

Consistency in Transactional Distributed Databases: Protocols and Testing

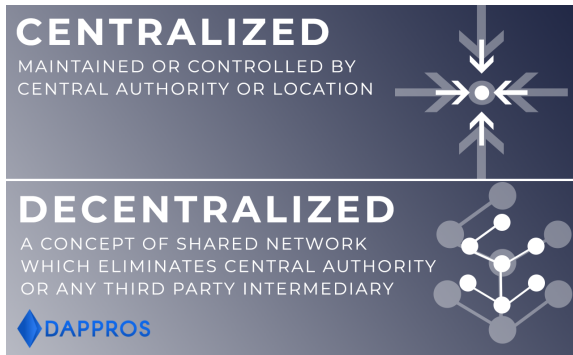
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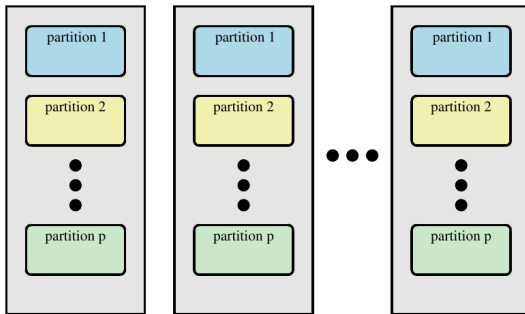
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Centralized Databases *vs.* Distributed Databases



“Data Partition + Data Replication”

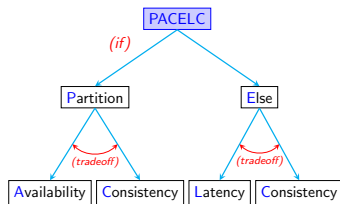


Data Consistency Problem

(Strong) Consistency, Availability, Latency, Partition tolerance

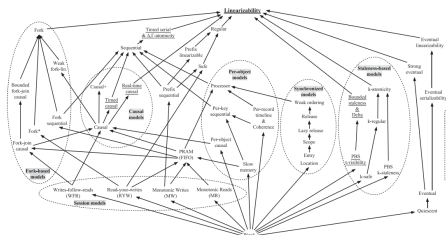
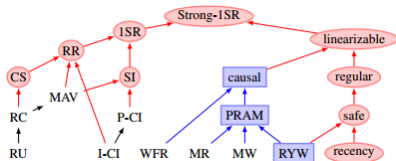


CAP Theorem



PACELC Tradeoff

Use **consistency models** to capture these tradeoffs



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Classic problems with the ever-changing requirements

Research I (≥ 2012): Read/Write Register (读写寄存器)



分布式 NoSQL Key-Value 数据库 (TODO: 重新画图)
TODO: +research outcomes

Research II (≥ 2017): Replicated Data Types (复制数据类型)



(a) Google Docs



(b) Apache Wave

TODO: Jupiter/Redis/Riak



(c) Wikipedia



(d) \LaTeX Editor

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Research III (≥ 2020): Distributed Transactions (分布式事务)
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UNISTORE: A fault-tolerant marriage of causal and strong consistency

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Partial Order-Restrictions Consistency (PoR consistency)

$$\text{TCC} < \text{PoR} < \text{SER}$$

TCC: transactional causal consistency; SER: Serializability

Key Challenges (I): Ensure liveness in presence of faults

Key Challenges (II): Rigorous correctness proof

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Fully responsible for the rigorous correctness proof:

- ▶ Finished a proof of 20 pages in the arXiv version
- ▶ Identified several nontrivial bugs in the early versions of the protocol^a

^aOne of these bugs also exists in the well-known Granola protocol proposed by James Cowling and Barbara Liskov, something that had gone unnoticed for 10 years.)

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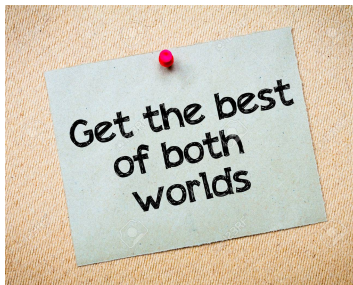
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Weak consistency: CAUSALCONSISTENCY

Strong consistency: SERIALIZABILITY

Why UNI-?

