

Distributed transactions.

T_1 : Transfer

```
x = GET(x)
y = GET(y)
if (x > 10)
  PUT(x, x - 10)
  PUT(y, y + 10)
```

T_2 : Audit

```
x = GET(x)
y = GET(y)
print(x + y)
```

ACID guarantees:

- Atomicity: All parts of txn execute or none (x's balance decreases, y's balance does not increase)
- Consistency: Preserves Invariants. (eg. x's balance > 0)
- Durability: Txn's effect are not lost (even if servers restart)

- Isolation-

T_1 : Transfer

```
x = GET(x)
y = GET(y)
PUT(x, x - 10)
```

```
PUT(y, y + 10)
```

what if
 T_2 executes here?
prints 190

T_2 : Audit

```
x = GET(x)
```

```
y = GET(y)
```

```
print(x + y)
```

what if
 T_1 executes
here?
prints 210

Serializability

T_1 T_2

$x:90$ $y:110$ $P200$

or
 T_2 T_1

strict serializability
if T_2 started after T_1 committed, then.

T_1 T_2

T_2

State Read

$Rx100$ $Ry100$ $P200$

T_2 $Rx100$ $Ry100$ $Wx90$

$Wy110$

Serializable but not linearizable.

T_2

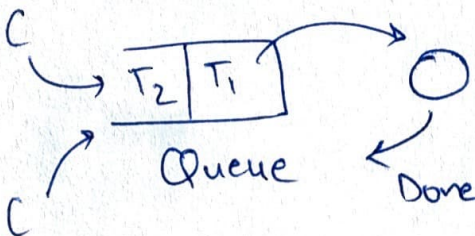
$Rx90$ $Ry100$ $P190$

T_1 $Rx100$ $Ry100$ $Wx90$

$Wy110$

Linearizable but not serializable

Start with single machine



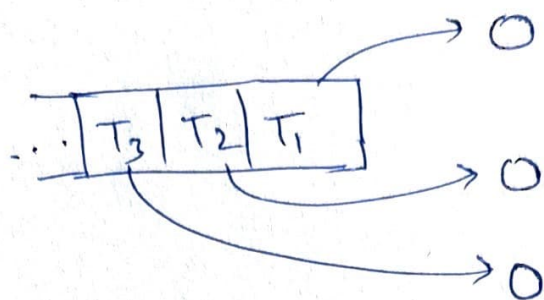
Pull one transaction at a time.

Trivially serializable!

