

Byzantine General Problem
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In his paper, Lamport proves that this problem does not have a solution for if the number of node (n) is not greater than the number of traitor nodes (m). Specifically, there is a solution as long as $n \geq 3m + 1$. We are asked to consider the situation where there are two traitor nodes. In order to have a solution, we must have at least seven nodes.

- 1: (5 points) Assuming the communications network is synchronous, does the proposed algorithm work? If not, provide an example with at least two traitors.
2. (20 points) Using the same example, show, step by step, how Lamport's algorithm allows the generals to reach an agreement.
3. (15 Points) Suppose there are 3 traitors among 10 generals, calculate the number of messages sent and received by a lieutenant under Lamport's algorithm.