

# Conditional Rewriting Logic

## From abstract model to concrete applications

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# Introduction and main concepts

# What is a concurrent system?

Modeling concurrent system is one of the most studied problems in Computer Science.

Many proposed answers:

- Petri Nets
- CCS
- CSP
- Actors
- ...

# The need for unification

## External fragmentation

Hard to relate different approaches, each with their own concepts, models and issues.

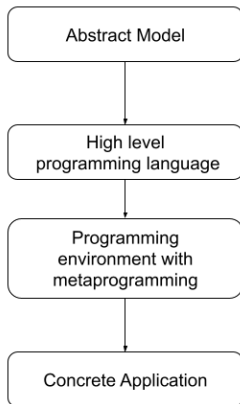
## Internal fragmentation

Sometimes, fragmentation appears also within a specific approach (e.g. how can we unify operational and denotational semantics of CCS?).

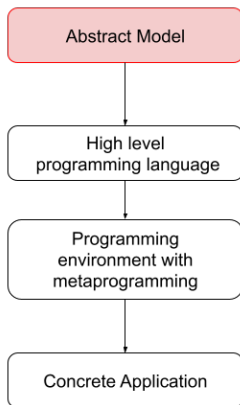
## Concurrency in other areas

A related problem is the integration of concurrency with other paradigms ( OO, Functional, ...) without using complex *ad hoc* solutions.

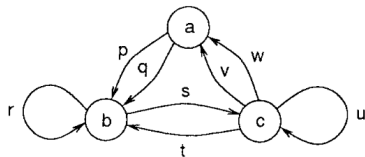
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# A first example



```
mod LTS is
  sort State .
  ops a,b,c : State .
  rl p : a => b .
  rl q : a => b .
  rl r : b => b .
  rl r : b => b .
  rl v : c => a .
  rl w : c => a .
  rl t : c => b .
  rl u : c => c .
endm
```

A labelled transition system and its code in Maude, a language based on rewriting logic.

$$(\Sigma, E, L, R)$$

- $\Sigma$ : ranked alphabet of function symbols
- $E$ : set of  $\Sigma$ -equations
- $L$ : set of *labels*
- $R$ : set of pairs  $R \subseteq L \times (T_{\Sigma,E}(\mathbf{X})^2)^+$

$T_{\Sigma,E}(\mathbf{X})$  denotes the set of  $E$ -equivalence classes of  $\Sigma$  – *terms* with variables in  $\mathbf{X}$ .

Elements of  $R$  are called *rewrite rules*.

$$r : [t] \rightarrow [t'] \text{ if } [u_1] \rightarrow [v_1] \wedge \cdots \wedge [u_n] \rightarrow [v_n]$$



$$\mathcal{R} \vdash [t] \rightarrow [t']$$

A rewrite theory  $\mathcal{R}$  *entails* a *sequent*  $[t] \rightarrow [t']$  *iff*  $[t] \rightarrow [t']$  can be obtained by finite application of *rules of deduction*.

# Rules of deduction

- ① *Reflexivity*. For each  $[t] \in T_{\Sigma, E}(\mathbf{X})$ ,

$$\overline{[t] \rightarrow [t]}$$

- ② *Congruence*. For each  $f \in \Sigma_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\frac{[t_1] \rightarrow [t'_1] \cdots [t_n] \rightarrow [t'_n]}{[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)] \rightarrow [f(t'_1, \dots, t'_n)]}$$

- ③ *Replacement*. For each rule

$$r : [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})] \text{ if} \\ [u_1(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [v_1(\bar{x})] \wedge \cdots \wedge [u_n(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [v_n(\bar{x})]$$

in  $R$ ,

$$\frac{\begin{array}{ccc} [w_1] \rightarrow [w'_1] & \cdots & [w_n] \rightarrow [w'_n] \\ [u_1(\bar{w}/\bar{x})] \rightarrow [v_1(\bar{w}/\bar{x})] & \cdots & [u_k(\bar{w}/\bar{x})] \rightarrow [v_k(\bar{w}/\bar{x})] \end{array}}{[t(\bar{w}/\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{w}'/\bar{x})]}$$

- ④ *Transitivity*

$$\frac{[t_1] \rightarrow [t_2] \quad [t_2] \rightarrow [t_3]}{[t_1] \rightarrow [t_3]}$$

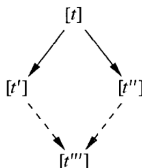
$$\mathcal{R} = (\Sigma, E, L, R)$$

A  $(\Sigma, E)$  sequent  $[t] \rightarrow [t']$  is called a *concurrent  $\mathcal{R}$ -rewrite* iff it can be derived from  $\mathcal{R}$  by finite application of rules (1)-(4).

