### **Transactional Information Systems:**

Theory, Algorithms, and the Practice of Concurrency Control and Recovery

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"Teamwork is essential. It allows you to blame someone else." (Anonymous)



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*"The optimist believes we live in the best of all possible worlds. The pessimist fears this is true."*(*Robert Oppenheimer*)

### **Transaction Scheduler**



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**Definition 4.1 (CSR Safety):** For a scheduler S, **Gen(S)** denotes the set of all schedules that S can generate. A scheduler is called **CSR safe** if  $Gen(S) \subseteq CSR$ .



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**LR1**: Each data operation  $o_i(x)$  must be preceded by  $ol_i(x)$  and followed by  $ou_i(x)$ .

- **LR2**: For each x and  $t_i$  there is at most one  $ol_i(x)$  and at most one  $ou_i(x)$ .
- **LR3**: No  $ol_i(x)$  or  $ou_i(x)$  is redundant.
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Example: w<sub>1</sub>(x)  $r_2(x) r_3(y) r_2(z) w_1(y) c_3 c_1 c_2$ 

### **Proof of 2PL Correctness**

Let s be the output of a 2PL scheduler, and let G be the conflict graph of CP(DT(s)) where DT is the projection onto data and termination operations and CP is the committed projection.

The following holds (Lemma 4.2):

- (i) If  $(t_i, t_j)$  is an edge in G, then  $pu_i(x) < ql_j(x)$  for some x with conflicting p, q.
- (ii) If  $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n)$  is a path in G, then  $pu_1(x) < ql_n(y)$  for some x, y.
- (iii) G is acyclic.

This can be shown as follows:

- (i) By locking rules LR1 through LR4.
- (ii) By induction on n.
- (iii) Assume G has a cycle of the form  $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n, t_1)$ . By (ii),  $pu_1(x) < ql_1(y)$  for some x, y, which contradicts the two-phase property.

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### **Deadlock Detection**

Deadlocks are caused by cyclic lock waits (e.g., in conjunction with lock conversions).



### **Deadlock detection:**

- (i) Maintain dynamic waits-for graph (WFG) with active transactions as nodes and an edge from t<sub>i</sub> to t<sub>j</sub> if t<sub>j</sub> waits for a lock held by t<sub>i</sub>.
  (ii) Test WFG for cycles
  - continuously (i.e., upon each lock wait) or
  - periodically.

### **Deadlock Resolution**

Choose a transaction on a WFG cycle as a **deadlock victim** and abort this transaction, and repeat until no more cycles.

### Possible victim selection strategies:

- 1. Last blocked
- 2. Random
- 3. Youngest
- 4. Minimum locks
- 5. Minimum work
- 6. Most cycles
- 7. Most edges

### **Illustration of Victim Selection Strategies**

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Example WFG:  $t_2 \longrightarrow t_1$  $t_3 \longrightarrow t_4$   $t_5 \longrightarrow t_6$ 

Most-edges strategy would select  $t_1$  to remove 4 edges.

### **Deadlock Prevention**

**Restrict lock waits** to ensure **acyclic WFG** at all times.

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Reasonable deadlock prevention strategies:
1. Wait-die:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>:
          if t_i started before t_i then wait else abort t_i
2. Wound-wait:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>:
          if t<sub>i</sub> started before t<sub>i</sub> then abort t<sub>i</sub> else wait
3. Immediate restart:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>: abort t<sub>i</sub>
4. Running priority:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>:
          if t<sub>i</sub> is itself blocked then abort t<sub>i</sub> else wait
5 Timeout:
     abort waiting transaction when a timer expires
Abort entails later restart.
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#### **Definition 4.5 (Strong 2PL):** Under **strong 2PL (SS2PL)** each transaction holds all its locks (i.e., both r and w) until the transaction terminates.

### Properties of S2PL and SS2PL

Theorem 4.3: Gen(S2PL)  $\subset$  Gen(S2PL)  $\subset$  Gen(2PL)

**Theorem 4.4:** Gen(SS2PL)  $\subset$  COCSR

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### **Ordered Sharing of Locks**

### Motivation: Example 4.6: $s_1 = w_1(x) r_2(x) r_3(y) c_3 w_1(y) c_1 w_2(z) c_2 \in COCSR$ , but $\notin Gen(2PL)$

### **Observation:**

the schedule were feasible if **write locks could be shared** s.t. the order of lock acquisitions dictates the order of data operations

#### Notation:

 $pl_i(x) \rightarrow ql_j(x) \text{ (with }_i \neq_j) \text{ for } pl_i(x) <_s ql_j(x) \land p_i(x) <_s q_j(x)$ 

### Example reconsidered with ordered sharing of locks: $wl_1(x) w_1(x) rl_2(x) r_2(x) rl_3(y) r_3(y) ru_3(y) c_3$ $wl_1(y) w_1(y) wu_1(x) wu_1(y) c_1 wl_2(z) w_2(z) ru_2(x) wu_2(z) c_2$

