This is a specification of the paxos algorithm implemented in Ceph. The specification is based on the following source file: https://github.com/ceph/ceph/blob/master/src/mon/Paxos.cc

The main mechanism abstracted that may differ from the version implemented in Ceph are:

- The election logic. The leader is chosen randomly, and, for now, only one leader is chosen per epoch. When a new epoch begins, the messages from the previous epoch are discarded.
- Monitor quorum. The quorum is defined in the election phase, using all monitors that are up. Different epochs can have different quorums.
- The communication layer. The variable messages represents connections between monitors (e.g. messages[mon1][mon2] holds the messages sent from mon1 to mon2). Within a connection the messages are sent and received in order.
- The transactions. Transactions are simplified to represent only a change of a value in the variable monitor_store.
- Failure model. A monitor can crash if the remaining number of monitors is sufficient to form a quorum. When a monitor crashes, new elections are triggered and the monitor is marked to not be part of a quorum until he recovers.
- Timeouts. A timeout can occur at any point in the algorithm and it will trigger new elections.

For a more detailed overview of the specification: https://github.com/afonsonf/ceph-consensus-spec

Extends Integers, FiniteSets, Sequences, TLC, SequencesExt, FiniteSetsExt

External libraries used on: SequencesExt: SetToSeq FiniteSetsExt: Min, Max

Constants

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Set of Monitors.
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CONSTANTS Monitors

 $MonitorsSeq \triangleq TLCEval(SetToSeq(Monitors))$ $MonitorsLen \triangleq TLCEval(Len(MonitorsSeq))$

Rank predicate, used to compute proposal numbers.

 $rank(mon) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} CHOOSE \ i \in 1 ... MonitorsLen : MonitorsSeq[i] = mon$

Set of possible values.

CONSTANTS Value_set

Predicate used in the cfg file to define the symmetry set.

 $SYMM \triangleq Permutations(Monitors) \cup Permutations(Value_set)$

Reserved value.

CONSTANTS Nil

Paxos states:

CONSTANTS $STATE_RECOVERING$, $STATE_ACTIVE$, $STATE_UPDATING$, $STATE_UPDATING_PREVIOUS$, $STATE_WRITING$, $STATE_WRITING_PREVIOUS$, $STATE_REFRESH$, $STATE_SHUTDOWN$

 $state_names \triangleq \{STATE_RECOVERING, STATE_ACTIVE, \\ STATE_UPDATING, STATE_UPDATING_PREVIOUS, \\ STATE_WRITING, STATE_WRITING_PREVIOUS, \\ STATE_REFRESH, STATE_SHUTDOWN\}$

Paxos auxiliary phase states:

They are used to force some sequence of steps.

CONSTANTS PHASE_ELECTION,

PHASE_SEND_COLLECT, PHASE_COLLECT, PHASE_LEASE, PHASE_LEASE_DONE, PHASE_BEGIN, PHASE_COMMIT

 $\begin{array}{l} phase_names \; \triangleq \; \{PHASE_ELECTION, \\ PHASE_SEND_COLLECT, \; PHASE_COLLECT, \\ PHASE_LEASE, \; PHASE_LEASE_DONE, \\ PHASE_BEGIN, \\ PHASE_COMMIT\} \end{array}$

Paxos message types:

CONSTANTS $OP_COLLECT$, OP_LAST , OP_BEGIN , OP_ACCEPT , OP_COMMIT , OP_LEASE , OP_LEASE_ACK

 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{messages_types} \ \triangleq \ \{\textit{OP_COLLECT}, \ \textit{OP_LAST}, \\ \textit{OP_BEGIN}, \ \textit{OP_ACCEPT}, \ \textit{OP_COMMIT}, \\ \textit{OP_LEASE}, \ \textit{OP_LEASE_ACK}\} \end{array}$

Global variables

Integer representing the current epoch. If is odd trigger an election.

Type: Integer VARIABLE epoch

Store messages waiting to be handled.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto [Monitors \mapsto \langle message \rangle]]$

VARIABLE messages

Stores history of messages. Can be useful to find specific states.

 ${\bf Type:}\ \{messages\}$

Variable message_history

Stores if a monitor is up or down. All available monitors, in a given epoch, are part of the quorum.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto Bool]$ VARIABLE quorum

Size of the current quorum.

Type: Int

VARIABLE quorum_sz

State variables

A function that stores the current leader. isLeader[mon] is True iff mon is a leader, else False.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto Bool]$ VARIABLE isLeader

A function that stores the state of each monitor.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto state_names]$

Variable state

A function that stores the phase of each monitor.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto phase_names]$

VARIABLE phase

Restart variables

A function that stores, for each monitor, a proposal number when the commit phase starts.

This proposal number can be retrieved after a monitor crashes and restarts.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto proposal number]$

Variable uncommitted_pn

A function that stores, for each monitor, a value version when the commit phase starts.

This value version can be retrieved after a monitor crashes and restarts.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto \text{value version}]$

Variable $uncommitted_v$

A function that stores, for each monitor, a value when the commit phase starts.

This value can be retrieved after a monitor crashes and restarts.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto Value_set]$ VARIABLE $uncommitted_value$

Data variables

A function that stores, for each monitor, the store where the transactions are applied.

In this model, a transaction represents changing the value in the store.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto Value_set]$ VARIABLE $monitor_store$

A function that stores the transaction log of each monitor.

