

Consider a distributed system consisting of 6 processes - P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 and P6. This system uses the Raynal-Schiper-Toueg algorithm for causal ordering of messages. P4 has sent 10 messages to P6. $DELIV_6 = [8\ 9\ 0\ 8\ 5\ 0]$. Which of the following is true?

Select one:

- ☐ No message from P4 has yet been delivered to P6
- ☐ All messages from P4 have been delivered to P6
- ☐ 2 messages from P4 is not yet delivered to P6
- ☐ 1 message from P4 is not yet delivered to P6

Total Messages sent from P4 to P6 is 10

$DELIV_6 = \{8\ 9\ 0\ 8\ 5\ 0\} \rightarrow \{m_1^6\ m_2^6\ m_3^6\ m_4^6\ m_5^6\ m_6^6\} \Rightarrow$ only 8 delivered

Answer : 2 Messages from P4 is not yet delivered to P6

A distributed system consisting of 21 sites uses Maekawa's algorithm for implementing distributed mutual exclusion. Calculate the size of request set of each site.

Select one:

- ☐ 6
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 20
- ☐ 21

Size of Request set $|R_i| = K = \sqrt{N}$ from $N = K(K+1)+1$

$N = 21$

$K = \sqrt{21} \rightarrow \text{Roundup}(4.58) \rightarrow 5$

Just to check by applying K to find N

$N = 5(5-1)+1 \rightarrow 21$ it is correct

Answer : 5

For a distributed system, the synchronization delay is 4 seconds and the average critical section execution time is 12 seconds. What is the throughput of the system?

Select one:

- ☐ 0.0833
- ☐ 0.0625
- ☐ 0.125
- ☐ 0.25

Sync time (s) = 4

Min exec time (m) = 12

Through put = $1/(s+m) \Rightarrow 1/(4+12) \Rightarrow 0.0625$

Answer : 0.0625

Which type of message is not used by Lamport's algorithm for implementing distributed mutual exclusion?

Select one:

- ☐ REQUEST
- ☐ QUERY
- ☐ REPLY
- ☐ RELEASE

Answer : QUERY

Which of the following message is used by Maekawa's algorithm for handling deadlocks?

Select one:

- ☐ INQUIRE
- ☐ DEFER
- ☐ TOKEN
- ☐ CAPTURE

Answer : INQUIRE

In a distributed system, the state of channel C_{23} is calculated as follows. (All symbols and notations have the usual meanings.)

Select one:

- ☐ $\{m_{23} \mid \text{send}(m_{23}) \in \text{LS}_2 \vee \text{rec}(m_{23}) \notin \text{LS}_3\}$
- ☐ $\{m_{32} \mid \text{send}(m_{32}) \in \text{LS}_3\}$
- ☐ $\{m_{32} \mid \text{send}(m_{32}) \in \text{LS}_3 \vee \text{rec}(m_{32}) \notin \text{LS}_2\}$
- ☐ $\{m_{23} \mid \text{send}(m_{23}) \in \text{LS}_2 \wedge \text{rec}(m_{23}) \notin \text{LS}_3\}$

•if a snapshot recording algorithm records the states of p_i and p_j as LS_i and LS_j , respectively, it must record the state of channel C_{ij} as $\text{transit}(\text{LS}_i, \text{LS}_j)$

•For C_{ij} , intransit messages are:

$$\text{transit}(\text{LS}_i, \text{LS}_j) = \{m_{ij} \mid \text{send}(m_{ij}) \in \text{LS}_i \wedge \text{rec}(m_{ij}) \notin \text{LS}_j\}$$

Answer: $\{m_{23} \mid \text{send}(m_{23}) \in \text{LS}_2 \wedge \text{rec}(m_{23}) \notin \text{LS}_3\}$

Suppose a distributed system contains 5 processes - P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 and P_5 . Consider 2 events a and b occurring on this system. P_2 sends a message to P_4 corresponding to the event a . The event a has a vector timestamp of $[3 \ 2 \ 4 \ 1 \ 3]$. P_2 sends another message to P_4 corresponding to event b . The event b has a vector timestamp of $[4 \ 4 \ 5 \ 1 \ 4]$. After the occurrence of event a and before the occurrence of event b , P_2 does not send any other message to P_4 . However, other events are occurring in the distributed system. Moreover, after the occurrence of event a and before the occurrence of event b , some message receive event has occurred at P_2 . You do not have to consider the vector timestamps of these other events. This system uses the Singhal-Kshemkalyani's Differential Technique for implementing vector clocks. Assume that initially, the vector clock of each process was $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$ and $d = 1$. What will be the timestamp of the message sent corresponding to event b ?

