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Two-Phase Locking



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Homework #4 will be release today. It is due Sun Nov 7th @ 11:59pm.



UPCOMING DATABASE TALK

The Pinecone Vector Database System

→ Mon Nov 1st @ 4:30pm ET



LAST CLASS

Conflict Serializable

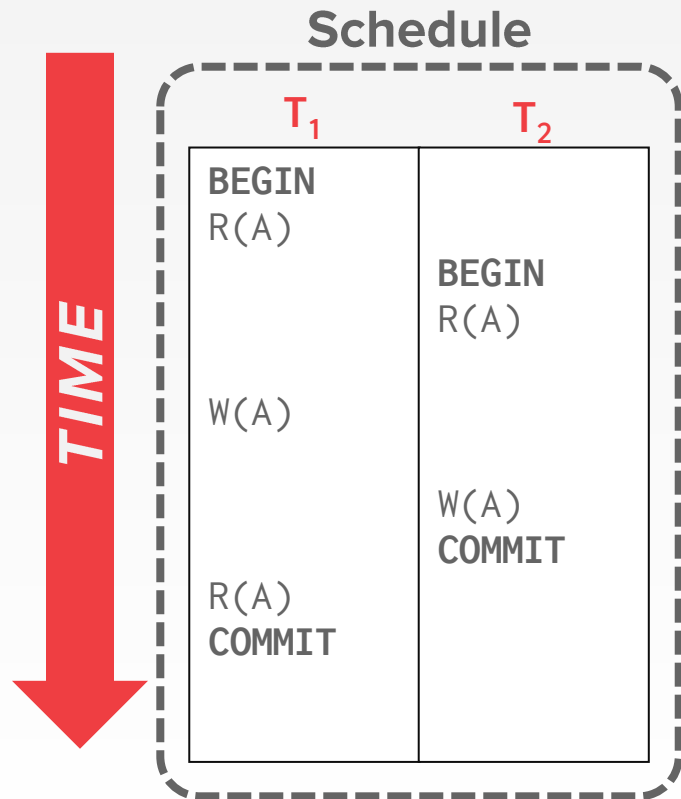
- Verify using either the "swapping" method or dependency graphs.
- Any DBMS that says that they support "serializable" isolation does this.

View Serializable

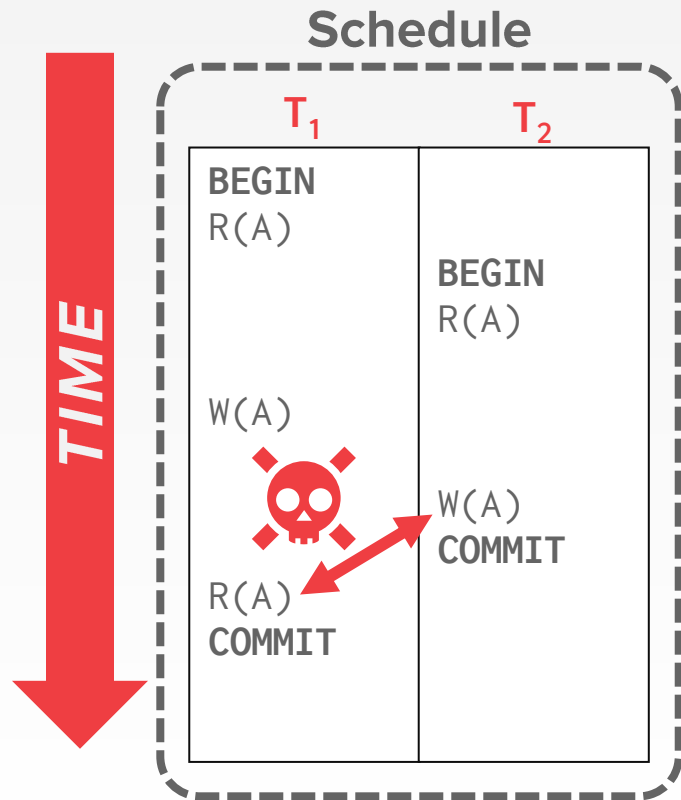
- No efficient way to verify.
- Lin doesn't know of any DBMS that supports this.



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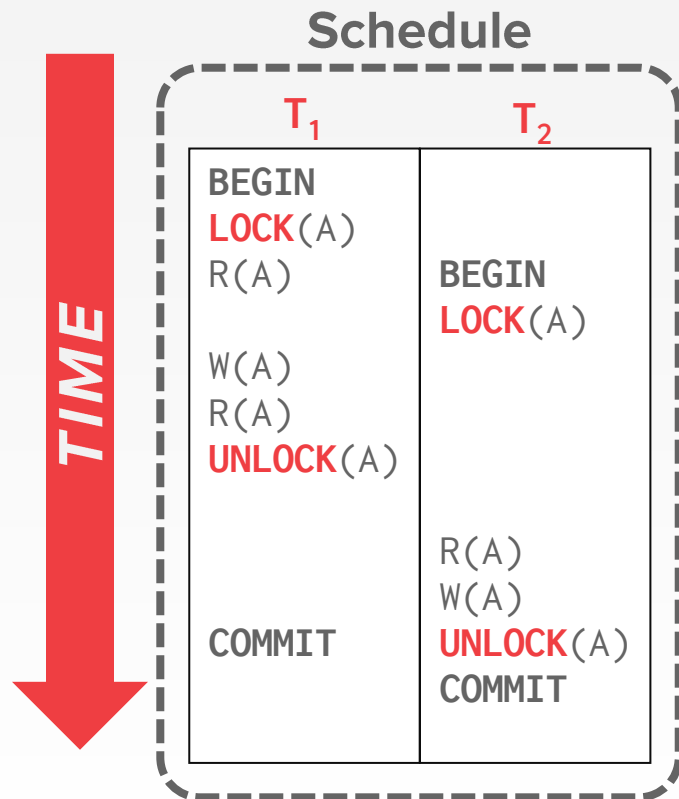
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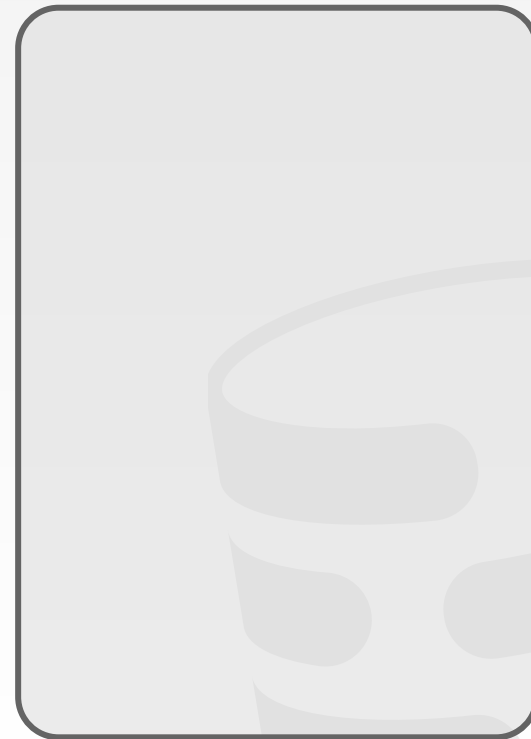
Solution: Use locks to protect database objects.



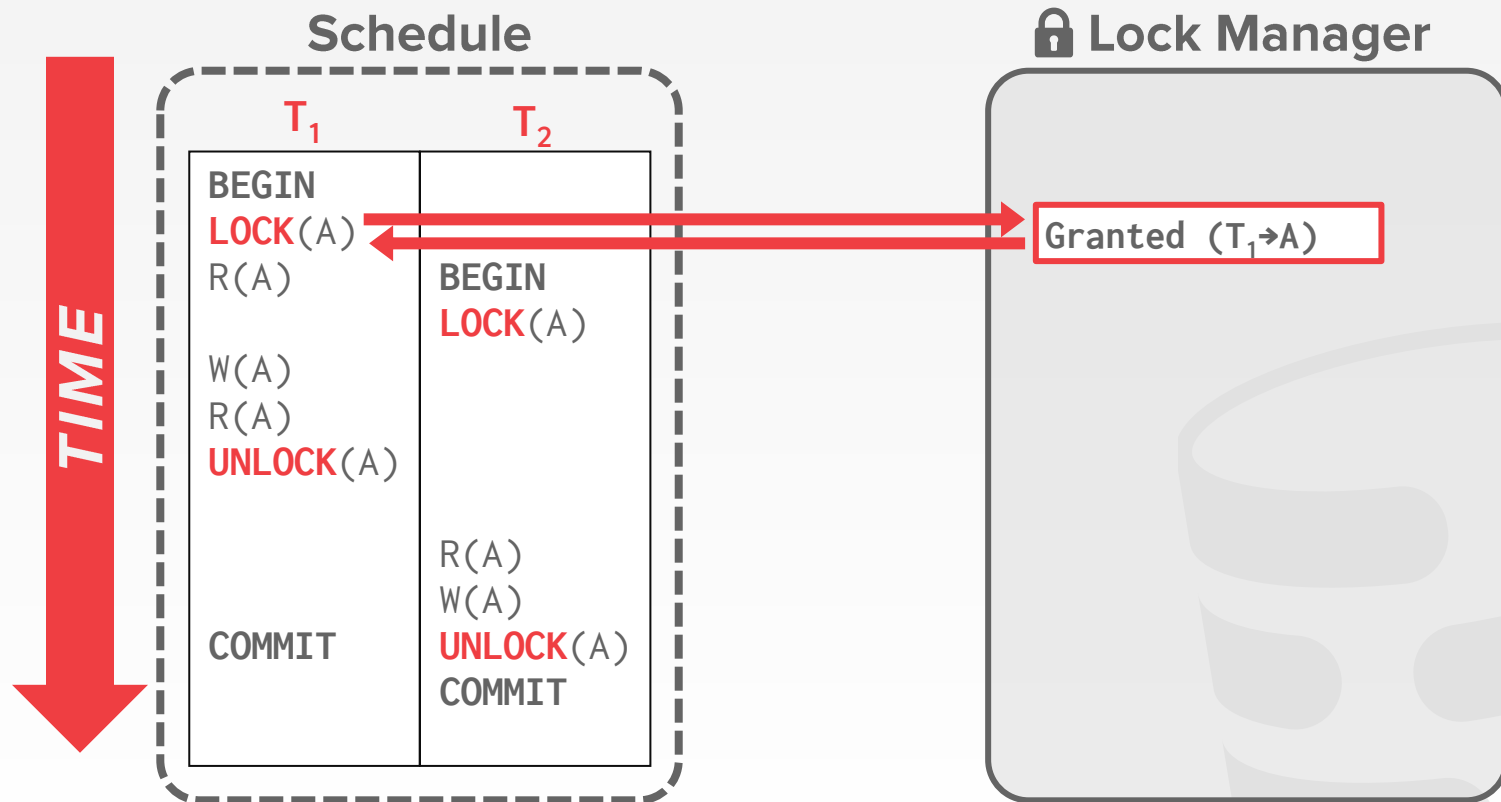
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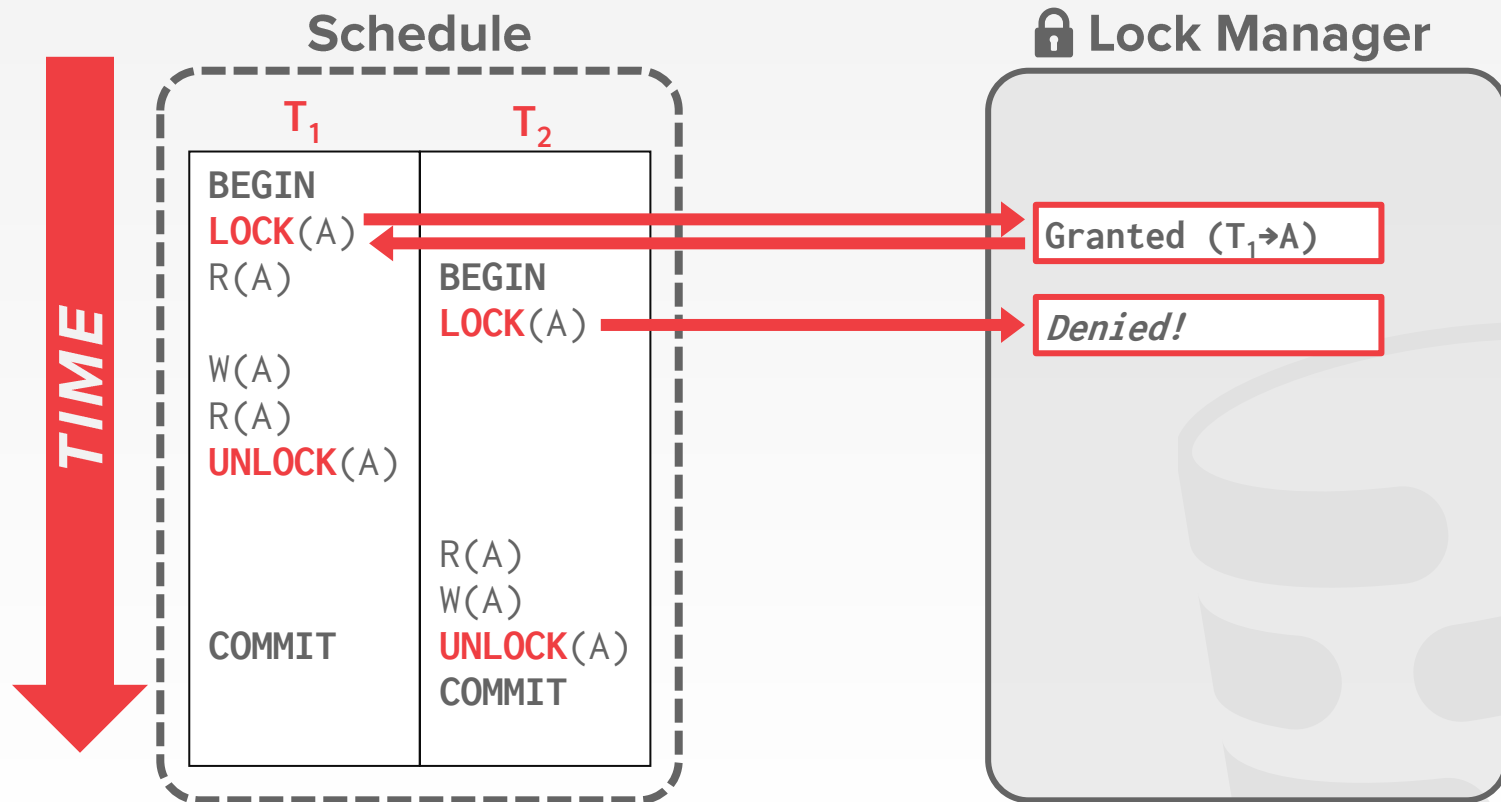
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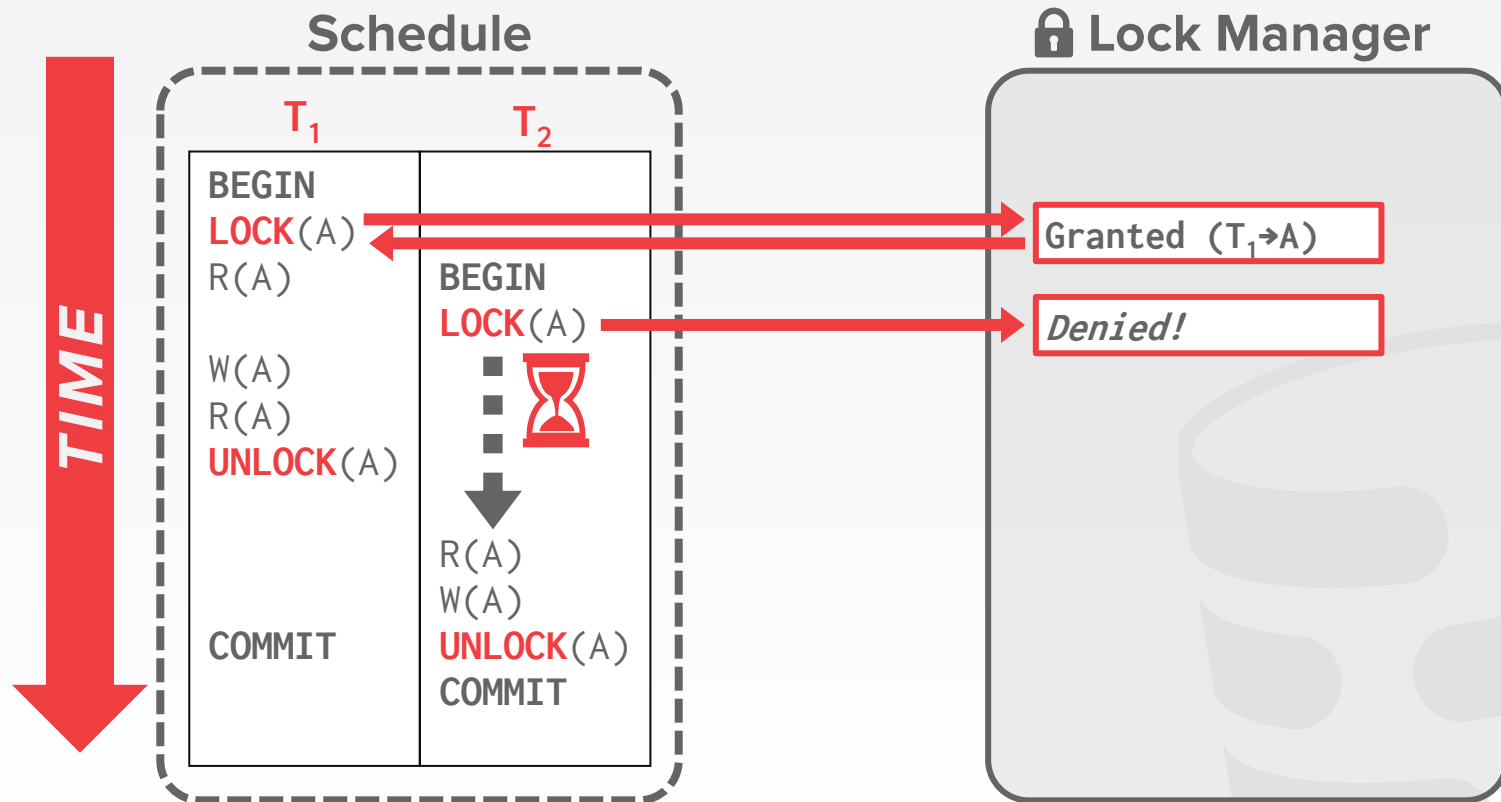
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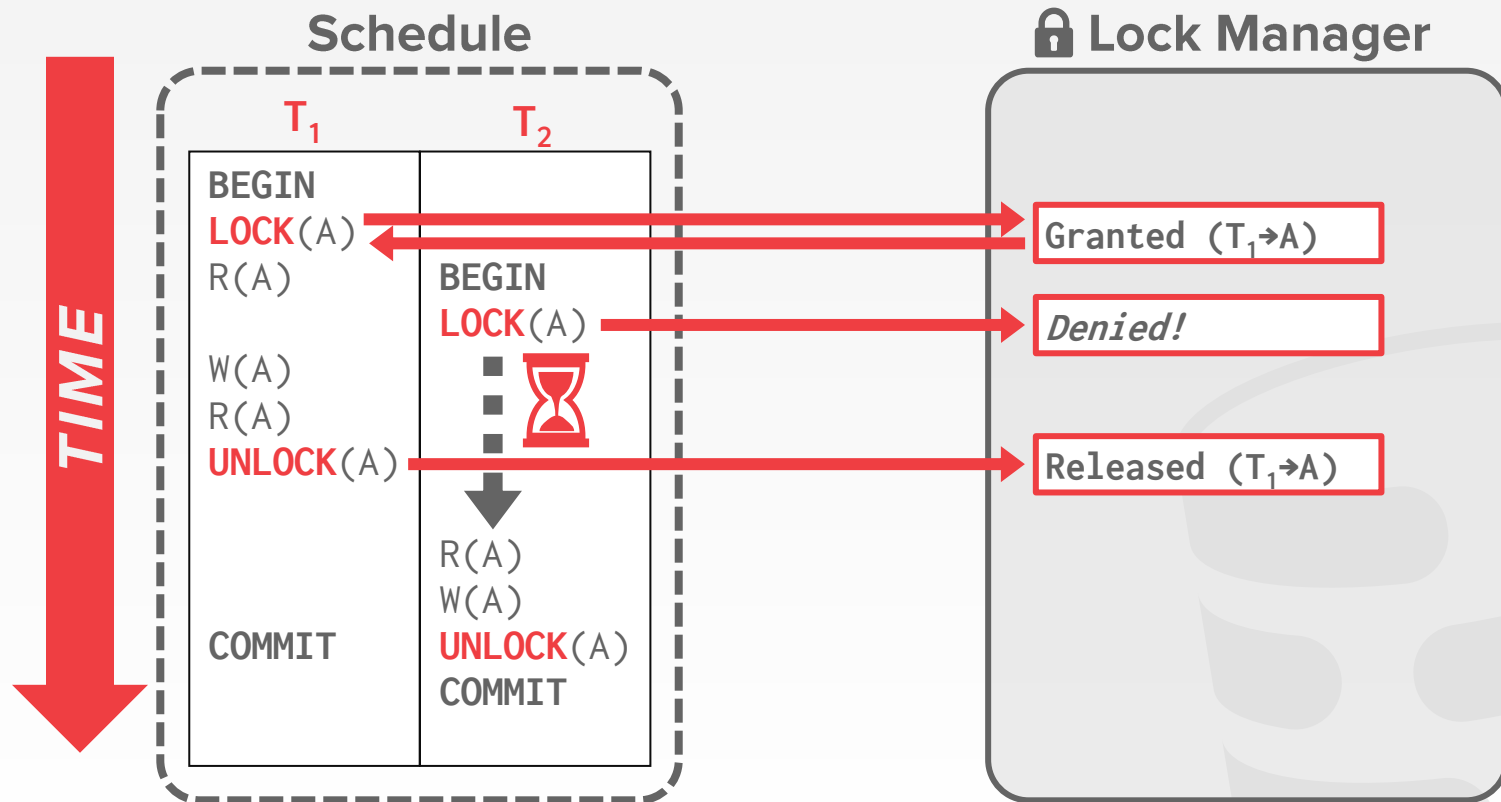
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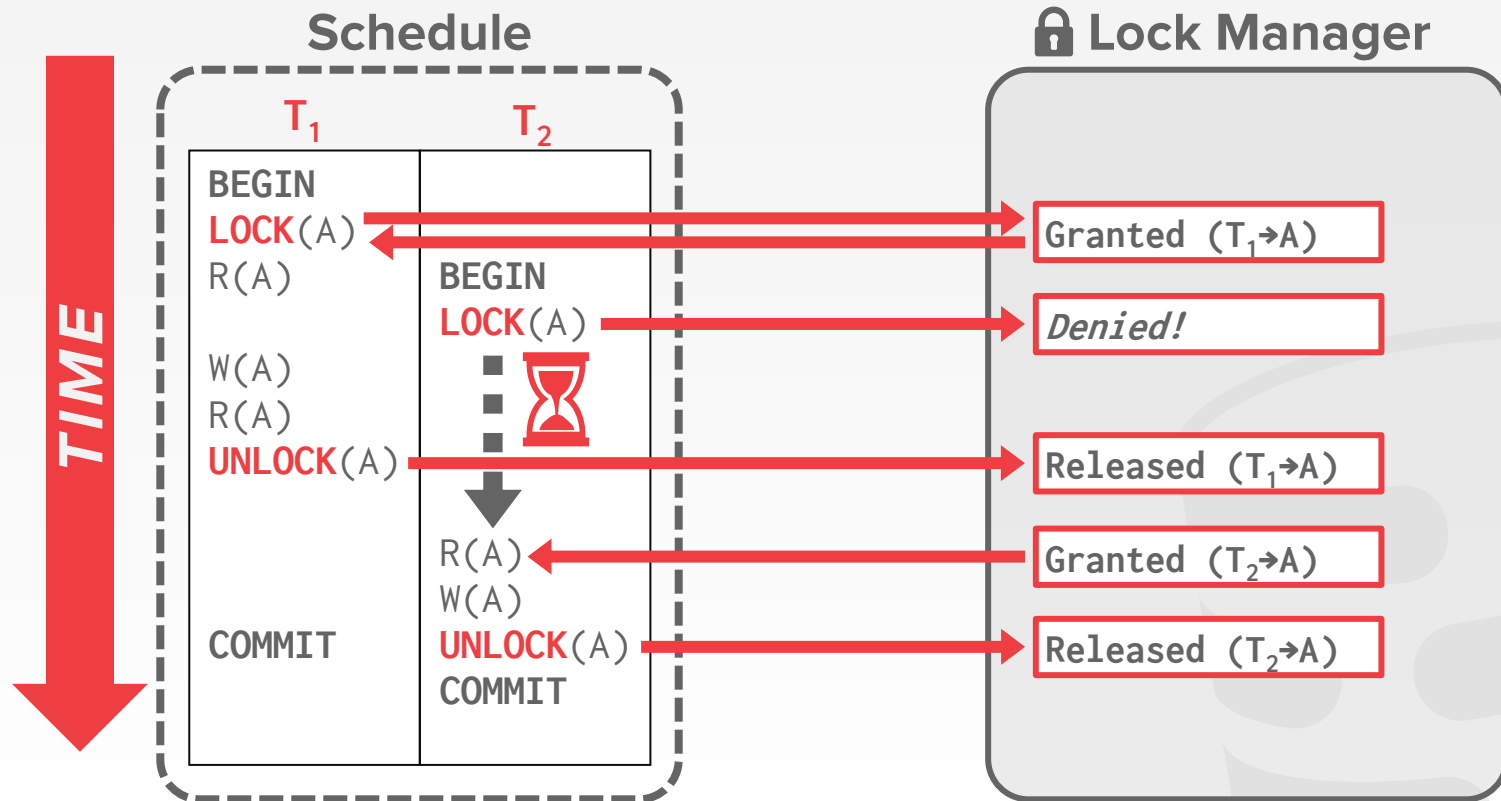
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TODAY'S AGENDA

Lock Types

Two-Phase Locking

Deadlock Detection + Prevention

Hierarchical Locking



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BASIC LOCK TYPES

S-LOCK: Shared locks for reads.

X-LOCK: Exclusive locks for writes.

	Shared	Exclusive
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Exclusive	X	X

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Transactions request locks (or upgrades).

