

Chapter 4: Introduction to Transaction Processing Concepts and Theory

Question 4.1. Differentiate multiuser systems from single-user systems. Give their examples.

Question 4.2. Describe different types of failures and give their examples.

Question 4.3. What is a transaction? Give 3 examples.

Question 4.4. Discuss the ACID properties of a transaction.

Question 4.5. What is a system log? What records are stored in the log? Write the content of the log for your transactions in Question 4.3.

Question 4.6. What is a commit point? Give an example.

Question 4.7. What is a schedule? Give an example.

Question 4.8. Given the following transactions:

$T_1: r_1(X); r_1(Z); w_1(X); c_1;$

$T_2: r_2(Z); r_2(Y); w_2(Z); w_2(Y); c_2;$

$T_3: r_3(X); r_3(Y); w_3(Y); c_3;$

What are valid schedules? Write their log contents.

$S_1: r_1(X); r_1(Z); r_3(X); r_3(Y); w_1(X); w_3(Y); c_1; c_3;$

$S_2: r_2(Z); r_3(X); r_2(Y); r_3(Y); w_2(Z); w_3(Y); w_2(Y); a_3; c_2;$

$S_3: r_2(Z); r_1(X); r_1(Z); w_2(Z); w_1(X); r_2(Y); w_2(Y); c_2; c_1;$

$S_4: r_1(X); r_3(Y); r_1(Z); w_3(Y); w_1(X); c_1; r_3(X); c_3;$

Question 4.9. What are recoverable schedules? What are cascadeless schedules? What are strict schedules?

Question 4.10. What is the recoverability characteristic of each following schedule?

$S_5: r_1(X); r_2(Z); r_1(Z); r_3(X); r_3(Y); w_1(X); c_1; w_3(Y); c_3; r_2(Y); w_2(Z); w_2(Y); c_2;$

$S_6: r_1(X); r_2(Z); r_1(Z); r_3(X); r_3(Y); w_1(X); w_3(Y); r_2(Y); w_2(Z); w_2(Y); c_1; c_2; c_3;$

$S_7: r_1(X); r_2(Z); r_3(X); r_1(Z); r_2(Y); r_3(Y); w_1(X); c_1; w_2(Z); w_3(Y); w_2(Y); c_3; c_2;$

$S_8: r_1(A); r_2(B); w_1(B); c_1; w_2(C); c_2; r_3(B); r_3(C); w_3(D); c_3;$

$S_9: r_1(A); w_1(B); c_1; r_2(B); w_2(C); c_2; r_3(C); w_3(D); c_3;$

S_{10} : $r_2(A); r_3(A); r_1(A); w_1(B); c_1; r_2(B); r_3(B); w_2(C); c_2; r_3(C); c_3;$

S_{11} : $r_2(A); r_3(A); r_1(A); w_1(B); r_3(B); w_2(C); r_3(C); a_1; a_2; a_3;$

Question 4.11. What are conflict-serializable schedules? Give an example.

Question 4.12. What is the conflict-serializable characteristic of each following schedule? Draw their precedence graphs. Determine their equivalent serial schedules.

S_{12} : $r_1(X); r_3(X); w_1(X); r_2(X); w_3(X);$

S_{13} : $r_1(X); r_3(X); w_3(X); w_1(X); r_2(X);$

S_{14} : $r_3(X); r_2(X); w_3(X); r_1(X); w_1(X);$

S_{15} : $r_3(X); r_2(X); r_1(X); w_3(X); w_1(X);$

S_{16} : $r_1(X); r_2(Z); r_1(Z); r_3(X); r_3(Y); w_1(X); w_3(Y); r_2(Y); w_2(Z); w_2(Y);$

S_{17} : $r_1(X); r_2(Z); r_3(X); r_1(Z); r_2(Y); r_3(Y); w_1(X); w_2(Z); w_3(Y); w_2(Y);$

S_{18} : $r_2(X); r_1(X); r_3(Y); w_3(Y); r_1(Y); w_2(X); w_1(X); w_1(Y);$

S_{19} : $r_1(Z); r_1(X); r_2(Y); w_2(Y); r_3(X); r_2(Z); w_1(Z); w_1(X); r_2(X); w_3(X); w_2(X);$

S_{20} : $r_1(X); w_1(X); r_2(Y); r_2(X); w_2(Y); r_1(Y); w_2(X); r_3(Y); w_1(Y); r_3(X); w_3(X); w_2(Y); w_3(Y);$

Question 4.13. Given two following transactions:

T_4 : $r_4(A); w_4(A); r_4(B); w_4(B);$

T_5 : $r_5(A); w_5(A); r_5(B); w_5(B);$

Prove that the schedule S_{21} is conflict-serializable: S_{21} : $r_4(A); w_4(A); r_5(A); w_5(A); r_4(B); w_4(B); r_5(B); w_5(B).$

(Hint: reordering the nonconflicting operations in S_{21} until we form the equivalent serial schedule)

Question 4.14. Consider the three transactions T_6 , T_7 , and T_8 , and the schedules S_{22} and S_{23} given below. Draw the serializability graph for S_{22} and S_{23} , and state whether each schedule is conflict-serializable or not. If a schedule is conflict-serializable, write down the equivalent serial schedule.

T_6 : $r_6(B); w_6(B);$

T_7 : $r_7(A); w_7(A); r_7(B); w_7(B);$

T_8 : $r_8(A); w_8(A);$

S_{22} : $r_7(A); r_6(B); w_7(A); r_8(A); w_6(B); w_8(A); r_7(B); w_7(B);$

S_{23} : $r_7(A); r_6(B); w_7(A); r_7(B); r_8(A); w_6(B); w_8(A); w_7(B);$