WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

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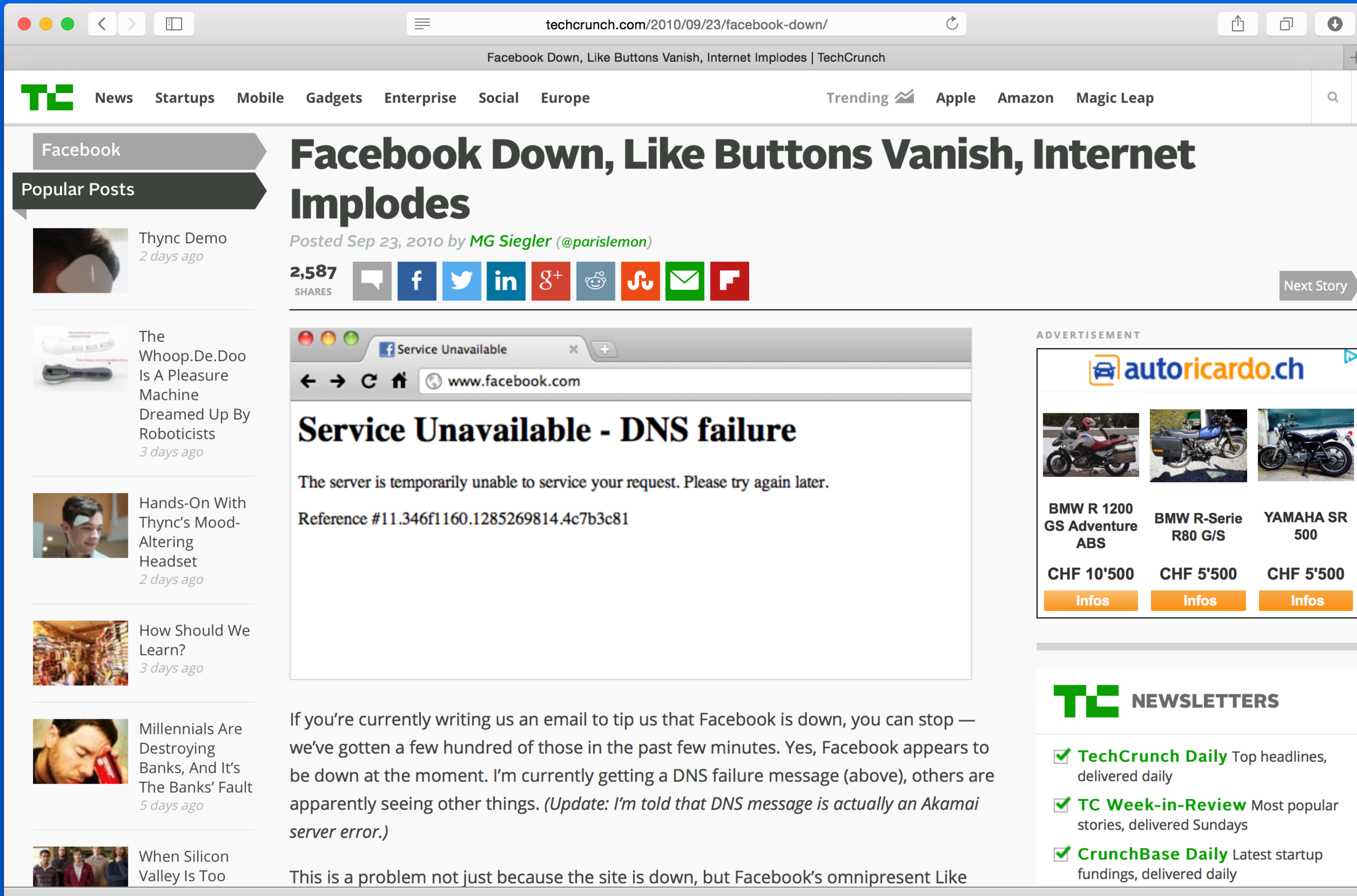

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When Silicon Valley Is Too

Facebook Down, Like Buttons Vanish, Internet Implodes

Posted Sep 23, 2010 by MG Siegler (@parislemon)

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Service Unavailable

www.facebook.com

Service Unavailable - DNS failure

The server is temporarily unable to service your request. Please try again later.

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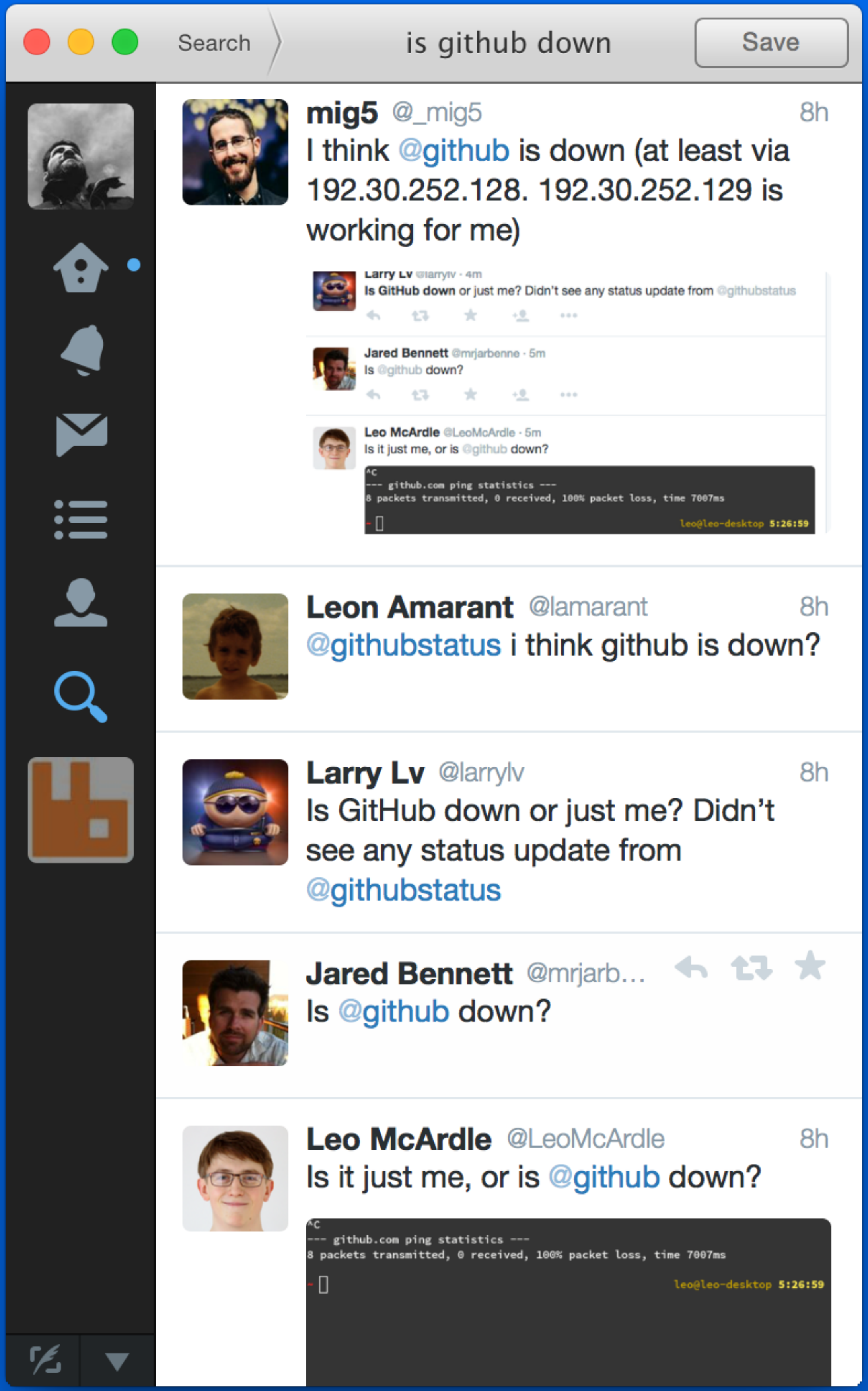
If you're currently writing us an email to tip us that Facebook is down, you can stop — we've gotten a few hundred of those in the past few minutes. Yes, Facebook appears to be down at the moment. I'm currently getting a DNS failure message (above), others are apparently seeing other things. *(Update: I'm told that DNS message is actually an Akamai server error.)*

