CS143 Notes: TRANSACTION

Book Chapters

- (4th) Chapters 15, 16.1, 16.7-8, 17.1-4, 17.6
- (5th) Chapters 15, 16.1, 16.7-8, 17.1-5

MOTIVATION FOR TRANSACTION

- 1. Crash recovery
 - (eg, Transfer \$1M from Susan to Jane) (example slide)
 - $-S_1$: UPDATE Account SET balance = balance 1000000 WHERE owner = 'Susan'
 - $-S_2$: Update Account SET balance = balance + 1000000 WHERE owner = 'Jane'
 - System crashes after S_1 but before S_2 . What now?

2. Concurrency

• We do not want to allow oncurrent access from multiple clients. We do not want to "lock out" the DBMS until one client finishes ⟨explain with client/server diagram⟩

• Can allow parallel execution while avoiding any potential problems from concurrency? (we will see concurrency problem examples soon).

TRANSACTION AND "ACID" PROPERTY

- TRANSACTION: A sequence of SQL statements that are executed as a "unit"
- ACID PROPERTY OF TRANSACTION: Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability
 - 1. Durability

- If a transaction committed, all its changes remain permanently even after system crash
- COMMENTS: Not very easy because some changes may be reflected only in memory for performance reasons
- 2. Atomicity: "ALL-OR-NOTHING"
 - Either ALL OR NONE of the operations in a transaction is executed.
 - If the system crashes in the middle of a transaction, all changes by the transaction are "undone" during recovery.
- 3. Consistency: If the database is in a consistent state before a transaction, the database is in a consistent state after the transaction
- 4. Isolation: Even if multiple transactions are executed concurrently, the result is the same as executing them in some sequential order.
 - Each transaction is unaware of (is isolated from) other transaction running concurrently in the system
 (explain by time line diagram)

$$\frac{\langle -T_1 - \rangle \qquad \langle -T_3 - \rangle \langle -T_6 - - - \rangle}{\langle -T_2 - - - \rangle} \qquad \qquad \overline{\langle -T_4 - \rangle \langle -T_5 - - - \rangle}$$

- DBMS guarantees the ACID property for all transactions
 - With minor caveats that will be discussed later.
- Q: How can the database system guarantee these? Any ideas?

DECLARING A TRANSACTION IN SQL

- Two important commands:
 - COMMIT: All changes made by the transaction is stored permanently
 - ROLLBACK: Undo all changes made by the transaction
- AUTOCOMMIT MODE
 - 1. With AUTOCOMMIT mode OFF
 - Transaction implicitly begins when any data in DB is read or written
 - All subsequent read/write is considered to be part of the same transaction
 - A transaction finishes when COMMIT or ROLLBACK statement is executed (explain using time line diagram)



- 2. With AUTOCOMMIT mode ON
 - Every SQL statement becomes one transaction
- Setting Autocommit mode:
 - In DB2: UPDATE COMMAND OPTIONS USING c ON/OFF (default is on)
 - In Oracle: SET AUTOCOMMIT ON/OFF (default is off)
 - In MySQL: SET AUTOCOMMIT = $\{0|1\}$ (default is on. InnoDB only)
 - In JDBC: connection.setAutoCommit(true/false) (default is on)
 - In Oracle and MySQL, BEGIN temporarily disables autocommit mode until COMMIT or ROLLBACK

TWO QUESTIONS ON TRANSACTION AND CONCURRENCY

- 1. What execution orders are "good"?
 - We first need to understand what execution orders are okay
 - Serializability theory
- 2. How can we enforce "good" execution order?
 - Concurrency control mechanism

Topics of next discussion

"GOOD" SCHEDULE

- (ex, salary increase) (Show example slides)
 - T_1 :
 - * UPDATE Employee SET salary = salary + 100 WHERE name = 'Susan'
 - * UPDATE Employee SET salary = salary + 100 WHERE name = 'Jane'
 - $-T_2$:
 - * UPDATE Employee SET salary = salary * 2 WHERE name = 'Susan'
 - * UPDATE Employee SET salary = salary * 2 WHERE name = 'Jane'