 $\text{Type: } [\mathit{Monitors} \mapsto [\mathit{value} \ \mathit{version} \mapsto \mathit{Value_set}]]$

Variable values

A function that stores the last proposal number accepted by each monitor.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto proposal number]$

VARIABLE accepted_pn

A function that stores the first value version committed by each monitor.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto \text{value version}]$

VARIABLE first_committed

A function that stores the last value version committed by each monitor.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto \text{value version}]$ VARIABLE $last_committed$

Collect phase variables

A function that stores the number of peers that accepted a collect request.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto number of peers that accepted]$

VARIABLE num_last

Used by leader when receiving responses in collect phase.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto [Monitors \mapsto value version]]$

Variable $peer_first_committed$

Used by leader when receiving responses in collect phase.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto [Monitors \mapsto value version]]$

Variable $peer_last_committed$

Lease phase variables

A function that stores, for each monitor, which of the peers have acked the lease request.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto [Monitors \mapsto Bool]]$

VARIABLE acked_lease

Commit phase variables

A function that stores, for each monitor, the value proposed by a client.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto Value_set \cup \{Nil\}]$

 ${\tt VARIABLE}\ pending_proposal$

A function that stores, for each monitor, the value to be committed in the begin phase.

Type: $[Monitors \mapsto Value_set \cup \{Nil\}]$

 ${\tt VARIABLE}\ new_value$

A function that stores, for each monitor, which of the peers have acked the begin request.

Type: $[Monitord \mapsto [Monitors \mapsto Bool]]$

Variable accepted

Debug variables

Variables to help debug a behavior.

step is the diameter of a behavior/path.

step_name the current predicate being called.

VARIABLE step_name

Variables to limit the number of monitors crashes that can occur over a behavior.

This variable is used to limit the search space.

Variable number_crashes

Variables initialization

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\stackrel{\triangle}{=} \langle epoch, messages, message\_history, quorum, quorum\_sz \rangle
qlobal\_vars
                         ⟨isLeader, state, phase⟩
state\_vars
                     \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \langle uncommitted\_pn, uncommitted\_v, uncommitted\_value \rangle
restart\_vars
                     \triangleq \ \langle monitor\_store, \ values, \ accepted\_pn, \ first\_committed, \ last\_committed \rangle
data\_vars
                     \triangleq \langle num\_last, peer\_first\_committed, peer\_last\_committed \rangle
collect\_vars
                      \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \langle acked\_lease \rangle
lease\_vars
                     \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \langle pending\_proposal, new\_value, accepted \rangle
commit\_vars
vars \triangleq \langle global\_vars, state\_vars, restart\_vars, data\_vars, collect\_vars,
             lease_vars, commit_vars
Init\_global\_vars \triangleq
     \wedge epoch = 1
     \land messages = [mon1 \in Monitors \mapsto [mon2 \in Monitors \mapsto \langle \rangle]]
     \land message\_history = \{\}
     \land quorum = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto TRUE]
     \land quorum\_sz = MonitorsLen
Init\_state\_vars \triangleq
     \land isLeader = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto FALSE]
     \land state = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto Nil]
     \land \ phase = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto Nil]
Init\_restart\_vars \triangleq
     \land uncommitted\_pn = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto 0]
     \land uncommitted\_v = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto 0]
     \land uncommitted\_value = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto Nil]
Init\_data\_vars \triangleq
     \land monitor\_store = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto Nil]
     \land values = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto [version \in \{\} \mapsto Nil]]
     \land accepted\_pn = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto 0]
     \land first\_committed = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto 0]
     \land last\_committed = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto 0]
Init\_collect\_vars \triangleq
     \land num\_last = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto 0]
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\land peer\_first\_committed = [mon1 \in Monitors \mapsto [mon2 \in Monitors \mapsto -1]]
     \land peer\_last\_committed = [mon1 \in Monitors \mapsto [mon2 \in Monitors \mapsto -1]]
Init\_lease\_vars \triangleq
     \land acked\_lease = [mon1 \in Monitors \mapsto [mon2 \in Monitors \mapsto FALSE]]
Init\_commit\_vars \triangleq
     \land pending\_proposal = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto Nil]
     \land new\_value = [mon \in Monitors \mapsto Nil]
     \land accepted = [mon1 \in Monitors \mapsto [mon2 \in Monitors \mapsto FALSE]]
Init \triangleq
     \land Init\_global\_vars
     \land Init\_state\_vars
     \land \ Init\_restart\_vars
     \wedge Init\_data\_vars
     \land Init_collect_vars
     \land Init\_lease\_vars
     \land Init\_commit\_vars
     \land step\_name = "init" \land number\_crashes = 0
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Message manipulation

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Note: Variable message_history has impact in performace, update only when debugging.
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Converts a set with at most one element to a sequence.
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SingleMessageSetToSeq(S) \triangleq \\ \text{if } \exists \ elem \in S : \text{true then let} \ \ elem \triangleq \text{ choose } x \in S : \text{true} \\ \text{in} \quad \langle elem \rangle \\ \text{else } \langle \rangle
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Add message m to the network msgs.

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With Message(m, msgs) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \\ [msgs \ \text{EXCEPT} \ ![m.from] = \\ [msgs[m.from] \ \text{EXCEPT} \ ![m.dest] = Annend(msgs[m.from])]
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 $[msgs[m.from] \ \ \texttt{EXCEPT} \ ! [m.dest] = Append(msgs[m.from][m.dest], \ m)]]$

Remove message m from the network msgs.

$$WithoutMessage(m, msgs) \triangleq \\ [msgs \ \text{EXCEPT} \ ![m.from] = \\ [msgs[m.from] \ \text{EXCEPT} \ ![m.dest] = Tail(msgs[m.from][m.dest])]]$$

Adds the message m to the network.

Variables changed: messages, $message_history$.

