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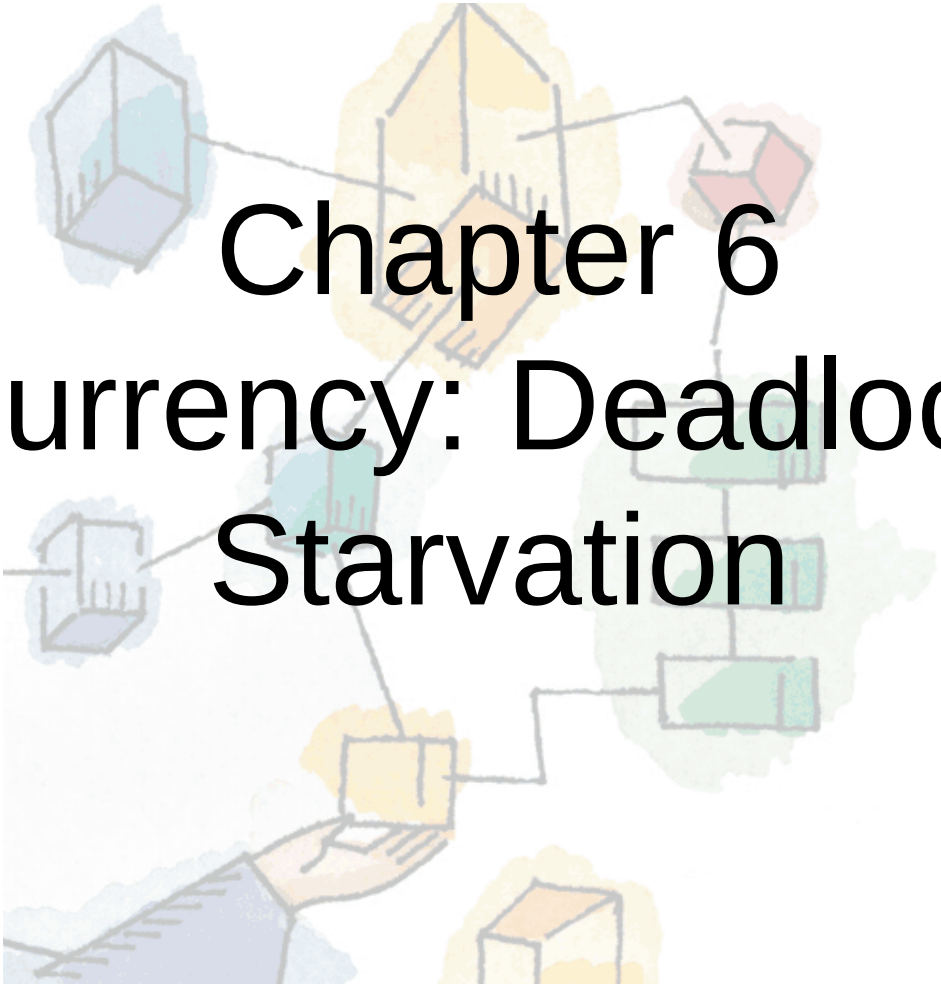

Chapter 6
Concurrency: Deadlock and Starvation

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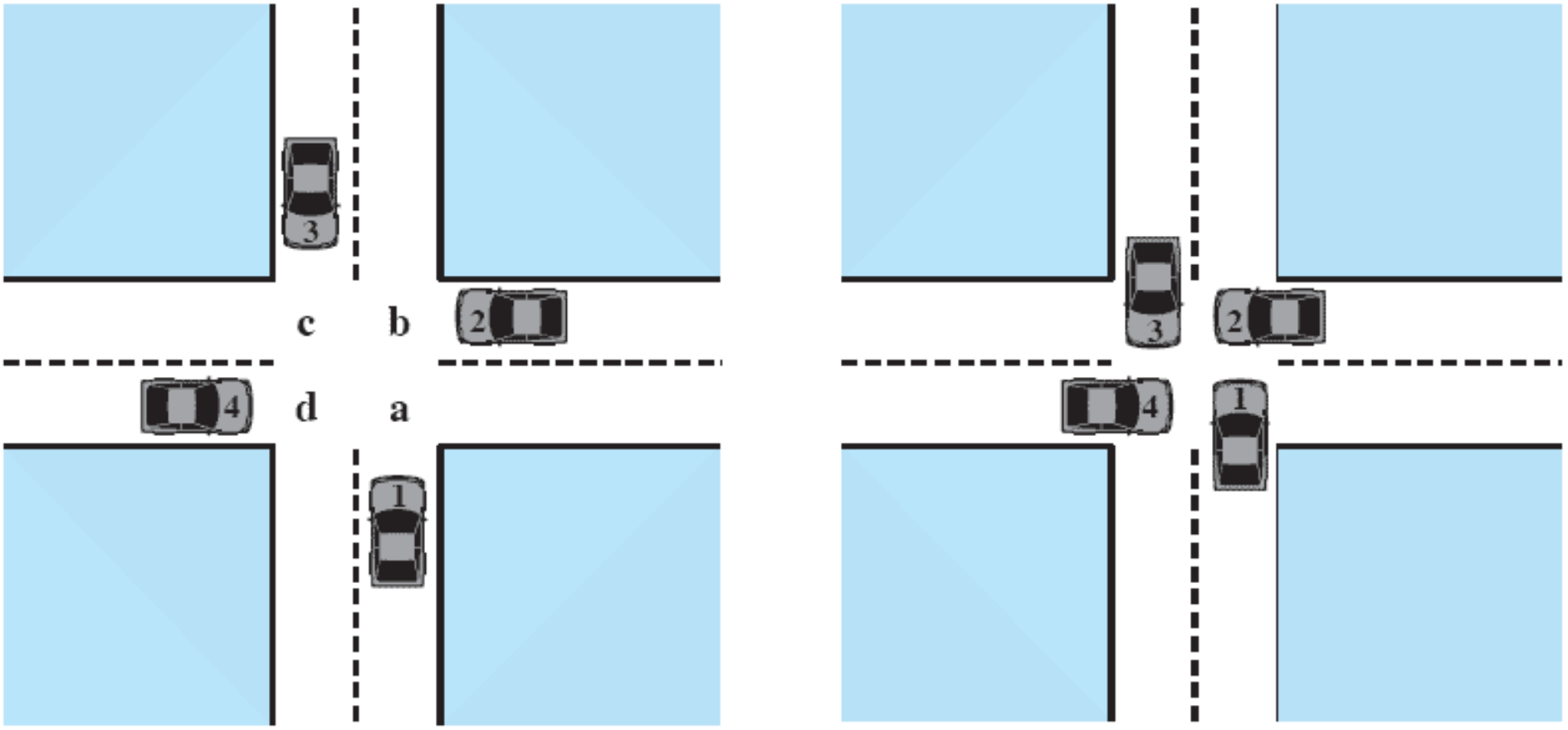
Deadlock

