Transactional Information Systems:

Theory, Algorithms, and the Practice of Concurrency Control and Recovery

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"Teamwork is essential. It allows you to blame someone else." (Anonymous)

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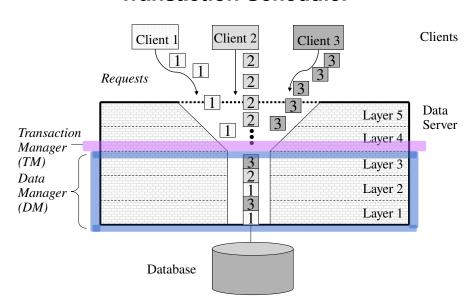
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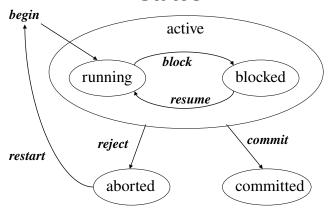
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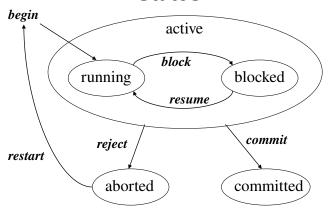
Transaction Scheduler



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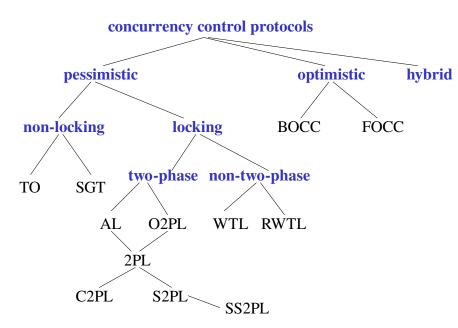
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Definition 4.1 (CSR Safety):

For a scheduler S, Gen(S) denotes the set of all schedules that S can generate. A scheduler is called CSR safe if $Gen(S) \subseteq CSR$.

Scheduler Classification



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LR1: Each data operation $o_i(x)$ must be preceded by $ol_i(x)$ and followed by $ou_i(x)$.

LR2: For each x and t_i there is at most one $ol_i(x)$ and at most one $ou_i(x)$.

LR3: No $ol_i(x)$ or $ou_i(x)$ is redundant.

LR4: If x is locked by both t_i and t_i , then these locks are compatible.

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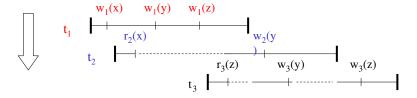
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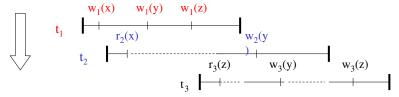
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Theorem 4.2:

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Example:

$$w_1(x) r_2(x) r_3(y) r_2(z) w_1(y) c_3 c_1 c_2$$

Proof of 2PL Correctness

Let s be the output of a 2PL scheduler, and let G be the conflict graph of CP (DT(s)) where DT is the projection onto data and termination operations and CP is the committed projection.

The following holds (Lemma 4.2):

- (i) If (t_i, t_j) is an edge in G, then $pu_i(x) \le ql_j(x)$ for some x with conflicting p, q.
- (ii) If $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n)$ is a path in G, then $pu_1(x) \le ql_n(y)$ for some x, y.
- (iii) G is acyclic.

This can be shown as follows:

- (i) By locking rules LR1 through LR4.
- (ii) By induction on n.
- (iii) Assume G has a cycle of the form $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_n, t_1)$. By (ii), $pu_1(x) \le ql_1(y)$ for some x, y, which contradicts the two-phase property.

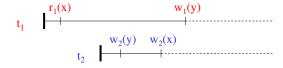
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Deadlock Detection

Deadlocks are caused by cyclic lock waits (e.g., in conjunction with lock conversions).

Example:



Deadlock detection:

- (i) Maintain dynamic waits-for graph (WFG) with active transactions as nodes and an edge from t_i to t_i if t_i waits for a lock held by t_i.
- (ii) Test WFG for cycles
 - continuously (i.e., upon each lock wait) or
 - periodically.

