

TK1 Exercise 9

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Task 1 : 'Snapshot'-Algorithm of Chandy and Lamport

- a. Illustration 1.i is the correct and 1.ii is wrong.

Reason:

Quoting the rule from lecture slides,

Marker sending rule for process P_i

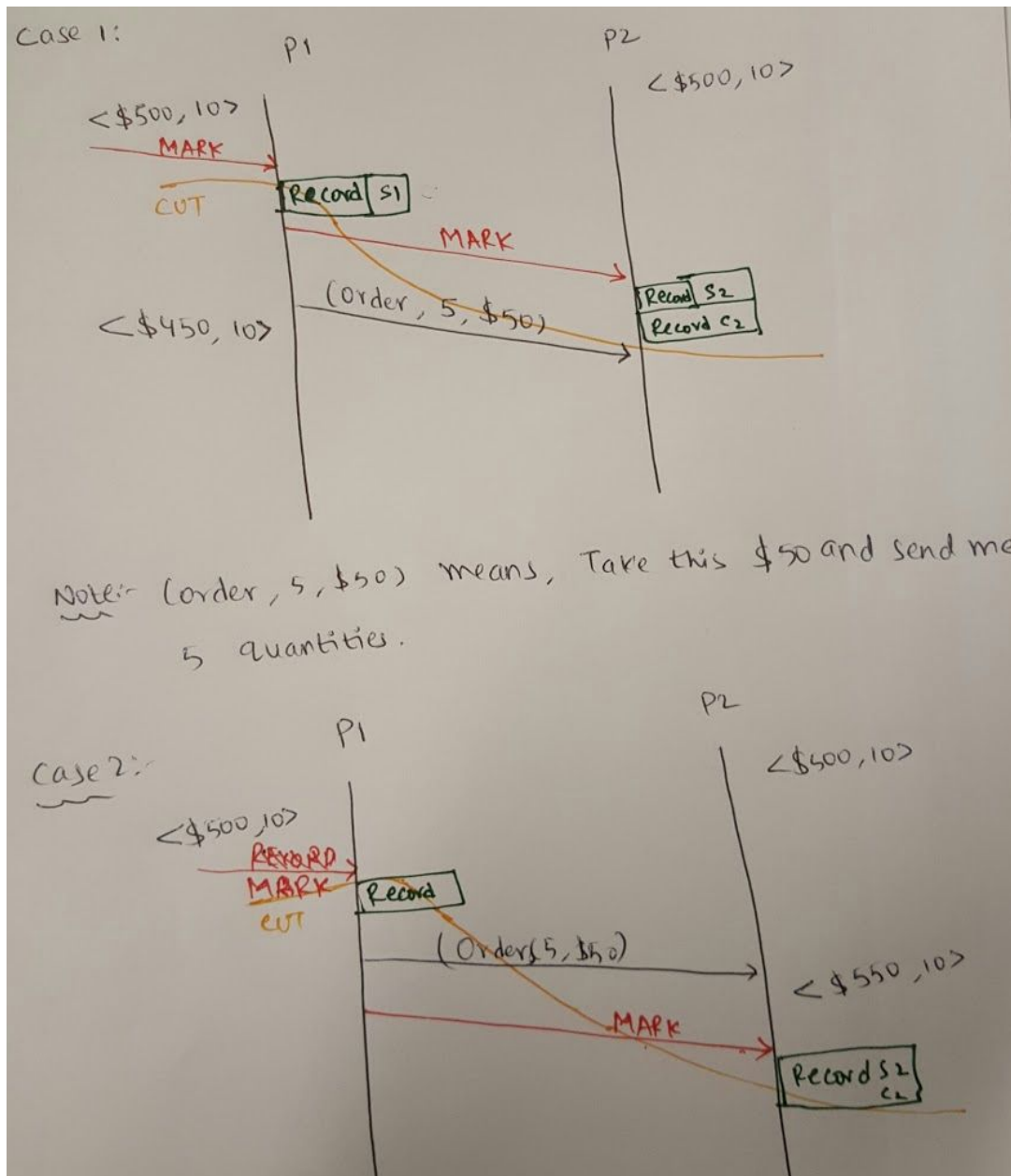
- After P_i has recorded its state, for each outgoing channel C
- P_i sends one marker message over C (**before it sends any other message over C**)

In 1.i marker message is the first message sent on channel after recording state. In 1.ii, P_1 sends a different message after recording the state and before sending the marker message on channel

Example:

Consider a distributed system of 2 processors operating on 2 resources - money and quantities. The total resources at any recorded state must be constant.

