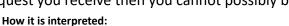


CAP theorem for NoSQL

- What the CAP theorem really says:
- If you cannot limit the number of faults and requests can be directed to any server and you insist on serving every request you receive then you cannot possibly be consistent



• You must always give something up: consistency, availability or tolerance to failure and reconfiguration



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Theory of NOSQL: CAP

GIVEN:

- Many nodes
- Nodes contain replicas of partitions of the data

Consistency

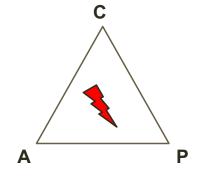
- All replicas contain the same version of data
- Client always has the same view of the data (no matter what node)

Availability

- System remains operational on failing nodes
- All clients can always read and write

Partition tolerance

- multiple entry points
- System remains operational on system split (communication, malfunction)
- (communication malfunction)
 System works well across physical network partitions



CAP Theorem: satisfying all three at the same time is impossible

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