Deadlock Resolution

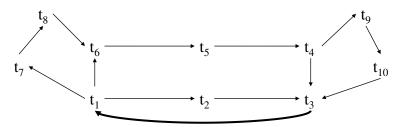
Choose a transaction on a WFG cycle as a deadlock victim and abort this transaction, and repeat until no more cycles.

Possible victim selection strategies:

- Last blocked
- Random
- Youngest Minimum locks
- 5. Minimum work
- 6. Most cycles
- 7. Most edges

Illustration of Victim Selection Strategies

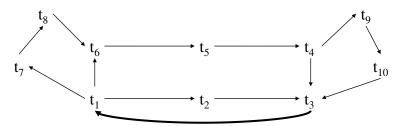
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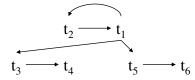
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Most-edges strategy would select t₁ to remove 4 edges.

Deadlock Prevention

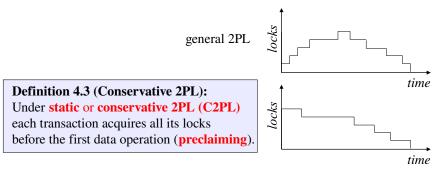
Restrict lock waits to ensure acyclic WFG at all times.

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Reasonable deadlock prevention strategies:
1. Wait-die:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>:
          if t<sub>i</sub> started before t<sub>i</sub> then wait else abort t<sub>i</sub>
2. Wound-wait:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>:
          if t<sub>i</sub> started before t<sub>i</sub> then abort t<sub>i</sub> else wait
3. Immediate restart:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>: abort t<sub>i</sub>
4. Running priority:
     upon t<sub>i</sub> blocked by t<sub>i</sub>:
           if t<sub>i</sub> is itself blocked then abort t<sub>i</sub> else wait
5. Timeout:
     abort waiting transaction when a timer expires
Abort entails later restart.
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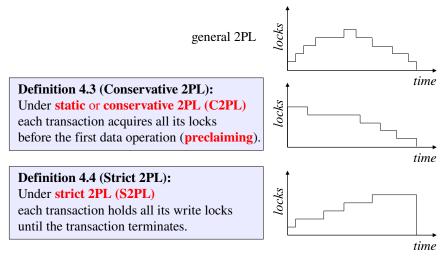
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Definition 4.3 (Conservative 2PL):

Under static or conservative 2PL (C2PL) each transaction acquires all its locks before the first data operation (preclaiming).

Definition 4.4 (Strict 2PL):

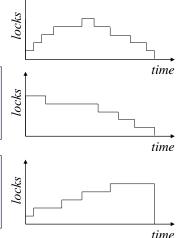
Under strict 2PL (S2PL)

each transaction holds all its write locks until the transaction terminates.

Definition 4.5 (Strong 2PL):

Under strong 2PL (SS2PL)

each transaction holds all its locks (i.e., both r and w) until the transaction terminates.



Properties of S2PL and SS2PL

Theorem 4.3:

 $Gen(SS2PL) \subseteq Gen(S2PL) \subseteq Gen(2PL)$

Theorem 4.4:

 $Gen(SS2PL) \subset COCSR$

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Ordered Sharing of Locks

Motivation:

Example 4.6:

$$s_1 = w_1(x) r_2(x) r_3(y) c_3 w_1(y) c_1 w_2(z) c_2 \in COCSR$$
, but $\notin Gen(2PL)$

Observation:

the schedule were feasible if **write locks could be shared** s.t. the order of lock acquisitions dictates the order of data operations

Notation:

$$\mathbf{pl_i}(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{ql_j}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ (with } _i \neq_j) \text{ for } \mathbf{pl_i}(\mathbf{x}) \leq_s \mathbf{ql_j}(\mathbf{x}) \land \mathbf{p_i}(\mathbf{x}) \leq_s \mathbf{q_j}(\mathbf{x})$$

