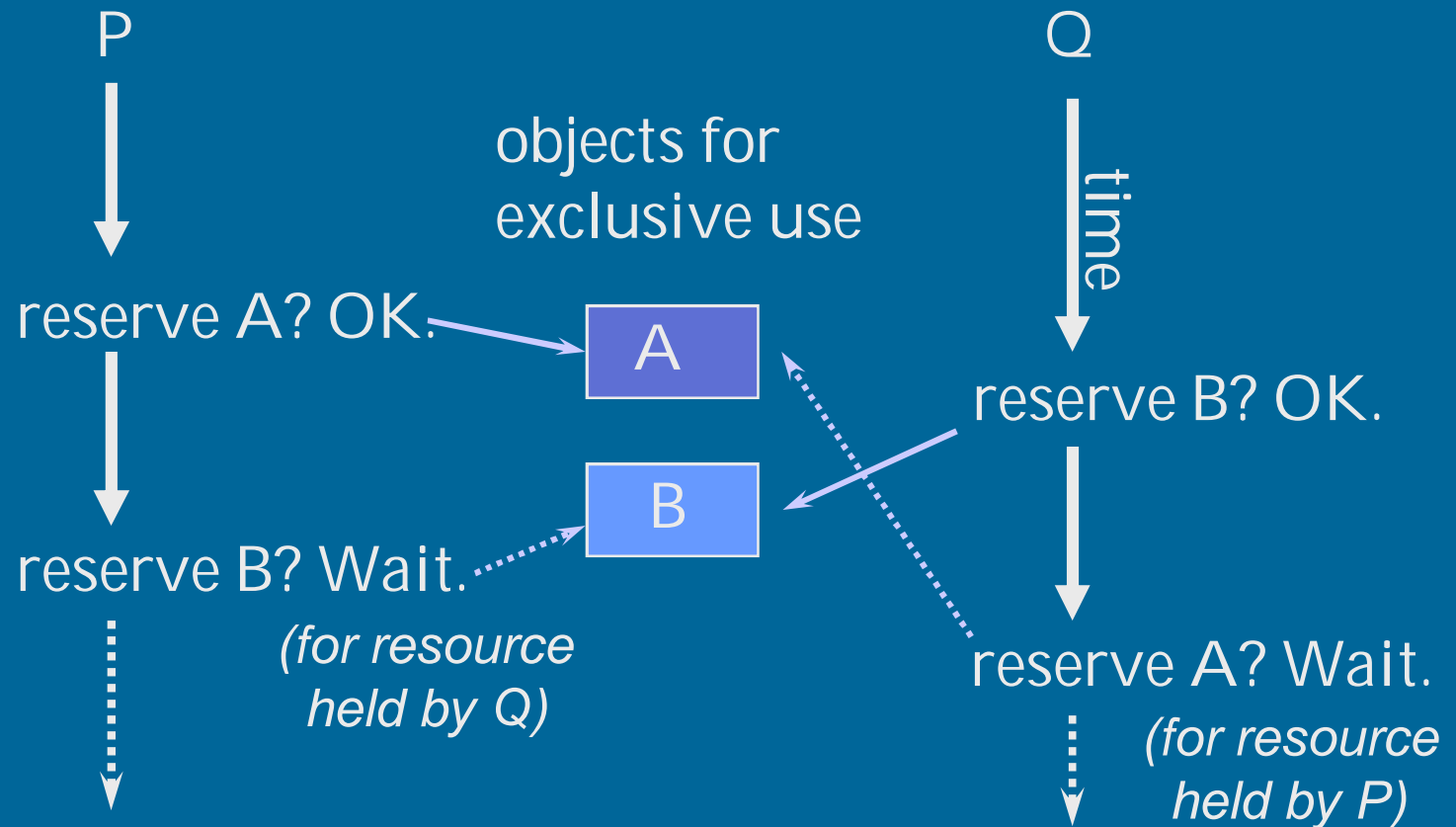
object?

buffer,
page,
user input,
critic. section,
disk driver,
scanner,
message,
...

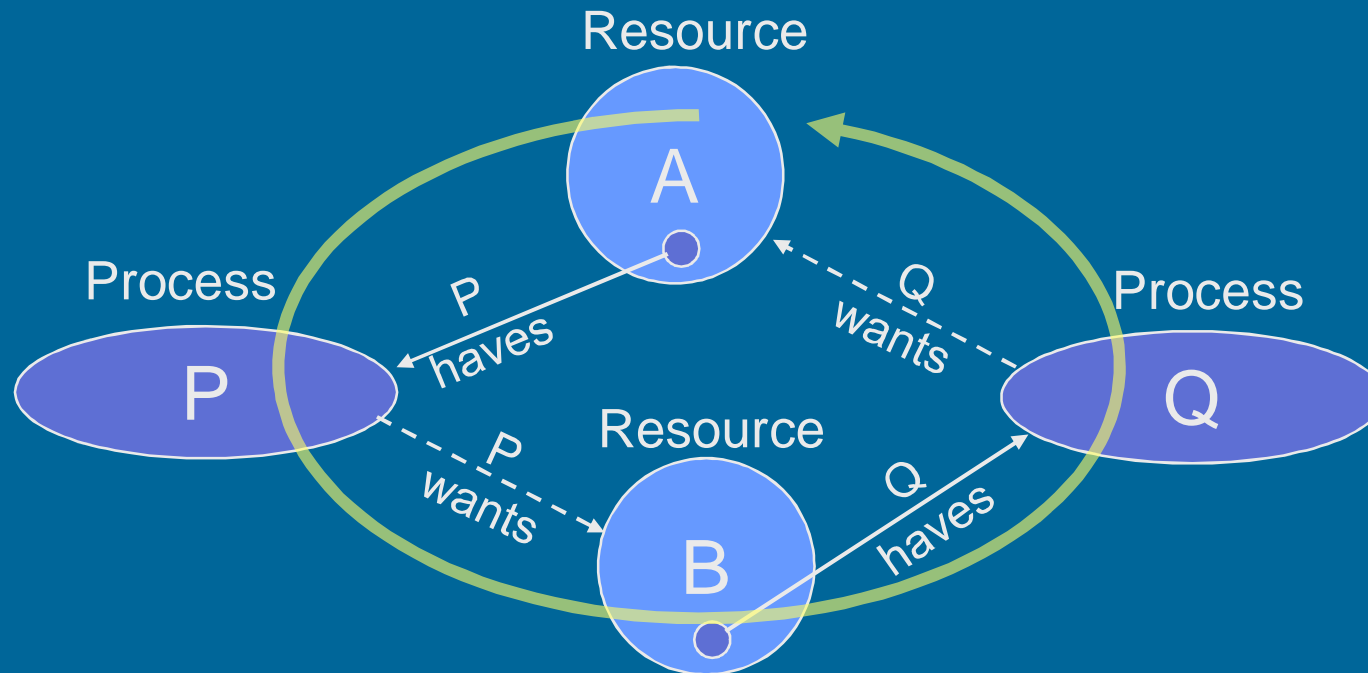
Basic problem: a process needs multiple objects at the same time

vs. mutex problem: competition for one object (critical section)

