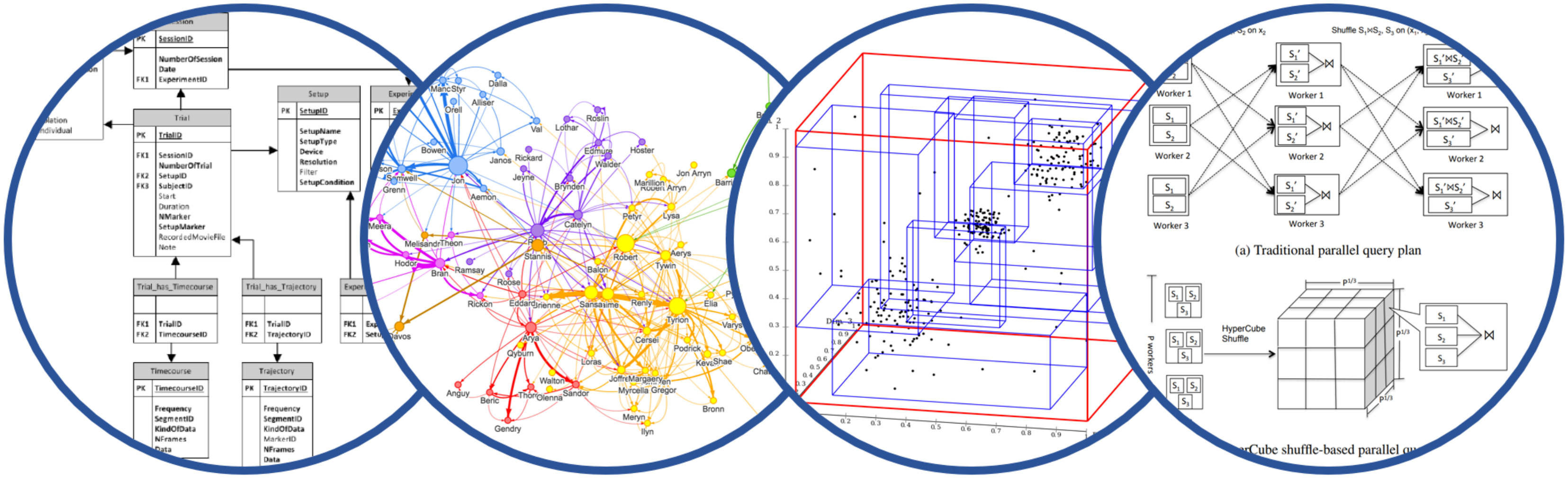

Database System Internals

Optimistic Concurrency Control

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Announcements

- Quizzes are cancelled this quarter
  - Less cognitive load
  - Hopefully gives more time to think about homework/labs

About Lab 3

- In lab 3, we implement transactions
- Focus on concurrency control
  - Want to run many transactions at the same time
  - Transactions want to read and write same pages
  - Will use locks to ensure conflict serializable execution
  - Use strict 2PL
- Build your own lock manager
  - Understand how locking works in depth
  - Ensure transactions rather than threads hold locks
    - Many threads can execute different pieces of the same transaction
    - Need to detect deadlocks and resolve them by aborting a transaction
  - But use Java synchronization to protect your data structures

Recap

- Several types of schedules:
  - Serializable, conflict serializable, view serializable
  - Recoverable, without cascading aborts
- 2PL guarantees conflict serializable schedules
- Strict 2PL also guarantees no-cascading-aborts
- Locking manager: inserts lock/unlock, manages locks
- Types of locks: shared, exclusive

Isolation Levels in SQL

1. "Dirty reads"
   SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED

2. "Committed reads"
   SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ COMMITTED

3. "Repeatable reads"
   SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL REPEATABLE READ

4. Serializable transactions
   SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE

ACID

1. Isolation Level: Dirty Reads

- "Long duration" WRITE locks
  - Strict 2PL
- No READ locks
  - Read-only transactions are never delayed

Possible problems:
dirty and inconsistent reads

2. Isolation Level: Read Committed

- "Long duration" WRITE locks
  - Strict 2PL
- "Short duration" READ locks
  - Only acquire lock while reading (not 2PL)

Unrepeatable reads
When reading same element twice, may get two different values

3. Isolation Level: Repeatable Read

- "Long duration" WRITE locks
  - Strict 2PL
- "Long duration" READ locks
  - Strict 2PL

This is not serializable yet !!!