Applying the above methods for a series of events in this system gives us:



Recorded states:

Case 1

P1: <\$500, 10> C1: <>

P2: <\$500, 10> C2: <>

Total resources <\$1000, 20> - consistent snapshot

Case 2

P1: <\$500, 10> C1: <>

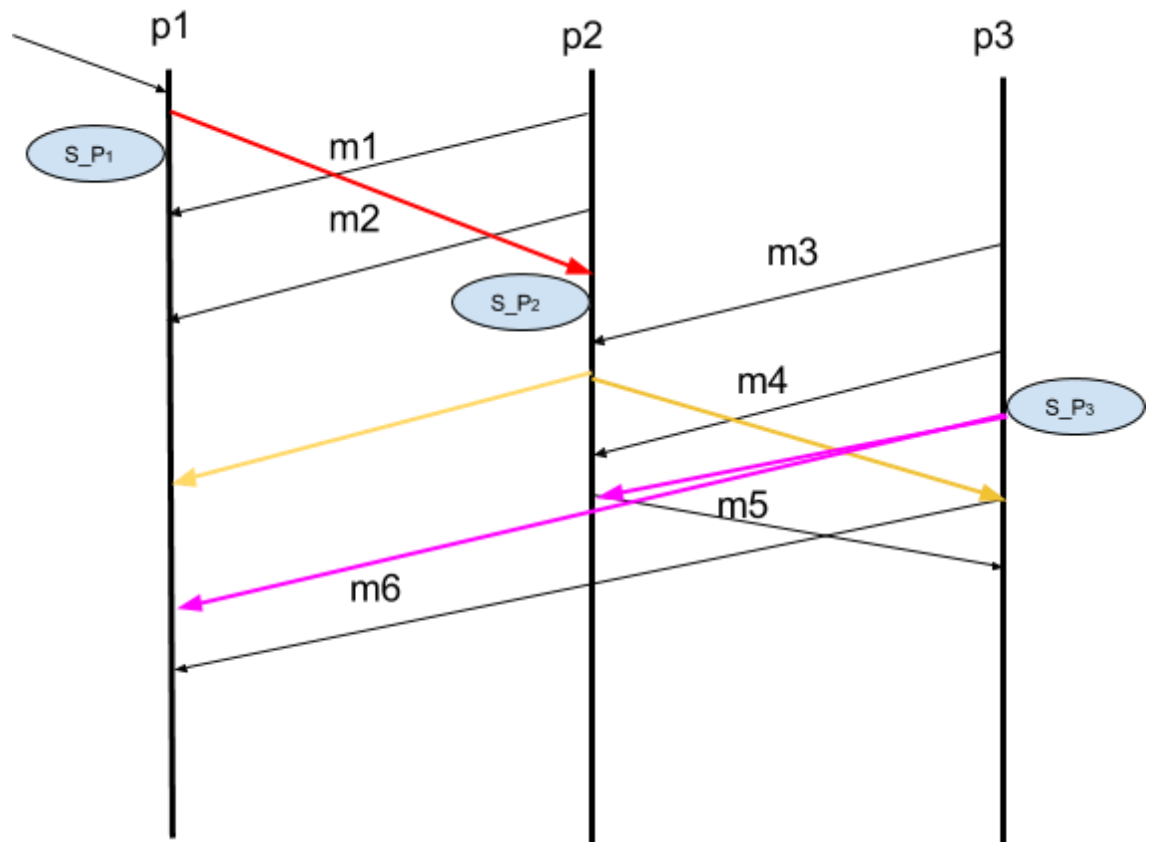
P2: <\$550, 10> C2: <>

Total resources <\$1050, 20> - inconsistent snapshot

Inconsistency in case 2 comes from the fact that we sent a message over the channel C1 before sending MARK MESSAGE after recording state.