Deadlock: an Example ⁽¹⁰⁾

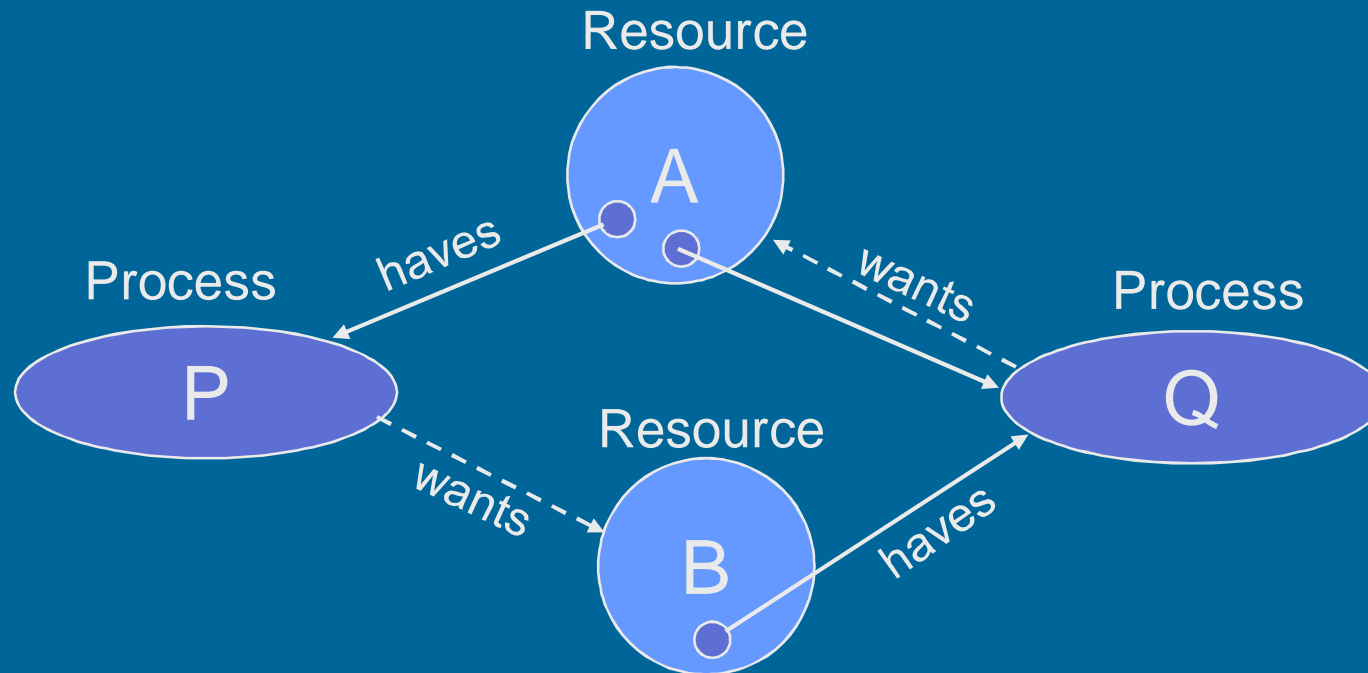


Resource Reservation Graph



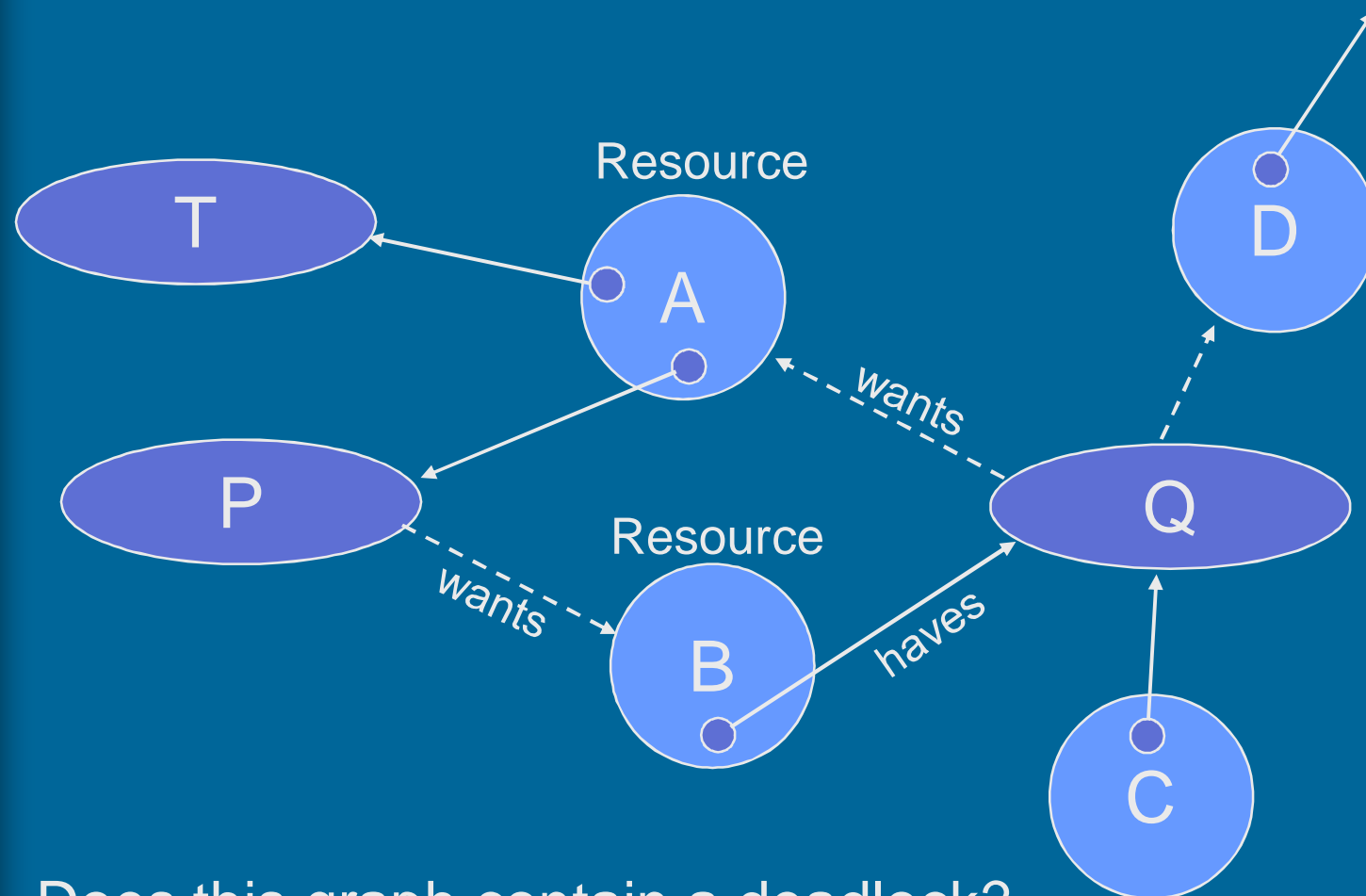
Deadlock cycle in resource reservation graph

Resource Reservation Graph



Does this graph contain a deadlock?

Resource Reservation Graph

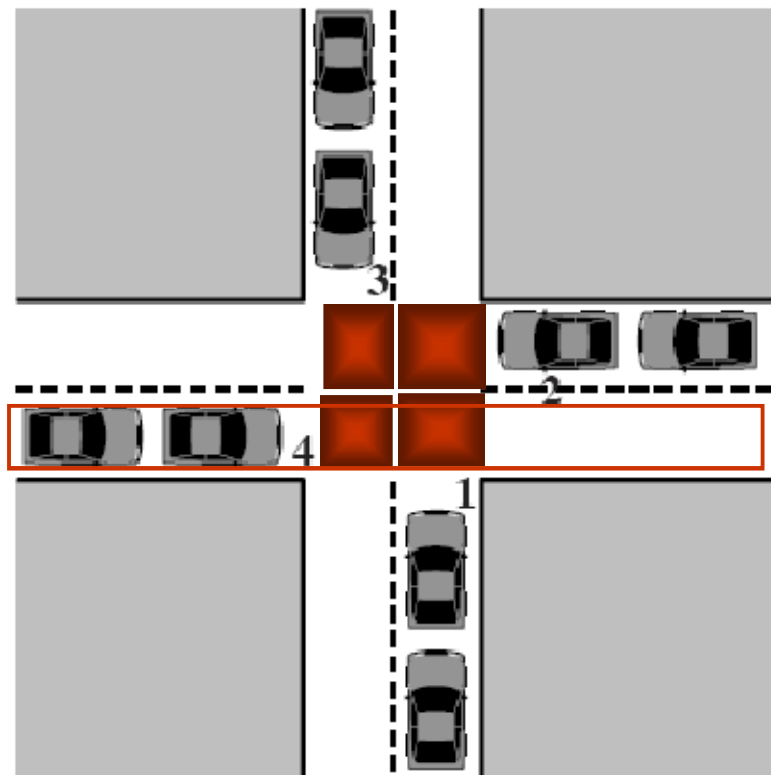


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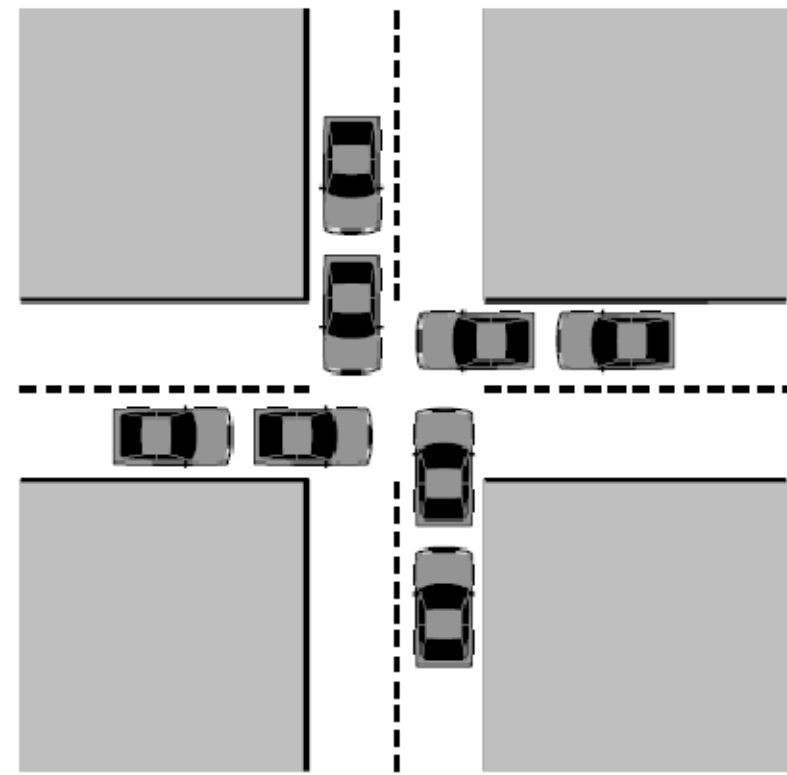
Gridlock

(Fig. 6.1 [Stal06])

Real life gridlock: <http://img209.imageshack.us/img209/5781/deadlocknajokcomafarialibh3.jpg>



(a) Deadlock possible



(b) Deadlock

- Processes: cars 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Resources: quadrants a, b, c, d
 - Car 4 needs quadrants d and a (exclusive use for each)

Consequences

- The processes do not advance
 - Cars do not move
- Resources remain reserved
 - Cpu? Street quadrant?
 - Memory? I/O-devices?
 - Logical resources (semaphores, critical sections, ...)?
- The computation fails
 - Execution never finishes?
 - One application?
 - The system crashes? Traffic flow becomes zero?

Resources

- Reusable resources

- Limited number or amount
- Wait for it, allocate it, deallocate (free) it
- Memory, buffer space, intersection quadrant
- Critical section code segment execution
- One user at a time
- ...

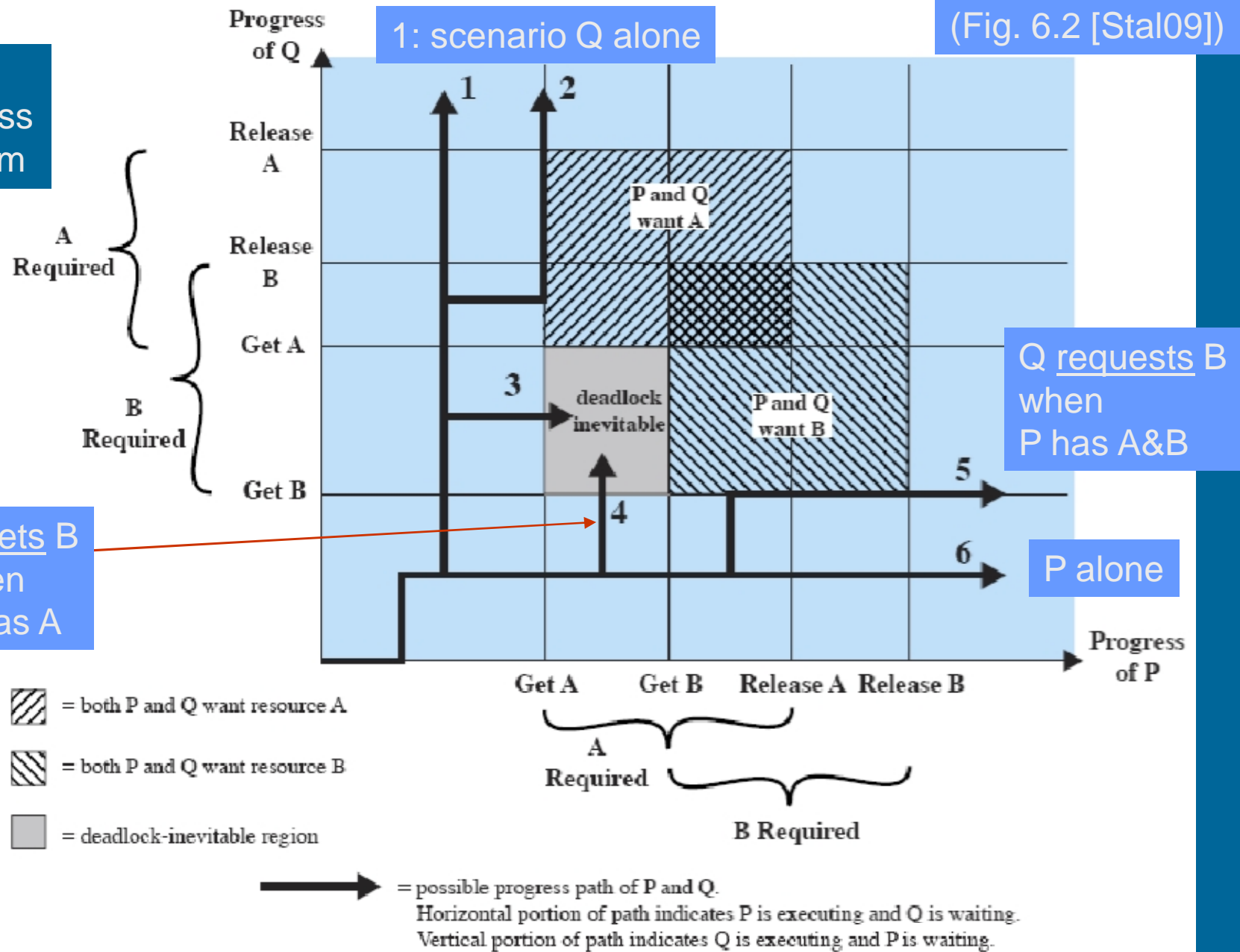
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resurssi