This is a problem not just because the site is down, but Facebook's omnipresent Like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Leon Amarant @lamarant 8h
@githubstatus i think github is down?
Larry Lv @larrylv 8h
Is GitHub down or just me? Didn't see any status update from @githubstatus
Jared Bennett @mrjarb…
Is @github down?
Leo McArdle @LeoMcArdle 8h
Is it just me, or is @github down?
--- github.com ping statistics ---
8 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 7007ms
leo@leo-desktop 5:26:59

Google: define jargon

jar·gon[1]

/ˈjärgən/

noun

special words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group and are difficult for others to understand.

"legal jargon"

synonyms: specialized language, slang, cant, idiom, argot, patter; More

- a form of language regarded as barbarous, debased, or hybrid.

Translations, word origin, and more definitions

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DEEP RABBIT HOLE

WHAT TO READ?

WHICH PAPERS?

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In Search of an Understandable Consensus Algorithm

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Abstract

Raft is a consensus algorithm for managing a replicated log. It produces a result equivalent to Paxos, and it is as efficient as Paxos, but its structure is different from Paxos; this makes Raft more understandable than Paxos and also provides a better foundation for building practical systems. In order to enhance understandability, Raft separates the key elements of consensus, such as leader election and log replication, and it enforces a stronger degree of coherency to reduce the number of states that must be considered. Raft also includes a new mechanism for changing the cluster membership, which uses overlapping majorities to guarantee safety. Results from a user study demonstrate that Raft is easier for students to learn than Paxos.

was our most important criterion in evaluating design alternatives. We applied specific techniques to improve understandability, including decomposition (Raft separates leader election, log replication, and safety so that they can be understood relatively independently) and state space reduction (Raft reduces the degree of nondeterminism and the ways servers can be inconsistent with each other, in order to make it easier to reason about the system).

- **Strong leader:** Raft differs from other consensus algorithms in that it employs a strong form of leadership where only leaders (or would-be leaders) issue requests; other servers are completely passive. This makes Raft easier to understand and also simplifies the implementation.

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Poledna
KAP
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Varela
Herlihy
Shavit
THE ART of MULTIPROCESSOR PROGRAMMING
REVISED FIRST EDITION
MK
DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING through COMBINATORIAL TOPOLOGY
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RAYNAL
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REPLICATION TECHNIQUES IN DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS
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TCS
Birman
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Charron-Bost • Pedone
Schiper (Eds.)
LNCS
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Cachin · Guerraoui
Rodrigues
Introduction to Reliable and
Secure Distributed Programming
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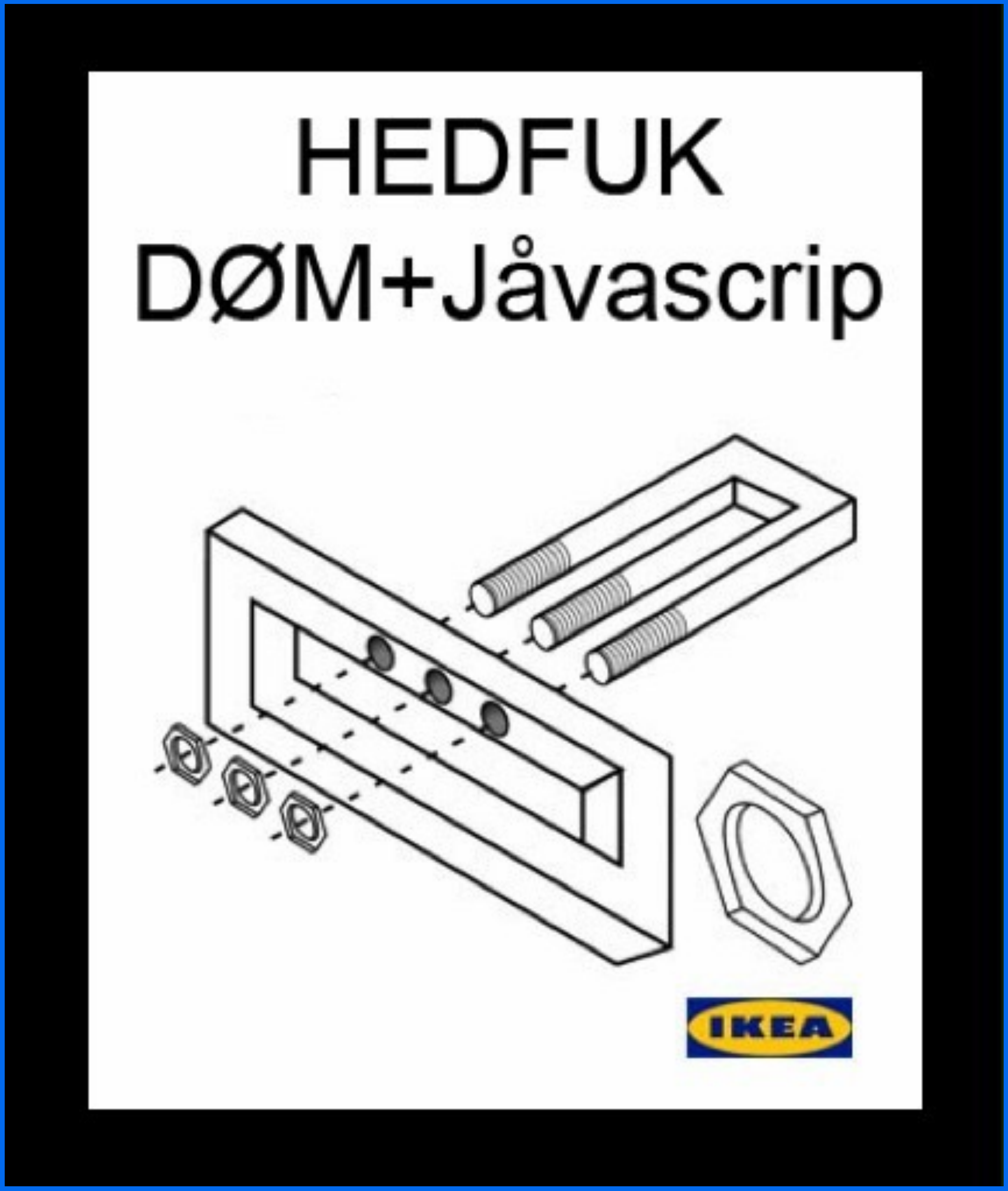

