Concurrency Control

Concurrency Control: To ensure that the system must control the interaction among the concurrent transactions.

Lock-Based Protocol: It is used to ensure that while one transaction is accessing a data item, no other transaction can modify that data item

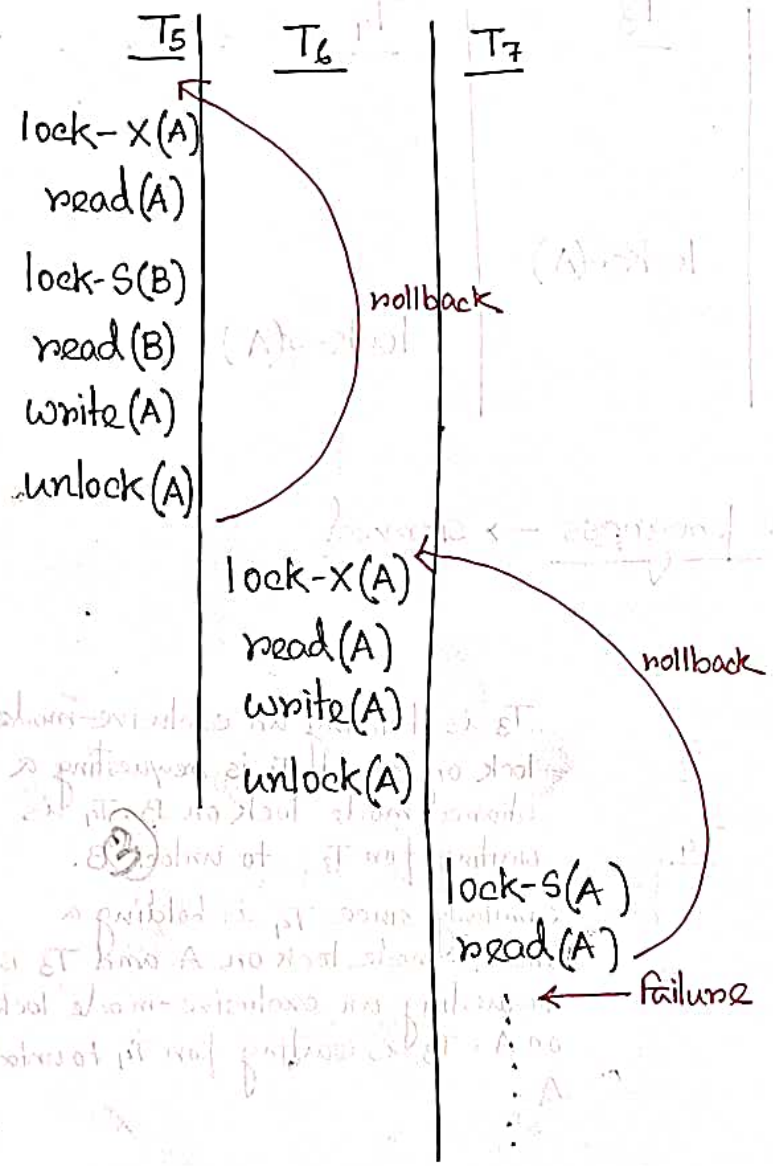
Eg; Consider the transaction T_1.

T_1: Transfer Rs. 500/- from account B to account A.

T_1 (without lock)	T_1 (with lock)
read (B)	lock-X (B)
B = B - 500	read (B)
write (B)	B = B - 500
read (A)	write (B)
A = A + 500	unlock (B)
write (A)	lock-X (A)
	read (A)
	A = A + 500
	write (A)
	unlock (A)

1. **Shared**: If a transaction T_i has obtained a shared-mode lock (denoted by S) on item Q, then T_i can read, but cannot write, Q
2. **Exclusive**: If a transaction T_i has obtained an exclusive-mode lock (denoted by X) on item Q, then T_i can both read and write Q.

Cascading Rollback :-



Failure of T_5 after the read(A) step of T_7 leads to cascading rollback of T_6 and T_7.

Solution: Strict two-phase locking protocol.

This protocol requires not only that locking be two phase, but also that all exclusive-mode locks taken by transaction be held until the transaction commits.

Starvation:

T_1 has to wait for T_2 to release the shared-mode lock. Meanwhile transaction T_3 may request a shared-mode lock on the same data item. The lock request is compatible so, T_3 may be granted shared mode lock.

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4
lock-X(A)	lock-S(A)		
		lock-S(A)	
			lock-S(A)

** T_1 may never make progress → starved

Deadlock:

T_3 is holding an exclusive-mode lock on B and T_4 is requesting a shared mode lock on B, T_4 is waiting for T_3 to unlock B.
Similarly, since T_4 is holding a shared-mode lock on A and T_3 is requesting an exclusive-mode lock on A, T_3 is waiting for T_4 to unlock A.

T_3	T_4
lock-X(B)	
read(B)	
B = B - 500	
write(B)	
	lock-S(A)
	read(A)
	lock-S(B)
lock-X(A)	

Solution: The system must roll back one of the two transactions. Once a transaction has been rolled back, the data items that were locked by that transaction are unlocked.

T_1	T_2
lock-X(B)	
read(B)	
B = B-500	
write(B)	
lock-X(A)	
read(A)	
A = A+500	
write(A)	
unlock(B)	
unlock(A)	
	lock-S(A)
	read(A)
	lock-S(B)
	read(B)
	display(A+B)
	unlock(A)
	unlock(B)

Two-Phase locking Protocol (2PL) : Protocol that ensures serializability.

1. Growing phase: A transaction may obtain locks, but may not release any lock
2. Shrinking phase: A transaction may release locks, but may not obtain any new locks.

** Two phase locking protocol ensures conflict serializability

T_1	T_2
lock-X(B)	
read (B)	
B = B-500	
write (B)	
unlock (B)	
	lock-S(A)
	read (A)
	unlock (A)
	lock-S(B)
	read (B)
	unlock (B)
	display (A+B)
lock-X(A)	
read (A)	
A = A+500	
write (A)	
unlock (A)	

	S	X
S	true	false
X	false	false

Lock compatibility matrix

** Shared mode is compatible with shared mode, but the other cases are incompatible.

T2: Display the total amount of money in accounts A and B

T2

lock-S(A) ⟶ Shared lock
read (A)
unlock (A)
lock-S(B) ⟶ shared lock
read (B)
unlock (B)
display (A+B)