Constraint: Susan's salary = Jane's salary

Internally, DBMS performs the following operations

A: Susan.salary, B: Jane.salary

- $-T_1$: Read(A), A=A+100, Write(A), Read(B), B=B+100, Write(B)
- $-T_2$: Read(A), A=A*2, Write(A), Read(B), B=B*2, Write(B)
- SCHEDULE: The chronological order that instructions are executed in the system (Show example schedules and show that some schedules are okay and some are not)
 - Schedule A:

T_1	$\mid T_2 \mid$
Read(A); A=A+100	
Write(A)	
Read(B); B=B+100	
Write(B)	
	Read(A); $A=A*2$
	Write(A)
	Read(B); $B=B*2$
	Write(B)

- Schedule B:

T_1	$\mid T_2 \mid$
	Read(A); $A=A*2$
	Write(A)
	Read(B); $B=B*2$
	Write(B)
Read(A); A=A+100	
Write(A)	
Read(B); B=B+100	
Write(B)	

- Schedule C:

T_1	T_2
Read(A); A=A+100	
Write(A)	
	Read(A); $A=A*2$
	Write(A)
Read(B); B=B+100	, ,
Write(B)	
, ,	Read(B); $B=B*2$
	Read(B); B=B*2 Write(B)

- * **Q:** We get the same or "equivalent" result for schedule A and C. Is it just a coincidence? Is there some reason behind it? (More discussion later...)
- Schedule D:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} T_1 & T_2 \\ \hline Read(A); \ A = A + 100 \\ Write(A) & Read(A); \ A = A * 2 \\ & Write(A) \\ & Read(B); \ B = B * 2 \\ Write(B) & Write(B) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- * **Q:** Both C and D executes T_1 and T_2 concurrently. Why is one okay but not the other? Any fundamental reason?
- Claim: Two schedules do the "same" thing if
 - 1. all actions in the two transactions read the same value
 - 2. they write the same final results to the database
 - Intuitively, as long as the transactions read the same values, they will take the same actions. As long as READs and WRITEs are the same transactions do the same thing.

$$\langle \text{a simple example} \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} T_1 & T_2 \\ \hline V = r(A) & W = r(A) \\ V = V + 100 & W = W + 200 \end{array}$$

w(A,W)

w(A,V)

- * T_1 and T_2 take actions based on input values
 - · As long as T_1 and T_2 read the same value, T_1 and T_2 do the same thing
- * We also care about the final output to the database, so the writing to the database is important
- In writing schedules, we just focus on read/write operations
 - * What is really important is "read" and "write" actions. All other things depend on these two actions.
 - * As long as T_1 and T_2 read and write the same values, two schedules are "equivalent"

• Notation for schedule

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 & T_1 & T_2 \\
\hline
V = r(A) & & \\
V = V + 100 & & \\
& & W = r(A) \\
& & W = W + 200 \\
& & w(A, W)
\end{array}$$

 $S: r_1(A) r_2(A) w_2(A) w_1(A)$

- * subscript 1 means transaction 1
- * r(A) means read A
- * w(A) means write to A

SERIAL SCHEDULE

- - **Q:** Is this schedule "good"?
- SERIAL SCHEDULE: all operations in any transaction are performed without any interleaving
 - Definitely a good schedule. The result is definitely good as long as individual transactions are correct.

CONFLICT SERIALIZABLE SCHEDULE

• We got the same result for S_a and S_c . Is there a fundamental reason behind this?

$$S_{a} = \frac{r_{1}(A) w_{1}(A) r_{1}(B) w_{1}(B)}{T_{1}} \frac{r_{2}(A) w_{2}(A) r_{2}(B) w_{2}(B)}{T_{2}}$$

$$S_{c} = \frac{r_{1}(A) w_{1}(A)}{T_{1}} \frac{r_{2}(A) w_{2}(A)}{T_{2}} \frac{r_{1}(B) w_{1}(B)}{T_{1}} \frac{r_{2}(B) w_{2}(B)}{T_{2}}$$

- **Q:** Is S_c a serial schedule?

