# Database Management Systems II





# Exercise 6.1 Exercise Session 6 Locking-based Concurrency Control Techniques



#### The Two-Phase-Locking Protocol (2PL)

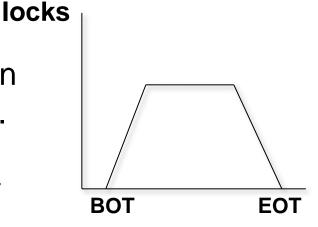


a) Show that the **set of histories produced by 2PL** schedulers is **a strict subset of CSR**.



#### **Basic 2PL**

- Conflicting operations scheduled in the order in which locks are obtained.
- 2. Handshake principle ensures they are also processed in this order.



3. 2 Phase Rule: Once a lock is released, no more lock requests.

Upper layer waits for confirmation that command was executed.



#### **Definition** Conflict-Equivalence:

Two histories are **conflict equivalent** if they have the same operations and they order conflicting operations in the same order.

**Conflicting operations** - operations whose effect depends on the order in which they are executed

**Definition:** A history H is **Conflict-Serializable (CSR)** if C(H) is conflict equivalent to a serial history.

Conflict serializability can easily be enforced using an efficient algorithm





$$\mathcal{H}_{[2PL]} \subset \mathcal{H}_{[CSR]}$$
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**Proof**: see lecture

#### Idea:

A cycle in SG would imply a violation of 2PL's 2 phase rule.



$$ii. \mathcal{H}_{[2PL]} \subset \mathcal{H}_{[CSR]}$$

Must show that  $\exists H : (H \in \mathcal{H}_{[CSR]} \land H \notin \mathcal{H}_{[2PL]})$ 

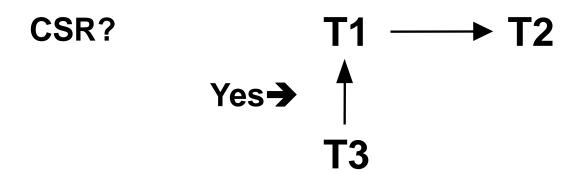
#### Idea:

Request a lock after having released one, thereby violating the 2 phase rule.



1: 
$$r_1[x]$$
  $w_1[z]c_1$   
2:  $w_2[x]$   $c_2$   
3:  $r_3[z]$   $w_3[z]c_3$ 

$$H = r_3[z] r_1[x] w_2[x] w_3[z] c_3 w_1[z] c_1 c_2$$





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1:1: r | \mathbf{r}_1 | \mathbf{r}_2 | \mathbf{r}_3 | \mathbf{r}_4 | \mathbf
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2PL? No



b) Give an example of a history that is **produced by a 2PL** scheduler, **but is** *not strict*. What extension of 2PL could you suggest, that would guarantee that **only ST histories are produced**?



#### Strict (ST)

**ST Rule:**  $W_j[x] < O_i[x] \rightarrow (A_j < O_i[x]) \lor (C_j < O_i[x]), i \neq j$ 

**Disallows:** w1[x] o2[x], where o  $\in \{r, w\}$ 

Extends ACA by preventing transactions *not only to read from active transactions, but also to overwrite any data written* by them. (Overwrite only iff creator transaction finished)

ST is also optional, but if enforced further simplifies the abort operation, by allowing **before-images** to be used



$$H = r_1[x] w_1[x] r_2[x] w_2[x] c_1 c_2$$

2PL?

 $H = rI_1[x] r_1[x] wI_1[x] w_1[x] wu_1[x] ru_1[x] rI_2[x] r_2[x]$  $wI_2[x] w_2[x] wu_2[x] ru_2[x] c_1 c_2$ 

→ Yes

ST?

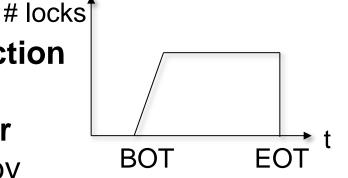
**→**No

How to extend 2PL to guarantee that only ST histories are produced?



