Question 1(a) [3 marks]

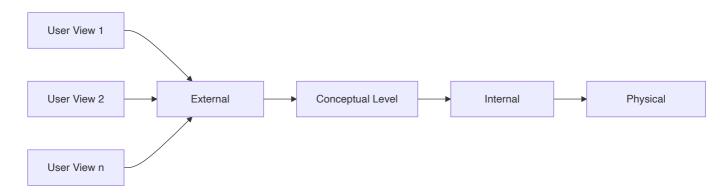
Explain three-level database architecture.

Answer:

Table:

| Level | Description | Purpose |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| External Level | User views and application programs | Data abstraction for users |
| Conceptual Level | Complete logical structure | Organization-wide data view |
| Internal Level | Physical storage details | Storage and access methods |

Diagram:



- External Level: Individual user views and specific application requirements
- Conceptual Level: Complete database schema without storage details
- Internal Level: Physical storage structures and access paths

Mnemonic: "ECI - Every Computer Interface"

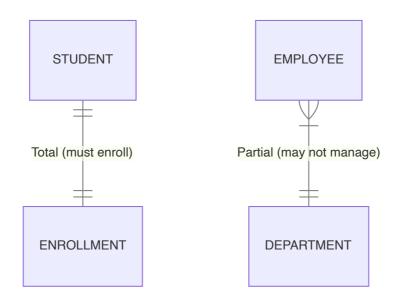
Question 1(b) [4 marks]

Explain Total Participation and Partial Participation with example.

Answer:

| Participation Type | Definition | Symbol | Example |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Participation | Every entity must participate | Double line | Student-Course enrollment |
| Partial Participation | Some entities may not participate | Single line | Employee-Department management |

Diagram:



- **Total Participation**: All students must be enrolled in at least one course
- Partial Participation: Not all employees manage a department
- **Double lines** indicate total participation constraints
- **Single lines** show partial participation relationships

Mnemonic: "Total = Two lines, Partial = Plain line"

Question 1(c) [7 marks]

| Explain | advantages | of DBMS | over file | : management | t systems. |
|---------|------------|---------|-----------|--------------|------------|
|---------|------------|---------|-----------|--------------|------------|

Answer:

| Advantage | File System | DBMS |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Data Redundancy | High duplication | Controlled redundancy |
| Data Inconsistency | Common problem | Data integrity maintained |
| Data Sharing | Limited sharing | Concurrent access support |
| Security | File-level security | User-level access control |
| Backup & Recovery | Manual process | Automatic mechanisms |

- Reduced Data Redundancy: Eliminates duplicate data storage across applications
- Data Consistency: Ensures uniform data across all applications
- Data Independence: Applications independent of data structure changes
- Concurrent Access: Multiple users can access data simultaneously
- Security Control: User authentication and authorization mechanisms
- Backup and Recovery: Automatic data protection and restoration
- Data Integrity: Constraint enforcement maintains data quality

Mnemonic: "RDCCSBI - Really Don't Copy, Control, Secure, Backup, Integrate"

Question 1(c OR) [7 marks]

List out various data models. Explain any two in brief.

Answer:

Data Models List:

- Hierarchical Data Model
- Network Data Model
- Relational Data Model
- Object-Oriented Data Model
- Entity-Relationship Model

Table:

| Model | Structure | Advantages | Disadvantages |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Relational Model | Tables with rows/columns | Simple, flexible | Performance overhead |
| Network Model | Graph with records/links | Efficient navigation | Complex structure |

Relational Data Model:

- **Structure**: Data organized in tables (relations)
- Components: Tuples (rows), attributes (columns), domains

• **Operations**: Select, project, join operations available

Network Data Model:

• **Structure**: Graph-based with owner-member relationships

• Navigation: Explicit links between record types

• Flexibility: Many-to-many relationships supported naturally

Mnemonic: "HNROE - Have Network Relational Object Entity"

Question 2(a) [3 marks]

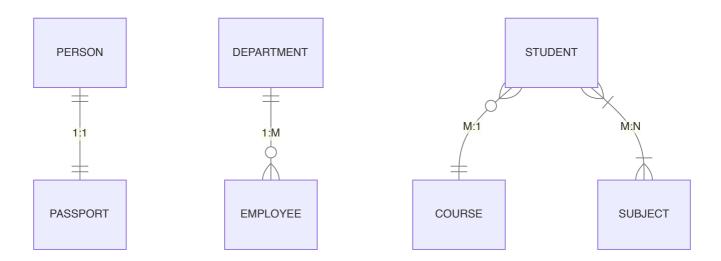
Explain Mapping Cardinalities.