Weak consistency: low latency, high availability



Strong consistency: easy to preserve critical application invariants

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Only WITHDRAW needs to use strong consistency.

Consistency Model of UNISTORE

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

- (I) transactional causal consistency by default
- (II) to specify conflicting transactions under strong consistency

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

$$\text{RETV} = \text{INTRETVAL} \wedge \text{EXTRETVAL}$$

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: $\text{balance} \geq 0$

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

Design Challenge of UNISTORE

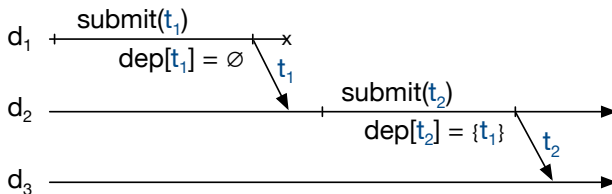
To satisfy **liveness** (**EVENTUAL VISIBILITY**) despite failures



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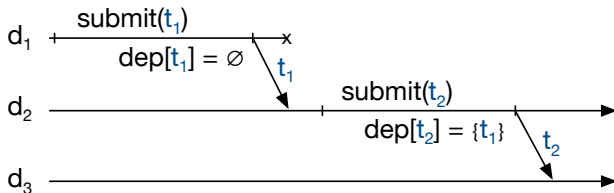
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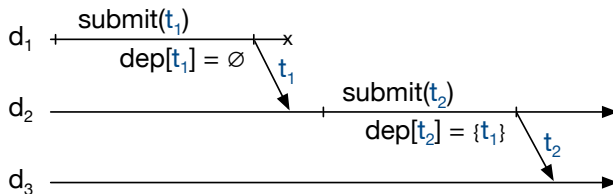
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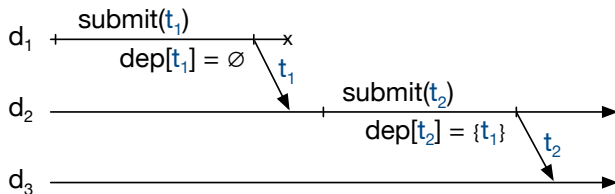
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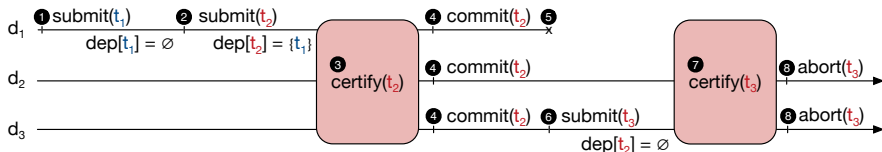
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Data center d_2 need to **forward** causal transactions
to other data centers.

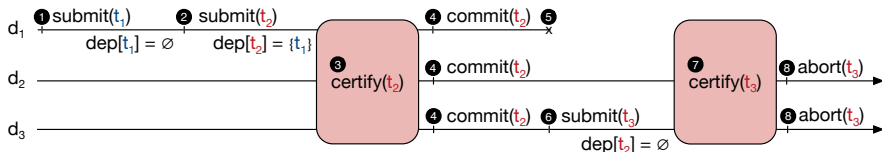
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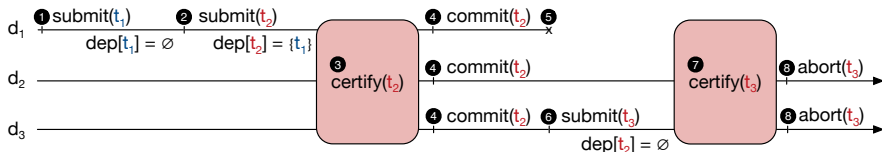
Data center d_1 crashes
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Transaction t_2 will never be visible at d_3 .
No transaction t_3 conflicting with t_2 can commit
(by CONFLICTORDERING).