$\mathcal{R}$  is *terminating* if there is no infinite chain of one step rewrites.

$[t']$  is an  $\mathcal{R}$  - *normal form* of  $[t]$  if  $[t] \rightarrow [t']$  is an  $\mathcal{R}$ -rewrite and there is no  $[t'] \rightarrow [t'']$  one-step  $\mathcal{R}$ -rewrite.

$\mathcal{R}$  is *Church-Rosser* or *confluent* if



Rewriting logic is **reflective**.

There is a finitely presented rewrite theory  $\mathbf{U}$  such that, for any finitely presented rewrite theory  $\mathbf{T}$  (including  $\mathbf{U}$  itself) we have the following equivalence:

$$T \vdash [t] \rightarrow [t'] \iff \mathbf{U} \vdash \langle \overline{T}, \overline{[t]} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \overline{T}, \overline{[t']} \rangle$$

Since  $\mathbf{U}$  is representable in itself, we can create a "reflective tower" with any number of levels of reflection:

$$T \vdash [t] \rightarrow [t'] \iff \mathbf{U} \vdash \langle \overline{T}, \overline{[t]} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \overline{T}, \overline{[t']} \rangle \iff \mathbf{U} \vdash \langle \overline{\mathbf{U}}, \overline{\langle \overline{T}, \overline{[t]} \rangle} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \overline{\mathbf{U}}, \overline{\langle \overline{T}, \overline{[t']} \rangle} \rangle \dots$$

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***Rewriting logic is a logic to reason about change in a concurrent system.***

A term  $[t]$  is a *proposition*, built up using the connectives in  $\Sigma$ , that asserts being in a certain **state** having a certain **structure**.

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**Idea:** decorate sequents with terms representing proofs.

For simplicity we will consider the *unconditional* case.

# Rules of generation

- ❶ *Identities.* For each  $[t] \in T_{\Sigma, E}(\mathbb{X})$ ,

$$\overline{[t] : [t] \rightarrow [t]}$$

- ❷  $\Sigma$  – *structure.* For each  $f \in \Sigma_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\frac{\alpha_1 : [t_1] \rightarrow [t'_1] \quad \cdots \quad \alpha_n : [t_n] \rightarrow [t'_n]}{f(\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_n) : [f(t_1, \cdots, t_n)] \rightarrow [f(t'_1, \cdots, t'_n)]}$$

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- ❹ *Composition*

$$\frac{\alpha : [t_1] \rightarrow [t_2] \quad \beta : [t_2] \rightarrow [t_3]}{\alpha; \beta : [t_1] \rightarrow [t_3]}$$

Each generation rule defines a different operation taking proof terms as arguments and returning a new proof term.

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Still a syntactic structure, need a way to characterize "equal" proof terms.

Since proofs in Rewriting Logic corresponds to concurrent computations, what we are asking is:

**When are two concurrent computations essentially the same?**

# $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{R}}(X)$

Given a rewrite theory  $\mathcal{R}$ , the model  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{R}}(X)$  is the quotient of  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(X)$  modulo the following equations:

1 *Category.*

- a Associativity. For all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ,  
 $(\alpha; \beta); \gamma = \alpha; (\beta; \gamma)$ .
- b Identities. For each  $\alpha : [t] \rightarrow [t']$ ,  
 $\alpha; [t'] = \alpha, \quad [t]; \alpha = \alpha$ .

2 *Functoriality.* For each  $f \in \Sigma_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

- a Preservation of composition. For all  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ ,  
 $f(\alpha_1; \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \beta_n) = f(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n); f(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ .
- b Preservation of identities.  
 $f([t_1], \dots, [t_n]) = [f(t_1, \dots, t_n)]$ .

3 *Axioms in E.* For  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t'(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  an axiom in  $E$ , for all  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ ,  
 $t(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = t'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ .

4 *Exchange.* For each rewrite rule  $r : [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})]$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\frac{\alpha_1 : [w_1] \rightarrow [w'_1] \quad \dots \quad \alpha_n : [w_n] \rightarrow [w'_n]}{r(\bar{\alpha}) = r(\overline{[w]}); t'(\alpha) = t(\bar{\alpha}); r(\overline{[w']})}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{T}_R(X)^n & \langle [w_1], \dots, [w_n] \rangle & \\
 \downarrow \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle & & \\
 & \langle [w'_1], \dots, [w'_n] \rangle &
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 [t(\bar{w})] & \xrightarrow{r(\bar{w})} & [t'(\bar{w})] \\
 \downarrow [t(\bar{\alpha})] & \searrow r(\bar{\alpha}) & \downarrow [t'(\bar{\alpha})] \\
 [t(\bar{w}')] & \xrightarrow{r(\bar{w}')} & [t'(\bar{w}')]
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \mathcal{T}_R(X)$$

Because of equation 2, terms  $[t(\bar{x})]$  and  $[t'(\bar{x})]$  can be regarded as functors  $\mathcal{T}_R(X)^n \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_R(X)$ .

A rule  $r : [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})]$  is a **natural transformation**.



Given a rewrite theory  $\mathcal{R} = (\Sigma, E, L, R)$ , an  $\mathcal{R}$ -**system**  $\mathcal{S}$  is a category  $\mathcal{S}$  together with:

- 1 a family of functors  $\{f_{\mathcal{S}} : \mathcal{S}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \mid f \in \Sigma_n\}$  satisfying the equations in  $E$ .
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$\mathcal{R}$ -Sys: category of models for the rewrite theory  $\mathcal{R}$ .

$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{R}} \Rightarrow$  **Initial Object** in  $\underline{\mathcal{R}\text{-Sys}}$

$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{R}}(X) \Rightarrow$  **Free Object** in  $\underline{\mathcal{R}\text{-Sys}}$

**Satisfaction relation:**

$$\mathcal{S} \models [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists \alpha : t_{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow t'_{\mathcal{S}}$$

**Soundness:** For  $\mathcal{R}$  rewrite theory,

$$\mathcal{R} \vdash [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{R} \models [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})]$$

**Completeness:** For  $\mathcal{R}$  rewrite theory,

$$\mathcal{R} \models [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{R} \vdash [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})]$$

All proven in [1].

# 2-category models

**Lawvere:** Algebras as functors.

$\mathbf{T} = (\Sigma, E)$   $\Sigma$ -algebra  $A$  satisfying  $E$

Given  $[t(\bar{x})]$ ,  $A_t : A^n \rightarrow A$  extends to the product preserving functor

$$\hat{A} : \underline{\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{T}}} \rightarrow \underline{Set}$$

$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{T}}$

- Objects: natural numbers
- Arrows:  $[t(\bar{x})] : n \rightarrow 1$
- Product:  $n$  is the product of 1 with itself  $n$  times and has projections  $[x_1] \cdots [x_n]$ .
- Composition given by substitution.

$$m \xrightarrow{([u_1], \dots, [u_n])} n \xrightarrow{[t]} 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [t(\bar{u}/\bar{x})] : m \rightarrow 1$$

We define the category  $\underline{Mod}(\underline{\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{T}}}, \underline{Set})$  with objects functors like  $\hat{A}$  and arrows natural transformation between them.

$$A \mapsto \hat{A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{Alg}_{\Sigma, E} \cong \underline{Mod}(\underline{\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{T}}}, \underline{Set})$$

We can generalize the Lawvere constructions for rewriting logic by taking Cat instead of Set as the "ground" of existence.

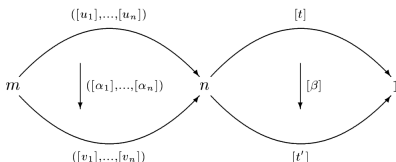
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Given a rule  $r : [t] \rightarrow [t']$ , the assignment to a natural transformation  $r_{\mathcal{S}} : t_{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow t'_{\mathcal{S}}$  extends naturally to a 2-product preserving 2-functor

$$\hat{\mathcal{S}} : \underline{\mathcal{L}_R} \rightarrow \underline{Cat}.$$

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$\underline{\mathcal{L}_R}(n, 1)$ : • Objects:  $[t(\bar{x})] : n \rightarrow 1$  • Arrows:  $[\alpha] : [t(\bar{x})] \rightarrow [t'(\bar{x})]$



We define the category  $\underline{Mod}(\underline{\mathcal{L}_R}, \underline{Cat})$  as the category of canonical 2-product preserving 2-functors from  $\underline{\mathcal{L}_R}$  to  $\underline{Cat}$ .

