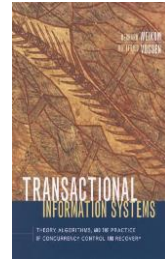


## 2. Transactions - Correctness



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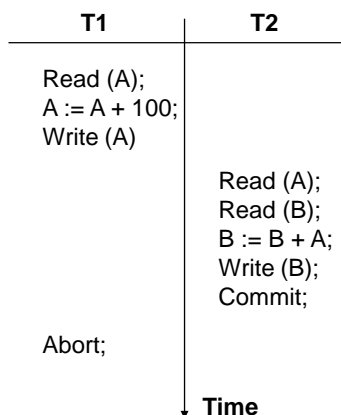
Basic Notion of Transactions  
Histories and Schedules  
Notions of Correctness  
Serializability Classes



### Preconsiderations Correctness (1)

#### ■ Canonical Synchronization Problems

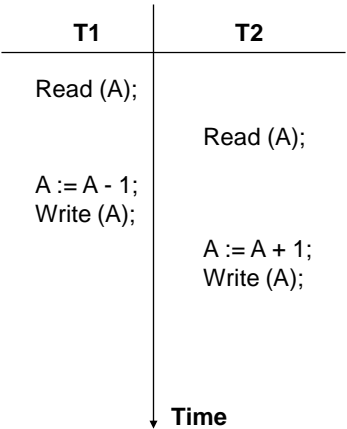
##### 1. Dirty-Read



# Preconsiderations Correctness (2)

- Canonical Synchronization Problems

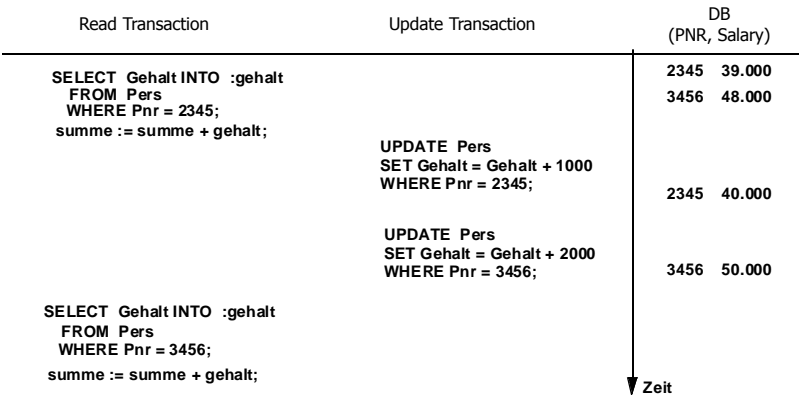
- 2. Lost Update



# Preconsiderations Correctness (3)

- Canonical Synchronization Problems

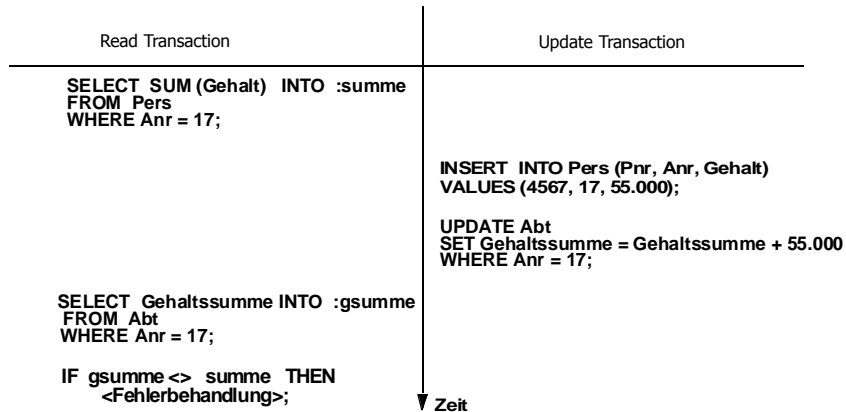
- 3. Non-repeatable (inconsistent) Read



## Preconsiderations Correctness (4)

### ■ Canonical Synchronization Problems

#### 4. Phantom-Problem



## Preconsiderations Correctness (5)

### ■ Notion of Correctness: **Serializability**

The concurrent execution of a set of transactions is considered to be correct, if there is a serial execution of the same set of transactions, leading

*to the same resulting DB state  
as well as the same output values*

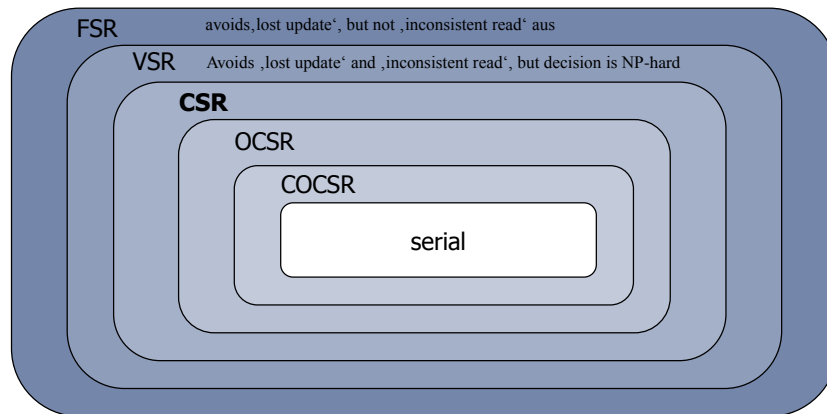
as the original execution.