#### Strict 2PL

1. All locks released after the transaction terminates (commits or aborts). More specifically, after the commit or abort operation is acknowledged by the DM.



2. Since ST is only concerned with "ww" and "wr" conflicts and not with "rw" conflicts, we can allow read locks to be released earlier, i.e. in the absence of additional information the scheduler can release read locks when a termination op. is sent (C<sub>i</sub> or A<sub>i</sub>) and write locks after the op. is processed and acknowledged by the DM.



Be careful: **DIFFERENT DEFINTIONS EXIST** 

Weikum / Vossen: Transactional Information Systems:

Under **strict 2PL** all (exclusive) write locks that a transaction has acquired are held until the transaction terminates.

Under **strong 2PL**, all locks (i.e., both (exclusive) write and (shared) read locks), that a transaction has acquired are held until the transaction terminates.

#### Exercise 6.2



#### **Deadlock Management**



a) What is understood by a deadlock?
 Show how deadlocks could occur under the 2PL protocol.

#### **Deadlock:**

 $rl_1[x] rl_2[y] wl_1[y] < blocked T1> wl_2[x] < blocked T2>$ 

Wait-for Graph (WFG):

T1:  $wl_1[y] \rightarrow ru_2[y]$ : T2

T1:  $ru_1[x] \leftarrow wl_2[x] : T2$ 

Deadlocks are also caused by lock conversion / upgrade.



b) How can we detect / eliminate deadlocks in locking-based schedulers?

#### **Detection:**

- WFG Tested for cycles; impl. overhead
- Timeouts phantom deadlocks possible, timeout interval important, more like a prevention scheme

#### **Elimination:**

- Deadlocks eliminated by aborting a transaction
- Victim Selection, Fairness and Starvation?



- Criteria for selecting a victim for roll-back
  - minimization of lost work (define \*work\*)
  - minimization of roll-back costs
  - priority for transactions that must finish
  - maximization of broken-up cycles
  - Example: Sybase chooses transaction that has consumed the least CPU-time
- Avoiding starvation
  - transactions may participate repeatedly in cycles
  - selection algorithm must be fair

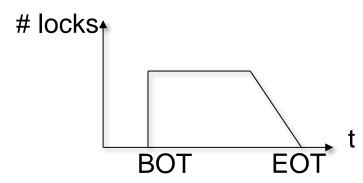


c) Discuss the different ways in which deadlocks can be avoided.

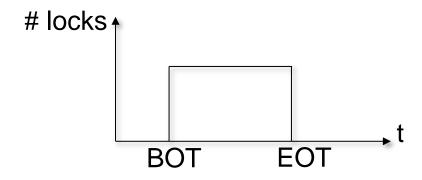
- Preclaiming (Conservative 2PL)
- Priority-based techniques



Conservative 2PL – Preclaiming



Conservative Strict 2PL





d) Is it possible that a transaction participates in more than one deadlock?

T1 waits for both T2 and T3

T1: 
$$rl_1[x] r_1[x] rl_1[y] r_1[y]$$
  $wl_1[u]$    
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Lock queues:

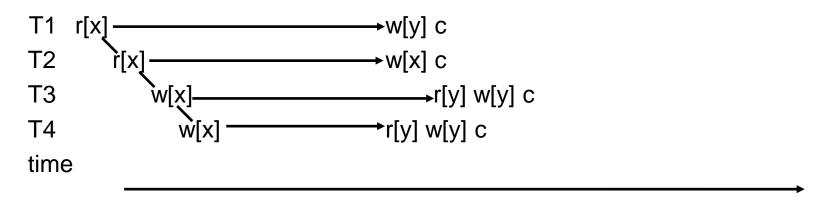
#### **Exercise 6.3**



#### **2PL Scheduler**



a) Given is the following partially ordered history over the transactions T1, T2, T3 and T4:



Assuming that **Strict 2PL** is used for concurrency control, describe the corresponding locking operations and managed state information (locks, waiting queues). Operations of individual transactions can be executed at the times shown in the diagram the earliest. Delays caused by blocking are potentially possible.

