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Aim: To Implement Election Algorithm.

Objective: Develop a program to Implement Election Algorithm.

Theory:

Election Algorithms:

- The coordinator election problem is to choose a process from among a group of processes on different processors in a distributed system to act as the central coordinator.
- An election algorithm is an algorithm for solving the coordinator election problem. By the nature of the coordinator election problem, any election algorithm must be a distributed algorithm.

(a) Bully Algorithm

Background: any process P_i sends a message to the current coordinator; if no response in T time units, P_i tries to elect itself as leader. Details follow:

Algorithm for process P_i that detected the lack of coordinator

1. Process P_i sends an "Election" message to every process with higher priority.
2. If no other process responds, process P_i starts the coordinator code running and sends a message to all processes with lower priorities saying "Elected P_i "
3. Else, P_i waits for T' time units to hear from the new coordinator, and if there is no response à start from step (1) again.

Algorithm for other processes (also called P_i)

If P_i is not the coordinator then P_i may receive either of these messages from P_j

if P_i sends "Elected P_j "; [this message is only received if $i < j$]

P_i updates its records to say that P_j is the coordinator.

Else if P_j sends "election" message ($i > j$)

P_i sends a response to P_j saying it is alive

P_i starts an election.

(b) Election In A Ring => Ring Algorithm.

-assume that processes form a ring: each process only sends messages to the next process in the ring

- Active list: its info on all other active processes

- assumption: message continues around the ring even if a process along the way has



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crashed.

Background: any process P_i sends a message to the current coordinator; if no response in T time units, P_i initiates an election

1. initialize active list to empty.
2. Send an "Elect(i)" message to the right. + add i to active list.

If a process receives an "Elect(j)" message

(a) this is the first message sent or seen

initialize its active list to [i, j]; send "Elect(i)" + send "Elect(j)"

(b) if $i \neq j$, add i to active list + forward "Elect(j)" message to active list

(c) otherwise ($i = j$), so process i has complete set of active processes in its active list.

=> choose highest process ID + send "Elected (x)" message to neighbor

If a process receives "Elected(x)" message,

set coordinator to x

Example:

Suppose that we have four processes arranged in a ring: $P_1 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_3 \rightarrow P_4 \rightarrow P_1 \dots$

P_4 is coordinator

Suppose $P_1 + P_4$ crash

Suppose P_2 detects that coordinator P_4 is not responding

P_2 sets active list to []

P_2 sends "Elect(2)" message to P_3 ; P_2 sets active list to [2]

P_3 receives "Elect(2)"

This message is the first message seen, so P_3 sets its active list to [2,3]

P_3 sends "Elect(3)" towards P_4 and then sends "Elect(2)" towards P_4

The messages pass $P_4 + P_1$ and then reach P_2

P_2 adds 3 to active list [2,3]

P_2 forwards "Elect(3)" to P_3

P_2 receives the "Elect(2)" message

P_2 chooses P_3 as the highest process in its list [2, 3] and sends an "Elected(P_3)" message

P_3 receives the "Elect(3)" message

P_3 chooses P_3 as the highest process in its list [2, 3] + sends an "Elected(P_3)" message

Code:



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#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
struct Pro {
    int id;
    bool act;
    Pro(int id) {
        this->id = id;
        act = true;
    }
};
class Elect {
public:
    int TotalProcess;
    std::vector<Pro> process;
    Elect() {}
    void initialiseElect() {
        std::cout << "No of processes 5" << std::endl;
        TotalProcess = 5;
        process.reserve(TotalProcess);
        for (int i = 0; i < process.capacity(); i++) {
            process.emplace_back(i);
        }
    }
    void Election() {
        std::cout << "Process no " << process[FetchMaximum()].id << " fails" <<
std::endl;
        process[FetchMaximum()].act = false;
        std::cout << "Election Initiated by 2" << std::endl;
        int initializedProcess = 2;
        int old = initializedProcess;
        int newer = old + 1;
        while (true) {
            if (process[newer].act) {
                std::cout << "Process " << process[old].id << " pass Election(" <<
process[old].id << ") to" << process[newer].id << std::endl;
                old = newer;
            }
        }
    }
};
```



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    }
    newer = (newer + 1) % TotalProcess;
    if (newer == initializedProcess) {
        break;
    }
}
std::cout << "Process " << process[FetchMaximum()].id << " becomes coordinator"
<< std::endl;
int coord = process[FetchMaximum()].id;
old = coord;
newer = (old + 1) % TotalProcess;
while (true) {
    if (process[newer].act) {
        std::cout << "Process " << process[old].id << " pass Coordinator("
        << coord << ") message to process " << process[newer].id << std::endl;
        old = newer;
    }
    newer = (newer + 1) % TotalProcess;
    if (newer == coord) {
        std::cout << "End Of Election " << std::endl;
        break;
    }
}
}
}

int FetchMaximum() {
    int Ind = 0;
    int maxId = -9999;
    for (int i = 0; i < process.size(); i++) {
        if (process[i].act && process[i].id > maxId) {
            maxId = process[i].id;
            Ind = i;
        }
    }
    return Ind;
}

};

int main() {
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Elect object;  
object.initialiseElect();  
object.Election();  
return 0;  
}
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Output:

No of processes 5
Process no 4 fails
Election Initiated by 2
Process 2 pass Election(2) to3
Process 3 pass Election(3) to0
Process 0 pass Election(0) to1
Process 3 becomes coordinator
Process 3 pass Coordinator(3) message to process 0
Process 0 pass Coordinator(3) message to process 1
Process 1 pass Coordinator(3) message to process 2
End Of Election

Conclusion: The implemented Ring Algorithm effectively demonstrates the process of electing a new coordinator in a distributed system when the current coordinator fails. By initiating an election process, each process communicates with its neighbors, forming an active list of processes. Through iterative message passing and comparison of process IDs, the algorithm successfully selects the process with the highest ID as the new coordinator. This ensures the continuity of coordination within the system even amidst failures, highlighting the robustness and reliability of the distributed election algorithm.