 $Send(m) \triangleq$

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\land messages' = WithMessage(m, messages)
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 $\land message_history' = message_history \cup \{m\}$

∧ UNCHANGED message_history

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Adds a set of messages to the network.
Variables changed: messages, message\_history.
Send\_set(from, m\_set) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    \land messages' = [messages \ EXCEPT \ ![from] =
        [mon \in Monitors \mapsto
           messages[from][mon] \circ SingleMessageSetToSeq(\{m \in m\_set : m.dest = mon\})]]
     \land \mathit{message\_history'} = \mathit{message\_history} \cup \mathit{m\_set}
    ∧ UNCHANGED message_history
 Removes the request from network and adds the response.
 Variables changed: messages, message_history.
Reply(response, request) \triangleq
    \land messages' = WithoutMessage(request, WithMessage(response, messages))
     \land \ message\_history' = message\_history \cup \{response\}
    ∧ UNCHANGED message_history
 Removes the request from network and adds a set of messages.
 Variables changed: messages, message_history.
Reply\_set(from, response\_set, request) \triangleq
    \wedge LET msqs \stackrel{\triangle}{=} WithoutMessage(request, messages)
      IN messages' = [msgs \ EXCEPT \ ![from] =
             [mon \in Monitors \mapsto
                 msgs[from][mon] \circ SingleMessageSetToSeq(\{m \in response\_set : m.dest = mon\})]]
     \land message\_history' = message\_history \cup response\_set
    ∧ UNCHANGED message_history
 Removes message m from the network.
 Variables changed: messages, message_history.
Discard(m) \triangleq
    \land messages' = WithoutMessage(m, messages)
    ∧ UNCHANGED message_history
                                      Helper predicates
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Computes a new unique proposal number for a given monitor.

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Version A - Equal to the one in the source. This version breaks the symmetry of the monitor set. Example: oldpn = 305, rank(mon) = 5, newpn = 405. get\_new\_proposal\_number(mon, oldpn) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} ((oldpn \div 100) + 1) * 100 + rank(mon) Version B - Adapted to not break symmetry. Example: oldpn = 300, rank(mon) = 5, newpn = 400. get\_new\_proposal\_number(mon, oldpn) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} ((oldpn \div 100) + 1) * 100
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Clear the variable $peer_first_committed$.

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Variables changed: peer_first_committed.
clear\_peer\_first\_committed(mon) \triangleq
   peer\_first\_committed' = [peer\_first\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] =
                                    [m \in Monitors \mapsto -1]]
 Clear the variable peer_last_committed.
 Variables changed: peer_last_committed.
clear\_peer\_last\_committed(mon) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
   peer\_last\_committed' = [peer\_last\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] =
                                    [m \in Monitors \mapsto -1]]
 Store peer values and update first_committed, last_committed and monitor_store accordingly.
 \label{lem:values} \mbox{Variables changed: values, } \emph{first\_committed, } \mbox{last\_committed, } \mbox{monitor\_store.}
store\_state(mon, msg) \triangleq
     Choose peer values from mon last committed +1 to peer last committed.
    \land LET logs \stackrel{\Delta}{=} (DOMAIN \; msg.values) \cap (last\_committed[mon] + 1 \dots msg.last\_committed)
            \land values' = [values \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] =
                 [i \in \text{DOMAIN } values[mon] \cup logs \mapsto
                    If i \in logs
                     THEN msq.values[i]
                     ELSE values[mon][i]]
             Update last committed and first committed.
             \land last\_committed' = [last\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = Max(logs \cup \{last\_committed[mon]\})]
             \land IF logs \neq \{\} \land first\_committed[mon] = 0
                Then first\_committed' =
                              [first\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = Min(logs)]
                ELSE first\_committed' =
                              [first\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = Min(logs \cup \{first\_committed[mon]\})]
     Update monitor store.
    \wedge IF last\_committed'[mon] = 0
       THEN UNCHANGED monitor_store
       ELSE monitor\_store' = [monitor\_store \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = values'[mon][last\_committed'[mon]]]
 Check if uncommitted value version is still valid, else reset it.
 Variables changed: uncommitted\_pn, uncommitted\_v, uncommitted\_value.
check\_and\_correct\_uncommitted(mon) \triangleq
   IF uncommitted\_v[mon] \leq last\_committed'[mon]
    THEN \land uncommitted\_v' = [uncommitted\_v \text{ EXCEPT } ![mon] = 0]
            \land uncommitted\_pn' = [uncommitted\_pn \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = 0]
             \land uncommitted\_value' = [uncommitted\_value \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = Nil]
    ELSE UNCHANGED (uncommitted_pn, uncommitted_v, uncommitted_value)
 Trigger new election by incrementing epoch.
 Variables changed: epoch.
bootstrap \triangleq
    \land epoch' = epoch + 1
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Lease phase predicates

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Changes mon state to STATE_ACTIVE.
 Variables changed: state.
finish\_round(mon) \triangleq
     \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
     \land state' = [state \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = STATE\_ACTIVE]
 Resets the variable acked lease and send lease messages to peers.
 Variables changed: acked\_lease, messages, message\_history, phase.
extend\_lease(mon) \triangleq
     \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
     \land acked\_lease' = [acked\_lease \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] =
        [m \in Monitors \mapsto \text{if } m = mon \text{ then true else false}]
     \land Send\_set(mon,
        \{[type]
                             \mapsto OP\_LEASE,
          from
                             \mapsto mon,
          dest
                             \mapsto dest.
          last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed[mon]] : dest \in \{m \in Monitors \setminus \{mon\} : quorum[m]\}
          })
     \land phase' = [phase \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = PHASE\_LEASE]
 Handle a lease message. The peon changes his state and replies with a lease ack message.
 The reply is commented because the lease ack is only used to check if all peers are up.
 In the model this is done by "randomly" triggering the predicate Timeout. In this way, the search space is reduced.
 Variables changed: messages, message\_history, state.
handle\_lease(mon, msg) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
     \wedge discard if not peon or peon is behind
       IF \vee isLeader[mon] = TRUE
           \lor \ last\_committed[mon] \neq msg.last\_committed
        THEN \wedge Discard(msg)
                \land UNCHANGED state
        ELSE \wedge state' = [state \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = STATE\_ACTIVE]
          \land Reply([type]
                              \mapsto OP\_LEASE\_ACK,
              from
                            \mapsto mon,
                           \mapsto msq.from,
              first\_committed \mapsto first\_committed[mon],
               last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed[mon]], \ msg)
             \wedge Discard(msq)
     \land UNCHANGED \langle epoch, quorum, quorum\_sz, isLeader, phase <math>\rangle
     ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨restart_vars, data_vars, collect_vars, lease_vars, commit_vars⟩
 Handle a lease ack message. The leader updates the acked\_lease variable.
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Because the lease_ack messages are not sent, this predicate is never called.