- Permanent blocking of a set of processes that either compete for system resources or communicate with each other
- No efficient solution
- Involve conflicting needs for resources by two or more processes

Deadlock in Traffic



(a) Deadlock possible

(b) Deadlock

Figure 6.1 Illustration of Deadlock

Non-deadlock - Joint Progress Diagram

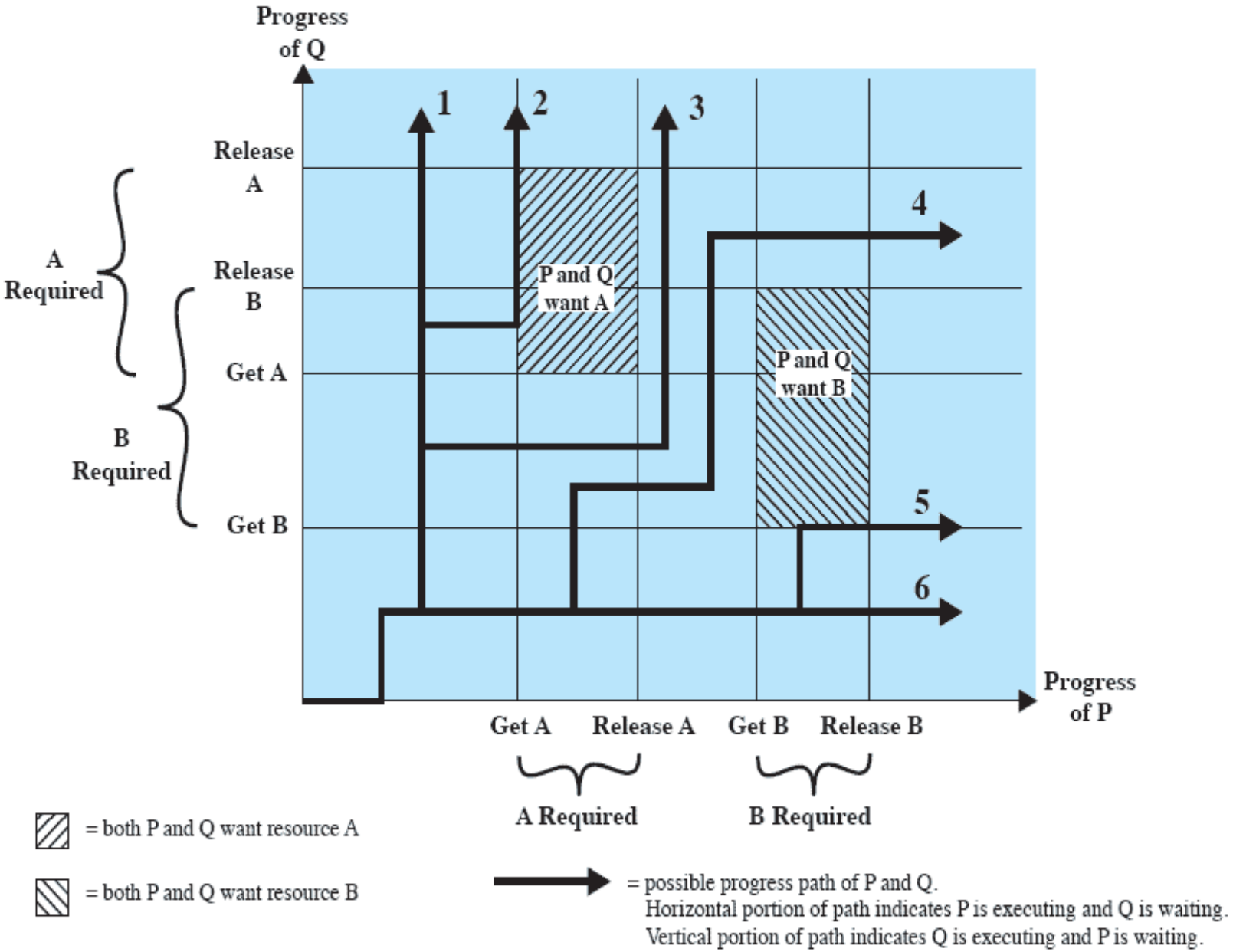


Figure 6.3 Example of No Deadlock [BACO03]