- Consumable resources

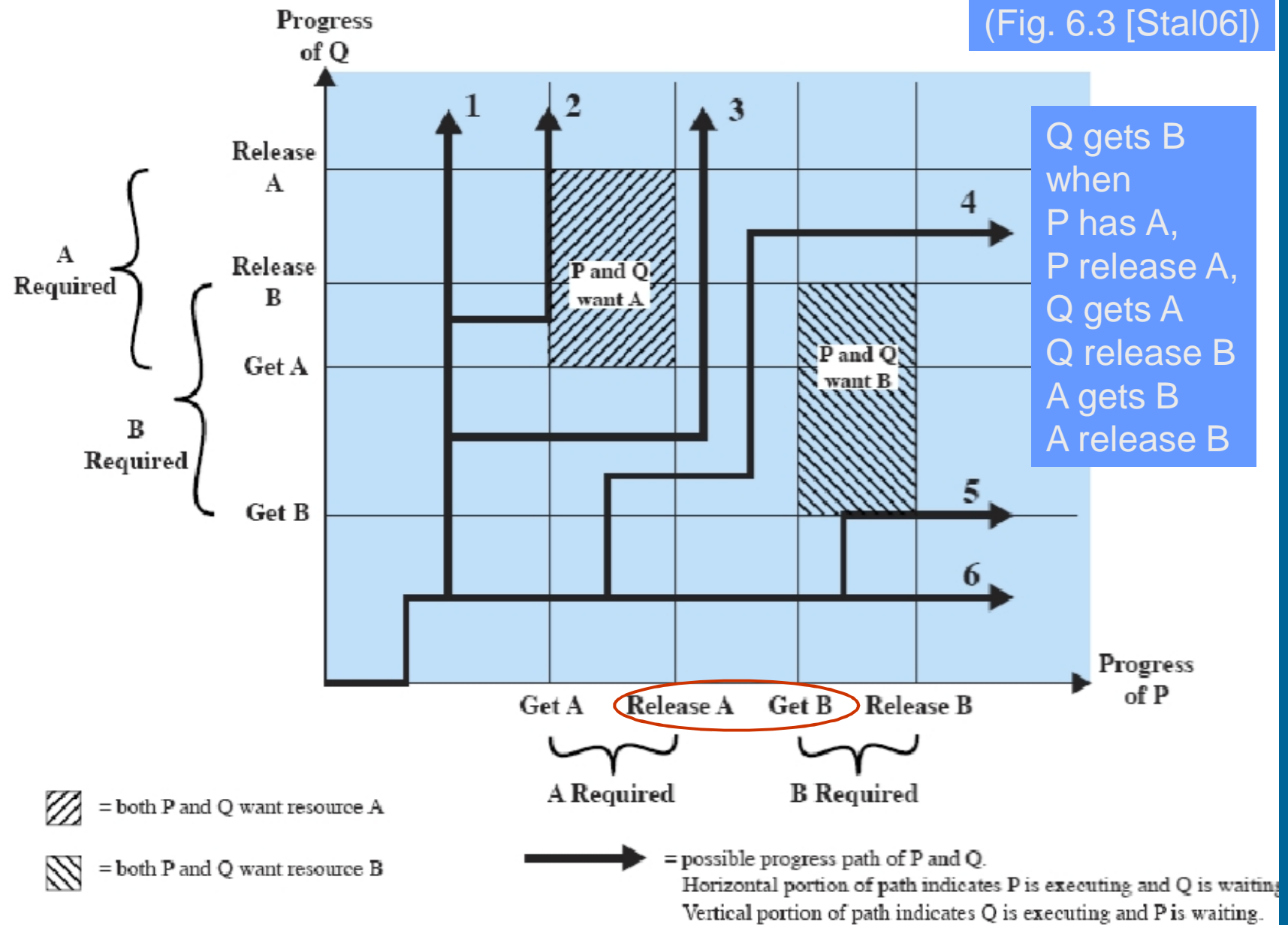
- Unlimited number or amount
- Created and consumed
- Someone may create it, wait for it, destroy it
- Message, interrupt, turn for critical section
- One user at a time
- ...

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Joint Progress Diagram



(Fig. 6.3 [Stal06])



Definitions

- Deadlock

lukkiintuminen

- Eternal wait in blocked state
- Does not block processor (unless one resource is processor)

- Livelock

"elolukko"

- Two or more processes continuously change their state (execute/wait) as response to the other process(es), but never advance to real work
- E.g., ping-pong "you first – no, you first - ..."
 - two processes alternate offering the turn to each other - no useful work is started
- Consumes processor time

- Starvation

nälkiintyminen

- the process will never get its turn
- E.g., in ready-to-run queue, but never scheduled

Deadlock Problems

- How to know if deadlock exists?
 - How to locate deadlocked processes?
- How to prevent deadlocks?
- How to know if deadlock might occur?
- How to break deadlocks?
 - Without too much damage?
 - Automatically?
- How to prove that your solution is free of deadlocks?

Good Deadlock Solution

- Prevents deadlocks in advance, or detects them, breaks them, and fixes the system
- Small overhead
- Smallest possible waiting times
- Does not slow down computations when no danger exists
- Does not block unnecessarily any process when the resource wanted is available

Conditions for Possible Deadlock

- Three policy conditions

Coffman, 1971

- S1. Resource mutual exclusion yksi käyttäjä

- one user of any resource at a time (not just code)

- S2. Hold and wait

pidä ja odota

- a process may hold allocated resources while waiting for others

- S3. No preemption

ei keskeytettävissä

- resource can not be forcibly removed from a process holding it

- A dynamic (execution time) condition takes place

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- D1. Circular wait: a closed chain of processes exists, each process holds at least one resource needed by the next process in chain

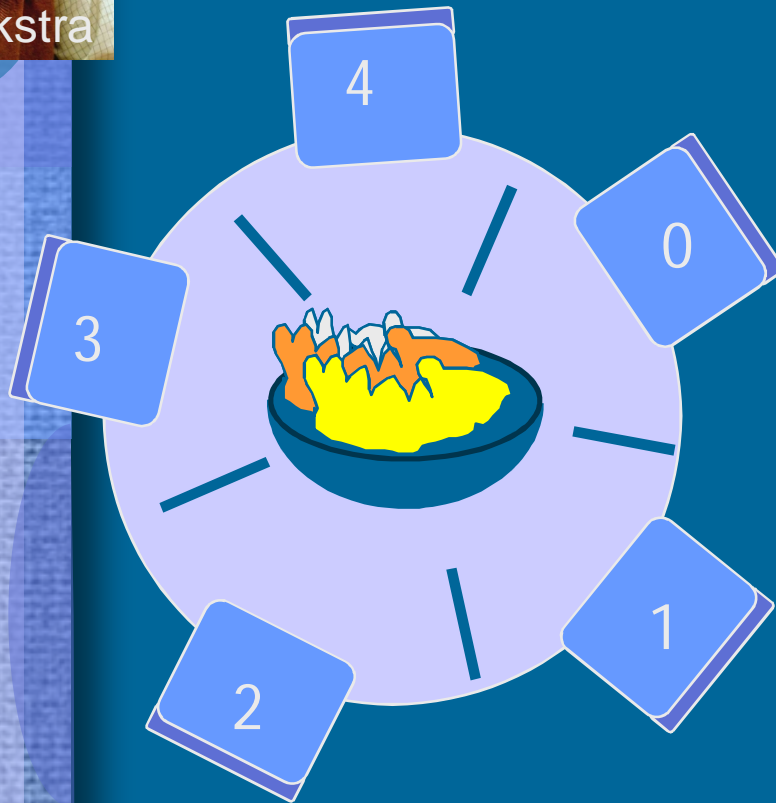
E.g., slide 5



E.G. Coffman



Dining Philosophers (Dijkstra)



See philosopher art in web

Philosopher:

think
take two forks ...
... one from each side
eat rice until satisfied
return the forks

Problem:

how to reserve the forks
without causing

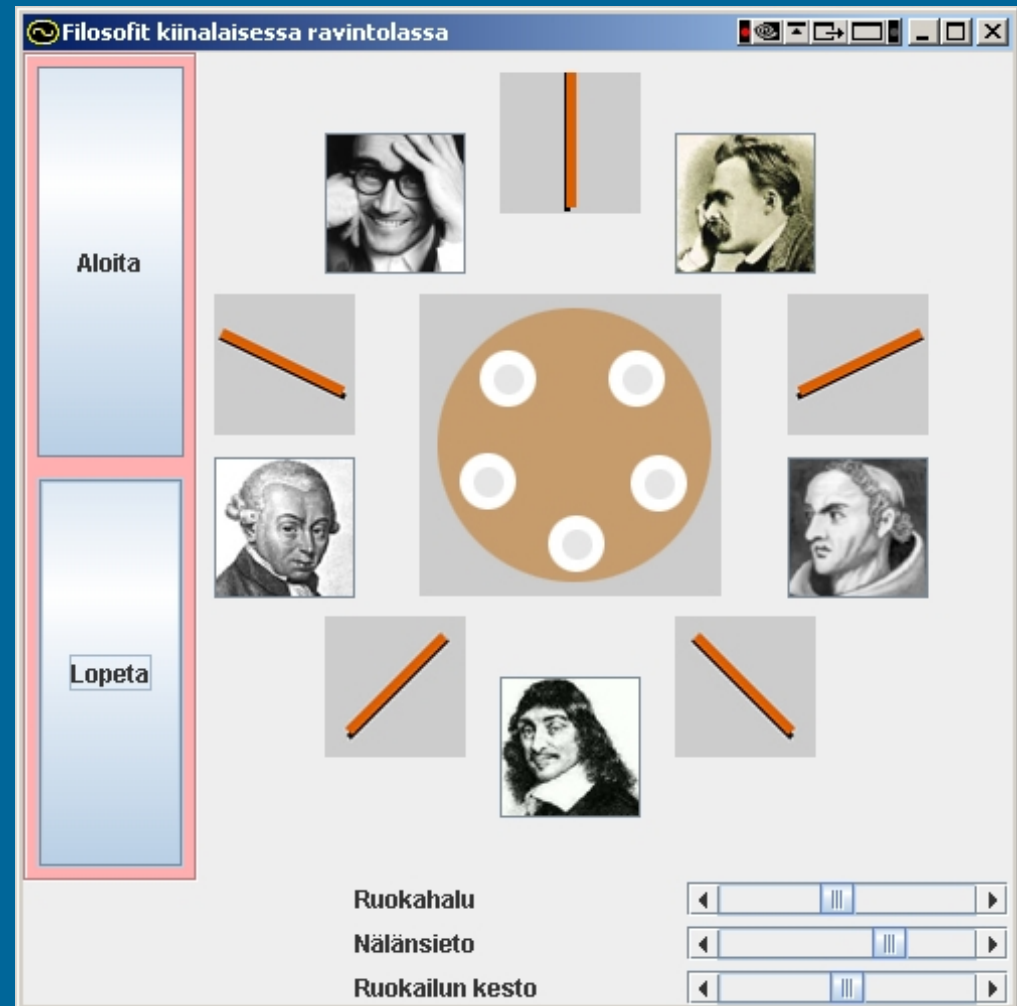
- deadlock
- starvation

and everybody may be present

Dining Philosophers in Java

- Tapio Lehtomäki, MikroBitti
- Load program from course schedule page
- Modify paths in script philosophers.bat and run it
- Modify program for homework?
 - Next year?