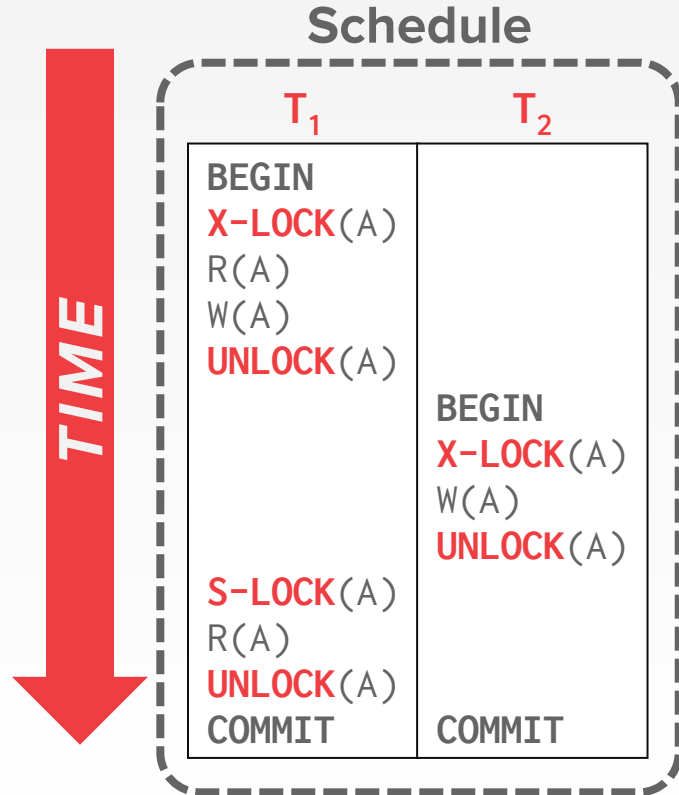
Lock manager grants or blocks requests.

Transactions release locks.

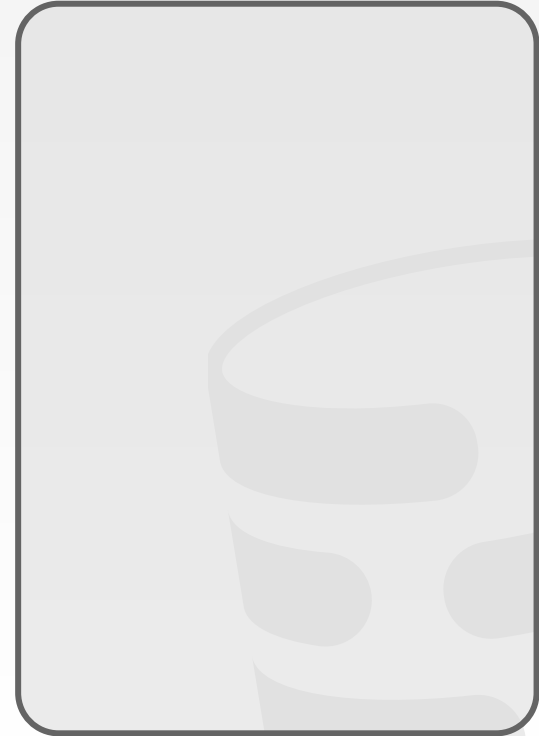
Lock manager updates its internal lock-table.

→ It keeps track of what transactions hold what locks and what transactions are waiting to acquire any locks.

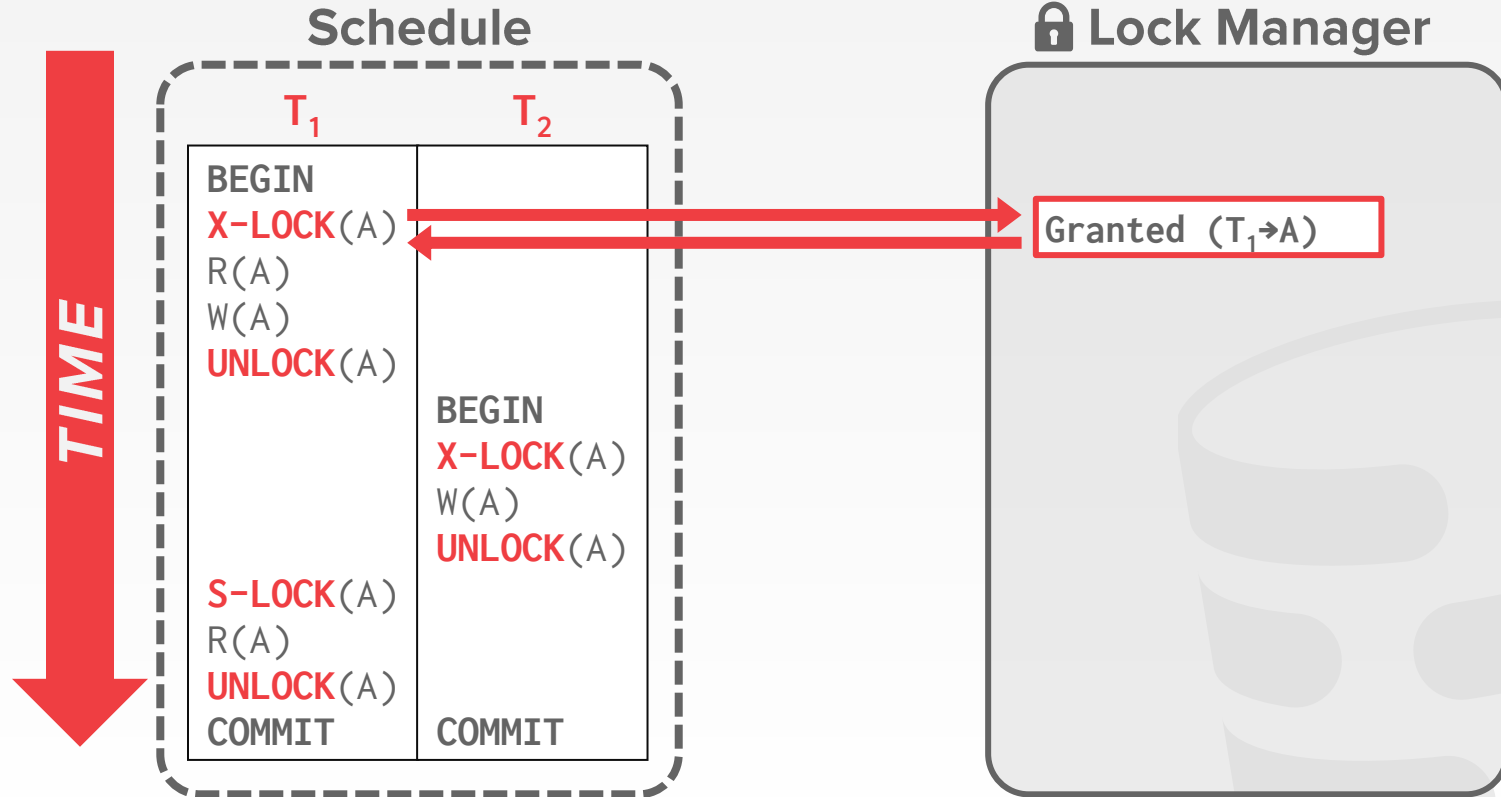
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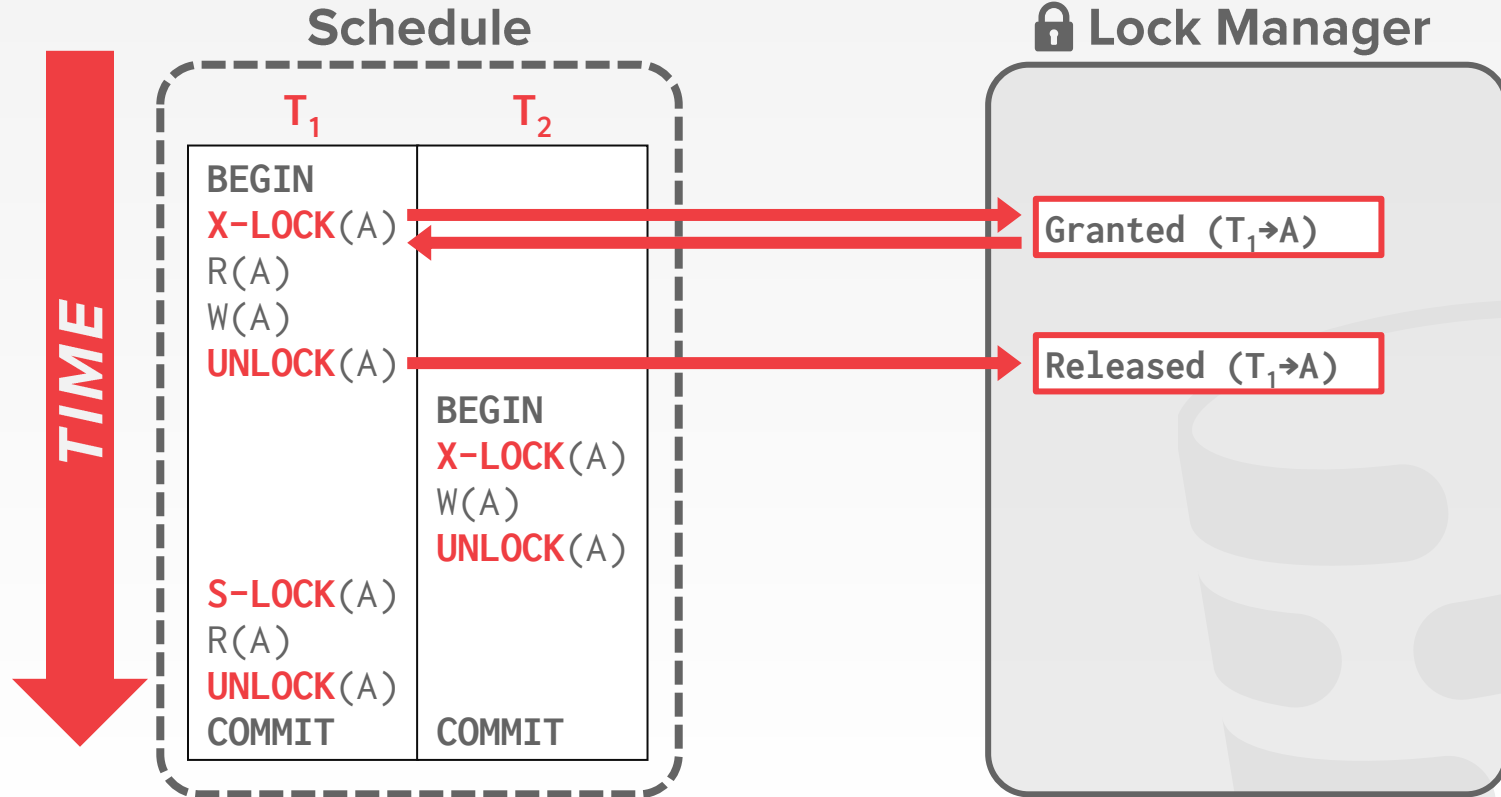
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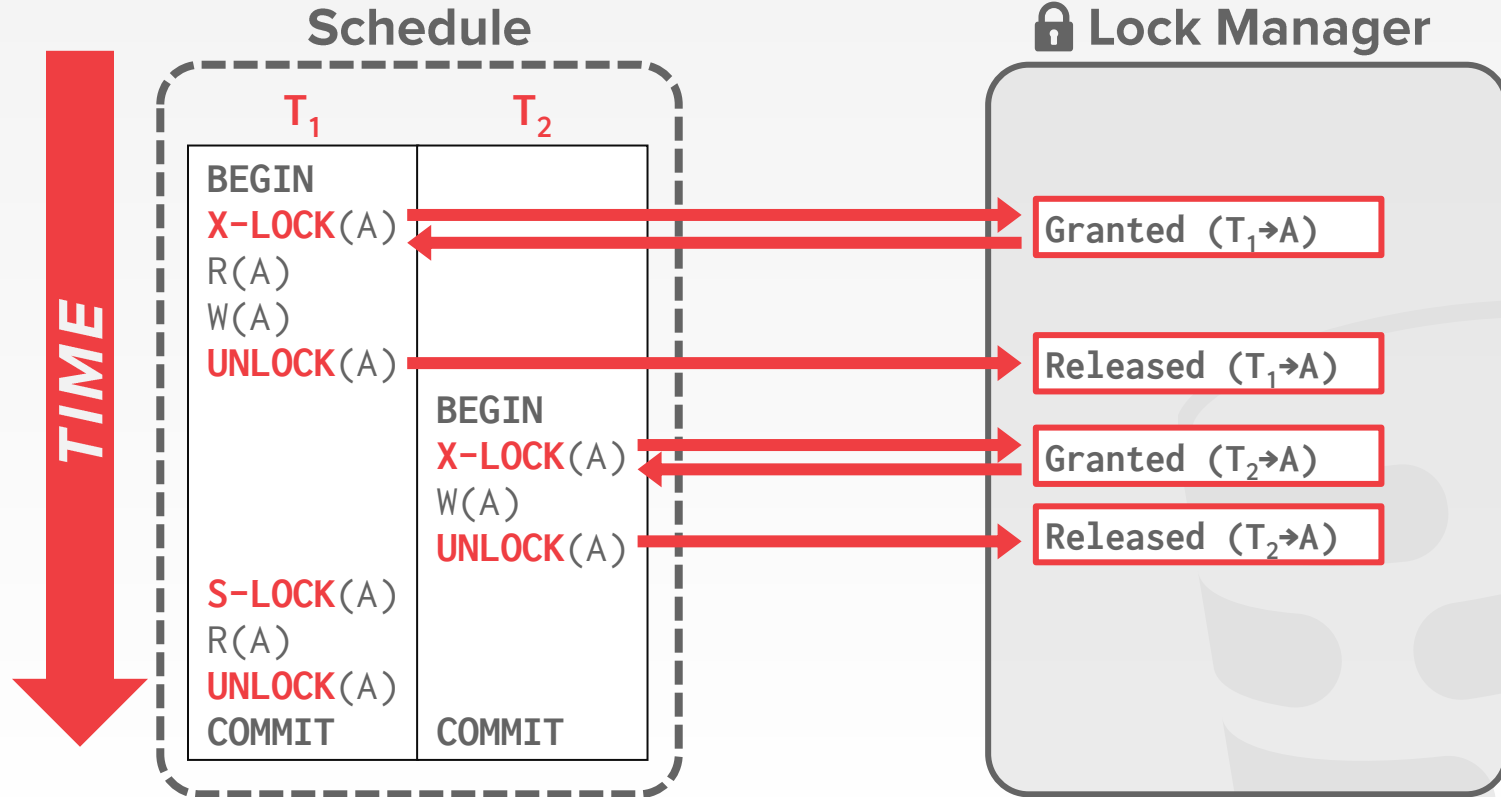
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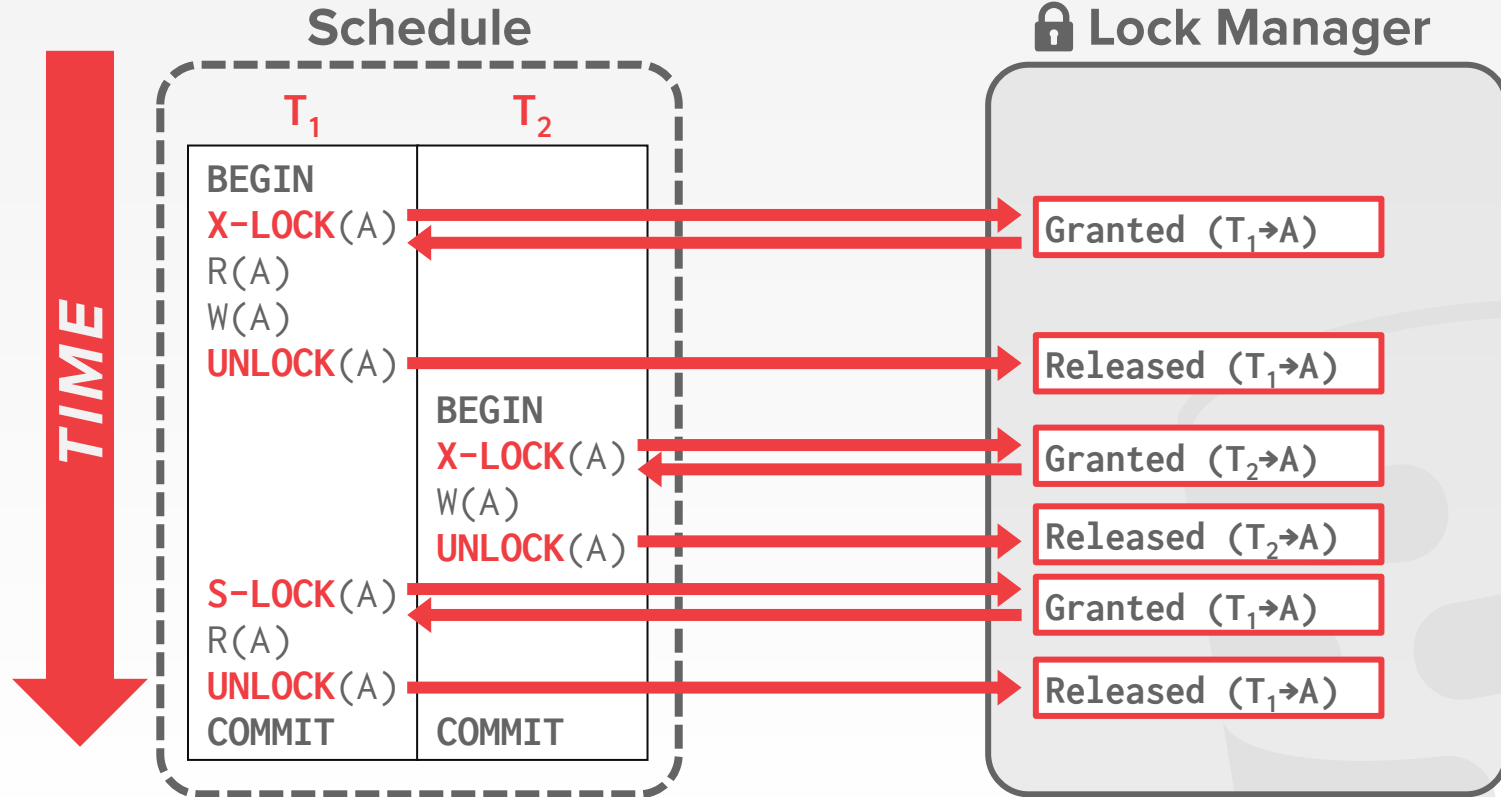
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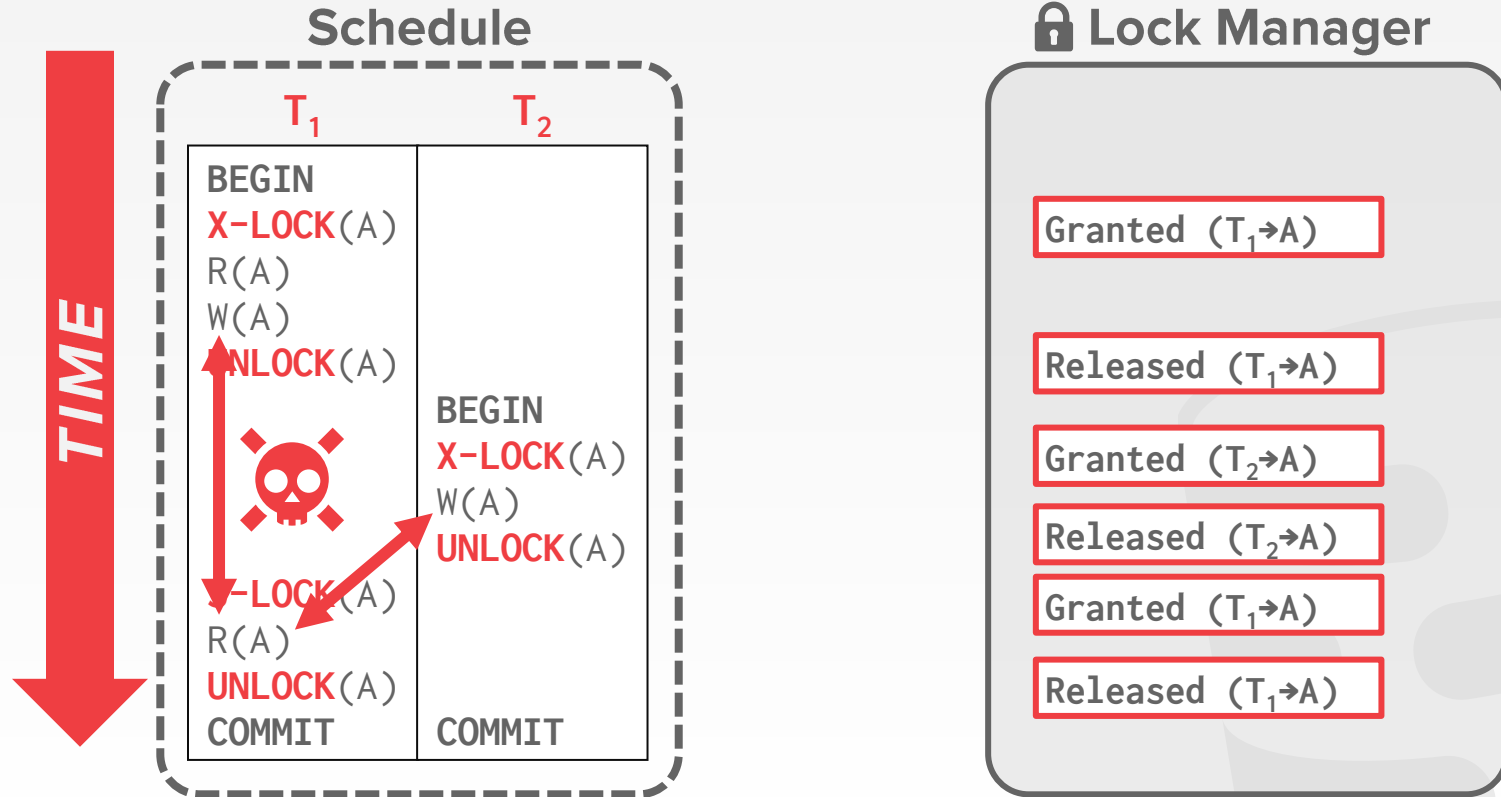
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CONCURRENCY CONTROL PROTOCOL

Two-phase locking (2PL) is a concurrency control protocol that determines whether a txn can access an object in the database on the fly.

The protocol does not need to know all the queries that a txn will execute ahead of time.



TWO-PHASE LOCKING

Phase #1: Growing

- Each txn requests the locks that it needs from the DBMS's lock manager.
- The lock manager grants/denies lock requests.

