

Data Management – exam of 16/07/2009

LAST NAME: _____

NAME: _____

STUDENT CODE: _____

I allow the publication of my grade on the Web site <http://www.dis.uniroma1.it/~lenzerini>, according to the Italian regulation (decreto legislativo 196/2003), which I hereby declare to know.

Faithfully,

Problem 1 Consider the following schedule

$$S_1 = r_2(T) r_1(P) r_3(P) w_2(P) c_2 w_3(Q) c_3 w_1(T) c_1.$$

1. Tell whether S_1 is accepted by the 2PL scheduler with exclusive and shared locks. If the answer is yes, then show the schedule obtained from S_1 by adding suitable lock and unlock commands. If the answer is no, then explain the answer.
2. Tell whether S_1 is recoverable or not.

Problem 2 Consider the following schedule

$$S_2 = r_2(T) r_4(P) w_4(T) r_3(P) w_3(T) c_2 w_3(Q) c_3 r_4(Q) w_1(T) c_1.$$

and list all serial schedules that are conflict-equivalent to S_2 , explaining in detail the method you followed to get your answer.

Problem 3 A schedule with at most one “write” action is called a *1-write-only* schedule. Prove or disprove the following statement: every 1-write-only schedule is in 2PL.

Problem 4 Let `Book(BookCode, Title, Cost)` be a relation whose key is `BookCode`, and whose tuples require 1024 pages in secondary storage. The relation is used only by the following two operations:

- *search*: given the `BookCode` of a book, return the title of such book,
- *insertion*: insert a new book, with code, title and cost.

There are two options for representing the relation `Book`, namely by a heap file, or by a sorted file. For each of the following two scenarios, tell which of the two options you would choose, and explain your decision: **(A)** 2 searches every day, and 1 insertion every day, **(B)** 5 searches every week, and 2 insertions every week.

Problem 5 Consider the relation `Play(Player, Team, Year, Salary)`, and suppose that the most frequent operation performed on the relation is the following query (where `const` is a constant):

```
select Player, Team, Year
from Play
where Year = const
```

Tell which representation method would you choose for the relation `Play`, and explain in detail your answer.