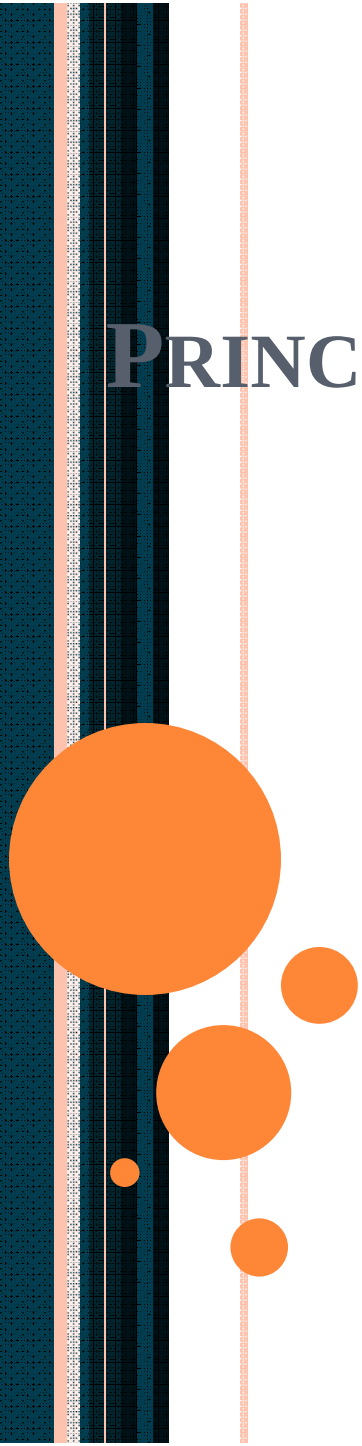
PRINCIPLES OF OPERATING SYSTEMS



LECTURE 28: Resource allocation graph

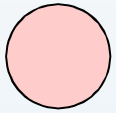
Resource-Allocation Graph

A set of vertices V and a set of edges E.

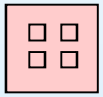
- V is partitioned into two types:
  - $P = \{P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n\}$, the set consisting of all the processes in the system.
  - $R = \{R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system.
- request edge – directed edge $P_i \rightarrow R_j$
- assignment edge – directed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

Resource-Allocation Graph (Cont.)

