分布式事务一致性：协议设计与系统测试

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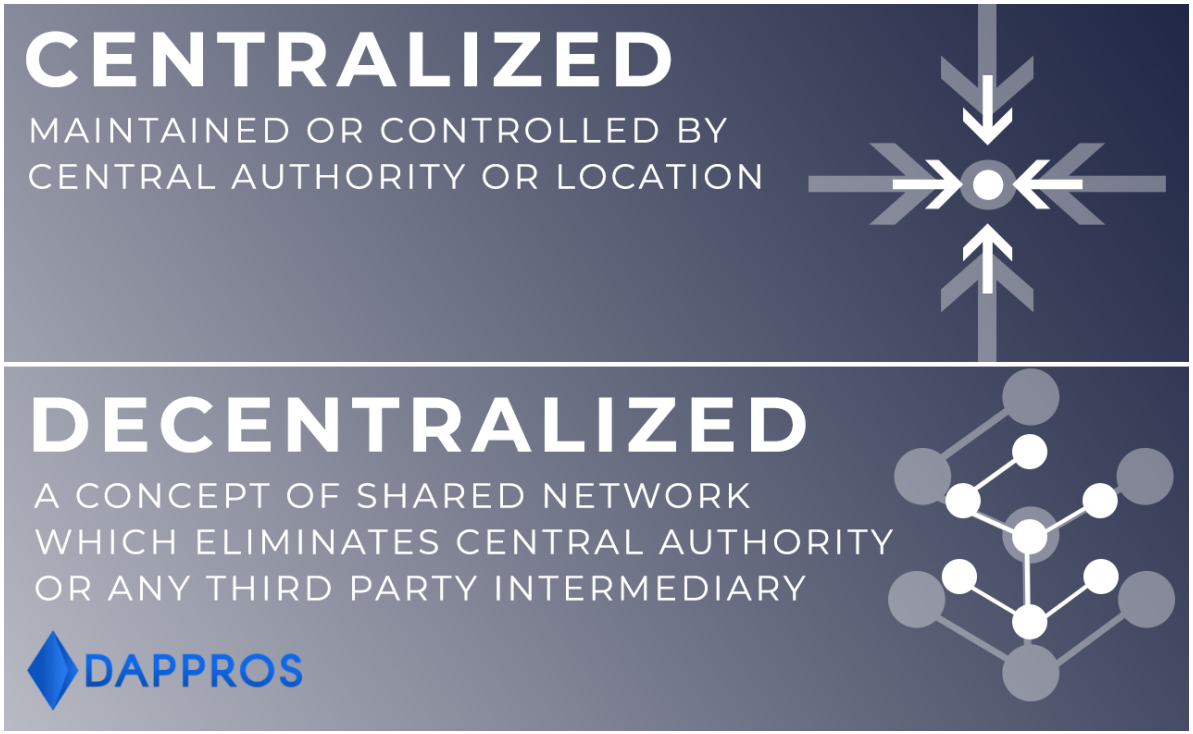

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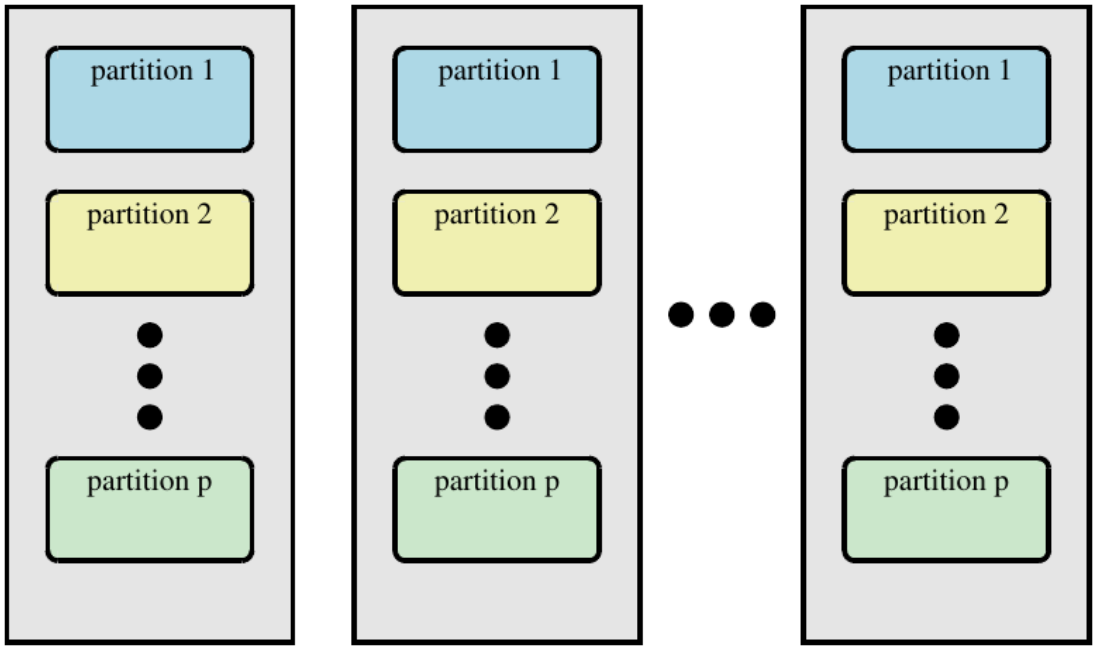

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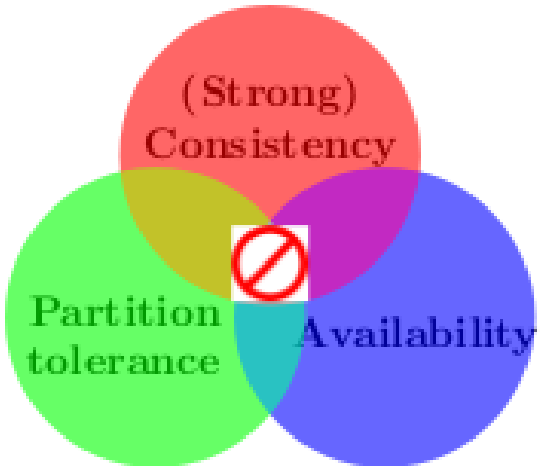