Answer:

Table:

| Cardinality | Symbol | Description | Example |
|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| One-to-One | 1:1 | Each entity relates to one other | Person-Passport |
| One-to-Many | 1:M | One entity relates to many | Department-Employee |
| Many-to-One | M:1 | Many entities relate to one | Student-Course |
| Many-to-Many | M:N | Many relate to many | Student-Subject |

Diagram:



- Cardinality constraints define relationship participation limits
- Maximum cardinality specifies upper bound of associations
- Helps in database design and relationship modeling

Mnemonic: "OMOM - One, One-Many, One-Many, Many-Many"

Question 2(b) [4 marks]

Explain Outer Join operation in Relational Algebra.

Answer:

Table:

| Join Type | Symbol | Result | NULL Handling |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Left Outer Join | M | All left + matching right | NULLs for unmatched right |
| Right Outer Join | M | All right + matching left | NULLs for unmatched left |
| Full Outer Join | × | All from both tables | NULLs for unmatched |

Example:

EMPLOYEE ⋈ DEPARTMENT

- Includes all employees
- NULL values for employees without departments
- Preserves unmatched tuples from specified relation(s)
- **NULL values** fill missing attribute values
- Three types: Left, Right, and Full outer joins
- **Useful for reporting** incomplete data relationships

Mnemonic: "LRF - Left Right Full outer joins"

Question 2(c) [7 marks]

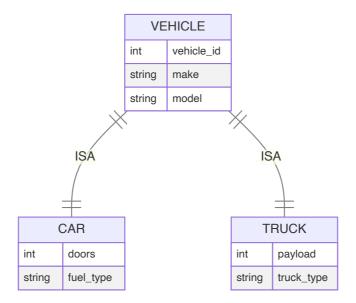
Explain concept of Specialization and Generalization with example.

Answer:

Table:

| Concept | Direction | Process | Example |
|----------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Specialization | Top-Down | General to Specific | Vehicle → Car, Truck |
| Generalization | Bottom-Up | Specific to General | Car, Truck → Vehicle |

Diagram:



Specialization:

- Process: Creating subclasses from superclass
- Inheritance: Subclasses inherit all superclass attributes
- Additional attributes: Subclasses have specific properties

Generalization:

- **Process**: Creating superclass from common subclass features
- **Abstraction**: Identifies common attributes and relationships
- **Simplification**: Reduces complexity through hierarchy

Mnemonic: "SG-TD-BU - Specialization General-To-Detail, Bottom-Up"

Question 2(a OR) [3 marks]

Explain different types of Keys in Relational Algebra.

Answer:

| Кеу Туре | Definition | Uniqueness | Example |
|------------------|--|------------|-----------------------------|
| Super Key | Any attribute set that uniquely identifies | Yes | {ID, Name, Phone} |
| Candidate Key | Minimal super key | Yes | {ID}, {Email} |
| Primary Key | Chosen candidate key | Yes | {StudentID} |
| Foreign Key | References primary key | No | {DeptID} references Dept |

- **Super Key**: Uniquely identifies tuples, may have extra attributes
- Candidate Key: Minimal super key without redundant attributes
- **Primary Key**: Selected candidate key for entity identification
- Foreign Key: Establishes referential integrity between tables

Mnemonic: "SCPF - Super Candidate Primary Foreign"

Question 2(b OR) [4 marks]

Explain types of attributes in ER-diagram with suitable example.