# Lock Compatibility Tables With Ordered Sharing

$LI_1$	rl <sub>j</sub> (x)	wl <sub>j</sub> (x)
rl <sub>i</sub> (x)	+	_
$wl_i(x)$	.	_

$LT_2$	$rl_j(x)$	$wl_j(x)$
$rl_i(x)$	+	$\rightarrow$
$wl_i(x)$	_	_

$LT_5$	$rl_{j}(x)$	$wl_j(x)$
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$LT_3$	$rl_j(x)$	$wl_j(x)$
$rl_i(x)$	+	_
$wl_i(x)$	$\rightarrow$	_

$LT_6$	$rl_j(x)$	$wl_j(x)$
$rl_i(x)$	+	_
$wl_i(x)$	$\rightarrow$	$\rightarrow$

$LT_4$	rl <sub>j</sub> (x)	$wl_j(x)$
$rl_i(x)$	+	
$wl_i(x)$	_	$\rightarrow$

$LT_7$	$rl_{j}(x)$	$wl_j(x)$
$rl_i(x)$	+	$\rightarrow$
$wl_i(x)$	_	$  \rightarrow$

$LT_8$	$rl_j(x)$	$wl_j(x)$
$rl_i(x)$	+	$\rightarrow$
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### Additional Locking Rules for O2PL

### **OS1 (lock acquisition):**

Assuming that  $pl_i(x) \rightarrow ql_j(x)$  is permitted, if  $pl_i(x) <_s ql_j(x)$  then  $p_i(x) <_s q_j(x)$  must hold.

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#### OS2 (lock release):

If  $pl_i(x) \rightarrow ql_j(x)$  and  $t_i$  has not yet released any lock, then  $t_j$  is **order-dependent** on  $t_i$ . If such  $t_i$  exists, then  $t_j$  is **on hold**. While a transaction is on hold, it must not release any locks.

# **O2PL:** locking with rules LR1 - LR4, two-phase property, rules OS1 - OS2, and lock table LT<sub>8</sub>

### **O2PL Example**

Example 4.7:  $s = r_1(x) w_2(x) r_3(y) w_2(y) c_2 w_3(z) c_3 r_1(z) c_1$ 



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**Corollary 4.1:** Gen(O2PL) = OCSR

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# Altruistic Locking (AL)

#### **Motivation:**

#### Example 4.8: concurrent executions of

- $t_1 = w_1(a) w_1(b) w_1(c) w_1(d) w_1(e) w_1(f) w_1(g)$
- $t_2 = r_2(a) r_2(b)$
- $t_3 = r_3(c) r_3(e)$

#### **Observations:**

- $t_2$  and  $t_3$  access subsets of the data items accessed by  $t_1$
- t<sub>1</sub> knows when it is "finished" with a data item
- $t_1$  could "pass over" locks on specific data items to transactions that access only data items that  $t_1$  is finished with (such transactions are "in the wake" of  $t_1$ )

#### Notation:

 $\mathbf{d}_{i}(\mathbf{x})$  for  $t_{i}$  **donating** its lock on x to other transactions

#### Example with donation of locks:

$$\begin{split} & wl_1(a) \; w_1(a) \; d_1(a) \; rl_2(a) \; r_2(a) \; wl_1(b) \; w_1(b) \; d_1(b) \; rl_2(b) \; r_2(b) \; wl_1(c) \; w_1(c) \; ... \\ & \ldots \; ru_2(a) \; ru_2(b) \; ... \; wu_1(a) \; wu_1(b) \; wu_1(c) \; ... \end{split}$$

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  (iii) t<sub>j</sub> is indebted to t<sub>i</sub> in s if there are steps o<sub>i</sub>(x), d<sub>i</sub>(x), p<sub>j</sub>(x) s.t. p<sub>j</sub>(x) is in the wake of t<sub>i</sub> and (p<sub>j</sub>(x) and o<sub>i</sub>(x) are in conflict or

there is  $q_k(x)$  conflicting with both  $p_j(x)$  and  $o_i(x)$  and  $o_i(x) <_s q_k(x) <_s p_j(x)$ .

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- AL4: When  $t_j$  is indebted to  $t_i$ ,  $t_j$  must remain completely in the wake of  $t_i$ .
- AL: locking with rules LR1 LR4, two-phase property, donations, and rules AL1 AL4 .

