Concurrency Control

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Topic 21: Serialisability and Recoverability

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Transactions: ACID properties

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WHERE sortcode=34

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Note that if total cash is $\pounds 137,246.12$ before the transaction, then it will be the same after the transaction.

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Example Data

branch					
sortco	ode l	oname	cash		
	56 '	Wimbled	on' 94340.45		
	34 '	Goodge S	St' 8900.67		
	67 '	Strand'	34005.00		
		movemen	it		
mid	no	amount	tdate		
1000	100	2300.00	5/1/1999		
1001	101	4000.00	5/1/1999		
1002	100	-223.45	8/1/1999		
1004	107	-100.00	11/1/1999		
1005	103	145.50	12/1/1999		
1006	100	10.23	15/1/1999		
1007	107	345.56	15/1/1999		
1008	101	1230.00	15/1/1999		
1009	119	5600.00	18/1/1999		

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key branch(sortcode) key branch(bname) key movement(mid) key account(no) movement(no) $\stackrel{f_k}{\Rightarrow}$ account(no) account(sortcode) $\stackrel{f_k}{\Rightarrow}$ branch(sortcode)

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CRASH

Suppose that the system crashes half way through processing a cash transfer, and the first part of the transfer has been written to disc

- The database on disc is left in an inconsistent state, with £10,000 'missing'
- A DBMS implementing **Atomicity** of transactions would on restart UNDO the change to branch 56

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```
BEGIN TRANSACTION
DELETE FROM branch
WHERE sortcode=56
```

```
INSERT INTO account
VALUES (100, 'Smith, J', 'deposit', 5.00, 34)
END TRANSACTION
```

Suppose that a user deletes branch with sortcode 56, and inserts a deposit account number 100 for John Smith at branch sortcode 34

- The database is left in an inconsistent state for two reasons
 - it has three accounts recorded for a branch that appears not to exist, and
 - it has two records for account number 100, with different details for the account
- A DBMS implementing **Consistency** of transactions would forbid both of these changes to the database

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Transaction Properties: Isolation

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION BEGIN TRANSACTION
UPDATE branch
SET cash=cash-10000.00
WHERE sortcode=56
```

```
SELECT SUM(cash) AS net_cash
FROM branch
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UPDATE branch
SET cash=cash+10000.00
WHERE sortcode=34
END TRANSACTION EN
```

END TRANSACTION

Suppose that the system sums the cash in the bank in one transaction, half way through processing a cash transfer in another transaction

- The result of the summation of cash in the bank erroneously reports that $\pounds 10,000$ is missing
- A DBMS implementing **Isolation** of transactions ensures that transactions always report results based on the values of committed transactions

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Transaction Properties: Durability

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CRASH

Suppose that the system crashes after informing the user that it has committed the transfer of cash, but has not yet written to disc the update to branch 34

- The database on disc is left in an inconsistent state, with £10,000 'missing'
- A DBMS implementing **Durability** of transactions would on restart complete the change to branch 34 (or alternatively never inform a user of commitment with writing the results to disc).

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SQL Conversion to Histories

branch			
<u>sortcode</u>	bname	cash	
56	'Wimbledon'	94340.45	
34	'Goodge St'	8900.67	
67	'Strand'	34005.00	



history of transaction T_n

- **1** Begin transaction b_n (only given if necessary for discussion)
- **2** Various read operations on objects $r_n[o_j]$ and write operations $w_n[o_j]$
- **3** Either c_n for the commitment of the transaction, or a_n for the abort of the transaction

SQL Conversion to Histories



history of transaction T_n

Same pattern of transaction code gives same pattern of operations

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Serial Execution

Serial Execution of Transactions

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Definition

Which concurrent executions should be allowed?

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H set of all possible histories SB set of serialisable histories RC set of recoverable histories

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Concurrency

Definition

Quiz 21.1: Serialisability and Recoverability (1)



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Quiz 21.2: Serialisability and Recoverability (2)



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Quiz 21.3: Serialisability and Recoverability (3)



Topic 22: Anomalies in Transaction Execution

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Anomalies

Anomaly 1: Lost Update



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22: Anomalies in Transaction Execution