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LIVENESS AND SAFETY

LIVENESS AND SAFETY PROPERTIES OF ALGORITHMS

DEFINING LIVENESS*

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A formal definition for liveness properties is proposed. It is argued that this definition captures the intuition that liveness properties stipulate that 'something good' eventually happens during execution. A topological characterization of safety and liveness is given. Every property is shown to be the intersection of a safety property and a liveness property.

SAFETY

Some “bad” thing does not happens during execution

SAFETY

"Communication links should not invent messages out of thin air"

LIVENESS

A "good" thing happens during execution

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"A destination process eventually delivers the message"

LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT FLP[1]

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IMPOSSIBILITY OF DISTRIBUTED CONSENSUS WITH ONE FAULTY PROCESS

Nevertheless, even with these assumptions, the stopping of a single process at an inopportune time can cause any distributed commit protocol to fail to reach agreement Thus, this important problem has no robust solution without further assumptions about the computing environment or still greater restrictions on the kind of failures to be tolerated!

IMPOSSIBILITY OF DISTRIBUTED CONSENSUS WITH ONE FAULTY PROCESS

Crucial to our proof is that processing is completely asynchronous, that is, we make no assumptions about the relative speeds of processes nor about the delay time in delivering a message We also assume that processes do not have access to synchronized clocks, so algorithms based on timeouts, for example, cannot be used (In particular, the solutions in [DS1] are not applicable) Finally, we do not postulate the ability to detect the death of a process, so it is impossible for one process to tell whether another has died (stopped entirely) or is just running very slowly

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Our system model is rather strong so as to make our impossibility proof as widely applicable as possible Processes are modelled as automata (with possibly infinitely many states) which communicate by means of messages In one atomic step, a process can attempt to receive a message, perform local computation based on whether or not a message was delivered to it and if so on which one, and send an arbitrary but finite set of messages to other processes In particular, an “atomic broadcast” capability is assumed, so a process can send the same message in one step to all other processes with the knowledge that if any nonfaulty process receives the message, then all the nonfaulty processes will

IMPOSSIBILITY OF DISTRIBUTED CONSENSUS WITH ONE FAULTY PROCESS

Every message is eventually delivered as long as the destination process makes infinitely many attempts to receive, but messages can be delayed arbitrarily long and delivered out of order

WHAT’S CONSENSUS ANYWAY?

“THE CONSENSUS PROBLEM IS A PARADIGM OF AGREEMENT PROBLEMS”

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"THERE IS A GROWING TENDENCY TO REPLACE THE CONCEPT OF TRUTH WITH THAT OF CONSENSUS"

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- **C-Agreement**: No two correct processes decide differently
- **C-Uniform Agreement**: No two processes (correct or not) decide differently.

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Atomic Broadcast | **Group Membership**

ATOMIC BROADCAST

"CORRECT PROCESSES DELIVER THE SAME SET OF MESSAGES IN THE SAME ORDER"

FLP TELLS US THAT IF CONSENSUS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, THEN ATOMIC BROADCAST OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP CANNOT BE ACHIEVED EITHER

SO, WE PACK OUR BAGS AND GO?

NOTHING TO SEE HERE?

STUMBLING OVER CONSENSUS RESEARCH:

MISUNDERSTANDING AND ISSUES

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FAILURE DETECTORS

Unreliable Failure Detectors for Reliable Distributed Systems

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“RUB SOME PERFECT FAILURE DETECTOR ON IT”

PERFECT FAILURE DETECTOR

Module 2.6: Interface and properties of the perfect failure detector

Module:

Name: PerfectFailureDetector, **instance** $\mathcal{P}$.

Events:

Indication: $\langle\, \mathcal{P}, \mathit{Crash} \mid p \,\rangle$: Detects that process p has crashed.

Properties:

PFD1: *Strong completeness:* Eventually, every process that crashes is permanently detected by every correct process.

PFD2: *Strong accuracy:* If a process p is detected by any process, then p has crashed.

http://www.amazon.com/Introduction-Reliable-Secure-Distributed-Programming/dp/3642152597

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TL;DR:

INTERSECTING SETS

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“A QUORUM IN A SYSTEM WITH N CRASH-FAULT PROCESS ABSTRACTIONS [...] IS ANY MAJORITY OF PROCESSES, I.E., ANY SET OF MORE THAN N/2 PROCESSES”

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"IF F < N/2 PROCESSES FAIL BY CRASHING, THERE IS ALWAYS AT LEAST ONE QUORUM OF NONCRASHED PROCESSES IN SUCH SYSTEMS"

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CONSISTENCY

Linearizability: A Correctness Condition for Concurrent Objects

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A concurrent object is a data object shared by concurrent processes. Linearizability is a correctness condition for concurrent objects that exploits the semantics of abstract data types. It permits a high degree of concurrency, yet it permits programmers to specify and reason about concurrent objects using known techniques from the sequential domain. Linearizability provides the illusion that each operation applied by concurrent processes takes effect instantaneously at some point between its invocation and its response, implying that the meaning of a concurrent object's operations can be given by pre- and post-conditions. This paper defines linearizability, compares it to other correctness conditions, presents and demonstrates a method for proving the correctness of implementations, and shows how to reason about concurrent objects, given they are linearizable.