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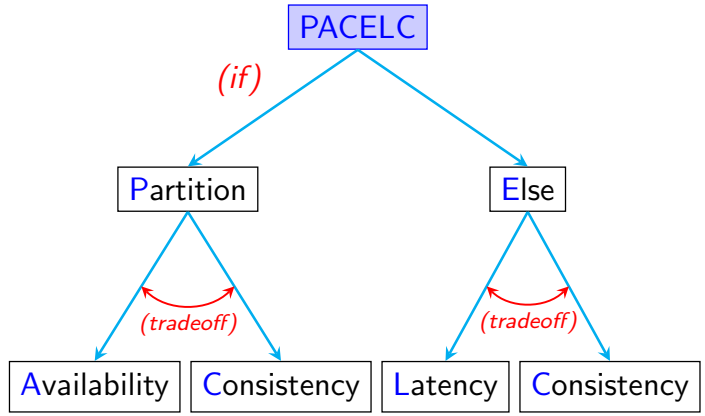

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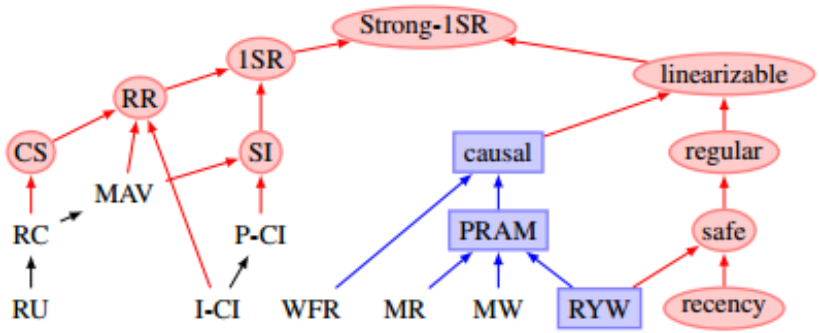

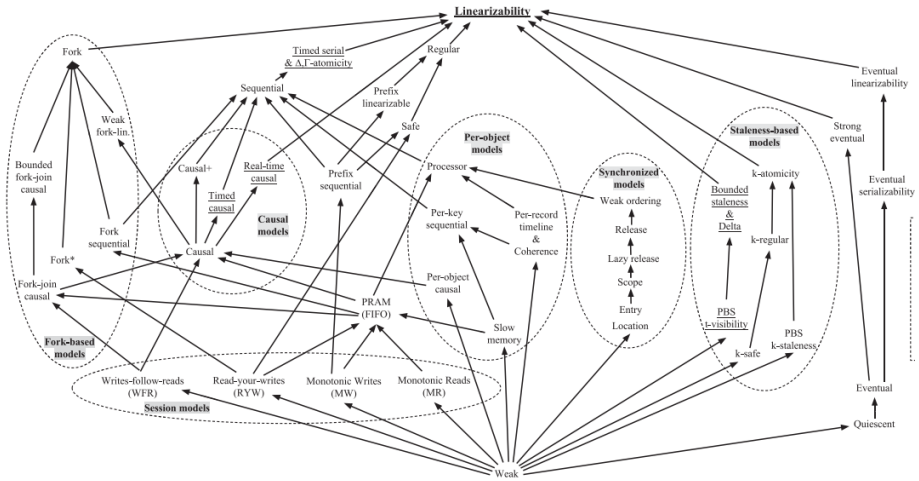

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经典的分布式计算理论在技术发展的需求导向下与时俱进

研究工作第一阶段 ($\geq$ 2012)：读写寄存器 (Read/Write Register)

分布式 NoSQL Key-Value 数据库 (TODO: 重新画图)

TODO: +research outcomes

研究工作第二阶段 ($\geq$ 2017)：复制数据类型 (Replicated Data Types)

(a) Google Docs

(b) Apache Wave

TODO: Jupiter/Redis/Riak

(c) Wikipedia

(d) LaTeX Editor

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研究工作第二阶段 ($\geq$ 2020)：分布式事务 (Distributed Transactions)
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UniStore is the first fault-tolerant and scalable transactional data store that combines causal and strong consistency.

对协议设计有理论参考与应用指导价值

Partial Order-Restrictions Consistency (PoR consistency)

介于(事务) 因果一致性与可串行化之间

关键挑战 (一): 在容错的情况下保证系统的活性 (liveness)

关键挑战 (二): 严格的正确性证明

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负责严格的正确性证明工作
(完成 arXiv 完整版本中的 20 页证明)

在证明过程中发现协议中一处较为严重的错误
(同样存在于经典协议中)

弱一致性 (事务因果一致性): 低延迟、高可用

强一致性 (可串行化): 易理解, 易编程, 易于满足应用不变式

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只有 WITHDRAW 需要使用强一致性, 按某种顺序执行.

UniStore implements a transactional variant of
Partial Order-Restrictions (PoR) consistency [Li@ACT'2018]

(I) 默认情况下, 使用事务因果一致性

(II) 允许用户定义事务之间的冲突关系, 并使用可串行化顺序执行

Consistency Model of UniStore

Definition (Session Order)

A transaction t_1 precedes a transaction t_2 in the session order, denoted $t_1 \xrightarrow{so} t_2$, if they are executed by the same client and t_1 is executed before t_2.

Definition (Conflict Relation)

The conflict relation, denoted $\bowtie$, between transactions is a symmetric relation.

$$t_1 \bowtie t_2 \iff t_2 \bowtie t_1.$$

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Consider a read r from key k in a transaction t.

IntRetVal : read from the latest update on k preceding r in t

$$\text{RetVal} = \text{IntRetVal} \wedge \text{ExtRetVal}$$

ExtRetVal : read from the last update on k
of the latest transaction (in an order consistent with $\prec$) preceding t

Consistency Model of UniStore

DEPOSIT WITHDRAW QUERY INTEREST

Invariant: balance ≥ 0

Declaring that strong transactions
including WITHDRAW on the same account conflict.

Design Challenge of UniStore

To satisfy liveness (EventualVisibility) despite failures

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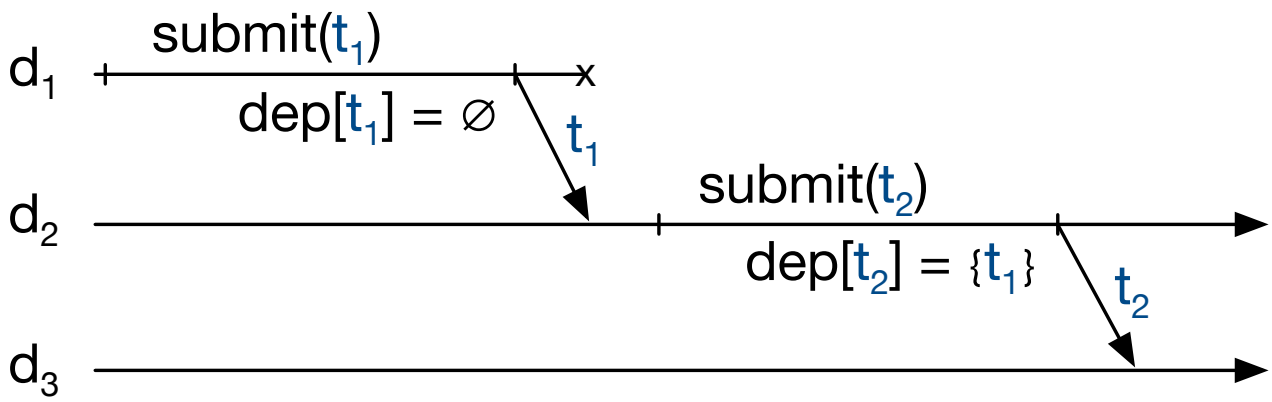