b. 2 possible recording of states

Case 1:



S_P1

$C_{P2P1} : \langle M1, M2 \rangle$

$C_{P3P1} : \langle \rangle$

S_P2

$C_{P1P2} : \langle \rangle$

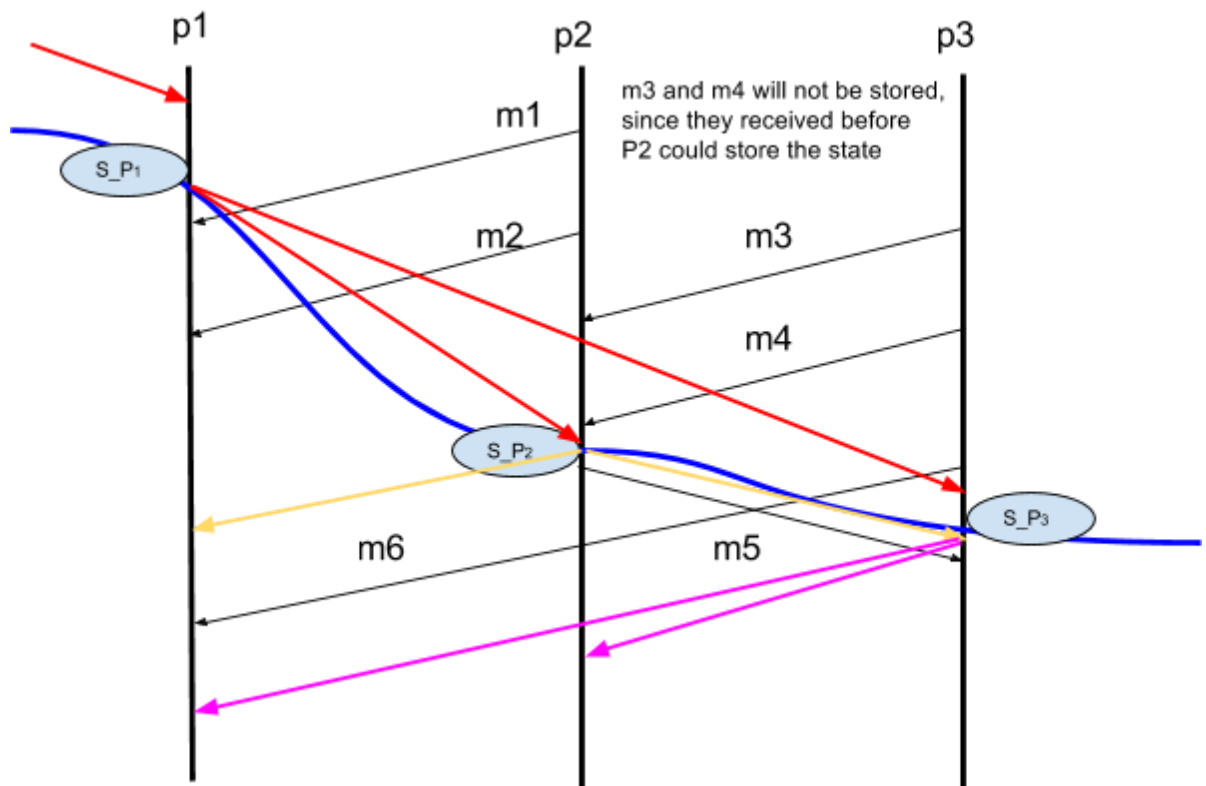
$C_{P3P2} : \langle M3, M4 \rangle$

S_P3

$C_{P1P3} : \langle \rangle$

$C_{P2P3} : \langle \rangle$

Case 2 :