#### AL Example

#### Example:

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#### Example corrected using rules AL1 - AL4: $rl_1(a) r_1(a) d_1(a) wl_3(a) w_3(a) wu_3(a) c_3$ $rl_2(a) r_2(a) rl_1(b) r_1(b) ru_1(a) ru_1(b) c_1 wl_2(b) ru_2(a) w_2(b) wu_2(b) c_2$

 $\rightarrow$  admitted by AL (t<sub>2</sub> stays completely in the wake of t<sub>1</sub>)

#### **Correctness and Properties of AL**

Theorem 4.8:  $Gen(2PL) \subset Gen(AL)$ .

Theorem 4.9:  $Gen(AL) \subset CSR$ 

Example:

 $s = r_1(x) r_2(z) r_3(z) w_2(x) c_2 w_3(y) c_3 r_1(y) r_1(z) c_1$ 

 $\rightarrow \in CSR,$ but  $\notin Gen(AL)$ 

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## (Write-only) Tree Locking

#### Motivating example:

concurrent executions of transactions with access patterns that comply with organizing data items into a virtual tree

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Definition (Write-only Tree Locking (WTL)):
Under the write-only tree locking protocol (WTL) lock requests and releases must obey LR1 - LR4 and the following additional rules:
WTL1: A lock on a node x other than the tree root can be acquired only if the transaction already holds a lock on the parent of x.
WTL2: After a wu<sub>i</sub>(x) no further wl<sub>i</sub>(x) is allowed (on the same x).

#### **Example:**

 $wl_1(a) \ w_1(a) \ w_1(b) \ w_1(a) \ w_1(b) \ w_2(a) \ w_2(a) \ w_1(d) \ w_1(d) \ w_1(d) \ w_1(d) \ w_1(e) \ w_1(b) \ w_1(e) \ w_2(b) \ w_2(b) \ \dots$ 

#### **Correctness and Properties of WTL**

Lemma 4.6:

If  $t_i$  locks x before  $t_j$  does in schedule s, then for each successor v of x that is locked by both  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  the following holds:  $wl_i(v) <_s wu_i(v) <_s wl_j(v)$ .

Theorem 4.10:  $Gen(WTL) \subseteq CSR.$ 

**Theorem 4.11:** WTL is deadlock-free.

**Comment:** WTL is applicable even if a transaction's access patterns are not tree-compliant, but then locks must still be obtained along all relevant paths in the tree using the WTL rules.

### **Read-Write Tree Locking**

**Problem:**  $t_i$  locks root before  $t_j$  does, but  $t_j$  passes  $t_i$  within a "read zone"

#### Example:

 $\begin{array}{l} rl_{1}(a) \ rl_{1}(b) \ r_{1}(a) \ r_{1}(b) \ wl_{1}(a) \ wl_{1}(a) \ wl_{1}(b) \ ul_{1}(a) \ rl_{2}(a) \ r_{2}(a) \\ w_{1}(b) \ rl_{1}(e) \ ul_{1}(b) \ rl_{2}(b) \ r_{2}(b) \ ul_{2}(a) \ rl_{2}(e) \ rl_{2}(i) \ ul_{2}(b) \ r_{2}(e) \ r_{1}(e) \\ r_{2}(i) \ wl_{2}(i) \ wl_{2}(k) \ ul_{2}(e) \ ul_{2}(i) \ rl_{1}(i) \ ul_{1}(e) \ r_{1}(i) \ ... \end{array}$ 

→ appears to follow TL rules but ∉ CSR



Solution: formalize "read zone" and enforce two-phase property on "read zones"

# Locking Rules of RWTL

For transaction t with read set RS(t) and write set WS(t) let  $C_1, ..., C_m$  be the connected components of RS(t). A **pitfall** of t is a set of the form  $C_i \cup \{x \in WS(t) \mid x \text{ is a child or parent of some } y \in C_i\}.$ 

**Definition (read-write tree locking (RWTL)):** Under the **read-write tree locking protocol (RWTL)** lock requests and releases Must obey LR1 - LR4, WTL1, WTL2, and the two-phase property within each pitfall.

#### **Example:**

t with RS(t)={f, i, g} and WS(t)={c, l, j, k, o} has pitfalls  $p_1$ ={c, f, i, l, j} and  $p_2$ ={g, c, k}.



### Correctness and Generalization of RWTL

Theorem 4.12: Gen (RWTL)  $\subseteq$  CSR.

RWTL can be generalized for a DAG organization of data items into a **DAG locking** protocol with the following additional rule:  $t_i$  is allowed to lock data item x only if holds locks on a majority of the predecessors of x.

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## (Basic) Timestamp Ordering

#### Timestamp ordering rule (TO rule):

Each transaction  $t_i$  is assigned a **unique timestamp ts**( $t_i$ ) (e.g., the time of  $t_i$ 's beginning). If  $p_i(x)$  and  $q_j(x)$  are in conflict, then the following must hold:  $p_i(x) <_s q_i(x)$  iff  $ts(t_i) < ts(t_i)$  for every schedule s.

