# Accelerating Reads with Consistency-Aware Network Routing Technical Report

This technical report includes the following additional material compared to our SOSP #11 submission: a detailed proof of FLAIR safety, additional evaluation results with five-replica deployment, and the TLA+ specification.

#### 1 FLAIR Correctness

FLAIR uses the underlying leader-based consensus protocol to process write requests and to serve reads from the leader. FLAIR extends these protocols with the ability to serve reads from followers. The rest of this proof focuses on proving the safety of reads in FLAIR.

<u>Consensus protocol properties</u>. First, we state the main properties of a target leader-based consensus protocol:

**Property 1**. At any time, there is at most one active leader in the system, that is followed by the majority of the nodes, and is the only node that can commit new values. This leader has the highest term id in the system.

**Property 2.** Reads processed by the leader are always linearizable.

**Property 3**. If an operation at index i in the log is committed, then every operation with an index smaller than i is committed as well.

**Property 4.** If a follower accepts a new entry to its log, then it is guaranteed that the follower log is identical to the leader's log up to that entry.

We note that all major leader-based consensus protocols (e.g., Raft [1], Viewstamped replication [2, 3], DARE [4], Zookeeper [5], and multi-Paxos implementations [6, 7]) hold these properties.

**<u>Definitions</u>**. Before proving that FLAIR guarantees safety, we need to define a few properties.

**Definition**. We say the switch is *active* if it has an active leader-switch session. If the switch is not active, it will drop all FLAIR requests and replies, rendering the system unavailable.

Consequently, our proof focuses on proving safety when the switch is active.

**Definition**. We say a kgroup is *stable* when there are no outstanding write requests in the system that *may modify* the objects in the kgroup.

**Definition**. We say a request or a reply is *valid* when the session id in the request match the leader information and in the reply match the switch information. Invalid requests/replies are dropped. Replicas use the information in the request to fill the fields of the reply. Consequently, request-reply pairs that span multiple sessions are dropped.

Our proof focuses on proving safety with valid requests/replies.

<u>Assumptions</u>. FLAIR assumes the following environment properties (Note that the underlying consensus protocol may have more stringent assumptions):

- The network is unreliable and asynchronous, as there are no guarantees that packets will be received in a timely manner or delivered at all.
- There is no bound on the time a node or the switch takes to process a packet.
- Clocks are not synchronized, and there is no bound on the clock's drift rate.
- Nodes fail following the fail-stop model in which nodes may stop working but will never send erroneous messages (i.e., no byzantine failures).

Moreover, we need to define a few terms. In the following all times are relative to the switch's clock:

- *time*(*w*) is the time a request/reply *w* was processed by the switch.
- seq(w) is the sequence number of a request w.
- $wlseq_{switch}(t)$  is the largest sequence number issued by the switch of all write requests that have been received and processed by the switch before or at time t, i.e.,  $wlseq_{switch}(t)$  is the sequence number of a write request  $w_j \mid seq(w_j) > seq(w_i) \forall w_i \neq w_j$  and  $time(w_i) \leq t$ .
- $rlseq_{switch}(t)$  is the largest sequence number of all write replies that have been processed by the switch before or at time t, i.e.,  $rlseq_{switch}(t)$  is the sequence number of a write reply  $r_i \mid seq(r_i) > seq(r_i) \forall r_i \neq r_i$  and  $time(r_i) \leq t$ .
- *lseq*<sub>leader</sub>(t) is the largest sequence number of all write requests that have been processed by the leader before or at time t (time relative to the switch's clock).

Now, we have all the definitions to present our proof.

We will prove the safety property for the simple case in which there is a single kgroup in the system, and the kgroup has a single object (*obj*). All read and write requests access this single object. At the end of the proof, we will generalize it to multiple kgroups with multiple objects.

When the switch is active, the kgroup can be in one of two states: unstable or stable. Requests to unstable kgroups are forwarded to the leader and therefore are linearizable (Property 2). For stable kgroup, the switch forwards the read request to one of the followers included in the consistent\_followers bitmap. To prove FLAIR safety for the stable kgroup we need to prove that while a kgroup is stable, the value of the kgroup object does not change and the followers included in the consistent\_followers bitmap in the kgroup entry hold the latest committed value of the object (Section 1.2), then we need to prove that read requests processed by the followers are safe (Section 1.3).

#### 1.1 Session Start Process

The safety of FLAIR relies on the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** At any moment in time there is at most one switch that is accessible by the FLAIR packets and has an active session.

*Proof.* Proof by contradiction. Let's assume at time  $t_o$  is the first moment in which the system had two active and accessible switches  $s_a$ , and  $s_b$ . Without loss of generality, let's assume  $s_b$  is the later switch to be activated by the leader. This means the leader has just started a new session with  $s_b$ . But before starting a session the leader asks the central controller to neutralize the old session, meaning reroute all FLAIR traffic from the old switch to the new one. Consequently, it is not possible for  $s_a$  to be accessible by FLAIR packets.

## 1.2 Kgroup Stability

**Lemma 1**. At any moment in time  $t_o$  the following inequality holds:  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) \ge lseq_{leader}(t_o) \ge rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ 

*Proof.* The switch sequentially processes all write requests and assigns a unique and strictly increasing sequence number for every write request. For the left side of the inequality, the switch always processes a write request before sending it to the leader. Hence, at all times,  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) \ge lseq_{leader}$ . For the right side of the inequality, the leader will receive the write request and processes it before sending a reply. A write reply has the same sequence number as the corresponding write request. Hence, at all times,  $lseq_{leader}(t_o) \ge rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ .

Lemma 1 implies the following corollary:

**Corollary 1.** If at time  $t_o$  wlseq<sub>switch</sub>( $t_o$ ) =  $rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ , then  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = lseq_{leader}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ .

**Lemma 2.** At any moment in time  $t_o$ , if a request  $w_l$  has a sequence number  $seq(w_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ , then  $w_l$  is the last write request processed by the switch up to time  $t_o$ , and sequence number in the kgroup entry  $seq_num = seq(w_l)$ .

*Proof.* The switch processes all packets sequentially in a pipeline. On every write, the switch atomically increments the session\_seq\_num in the session array, marks the kgroup entry unstable, and updates the seq\_num in the kgroup entry. The fact that request  $w_l$  has the largest sequence number signifies that it was the last request to be processed by the switch up to time  $t_o$ .

**Lemma 3**. If at time  $t_o$  wlse $q_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ , then the last committed value of obj at time  $t_o$  is the value written by the request  $w_l$  with  $seq(w_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ .

*Proof.* The fact that  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$  implies that  $seq(w_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = lseq_{leader}(t_o)$  (Corollary 1), meaning that  $w_l$  is the last write request that has been processed by the leader up to time  $t_o$ .

At all times, the leader keeps track of the largest sequence number (largest\_seq\_num =  $lseq_{leader}(t)$ ) processed in the current session. The leader drops every write request

with a sequence number smaller than largest\_seq\_num. Consequently, regardless of the order in which the write requests are processed, when the leader processes  $w_l$ , it will set the largest\_seq\_num to equal  $seq(w_l)$  and will drop any unprocessed requests with  $time(w) < t_o$ . Consequently, at time  $t_o$ , the last committed value is the value written by  $w_l$ .  $\square$ 

Now we can prove our main object stability lemma.

**Lemma 4**. In any time interval  $[t_0, t_1]$ ,

if  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o) = wlseq_{switch}(t_l)$ , then the object obj is stable (was not modified) in the period  $[t_o, t_l]$ .

*Proof.* Assume that the write request  $w_l$  has a  $seq(w_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_l)$ . The fact that  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$  implies that  $w_l$  is last request that has been processed by the leader up to time  $t_o$  (Lemma 3).

The fact that  $seq(w_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = wlseq_{switch}(t_l)$  signifies that no new write requests have been processed by the switch in the interval  $[t_o, t_l]$ , and  $w_l$  is still the last request that has been processed by the leader up to time  $t_l$ . Consequently, the value of the object did not change in the interval  $[t_o, t_l]$ .

Now we prove the stability of the kgroup data.

**Lemma 5**. If at time  $t_o$  wlse $q_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ , then the kgroup is stable and the fields of the kgroup entry (consistent\_followers bitmap and log\_indx) have values equal to the fields of the write reply  $r_l$  with  $seq(r_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that a write request  $w_l$  has  $seq(w_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_o)$  with a corresponding reply  $r_l$  with  $seq(r_l) = seq(w_l)$ , then  $seq_num$  in the kgroup entry at time  $t_o$  equals  $seq(w_l)$  (Lemma 2).

