

# Fault-Tolerant Termination Detection with Safra's Algorithm

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- Safra's Algorithm [EWD 998]
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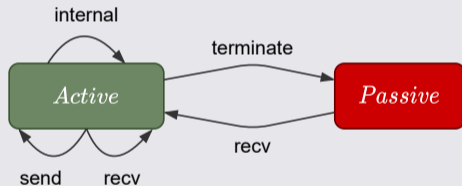
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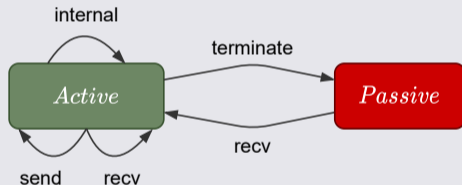


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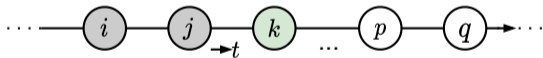
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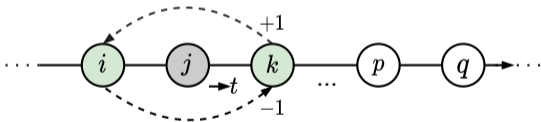
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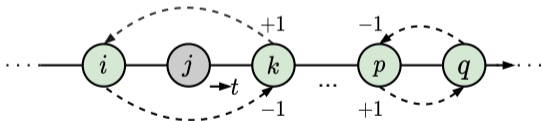
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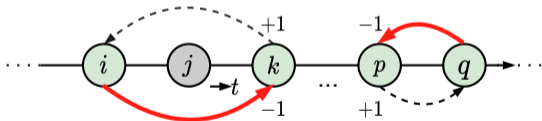
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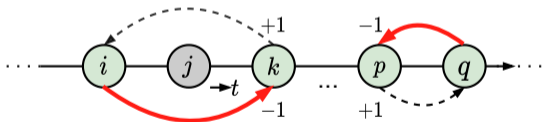
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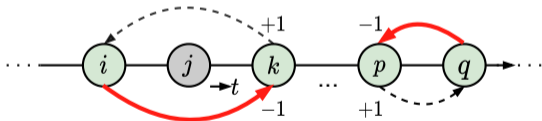
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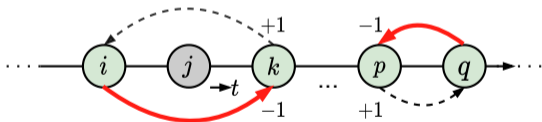
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## Intuition

- $black_i = j$ :  
 $i$  knows that count is inconsistent  
**at least** until  $j$ 's count is read
- $black_t$ : max  $black_i$  so far

