Advanced Distributed Algorithms and Data Structures WS 2016 Homework Assignment 5

Problem 1:

- a) Finish the proof of Theorem 6.1.
- b) Show for the MIMD protocol on slide 20 and $\sum_{v} p_{v}(t) \ll 1$ that the larger $p_{v}(t)$, the larger is $\mathbb{E}[p_{v}(t+1)]/p_{v}(t)$.

Problem 2:

Implement and test solutions 1 and 2 on slides 25 and 26 using a simple, sequential simulation: The probability values of the nodes at the beginning of a round are given by an array A of size n. During that round, we determine via random experiments, which of these nodes will send a ping message in that round. Based on that, we will then decide based on solution 1 or 2 how to adjust the probabilities.

The task is to observe, for different values of n and starting conditions, whether $\sum_{v} p_{v}$ converges to 1 and whether we eventually have fairness.