#### a) Strict 2PL Scenario



Op.	Lock x	Lock y	Queues	Comments
rl1[x]	r1			
r1[x]	r1			
rl2[x]	r1 <i>r</i> 2			
r2[x]	11			
wl3[x]	11		wl3[x]	T3 blocked
wl4[x]	11		wl3[x], wl4[x]	T4 blocked
wl1[y]	11	w1	11	
wl2[x]	11	11	wl3[x], wl4[x], wl2[x]	T2 is blocked
w1[y]	11	"	"	
C1	11	"	"	



b) Given is the history:

$$H = r_1[x] r_2[z] r_3[y] r_3[z] w_2[z] c_3 r_1[z] w_1[y] r_2[x] c_1 c_2$$

Can this be a history produced by a 2PL Scheduler? Is this a strict history?



 $H = r_1[x] r_2[z] r_3[y] r_3[z] w_2[z] c_3 r_1[z] w_1[y] r_2[x] c_1 c_2$ 

1:
$$r_1[x]$$
  $r_1[z]w_1[y]$   $c_1$   
2:  $r_2[z]$   $w_2[z]$   $r_2[x]$   $c_2$   
3:  $r_3[y]r_3[z]$   $c_3$ 

#### i. Is $r3[z] \rightarrow w2[z]$ a problem?

**Depends** on the *implementation of the LM* and the *availability of the information* that T3 doesn't have any more operations after  $r_3[z]$ .

#### ii. $w2[z] \rightarrow r1[z] \rightarrow r2[x]$

T2 must release its lock on 'z' and then later request a read lock on 'x'. **This contradicts 2PL!** 

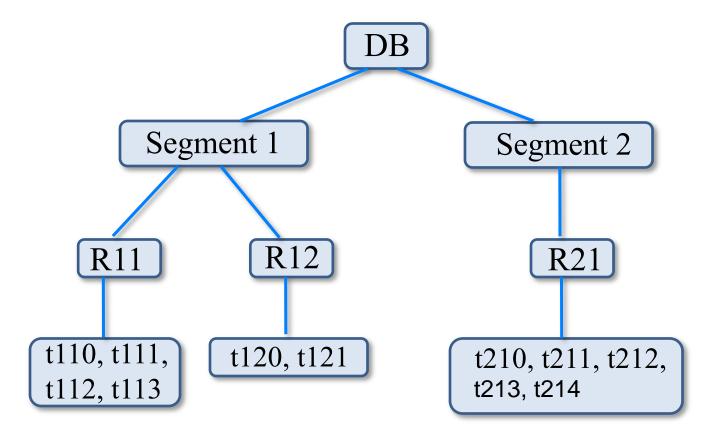
#### **Exercise 6.5**



#### Multi-Granularity Locking (MGL)



The diagram below shows the data graph of a RDBMS:

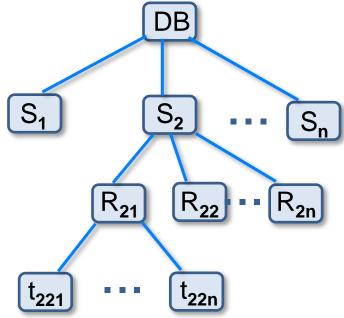




- a) Explain how the **MGL** Method works.
  - Discuss the lock types and the compatibility matrix for MGL.
  - In what order must locks be set / released in MGL?
- b) What locks need to be set if the following transactions are executed:
  - T1 reads tuples t110, t111, t112, t113
  - T2 reads tuples t210 and writes t121
  - T3 reads tuples t120, t121 updates either t120 or t121
  - T4 performs a nested-loop-join of R11 and R12.
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#### Intention locks result in 5 lock modes instead of 2

#### Lock types

ir	IS	intention to read lower objects that may be locked IS or S
iw	IX	intention to write lower objects that may be locked in any mode
r	S	read lock on node and all its successors
W	X	write lock, allows exclusive access to node and successors
riw	SIX	allows read access to node and declares intention to modify successors. These may be locked in X, SIX or IX modes



#### Required locks for parent

Lock type	Required locks for parent		
S	is, ix		
is	is, ix		
ix	ix, six		
Х	ix, six		
six	ix, six		



Locks should be *released in leaf-to-root order*, in contrast to the *root-to-leaf* order in which they were *obtained*.

