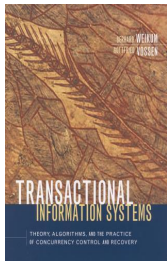


Transactional Information Systems:

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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“Nothing is as practical as a good theory.” (Albert Einstein)

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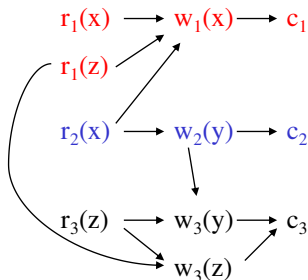
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Definition 3.2 (Serial history):

A history s is **serial** if for any two transactions t_i and t_j in s , where $i \neq j$, all operations from t_i are ordered in s before all operations from t_j or vice versa.

Example Schedules and Notation

Example 3.4:



$\text{trans}(s) :=$

$\{t_i \mid s \text{ contains step of } t_i\}$

$\text{commit}(s) :=$

$\{t_i \in \text{trans}(s) \mid c_i \in s\}$

$\text{abort}(s) :=$

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$\text{active}(s) :=$

$\text{trans}(s) - (\text{commit}(s) \cup \text{abort}(s))$

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Correctness of Schedules

1. Define equivalence relation \approx on set S of all schedules.
 2. “Good” schedules are those in the equivalence classes of serial schedules.
- Equivalence must be efficiently decidable.
 - “Good” equivalence classes should be “sufficiently large”.

For the moment,
disregard aborts: assume that all transactions are committed.

Activity

- What is an equivalence relation?
- List the three defining conditions!

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Definition 3.5 (Schedule Semantics):

The **Herbrand semantics of a schedule** s is the mapping

$H[s]: D \rightarrow HU$ defined by $H[s](x) := H_s[w_i(x)]$,

where $w_i(x)$ is the last operation from s writing x , for each $x \in D$.

Herbrand Semantics: Example

$s = w_0(x) w_0(y) c_0 r_1(x) r_2(y) w_2(x) w_1(y) c_2 c_1$

$$H_s[w_0(x)] = f_{0x}()$$

$$H_s[w_0(y)] = f_{0y}()$$

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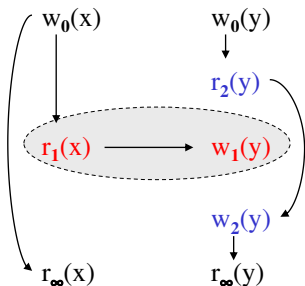
Definition 3.8 (Final State Serializability):

A schedule s is **final state serializable** if there is a serial schedule s' s.t. $s \approx_f s'$. FSR denotes the class of all final-state serializable histories.

FSR: Example 3.9

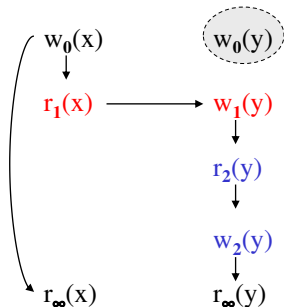
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Observation: VSR properly captures our intuition

Relationship Between VSR and FSR

Theorem 3.3:

$VSR \subset FSR$.

Theorem 3.4:

Let s be a history without dead steps. Then $s \in VSR$ iff $s \in FSR$.

On the Complexity of Testing VSR

Theorem 3.5:

The problem of deciding for a given schedule s whether $s \in \text{VSR}$ holds is NP-complete.

Properties of VSR

Definition 3.11 (Monotone Classes of Histories)

Let s be a schedule and $T \subseteq \text{trans}(s)$. $\Pi_T(s)$ denotes the projection of s onto T .

A class E of histories is called **monotone** if the following holds:

if s is in E , then $\Pi_T(s)$ is in E for each $T \subseteq \text{trans}(s)$.

VSR is not monotone.

Example:

$s = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(y) c_1 w_3(x) w_3(y) c_3$

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Properties of CSR

Theorem 3.8:

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Example: $s = w_1(x) w_2(x) w_2(y) c_2 w_1(y) c_1 w_3(x) w_3(y) c_3$
 $s \in VSR$, but $s \notin CSR$.

Theorem 3.9:

- (i) CSR is monotone.
- (ii) $s \in CSR \Leftrightarrow \Pi_T(s) \in VSR$ for all $T \subseteq \text{trans}(s)$
(i.e., CSR is the largest monotone subset of VSR).

Activity

- What is a directed graph?
- Think of ways to associate a graph with a schedule!

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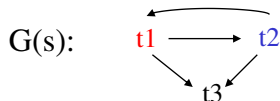
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Activity

- What is a characterization (in a mathematical sense)?
- How do you prove a necessary and sufficient condition?
- What needs to be shown for the serializability theorem?

Proof of the Conflict-Graph Theorem

- (i) Let s be a schedule in CSR. So there is a serial schedule s' with $\text{conf}(s) = \text{conf}(s')$.