[Lehtomaki.zip](#)



<http://www.cs.helsinki.fi/u/kerola/rio/Lehtomaki/Lehtomaki.zip>


```
/* program      diningphilosophers */
semaphore fork [5] = {1}; /* mutex, one at a time */
int i;
void philosopher (int i)
{
    while (true)
    {
        think();
        wait (fork[i]); /* left fork */
        wait (fork [(i+1) mod 5]); /* right fork */
        eat();
        signal(fork [(i+1) mod 5]);
        signal(fork[i]);
    }
}
void main()
{
    parbegin (philosopher (0), philosopher (1), philosopher (2),
              philosopher (3), philosopher (4));
}
```

Trivial Solution #1

- Possible deadlock scenario – not good
 - All 5 grab left fork “at the same time”

[Discuss](#)

Resource Allocation (Dijkstra's)

- Processes $P_i \in P_1..P_n$
- Resources (or objects) $R_j \in R_1..R_m$
- Number of resources of type R_j
 - total amount of resources $R = (r_1, \dots, r_m)$
 - currently free resources $V = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$
- Allocated resources (allocation matrix)
 - $A = [a_{ij}]$, "process P_i has a_{ij} units of resource R_j "
- Outstanding requests (request matrix)
 - $Q = [q_{ij}]$, "process P_i requests q_{ij} units of resource R_j "

How many R4 resources exists?

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
2	1	1	2	1

Resource vector **R**

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
0	0	0	0	1

Available vector **V**

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
P1	0	1	0	0	1
P2	0	0	1	0	1
P3	0	0	0	0	1
P4	1	0	1	0	1

Request matrix **Q**

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
P1	1	0	1	1	0
P2	1	1	0	0	0
P3	0	0	0	1	0
P4	0	0	0	0	0

Allocation matrix **A**

Which resources are now free?

Who has now R4?

P2 has now R1 and R2,

P2 wants now R3 and R5

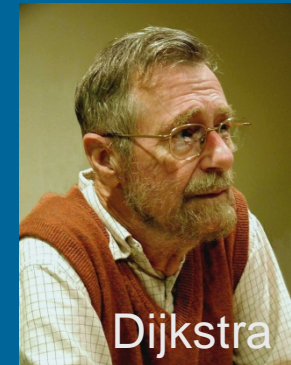
Is there now a deadlock or not?

(Fig. 6.10 [Stal09])

Discuss

DDA- Deadlock Detection Algorithm (Dijkstra)

1. Find a (any) process that could terminate
 - All of its current resource requests can be satisfied
2. Assume now that
 - a. This process terminates, and
 - b. It releases all of its resources
3. Repeat 1&2 until can not find any more such processes
4. If any processes still exist, they are deadlocked
 - a. They all each need something
 - b. The process holding that something is waiting for something else
 - That process can not advance and release it



Deadlock Detection Algorithm (DDA)

DL1. [*Remove the processes with no resources*]

Mark all processes with null rows in \mathbf{A} .

DL2. [*Initialize counters for available objects*]

Initialize a working vector $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{V}$

DL3. [*Search for a process P_i which could get all resources it requires*]

Search for an unmarked row i such that

$$q_{ij} \leq w_j \quad j = 1..n$$

If none is found terminate the algorithm.

DL4. [*Increase \mathbf{W} with the resources of the chosen process*]

Set $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{A}_{i^*}$ i.e. $w_j = w_j + a_{ij}$ when $j = 1..n$

Mark process P_i and return to step DL3.

When the algorithm terminates, unmarked processes correspond to deadlocked processes. Why?

Example: Initial state

allocation matrix

A

row 1: 1 0 1 1 0
2: 1 1 0 0 0
3: 0 0 0 1 0
4: 0 0 0 0 0

request matrix

Q

0 1 0 0 1
0 0 1 0 1
0 0 0 0 1
1 0 1 0 1

E.g.,
"process 2 has
resources 1 & 2,
and it wants
resources 3 & 5"

all resources R 2 1 1 2 1

Who holds
resource 4?

free resources V 0 0 0 0 1

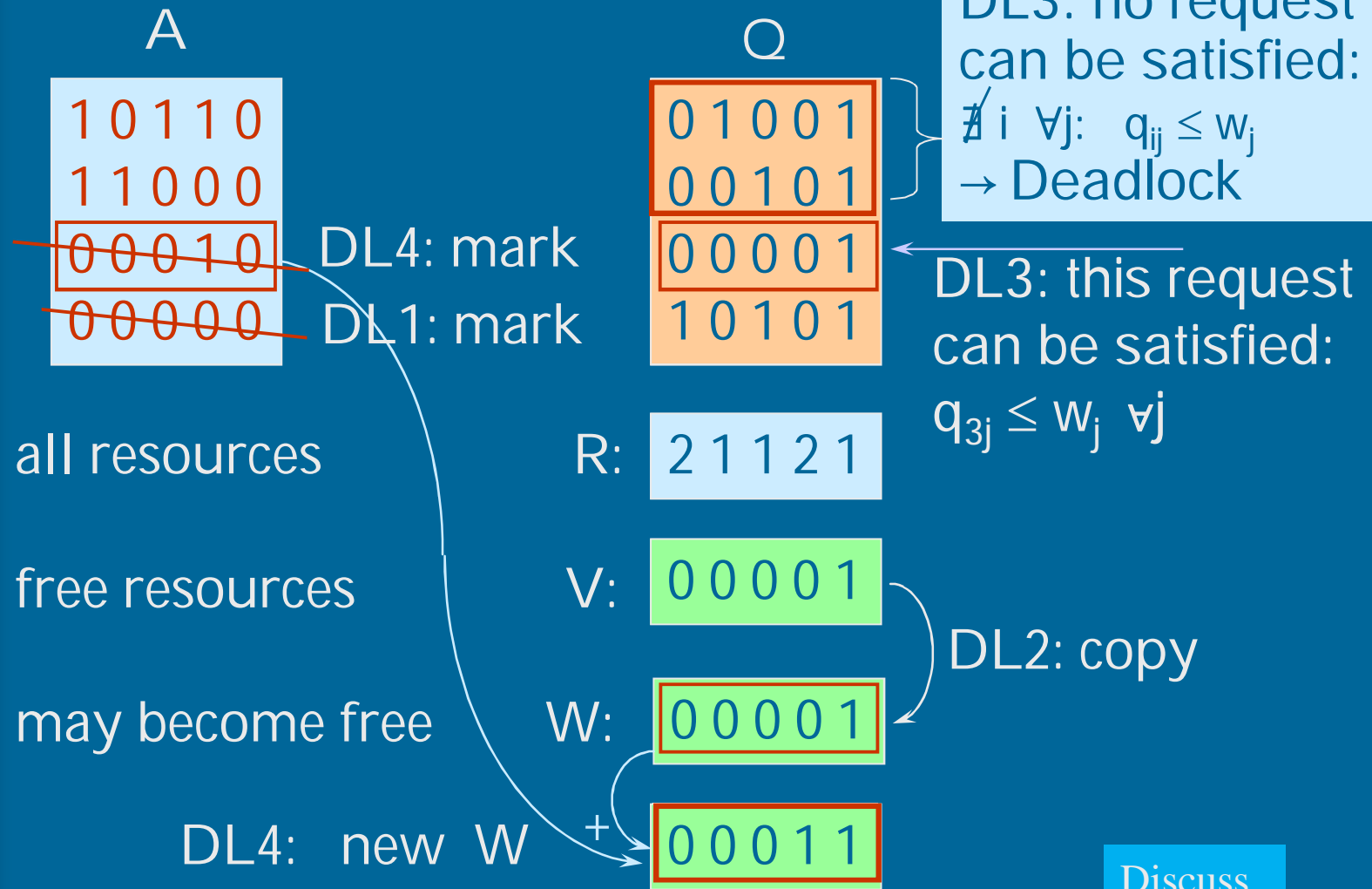
Which resources
are free?

(Fig. 6.10 [Stal09])

Deadlock or not?

What now?