#### Otherwise the following could occur:

- 1. T1 sets is(DB), is(Seg1), is(R11), s(t110) and reads tuple t110
- T1 releases lock is(R11) before s(t110)
- 3. T2 can then set ix(DB) ix(Seg1), x(R11) and write t110.
- 4. Since T1 still owns the lock s(t110), it can read t110.

#### → This violates 2PL!





#### **MGL Lock Compatibility Matrix:**

	IS	IX	S	SIX	X
IS	+	+	+	+	-
IX	+	+	<u>_</u>	-	-
S	+	-	/+	-	-
SIX	+	- /	_	-	-
X	-	-/	-	_	-

Intended operations might concern non-overlapping sets of descendant nodes; x-locks are already set; s-locks are not yet set and they won't be allowed if the same data items are involved.

All descendants are implicitly x-locked disallowing any s-locks to be set on them.

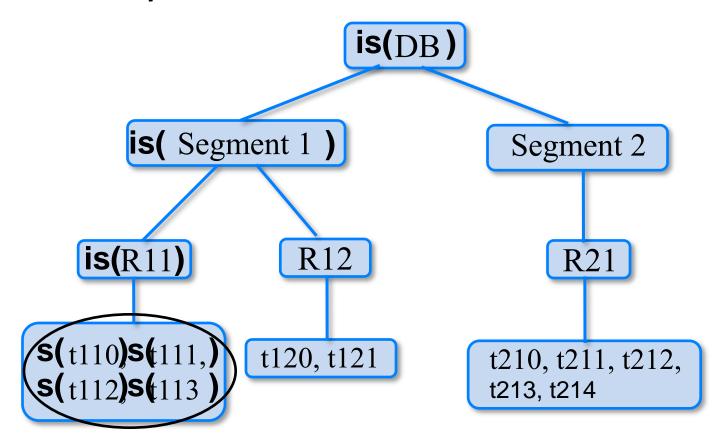
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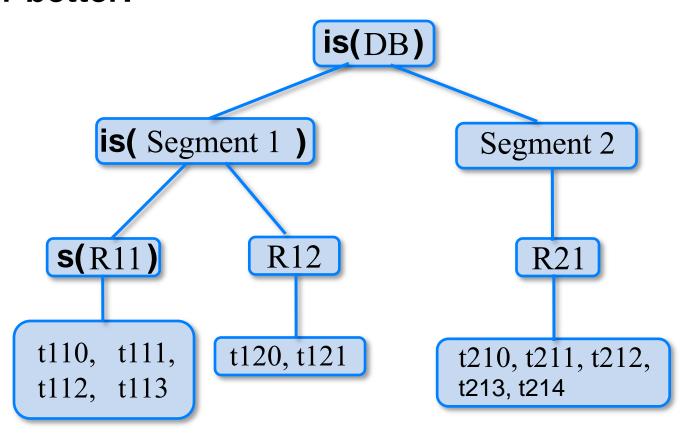


