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Homework #4 (by Joyce Liao)
Due: **Sunday Nov 13, 2022 @ 11:59pm**

IMPORTANT:

- Enter all of your answers into **Gradescope by 11:59pm on Sunday Nov 13, 2022.**
- **Plagiarism:** Homework may be discussed with other students, but all homework is to be completed **individually**.

For your information:

- Graded out of **100** points; **4** questions total
- Rough time estimate: $\approx 2 - 4$ hours (0.5 - 1 hours for each question)

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Question	Points	Score
Serializability and 2PL	27	
Deadlock Detection and Prevention	35	
Hierarchical Locking	20	
Optimistic Concurrency Control	18	
Total:	100	

Question 1: Serializability and 2PL.....[27 points]

(a) True/False Questions:

- i. [2 points] Cascading aborts do not happen under rigorous 2PL.
☐ True ☐ False
- ii. [2 points] A schedule that is view serializable is also conflict serializable.
☐ True ☐ False
- iii. [2 points] 2PL is a pessimistic concurrency control protocol.
☐ True ☐ False
- iv. [2 points] Deadlocks cannot happen in non-rigorous 2PL.
☐ True ☐ False
- v. [2 points] There are not dirty reads in non-rigorous 2PL.
☐ True ☐ False
- vi. [2 points] A schedule with an acyclic precedence graph is view serializable.
☐ True ☐ False

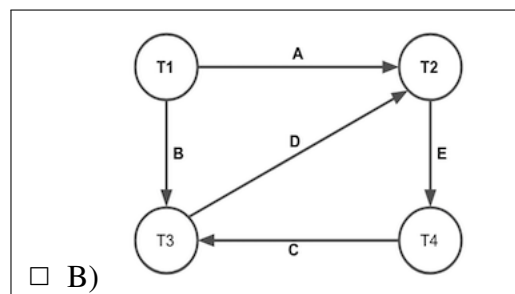
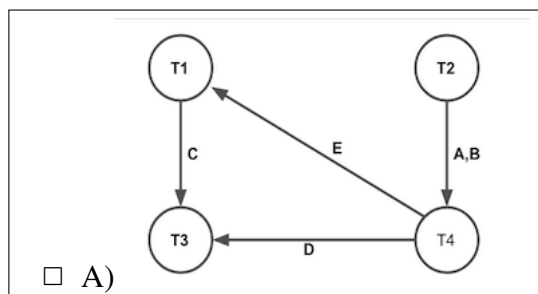
(b) Serializability:

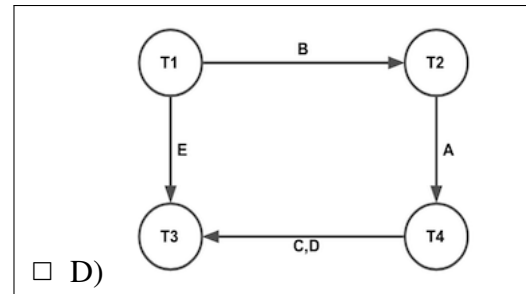
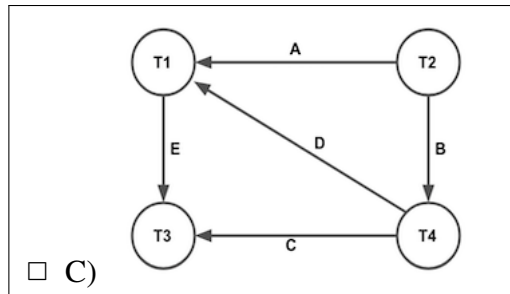
Consider the schedule given below in Table 1. $R(\cdot)$ and $W(\cdot)$ stand for 'Read' and 'Write', respectively.

time	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	t_6	t_7	t_8	t_9	t_{10}
T_1			W(E)		R(D)				W(A)	
T_2		W(B)		R(A)						
T_3								R(E)		W(C)
T_4	W(D)					R(B)	R(C)			

Table 1: A schedule with 4 transactions

- i. [2 points] Is this schedule serial?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- ii. [3 points] Choose the correct dependency graph of the schedule given above. Each edge in the dependency graph looks like this: ' $T_x \rightarrow T_y$ with Z on the arrow indicating that there is a conflict on Z where T_x read/wrote on Z before T_y '.





