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It is easy to get into a situation where the process never manages to get all the resources it needs: called *indefinite postponement*

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This says that deadlock is happening as in the formal definition

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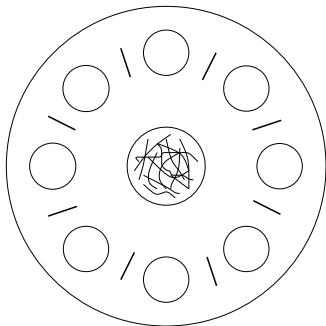
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Unfortunately, there is not quite enough chopsticks to go around

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3. No preemption. No-one is going to tell a Philosopher what to do!

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Of course, if the Philosophers were a bit more friendly, or polite, there would not be a problem



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Exercise. Identify the conditions in the car gridlock scenarios