The only time the switch will mark a kgroup as stable and update the consistent\_followers bitmap and log\_indx fields is when the switch receives a write reply with a sequence number equal to the seq\_num in the kgroup entry.

For all other write replies with  $seq(r) \neq seq_num$ , the switch will forward them to the client without updating the kgroup entry. Consequently, at time  $t_o$ , the last values of the consistent\_followers and log\_indx fields in the kgroup entry are the value written by  $r_l$ .

**Lemma 6**. In any time interval  $[t_0, t_1]$ ,

if  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o) = wlseq_{switch}(t_l)$ , then the kgroup is marked stable in the period  $[t_o, t_l]$  and the kgroup fields (consistent\_followers bitmap and log\_indx) did not change in this period.

*Proof.* Assume that a write reply  $r_l$  has a sequence number  $seq(r_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o)$ . This signifies that when the switch processed  $r_l$  at  $time(r_l) \le t_o$ , it marked the kgroup stable and set the kgroup entry fields to the values in the  $r_l$  fields (Lemma 5). The fact that  $seq(r_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_l)$  signifies that  $r_l$  is still the last reply processed by the switch at time  $t_l$  and the kgroup is still stable.

Now we have all the facts to prove the main stability property.

**Theorem 2** (Object Stability). During any period  $[t_o, t_l]$  in which a kgroup is marked stable, there are no updates to the kgroup object, and the followers included in the consistent\_followers field have the latest committed value for *obj*.

*Proof.* In any time interval  $[t_o, t_l]$ , the kgroup is stable iff  $wlseq_{switch}(t_o) = rlseq_{switch}(t_o) = wlseq_{switch}(t_l)$  (Lemma 6), the object obj is stable in the period  $[t_o, t_l]$  (Lemma 4), and the value of the consistent\_followers bitmap is stable, and has the value of a write  $r_l$  with  $seq(r_l) = wlseq_{switch}(t_l)$  (Lemma 6).

A leader will include a follower in the consistent\_followers only if the follower acknowledges the write operation. Following from Properties 3 and 4, those followers that acknowledged the write have an identical log to the leader's up to that log entry and hence have a consistent value for the object.

#### 1.3 Safety

The switch forwards a read request for a stable kgroup to one of the consistent followers. The reply from those followers is linearizable unless the object has been modified after the read request is processed by the switch and before the switch receives the follower's reply. To preserve safety, the switch performs a safety check on every read reply to detect stale replies.

**Theorem 3** (Follower Read Reply Safety). The follower's read replies that the switch forwards to the client are linearizable.

*Proof.* The leader will send a read request to one of the followers in the consistent\_followers bitmap only if a kgroup is stable. Those followers have a consistent version of the object that is identical to the leader's version (Theorem 1).

The switch sets the sequence number of a read request to match the sequence number of the kgroup entry. Also, the follower sets the SEQ sequence number of read replies to equal the SEQ sequence number of the corresponding read request.

The switch will only forward a read reply to a client from a follower if the reply passes the following safety check: The kgroup is stable and the sequence number of the reply matches the sequence number of the kgroup. This indicates that no writes occurred since the read was processed by the switch and the object is still consistent at the follower.

Now we have all the facts to prove the main safety theorem.

**Theorem 4** (Read Safety). FLAIR guarantees linearizability of client reads at all times.

*Proof.* The switch will only process requests when it is active. When the switch is active, a kgroup can be in one of two states: unstable or stable. When a kgroup is not stable, reads are linearizable as they are processed by the leader (Property 2). When a kgroup is stable, the switch will forward requests to one of the followers included in the

consistent\_followers field. When the switch receives the read reply, if the reply passes the safety check, it is forwarded to the client and is linearizable (Theorem 2). If a read reply does not pass the safety check, the switch will drop the reply and resubmit the read request to the leader. Leader read replies are always linearizable (Property 1). Consequently, FLAIR reads are always linearizable.

#### Generalization.

Multi-kgroup support. FLAIR does not support multi-object transactions. FLAIR guarantees linearizability only per object and does not guarantee linearizability of operations spanning multiple objects.

Generalization to multiple objects per kgroup. The switch treats all the objects in a kgroup as a single object. If the switch receives a write operation to any object in a kgroup, the kgroup entry is marked unstable. The kgroup is marked stable only when the last write to the kgroup is acknowledged by the leader. Consequently, having multiple objects per kgroup can only affect performance as it can lead to marking an object unstable and forwarding its reads to the leader only because another object in the kgroup is being updated. These false positives do not affect safety

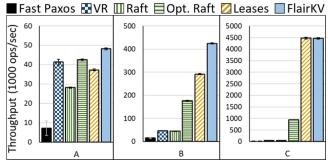
#### 2 Additional Evaluation

This sections presents additional evaluation results. In the following experiments we use the same setup, run the same workloads, and compare the same alternatives specified in our paper. The only difference here is that we use 5 nodes as servers and 8 servers to generate client workload.

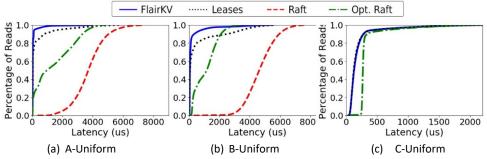
In summary, the 5-replica results corroborate our findings in the paper.

## 2.1 Throughput Evaluation

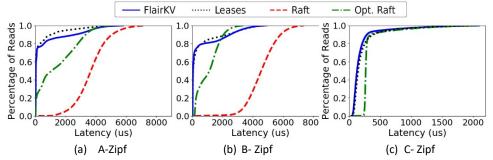
Figure 1 shows the throughput of the six systems for workloads A, B, and C. For workload C (Figure 1.C), FlairKV and Leases achieve the highest throughput, 4.4 M op/s, as both systems can utilize all replicas to serve read requests. FlairKV and Leases achieve 4.7 times higher throughput relative to OptRaft, which only uses the leader to serve read requests. Finally, FlairKV and Leases achieve at least 82 times higher throughput relative to Raft, VR, and



**Figure 1. System's throughput** using the YCSB workloads A, B, and C with uniform key popularity distribution. Error bars show standard deviation, which is less than 1% for all systems except Fast Paxos, which had higher variance.



**Figure 3.** Latency CDF. The figures shows the latency CDF for read requests using the Uniform distribution under workload A (a), B (b), and C (c).

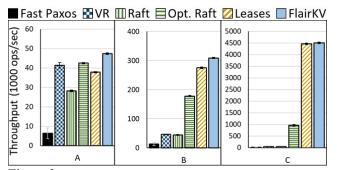


**Figure 4.** Latency CDF. The figures shows the latency CDF for read requests using the Zipf distribution under workload A (a) and B (b), and C (c).

Fast Paxos, as these protocols contact the majority of followers for every read operation.

Figure 1.B shows the throughput under workload B, with FlairKV achieving the highest performance. FlairKV achieves 46% higher throughput than Leases for three primary reasons. First, FlairKV uses the leader-avoidance load-balancing technique, which accelerates writes and reduces the time in which kgroups are marked unstable. We recorded the number of read requests served by the leader and found that it only served 2.9% of the read requests in FlairKV (those are reads to unstable kgroups), while it served 20% of the reads in Leases.

Second, when an object is not stable, Leases incurs extra latency, while FlairKV knows that the object is not stable and forwards the read requests for that object directly to the leader; Leases clients send the request to one of the followers, which redirects it to the leader. Third, Leases write operations need to reach all the followers, while FlairKV writes only need a majority. FlairKV achieves 2.4



**Figure 2. System's throughput** using the YCSB workloads A, B, and C with Zipf key popularity distribution. Error bars show standard deviation which is less than 1% for all systems except Fast Paxos, which had higher variance.

times higher throughput than OptRaft, and at least 9 times higher than Raft, VR, and Fast Paxos.

Figure 1.A shows the throughput under write-intensive workload A. FlairKV achieves the highest performance, which is around 13% higher than Leases and OptRaft, and around 16% and 71% higher performance than VR and Raft, respectively. Fast Paxos achieves the lowest throughput. We note that the performances of Raft, VR, and Fast Paxos do not change significantly across the workloads, as reads still involve a majority of the followers.