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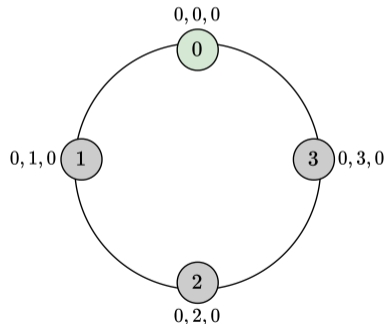
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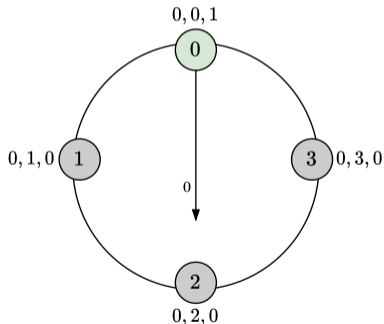
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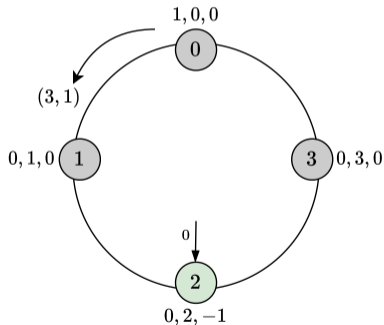
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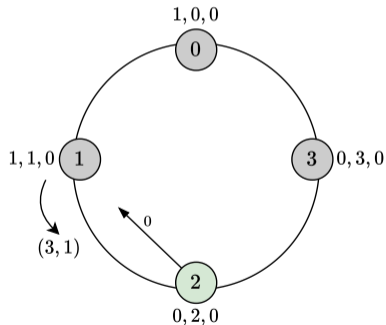
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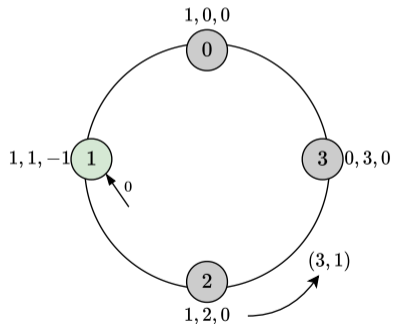
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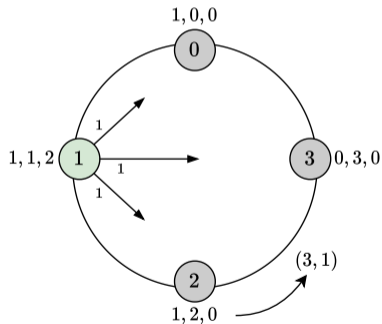
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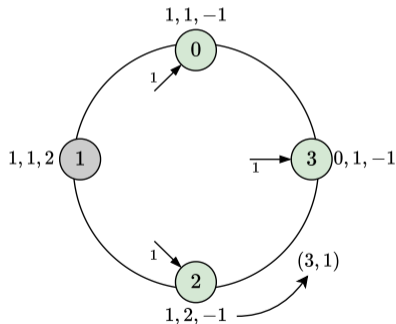
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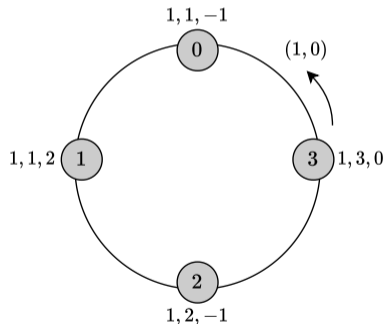
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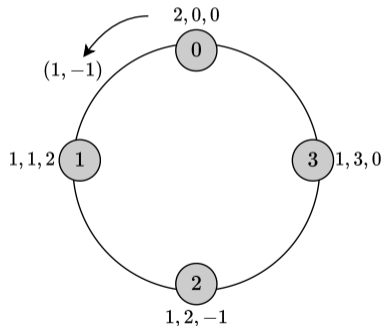
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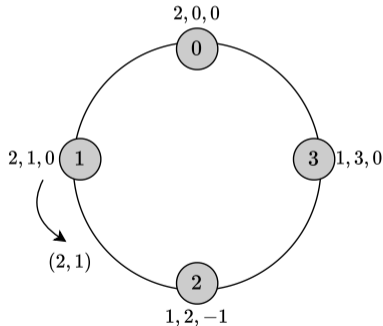
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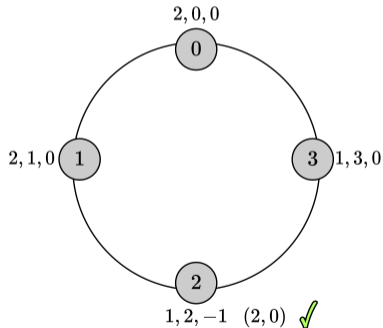