Example: Deadlock Detection (6)



Discuss

Example: Deadlock Detection (phases)

A

1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0

Q

0	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1

all resources

R:

2	1	1	2	1
---	---	---	---	---

free resources

V:

0	0	0	0	1
---	---	---	---	---

may become free

W:

Example: Deadlock Detection (phases)

A

1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0

DL1: mark

Q

0	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1

all resources

R:

2	1	1	2	1
---	---	---	---	---

free resources

V:

0	0	0	0	1
---	---	---	---	---

may become free

W:

Example: Deadlock Detection (phases)

A

1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0

DL1: mark

Q

0	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1

all resources

R:

2	1	1	2	1
---	---	---	---	---

free resources

V:

0	0	0	0	1
---	---	---	---	---

may become free

W:

0	0	0	0	1
---	---	---	---	---

DL2: copy

Example: Deadlock Detection (phases)

A

1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0

DL1: mark

all resources

free resources

may become free

Q

0	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1

DL3: this request
can be satisfied:
 $q_{3j} \leq w_j \quad \forall j$

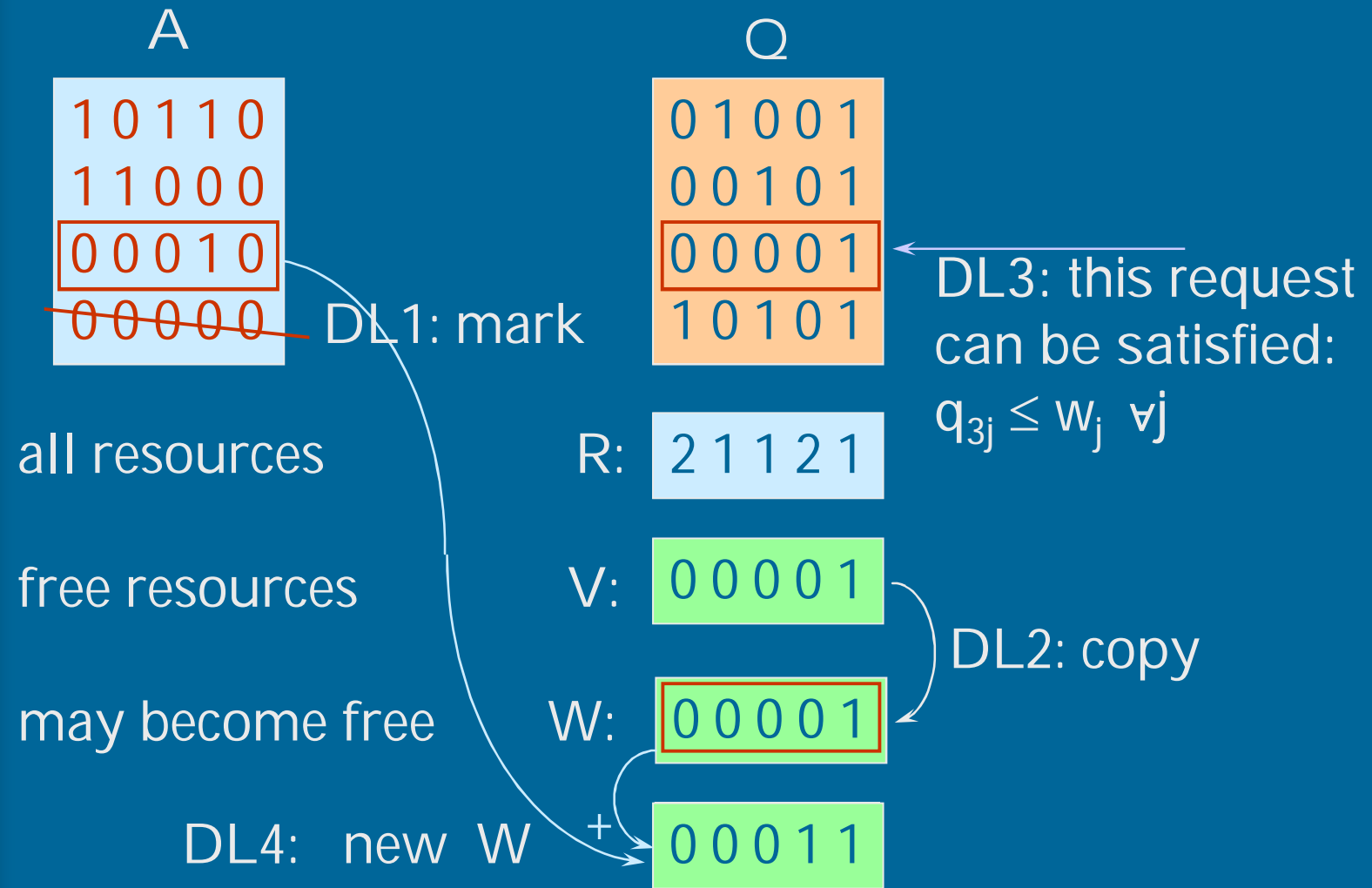
R: 2 1 1 2 1

V: 0 0 0 0 1

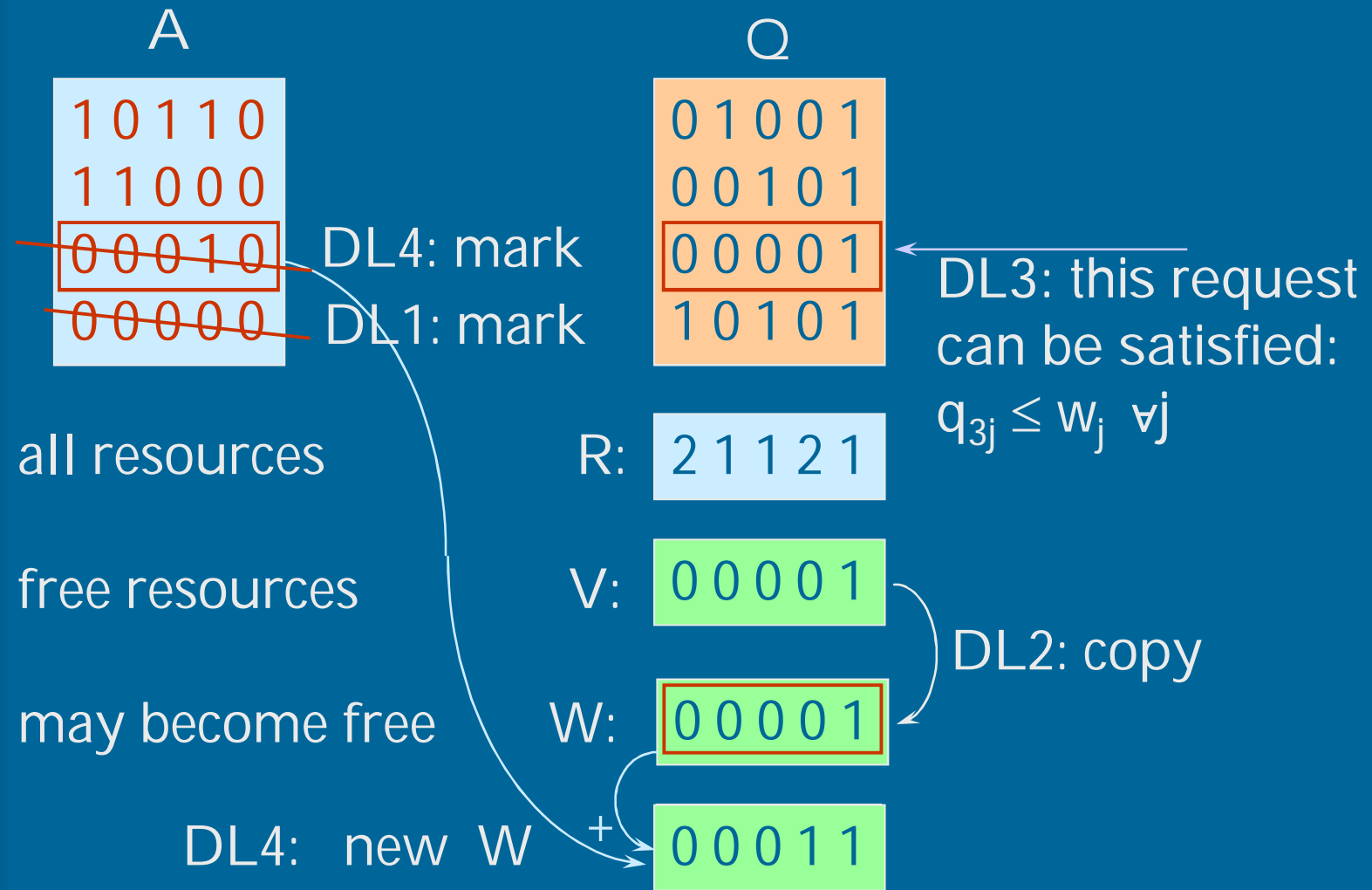
W: 0 0 0 0 1

DL2: copy

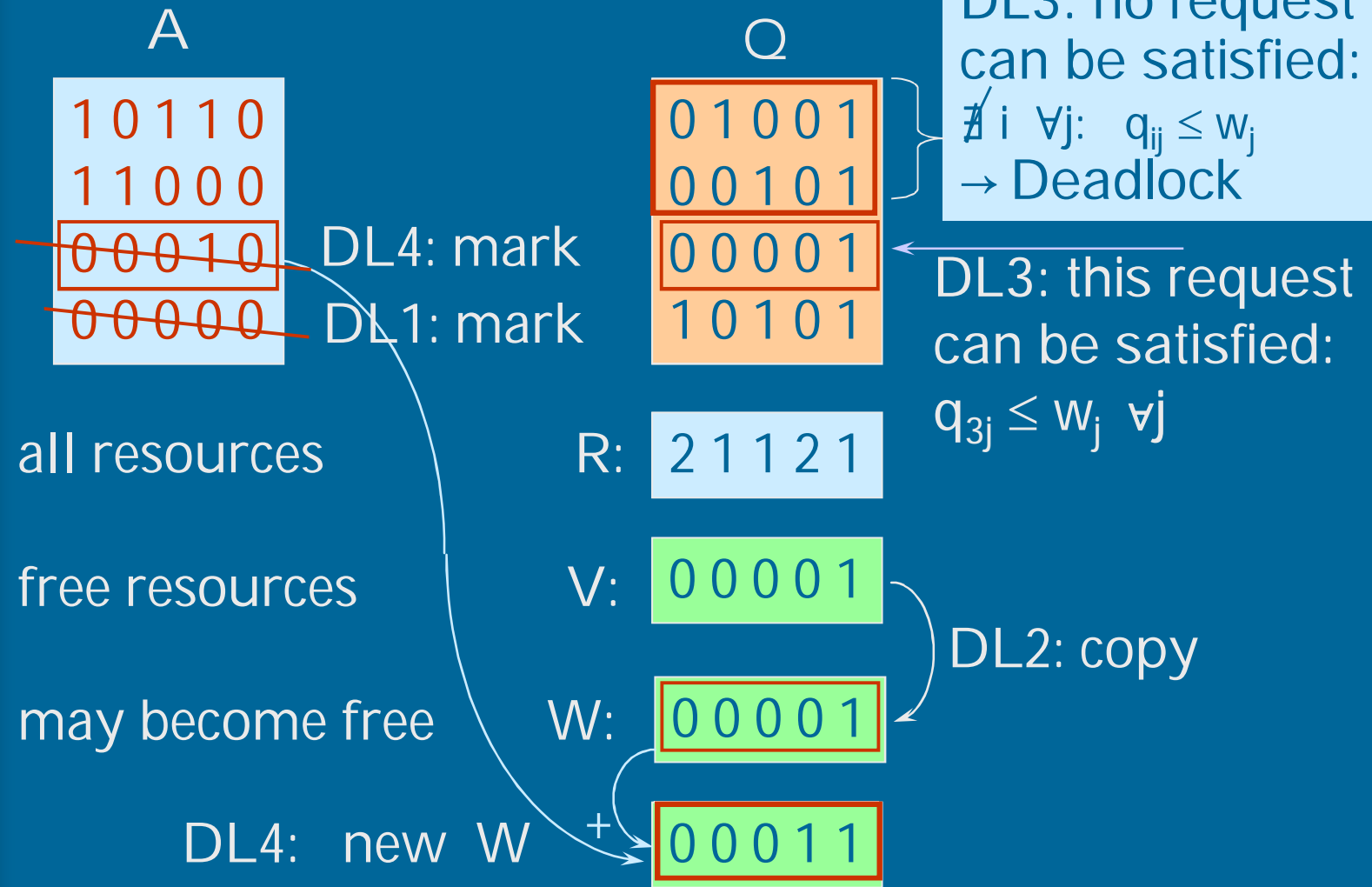
Example: Deadlock Detection (phases)



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Example: Deadlock Detection (phases)



Example: Breaking Deadlocks

- Processes P1 and P2 are in deadlock
 - What next?
- Abort P1 and P2?
 - Most common solution
- Rollback P1 and P2 to previous safe state, and try again
 - Rollback states must exist
 - May deadlock again (or may not!)
- Abort /Rollback P1 because it is less important
 - Must have some basis for selection
 - Who makes the decision? Automatic?
- Preempt R3 from P1
 - Must be able to preempt (easy if R3 is CPU?)
 - Must know what to preempt from whom
 - How many resources need preemption?