Example reconsidered with ordered sharing of locks:

$$\begin{array}{l} wl_1(x) \; w_1(x) \; rl_2(x) \; r_2(x) \; rl_3(y) \; r_3(y) \; ru_3(y) \; c_3 \\ wl_1(y) \; w_1(y) \; wu_1(x) \; wu_1(y) \; c_1 \; wl_2(z) \; w_2(z) \; ru_2(x) \; wu_2(z) \; c_2 \end{array}$$

Lock Compatibility Tables With Ordered
Sharing

| LT_1 | $rl_{j}(x)$ | $wl_i(x)$ |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| $rl_i(x)$ | + | _ |
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| LT_2 | rl _j (x) | $wl_j(x)$ |
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$$LT_5 \quad \text{rl}_i(x) \quad \text{wl}_i(x)$$

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| LT_3 | $rl_j(x)$ | $wl_j(x)$ |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| $rl_i(x)$ | + | _ |
| $wl_i(x)$ | \rightarrow | _ |

| LT_6 | $rl_j(x)$ | $wl_j(x)$ |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| $rl_i(x)$ | + | _ |
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$$\begin{array}{c|c} LT_8 & \operatorname{rl}_j(\mathbf{x}) & \operatorname{wl}_j(\mathbf{x}) \\ \hline \operatorname{rl}_i(\mathbf{x}) & + & \rightarrow \\ \operatorname{wl}_i(\mathbf{x}) & \rightarrow & \rightarrow \end{array}$$

| LT_4 | $rl_j(x)$ | $wl_j(x)$ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| $rl_i(x)$ | + | - |
| $wl_i(x)$ | - | → |

| LT_7 | rl _j (x) | $wl_j(x)$ |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
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Additional Locking Rules for O2PL

OS1 (lock acquisition):

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OS2 (lock release):

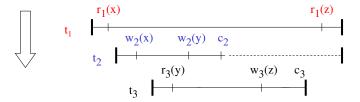
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O2PL: locking with rules LR1 - LR4, two-phase property, rules OS1 - OS2, and lock table LT₈

O2PL Example

Example 4.7:

$$s = r_1(x) w_2(x) r_3(y) w_2(y) c_2 w_3(z) c_3 r_1(z) c_1$$



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Corollary 4.1:

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Altruistic Locking (AL)

Motivation:

Example 4.8: concurrent executions of

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\begin{aligned} t_1 &= w_1(a) \ w_1(b) \ w_1(c) \ w_1(d) \ w_1(e) \ w_1(f) \ w_1(g) \\ t_2 &= r_2(a) \ r_2(b) \\ t_3 &= r_3(c) \ r_3(e) \end{aligned}
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Observations:

- t₂ and t₃ access subsets of the data items accessed by t₁
- t₁ knows when it is "finished" with a data item
- t_1 could "pass over" locks on specific data items to transactions that access only data items that t_1 is finished with (such transactions are "in the wake" of t_1)

Notation:

 $\mathbf{d}_{i}(\mathbf{x})$ for \mathbf{t}_{i} donating its lock on x to other transactions

Example with donation of locks:

$$wl_1(a) w_1(a) d_1(a) rl_2(a) r_2(a) wl_1(b) w_1(b) d_1(b) rl_2(b) r_2(b) wl_1(c) w_1(c) ...$$

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Definition 4.27:

- (i) $p_i(x)$ is in the wake of t_i ($i \neq j$) in s if $d_i(x) \le_s p_i(x) \le_s ou_i(x)$.
- (ii) t_j is in the wake of t_i if some operation of t_j is in the wake of t_i.
 t_j is completely in the wake of t_i if all its operations are in the wake of t_i.
- (iii) t_j is **indebted** to t_i in s if there are steps $o_i(x)$, $d_i(x)$, $p_j(x)$ s.t. $p_j(x)$ is in the wake of t_i and ($p_j(x)$ and $o_i(x)$ are in conflict or there is $q_k(x)$ conflicting with both $p_i(x)$ and $o_i(x)$ and $o_i(x) \le_s q_k(x) \le_s p_i(x)$.

