

## Algorithm to determine conflict serializability

Input: Concurrent schedule  $S$

Output:  $S$  is conflict serializable or not (conflict equivalent to serial schedule  $S'$ )

Step 1: for each transaction  $T_i$  participating in schedule  $S$ , create a node labelled  $T_i$  in the precedence graph (a directed graph where the vertices are the transactions)

Step 2: for each transaction in  $S$ , draw an edge  $T_i \rightarrow T_j$  in the graph if one of the following three conditions holds:

- (i)  $T_i$  ~~reads~~ executes  $\text{read}(Q)$  before  $T_j$  executes  $\text{write}(Q)$
- (ii)  $T_i$  executes  $\text{write}(Q)$  before  $T_j$  executes  $\text{read}(Q)$
- (iii)  $T_i$  executes  $\text{write}(Q)$  before  $T_j$  executes  $\text{write}(Q)$

Step 3: If the graph contains no cycle, then schedule  $S$  is conflict serializable.

NOTE: A serial schedule  $S'$  of the transactions can be obtained through topological sorting of the graph. (linear ordering of vertices of the graph such that for every directed edge  $T_i \rightarrow T_j$ , vertex  $T_i$  comes before vertex  $T_j$  in the ordering) in the serial schedule  $S'$  equivalent to  $S$ .