Anomaly 2: Inconsistent analysis



+ recoverable

IA = set of histories with an inconsistent analysis $SR \cap IA = \emptyset$

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Anomalies

Anomaly 3: Dirty Reads



Anomalies				
Quiz 22.1: Anomalies (1)				
$H_x = \left[r_2[b_{34}] ight], \left[r_1[b_{56}] ight], \left[w_1[b_{56}] ight], \left[r_1[b_{34}] ight], \left[w_1[b_{34}] ight], \left[c_1 ight], \left[w_2[b_{34}] ight], \left[r_2[b_{67}] ight], \left[w_2[b_{67}] ight], \left[c_2 ight]$				
Which anomaly does H_x suffer?				
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C	D			
Inconsistent Analysis	Dirty Read			

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Anomalies				
Quiz 22.2: Anomalies (2)				
$H_y = \left[r_2[b_{34}] ight], \left[w_2[b_{34}] ight], \left[r_1[b_{56}] ight], \left[w_1[b_{56}] ight], \left[r_1[b_{34}] ight], \left[w_1[b_{34}] ight], \left[r_2[b_{67}] ight], \left[w_2[b_{67}] ight], \left[c_2 ight], \left[c_1 ight]$				
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A	В			
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Quiz 22.3: Anomalies (3)

 $H_z = \ r_2[b_{34}] \ , \ w_2[b_{34}] \ , \ r_1[b_{56}] \ , \ w_1[b_{56}] \ , \ r_1[b_{34}] \ , \ w_1[b_{34}] \ , \ c_1 \ , \ r_2[b_{67}] \ , \ w_2[b_{67}] \ , \ c_2$

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Anomalies

Account Table

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Anomaly 3: Dirty Reads (Recoverable Example)



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Anomaly 4: Dirty Writes



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Anomaly 4: Dirty Writes



Anomalies

Patterns of operations associated with Anomalies

Anomaly	Set	Pattern	Problem
Dirty Write	DW	$w_1[o] \prec w_2[o] \prec e_1$	Sometimes not SR
Dirty Read	DR	$w_1[o] \prec r_2[o] \prec e_1$	Sometimes not RC
Inconsistent Analysis	IA	$r_1[o_a] \prec w_2[o_a], \ w_2[o_b] \prec r_1[o_b]$	Not SR
Lost Update	LU	$r_1[o] \prec w_2[o] \prec w_1[o]$	Not SR

Notation

- e_i means either c_i or a_i occurring
- $op_a \prec op_b$ mean op_a occurs before op_b in a history

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Worksheet: Anomalies



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Topic 23: Serialisable Execution

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Serialisable Transaction Execution

- \blacksquare Solve anomalies \rightarrow H \equiv serial execution
- Only interested in the **committed projection**



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Possible Serial Equivalents



- how to determine that histories are equivalent?
- how to check this during execution?

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$\operatorname{conflict}$

A conflict occurs when there is an interaction between two transactions

- $r_x[o]$ and $w_y[o]$ are in H where $x \neq y$ or
- $w_x[o]$ and $w_y[o]$ are in H where $x \neq y$

Only consider pairs where there is no third operation $rw_z[o]$ between the pair of operations that conflicts with both

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Quiz 23.1: Conflicts



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Conflict Equivalence and Conflict Serialisable

Conflict Equivalence

Two histories H_i and H_j are **conflict equivalent** if:

- **1** Contain the same set of operations
- **2** Order conflicts (of non-aborted transactions) in the same way.

Conflict Serialisable

a history H is conflict serialisable (CSR) if $C(H) \equiv_{CE}$ a serial history

Failure to be conflict serialisable $H_x = r_2[b_{34}], r_1[b_{56}], w_1[b_{56}], r_1[b_{34}], w_1[b_{34}], c_1, w_2[b_{34}], r_2[b_{67}], w_2[b_{67}], c_2$ Contains conflicts $r_2[b_{34}] \rightarrow w_1[b_{34}]$ and $w_1[b_{34}] \rightarrow w_2[b_{34}]$ and so is not conflict equivalence to H_1, H_2 nor H_2, H_1 , and hence is not conflict serialisable.