The reasoning for this is given in <code>handle_lease</code> comment.

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Variables changed: acked_lease, messages, message_history.
handle\_lease\_ack(mon, msg) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
     \land phase[mon] = PHASE\_LEASE
     \land acked\_lease' = [acked\_lease \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] =
        [acked\_lease[mon] \ EXCEPT \ ![msg.from] = TRUE]]
     \land Discard(msg)
     \land UNCHANGED \langle epoch, quorum, quorum\_sz \rangle
     \(\triangle \) UNCHANGED \(\state_vars, restart_vars, data_vars, collect_vars, commit_vars\)
 Predicate that is called when all peers ack the lease. The phase is changed to prevent loops.
 Because the lease_ack messages are not sent, this predicate is never called.
 The reasoning for this is given in handle_lease comment.
 Variables changed: phase.
post\_lease\_ack(mon) \triangleq
     \land phase[mon] = PHASE\_LEASE
     \land phase' = [phase \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] = PHASE\_LEASE\_DONE]
    \land \forall m \in Monitors : quorum[m] \Rightarrow acked\_lease[mon][m] = TRUE
     \land UNCHANGED \langle isLeader, state \rangle
     \land UNCHANGED \langle global\_vars, restart\_vars, data\_vars, collect\_vars,
                        lease_vars, commit_vars
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Commit phase predicates

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Start a commit phase by the leader. The variable new_value is assigned. Send begin messages to the peers.
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The value of $uncommitted_v$ and $uncommitted_v$ are assigned in order for the leader to be able to recover from a crash.

Variables changed: accepted, new_value , phase, messages, $message_history$, values, $uncommitted_pn$, $uncommitted_v$, un

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\wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
\land \lor state'[mon] = STATE\_UPDATING
  \lor state'[mon] = STATE\_UPDATING\_PREVIOUS
\land quorum\_sz = 1 \lor num\_last[mon] > MonitorsLen \div 2
\land new\_value[mon] = Nil
\land accepted' = [accepted \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] =
   [m \in Monitors \mapsto \text{if } m = mon \text{ then true else false}]
\land new\_value' = [new\_value \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = v]
\land phase' = [phase \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = PHASE\_BEGIN]
\land values' = [values \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] =
   ((last\_committed[mon] + 1) :> new\_value'[mon]) @@ values[mon]]
\land Send\_set(mon,
   \{[type]
                      \mapsto OP\_BEGIN,
     from
                      \mapsto mon,
     dest
                      \mapsto dest,
     last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed[mon],
                      \mapsto values'[mon],
     values
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\mapsto accepted\_pn[mon]]: dest \in \{m \in Monitors \setminus \{mon\} : quorum[m]\}
         pn
        })
    \land uncommitted\_pn' = [uncommitted\_pn \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = accepted\_pn[mon]]
    \land uncommitted\_v' = [uncommitted\_v \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = last\_committed[mon] + 1]
    \land uncommitted\_value' = [uncommitted\_value \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = v]
 Handle a begin message. The monitor will accept if the proposal number in the message is greater
 or equal than the one he accepted.
 Similar to what happens in begin, uncommitted_v and uncommitted_value are assigned in order for
 the monitor to recover in case of a crash.
 Variables changed: messages, message_history, state, values, uncommitted_pn, uncommitted_v, uncommitted_value.
handle\_begin(mon, msg) \triangleq
    \wedge isLeader[mon] = FALSE
    \land IF msg.pn < accepted\_pn[mon]
       THEN
        \land Discard(msg)
        \land UNCHANGED \langle state, values, restart\_vars \rangle
        \land msq.pn = accepted\_pn[mon]
        \land msg.last\_committed = last\_committed[mon]
        assign values[mon][last\_committed[mon] + 1]
        \land values' = [values \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] =
           ((last\_committed[mon] + 1) :> msg.values[last\_committed[mon] + 1]) @@ values[mon]]
        \land state' = [state \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = STATE\_UPDATING]
        \land uncommitted\_pn' = [uncommitted\_pn \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = accepted\_pn[mon]]
        \land uncommitted\_v' = [uncommitted\_v \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = last\_committed[mon] + 1]
        \land uncommitted\_value' = [uncommitted\_value \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] =
           values'[mon][last\_committed[mon] + 1]]
                                    \mapsto OP\_ACCEPT,
        \land Reply([type]
                  from
                                    \mapsto mon,
                  dest
                                    \mapsto msq.from,
                  last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed[mon],
                                    \mapsto accepted\_pn[mon]], msg)
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨epoch, quorum, quorum_sz, isLeader, phase, monitor_store,
                      accepted\_pn, first\_committed, last\_committed \rangle
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨collect_vars, lease_vars, commit_vars⟩
 Handle an accept message. If the leader receives a positive response from the peer, it will
 add it to the variable accepted.
 Variables changed: messages, message_history, accepted
handle\_accept(mon, msq) \triangleq
    \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
    \land \lor state[mon] = STATE\_UPDATING\_PREVIOUS
       \lor state[mon] = STATE\_UPDATING
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\land phase[mon] = PHASE\_BEGIN
    \land new\_value[mon] \neq Nil
    \land IF \lor msg.pn \neq accepted\_pn[mon]
          \lor \land last\_committed[mon] > 0
             \land msg.last\_committed < last\_committed[mon] - 1
       THEN UNCHANGED accepted
       ELSE accepted' = [accepted \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] =
                   [accepted[mon] \ EXCEPT \ ![msg.from] = TRUE]]
    \wedge Discard(msq)
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨epoch, quorum, quorum_sz, pending_proposal, new_value⟩
    \(\triangle \text{UNCHANGED}\) \(\langle restart_vars, \ state_vars, \ data_vars, \ collect_vars, \ lease_vars \rangle \)
 Predicate that is enabled and called when all peers in the quorum accept begin request from leader.
 The leader commits the transaction in new_value and sends commit messages to his peers.
 Variables changed: first_committed, last_committed, monitor_store, new_value, messages, message_history, state, phase
post\_accept(mon) \triangleq
    \land phase[mon] = PHASE\_BEGIN
    \land \forall m \in Monitors : quorum[m] \Rightarrow accepted[mon][m] = TRUE
    \land new\_value[mon] \neq Nil
    \land \lor state[mon] = STATE\_UPDATING\_PREVIOUS
       \vee state[mon] = STATE\_UPDATING
    \land last\_committed' = [last\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = last\_committed[mon] + 1]
    \wedge IF first\_committed[mon] = 0
       THEN first\_committed' = [first\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] = first\_committed[mon] + 1]
       ELSE UNCHANGED first_committed
    \land monitor\_store' = [monitor\_store \ \ \texttt{EXCEPT} \ ! [mon] = values[mon][last\_committed[mon] + 1]]
    \land new\_value' = [new\_value \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = Nil]
    \land Send\_set(mon,
                            \mapsto OP\_COMMIT,
        \{[type]
         from
                           \mapsto mon,
                           \mapsto dest,
          last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed'[mon],
                            \mapsto accepted\_pn[mon],
          pn
                            \mapsto values[mon]]: dest \in \{m \in Monitors \setminus \{mon\} : quorum[m]\}
          values
         })
    \land state' = [state \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = STATE\_REFRESH]
    \land phase' = [phase \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = PHASE\_COMMIT]
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨isLeader, values, accepted_pn, pending_proposal, accepted⟩
    \(\triangle \text{UNCHANGED}\)\(\langle epoch, \quad quorum, \quad quorum_sz, \quad restart_vars, \quad collect_vars, \quad lease_vars\)\(\)
 Predicate that is called after post_accept. The leader finishes the commit phase by updating his state to
 STATE_ACTIVE and by extending the lease to his peers.
 \label{lease} \mbox{Variables changed: state, phase, } acked\_lease, \mbox{ messages, } message\_history.
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 $finish_commit(mon) \triangleq$