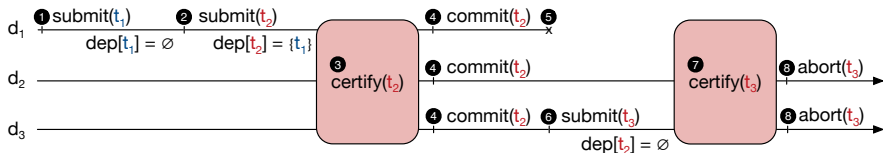
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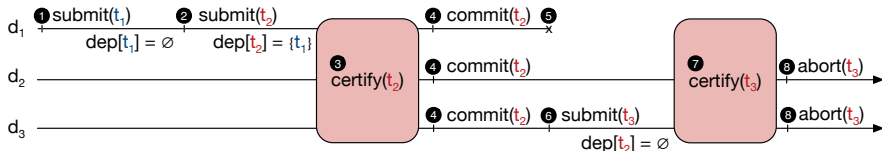
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Transaction t_3 may be committed at d_3 .

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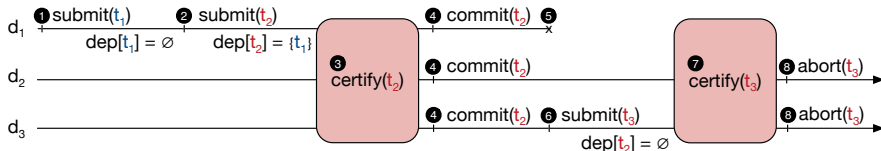
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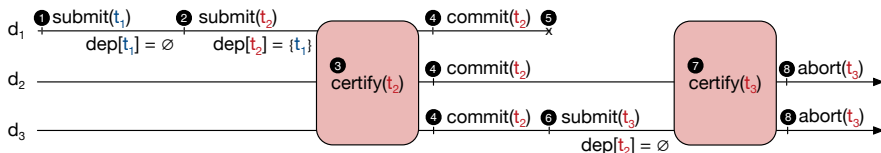
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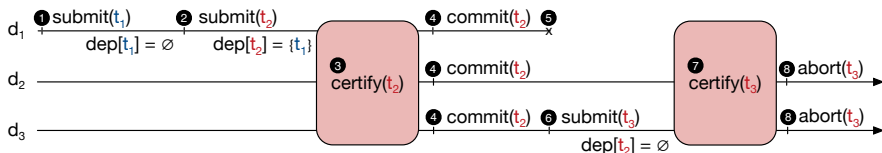
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A strong transaction only needs to wait for causal transactions originating at the **local** data center to become uniform.

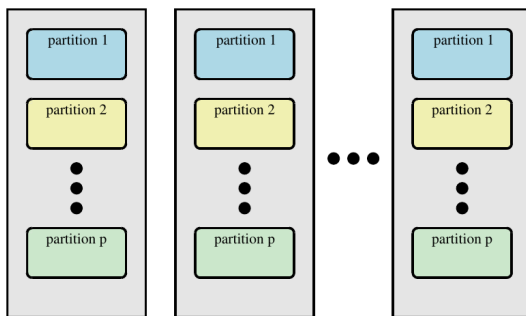
Scalability of UNISTORE

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

System Model

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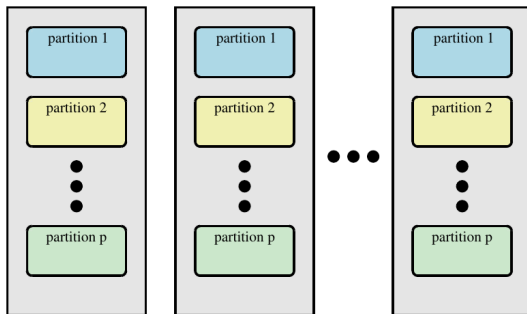
$\mathcal{P} = \{1, \dots, N\}$: the set of (logical) partitions



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

System Model

$D = 2f + 1$ 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

Each transaction is tagged with a commit vector *commitVec*.

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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:

$$\text{knownVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}]$$

$$\text{stableVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}]$$

$$\text{uniformVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}]$$

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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 $\leq \text{knownVec}[i]$.