- **Q:** When we swap $w_2(A)$ and $r_1(B)$, do we get the "same" result?

$$S_c \colon S_c = r_1(\mathbf{A}) \ w_1(\mathbf{A}) \ r_2(\mathbf{A}) \ w_2(\mathbf{A}) \ r_1(\mathbf{B}) \ w_1(\mathbf{B}) \ r_2(\mathbf{B}) \ w_2(\mathbf{B})$$
 $S_c '\colon S_c '= r_1(\mathbf{A}) \ w_1(\mathbf{A}) \ r_2(\mathbf{A}) \ r_1(\mathbf{B}) \ w_2(\mathbf{A}) \ w_1(\mathbf{B}) \ r_2(\mathbf{B}) \ w_2(\mathbf{B})$

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• CONFLICTING ACTIONS vs NON-CONFLICTING ACTIONS:

- Non-conflicting actions: A pair of actions that do not change the result when we swap them
- $-\langle examples \rangle$
 - * **Q:** $r_1(A)$ $w_2(B)$? conflicting?
 - * **Q:** $r_1(A)$ $r_2(A)$? conflicting?
 - * **Q:** $w_1(A)$ $r_2(A)$? conflicting?
 - * \mathbf{Q} : $w_1(\mathbf{A})$ $w_2(\mathbf{A})$? conflicting?
- Two actions are CONFLICTING if (1) they involve the same objects/variables and (2) at least one of them is WRITE.
- Swapping non-conflicting actions do not change results
- **Q:** Can we swap only non-conflicting actions of S_c to transform it into S_a ?
 - * COMMENTS: S_a and S_c are guaranteed to produce the same results if we can.

(swap actions in S_c one by one to transform it)

• CONFLICT EQUIVALENCE

- DEFINITION: S_1 is CONFLICT EQUIVALENT to S_2 if S_1 can be rearranged into S_2 by a series of swaps of non-conflicting actions.
- When S_1 and S_2 are conflict equivalent, they read and write same values. Thus, the results are always the same.

• CONFLICT SERIALIZABILITY

- Intuition:
 - * S_a and S_c always generate the same results (because they are conflict equivalent)
 - * S_a is guaranteed to generate "good" result because it is SERIAL schedule
 - * Thus, S_c is guaranteed to genearate "good" result.
- FORMAL DEFINITION: S_1 is CONFLICT SERIALIZABLE if it is conflict equivalent to some serial schedule.
- A conflict serializable schedule may not be a serial schedule, but it is still a "good" schedule
- Example:
 - * **Q**:

$$S_1 = r_1(A) \ w_2(A) \ r_1(B)$$

 $S_2 = r_1(A) \ r_1(B) \ w_2(A)$ conflict equivalent?

- \cdot **Q:** What does it mean?
- * \mathbf{Q} : S_1 conflict serializable?
 - · **Q:** What does it mean?
- Consider schedule D that generates a "wrong" result

Schedule D:
$$S_c = \frac{r_1(A) \ w_1(A)}{T1} \frac{r_2(A) \ w_2(A)}{T2} \frac{r_2(B) \ w_2(B)}{T2} \frac{r_1(B) \ w_1(B)}{T1}$$

- **Q:** How should we reorder actions to make it serial?
 - * Move the second block of T_1 after the first block of T_1
 - * Move the first block of T_1 before the second block of T_1
- **Q:** Can we move $r_1(B)$ before $r_2(A)$ and get the same result?
- **Q:** Can we move $r_1(A)$ before $r_1(B)$ and get the same result?
- **Q:** Is Schedule D conflict serializable?
- **Q:** In general, how can we know whether a schedule is conflict serializable?
- Intuition: Conflicting actions cause precedence relationship between transactions:
 - * For example, in schedule D,
 - $w_2(B), \ldots, r_1(B): T_2 \to T_1$ because T_1 reads the value from T_2
 - · eg. $r_1(A), \ldots, w_2(A): T_1 \to T_2$ because T_1 reads the value before T_2
- **Q:** What does $T_1 \to T_2$ and $T_2 \to T_1$ in S_d mean?
- If there is a cycle in the precedence relationship, there is no equivalent serial schedule.

