

PDC ALM - 3

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1: List the characteristics of distributed System.

Ans Characteristics of Distributed Systems

Concurrency - Multiple processes run simultaneously on different machines.

Lack of global clock - No single clock to synchronize events across nodes.

Resource sharing - Resources like files, printers, or databases are shared.

Fault tolerance - The system continues to function even if some nodes fail.

Scalability - Easily expandable by adding more nodes.

Transparency - Users are unaware of the underlying distribution:

Access transparency (same interface)

Location transparency (doesn't matter where resources are)

Concurrency transparency

Replication transparency

Failure transparency

2: Explain the characteristics of synchronous execution

Ans Characteristics of Synchronous Execution

Bounded delay - Communication and processing take place within known time limits.

Global clock assumption - Processes have synchronized clocks.

Deterministic behavior - Execution order and timing are predictable.

Simpler reasoning - Easier to design algorithms due to known constraints.

Q3: Explain how communication happened between the processes of distributed network.

Ans Communication in Distributed Systems

Message Passing is used instead of shared memory.

Two primary types:

Synchronous: Sender waits for acknowledgment.

Asynchronous: Sender proceeds without waiting.

Protocols used:

TCP/UDP, RPC (Remote Procedure Call), REST, gRPC.

Messages can carry:

Data payload

Timestamp (for ordering)

Sender/receiver process info

Q4: Write a formula for how any process, numbered P_i , sends message to other process in synchronous message passing system.

Ans Formula for Sending in Synchronous Message Passing for a process

P_i

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Here, m is the message, and the sender blocks until

P_j

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P_j

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j

executes a corresponding receive()

Q5: Write a formula for how any process, numbered i , receives a message from other processes in a synchronous message-passing system

Ans Formula for Receiving in Synchronous Message Passing
for a process/Process P_i

i

blocks until it receives message m from P

j

Q6: What is condition for happen before casual precedence relation (\rightarrow) within the same process?

Ans Condition for Happen-Before Relation (\rightarrow) in Same Process

Let

Then:

$$e \rightarrow e' \Leftrightarrow$$

e occurs before e' $P \rightarrow e$

$\Leftrightarrow e$ occurs before e' in P

This is a local ordering of events within a process.

Q7: Illustrate how does a process P_i update its vector Clock in distributed environments?

Ans Updating Vector Clock (VC) at Process

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$VC_i[i] + 1$

$[i] = VC$

i

$[i] + 1$

On sending message m :

Attach

V

C

i

VC

i

to message m .

On receiving message m from

i

$[k] = \max(VC$

$i[k], V_m[k])$ for all k $i[i] = VC$ $i[i] + 1$

Q8: Illustrate how does a process P_i update its Lamport Clock in distributed environments?

Ans Updating Lamport Clock (LC) at Process

On receiving message m from P_j $P_j: LC_i = \max(LC_i, LC_m) + 1$