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MODULE *Pactus*

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The specification of the *Pactus* consensus algorithm: <https://pactus.org/learn/consensus/protocol/>

EXTENDS *Integers, Sequences, FiniteSets, TLC*

CONSTANT

The maximum number of height.  
this is to restrict the allowed behaviours that *TLC* scans through.

*MaxHeight*,

The maximum number of round per height.  
this is to restrict the allowed behaviours that *TLC* scans through.

*MaxRound*,

The maximum number of cp-round per height.  
this is to restrict the allowed behaviours that *TLC* scans through.

*MaxCPRound*,

The total number of faulty nodes

*NumFaulty*,

The index of faulty nodes

*FaultyNodes*

VARIABLES

*log* is a set of received messages in the system.

*log*,

*states* represents the state of each replica in the consensus protocol.

*states*

Total number of replicas, which is  $3f + 1$ , where  $f$  is the number of faulty nodes.

$Replicas \triangleq (3 * NumFaulty) + 1$

Quorum is  $2/3 +$  of total replicas that is  $2f + 1$

$Quorum \triangleq (2 * NumFaulty) + 1$

*OneThird* is  $1/3 +$  of total replicas that is  $f + 1$

$OneThird \triangleq NumFaulty + 1$

A tuple with all variables in the spec (for ease of use in temporal conditions)

$vars \triangleq \langle states, log \rangle$

ASSUME

$\wedge NumFaulty \geq 1$   
 $\wedge FaultyNodes \subseteq 0 .. Replicas - 1$

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Helper functions

Fetch a subset of messages in the network based on the *params* filter.

$SubsetOfMsgs(params) \triangleq$   
 $\{msg \in log : \forall field \in \text{DOMAIN } params : msg[field] = params[field]\}$

*IsProposer* checks if the replica is the proposer for this round.

To simplify, we assume the proposer always starts with the first replica, and moves to the next by the change-proposer phase.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IsProposer}(index) &\triangleq \\ &\text{states}[index].\text{round} \% \text{Replicas} = index \end{aligned}$$

Helper function to check if a node is faulty or not.

$$\text{IsFaulty}(index) \triangleq index \in \text{FaultyNodes}$$

*HasPrepareQuorum* checks if there is a quorum of the *PREPARE* votes in this round.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HasPrepareQuorum}(index) &\triangleq \\ &\text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ \\ &\quad \text{type} \quad \mapsto \text{"PREPARE"}, \\ &\quad \text{height} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{height}, \\ &\quad \text{round} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{round}, \\ &\quad \text{cp\_round} \mapsto 0])) \geq \text{Quorum} \end{aligned}$$