Deadlock Prevention

- How to prevent deadlock occurrence in advance?
- Deadlock possible only when all 4 conditions are met:
 - S1. Mutual exclusion Yksi käyttäjä resurssilla
 - S2. Hold and wait pidä ja odota
 - S3. No preemption ei saa ottaa pois kesken kaiken
 - D1. Circular wait kehäodotus
- Solution: disallow any one of the conditions
 - S1, S2, S3, or D1?
 - Which is possible to disallow?
 - Which is easiest to disallow?

Disallow S1 (mutual exclusion)

- Can not do always
 - There are reasons for mutual exclusion!
 - Can not split philosophers fork into 2 resources
- Can do sometimes
 - Too high granularity blocks too much
 - Resource *room* in trivial solution #2
 - Finer granularity allows parallelism
 - Smaller areas, parallel usage, more locks
 - More administration to manage more locks
 - Too fine granularity may cause too much administration work
 - Normal design approach in data bases, for example
- Get more resources, avoid mutex competition?
 - Buy another fork for each philosopher?

Disallow S2 (hold and wait)

- Request all needed resources at one time
- Wait until all can be granted simultaneously
 - Can lead to starvation
 - Reserve both forks at once (simultaneous wait!)
 - Neighbouring philosophers eat all the time alternating



- Inefficient
 - long wait for resources (to be used much later?) $\frac{A}{B}$
 - worst case reservation (long wait period for resources which are possibly needed - who knows?)
- Difficult/impossible to implement?
 - advance knowledge: resources of all possible execution paths of all related modules ...

Disallow S3 (no preemption)

- Allow preemption in crisis
- Release of resources => fallback to some earlier state
 - Initial reservation of these resources
 - Fall back to specific checkpoint
 - Checkpoint must have been saved earlier
 - Must know when to fall back!
- OK, if the system has been designed for this
 - Practical, if saving the state is cheap and the chance of deadlock is to be considered
 - Standard procedure for transaction processing
- ```
wait (fork[i]);
if "all forks taken" then
 "remove fork" from philosopher [i⊕1]
wait (fork[i⊕1])
```

  - What will philosopher  $i \oplus 1$  do now? Think? Eat? Die?



# Disallow D1 (circular wait)

- Linear ordering of resources
  - Make reservations in this order only – no loops!
- Pessimistic approach – prevent “loops” in advance
  - Advance knowledge of resource requirements needed
  - Reserve all at once in given order
  - Prepare for “worst case” behavior

Forks in global ascending order  
philosophers 0, 1, 2, 3:

```
wait (fork[i]);
wait (fork[i+1]);
```

last philosopher 4:

```
wait (fork[0]);
wait (fork[4]);
```

- Optimistic approach – worry only at the last moment
  - Reservation dynamically as needed (but in order)
  - Reservation conflict => restart from some earlier stage
    - Must have earlier state saved somewhere



```

/* program diningphilosophers */
semaphore fork[5] = {1};
semaphore room = {4}; /* only 4 at a time, 5th waits */
int i;
void philosopher (int I)
{
 while (true)
 {
 think();
 wait (room);
 wait (fork[i]);
 wait (fork [(i+1) mod 5]);
 eat();
 signal (fork [(i+1) mod 5]);
 signal (fork[i]);
 signal (room);
 }
}

void main()
{
 parbegin (philosopher (0), philosopher (1), philosopher (2),
 philosopher (3), philosopher (4));
}

```

(Fig. 6.13 [Stal09])

- No deadlock, no starvation - circular wait not possible

# Deadlock Detection and Recovery

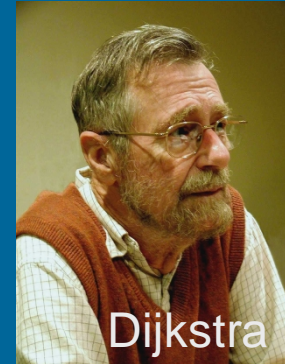
- Let the system run until deadlock problem occurs
  - “Detect deadlock existence”
  - “Locate deadlock and fix the system”
- Detection is not trivial:
  - Blocked group of processes is deadlocked? or
  - Blocked group is just waiting for an external event?
- Recovery
  - Detection is first needed
  - Fallback to a previous state (does it exist?)
  - Killing one or more members of the deadlocked group
    - Must be able to do it without overall system damage
- Needed: information about resource allocation
  - In a form suitable for deadlock detection!

# Banker's Algorithm: Deadlock Avoidance with DDA

- Use Dijkstra's algorithm to avoid deadlocks in advance?
- Banker's Algorithm
  - Originally for one resource (money)
  - Why "Banker's"?
    - "Ensure that a bank never allocates its available cash so that it can no longer satisfy the needs of all its customers"

Pankkiirin algoritmi

## Banker's Algorithm (Dijkstra, 1977?)



- Keep state information on resources allocated to each process
- Keep state information on number of resources each process might still allocate
- For each resource allocation, first find an ordering which allows processes to terminate, if that allocation is made
  - Assume that allocation is made and then use DDA to find out if the system remains in a safe state even in the worst case
  - If deadlock is possible, reject resource request
  - If deadlock is not possible, grant resource request

Discuss

# Deadlock Avoidance with Banker's Algorithm

Matrices as before, and some more

- For each process: the maximum needs of resources
  - $C = [c_{ij}]$ , “Pi may request  $c_{ij}$  units of  $R_j$ ”
- The current hypothesis of resources in use
  - $A' = [a'_{ij}]$ , “if this allocation is made, Pi would have  $a'_{ij}$  units of  $R_j$ ”
- The current hypothesis of future maximum demands
  - $Q' = [q'_{ij}]$ , “Pi could still request  $q'_{ij}$  units of  $R_j$ ”
  - $Q' = C - A'$
- Apply DDA to  $A'$  and  $Q'$ 
  - If no deadlock possible, grant resource request

Possible  
allocation

Possible request



# Banker's Algorithm Example

**Allocation A**

|    | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| P2 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| P3 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| P4 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  |

**Requests Q**

|    | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| P2 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| P3 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P4 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

**Max allocation C**

|    | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P2 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| P3 | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| P4 | 0  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  |

**Resources R**

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

**Available V**

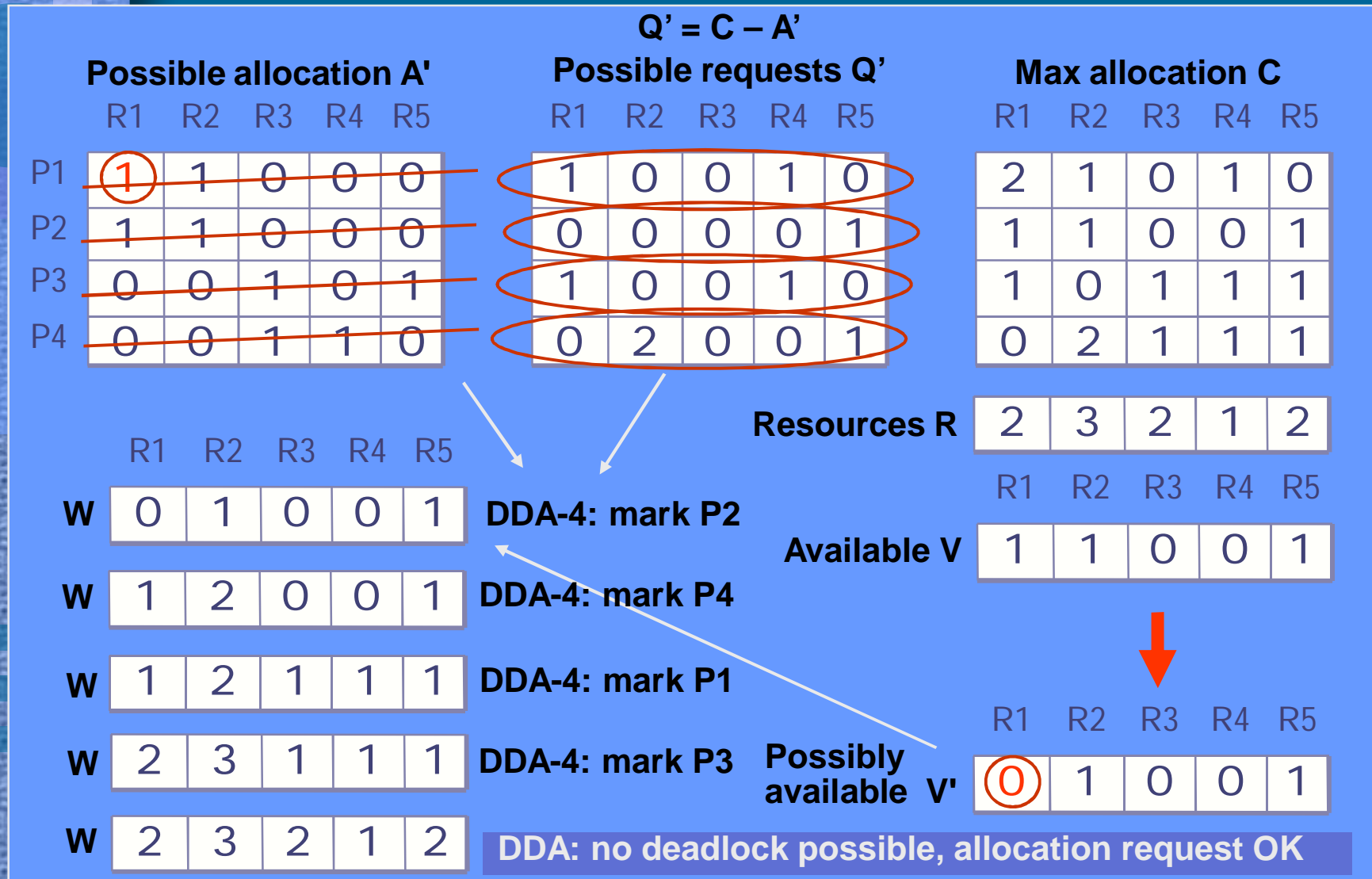
|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|

(Fig. 16.11, Bacon, Concurrent Systems, 1993)

P1 requests R1. Is request granted?  
Could system deadlock, if R1 is granted?

