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1 Introduction

1.1 Model

1.1.1 Model Properties

The system consists of n asynchronous processes communicating via reliable point-to-point message passing.

Each process has a unique, unforgeable identifier and knows the identifiers of all other processes.

Up to $f < n$ processes may crash (fail-stop).

The network is reliable : if a correct process sends a message to another correct process, it is eventually delivered.

Messages are uniquely identifiable : two messages sent by distinct processes or at different rounds are distinguishable

2 messages sent by the same process in two different rounds are different

Property 1 (Message Uniqueness) *If two messages are sent by different processes, or by the same process in different rounds, then the messages are distinct.*

Formally :

$$\forall p_1, p_2, \forall r_1, r_2, \forall m_1, m_2, \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{send}(p_1, r_1, m_1) \wedge \text{send}(p_2, r_2, m_2) \\ \wedge (p_1 \neq p_2 \vee r_1 \neq r_2) \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow m_1 \neq m_2$$

1.1.2 Reliable Broadcast Properties

Property 2 Integrity *Every message received was previously sent.*

Formally :

$$\forall p_i : bc\text{-recv}_i(m) \Rightarrow \exists p_j : bc\text{-send}_j(m)$$

Property 3 No Duplicates *No message is received more than once at any single processor.*

Formally :

$$\forall m, \forall p_i : bc\text{-recv}_i(m) \text{ occurs at most once}$$

Property 4 Validity *All messages broadcast by a correct process are eventually received by all non faulty processors.*

Formally :

$$\forall m, \forall p_i : \text{correct}(p_i) \wedge bc\text{-send}_i(m) \Rightarrow \forall p_j : \text{correct}(p_j) \Rightarrow bc\text{-recv}_j(m)$$

1.1.3 AtomicBroadcast Properties

Property 5 AB Totally ordered $\forall m_1, m_2, \forall p_i, p_j : ab\text{-recv}_{p_i}(m_1) < ab\text{-recv}_{p_i}(m_2) \Rightarrow ab\text{-recv}_{p_j}(m_1) < ab\text{-recv}_{p_j}(m_2)$

1.1.4 DenyList Properties

Let Π_M be the set of processes authorized to issue APPEND operations, and Π_V the set of processes authorized to issue PROVE operations.

Let S be the set of valid values that may be appended. Let Seq be the linearization of operations recorded in the DenyList.

Property 6 APPEND Validity *An operation APPEND(x) is valid iff : the issuing process $p \in \Pi_M$, and the value $x \in S$*

Property 7 *PROVE Validity* An operation $PROVE(x)$ is valid iff : the issuing process $p \in \Pi_V$, and there exists no $APPEND(x)$ that appears earlier in *Seq*.

Property 8 *PROGRESS* If an $APPEND(x)$ is invoked by a correct process, then all correct processes will eventually be unable to $PROVE(x)$.

Property 9 *READ Validity* $READ()$ return a list of tuples who is a random permutation of all valids $PROVE()$ associated to the identity of the emitter process.

1.2 Algorithms

We consider a set of processes communicating asynchronously over reliable point-to-point channels. Each process maintains the following shared variables :

- **received** : the set of messages received (but not yet delivered).
- **delivered** : the set of messages that have been received, ordered, and delivered.
- **prop** $[r][j]$: the proposal set of process j at round r . It contains the set of messages that process j claims to have received but not yet delivered at round r , concatenated with its newly broadcast message.
- **proves** : the current content of the **DenyList** registry, accessible via the operation $READ()$. It returns a list of tuples $(j, PROVE(r))$, each indicating that process j has issued a valid $PROVE$ for round r .
- **winner** r : the set of processes that have issued a valid $PROVE$ operation for round r .
- **RB-cast** : a reliable broadcast primitive that satisfies the properties defined in Section 1.1.2.
- **APPEND** (r) , **PROVE** (r) : operations that respectively insert (**APPEND**) and attest (**PROVE**) the participation of a process in round r in the **DenyList** registry.
- **READ** $()$: retrieves the current local view of valid operations (**APPENDS** and **PROVES**) from the **DenyList**.
- **ordered** (S) : returns a deterministic total order over a set S of messages (e.g., via hash or lexicographic order).