Under the Zipf popularity distribution (Figure 2), FlairKV achieves comparable performance improvement, with a slight reduction in throughput under workloads A and B due to increased contention on the popular keys. Due to higher contention, 6.5% of the reads are redirected to the leader in Leases, compared to only 0.3% in FlairKV, as FlairkKV can detect that there is a concurrent write to an object and directly forward the read to the leader.

## 2.2 Latency Evaluation

We measured the operations latency under YCSB workloads A, B, and C. Figure 3 shows the latency of FlairKV, Leases, OptRaft, and Raft. Under the uniform distribution workload Figure 3 (a) and (b), FlairKV lowers the latency for the slowest 40% of operations by up to 81% relative to Leases. Figure 3 (c) shows that for a read-only workload, both FlairKV and Leases achieve similar latency, up to 52% lower than OptRaft. We excluded Raft from the figure because it had a poor performance under heavy read-only workload. Under the Zipf workload, FlairKV achieves up to 50% lower latency relative to Leases for workload B (Figure 4(b)). FlairKV and Leases achieve comparable latency under the write-heavy workload A. For workload C

(Figure 4(c)), FlairKV achieved up to 28% lower latency than Leases for the slowest 20% of operations. Both FlairKV and Leases achieve more than 45% lower median latency than OptRaft.

Under all workloads, FlairKV significantly improves operation's latency relative to OptRaft and Raft. The median latency of FlairKV is 1.4% of Raft's latency and 4-6% of OptRaft's latency.

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Formal specification for FLAIR.

EXTENDS Naturals, FiniteSets, Sequences, TLC, Reals

# Constants

The set of replicas Constants Replicas

Replicas states.

CONSTANTS Follower, Leader

Replicas running state

Constants ReplicaUpState, ReplicaDownState

CONSTANTS SwitchIp,

Switch KGroups Num, SwitchStateActive,

Ip address of the switch Number of key groups

Switch State Inactive

Message Types

CONSTANTS ClientReadRequest,

Read request type Write request type ClientWriteRequest,Write response type

WriteResponse,ReadResponse,

read response type

Read request from the switch to a replica

Internal Read Request,

Write request from the switch to a replica

InternalWriteRequest,

A request from the leader to the replicas

to append a log entry

AppendEntriesRequest,

An append entry resposne from a replica

to the leader

AppendEntriesResponse

The set of possible keys and values in a client request CONSTANTS ValueSpace, KeySpace

Special reserved value CONSTANTS Nil

## Variables

Replica vars

VARIABLE state, The replica's state (Follower, or Leader).

log, Log of all committed and uncommitted operations commitIndex, The index of the highest committed index in the log

currentTerm, Current term number isActive, Is the replica up or down

replicaSession The latest switch id seen by the leader

 $replicaVars \triangleq \langle state, log, commitIndex, \\ currentTerm, isActive, replicaSession \rangle$ 

Leader vars. The following variables are used only on leaders:

VARIABLE nextIndex, The next entry to send to each follower.

matchIndex, The entry index for which a follower log matches the

leader log. This used to calculate commit index

replicaKGroups A map from a key hash to the last received sequence

number for the associated KGroup

 $leaderVars \triangleq \langle nextIndex, matchIndex, replicaKGroups \rangle$ 

Switch vars

VARIABLES switchKGourpArray, Array to maintain information about each KGroup

switchSeqNum, The last sequence number assigned by the switch switchTermId, The latest term number seen by the switch switchLeaderId, Current leader id as seen by the switch

session, Current switch id

nique value for each session

switchState Is the switch up or down

 $switchVars \triangleq \langle switchKGourpArray, switchState, switchTermId, switchLeaderId, switchSeqNum, session \rangle$ 

Messages variables

VARIABLE messages, messages among replicas

msgsClientSwitch, messages from the client to the switch

msgsReplicasSwitch messages from between replicas and the switch

 $msgsVars \triangleq \langle messages, msgsClientSwitch, msgsReplicasSwitch \rangle$ 