# Banker's Algorithm Example (7)

If P1 request for R1 approved, can deadlock occur?



# Banker's Algorithm Example <sup>(7)</sup>

If P1 request for R1 approved, can deadlock occur?

**Possible allocation A'**

|    | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| P2 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| P3 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| P4 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  |

**Q' = C - A'**

**Possible requests Q'**

|    | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P2 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| P3 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P4 | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

**Max allocation C**

|    | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P2 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| P3 | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| P4 | 0  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  |

**Resources R**

|  | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|
|  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 2  |

**Available V**

|  | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|
|  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

**Possibly available V'**

|  | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|
|  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

# Banker's Algorithm Example <sup>(7)</sup>

If P1 request for R1 approved, can deadlock occur?

| $Q' = C - A'$            |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Possible allocation $A'$ |    |    |    |    |    |
|                          | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
| P1                       | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| P2                       | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| P3                       | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| P4                       | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  |

| Possible requests $Q'$ |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
|                        | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
| P1                     | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P2                     | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| P3                     | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P4                     | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

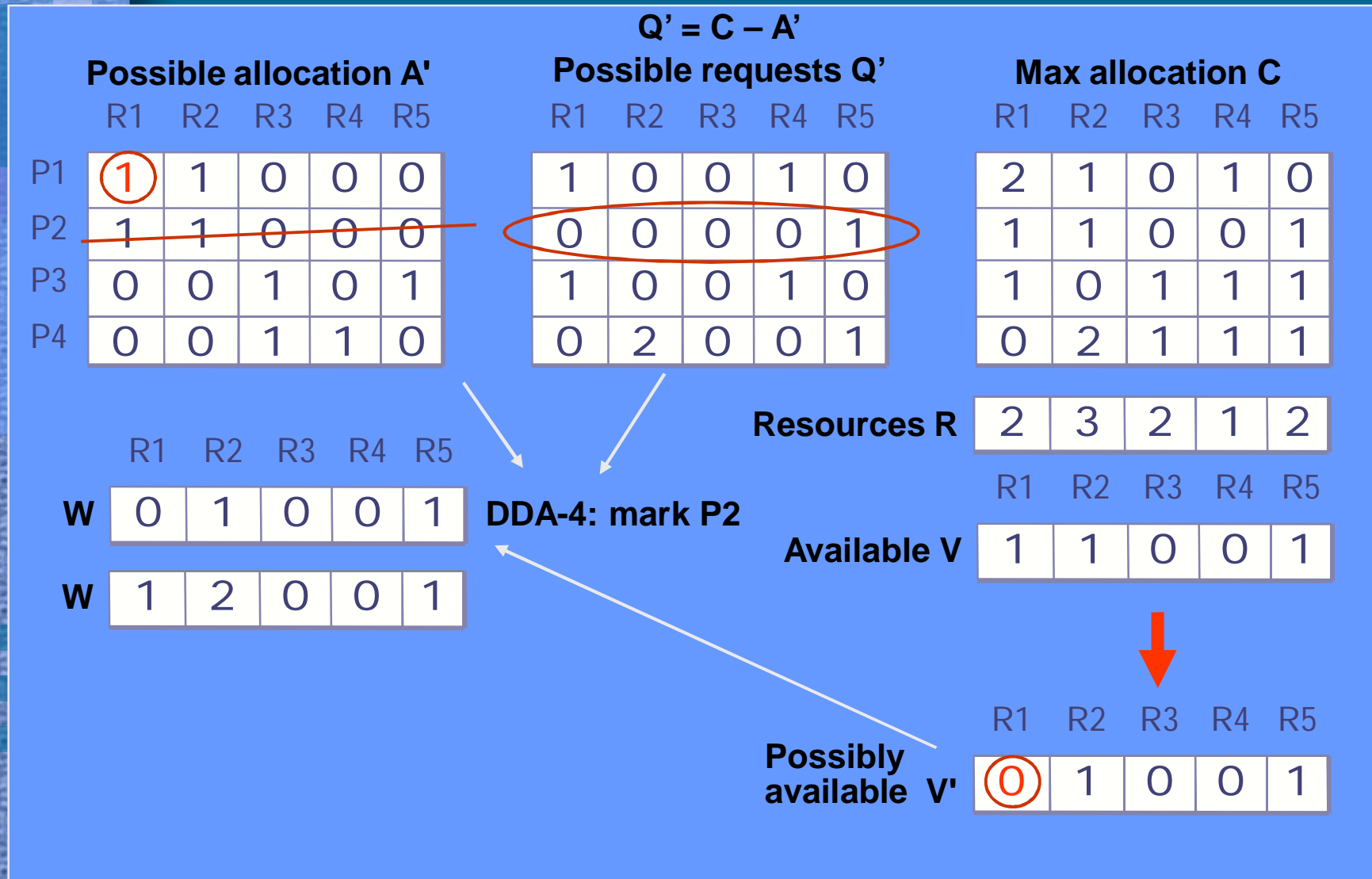
| Max allocation $C$ |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
|                    | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
| P1                 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| P2                 | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| P3                 | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| P4                 | 0  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  |

| Resources R             |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
|                         | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 |
| W                       | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| Available V             | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| Possibly available $V'$ | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |

# Banker's Algorithm Example (7)

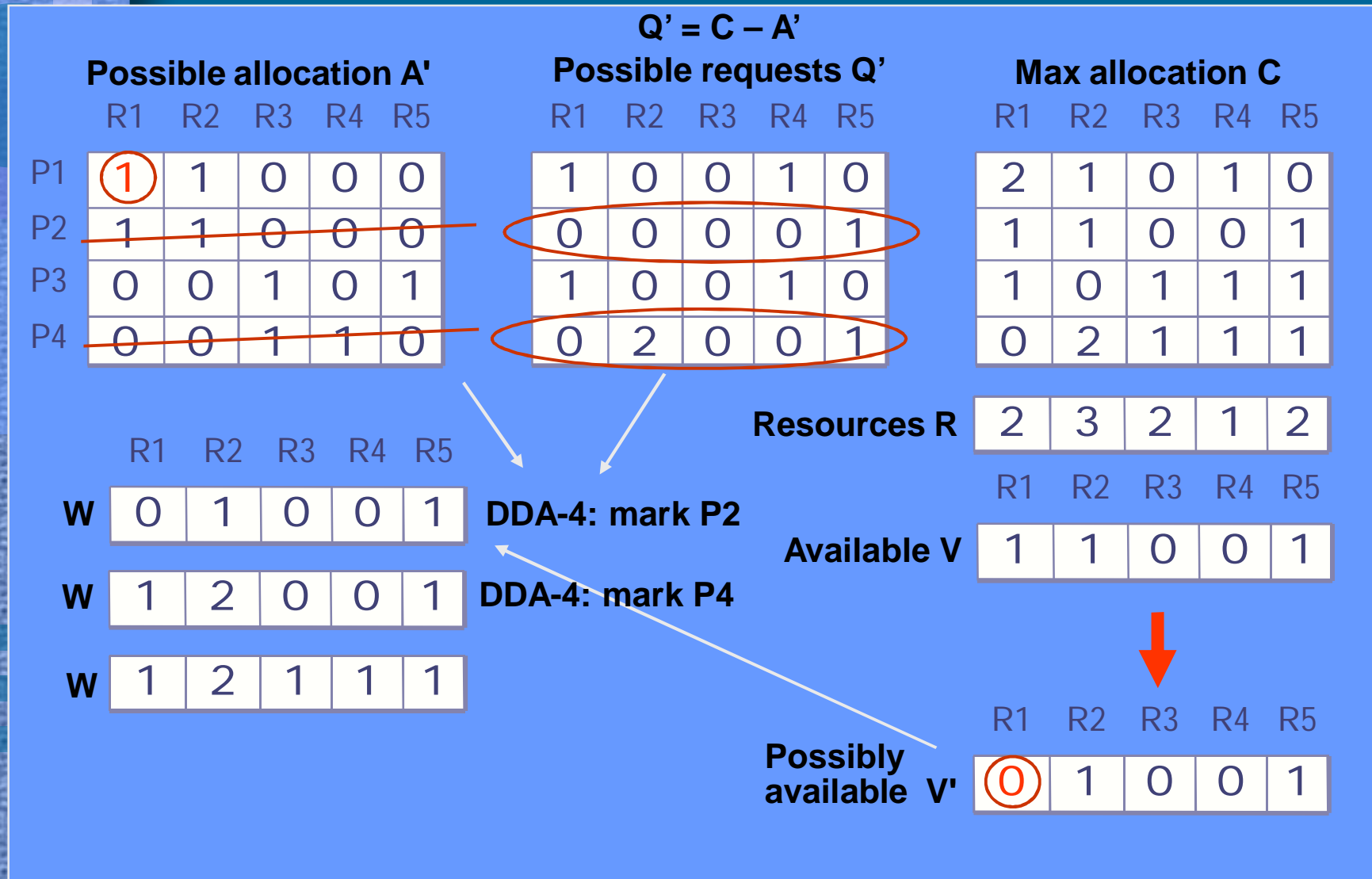
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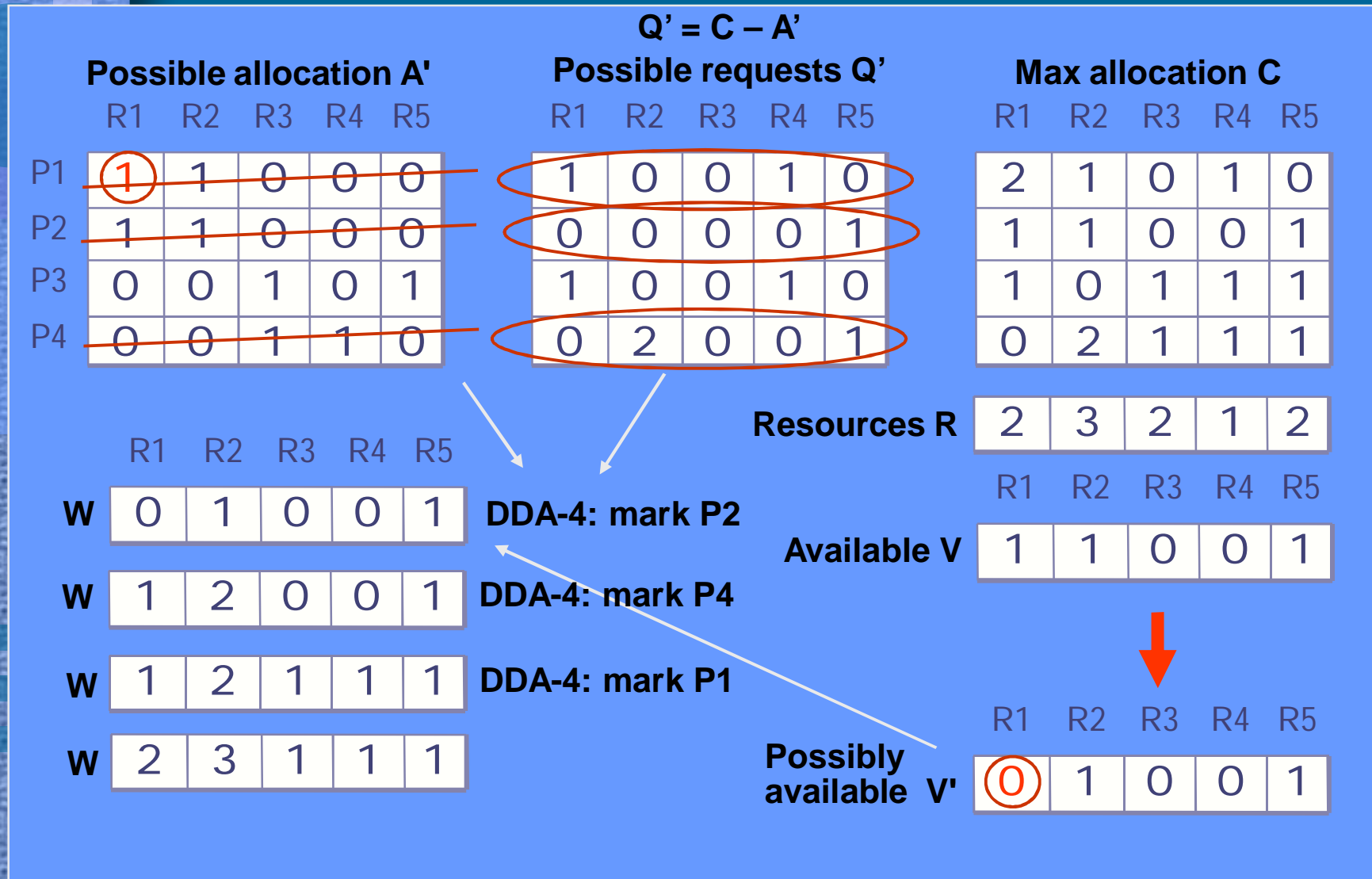
# Banker's Algorithm Example (7)