Now assume that $G(s)$ has a cycle $t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_k \rightarrow t_1$.

This implies that there are pairs $(p_1, q_2), (p_2, q_3), \dots, (p_k, q_1)$

with $p_i \in t_i, q_i \in t_i, p_i <_s q_{(i+1)}$, and p_i in conflict with $q_{(i+1)}$.

Because $s' \approx_c s$, it also implies that $p_i <_{s'} q_{(i+1)}$.

Because s' is serial, we obtain $t_i <_{s'} t_{(i+1)}$ for $i=1, \dots, k-1$, and $t_k <_{s'} t_1$.

By transitivity we infer $t_1 <_{s'} t_2$ and $t_2 <_{s'} t_1$, which is impossible.

This contradiction shows that the initial assumption is wrong. So $G(s)$ is acyclic.

- (ii) Let $G(s)$ be acyclic. So it must have at least one source node.

The following topological sort produces a total order $<$ of transactions:

- start with a source node (i.e., a node without incoming edges),
- remove this node and all its outgoing edges,
- iterate a) and b) until all nodes have been added to the sorted list.

The total transaction ordering order $<$ preserves the edges in $G(s)$;

therefore it yields a serial schedule s' for which $s' \approx_c s$.

Commutativity and Ordering Rules

Commutativity rules:

C1: $r_i(x) r_j(y) \sim r_j(y) r_i(x)$ if $i \neq j$

C2: $r_i(x) w_j(y) \sim w_j(y) r_i(x)$ if $i \neq j$ and $x \neq y$

C3: $w_i(x) w_j(y) \sim w_j(y) w_i(x)$ if $i \neq j$ and $x \neq y$

Ordering rule:

C4: $o_i(x), p_j(y)$ unordered $\sim \rightarrow o_i(x) p_j(y)$
if $x \neq y$ or both o and p are reads

Example for transformations of schedules:

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Corollary 3.5:

Schedule s is commutativity-based reducible iff $s \in CSR$.

Order Preserving Conflict Serializability

Definition 3.18 (Order Preservation):

Schedule s is **order preserving conflict serializable** if it is conflict equivalent to a serial schedule s' and for all $t, t' \in \text{trans}(s)$: if t completely precedes t' in s , then the same holds in s' . OCSR denotes the class of all schedules with this property.

Theorem 3.12:

$\text{OCSR} \subset \text{CSR}$.

Example 3.13:

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Definition 3.20 (Closure Properties of Schedule Classes):

Let E be a class of schedules.

For schedule s let $CP(s)$ denote the projection $\Pi_{\text{commit}(s)}(s)$.

E is **prefix-closed** if the following holds: $s \in E \Leftrightarrow p \in E$ for each prefix of s .

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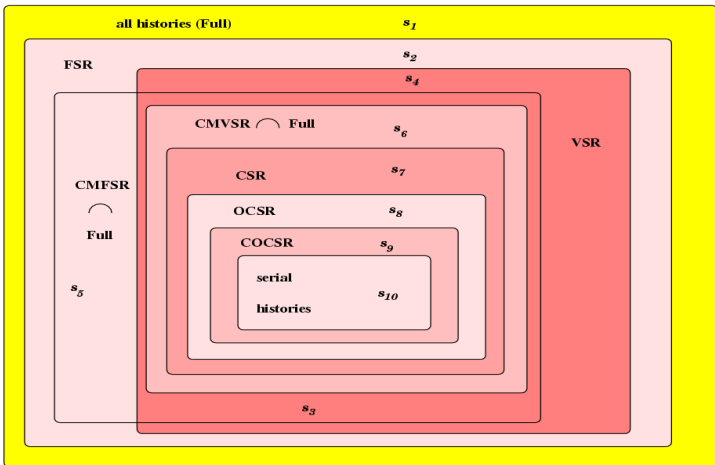
Schedule s is **commit- Θ -serializable** if $CP(p)$ is Θ -serializable for each prefix p of s , where Θ can be FSR, VSR, or CSR.

The resulting classes of commit- Θ -serializable schedules are denoted CMFSR, CMVSR, and CMCSR.

Theorem 3.17:

- (i) CMFSR, CMVSR, CMCSR are prefix-commit-closed.
- (ii) $CMCSR \subset CMVSR \subset CMFSR$

Landscape of History Classes



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Interleaving Specifications: Motivation

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Possible schedules:

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Observations: application may tolerate non-CSR schedules
a priori knowledge of all transactions impractical

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$$IU(t_3, t_1) = \langle [w_3(x) w_3(y)], [w_3(z)] \rangle$$

$$IU(t_3, t_2) = \langle [w_3(x) w_3(y)], [w_3(z)] \rangle$$

Indivisible Units

Definition 3.22 (Indivisible Units):

Let $T = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ be a set of transactions. For $t_i, t_j \in T, t_i \neq t_j$, an **indivisible unit of t_i relative to t_j** is a sequence of consecutive steps of t_i s.t. no operations of t_j are allowed to interleave with this sequence.