Deadlock in a Computer – Fatal Region

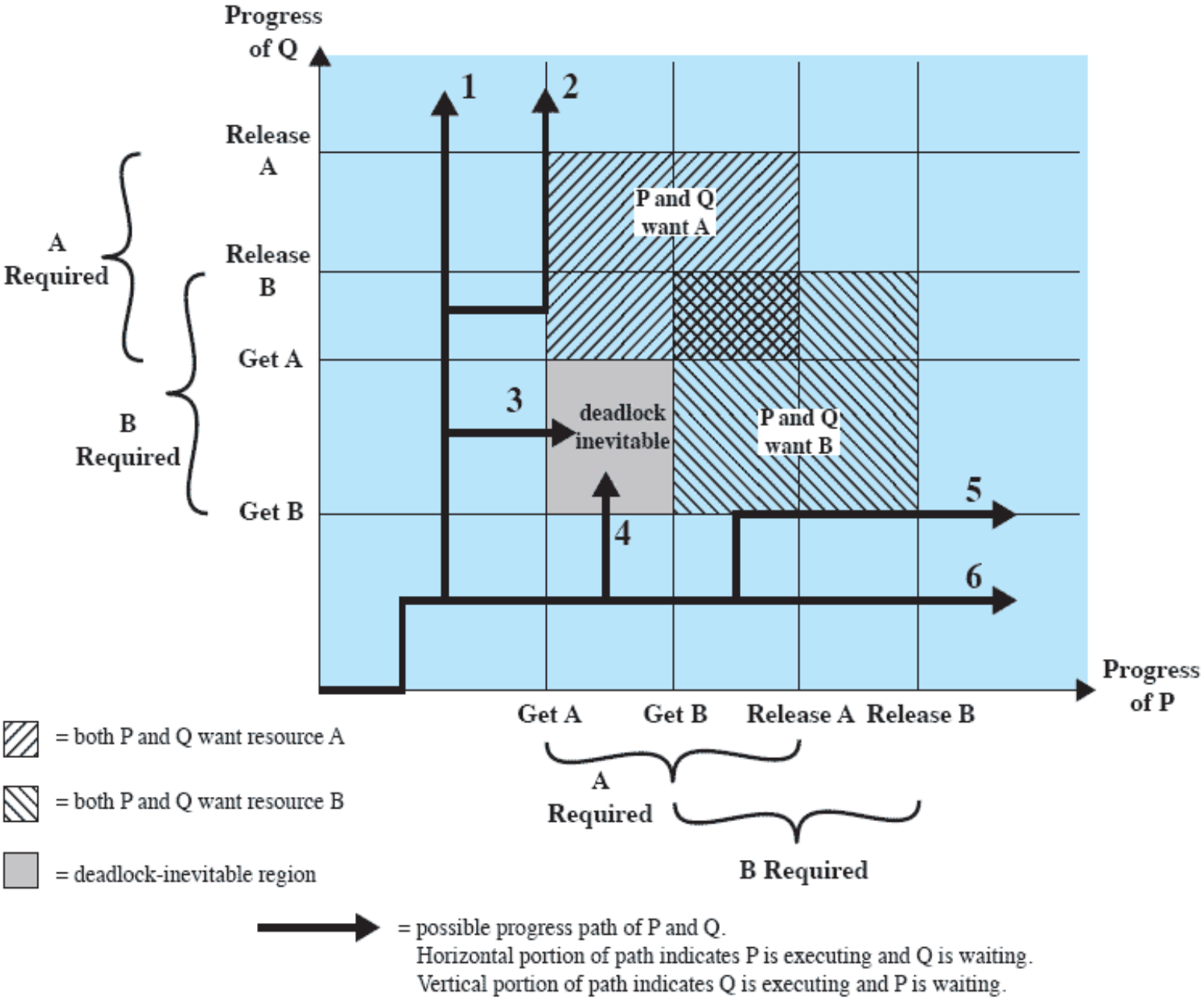


Figure 6.2 Example of Deadlock

Deadlock Definition

- Formal definition :
  A set of processes is deadlocked if each process in the set is waiting for an event that only another process in the set can cause.
- Usually the event is release of a currently held resource
- None of the processes can …
  - run
  - release resources
  - be awakened

Reusable Resources

- Used by only one process at a time and not depleted by that use
- Processes obtain resources that they later release for reuse by other processes

Reusable Resources

- Processors, I/O channels, main and secondary memory, devices, and data structures such as files, databases, and semaphores
- Deadlock occurs if each process holds one dedicated resource and requests another held by another process

Reusable Resources

Process P

Step	Action
p_0	Request (D)
p_1	Lock (D)
p_2	Request (T)
p_3	Lock (T)
p_4	Perform function
p_5	Unlock (D)
p_6	Unlock (T)

