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# LAB 6

**Aim**: To implement Lamport algorithm for logical clock synchronization

**Lab Outcome**:Implement techniques for clock synchronization.

# Theory:

The Lamport algorithm is a logical clock synchronization algorithm used in distributed systems to establish a partial ordering of events. The algorithm is based on the concept of logical clocks, which assign a timestamp to each event in a distributed system.

In Lamport's algorithm, each process maintains a logical clock that ticks whenever an event occurs at that process. The logical clock value assigned to an event is the maximum of the current logical clock value of the process and the timestamp of the incoming message that triggered the event.

The logical clocks in Lamport's algorithm satisfy the following two properties:

* If event A happens before event B, then the logical clock value of A is less than the logical clock value of B.
* If events A and B are concurrent, then the logical clock value of A is not equal to the logical clock value of B.

Using Lamport's algorithm, processes can synchronize their logical clocks so that they agree on the ordering of events. This enables distributed systems to reason about causality, and to detect and resolve conflicts that may arise due to concurrent events.

# Lamport Algorithm

Lamport developed a “happens-before” notation to express this: If a and b are events

in the same process, and a occurs before b, then a → b is true. If a is the event of

a message being sent by one process, and b is the event of the message being received

by another process, then a → b. This relationship is transitive i.e. a→b and b→c then

a→c. Satisfying conditions for implementing clock: If a→b then c(a)<c(b). Implementation

of logical clock:

**Condition 1**: If a and b are two events within the same process Pi and a occur before b then Ci(a) < Ci (b).

**Condition 2**: if a is the sending of a message by process Pi and b is the receipt of that message by process Pj then Ci(a) < Cj(b).

**Condition 3**: A clock Ci associated with a process Pi must always go forward never

backward, that is correction to the time of clock is done by +ive adding. Total ordering and Partial ordering

Total ordering is an ordering that defines the exact order of every element in the series.

Partial ordering of elements in a series is an ordering that doesn't specify the exact

order of every item, but only defines the order between certain key items that depend on each other.

The meaning of these words is the same in the context of distributed computing. The only significance of distributed computing to these terms is the fact that partial ordering

events are much more common than total ordering. In a local, single-threaded application, the order in which events happen is ordered, implicitly, since the CPU can only do

one thing at a time. In a distributed system, you generally only coordinate a partial ordering of those events that have a dependency on one another and let other events happen in whatever order they happen.

Example, taken from the comments: If you have three events {A, B, C}, then they are ordered if they always have to happen in the order A > B > C. However, if A must happen before C, but you don't care when B happens, then they are partially ordered. In

this case we would say that the sequences A > B > C, A > C > B, and B > A > C all satisfy the partial ordering.

# Code :

from multiprocessing import Process, Pipe from os import getpid

from datetime import datetime

def local\_time(counter):

return ' (LAMPORT\_TIME={}, LOCAL\_TIME={})'.format(counter, datetime.now())

def calc\_recv\_timestamp(recv\_time\_stamp, counter): return max(recv\_time\_stamp, counter) + 1

def event(pid, counter): counter += 1

print('\nSomething happened in {} !'.format(pid) + local\_time(counter)) return counter

def send\_message(pipe, pid, counter): counter += 1

pipe.send(('\nEmpty shell', counter))

print('\nMessage sent from ' + str(pid) + local\_time(counter)) return counter

def recv\_message(pipe, pid, counter): message, timestamp = pipe.recv()

counter = calc\_recv\_timestamp(timestamp, counter) print('\nMessage received at ' + str(pid) + local\_time(counter)) return counter

def process\_one(pipe12): pid = getpid() counter = 0

print("\nProcess 1 Init Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = event(pid, counter)

print("\nProcess 1 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = send\_message(pipe12, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 1 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = event(pid, counter) print("\nProcess 1 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = recv\_message(pipe12, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 1 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = event(pid, counter) print("\nProcess 1 Counter: "+str(counter))

def process\_two(pipe21, pipe23): pid = getpid()

counter = 0

print("\nProcess 2 Init Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = recv\_message(pipe21, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 2 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = send\_message(pipe21, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 2 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = send\_message(pipe23, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 2 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = recv\_message(pipe23, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 2 Counter: "+str(counter))

def process\_three(pipe32): pid = getpid()

counter = 0

print("\nProcess 3 Init Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = recv\_message(pipe32, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 3 Counter: "+str(counter)) counter = send\_message(pipe32, pid, counter) print("\nProcess 3 Counter: "+str(counter))

if name == ' main ': oneandtwo, twoandone = Pipe() twoandthree, threeandtwo = Pipe()

