

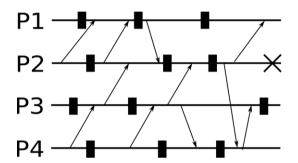
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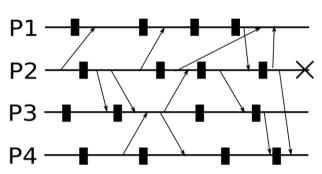
090950 - Distributed Systems

Prof. G. Cugola – July 8th, 2016

Rules:

- You are not allowed to use books, notes, or other material.
- You can answer in Italian or English.
- Total time for the test: 2 hours.
- 1. Describe and compare the data-centered (Linda) model of communication with the event-based one.
- 2. Describe structured naming in general and DNS in particular.
- 3. Calculate the recovery line for the two diagrams below using the rollback-dependency graph for the first one, the checkpoint dependency graph for the second one.





- 4. Describe mutual exclusion. Define it in precise terms and show the fully distributed protocol to achieve it using scalar clocks (clarify the assumptions for the protocol to work correctly).
- 5. Given the following schedule over 2 variables (both initialized with zero):

P0 R(x)2 W(y)1 W(x)3 R(y)2 P1 W(x)1 R(x)1 R(y)2 R(x)2 P2 R(y)0 R(y)1 R(x)1 R(y)3 P3 W(x)2 W(y)2 R(x)2 W(y)3

Is it FIFO/causal/sequential consistent?

- 6. Describe what is access control, how it works and the two main ways of implementing it in a distributed system.
- 7. Describe what an epidemic algorithm is, how it works and what properties it entails. How does this compare to gossiping and other propagation strategies?