Serialisation Graph



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Serialisable Execution

Review of Serialisable Histories



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Topic 24: Recoverable Execution

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Recoverability

- Serialisability necessary for isolation and consistency of committed transactions
- Recoverability necessary for isolation and consistency when there are also aborted transactions

Recoverable execution

A **recoverable** (**RC**) history H has no transaction committing before another transaction from which it read

Execution avoiding cascading aborts

A history which avoids cascading aborts (ACA) does not read from a non-committed transaction

Strict execution

A strict (ST) history does not read from a non-committed transaction nor write over a non-committed transaction

$ST \subset ACA \subset RC$

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Recoverable Execution

Non-recoverable executions



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Recoverable Execution

Cascading Aborts



Strict Execution



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Quiz 24.1: Recoverability (1)				
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Which describes the recoverability of H_x ?				
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Non-recoverable	Recoverable			
С	D			
Avoids Cascading Aborts	Strict			

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Quiz 24.2: Recoverability (2)				
$H_y = \left[r_2[b_{34}] \right], \ w_2[b_{34}] \ , \ r_1[b_{56}] \ , \ w_1[b_{56}] \ , \ r_1[b_{34}] \ , \ w_1[b_{34}] \ , \ r_2[b_{67}] \ , \ w_2[b_{67}] \ , \ c_2 \ , \ c_1$				
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Quiz 24.3: Recoverability (3) $H_z = \left[r_2[b_{34}] \right], \left[w_2[b_{34}] \right], \left[r_1[b_{56}] \right], \left[w_1[b_{56}] \right], \left[r_1[b_{34}] \right], \left[w_1[b_{34}] \right], \left[c_1 \right], \left[r_2[b_{67}] \right], \left[w_2[b_{67}] \right], \left[c_2 \right] \right]$ Non-recoverable Recoverable D Avoids Cascading Aborts Strict

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Quiz 24.4: Recoverability (4) $H_w = \left[r_2[b_{34}] \right], \left[r_1[b_{56}] \right], \left[w_1[b_{56}] \right], \left[r_1[b_{34}] \right], \left[w_1[b_{34}] \right], \left[w_2[b_{34}] \right], \left[r_2[b_{67}] \right], \left[w_2[b_{67}] \right], \left[c_2 \right], \left[c_1 \right], \left[c_2 \right], \left[c_2 \right], \left[c_1 \right], \left[c_2 \right], \left[c_$ Non-recoverable Recoverable D Avoids Cascading Aborts Strict

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Review of Recoverable Histories

Non-recoverable \rightarrow Dirty Read

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Dirty Write \nleftrightarrow Recoverable

A dirty writes and recoverability do not imply anything about each other However, dirty writes make executing recovery complex, and can lead to non-serialisable executions. A **strict** (**ST**) history has no dirty reads or dirty writes.

Thus ST = ACA - DW and $ST \subset ACA$

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Recoverable Execution

Review of Serialisable and Recoverable Histories



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24: Recoverable Execution

Topic 25: Concurrency Control

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Maintaining Serialisability and Recoverability

■ two-phase locking (2PL)

- conflict based
- uses locks to prevent problems
- common technique

time-stamping

- add a timestamp to each object
- write sets timestamp to that of transaction
- may only read or write objects with earlier timestamp
- abort when object has new timestamp
- common technique

• optimistic concurrency control

- do nothing until commit
- at commit, inspect history for problems
- good if few conflicts

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The 2PL Protocol



5 $rl_i[o]$ or $wl_i[o]$ refused \rightarrow delay T_i

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2PL Basic 2PL

Quiz 25.1: Two Phase Locking (2PL)



Lost Update Anomaly



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Lost Update Anomaly



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Lost Update Anomaly with 2PL



Lost Update Anomaly with 2PL



2PL causes T2 to be delayed

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Why does 2PL Work?



- \blacksquare two-phase rule \rightarrow maximum lock period
- can re-time history so all operations take place during maximum lock period
- CSR since *all* conflicts prevented during maximum lock period

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2PL Deadlock Detection

Deadlock Detection: WFG with No Cycle = No Deadlock





 H_1 attempts $r_1[b_{34}]$, but is refused since H_2 has a write-lock, and so is put on WFG

- waits-for graph (WFG)
- describes which transactions waits for others

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 H_2 can proceed to complete its execution, after which it will have released all its locks

■ waits-for graph (WFG)

describes which transactions waits for others

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 H_1 may now proceed to completion





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 H_1 attempts $w_1[b_{34}]$, but is refused since H_2 has a read-lock, and so is put on WFG



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Cycle in WFG means DB in a deadlock state, must abort either H_1 or H_2

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Worksheet: Deadlocks



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Transaction Isolation Levels

Do we always need ACID properties?

BEGIN TRANSACTION T3 SELECT DISTINCT no FROM movement WHERE amount>=1000.00 COMMIT TRANSACTION T3

 Some transactions only need 'approximate' results e.g. Management overview e.g. Estimates

• May execute these transactions at a 'lower' level of concurrency control *SQL* allows you to vary the level of concurrency control

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