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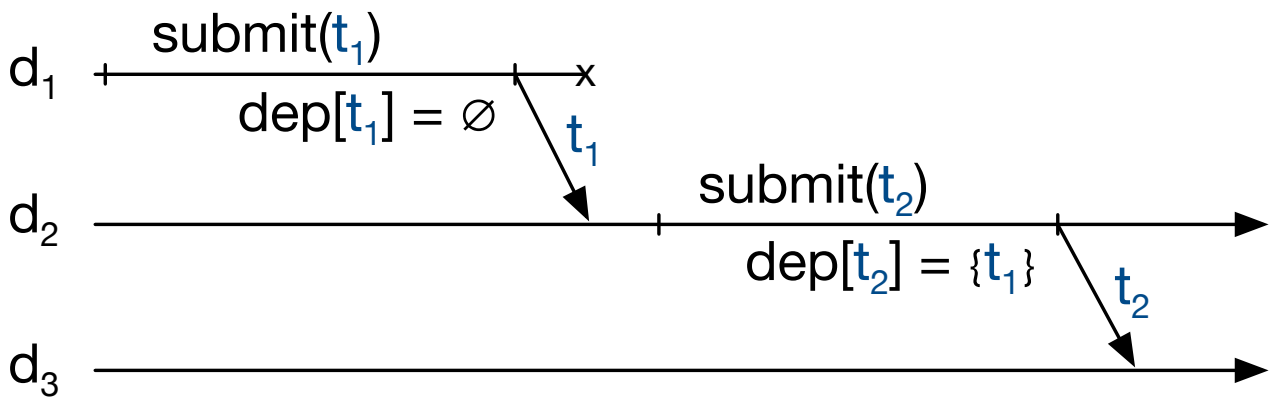

Transaction t_2 (at correct data center d_2)

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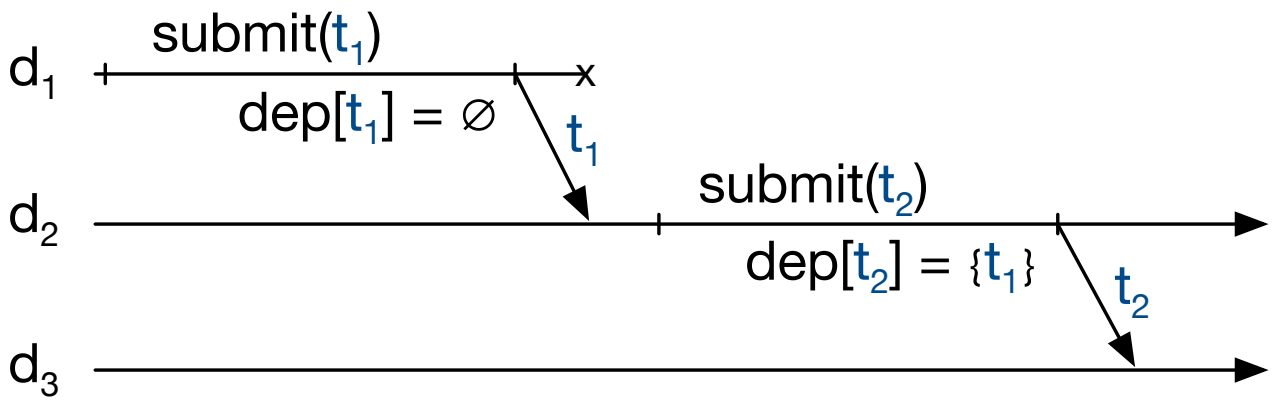

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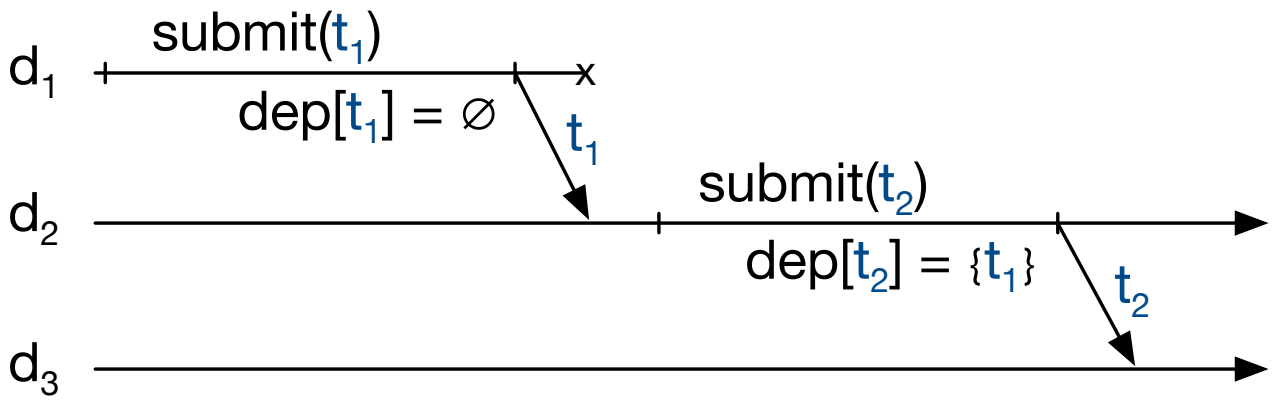

Data center d_2 need to forward causal transactions

to other data centers.