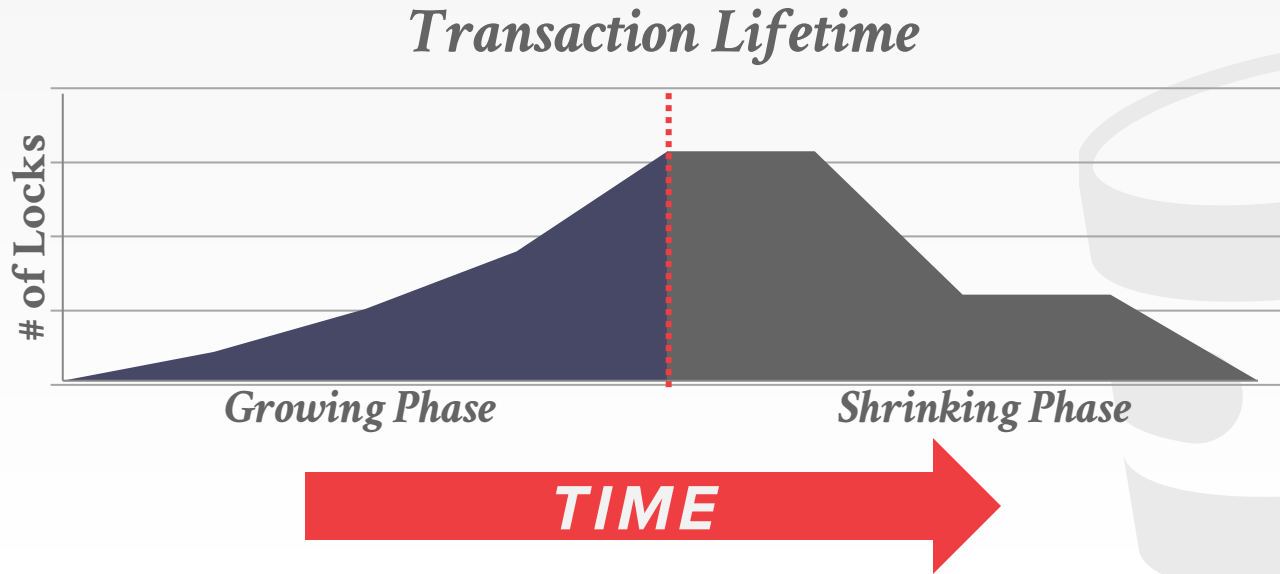
Phase #2: Shrinking

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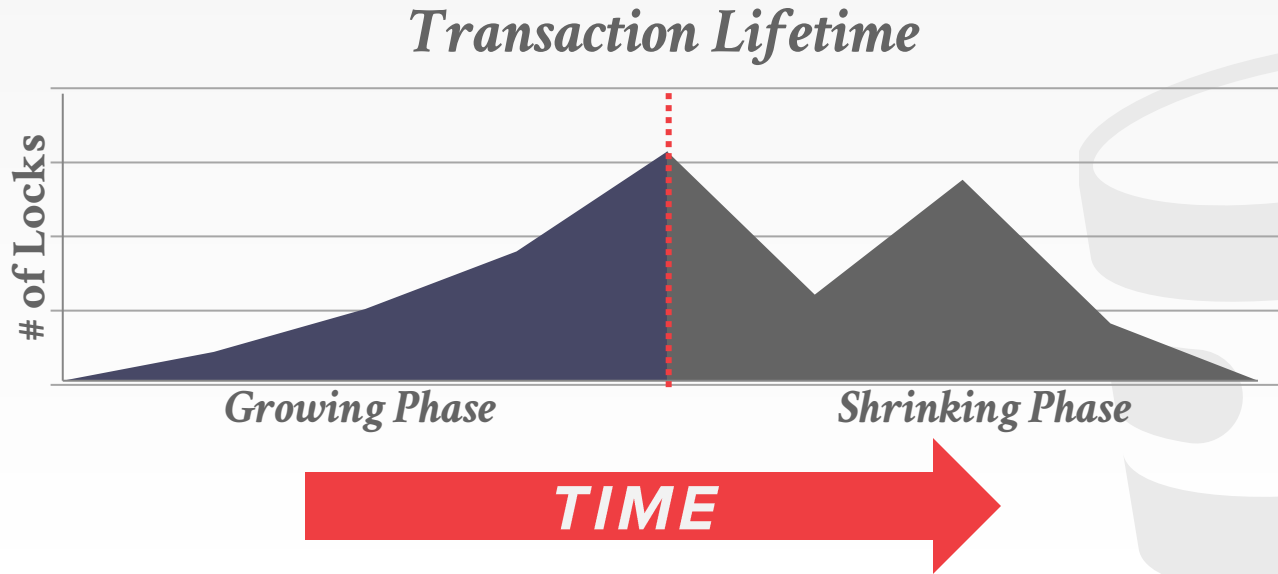
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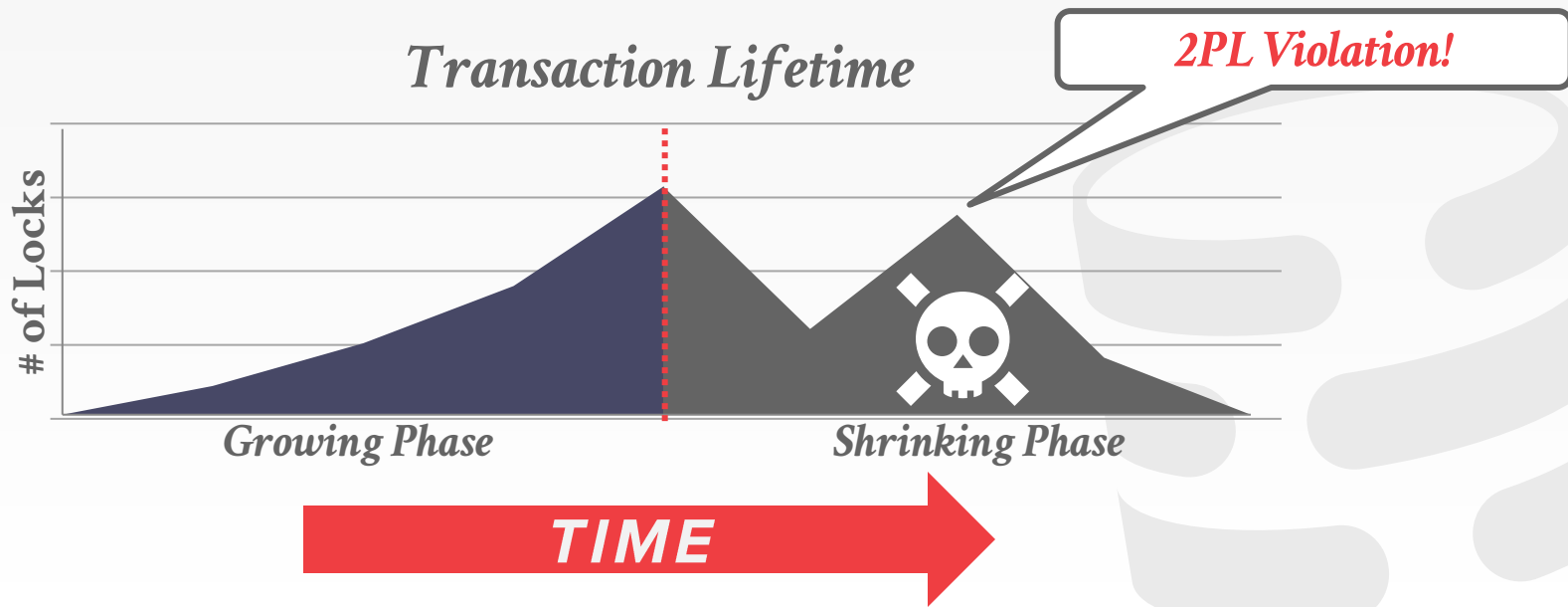
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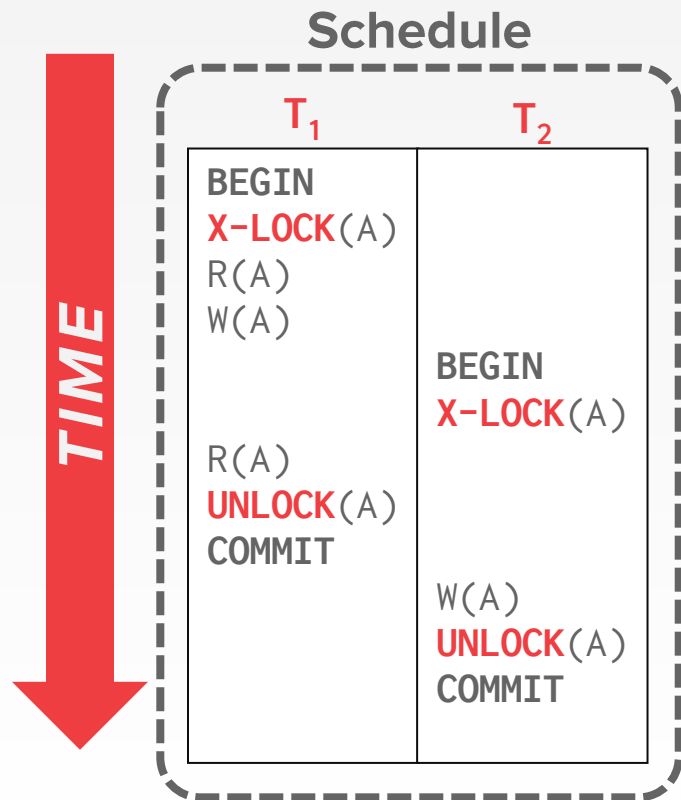


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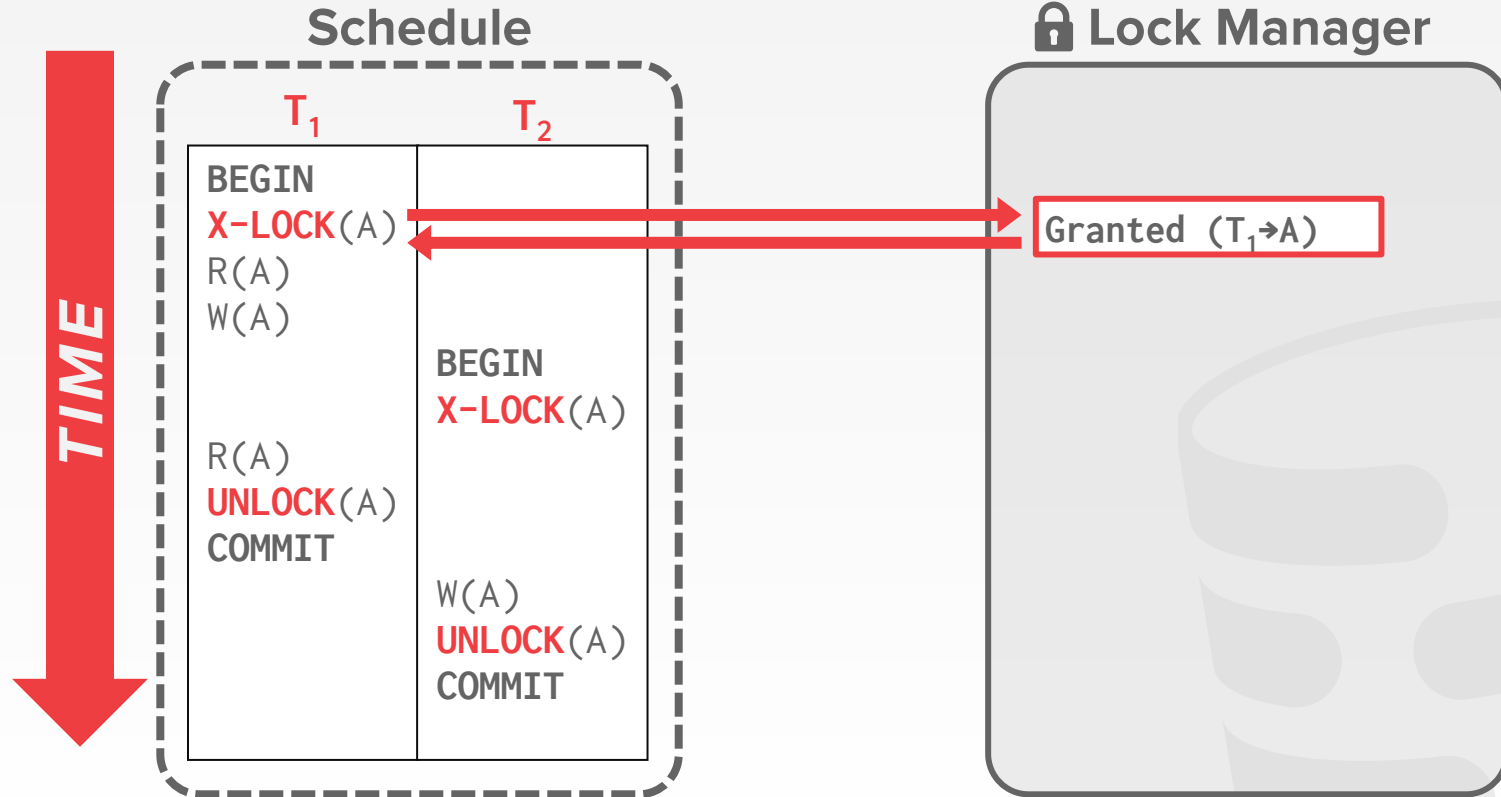
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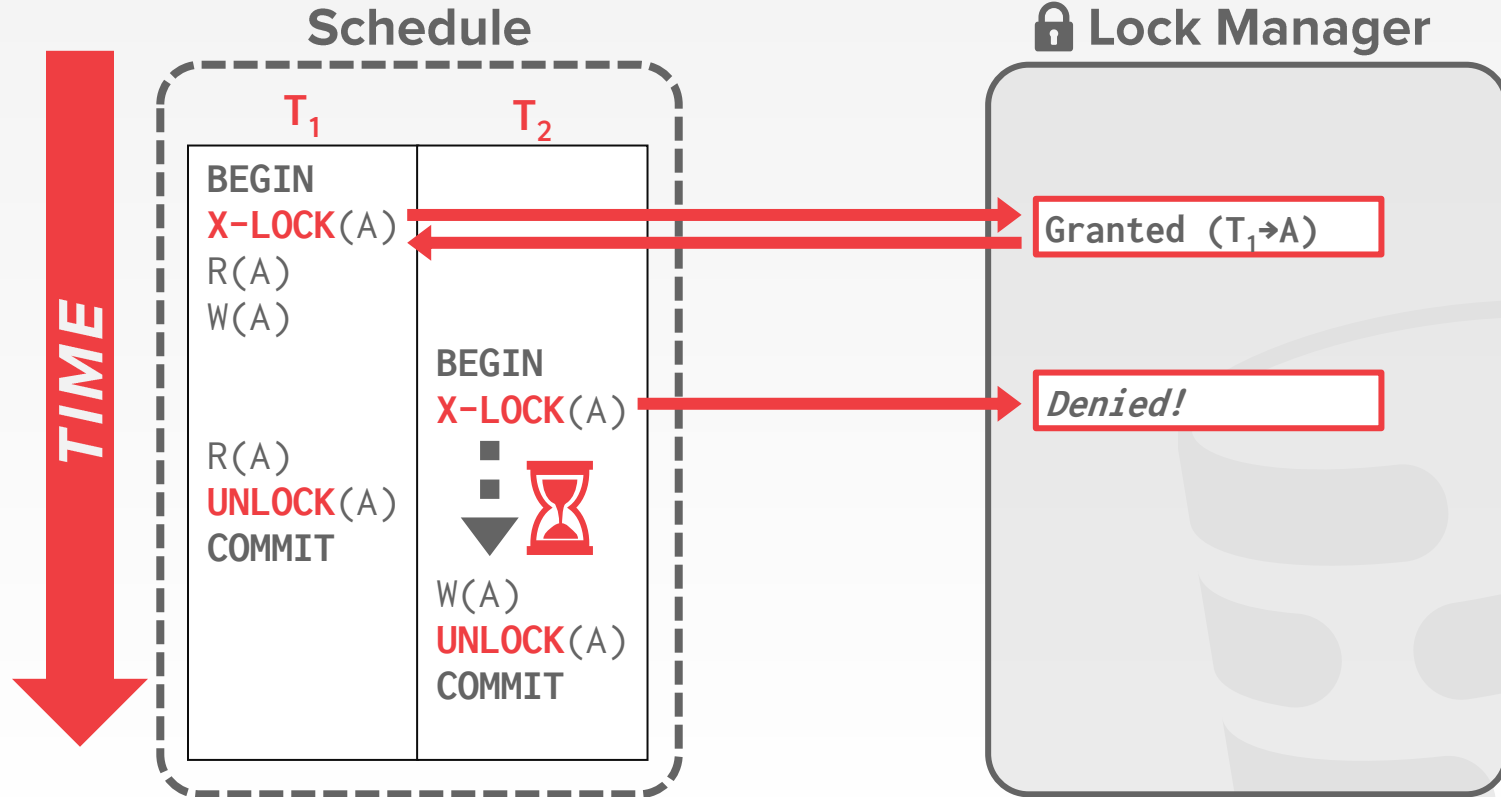
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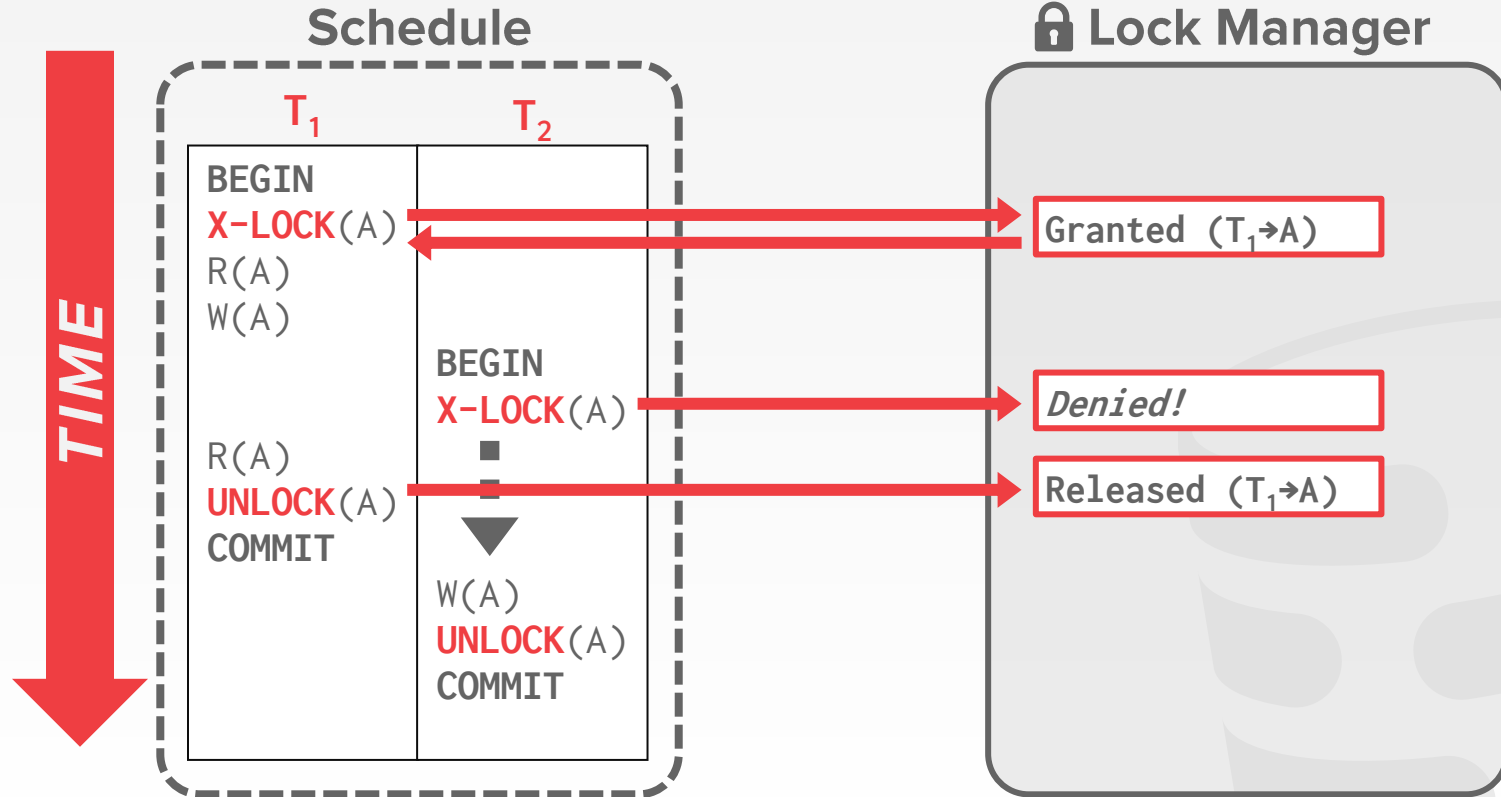
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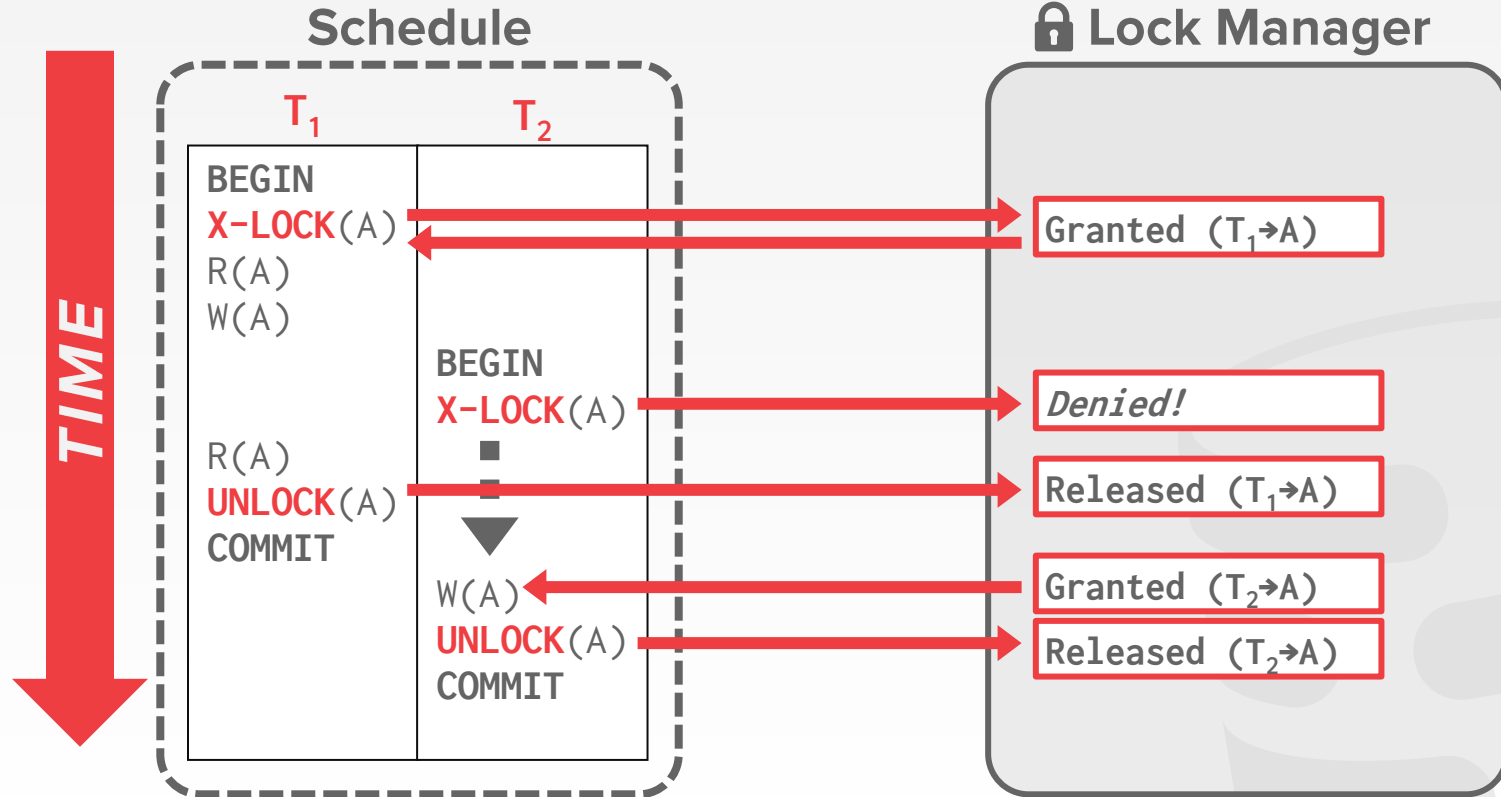
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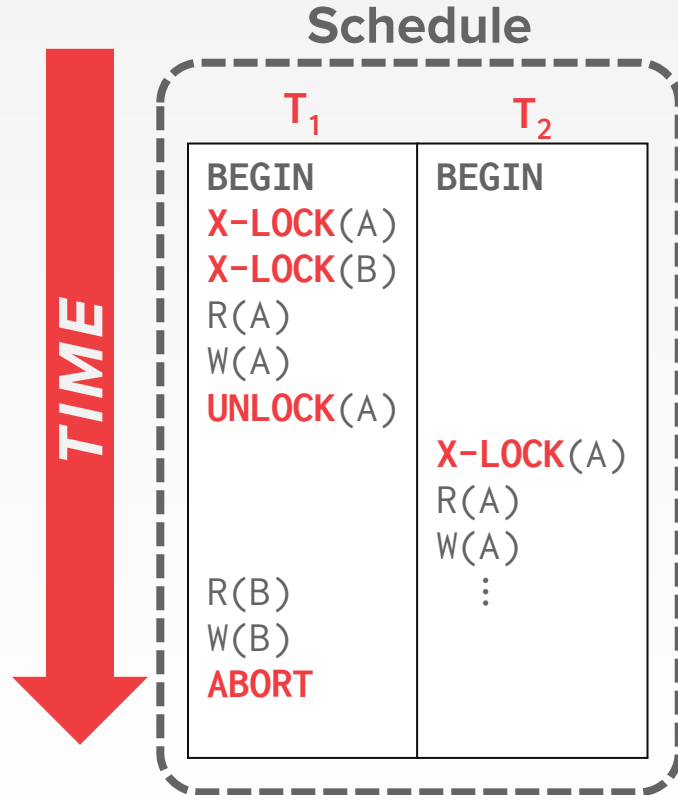
2PL on its own is sufficient to guarantee conflict serializability.

→ It generates schedules whose precedence graph is acyclic.

