

Is Coordination needed?

Round 1

k = 2: 5 honest, 2 byzantine generals

A: Attack

B: Attack

C: Retreat

D: Retreat

E: Retreat

F:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	A	R	R	R		

G:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	A	R	R	R		

Round 2

A,B	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Res.
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
C	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	R
D	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	R
E	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	R
F	A	A	R	R	R	A	A	A
G	A	A	R	R	R	A	A	A

-> Attack

C,D,E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Res.
A	A	A	A	A	A	R	R	A
B	A	A	A	A	A	R	R	A
C	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
D	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
E	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
F	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	R
G	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	R

-> Retreat

Conclusion

- 2 byzantine generals can break the algorithm with 5 honest generals
- Both byz. generals send the same messages to the other generals
 - Byzantine generals don't need to coordinate but need to know the number of byzantine generals

Improved Algorithm:

Round 1

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E: Retreat

F:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	A	R	R	R		

G:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	A	R	R	R		

Round 2

A,B	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
C	R	R	R	R	R	A	A
D	R	R	R	R	R	A	A
E	R	R	R	R	R	A	A
F	A	A	R	R	R	A	A
G	A	A	R	R	R	A	A

C,D,E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	A	A	A	A	A	R	R
B	A	A	A	A	A	R	R
C	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
D	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
E	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
F	A	A	R	R	R	R	R
G	A	A	R	R	R	R	R

Round 3

- Every general sends all received vectors to all other generals
 - Vectors which are the same at $2k + 1$ generals are from honest generals
 - Vectors which are different at $> k$ generals are from byzantine generals
 - Vectors from byzantine generals will be ignored

Round 3

Every general receives:

A,B	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Res.
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
C	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	R
D	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	R
E	R	R	R	R	R	A	A	R
F	A	A	R	R	R	A	A	
G	A	A	R	R	R	A	A	

-> Retreat

C,D,E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Res.
A	A	A	A	A	A	R	R	A
B	A	A	A	A	A	R	R	A
C	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
D	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
E	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
F	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	
G	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	

F,G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
B	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
D	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
E	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
F	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
G	x	x	x	x	x	x	x