• PRECEDENCE GRAPH P(S)

- Nodes: transactions in S
- Edges: $T_i \to T_j$ if
 - 1. $p_i(A)$, $q_j(A)$ are actions in S
 - 2. $p_i(A)$ precedes $q_i(A)$
 - 3. At least one of p_i , q_j is a write
- THEOREM: P(S) is acyclic \Leftrightarrow S is conflict serializable
- $\langle \text{eg, P(S) for S} = w_3(A) \ w_2(C) \ r_1(A) \ w_1(B) \ r_1(C) \ w_2(A) \ r_4(A) \ w_4(D)? \rangle$
 - * **Q:** Is S conflict serializable?

- **Q:** does $P(S_1) = P(S_2)$ imply S_1 and S_2 are conflict equivalent?

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$$\langle \text{eg}, S_1 = w_1(A) \ r_2(A) \ w_2(B) \ r_1(B) \ \text{and} \ S_2 = r_2(A) \ w_1(A) \ r_1(B) \ w_2(B) \rangle$$

• SUMMARY SO FAR:

- good schedule: conflict serializable schedule
- conflict serializable \Leftrightarrow acyclic precedence graph
- Now more issues related to the meaning of COMMIT

RECOVERABLE SCHEDULE

- (example for recoverable schedule)
 - T_1 : r(A) w(A)
 - T_2 : r(A) w(A)

T_1	$\mid T_2 \mid$
$r_1(A)$	
$w_1(A)$	
	$r_2(A)$
	$egin{array}{c} r_2(\mathrm{A}) \ w_2(\mathrm{A}) \end{array}$
	Can we COMMIT here?
What if ROLLBACK?	

- **Q:** Committed transaction may to be aborted! How can we avoid this scenario?

• RECOVERABLE SCHEDULE

- Schedule S is RECOVERABLE if T_j reads a data item written by T_i , the COMMIT operation of T_i appears before the COMMIT operation of T_j
- Notation:
 - * c_i : COMMIT by transaction T_i
 - * a_i : ROLLBACK by transaction T_i (abort)
- **Q:** recoverable schedule?

$$egin{array}{c|c} T_1 & T_2 \\ \hline r_1({
m A}) & & & \\ w_1({
m A}) & & & \\ & & r_2({
m A}) & \\ & & w_2({
m A}) & \\ & & c_2 & \\ \hline c_1 & & & \end{array}$$

- **Q:** recoverable schedule?

$$egin{array}{c|c} T_1 \colon & T_2 \\ \hline r_1({
m A}) & & & \\ w_1({
m A}) & & & \\ & & r_2({
m A}) \\ & & w_2({
m A}) \\ \hline c_1 & & c_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

CASCADELESS SCHEDULE

• **Q:** What happens to T_2 ?

$$egin{array}{c|c} T_1 & T_2 \\ \hline r_1({
m A}) & & & \\ w_1({
m A}) & & & \\ & & r_2({
m A}) & \\ & & w_2({
m A}) & \\ {
m a}_1 & & & \end{array}$$

- CASCADING ROLLBACK: A single transaction abort leads to a series of transaction rollback
- **Q:** What is the main cause of cascading rollback?
 - DIRTY READ: reading an output of an uncommitted transaction
- Q: How can we avoid cascading rollback?
- CASCADELESS SCHEDULE
 - Schedule S is CASCADELESS if T_j reads a data item written by T_i , the COMMIT operation of T_i appears before the READ operation of T_i
 - Note the difference between RECOVERABLE and CASCADELESS schedule

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCHEDULES

- **Q:** What is the relationship between recoverable and cascadeless schedule? (Vann diagram)
- **Q:** What is the relationship between serial and cascadeless schedule? $\langle Vann \ diagram \rangle$
- Q: What is the relationship between serial and conflict-serializable schedule?
- Q: What is the relationship between conflict-serializable and recoverable schedule?