If P1 request for R1 approved, can deadlock occur?



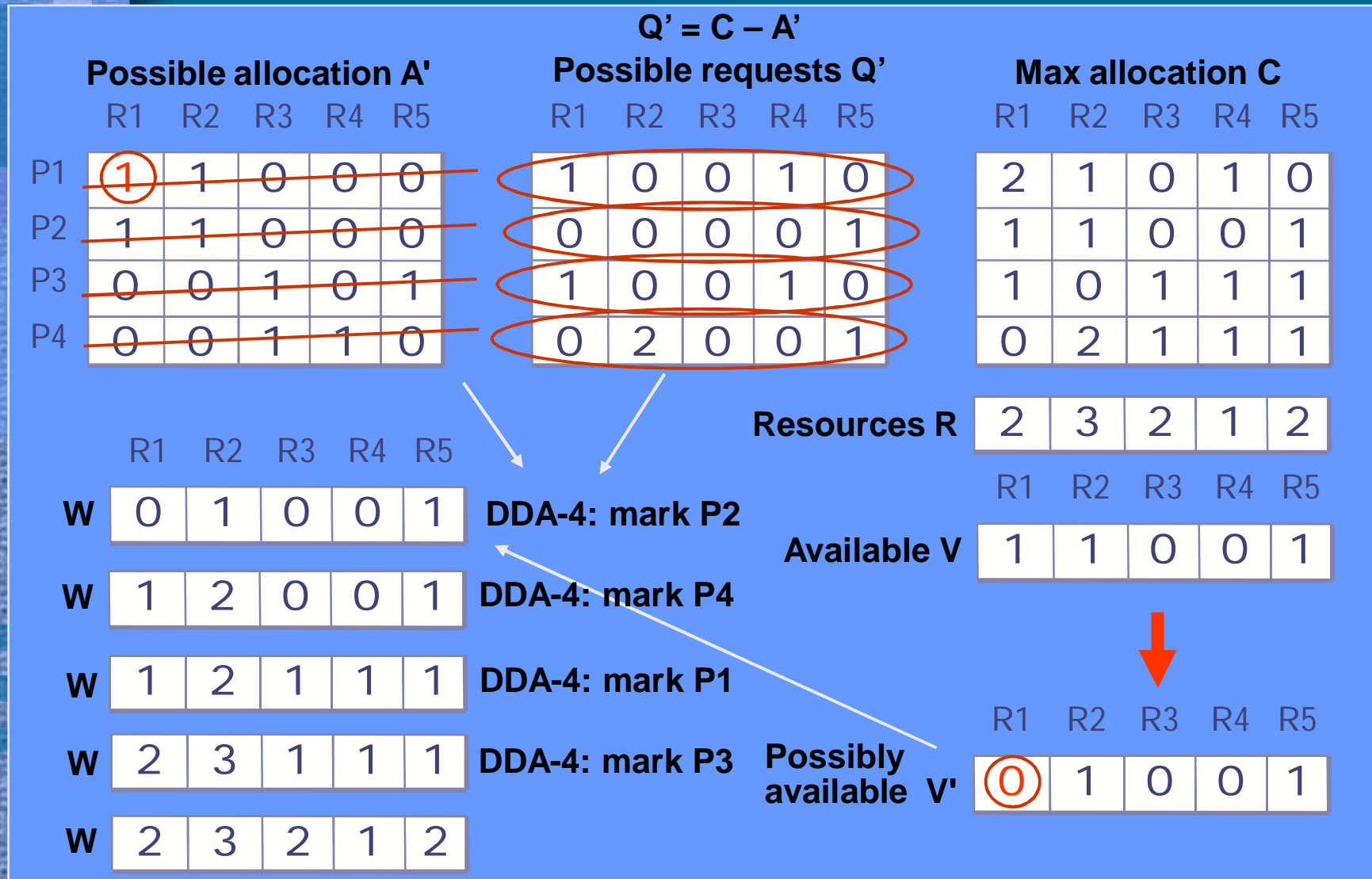
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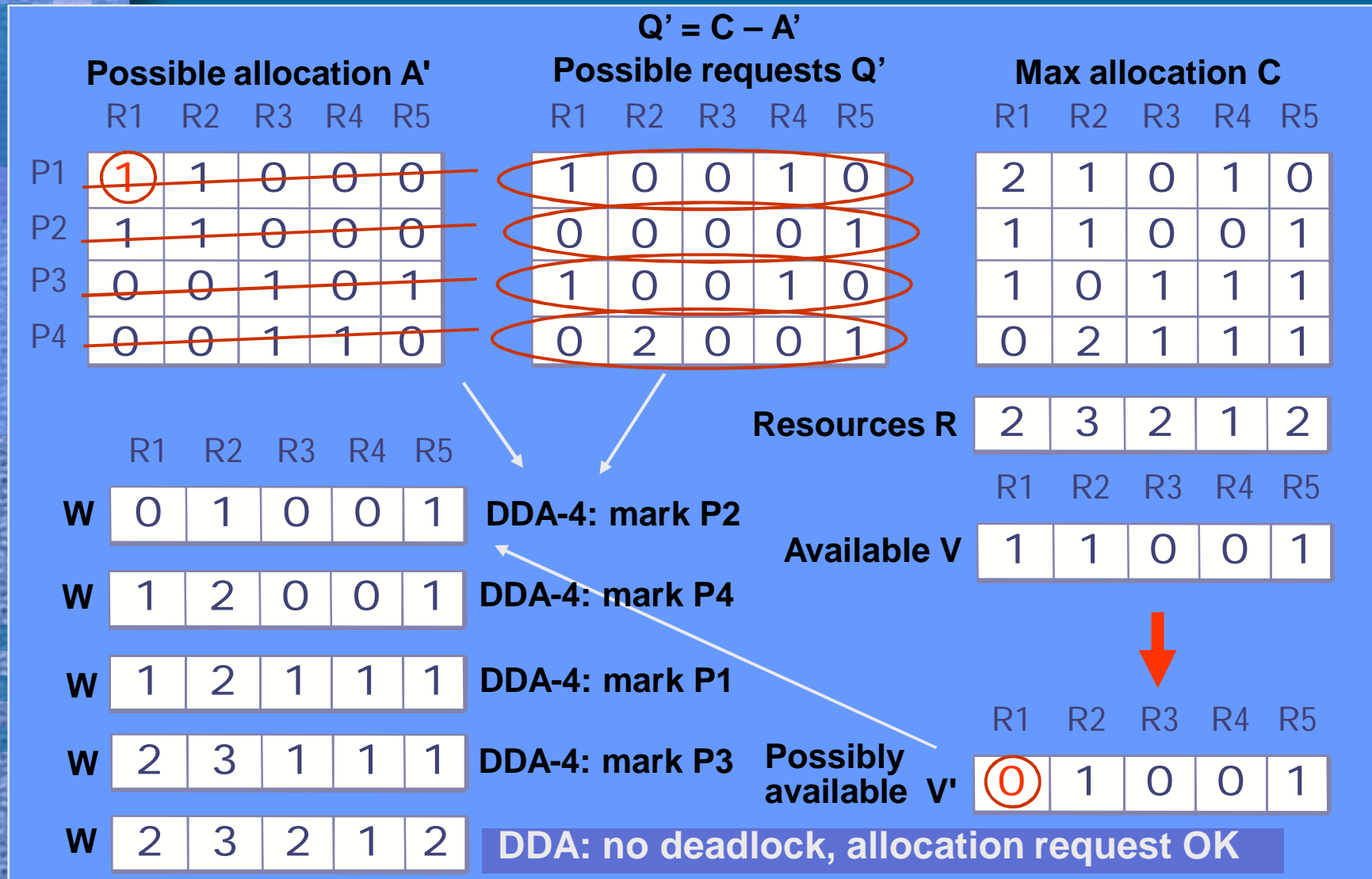
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# Deadlock Avoidance Problems

- Each allocation: a considerable overhead
  - Run Banker's algorithm for 20 processes and 100 resources?
- Knowledge of maximum needs
  - In advance?
    - An educated guess? Worst case?
  - Dynamically?
    - Even more overhead
- A safe allocation does not always exist
  - An unsafe state does not always lead to deadlock
  - You may want to take a risk!

Another Banker's Algorithm example: B. Gray, Univ. of Idaho

<http://www.if.uidaho.edu/~bgray/classes/cs341/doc/banker.html>



# Summary

- Difficult real problem
- Can detect deadlocks Dijkstra's DDA
  - Need specific data on resource usage
- Difficult to break deadlocks
  - How will killing processes affect the system?
- Can prevent deadlocks e.g., Bankers
  - Prevent any one of those four conditions
    - E.g., reserve resources always in given order
  - Can analyze system at resource reservation time to see whether deadlock might result
    - Complex and expensive