

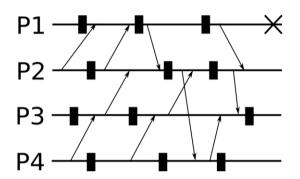
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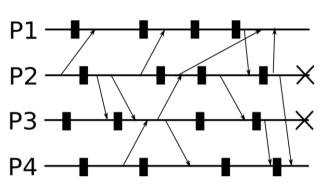
090950 - Distributed Systems

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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 RPC and RMI (as general communication abstractions). Clarify the differences regarding the way parameters are handled.
- 2. Describe leader election. The goal, possible usage scenarios, how to implement it, under which hypothesis the presented protocol works.
- 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. Discuss virtual Synchrony.
- 5. Consider the following schedule over 2 variables (both initialized at zero):

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P0 W(x)2 R(y)3 W(x)3 R(x)3
P1 R(y)1 R(x)2 R(x)3 W(y)3
P2 R(x)0 W(x)1 W(y)1 R(x)2
P3 R(y)1 W(y)2 R(x)3 R(y)2
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Is it FIFO/causal/sequential consistent?

- 6. Describe the two different approaches for primary based consistency protocols, underlying also the advantages and disadvantages of having a backup system.
- 7. Describe the figure shown here: what protocol is it? In what system is it used? What is "t"?