Why ?

4. Isolation Level Serializable

- "Long duration" WRITE locks
  - Strict 2PL
- "Long duration" READ locks
  - Strict 2PL
- Predicate locking
  - To deal with phantoms

READ-ONLY Transactions

```
Client 1: START TRANSACTION
    INSERT INTO SmallProduct(name, price)
        SELECT pname, price
        FROM Product
        WHERE price <= 0.99

    DELETE  FROM Product
         WHERE price <=0.99
    COMMIT

Client 2: SET TRANSACTION READ ONLY
    START TRANSACTION
    SELECT count(*)
    FROM Product

    SELECT count(*)
    FROM SmallProduct
    COMMIT
```

May improve performance

Commercial Systems

Always check documentation!

- DB2: Strict 2PL
- SQL Server:
  - Strict 2PL for standard 4 levels of isolation
  - Multiversion concurrency control for snapshot isolation
- PostgreSQL: Snapshot isolation; recently: seralizable Snapshot isolation (!)
- Oracle: Snapshot isolation

Pessimistic vs. Optimistic

- Pessimistic CC (locking)
  - Prevents unserializable schedules
  - Never abort for serializability (but may abort for deadlocks)
  - Best for workloads with high levels of contention
- Optimistic CC (timestamp, multi-version, validation)
  - Assume schedule will be serializable
  - Abort when conflicts detected
  - Best for workloads with low levels of contention

Outline

- Concurrency control by timestamps (18.8)
- Concurrency control by validation (18.9)
- Snapshot Isolation

Timestamps

- Each transaction receives unique timestamp TS(T)

Could be:

- The system's clock
- A unique counter, incremented by the scheduler

Timestamps

Main invariant:

> The timestamp order defines
> the serialization order of the transaction

Will generate a schedule that is view-equivalent to a serial schedule, and recoverable

Main Idea

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- Should it allow it to proceed? Wait? Abort?
- Consider these cases:

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If transactions abort, we must **reset the timestamps**

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When T requests $r_T(X)$, need to check $TS(U) \le TS(T)$

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what about WT(X)?

Otherwise, WRITE and update WT(X) =TS(T)

Thomas' Rule

But… we can still handle it in one case:

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START(T) … START(V) … $w_V(X)$ . . . $w_T(X)$

Thomas' Rule

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If RT(X) ≤ TS(T) and WT(X) > TS(T)
then don't write X at all !

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View serializable!

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If $RT(X) > TS(T)$ then ROLLBACK

Else if $WT(X) > TS(T)$ ignore write & continue

(Thomas Write Rule)

Otherwise, WRITE and update WT(X) =TS(T)

View-serializable

Simplified TS-based Schedule (no Aborts)

- The simplified timestamp-based scheduling with Thomas' rule ensures that the schedule is view-serializable

Ensuring Recoverable Schedules

Recall:

- Schedule without cascading aborts:
  when a transaction reads an element, then transaction that wrote it must have already committed

- Use the commit bit C(X) to keep track if the transaction that **last wrote** X has committed
  (just a read will not change the commit bit)

Ensuring Recoverable Schedules

Read dirty data:

- T wants to read X, and WT(X) < TS(T)
- Seems OK, but…

START(U) … START(T) … $w_U(X)$. . . $r_T(X)$. . . ABORT(U)

If C(X)=false, T needs to wait for it to become true

Ensuring Recoverable Schedules

Thomas' rule needs to be revised:

- T wants to write X, and WT(X) > TS(T)
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START(T) … START(U)… w_U(X). . . w_T(X)… ABORT(U)

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Timestamp-based Scheduling

- When a transaction T requests $r_T(X)$ or $w_T(X)$, the scheduler examines RT(X), WT(X), C(X), and decides one of:

  - To grant the request, or
  - To rollback T (and restart with later timestamp)
  - To delay T until C(X) = true

Timestamp-based Scheduling

RULES including commit bit

- There are 4 long rules in Sec. 18.8.4
- You should be able to derive them yourself, based on the previous slides
- Make sure you understand them !