CONCURRENT FIFO QUEUE

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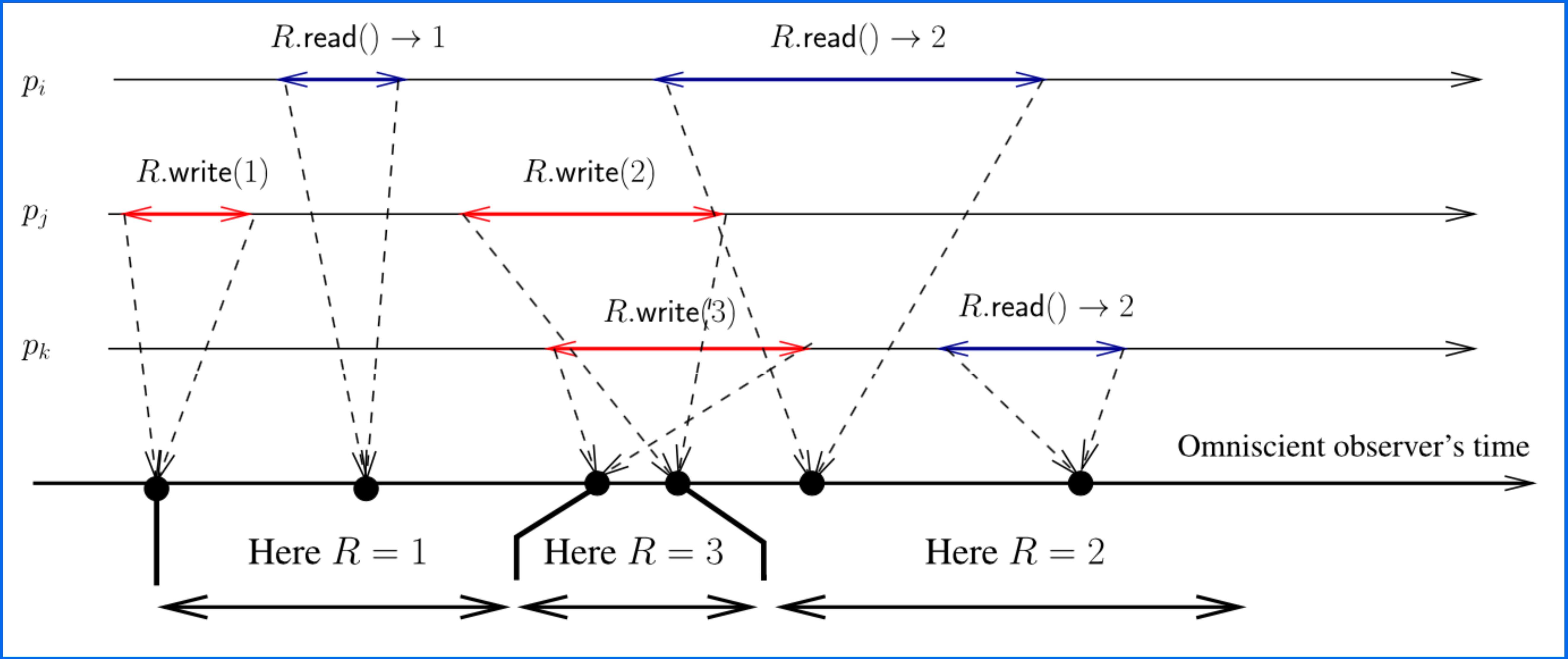

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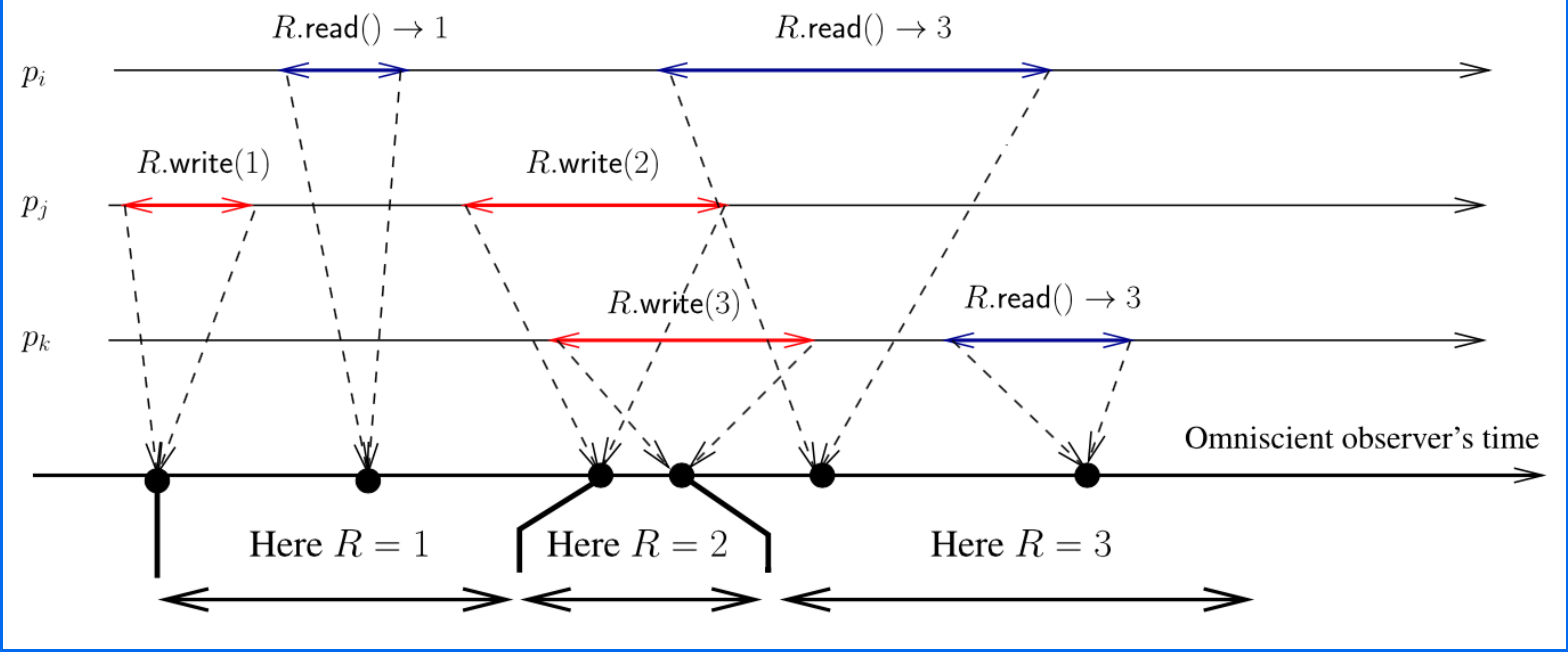