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\land state[mon] = STATE\_REFRESH
        \land phase[mon] = PHASE\_COMMIT
        \land finish\_round(mon)
        \land extend\_lease(mon)
        \land UNCHANGED \langle epoch, quorum, quorum\_sz, isLeader <math>\rangle
        ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨restart_vars, data_vars, collect_vars, commit_vars⟩
  Handle a commit message. The monitor stores the values sent by the leader commit message.
  Variables changed: messages, message_history, values, first_committed, last_committed, monitor_store, uncommitted_v,
  uncommitted\_pn,\ uncommitted\_value.
handle\_commit(mon, msg) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
        \wedge isLeader[mon] = FALSE
        \land store\_state(mon, msg)
        \land check\_and\_correct\_uncommitted(mon)
        \wedge Discard(msg)
        ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨epoch, quorum, quorum_sz, accepted_pn⟩
        ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨state_vars, collect_vars, lease_vars, commit_vars⟩
                                                                             Client Request
  Request a transaction v to the monitor. The transaction is saved on pending proposal to be committed in
  the next available commit phase.
  Variables changed: pending_proposal.
client\_request(mon, v) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
        \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
        \land \ state[mon] = STATE\_ACTIVE
        \land pending\_proposal[mon] = Nil
        \land \ pending\_proposal' = [pending\_proposal \ \ \texttt{EXCEPT} \ ! [mon] = v]
        \land UNCHANGED \langle new\_value, accepted \rangle
        \(\triangle \text{UNCHANGED}\)\(\langle \langle \langl
  Start a commit phase with the value on pending proposal.
  Variables changed: state, pending_proposal, accepted, new_value, phase, messages, message_history, values,
  uncommitted\_pn,\ uncommitted\_v,\ uncommitted\_value.
propose\_pending(mon) \triangleq
        \land phase[mon] = PHASE\_LEASE \lor phase[mon] = PHASE\_ELECTION
        \land state[mon] = STATE\_ACTIVE
        \land pending\_proposal[mon] \neq Nil
        \land pending\_proposal' = [pending\_proposal \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = Nil]
        \land state' = [state \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = STATE\_UPDATING]
        \land begin(mon, pending\_proposal[mon])
```

Collect phase predicates

 \land UNCHANGED $\langle epoch, quorum, quorum_sz, collect_vars, lease_vars <math>\rangle$

∧ UNCHANGED ⟨isLeader, monitor_store, accepted_pn, first_committed, last_committed⟩