Proof vars, don't appear in implementations

VARIABLES responses To Client

# Helpers

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Helper to Append an element to a set
AddToSet(set, element) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} set \cup \{element\}
Helper to remove an element to a set
RemoveFromSet(set, element) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} set \setminus \{element\}
 Helper to return the minimum value from a set,
 or undefined if the set is empty.
Min(s) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} CHOOSE \ x \in s : \forall \ y \in s : x < y
 Helper to return the maximum value from a set,
or undefined if the set is empty.
Max(s) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \text{ CHOOSE } x \in s : \forall y \in s : x > y
Helper to choose a random element from a set
ChooseRandomly(set) \triangleq CHOOSE \ i \in set : TRUE
Helper to return the index of the KGroup given a hash
qetIndexFromHash(hash) \triangleq (hash\%SwitchKGroupsNum) + 1
 The set of all quorums. This just calculates simple majorities, but the only
 important property is that every quorum overlaps with every other.
Quorum \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{i \in SUBSET (Replicas) : Cardinality(i) * 2 > Cardinality(Replicas)\}
 Helper to return the term of the last entry in a log,
 or 0 if the log is empty.
LastTerm(xlog) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} IF Len(xlog) = 0 Then 0 else xlog[Len(xlog)].term
 Helper to find list of replicas that agree on a log index
AgreeIndex(index, logs, leaderId) \triangleq
    \{leaderId\} \cup \{k \in Replicas : 
                     \land k \neq leaderId
                     \land Len(logs[k]) \ge index
                     \land logs[k][index] = logs[leaderId][index] \}
Helper to return all log entries for specific key
entriesForKey(s, key) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{j \in DOMAIN | log[s] : \land log[s][j].key = key\}
return the max value of a set or Nil if the set is empty
indexOfLastEntry(entries) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} IF Cardinality(entries) > 0
                                           THEN Max(entries) ELSE Nil
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helper function to get the ID of the leader
 if there is a leader that is up, this function returns its {\it ID}
 if there is no currect leader, this function finds the next leader based
 on raft criteria and returns its ID
qetLeaderId \triangleq
    LET leadersList \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{s \in DOMAIN \ state : state[s] =
                             Leader \wedge isActive[s] = ReplicaUpState
          runningReplicas \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \{s \in Replicas : isActive[s] = ReplicaUpState\}
         replicasWithNonEmptyLog \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \{s \in runningReplicas : Len(log[s]) > 0\}
         latestTerm \stackrel{\Delta}{=} Max(\{log[s]|Len(log[s])\}.term:
                                                 s \in replicasWithNonEmptyLog\})
         replicasWithLatestTerm \triangleq \{s \in replicasWithNonEmptyLog : \}
                                             log[s][Len(log[s])].term = latestTerm
         lengthOfLargestLog \triangleq Max(\{Len(log[s]) : s \in replicasWithLatestTerm\})
         replicasWithLongestLog \triangleq \{s \in replicasWithLatestTerm : \}
                                             Len(log[s]) = lengthOfLargestLog\}
         newLeaderId \ \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ \text{If} \quad Cardinality(replicasWithLongestLog)} \geq 1
                              THEN CHOOSE i \in replicasWithLongestLog : TRUE
                              ELSE IF Cardinality(runningReplicas) > 0
                              THEN CHOOSE i \in runningReplicas: TRUE
                              ELSE Nil
    IN IF Cardinality(leadersList) > 0
    Then choose s \in leadersList : true
     ELSE newLeaderId
Helper to add a message to a set of messages.
Send(m) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} messages' = AddToSet(messages, m)
Helper to remove a message from a set of messages.
 Used when a replica is done processing a replica Varsmessage.
Discard(m) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} messages' = RemoveFromSet(messages, m)
 Messages schemes and data structures
createClinetReadRequest(key) \triangleq
                       \mapsto ClientReadRequest,
    [mtype]
    mkey
                        \mapsto key,
    mhash
                        \mapsto key
createClinetWriteRequest(key, value) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
                \mapsto ClientWriteRequest,
    [mtype]
    mkey
                \mapsto key.
    mvalue \mapsto value,
    mhash \mapsto key
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When the switch forwards a read request, it adds:
 1 - logIndex: The replica should executereplicaVars this index
         before serving the request
2 - seqNum: Which is used to ensure the linearizability
        of the request response
createInternalReadRequest(msg, KGroup, forwardTo) \triangleq
                     \mapsto InternalReadRequest,
   [mtype]
    mkey
                     \mapsto msg.mkey,
    mhash
                     \mapsto msq.mhash,
    msession
                     \mapsto session,
                     \mapsto switch TermId.
    mterm
    mleaderId
                     \mapsto switchLeaderId,
    mlogIndex
                     \mapsto KGroup.logIndex,
    mkGroupSegNum \mapsto KGroup.segNum,
    msource
                     \mapsto SwitchIp,
                     \mapsto forwardTo
    mdest
 When the switch forwards a write request, it adds a
 sequence number that is used to order write requests.
The leader processes the requests in order.
createInternalWriteRequest(msg, KGroup) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    [mtype]
                     \mapsto InternalWriteRequest,
    mkey
                     \mapsto msg.mkey,
    mvalue
                     \mapsto msq.mvalue,
    mhash
                     \mapsto msq.mhash,
    msession
                     \mapsto session,
    mterm
                     \mapsto switch TermId,
    mleaderId
                     \mapsto switchLeaderId,
    mkGroupSeqNum \mapsto KGroup.seqNum,
    msource
                     \mapsto SwitchIp,
                     \mapsto switchLeaderId
    mdest
createReadResponse(m, i, leaderId, value, status, logIndex) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
    [mtype]
                          \mapsto ReadResponse,
    mkey
                          \mapsto m.mkey,
    mvalue
                          \mapsto value,
    mhash
                          \mapsto m.mhash,
    mstatus
                          \mapsto status,
    mlogIndex
                          \mapsto logIndex,
    mkGroupSeqNum \mapsto m.mkGroupSeqNum,
    mterm
                          \mapsto currentTerm[i],
    mleaderId
                          \mapsto leaderId,
    mallLogs
                          \mapsto loq, for correctness check only
    mcommitIndex
                          \mapsto commitIndex,
    msession
                          \mapsto m.msession,
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\mapsto i,
     msource
                          \mapsto SwitchIp
    mdest
createWriteResponse(i, logEntry, index, status, replicaIds) \triangleq
    [mtype
                           \mapsto WriteResponse,
    mkey
                           \mapsto logEntry.key,
    mvalue
                           \mapsto logEntry.value,
    mhash
                           \mapsto logEntry.hash,
                           \mapsto status,
    mstatus
    mlogIndex
                           \mapsto index,
    mkGroupSeqNum
                           \mapsto logEntry.seqNum,
                           \mapsto logEntry.switchId,
    msession
    mreplicaIds
                           \mapsto replicaIds,
    mterm
                           \mapsto currentTerm[i],
    mallLogs
                           \mapsto log, for correctness check only
    mcommitIndex
                           \mapsto commitIndex,
    msource
                           \mapsto SwitchIp
    mdest
createKGroup(leaderAcked, replicasIds, seqNum, logIndex) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    [leaderAcked \mapsto leaderAcked,
    replicasIds \mapsto replicasIds,
    seqNum \mapsto seqNum,
    logIndex \mapsto logIndex
createLogEntry(i, msg) \triangleq
    [term]
                   \mapsto currentTerm[i],
    key
                   \mapsto msg.mkey,
    value
                   \mapsto msg.mvalue,
    hash
                   \mapsto msg.mhash,
                   \mapsto msg.mkGroupSeqNum,
    seqNum
    switchId
                   \mapsto msg.msession
createResHistoryEntry(msg, tag) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
                             \mapsto msg,
   switchKGroupEntry
                             \mapsto switch KGourp Array [getIndexFrom Hash(msg.mhash)],
   tag
                             \mapsto tag
```

### Variables initialization

 $InitSwitchVars \triangleq$ 

Initially the switch is inactive and

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KGroupArray is stable
     \land switchKGourpArray = [i \in 1 .. SwitchKGroupsNum]
                                       \mapsto createKGroup(TRUE, \{\}, Nil, Nil)]
     \land switchState
                              = SwitchStateInactive \\
     \land switch TermId
     \land \ switchLeaderId
                              = Nil
     \land switchSeqNum
                               =0
     \land \ session
                              =0
InitMsgsSets \triangleq
     \land \ msgsClientSwitch
     \land msgsReplicasSwitch
     \land messages
InitReplicaVars \triangleq
     \land currentTerm = [i \in Replicas \mapsto 1]
                        = [i \in Replicas \mapsto Follower]
     \wedge state
                        = [i \in Replicas \mapsto ReplicaUpState]
     \land replicaSession = [i \in Replicas \mapsto 0]
                          = [i \in Replicas \mapsto \langle \rangle]
     \land commitIndex = [i \in Replicas \mapsto 0]
InitLeaderVars \triangleq
     \land nextIndex
                            = [i \in Replicas \mapsto [j \in Replicas \mapsto 1]]
     \wedge matchIndex
                            = [i \in Replicas \mapsto [j \in Replicas \mapsto 0]]
     \land replicaKGroups = [i \in Replicas \mapsto
                                  [j \in 1 ... SwitchKGroupsNum \mapsto 0]]
Init \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \land InitReplicaVars
           \land InitLeaderVars
           \land \ InitSwitch Vars
           \land InitMsgsSets
           Needed to prove safety
           \land responsesToClient = \{\}
```

# Variables actions

#### Client actions

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client sends a read request to read key k
IssueReadRequest(key) \triangleq \\ \land \text{LET } request \triangleq createClinetReadRequest(key) \\ \text{IN } msgsClientSwitch' = AddToSet(msgsClientSwitch, request) \\ \land \text{UNCHANGED } \langle messages, replicaVars, leaderVars, \\ switchVars, msgsReplicasSwitch, responsesToClient \rangle
```

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client issues a write request to update key k
IssueWriteRequest(key, value) \triangleq
    \land LET request \stackrel{\triangle}{=} createClinetWriteRequest(key, value)
      IN msgsClientSwitch' = AddToSet(msgsClientSwitch, request)
    \land UNCHANGED \langle messages, replica Vars, leader Vars,
                      switchVars, msgsReplicasSwitch, responsesToClient\rangle
 Switch actions
Switch state changes from Active to inactive
switchFails \triangleq
    \land switchState = SwitchStateActive
    \land switchState' = SwitchStateInactive
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, msgs Vars, responses To Client,
                      switchSeqNum, session, switchKGourpArray,
                      switchLeaderId, switchTermId
 Switch handles a read request from a client.
 The request has a hash that is mapped to a
 KGroup. If the KGroup is stable, the request will
 be forwarded to one of the replcias, otherwise it
 will be forwarded to the leader.
SwitchHandleCleintRead(msg) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
 LET kGroup \stackrel{\triangle}{=} switch KGourpArray[getIndexFromHash(msg.mhash)]
       forward To
                        \stackrel{\Delta}{=} IF kGroup.leaderAcked \land
                                               kGroup.seqNum \neq Nil
                            THEN ChooseRandomly(\{x \in kGroup.replicasIds :
                                                x \neq switchLeaderId\}
                            ELSE IF kGroup.leaderAcked \land
                                                      kGroup.seqNum = Nil
                            THEN switchLeaderId
                            ELSE switchLeaderId
                       \stackrel{\Delta}{=} createInternalReadRequest(msq, kGroup, forwardTo)
        internalMsa
  IN
       \land msgsReplicasSwitch' = AddToSet(msgsReplicasSwitch, internalMsg)
       ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars,
                          responses To Client, messages, msgsClientSwitch
Switch handles a write request from a client
SwitchHandleCleintWrite(msg) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
     Mark the KGroup associated with the key as unstable
```

LET  $kGroup \triangleq switchKGourpArray[getIndexFromHash(msg.mhash)]$ 

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updatedKGroup \stackrel{\triangle}{=} [kGroup \ \text{EXCEPT} \ !.leaderAcked = FALSE,]
                                                    !.seqNum = switchSeqNum + 1,
                                                    !.replicasIds = \{\},
                                                    !.logIndex = Nil
         internalMsg \stackrel{\triangle}{=} createInternalWriteRequest(msg, updatedKGroup)
    IN
        \land msqsReplicasSwitch' = AddToSet(msqsReplicasSwitch, internalMsq)
        \land switchKGourpArray' = [switchKGourpArray EXCEPT]
                                     ![qetIndexFromHash(msq.mhash)] = updatedKGroup]
        \wedge switchSeqNum' = switchSeqNum + 1 Increments the sequence number
        ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, responses To Client,
                           messages, msgsClientSwitch, switchState,
                           switchTermId, switchLeaderId, session
Switch receives a read or write request from a client
SwitchReceiveFromClient \triangleq
    \land switchState = SwitchStateActive
    \land Cardinality(msgsClientSwitch) > 0
    \wedge LET msg \stackrel{\triangle}{=} ChooseRandomly(msgsClientSwitch)
            type \stackrel{\triangle}{=} msg.mtype
           \lor \land type = ClientReadRequest
               \land SwitchHandleCleintRead(msq)
            \lor \land type = ClientWriteRequest
               \land SwitchHandleCleintWrite(msq)
Switch handles a read response
SwitchHandleReadResponse(msg) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    \land \lor \land msg.msource \neq switchLeaderId msg is from follower
          \land msg.mterm = switchTermId \quad msg.term = switch term
          \land msq.mstatus = TRUE
                                      The operation was succeeded
          Map the key to a KGroup based on hash.
           The response will be sent to teh client if
           1 - msg.seqNum = KGroup.seqNum
           2 - KGroup is stable
           otherwise the request will be dropped
          \land LET KGroup \triangleq switch KGourp Array [getIndexFrom Hash(msg.mhash)]
               isSeqOk \stackrel{\triangle}{=} KGroup.seqNum = msg.mkGroupSeqNum
                \lor \land isSeqOk
           IN
                    \land KGroup.leaderAcked
                    \land responses ToClient' = AddToSet(
                                            responses To Client,
                                            createResHistoryEntry(msg, Nil))
```