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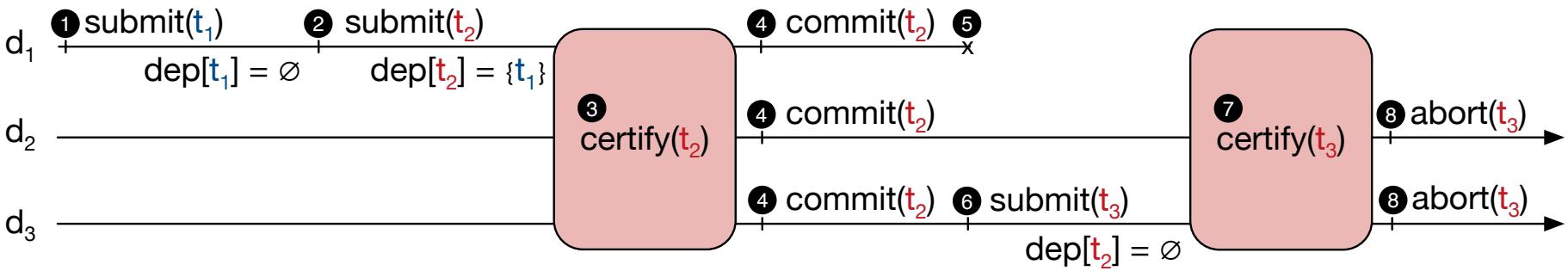

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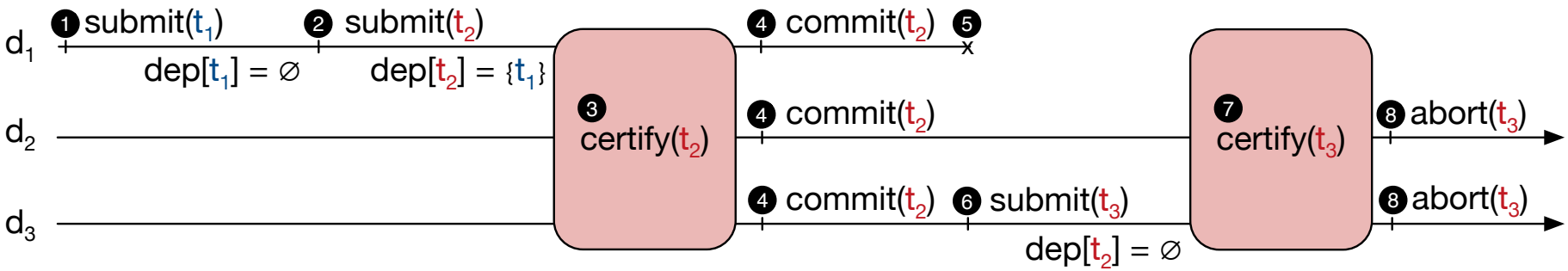

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No transaction t_3 conflicting with t_2 can commit (by ConflictOrdering).

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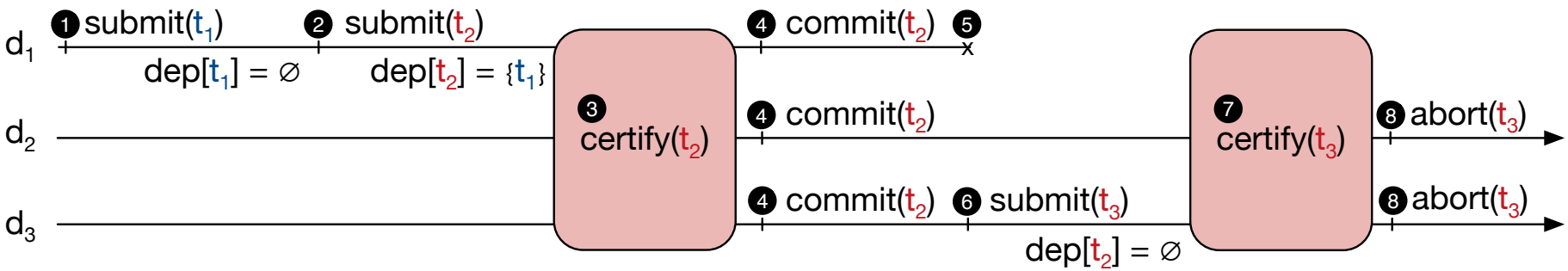

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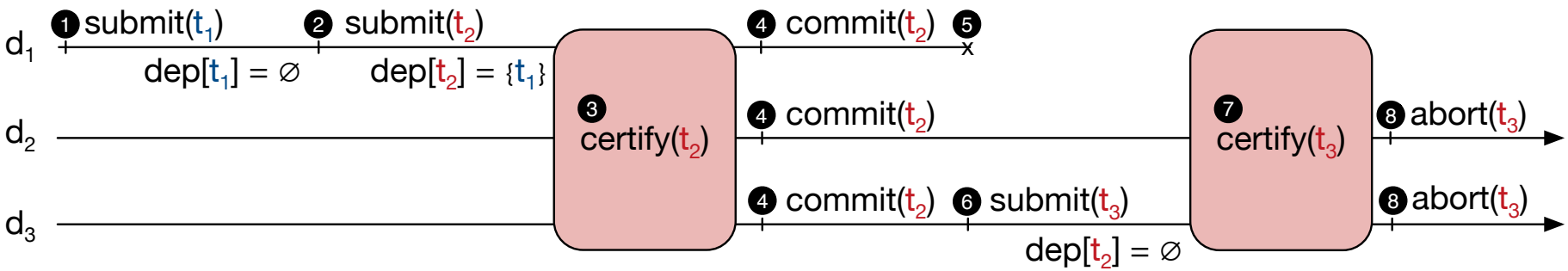

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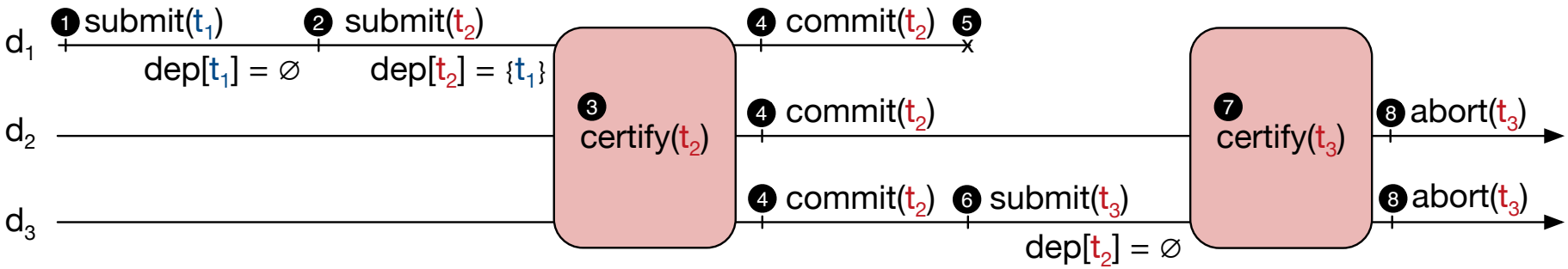