```
Start collect phase. This first part of the collect phase is divided in two parts (collect and send_collect)
  in order to simplify variable changes (when collect is triggered from handle_last).
 Variables changed: accepted_pn, phase.
collect(mon, oldpn) \triangleq
        \land state[mon] = STATE\_RECOVERING
        \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
        \land LET new\_pn \triangleq get\_new\_proposal\_number(mon, Max({oldpn, accepted\_pn[mon]}))
                       \land accepted\_pn' = [accepted\_pn \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = new\_pn]
        \land phase' = [phase \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] = PHASE\_SEND\_COLLECT]
  Continue the start of the collect phase. Initialize the number of peers that accepted the proposal (num_last) and
  the variables with peers version numbers. Check if there is an uncommitted value.
  Send collect messages to the peers.
  Variables changed: peer_first_committed, peer_last_committed, uncommitted_pn, uncommitted_v, uncommitted_value, num_last_committed_value, num_last_c
  messages, message_history, phase.
send\_collect(mon) \triangleq
        \land state[mon] = STATE\_RECOVERING
        \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
        \land phase[mon] = PHASE\_SEND\_COLLECT
        \land clear\_peer\_first\_committed(mon)
        \land clear\_peer\_last\_committed(mon)
        \land IF last\_committed[mon] + 1 \in DOMAIN values[mon]
              THEN \wedge uncommitted_v' =
                                    [uncommitted\_v \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = last\_committed[mon] + 1]
                             \land uncommitted\_value' =
                                   [uncommitted\_value \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = values[mon][last\_committed[mon] + 1]]
                             \land uncommitted\_pn' = uncommitted\_pn
              ELSE UNCHANGED (restart_vars)
        \land num\_last' = [num\_last \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = 1]
        \land Send\_set(mon,
                                                     \mapsto OP\_COLLECT,
               \{[type]
                  from
                                                    \mapsto mon,
                  dest
                                                     \mapsto dest
                  first\_committed \mapsto first\_committed[mon],
                  last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed[mon],
                                                     \mapsto accepted\_pn[mon]]: dest \in \{m \in Monitors \setminus \{mon\} : quorum[m]\}\}
                 })
        \land phase' = [phase \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] = PHASE\_COLLECT]
        \land UNCHANGED \langle isLeader, state \rangle
        \land UNCHANGED \langle epoch, quorum, quorum\_sz, data\_vars, lease\_vars, commit\_vars <math>\rangle
  Handle a collect message. The peer will accept the proposal number from the leader if it is bigger than the last
```

Variables changed: messages, $message_history$, epoch, state, $accepted_pn$

proposal number he accepted.

```
handle\_collect(mon, msg) \triangleq
    \land isLeader[mon] = FALSE
    \land state' = [state \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = STATE\_RECOVERING]
    \land \lor \land msg.first\_committed > last\_committed[mon] + 1
          \land bootstrap
          \land Discard(msg)
          \land UNCHANGED \langle accepted\_pn \rangle
       \lor \land msg.first\_committed \le last\_committed[mon] + 1
          \land IF msg.pn > accepted\_pn[mon]
              THEN accepted\_pn' = [accepted\_pn \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = msg.pn]
              ELSE UNCHANGED accepted_pn
                                        \mapsto OP\_LAST,
          \land Reply([type]
                     from
                                        \mapsto mon,
                     dest
                                        \mapsto msq.from,
                     first\_committed \mapsto first\_committed[mon],
                     last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed[mon],
                     values
                                         \mapsto values[mon],
                     uncommitted\_pn \mapsto uncommitted\_pn[mon],
                                        \mapsto accepted\_pn'[mon]], msg)
          \land UNCHANGED epoch
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨isLeader, phase, values, first_committed, last_committed, monitor_store⟩
    \(\triangle \text{UNCHANGED}\)\(\langle auorum, \, quorum_sz, \, restart_vars, \, collect_vars, \, lease_vars, \, commit_vars\)\(\)
 Handle a last message (response from a peer to the leader collect message).
 The peers first and last committed version are stored. If the leader is behind, bootstraps. Stores any value that
 the peer may have committed (store_state). If peer is behind send commit message with leader values.
 If peer accepted proposal number increase num last, if he sent a bigger proposal number start a new collect phase.
 Variables changed: messages, message_history, epoch, phase, uncommitted_pn, uncommitted_v, uncommitted_value, monitor_s
 accepted\_pn, first\_committed, last\_committed, num\_last, peer\_first\_committed, peer\_last\_committed.
handle\_last(mon, msg) \triangleq
    \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
    \land peer\_first\_committed' = [peer\_first\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] =
        [peer\_first\_committed[mon] \ EXCEPT \ ![msq.from] = msq.first\_committed]]
    \land peer\_last\_committed' = [peer\_last\_committed \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] =
        [peer\_last\_committed[mon] \ EXCEPT \ ![msg.from] = msg.last\_committed]]
    \land IF msg.first\_committed > last\_committed[mon] + 1
        THEN
        \land bootstrap
        \wedge Discard(msg)
         \land UNCHANGED \langle num\_last, accepted\_pn, values, phase, monitor\_store <math>\rangle
        ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨first_committed, last_committed, restart_vars⟩
        ELSE
         \land store\_state(mon, msg)
         \wedge IF \exists peer \in Monitors:
```