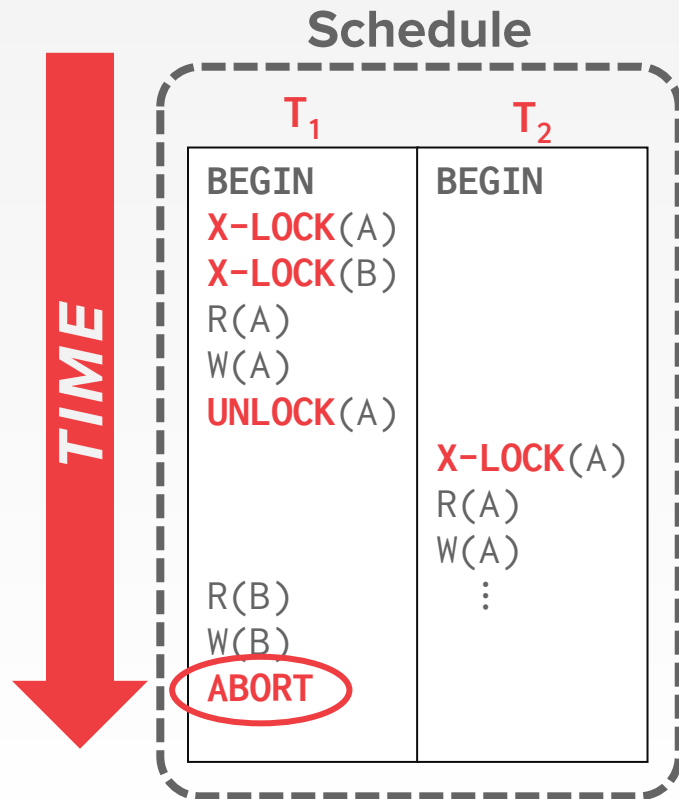
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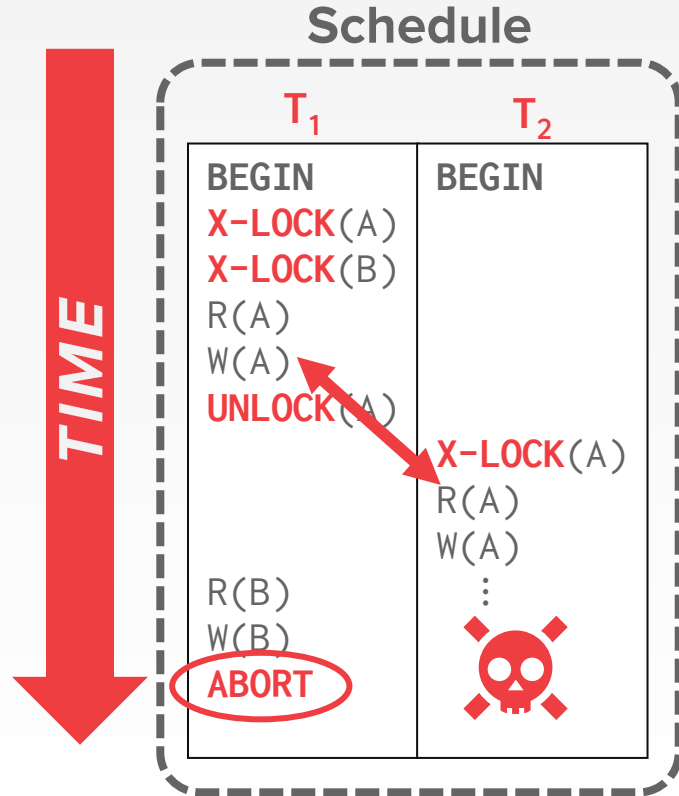
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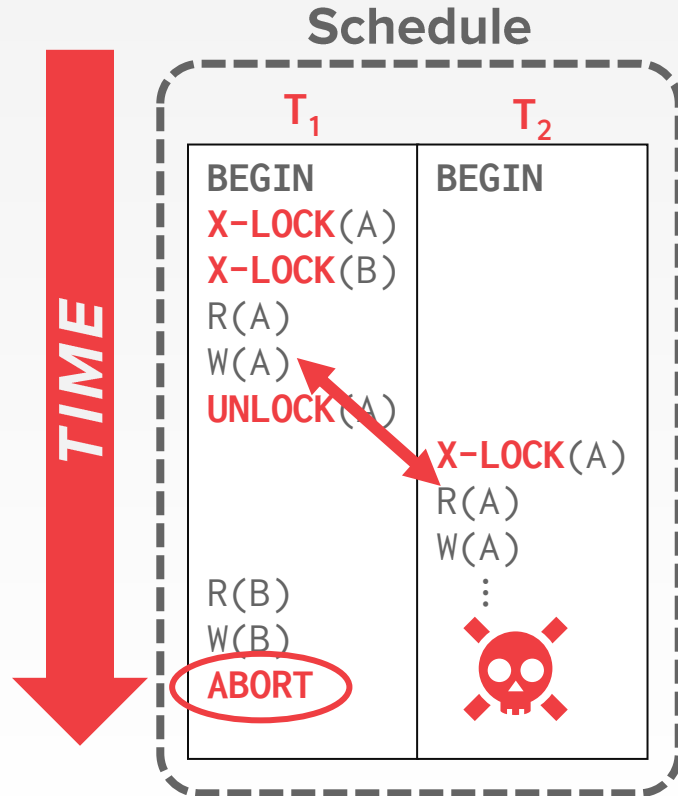
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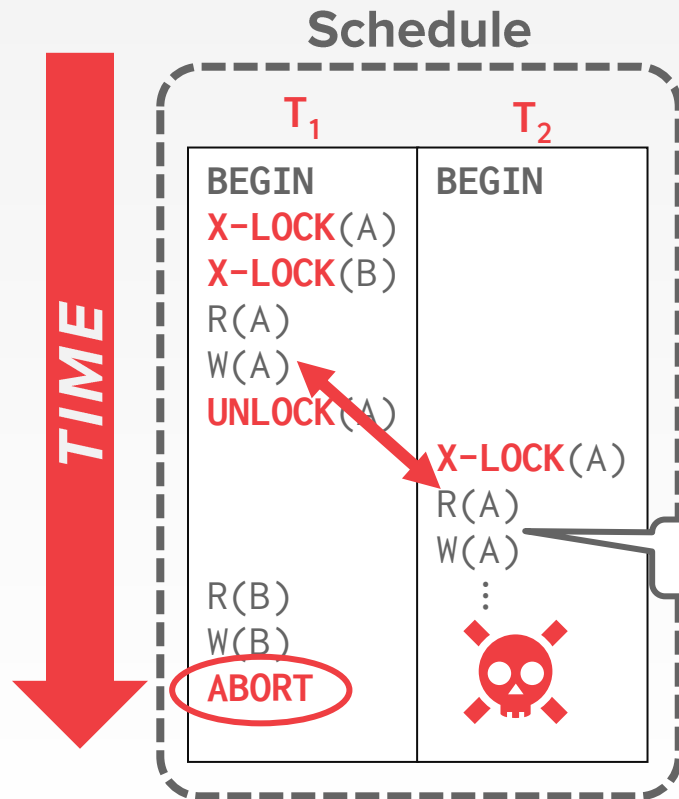
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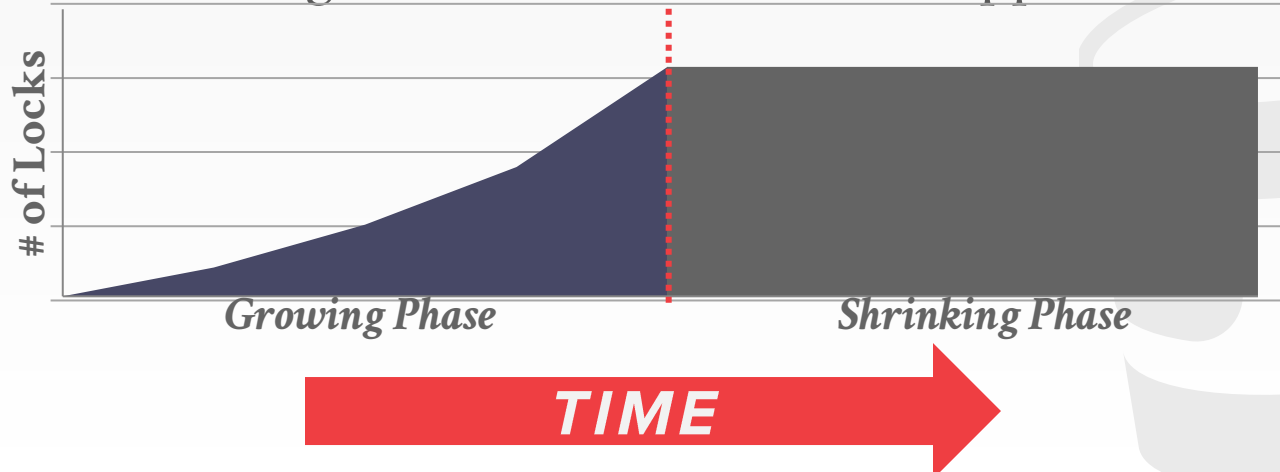
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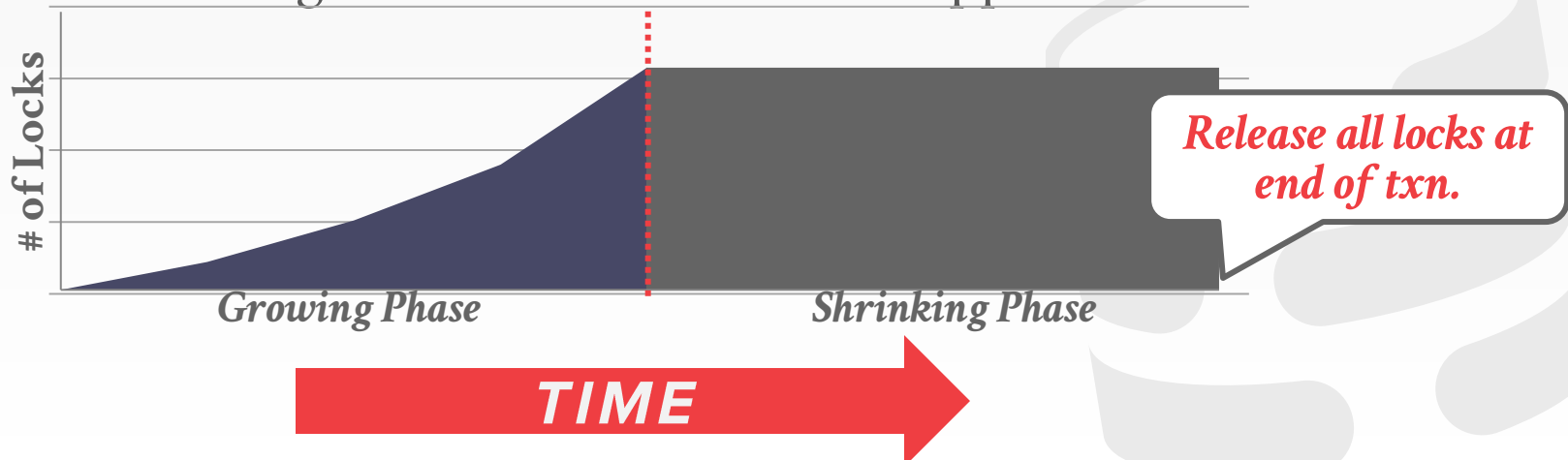
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A schedule is strict if a value written by a txn is not read or overwritten by other txns until that txn finishes.

Advantages:

- Does not incur cascading aborts.
- Aborted txns can be undone by just restoring original values of modified tuples.



EXAMPLES

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T₂

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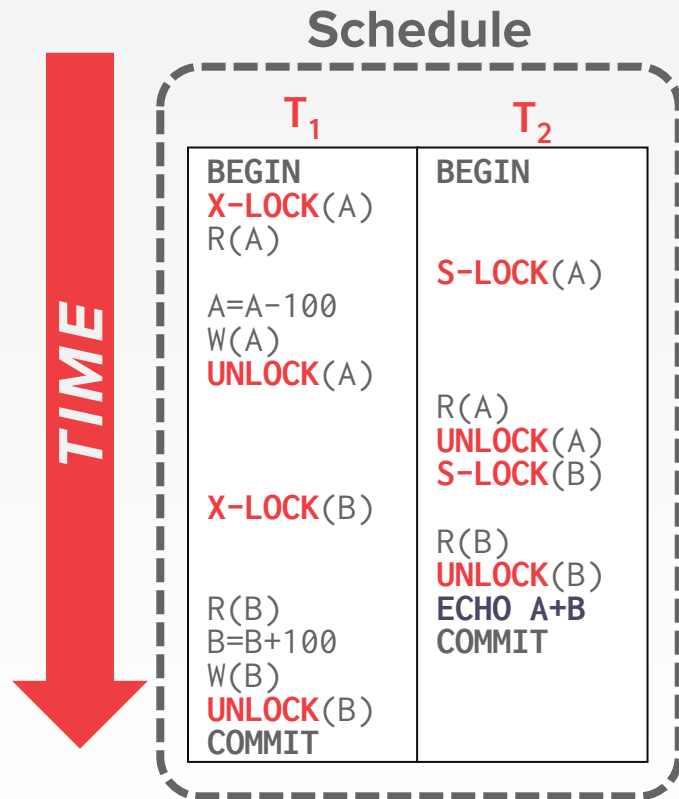
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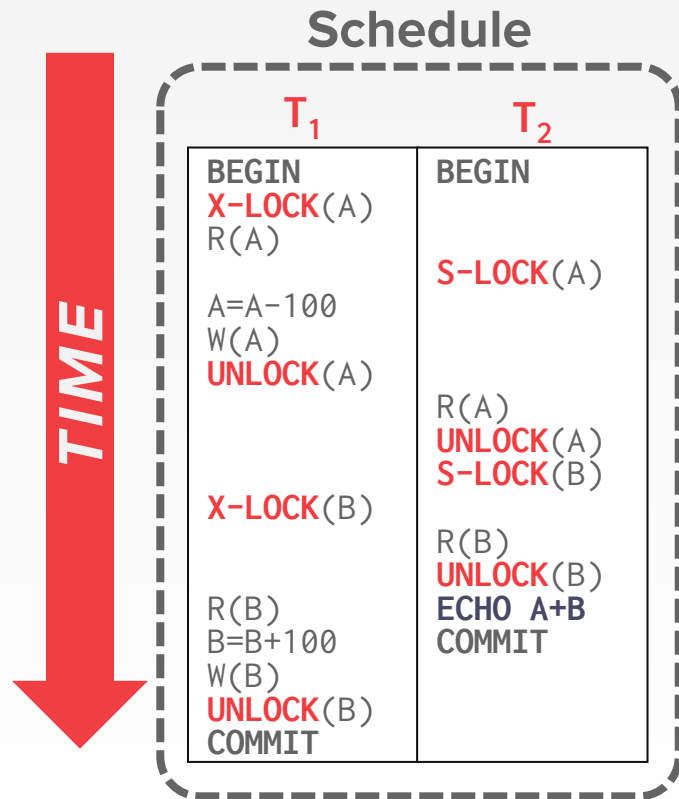
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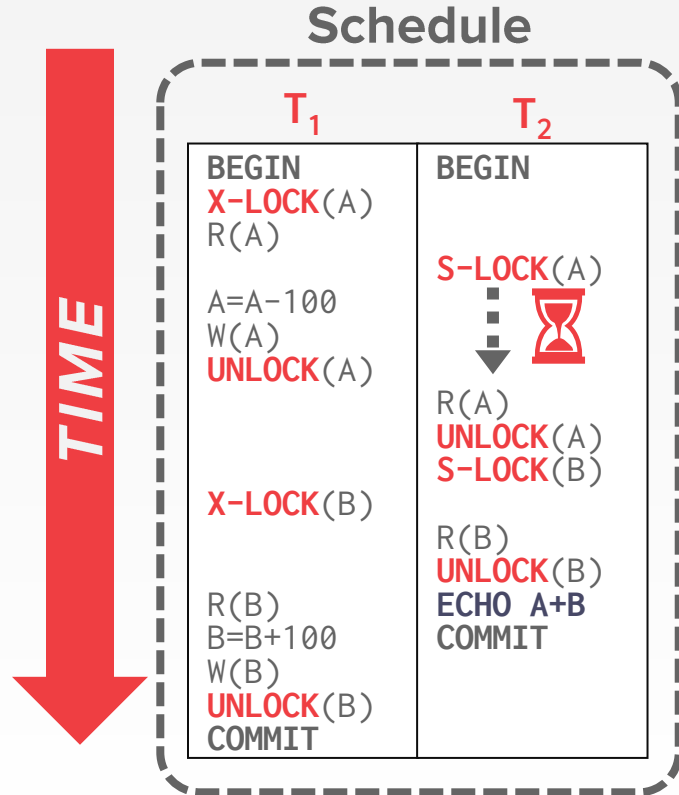


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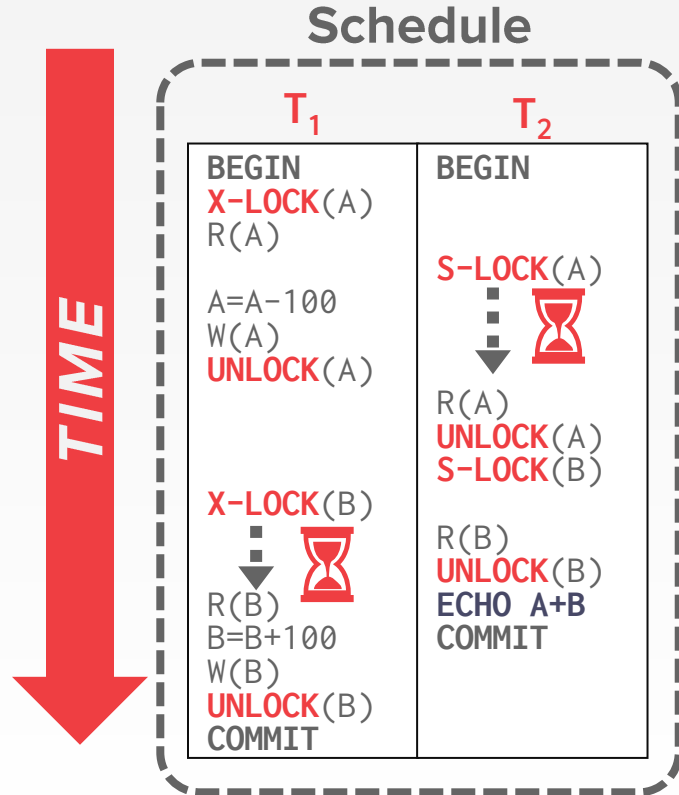


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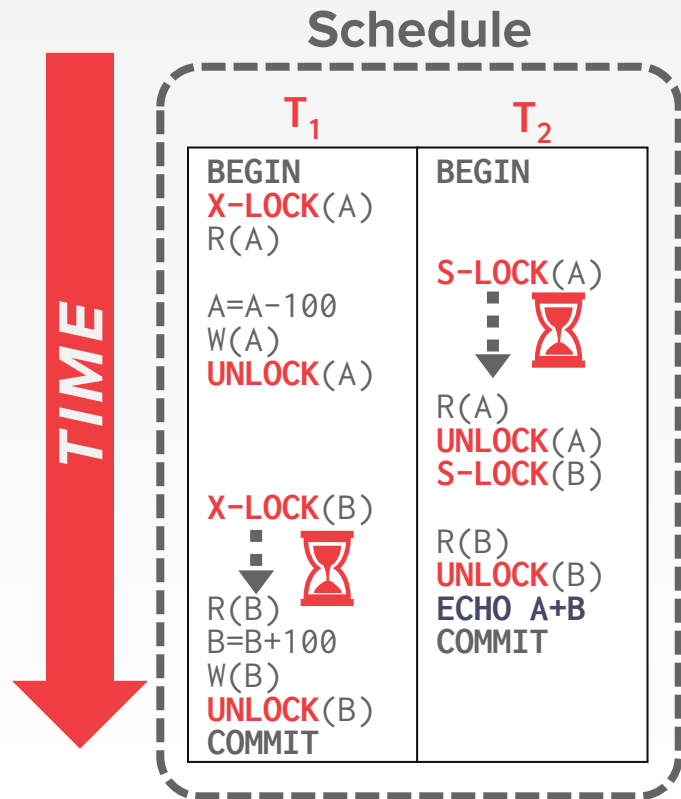


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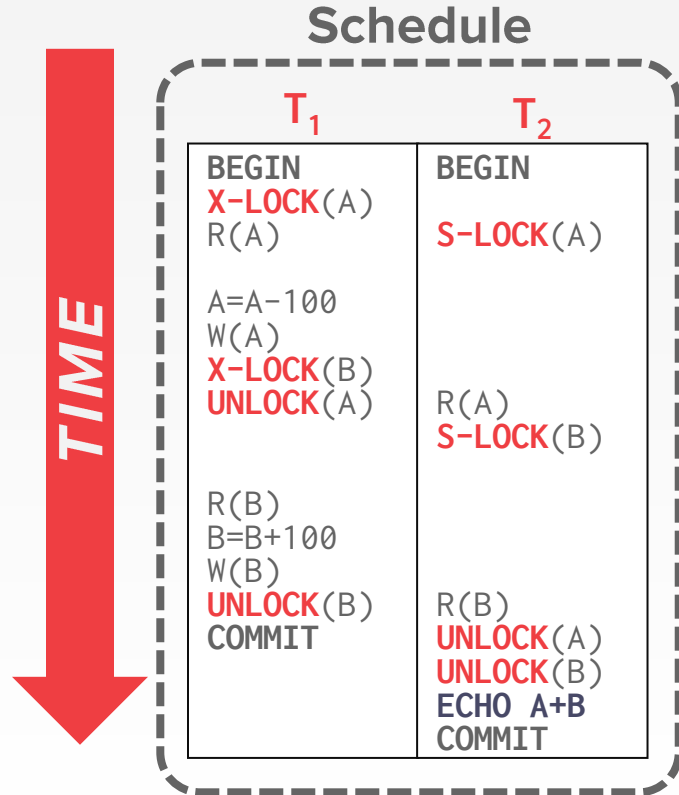
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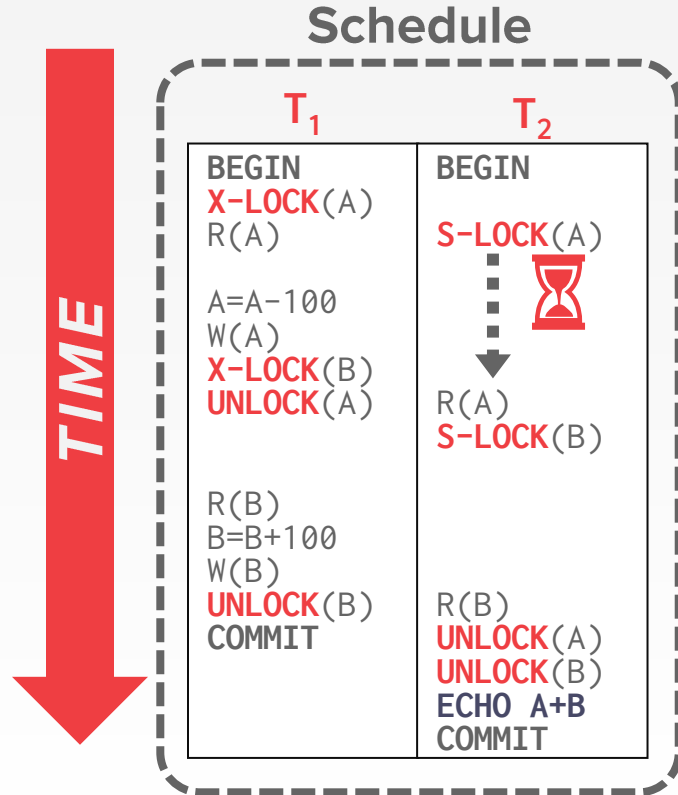


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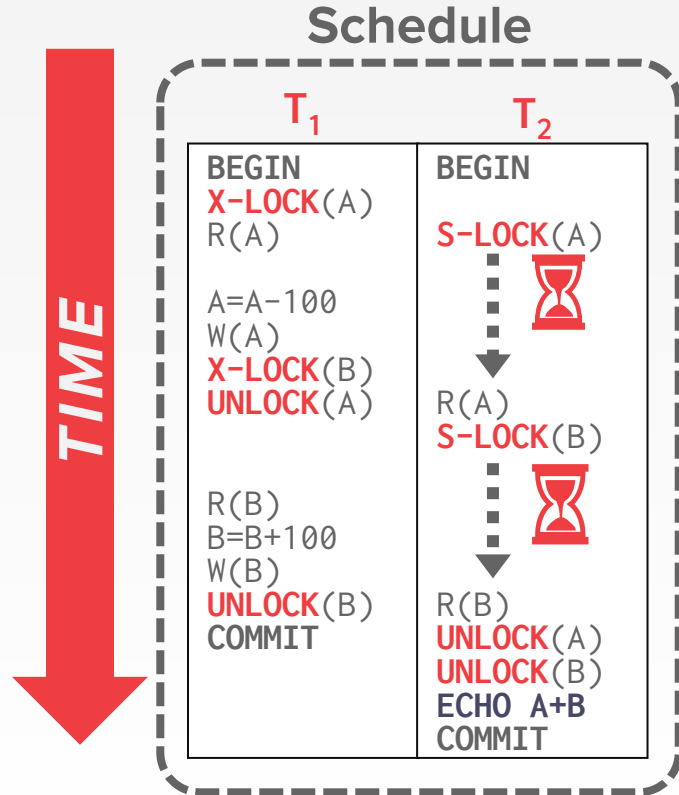
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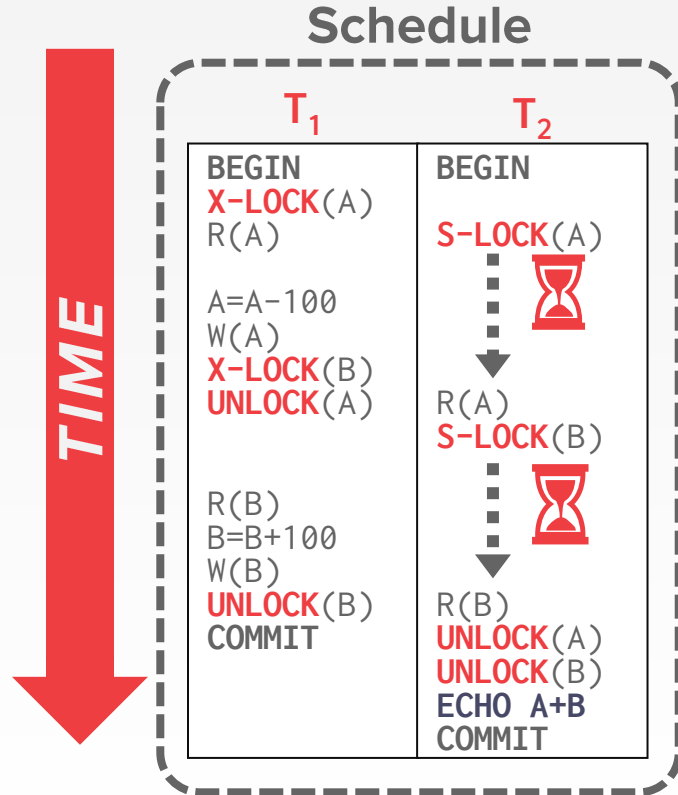