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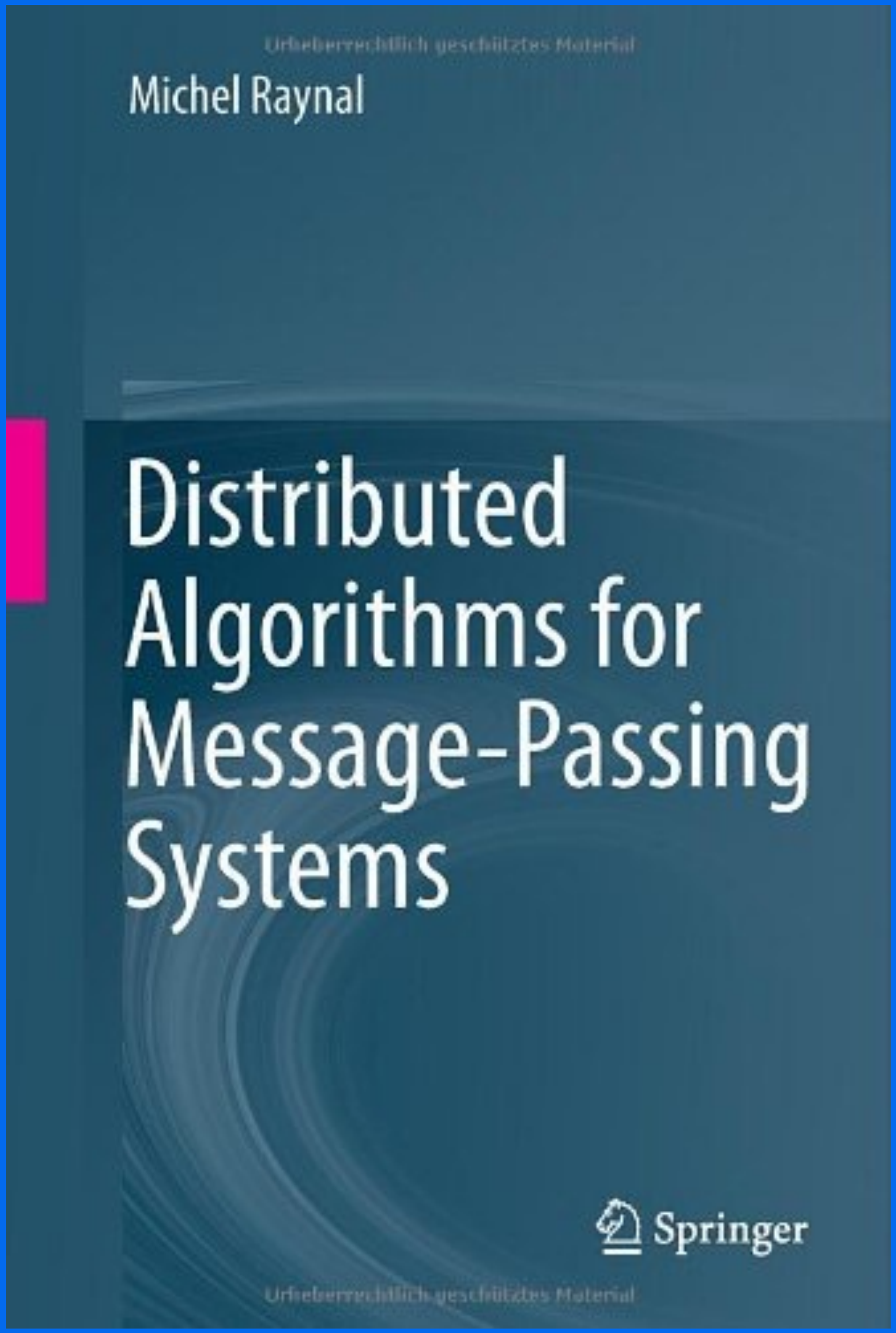

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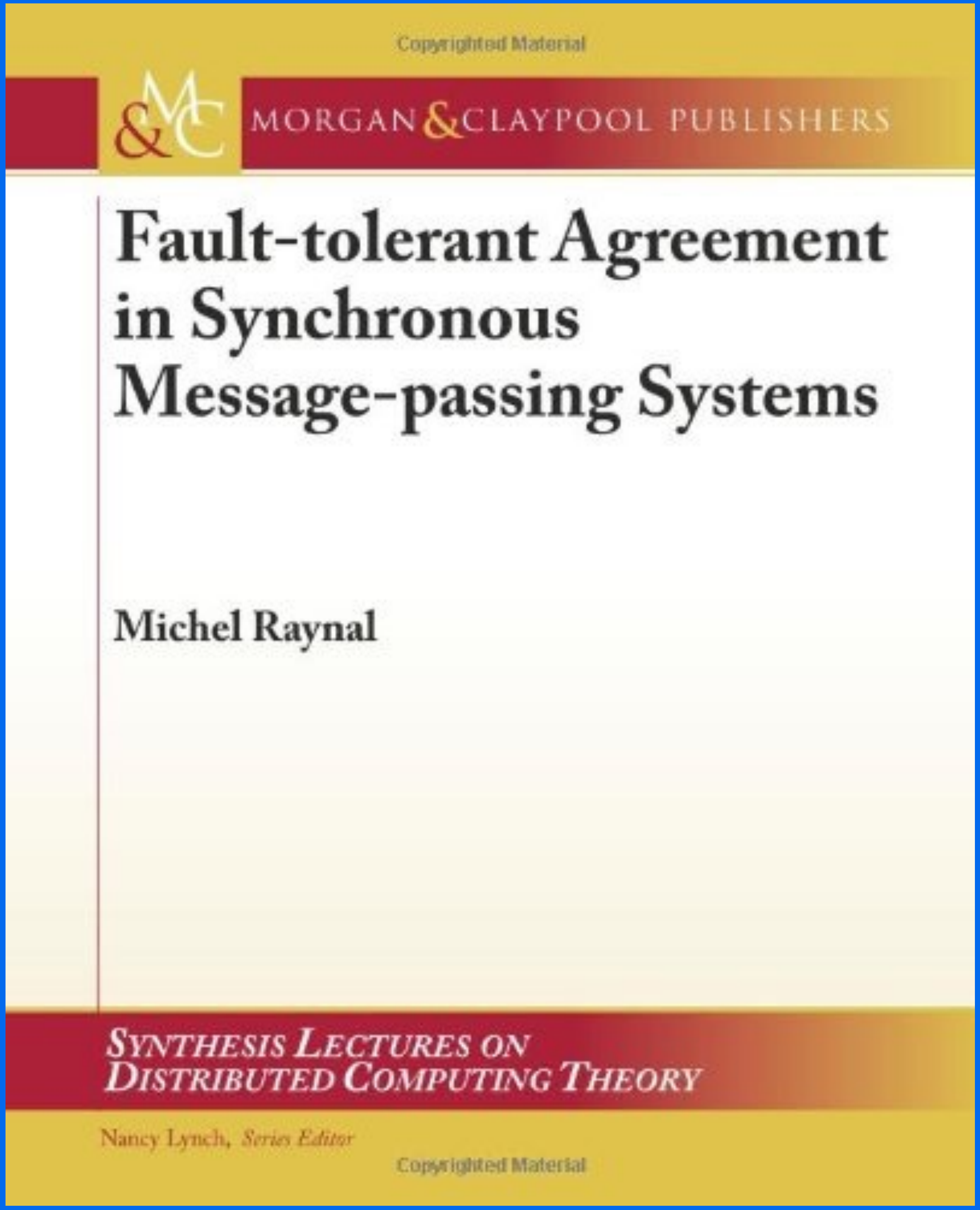