S_P1

$C_{P2P1} : \langle M1, M2 \rangle$

$C_{P3P1} : \langle M6 \rangle$

S_P2

$C_{P1P2} : \langle \rangle$

$C_{P3P2} : \langle \rangle$

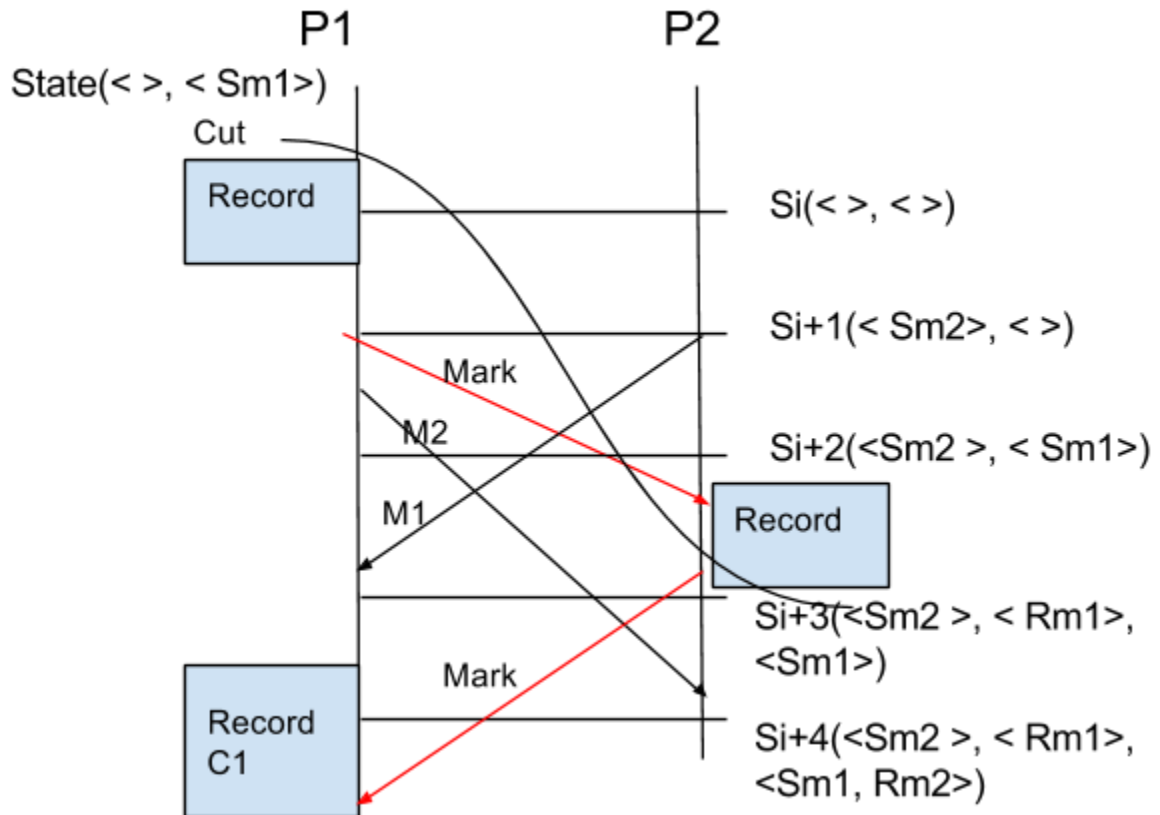
S_P3

$C_{P1P3} : \langle \rangle$

$C_{P2P3} : \langle \rangle$

Task 2: Snapshot vs. Actual Program Flow

a)



Pre snap: $\{S_{m1}\}$

Post snap: $\{S_{m2}, r_{m1}, r_{m2}\}$

Sys: $\langle S_{m2}, S_{m1}, r_{m1}, r_{m2} \rangle$

Sys': $\langle S_{m1}, S_{m2}, r_{m1}, r_{m2} \rangle$

Observed snapshot state $S_{\text{snap}} = (\langle \rangle, \langle S_{m1} \rangle)$

b)

