

6.824 Spring 2021 Paper Questions

For each paper, your assignment is two-fold. Before the start of lecture discussing the paper:

- Submit your answer for each lecture's paper question via the [submission web site](#), and
- Submit your own question about the paper (e.g., what you find most confusing about the paper or the paper's general context/problem). You cannot use the question below. To the extent possible, during lecture we will try to answer questions submitted the evening before.

You can also upload your questions and answers using curl:

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## Answer goes into lecN.txt
$ curl -F file=@lec2.txt \
      -F key=XXXXXXXX \
      https://6824.scripts.mit.edu/2021/handin.py/upload
## Question goes into sqN.txt
$ curl -F file=@sq2.txt \
      -F key=XXXXXXXX \
      https://6824.scripts.mit.edu/2021/handin.py/upload
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Lecture 14

Spanner Suppose a Spanner server's `TT.now()` returns correct information, but the uncertainty is large. For example, suppose the absolute time is 10:15:30, and `TT.now()` returns the interval [10:15:20,10:15:40]. That interval is correct in that it contains the absolute time, but the error bound is 10 seconds. See Section 3 for an explanation `TT.now()`. What bad effect will a large error bound have on Spanner's operation? Give a specific example.

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