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MODULE *PODValidator*

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This module defines the behavior of each validator.

CONSTANT *Validator*

VARIABLE *Self*

VARIABLES

\*\*\*\*\* These are the variables in other modules \*\*\*\*\*

*trans\_buffer*, messages need to transfer

*recv\_buffer*, received messages

*block*, all blocks for all validators

*status*, status of current validator, will be reset at the beginning of each period

*UsedIds*, all used *IDs*

*block\_prepares*,

*block\_commits*

VARIABLES

*contributed\_block*

All blocks that *Self* contributed, *i.e.*, proposed, prepared or committed.  
The reason we keep this is to make sure we won't contributed on different  
branches. \*Note: this can be violated if *Self* is evil.\*

$BlockChain \triangleq$  INSTANCE *LocalBlockChain* WITH *Validator*  $\leftarrow$  *Validator*,

*Self*  $\leftarrow$  *Self*,

*block*  $\leftarrow$  *block*,

*UsedIds*  $\leftarrow$  *UsedIds*,

*block\_prepares*  $\leftarrow$  *block\_prepares*,

*block\_commits*  $\leftarrow$  *block\_commits*

$Message \triangleq$

The set of all possible messages. The *ins* field indicates the sender. For “propose”  
message, the “*val*” field means she propose a block. Since we do not mind the proposed value, we do not  
record the proposed value here. The “*sender*” field indicates the sender of a message.

[*type* : { “propose”, “prepare”, “commit” }, *val* : *BlockChain*! *Block*, *sender* : *Validator*]

$Network \triangleq$  INSTANCE *Network* WITH *Message*  $\leftarrow$  *Message*, *endpoint*  $\leftarrow$  *Validator*,

*trans\_buffer*  $\leftarrow$  *trans\_buffer*,

*recv\_buffer*  $\leftarrow$  *recv\_buffer*

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$PVTypeOK \triangleq$   $\wedge$  *Network*! *NetworkTypeOK*

$\wedge \forall n \in \text{Validator} : \text{BlockChain}! \text{BCTypeOK}$

$\wedge \text{status} \in \{ \text{“working”}, \text{“prepared”}, \text{“committed”}, \text{“finality”} \}$

$$\begin{aligned}
PVInit &\triangleq \wedge Network!NetworkInit \\
&\wedge \forall n \in Validator : BlockChain!BCInit \\
&\wedge status = \text{"working"}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
PVPeriodInit &\triangleq \wedge status' = \text{"working"} \\
&\text{*This is for } init \text{ at the beginning of each period}
\end{aligned}$$


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Status checking functions

$$\begin{aligned}
IsImpossibleToReachCommitStatus &\triangleq 0 \text{ todo} \\
&\text{This means there are two blocks, } a \text{ and } b, \text{ neither of them can get more the } 2/3 \text{ prepares} \\
&\text{or commit.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
AlreadyReachFinalityStatus &\triangleq 0 \text{ todo} \\
&\text{The } Self \text{ status already reach finality.}
\end{aligned}$$


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network message handler

$$\begin{aligned}
PVProposeBlock &\triangleq \text{LET } tail && \triangleq \text{IF } contributed\_block \neq \{\} \\
&&& \text{THEN } BlockChain!TailBlock[\text{CHOOSE } v : v \in contributed\_block] \\
&&& \text{ELSE CHOOSE } v : v \in BlockChain!AllTails \\
\text{IN } \text{LET } b && \triangleq BlockChain!BCGenBlockWithTail(tail) \\
\text{IN } && \wedge BlockChain!BCAddBlock(b) \\
&& \wedge Network!Broadcast(Self, [type \mapsto \text{"propose"}, val \mapsto b, sender \mapsto Self]) \\
&& \wedge status = \text{"working"} \\
&& \wedge status' = \text{"prepared"} \\
&& \wedge UsedIds' = UsedIds \cup \{b.id\} \\
&& \wedge contributed\_block' = contributed\_block \cup \{b\} \\
&& \wedge BlockChain!BCPrepareBlock(b, Self)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
PVHandleProposeMsg(v) &\triangleq \wedge v.type = \text{"propose"} \\
&\wedge status = \text{"working"} \\
&\wedge status' = \text{"prepared"} \\
&\wedge contributed\_block' = contributed\_block \cup \{v.val\} \\
&\wedge BlockChain!BCAddBlock(v.val) \\
&\wedge Network!Broadcast(Self, [type \mapsto \text{"prepare"}, val \mapsto v.val, sender \mapsto Self]) \\
&\wedge BlockChain!BCPrepareBlock(v.val, Self)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
PVHandlePrepareMsg(v) &\triangleq \wedge v.type = \text{"prepare"} \\
&\wedge \vee \wedge status = \text{"working"} \\
&\wedge status' = \text{"prepared"} \\
&\wedge contributed\_block' = contributed\_block \cup \{v.val\} \\
&\wedge BlockChain!BCAddBlock(v.val) \\
&\wedge Network!Broadcast(Self, [type \mapsto \text{"prepare"}, val \mapsto v.val, sender \mapsto Self]) \\
&\wedge BlockChain!BCPrepareBlock(v.val, Self)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \vee \wedge status \in \{ \text{"prepared"}, \text{"committed"}, \text{"finality"} \} \\
& \wedge BlockChain!BCAddBlock(v.val) \\
& \wedge BlockChain!BCPrepareBlock(v.val, Self) \\
PVHandleCommitMsg(v) & \triangleq \wedge v.type = \text{"commit"} \\
& \wedge \vee \wedge status = \text{"prepared"} \\
PVHandleRecvMsg(v) & \triangleq \vee PVHandleProposeMsg(v) \\
& \vee PVHandlePrepareMsg(v) \\
& \vee PVHandleCommitMsg(v)
\end{aligned}$$

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Some action for local block chain. This can be one of the following actions:

1. choose some block to prepare
2. choose some block to commit
3. choose some block to remove, this is because the node finds some inconsistency and the node wants make it consistency for maximum benifits.
4. change block status if some block becomes final. This should be optional.

$$\begin{aligned}
PVChooseToPrepare & \triangleq 0 \text{ todo} \\
PVChooseToCommit & \triangleq 0 \text{ todo} \\
PVChooseToRemoveBlocks & \triangleq 0 \text{ todo} \\
PVChooseToChangeBlockStatus & \triangleq 0 \text{ todo} \\
PVChooseAction & \triangleq \vee PVChooseToPrepare \\
& \vee PVChooseToCommit \\
& \vee PVChooseToRemoveBlocks \\
& \vee PVChooseToChangeBlockStatus
\end{aligned}$$


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Here for the next steps, we don't do *PVProposeBlock* because we wanna leave this action to *PoD*, and *PoD* will decide which *Validator* to propose.

$$\begin{aligned}
PVNext & \triangleq \vee \exists msg \in Network!RecvMsgs(Self) : \\
& \wedge PVHandleRecvMsg(msg) \\
& \wedge Network!RemoveMsg(Self, msg) \\
& \vee PVChooseAction
\end{aligned}$$


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$$PVConsistency \triangleq BlockChain!BCConsistency$$


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