- Background:
  - Serial processing is correct
  - Each schedule having the same effect as an (arbitrary) serial one is considered to be correct



## Schedule Classes (1)

- **Overview (simplified)**



## Schedule Classes (2)

- **Requirements for an acceptable class of schedules**

- At least *lost update* and *inconsistent read* are avoided
- Decision (of membership) can be taken efficiently
- In presence of failures (Aborts) also *dirty read* is avoided

- **Focus: Conflict Serializability (CSR)**

- Most important for practical application

## Page Model (1)

### ■ Modeling

- Page Model (Foundation)
  - Abstract model, not necessarily restricted to the notion of database pages
  - However, page-oriented Synchronization and Recovery (in the DBS storage system) are the major application areas of the page model

### ■ Basics

- Set of *atomic, uninterpreted data objects* (pages)
  - $D = \{x, y, z, \dots\}$
  - with *atomic read and write operations*



## Page Model (2)

### ■ Basics (contd.)

- A *Transaction*  $t$  is a finite sequence of steps/actions of the form  $r(x)$  or  $w(x)$ :
  - $t = p_1 \dots p_n$ , with  $n < \infty$ ,  $p_i \in \{r(x), w(x)\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $x \in D$ ;
  - $r$  stands for read,  $w$  for write
- Different transactions do not have steps in common; steps can be identified uniquely:
  - $p_{ij}$  describes the  $j^{\text{th}}$  step of Transaction  $i$   
(Transaction index can be omitted, if context clear)



## Page Model (3)

### ■ Interpretation of a Transaction (Semantics)

- $p_j = r(x)$ 
  - the  $j^{\text{th}}$  step of the transaction is a read operation assigning the current value of  $x$  to the local variable  $v_j$
  - $v_j := x$
- $p_j = w(x)$ 
  - the  $j^{\text{th}}$  of the transaction is a write operation assigning a computed value to  $x$
  - each value written by a transaction potentially depends on all data objects previously read by this transaction
  - $x := f_j(v_{j_1}, \dots, v_{j_k})$
  - $x$  is the return value of a arbitrary, unknown function  $f_j$  with  $\{j_1, \dots, j_k\} = \{j_r \mid p_{j_r} \text{ is a read operation} \wedge j_r < j\}$



## Page Model (4)

### ■ So far assumption of total ordering of transaction steps

- Not necessary, as far as ACID is ensured
- Not reasonable, e.g., in case of parallelized transactions on multi processor system

### ■ Definition *Partial Order*

**A arbitrary set.  $R \subseteq A \times A$  is Partial Order on  $A$ , if for elements  $a, b, c \in A$  holds:**

- $(a, a) \in R$  (Reflexivity)
- $(a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = b$  (Anti-Symmetry)
- $(a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R \Rightarrow (a, c) \in R$  (Transitivity)

Note: each  $R$  can be represented as directed graph.



## Page Model (5)

### ▪ Definition *Transaction*

- A *Transaction*  $t$  is a partial order of steps of the form  $r(x)$  or  $w(x)$  with  $x \in D$  and read and write operations as well as multiple write operations on the same object are ordered.
- Formal:  $t = (op, <)$ 
  - $op$  is finite set of steps  $r(x)$  or  $w(x)$ ,  $x \in D$
  - $< \subseteq op \times op$  is partial order over  $op$  with:
    - if  $\{p, q\} \subseteq op$  and  $p$  and  $q$  access the same data object and at least one of the two is a write operation then:  
 $p < q \vee q < p$ .