1.3 proof

Theorem 1 (Integrity) *If a message m is delivered by any process, then it was previously broadcast by some process via the **AB-broadcast** primitive.*

Proof 1 *Let j be a process such that $AB-deliver_j(m)$ occurs.*

$$\begin{aligned}
& AB-deliver_j(m) && \text{(line 24)} \\
\Rightarrow \exists r_0 : m \in \mathbf{ordered}(M^{r_0}) && \text{(line 22)} \\
\Rightarrow \exists j_0 : j_0 \in \mathbf{winner}^{r_0} \wedge m \in \mathbf{prop}[r_0][j_0] && \text{(line 21)} \\
\Rightarrow \exists m_0, S_0 : \mathbf{RB-received}_{j_0}(m_0, S_0, r_0, j_0) \wedge m \in S_0 && \text{(line 2)} \\
\Rightarrow S_0 = (\mathbf{received}_{j_0} \setminus \mathbf{delivered}_{j_0}) \cup \{m_1\} && \text{(line 5)} \\
\Rightarrow \mathbf{if} \ m_1 = m : \exists \mathbf{AB-broadcast}_{j_0}(m) \quad \square && \\
\mathbf{else if} \ m_1 \neq m : && \\
\quad m \in \mathbf{received}_{j_0} \setminus \mathbf{delivered}_{j_0} \Rightarrow m \in \mathbf{received}_{j_0} \wedge m \notin \mathbf{delivered}_{j_0} && \\
\quad \exists j_1, S_1, r_1 : \mathbf{RB-received}_{j_1}(m, S_1, r_1, j_1) && \text{(line 1)} \\
\quad \Rightarrow \exists \mathbf{AB-broadcast}_{j_1}(m) \quad \square && \text{(line 5)}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2 (No Duplication) *No message is delivered more than once by any process.*

RB-received(m, S, r_0, j_0)

1 $received \leftarrow received \cup \{m\}$
2 $prop[r_0][j_0] \leftarrow S$

AB-broadcast(m, j_0)

3 $proves \leftarrow \text{READ}()$
4 $r_0 \leftarrow \max\{r : \exists j, (j, \text{PROVE}(r)) \in proves\} + 1$
5 **RB-cast**($m, (received \setminus delivered) \cup \{m\}, r_0, j_0$)
6 **PROVE**(r_0)
7 **APPEND**(r_0)
8 **repeat**
8 $proves \leftarrow \text{READ}()$
9 $r_1 \leftarrow \max\{r : \exists j, (j, \text{PROVE}(r)) \in proves\} - 1$
10 $winner^{r_1} \leftarrow \{j : (j, \text{PROVE}(r_1)) \in proves\}$
11 **wait** $\forall j \in winner^{r_1}, prop[r_1][j] \neq \perp$
12 **until** $\forall r_2, \exists j_2 \in winner^{r_2}, m \in prop[r_2][j_2]$

AB-listen

14 **while true do**
14 $proves \leftarrow \text{READ}()$
15 $r_1 \leftarrow \max\{r : \exists j, (j, \text{PROVE}(r)) \in proves\} - 1$
16 **for** $r_2 \in [r_0, \dots, r_1]$ **do**
17 **APPEND**(r_2)
18 $proves \leftarrow \text{READ}()$
19 $winner^{r_2} \leftarrow \{j : (j, \text{PROVE}(r_2)) \in proves\}$
20 **wait** $\forall j \in winner^{r_2}, prop[r_2][j] \neq \perp$
21 $M^{r_2} \leftarrow \bigcup_{j \in winner^{r_2}} prop[r_2][j]$
22 **for all** $m \in \text{ordered}(M^{r_2})$ **do**
23 $delivered \leftarrow delivered \cup \{m\}$
24 **AB-deliver**(m)