Select one:

- ☐ $\{(1, 4), (3, 5), (5, 4)\}$
- ☐ $\{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 5), (5, 4)\}$
- ☐ $\{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 5), (4, 1)\}$
- ☐ $\{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 5), (4, 1), (5, 4)\}$

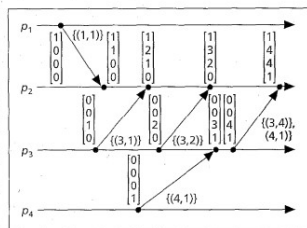


Figure 5. The Singhal-Kshemkalyani technique for vector clocks.

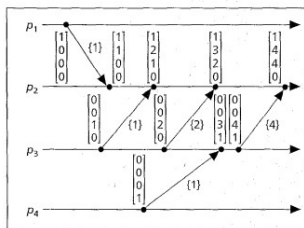


Figure 6. The Fowler-Zwaenepoel technique for vector clocks.

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T1 T2 T3 T4 T5

P2 event 'a' timestamp -> { 3 2 4 1 3 }

P2 event 'b' timestamp -> { 4 4 5 1 4 }

As P2 receives messages after event 'a' & before event 'b' there is diff in time stamps of P_1, P_2, P_3, P_5 & seems no messages from P_4 has occurred since it remains '1'.

So at event 'b', P2 has to sent differential timestamp values of P_1, P_2, P_3, P_5 -> $\{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 5), (5, 4)\}$

Answer: $\{(1, 4), (2, 4), (3, 5), (5, 4)\}$

Which of the following local variables is not used by the Synchronous Single-Initiator Spanning Tree algorithm using flooding?

Select one:

- ☐ visited
- ☐ parent
- ☐ color
- ☐ depth

Answer: color

A distributed system consisting of 11 processes uses the Schiper-Eggli-Sandoz protocol for causal ordering of messages. What is the size of the vector V_P maintained by each process?

Select one:

- ☐ 10
- ☐ 12
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 9

SES Algorithm

- SES: Schiper-Eggli-Sandoz Algorithm. No need for broadcast messages.
- Each process maintains a vector V_P of size $N - 1$, N the number of processes in the system.
- V_P is a vector of tuple (P', t) : P' the destination process id and t , a vector timestamp.
- T_m : logical time of sending message m
- T_{pi} : present logical time at p_i
- Initially, V_P is empty.

Size of $V_P = N - 1 \rightarrow 11 - 1 = 10$

Answer : 10

Which of the following is false for Lamport's algorithm for implementing distributed mutual exclusion?

Select one:

- ☐ Each site maintains a request_queue
- ☐ Communication channels are not required to be FIFO
- ☐ CS requests are executed in increasing order of timestamps
- ☐ request_queue of each site contains mutual exclusion requests ordered by their timestamps

- every site S_i keeps a queue, request_queue_i
- request_queue_i contains mutual exclusion requests ordered by their timestamps
- FIFO
- CS requests are executed in increasing order of timestamps

Answer : Communication channels are not required to be FIFO

Consider a node P of a graph. P has 7 neighbors - Q, R, S, T, U, V and W. You do not have to worry about the remaining nodes of the graph. The Synchronous Single-Initiator Spanning Tree algorithm using flooding is executed on this graph. In round x , P receives QUERY messages from T and U. P will send out QUERY messages in round $x + 1$. How many QUERY messages will P send out in round $x + 1$?

Select one:

- ☐ 5
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 4

Synchronous Single-Initiator Spanning Tree Algorithm using Flooding

Algorithm for P_i
 Round $r > 1$ and $r \leq \text{diameter}$
 if P_i planned to send in previous round then
 P_i sends QUERY to Neighbors
 if visited = 0 then
 if P_i receives QUERY messages then
 visited = 1
 depth = r
 parent = any randomly selected node from which QUERY was received
 plan to send QUERY to Neighbors \ (senders of QUERYs received in r)

'P' has 7 neighbor nodes

- 'P' receives query from 'T' & 'U' at round 'X'.
- So 'P' will send query to other neighbors Q,R,S,V & W excluding T & U

Answer : 5

A distributed system consisting of 20 sites uses the Ricart-Agrawala algorithm for implementing distributed mutual exclusion. How many messages are required per CS execution?