```
\lor \land \neg isSegOk
                     \land UNCHANGED \langle responsesToClient \rangle
                  \vee \wedge \neg KGroup.leaderAcked
                    \land isSegOk
                     \land UNCHANGED \langle responsesToClient \rangle
       \lor \land msg.msource \neq switchLeaderId
          \land msg.mstatus = FALSE The key does not exist
          \land UNCHANGED \langle responsesToClient \rangle
        The operation succeeded and the response
        is from the current leader. Just forward it to the client
       \vee \wedge msq.msource = switchLeaderId
          \land msg.mterm = switchTermId
          \land msg.mstatus = TRUE
          \land responses ToClient' = AddToSet(responses ToClient,
                                                 createResHistoryEntry(msg, Nil))
       \lor \land msq.msource = switchLeaderId
          \land msg.mstatus = FALSE The key does not exist
          \land UNCHANGED \langle responsesToClient \rangle
    \land UNCHANGED \langle replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars, msgs Vars <math>\rangle
 Switch handles a write response from a client.
 If the res.seqNum equals the KGroup.seqNum, the switch
 marks the KGroup as stable and forwards the response to
 the client. If the res.seqNum < KGroup.seqNum, the switch
 will not change the status of the KGroup, and will just
 forward the response to the clinet
SwitchHandleWriteResponse(msq) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    \land \lor \land msg.msource = switchLeaderId Message from the leader
          \land msg.mterm = switchTermId Message.term = switch.term
          \land msg.mstatus = TRUE The operation succeeded
          \land LET KGroup \stackrel{\triangle}{=} switch KGourpArray[getIndexFromHash(msg.mhash)]
                  isSeqOk \stackrel{\triangle}{=} KGroup.seqNum = msg.mkGroupSeqNum
                  updatedKGroup \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [KGroup \ EXCEPT]
                                ! .leaderAcked = TRUE,
                                ! .replicasIds = msg.mreplicaIds,
                                ! .logIndex
                                                   = msq.mlogIndex
                      msg.seqNum = KGroup.seqNum
                  \vee \wedge isSegOk
            IN
                      Mark the KGroup as stable
                     \land switchKGourpArray' = [switchKGourpArray \ EXCEPT]
                                        ![\mathit{getIndexFromHash}(\mathit{msg.mhash})] =
                                                                  updatedKGroup]
                     \land responses ToClient' = AddToSet(responses ToClient,
                                                        createResHistoryEntry(msg, Nil))
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msg.seqNum! = KGroup.seqNum
                  \lor \land \neg isSeqOk
                     \land responses ToClient' = AddToSet(responses ToClient,
                                                      createResHistoryEntry(msg, Nil))
                     \land UNCHANGED \langle switchKGourpArray \rangle
       \lor \land msg.msource \neq switchLeaderId
          \land UNCHANGED \langle switchKGourpArray, responsesToClient \rangle
       \lor \land msg.mstatus = FALSE
          \land UNCHANGED \langle switch KGourp Array, responses To Client <math>\rangle
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, msgs Vars,
                       switchSeqNum, session, switchLeaderId,
                       switchTermId, switchState
Switch receives a message from a replica
SwitchReceiveFromReplica(msq) \triangleq
      msg term id is larger than switch term id
      \Rightarrow switch stops processing request by setting its status to inactive
    \lor \land switchState = SwitchStateActive
       \land msq.msession = session
       \land msg.mterm > switchTermId
       \land switchState' = SwitchStateInactive
       ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, msgs Vars,
                          msgsClientSwitch, switchVars, responsesToClient\rangle
      msg is coming from an old leader
       \Rightarrow switch just ignore the message
    \lor \land switchState = SwitchStateActive
       \land \ msg.msession = session
       \land msg.mterm < switchTermId
       ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, msgs Vars,
                         responses To Client, switch Vars
     msq.switchId does not match switchId
     \Rightarrow switch just ignore the message
    \lor \land switchState = SwitchStateActive
       \land msq.msession \neq session
       ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, msgs Vars,
                          responses ToClient, switch Vars \rangle
     Switch is active and the read response passes the safety check
     \Rightarrow switch processes the read response
    \lor \land switchState = SwitchStateActive
       \land msq.msession = session
       \land msg.mtype = ReadResponse
       \land SwitchHandleReadResponse(msq)
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\land msg.mtype = WriteResponse
       \land SwitchHandleWriteResponse(msg)
 Replica actions
 Replica i fails and stops processing msgs.
 It loses everything but its currentTerm and log.
Stop(i) \triangleq
     \land isActive[i] = ReplicaUpState
     \land isActive' = [isActive \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = ReplicaDownState]
     ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨leaderVars, msgsVars, switchVars, responsesToClient,
                         currentTerm, log, commitIndex,
                         state, replicaSession \rangle
Replica i becomes active. The replica stars as follower
Start(i) \triangleq
    \land isActive[i]
                        = Replica Down State
                        = [isActive \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = ReplicaUpState]
    \wedge isActive'
    \land state'
                        = [state \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = Follower]
    \land nextIndex'
                        = [nextIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = [j \in Replicas \mapsto 1]]
    \land matchIndex' = [matchIndex \ \texttt{EXCEPT} \ ![i] = [j \in Replicas \mapsto 0]]
    \land commitIndex' = [commitIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = 0]
    \land replicaKGroups' = [replicaKGroups \ EXCEPT \ ![i] =
                                          [j \in 1 ... SwitchKGroupsNum \mapsto 0]]
    \land UNCHANGED \langle msgsVars, switchVars, responsesToClient,
                        currentTerm, log, replicaSession
 Select a new leader if non of the replicas is a leader
 This helper selects the new leader based on raft criteria.
 That is, the node with the log with the highest term id and
 longest log, if mutiple nodes have the same log id.
ElectLeader \triangleq
    \land LET runningReplicas \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \{s \in Replicas : isActive[s] = ReplicaUpState\}
              replicas With NonEmptyLog \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \{s \in runningReplicas : Len(log[s]) > 0\}
              latestTerm \stackrel{\Delta}{=} Max(\{log[s]|Len(log[s])|.term:
                                                s \in replicasWithNonEmptyLog\})
              replicas \textit{WithLatestTerm} \ \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ \{s \in \textit{replicasWithNonEmptyLog}:
                                                 log[s][Len(log[s])].term = latestTerm
              lengthOfLargestLog \stackrel{\Delta}{=} Max(\{Len(log[s]):
                                                  s \in replicasWithLatestTerm\}
```

Switch is active and the write response passes the safety check

 $\Rightarrow$  switch processes the write response  $\lor \land switchState = SwitchStateActive 
<math>\land msq.msession = session$ 

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Len(log[s]) = lengthOfLargestLog\}
             newLeaderId \stackrel{\triangle}{=} IF \quad Cardinality(replicasWithLongestLog) > 1
                                 THEN CHOOSE i \in replicasWithLongestLog : TRUE
                                  ELSE IF Cardinality(runningReplicas) > 0
                                  THEN CHOOSE i \in runningReplicas: TRUE
                                  ELSE Nil
                           \stackrel{\Delta}{=} IF newLeaderId \neq Nil
             newTerm
                                THEN currentTerm[newLeaderId] + 1 ELSE Nil
                            \stackrel{\Delta}{=} if newLeaderId \neq Nil
             majority
                                THEN CHOOSE q \in Quorum : newLeaderId \in q
                                ELSE Nil
             newCurrentTerm \stackrel{\triangle}{=} [j \in Replicas \mapsto \text{IF } j \in majority]
                                                         THEN newTerm
                                                         ELSE currentTerm[j]
              \land Cardinality(runningReplicas) * 2 > Cardinality(Replicas)
       ΙN
              \land \forall i \in runningReplicas : state[i] \in \{Follower\}
              \land state'
                                = [state \ EXCEPT \ ! [newLeaderId] = Leader]
              \land nextIndex'
                                = [nextIndex Except ! [newLeaderId] =
                                [j \in Replicas \mapsto Len(log[newLeaderId]) + 1]]
              \land matchIndex' = [matchIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![newLeaderId] =
                                [j \in Replicas \mapsto 0]]
              \land currentTerm' = newCurrentTerm
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨switch Vars, msgs Vars, responses To Client,
                       replicaKGroups, commitIndex, log,
                       isActive, replicaSession
 leader i populates the switch KGroup array
 with information about unstable KGroups
fillSwitchKGroup(i) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
  LET startIndex \stackrel{\triangle}{=} 1
     endIndex \triangleq Len(log[i])
      Scan the log and map each key in the log
      to its associated KGroup
     keysToKGroups \stackrel{\triangle}{=} [j \in startIndex .. endIndex \mapsto
                                 getIndexFromHash(log[i][j].hash)]
      For each KGroup, find the last log entry
      that should be used to update the switch
      KGroup
     mapLogEntryToKGroupIndex \triangleq
        [j \in 1 ... SwitchKGroupsNum \mapsto
        IF Cardinality(\{k \in DOMAIN \ keysToKGroups : keysToKGroups[k] = j\}) > 0
         THEN Max(\{k \in DOMAIN \ keysToKGroups : keysToKGroups[k] = j\})
         ELSE Nil]
```

