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Q1.7 Compare the following MUTUAL EXCLUSION. Consider the following parameter to compare various mutual exclusion algorithms. You have to check and validate that these comparisons are correct.

① Message Exchanged : messages per entry/exit of critical section

Centralized 3 ✓

Ring $1 \rightarrow \infty$

Multicast $2 \times (n-1)$

② Delay : Delay before entering critical section

Centralized 2

Ring $0 \rightarrow n-1$

Multicast $2 \times (n-1)$

Q2.5 Compare and Contrast centralisation and distributed mutual exclusion.

③ Reliability :

Centralized : co-ordinator crashes

Ring : lost token, processor crashes

Multicast : any process crashes.

Answers

Q1.7 1.7 Message Exchanged : messages per entry/exit of CS

a) Centralized - 3 - (Right)

Reason - It requires only three messages to enter and leave a critical region

① A Request [Grant to enter]

② Reply & Grant to enter

③ Release to exit

(1) (b) Ring - $1 \rightarrow \infty = \text{True}$

Reason - If every process constantly wants to enter critical region, then each token passed will result in one entry and exit, for average of one message per critical section entered.

At other extreme, token may sometimes circulate for hours without anyone being interested in it. In this case, the number of messages per entry into critical section is Unbounded.

(1) (c) Multicast (Distributed) - $2 \times (n-1)$

Reason - ① The distributed algorithm requires $(n-1)$ request messages, one to each of other process, and additional $(n-1)$ grant messages, making total of $2 \times (n-1)$.

② Delay & time before entering critical section

(2) (a) Centralized - 2 - (Right)

Reason - It requires only two messages to enter the critical section - Request & Reply.

(2) (b) Ring - 0 to $(n-1)$

Reason - Time varies from 0 (token just arrived) & $(n-1)$ (token just departed)

\therefore It needs to travel remaining $(n-1)$ nodes before reaching the current node.

(2) (c) Distributed - $2 \times (n-1)$

\therefore Messages are sent after one after the other.

$[(n-1) \text{ request} + (n-1) \text{ grant messages}] = [2 \times (n-1)]$

| 2.7 Parameters | Centralized Algorithm | Distributed Algorithm |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ⇒ Election | ① One process is elected as co-ordinator | ① Total ordering of all events in the system |
| ⇒ Message per entry/exit | ② Required 3 messages ^(Request Reply Release) to enter and exit critical section | ② Required $2 \times (n-1)$ messages |
| ⇒ Delay in message time | ③ 2 messages | ③ $2 \times (n-1)$ messages |
| ⇒ Mutual Exclusion | ④ Guarantees mutual exclusion | ④ Mutual exclusion guaranteed without deadlock |
| ⇒ Starvation | ⑤ No starvation | ⑤ No starvation |
| ⇒ Complexity | ⑥ Easy to implement | ⑥ Complicated process |
| ⇒ Used for | ⑦ General allocation | ⑦ used for small group processes that do not change group membership |
| ⇒ Problems | ⑧ Entire system can go down due to single point of failure, Bottleneck | ⑧ N points of failure |
| ⇒ Expense | ⑨ Less Expensive | ⑨ More expensive |
| ⇒ Robustness (Cope up with errors) | ⑩ More Robust | ⑩ Less Robust |
| ⇒ Applications | ⑪ Application development (Central server + many clients Express & django server) - Data Analysis - "all data at one place" | ⑪ - Cluster computing - many computers work together to achieve global goals - Grid computing (All resources are pooled for sharing) |
| ⇒ Use case | ⑫ centralized databases * single player games - NFS, GTA Test servers | ⑫ Service oriented Architecture * Multiplayer online games |
| ⇒ Organization using it | National Informatics Centre (India) IBM | [Apple, Google, Meta] |