CS 525: Advanced Database Organization

12: Transaction Management

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Concurrency and Recovery

- DBMS should enable multiple clients to access the database concurrently
  - This can lead to problems with correctness of data because of interleaving of operations from different clients
  - ->System should ensure correctness (concurrency control)

Concurrency and Recovery

- DBMS should enable reestablish correctness of data in the presence of failures
  - ->System should restore a correct state after failure (recovery)

Integrity or correctness of data

- Would like data to be “accurate” or “correct” at all times

EMP

Name	Age
White	52
Green	3421
Gray	1

Integrity or consistency constraints

- Predicates data must satisfy
- Examples:
  - x is key of relation R
  - x → y holds in R
  - Domain(x) = {Red, Blue, Green}
  - α is valid index for attribute x of R
  - no employee should make more than twice the average salary

Definition:

- Consistent state: satisfies all constraints
- Consistent DB: DB in consistent state

Constraints (as we use here) may
not capture "full correctness"

Example 1 Transaction constraints

- When salary is updated,
  new salary > old salary
- When account record is deleted,
  balance = 0

Note: could be "emulated" by simple
constraints, e.g.,

account

Acct #	....	balance	deleted?

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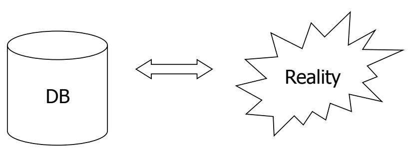
Example 2 Database should reflect
real world



☞ in any case, continue with constraints...

Observation: DB cannot be consistent
always!

Example: $a_1 + a_2 + \dots a_n = TOT$ (constraint)

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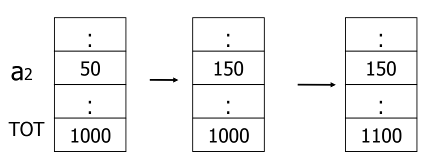
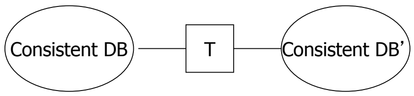


Transactions

- **Transaction:** Sequence of operations executed by one concurrent client that preserve consistency

Transaction: collection of actions
that preserve consistency



Big assumption:

If T starts with consistent state +
T executes in isolation
$\Rightarrow$ T leaves consistent state

Correctness (informally)

- If we stop running transactions,
  DB left consistent
- Each transaction sees a consistent DB

Transactions - ACID

- **A**tomicity
  - Either all or no commands of transaction are executed (their changes are persisted in the DB)
- **C**onsistency
  - After transaction DB is consistent (if before consistent)
- **I**solation
  - Transactions are running isolated from each other
- **D**urability
  - Modifications of transactions are never lost

How can constraints be violated?

- Transaction bug
- DBMS bug
- Hardware failure

  e.g., disk crash alters balance of account
- Data sharing

  e.g.: T1: give 10% raise to programmers
  T2: change programmers $\Rightarrow$ systems analysts

How can we prevent/fix violations?

- Part 13 (Recovery):
  - due to failures
- Part 14 (Concurrency Control):
  - due to data sharing

Will not consider:

- How to write correct transactions
- How to write correct DBMS
- Constraint checking & repair

  That is, solutions studied here do not need to know constraints

Data Items:

- **Data Item** / **Database Object** / …
- Abstraction that will come in handy when talking about concurrency control and recovery
- Data Item could be
  - Table, Row, Page, Attribute value

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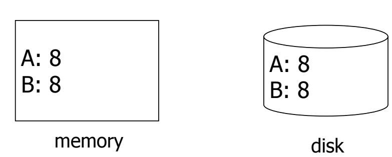
- Read (x,t): do input(x) if necessary
  t ← value of x in block
- Write (x,t): do input(x) if necessary
  value of x in block ← t

Key problem Unfinished transaction (**Atomicity**)

Example Constraint: A=B

T_1: A ← A × 2
B ← B × 2

T_1: Read (A,t); t ← t×2
Write (A,t);
Read (B,t); t ← t×2
Write (B,t);
Output (A);
Output (B);



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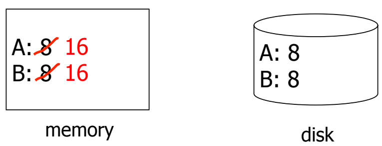

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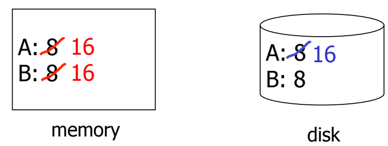
failure!



