CS 245: Database System Principles

Notes 08: Failure Recovery

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PART II

- Crash recovery (2 lectures) Ch.17[17]
- Concurrency control (3 lectures) Ch.18[18]
- Transaction processing (2 lects) Ch.19[19]
- Information integration (1 lect) Ch.20[21,22]

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 $\rightarrow$ 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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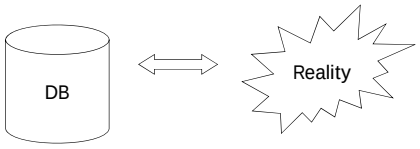
Example 2 Database should reflect real world



☞ in any case, continue with constraints...

Observation: DB cannot be consistent always!

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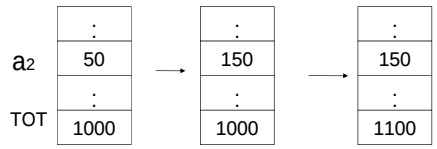
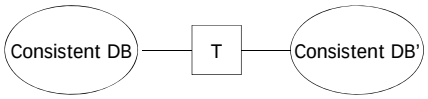


Transaction: collection of actions that preserve consistency



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

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 ⇒ systems analysts

How can we prevent/fix violations?

- Chapter 8[17]: due to failures only
- Chapter 9[18]: due to data sharing only
- Chapter 10[19]: due to failures and sharing

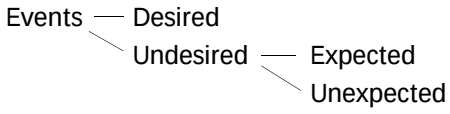
Will not consider:

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

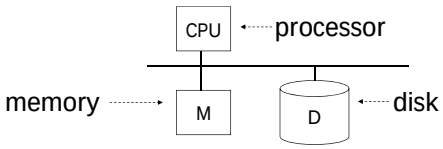
  That is, solutions studied here do not need to know constraints

Chapter 8[17]: Recovery

- First order of business: Failure Model



Our failure model



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that's it!!

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Examples:

- Disk data is lost
- Memory lost without CPU halt
- CPU implodes wiping out universe....

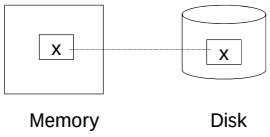
Is this model reasonable?

Approach: Add low level checks + redundancy to increase probability model holds

E.g., Replicate disk storage (stable store)
Memory parity
CPU checks

Second order of business:

Storage hierarchy



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

Key problem Unfinished transaction

Example Constraint: A=B

T_1: A ← A × 2

B ← B × 2

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Output (B); failure!

- Need atomicity: execute all actions of a transaction or none at all

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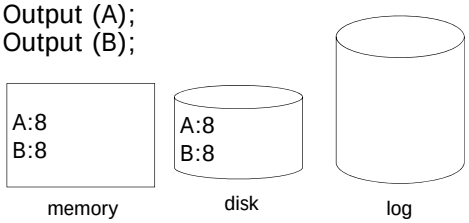

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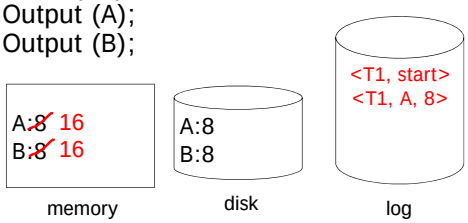

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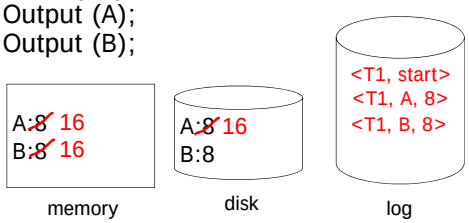

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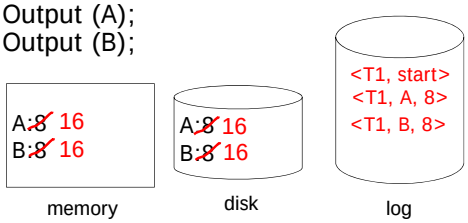

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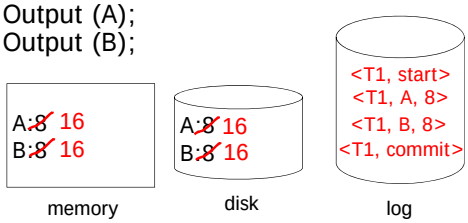