Answer:

Table:

| Attribute Type | Symbol | Description | Example |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Simple | Oval | Cannot be subdivided | Age, Name |
| Composite | Oval with sub-ovals | Can be subdivided | Address (Street, City) |
| Derived | Dashed oval | Calculated from others | Age from Birth_Date |
| Multi-valued | Double oval | Multiple values | Phone_Numbers |

Diagram:



```
+----+

+----+

:|Phone_No|: <-- Multi-valued

+----+

+----+

: Age : <-- Derived

+-----+
```

- Simple attributes are atomic and indivisible
- Composite attributes have meaningful sub-parts
- Derived attributes computed from other attribute values
- Multi-valued attributes store multiple values per entity

Mnemonic: "SCDM - Simple Composite Derived Multi-valued"

Question 2(c OR) [7 marks]

Explain SELECT, PROJECT, UNION and SET-INTERSECTION operation with suitable example.

Answer:

Table:

| Operation | Symbol | Purpose | Example |
|--------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| SELECT | σ | Filter rows | σ(salary > 50000)(Employee) |
| PROJECT | π | Select columns | π(name, age)(Employee) |
| UNION | U | Combine relations | R u S |
| INTERSECTION | Λ | Common tuples | R∩S |

Examples:

SELECT Operation:

```
σ(age > 25)(STUDENT)
- Returns students older than 25 years
```

PROJECT Operation:

```
\pi(\text{name, course})(\text{STUDENT}) - Returns only name and course columns
```

UNION Operation:

SCIENCE_STUDENTS U ARTS_STUDENTS

- Combines students from both streams

INTERSECTION Operation:

MALE_STUDENTS N SPORTS_STUDENTS

- Returns male students who play sports

Mnemonic: "SPUI - Select Project Union Intersection"

Question 3(a) [3 marks]

Differentiate Primary Key and Foreign Key constraint.

Answer:

Table:

| Aspect | Primary Key | Foreign Key |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Purpose | Unique identification | Referential integrity |
| NULL Values | Not allowed | Allowed |
| Uniqueness | Must be unique | Can be duplicate |
| Number per table | Only one | Multiple allowed |

- Primary Key: Ensures entity integrity within table
- Foreign Key: Maintains referential integrity between tables
- Uniqueness: Primary keys unique, foreign keys can repeat
- NULL handling: Primary keys never NULL, foreign keys may be NULL

Mnemonic: "PU-FN - Primary Unique, Foreign Nullable"

Question 3(b) [4 marks]

Explain DUAL table and SYSDATE with example.

Answer:

Table:

| Component | Туре | Purpose | Example |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| DUAL | Virtual table | Test expressions | SELECT 2+3 FROM DUAL |
| SYSDATE | System function | Current date/time | SELECT SYSDATE FROM DUAL |

DUAL Table:

- Virtual table with one row and one column
- Used for testing expressions and functions
- Oracle-specific pseudo table

SYSDATE Function:

- Returns current system date and time
- Automatic update with system clock
- Date/time operations supported

Examples:

```
SELECT SYSDATE FROM DUAL;
SELECT SYSDATE + 30 FROM DUAL; -- 30 days later
```

Mnemonic: "DT-ST - DUAL Testing, SYSDATE Time"

Question 3(c) [7 marks]

Write SQL queries to use various numeric functions:

Answer:

Table:

| Function | Purpose | SQL Query | Result |
|----------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| TRUNC | Integer value | SELECT TRUNC(125.25) FROM DUAL; | 125 |
| ABS | Absolute value | SELECT ABS(-15) FROM DUAL; | 15 |
| CEIL | Ceiling value | SELECT CEIL(55.65) FROM DUAL; | 56 |
| FLOOR | Floor value | SELECT FLOOR(100.2) FROM DUAL; | 100 |