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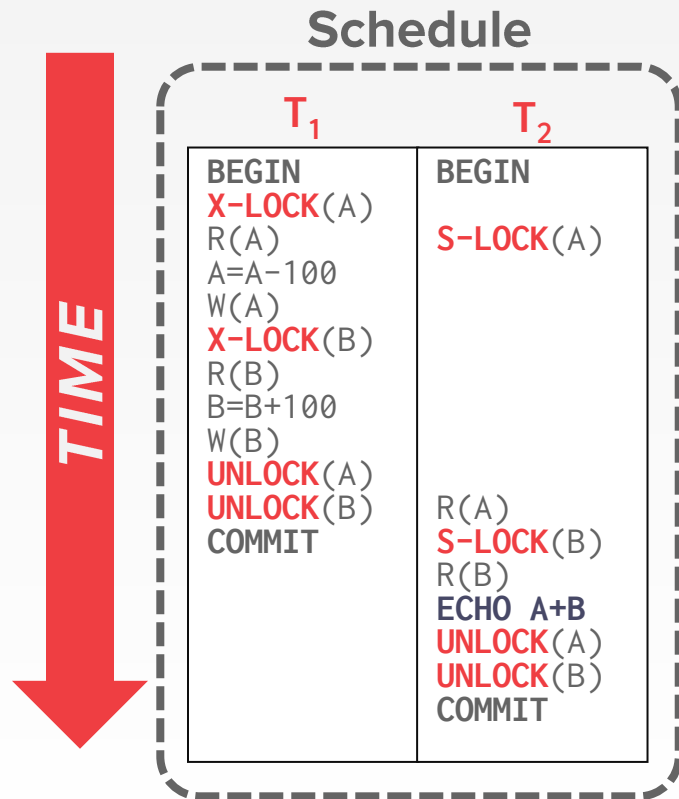
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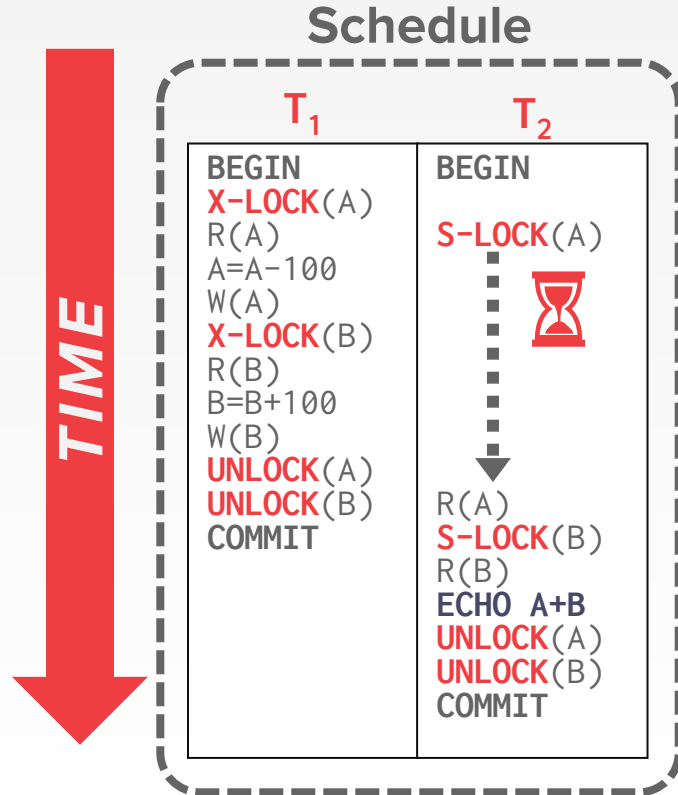
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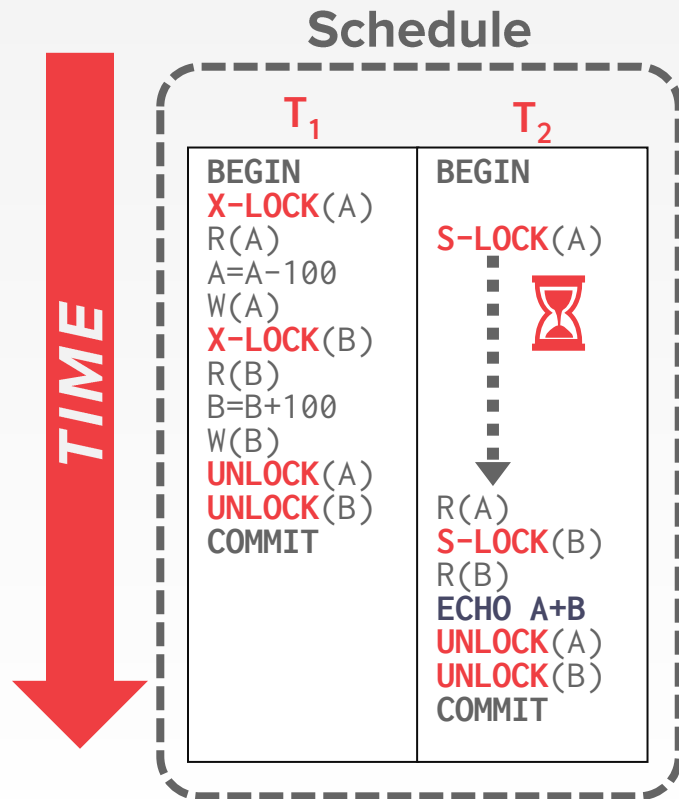
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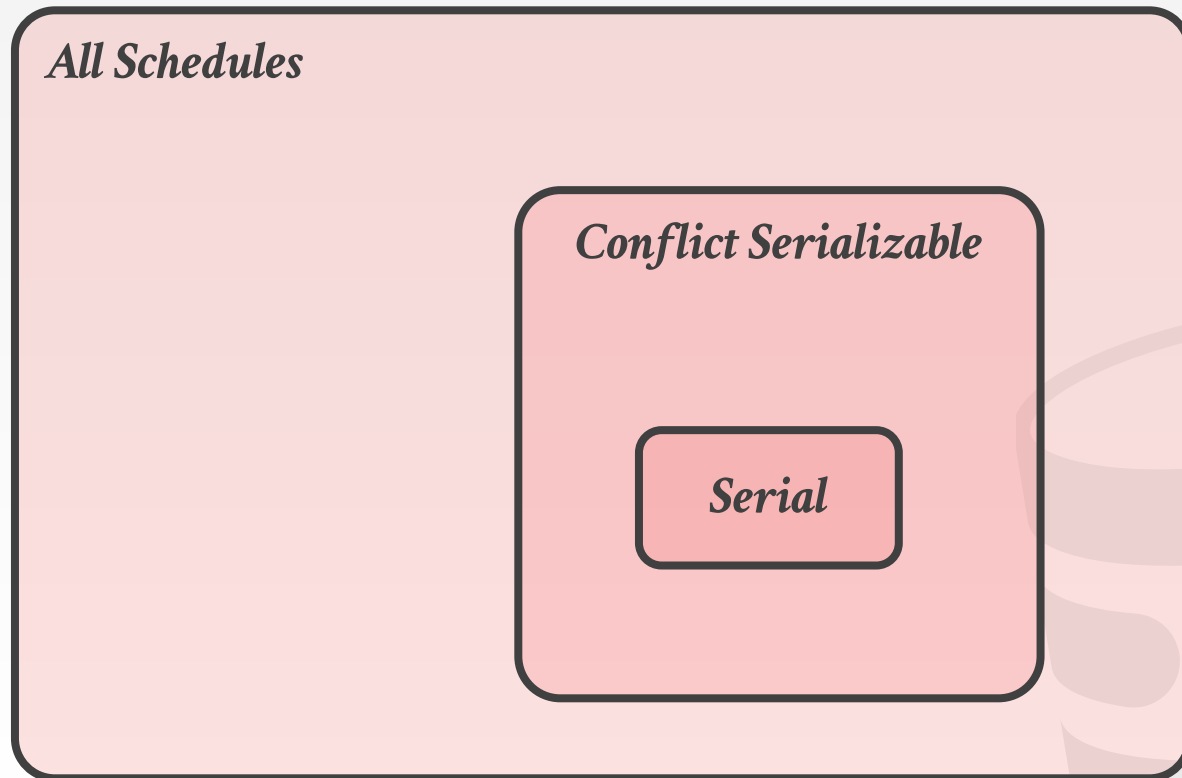
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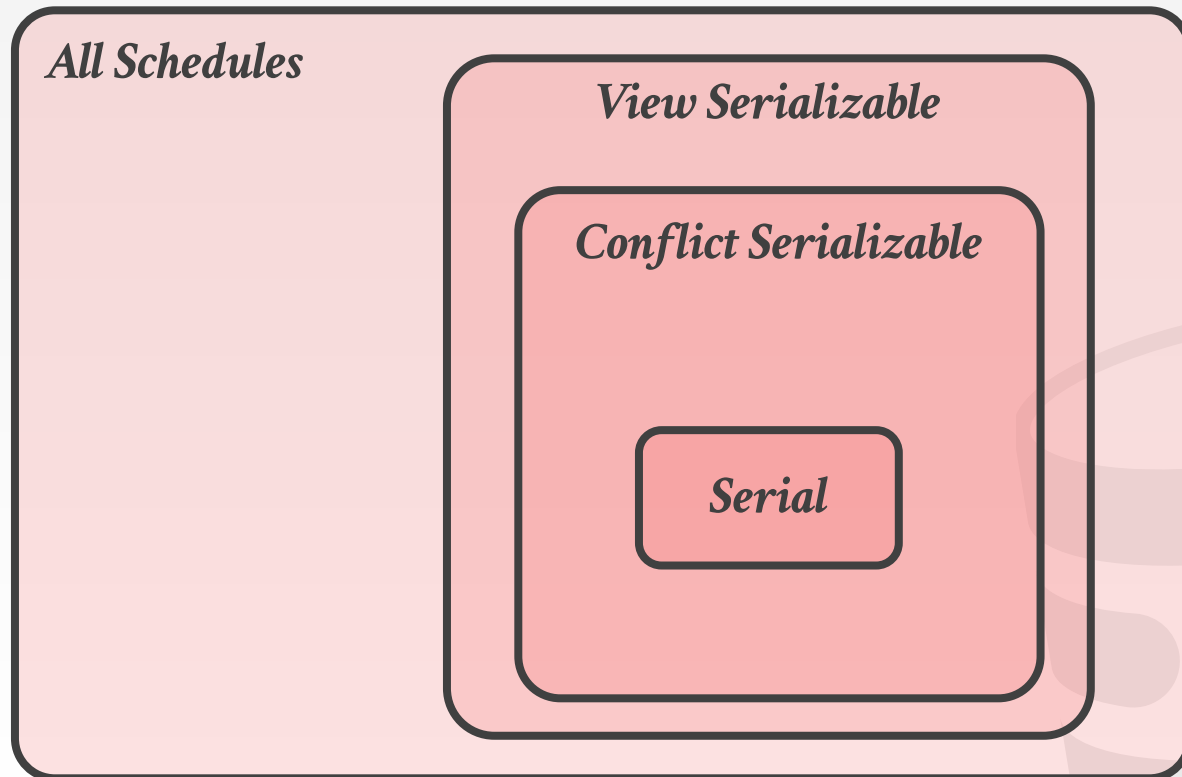
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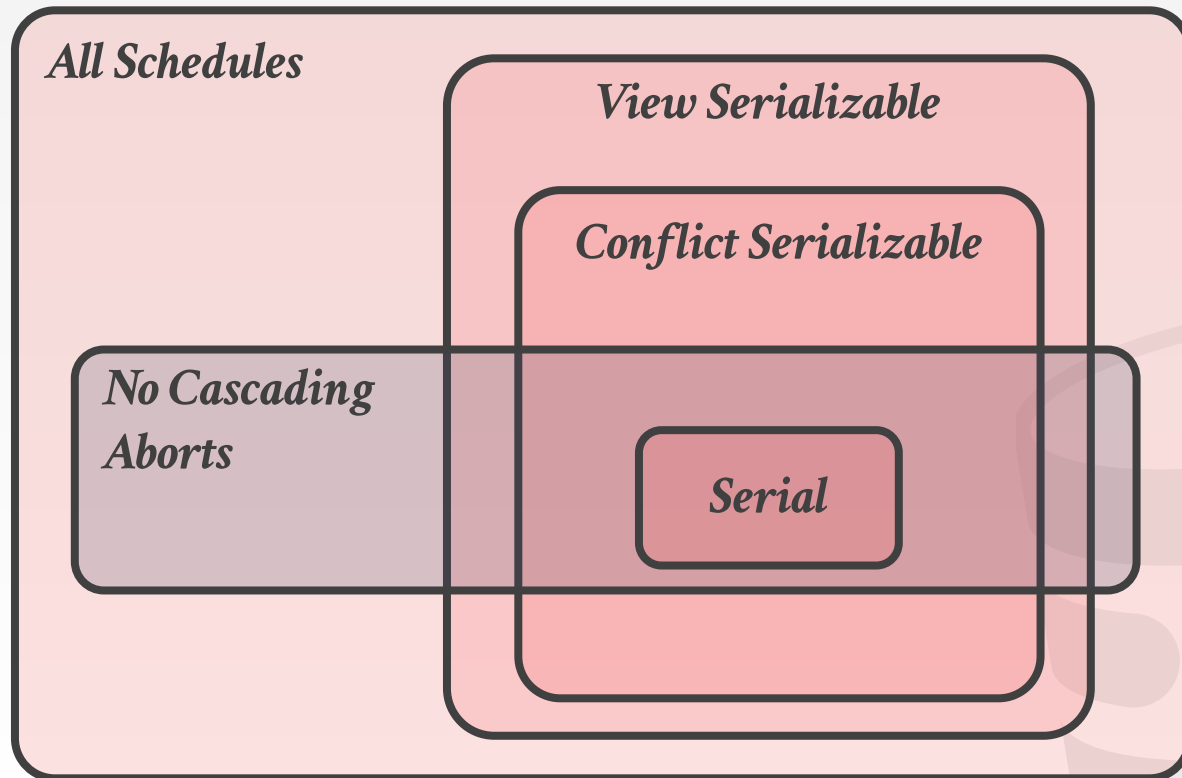
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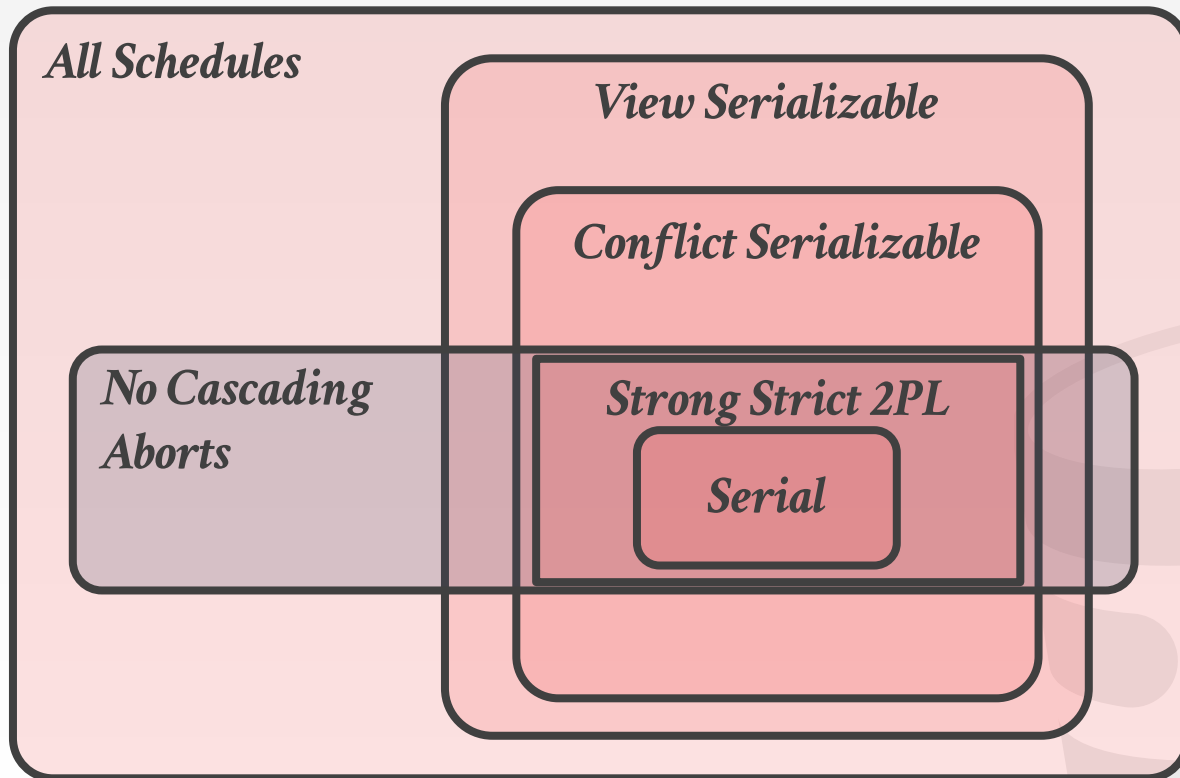
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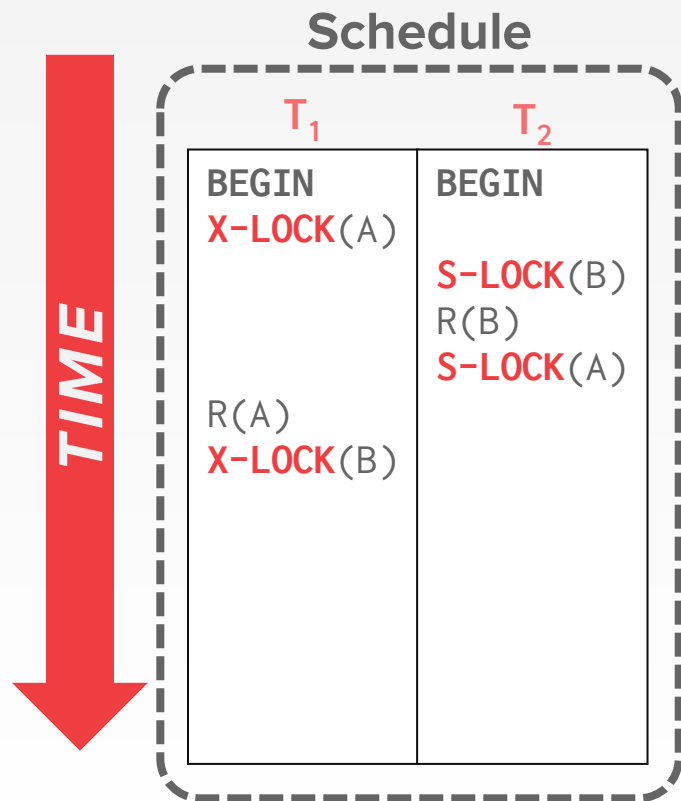
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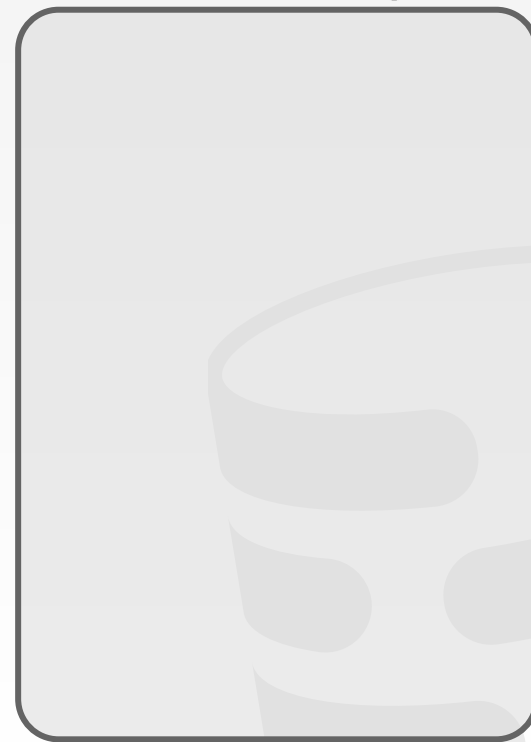
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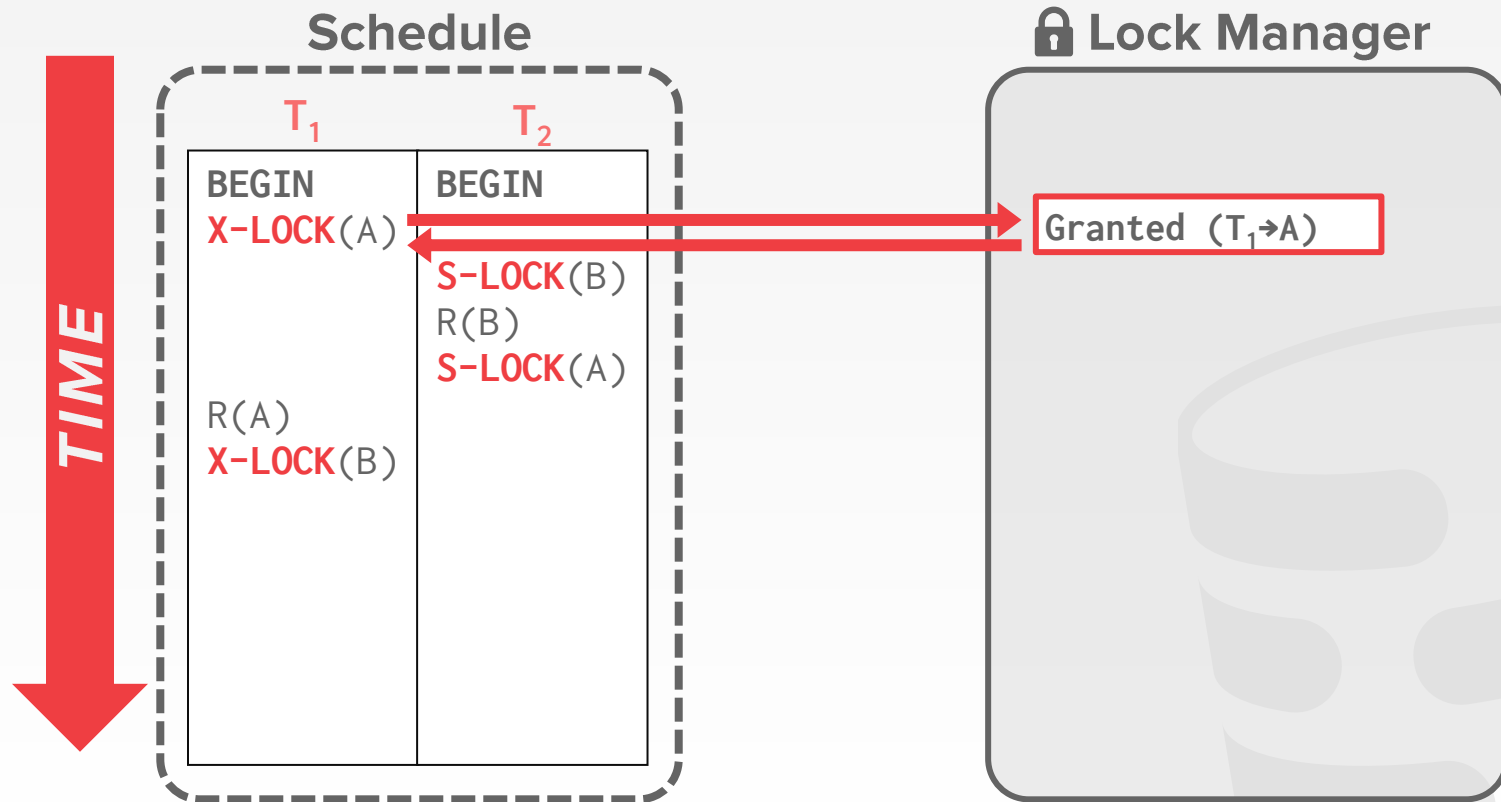
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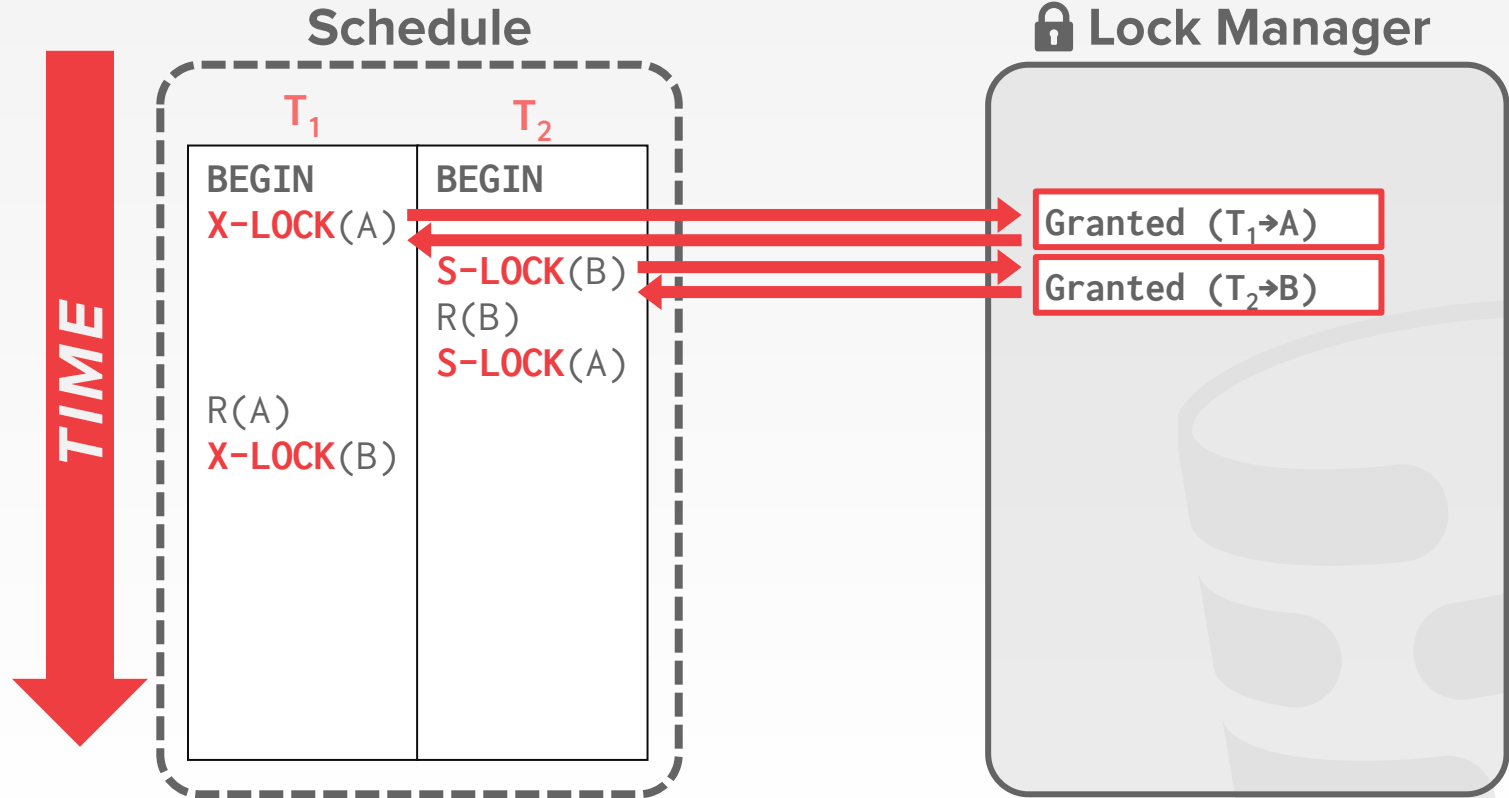
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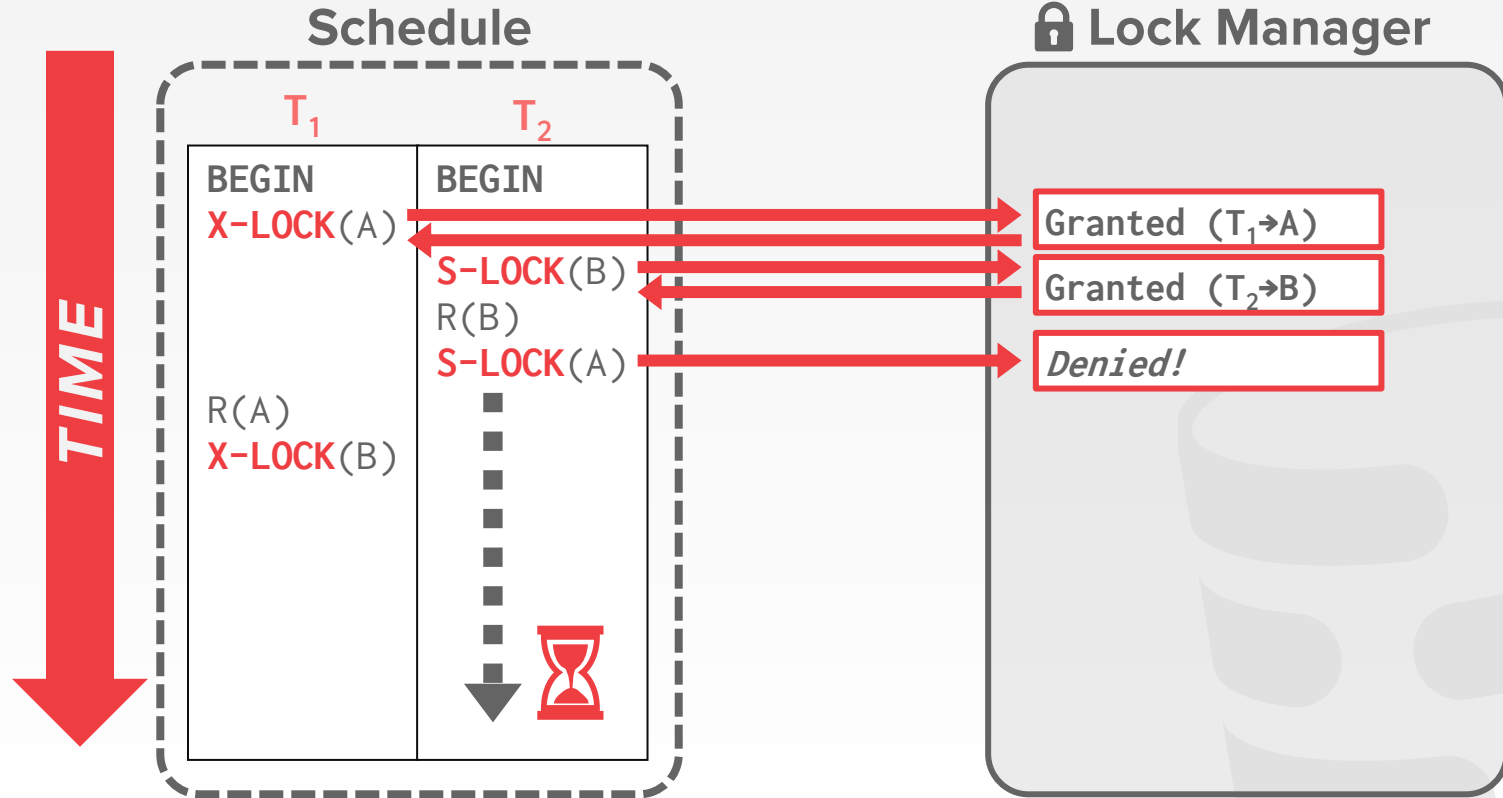
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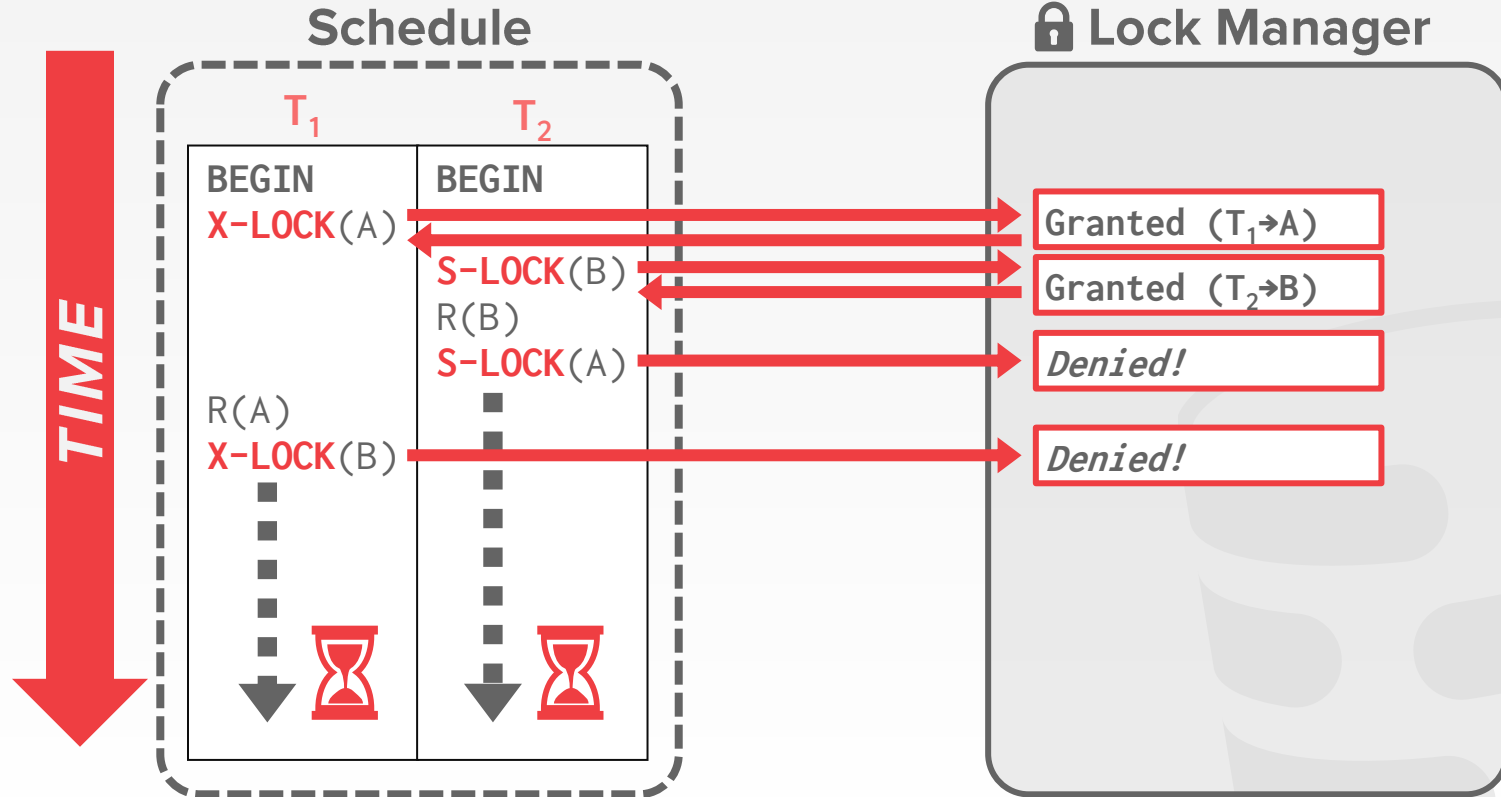
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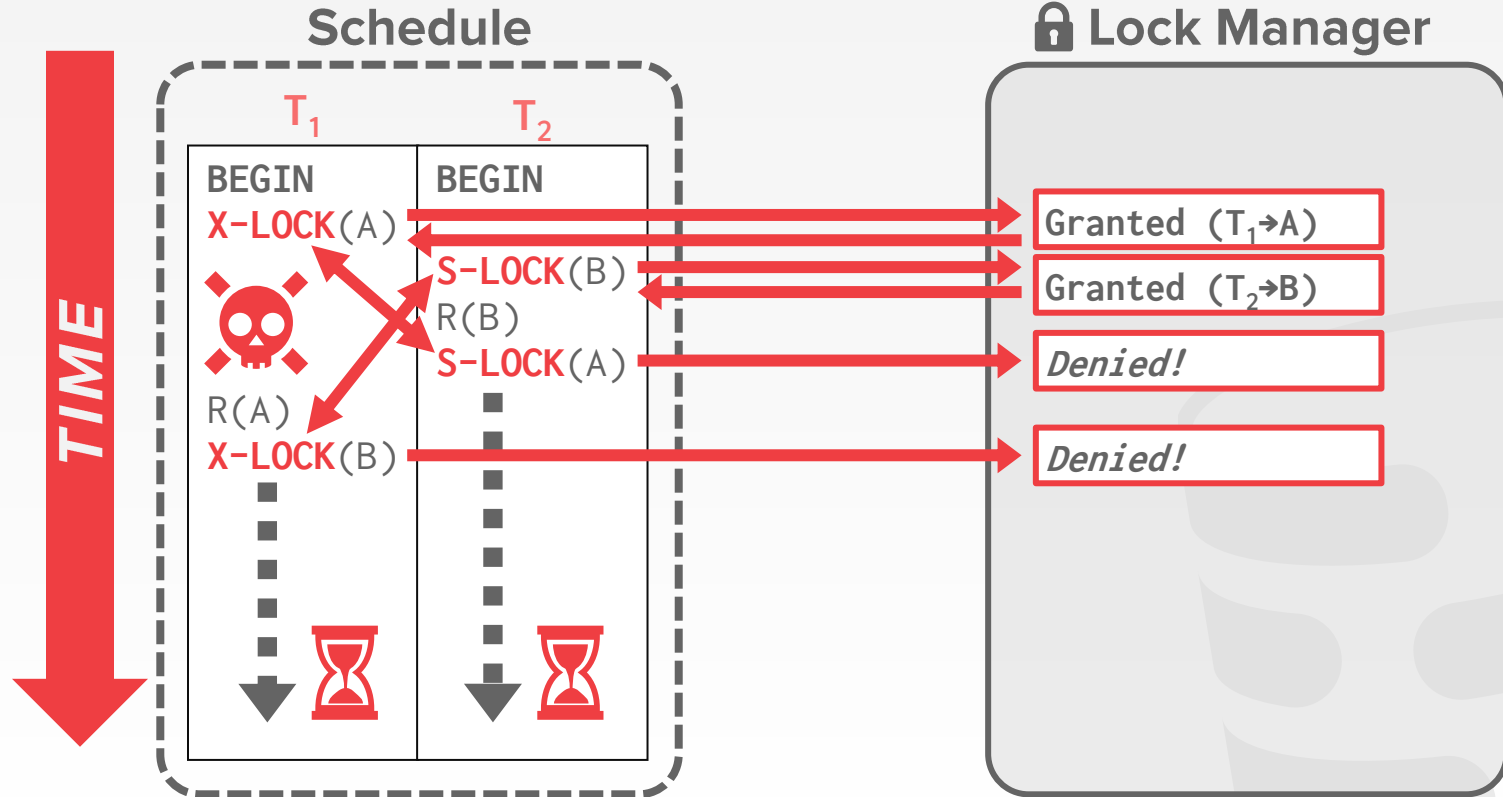
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2PL DEADLOCKS