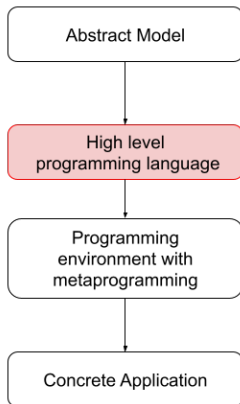
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# Computational view of $\mathcal{R}$ -systems

<i>System</i>	$\leftrightarrow$	<i>Category</i>
<i>State</i>	$\leftrightarrow$	<i>Object</i>
<i>Transition</i>	$\leftrightarrow$	<i>Morphism</i>
<i>Procedure</i>	$\leftrightarrow$	<i>Natural transformation</i>
<i>Distributed Structure</i>	$\leftrightarrow$	<i>Algebraic Structure</i>

# Maude

# The strategy





# From model to programming language

Rewriting programming is not a new idea.

Implicit in algebraic simplification, present in various forms in many formalisms (pure Lisp,  $\lambda$ -calculus, ...).

## Traditional view:

- Semantics based on equational logic.
- *Functional interpretation.*
- Programming *algebras*.

## New view:

- Semantics based on rewriting logic.
- Rewriting rules as concurrent state changes.
- Programming *concurrent systems*.

Program concurrent systems while maintaining a rigorous mathematical semantics.

Functional interpretation can still be maintained, simple and rigorous integration with other programming paradigms.

**Maude:** module semantics given in terms of an *initial machine* linking its operational and denotational semantics.

$$\llbracket \_ \rrbracket : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$$

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A formal verification system.

# Maude modules

```
fmod VENDING-MACHINE-SIGNATURE is
  sorts Coin Item Marking .
  subsorts Coin Item < Marking .
op __ : Marking Marking ->
  Marking [assoc comm id: null] .
op null : -> Marking .
op $ : -> Coin [format (r! o)] .
op q : -> Coin [format (r! o)] .
op a : -> Item [format (b! o)] .
op c : -> Item [format (b! o)] .
endfm
```

```
load vending-machine-
  signature.maude
mod VENDING-MACHINE is
  including VENDING-MACHINE-
    SIGNATURE .
  var M : Marking .
rl [add-q] : M => M q .
rl [add-$] : M => M $ .
rl [buy-c] : $ => c .
rl [buy-a] : $ => a q .
rl [change] : q q q q => $ .
endm
```

```
Maude> rew [3] $ $ q q . result Marking: $ $ $ q q q q
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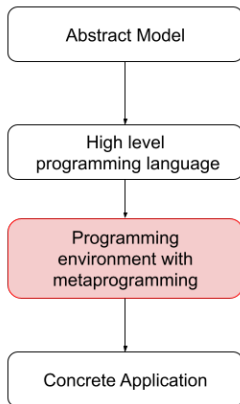
```
frew[2] $ $ q q . result (sort not calculated): ($ q) ($ $) q q
```

```
search [4, 10] $ q q q =>+ a c c M:Marking
  such that M:Marking /= null .
```

```
Solution 1 (state 108) M --> q q q q
```

...

# The strategy



# The meta level

Maude exploits the reflective nature of rewriting logic.

Every Maude *module*  $M$  can be represented as a *term*  $\overline{M}$  of Sort **Module**.

$$\begin{array}{c} t = f(a, g(b)) \quad \text{module FOO} \\ \Downarrow \\ \bar{t} = ' f[\{'a\}\text{Foo}, ' g[\{'b\}\text{Foo}]] \end{array}$$

The META-LEVEL module efficiently supports reflection, providing a number of functions to perform metalevel computation in the universal theory (*descent functions*).

