

Comparison b/w 2 different approaches to addressing the CAP theorem trade offs in distributed systems.

→ Eventual consistency: It prioritizes availability & partition tolerance over immediate consistency. It allows for divergent replicas to exist temporarily but ensures that all replicas eventually converge to consistent state. It is often used in systems where immediate consistency is not critical like social media feeds / recommendation systems.

→ Strong consistency with partitioning: It focusses on maintaining consistency even in the presence of network partitions. It sacrifices availability under certain conditions to ensure that all nodes see the same data at the same time.

Techniques like quorum based systems or distributed transactions are employed to achieve this level of consistency. It suits applications where data integrity & consistency are paramount.

Strategies or approaches to mitigate the limitations imposed by the CAP theorem in distributed systems.

→ Adoption of hybrid consistency model.

These models combine elements of both eventual consistency and strong consistency to tailor consistency guarantees based on the specific requirements of different parts of the system.

→ Eventual consistency: Instead of enforcing immediate consistency across all nodes, systems can



adopt eventual consistency

it allows temporary inconsistencies but guarantees that all replicas will converge to a consistent state over time

3) Impact of the CAP theorem on the design and implementation of distributed systems.

The CAP theorem significantly influences design & implementation of distributed systems by necessitating trade offs b/w consistency, availability and partition tolerance

Architects must carefully consider the requirements of their applications & the constraints of their environment to design systems that appropriately balance these trade offs.

Additionally, the CAP theorem prompts the adoption of specific techniques & technologies such as eventual consistency or quorum based system, to achieve desired system behaviour while operating in distributed environments.

4) Explanation of trade-offs described by CAP theorem and why it's impossible for distributed data store to simultaneously guarantee all three properties

It states that in distributed system, it's impossible to simultaneously guarantee all 3 properties of consistency, availability and partition tolerance.

Enforcing strong consistency (where all nodes see the same data at the same time)

and high availability (where the system remains operational despite failures) in the presence of network partitions requires synchronous communication



among nodes which introduces latency increases the likelihood of failures  
partition tolerance necessitates allowing different parts of the system to operate independently during network partitions, which can lead to inconsistencies b/n nodes.

Therefore a trade off must be made b/n these properties based on specific requirements and priorities of the application

### 5) Differences b/n CAP theorem and ACID properties

#### CAP theorem

Focuses on the trade offs b/n consistency, availability & partition tolerance in distributed systems.

It highlights that it's impossible for a distributed data store to simultaneously guarantee all 3 properties in the presence of network partitions.

#### ACID properties

Refers to set of properties that guarantee reliability & integrity of transactions in database systems.  
ACID stands for atomicity, consistency, isolation and durability.

It deals with traditional centralized database systems.

Also emphasize strong consistency & transactional integrity, CAP theorem addresses the challenges specific to distributed environments where achieving strong consistency, high availability and partition tolerance simultaneously is not feasible.