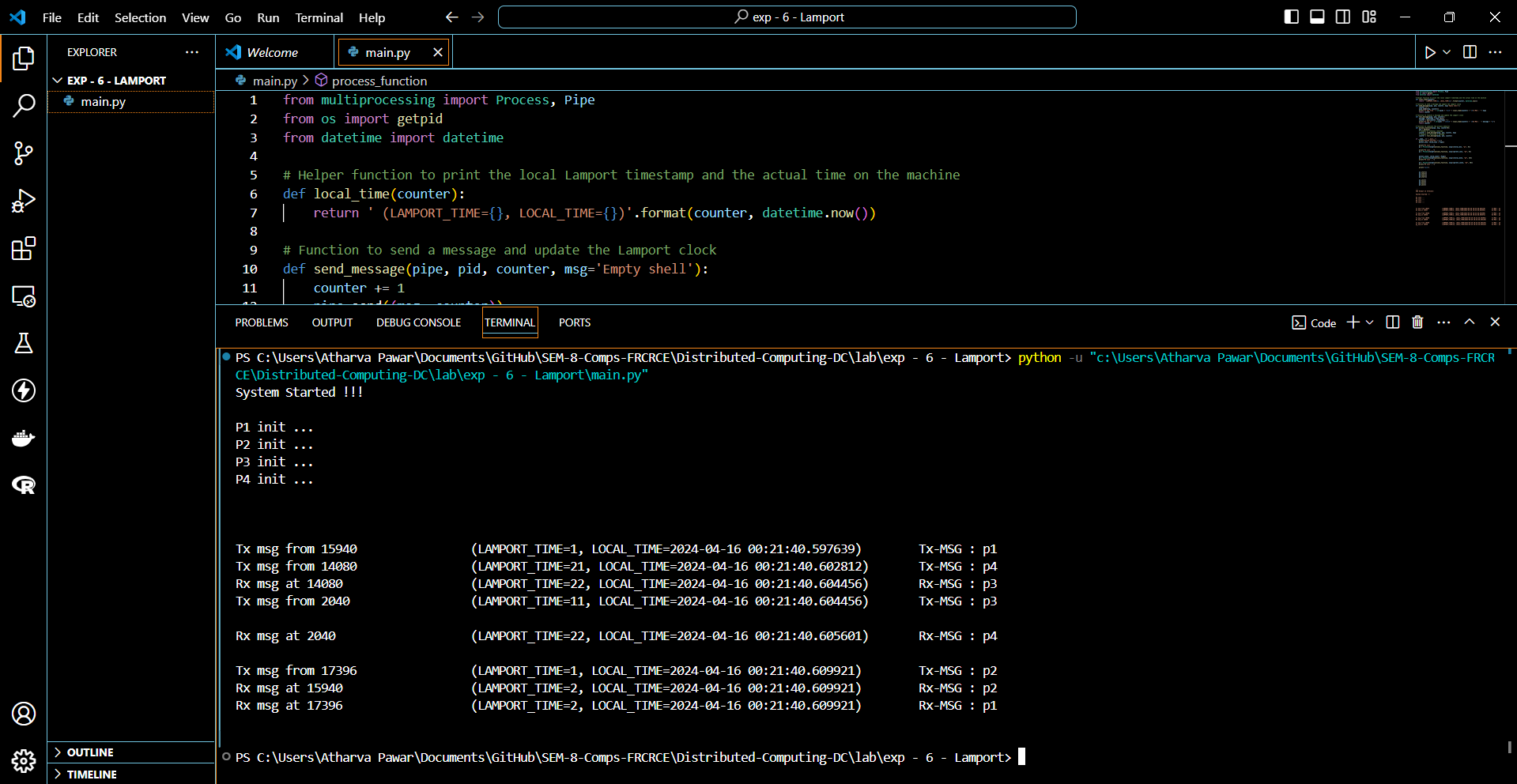
process1 = Process(target=process\_one, args=(oneandtwo,))

process2 = Process(target=process\_two, args=(twoandone, twoandthree)) process3 = Process(target=process\_three, args=(threeandtwo,))

process1.start() process2.start() process3.start()

process1.join() process2.join() process3.join()

Output:



Working of the code:

This code simulates a distributed system where multiple processes communicate with each other using message passing. Each process runs independently and has its own logical clock (Lamport logical clock) to timestamp events. The processes communicate via pipes.

1. Define Helper Functions:
   * "local\_time(counter)": Returns a formatted string containing the Lamport time and local time.
   * "calc\_recv\_timestamp(recv\_time\_stamp, counter)": Calculates the timestamp for received messages.
   * "event(pid, counter)": Simulates an event happening in a process. Increments the logical clock and prints the event details.
   * "send\_message(pipe, pid, counter)": Sends a message through the pipe to another process. Increments the logical clock and prints the sending details.
   * "recv\_message(pipe, pid, counter)": Receives a message from another process through the pipe. Adjusts the logical clock according to the received timestamp and prints the receiving details.
2. Define Process Functions:
   * "process\_one", "process\_two", and "process\_three" are functions representing different processes. They simulate events, sending and receiving messages.
3. Main Execution:
   * Pipes ("oneandtwo", "twoandthree", "threeandtwo") are created for communication between processes.
   * Three processes ("process1", "process2", "process3") are created using "Process" from the "multiprocessing" module, each targeting its respective function.
   * Processes are started using "start()" method.
   * "join()" is called on each process to wait for them to finish execution.
4. Execution Flow:
   * Each process executes a series of events, including sending and receiving messages, and incrementing its logical clock accordingly.
   * Events and message exchanges are printed with timestamps indicating Lamport time and local time.
5. Output:
   * The output shows the sequence of events, message sends, and receives, along with the respective Lamport timestamps and local times.

Overall, this code demonstrates how distributed processes can interact through message passing while maintaining logical clocks to establish a causal ordering of events.

# Conclusions :

1. Learned the functioning of Lamport's Algorithm for logical clock synchronization.
2. Understood the terminologies such as Partial ordering and Total ordering
3. In conclusion, a Lamport logical clock is an incrementing counter maintained in each process. Conceptually, this logical clock can be thought of as a clock that only has meaning concerning messages moving between processes. When a process receives a message, it resynchronizes its logical clock with that sender (causality).

**Post Lab Questions:**

1. **Distinguish between physical clock and logical clock synchronization**
2. **Show the calculation of the time interval between two synchronizations of a physical Clock**

# How will you implement Logical clocks by using counters?

# Give an example of partial and total ordering of events

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