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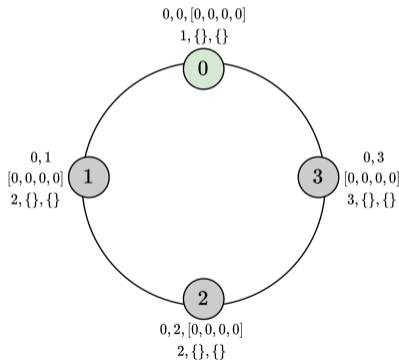
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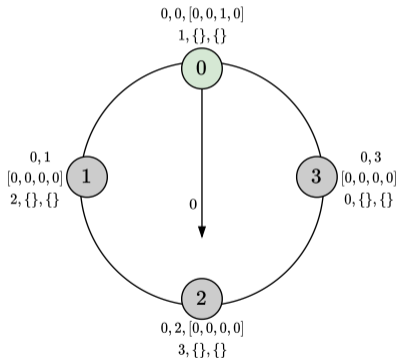
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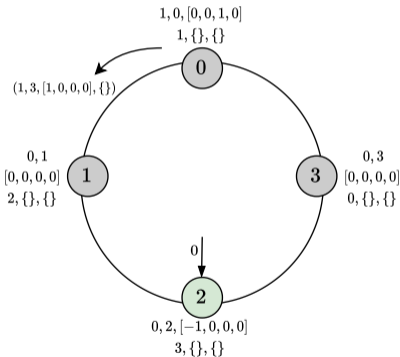
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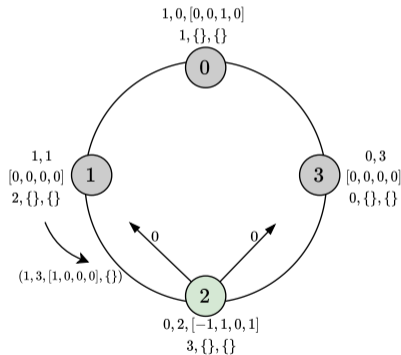
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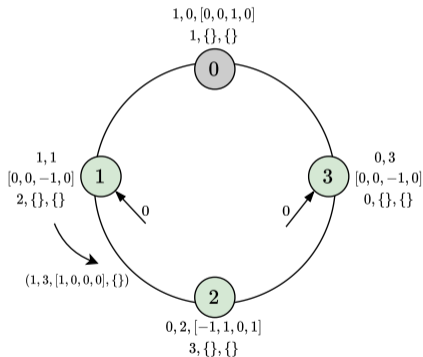
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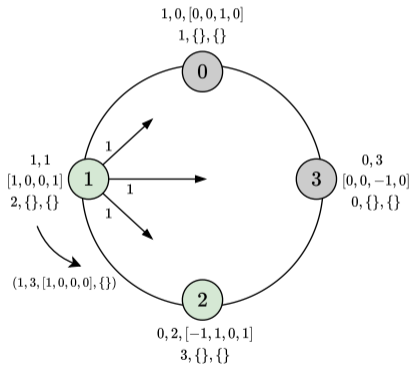
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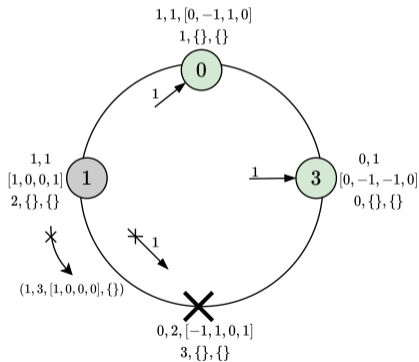
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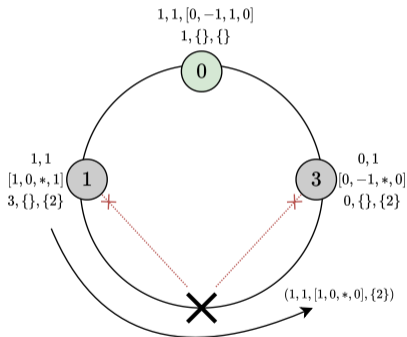
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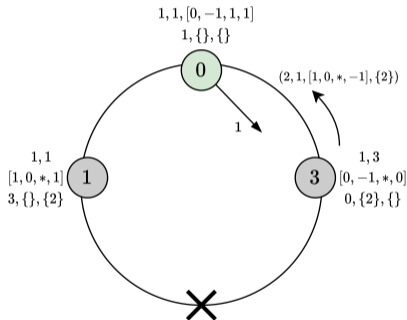
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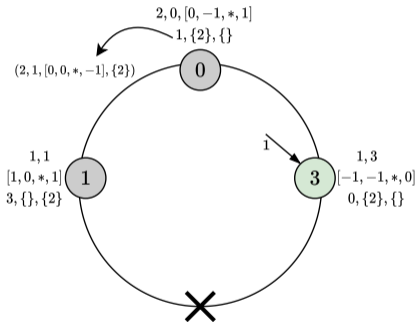
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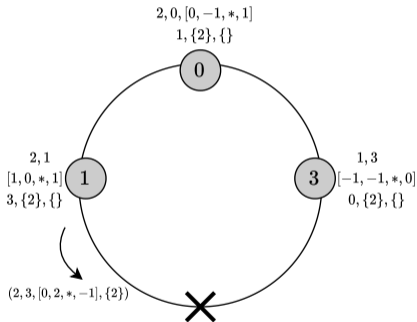
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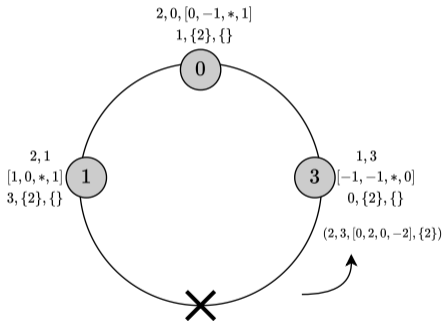