## Page Model (6)

### ▪ Ordering ensures unambiguous interpretation

- for example, in case of unordered read and write operations on the same object
  - the read value would be ambiguous
  - it could be the value before or after the write operation

### ▪ Further assumptions

- in each TA each data object is only read or written once
- no data object will be read again, after it has been written (does not exclude blind writes)



## Histories and Schedules (1)

### ▪ Goal

- Correctness notion for parallel TA executions
- The scheduler, which is the core component of concurrency control needs correctness criteria that can be applied efficiently

### ▪ (additional) Termination Operations

- $c_i$ : successful completion of TA  $t_i$ , Commit
- $a_i$ : non-successful completion of TA  $t_i$ , Abort



## Histories and Schedules (2)

### ▪ Definition *Histories and Schedules*

- Let  $T = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  be a (finite) set of TA, each  $t_i \in T$  be of the form  $t_i = \{op_i, <_i\}$ ,  $op_i$  is the set of operations of  $t_i$  and  $<_i$  the corresponding ordering ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ).
- A *History* for  $T$  is a pair  $s = (op(s), <_s)$ , with:
  - a)  $op(s) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n op_i \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{a_i, c_i\}$  **and**  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n op_i \subseteq op(s)$
  - b)  $(\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n) c_i \in op(s) \Leftrightarrow a_i \notin op(s)$
  - c)  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n <_i \subseteq <_s$
  - d)  $(\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n) (\forall p \in op_i) p <_s a_i \text{ or } p <_s c_i$
  - e) Each pair of operations  $p, q \in op(s)$  of different TAs, which access the same data object and at least one of which is a write operation is ordered, so that  $p <_s q$  or  $q <_s p$ .
- A *Schedule* is a prefix of a History





## Histories and Schedules (3)

### ▪ Explanations:

- A History (for partial ordered TA)
  - a) Contains all operations of all TA
  - b) Requires a single termination operation for each TA
  - c) Retains orderings within TA
  - d) Contains the termination operation of each TA as the last operation of this TA
  - e) Orders conflicting operations
- Because of (a) and (b) a History is also called a complete Schedule.



## Histories and Schedules (4)

### ▪ Comment

- A prefix of a history can be the history itself
- Histories can be considered to be special cases of Schedules. Thus, it is (mostly) sufficient, to deal with schedules.

### ▪ Definition *Serial History*

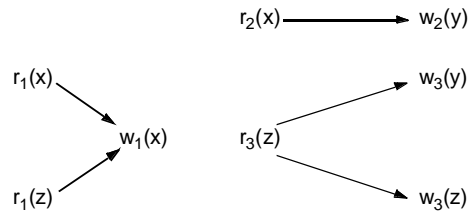
- A History  $s$  is *serial*, if for two TA  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ) all operations of  $t_i$  occur in  $s$  before all operations of  $t_j$  or vice versa.



## Histories and Schedules (5)

### Example

- 3 TA as DAG (directed acyclic graph)



- Example of a completely ordered history of these 3 TA

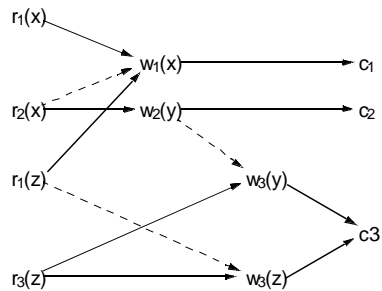
$r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ r_1(z) \ w_1(x) \ w_2(y) \ r_3(z) \ w_3(y) \ c_1 \ c_2 \ w_3(z) \ c_3$



## Histories and Schedules (6)

### Example (contd.)

- Example of a partially ordered history of these 3 TA



$r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ r_1(z) \ w_1(x) \ w_2(y) \ r_3(z) \ w_3(y) \ c_1 \ c_2 \ w_3(z) \ c_3$

- Partial orderings can always be extended to a variety of complete orderings (as special cases)



## Histories and Schedules (7)

### ▪ **Prefix of a partial ordering**

- Omitting parts at the end of the „accessibility chain“
- If  $s = (op(s), <_s)$ , then a *Prefix* of  $s$  has the form  $s' = (op_{s'}, <_{s'})$ , with:
  - $op_{s'} \subseteq op(s)$
  - $<_{s'} \subseteq <_s$
  - $(\forall p \in op_{s'}) (\forall q \in op(s)) q <_s p \Rightarrow q \in op_{s'}$
  - $(\forall p, q \in op_{s'}) p <_s q \Rightarrow p <_{s'} q$



## Histories and Schedules (8)

### ▪ **Shuffle Product**

- Be  $T = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  a set of completely ordered TA
- $shuffle(T)$  denotes the *Shuffle Product*, i.e., the set of all operation sequences, in which the sequence  $t_i \in T$  occurs as partial sequence and contains no other operations

### ▪ **Completely ordered Histories and Schedules**

- a History  $s$  for  $T$  is derived from sequence  $s' \in shuffle(T)$ , whereat  $c_i$  or  $a_i$  for each  $t_i \in T$  is added (Rules b) and d) in definition on slide 16).
- As before, a Schedule  $a$  is a prefix of a history.
- A history  $s$  is serial, if  $s = t_{i_1}, \dots, t_{i_n}$  with  $i_1, \dots, i_n$  permutation of  $1, \dots, n$