READING ASSIGNMENT:
Garcia-Molina et al. 18.8.4

Timestamp-based Scheduling (sec. 18.8.4)

Transaction wants to READ element X
If WT(X) > TS(T) then ROLLBACK
Else If C(X) = false, then WAIT
Else READ and update RT(X) to larger of TS(T) or RT(X)

Transaction wants to WRITE element X
If RT(X) > TS(T) then ROLLBACK
Else if WT(X) > TS(T)
Then If C(X) = false then WAIT
else IGNORE write (Thomas Write Rule)
Otherwise, WRITE, and update WT(X)=TS(T), C(X)=false

Basic Timestamps with Commit Bit

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A
1	2	3	4	RT=0 WT=0 C=true

Time ↓

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$R_1(A)$				RT=0	

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				RT=0	
$R_1(A)$					
Abort					

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					RT=0	
	$R_1(A)$					
	Abort					
			$R_3(A)$			

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	$W_2(A)$			WT=2	C=false
				RT=0	
$R_1(A)$					
Abort					
		$R_3(A)$			
		Delay			

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	$W_2(A)$			WT=2 C=false
$R_1(A)$				RT=0
Abort				
		$R_3(A)$		
		Delay		
	C			

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				RT=0	
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Abort					
		$R_3(A)$			
		Delay			
	C				C=true

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		$R_3(A)$		
Abort				
		Delay		
	C			C=true
		$R_3(A)$		

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1	2	3	4	RT=0
				WT=0 C=true
	$W_2(A)$			WT=2 C=false
$R_1(A)$				RT=0
Abort		$R_3(A)$		
		Delay		
	C			C=true
		$R_3(A)$		RT=3

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				WT=0	C=true
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				RT=0	
$R_1(A)$					
Abort					
		$R_3(A)$			
		Delay			
	C				C=true
		$R_3(A)$		RT=3	
			$W_4(A)$		

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	$W_2(A)$			WT=2	C=false
				RT=0	
$R_1(A)$					
Abort					
		$R_3(A)$			
		Delay			
	C				C=true
		$R_3(A)$		RT=3	
			$W_4(A)$	WT=4	C=false

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				RT=0	
$R_1(A)$					
Abort		$R_3(A)$			
		Delay			
	C				C=true
		$R_3(A)$		RT=3	
			$W_4(A)$	WT=4	C=false
		$W_3(A)$			

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Abort					
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		Delay			
	C				C=true
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		$W_3(A)$			
		delay			

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		Delay			
	C				C=true
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		$W_3(A)$			
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		Delay			
	C				C=true
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		delay			
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		Delay			
	C				C=true
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			$W_4(A)$	WT=4	C=false
		$W_3(A)$			
		delay			
			abort	WT=2	C=true
		W3(A)			

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		Delay			
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		$W_3(A)$			
		delay			
			abort	WT=2	C=true
		W3(A)		WT=3	C=false

Summary of Timestamp-based Scheduling

- View-serializable
- Avoids cascading aborts (hence: recoverable)
- Does NOT handle phantoms
  - These need to be handled separately, e.g. predicate locks

Multiversion Timestamp

- When transaction T requests r(X) but WT(X) > TS(T), then T must rollback

- Idea: keep multiple versions of X: $X_t, X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \ldots$

  $TS(X_t) > TS(X_{t-1}) > TS(X_{t-2}) > \ldots$

Example (in class)

TS(T)=6

X_3 X_9 X_{12} X_{18}

$R_6(X)$ -- what happens?