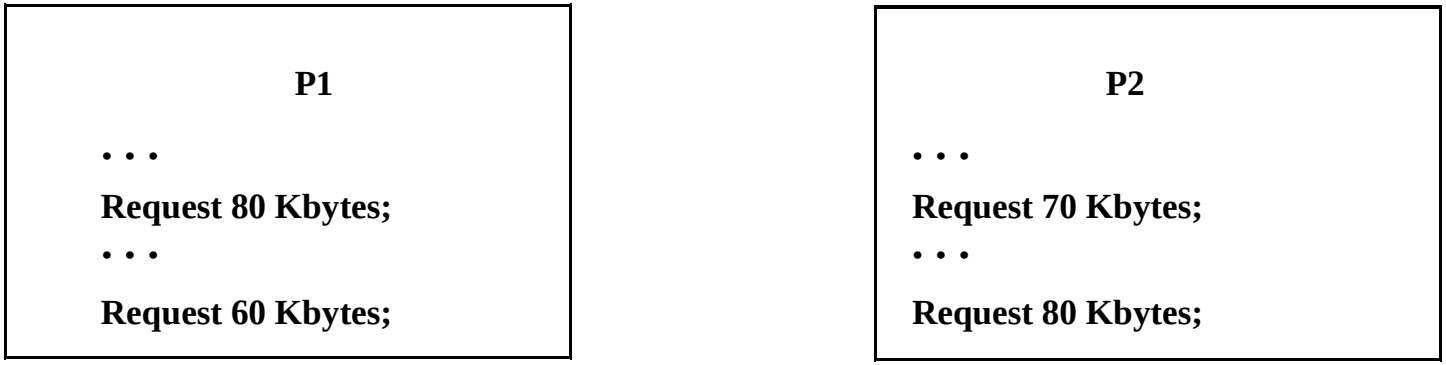
Process Q

Step	Action
q_0	Request (T)
q_1	Lock (T)
q_2	Request (D)
q_3	Lock (D)
q_4	Perform function
q_5	Unlock (T)
q_6	Unlock (D)

Figure 6.4 Example of Two Processes Competing for Reusable Resources

Reusable Resources

- Space is available for allocation of 200Kbytes, and the following sequence of events occur



- Deadlock occurs if both processes progress to their second request
- But virtual memory

Consumable Resources

- Created (produced) and destroyed (consumed)
- Interrupts, signals, messages, and information in I/O buffers
- Deadlock may occur if a Receive message is blocking
- May take a rare combination of events to cause deadlock

Example of Deadlock

- Deadlock occurs if Receive is blocking

P1

```
. . .
Receive(P2);
. . .
Send(P2, M1);
```

P2

```
. . .
Receive(P1);
. . .
Send(P1, M2);
```

Conditions for Deadlock

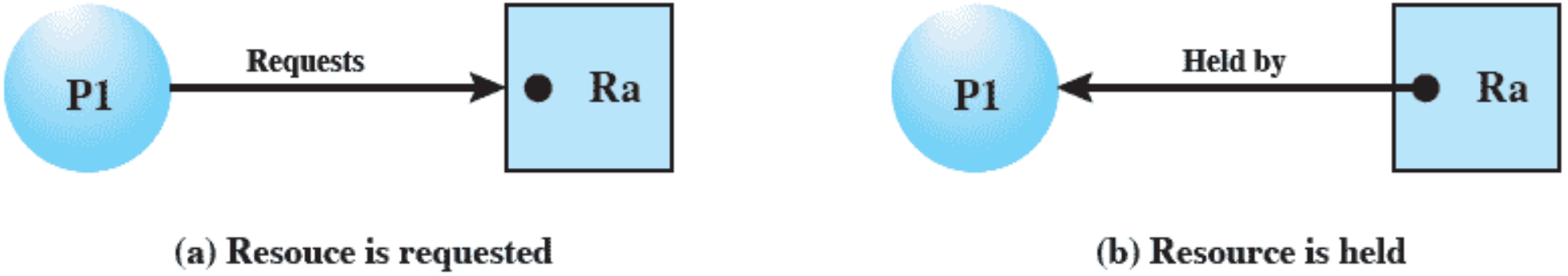
- Mutual exclusion
  - Only one process may use a resource at a time
- Hold-and-wait
  - A process may hold allocated resources while awaiting assignment of others

Conditions for Deadlock

- No preemption
  - No resource can be forcibly removed from a process holding it
- Circular wait
  - A closed chain of processes exists, such that each process holds at least one resource needed by the next process in the chain

Resource Allocation Graphs

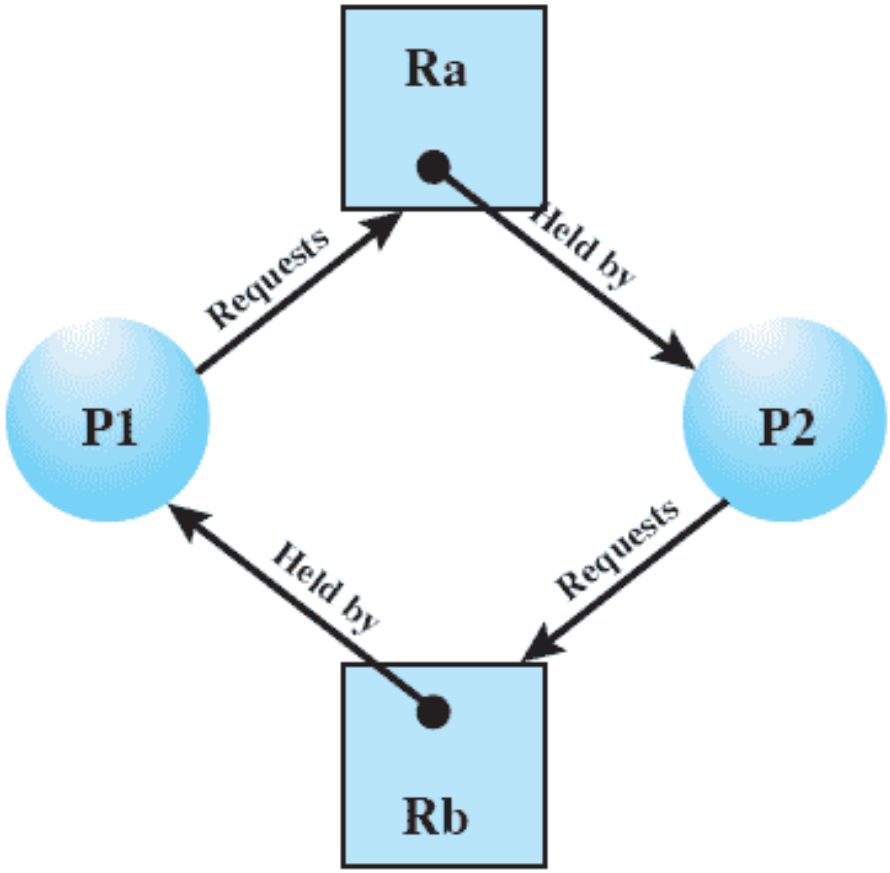
- Directed graph that depicts a state of the system of resources and processes