## Histories and Schedules (9)

- **Example (continuing slide 19)**

- Completely ordered TA:
 
$$t_1 = r_1(x) \ r_1(z) \ w_1(x)$$

$$t_2 = r_2(x) \ w_2(y)$$

$$t_3 = r_3(z) \ w_3(y) \ w_3(z)$$
- The History
 
$$r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ r_1(z) \ w_1(x) \ w_2(y) \ r_3(z) \ w_3(y) \ c_1 \ c_2 \ w_3(z) \ c_3$$
 is completely ordered and has (among others)
 
$$r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ r_1(z) \ w_1(x) \ w_2(y) \ r_3(z) \ w_3(y),$$

$$r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ r_1(z) \ w_1(x) \ w_2(y),$$
 and
 
$$r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ r_1(z)$$
 as Prefixes



## Histories and Schedules (10)

- **(New) Example**

- $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3\}$  with
 
$$t_1 = r_1(x) \ w_1(x) \ r_1(y) \ w_1(y)$$

$$t_2 = r_2(z) \ w_2(x) \ w_2(z)$$

$$t_3 = r_3(x) \ r_3(y) \ w_3(z)$$

$$s_1 = r_1(x) \ r_2(z) \ r_3(x) \ w_2(x) \ w_1(x) \ r_3(y) \ r_1(y) \ w_1(y) \ w_2(z) \ w_3(z)$$

$$\in \text{shuffle}(T);$$

$$s_2 = s_1 \ c_1 \ c_2 \ a_3$$
 is a History, in which  $s_1$  ( $\in \text{shuffle}(T)$ ) has been amended by termination steps;
 
$$s_3 = r_1(x) \ r_2(z) \ r_3(x)$$
 is a Schedule;
 
$$s_4 = s_1 \ c_1$$
 is another Schedule;
 
$$s_5 = t_1 \ c_1 \ t_3 \ a_3 \ t_2 \ c_2$$
 is a serial History.



## Histories and Schedules (11)

### ▪ Remark

- The statements given here hold for complete as well as partial orderings.
- Mostly it is easier to show them for complete orderings.

### ▪ *TA-Sets of Schedules*

- $\text{trans}(s) := \{t_i \mid s \text{ contains steps of } t_i\}$
- $\text{commit}(s) := \{t_i \in \text{trans}(s) \mid c_i \in s\}$
- $\text{abort}(s) := \{t_i \in \text{trans}(s) \mid a_i \in s\}$
- $\text{active}(s) := \text{trans}(s) - (\text{commit}(s) \cup \text{abort}(s))$



## Histories and Schedules (12)

### ▪ Example (continuing slide 24)

- $s_1 = r_1(x) \ r_2(z) \ r_3(x) \ w_2(x) \ w_1(x) \ r_3(y) \ r_1(y) \ w_1(y) \ w_2(z) \ w_3(z) \ c_1 \ c_2 \ a_3$   
 $\text{trans}(s_1) = \{t_1, t_2, t_3\}$   
 $\text{commit}(s_1) = \{t_1, t_2\}$   
 $\text{abort}(s_1) = \{t_3\}$   
 $\text{active}(s_1) = \emptyset$
- $s_2 = r_1(x) \ r_2(z) \ r_3(x) \ w_2(x) \ w_1(x) \ r_3(y) \ w_1(y) \ w_2(z) \ w_3(z) \ c_1$   
 $\text{trans}(s_2) = \{t_1, t_2, t_3\}$   
 $\text{commit}(s_2) = \{t_1\}$   
 $\text{abort}(s_2) = \emptyset$   
 $\text{active}(s_2) = \{t_2, t_3\}$



## Histories and Schedules (13)

- **For each History  $s$  the following is true:**

- $\text{trans}(s) = \text{commit}(s) \cup \text{abort}(s)$
- $\text{active}(s) = \emptyset$



## Histories and Schedules (14)

- **Definition *Monotonic Classes of Histories***

- A class  $E$  of Histories is monotonic, if the following holds:
  - If  $s$  in  $E$ , then  $\Pi_T(s)$ , the Projection of  $s$  on  $T$ , is in  $E$  for each  $T \subseteq \text{trans}(s)$
  - In other words:  $E$  is closed under arbitrary projections

- **Monotonicity**

- Monotonicity is a wanted property of a history class, since it preserves  $E$  under arbitrary projections
- VSR is not monotonic



## Correctness (1)

- **A correctness criterion can formally be considered to be a mapping**
  - $\sigma : S \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  with  $S$  set of all Schedules.
  - $\text{correct}(S) := \{s \in S \mid \sigma(s)=1\}$
- **A concrete correctness criterion at least must fulfill the following requirements**
  1.  $\text{correct}(S) \neq \emptyset$
  2. „ $s \in \text{correct}(S)$ “ can be decided efficiently
  3.  $\text{correct}(S)$  is „sufficiently large“,
    - so that the scheduler has many possibilities to derive correct schedules
    - the bigger the set of allowed (correct) schedules, the higher concurrency and efficiency