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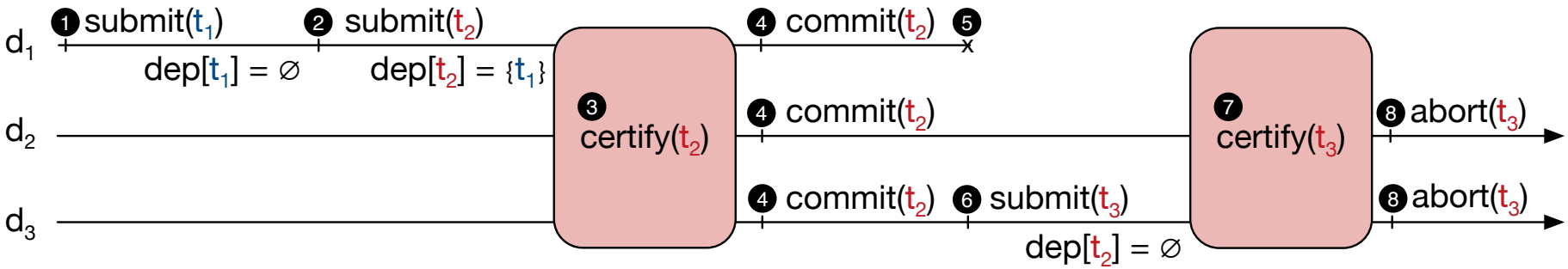

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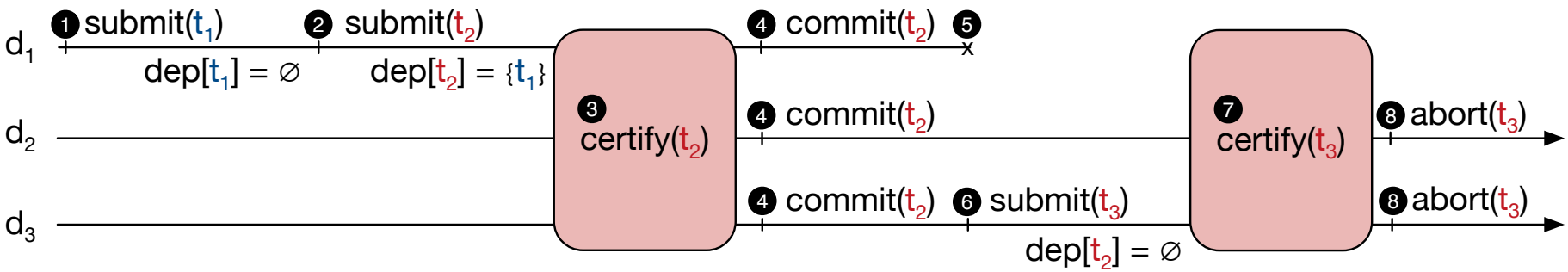

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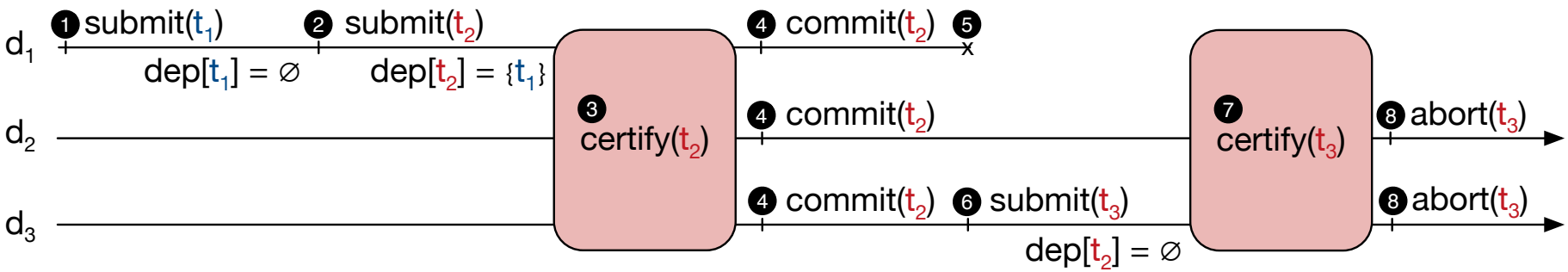


A strong transaction only needs to wait for causal transactions originating at the local data center to become uniform.

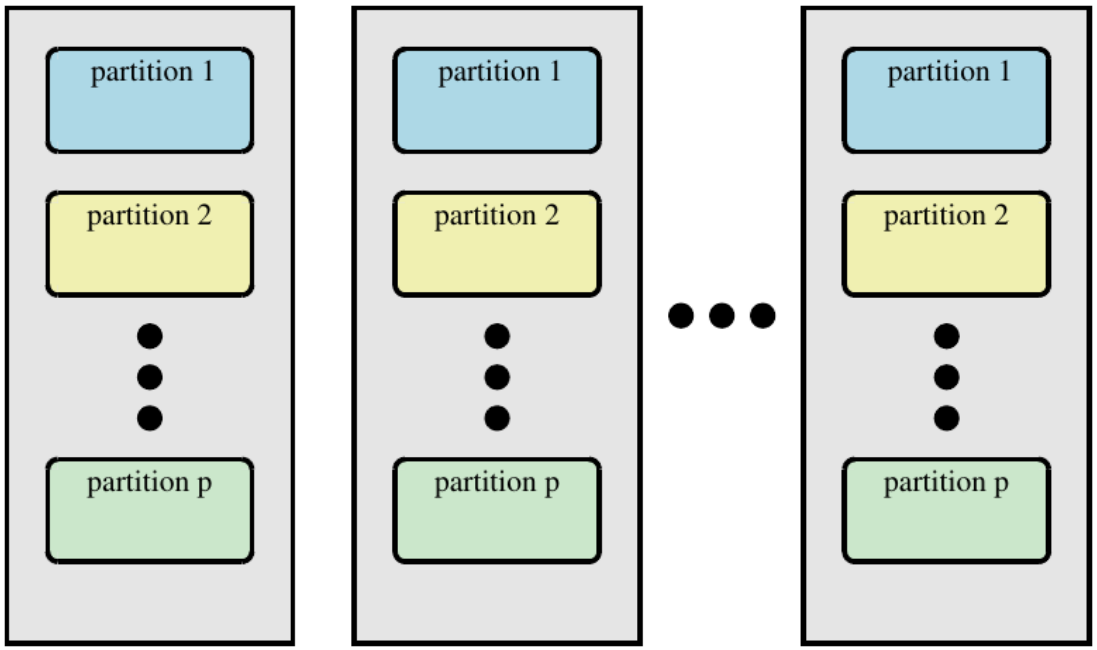
Scalability of UniStore

UniStore scales horizontally,
i.e., with the number of machines (partitions) in each data center.