*HasPrecommitQuorum* checks if there is a quorum of the *PRECOMMIT* votes in this round.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HasPrecommitQuorum}(index) &\triangleq \\ &\text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ \\ &\quad \text{type} \quad \mapsto \text{"PRECOMMIT"}, \\ &\quad \text{height} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{height}, \\ &\quad \text{round} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{round}, \\ &\quad \text{cp\_round} \mapsto 0])) \geq \text{Quorum} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CPHasPreVotesQuorum}(index) &\triangleq \\ &\text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ \\ &\quad \text{type} \quad \mapsto \text{"CP:PRE-VOTE"}, \\ &\quad \text{height} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{height}, \\ &\quad \text{round} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{round}, \\ &\quad \text{cp\_round} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{cp\_round}])) \geq \text{Quorum} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CPHasPreVotesQuorumForOne}(index) &\triangleq \\ &\text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ \\ &\quad \text{type} \quad \mapsto \text{"CP:PRE-VOTE"}, \\ &\quad \text{height} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{height}, \\ &\quad \text{round} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{round}, \\ &\quad \text{cp\_round} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{cp\_round}, \\ &\quad \text{cp\_val} \mapsto 1])) \geq \text{Quorum} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CPHasPreVotesQuorumForZero}(index) &\triangleq \\ &\text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ \\ &\quad \text{type} \quad \mapsto \text{"CP:PRE-VOTE"}, \\ &\quad \text{height} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{height}, \\ &\quad \text{round} \mapsto \text{states}[index].\text{round}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} cp\_round &\mapsto states[index].cp\_round, \\ cp\_val &\mapsto 0)) \geq Quorum \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPHasPreVotesForZeroAndOne(index) &\triangleq \\ \wedge \text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ & \\ type &\mapsto \text{"CP:PRE-VOTE"}, \\ height &\mapsto states[index].height, \\ round &\mapsto states[index].round, \\ cp\_round &\mapsto states[index].cp\_round, \\ cp\_val &\mapsto 0])) \geq 1 \\ \wedge \text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ & \\ type &\mapsto \text{"CP:PRE-VOTE"}, \\ height &\mapsto states[index].height, \\ round &\mapsto states[index].round, \\ cp\_round &\mapsto states[index].cp\_round, \\ cp\_val &\mapsto 1])) \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPHasOneMainVotesZeroInPrvRound(index) &\triangleq \\ \text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ & \\ type &\mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"}, \\ height &\mapsto states[index].height, \\ round &\mapsto states[index].round, \\ cp\_round &\mapsto states[index].cp\_round - 1, \\ cp\_val &\mapsto 0])) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPHasOneThirdMainVotesOneInPrvRound(index) &\triangleq \\ \text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ & \\ type &\mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"}, \\ height &\mapsto states[index].height, \\ round &\mapsto states[index].round, \\ cp\_round &\mapsto states[index].cp\_round - 1, \\ cp\_val &\mapsto 1])) \geq OneThird \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPHasOneMainVotesOneInPrvRound(index) &\triangleq \\ \text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ & \\ type &\mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"}, \\ height &\mapsto states[index].height, \\ round &\mapsto states[index].round, \\ cp\_round &\mapsto states[index].cp\_round - 1, \\ cp\_val &\mapsto 1])) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPAllMainVotesAbstainInPrvRound(index) &\triangleq \\ \text{Cardinality}(\text{SubsetOfMsgs}([ & \\ type &\mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"}, \\ height &\mapsto states[index].height, \\ round &\mapsto states[index].round, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} cp\_round &\mapsto states[index].cp\_round - 1, \\ cp\_val &\mapsto 2))) \geq Quorum \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPHasMainVotesQuorum(index) &\triangleq \\ &Cardinality(SubsetOfMsgs([ \\ &\quad type \mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"}, \\ &\quad height \mapsto states[index].height, \\ &\quad round \mapsto states[index].round, \\ &\quad cp\_round \mapsto states[index].cp\_round])) \geq Quorum \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPHasMainVotesQuorumForOne(index) &\triangleq \\ &Cardinality(SubsetOfMsgs([ \\ &\quad type \mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"}, \\ &\quad height \mapsto states[index].height, \\ &\quad round \mapsto states[index].round, \\ &\quad cp\_round \mapsto states[index].cp\_round, \\ &\quad cp\_val \mapsto 1])) \geq Quorum \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CPHasMainVotesQuorumForZero(index) &\triangleq \\ &Cardinality(SubsetOfMsgs([ \\ &\quad type \mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"}, \\ &\quad height \mapsto states[index].height, \\ &\quad round \mapsto states[index].round, \\ &\quad cp\_round \mapsto states[index].cp\_round, \\ &\quad cp\_val \mapsto 0])) \geq Quorum \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} GetProposal(height, round) &\triangleq \\ &SubsetOfMsgs([type \mapsto \text{"PROPOSAL"}, height \mapsto height, round \mapsto round]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} HasProposal(index) &\triangleq \\ &Cardinality(GetProposal(states[index].height, states[index].round)) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} HasBlockAnnounce(index) &\triangleq \\ &Cardinality(SubsetOfMsgs([ \\ &\quad type \mapsto \text{"BLOCK-ANNOUNCE"}, \\ &\quad height \mapsto states[index].height, \\ &\quad round \mapsto states[index].round, \\ &\quad cp\_round \mapsto 0, \\ &\quad cp\_val \mapsto 0])) \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Helper function to check if the block is committed or not.