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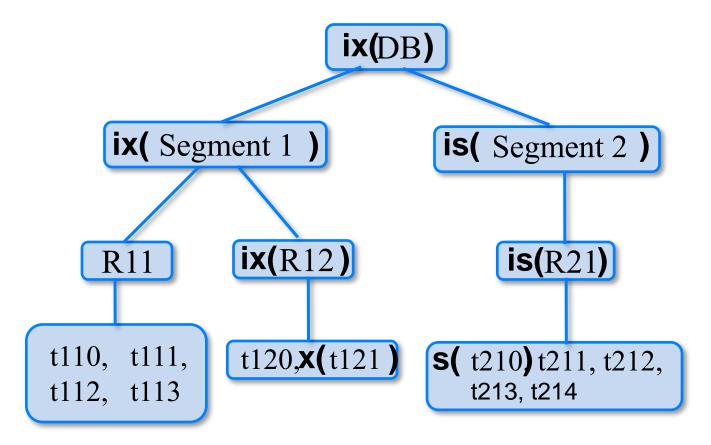


#### Or better:



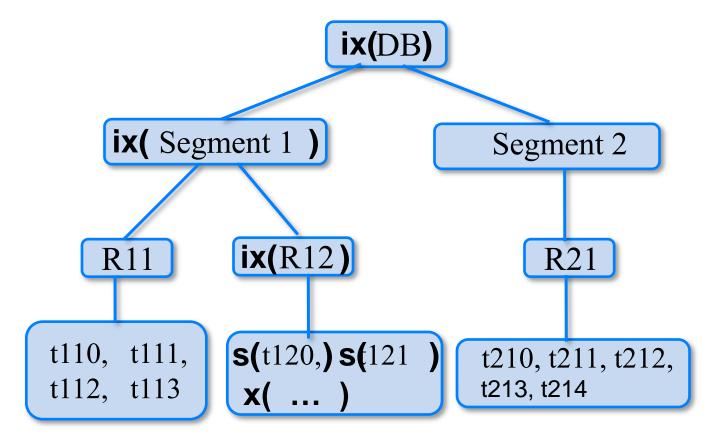


T2 reads tuples t210 and writes t121



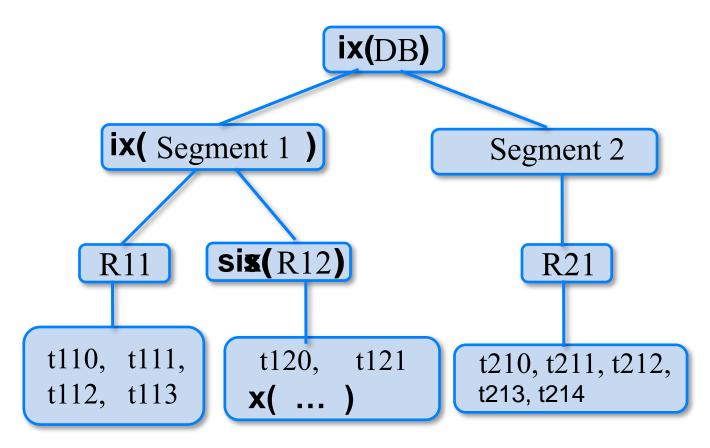


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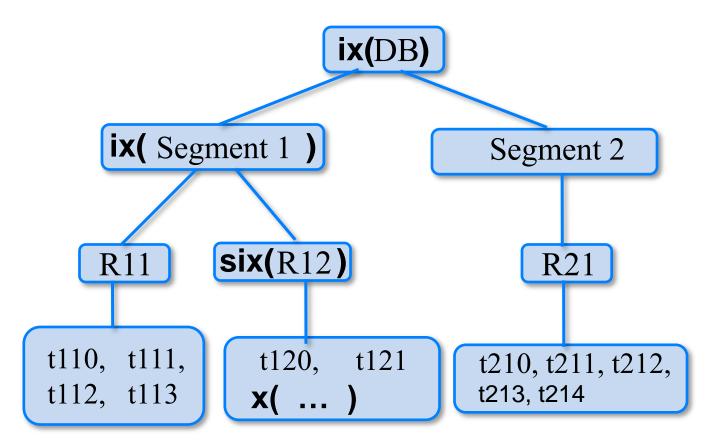


#### OR





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#### Note:

**Different scenarios are possible** depending on whether information about the transaction's **operations** is available in advance.