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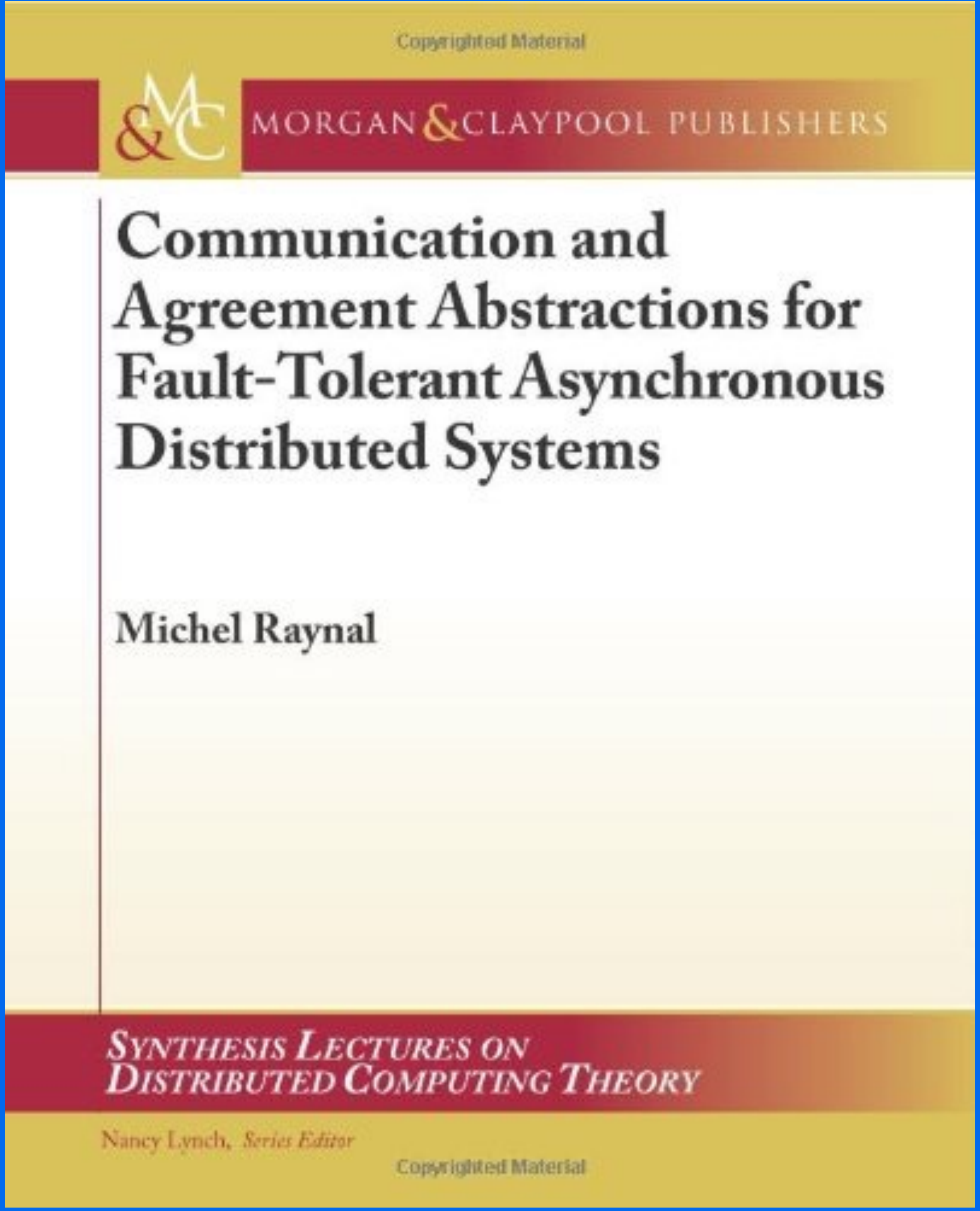

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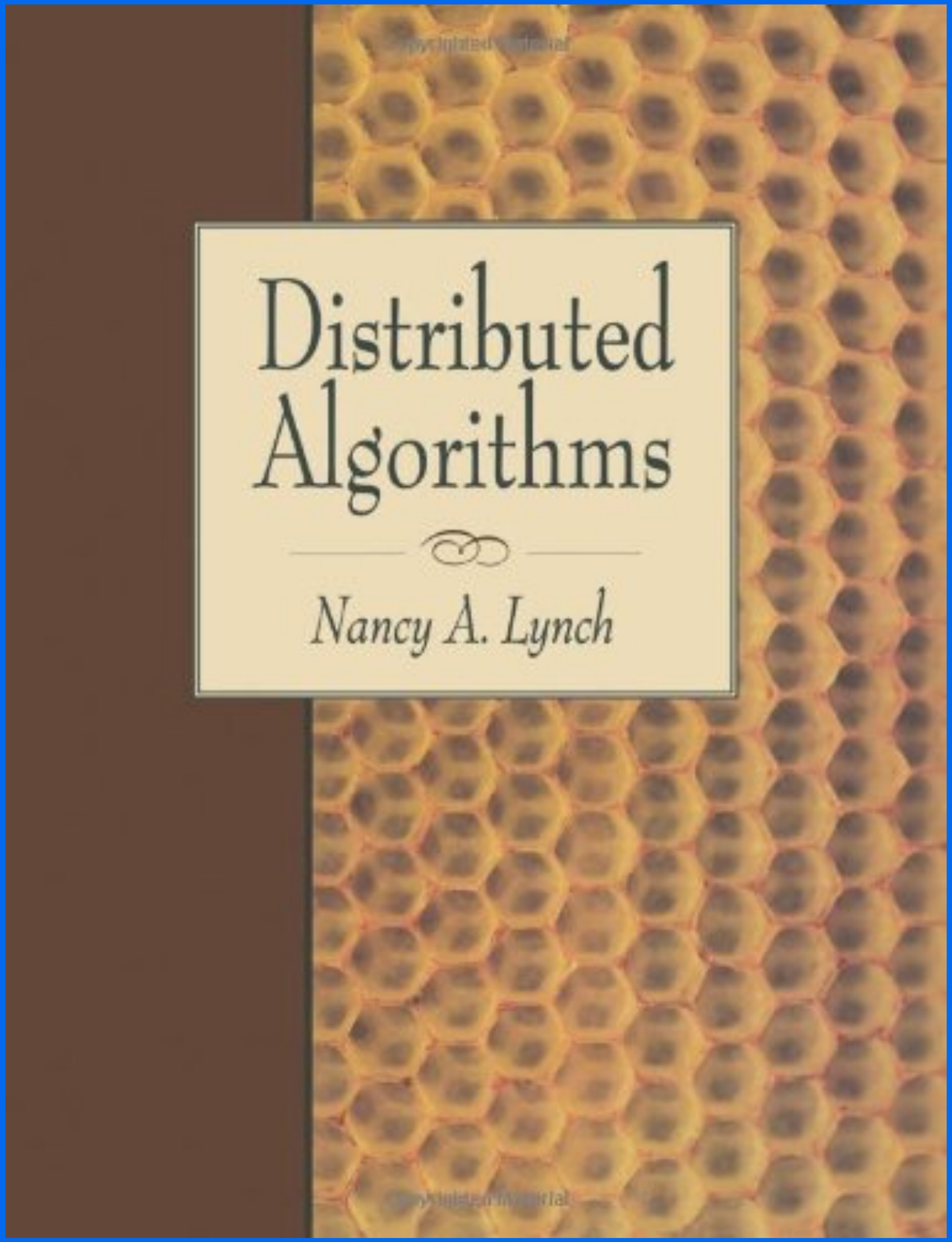