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When can we delete X_3? When min TS(T)> 9

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  - $RT(X_t)$ must still be maintained to check legality of writes
    keep only the largest value

- Can delete X_t if we have a later version X_{t1} and all active transactions T have TS(T) > t1

Example w/ Basic Timestamps

	T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A
Timestamps:	1	2	3	4	RT=0 WT=0
	$R_1(A)$				RT=1
	$W_1(A)$				WT=1
			$R_3(A)$		RT=3
			$W_3(A)$		WT=3
		$R_2(A)$			
		Abort			
				$R_4(A)$	RT=4

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0
1	2	3	4	
$R_1(A)$				RT=1

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0
1	2	3	4	
$R_1(A)$				RT=1
$W_1(A)$				

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1
1	2	3	4		
$R_1(A)$				RT=1	
$W_1(A)$					Create

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1
1	2	3	4		
$R_1(A)$				RT=1	
$W_1(A)$					Create
		$R_3(A)$			

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1
1	2	3	4		
$R_1(A)$				RT=1	
$W_1(A)$					Create
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1
1	2	3	4		
$R_1(A)$				RT=1	
$W_1(A)$					Create
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3
		$W_3(A)$			

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create
	$R_2(A)$					

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create
	$R_2(A)$				RT=2	

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create
	$R_2(A)$				~~RT=2~~	

Keep only max RT

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create
	$R_2(A)$				~~RT=2~~	
	$W_2(A)$					

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create
	$R_2(A)$				~~RT=2~~	
	$W_2(A)$					
	abort					

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create
	$R_2(A)$				~~RT=2~~	
	$W_2(A)$					
	abort					
			$R_4(A)$			

Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	A_0	A_1	A_3
1	2	3	4			
$R_1(A)$				RT=1		
$W_1(A)$					Create	
		$R_3(A)$			RT=3	
		$W_3(A)$				Create
	$R_2(A)$				~~RT=2~~	
	$W_2(A)$					
	abort					
			$R_4(A)$			RT=4

Second Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	T_5	A_0	A_1	A_2	A_3	A_4	A_5
1	2	3	4	5						
			$W_4(A)$							

Second Example w/ Multiversion

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	T_5	A_0	A_1	A_2	A_3	A_4	A_5
1	2	3	4	5						
			$W_4(A)$						Create	
W1(A)						Create				
	$R_2(A)$					RT=2				
		$R_3(A)$				RT=3				
	$W_2(A)$									
	abort			$R_5(A)$					RT=5	
				$W_5(A)$						Create
			$R_4(A)$						RT=5	
$R_1(A)$						RT=3				
C					X					
		C				X				

X means that we can delete this version

Multiversion Concurrency Control

- View serializable
- Avoids cascading aborts
- Handles phantoms correctly

Outline

- Concurrency control by timestamps (18.8)
- Concurrency control by validation (18.9)
- Snapshot Isolation

