

- Suzuki-Kasami Broadcast Algorithm is a token based distributed mutual exclusion Algorithm designed to ensure that only one Process at a time enters the Critical section, in a distributed system or distributed DB environment.

It is especially suitable for systems where read/write operations on shared databases must be synchronized without using a Centralized Coordinator.

In Distributed Systems,

- multiple nodes may attempt simultaneous updates.
- Consistency can cause inconsistency.
- mutual exclusion ensures serializability.

Suzuki-Kasami improves over permission-based algorithms by:

- Reducing message complexity
- Consistency can cause inconsistency.
- mutual exclusion ensures serializability.
- Eliminating deadlocks.
- Avoiding starvation.

⇒ Datastructure Used ⇒ Request Number (RN) Array  
 $RN[i] = \text{largest request number from } P_i \text{ to this Process}$

b). Token (Unique, Only one Exist)

- $LN[i]$ : Last request number from Process  $P_i$  that has been satisfied.
- $Q$ : FIFO queue of requesting Process.

### Algorithm Operation

Step ①: Requesting the Critical section: when Process  $P_i$  wants to enter the CS.

- Increments its request number.  
 $RN[i]++;$
- Broadcast REQUEST  $(i, RN[i])$  to all others.

Step ②: When Process  $P_j$  receives a REQUEST  $(i, n)$

$$RN[i] = \max(RN[i], n)$$

If  $P_j$  holds the token and:

$$RN[i] = LN[i] + 1$$

Then  $P_i$  is eligible  $\rightarrow$  token may be sent.

Step ③: Token Transfer:

If the token holder

- is not in CS

Find the pending request.

Then,

① Add requesting Process to token queue.

② Send token to first Process in  $Q$ .

Step ④: Entering the Critical section: If  $P_i$  receives token it enters



Step 5: Release the Critical Section.

After Existing CS:

① Update:

$$LN[i] = RN[i]$$

② Checking for other pending requests.

If  $RN[j] = LN[j] + 1 \rightarrow$  add  $j$  to  $Q$ .

③ If queue not empty  $\rightarrow$  Pass token.

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• Mutual Exclusion: Only the token holder can enter CS.

• Deadlock freedom: Token circulation ensures progress.

• Starvation Freedom: FIFO queue ensures fairness.

Message Complexity

Request:  $N-1$  messages (broadcast)

Token transfer: 1 message.

Total per CS Entry:  $O(N)$

Applications in Distributed System

- Distributed transaction management
- Replicated database updates
- Distributed file systems.
- Shared resource coordination

## Advantages

- No deadlock
- No starvation
- Fair access (FIFO)
- Lower message overhead than Permission-based algorithm
- Efficient when CS access is frequent.

## Disadvantages

- Token loss Causes failure
- Not fault tolerant
- Broadcast cost is high for largest system
- Assume reliable communication

Suzuki-Kasami Broadcast Algorithm provides an efficient, fair and deadlock-free sol'n for mutual exclusion in distributed databases. Its token based approach reduces communication overhead and ensures strict access control, making it ideal for medium-scale distributed systems where reliability is high.