System Model

$\mathcal{D} = \{1, \ldots, D\}$: the set of data centers

$\mathcal{P} = \{1, \ldots, N\}$: the set of (logical) partitions



p_d^m : the replica of partition m at data center d

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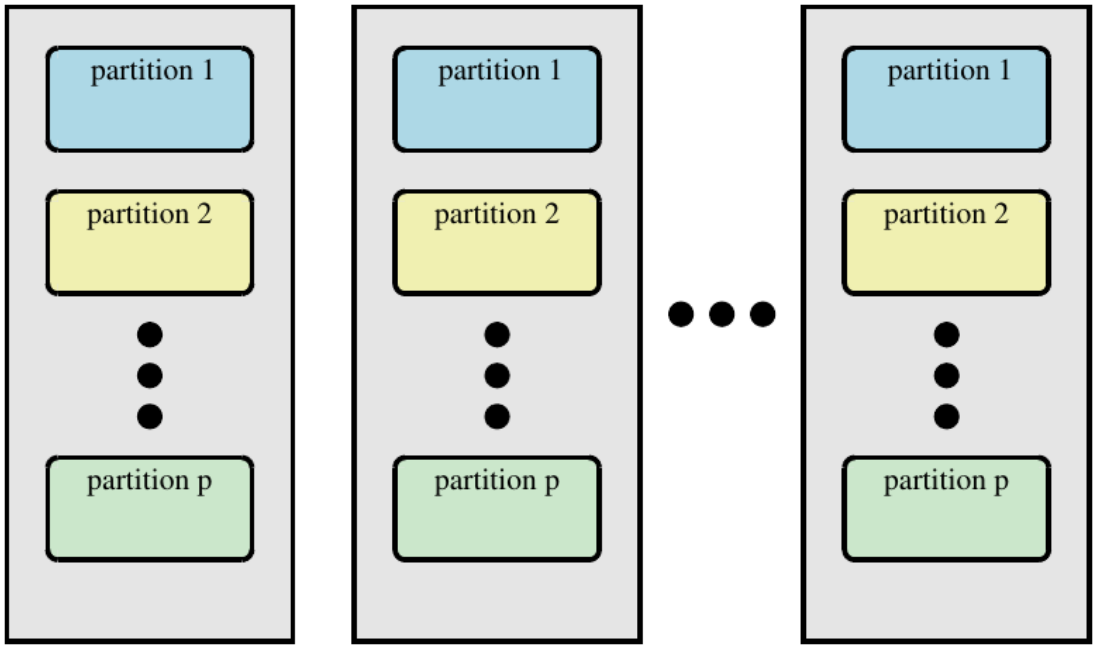
$D = 2f + 1$ and $\leq f$ data centers may fail



Any two replicas are connected by a reliable FIFO channel.

Messages between correct data centers will eventually be delivered.

System Model

Replicas have loosely synchronized physical clocks.

The correctness of UniStore does not depend on the precision of clock synchronization.

Fault-tolerant Causal Consistency Protocol

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A transaction is considered uniform once it is visible at $f+1$ data centers.

Metadata for Causal Transactions

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Commit vectors are sent to sibling replicas
via replication and forwarding.

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Each replica p_d^m maintains the following three vectors:

$$\mathsf{knownVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

$$\mathsf{stableVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

$$\mathsf{uniformVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

Metadata for Causal Transactions

$$\mathsf{knownVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

Property (Property of knownVec)

For each data center i,

the replica p_d^m stores the updates to partition m

by transactions originating at i with local timestamps $\leq \mathsf{knownVec}[i]$.

Metadata for Causal Transactions

$$\mathsf{stableVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

Property (Property of stableVec)

For each data center i,

the data center d stores the updates

by transactions originating at i with local timestamps $\leq \mathsf{stableVec}[i]$.

Metadata for Causal Transactions

1: **function** BROADCAST_VECS()
2: **send** KNOWNVEC_LOCAL$(m, \mathsf{knownVec})$ **to** p_d^l, $l \in \mathscr{P}$
3: **send** STABLEVEC$(d, \mathsf{stableVec})$ **to** p_i^m, $i \in \mathscr{D}$
4: **send** KNOWNVEC_GLOBAL$(d, \mathsf{knownVec})$ **to** p_i^m, $i \in \mathscr{D}$

$$\mathsf{stableVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

5: **when received** KNOWNVEC_LOCAL$(l, knownVec)$
6: $\mathsf{localMatrix}[l] \leftarrow knownVec$
7: **for** $i \in \mathscr{D}$ **do**
8: $\mathsf{stableVec}[i] \leftarrow \min\{\mathsf{localMatrix}[n][i] \mid n \in \mathscr{P}\}$
9: $\mathsf{stableVec}[strong] \leftarrow \min\{\mathsf{localMatrix}[n][strong] \mid n \in \mathscr{P}\}$

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All update transactions originating at i
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are replicated at $f+1$ data centers including d.

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11: $\mathsf{stableMatrix}[i] \leftarrow stableVec$
12: $G \leftarrow$ all groups with $f+1$ replicas that include p_d^m
13: **for** $j \in \mathscr{D}$ **do**
14: **var** $ts \leftarrow \max\{\min\{\mathsf{stableMatrix}[h][j] \mid h \in g\} \mid g \in G\}$
15: $\mathsf{uniformVec}[j] \leftarrow \max\{\mathsf{uniformVec}[j], ts\}$

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Causal Consistency Protocol: Start

pastVec : causal past of client

```
1: function START()
2:     p ← a random partition in data center d
3:     ⟨tid, snapVec⟩ ← send START_TX(pastVec) to p
4:     pastVec ← snapVec
5:     return tid
```

$\forall i \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{d\}$, all transactions originating at i with local timestamps $\leq$ pastVec$[i]$ are already uniform.

Causal Consistency Protocol: Start

Causal transactions are executed on an (almost) uniform snapshot.

```
1: function START_TX(V)
2:     for i ∈ 𝒟 \ {d} do
3:         uniformVec[i] ← max{V[i], uniformVec[i]}
4:     var tid ← generate_tid()
5:     snapVec[tid] ← uniformVec
6:     snapVec[tid][d] ← max{V[d], uniformVec[d]}
7:     snapVec[tid][strong] ← max{V[strong], stableVec[strong]}
8:     return ⟨tid, snapVec[tid]⟩
```

$\mathsf{snapVec}[tid][d]$ ensures "read-your-writes".