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- **AL1:** Once t_i has donated a lock on x, it can no longer access x.
- **AL2:** After t_i has donated a lock x, t_i must eventually unlock x.
- **AL3:** t_i and t_j can simultaneously hold conflicting locks only if t_i has donated its lock on x.

Definition 4.27:

- (i) $p_i(x)$ is in the wake of t_i ($i \neq j$) in s if $d_i(x) \le p_i(x) \le ou_i(x)$.
- (ii) t_j is in the wake of t_i if some operation of t_j is in the wake of t_i.
 t_j is completely in the wake of t_i if all its operations are in the wake of t_i.
- (iii) t_j^i is **indebted** to t_i in s if there are steps $o_i(x)$, $d_i(x)$, $p_j(x)$ s.t. $p_j(x)$ is in the wake of t_i and ($p_j(x)$ and $o_i(x)$ are in conflict or there is $q_k(x)$ conflicting with both $p_j(x)$ and $o_i(x)$ and $o_i(x) \le_s q_k(x) \le_s p_j(x)$.
- **AL4:** When t_j is indebted to t_i , t_j must remain completely in the wake of t_i .
- **AL:** locking with rules LR1 LR4, two-phase property, donations, and rules AL1 AL4.

AL Example

Example:

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→ disallowed by AL (even ∉CSR)

Example corrected using rules AL1 - AL4:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{rl_1(a)} \ \mathbf{r_1(a)} \ \mathbf{d_1(a)} \ \mathbf{wl_3(a)} \ \mathbf{w_3(a)} \ \mathbf{wu_3(a)} \ \mathbf{c_3} \\ & \mathbf{rl_2(a)} \ \mathbf{r_2(a)} \ \mathbf{rl_1(b)} \ \mathbf{r_1(b)} \ \mathbf{ru_1(a)} \ \mathbf{ru_1(b)} \ \mathbf{c_1} \ \mathbf{wl_2(b)} \ \mathbf{ru_2(a)} \ \mathbf{w_2(b)} \ \mathbf{wu_2(b)} \ \mathbf{c_2} \end{aligned}$$

 \rightarrow admitted by AL (t₂ stays completely in the wake of t₁)

Correctness and Properties of AL

Theorem 4.8:

 $Gen(2PL) \subseteq Gen(AL)$.

Theorem 4.9:

 $Gen(AL) \subset CSR$

Example:

$$s = r_1(x) r_2(z) r_3(z) w_2(x) c_2 w_3(y) c_3 r_1(y) r_1(z) c_1$$

 $\rightarrow \in CSR$, but $\notin Gen(AL)$

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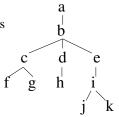
(Write-only) Tree Locking

Motivating example:

concurrent executions of transactions with access patterns that comply with organizing data items into a virtual tree

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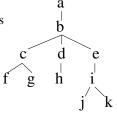
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Definition (Write-only Tree Locking (WTL)):

Under the **write-only tree locking protocol (WTL)** lock requests and releases must obey LR1 - LR4 and the following additional rules:

WTL1: A lock on a node x other than the tree root can be acquired only if the transaction already holds a lock on the parent of x.

WTL2: After a $wu_i(x)$ no further $wl_i(x)$ is allowed (on the same x).

Example:

 $\begin{array}{l} wl_1(a) \; w_1(a) \; wl_1(b) \; wu_1(a) \; w_1(b) \; wl_2(a) \; w_2(a) \; wl_1(d) \; w_1(d) \; wu_1(d) \; wl_1(e) \; wu_1(b) \\ w_1(e) \; wl_2(b) \; wu_2(a) \; w_2(b) \; ... \end{array}$

Correctness and Properties of WTL

Lemma 4.6:

If t_i locks x before t_j does in schedule s, then for each successor v of x that is locked by both t_i and t_j the following holds: $wl_i(v) \le_s wu_i(v) \le_s wl_j(v)$.