 $replicasWithLongestLog \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{s \in replicasWithLatestTerm : \}$ 

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A boolean array that indicates whether
             a log entry is committed or not
           leaderAckedFlag \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [j \in startIndex ... endIndex \mapsto
                                                                      j \leq commitIndex[i]
             Get the set of replicas that
             acknowleged each log entry
          keysToReplicas \stackrel{\triangle}{=} [j \in startIndex ... endIndex \mapsto
                                                                      IF leaderAckedFlag[j]
                                                                        THEN AgreeIndex(j, log, i)
                                                                        ELSE \{i\}
     IN
                     Update the switch KGroup Array to match the leader's
                     KGroup. If the leader do not have any writes for a
                     KGroup, then the KGroup is stable
           \land switchKGourpArray' =
                [j \in 1 ... Switch KGroups Num \mapsto
               IF mapLogEntryToKGroupIndex[j] \neq Nil
                 \label{then} Then\ create KGroup (leader Acked Flag [mapLog Entry To KGroup Index[j]], and then create KGroup (leader Acked Flag [mapLog Entry To KGroup Index[j]], and then create KGroup (leader Acked Flag [mapLog Entry To KGroup Index[j]], and then create KGroup (leader Acked Flag [mapLog Entry To KGroup Index[j]]), and the create KGroup (leader Acked Flag [mapLog Entry To KGroup Index[j]]), and the create KGroup Index[j]], are create KGroup Index[j]], and the create KGroup Index[j]], and the create KGroup Index[j]], are create KGroup Index[j]], and the create KGroup Index[j]], are create KGroup Index[j]], and the create KGroup Index[j]], are create KGroup Index[j]], are create KGroup Index[j]], and the create KGroup Index[j]], are create KGroup Index[j]]
                                                                           keysToReplicas[mapLogEntryToKGroupIndex[j]],
                                                                          0, mapLogEntryToKGroupIndex[j])
                  ELSE createKGroup(TRUE, Replicas, Nil, Nil)]
 Leader i activates the switch
LeaderActivateSwitch(i) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
         \wedge state[i] = Leader Replica is the leader
         \land isActive[i] = ReplicaUpState Replica is active
         \land switchState = SwitchStateInactive Switch is inactive
         \land replicaSession' = [replicaSession \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = session + 1]
         \land session' = session + 1 Update the replica and switch sessions
         \land switchTermId' = currentTerm[i] Update switch term number
         \land switchLeaderId' = i Update leader id of the switch
         \wedge switchSeqNum' = 0 Reset the sequence number
         \land fillSwitchKGroup(i) Populate switch KGroup array
         \land switchState' = SwitchStateActive activate the switch
         \land UNCHANGED \langle leaderVars, msgsVars, responsesToClient,
                                              state, log, commitIndex, currentTerm,
                                               isActive
 Any RPC with a newer term causes the recipient to advance its term first.
UpdateTerm(i, j, m) \triangleq
         \land m.mterm > currentTerm[i]
         \land currentTerm'
                                                    = [currentTerm EXCEPT ! [i] = m.mterm]
         \wedge state'
                                                                                     EXCEPT ![i] = Follower]
                                                    = [state]
                messages is unchanged so m can be processed further.
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Responses with stale terms are ignored.
DropStaleResponse(i, j, m) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    \land m.mterm < currentTerm[i]
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars,
                        responses To Client, msqs Vars
Replica i receives a read request (m) from a client.
ReplicaReceiveReadRequest(m, i) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
The request received by the leader
\lor \land state[i] = Leader
   Check the message term numebr
   \land m.mterm = currentTerm[i]
   Get the index of the last committed entry
   \land LET committedEntries \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \{j \in \text{DOMAIN } log[i] : \land log[i][j].key = m.mkey
                                                             \land j \leq commitIndex[i]
           lastEntryIndex \triangleq IF \ Cardinality(committedEntries) > 0
                                   THEN Max(committedEntries) ELSE Nil
           success \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{ if } lastEntryIndex = Nil \text{ then false else true}
           value \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{ if } success \text{ then } log[i][lastEntryIndex].value \text{ else } Nil
           \land msgsReplicasSwitch' = AddToSet(msgsReplicasSwitch,
                                          createReadResponse(m, i, getLeaderId,
                                          value, success, lastEntryIndex))
           ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars,
                               msgsClientSwitch, messages,
                               responsesToClient\rangle
 The request received by a follower and msg.mlogIndex > 0
 i.e, the switch processed a write associated with the same
 KGroup of the key
\lor \land state[i] = Follower
   \land m.mterm = currentTerm[i] msg.term = replica term
   \land m.mlogIndex < Len(log[i])
                                         The replica has the index
   \land m.mlogIndex > 0 Switch Kgroup entry is not empty
   Get the last committed log entry for the requested key
                                          \stackrel{\Delta}{=} entriesForKey(i, m.mkey)
             logEntriesForKey
   \wedge LET
             \textit{filteredEntries} \ \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ \{j \in \textit{logEntriesForKey} : j \leq m.mlogIndex\}
             lastEntryIndex \triangleq IF \ Cardinality(filteredEntries) > 0
                                     THEN Max(filteredEntries) ELSE Nil
             requestedEntry \stackrel{\triangle}{=} IF Cardinality(filteredEntries) > 0
                                     THEN log[i][lastEntryIndex] ELSE Nil
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 $\land$  UNCHANGED  $\langle switch Vars, msgs Vars, leader Vars,$ 