## Correctness (2)

- **Basic Idea of Serializability**
  - Single TA is correct, since it leaves the database in consistent state
  - Consequence: serial histories are correct!
  - However, serial histories should ‚only‘ be used as correctness measures via appropriate equivalence relations
- **Approach**
  1. Definition of an equivalence relation „ $\approx$ “ on  $S$  (set of all schedules) with
    - $[S]_{\approx} = \{[s]_{\approx} \mid s \in S\}$  set of equivalence classes
  2. Consideration of those classes having serial schedules as representatives



## CSR (1)

- **Conflict Serializability**

- Most important serializability class w.r.t. practical use

- **Goal**

- Further reduction in comparison to VSR (VSR is not monotonic und membership test is NP-hard)
- Concept that is easy to test and, thus, is feasible for being applied in schedulers

- **Definitions *Conflict and Conflict Relation***

- $s$  Schedule;  $t, t' \in \text{trans}(s), t \neq t'$ :
  - Two operations  $p \in t$  und  $q \in t'$  are in *Conflict* in  $s$ , if they access the same data object and at least one of them is a write operation
  - $\text{conf}(s) := \{(p, q) \mid p, q \text{ are in } \text{Conflict in } s \text{ und } p <_s q\}$  is called *Conflict Relation* of  $s$



## CSR (2)

- **Remark**

- Conflicts only occur between data operations, independently from the termination state of a TA; operations of aborted TAs can be ignored

- **Example**

- $s = w_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ w_2(y) \ r_1(y) \ w_1(y) \ w_3(x) \ w_3(y) \ c_1 \ a_2$
- $\text{conf}(s) = \{(w_1(x), w_3(x)), (r_1(y), w_3(y)), (w_1(y), w_3(y))\}$

- **Definition *Conflict Equivalence***

- Schedules  $s$  and  $s'$  are conflict equivalent, denoted as  $s \approx_c s'$ , if
  - $\text{op}(s) = \text{op}(s')$
  - $\text{conf}(s) = \text{conf}(s')$





## CSR (3)

- **Example ( $s \approx_c s'$ )**

- $s = r_1(x) r_1(y) w_2(x) w_1(y) r_2(z) w_1(x) w_2(y)$
- $s' = r_1(y) r_1(x) w_1(y) w_2(x) w_1(x) r_2(z) w_2(y)$

- **Conflicting-Step-Graph  $D_2(s)$**

- Conflict equivalence can be illustrated as graph  $D_2(s) := (V, E)$  with  $V = \text{op}(s)$  and  $E = \text{conf}(s)$
- $D_2(s)$  is called Conflicting-Step-Graph
- $s \approx_c s' \Leftrightarrow D_2(s) = D_2(s')$

- **Definition *Conflict Serializability***

- A History  $s$  is conflict serializable, if there is a serial History  $s'$  with  $s \approx_c s'$
- CSR denotes the class of all conflict serializable Histories



## CSR (4)

- **Examples**

- $s_1 = r_1(x) r_2(x) r_1(z) w_1(x) w_2(y) r_3(z) w_3(y) c_1 c_2 w_3(z) c_3$   
 $s_1 \in \text{CSR}$
- $s_2 = r_2(x) w_2(x) r_1(x) r_1(y) r_2(y) w_2(y) c_1 c_2$   
 $s_2 \notin \text{CSR}$



## CSR (5)

### ▪ Lost Update

- $L = r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ w_1(x) \ w_2(x) \ c_1 \ c_2$
- $\text{conf}(L) = \{(r_1(x), w_2(x)), (r_2(x), w_1(x)), (w_1(x), w_2(x))\}$
- $L \not\approx_c t_1 \ t_2$  and  $L \not\approx_c t_2 \ t_1$

### ▪ Inconsistent Read

- $I = r_2(x) \ w_2(x) \ r_1(x) \ r_1(y) \ r_2(y) \ w_2(y) \ c_1 \ c_2$
- $\text{conf}(I) = \{(w_2(x), r_1(x)), (r_1(y), w_2(y))\}$
- $I \not\approx_c t_1 \ t_2$  and  $I \not\approx_c t_2 \ t_1$

### ▪ $\text{CSR} \subset \text{VSR} \subset \text{FSR}$



## CSR (6)

### ▪ Example

- $s = w_1(x) \ w_2(x) \ w_2(y) \ c_2 \ w_1(y) \ c_1 \ w_3(x) \ w_3(y) \ c_3$
- $s \not\approx_c t_1 \ t_2 \ t_3$  and  $s \notin \text{CSR}$ , but  
 $s \approx_v t_1 \ t_2 \ t_3$  and thus  $s \in \text{VSR}$

