

Q1. Transactions- Concurrency (1)

S: UPDATE TEST SET $X := X + 10$ WHERE $AID = 1$; UPDATE TEST SET $Y := Y - 10$ WHERE $AID = 1$;

T: UPDATE TEST SET $X := X * 2$ WHERE $AID = 1$; UPDATE TEST SET $Y := Y * 2$ WHERE $AID = 1$;

U: UPDATE TEST SET $Y := Y + 10$ WHERE $AID = 1$; UPDATE TEST SET $X := X - 10$ WHERE $AID = 1$;

Assuming initial values of $X = 15$ and $Y = 25$, concurrent execution of these three transactions can leave the database in various states. Determine the state of the database (values of X & Y) assuming isolation level serializable for each S, T, U.

Soln

⇒ First let's run S having $X = 15$ & $Y = 25$, $AID = 1$.

Since $X : X + 10$	$Y = 25$ $Y = Y - 10$ $Y = 25 - 10$ $Y = 15$
$X : 15 + 10$	
$X = 25$	

S will have $X = 25, Y = 15$.

⇒ Lets take T where the case is $X = X * 2, Y = Y * 2, AID = 1$.

Since $X = X * 2$	$Y = Y * 2$ $Y = 15 * 2$ $Y = 30$
From S [$X = 25, Y = 15$]	
$X = 25 * 2$	
$X = 50$	

T will have $X = 50, Y = 30$

⇒ Lets take U where the case is $X = X - 10, Y = Y + 10$ & $AID = 1$.

Since $X = 50$ & $Y = 30$ from T.

$X = X - 10$	$Y = Y + 10$ $Y = 30 + 10$ $Y = 40$
$X = 50 - 10$	
$X = 40$	

U will have $X = 40, Y = 40$

2. Transactions - Representation.

(2)

Consider table Item(name, price) where name is a key, and the following two concurrent transactions.

T₁:

Begin Transaction;

S1: Insert into Values('FCDB', 40);

S2: Update Item Set price = price + 30 where name = 'EN';

Commit;

T₂:

Begin Transaction;

S3: Select Avg(price) As a1 From Item;

S4: Select Max(price) As a2 From Item;

Commit;

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T₁:

Begin

Read item

Write item('FCDB', 40)

Read Price

A.Price = A.Price + 30.

Write A.Price.

Commit.

T₂:

Begin

Read item (price).

A.Price = A.Price₁ + A.Price₂ + ... + A.Price_n

A1 = A.Price / n

Read A1.

Read item (price)

A2 = max(price)

Read A2

Commit.

Q3 Transactions - Weaker Isolation levels.

(3)

Soln

- a) Yes, Nonserializable behaviour is possible for this as first the statements from the transaction 1 is executed and then the statements in transaction 2 will be executed.
- The first transaction will report values $R:0$ & $S:0$.
 - The second transaction will report values $R:1$ & $S:1$.
 - The first transaction, the read uncommitted isolation level allows the first SELECT statement to read any data that has been committed by other transactions, even if that data is part of an uncommitted transactions. This means that the first transaction will see the data from the second transaction which has not yet been committed. The second transaction will see the data from the first transaction; which has already been committed.
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- b) No, nonserializable behaviour is not possible because here in transaction 2 only R values in being updated but the result of second statement in transaction 1 which belongs to relation S is same before and after the execution of transaction 2.
- The first transaction will report values $R:2$ & $S:1$.
 - The second transaction will report values $R:2$ & $S:2$.
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- c) Yes, nonserializable behaviour is possible in this first and third. Third statements of the transaction 1 is executed before the transaction 2 and after the transaction 2.
- The first transaction will report values $R:0$ & $S:0$ & $R:0$.
 - The second transaction will report values $R:1$ & $S:0$.
 - The first transaction will not see the data from the second transactions, which has not yet been committed. The second transactions will see the data from the first transactions, which may already been committed.