Select one:

- ☐ 40
- ☐ 38
- ☐ 42
- ☐ 36

Performance - requires $2(N - 1)$ messages per CS execution

So # of messages = $2(20-1) = 38$ where N is 20 sites

Answer : 38

Which type of message is used by the Chandy-Lamport algorithm for global snapshot recording?

Select one:

- ☐ marker
- ☐ request
- ☐ reply
- ☐ release

Answer : Marker

Suppose a spanning tree contains 20 nodes. How many messages are required to conduct a broadcast on this spanning tree?

Select one:

- ☐ 21
- ☐ 20
- ☐ 19
- ☐ 10

each broadcast and each convergecast requires $n - 1$ message

$\Rightarrow 20-1 = 19$

Answer : 19

Which of the following is not a problem associated with global snapshot recording of distributed systems?

Select one:

- ☐ large number of processes
- ☐ asynchronous message transmission
- ☐ lack of a globally shared memory
- ☐ lack of a common global clock

•problems in recording global state

•lack of a globally shared memory

•lack of a global clock

•message transmission is asynchronous

•message transfer delays are finite but unpredictable

Answer : Large number of processes

Suppose a distributed system contains 50 processes. This system uses the Raynal-Schiper-Toueg algorithm for causal ordering of messages. The number of elements that are present in the SENT array of each process is

Select one:

- ☐ 100
- ☐ 50
- ☐ 2500
- ☐ 1000

Raynal-Schiper-Toueg Algorithm

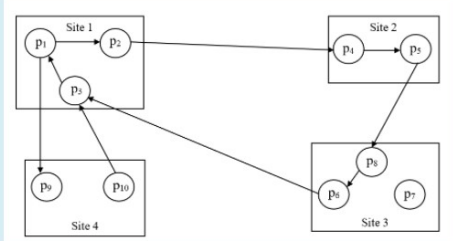
Complexity:

- *space requirement at each process: $O(n^2)$ integers
- *space overhead per message: n^2 integers
- *time complexity at each process for each send and deliver event: $O(n^2)$

where $n=50$, $n^2=2500$

Answer : 2500

Identify all the locally dependent processes for the WFG shown below. You don't have to consider any transitive dependencies.



Select one:

- ☐ p_1 dependent on p_2 , p_3 dependent on p_1 , p_4 dependent on p_5 , p_8 dependent on p_6
- ☐ p_3 dependent on p_1 , p_4 dependent on p_5
- ☐ p_3 dependent on p_1 , p_4 dependent on p_5 , p_8 dependent on p_6
- ☐ p_1 dependent on p_9 , p_3 dependent on p_1 , p_5 dependent on p_8 , p_8 dependent on p_6

P1->P9 is wrong as P9 has no dependencies. It'll execute independently and release the resources to P1.

Answer : P1->P2, P3->P1, P4->P5, P8->P6

What type of communication is used by the Birman-Schiper-Stephenson protocol for causal ordering of messages?

Select one:

- ☐ broadcast
- ☐ convergecast
- ☐ unicast
- ☐ multicast

Answer : Broadcast

Suppose a distributed system contains 6 processes - P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 and P6. Consider 2 events x and y occurring on this system. P3 sends a message to P6 corresponding to the event x . The event x has a vector timestamp of [1 2 5 2 4 4]. P3 sends another message to P6 corresponding to event y . The event y has a vector timestamp of [2 3 7 3 5 6]. Other events are occurring in the distributed system. Also, after the occurrence of x and before the occurrence of y , a message receive event has occurred at P3. You do not have to consider the vector timestamps of these other events. This system uses the Fowler-Zwaenepoel's Direct Dependency Technique for implementing vector clocks. Assume that initially, the vector clock of each process was [0 0 0 0 0 0] and $d = 1$. What will be the timestamp of the message sent corresponding to event y ?