The more you know about the transaction the better you can choose.

→ Statistics and Analysis necessary



T4 *performs a nested-loop-join* of R11 and R12

A join of R11 and R12 requires predicate locks to avoid Phantom Anomalies.

is(DB), is(Seg1), s(R11), s(R12)

Insert/delete would require an ix-lock on the relation(s).



c) To what extent does MGL provide *a solution for the Phantom problem*?



How can **MGL** locks be used to **prevent Phantom Anomalies**? Insert/Deletes are considered as write operations.

#### Two variants:

- For reading all → set s(R)
   For insert → set ix(R)
   Allows concurrent Update/Inserts.
- 2. For reading all  $\rightarrow$  set is(R) + s(txxx) For insert  $\rightarrow$  set x(R)

#### **Problem with 2.:**

Not applicable to all predicate types. Unless all nodes are s-locked, an update with ix(R), x(t) is still possible. This update can produce a phantom with respect to the predicate. Apart from this, no concurrent inserts/deletes are allowed.

### **Exercise 6.4**



### **Transaction Isolation Levels**



In the SQL-92 standard the 4 isolation levels were defined, which are often implemented in the following way using locking-based techniques:

Isolation Level Row / Predicate Exclus		Row Shared	Predicate Shared
1. Read Uncommitted	Long term (or not allowed)	None (latch)	None (latch)
2. Read Committed	Long term	Short term	Short term
3. Repeatable Read	Long term	Long term	Short term
4. Serializable	Long term	Long term	Long term

Isolation Level 1 is usually only used for read-only transactions. "Row-exclusive" and "row shared" correspond to write and read locks respectively. The table shows when locks are set and how long they are held:

"long term" means that locks are held until Commit, "short term" means that locks can be released earlier (usually after the operation completes). A latch is a short-duration lock set only for the duration of a physical I/O operation to ensure atomicity.



a) Which isolation levels preclude (do not preclude) the "Dirty-Read",
 "Dirty-Write" and "Non-Repeatable Read" phenomena respectively?

Latches do not conflict with the other types of locks, including "row exclusive" locks! This is the reason why ISO level 1 allows Dirty Reads.

2PL, if enforced completely is often too restrictive.

- Commercial DB systems offer isolation levels, so that users can achieve the best trade-off between concurrency and correctness.
- The isolation level of a transaction controls the extent to which the transaction is exposed to actions of concurrent transactions (ACID? → Isolation?)



### Dirty-Writes (WW-conflicts, overwrites):

P0:  $w_1[x]...w_2[x]...((c_1 \text{ or } a_1) \text{ and } (c_2 \text{ or } a_2) \text{ in any order})$ 

Since *long term write locks are used in all ISO levels*, **Dirty Writes are precluded**. This is needed for the recovery system to enable the use of before-images for UNDO.



### Dirty-Reads (WR-conflicts):

P1:  $w_1[x]...r_2[x]...((c_1 \text{ or } a_1) \text{ and } (c_2 \text{ or } a_2) \text{ in any order})$ 

## All levels except Read-Uncommitted prevent Dirty-Reads.

The benefit is that some unserializable schedules are eliminated and produced executions are guaranteed to Avoid Cascading Aborts (ACA).



b) Which isolation levels preclude (do not preclude) the "Inconsistent Analysis" anomaly? Describe the problems caused by it using practical examples.

### **Inconsistent Analysis Anomaly:**

An Inconsistent Analysis Anomaly occurs when a transaction is allowed to read an inconsistent database state.

This can happen if a transaction A reads some data before it is updated by another transaction B and some other data after it is updated by transaction B. Therefore, a part of the read data belongs to one consistent DB state, a part to another.