✓ Queue order determines serial order

✗ Bad perf: uses only one CPU. Could have run independent Txn's in parallel

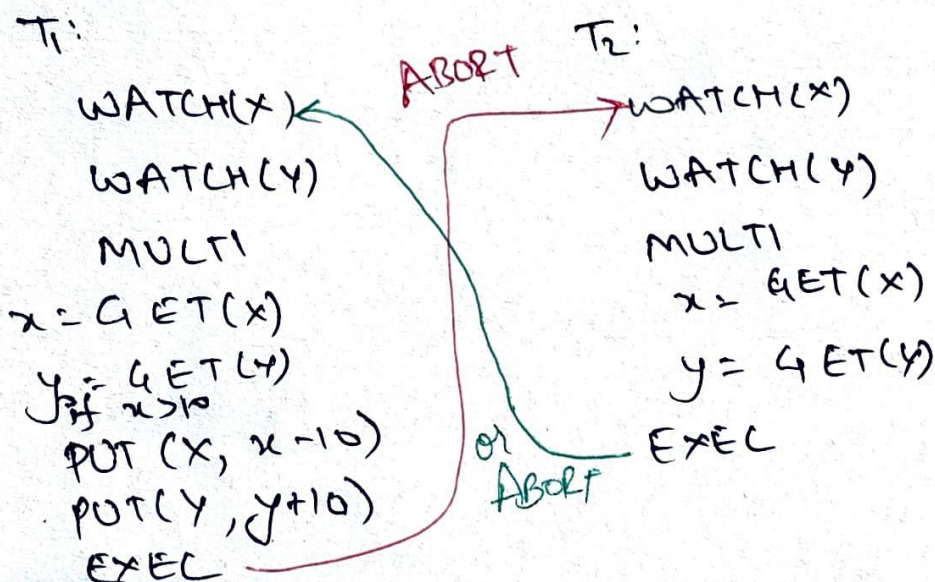
Multi Cores



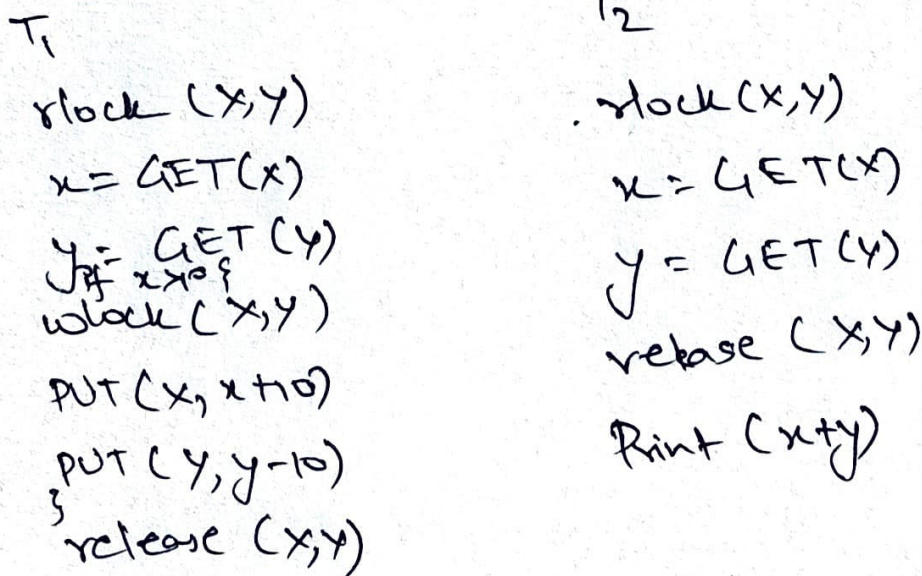
Optimistic
Pessimistic
multi version

Better perf. May not be serializable
(T_2 executes in middle of T_1)
→ Need concurrency control mechanisms

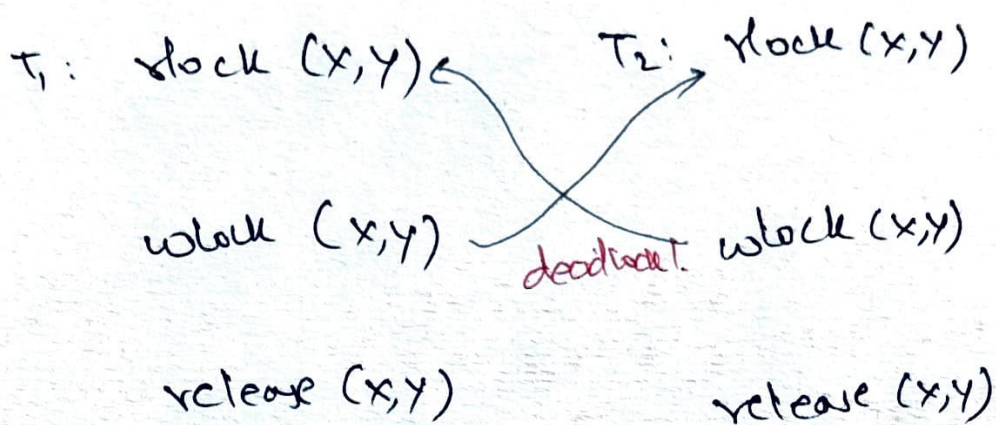
Optimistic concurrency control (Redis)



Pessimistic concurrency control



- Would wait deadlock avoidance.



First to unlock, aborts other transaction.

• Optimistic

- If high conflicts, keep aborting and restarting
- Need to maintain writes locally that all commit atomically.

Pessimistic

- Unnecessary locking if no conflicts
- Deadlock avoidance is needed

- Challenge: data does not fit on a single machine (eg. X and Y)

• Sharding

A
M-X

B
Y-L

- Might also shard for performance. Transfer from M → X and F → G can happen **in parallel** on separate machines.

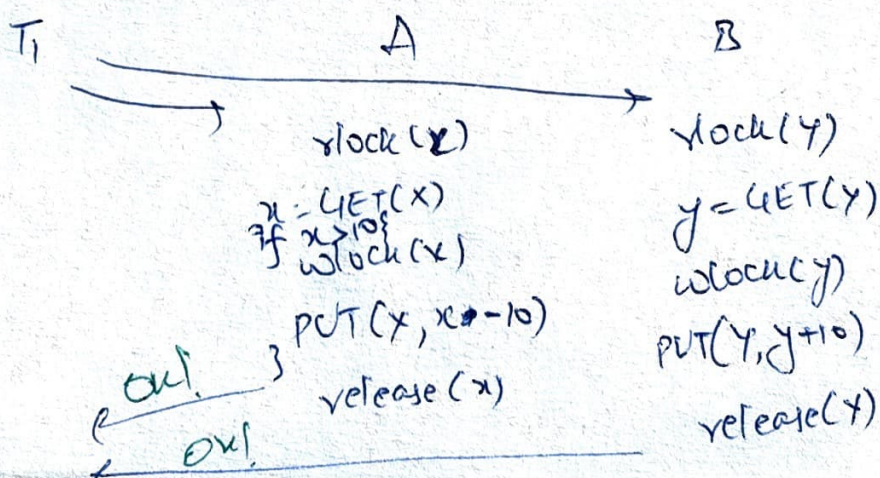
- \Rightarrow Reads, writes, locks need to happen on separate machines

A (owns x)	B (owns y)
lock(x)	rlock(y)
$x = \text{GET}(x)$	$y = \text{GET}(y)$
if $x > 10$	wlock(y)
wlock(x)	PUT(y, y-10)
PUT(x, x-10)	release(y)
release(x)	

Bad commit protocol

Transaction manager (TM)

Resource managers (RMs)



what can go wrong?