```
\land peer \neq mon
    \land peer\_last\_committed'[mon][peer] \neq -1
    \land peer\_last\_committed'[mon][peer] + 1 < first\_committed[mon]
    \land first\_committed[mon] > 1
THEN
\land bootstrap
\land check\_and\_correct\_uncommitted(mon)
\land Discard(msg)
\land UNCHANGED \langle phase, accepted\_pn, num\_last \rangle
ELSE
\land LET monitors_behind \stackrel{\triangle}{=} {peer \in Monitors :
         \land \ peer \neq \ mon
          \land peer\_last\_committed'[mon][peer] \neq -1
          \land peer\_last\_committed'[mon][peer] < last\_committed[mon]
          \land quorum[peer]
       Reply\_set(mon,
                              \mapsto OP\_COMMIT,
          \{[type]
            from
                              \mapsto mon,
            dest
                              \mapsto dest,
            last\_committed \mapsto last\_committed'[mon],
                              \mapsto accepted\_pn[mon],
                              \mapsto values[mon]]: dest \in monitors\_behind
            values
          \}, msg)
\land \lor \land msg.pn > accepted\_pn[mon]
      \land collect(mon, msg.pn)
      \land check\_and\_correct\_uncommitted(mon)
      ∧ UNCHANGED num_last
   \lor \land msg.pn = accepted\_pn[mon]
      \land num\_last' = [num\_last \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = num\_last[mon] + 1]
      \land \text{ if } \land \textit{msg.last\_committed} + 1 \in \text{domain } \textit{msg.values}
            \land msg.last\_committed \ge last\_committed'[mon]
            \land msg.last\_committed + 1 \ge uncommitted\_v[mon]
            \land msg.uncommitted\_pn \ge uncommitted\_pn[mon]
         THEN \wedge uncommitted_v' =
                       [uncommitted\_v \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = msg.last\_committed + 1]
                 \land uncommitted\_pn' =
                       [uncommitted\_pn \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = msg.uncommitted\_pn]
                 \land uncommitted\_value' =
                       [uncommitted\_value\ EXCEPT\ ![mon] = msg.values[msg.last\_committed + 1]]
         ELSE check\_and\_correct\_uncommitted(mon)
      \land UNCHANGED \langle phase, accepted\_pn \rangle
   \lor \land msg.pn < accepted\_pn[mon]
```

 $\land check_and_correct_uncommitted(mon)$

```
\land UNCHANGED \langle phase, accepted\_pn, num\_last \rangle
            \land UNCHANGED epoch
       \land UNCHANGED \langle epoch \rangle
    \land UNCHANGED \langle quorum, quorum\_sz, isLeader, state \rangle
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨lease_vars, commit_vars⟩
 Predicate that is enabled and called when all peers in quorum accept collect request from leader. If there is an
 uncommitted value, a commit phase is started with that value, else the leader changes to ACTIVE\_STATE and extends
 the lease to his peers.
 Variables changed: peer_first_committed, peer_last_committed, state, accepted, new_value, phase, messages,
 message\_history, values, uncommitted\_pn, uncommitted\_v, uncommitted\_value, acked\_lease.
post\_last(mon) \triangleq
    \wedge isLeader[mon] = TRUE
    \land num\_last[mon] = quorum\_sz
    \land phase[mon] = PHASE\_COLLECT
    \land clear\_peer\_first\_committed(mon)
    \land clear\_peer\_last\_committed(mon)
    \land IF \land uncommitted_v[mon] = last_committed[mon] + 1
          \land uncommitted\_value[mon] \neq Nil
       THEN \land state' = [state \ EXCEPT \ ! [mon] = STATE\_UPDATING\_PREVIOUS]
               \land begin(mon, uncommitted\_value[mon])
               \land UNCHANGED \langle acked\_lease \rangle
       ELSE \land finish_round(mon)
               \land extend\_lease(mon)
               ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨accepted, new_value, values, restart_vars⟩
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨isLeader, monitor_store, accepted_pn, first_committed, last_committed⟩
    \land UNCHANGED \langle epoch, quorum, quorum\_sz, num\_last, pending\_proposal <math>\rangle
```

Leader election

```
Elect one monitor as a leader and initialize the remaining ones as peons. Variables changed: isLeader, state, phase, new\_value, pending\_proposal, epoch. leader\_election \triangleq \land \exists mon \in Monitors: \land quorum[mon] \land isLeader' = [m \in Monitors \mapsto \text{IF } m = mon \text{ THEN } \text{TRUE } \text{ELSE } \text{ FALSE}] \land state' = [m \in Monitors \mapsto \text{IF } quorum\_sz = 1 \text{ THEN } STATE\_ACTIVE \text{ ELSE } STATE\_RECOVERING] \land phase' = [m \in Monitors \mapsto PHASE\_ELECTION] \land new\_value' = [m \in Monitors \mapsto Nil] \land pending\_proposal' = [m \in Monitors \mapsto Nil] \land epoch' = epoch + 1
```

Timeouts and restart

```
crash\_mon(mon) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
     \land quorum\_sz > (MonitorsLen \div 2) + 1
     \land quorum[mon] = TRUE
     \land quorum' = [quorum \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = FALSE]
     \land quorum\_sz' = quorum\_sz - 1
     \land bootstrap
      \land number\_crashes' = number\_crashes + 1
     \land UNCHANGED \langle messages, message\_history \rangle
     \(\triangle \) UNCHANGED \(\state_vars, \) restart_vars, \(data_vars, \) collect_vars, \(lease_vars, \) commit_vars\(\rangle \)
restore\_mon(mon) \triangleq
     \land quorum[mon] = FALSE
     \land quorum' = [quorum \ EXCEPT \ ![mon] = TRUE]
     \land \ quorum\_sz' = quorum\_sz + 1
     \land bootstrap
     \land UNCHANGED \langle messages, message\_history \rangle
     \(\triangle \) UNCHANGED \(\state_vars, \) restart_vars, \(data_vars, \) collect_vars, \(lease_vars, \) commit_vars\(\rangle \)
 Monitor timeout (simulate the various timeouts that can occur). Triggers new elections.
 Variables changed: epoch.
Timeout(mon) \triangleq
     \land bootstrap
        UNCHANGED \(\partial messages, quorum, quorum_sz, message_history, state_vars, restart_vars, \)
                           data_vars, collect_vars, lease_vars, commit_vars
```

Dispatchers and next statement

