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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 :*

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

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

*Formally :*

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

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

*Formally :*

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

### 1.1.3 AtomicBroadcast Properties

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

### 1.1.4 DenyList Properties

Let  $\Pi_M$  be the set of processes authorized to issue **APPEND** operations, and  $\Pi_V$  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 (**APPEND**s and **PROVE**s) 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.

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

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

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**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**  $\exists r_2, \exists j_2 \in winner^{r_2}, m \in prop[r_2][j_2]$

**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**( $m$ )

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**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  $m_0 = m_1$ .

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

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  $j_0 = j_1$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow |(j_0, PROVE(r_0)) \in proves| \geq 2 && \text{(line 19)} \\
& \Rightarrow PROVE_{j_0}(r_0) \text{ occurs 2 times} && \text{(line 6)} \\
& \Rightarrow AB\text{-}Broadcast_{j_0}(m_0) \text{ were invoked two times} \\
& \Rightarrow (\max\{r : \exists j, (j, PROVE(r)) \in proves\} + 1) && \text{(line 4)} \\
& \quad \text{returned the same value in two different invocations of } AB\text{-}Broadcast \\
& \text{But } PROVE(r_0) \Rightarrow \max\{r : \exists j, (j, PROVE(r)) \in proves\} + 1 > r_0 \\
& \text{It's impossible for a single process to submit two messages in the same round}
\end{aligned}$$

**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

$$\exists j_0, m_0 \quad AB\_broadcast_{j_0}(m_0) \Rightarrow \forall j_1 \quad AB\_received_{j_1}(m_0)$$

Proof :

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 $\exists j_0, m_0 \quad AB\_broadcast_{j_0}(m_0)$ 
 $\forall j_1, \exists r_1 \quad RB\_deliver_{j_1}^{r_1}(m_0)$ 
 $\exists received : m_0 \in received_{j_1}$ 
 $\exists r_0 : RB\_deliver(PROP, r_0, m_0)$  LOOP
 $\exists prop : prop[r_0][j_0] = m_0$ 
if  $\neg \mathcal{A}(j_0, PROVE(r_0)) \in \text{proves}$ 
     $r_0+ = 1$ 
    jump to LOOP
else
     $\exists \text{winner}, \text{winner}^{r_0} \ni j_0$ 
     $\exists M^{r_0} \ni (prop[r_0][j_0] = m_0)$ 
     $\forall j_1, \quad AB\_deliver_{j_1}(m_0)$ 

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**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 :

$$\begin{aligned} \forall j_0, m_0 \quad AB\_deliver_{j_0}(m_0) &\Rightarrow \exists j_1 \text{ correct } , AB\_broadcast(m_0) \\ \exists j_0, m_0 \quad AB\_broadcast_{j_0}(m_0) &\Rightarrow \forall j_1, \quad AB\_deliver_{j_1}(m_0) \end{aligned}$$