- Not enough money in x
- Y account does not exist
- A or B crashes before receiving msgs
- Network fails
- TM crashes after sending txn to A but before " " " B

• Safety?

Atomic commits: Everyone commits

or everyone aborts.

Keep aborting forever?

• Liveness

- if no failures, A, B can commit, then commit
- if failures, reach a conclusion ASAP

• R/W transactions can be thought of
as 2 phases

T_i : $rlock(x, y)$

$x = get(x)$
 $assert(x > 10)$
 $y = GET(y)$

$wlock(x, y)$

$PUT(x, x+10)$

$PUT(y, y+10)$

$release(x, y)$

Prepare phase: Read all values.
Take all locks.
No writes!

Commit phase: Write and release locks.
Write both x, y or none must be atomic.

PREPARE(x):

$rlock(x)$

$x = GET(x)$
 $assert(x > 10)$
 $wlock(x)$

return x.

COMMIT(x)

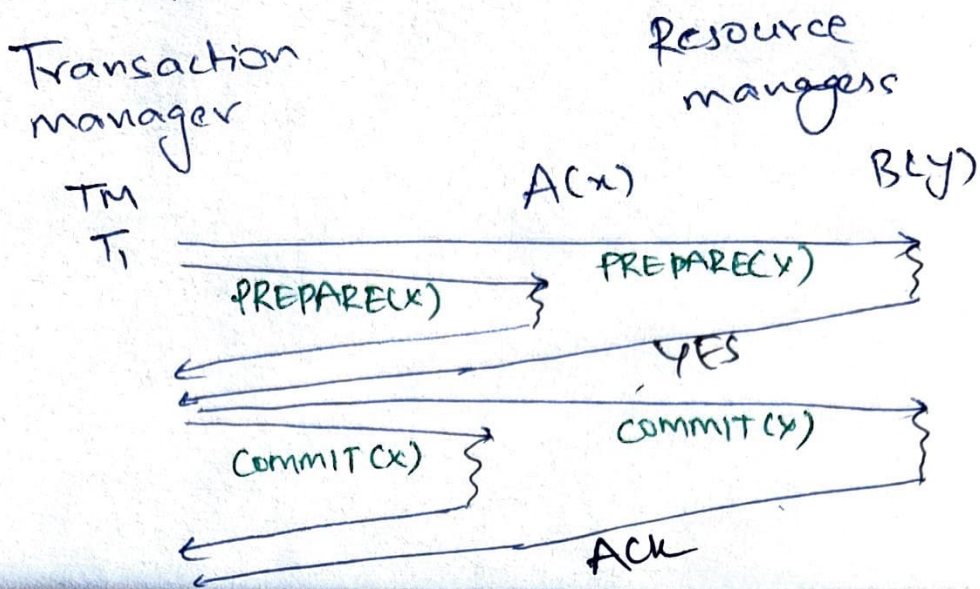
$PUT(x, x+10)$

$release(x)$

ABORT(x)

$release(x)$

Atomicity Two phase Commits



Why ~~is~~ does it give atomic commits?

- TM can send commit only if it has heard **YES** from all RMs.

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All or nothing
↓

- Ex: If B cannot block(y), it replies **NO**
⇒ TM abort transaction.

B crashes before sending **YES** to TM.

- TM timeouts and unilaterally aborts.
- or n/w lost **YES** message

- B crashes after sending YES to TM
 - TM sends commit- to A.
 - B restarts
 - must remember it was in middle of Txn. $PREPARE_{T_1}(y)$ i.e, wlock(y)
 - TM keeps retrying commit(T₁)
 - Is B guaranteed to get wlock(y)?
- WAL $Prepare_{T_1}(y) \rightarrow Yes$

What if TM restarts before sending prepare to B?

- Send prepare again.
- B prepares
- A should remember it was already prepared and reply YES

- What if TM restarts after prepares?
 - If participant had replied Yes, it is blocked. waiting for commit/abort
 - After restart, TM must commit/abort all pending transactions

TM log

- $\langle \text{Txn ID} \rangle \langle \text{details} \rangle$
- $\langle \text{commit} \rangle \langle \text{Txn ID} \rangle$
or
 $\langle \text{abort} \rangle \langle \text{Txn ID} \rangle$

Why is it ok to not log -

- Sent prepare to A?
 - can just resend prepares
- received yes from A?
 - can unilaterally abort
- Sent commit to A?
 - can just resend commit.

RM/ Participant log

- $\langle \text{Txn ID} \rangle \langle \text{details} \rangle \langle \text{prepared} \rangle$
- " $\langle \text{committed} \rangle$
or $\langle \text{aborted} \rangle$

Safety -

- No commit unless everyone says Yes
- ^{DM} Cannot back out after saying Yes
across restarts

Liveness

- Not live if TM crashes forever after
prepare (or becomes unreachable)