### ▪ Theorem

- CSR is monotonic
- $s \in \text{CSR} \Leftrightarrow \Pi_T(s) \in \text{VSR}$  for all  $T \subseteq \text{trans}(s)$   
(i.e., CSR is the largest monotonic subset of VSR)



## CSR (7)

### ▪ Definition *Conflict Graph (Serialization Graph)*

- Let  $s$  be a Schedule. The Conflict Graph  $G(s) = (V, E)$  is a directed graph with
  - $V = \text{commit}(s)$
  - $(t, t') \in E \Leftrightarrow t \neq t' \wedge (\exists p \in t) (\exists q \in t') (p, q) \in \text{conf}(s)$

### ▪ Remark

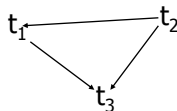
- The Conflict Graph abstracts from individual conflicts between pairs of TA ( $\text{conf}(s)$ ) and represents multiple conflicts between the same (terminated) TA by a single edge.



## CSR (8)

### ▪ Example

- $s = r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ w_1(x) \ r_3(x) \ w_3(x) \ w_2(y) \ c_3 \ c_2 \ w_1(y) \ c_1$
- $G(s) =$



### ▪ *Serialization Theorem*

- Let  $s$  be a History; then  $s \in \text{CSR}$  if and only if  $G(s)$  acyclic

### ▪ Problem

- Find a serial History, which is consistent to all edges in  $G(s)$

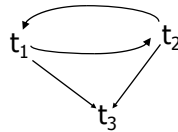


## CSR (9)

### Example

- $s = r_1(y) \ r_3(w) \ r_2(y) \ w_1(y) \ w_1(x) \ w_2(x) \ w_2(z) \ w_3(x) \ c_1 \ c_3 \ c_2$

$G(s) =$



$s \notin \text{CSR}$

- $s' = r_1(x) \ r_2(x) \ w_2(y) \ w_1(x) \ c_2 \ c_1$

$G(s') =$



$s' \in \text{CSR}$



## CSR (10)

### Corollary

- Membership in CSR can be tested in polynomial time w.r.t to the set of TA contributing the considered schedule

### Blind Write

- A blind Write (of a data object  $x$ ) is given, if a TA performs a  $\text{Write}(x)$  without preceding  $\text{Read}(x)$
- If blind writes are prohibited, the TA definition is intensified as follows:
  - If  $w_i(x) \in T_i$ , then  $r_i(x) \in T_i$  and  $r_i(x) < w_i(x)$
- Then it is true: a history is view-serializable (element of VSR) if and only if it is conflict-serializable (element of CSR)!



## CSR (11)

### ▪ Conflicts and Commutativity

- So far Conflict Serializability has been shown by use of the Conflict Graph
- (New) Goal
  - S is supposed to be stepwise transformed by the help of commutativity rules
  - After the transformation s is equivalent to a serial History



## CSR (12)

### ▪ Commutativity Rules

- $\sim$  means that ordered pairs of actions can be replaced by each other
  - C1:  $r_i(x) r_j(y) \sim r_j(y) r_i(x)$  if  $i \neq j$
  - C2:  $r_i(x) w_j(y) \sim w_j(y) r_i(x)$  if  $i \neq j, x \neq y$
  - C3:  $w_i(x) w_j(y) \sim w_j(y) w_i(x)$  if  $i \neq j, x \neq y$
- Ordering rule for partially ordered schedules
  - C4:  $o_i(x), p_j(y)$  unordered  $\Rightarrow o_i(x) p_j(y)$   
if  $x \neq y \vee (o = r \wedge p = r)$
  - says that unordered operations can be ordered arbitrarily if they are not in conflict



## CSR (13)

### ▪ Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 s &= w_1(x) \underbrace{r_2(x) w_1(y)} \underbrace{w_1(z) r_3(z) w_2(y)} w_3(y) w_3(z) \\
 \rightarrow (C2) \quad &w_1(x) w_1(y) \underbrace{r_2(x) w_1(z) w_2(y)} r_3(z) w_3(y) w_3(z) \\
 \rightarrow (C2) \quad &w_1(x) w_1(y) w_1(z) r_2(x) w_2(y) r_3(z) w_3(y) w_3(z) \\
 &= t_1 t_2 t_3
 \end{aligned}$$

### ▪ Definition *Commutativity-based Equivalence*

- Two Schedules  $s$  and  $s'$  with  $op(s) = op(s')$  are commutativity-based equivalent, denoted as  $s \sim^* s'$ , if  $s$  can be transformed to  $s'$  by a finite sequence of steps following the rules C1, C2, C3 und C4.