responsesToClient, isActive, log, commitIndex, replicaSession>

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isCommitted \stackrel{\triangle}{=} m.mlogIndex \leq commitIndex[i]
             success \stackrel{\triangle}{=} IF Cardinality(filteredEntries) > 0
                           THEN requestedEntry.key = m.mkey ELSE FALSE
             value \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{if } success \text{ then } requestedEntry.value \text{ else } Nil
            \land msgsReplicasSwitch' = AddToSet(msgsReplicasSwitch,
                                           createReadResponse(m, i, getLeaderId,
                                                    value, success, lastEntryIndex))
            \land \lor \land isCommitted
                  \land UNCHANGED \langle commitIndex \rangle
               \lor \land \neg isCommitted
                  \land success
                  \land commitIndex' = [commitIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = m.mlogIndex]
   \land UNCHANGED \langle leaderVars, switchVars, responsesToClient,
                       log, state, currentTerm, isActive,
                       msgsClientSwitch, messages, replicaSession \rangle
 The request received by a follower and msg.mlogIndex = -1.
 i.e., the switch did not process any write associated
\lor \land state[i] = Follower
   \land m.mterm = currentTerm[i] \ msg.term = replica term
   \land m.mlogIndex = Nil
                                        Switch Kgroup entry is empty
   Get the last committed log entry for the requested key
   \land LET committedEntries \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{j \in DOMAIN \ log[i] : \land log[i][j].key = m.mkey
                                                               \land j < commitIndex[i] \}
           lastEntryIndex \triangleq IF \ Cardinality(committedEntries) > 0
                                   THEN Max(committedEntries) ELSE Nil
           success \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{ if } lastEntryIndex = Nil \text{ then false else true}
            value \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{ if } success \text{ then } log[i][lastEntryIndex].value \text{ else } Nil
             \land msgsReplicasSwitch' = AddToSet(msgsReplicasSwitch,
     ΙN
                                                        createReadResponse(m, i,
                                                                getLeaderId, value, success,
                                                                lastEntryIndex))
   ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars,
                       responses To Client, msqs Client Switch,
                       messages\rangle
 Leader i receives a write request.
ReplicaReceiveWriteRequest(m, i) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
     Safety checks
    \lor \land m.mterm = currentTerm[i] \ msg.term = replica.term
       \land m.mleaderId = i The leaderId field in the message is the replica
       \wedge state[i] = Leader
                                            The replica is the leader
       \land m.msession = replicaSession[i] \quad msg.session = replica.session
        Get the highest sequence number received fot his KGroup
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\land LET latestSeenSeqNum \stackrel{\triangle}{=} replicaKGroups[i][getIndexFromHash(m.mhash)]
                entry \triangleq createLogEntry(i, m)
                newLog \triangleq Append(log[i], entry)
                 msg.seqNum > KGroup.seqNum
                \lor \land m.mkGroupSeqNum > latestSeenSeqNum
                    Update the KGroup\ seqNum
                    \land replicaKGroups' = [replicaKGroups \ EXCEPT \ ![i] =
                                               [@ EXCEPT ! [getIndexFromHash(m.mhash)] =
                                              m.mkGroupSeqNum]]
                    \wedge log' = [log \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = newLog] Append to log
                    \land UNCHANGED \langle switch Vars, msgs Vars, responses To Client,
                                        nextIndex, matchIndex, commitIndex,
                                        replicaSession, state, currentTerm, isActive
                \lor \land m.mkGroupSegNum < latestSeenSegNum
                    \land UNCHANGED \langle replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars,
                                        responses To Client, msqs Vars \rangle
    \lor \land \lor m.mterm
                              \neq currentTerm[i]
           \lor m.mleaderId \neq i
           \vee state[i]
                              \neq Leader
           \lor m.msession \neq replicaSession[i]
        ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars,
                            responses To Client, msgs Vars \rangle
 Leader i sends follower j an AppendEntries request containing up to 1 entry.
 While implementations may want to send more than 1 at a time, this spec uses
 just 1 because it minimizes atomic regions without loss of generality.
AppendEntries(i, j) \triangleq
    \land i \neq j Avoid sending to itself
    \wedge state[i] = Leader The sender is the leader
    \land isActive[i] = ReplicaUpState The sender is active
     Get the index of the next entry that must
     be sent to the follower j
    \land LET prevLogIndex \stackrel{\triangle}{=} nextIndex[i][j] - 1
             prevLogTerm \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{ if } prevLogIndex > 0 \text{ THEN}
                                       log[i][prevLogIndex].term
                                   ELSE
              Send up to 1 entry, constrained by the end of the log.
             \begin{array}{ll} lastEntry & \triangleq Min(\{Len(log[i]), \, nextIndex[i][j]\}) \\ entries & \triangleq SubSeq(log[i], \, nextIndex[i][j], \, lastEntry) \end{array}
             m \triangleq
                              [mtype]
                                                  \mapsto AppendEntriesRequest,
                               mterm
                                                   \mapsto currentTerm[i],
                               mprevLogIndex \mapsto prevLogIndex,
                               mprevLogTerm \mapsto prevLogTerm,
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mlog is used as a history variable for the proof.
                                 It would not exist in a real implementation.
                                                        \mapsto log[i],
                                 mcommitIndex \mapsto Min(\{commitIndex[i], lastEntry\}),
                                 msource
                                                        \mapsto i,
                                 mdest
                                                        \mapsto j
                 \wedge Len(entries) > 0
       IN
                 \wedge Send(m)
     \land UNCHANGED \langle replica Vars, leader Vars, switch Vars,
                          msgsClientSwitch, msgsReplicasSwitch,
                          responses To Client \rangle
 Leader i advances its commitIndex.
 This is done as a separate step from handling AppendEntries responses,
 in part to minimize atomic regions, and in part so that leaders of
 single-server clusters are able to mark entries committed.
AdvanceCommitIndex(i) \triangleq
     \wedge state[i] = Leader
     \land isActive[i] = ReplicaUpState
     \wedge LET The set of replicas that agree up through an index.
              Agree(index) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{i\} \cup \{k \in Replicas : \}
                                                  matchIndex[i][k] > index
               The maximum indexes for which a quorum agrees
              agreeIndexes \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{index \in 1 .. Len(log[i]) :
                                          Agree(index) \in Quorum
               Entries that are replicated to majorities
               but not yet committed
              \begin{array}{l} \textit{IndicesToCommit} \ \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ \{index \in agreeIndexes : index > commitIndex[i]\} \\ \textit{majoritiesPerIndex} \ \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ [index \in agreeIndexes \mapsto Agree(index)] \end{array}
               New value for commitIndex'[i]
              newCommitIndex \triangleq
                 IF \land agreeIndexes \neq \{\}
                      \land log[i][Max(agreeIndexes)].term = currentTerm[i]
                  THEN Max(agreeIndexes)
                   ELSE commitIndex[i]
              \land newCommitIndex > commitIndex[i]
               For each entry that will be committed, send a write
               response to clients
              \land LET indices \stackrel{\triangle}{=} commitIndex[i] + 1 ... newCommitIndex
                       msgs \stackrel{\triangle}{=} [x \in indices \mapsto
                                      createWriteResponse(i, log[i][x],
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 $\mapsto entries$ ,

mentries

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x, TRUE, majoritiesPerIndex[x])]
                    msgsAsSet \triangleq \{createWriteResponse(i, log[i][x],
                                                          x, TRUE, majoritiesPerIndex[x])
                                                            : x \in indices\}
                     \land msgsReplicasSwitch' = msgsReplicasSwitch \cup msgsAsSet
             Update the commit index at the replica
             \land commitIndex' = [commitIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = newCommitIndex]
             \land UNCHANGED \langle leader Vars, switch Vars, responses To Client,
                                messages, msgsClientSwitch, log, currentTerm,
                                isActive, replicaSession, state \rangle
 Replica i receives an AppendEntries request from Replica j.
 This just handles m.entries of length 0 or 1, but
 implementations could safely accept more by treating
 them the same as multiple independent requests of 1 entry.
HandleAppendEntriesRequest(i, j, m) \triangleq
   LET logOk \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \lor m.mprevLogIndex = 0
                     \lor \land m.mprevLogIndex > 0
                        \land m.mprevLogIndex \leq Len(log[i])
                        \land m.mprevLogTerm = log[i][m.mprevLogIndex].term
         \land m.mterm \leq currentTerm[i]
          \land \lor \land reject request
                   \vee m.mterm < currentTerm[i]
                   \lor \land m.mterm = currentTerm[i]
                     \land state[i] = Follower
                     \wedge \neg logOk
               \land Send([mtype]
                                            \mapsto AppendEntriesResponse,
                                                \mapsto currentTerm[i],
                           mterm
                           msuccess
                                                \mapsto FALSE,
                                                \mapsto 0,
                           mmatchIndex
                           msource
                                                \mapsto i,
                           mdest
                                                \mapsto j])
                ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars⟩
             process the request
             \vee \wedge m.mterm = currentTerm[i]
                \land state[i] = Follower
               \land logOk
               \wedge LET index \triangleq m.mprevLogIndex + 1
                        V already done with request
                            \land \lor m.mentries = \langle \rangle
                               \lor \land Len(log[i]) \ge index
                                  \land m.mentries \neq \langle \rangle
                                  \land log[i][index].term = m.mentries[1].term
                                This could make our commitIndex decrease (for
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example if we process an old, duplicated request),
                       but that doesn't really affect anything.
                   \land commitIndex' = [commitIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i] =
                                               m.mcommitIndex
                   \land Send([mtype]
                                               \mapsto AppendEntriesResponse,
                                               \mapsto currentTerm[i],
                             mterm
                                               \mapsto TRUE,
                             msuccess
                             mmatchIndex \mapsto m.mprevLogIndex +
                                               Len(m.mentries),
                             msource
                                                 \mapsto i,
                             mdest
                                                 \mapsto j])
                   \land UNCHANGED \langle log \rangle
                  conflict: remove 1 entry
                   \land m.mentries \neq \langle \rangle
                   \land Len(log[i]) \ge index
                   \land log[i][index].term
                                              \neq m.mentries[1].term
                   \wedge \text{ LET } new \stackrel{\triangle}{=} [index2 \in 1 ... (Len(log[i]) - 1) \mapsto
                                           log[i][index2]]
                     IN log' = [log \ EXCEPT \ ![i] = new]
                   \land Send([mtype]
                                                \mapsto AppendEntriesResponse,
                               mterm
                                                \mapsto currentTerm[i],
                               msuccess
                                                \mapsto FALSE,
                               mmatchIndex \mapsto 0,
                               msource
                                                \mapsto i.
                                                \mapsto j
                               mdest
                   \land UNCHANGED \langle commitIndex \rangle
                  no conflict: append entry
                   \land m.mentries \neq \langle \rangle
                   \wedge Len(log[i]) = m.mprevLogIndex
                   \land \ log' = [log \ \texttt{EXCEPT} \ ![i] =
                                  Append(log[i], m.mentries[1])]
                   \land Send([mtype
                                                \mapsto AppendEntriesResponse,
                                                \mapsto currentTerm[i],
                               mterm
                                                \mapsto TRUE,
                               msuccess
                               mmatchIndex \mapsto m.mprevLogIndex +
                                                          Len(m.mentries),
                               msource
                                                \mapsto i,
                               mdest
                                                \mapsto j])
                   \land UNCHANGED \langle commitIndex \rangle
\land UNCHANGED \langle leaderVars, switchVars, responsesToClient,
                    msqsClientSwitch, msqsReplicasSwitch,
                    isActive, currentTerm, state, replicaSession
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Replica i receives an AppendEntries response from Replica j