# Theorem 4.15: Gen (TO) $\subseteq$ CSR.

#### **Basic timestamp ordering protocol (BTO):**

- For each data item x maintain max-r (x) = max{ts(t<sub>j</sub>) | r<sub>j</sub>(x) has been scheduled} and max-w (x) = max{ts(t<sub>j</sub>) | w<sub>j</sub>(x) has been scheduled}.
- Operation  $p_i(x)$  is compared to max-q (x) for each conflicting q:
  - if  $ts(t_i) < max-q(x)$  for some q then abort  $t_i$
  - $\bullet$  else schedule  $p_i(x)$  for execution and set max-p (x) to  $ts(t_i)$

#### **BTO Example**

 $s = r_1(x) w_2(x) r_3(y) w_2(y) c_2 w_3(z) c_3 r_1(z) c_1$ 



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## Serialization Graph Testing (SGT)

#### **SGT protocol:**

- $\bullet$  For  $p_i(x)$  create a new node in the graph if it is the first operation of  $t_i$
- Insert edges  $(t_j, t_i)$  for each  $q_j(x) <_s p_i(x)$  that is in conflict with  $p_i(x)$   $(i \neq j)$ .
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#### Node deletion rule:

A node  $t_i$  in the graph (and its incident edges) can be removed when  $t_i$  is terminated and is a source node (i.e., has no incoming edges).

#### **Example:**

 $r_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 r_1(y) c_1$ removing node  $t_2$  at the time of  $c_2$ would make it impossible to detect the cycle.

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# **Optimistic Protocols**

#### Motivation: conflicts are infrequent

#### **Approach:** divide each transaction t into three phases: read phase: execute transaction with writes into private workspace validation phase (certifier): upon t's commit request test if schedule remains CSR if t is committed now based on t's read set RS(t) and write set WS(t)write phase: upon successful validation transfer the workspace contents into the database (deferred writes)

otherwise abort t (i.e., discard workspace)

# Backward-oriented Optimistic CC (BOCC)

Execute a transaction's validation and write phase together as a **critical section**: while  $t_i$  being in the **val-write phase**, no other  $t_k$  can enter its val-write phase

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# Theorem 4.46: Gen (BOCC) $\subset$ CSR.

#### **Proof:**

Assume that G(s) is acyclic. Adding a newly validated transaction can insert only edges into the new node, but no outgoing edges (i.e., the new node is last in the serialization order).

#### **BOCC Example**



# Forward-oriented Optimistic CC (FOCC)

Execute a transaction's val-write phase as a **strong critical section**: while  $t_i$  being in the **val-write phase**, no other  $t_k$  can perform any steps.

FOCC validation of t<sub>i</sub>:

compare  $t_j$  to all concurrently active  $t_i$  (which must be in their read phase) accept  $t_i$  if  $WS(t_i) \cap RS^*(t_i) = \emptyset$  where  $RS^*(t_i)$  is the current read set of  $t_i$ 

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Remarks:

- FOCC is much more flexible than BOCC: upon unsuccessful validation of t<sub>i</sub> it has three options:
  - abort t<sub>i</sub>
  - abort one of the active  $t_i$  for which  $RS^*(t_i)$  and  $WS(t_i)$  intersect
  - $\bullet$  wait and retry the validation of  $t_{j}$  later

(after the commit of the intersecting  $t_i$ )

• Read-only transactions do not need to validate at all.

### **Correctness of FOCC**

**Theorem 4.18:** Gen (FOCC)  $\subset$  CSR.

#### **Proof:**

Assume that G(s) has been acyclic and that validating  $t_j$  would create a cycle. So  $t_j$  would have to have an outgoing edge to an already committed  $t_k$ . However, for all previously committed  $t_k$  the following holds:

- If  $t_k$  was committed before  $t_j$  started, then no edge  $(t_j, t_k)$  is possible.
- If t<sub>j</sub> was in its read phase when t<sub>k</sub> validated, then WS(t<sub>k</sub>) must be disjoint with RS\*(t<sub>j</sub>) and all later reads of t<sub>j</sub> and all writes of t<sub>j</sub> must follow t<sub>k</sub> (because of the strong critical section); so neither a wr nor a ww/rw edge (t<sub>j</sub>, t<sub>k</sub>) is possible.

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Problem with s<sub>2</sub>: needs synch among the two "local" serialization orders

Solution: assign timestamps such that the serialization orders of SS2PL and TWR are in line  $\rightarrow ts(i) < ts(j) \Leftrightarrow c_i < c_j$ 

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#### Lessons Learned

- S2PL is the most versatile and robust protocol and widely used in practice
- Knowledge about specifically restricted access patterns facilitates non-two-phase locking protocols (e.g., TL, AL)
- O2PL and SGT are more powerful but have more overhead
- FOCC can be attractive for specific workloads
- Hybrid protocols are conceivable but non-trivial