## CSR (14)

### ▪ Theorem

- Let  $s$  und  $s'$  be Schedules with  $op(s) = op(s')$
- Then:  $s \approx_c s'$  if and only if  $s \sim^* s'$

### ▪ Definition *Commutativity-based Reducibility*

- History  $s$  is commutativity-based reducible, if there is a serial History  $s'$  with  $s \sim^* s'$

### ▪ Corollary

- A History  $s$  is commutativity-based reducible if and only if  $s \in \text{CSR}$



## CSR (15)

### Generalization of the Conflict Notion

- Scheduler does not have to 'know' the operations in detail, but only which of them are in conflict
- Example
  - $s = p_1 q_1 p_2 o_1 p_3 q_2 o_2 o_3 p_4 o_4 q_3$  with the conflicts  $(q_1, p_2)$ ,  $(p_2, o_1)$ ,  $(q_1, o_2)$  und  $(o_4, q_3)$
- Applicable for 'semantic' concurrency control
  - Specification of a Commutativity- or Conflict Table for 'new' (possibly application-specific) Operations and
  - Derivation of Conflict Serializability from this Table
- Examples for operations
  - increment/decrement
  - enqueue/dequeue
  - ...



## OCSR (1)

### Restrictions

- Histories/Schedules of VSR and FSR cannot be used in practice!
- Further restrictions of CSR, on the other hand, are beneficial for certain practical applications!

### Example

- $s = w_1(x) r_2(x) c_2 w_3(y) c_3 w_1(y) c_1$
- $G(s) =$   
$$t_3 \longrightarrow t_1 \longrightarrow t_2$$

- **Contrast between serialization and actual processing order possibly unwanted**
- **Can be avoided by order preservation!**



## OCSR (2)

- **Definition *Order Preserving Conflict Serializability***

- A History  $s$  is called order preserving conflict serializable, if
  - $s$  conflict serializable, i.e., there is  $s'$ , with  $op(s) = op(s')$  and  $s \approx_c s'$ , and
  - additionally the following holds for all  $t_i, t_j \in \text{trans}(s)$ : If  $t_i$  completely before  $t_j$  in  $s$ , then the same holds for  $s'$

- **Theorem**

- Let OCSR be the class of all order preserving conflict serializable histories:  $\text{OCSR} \subseteq \text{CSR}$

- **Idea of prove**

- From Definition:  $\text{OCSR} \subseteq \text{CSR}$
- $s$  (previous) shows that inclusion is strict:  $s \in \text{CSR} - \text{OCSR}$



## COCSR (1)

- **Further Restriction of CSR**

- beneficial for distributed und possibly heterogeneous applications
- Observation: for conflict serializability it is sufficient that transactions which are in conflict, perform there commits in conflict order

- **Definition *Preservation of Commit Order***

- A History  $s$  is called *commit order-preserving conflict serializable*, if the following holds:
  - For all  $t_i, t_j \in \text{commit}(s)$ ,  $i \neq j$ :  
If  $(p, q) \in \text{conf}(s)$  for  $p \in t_i$ ,  $q \in t_j$ , then  $c_i < c_j$  in  $s$

- **Order of conflicting operations determines the order of the corresponding commit operations**





## COCSR (2)

### ■ Theorem

- Let COCSR be the class of all commit order-preserving conflict serializable histories; then
  - $\text{COCSR} \subset \text{CSR}$

### ■ Sketch of proof

- $s = r_1(x) w_2(x) c_2 c_1$
- $s \in \text{CSR} - \text{COCSR}$  (Inclusion is strict)

### ■ Theorem

- Let  $s$  be a History:  $s \in \text{COCSR}$  if and only if:
  - $s \in \text{CSR}$  and
  - there is a serial History  $s'$  so that  $s' \approx_c s$  and for all  $t_i, t_j \in \text{trans}(s)$ ,  $t_i <_{s'} t_j \Rightarrow c_{t_i} <_s c_{t_j}$

### ■ Theorem: **COCSR** $\subset$ **OCSR**



## Commit Serializability (1)

### ■ Assumption so far,

- Every transaction terminates.

### ■ Requirements w.r.t to possible failure cases

1. A correctness notion should only take successfully completed TA into account
2. For each correct schedule all its prefixes should be correct, too

### ■ Definition **Closure Properties**

- Let  $E$  be Class of Schedules
  1.  $E$  is *prefix-closed*, if for every Schedule  $s$  in  $E$  all the prefixes of  $s$  are in  $E$ , too
  2.  $E$  is *commit-closed*, if for every Schedule  $s$  in  $E$ ,  $\text{CP}(s)$  also in  $E$ , with  $\text{CP}(s) = \Pi_{\text{commit}(s)}(s)$



