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This talk shows:

- Distributed Systems teaser problems
- Unit outline

Two (gangster) Generals Paradox

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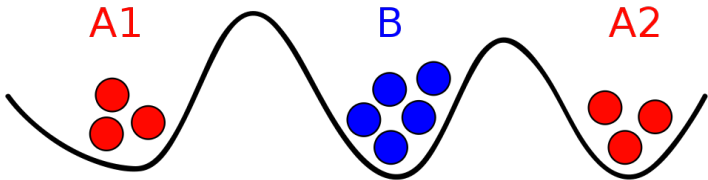
A group of gangsters are about to pull off a big job. The plan of action is prepared down to the last detail: Some of the men are holed up in a warehouse across town, awaiting precise instructions. It is absolutely essential that the two groups act with complete reliance on each other in executing the plan.

in “Some Constraints and Trade-offs in the Design of Network Communications”. Akkoyunlu, Ekanadham and Huber. 1975.

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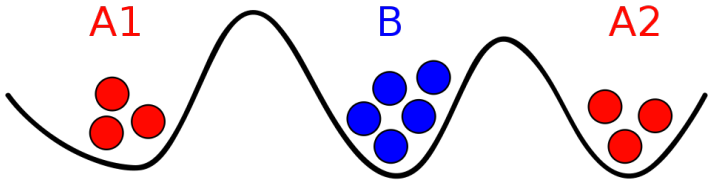
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- Messengers are unreliable
- How to coordinate an attack?

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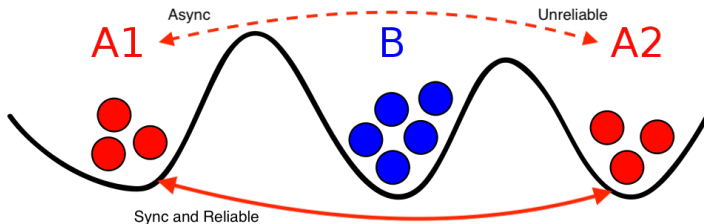
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two_Generals'_Problem

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- The battleground is shared unreliable medium
- Build a private reliable tunnel
- Problem (mostly) solved

Synchronous model

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Expected in small scale and cost dominated. Ex: Cars subsystems

- Processing delays have a known bound
- Message delivery delays have a known bound
- Rate of drift of local clocks has a known bound
- Difference between local clocks has a known bound

Asynchronous model

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Adapted to large scale and can spread costs. Ex: Internet

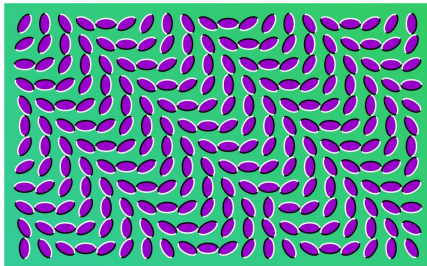
- Processing delays are unbounded or unknown
- Message delivery delays are unbounded or unknown
- Rate of drift of local clocks is unbounded or unknown
- Difference between local clocks is unbounded or unknown

Counting nodes

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- In concurrent programming counting motivated synchronization
- How to count nodes in a large asynchronous distributed system?



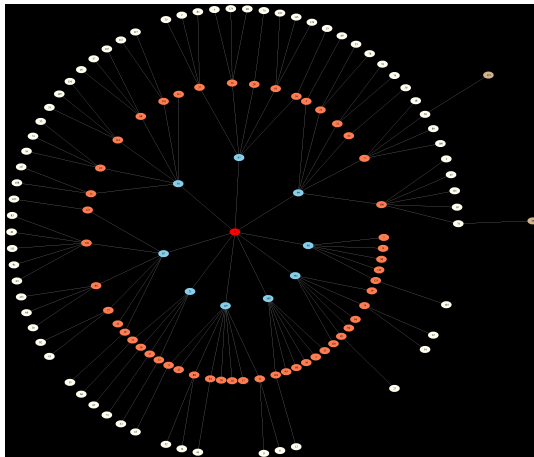
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Solution 1 - Build a Tree

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Build a distributed Breadth First Search tree from a root node



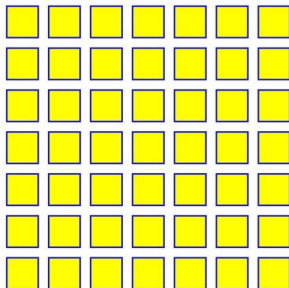
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Solution 2 - Distributed Averaging

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Average out 1 (litre of water) from a special node



On $7 * 7$ nodes each will converge to $v_i = 0.020408163265306...$

Local estimate is $1/v_i \approx 49$

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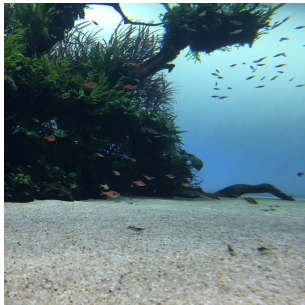
Solution 3 - Capture and Recapture

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Randomly collect k fishes, tag and release them, wait, recapture

Smaller populations lead to more tagged recaptures



Distributed random sample is key on some new blockchain protocols

Consistency Models

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Eventually Consistent. CACM 2009, Werner Vogels

- In an ideal world there would be only one consistency model: when an update is made all observers would see that update.
- Building reliable distributed systems at a worldwide scale demands trade-offs between consistency and availability.

CAP theorem. PODC 2000, Eric Brewer

Of three properties of shared-data systems – data consistency, system availability, and tolerance to network partition – only two can be achieved at any given time.

Both strong and eventual consistency are covered in the course

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Paradigmas de Sistemas Distribuídos

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- Paradigma cliente-servidor
- Serialização de dados
- Programação baseada em atores
- Programação orientada às mensagens
- Programação orientada aos recursos

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Fundamentos de Sistemas Distribuídos

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- Programação baseada em eventos
- Modelação e correção de sistemas distribuídos
- Tempo lógico e observação global
- Transações distribuídas

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Tolerância a Faltas

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- Fundamentos de tolerância a faltas
- Sistemas distribuídos tolerantes a faltas
- Acordo em SD, replicação com coerência forte
- Replicação de sistemas de bases de dados

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Sistemas Distribuídos em Larga Escala

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- Modelos e limitações da computação distribuída
- Topologias distribuídas e escaláveis
- Desenho de sistemas para larga escala
- Escalabilidade de tempo lógico
- Sincronização de dados e coerência progressiva

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