- **Q:** If a schedule is conflict serializable, is it recoverable?

$$\langle \mathrm{example} \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
T_1 & T_2 \\
\hline
w_1(A) & \\
r_2(A) \\
c_2 \\
c_1 & \\
\end{array}$$

- **Q:** If a schedule is recoverable, is it conflict serializable?

$\langle example \rangle$

$$egin{array}{c|c} T_1 & T_2 & \\ \hline w_1({
m A}) & r_2({
m A}) \\ \hline c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

• Example S: $w_1(A)$ $w_2(A)$ $w_1(B)$ $r_2(B)$ c_1 c_2

- **Q:** Is it serial?
- **Q:** Is it conflict-serializable?
- **Q:** Is it recoverable?
- **Q:** Is it cascadeless?
- **Q:** How can we make it cascadeless?

WHAT TO REMEMBER

- Conflict serializable schedule
- Recoverable schedule
- Cascadeless schedule
- We want either
 - Conflict serializable + Recoverable
 - Conflict serializable + Cascadeless

LOCKING PROTOCOL

- Main question: How can we achieve serializable and cascadless schedule?
- Let us think how we may achieve serializable and cascadeless schedule.

$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
T_1 & T_2 \\
\hline
r_1(A) & \\
w_1(A) & \\
x_2(A) & \\
w_2(A) & \\
a_1 & \\
\end{array}$$

- **Q:** Why do we have cascading rollback? How can we avoid it?
- **Q:** How can we ensure T_2 does not read T_1 's write until T_1 commits?

Rigorous Two Phase Locking Protocol (R2PL)

- Basic idea: Avoid dirty read by "locking" modified values until commit.
 - 1. Before T_1 writes, T_1 obtains a lock on A.
 - 2. T_1 releases the lock only when T_1 commits.
 - 3. When T_1 holds the lock on A, T_2 cannot access A.
- Three rules for Rigorous Two Phase Locking Protocol
 - Rule (1): T_i has to lock tuple t_k before any read/write
 - Rule (2): When T_i is holding the lock on t_k , T_j cannot obtain the lock on t_k (for $j \neq i$)
 - Rule (3): Release all locks at commit ⟨explain using lock accumulation diagram⟩

• IMPORTANT THEOREM

- Rigorous 2PL ensures a conflict-serializable and cascadeless schedule.
- RIGOROUS 2PL SCHEDULE
 - A schedule that can be produced by rigorous 2PL protocol
 - Q: Is there any conflict-serializable and cascadeless schedule that cannot be produced by R2PL?

Two Phase Locking Protocol (2PL)

- Less strict locking protocol than rigorous 2PL
 - Rule (1): T_i lock a tuple before any read/write
 - Rule (2): If T_i holds the lock on A, T_j cannot access A $(j \neq i)$
 - Rule (3): Two stages:
 - * (a) growing stage: T_i may obtain locks, but may not release any lock
 - * (b) shrinking stage: T_i may release locks, but may not obtain any lock $\langle \text{explain using lock accumulation diagram} \rangle$

• IMPORTANT THEOREM

- 2PL ensures a conflict-serializable schedule
- 2PL SCHEDULE
 - A schedule that can be produced by 2PL protocol.
 - **Q:** Is there any conflict-serializable schedule that cannot be produced by 2PL?