SQL Queries:

```
-- (a) Display integer value of 125.25

SELECT TRUNC(125.25) FROM DUAL;

-- (b) Display absolute value of(-15)

SELECT ABS(-15) FROM DUAL;

-- (c) Display ceil value of 55.65

SELECT CEIL(55.65) FROM DUAL;

-- (d) Display floor value of 100.2

SELECT FLOOR(100.2) FROM DUAL;

-- (e) Display the square root of 16
```

```
SELECT SQRT(16) FROM DUAL;

-- (f) Show value of e<sup>3</sup>
SELECT EXP(3) FROM DUAL;

-- (g) Display result of 12 raised to 6
SELECT POWER(12, 6) FROM DUAL;

-- (h) Display result of 24 mod 2
SELECT MOD(24, 2) FROM DUAL;

-- (i) Show output of sign(-25), sign(25), sign(0)
SELECT SIGN(-25), SIGN(25), SIGN(0) FROM DUAL;
```

Mnemonic: "TACFSEPM - TRUNC ABS CEIL FLOOR SQRT EXP POWER MOD"

Question 3(a OR) [3 marks]

Explain Unique and Check Constraint with suitable example.

Answer:

Table:

| Constraint | Purpose | Duplicates | Example |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| UNIQUE | Prevent duplicates | Not allowed | Email address |
| СНЕСК | Validate data | Value restrictions | Age > 0 |

Examples:

```
-- UNIQUE Constraint

CREATE TABLE Student (
    email VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE,
    phone VARCHAR(15) UNIQUE

);

-- CHECK Constraint

CREATE TABLE Employee (
    age NUMBER CHECK (age >= 18),
    salary NUMBER CHECK (salary > 0)

);
```

- **UNIQUE constraint** ensures no duplicate values in column
- CHECK constraint validates data against specified conditions
- Multiple constraints can be applied to single column

Mnemonic: "UC-DV - Unique no Copy, Check Validates"

Question 3(b OR) [4 marks]

Explain structure of PL/SQL block.

Answer:

Table:

| Section | Required | Purpose | Example |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| DECLARE | Optional | Variable declarations | var_name VARCHAR2(20); |
| BEGIN | Mandatory | Executable statements | SELECT INTO var; |
| EXCEPTION | Optional | Error handling | WHEN OTHERS THEN |
| END | Mandatory | Block termination | END; |

Diagram:

```
DECLARE

-- Variable declarations

BEGIN

-- Executable statements

EXCEPTION

-- Error handling

END;
```

- **DECLARE section**: Variable and cursor declarations
- BEGIN-END: Mandatory executable section
- EXCEPTION section: Error handling routines
- Nested blocks: PL/SQL blocks can be nested

Mnemonic: "DBE-E - Declare Begin Exception End"

Question 3(c OR) [7 marks]

Consider the following table and solve queries:

Answer:

I) Create the BRANCH table:

```
CREATE TABLE BRANCH (
    branchid VARCHAR2(10) PRIMARY KEY,
    branchname VARCHAR2(50) NOT NULL,
    address VARCHAR2(100)
);
```

II) Create the EMPLOYEE table:

```
CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE (
   empid VARCHAR2(10) PRIMARY KEY,
   name VARCHAR2(50) NOT NULL,
   post VARCHAR2(30),
   gender CHAR(1) CHECK (gender IN ('M', 'F')),
   birthdate DATE,
   salary NUMBER(10,2),
   branchid VARCHAR2(10),
   FOREIGN KEY (branchid) REFERENCES BRANCH(branchid)
);
```

III) Find employees in Ahmedabad branch:

```
SELECT e.* FROM EMPLOYEE e, BRANCH b
WHERE e.branchid = b.branchid
AND b.branchname = 'Ahmedabad';
```

IV) Find employees born in 1998:

```
SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM birthdate) = 1998;
```

V) Find female employees with salary > 5000:

```
SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEE
WHERE gender = 'F' AND salary > 5000;
```

VI) Find address where Ajay works:

```
SELECT b.address FROM EMPLOYEE e, BRANCH b
WHERE e.branchid = b.branchid
AND e.name = 'Ajay';
```

Mnemonic: "CBEFFA - Create Branch Employee Find Female Address"

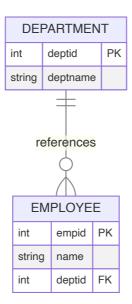
Question 4(a) [3 marks]

Explain Referential Integrity with suitable example.