Transactions in SQL

- BEGIN WORK
  - Start new transaction
  - Often implicit
- COMMIT
  - Finish and make all modifications of transactions persistent
- ABORT/ROLLBACK
  - Finish and undo all changes of transaction

Example

time

```
BEGIN WORK;
  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal + 40
    WHERE acc = 10;

  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal - 40
    WHERE acc = 9;
COMMIT;
```

```
BEGIN WORK;
  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal * 1.05;
COMMIT;
```


Example

time

Bank customer transfers money from account 9 to account 10

```
BEGIN WORK;
  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal + 40
    WHERE acc = 10;

  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal - 40
    WHERE acc = 9;
COMMIT;
```

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Bank adds interest to all accounts

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BEGIN WORK;
  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal + 40
    WHERE acc = 10;

  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal - 40
    WHERE acc = 9;
COMMIT;
```

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COMMIT;
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  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal
    WHERE acc = 10
```

Potential Problems:
1. Transactions are interrupted
   - No reduction in bal of acc 9
   - Only some accounts got interest
2. Interleaving of Transaction
   - Acc 9 too much interest (before 40 has been deducted)

```
    SET bal = bal * 1.05;
COMMIT;
```

```
  UPDATE accounts
    SET bal = bal - 40
    WHERE acc = 9;
COMMIT;
```


Modeling Transactions and their Interleaving

- Transaction is sequence of operations
  - **read**: $\mathbf{r_i(x)}$ = transaction **i** read item **x**
  - **write**: $\mathbf{w_i(x)}$ = transaction **i** wrote item **x**
  - **commit**: $\mathbf{c_i}$ = transaction **i** committed
  - **abort: $\mathbf{a_i}$** =transaction **i** aborted

$T_1 = r_1(a_{10}),\ w_1(a_{10}),\ r_1(a_9),\ w_1(a_9),\ c_1$

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$T_2=r_2(a_1),w_2(a_1),r_2(a_2),w_2(a_2),r_2(a_9),w_2(a_9),r_2(a_{10}),w_2(a_{10}),c_1$

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Assume we have accounts: a_1,a_2,a_9,a_{10}

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COMMIT;
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Schedules

- A **schedule S** for a set of transactions $T = \{T_1, \ldots, T_n\}$ is an partial order over operations of T so that
  - **S** contains a prefix of the operations of each T_i
  - Operations of Ti appear in the same order in **S** as in Ti
  - For any two conflicting operations they are ordered

Note

- For simplicity: We often assume that the schedule is a total order

How to model execution order?

- Schedules model the order of the execution for operations of a set of transactions

Conflicting Operations

- Two operations are conflicting if
  - At least one of them is a write
  - Both are accessing the same data item
- Intuition
  - The order of execution for conflicting operations can influence result!

Conflicting Operations

- Examples
  - $w_1(X)$, $r_2(X)$ are conflicting
  - $w_1(X)$, $w_2(Y)$ are not conflicting
  - $r_1(X)$, $r_2(X)$ are not conflicting
  - $w_1(X)$, $w_1(X)$ are not conflicting

Complete Schedules = History

- A **schedule S** for T is complete if it contains all operations from each transaction in T
- We will call complete schedules **histories**

$T_1=r_1(a_{10}),w_1(a_{10}),r_1(a_9),w_1(a_9),c_1$

$T_2=r_2(a_1),w_2(a_1),r_2(a_2),w_2(a_2),r_2(a_9),w_2(a_9),r_2(a_{10}),w_2(a_{10}),c_1$

Complete Schedule

$S=r_2(a_1),r_1(a_{10}),w_2(a_1),r_2(a_2),w_1(a_{10}),w_2(a_2),r_2(a_9),w_2(a_9),$
$r_1(a_9),w_1(a_9),c_1\ r_2(a_{10}),w_2(a_{10}),c_1$

Incomplete Schedule

$S=r_2(a_1),r_1(a_{10}),w_2(a_1),w_1(a_{10})$

Not a Schedule

$S=r_2(a_1),r_1(a_{10}),c_1$

$T_1=r_1(a_{10}),w_1(a_{10}),r_1(a_9),w_1(a_9),c_1$

$T_2=r_2(a_1),w_2(a_1),r_2(a_2),w_2(a_2),r_2(a_9),w_2(a_9),r_2(a_{10}),w_2(a_{10}),c_1$

Conflicting operations

- Conflicting operations $w_1(a_{10})$ and $w_2(a_{10})$
- Order of these operations determines value of a_{10}
- S1 and S2 do not generate the same result

$S_1 = \ldots w_2(a_1) \ldots w_1(a_{10})$

$S_2 = \ldots w_1(a_1) \ldots w_2(a_{10})$

Why Schedules?

- Study properties of different execution orders
  - Easy/Possible to recover after failure
  - Isolation
  - -> preserve ACID properties
- Classes of schedules and protocols to guarantee that only "good" schedules are produced