A **deadlock** is a cycle of transactions waiting for locks to be released by each other.

Two ways of dealing with deadlocks:

- **Approach #1: Deadlock Detection**
- **Approach #2: Deadlock Prevention**



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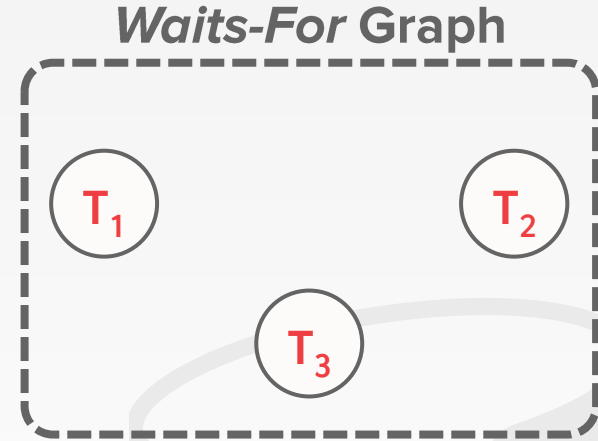
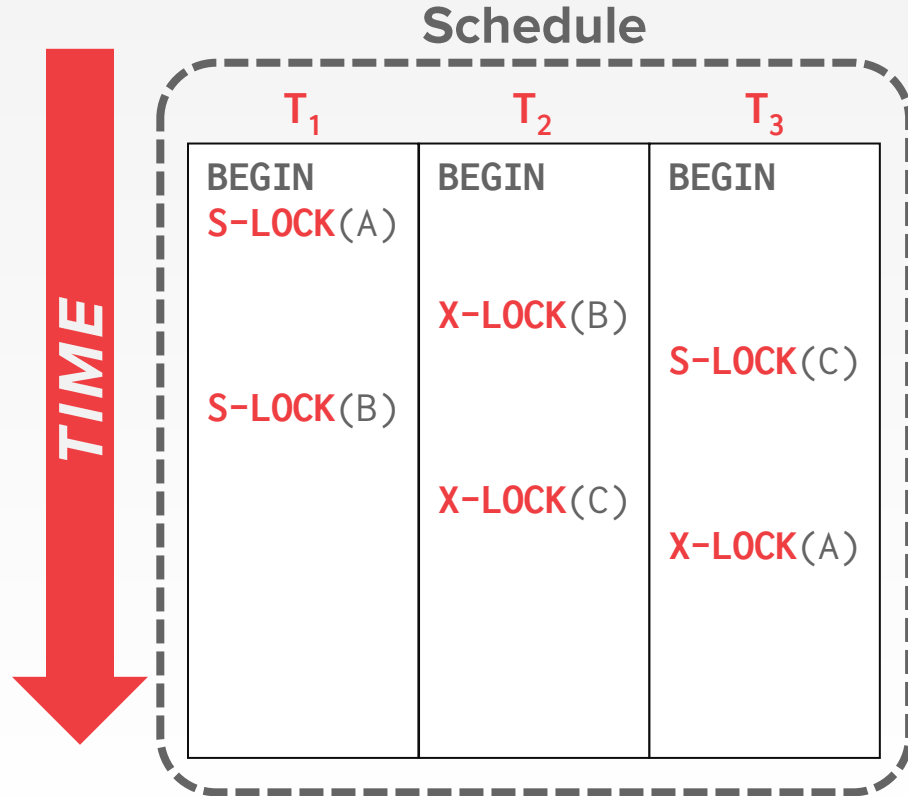
The DBMS creates a waits-for graph to keep track of what locks each txn is waiting to acquire:

→ Nodes are transactions

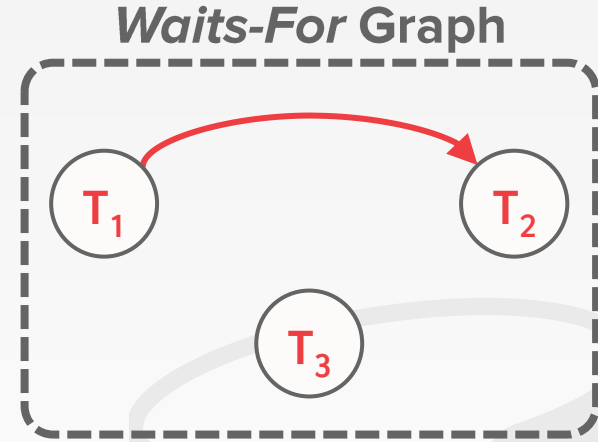
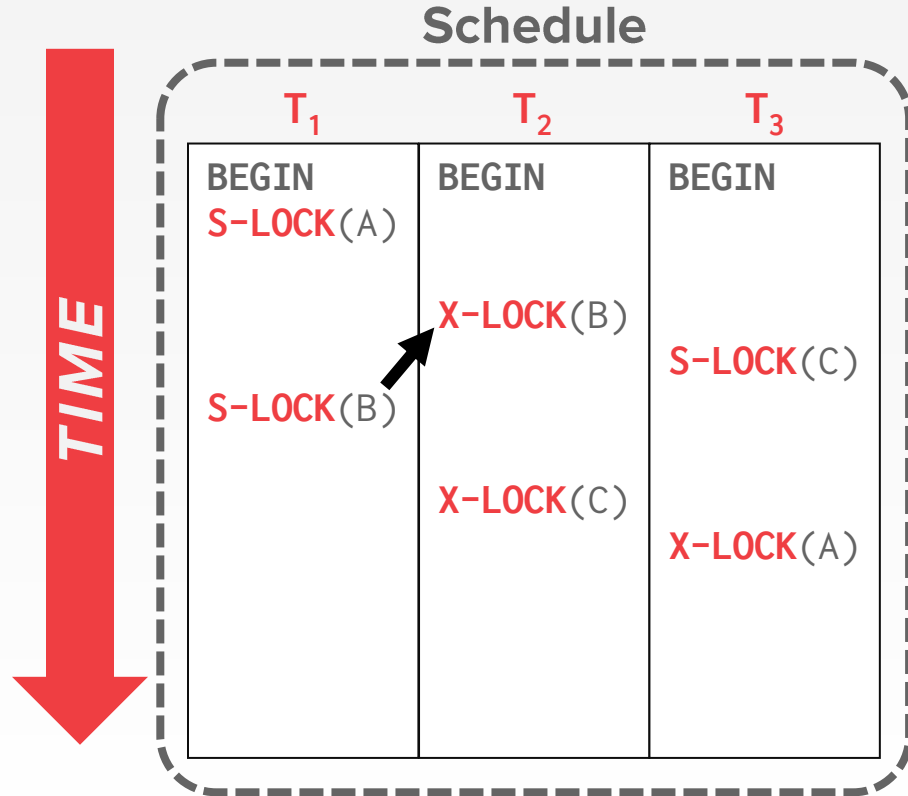
→ Edge from T_i to T_j if T_i is waiting for T_j to release a lock.

The system periodically checks for cycles in *waits-for* graph and then decides how to break it.

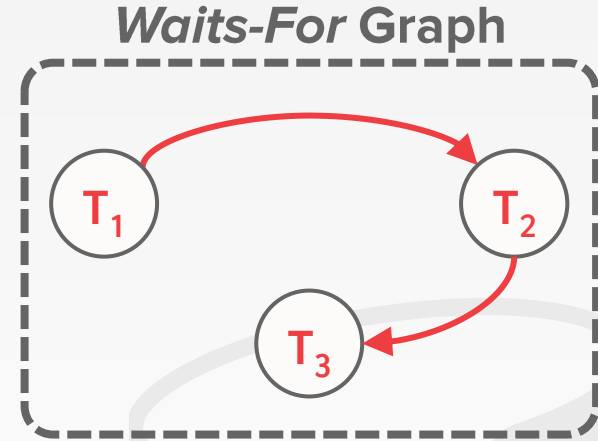
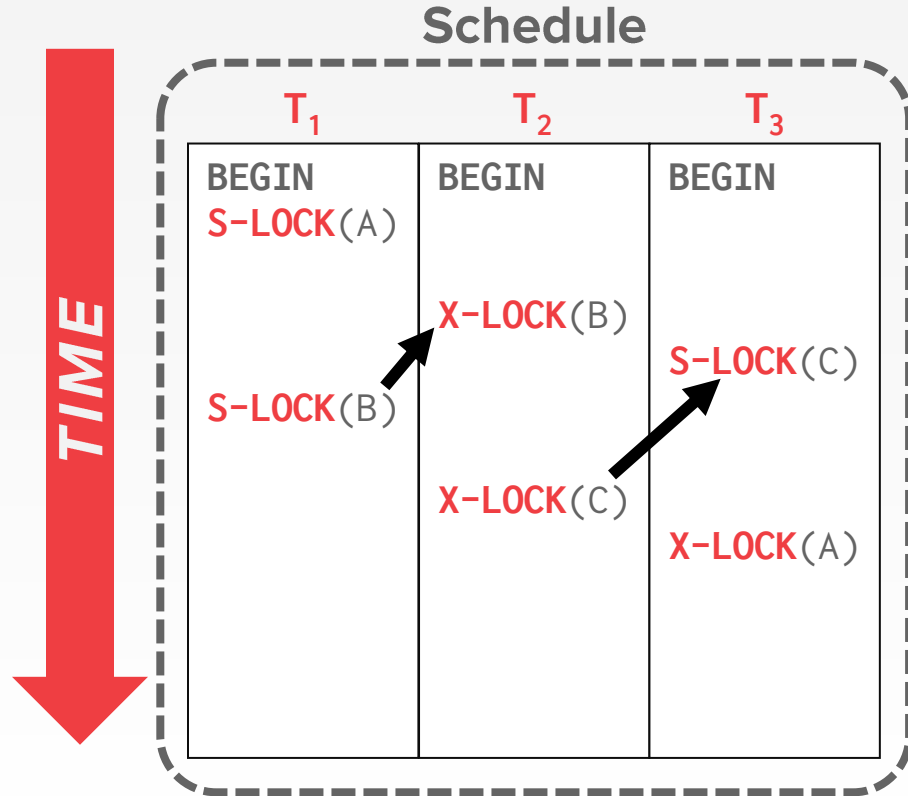
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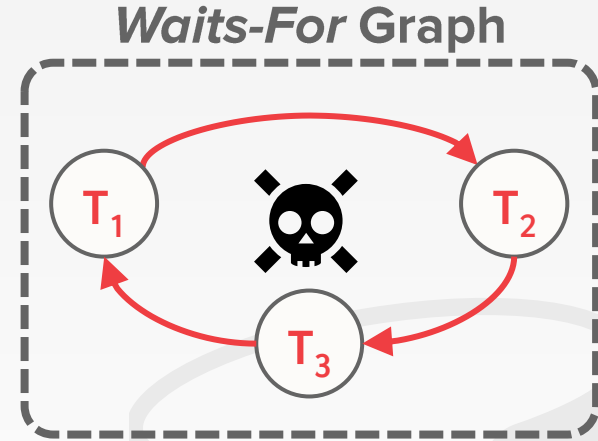
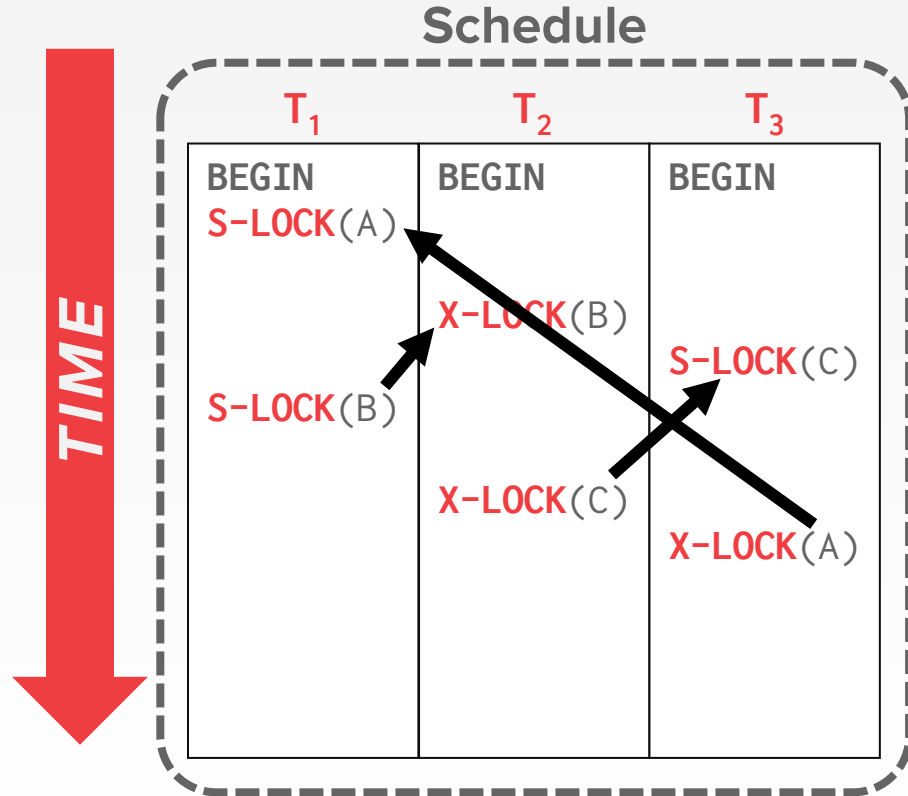
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DEADLOCK HANDLING

When the DBMS detects a deadlock, it will select a "victim" txn to rollback to break the cycle.

The victim txn will either restart or abort (more common) depending on how it was invoked.

There is a trade-off between the frequency of checking for deadlocks and how long txns have to wait before deadlocks are broken.

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We also should consider the # of times a txn has been restarted in the past to prevent starvation.

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After selecting a victim txn to abort, the DBMS can also decide on how far to rollback the txn's changes.

Approach #1: Completely

Approach #2: Minimally



DEADLOCK PREVENTION

When a txn tries to acquire a lock that is held by another txn, the DBMS kills one of them to prevent a deadlock.

This approach does not require a *waits-for* graph or detection algorithm.



DEADLOCK PREVENTION

Assign priorities based on timestamps:

→ Older Timestamp = Higher Priority (e.g., $T_1 > T_2$)

Wait-Die ("Old Waits for Young")

→ If *requesting txn* has higher priority than *holding txn*, then *requesting txn* waits for *holding txn*.

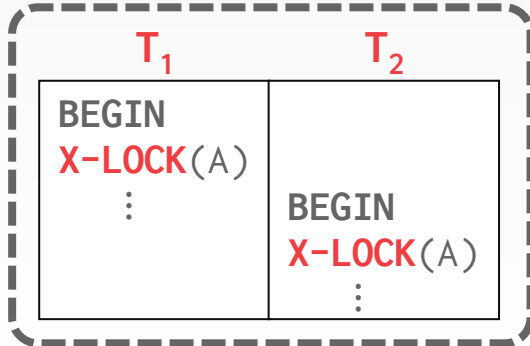
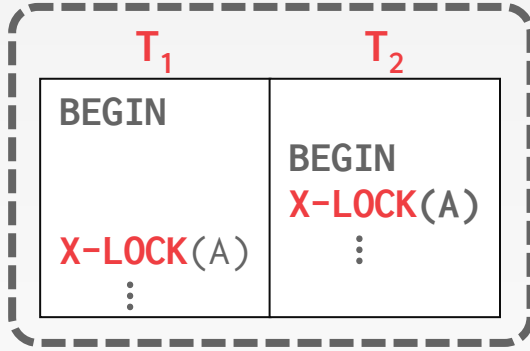
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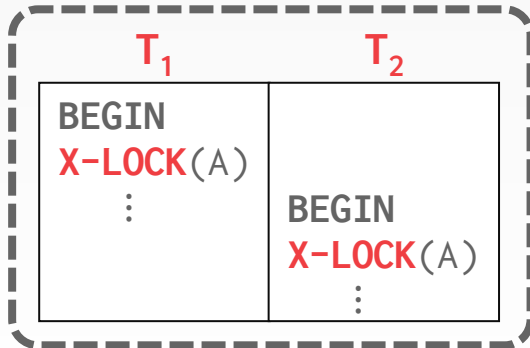
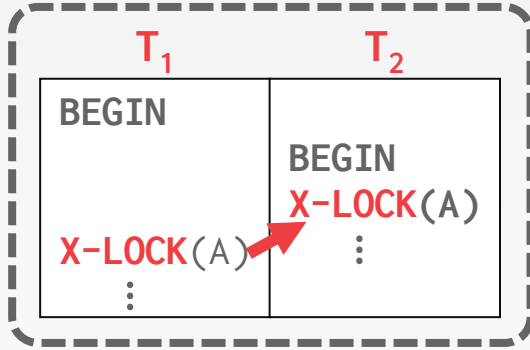
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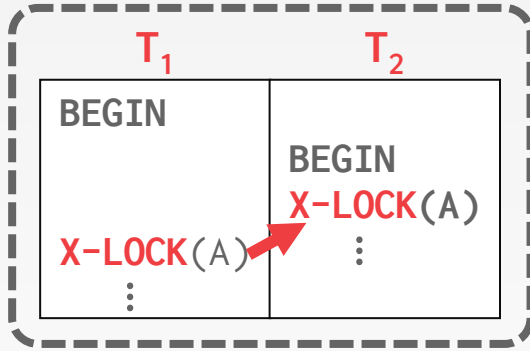
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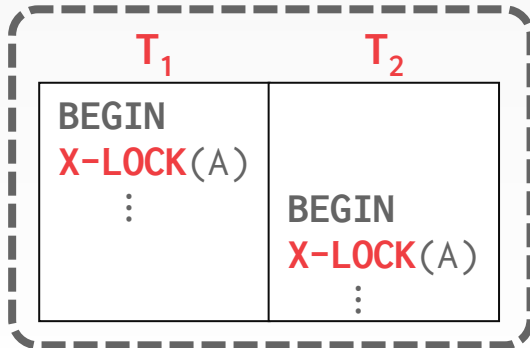


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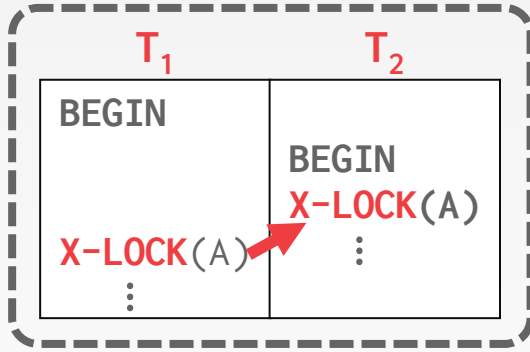
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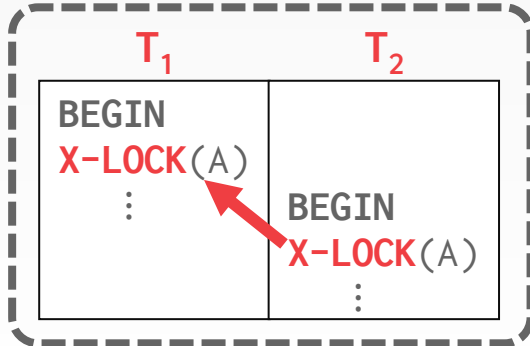


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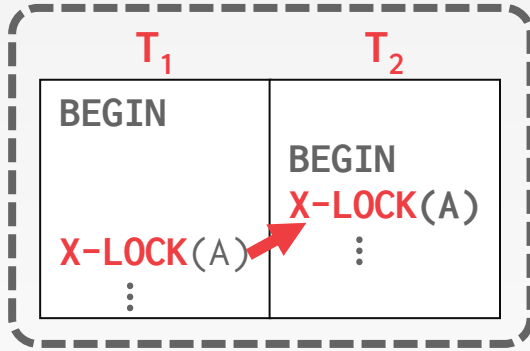
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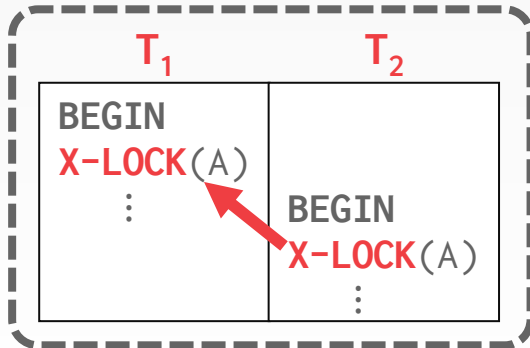


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Its original timestamp. Why?