A block is considered committed iff supermajority of non-faulty replicas announce the same block.

$$\begin{aligned} IsCommitted(height) &\triangleq \\ &LET \ subset \triangleq \ SubsetOfMsgs([ \\ &\quad type \mapsto \text{"BLOCK-ANNOUNCE"}, \\ &\quad height \mapsto height, \end{aligned}$$

$cp\_round \mapsto 0,$   
 $cp\_val \mapsto 0])$   
 IN  $\wedge \text{Cardinality}(\text{subset}) \geq \text{Quorum}$   
 $\wedge \forall m1, m2 \in \text{subset} : m1.\text{round} = m2.\text{round}$

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Network functions

*SendMsg simulates a replica sending a message by appending it to the log*  
 $\text{SendMsg}(msg) \triangleq$   
 $\text{log}' = \text{log} \cup msg$

*SendProposal is used to broadcast the PROPOSAL into the network.*  
 $\text{SendProposal}(index) \triangleq$   
 $\text{SendMsg}(\{[$   
 $\quad type \mapsto \text{"PROPOSAL"},$   
 $\quad height \mapsto \text{states}[index].height,$   
 $\quad round \mapsto \text{states}[index].round,$   
 $\quad index \mapsto index,$   
 $\quad cp\_round \mapsto 0,$   
 $\quad cp\_val \mapsto 0])$

*SendPrepareVote is used to broadcast PREPARE votes into the network.*  
 $\text{SendPrepareVote}(index) \triangleq$   
 $\text{SendMsg}(\{[$   
 $\quad type \mapsto \text{"PREPARE"},$   
 $\quad height \mapsto \text{states}[index].height,$   
 $\quad round \mapsto \text{states}[index].round,$   
 $\quad index \mapsto index,$   
 $\quad cp\_round \mapsto 0,$   
 $\quad cp\_val \mapsto 0])$

*SendPrecommitVote is used to broadcast PRECOMMIT votes into the network.*  
 $\text{SendPrecommitVote}(index) \triangleq$   
 $\text{SendMsg}(\{[$   
 $\quad type \mapsto \text{"PRECOMMIT"},$   
 $\quad height \mapsto \text{states}[index].height,$   
 $\quad round \mapsto \text{states}[index].round,$   
 $\quad index \mapsto index,$   
 $\quad cp\_round \mapsto 0,$   
 $\quad cp\_val \mapsto 0])$

*SendCPPreVote is used to broadcast CP : PRE – VOTE votes into the network.*  
 $\text{SendCPPreVote}(index, cp\_val) \triangleq$   
 $\text{SendMsg}(\{[$   
 $\quad type \mapsto \text{"CP:PRE-VOTE"},$   
 $\quad height \mapsto \text{states}[index].height,$

$round \mapsto states[index].round,$   
 $index \mapsto index,$   
 $cp\_round \mapsto states[index].cp\_round,$   
 $cp\_val \mapsto cp\_val\})$

*SendCPMainVote is used to broadcast CP : MAIN – VOTE votes into the network.*

$SendCPMainVote(index, cp\_val) \triangleq$   
 $SendMsg(\{[$   
 $type \mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"},$   
 $height \mapsto states[index].height,$   
 $round \mapsto states[index].round,$   
 $index \mapsto index,$   
 $cp\_round \mapsto states[index].cp\_round,$   
 $cp\_val \mapsto cp\_val\})$

$SendCPVotesForNextRound(index, cp\_val) \triangleq$   
 $SendMsg(\{$   
 $[$   
 $type \mapsto \text{"CP:PRE-VOTE"},$   
 $height \mapsto states[index].height,$   
 $round \mapsto states[index].round,$   
 $index \mapsto index,$   
 $cp\_round \mapsto states[index].cp\_round + 1,$   
 $cp\_val \mapsto cp\_val],$   
 $[$   
 $type \mapsto \text{"CP:MAIN-VOTE"},$   
 $height \mapsto states[index].height,$   
 $round \mapsto states[index].round,$   
 $index \mapsto index,$   
 $cp\_round \mapsto states[index].cp\_round + 1,$   
 $cp\_val \mapsto cp\_val\})$