Answer:

| Aspect | Description | Example |
|------------|---|--|
| Definition | Foreign key must reference existing primary key | Employee.deptid → Department.deptid |
| Purpose | Maintain data consistency | Prevent orphan records |
| Actions | CASCADE, SET NULL, RESTRICT | ON DELETE CASCADE |

Diagram:



- **Referential integrity** ensures foreign key values exist in referenced table
- **Orphan records** prevented by constraint enforcement
- Cascade operations maintain consistency during updates/deletes

Mnemonic: "RIO - Referential Integrity prevents Orphans"

Question 4(b) [4 marks]

Differentiate Partial and Full Functional Dependency.

Answer:

| Dependency Type | Definition | Example | Requirement |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Partial | Depends on part of composite key | (StudentID, CourseID) → StudentName | Composite primary key |
| Full | Depends on entire key | (StudentID, CourseID) \rightarrow Grade | Complete key needed |

Examples:

Partial Functional Dependency:

```
(StudentID, CourseID) → StudentName
StudentName depends only on StudentID, not CourseID
```

Full Functional Dependency:

```
(StudentID, CourseID) → Grade
Grade depends on both StudentID and CourseID
```

- Partial dependency causes data redundancy and anomalies
- Full dependency required for proper normalization
- 2NF eliminates partial functional dependencies

Mnemonic: "PF-CF - Partial Few, Complete Full"

Question 4(c) [7 marks]

Explain 3rd Normal Form with example.

Answer:

3rd Normal Form Requirements:

- 1. Must be in 2NF
- 2. No transitive dependencies
- 3. Non-key attributes depend only on primary key

Table Before 3NF:

| StudentID | StudentName | CourseID | CourseName | InstructorID | InstructorName |
|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| S1 | John | C1 | Math | I1 | Dr. Smith |
| S2 | Jane | C1 | Math | I1 | Dr. Smith |

Problems:

- **Transitive dependency**: StudentID → CourseID → InstructorName
- Update anomaly: Instructor name change requires multiple updates
- **Delete anomaly**: Removing student may lose instructor information

3NF Solution:

STUDENT Table:

| StudentID | StudentName | CourseID |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| S1 | John | C1 |
| S2 | Jane | C1 |

COURSE Table:

| CourseID | CourseName | InstructorID |
|----------|------------|--------------|
| C1 | Math | I1 |

INSTRUCTOR Table:

| InstructorID | InstructorName |
|--------------|----------------|
| I1 | Dr. Smith |

Mnemonic: "3NF-NT - 3rd Normal Form No Transitives"

Question 4(a OR) [3 marks]

Explain Importance of Normalization.

Answer:

Table:

| Benefit | Problem Solved | Result |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Reduce Redundancy | Duplicate data | Storage efficiency |
| Eliminate Anomalies | Update/Insert/Delete issues | Data consistency |
| Improve Integrity | Data inconsistency | Reliable information |

- Data redundancy minimized through proper table decomposition
- **Update anomalies eliminated** by removing duplicate information
- Storage space optimized through normalized structure
- Data integrity maintained with referential constraints
- Maintenance simplified with logical table organization

Mnemonic: "RESIM - Redundancy Eliminated, Storage Improved, Maintenance"

Question 4(b OR) [4 marks]

Differentiate Prime Attributes and Non-Prime Attributes.

Answer:

Table:

| Attribute Type | Definition | Role | Example |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Prime | Part of candidate key | Key formation | StudentID, CourseID |
| Non-Prime | Not part of any candidate key | Data storage | StudentName, Grade |

Example:

ENROLLMENT (StudentID, CourseID, Grade, Semester)
Candidate Key: (StudentID, CourseID)

Prime Attributes: StudentID, CourseID Non-Prime Attributes: Grade, Semester

- **Prime attributes** participate in candidate key formation
- Non-Prime attributes provide additional entity information
- Functional dependencies between these determine normal forms
- 2NF requires no partial dependencies of non-prime on prime attributes

Mnemonic: "PN-KD - Prime in Key, Non-prime for Data"

Question 4(c OR) [7 marks]

Explain 2nd Normal Form with example.