Select one:

- ☐ {(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 7), (4, 3)}
- ☐ {(3, 7)}
- ☐ {(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 7), (4, 3), (5, 5), (6, 6)}
- ☐ {7}

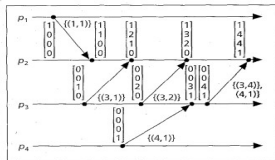


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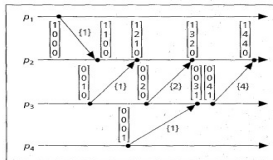


Figure 6. The Fowler-Zwaenepoel technique for vector clocks.

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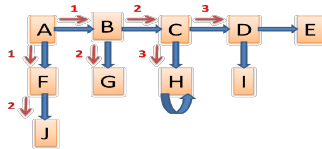
Irrespective of any received messages P3 will send only it's own current vector clock value alone.
As per event 'y' timestamp of P3 is {2 3 7 3 5 6}. So it'll send only 7

Answer : {7}

A spanning tree contains 10 nodes - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J. The HOLDER variable values of the nodes are as follows - $HOLDER_A = B$, $HOLDER_B = C$, $HOLDER_C = H$, $HOLDER_D = C$, $HOLDER_E = D$, $HOLDER_F = A$, $HOLDER_G = B$, $HOLDER_H = \text{self}$, $HOLDER_I = D$, $HOLDER_J = F$. Calculate the size of REQUEST_O of node C.

Select one:

- ☐ 4
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 1



Answer : 3

Request-deferred array is used by which of the following algorithm for implementing distributed mutual exclusion?

Select one:

- ☐ Lamport's algorithm
- ☐ Ricart-Agrawala algorithm
- ☐ Maekawa's algorithm
- ☐ Raymond's Tree based algorithm

Answer : Ricart-Agrawala Algorithm

Consider a distributed system containing 5 processes - P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5. Consider the channel C_{45} in this system. P4 has sent messages m_1 , m_2 , m_3 , m_4 and m_5 along C_{45} . P5 has received messages m_2 and m_5 along C_{45} . Each of m_1 , m_3 , m_4 and m_5 is a white message. This distributed system uses the Lai-Yang algorithm for global snapshot recording. What will be the state of channel C_{45} ?

Select one:

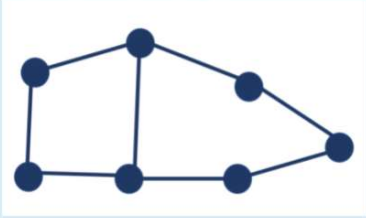
- ☐ $\{m_1, m_3, m_4\}$
- ☐ $\{m_3, m_4, m_5\}$
- ☐ $\{m_3, m_4\}$
- ☐ $\{m_1, m_4\}$

$$SC_{ij} = \{\text{white messages sent by } p_i \text{ on } C_{ij}\} - \{\text{white messages received by } p_j \text{ on } C_{ij}\}$$

$$= \{m_{ij} \mid \text{send}(m_{ij}) \in LS_i\} - \{m_{ij} \mid \text{rec}(m_{ij}) \in LS_j\}$$

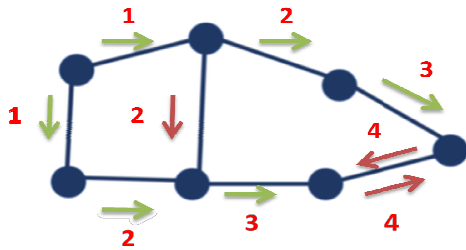
Answer : {m1.m3.m4}

What is the diameter of the given graph?



Select one:

- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3



Answer : 3

Suppose a distributed system contains 5 processes - p1, p2, p3, p4 and p5. Consider a probe message of the form (2, 1, 4) that is being used in an execution of the Chandy-Misra-Haas algorithm for the AND model. From the format of the probe message, determine the initiator of the algorithm.

Select one:

- ☐ p4
- ☐ p2
- ☐ p1
- ☐ cannot be determined due to insufficient information

Probe message format -> (initiator, Sender, receiver)

Our probe message is -> (2,1,4)

Answer : p2

Which of the following is false for the Lai-Yang algorithm for global snapshot recording?

Select one:

- ☐ each process is initially white
- ☐ marker messages cannot be used
- ☐ every message sent by a red process is a red message
- ☐ a red process is a process who has not yet recorded its local state

- when a process turns red, it sends these histories along with its snapshot to the initiator process that collects the global snapshot

Answer : A red process is a process who has not yet recorded its local state