*AnnounceBlock is used to broadcast BLOCK – ANNOUNCE messages into the network.*

$AnnounceBlock(index) \triangleq$   
 $SendMsg(\{[$   
 $type \mapsto \text{"BLOCK-ANNOUNCE"},$   
 $height \mapsto states[index].height,$   
 $round \mapsto states[index].round,$   
 $index \mapsto index,$   
 $cp\_round \mapsto 0,$   
 $cp\_val \mapsto 0\})$

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*States functions*

*NewHeight state*

$NewHeight(index) \triangleq$   
 IF  $states[index].height \geq MaxHeight$   
 THEN UNCHANGED  $\langle states, log \rangle$   
 ELSE  
    $\wedge \neg IsFaulty(index)$   
    $\wedge states[index].name = \text{"new-height"}$   
    $\wedge states[index].height < MaxHeight$   
    $\wedge states' = [states \text{ EXCEPT}$   
      $! [index].name = \text{"propose"},$   
      $! [index].height = states[index].height + 1,$   
      $! [index].round = 0]$   
    $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle log \rangle$

$Propose\ state$   
 $Propose(index) \triangleq$   
    $\wedge \neg IsFaulty(index)$   
    $\wedge states[index].name = \text{"propose"}$   
    $\wedge \text{IF } IsProposer(index)$   
     THEN  $SendProposal(index)$   
     ELSE UNCHANGED  $\langle log \rangle$   
    $\wedge states' = [states \text{ EXCEPT}$   
      $! [index].name = \text{"prepare"},$   
      $! [index].timeout = \text{FALSE},$   
      $! [index].cp\_round = 0]$

$Prepare\ state$   
 $Prepare(index) \triangleq$   
    $\wedge \neg IsFaulty(index)$   
    $\wedge states[index].name = \text{"prepare"}$   
    $\wedge \text{IF } HasPrepareQuorum(index)$   
     THEN  $\wedge states' = [states \text{ EXCEPT } ! [index].name = \text{"precommit"}]$   
        $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle log \rangle$   
     ELSE  $\wedge HasProposal(index)$   
        $\wedge SendPrepareVote(index)$   
        $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle states \rangle$

$Precommit\ state$   
 $Precommit(index) \triangleq$   
    $\wedge \neg IsFaulty(index)$   
    $\wedge states[index].name = \text{"precommit"}$   
    $\wedge \text{IF } HasPrecommitQuorum(index)$   
     THEN  $\wedge states' = [states \text{ EXCEPT } ! [index].name = \text{"commit"}]$   
        $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle log \rangle$   
     ELSE  $\wedge HasProposal(index)$

$$\wedge \text{SendPrecommitVote}(index) \\ \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle states \rangle$$

*Commit state*  
 $\text{Commit}(index) \triangleq$   
 $\wedge \neg \text{IsFaulty}(index)$   
 $\wedge \text{states}[index].name = \text{"commit"}$   
 $\wedge \text{AnnounceBlock}(index)$   
 $\wedge \text{states}' = [\text{states} \text{ EXCEPT}$   
 $\quad ![index].name = \text{"new-height"}]$

*Timeout : A non – faulty Replica try to change the proposer if its timer expires.*  
 $\text{Timeout}(index) \triangleq$   
 $\wedge \neg \text{IsFaulty}(index)$   
 $\wedge \text{states}[index].round < \text{MaxRound}$   
 $\wedge \text{states}[index].timeout = \text{FALSE}$   
 $\wedge$   
 $\vee$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{states}[index].name = \text{"prepare"}$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{SendCPPreVote}(index, 1)$   
 $\vee$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{states}[index].name = \text{"precommit"}$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{SendCPPreVote}(index, 0)$   
 $\wedge \text{states}' = [\text{states} \text{ EXCEPT}$   
 $\quad ![index].name = \text{"cp:main-vote"},$   
 $\quad ![index].timeout = \text{TRUE}]$