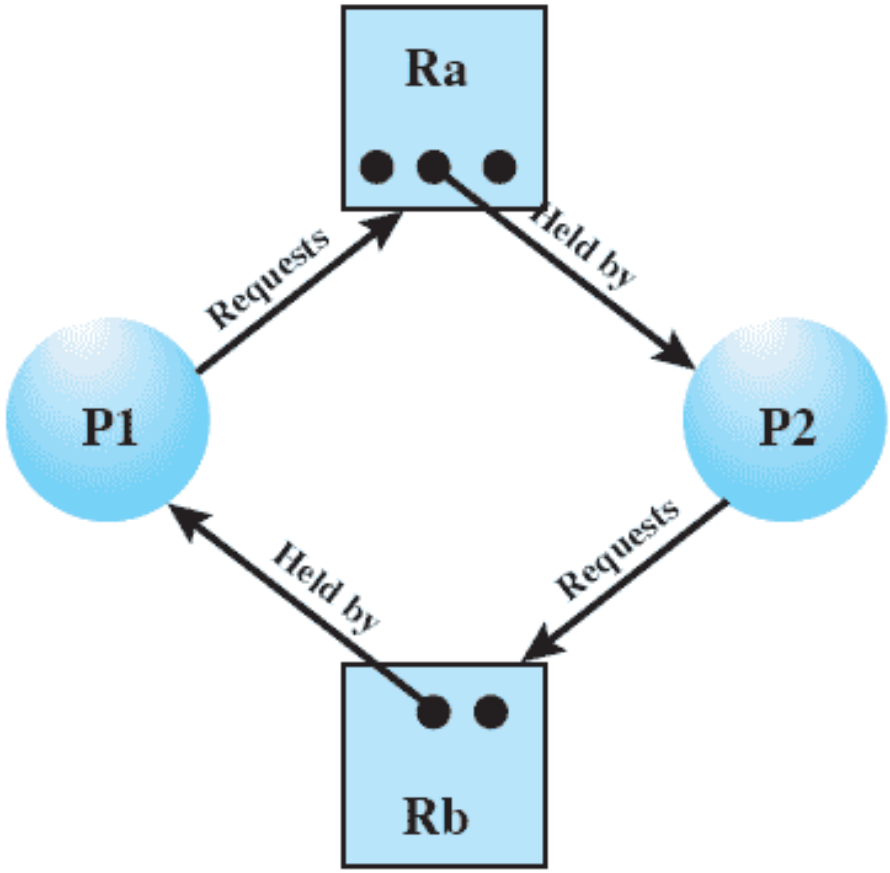
(a) Resouce is requested

(b) Resource is held

Resource Allocation Graphs



(c) Circular wait



(d) No deadlock

Resource Allocation Graphs

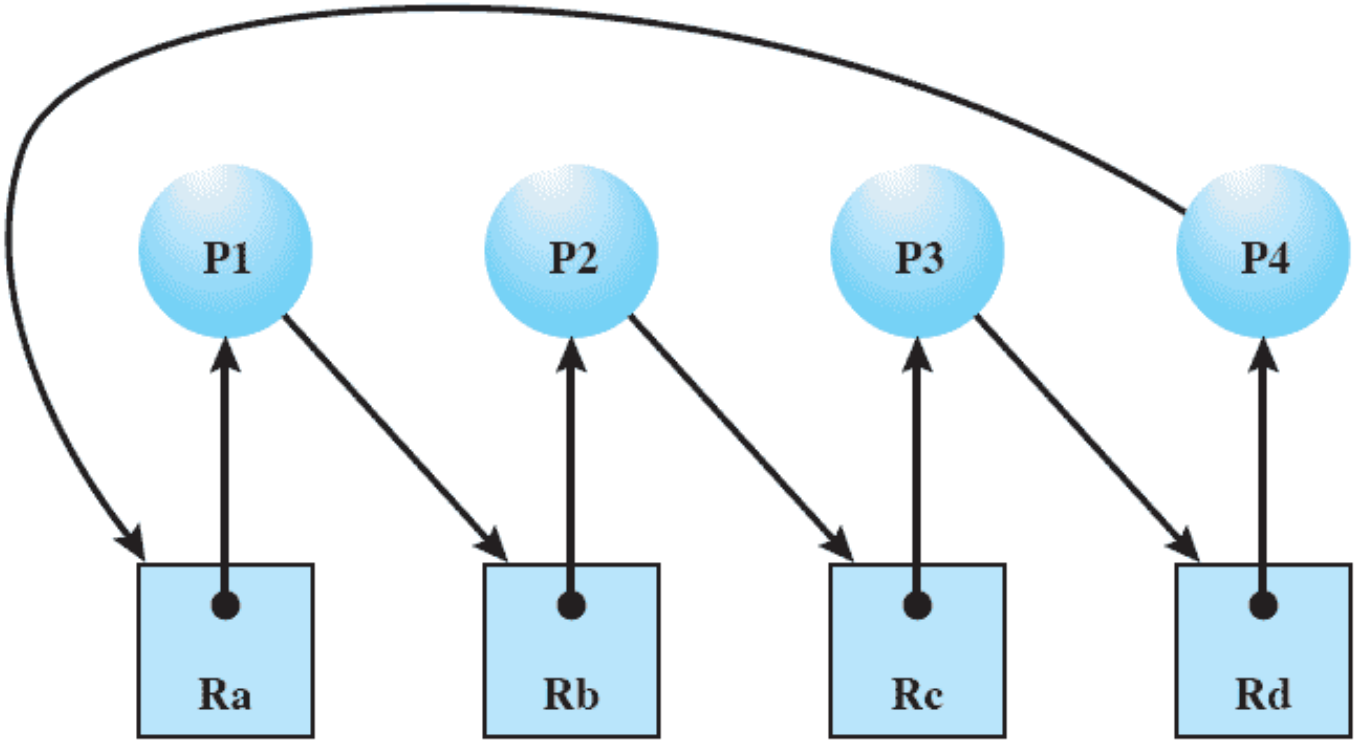


Figure 6.6 Resource Allocation Graph for Figure 6.1b

Deadlock Prevention

- Mutual Exclusion
  - Spooling
- Hold and Wait
  - Require that a process request all of its required resources at one time
  - Requests would be granted/denied simultaneously

Deadlock Prevention (cont.)

- No Preemption
  - Process must release resource and request again
  - OS may preempt a process and require it to release its resources
- Circular Wait
  - Define a linear ordering of resources
  - Require that processes request resources according to the ordering

Deadlock Avoidance

- A decision is made dynamically whether the current resource allocation request will, if granted, potentially lead to a deadlock
- Requires knowledge of future process requests

Two Approaches to Deadlock Avoidance

- Do not start a process if its demands might lead to deadlock
- Do not grant an incremental resource request to a process if this allocation might lead to deadlock

Resource Allocation Denial

- Referred to as the *Banker's Algorithm*
- State of the system is the current allocation of resources to process
- *Safe state* is where there is at least one sequence of execution of processes that does not result in deadlock
- *Unsafe state* is a state that is not safe

Determination of a Safe State

	R1	R2	R3
P1	3	2	2
P2	6	1	3
P3	3	1	4
P4	4	2	2

Claim matrix C

	R1	R2	R3
P1	1	0	0
P2	6	1	2
P3	2	1	1
P4	0	0	2

Allocation matrix A

	R1	R2	R3
P1	2	2	2