Theorem 4.10:

 $Gen(WTL) \subseteq CSR$.

Theorem 4.11:

WTL is deadlock-free.

Comment: WTL is applicable even if a transaction's access patterns are not tree-compliant, but then locks must still be obtained along all relevant paths in the tree using the WTL rules.

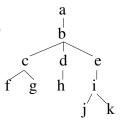
Read-Write Tree Locking

Problem: t_i locks root before t_j does, but t_j passes t_i within a "read zone"

Example:

$$\begin{array}{l} rl_1(a) \ rl_1(b) \ r_1(a) \ r_1(b) \ wl_1(a) \ w_1(a) \ wl_1(b) \ ul_1(a) \ rl_2(a) \ r_2(a) \\ w_1(b) \ rl_1(e) \ ul_1(b) \ rl_2(b) \ r_2(b) \ ul_2(a) \ rl_2(e) \ rl_2(i) \ ul_2(b) \ r_2(e) \ rl_1(e) \\ r_2(i) \ wl_2(i) \ wl_2(k) \ ul_2(e) \ ul_2(i) \ rl_1(i) \ ul_1(e) \ r_1(i) \ ... \end{array}$$

→ appears to follow TL rules but ∉ CSR



Solution: formalize "read zone" and enforce two-phase property on "read zones"

Locking Rules of RWTL

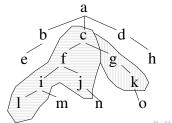
For transaction t with read set RS(t) and write set WS(t) let $C_1, ..., C_m$ be the connected components of RS(t). A pitfall of t is a set of the form $C_i \cup \{x \in WS(t) \mid x \text{ is a child or parent of some } y \in C_i\}.$

Definition (read-write tree locking (RWTL)):

Under the **read-write tree locking protocol** (RWTL) lock requests and releases Must obey LR1 - LR4, WTL1, WTL2, and the two-phase property within each pitfall.

Example:

t with RS(t)= $\{f, i, g\}$ and WS(t)= $\{c, l, j, k, o\}$ has pitfalls $pf_1 = \{c, f, i, l, j\}$ and $pf_2 = \{g, c, k\}$.



Correctness and Generalization of RWTL

Theorem 4.12:

Gen (RWTL) \subseteq CSR.

RWTL can be generalized for a DAG organization of data items into a **DAG locking** protocol with the following additional rule: t_i is allowed to lock data item x only if holds locks on a majority of the predecessors of x.

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(Basic) Timestamp Ordering

Timestamp ordering rule (TO rule):

Each transaction t_i is assigned a unique timestamp $ts(t_i)$

(e.g., the time of t_i 's beginning).

If $p_i(x)$ and $q_i(x)$ are in conflict, then the following must hold:

 $p_i(x) \le q_i(x)$ iff $ts(t_i) \le ts(t_i)$ for every schedule s.

Theorem 4.15:

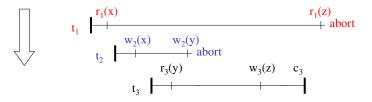
Gen (TO) \subseteq CSR.

Basic timestamp ordering protocol (BTO):

- For each data item x maintain max-r (x) = $\max\{ts(t_j) \mid r_j(x) \text{ has been scheduled}\}\$ and max-w (x) = $\max\{ts(t_i) \mid w_i(x) \text{ has been scheduled}\}\$.
- Operation $p_i(x)$ is compared to max-q (x) for each conflicting q:
 - if $ts(t_i) \le max-q(x)$ for some q then abort t_i
 - else schedule $p_i(x)$ for execution and set max-p (x) to $ts(t_i)$

BTO Example

$$s = r_1(x) w_2(x) r_3(y) w_2(y) c_2 w_3(z) c_3 r_1(z) c_1$$



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Serialization Graph Testing (SGT)

SGT protocol:

- For p_i(x) create a new node in the graph if it is the first operation of t_i
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Node deletion rule:

A node t_i in the graph (and its incident edges) can be removed when t_i is terminated and is a source node (i.e., has no incoming edges).