$\text{CPPreVote}(index) \triangleq$   
 $\wedge \neg \text{IsFaulty}(index)$   
 $\wedge \text{states}[index].name = \text{"cp:pre-vote"}$   
 $\wedge$   
 $\vee$   
 $\quad \wedge$   
 $\quad \quad \vee \text{states}[index].cp\_round = \text{MaxCPRound}$   
 $\quad \quad \vee \text{CPhasOneThirdMainVotesOneInPrvRound}(index)$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{CPhasOneMainVotesOneInPrvRound}(index)$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{SendCPPreVote}(index, 1)$   
 $\vee$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{CPhasOneMainVotesZeroInPrvRound}(index)$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{SendCPPreVote}(index, 0)$   
 $\vee$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{CPAllMainVotesAbstainInPrvRound}(index)$   
 $\quad \wedge \text{SendCPPreVote}(index, 0) \text{ } \textit{biased to zero}$   
 $\wedge \text{states}' = [\text{states} \text{ EXCEPT } ![index].name = \text{"cp:main-vote"}]$





$$\wedge \log' = \log$$

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$$\begin{aligned} Init &\triangleq \\ &\wedge \log = \{\} \\ &\wedge \text{states} = [\text{index} \in 0 \dots \text{Replicas} - 1 \mapsto [ \\ &\quad \text{name} \mapsto \text{"new-height"}, \\ &\quad \text{height} \mapsto 0, \\ &\quad \text{round} \mapsto 0, \\ &\quad \text{timeout} \mapsto \text{FALSE}, \\ &\quad \text{cp\_round} \mapsto 0]] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Next &\triangleq \\ &\exists \text{index} \in 0 \dots \text{Replicas} - 1 : \\ &\quad \vee \text{NewHeight}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{Propose}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{Prepare}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{Precommit}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{Timeout}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{Commit}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{Sync}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{CPPreVote}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{CPMainVote}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \vee \text{CPDecide}(\text{index}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Spec &\triangleq \\ &Init \wedge \Box[Next]_{\text{vars}} \wedge \text{WF}_{\text{vars}}(Next) \end{aligned}$$

*Success : All non – faulty nodes eventually commit at MaxHeight.*

$$Success \triangleq \Diamond(\text{IsCommitted}(\text{MaxHeight}))$$

*TypeOK is the type – correctness invariant.*

$$\begin{aligned} TypeOK &\triangleq \\ &\wedge \forall \text{index} \in 0 \dots \text{Replicas} - 1 : \\ &\quad \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{name} \in \{\text{"new-height"}, \text{"propose"}, \text{"prepare"}, \\ &\quad \quad \text{"precommit"}, \text{"commit"}, \text{"cp:pre-vote"}, \text{"cp:main-vote"}, \text{"cp:decide"}\} \\ &\quad \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{height} \leq \text{MaxHeight} \\ &\quad \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{round} \leq \text{MaxRound} \\ &\quad \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{cp\_round} \leq \text{MaxCPRound} + 1 \\ &\quad \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{name} = \text{"new-height"} \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{height} > 1 \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \quad \wedge \text{IsCommitted}(\text{states}[\text{index}].\text{height} - 1) \\ &\quad \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{name} = \text{"precommit"} \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \quad \wedge \text{HasPrepareQuorum}(\text{index}) \\ &\quad \quad \wedge \text{HasProposal}(\text{index}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \wedge \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{name} = \text{"commit"} \Rightarrow \\
& \quad \wedge \text{HasPrepareQuorum}(\text{index}) \\
& \quad \wedge \text{HasPrecommitQuorum}(\text{index}) \\
& \quad \wedge \text{HasProposal}(\text{index}) \\
& \wedge \forall \text{round} \in 0 \dots \text{states}[\text{index}].\text{round} : \\
& \quad \text{Not more than one proposal per round} \\
& \quad \wedge \text{Cardinality}(\text{GetProposal}(\text{states}[\text{index}].\text{height}, \text{round})) \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$


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