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# TRANSACTIONS

## ACID Properties

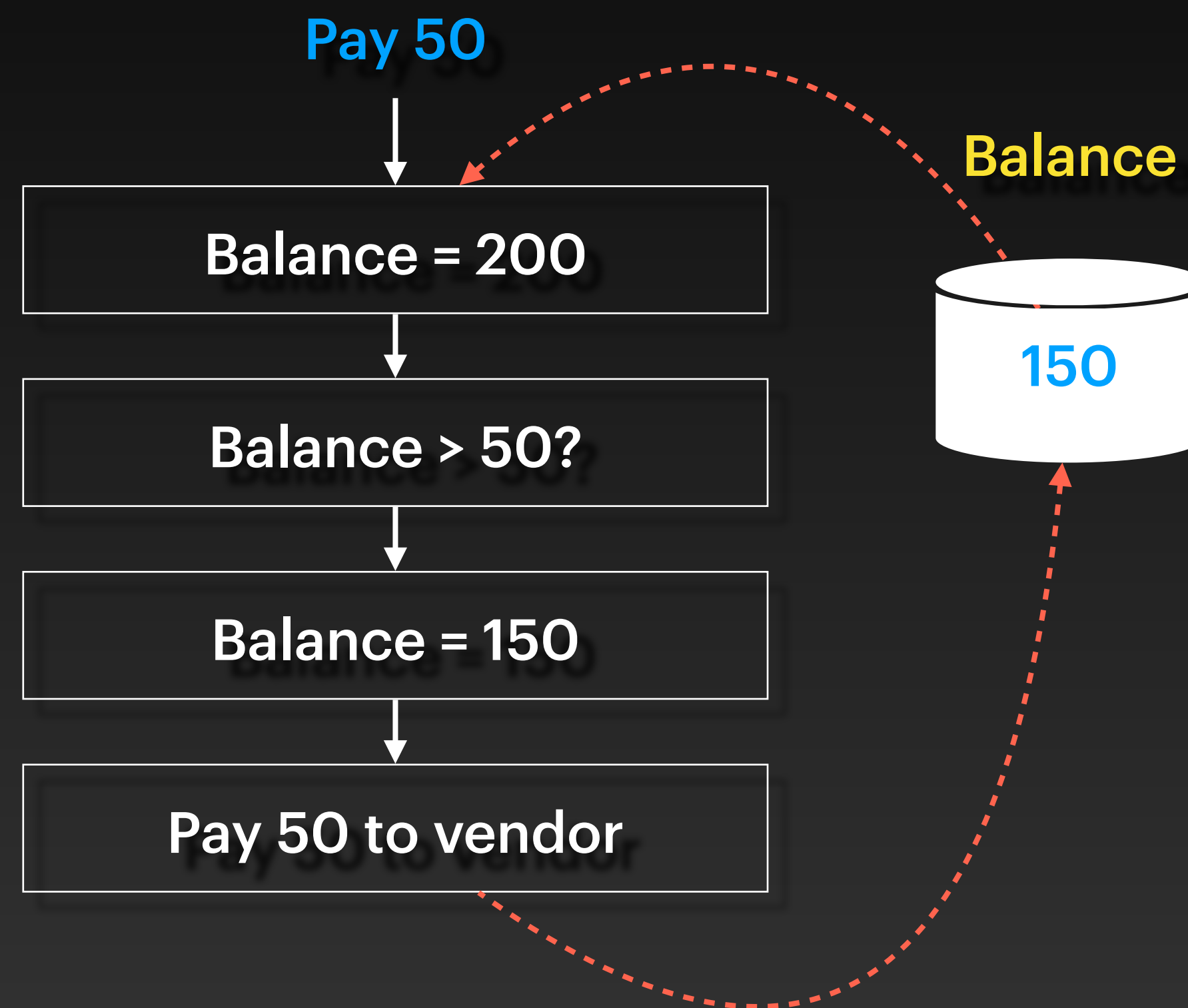
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## Pay (amount)

```
Read (balance)
Check (balance > amount)
balance = balance - amount
Pay amount to vendor
Write (balance)
```