```
op meta-apply : Module Term Qid Substitution MachineInt -> ResultPair .
op metaReduce : Module Term ~> ResultPair [special (...)] .
op metaRewrite : Module Term Bound ~> ResultPair [special (...)] .
op metaFrewrite : Module Term Bound Nat ~> ResultPair[special (...)] .
```



# Metaprogramming with reflection

- Strategy languages.

Execution strategies are internal to the language itself, one can easily program and define new strategies for a specific theory.

- Expressing languages and logics.

Maude can be used to represent many languages and logics.

Thanks to reflection, these representations can be *reified*, allowing programmers to execute them in Maude itself.

$$f : \mathbf{Module}_{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Module}$$

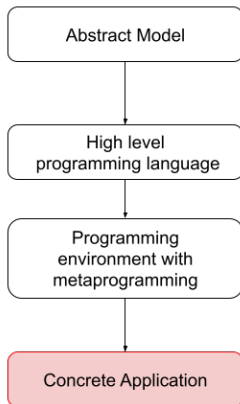
- Extending Core Maude.

Reflection is key for language extensions such as **Full Maude** or **Real Time Maude**.

- All the tools for verification, reachability analysis, simulation...

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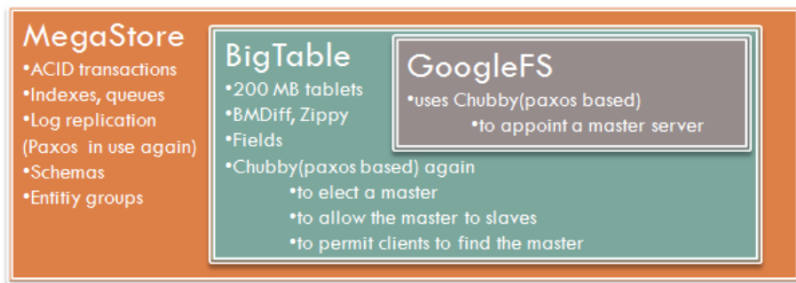
- Formalization of programming languages
  - C
  - Java, JVM
  - Scheme
  - K framework
  - ...
- Security: uncovering unknown attacks on web browsers
- Logical framework
  - Barendregt's lambda cube
  - Linear logic
  - Modal logic
  - ...
- Biology : Pathway logic
- Cloud transactions: Google's Megastore, Cassandra,...

For reference:

<http://maude.cs.illinois.edu/w/index.php/Applications>

# Google Megastore

- Google's replicated data store.
- Billions of read/write daily transactions.
- Adds (limited) support for transactions in distributed data stores.



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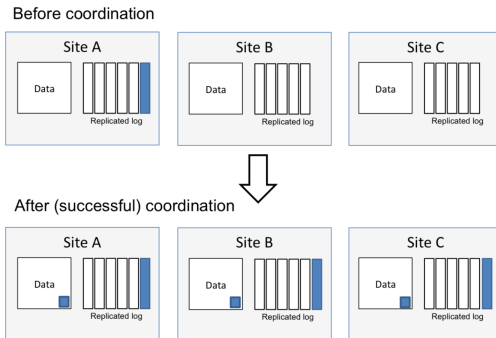
Data stored as key value pairs called *entities*.

**Entity groups: set of entities.** Each entity group is replicated at different *sites*.

Transaction: series of reads and writes on entities followed by a commit request.

A replicated *transaction log* is maintained for each entity group.

*Megastore* ensures atomicity and serializability of transactions accessing a single entity group.



# Commit protocol

When a transaction  $t$  request a commit on site  $s$ :

- 1  $s$  sends a *proposal*, containing a log entry and the next leader to the current site leader  $l$ . If another transaction is executing,  $t$  is aborted otherwise  $l$  sends the proposal to other sites.
- 2  $s$  waits for an *ack* response from all sites. If some sites fail to respond, an *invalidate* message is sent instead.
- 3 When all sites acknowledge the proposal or the invalidate message,  $s$  requests them to apply  $t$  changes. Each site replicating the entity groups append the log entry to the local copy of the transaction log and then updates the local data store.

When some failures happens (a site goes down, messages are lost,...), a new site may propose itself.

Work by Grov and Ölveczky:

- Formalized Google MegaStore in Real-Time Maude.
  - 56 rewrite rules (37 for fault tolerance).
  - Use of simulation and model checking to discover bugs during development and measure performance.
- Introduced MegaStore CGC, an extension that provides consistency for transactions accessing multiple entity groups.

## **Formal test driven development**

- 1 Express requirements as LTL formulas
- 2 Develop Real Time Maude model
- 3 Test model through simulation and model checking
- 4 Analyse failures and modify the model



# Formalizing MegaStore

```
class Site | entityGroups : Configuration, localTransactions : Configuration,  
            coordinator : EntGroupLogPosPairSet, egOrderings :  
                OrderClassUpdates,  
            awaitingOrder : EntGroupUpdateList .
```

```
class EntityGroup | entitiesState : EntitySet, transactionLog : LogEntryList,  
                    replicas : EntityGroupReplicaSet, proposals :  
                        PaxosProposalSet,  
                    pendingWrites : PendingWriteList .
```

```
class Transaction | operations : OperationList, status : TransStatus,  
                    reads : EntitySet, readState : ReadStateSet,  
                    writes : OperationList, paxosState : PaxosStateSet .
```

# A rewrite rule