- iii. [2 points] Is this schedule conflict serializable?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- iv. [4 points] What is the minimum number of transactions that need to be removed to produce a conflict serializable schedule?
- ☐ Two (T1 and T4)
- ☐ One (T1)
- ☐ One (T4)
- ☐ Zero (original schedule is already serializable)
- v. [4 points] Which of the following serial schedules is conflict equivalent to the given schedule? Mark all that apply.
- ☐ T1, T2, T3, T4
- ☐ T2, T4, T1, T3
- ☐ T2, T3, T1, T4
- ☐ None of the above

Question 2: Deadlock Detection and Prevention.....[35 points]**(a) Deadlock Detection:**

Consider the following transactions and note that

- $S(\cdot)$ and $X(\cdot)$ stand for ‘shared lock’ and ‘exclusive lock’, respectively.
- T_1 and T_2 represent two transactions.
- Transactions will never release a granted lock until the last operation shown for the transaction is completed.

T_1 : (a) read(A); (b) write(B); (c) read(C); (d) read(B); (e) read(A); (f) write(C);

i. For each position in T_1 above, which lock should be requested?

α [1 point] At (a): ☐ $S(A)$ ☐ $X(A)$ ☐ No lock needs to be requested

β [1 point] At (b): ☐ $S(B)$ ☐ $X(B)$ ☐ No lock needs to be requested

γ [1 point] At (c): ☐ $S(C)$ ☐ $X(C)$ ☐ No lock needs to be requested

δ [1 point] At (d): ☐ $S(B)$ ☐ $X(B)$ ☐ No lock needs to be requested

ϵ [1 point] At (e): ☐ $S(A)$ ☐ $X(A)$ ☐ No lock needs to be requested

ζ [1 point] At (f): ☐ $S(C)$ ☐ $X(C)$ ☐ No lock needs to be requested

ii. [4 points] Which of the following schedule can cause a deadlock?

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T_1	$S(A)$	$S(B)$				$S(C)$
T_2			$S(A)$	$X(B)$	$X(C)$	

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T_1	$S(A)$	$X(C)$		$X(A)$		
T_2			$S(B)$		$X(B)$	$X(A)$

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T_1	$S(A)$			$S(B)$	$S(C)$	
T_2		$X(B)$	$S(C)$			$X(A)$

(b) Consider the following lock requests in Table 2. And note that

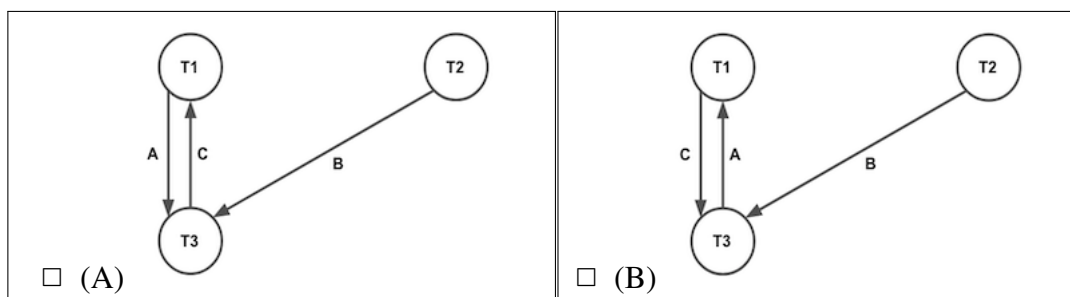
- $S(\cdot)$ and $X(\cdot)$ stand for ‘shared lock’ and ‘exclusive lock’, respectively.
- T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 represent three transactions.
- LM stands for ‘lock manager’.
- Transactions will never release a granted lock.

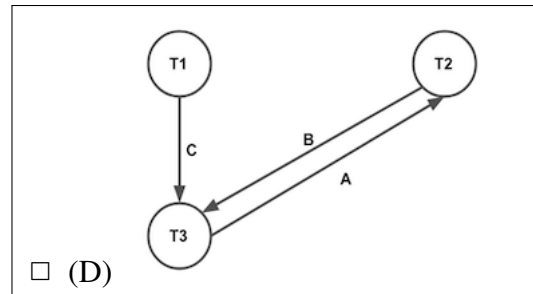
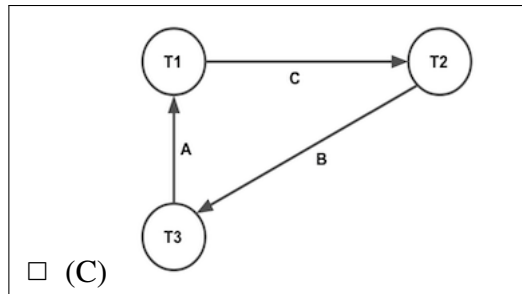
i. For the lock requests in Table 2, determine which lock will be granted or blocked by the lock manager. Please write ‘g’ in the LM row to indicate the lock is granted and ‘b’ to indicate the lock is blocked or the transaction has already been blocked by a former lock request. For example, in the table, the first lock ($S(A)$ at time t_1) is marked as granted.