Example:

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\mathbf{r_1}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w_2}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w_2}(\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{c_2} \mathbf{r_1}(\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{c_1} removing node \mathbf{t_2} at the time of \mathbf{c_2} would make it impossible to detect the cycle.
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Optimistic Protocols

Motivation: conflicts are infrequent

Approach:

divide each transaction t into three phases:

read phase:

execute transaction with writes into private workspace

validation phase (certifier):

upon t's commit request

test if schedule remains CSR if t is committed now based on t's read set RS(t) and write set WS(t)

write phase:

upon successful validation

transfer the workspace contents into the database (**deferred writes**)

otherwise abort t (i.e., discard workspace)

Backward-oriented Optimistic CC (BOCC)

Execute a transaction's validation and write phase together as a **critical section**: while t_i being in the **val-write phase**, no other t_k can enter its val-write phase

BOCC validation of t_i:

compare t_i to all previously committed t_i accept t_i if one of the following holds

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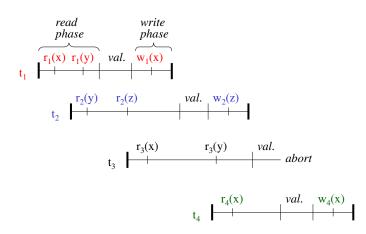
Theorem 4.46:

Gen (BOCC) \subset CSR.

Proof:

Assume that G(s) is acyclic. Adding a newly validated transaction can insert only edges into the new node, but no outgoing edges (i.e., the new node is last in the serialization order).

BOCC Example



Forward-oriented Optimistic CC (FOCC)

Execute a transaction's val -write phase as a **strong critical section**: while t_i being in the **val-write phase**, no other t_k can perform any steps.

FOCC validation of ti:

compare t_j to all concurrently active t_i (which must be in their read phase) accept t_i if $WS(t_i) \cap RS^*(t_i) = \mathcal{B}$ where $RS^*(t_i)$ is the current read set of t_i

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Remarks:

- FOCC is much more flexible than BOCC: upon unsuccessful validation of t_i it has three options:
 - abort t_i
 - abort one of the active t_i for which RS*(t_i) and WS(t_i) intersect
 - wait and retry the validation of t_j later (after the commit of the intersecting t_i)
- Read-only transactions do not need to validate at all.

Correctness of FOCC

Theorem 4.18:

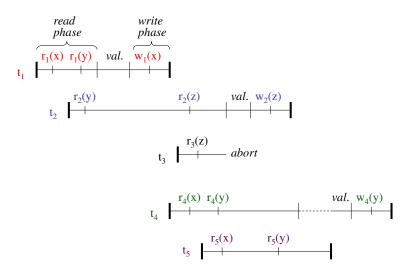
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Proof:

Assume that G(s) has been acyclic and that validating t_j would create a cycle. So t_j would have to have an outgoing edge to an already committed t_k . However, for all previously committed t_k the following holds:

- If t_k was committed before t_i started, then no edge (t_i, t_k) is possible.
- If t_j was in its read phase when t_k validated, then WS(t_k) must be disjoint with RS*(t_j) and all later reads of t_j and all writes of t_j must follow t_k (because of the strong critical section); so neither a wr nor a ww/rw edge (t_j, t_k) is possible.

FOCC Example



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Problem with s_2: needs synch among the two "local" serialization orders

Solution: assign timestamps such that the serialization orders of SS2PL and TWR are in line \rightarrow ts(i) <

$$\rightarrow$$
 ts(i) \leq ts(j) \Leftrightarrow c_i \leq c_j

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Lessons Learned

- S2PL is the most versatile and robust protocol and widely used in practice
- Knowledge about specifically restricted access patterns facilitates non-two-phase locking protocols (e.g., TL, AL)
- O2PL and SGT are more powerful but have more overhead
- FOCC can be attractive for specific workloads
- Hybrid protocols are conceivable but non-trivial