```
cr1 [initiateCommit] :  
  < SID' : Site |  
    entityGroups EGROUPS,  
    localTransactions : LOCALTRANS  
      < TID : Transaction | operations : emptyOpList,  
        writes : WRITEOPS, status : idle  
        readState : RSTATE, paxosState : PSTATE >  
      >  
  =>  
  < SID : Site |  
    localTransactions : LOCALTRANS  
      < TID : Transaction | paxosState : NEW-PAXOS-STATE,  
        status : in-paxos > >  
  ACC-LEADER-REQ-MSGs  
if EIDSET := getEntityGroupIds(WRITEOPS) /\  
  NEW-PAXOS-STATE := initiatePaxosState(EIDSET, TID, WRITEOPS,  
  SID, RSTATE, EGROUPS)  
/\ (createAcceptLeaderMessages(SID, NEW-PAXOS-STATE)) => ACC-LEADER-  
  REQ-MSGs
```

Observation:

- A site participates in all updates involving the entity groups it replicates
- Implicit local ordering on these updates, we can make it explicit.

**Idea:** Keep an ordering list of the transactions accessing the set of entity groups that we want to keep consistent.

**A transactions is validated only if its read set is consistent with the last update in the list.**

$S$  = set of sites.     $R(s)$  = entity groups replicated at site  $s$ .

Ordering class  $oc$  = set of entity groups.

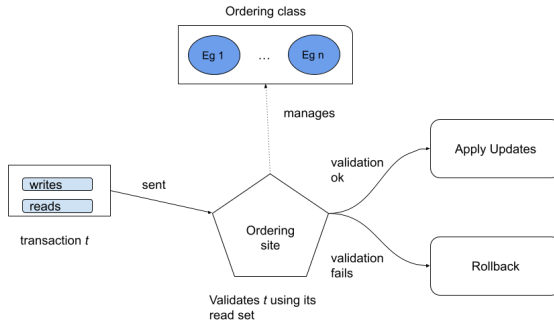
$$\forall oc \in OC \ \exists s \in S \text{ s.t. } oc \subseteq R(s)$$

Ordering site  $os$  = site replicating all entity groups in  $oc$ .

$ol(oc)$  : ordering list of  $oc$

Megastore-CGC extends the normal commit protocol in the following way:

- In step 1,  $t$  is ordered when it is received by the ordering site  $os$ . It gets validated using its read set, which is included in the log entry proposal.
- If validation is succesful, the updated order is included in the apply phase of step 3.
- If the validation fails, step 3 is replaced by a rollback aborting  $t$ .



# LTL requirements

System behaviour verification done via LTL model checking.

Desired Property:

```
<> [] (allTransFinished /\ entityGroupsEqualOrInvalid
      /\ transLogsEqualOrInvalid /\ isSerializable)
```

All replicas are equal Property:

```
op entityGroupsEqualOrInvalid : -> Prop [ctor] .
```

```
ceq {< S1 : Site | coordinator : eglp(EG1, LP) ; EGLP,
      entityGroups :
        < EG1 : EntityGroup | entitiesState : ES1 > EGS1 >
    < S2 : Site | coordinator : eglp(EG1, LP) ; EGLP,
      entityGroups :
        < EG1 : EntityGroup | entitiesState : ES2 > EGS2 >
    REST} |= entityGroupsEqual = false if ES1 /= ES2 .
```

```
eq {SYSTEM} |= entityGroupsEqualOrInvalid = true [owise] .
```

Performance estimation done through Maude simulation, comparing MegaStore performance with Megastore-CGC.

**(tfrew initState(10) in time <= 1000000 .)**

Result:

**{< stats(RSite): SiteStatistics | avgLatency : 94579/631,  
commitCount : 631, conflictAborts : 171, validationAborts :  
10, ... > ... }**

Analyzing results, almost no difference in performance was found between Megastore and Megastore-CGC.

	<b>Megastore</b>			<b>Megastore-CGC</b>			
	Comm.	Abs.	Avg.lat	Comm.	Abs.	Val.abs.	Avg.lat
Site 1	652	152	126	660	144	0	123
Site 2	704	100	118	674	115	15	118
RSite	640	172	151	631	171	10	150

This is also true for "Megastore-friendly" transactions, those accessing only one entity group.

	<b>Megastore</b>			<b>Megastore-CGC</b>			
	Comm.	Abs.	Avg.lat	Comm.	Abs.	Val.abs.	Avg.lat
Site 1	684	120	122	679	125	0	120
RSite	674	138	132	677	135	0	130
Site 2	693	111	110	691	113	0	113

Thank you for your attention!



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