

Errors found in distributed protocols

Protocol	Reference	Violation	Counter-example
PBFT ¹	[CL99]	liveness	[BRB21]
Chord	[Sto+01; LBK02]	liveness ²	[Zav12; Zav17]
Pastry	[RD01]	safety	[AMW16; AMW18]
Generalised Paxos	[Lam05]	non-triviality ³	[SS10]
FaB Paxos	[MA05; MA06]	liveness	[Abr+17]
Multi-Paxos ⁴	[CGR07]	safety	[Mic+17]
Zyzzyva	[Kot+07; Kot+10]	safety	[Abr+17]
CRAQ	[TF09]	safety ⁵	[Whi20]
JPaxos	[Koń+11]	safety	[Mic+17]
VR Revisited	[LC12]	safety	[Mic+17]
EPaxos	[MAK13]	safety	[Sut20]
EPaxos	[MAK13]	safety	[Whi21]
Raft	[OO14]	liveness ⁶	[Hoc14]
Raft	[Ong14]	safety ⁷	[AZ15; Ong15]
Raft	[OO14; Ong14]	liveness	[HA20; JHM21]
hBFT	[DPL15]	safety	[SKD19]
Tendermint	[Buc16]	liveness	[CV17]
CAESAR	[Aru+17]	liveness	[Ene+21]
DPaxos	[NAE18]	safety	[Whi+21]
Sync HotStuff	[Abr+19]	safety & liveness	[MC19]
Gasper	[But+20]	safety & liveness	[NTT21]
STM	[IR10]	safety & liveness	[Bel10]
FutureBus+	[92]	safety & liveness	[Cla+93]

¹With the read-only optimisation.

²Eventual reachability is Chord's key correctness property.

³Acceptors might accept commands that have not been proposed.

⁴As described in Paxos Made Live.

⁵Client reads might fail due to incorrect garbage collection.

⁶The joint consensus membership change algorithm described in the paper version of Raft had a liveness bug, which was fixed in Ongaro's PhD thesis.

⁷The bug is in the single-server membership change scheme described in Ongaro's thesis.

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