Proof 2 Let j be a process such that both $AB\text{-deliver}_j(m_0)$ and $AB\text{-deliver}_j(m_1)$ occur, with $m_0 = m_1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& AB\text{-deliver}_j(m_0) \wedge AB\text{-deliver}_j(m_1) && \text{(line 24)} \\
\Rightarrow & m_0, m_1 \in \text{delivered}_j && \text{(line 23)} \\
\Rightarrow & \exists r_0, r_1 : m_0 \in M^{r_0} \wedge m_1 \in M^{r_1} && \text{(line 22)} \\
\Rightarrow & \exists j_0, j_1 : m_0 \in \text{prop}[r_0][j_0] \wedge m_1 \in \text{prop}[r_1][j_1] \\
& \wedge j_0 \in \text{winner}^{r_0}, j_1 \in \text{winner}^{r_1} && \text{(line 21)}
\end{aligned}$$

We now distinguish two cases :

Case 1 : $r_0 = r_1$:

- If $j_0 \neq j_1$: this contradicts message uniqueness, since two different processes would include the same message in round r_0 .
- If $j_0 = j_1$:

$$\Rightarrow |(j_0, \text{PROVE}(r_0)) \in \text{proves}| \geq 2 \quad \text{(line 19)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{PROVE}_{j_0}(r_0) \text{ occurs 2 times} \quad \text{(line 6)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{AB-Broadcast}_{j_0}(m_0) \text{ were invoked two times}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\max\{r : \exists j, (j, \text{PROVE}(r)) \in \text{proves}\} + 1) \quad \text{(line 4)}$$

returned the same value in two different invocations of **AB-Broadcast**

But $\text{PROVE}(r_0) \Rightarrow \max\{r : \exists j, (j, \text{PROVE}(r)) \in \text{proves}\} + 1 > r_0$

It's impossible for a single process to submit two messages in the same round

Case 2 : $r_0 \neq r_1$:

- If $j_0 \neq j_1$: again, message uniqueness prohibits two different processes from broadcasting the same message in different rounds.
- If $j_0 = j_1$: message uniqueness also prohibits the same process from broadcasting the same message in two different rounds.

In all cases, we reach a contradiction. Therefore, it is impossible for a process to deliver the same message more than once. \square

1.3.1 Broadcast Validity

$$\exists j_0, m_0 \quad \text{AB_broadcast}_{j_0}(m_0) \Rightarrow \forall j_1 \quad \text{AB_received}_{j_1}(m_0)$$

Proof :

$\exists j_0, m_0 \quad AB_broadcast_{j_0}(m_0)$
 $\forall j_1, \exists r_1 \quad RB_deliver_{j_1}^{r_1}(m_0)$
 $\exists received : m_0 \in received_{j_1}$
 $\exists r_0 : RB_deliver(PROP, r_0, m_0)$ *LOOP*
 $\exists prop : prop[r_0][j_0] = m_0$
if $\exists(j_0, PROVE(r_0)) \in proves$
 $r_0+ = 1$
 jump to LOOP
else
 $\exists winner, winner^{r_0} \ni j_0$
 $\exists M^{r_0} \ni (prop[r_0][j_0] = m_0)$
 $\forall j_1, \quad AB_deliver_{j_1}(m_0)$

AB receive width

$$\exists j_0, m_0 \quad AB_deliver_{j_0}(m_0) \Rightarrow \forall j_1 \quad AB_deliver_{j_1}$$

Proof :

$\forall j_0, m_0 \quad AB_deliver_{j_0}(m_0) \Rightarrow \exists j_1 \text{ correct } , AB_broadcast(m_0)$
 $\exists j_0, m_0 \quad AB_broadcast_{j_0}(m_0) \Rightarrow \forall j_1, \quad AB_deliver_{j_1}(m_0)$