Answer:

2nd Normal Form Requirements:

- 1. Must be in 1NF
- 2. No partial functional dependencies
- 3. All non-key attributes fully depend on primary key

Table Before 2NF:

| StudentID | CourseID | StudentName | CourseName | Grade |
|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|-------|
| S1 | C1 | John | Math | Α |
| S1 | C2 | John | Physics | В |
| S2 | C1 | Jane | Math | A |

Problems:

- **Partial Dependencies**: StudentID → StudentName, CourseID → CourseName
- Update Anomaly: Student name change requires multiple updates
- Insert Anomaly: Cannot add course without student enrollment

2NF Solution:

STUDENT Table:

| StudentID | StudentName |
|-----------|-------------|
| S1 | John |
| S2 | Jane |

COURSE Table:

| CourseID | CourseName |
|----------|------------|
| C1 | Math |
| C2 | Physics |

ENROLLMENT Table:

| StudentID | CourseID | Grade |
|-----------|----------|-------|
| S1 | C1 | A |
| S1 | C2 | В |
| S2 | C1 | A |

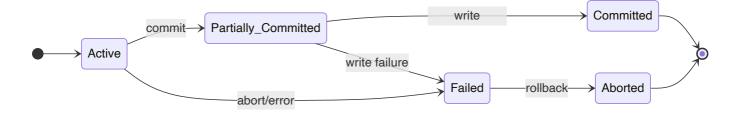
Mnemonic: "2NF-FD - 2nd Normal Form Full Dependencies"

Question 5(a) [3 marks]

Explain Transaction states with proper diagram.

Answer:

Diagram:



| State | Description | Next State |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Active | Transaction executing | Partially Committed/Failed |
| Partially Committed | Last statement executed | Committed/Failed |
| Committed | Transaction successful | End |
| Failed | Cannot proceed normally | Aborted |
| Aborted | Transaction rolled back | End |

• Active state: Transaction currently executing operations

• Partially committed: All operations executed, waiting for commit

• Failed state: Error occurred, transaction cannot continue

Mnemonic: "APCFA - Active Partial Commit Fail Abort"

Question 5(b) [4 marks]

Explain any two DDL commands with a suitable example.

Answer:

Table:

| Command | Purpose | Syntax | Example |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| CREATE | Create database objects | CREATE TABLE | CREATE TABLE Student() |
| ALTER | Modify existing objects | ALTER TABLE | ALTER TABLE Student ADD |

CREATE Command:

```
CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE (
   empid NUMBER(5) PRIMARY KEY,
   name VARCHAR2(50) NOT NULL,
   salary NUMBER(10,2),
   deptid NUMBER(3)
);
```

ALTER Command:

```
-- Add new column

ALTER TABLE EMPLOYEE ADD phone VARCHAR2(15);

-- Modify existing column

ALTER TABLE EMPLOYEE MODIFY name VARCHAR2(100);

-- Drop column

ALTER TABLE EMPLOYEE DROP COLUMN phone;
```

- **CREATE** establishes new database structures
- ALTER modifies existing table definitions
- DDL commands auto-commit changes
- Schema changes affect data structure permanently

Mnemonic: "CA-NM - CREATE Adds, ALTER Modifies"

Question 5(c) [7 marks]

Explain ACID Properties in detail.

Answer:

Table:

| Property | Definition | Purpose | Example |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Atomicity | All or nothing execution | Transaction integrity | Bank transfer |
| Consistency | Database remains valid | Data integrity | Balance constraints |
| Isolation | Concurrent execution independence | Concurrency control | Separate transactions |
| Durability | Committed changes permanent | Recovery guarantee | Power failure survival |

Atomicity:

- All operations in transaction execute completely or not at all
- Rollback mechanism undoes partial changes on failure
- **Example**: Bank transfer requires both debit and credit operations

Consistency:

- Database state remains valid before and after transaction
- Integrity constraints maintained throughout execution
- **Example**: Account balance never becomes negative

Isolation:

- Concurrent transactions do not interfere with each other
- Locking mechanisms prevent interference

• **Example**: Two users updating same account simultaneously

Durability:

- Committed changes survive system failures
- Write-ahead logging ensures recovery capability
- Example: Transaction survives power outage after commit

Mnemonic: "ACID - Atomicity Consistency Isolation Durability"

Question 5(a OR) [3 marks]

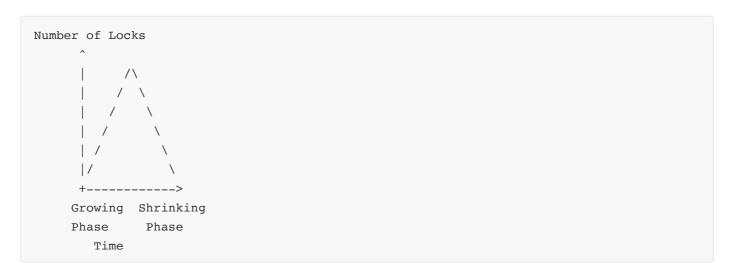
What is two phase locking technique?

Answer:

Table:

| Phase | Action | Description | Lock Operations |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Growing Phase | Acquire locks | Transaction obtains all needed locks | LOCK only |
| Shrinking Phase | Release locks | Transaction releases locks one by one | UNLOCK only |

Diagram:



- Two phases: Growing (lock acquisition) and Shrinking (lock release)
- No lock upgrades allowed after first unlock operation
- Prevents deadlocks when properly implemented
- Serializability guarantee for concurrent transactions

Mnemonic: "2PL-GS - Two Phase Locking Growing Shrinking"

Question 5(b OR) [4 marks]

Explain any two DML commands with a suitable example.

Answer:

Table:

| Command | Purpose | Syntax | Example |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| INSERT | Add new records | INSERT INTO | INSERT INTO Student VALUES |
| UPDATE | Modify existing records | UPDATE SET | UPDATE Student SET name= |

INSERT Command:

```
-- Insert single record

INSERT INTO EMPLOYEE (empid, name, salary, deptid)

VALUES (101, 'John Smith', 50000, 10);

-- Insert multiple records

INSERT INTO EMPLOYEE

VALUES (102, 'Jane Doe', 45000, 20),

(103, 'Bob Wilson', 55000, 10);
```

UPDATE Command:

```
-- Update single record

UPDATE EMPLOYEE

SET salary = 60000

WHERE empid = 101;

-- Update multiple records

UPDATE EMPLOYEE

SET salary = salary * 1.10

WHERE deptid = 10;
```

- INSERT adds new rows to table
- **UPDATE** modifies existing row values
- WHERE clause specifies update conditions
- DML commands require explicit commit

Mnemonic: "IU-AM - INSERT Adds, UPDATE Modifies"

Question 5(c OR) [7 marks]

List problems of concurrency control and explain any two in detail.

Answer:

Concurrency Control Problems:

1. Lost Update Problem

- 2. Dirty Read Problem
- 3. Unrepeatable Read Problem
- 4. Phantom Read Problem
- 5. Inconsistent Analysis Problem

Table:

| Problem | Description | Solution |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| Lost Update | One transaction overwrites another's changes | Locking mechanisms |
| Dirty Read | Reading uncommitted data | Read committed isolation |

Lost Update Problem:

• Scenario: Two transactions read same data, modify it, and write back

• Example:

T1 reads account balance: \$1000

• T2 reads account balance: \$1000

 \circ T1 adds 100, writes1100

 \circ T2 subtracts 50, writes 950

o Result: T1's update lost, final balance incorrect

Dirty Read Problem:

• Scenario: Transaction reads data modified by another uncommitted transaction

• Example:

 \circ T1 updates account balance from 1000to1500

• T2 reads balance as \$1500 (uncommitted data)

T1 fails and rolls back to \$1000

• **Result**: T2 used incorrect data for calculations

Solutions:

• Locking protocols: Prevent simultaneous access to same data

• Isolation levels: Control visibility of uncommitted changes

• **Timestamp ordering**: Order transactions based on timestamps

• Multi-version concurrency: Maintain multiple data versions

Mnemonic: "LDUI - Lost Dirty Unrepeatable Inconsistent"