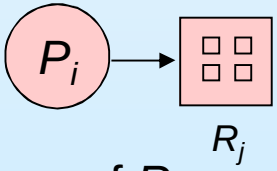
- Process



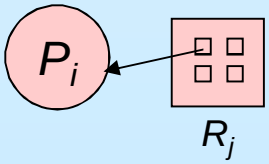
- Resource Type with 4 instances



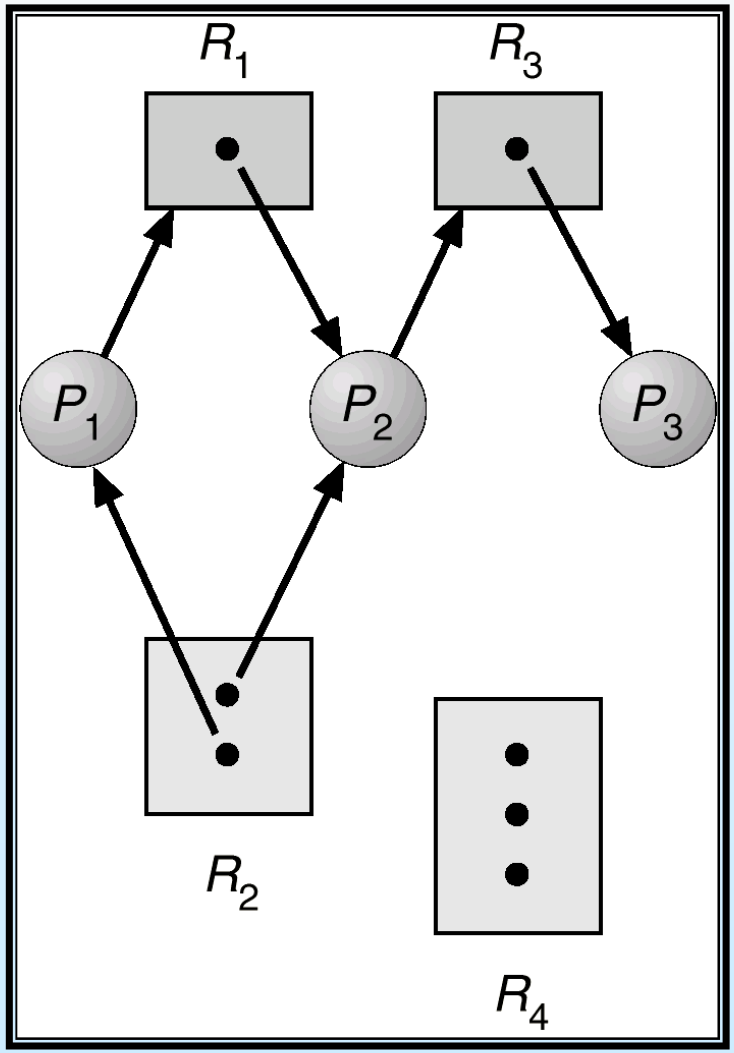
- P_i requests an instance of R_j



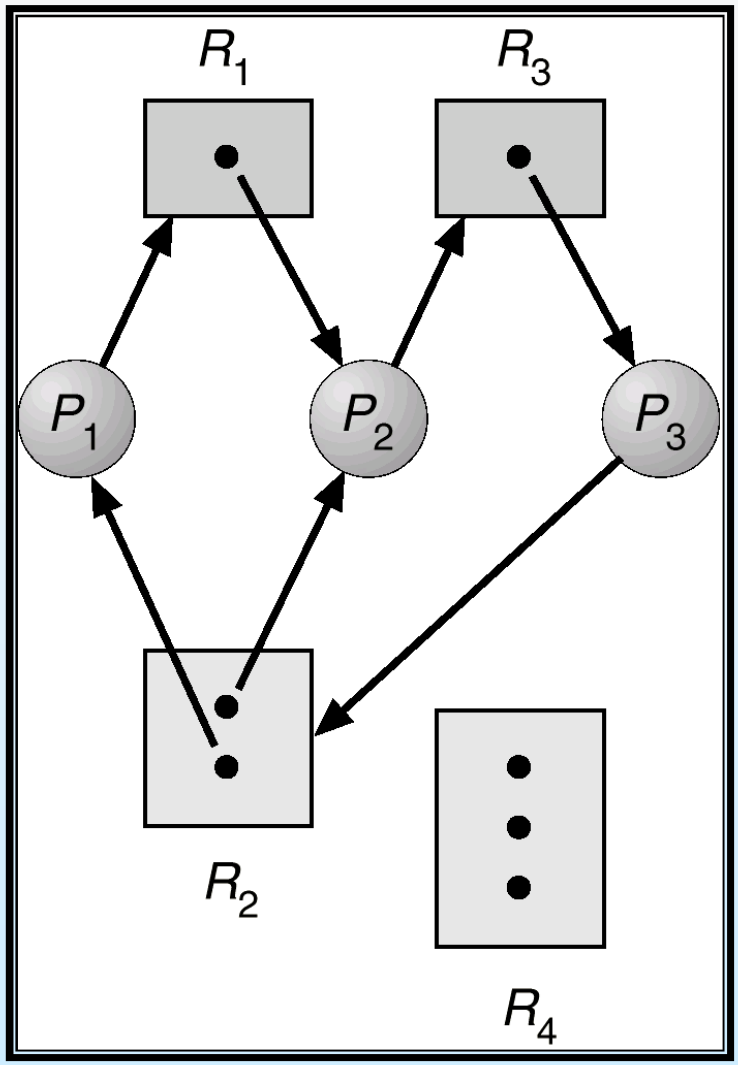
- P_i is holding an instance of R_j



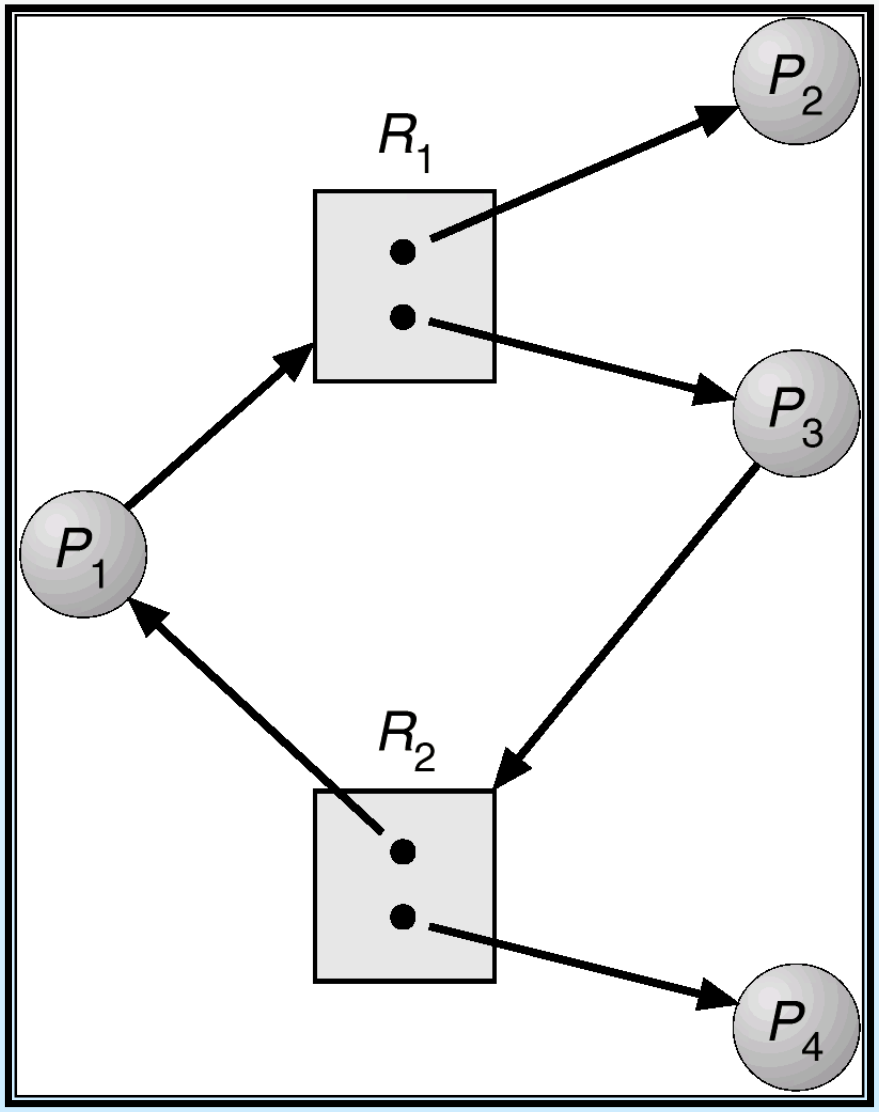
Example of a Resource Allocation Graph



Resource Allocation Graph With A Deadlock



Resource Allocation Graph With A Cycle But No Deadlock



Basic Facts

- If the resource allocation graph contains no cycles $\Rightarrow$ no deadlock.
- If the resource allocation graph contains a cycle $\Rightarrow$
  - if only one instance per resource type is available in the system, then there is a deadlock.
  - if several instances per resource type, possibility of deadlock exists.