OBSERVATION

All these examples have a one-to-one mapping from database objects to locks.

If a txn wants to update one billion tuples, then it must acquire one billion locks.

Acquiring locks is a more expensive operation than acquiring a latch even if that lock is available.

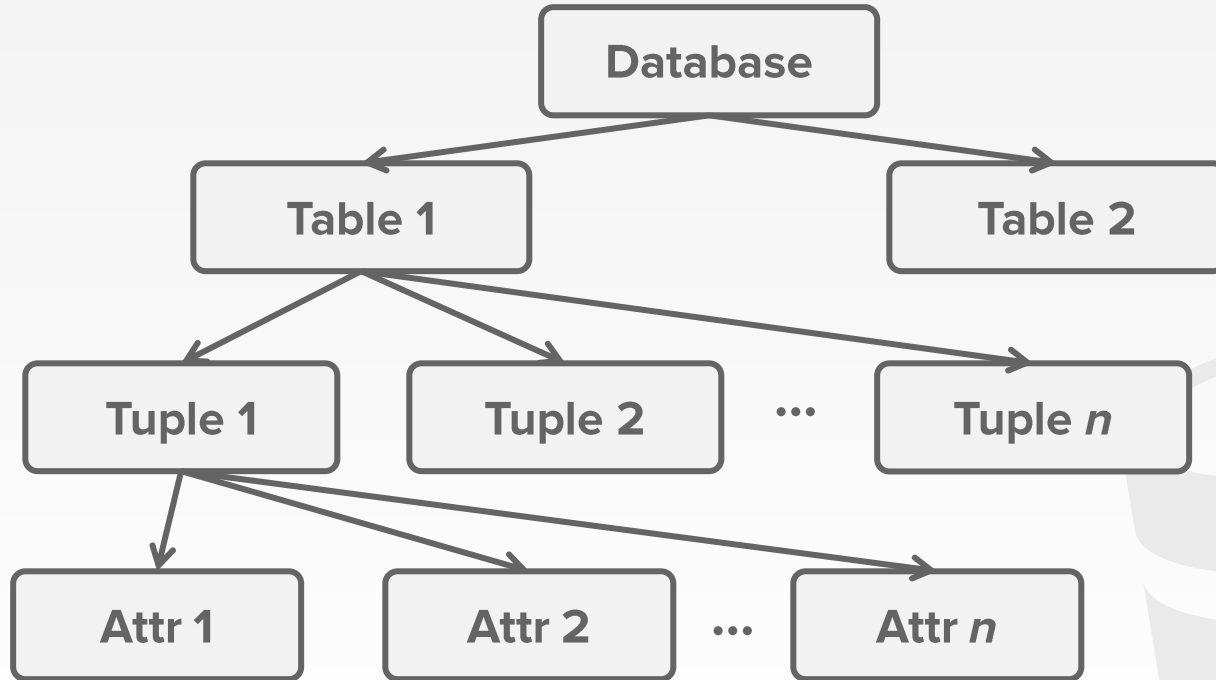
LOCK GRANULARITIES

When a txn wants to acquire a "lock", the DBMS can decide the granularity (i.e., scope) of that lock.
→ Attribute? Tuple? Page? Table?

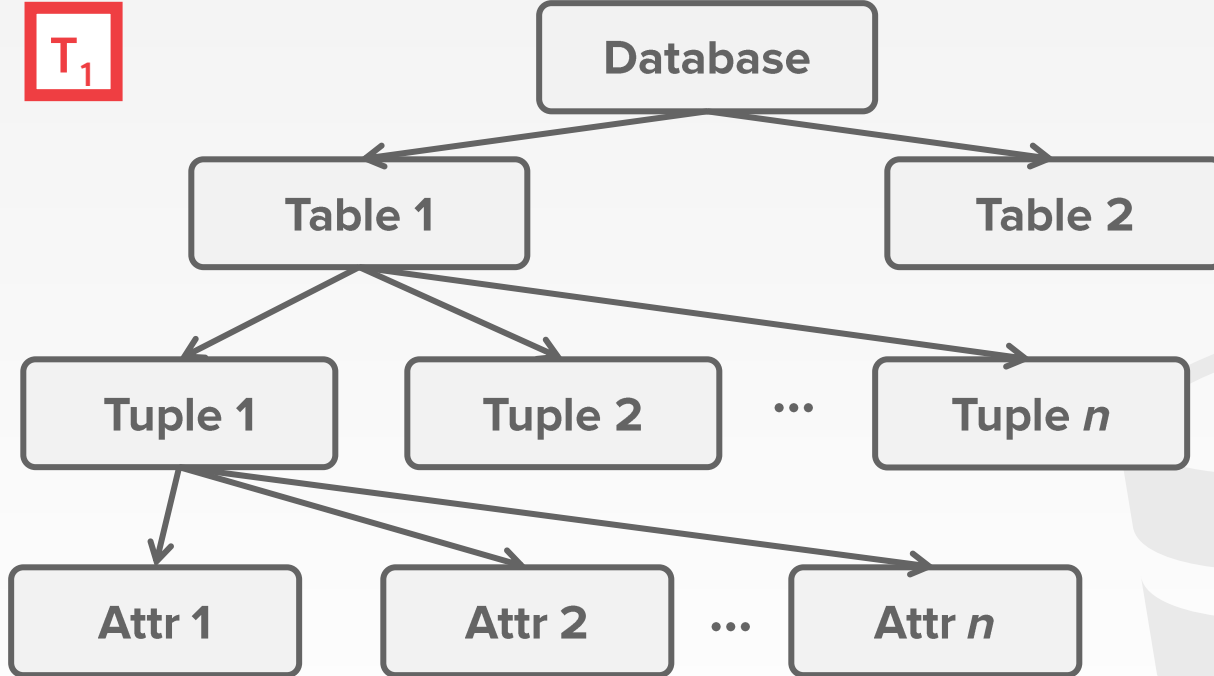
The DBMS should ideally obtain fewest number of locks that a txn needs.

Trade-off between parallelism versus overhead.
→ Fewer Locks, Larger Granularity vs. More Locks, Smaller Granularity.

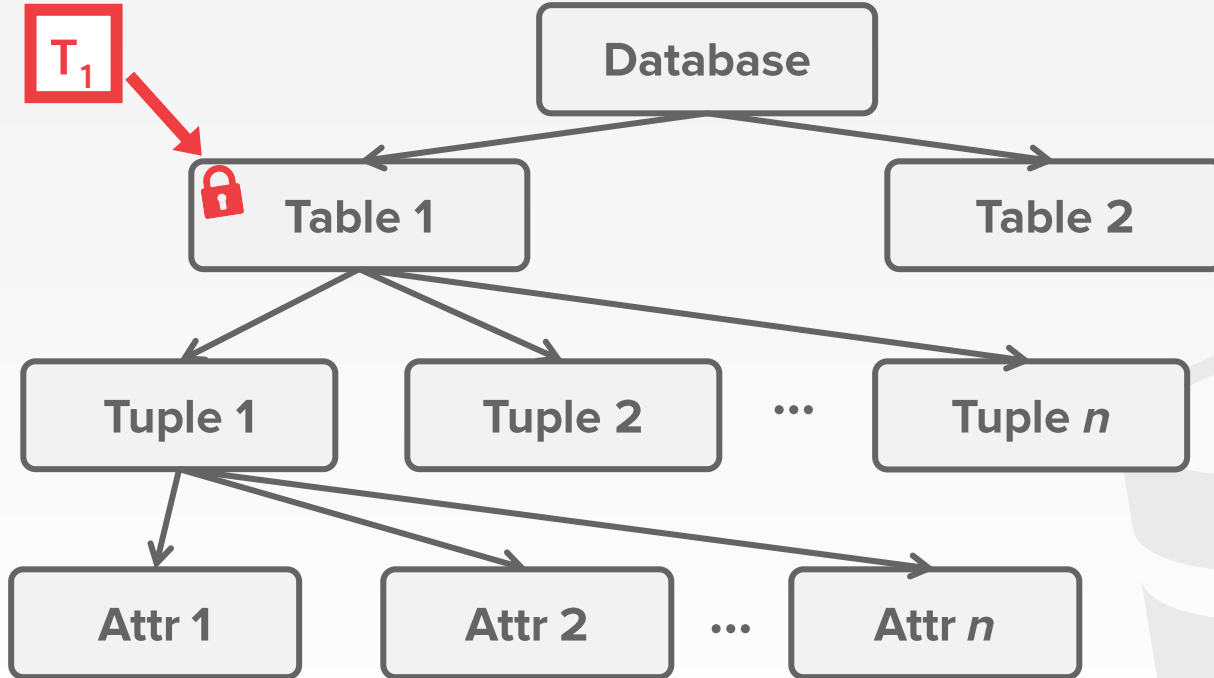
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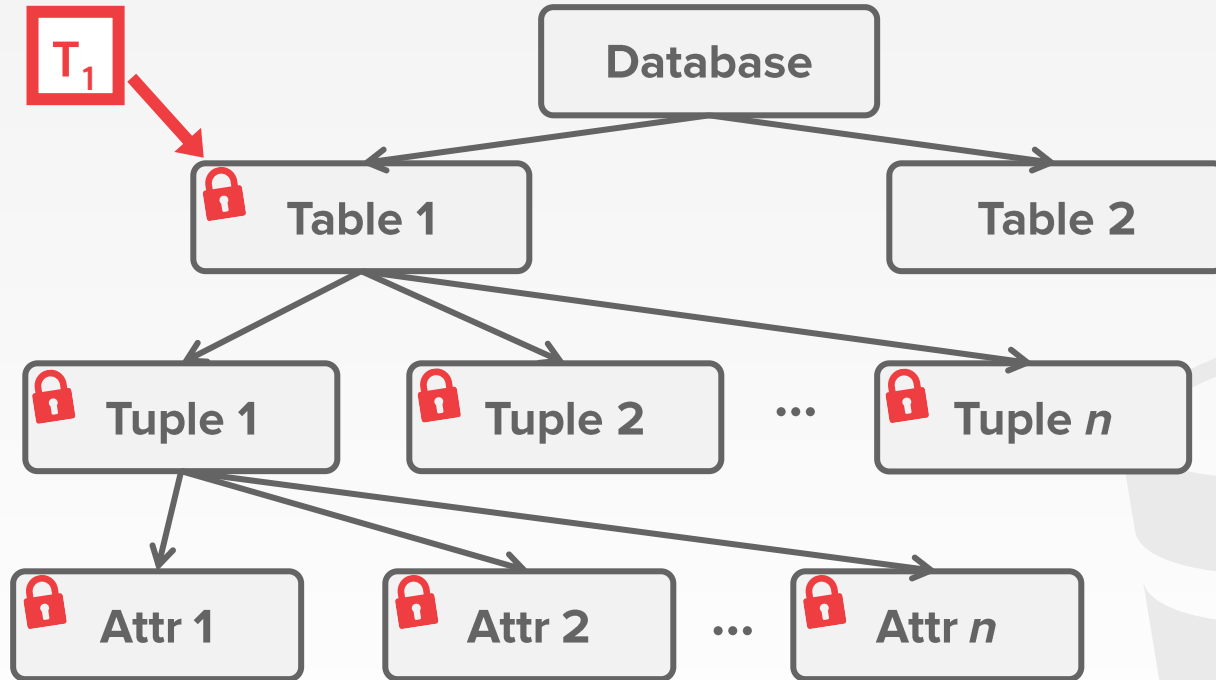
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INTENTION LOCKS

An intention lock allows a higher-level node to be locked in **shared** or **exclusive** mode without having to check all descendent nodes.

If a node is locked in an intention mode, then some txn is doing explicit locking at a lower level in the tree.

INTENTION LOCKS

Intention-Shared (**IS**)

→ Indicates explicit locking at lower level with shared locks.

Intention-Exclusive (**IX**)

→ Indicates explicit locking at lower level with exclusive locks.

Shared+Intention-Exclusive (**SIX**)

→ The subtree rooted by that node is locked explicitly in **shared** mode and explicit locking is being done at a lower level with **exclusive-mode** locks.

COMPATIBILITY MATRIX

		T_2 Wants				
		IS	IX	S	SIX	X
T_1 Holds	IS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	IX	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
	S	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
	SIX	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
	X	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

LOCKING PROTOCOL

Each txn obtains appropriate lock at highest level of the database hierarchy.

To get **S** or **IS** lock on a node, the txn must hold at least **IS** on parent node.

To get **X**, **IX**, or **SIX** on a node, must hold at least **IX** on parent node.



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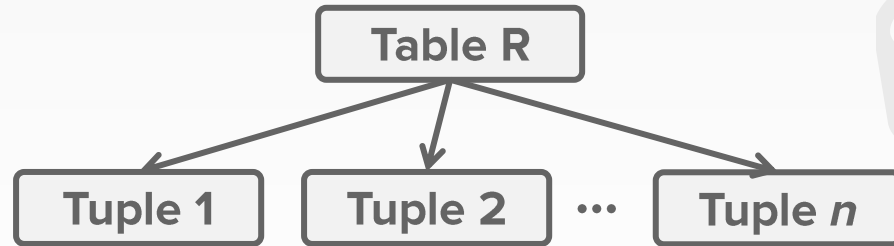
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- Exclusive + Shared for leaf nodes of lock tree.
- Special Intention locks for higher levels.



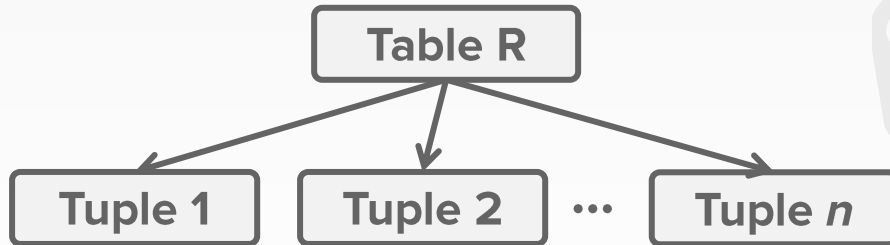
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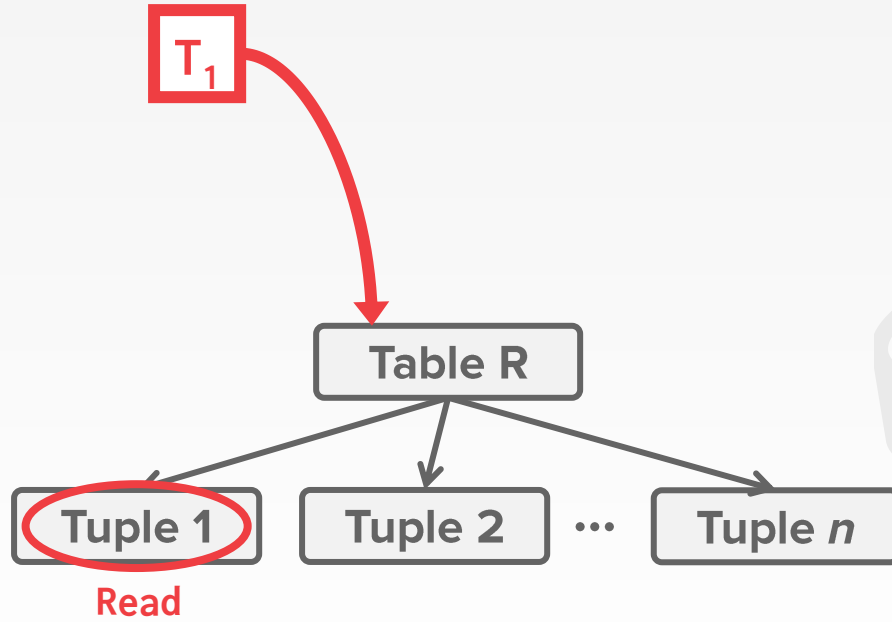
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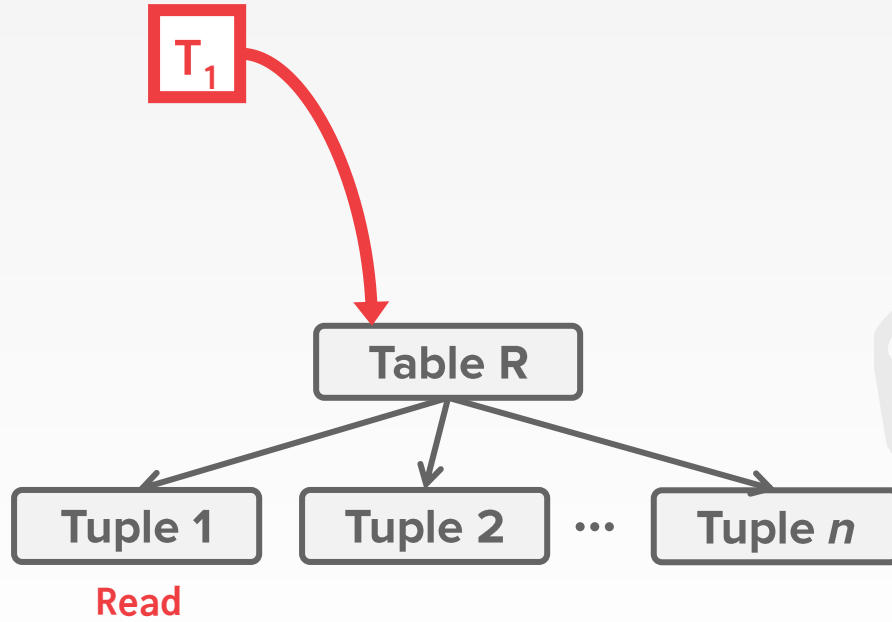
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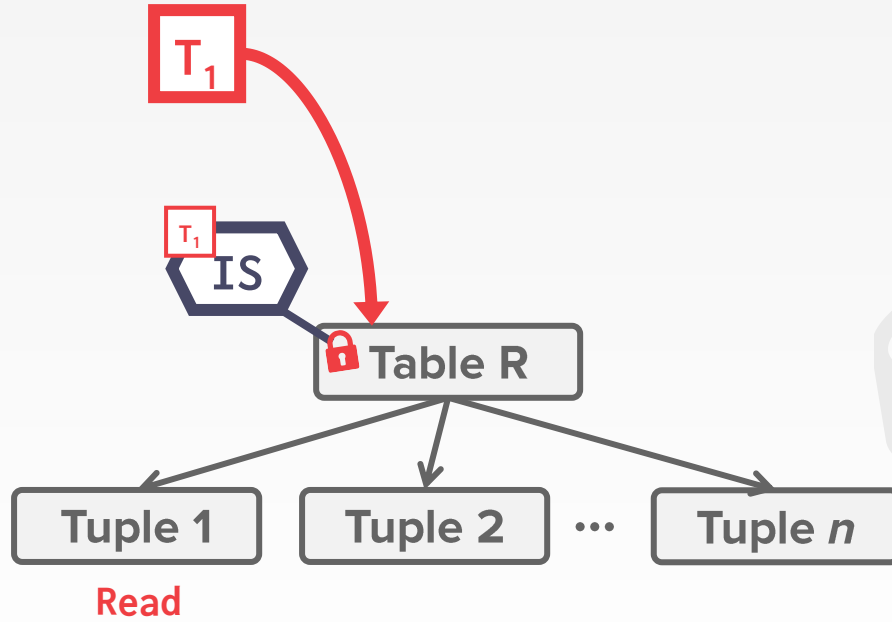
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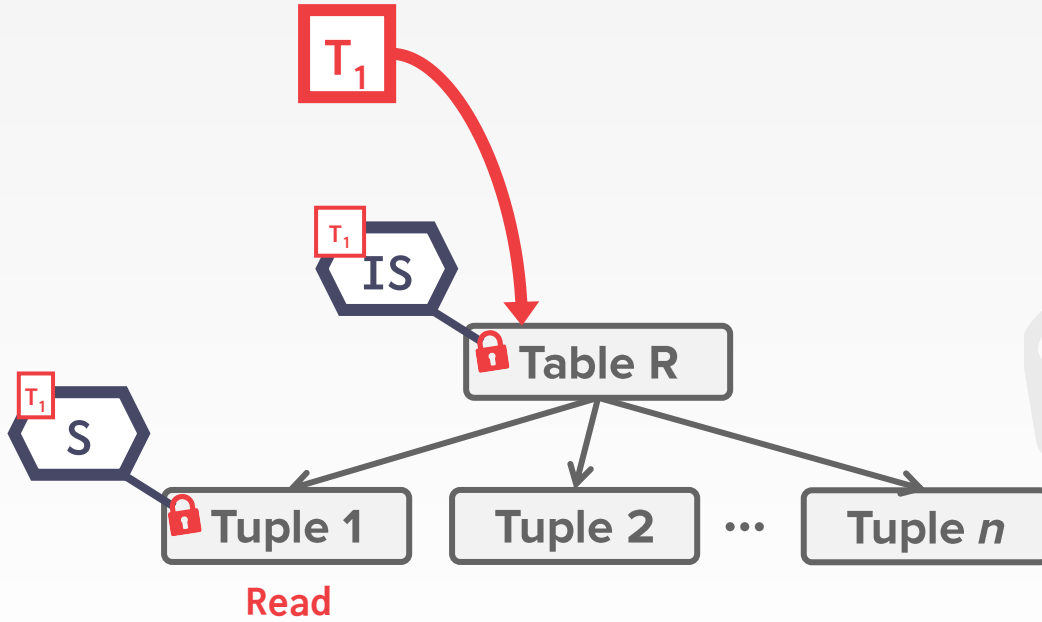
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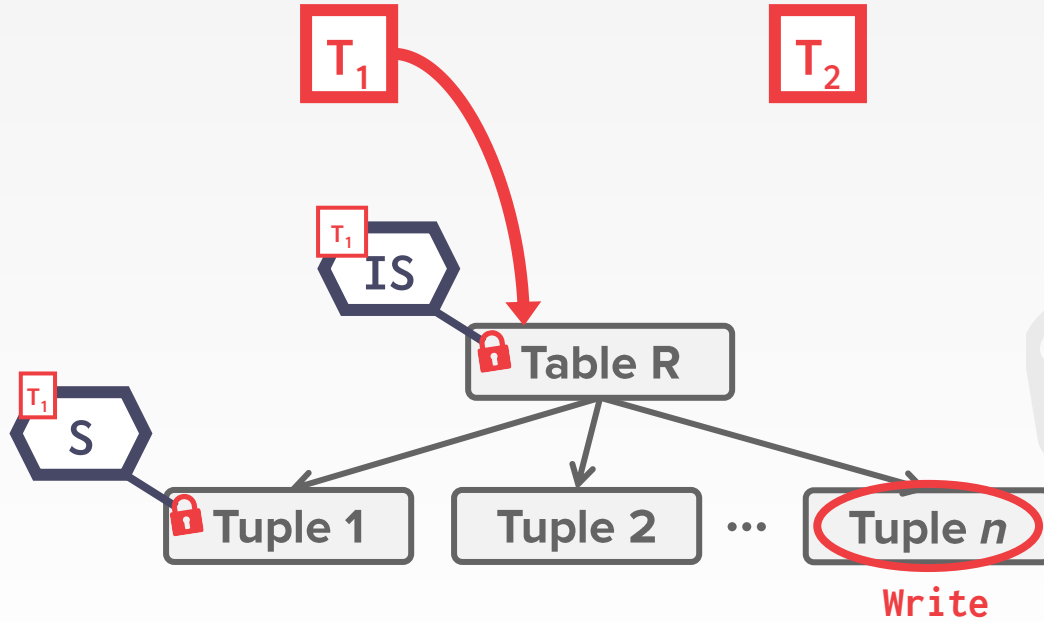
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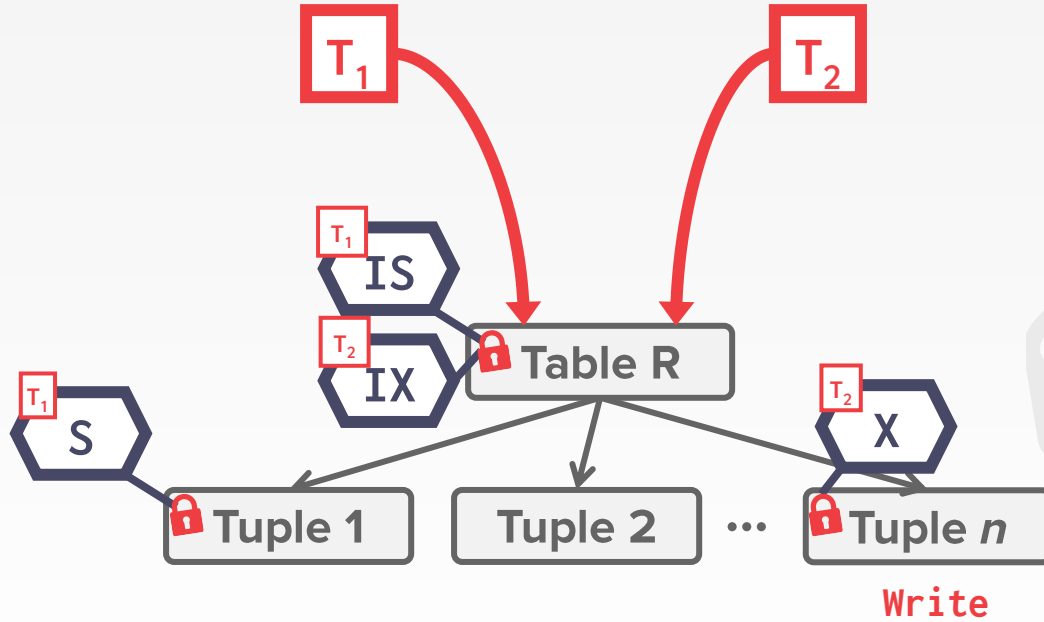
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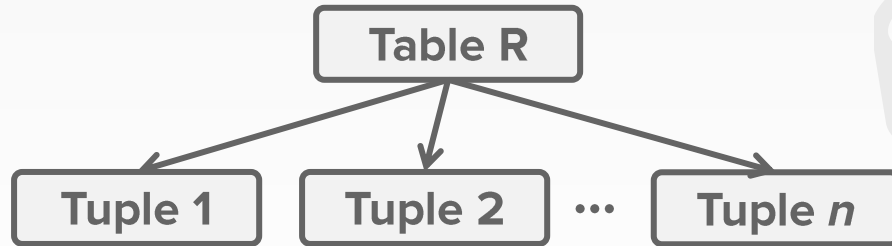
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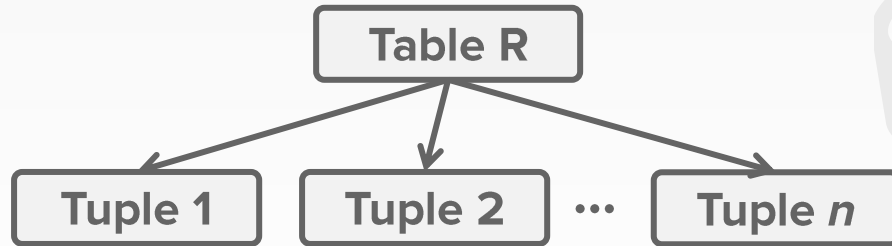
EXAMPLE – THREESOME

Assume three txns execute at same time:

- T_1 – Scan **R** and update a few tuples.
- T_2 – Read a single tuple in **R**.
- T_3 – Scan all tuples in **R**.