time	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	t_6
T_1	S(A)					S(C)
T_2			S(B)			
T_3		X(B)		X(C)	X(A)	
LM	g					

Table 2: Lock requests of three transactions

- α) [1 point] At t_2 : ☐ g ☐ b
 β) [1 point] At t_3 : ☐ g ☐ b
 γ) [1 point] At t_4 : ☐ g ☐ b
 δ) [1 point] At t_5 : ☐ g ☐ b
 ϵ) [1 point] At t_6 : ☐ g ☐ b
- ii. [4 points] Mark the correct wait-for graph for the lock requests in Table 2. Each edge in the wait-for graph looks like this: $T_x \rightarrow T_y$ because of Z . Z is denoted in the arrow in the figure. (i.e., T_x is waiting for T_y to release its lock on resource Z).





iii. **[2 points]** Determine whether there exists a deadlock in the lock requests in Table 2.

- ☐ There is no deadlock
- ☐ Cycle $(T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow T_3)$ exists and schedule deadlocks
- ☐ Cycle $(T_1 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_1)$ exists and schedule deadlocks
- ☐ Cycle $(T_2 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_2)$ exists and schedule deadlocks

(c) **Deadlock Prevention:**

Consider the following lock requests in Table 3.

Like before,

- $S(\cdot)$ and $X(\cdot)$ stand for ‘shared lock’ and ‘exclusive lock’, respectively.
- T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 , and T_5 represent five transactions.
- LM represents a ‘lock manager’.
- Transactions will never release a granted lock.

time	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	t_6	t_7	t_8
T_1							X(C)	
T_2	S(A)		S(B)			S(C)		
T_3		X(A)		X(B)				
T_4					X(C)			X(B)
LM	g							

Table 3: Lock requests of four transactions

- i. To prevent deadlock, we use a lock manager (LM) that adopts the Wait-Die policy. We assume that in terms of priority: $T_1 > T_2 > T_3 > T_4$. Here, $T_1 > T_2$ because T_1 is older than T_2 (i.e., older transactions have higher priority). *Determine whether the lock request is granted (‘g’), blocked (‘b’), aborted (‘a’), or already dead (‘-’).*
- α) [1 point] At t_2 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- β) [1 point] At t_3 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- γ) [1 point] At t_4 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- δ) [1 point] At t_5 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- ϵ) [1 point] At t_6 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- ζ) [1 point] At t_7 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- η) [1 point] At t_8 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- ii. Now we use a lock manager (LM) that adopts the Wound-Wait policy. We assume that in terms of priority: $T_1 > T_2 > T_3 > T_4$. Here, $T_1 > T_2$ because T_1 is older than T_2 (i.e., older transactions have higher priority). *Determine whether the lock request is granted (‘g’), blocked (‘b’), granted by aborting another transaction (‘a’), or the requester is already dead (‘-’).* Follow the same format as the previous question.
- α) [1 point] At t_2 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- β) [1 point] At t_3 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- γ) [1 point] At t_4 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- δ) [1 point] At t_5 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- ϵ) [1 point] At t_6 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- ζ) [1 point] At t_7 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -
- η) [1 point] At t_8 : ☐ g ☐ b ☐ a ☐ -

Question 3: Hierarchical Locking [20 points]

Consider a database (D) consisting of two tables, Release (R) and Artists (A). Specifically,

- Release(rid, name, artist_credit, language, status, genre, year, number_sold), spans 1000 pages, namely R_1 to R_{1000}
- Artists(id, name, type, area, gender, begin_date_year), spans 50 pages, namely A_1 to A_{50}

Further, **each page contains 100 records**, and we use the notation $R_3 : 20$ to represent the 20th record on the third page of the Release table. Similarly, $A_5 : 10$ represents the 10th record on the fifth page of the Artists table.