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HandleAppendEntriesResponse(i, j, m) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
    \land m.mterm = currentTerm[i]
    \land \lor \land m.msuccess successful
          \land nextIndex' = [nextIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i][j] = m.mmatchIndex + 1]
          \land matchIndex' = [matchIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i][j] = m.mmatchIndex]
       \lor \land \neg m.msuccess not successful
          \land nextIndex' = [nextIndex \ EXCEPT \ ![i][j] =
                                  Max(\{nextIndex[i][j]-1, 1\})]
          \land UNCHANGED \langle matchIndex \rangle
    \wedge Discard(m)
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨replica Vars, switch Vars, responses To Client,
                        msgsClientSwitch, msgsReplicasSwitch, replicaKGroups\rangle
 process a message. The message will be processed
 by its recipient based on its type
Receive(m) \triangleq
    Let i \triangleq m.mdest
         j \triangleq m.msource
           Any RPC with a newer term causes the recipient to advance
           its term first. Responses with stale terms are ignored.
    \land isActive[i] = ReplicaUpState
         \lor \land m.mtype \in \{AppendEntriesRequest, AppendEntriesResponse\}
             \land UpdateTerm(i, j, m)
           Append entry request from replica j to replica i
          \vee \wedge m.mtype = AppendEntriesRequest
             \land HandleAppendEntriesRequest(i, j, m)
           Append entry response from replica j to replica i
          \lor \land m.mtype = AppendEntriesResponse
             \land \lor DropStaleResponse(i, j, m)
                \vee HandleAppendEntriesResponse(i, j, m)
          Read request from the switch to replica i
          \lor \land m.mtype = InternalReadRequest
             \land ReplicaReceiveReadRequest(m, i)
           Write request from the switch to replica i
          \lor \land m.mtype = InternalWriteRequest
             \land ReplicaReceiveWriteRequest(m, i)
ReplicasReceiveRaftInternalMsgs \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
    \wedge \exists m \in messages : Receive(m)
ReplicasReceiveFromSwitch \triangleq
    \wedge \exists m \in msqsReplicasSwitch :
               \land m.mdest \neq SwitchIp \land Receive(m)
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Defines how all variables (Replicas, Client, Switch)
 may transition.
Next \triangleq
         client transitions
     \land \lor \exists key \in KeySpace : IssueReadRequest(key)
        \vee \exists key \in KeySpace : \exists value \in ValueSpace :
                                     IssueWriteRequest(key, value)
         Switch transitions
        \vee switchFails
        \lor SwitchReceiveFromClient
        \lor \land Cardinality(msgsReplicasSwitch) > 0
           \land \ \mathsf{LET} \ \mathit{messagesToSwitch} \ \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ \{x \in \mathit{msgsReplicasSwitch} : x.\mathit{mdest} = \mathit{SwitchIp}\}
                      \land \exists msg \in messagesToSwitch : SwitchReceiveFromReplica(msg)
         Replica transitions
        \vee \exists i \in Replicas : Stop(i)
        \vee \exists i \in Replicas : Start(i)
        \lor ElectLeader
        \lor ReplicasReceiveRaftInternalMsgs
        \vee ReplicasReceiveFromSwitch
         Leader transitions
        \vee \exists i \in Replicas : LeaderActivateSwitch(i)
        \vee \exists i, j \in Replicas : AppendEntries(i, j)
        \lor \exists i \in Replicas : AdvanceCommitIndex(i)
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# Safety Invariants

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In the following statements, each response has the logs of all replicas at the time it was served by a replica (This is only for safety check and should not be the case for real implementations)
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Invariant that defines that read responses that passes the switch to the client are linearizable. Check the logs of all replica to get the last committed log index that update the requested key. The returned value "msg.mvalue" should equal the value in that log index. isForwardedToClientReadSafe(response) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} LET msg \stackrel{\triangle}{=} response.msg logEntriesForKey \stackrel{\triangle}{=} entriesForKey(msg.mleaderId, msg.mkey)
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committedEntries \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{j \in logEntriesForKey : \}
                                  AgreeIndex(j, msg.mallLogs, msg.mleaderId)
          \in \mathit{Quorum} \land j \leq \mathit{msg.mlogIndex} \} \\ \mathit{lastCommittedIndex} \ \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ \mathit{indexOfLastEntry}(\mathit{committedEntries})
          lastEntry \stackrel{\Delta}{=} log[msg.mleaderId][lastCommittedIndex]
    IN
          \lor \land msg.mstatus = TRUE
             \land lastCommittedIndex = msg.mlogIndex
             \land lastEntry.key
                                       = msq.mkey
             \land lastEntry.value
                                       = msq.mvalue
 Invariant that defines that write responses that
 passes the switch to the client are committed
 on majority of the replicas.
isForwardedToClientWriteCorrect(response) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    Let msg \stackrel{\triangle}{=} response.msg
           isOnMajority \triangleq AgreeIndex(msg.mlogIndex,
                                         msg.mallLogs, msg.msource) \in Quorum
          is On Majority
 Invariant that defines the correctness
 of all responses forwarded to the client
InvResponsesToClientCorrectness \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
    \forall res \in responses To Client :
      \lor \land res.msg.mtype = ReadResponse
         \land isForwardedToClientReadSafe(res)
      \lor \land res.msg.mtype = WriteResponse
         \land isForwardedToClientWriteCorrect(res)
 Invariant that defines that no two entries have
 the same sequence number or log index.
InvSwitchRegisterCorrectness \triangleq
     \land \, \forall \, i, \, j \in 1 \ldots \mathit{SwitchKGroupsNum} :
          \vee \wedge i \neq i
             \land switchKGourpArray[i].leaderAcked = TRUE
             \land switchKGourpArray[j].leaderAcked = TRUE
             \land switchKGourpArray[i].seqNum \neq switchKGourpArray[j].seqNum
             \land switchKGourpArray[i].logIndex \neq switchKGourpArray[j].logIndex
          \forall i = i
          \lor switchKGourpArray[i].leaderAcked = FALSE
          \lor switch KGourp Array[j].leader Acked = FALSE
 invariant that defines that no two leaders exist
 at the same time
InvLeaderElectionSafety \triangleq
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LET runningReplicas \triangleq \{i \in Replicas : isActive[i] = ReplicaUpState\}
leaders \triangleq \{i \in runningReplicas : state[i] = Leader\}
IN Cardinality(leaders) \leq 1
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