## Pay (amount)

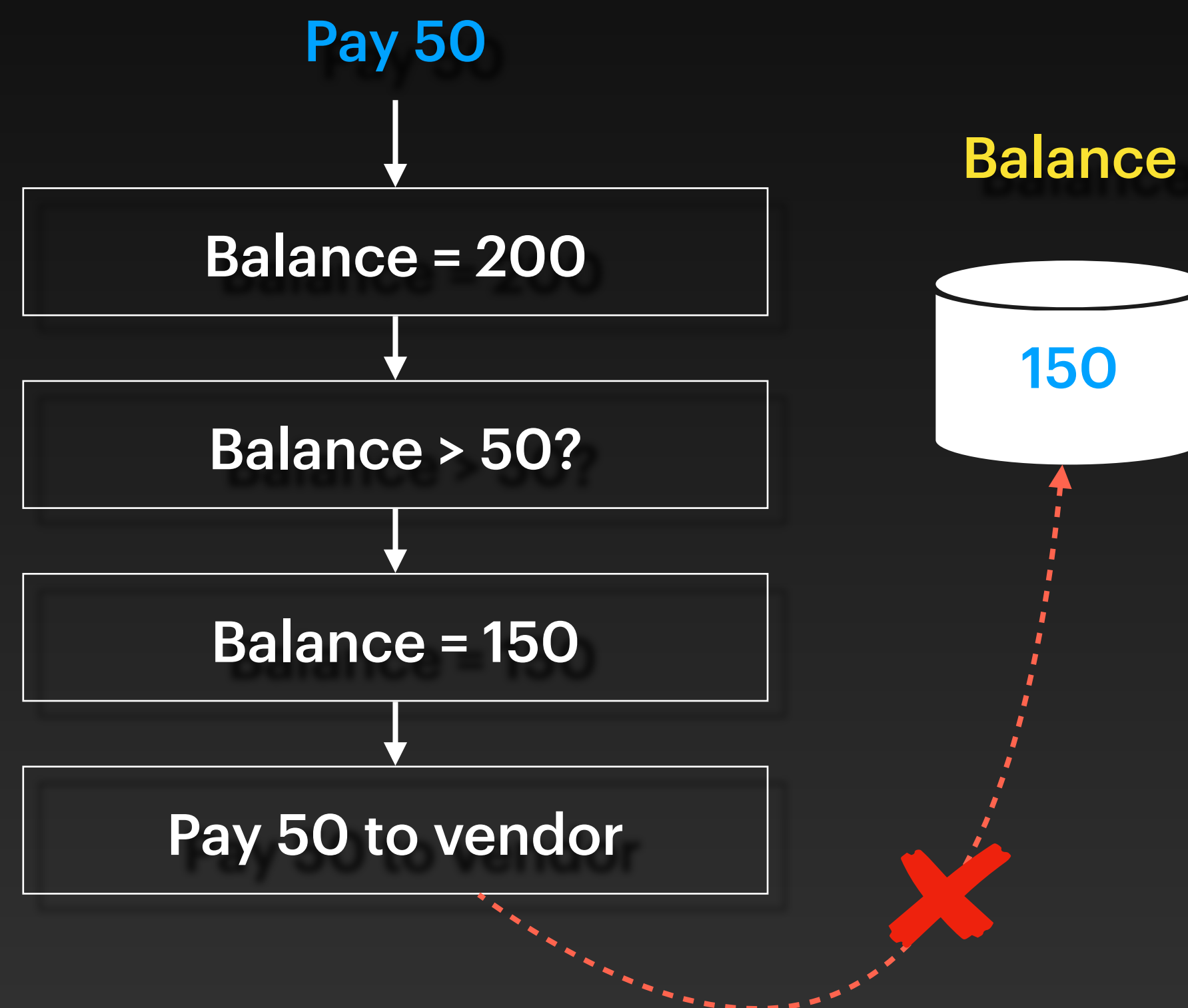
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Check (balance > amount)