We use Multiple-granularity locking, with **S, X, IS, IX** and **SIX** locks, and **four levels of granularity**: (1) *database-level* (D), (2) *table-level* (R, A), (3) *page-level* ($R_1 - R_{1000}$, $A_1 - A_{50}$), (4) *record-level* ($R_1 : 1 - R_{1000} : 100$, $A_1 : 1 - A_{50} : 100$).

For each of the following operations on the database, check all the sequence of lock requests based on intention locks that should be generated by a transaction that wants to efficiently carry out these operations by maximizing concurrency. Please take care of efficiency for e.g., share vs. exclusive lock and granularity.

Please follow the format of the examples listed below:

- mark “**IS(D)**” for a request of **database-level IS lock**
 - mark “**X($A_2 : 30$)**” for a request of **record-level X lock for the 30th record on the second page of the Artists table**
 - mark “**S($A_2 : 30 - A_3 : 100$)**” for a request of **record-level S lock from the 30th record on the second page of the Artists table to the 100th record on the third page of the Artists table**.
- (a) **[4 points]** Fetch the record that represents the artist with the earliest begin_date_year. Assume there are no ties.
- ☐ IX(D), X(A)
 - ☐ IS(D), S(A)
 - ☐ S(D)
 - ☐ IS(D), SIX(A), X(A_1)
- (b) **[4 points]** Modify the 4th record on R_{45} .
- ☐ IX(D), IX(R), IX(R_{45}), X($R_{45} : 4$)
 - ☐ IX(D), SIX(R), X(R_{45})
 - ☐ IX(D), IX(R), SIX(R_{45}), X($R_{45} : 4$)
 - ☐ IS(D), IS(R), IX(R_{45}), X($R_{45} : 4$)
- (c) **[4 points]** Find the average number_sold across all releases.
- ☐ S(D)
 - ☐ S(D), S(R)
 - ☐ IS(D), X(R)
 - ☐ IS(D), S(R)

- (d) **[4 points]** Scan all records in R and modify the 1st record on R_5
- ☐ IX(D), SIX(R), IX(R_5), X($R_5 : 1$)
 - ☐ IS(D), S(R), IX($R_5 : 1$)
 - ☐ S(D), IX(R), X($R_5 : 1$)
 - ☐ IS(D), SIX(R), X(R_5)
- (e) **[4 points]** Update the name of all artists to be in uppercase letters only.
- ☐ SIX(D), X(A)
 - ☐ SIX(D), S(A)
 - ☐ IX(D), X(A)
 - ☐ IX(D), SIX(A)

Question 4: Optimistic Concurrency Control [18 points]

Consider the following set of transactions accessing a database with object A , B , C , D . The questions below assume that the transaction manager is using **optimistic concurrency control** (OCC). Assume that a transaction switches from the READ phase immediately into the VALIDATION phase after its last operation executes.

Note: VALIDATION may or may not succeed for each transaction. If validation fails, the transaction will get immediately aborted.

You can assume that the DBMS is using the serial validation protocol discussed in class where only one transaction can be in the validation phase at a time, and each transaction is doing backward validation (i.e. Each transaction, when validating, checks whether it intersects its read/write sets with any transactions that have already committed. You may assume there are no other transactions in addition to the ones shown below.)

time	T_1	T_2	T_3
1	READ(A)		
2	READ(C)		
3		READ(B)	
4	WRITE(A)		
5			READ(B)
6	WRITE(C)		
7	VALIDATE?		
8		READ(D)	
9	WRITE?		
10		WRITE(D)	
11		WRITE(B)	
12		VALIDATE?	
13			READ(A)
14		WRITE?	
15			WRITE(A)
16			WRITE(B)
17			VALIDATE?
18			WRITE?

Figure 1: An execution schedule

(a) [4 points] Will T_1 abort?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

(b) [4 points] Will T_2 abort?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

(c) [4 points] Will T_3 abort?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- (d) **[2 points]** OCC works best when concurrent transactions access the same subset of data in a database.
☐ True ☐ False
- (e) **[2 points]** Transactions can suffer from *phantom reads* in OCC.
☐ True ☐ False
- (f) **[2 points]** Aborts due to OCC are wasteful because they happen after a transaction has already finished executing.
☐ True ☐ False