- Q: What's the relationship of R2PL and serializable/cascadeless schedule? (explain using Vann Diagram)
- Q: What's the relationship of 2PL and serializable/cascadeless schedule? (explain using Vann Diagram)

RECOVERY AND LOGGING

- Motivation for logging. Consider T: r(A)w(A)r(B)w(B).
 - **Example 1**: S = r(A)w(A)r(B)a. What should we do? How do we get the old value of A?
 - **Example 2**: S = r(A)w(A) !!!CRASH!!! What should DBMS do when it reboots?
 - **Example 3**: S = r(A)w(A)r(B)w(B)c. New A and B values are "cached" in main memory for performance reasons. Can DBMS commit T without writing the new values permanently to the disk? $\langle \text{main-memory and disk diagram} \rangle$

- Rules for log-based recovery
 - 1. For every action DBMS performs, a "log record" for the action should be generated.
 - $-\langle T_i, \text{ start}\rangle$
 - $-\langle T_i, X_i, \text{ old-value, new-value}\rangle$
 - $-\langle T_i, \text{commit}\rangle$
 - $-\langle T_i, abort \rangle$
 - 2. Log record should be written to disk BEFORE the actual data is written to the disk.
 - $-\langle T_i, A, 5, 10 \rangle$ should be written before the new A value 10 is written to the data block.
 - 3. Before commit of T_i , all log records for T_i are written to disk (including commit).
 - The actual data block may or may not be written to disk at commit.
 - 4. During abort, DBMS gets old values from the log
 - 5. During recovery, DBMS "re-executes" all actions in the committed transactions and "rolls back" all actions in the non-committed transactions.

• Example:

(Explain log records line by line)

A: 100, B: 100, C: 100

$\mid T_1$	$\mid T_2 \mid$	Log
Read(A); $A=A-50$		$1 \langle T_1, \text{ start} \rangle$
Write(A)		$2 \langle T_1, A, 100, 50 \rangle$
	Read(C); $C=C*2$	$3 \langle T_2, \text{ start} \rangle$
	Write(C)	$4 \langle T_2, C, 100, 200 \rangle$
	Commit	$5 \langle T_2, \text{commit} \rangle$
Read(B); $B=B+50$		
Write(B)		$6 \langle T_1, B, 100, 150 \rangle$
Commit		$7 \langle T_1, \text{ commit} \rangle$

- **Q**: What should DBMS do during recovery when it sees up to log record 4?
- **Q**: What should DBMS do during recovery when it sees up to log record 5?
- **Q**: What should DBMS do during recovery when it sees up to log record 7?

SQL ISOLATION LEVELS

- Motivation: In some cases, we may not need full ACID. We may want to allow some "bad" schedule to achieve more concurrency
 - SQL isolation levels allow a few "bad" scenarios for more concurrency
 - * dirty read, non-repeatable read, phantom
 - We go over three scenarios in which "relaxing" the strict ACID may be desirable for some applications
- (explain the isolation levels through examples and fill in the table)

isolation level	dirty read	nonrepeatable read	phantom
read uncommitted			
read committed			
repeatable read			
serializable			

- DIRTY READ may be OK
 - $-\langle \text{example} \rangle$
 - * T_1 : UPDATE Employee SET salary = salary + 100
 - * T_2 : SELECT salary FROM Employee WHERE name = 'John'
 - **Q:** Under ACID, once T_1 update John's salary, can T_2 read John's salary?
 - * Sometimes, it may be okay for T_2 to proceed.
 - DIRTY READ: a transaction reads uncommitted values
 - "READ UNCOMMITTED" isolation level allows dirty read.
 (Fill in the dirty read column)
- NON-REPEATABLE READ may be OK
 - $-\langle example \rangle$
 - * T_1 : UPDATE Employee SET salary = salary + 100 WHERE name = 'John'
 - * T_2 : (S_1) SELECT salary FROM Employee WHERE name = 'John'

. . .

- (S_2) SELECT salary FROM Employee WHERE name = 'John'
- **Q:** Under ACID, can we get different values for S_1 and S_2 ?
 - * Sometimes it may be okay to get different values
- NON-REPEATABLE READ: When T_i reads the same row multiple times, T_i may get different values
- "READ UNCOMMITTED" or "READ COMMITTED" isolation levels allow NON-REPEATABLE READ.
 - (Fill in the non-repeatable read column)

- PHANTOM may be OK
 - $-\langle example \rangle$
 - * Initially, SUM(Employee.salary) = \$100,000
 - * T_1 : INSERT INTO Employee (e1, 1000), (e2, 1000)
 - * T_2 : SELECT SUM(salary) FROM Employee
 - **Q:** Under ACID, what may T_2 return?
 - * Sometimes, it may be OK for T_2 to return \$101,000
 - Q: Under REPEATABLE READ, what if T2 is

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SELECT SUM(salary) FROM Employee ....
SELECT SUM(salary) FROM Employee
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What can T_2 return?