Causal Consistency Protocol: Update

```
11: function UPDATE(k, v)
12:     _ ← send DO_UPDATE(tid, k, v) to p
13:     return ok
```

```
17: function DO_UPDATE(tid, k, v)
18:     var l ← partition(k)
19:     wbuff[tid][l][k] ← v
20:     rset[tid][l] ← rset[tid][l] ∪ {k}
21:     return ok
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$\mathsf{wbuff}[tid][l]$: buffer for the latest local update on each key

Causal Consistency Protocol: Read

```
6:  function READ(k)
7:      ⟨v, c⟩ ← send DO_READ(tid, k, lc) to p
8:      if c ≠ ⊥ then
9:          lc ← max{lc, c}
10:     return v
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11:     var l ← partition(k)
12:     if wbuff[tid][l][k] ≠ ⊥ then
13:         return ⟨wbuff[tid][l][k], ⊥⟩
14:     ⟨v, c⟩ ← send READ_KEY(snapVec[tid], k) to p_d^l
15:     rset[tid][l] ← rset[tid][l] ∪ {k}
16:     return ⟨v, c⟩
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1: **when received** READ_KEY($snapVec, k$) **from** p
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3: $\mathsf{uniformVec}[i] \leftarrow \max\{snapVec[i], \mathsf{uniformVec}[i]\}$
4: **wait until** $\mathsf{knownVec}[d] \geq snapVec[d] \wedge \mathsf{knownVec}[strong] \geq snapVec[strong]$
5: $\langle v, commitVec, c\rangle \leftarrow \mathsf{snapshot}(\mathsf{opLog}[k], snapVec)$ ▷ returns the latest $commitVec$ (in terms of Lamport clock order in Definition 50) such that $commitVec \leq snapVec$
6: **send** $\langle v, c\rangle$ **to** p

wait : ensure that it is as up-to-date as required by the snapshot

Causal Consistency Protocol: Commit

```
14: function COMMIT_CAUSAL_TX()
15:     ⟨vc, c⟩ ← send COMMIT_CAUSAL(tid, lc) to p
16:     pastVec ← vc
17:     lc ← c
18:     return ok
```

Causal Consistency Protocol: Commit

Read-only transactions returns immediately.

22: **function** COMMIT_CAUSAL(tid, c)
23: $\mathsf{lc} \leftarrow \max\{\mathsf{lc}, c\} + 1$
24: **if** $\forall l \in \mathscr{P}.\ \mathsf{wbuff}[tid][l] = \emptyset$ **then**
25: **return** $\langle \mathsf{snapVec}[tid], \mathsf{lc} \rangle$
26: **var** $commitVec \leftarrow \mathsf{snapVec}[tid]$
27: **send** PREPARE$(tid, \mathsf{wbuff}[tid][l], \mathsf{snapVec}[tid])$ **to** p_d^l, $l \in \mathscr{P}$
28: **for all** $l \in \mathscr{P}$ **do**
29: **wait receive** PREPARE_ACK(tid, ts) **from** p_d^l
30: $commitVec[d] \leftarrow \max\{commitVec[d], ts\}$
31: **send** COMMIT$(tid, commitVec, \mathsf{lc})$ **to** p_d^l, $l \in \mathscr{P}$
32: **return** $\langle commitVec, \mathsf{lc} \rangle$

2PC protocol for update transactions

Causal Consistency Protocol: Commit

ts : prepare timestamp from its local clock

7: **when received** PREPARE$(tid, wbuff, snapVec)$ **from** p
8: **for** $i \in \mathscr{D} \setminus \{d\}$ **do**
9: uniformVec$[i] \leftarrow \max\{snapVec[i], \text{uniformVec}[i]\}$
10: **var** $ts \leftarrow$ clock
11: preparedCausal $\leftarrow$ preparedCausal $\cup \{\langle tid, wbuff, ts\rangle\}$
12: **send** PREPARE_ACK(tid, ts) **to** p

Causal Consistency Protocol: Commit

wait : ensure that its local clock is up-to-date

13: **when received** COMMIT$(tid, commitVec, c)$
14: **wait until** clock $\geq commitVec[d]$
15: $\langle tid, wbuff, \_\rangle \leftarrow$ find$(tid,$ preparedCausal$)$
16: preparedCausal $\leftarrow$ preparedCausal $\setminus \{\langle tid, \_, \_\rangle\}$
17: **for all** $\langle k, v\rangle \in wbuff$ **do**
18: opLog$[k] \leftarrow$ opLog$[k] \cdot \langle v, commitVec, c\rangle$
19: committedCausal$[d] \leftarrow$ committedCausal$[d] \cup \{\langle tid, wbuff, commitVec, c\rangle\}$

committedCausal$[d]$: for replication

Causal Consistency Protocol: Replication

Property (Property of knownVec)

For each data center i,

the replica p_d^m stores the updates to partition m

by transactions originating at i with local timestamps $\leq \mathsf{knownVec}[i]$.

```
1:  function PROPAGATE_LOCAL_TXS()
2:      if preparedCausal = ∅ then
3:          knownVec[d] ← clock
4:      else
5:          knownVec[d] ← min{ts | ⟨_, _, ts⟩ ∈ preparedCausal} − 1
6:      var txs ← {⟨_, _, commitVec, c⟩ ∈ committedCausal[d] | commitVec[d] ≤ knownVec[d]}
7:      if txs ≠ ∅ then
8:          send REPLICATE(d, txs) to p_i^m, i ∈ 𝒟 \ {d}
9:          committedCausal[d] ← committedCausal[d] \ txs
10:     else
11:         send HEARTBEAT(d, knownVec[d]) to p_i^m, i ∈ 𝒟 \ {d}
```

HEARTBEAT : for liveness

Adding Strong Transactions

Requirement: ConflictOrdering

$$\forall t_1, t_2 \in T_{strong}.\ t_1 \bowtie t_2 \implies t_1 \prec t_2 \vee t_2 \prec t_1.$$

Each strong transaction is assigned a scalar strong timestamp.

$$commitVec \in [\mathcal{D} \cup \{strong\} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

Metadata for Strong Transactions

$$\mathsf{knownVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \cup \{strong\} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

Property (Property of $\mathsf{knownVec}[strong]$)

Replica p_d^m stores the updates to m by all strong transactions with $commitVec[strong] \leq \mathsf{knownVec}[strong]$.

Metadata for Strong Transactions

$$\mathsf{stableVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \cup \{strong\} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

5: **when received** KNOWNVEC_LOCAL($l, knownVec$)
6: $\quad \mathsf{localMatrix}[l] \leftarrow knownVec$
7: $\quad$ **for** $i \in \mathscr{D}$ **do**
8: $\quad\quad \mathsf{stableVec}[i] \leftarrow \min\{\mathsf{localMatrix}[n][i] \mid n \in \mathscr{P}\}$
9: $\quad \mathsf{stableVec}[strong] \leftarrow \min\{\mathsf{localMatrix}[n][strong] \mid n \in \mathscr{P}\}$

Property (Property of $\mathsf{stableVec}[strong]$)

Data center d stores the updates by all strong transactions with $commitVec[strong] \leq \mathsf{knownVec}[strong]$.