$IU(t_i, t_j)$ denotes the ordered sequence of indivisible units of t_i relative to t_j .

$IU_k(t_i, t_j)$ denotes the k^{th} element of $IU(t_i, t_j)$.

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$$IU(t_3, t_1) = \langle [w_3(x) w_3(y)], [w_3(z)] \rangle$$

$$IU(t_3, t_2) = \langle [w_3(x) w_3(y)], [w_3(z)] \rangle$$

Example 3.15:

$s_1 = r_2(y) r_1(x) w_1(x) w_2(y) r_2(x) w_1(z) w_3(x) w_3(y) r_1(y) w_3(z) \rightarrow$ respects all IUs

$s_2 = r_1(x) r_2(y) w_2(y) w_1(x) r_2(x) w_1(z) r_1(y) \rightarrow$ violates $IU_1(t_1, t_2)$ and $IU_2(t_2, t_1)$
but is conflict equivalent to an allowed schedule

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Definition 3.23 (Dependence of Steps):

Step q directly **depends on** step p in schedule s , denoted $p \sim \rightarrow q$, if $p <_s q$ and either p, q belong to the same transaction t and $p <_t q$ or p and q are in conflict. $\sim \rightarrow^*$ denotes the reflexive and transitive closure of $\sim \rightarrow$.

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s is **relatively serial** if for all transactions t_i, t_j : if $q \in t_j$ is interleaved with some $IU_k(t_i, t_j)$, then there is no operation $p \in IU_k(t_i, t_j)$ s.t. $p \sim \rightarrow^* q$ or $q \sim \rightarrow^* p$

Example 3.16:

$s_3 = r_1(x) r_2(y) w_1(x) w_2(y) w_3(x) w_1(z) w_3(y) r_2(x) r_1(y) w_3(z)$

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Definition 3.25 (Relatively Serializable Schedule):

s is **relatively serializable** if it is conflict equivalent to a relatively serial schedule.

Example 3.17:

$s_4 = r_1(x) r_2(y) w_2(y) w_1(x) w_3(x) r_2(x) w_1(z) w_3(y) r_1(y) w_3(z)$

Relative Serialization Graph

Definition 3.26 (Push Forward and Pull Backward):

Let $IU_k(t_i, t_j)$ be an IU of t_i relative to t_j . For an operation $p_i \in IU_k(t_i, t_j)$ let

- (i) $F(p_i, t_j)$ be the last operation in $IU_k(t_i, t_j)$ and
- (ii) $B(p_i, t_j)$ be the first operation in $IU_k(t_i, t_j)$.

Definition 3.27 (Relative Serialization Graph):

The **relative serialization graph RSG(s)** = (V, E) of schedule s is a graph with vertices $V := op(s)$ and edge set $E \subseteq V \times V$ containing four types of edges:

- (i) for consecutive operations p, q of the same transaction $(p, q) \in E$ (*I-edge*)
- (ii) if $p \rightsquigarrow^* q$ for $p \in t_i, q \in t_j, t_i \neq t_j$, then $(p, q) \in E$ (*D-edge*)
- (iii) if (p, q) is a D-edge with $p \in t_i, q \in t_j$, then $(F(p, t_j), q) \in E$ (*F-edge*)
- (iv) if (p, q) is a D-edge with $p \in t_i, q \in t_j$, then $(p, B(q, t_j)) \in E$ (*B-edge*)

Theorem 3.18:

A schedule s is relatively serializable iff $RSG(s)$ is acyclic.

RSG Example

Example 3.19:

$$t_1 = w_1(x) r_1(z)$$

$$t_2 = r_2(x) w_2(y)$$

$$t_3 = r_3(z) r_3(y)$$

$$IU(t_1, t_2) = \langle [w_1(x) r_1(z)] \rangle$$

$$IU(t_1, t_3) = \langle [w_1(x)], [r_1(z)] \rangle$$

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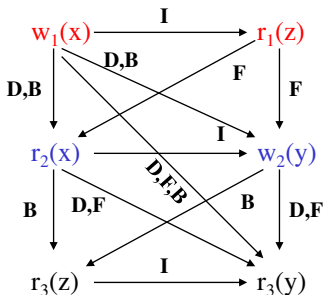
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$$IU(t_3, t_2) = \langle [r_3(z) r_3(y)] \rangle$$

$$s_5 = w_1(x) r_2(x) r_3(z) w_2(y) r_3(y) r_1(z)$$

RSG(s_5):



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Lessons Learned

- Equivalence to serial history is a natural correctness criterion
- CSR, albeit less general than VSR,
is most appropriate for
 - complexity reasons
 - its monotonicity property
 - its generalizability to semantically rich operations
- OCSR and COCSR have additional beneficial properties