P2	0	0	1
P3	1	0	3
P4	4	2	0

C – A

R1	R2	R3
9	3	6

Resource vector R

R1	R2	R3
0	1	1

Available vector V

(a) Initial state

Determination of a Safe State

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P4	4	2	0

C – A

R1	R2	R3
9	3	6

Resource vector R

R1	R2	R3
6	2	3

Available vector V

(b) **P2** runs to completion

Determination of an Unsafe State

	R1	R2	R3
P1	3	2	2
P2	6	1	3
P3	3	1	4
P4	4	2	2

Claim matrix **C**

	R1	R2	R3
P1	1	0	0
P2	5	1	1
P3	2	1	1
P4	0	0	2

Allocation matrix **A**

	R1	R2	R3
P1	2	2	2
P2	1	0	2
P3	1	0	3
P4	4	2	0

C – A

R1	R2	R3
9	3	6

Resource vector **R**

R1	R2	R3
1	1	2

Available vector **V**

(a) Initial state

	R1	R2	R3
P1	3	2	2
P2	6	1	3
P3	3	1	4
P4	4	2	2

Claim matrix **C**

	R1	R2	R3
P1	2	0	1
P2	5	1	1
P3	2	1	1
P4	0	0	2

Allocation matrix **A**

	R1	R2	R3
P1	1	2	1
P2	1	0	2
P3	1	0	3
P4	4	2	0

C – A

R1	R2	R3
9	3	6

Resource vector **R**

R1	R2	R3
0	1	1

Available vector **V**

(b) P1 requests one unit each of R1 and R3

Deadlock Avoidance Logic

```
struct state {
        int resource[m];
        int available[m];
        int claim[n][m];
        int alloc[n][m];
}
```

(a) global data structures

```
if (alloc [i,*] + request [*] > claim [i,*])
     < error >;                                   /* total request > claim*/
else if (request [*] > available [*])
     < suspend process >;
else {                                                  /* simulate alloc */
     < define newstate by:
     alloc [i,*] = alloc [i,*] + request [*];
     available [*] = available [*] - request [*] >;
}
if (safe (newstate))
     < carry out allocation >;
else {
     < restore original state >;
     < suspend process >;
}
```