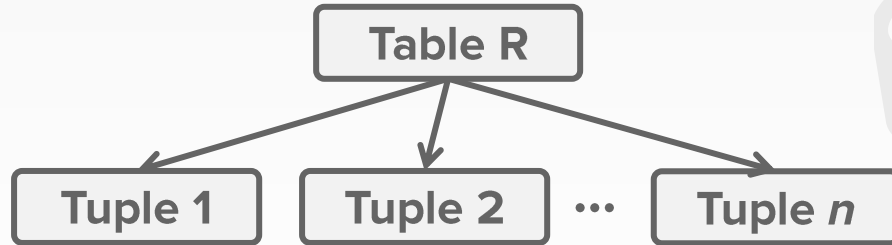


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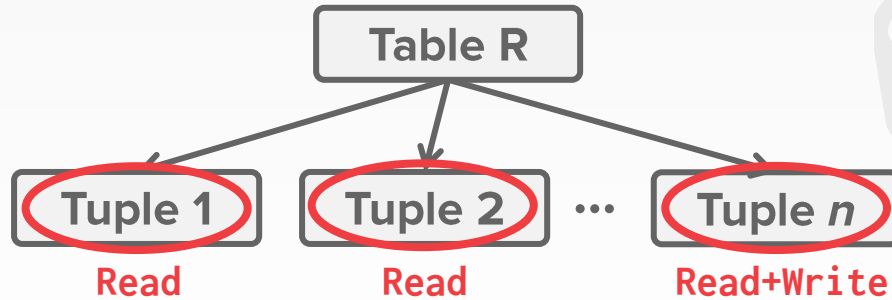
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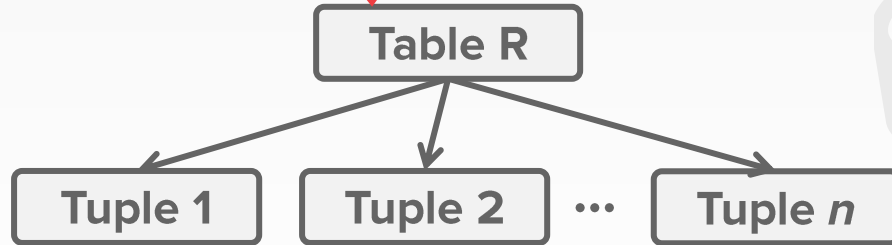
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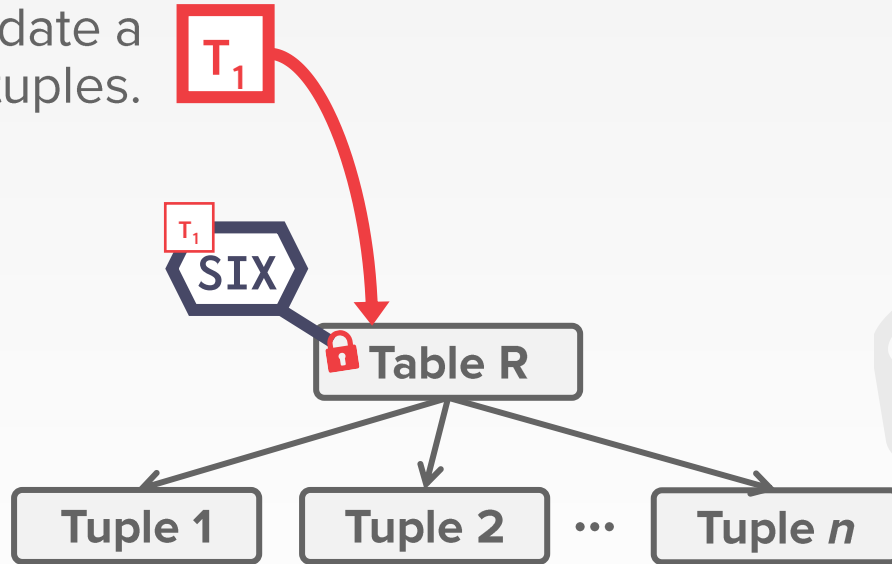
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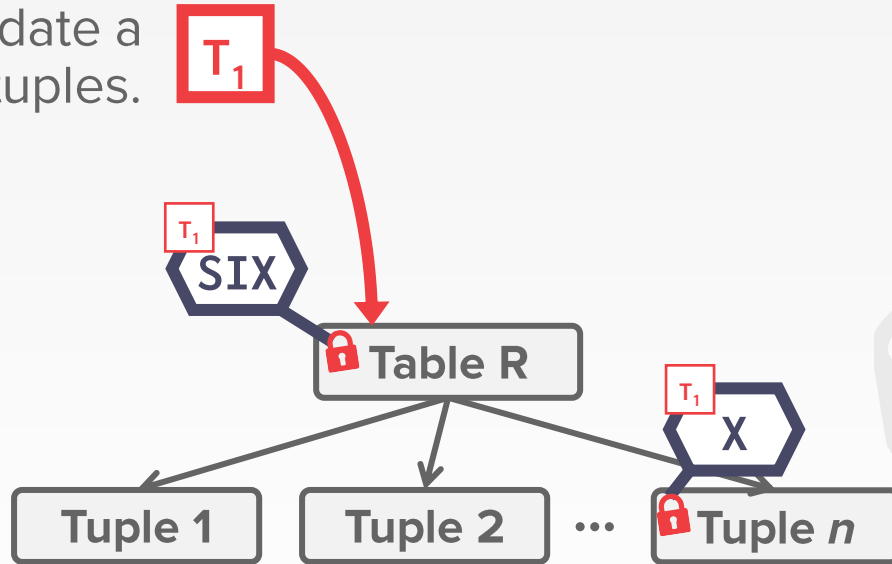
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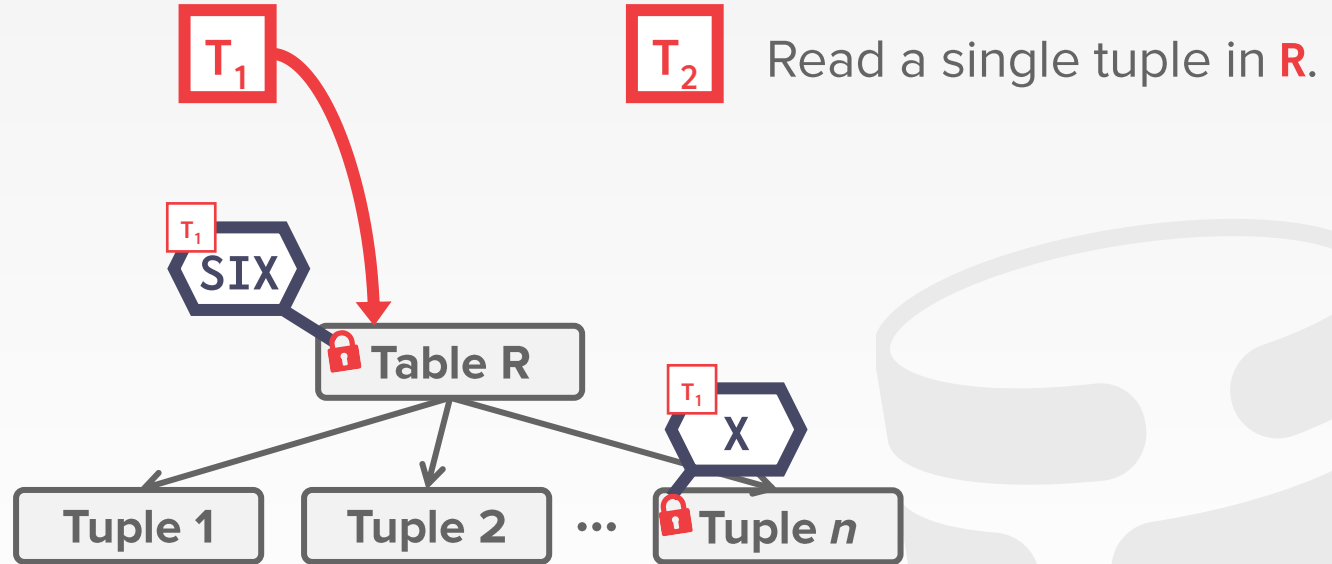


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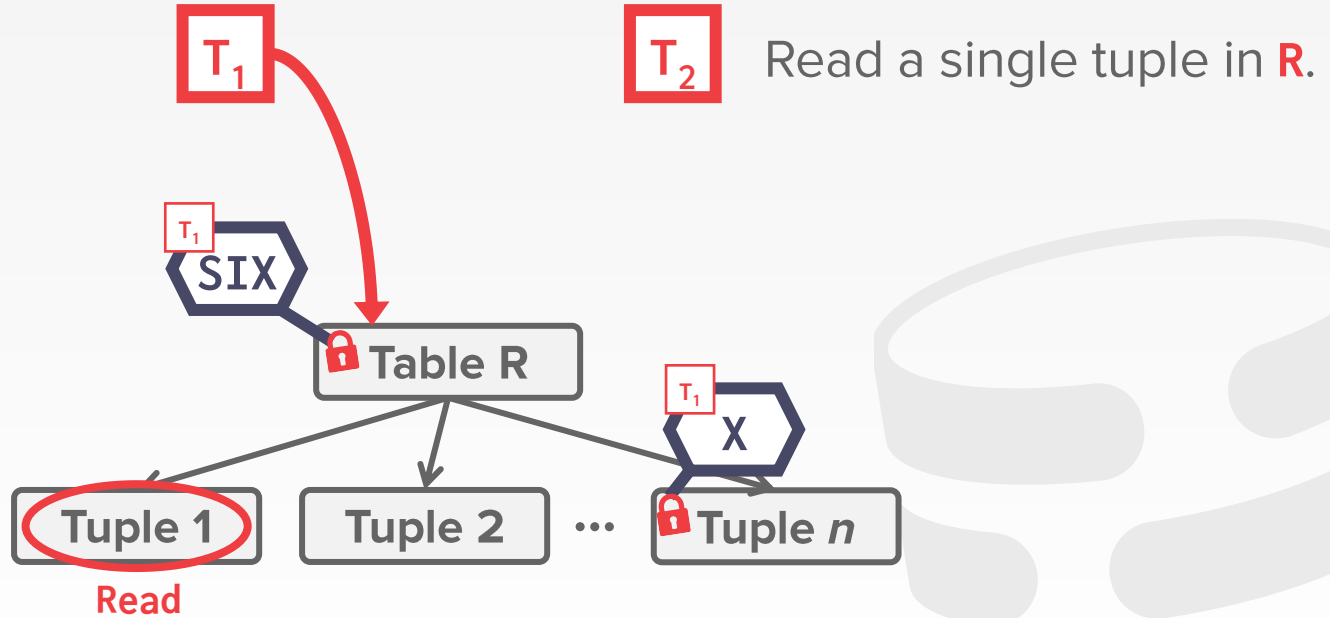
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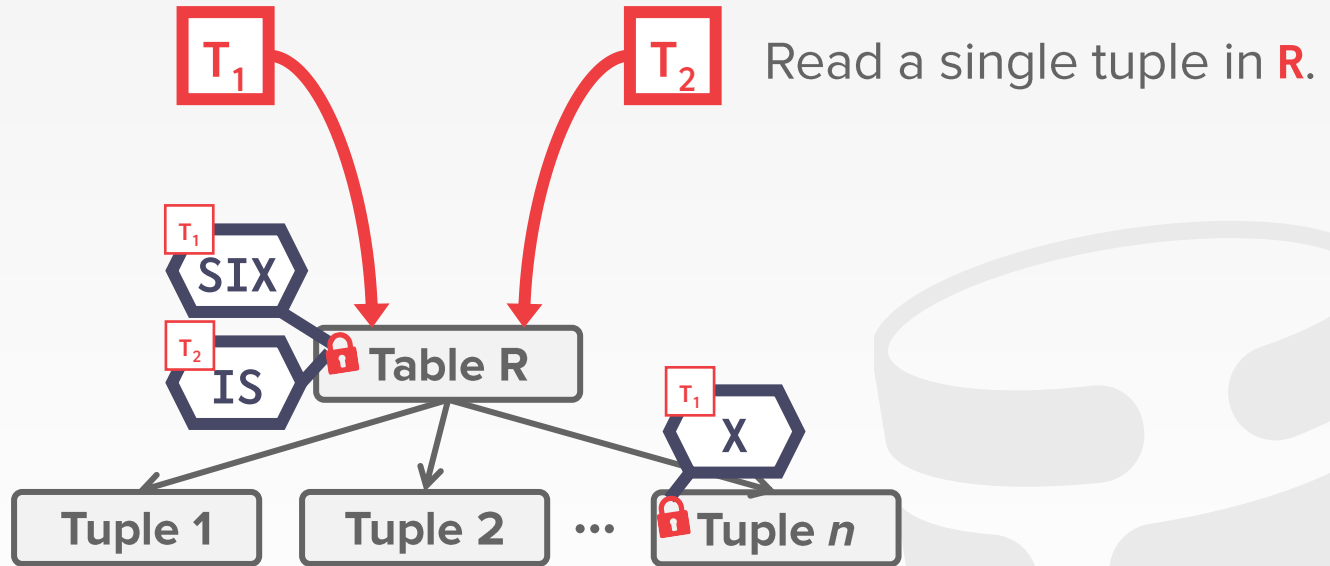
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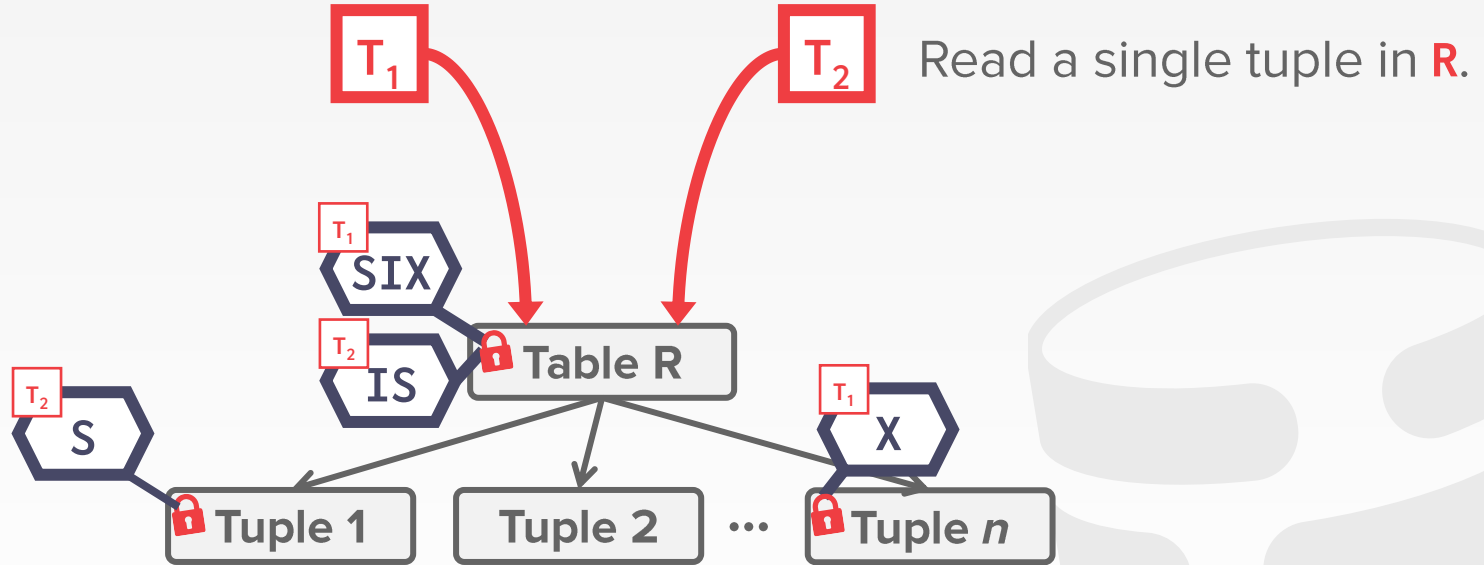
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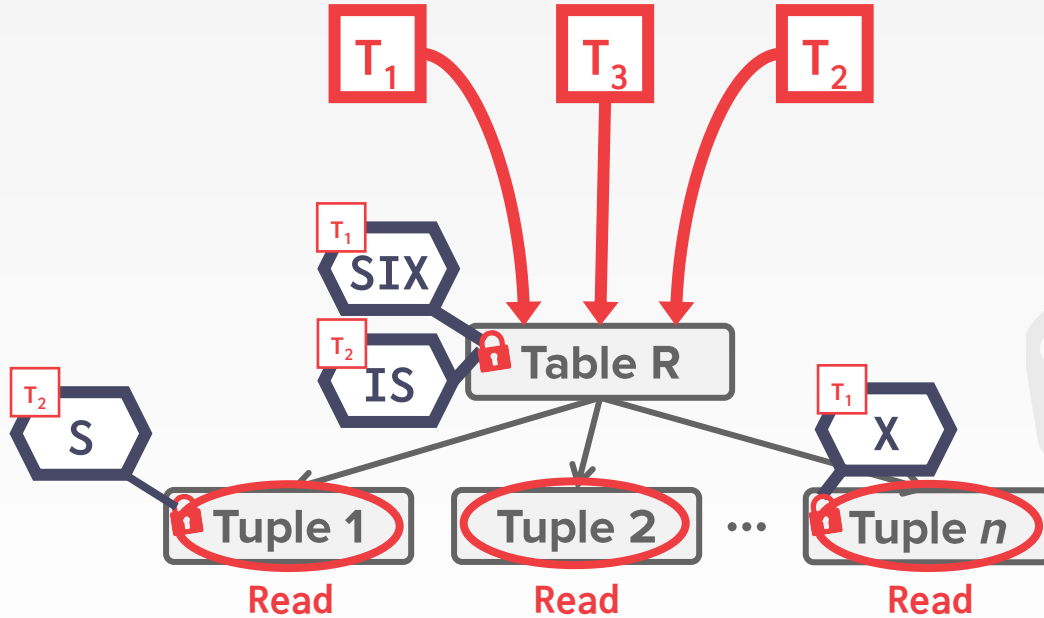


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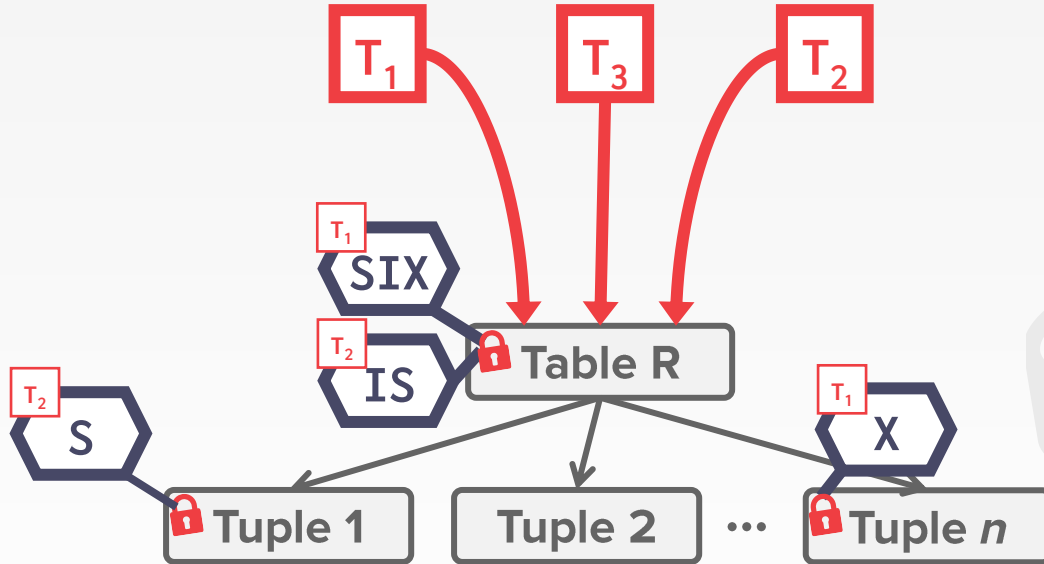
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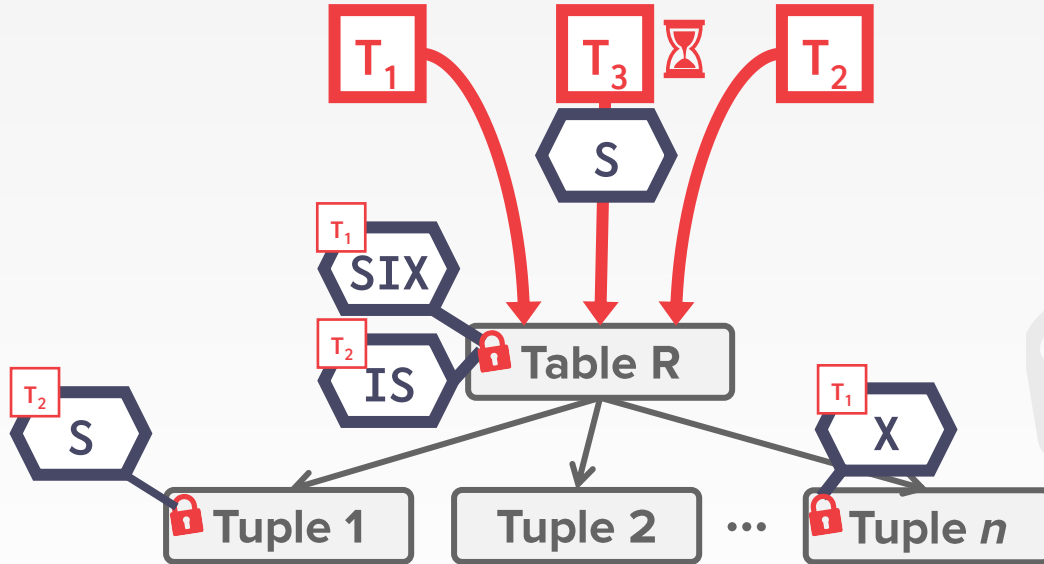
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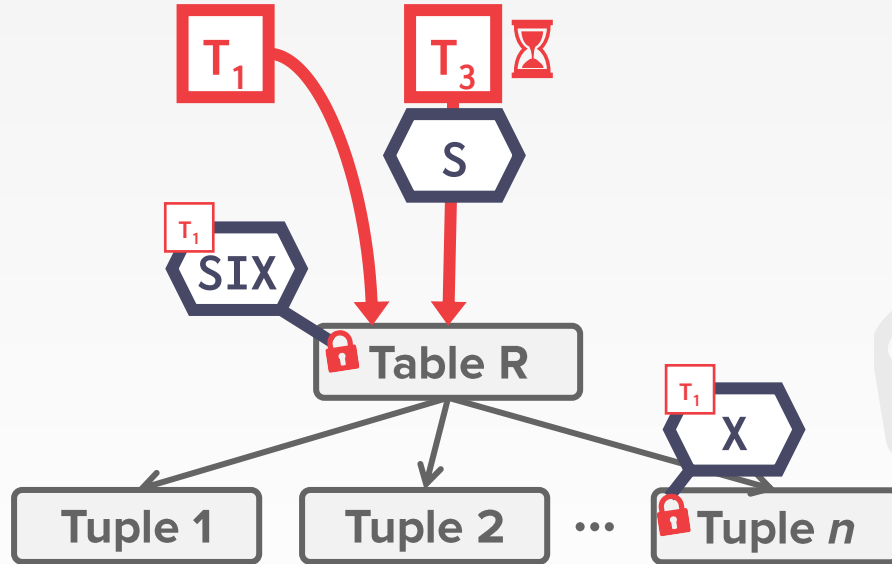
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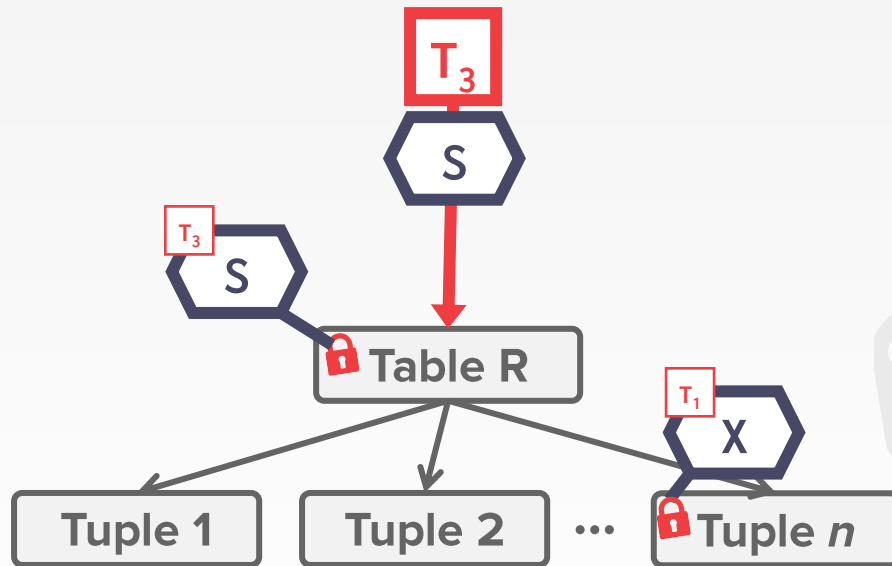
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MULTIPLE LOCK GRANULARITIES

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- **Shared+Intention-Exclusive (SIX)**: Like **S** and **IX** at the same time.

LOCK ESCALATION

Lock escalation dynamically asks for coarser-grained locks when too many low-level locks acquired.

This reduces the number of requests that the lock manager must process.



LOCKING IN PRACTICE

You typically don't set locks manually in txns.

Sometimes you will need to provide the DBMS with hints to help it to improve concurrency.

Explicit locks are also useful when doing major changes to the database.



LOCK TABLE

Explicitly locks a table.

Not part of the SQL standard.

→ Postgres/DB2/Oracle Modes: **SHARE, EXCLUSIVE**

→ MySQL Modes: **READ, WRITE**



```
LOCK TABLE <table> IN <mode> MODE;
```

```
SELECT 1 FROM <table> WITH (TABLOCK, <mode>);
```

```
LOCK TABLE <table> <mode>;
```

SELECT...FOR UPDATE

Perform a select and then sets an exclusive lock on the matching tuples.

Can also set shared locks:

→ Postgres: **FOR SHARE**

→ MySQL: **LOCK IN SHARE MODE**

```
SELECT * FROM <table>  
WHERE <qualification> FOR UPDATE;
```

CONCLUSION

2PL is used in almost DBMS.

Automatically generates correct interleaving:

- Locks + protocol (2PL, SS2PL ...)
- Deadlock detection + handling
- Deadlock prevention



NEXT CLASS

Timestamp Ordering Concurrency Control