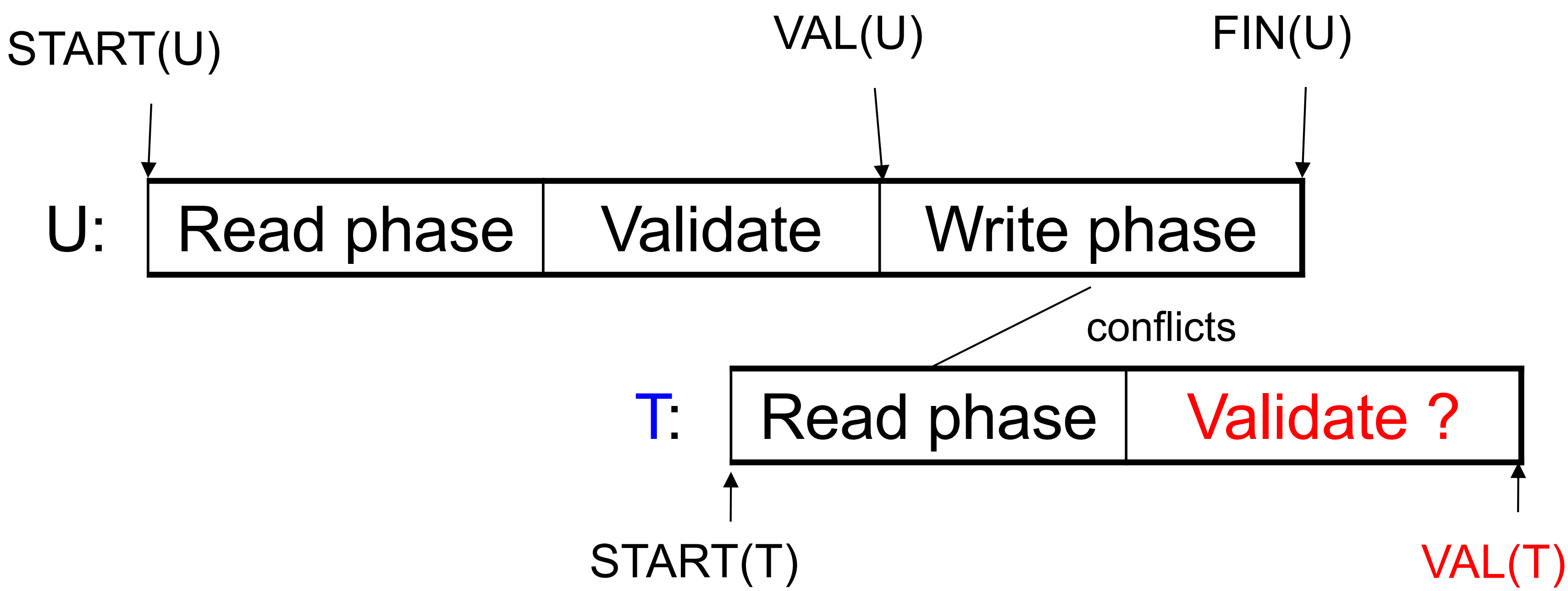
Concurrency Control by Validation

- Each transaction T defines:
  - Read set RS(T) = the elements it reads
  - Write set WS(T) = the elements it writes

- Each transaction T has three phases:
  - Read phase; time = START(T)
  - Validate phase (may need to rollback); time = VAL(T)
  - Write phase; time = FIN(T)

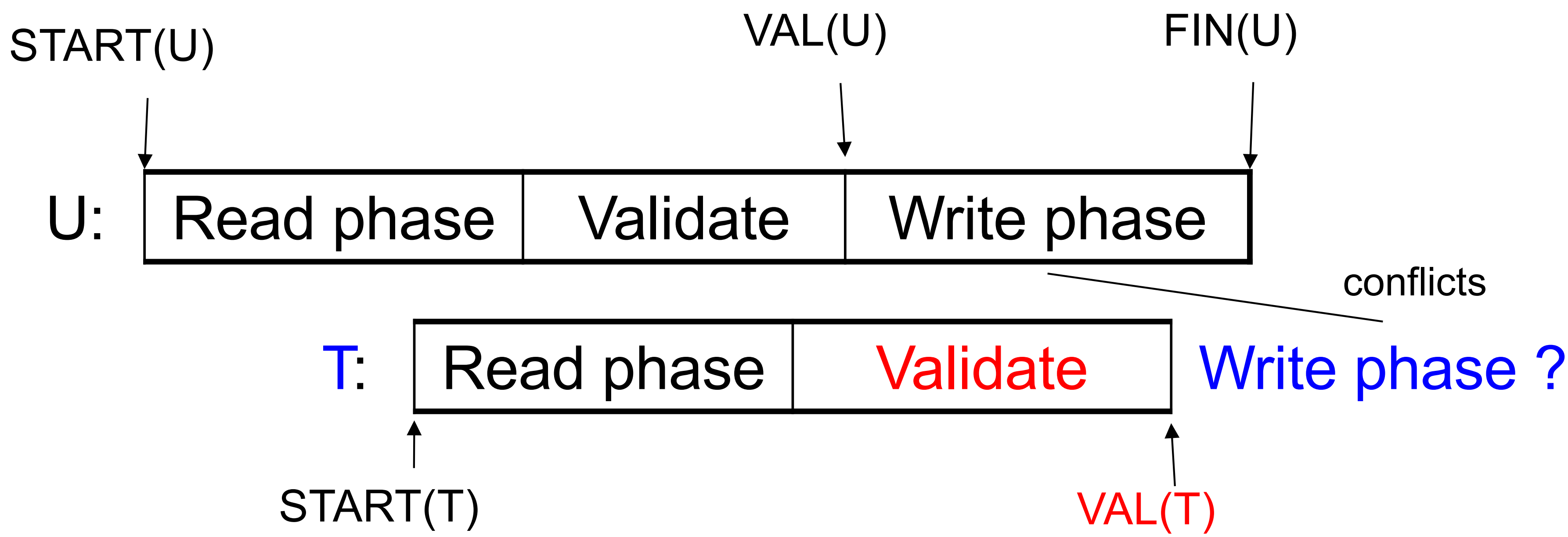
Main invariant: the serialization order is VAL(T)