(b) resource alloc algorithm

Deadlock Avoidance Logic

```
boolean safe (state S) {
    int currentavail[m];
    process rest[<number of processes>];
    currentavail = available;
    rest = {all processes};
    possible = true;
    while (possible) {
        <find a process Pk in rest such that
            claim [k,*] - alloc [k,*] <= currentavail;>
        if (found) {                          /* simulate execution of Pk */
            currentavail = currentavail + alloc [k,*];
            rest = rest - {Pk};
        }
        else possible = false;
    }
    return (rest == null);
}
```

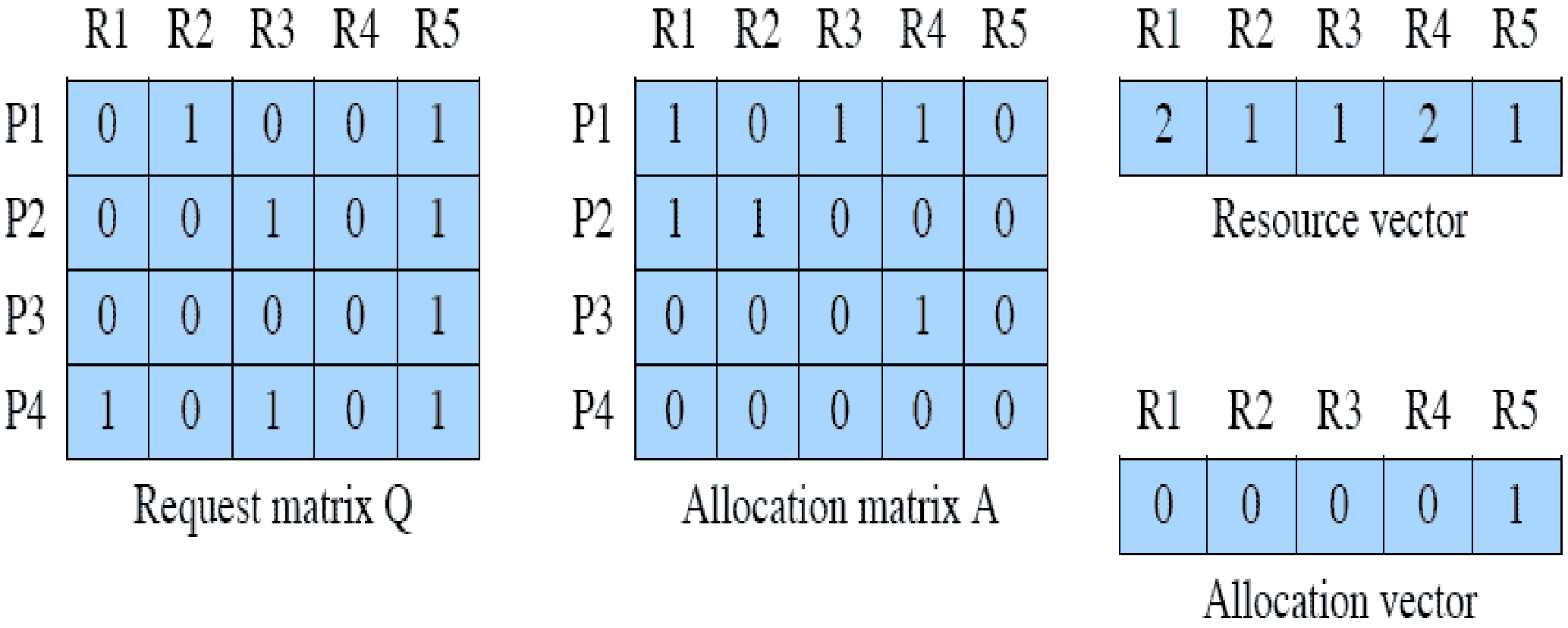
(c) test for safety algorithm (banker's algorithm)

Figure 6.9 Deadlock Avoidance Logic

Deadlock Avoidance

- Maximum resource requirement must be stated in advance
- Processes under consideration must be independent; no synchronization (order of execution) requirements
- No process may exit/block while holding resources

Deadlock Detection



	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

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
2	1	1	2	1

Resource vector

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
0	0	0	0	1

Allocation vector

Figure 6.10 Example for Deadlock Detection

Strategies Once Deadlock Detected

- Abort all deadlocked processes
- Back up each deadlocked process to some previously defined checkpoint, and restart all process - original deadlock may re-occur
- Successively abort deadlocked processes until deadlock no longer exists
- Successively preempt resources until deadlock no longer exists