```
\land handle\_collect(msg.dest, msg)
            \land step\_name' = "receive collect"
        \lor \land msg.type = OP\_LAST
            \land handle\_last(msg.dest, msg)
            \land step\_name' = "receive last"
        \lor \land msg.type = OP\_LEASE
            \land handle\_lease(msg.dest, msg)
            \land step\_name' = "receive lease"
        \lor \land msg.type = OP\_LEASE\_ACK
            \land handle\_lease\_ack(msg.dest, msg)
            \land step\_name' = "receive lease\_ack"
        \lor \land msg.type = OP\_BEGIN
            \land handle\_begin(msg.dest, msg)
            \land step\_name' = "receive begin"
        \lor \land msg.type = OP\_ACCEPT
            \land handle\_accept(msg.dest, msg)
            \land step\_name' = "receive accept"
        \lor \land msg.type = OP\_COMMIT
            \land \ handle\_commit(msg.dest,\ msg)
            \land step\_name' = "receive commit"
Limit some variables to reduce search space.
reduce\_search\_space \triangleq
    \land epoch \neq 8
    \land \lor \forall mon \in Monitors : last\_committed[mon] < 2
        \lor \forall mon2 \in Monitors: new\_value[mon2] = Nil
    \land \forall mon \in Monitors : accepted\_pn[mon] < 300
     \land number\_crashes \neq 4
State transitions.
Next \triangleq
    \land \ reduce\_search\_space
    \wedge if epoch\%2 = 1 then
        \land leader_election
        \land step\_name' = "election"
        \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
        \vee \wedge \exists mon \in Monitors : election\_recover(mon)
           \land step\_name' = "election\_recover"
           \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
        \lor \land \exists mon \in Monitors : send\_collect(mon)
```

```
\land step\_name' = "send\_collect"
  \land \ {\tt UNCHANGED} \ \ number\_crashes
\vee \wedge \exists mon \in Monitors : post\_last(mon)
  \land step\_name' = "post\_last"
  ∧ UNCHANGED number_crashes
\vee \wedge \exists mon \in Monitors : post\_lease\_ack(mon)
  \land step\_name' = "post\_lease\_ack"
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
\vee \wedge \exists mon \in Monitors : post\_accept(mon)
  \land step\_name' = "post\_accept"
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
\lor \land \exists mon \in Monitors : finish\_commit(mon)
  \land step\_name' = "finish\_commit"
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
\lor \land \exists mon \in Monitors : \exists v \in Value\_set : client\_request(mon, v)
  \land step\_name' = "client\_request"
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
\vee \wedge \exists mon \in Monitors : propose\_pending(mon)
  \land step\_name' = "propose\_pending"
  ∧ UNCHANGED number_crashes
\lor \land \exists mon1, mon2 \in Monitors :
        \land mon1 \neq mon2
        \land Len(messages[mon1][mon2]) > 0
        \land Receive(messages[mon1][mon2][1])
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
\lor \land \exists mon \in Monitors : crash\_mon(mon)
  \land \mathit{step\_name'} = \mathsf{``crash\_mon''}
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
\lor \land \exists mon \in Monitors : restore\_mon(mon)
  \land \mathit{step\_name'} = \mathit{``restore\_mon''}
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
\lor \land \exists mon \in Monitors : Timeout(mon)
  \land step\_name' = "timeout\_and\_restart"
  \land UNCHANGED number\_crashes
```

Safety invariants

If two monitors are in state active then their *monitor_store* must have the same value.

```
same\_monitor\_store \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \forall mon1, mon2 \in Monitors:
    state[mon1] = STATE\_ACTIVE \land state[mon2] = STATE\_ACTIVE
    \Rightarrow monitor\_store[mon1] = monitor\_store[mon2]
Inv \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \land same\_monitor\_store
                                   Test/Debug invariants
 Invariant used to search for a state where 'x' happens.
Inv\_find\_state(x) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \neg x
 Invariant used to search for a behavior of diameter equal to 'size'.
Inv\_diam(size) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} TLCGet("level") \neq size - 1
 Invariants to test in model check
DEBUG\_Inv \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \land TRUE
                     \wedge Inv\_diam(20)
Examples:
Find a behavior with a diameter of size 60.
Inv\_diam(60)
Find a behavior where two different monitors assume the role of a leader.
Inv\_find\_state(
  \exists msg1, msg2 \in message\_history:
     \land \ msg1.type = OP\_COLLECT \land msg2.type = OP\_COLLECT
     \land \mathit{msg1.from} \neq \mathit{msg2.from}
Find a state where a monitor crashed during the collect phase and fails to send a OP_LAST
message.
Inv\_find\_state(
   \land step\_name = "crash mon"
   \ * The system is in collect phase and no OP_LAST message has been received.
   \wedge \exists mon \in Monitors:
     \land isLeader[mon] = TRUE
     \land \ phase[mon] = PHASE\_COLLECT
     \land num\_last[mon] = 1
   \land \forall mon1, mon2 \in Monitors:
     \forall i \in 1 ... Len(messages[mon1][mon2]) : messages[mon1][mon2][i].type \neq OP\_COLLECT
   \land epoch = 2
Find a state where the leader crashes during the commit phase, failing to complete the commit.
Inv_find_state(
   \land \ step\_name = "crash \ mon"
```

 $\land \exists mon1, mon2 \in Monitors:$

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\exists \ i \in 1 \ ... \ Len(messages[mon1][mon2]) : messages[mon1][mon2][i]. type = OP\_ACCEPT \\ \land \forall \ mon \in Monitors : \\ isLeader[mon] = \text{FALSE} \\ \land \ epoch = 2 \\ ) Note: After finding a state, that complete state can be used as an initial state to analyze behaviors from there.
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