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# Transaction

- A sequence of **Read**, **Write** operations on **DB objects**
- In SQL (DBMS-specific):
  - Usually starts with **BEGIN**
  - Ends with **COMMIT** or **ROLLBACK**

```
START TRANSACTION;
```

```
SET @source_balance = (SELECT balance FROM accounts WHERE account_id = 1);
```

```
SET @transfer_amount = 100.00;
```

← READ

```
IF @source_balance < @transfer_amount THEN
```

```
    ROLLBACK;
```

```
ELSE
```

```
    UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - @transfer_amount WHERE account_id = 1;
```

← WRITE

```
    UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + @transfer_amount WHERE account_id = 2;
```

← WRITE

```
    COMMIT;
```

```
END IF;
```

MySQL Example

```
DO $$
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
    source_balance DECIMAL(10, 2);
```

```
    transfer_amount DECIMAL(10, 2) := 100.00;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    SELECT balance INTO source_balance
```

```
    FROM accounts
```

```
    WHERE account_id = 1;
```

```
    IF source_balance < transfer_amount THEN
```

```
        RAISE EXCEPTION 'Insufficient funds';
```

```
    ELSE
```

```
        UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance - transfer_amount WHERE account_id = 1;
```

```
        UPDATE accounts SET balance = balance + transfer_amount WHERE account_id = 2;
```

```
        COMMIT;
```

```
    END IF;
```

```
END $$;
```

PostgreSQL Example





## Pay (amount)

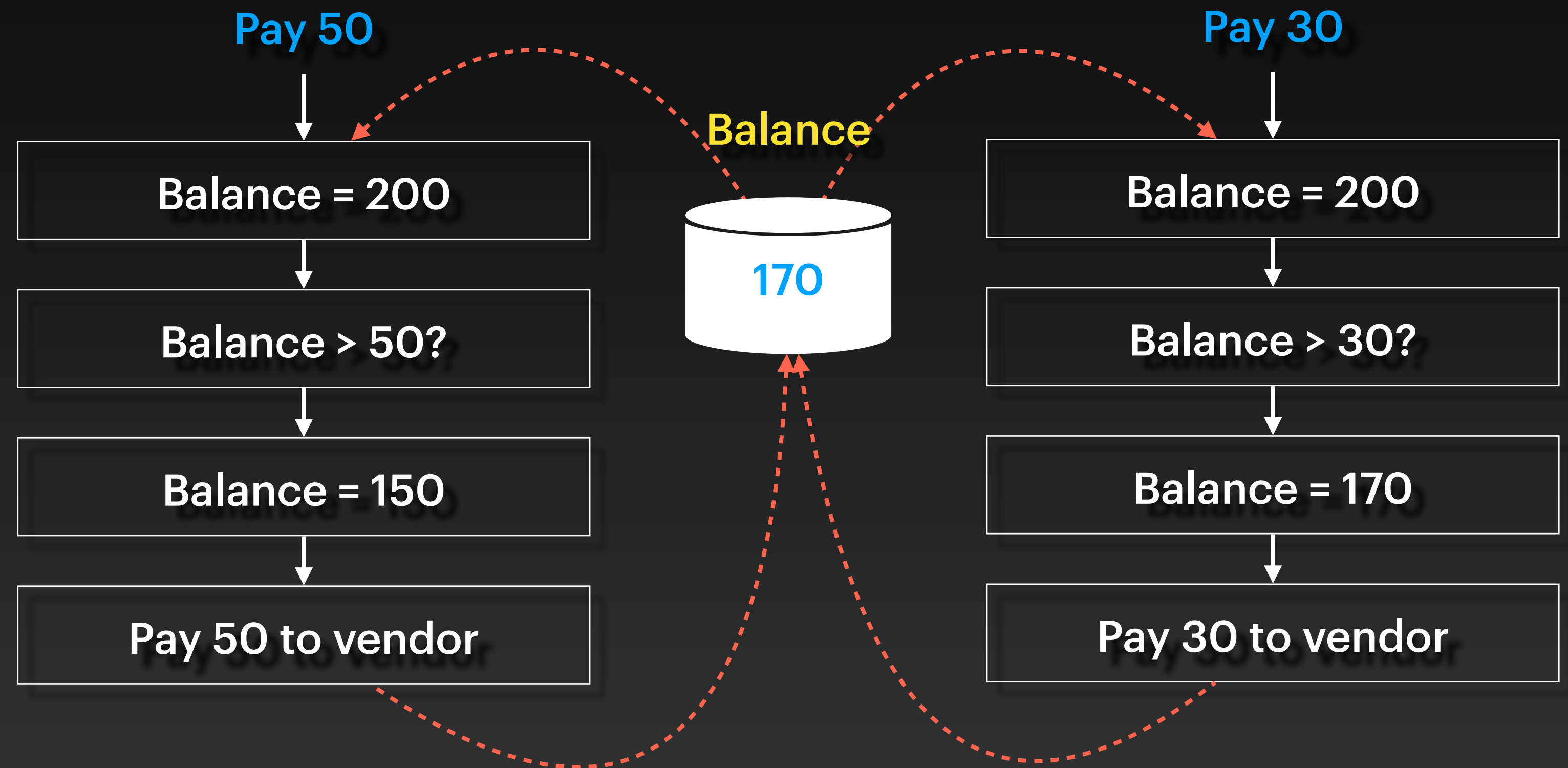
Read (balance)