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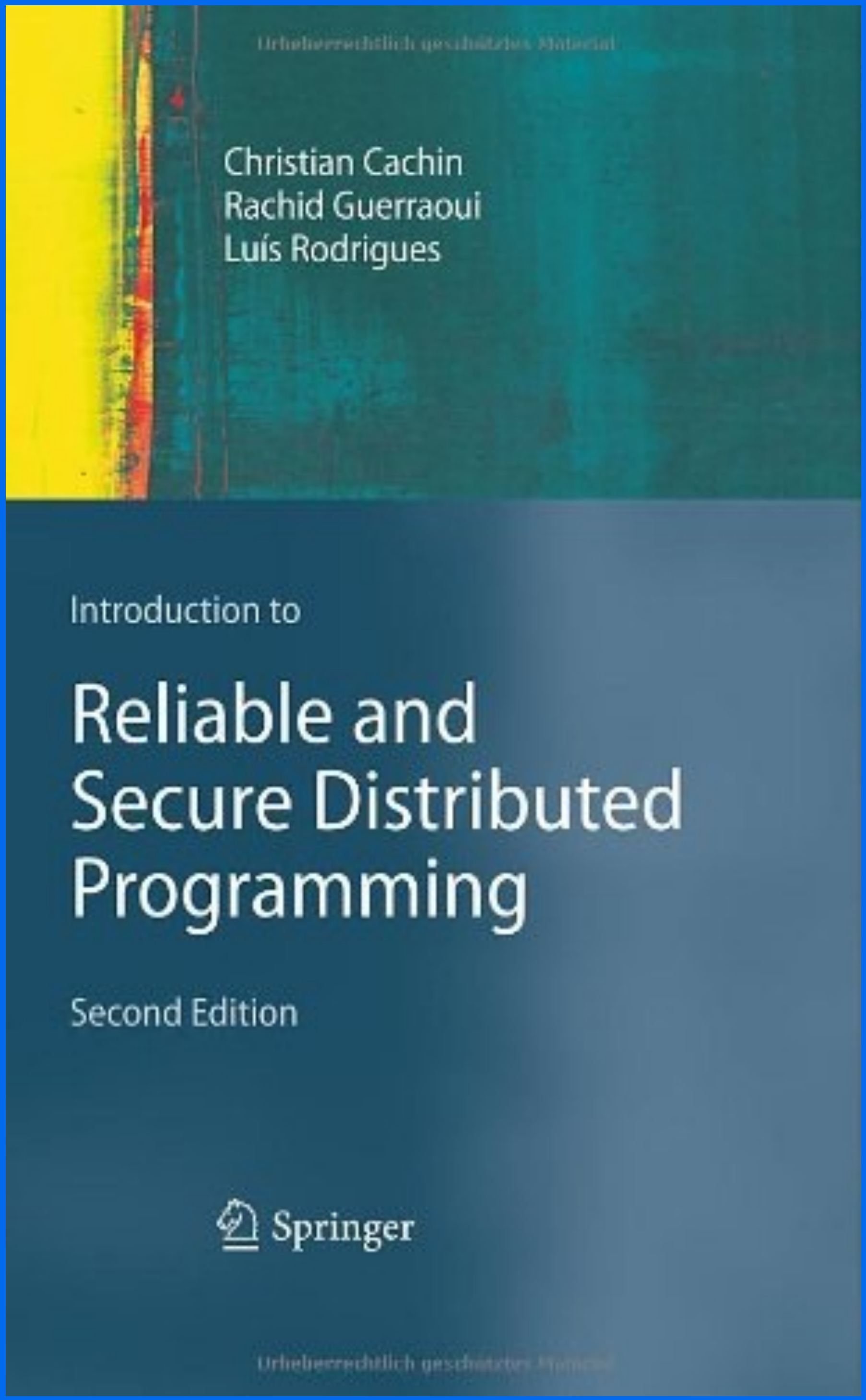