- PHANTOM: When new tuples are inserted, once some of them are seen by statements, or only some statements see the newly inserted tuples.
- Except for "SERIALIZABLE" isolation level, PHANTOM is always allowed.
- MIXED ISOLATION LEVELS
 - $-\langle \text{example on mixed isolation levels} \rangle$
 - * T_1 : UPDATE Employee SET salary = salary + 100 ROLLBACK
 - * T_2 : SELECT salary FROM Employee WHERE name = 'John'
 - **Q:** T_1 SERIALIZABLE, T_2 SERIALIZABLE. What may T_2 return?
 - **Q:** T_1 SERIALIZABLE, T_2 READ UNCOMMITTED. What may T_2 return?
 - COMMENTS:
 - * Only when all transactions are serializable, we guarantee ACID.
 - * The isolation level is in the eye of the beholding transaction.
- READ ONLY TRANSACTION

- Many, many transactions are read only.
- By declaring a transaction as READ ONLY, we can help DBMS to optimize for more concurrency

• SQL ISOLATION LEVEL DECLARATION

- SET TRANSACTION options
- access mode: READ ONLY / READ WRITE (default: READ WRITE)
- isolation level: ISOLATION LEVEL
 - * READ UNCOMMITTED
 - * READ COMMITTED (Oracle default)
 - * REAPEATABLE READ (MySQL, DB2 default)
 - * SERIALIZABLE
- e.g) SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY, REPEATABLE READ
 - * READ UNCOMMITTED cannot be READ WRITE
 - * Needs to be declared before EVERY transaction for non-default settings

OPTIONAL MATERIALS

Proof of P(S) is acyclic $\Leftrightarrow S$ is conflict serializable

- Lemma: S_1 , S_2 conflict equivalent $\Rightarrow P(S_1) = P(S_2)$
- Proof:
 - Assume $P(S_1) \neq P(S_2)$ \Rightarrow There exists $T_i \rightarrow T_j$ in S_1 but not in S_2 $\Rightarrow S_1 = \dots p_i(A) \dots q_j(A) \dots (p_i(A), q_j(A))$: conflicting actions) $S_2 = \dots p_j(A) \dots p_i(A) \dots$ $\Rightarrow S_1$ and S_2 are not conflict equivalent!
- Proof 1: P(S) is acyclic $\Leftarrow S$ is conflict serializable
 - Assume S is conflict serializable
 - \Rightarrow There exists Ss where S_s and S are conflict equivalent
 - $\Rightarrow P(S_s) = P(S)$ from Lemma
 - \Rightarrow P(S) acyclic because P(S_s) is acyclic
- Proof 2: P(S) is acyclic $\Rightarrow S$ is conflict serializable
 - Assume P(S) is acyclic. Transform S as follows:
 - 1. Take T_1 to be a transaction with no incident edges
 - **Q:** Is there always a transaction with no incident edge?
 - 2. Move all T1 actions to the front

$$S_1 = \dots q_j(A) \dots p_1(A) \dots$$

- 3. We now have $S = \langle T_1 \text{ actions} \rangle \langle \dots \text{ rest } \dots \rangle$
- 4. Repeat the above steps to serialize the rest

SHARED & EXCLUSIVE LOCK

• (example)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
T_1 & T_2 \\
\hline
r(A) & r(A) \\
r(A) & r(B)
\end{array}$$

- **Q:** Is it possible for our R2PL protocol?
- **Q:** Is it conflict serializable?

