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“The machine seems to have stopped. . .”

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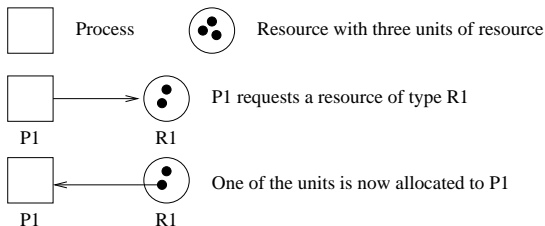
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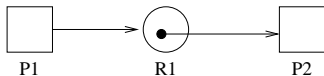
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RRAGs

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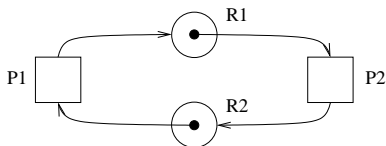


P1 requests from R1, but it has no free units, so P1 will be blocked



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### Circular Wait

P1 requests from R1, but it has been allocated to P2;  
P2 requests from R2, but it has been allocated to R1:  
deadlock

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For each process repeatedly

1. Remove all request links from the process to resources that are available (perhaps available after a reduction step)
2. When there are no requests links left, remove all links from allocated units of resource to the process

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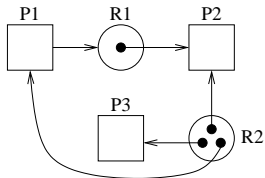
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An example:



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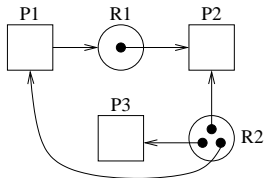
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A RAAG

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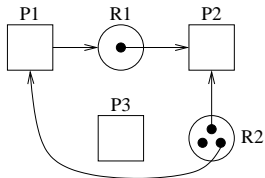
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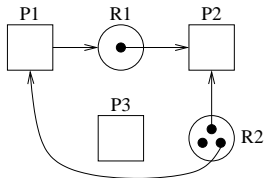
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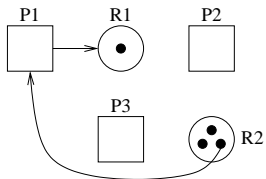
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We can satisfy P2's requests

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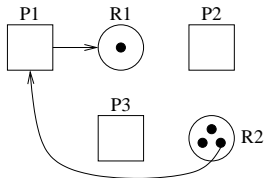
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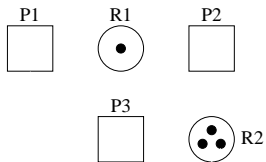
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Now P1's requests can be granted

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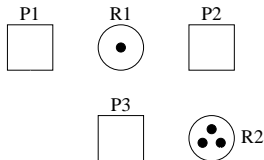
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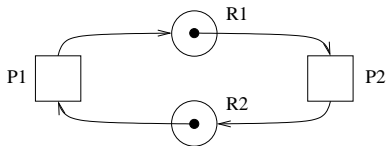
Reduce P1

No more links, so this graph has been completely reduced and there will be no deadlock



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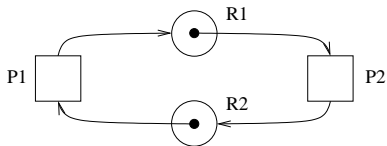
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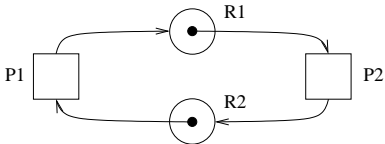
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An advantage of this technique is that it isolates the parts that are deadlocking: we can see them in the graph

