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1 |----- MODULE Counter -----|

  TLA+ module for Op-based Counter. See its implementation in paper Burckhardt@POPL'2014.
  We check that the Op-based Counter satisfies the strong eventual convergence property (SEC)

10 EXTENDS Naturals, Sequences, Bags, TLC

12 CONSTANTS
    Protocol variables.
16     Replica, the set of replicas
    Auxiliary variables for model checking.
20     Max      Max[r]: the maximum number of the Inc() event replica r ∈ Replica can issue; for finite-state model checking

22 VARIABLES
    Protocol variables.
26     counter,      counter[r]: the current value of the counter at replica r ∈ Replica
27     acc,          acc[r]: the number of increments performed since the last broadcast at replica r ∈ Replica
28     incoming,    incoming[r]: incoming messages at replica r ∈ Replica
    Auxiliary variables for model checking.
32     inc          inc[r]: the number of Inc() events issued by the replica r ∈ Replica; for finite-state model checking

    The type correctness predicate.
37     TypeOK  $\triangleq$   $\wedge$  counter ∈ [Replica → Nat]
38                  $\wedge$  acc ∈ [Replica → Nat]
39                  $\wedge$  incoming ∈ [Replica → SubBag(SetToBag(Nat))] \ * message ordering is not important; using bag (i.e., mul
40                  $\wedge$  inc ∈ [Replica → Nat]

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    The initial state predicate.
46     Init  $\triangleq$   $\wedge$  counter = [r ∈ Replica ↦ 0]
47                  $\wedge$  acc = [r ∈ Replica ↦ 0]
48                  $\wedge$  incoming = [r ∈ Replica ↦ EmptyBag]
49                  $\wedge$  inc = [r ∈ Replica ↦ 0]

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    Replica r ∈ Replica issues an Inc() event.
55     Inc(r)  $\triangleq$   $\wedge$  TRUE      no pre-condition
56                  $\wedge$  counter' = [counter EXCEPT ![r] = @ + 1]      current counter + 1
57                  $\wedge$  acc' = [acc EXCEPT ![r] = @ + 1]      # of accumulated increments + 1
58                  $\wedge$  inc' = [inc EXCEPT ![r] = @ + 1]      # of increments + 1
59                  $\wedge$  UNCHANGED <incoming>

    Broadcast a message m to all replicas except the sender s.
64     Broadcast(s, m)  $\triangleq$  [r ∈ Replica ↦
65                             IF s = r
66                             THEN incoming[s]

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67 ELSE  $incoming[r] \oplus SetToBag(\{m\})]$

Replica  $r$  issues a  $Send()$  event, sending an update message.

72  $Send(r) \triangleq \wedge acc[r] \neq 0$  there are accumulated increments  
 73  $\wedge acc' = [acc \text{ EXCEPT } ![r] = 0]$  reset  $acc[r]$   
 74  $\wedge incoming' = Broadcast(r, acc[r])$  broadcast  $acc[r]$  to other replicas  
 75  $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle counter, inc \rangle$

Replica  $r$  issues a  $Receive()$  event, receiving an update message.

80  $Receive(r) \triangleq \wedge incoming[r] \neq EmptyBag$  there are accumulated increments from other replicas  
 81  $\wedge \exists m \in BagToSet(incoming[r]) :$  message reordering can be tolerant  
 82  $(\wedge counter' = [counter \text{ EXCEPT } ![r] = @ + m]$   
 83  $\wedge incoming' = [incoming \text{ EXCEPT } ![r] = @ \ominus SetToBag(\{m\})])$  each message is delivered ex  
 84  $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle acc, inc \rangle$

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 The Next-state relation.

90  $Next \triangleq \wedge \exists r \in Replica : Inc(r) \vee Send(r) \vee Receive(r)$

The specification.

95  $vars \triangleq \langle counter, acc, incoming, inc \rangle$   
 96  $Spec \triangleq Init \wedge \Box [Next]_{vars} \wedge WF_{vars}(Next)$

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 A state constraint that is useful for validating the specification using finite-state model checking:  
 each replica  $r \in Replica$  can issue at most  $Max[r]Inc()$  events.

104  $IncConstraint \triangleq \forall r \in Replica : inc[r] \leq Max[r]$

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 The correctness of counter: Eventual *Convergence* (*EC*), Quiescent Consistency (*QC*), and Strong  
 Eventual *Convergence* (*SEC*).

Eventual Consistency (*EC*)

117  $Convergence \triangleq \forall r, s \in Replica : (counter[r] = counter[s] \wedge counter[r] \neq 0)$   $counter[r] \neq 0$ : excluding the initial s  
 118  $EC \triangleq \Diamond Convergence$

Quiescent Consistency (*QC*)

123  $AccBroadcast \triangleq \forall r \in Replica : acc[r] = 0$  all accumulated increments have been broadcast  
 124  $MessageDelivery \triangleq \forall r \in Replica : incoming[r] = EmptyBag$  all messages have been delivered  
 125  $QConvergence \triangleq \forall r, s \in Replica : counter[r] = counter[s]$  no  $counter[r] \neq 0$   
 127  $QC \triangleq \Box ((AccBroadcast \wedge MessageDelivery) \Rightarrow QConvergence)$

Strong Eventual Consistency (*SEC*)

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