- COMMENTS: r(A) and r(A) do not conflict. Only w(A) causes conflict. We should have granted locks to T_1 and T_2 for "reading"

• SHARED & EXCLUSIVE LOCK

- SHARED LOCK:
 - * lock for read
 - * multiple transactions can obtain the same shared lock
- EXCLUSIVE LOCK
 - * lock for write
 - * If T_i holds an exclusive lock for A, no other transaction can obtain a shared/exclusive lock on A.
- Separate locks for read and write
 - * Before read on A, T_i requests a SHARED lock on A
 - * Before write on A, T_i requests an exclusive lock on A
 - * Everything else is the same as before.

• COMPATIBILITY MATRIX

	shared	exclusive
shared		
exclusive		

• Rigorous 2PL with shared lock \rightarrow conflict serializable and cascadeless 2PL with shared lock \rightarrow conflict serializable

PHANTOM PROBLEM

• (Phantom example schedule slide)

- T_1 : SELECT SUM(salary) FROM Employee
 - T_2 : INSERT INTO Employee VALUES (e1, 500), (e5, 500)
 - * e1 is inserted before e3
 - * e5 is inserted after e5
 - * T_1 maintains a cursor to scan the table
- **Q:** What result does T_1 return?
 - * Follow the schedule sequentially
- **Q:** Does the schedule follow rigorous R2PL?

- **Q:** Does the schedule provide ACID?
- **Q:** Why do we get this result?
 - * T_1 scans the "entire table" not just e3.
 - * When T_1 is at e3, either
 - 1. T_1 should have read e1, or
 - 2. T_2 should not be allowed to insert e1.
 - $\rightarrow T_1$ has to worry about "non-existing" e1 tuple: PHANTOM PHENOMENON
- **Q:** How can we avoid this?

- INSERT LOCK on table
 - 1. Before insertion, T_i gets an INSERT LOCK for the table
 - 2. Before scanning a table, T_i gets a INSERT LOCK for the table
 - 3. NOTE: T_i should still obtain a lock on each tuple that it it reads/writes on
 - INSERT LOCK simply prevents the insertion of a new tuple into a TABLE. Individual tuples should be "protected" by their own locks before read/write.

DEADLOCK

- DEADLOCK: multiple transactions wait for each other without making any progress
 - 2PL may cause deadlock in certain cases.

 $\langle example \rangle$

$$T_1$$
: $r(A)w(B)$
 T_2 : $r(B)w(A)$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} T_1 & T_2 \\ \hline l(A) & \\ r(A) & \\ l(B) & \\ r(B) \\ \hline w(B) & \\ & \\ u(A)? \\ \hline \end{array}$$

• **Q:** Can T_1 and T_2 progress? $\langle \text{explain using wait-graph} \rangle$

- Q: What should we do in this case to get out of the deadlock?
- COMMENTS:
 - 1. Most DBMS runs deadlock detection algorithm.
 - 2. If there is a deadlock, roll-back transactions until the deadlock is broken

SQL ISOLATION LEVEL Implementation mechanisms

- Tuple lock:
 - S: shared lock on tuple t before read
 - X: exclusive lock on tuple t before write
- Table INSERT lock:
 - S: shared insert lock on table T before read/write
 - X: exclusive insert lock on table T before insert

(explain implementation mechanism filling in the following table)

	read		insert		write	
isolation level	\mathbf{t}	I	t	I	\mathbf{t}	I
serializable						
repeatable read						
read committed						
read uncommitted						

- first discuss serializable:
 - * We learned the mechanisam already. Rigorous 2PL with insert lock.
- Then discuss first on read for every other isolation level
 - * start with read uncommitted, then read committed
 - * **Q:** For "read uncommitted" transaction,
 - · READ LOCK before read?
 - · INSERT LOCK before read?

- then insert
- and then write

• COMMENTS:

- $1.\ \ READ$ COMMITTED may release the shared lock immediately after read
- 2. REPEATABLE READ holds the shared lock until it does not access the tuple any more $\,$
- 3. All exclusive locks are held until COMMIT