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Causal Consistency: Beyond Memory, PPOPP, 2016.

Specifications

CC_v : Causal Convergence

- arg 是 “all updates”:
 - Section 5.1 的文字描述是: “in causal convergence, the *updates* are totally ordered and the state read by each operation is the result of the *updates* in its causal past, ordered by this common total order.”
 - Definition 12 中在 \leq 中没有明确说明是 “all updates”。但是由于 CC_v 中 hide 所有的读操作, 所以实际效果等同于 \leq 限制在了 “all updates” 上。

Section 6: Implementation in Wait-free Systems

wait-free 是否是必须的?

如果 failure model 放松为 majority, 能否带来其它方面的好处?

Quorum + Reliable Causal Broadcast = ? (参考 causal convergence 文章)

What about *causal+ consistency*?

Section 6.2: Implementation of Causal Consistency

在设计分布式协议实现某种一致性模型时, 实现得弱了, 自然是错误的, 实现得强了, 可能也是有问题的。比如, 使用了过强的通信原语。

Research Ideas

- 实现 Variants of Causal Consistency:
 - ☐ 共有的部分: causal broadcast (vector clock)
 - ☐ 能否弱化?
 - ☐ WCC: +logical clock (aka, Lamport clock)
 - ☐ CC: +nothing
 - ☐ CCv: +(logical clock, pid)
- What about *version clock*?
- 关于 Convergence:
 - ☐ EC, SEC, UC 之间是什么关系?
- Causal Consistency 变体验证
 - ☐ TLA vs. Coq
 - ☐ Client Program + Protocol

TODO