Avoid $r_T(X)$ - $w_U(X)$ Conflicts



IF RS(T) ∩ WS(U) and FIN(U) > START(T)
(U has validated and U has not finished before T begun)
Then ROLLBACK(T)

Avoid $w_T(X)$ - $w_U(X)$ Conflicts



IF WS(T) ∩ WS(U) and FIN(U) > VAL(T)

(U has validated and U has not finished before T validates)

Then ROLLBACK(T)

Outline

- Concurrency control by timestamps (18.8)
- Concurrency control by validation (18.9)
- Snapshot Isolation
  - Not in the book, but good(?) overview in Wikipedia

Snapshot Isolation

- A type of multiversion concurrency control algorithm
- Combines techniques we learned:
  - Timestamps
  - Multiversion
  - Validation

- Very popular: Oracle, PostgreSQL, SQL Server 2005
- Prevents many classical anomalies BUT…
  …not serializable (!)
- "Serializable snapshot isolation" now in PostgreSQL

Snapshot Isolation Overview

- Each transactions receives a timestamp TS(T)
- Transaction T sees snapshot at time TS(T) of the database
- W/W conflicts resolved by "**first committer wins**" rule
  - Loser gets aborted
- R/W conflicts are ignored

Snapshot Isolation Details

- Multiversion concurrency control:
  - Versions of X: X_{t1}, X_{t2}, X_{t3}, . . .
- When T reads X, return $X_{TS(T)}$.
- When T writes X (to avoid lost update):
  - If latest version of X is TS(T) then proceed
  - Else if C(X) = true then abort
  - Else if C(X) = false then wait
- When T commits, write its updates to disk

What Works and What Not

- Reads are ever delayed!

- No dirty reads (Why ?)
  - Start each snapshot with consistent state
- No inconsistent reads (Why ?)
  - Two reads by the same transaction will read same snapshot
- No lost updates (“first committer wins”)

- However: read-write conflicts not caught!
  - A txn can read and commit even though the value had changed in the middle

Write Skew

```
T1:
  READ(X);
  if X >= 50
      then Y = -50; WRITE(Y)
  COMMIT
```

```
T2:
  READ(Y);
  if Y >= 50
      then X = -50; WRITE(X)
  COMMIT
```

In our notation:

$R_1(X), R_2(Y), W_1(Y), W_2(X), C_1, C_2$

Starting with X=50,Y=50, we end with X=-50, Y=-50.
Non-serializable !!!

Write Skews Can Be Serious

- Acidicland had two viceroys, Delta and Rho
- Budget had two registers: taXes, and spendYng
- They had high taxes and low spending…

```
Delta:
  READ(taXes);
  if taXes = 'High'
      then { spendYng = 'Raise';
             WRITE(spendYng) }
  COMMIT
```

```
Rho:
  READ(spendYng);
  if spendYng = 'Low'
      then {taXes = 'Cut';
            WRITE(taXes) }
  COMMIT
```

… and they ran a deficit ever since.

Discussion: Tradeoffs

- Pessimistic CC: Locks
  - Great when there are many conflicts
  - Poor when there are few conflicts

- Optimistic CC: Timestamps, Validation, SI
  - Poor when there are many conflicts (rollbacks)
  - Great when there are few conflicts

- Compromise
  - READ ONLY transactions → timestamps
  - READ/WRITE transactions → locks

Commercial Systems

Always check documentation!

- DB2: Strict 2PL
- SQL Server:
  - Strict 2PL for standard 4 levels of isolation
  - Multiversion concurrency control for snapshot isolation
- PostgreSQL: SI; recently: seralizable SI (!)
- Oracle: SI