Dining Philosophers Problem

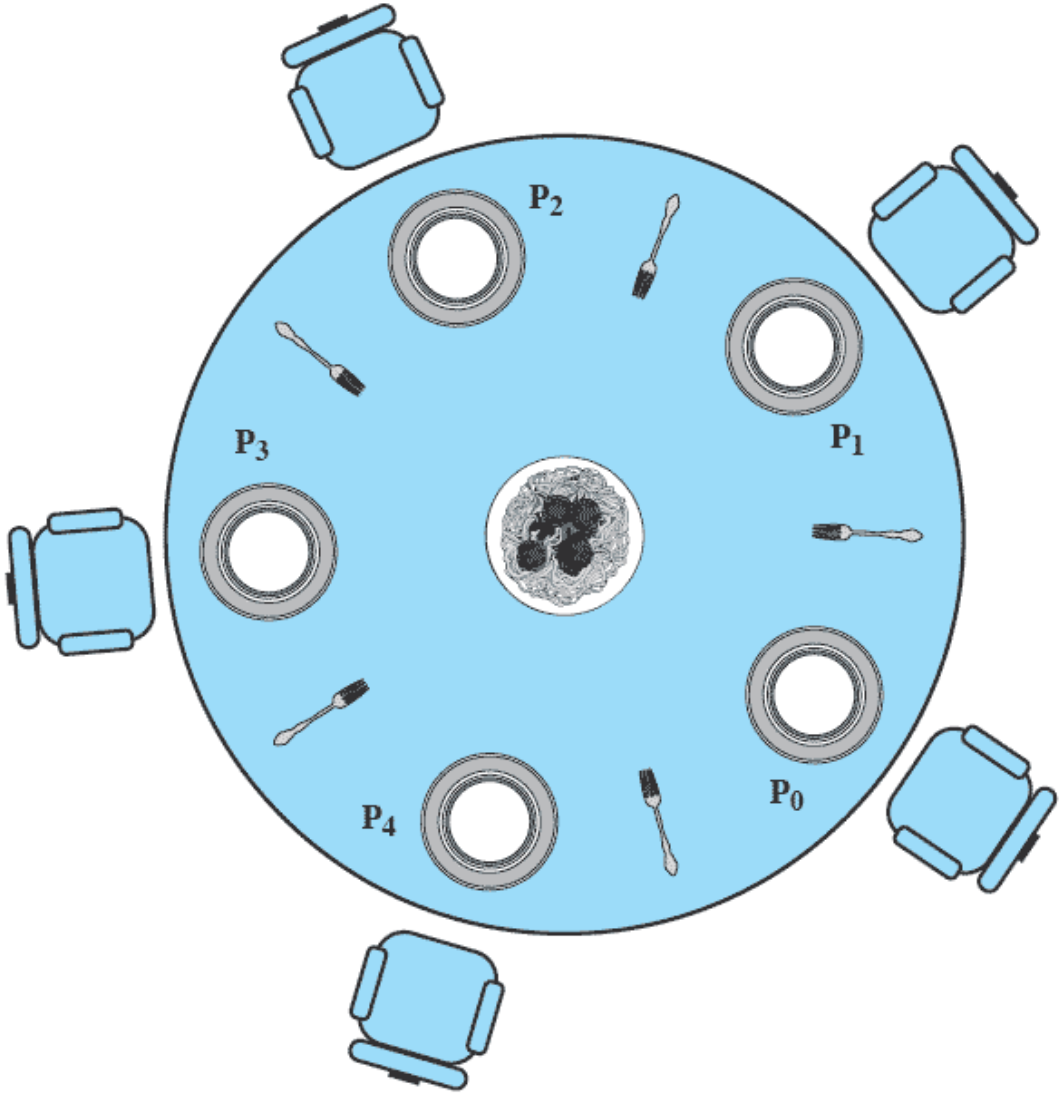


Figure 6.11 Dining Arrangement for Philosophers

Dining Philosophers Problem

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

Figure 6.12 A First Solution to the Dining Philosophers Problem

Dining Philosophers Problem with Semaphores

```
/* program diningphilosophers */
semaphore fork[5] = {1};
semaphore room = {4};
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));
}
```

Figure 6.13 A Second Solution to the Dining Philosophers Problem

Dining Philosophers Problem with Monitor

```
void philosopher[k=0 to 4]                    /* the five philosopher clients */
{
   while (true) {
      <think>;
      get forks(k);              /* client requests two forks via monitor */
      <eat spaghetti>;
      release forks(k);          /* client releases forks via the monitor */
   }
}
```

Figure 6.14 A Solution to the Dining Philosophers Problem Using a Monitor

Dining Philosophers Problem with Monitor

```
monitor dining_controller;
cond ForkReady[5];          /* condition variable for synchronization */
boolean fork[5] = {true};       /* availability status of each fork */

void get_forks(int pid)         /* pid is the philosopher id number */
{
   int left = pid;
   int right = (++pid) % 5;
   /*grant the left fork*/
   if (!fork(left)
      cwait(ForkReady[left]);          /* queue on condition variable */
   fork(left) = false;
   /*grant the right fork*/
   if (!fork(right)
      cwait(ForkReady(right);          /* queue on condition variable */
   fork(right) = false:
}
void release_forks(int pid)
{
   int left = pid;
   int right = (++pid) % 5;
   /*release the left fork*/
   if (empty(ForkReady[left])      /*no one is waiting for this fork */
      fork(left) = true;
   else                         /* awaken a process waiting on this fork */
      csignal(ForkReady[left]);
   /*release the right fork*/
   if (empty(ForkReady[right])     /*no one is waiting for this fork */
      fork(right) = true;
   else                         /* awaken a process waiting on this fork */
      csignal(ForkReady[right]);
}
```

UNIX Concurrency Mechanisms

- Pipes: circular buffer for two processes like in producer-consumer
- Messages: blocking receive
- Shared memory: shared pages – mutual exclusion is not guaranteed
- Semaphores
- Signals

Linux Kernel Concurrency Mechanism

- Includes all the mechanisms found in UNIX
- Atomic operations execute without interruption and without interference (by blocking the memory bus)

Linux Atomic Operations

- arithmetic operation plus setting condition code
- spinlocks for mutual exclusion (loop until lock acquired)
- traditional and readers-writer semaphores
- memory barrier operations: limit compiler or CPU in re-ordering instructions