Check (balance > amount)

balance = balance - amount

Pay amount to vendor

Write (balance)



# ACID Properties

**A**

Atomicity

Each transaction is “all or nothing”

**C**

Consistency

Data should be valid according to all defined rules

**I**

Isolation

Transactions do not affect each other

**D**

Durability

Committed data would not be lost, even after power failure.

BEGIN			Before:
Read (A)	500		A = 500
A = A - 100			B = 200
Write (A)	400		
Read (B)	200		A = 400
B = B + 100			B = 300
Write (B)	300		
COMMIT			



```
BEGIN
Read (A)      500
A = A - 100
Write (A)     400
Read (B)      200
B = B + 100
Write (B)
COMMIT
```

Before:

A = 500

B = 200

A = 400

B = 200



T1

Read (A) 500  
A = A - 100  
Write (A) 400  
Read (B) 200  
B = B + 100  
Write (B) 300

T2

Read (A) 400  
A = A + 50  
Write (A) 450

Before:

A = 500

B = 200

After:

A = 450

B = 300

T1

T2

Time

Read (A)

500

$A = A - 100$

Write (A)

400

Read (B)

200

$B = B + 100$

Write (B)

300

Read (A)

400

$A = A + 50$

Write (A)

450

Before:

$A = 500$

$B = 200$

After:

$A = 450$

$B = 300$



T1

T2

Time

Read (A)

$A = A - 100$

Write (A)

Read (B)

$B = B + 100$

Write (B)

500

400

200

300

Read (A)

$A = A + 50$

Write (A)

500

550

Before:

$A = 500$

$B = 200$

After:

$A = 550$

$B = 300$

Lost Update

# Common Problems with Concurrent Transactions

- Lost Update
- Dirty Read
- Non-repeatable Read

T1

T2

Time

Read (A)

500

$A = A - 100$

Write (A)

400

Read (B)

200

$B = B + 100$

Write (B)

300

Read (A)

400

$A = A + 50$

Write (A)

450

Dirty Read

Before:

$A = 500$

$B = 200$

After:

$A = 450$

$B = 300$



T1

T2

Time

Read (A)

500

A = A - 100

Write (A)

400

Read (B)

B = B + 100

Write (B)

Read (A)

400

A = A + 50

Write (A)

450

Dirty Read

Before:

A = 500

B = 200

After:

A = 450

B = 200

T1

T2

Read (A)

500



...

Read (A)

500

$A = A + 50$

Write (A)

550

Read (A)

550

...

Time

Non-repeatable Read

# Isolation Levels

- **Read Uncommitted**

- No isolation - best throughput
- Any transaction can read (uncommitted) data written by other transactions.

- **Read Committed**

- Each operation in a transaction can only read committed data (at the time of that operation).
- Multiple read operations may still read different values

- **Repeatable Read**

- All reads within the transaction only read committed data at the beginning of the transaction

- **Serializable**

- Highest isolation level - worst throughput
- Concurrently executing transactions appears to be executing serially.