#### Example:

Consider a history H involving a 50 € transfer from bank account A to B: Variant 1:

$$\mathbf{r_1}[\mathbf{A}] \quad \mathbf{w_1}[\mathbf{A}] \quad \mathbf{r_2}[\mathbf{A}] \quad \mathbf{r_2}[\mathbf{B}] \quad \mathbf{c_2} \quad \mathbf{r_1}[\mathbf{B}] \quad \mathbf{w_1}[\mathbf{B}] \quad \mathbf{c_1}$$
  
100 50 50 100 100 150

T2 reads an inconsistent state where the total balance is 150 instead of 200. By allowing T2 to read uncommitted data, we allow it to read the partial results of other transactions (in this case T2). This wouldn't occur if Dirty Reads were disallowed (ISO level >= 2).



#### Variant 2:

$$r_2[A]$$
  $r_1[A]$   $w_1[A]$   $r_1[B]$   $w_1[B]$   $c_1$   $r_2[B]$   $c_2$  100 100 50 150 150

T2 reads an inconsistent state where the total balance is 250 instead of 200. Again T2 reads the partial results of T1. **T2** reads only committed data, but parts of it belong to one consistent DB state, parts of it to another. The state read by T2 *did not exist at one point in time!* This anomaly is sometimes called **Read Skew** and it would not occur if **Non-Repeatable Reads were disallowed** (ISO level >= 3).



⇒ The Inconsistent Analysis Anomalies described before are avoided at the *Repeatable Read* ISO Level (ISO level >= 3).



c) Which isolation levels preclude (do not preclude) the "**Lost Update**" and "**Write Skew**" anomalies? Describe the problems caused by them using practical examples



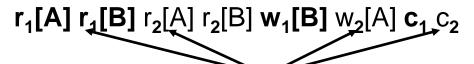
### Lost Update:

$$r_1[A]$$
  $r_2[A]$   $w_2[A]$   $c_2$   $w_1[A]$   $c_1$  100 100 120 130

T2's update is lost!
This wouldn't occur if Non-Repeatable Reads were disallowed (ISO level >= 3).



Write Skew:



(or more generally:  $r_1[A]...r_2[B]...w_1[B]...w_2[A]...\{c_1, c_2\}$ 

If there is a constraint involving A and B it might be violated leaving the DB in an inconsistent state. E.g. Acc. Balances are allowed to go negative as long as the sum of commonly held balances remains non-negative.

Write Skews are precluded if Non-Repeatable Reads are disallowed (ISO level >= 3).



d) Which isolation levels preclude (do not preclude) the "**Phantom**" phenomenon? Describe the anomalies caused by it using practical examples.



P3: **r**<sub>1</sub>[**P**]...w<sub>2</sub>[y in P]...

P refers to a set of data items satisfying a given search condition (predicate).

### Example:

Transaction T1 reads account balances of accounts belonging to a particular category, computes the sum and then compares it to the total balance stored in Y.



Consistency constraint:

Insert new Record with CustID=**Z**, Amount=10

r1[A] r1[B] new2[C] r2[Y] w2[Y] c2 r1[Y] c1

10 20

10

30\_

40

40

Write new Total

40 ≠ 30 ???

R1 Computes the wrong sum

Read Sum(Amount) where CustID=**Z** 



#### One way to avoid phantoms:

When inserting/deleting wl(EOF). When reading rl(EOF). Poor performance.

#### Solution:

Use **Index locking** (or the more general predicate locking). Phantoms are avoided only in ISO level 4 - SERIALIZABLE.

Isolation Level 3 guarantees serializability for nondynamic databases (fixed set of data items). For dynamic databases (inserts and deletes possible) a further restriction on the allowable executions is needed in order to enforce SR.



#### **Isolation Types characterized by Possible Anomalies Allowed:**

ISO Level	Read Uncommitted	Read Committed	Repeatable Read	Serializable
Dirty Write	NO	NO	NO	NO
Dirty Read	YES	NO	NO	NO
Fuzzy Read	YES	YES	NO	NO
Phantom	YES	YES	YES	NO
Lost Update	YES	YES	NO	NO
Read Skew	YES	YES	NO	NO
Write Skew	YES	YES	NO	NO



#### Note:

The original ANSI isolation levels were defined in terms of the phenomena (Dirty Reads, Fuzzy Reads, Phantoms) which transactions were allowed to experience. This was intended to allow non-lock based implementations of the SQL standard. Original definitions though, proved to be ambiguous and some refinements were needed in order to ensure correctness.

