

Exercise Session 4

Broadcast – Reliable, Uniform, Causal, and Total-Order

Exercise 1

Sketch an execution history with two processes p_1 and p_2 , that satisfies the properties of **Reliable Causal Broadcast** but does not satisfy **Uniform Causal Broadcast**.

Exercise 2

If an algorithm implements Total Order broadcast, does it also satisfy the properties of the following?

1. Causal broadcast
2. Uniform Reliable broadcast

For each of the two (separately), either explain why it does, or give an execution that is allowed by total order broadcast, but is not allowed by the corresponding broadcast abstraction.

Exercise 3

Consider a broadcast algorithm that has the following properties:

Validity: For any two processes p_i and p_j , if p_i and p_j are correct, then every message broadcast by p_i is eventually delivered by p_j .

No duplication: No message is delivered more than once.

No creation: If a message m is delivered by some process p_j , then m was previously broadcast by some process p_i .

Causal delivery: No process p_i delivers a message m_2 unless p_i has already delivered every message m_1 such that $m_1 \rightarrow m_2$.

Does this broadcast algorithm satisfy the agreement property (if a message m is delivered by some correct process, then m is eventually delivered by every correct process)? Motivate your answer.