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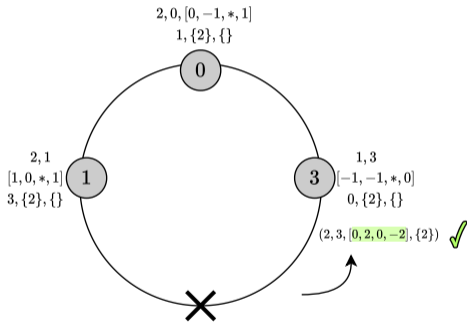
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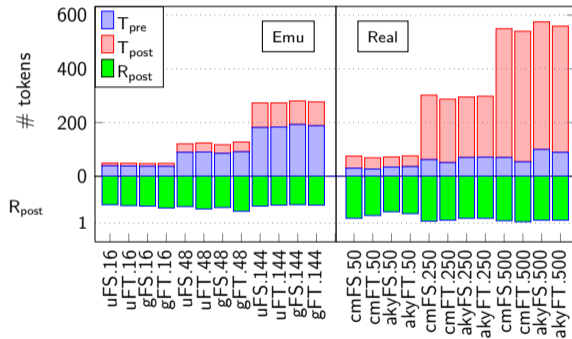
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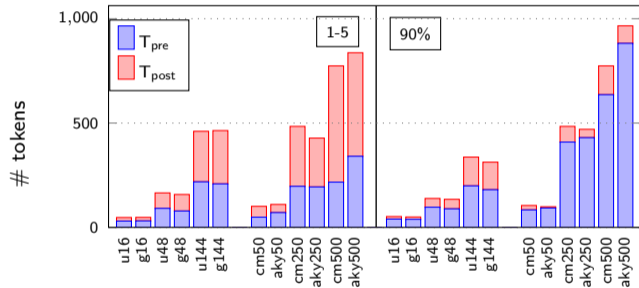
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- Detection within 1 round



# Experiments - Results (2)


## Faulty-runs


- Total tokens  $< 2N$
- Increase with more crashes
- Influenced by the basic algorithm



# Conclusion

- Fault-tolerant variant of Safra's Termination Detection algorithm
- $\Theta(N)$  increase in token size
  - Future work: use stable storage for the per process counters  $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1)$  token size
- +1 round when a process crashes
  - extra rounds for multiple crashes on the same round overlap
- Can tolerate  $N - 1$  failures
- No overhead in the absence of faults (Single-round detection)

 <https://github.com/gkarlos/FTSEmu>

 <https://github.com/PerFuchs/safra-termination-detection-fault-tolerant>