See the "A Critique of ANSI SQL Isolation Levels" paper.



#### Note:

Some commercial DBMS products introduce additional levels of isolation such as: **Snapshot Isolation** (Microsoft Exchange), Cursor Stability, Read Consistency (Oracle) and others. These levels usually fall between Read Committed and Serializable in strength.

### **Appendix – Self Study**



### **Transaction Chopping**



#### **Definition:**

Let T be a transaction program. A **chopping** of T is a decomposition of T into pieces  $T_1, T_2, ..., T_k$  ( $k \ge 1$ ) such that each database operation of T is performed in exactly one piece of T and the order of invocation is preserved.

#### **Definition:**

A chopping is rollback-safe, if all rollback-commands are located in the first piece (T<sub>1</sub>).



#### **Rules:**

- 1. Order is preserved.
- If a piece resulting from chopping is aborted due to deadlock → repeat until it commits.
- 3. After a rollback of the first piece no other piece may execute. (Rollback-safe criteria)



Given a set of transactions and a chopping construct a graph C(T) such that

- The nodes of C(T) are the transaction pieces ocurring in the chopping
- Let p and q be 2 pieces from 2 different transactions. If p and q contain operations that are in conflict, C(T) contains an undirected edge between p and q labeled "C" (conflict)
- If p and p' are pieces from the same transaction C(T) contains an edge labeled "S" (sibling)

Chopping graph may have cycles involving s or c edges.

An sc cycle is a cycle that contains at least one c and at least one s edge



#### Theorem:

A chopping is correct if the associated chopping graph does not contain an sc cycle



#### Given:

$$T1 = r_1(A1)w_1(A1)r_1(B1)w_1(B1)$$

$$T2 = r_2(A3)w_2(A3)r_2(B1)w_2(B1)$$

$$T3 = r_3(A4)w_3(A4)r_3(B2)w_3(B2)$$

$$T4 = r_4(A2)$$

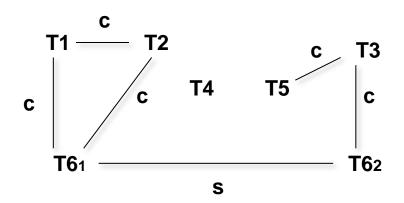
$$T5 = r_5(A4)$$

$$T6 = r_6(A1)r_6(A2)r_6(A3)r_6(B1)r_6(A4)r_6(A5)r_6(B2)$$

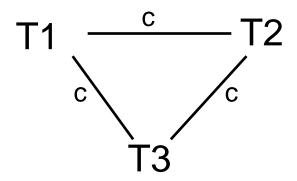
#### **Chop T6 into**

T61 = 
$$r_{61}(A1)r_{61}(A2)r_{61}(A3)r_{61}(B1)$$
  
T62 =  $r_{62}(A4)r_{62}(A5)r_{62}(B2)$ 

No sc cycle, chopping is correct



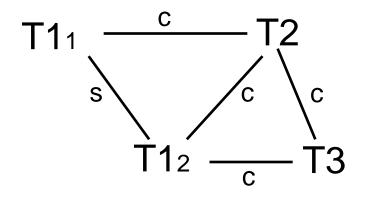




→No sc cycle→correct

Conflict equivalent history, e.g.: T1 T2 T3





$$T1 = r_1(x)r_1(y)$$

$$T2=w_2(x)w_2(y)$$

→ T11= 
$$r_1(x)$$
  
T12=  $r_1(y)$ 

→SC cycle→incorrect

2PL: Perhaphs 2PL does not detect old conflict cycle.

→ Possible serial history: T1<sub>1</sub> T2 T1<sub>2</sub>