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

$$\text{stableVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}]$$

```
5: when received KNOWNVEC_LOCAL( $l$ , knownVec)  
6:   localMatrix[ $l$ ]  $\leftarrow$  knownVec  
7:   for  $i \in \mathcal{D}$  do  
8:     stableVec[ $i$ ]  $\leftarrow$   $\min\{\text{localMatrix}[n][i] \mid n \in \mathcal{P}\}$   
9:     stableVec[strong]  $\leftarrow$   $\min\{\text{localMatrix}[n][\text{strong}] \mid n \in \mathcal{P}\}$ 
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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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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  $j \in \mathcal{D}$  do  
14:     var  $ts \leftarrow \max\{\min\{\text{stableMatrix}[h][j] \mid h \in g\} \mid g \in G\}$   
15:     uniformVec[ $j$ ]  $\leftarrow \max\{\text{uniformVec}[j], ts\}$ 
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Causal Consistency Protocol: Start

pastVec : causal past of client

- 1: **function** START()
- 2: $p \leftarrow$ a random partition in data center d
- 3: $\langle \text{tid}, \text{snapVec} \rangle \leftarrow$ **send** START_TX(pastVec) **to** p
- 4: $\text{pastVec} \leftarrow \text{snapVec}$
- 5: **return** tid

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

Causal Consistency Protocol: Start

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

```
1: function START_TX( $V$ )
2:   for  $i \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{d\}$  do
3:      $\text{uniformVec}[i] \leftarrow \max\{V[i], \text{uniformVec}[i]\}$ 
4:   var  $tid \leftarrow \text{generate\_tid}()$ 
5:    $\text{snapVec}[tid] \leftarrow \text{uniformVec}$ 
6:    $\text{snapVec}[tid][d] \leftarrow \max\{V[d], \text{uniformVec}[d]\}$ 
7:    $\text{snapVec}[tid][\text{strong}] \leftarrow \max\{V[\text{strong}], \text{stableVec}[\text{strong}]\}$ 
8:   return  $\langle tid, \text{snapVec}[tid] \rangle$ 
```

$\text{snapVec}[tid][d]$ ensures “read-your-writes”.

Causal Consistency Protocol: Update

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

```
17: function DO_UPDATE( $tid, k, v$ )  
18:   var  $l \leftarrow$  partition( $k$ )  
19:   wbuff[ $tid$ ][ $l$ ][ $k$ ]  $\leftarrow v$   
20:   rset[ $tid$ ][ $l$ ]  $\leftarrow$  rset[ $tid$ ][ $l$ ]  $\cup \{k\}$   
21:   return ok
```

wbuff[tid][l] : buffer for the latest local update on each key

Causal Consistency Protocol: Read

```
6: function READ( $k$ )
7:    $\langle v, c \rangle \leftarrow \text{send DO\_READ}(\text{tid}, k, \text{lc}) \text{ to } p$ 
8:   if  $c \neq \perp$  then
9:      $\text{lc} \leftarrow \max\{\text{lc}, c\}$ 
10:  return  $v$ 
```

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9: function DO_READ( $\text{tid}, k, c$ )
10:    $\text{lc} \leftarrow \max\{\text{lc}, c\}$ 
11:   var  $l \leftarrow \text{partition}(k)$ 
12:   if  $\text{wbuff}[\text{tid}][l][k] \neq \perp$  then
13:     return  $\langle \text{wbuff}[\text{tid}][l][k], \perp \rangle$ 
14:    $\langle v, c \rangle \leftarrow \text{send READ\_KEY}(\text{snapVec}[\text{tid}], k) \text{ to } p_d^l$ 
15:    $\text{rset}[\text{tid}][l] \leftarrow \text{rset}[\text{tid}][l] \cup \{k\}$ 
16:   return  $\langle v, c \rangle$ 
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Causal Consistency Protocol: Read

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- 2: **for** $i \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{d\}$ **do**
- 3: `uniformVec[i] \leftarrow max{snapVec[i], uniformVec[i]}`
- 4: **wait until** `knownVec[d] \geq snapVec[d] \wedge knownVec[strong] \geq snapVec[strong]`
- 5: $\langle v, \text{commitVec}, c \rangle \leftarrow \text{snapshot}(\text{opLog}[k], \text{snapVec})$ \triangleright 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:    $\langle vc, c \rangle \leftarrow \text{send COMMIT\_CAUSAL}(\text{tid}, lc) \text{ to } p$   
16:    $\text{pastVec} \leftarrow vc$   
17:    $lc \leftarrow c$   
18:   return ok
```