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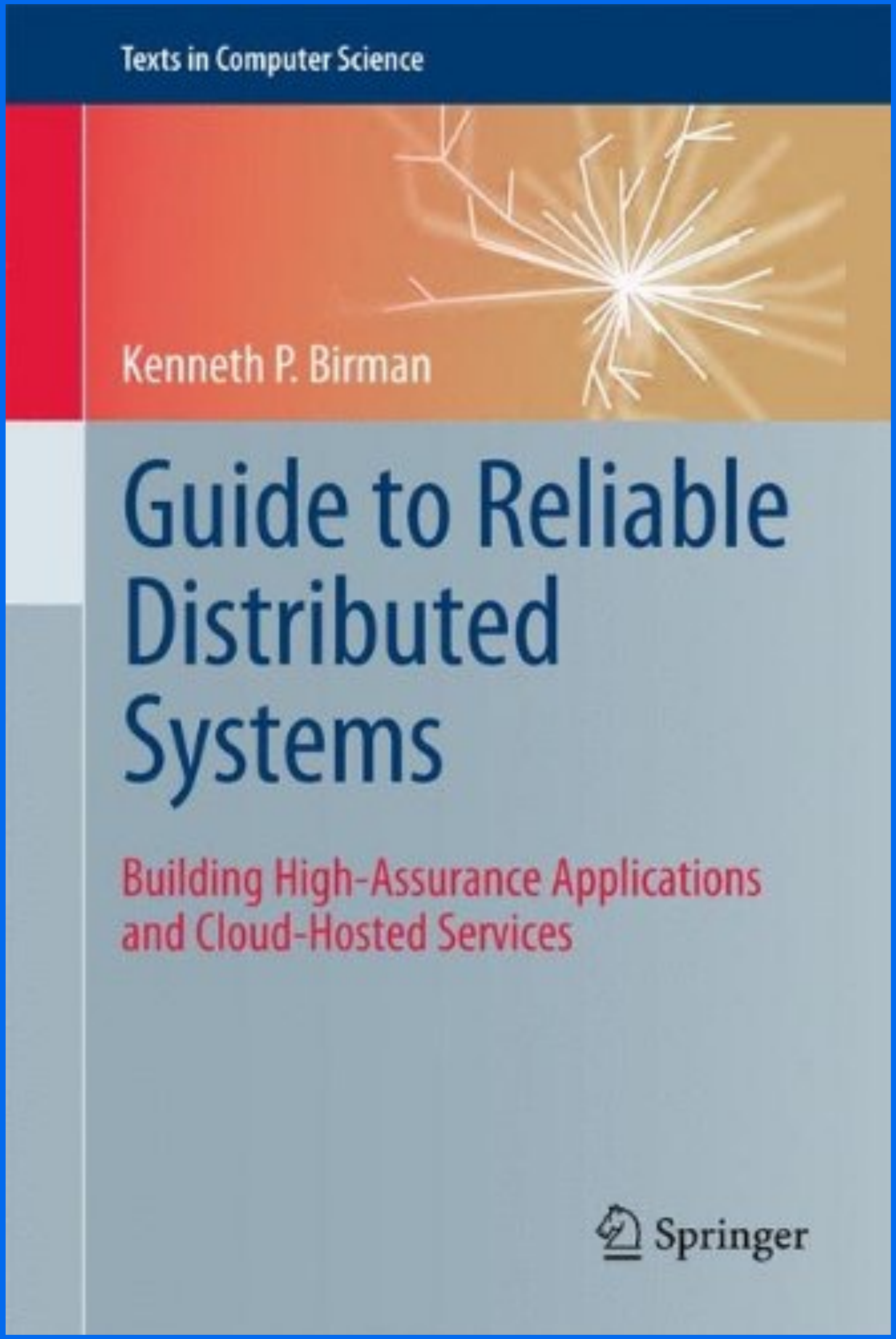

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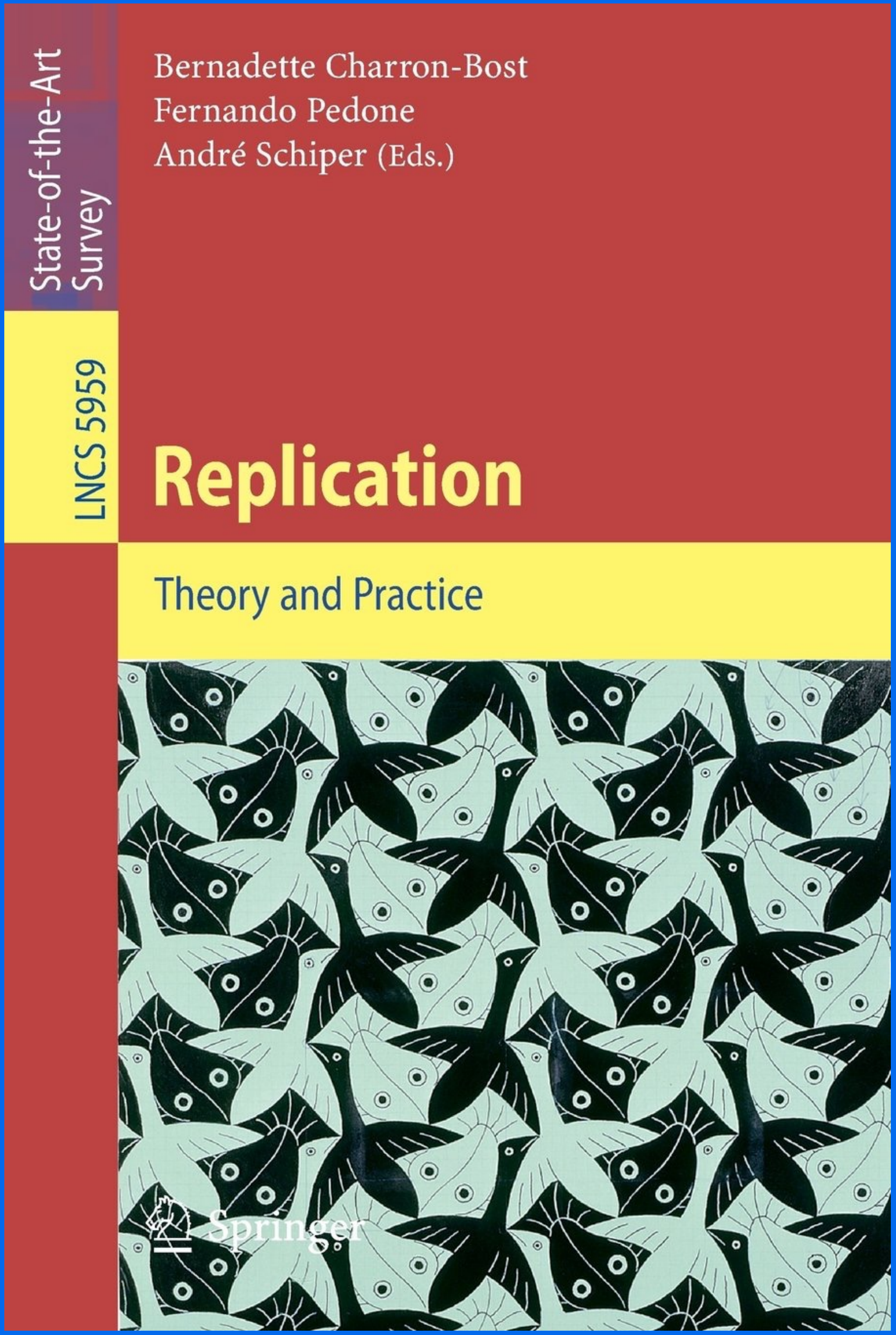

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