## Commit Serializability (2)

- **Prefix-Commit-Closed**
  - Both, previously mentioned closure properties
  - If Class E prefix-commit-closed, then for each Schedule  $s$  in E it is true that  $CP(s')$  in E for each prefix  $s'$  of  $s$
- **FSR is not prefix-commit-closed**
  - $s = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(y) c_1 w_3(x) w_3(y) c_3$
  - $s \approx_v t_1 t_2 t_3$ , that means  $s \in VSR$ , that means  $s \in FSR$
  - $s' = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(y) c_1$  is Prefix of  $s$
  - $CP(s') = s'$
  - $s' \not\approx_f t_1 t_2$  and  $s' \not\approx_f t_2 t_1$ , that means  $s' \notin FSR$
- **VSR is not prefix-commit-closed, since VSR not monotonic**



## Commit Serializability (3)

- **Theorem**
  - CSR is prefix-commit-closed
  - Proof
    - $s \in CSR$ , then  $G(s)$  acyclic
    - For each partial sequence  $s'$  of  $s$ ,  $G(s')$  is acyclic, too
    - Especially  $G(CP(s'))$  is acyclic
    - Thus:  $CP(s') \in CSR$
- **Definition Commit-Serializability**
  - A Schedule  $s$  is called *commit-serializable*, if for every Prefix  $s'$   $CP(s')$  serializable.
- **Classes of commit-serializable Schedules**
  - CMFSR
  - CMVSR
  - CMCSR



## Commit Serializability (4)

### ■ Theorem

1. CMFSR, CMVSR, CMCSR are commit-closed
2.  $\text{CMCSR} \subset \text{CMVSR} \subset \text{CMFSR}$
3.  $\text{CMFSR} \subset \text{FSR}$
4.  $\text{CMVSR} \subset \text{VSR}$
5. **CMCSR = CSR**



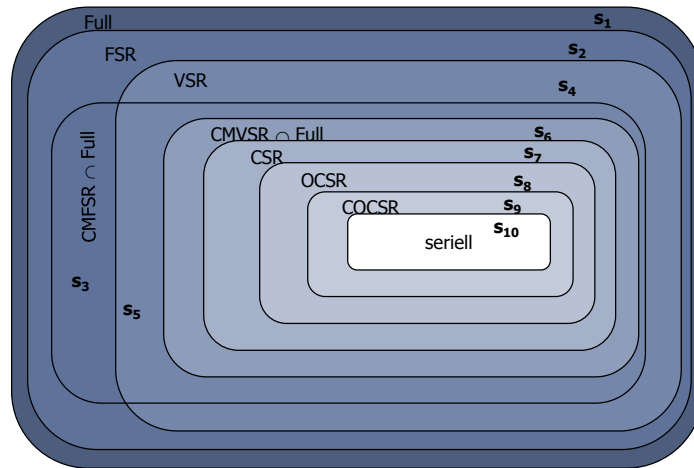
## Overview (1)

### ■ Historien

- $s_1 = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(y) c_1$
- $s_2 = w_1(x) r_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 r_1(y) w_1(y) c_1 w_3(x) w_3(y) c_3$
- $s_3 = w_1(x) r_2(x) w_2(y) w_1(y) c_1 c_2$
- $s_4 = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(y) c_1 w_3(x) w_3(y) c_3$
- $s_5 = w_1(x) r_2(x) w_2(y) w_1(y) c_1 c_2 w_3(x) w_3(y) c_3$
- $s_6 = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(y) w_3(x) w_3(y) c_3 w_1(z) c_1$
- **$s_7 = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(z) c_1$**
- **$s_8 = w_3(y) c_3 w_1(x) r_2(x) c_2 w_1(y) c_1$**
- **$s_9 = w_3(y) c_3 w_1(x) r_2(x) w_1(y) c_1 c_2$**
- **$s_{10} = w_1(x) w_1(y) c_1 w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2$**



## Overview (2)



## Conclusion (1)

- **Basic Correctness Notion:**
  - (Conflict-) Serializability
- **Theory of Serializability**
  - Simple Read/Write-Model
  - Conflict Operations: order-dependent operations of different transactions on the same data objects
  - Konflikt-Serializability
    - relevant for practical applications (in contrast to Final-State- and View-Serializability)
    - can be checked efficiently
    - $CSR \subset VSR \subset FSR$
  - Serialization Theorem: A History  $s$  is conflict serializable if and only if the corresponding  $G(s)$  is acyclic

## Conclusion (2)

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- **Theory of Serializability (contd.)**

- CSR, albeit less general than VSR, is best suited
  - for complexity reasons
  - because of its monotonicity
  - because of its generalizability to semantically richer operations
- OCSR and COCSR have further beneficial properties
- Commit-Serializability also takes possible failures into account

- **Serializable Processes**

- Ensure correctness of multi user processing automatically
- Number of possible schedules determines maximal degree of concurrency (parallelism)