Causal Consistency Protocol: Commit

Read-only transactions returns immediately.

```
22: function COMMIT_CAUSAL( $tid, c$ )
23:    $lc \leftarrow \max\{lc, c\} + 1$ 
24:   if  $\forall l \in \mathcal{P}. wbuff[tid][l] = \emptyset$  then
25:     return  $\langle snapVec[tid], lc \rangle$ 
26:   var  $commitVec \leftarrow snapVec[tid]$ 
27:   send PREPARE( $tid, wbuff[tid][l], snapVec[tid]$ ) to  $p_d^l, l \in \mathcal{P}$ 
28:   for all  $l \in \mathcal{P}$  do
29:     wait receive PREPARE_ACK( $tid, ts$ ) from  $p_d^l$ 
30:      $commitVec[d] \leftarrow \max\{commitVec[d], ts\}$ 
31:   send COMMIT( $tid, commitVec, lc$ ) to  $p_d^l, l \in \mathcal{P}$ 
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2PC protocol for update transactions

Causal Consistency Protocol: Commit

ts : **prepare timestamp** from its local clock

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9:      $uniformVec[i] \leftarrow \max\{snapVec[i], uniformVec[i]\}$ 
10:  var  $ts \leftarrow \text{clock}$ 
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:    $\langle tid, wbuff, - \rangle \leftarrow \text{find}(tid, preparedCausal)$ 
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 $\leq \text{knownVec}[i]$.

```
1: function PROPAGATE_LOCAL_TXS()  
2:   if preparedCausal =  $\emptyset$  then  
3:     knownVec[d]  $\leftarrow$  clock  
4:   else  
5:     knownVec[d]  $\leftarrow$  min{ts |  $\langle -, -, ts \rangle \in$  preparedCausal} - 1  
6:   var txs  $\leftarrow$  { $\langle -, -, commitVec, c \rangle \in$  committedCausal[d] | commitVec[d]  $\leq$  knownVec[d]}  
7:   if txs  $\neq \emptyset$  then  
8:     send REPLICATE( $d, txs$ ) to  $p_i^m, i \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{d\}$   
9:     committedCausal[d]  $\leftarrow$  committedCausal[d]  $\setminus txs$   
10:  else  
11:    send HEARTBEAT( $d, \text{knownVec}[d]$ ) to  $p_i^m, i \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{d\}$ 
```

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**.

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

Metadata for Strong Transactions

$$\text{knownVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \cup \{\text{strong}\}] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

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

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

Metadata for Strong Transactions

$$\text{stableVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \cup \{\text{strong}\}] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

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

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

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

Metadata for Strong Transactions

$$\text{uniformVec} \in [\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}]$$

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

The commit protocol for strong transactions
guarantees their uniformity.

Strong Consistency Protocol: Commit

```
1: function COMMIT_STRONG( $tid, c$ )
2:   UNIFORM_BARRIER( $\text{snapVec}[tid]$ )
3:    $\langle d, vc, c \rangle \leftarrow \text{CERTIFY } tid, \text{wbuff}[tid], \text{rset}[tid], \text{snapVec}[tid], c$ 
4:    $lc \leftarrow \max\{lc, c\} + 1$ 
5:   return  $\langle d, vc, lc \rangle$ 
```

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:    $lc \leftarrow \max\{lc, c\} + 1$ 
22:   wait until  $\text{uniformVec}[d] \geq V[d]$ 
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

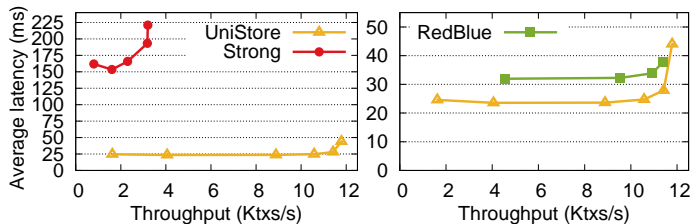
Strong Consistency Protocol: Deliver

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

Evaluation

Performance of UNISTORE

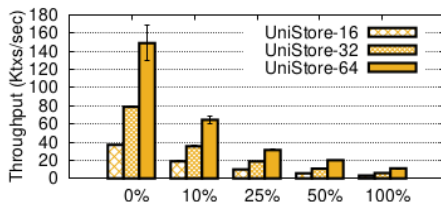
Throughput: 5% and 259% higher than REDBLUE and STRONG



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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