Metadata for Strong Transactions

$$\mathsf{uniformVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \to \mathbb{N}]$$

10: **when received** STABLEVEC($i, stableVec$)
11: stableMatrix$[i] \leftarrow stableVec$
12: $G \leftarrow$ all groups with $f+1$ replicas that include p_d^m
13: **for** $j \in \mathscr{D}$ **do**
14: **var** $ts \leftarrow \max\{\min\{\mathsf{stableMatrix}[h][j] \mid h \in g\} \mid g \in G\}$
15: uniformVec$[j] \leftarrow \max\{\mathsf{uniformVec}[j], ts\}$

The commit protocol for strong transactions guarantees their uniformity.

Strong Consistency Protocol: Commit

```
1: function COMMIT_STRONG(tid, c)
2:     UNIFORM_BARRIER(snapVec[tid])
3:     ⟨d, vc, c⟩ ← CERTIFY(tid, wbuff[tid], rset[tid], snapVec[tid], c)
4:     lc ← max{lc, c} + 1
5:     return ⟨d, vc, lc⟩
```

A strong transaction only needs to wait for causal transactions originating at the local data center to become uniform.

```
20: function UNIFORM_BARRIER(V, c)
21:     lc ← max{lc, c} + 1
22:     wait until uniformVec[d] ≥ V[d]
23:     return lc
```

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Multi-Shot Distributed Transaction Commit

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2PC across partitions + Paxos among replicas of each partition

uses white-box optimizations that minimize the commit latency

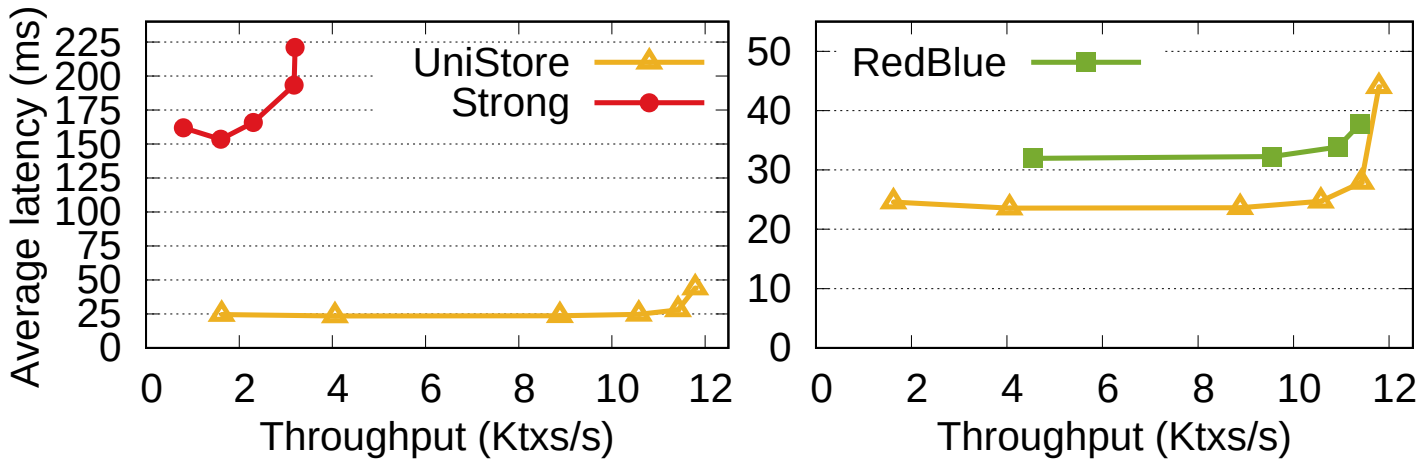
Strong Consistency Protocol: Deliver

6: **upon** DELIVER_UPDATES(W)
7: **for** $\langle k, v, commitVec, c \rangle \in W$ in $commitVec[strong]$ order **do**
8: $\mathsf{opLog}[k] \leftarrow \mathsf{opLog}[k] \cdot \langle v, commitVec, c \rangle$
9: $\mathsf{knownVec}[strong] \leftarrow commitVec[strong]$

Evaluation

Performance of UniStore

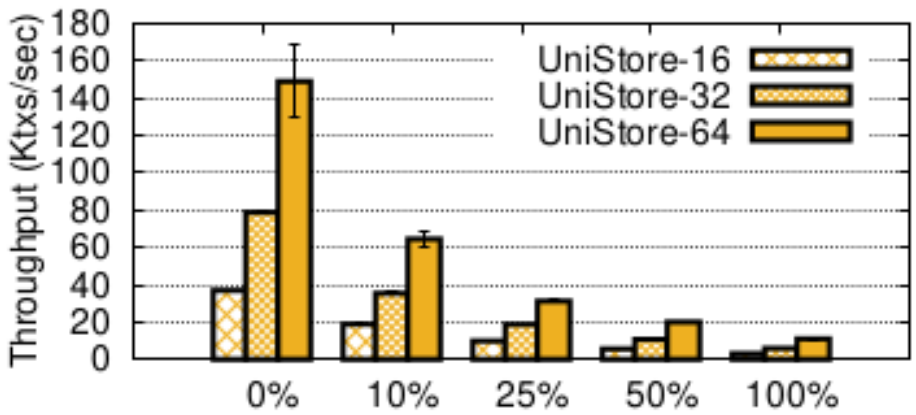
Throughput: 5% and 259% higher than RedBlue and Strong



RUBiS benchmark: throughput vs. average latency.

Latency: 24ms vs. 32ms of RedBlue and 162ms of Strong

Scalability of UniStore



Scalability when varying the ratio of strong transactions.

UniStore is able to scales almost linearly.

Evaluation

For more evaluations, please refer to the paper.

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总结

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聘期合同要求	**工作情况**
教学: 承担一门课程	问题求解课程 五个学期; 共 164 学时 (2019 级本科生 “我心目中的好课程”)
科研: 4-6 篇高水平论文	发表 3 篇 (含 1 篇短文) 在审 4 篇 (2017 年 CCF 优秀博士学位论文奖)
人才培养	负责或协助指导学生 9 人次 (学术积累: 组织 TLA^+ 与 Coq 讨论班)
主持/参与 多个基金项目	主持 1 项; 参与 1 项 个人可支配总经费 75 万元

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