

Causal order:

* causal order in distributed systems ensures that events - that are causally related (i.e. one event depends on another) are executed in same order across all processes.

* Multiple senders send messages to multiple receivers.

* The ordered message delivery ensures that all msg are delivered to all receivers in an acceptable order.

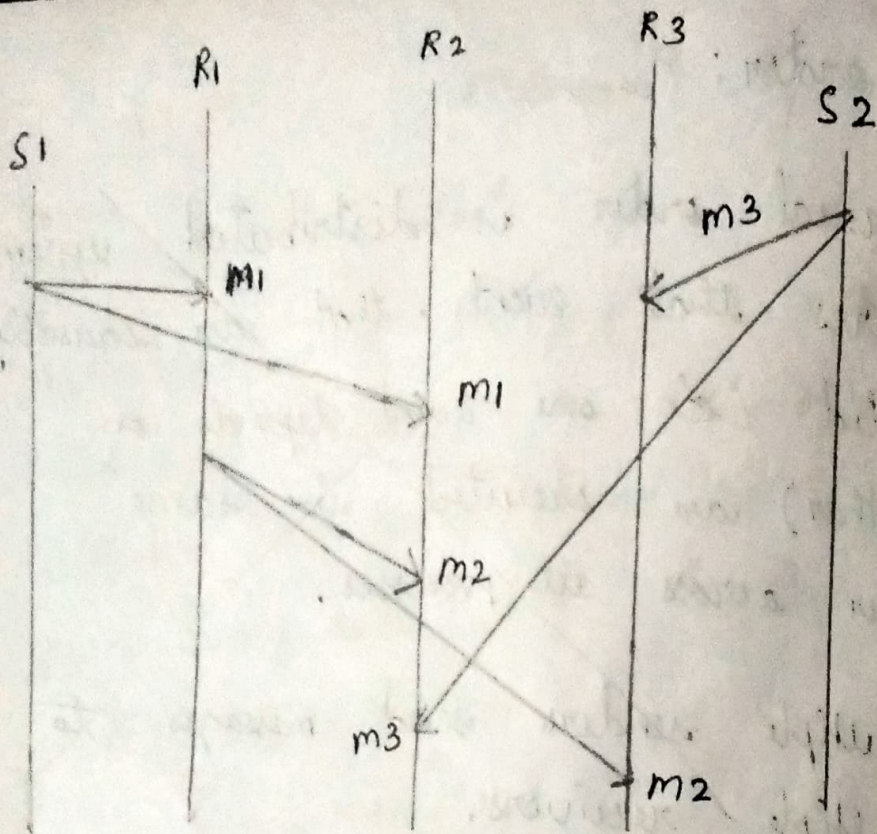
* It describes the causal relationship between a message send event and a message receive event.

* ~~Def~~ It ~~is~~ ~~send~~

Eg/ Rules:

i) If $e_i = \text{send}(m)$ & $e_j = \text{receive}(m)$, then $e_i \rightarrow e_j$.

ii) If $e_i \rightarrow e_j \rightarrow e_k$, then $e_i \rightarrow e_k$



> If $\text{send}(m_1)$ happens before $\text{send}(m_2)$, then every receiver of both the msg must receive m_1 before m_2 .

> If two send events are not causally related, then the msg can be delivered in any order.

Adv :

- * Less overhead, making it faster
- * Easier to scale with more nodes
- * Simpler to implement and manage.

Dis-Adv:

- * can lead to inconsistencies across nodes
- * Not suitable for applications needing strict order
- * Harder to debug issues related to order.

Total order:

- * Total order in distributed systems ensures that all events, process in the system agree on the exact same order of events.

* It is also known as consistent ordering.

- * It ensures that all messages are delivered in the same order to all the receivers.

- * Msgs will ~~be~~ be received in the same order, regardless of their timestamps.

Algorithm:

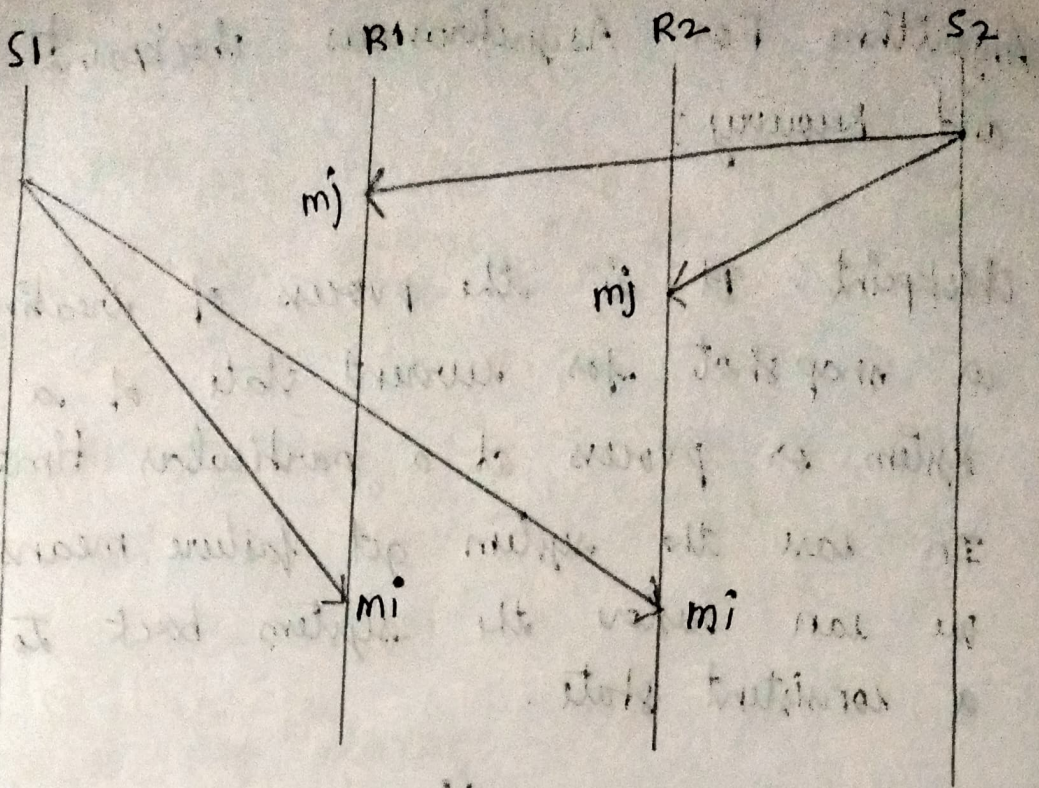
sender : sends

1. process multicast the msg M with an unique tag and a time stamp to the group members.
2. The group members respond with a temporary proposal: yes or revised timestamp for that msg M.
3. The process multicasts the final timestamp to the group.

Receiver :

1. Receiver receives the msg with a tentative timestamp.
2. Receiver sends the revised timestamp to the server.
3. Receiver receives the final timestamp.

Eg :



Adv:

- * Ensures all nodes have same order of events.
- * Suitable for application needing strict consistency.
- * Easy to trace & resolve issues.

Dis-Adv:

- * leading to slower performance
- * Harder to scale with many nodes
- * More difficult to set up & maintain.