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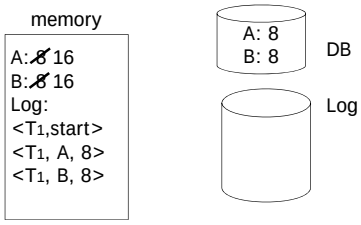

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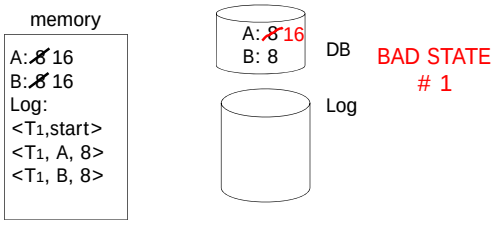

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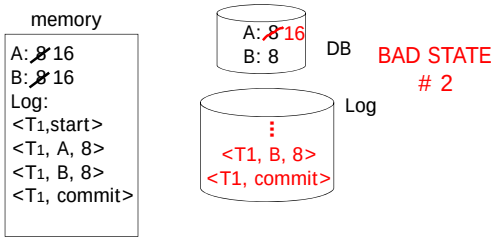

Undo logging rules

(1) For every action generate undo log record (containing old value)

(2) Before *x* is modified on disk, log records pertaining to *x* must be on disk (write ahead logging: WAL)

(3) Before commit is flushed to log, all writes of transaction must be reflected on disk

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<Ti, commit> (or <Ti, abort>) record in log

(2) For each <Ti, X, v> in log,
in reverse order (latest → earliest) do:
- if Ti ∈ S then
  - write (X, v)
  - output (X)

(3) For each Ti ∈ S do
- write <Ti, abort> to log

Question

- Can writes of <Ti, abort> records be done in any order (in Step 3)?
  - Example: T1 and T2 both write A
  - T1 executed before T2
  - T1 and T2 both rolled-back
  - <T1, abort> written but NOT <T2, abort>?
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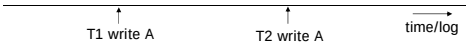

What if failure during recovery?

No problem! ➡ Undo idempotent

To discuss:

- Redo logging
- Undo/redo logging, why both?
- Real world actions
- Checkpoints
- Media failures

Redo Logging

First send Gretel up with no rope, then Hansel goes up safely with rope!

Redo logging (deferred modification)

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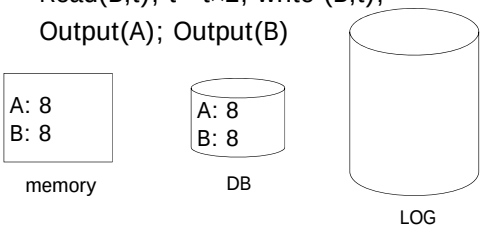
Output(A); Output(B)



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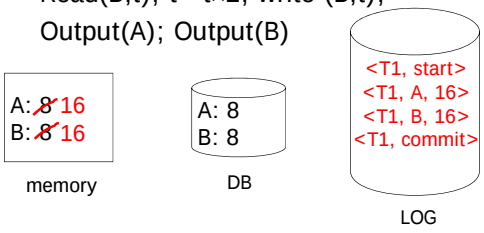

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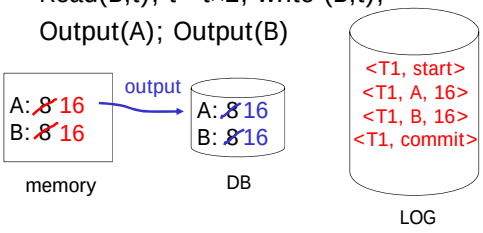

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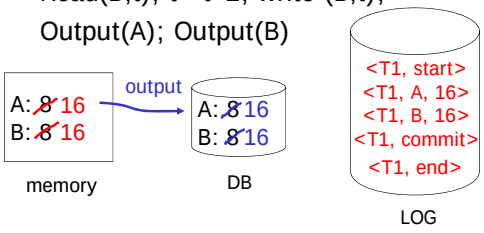

Redo logging rules

(1) For every action, generate redo log record (containing new value)

(2) Before X is modified on disk (DB), all log records for transaction that modified X (including commit) must be on disk

(3) Flush log at commit

(4) Write END record after DB updates flushed to disk

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(2) For each <Ti, X, v> in log, in forward order (earliest → latest) do:

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Combining <Ti, end> Records

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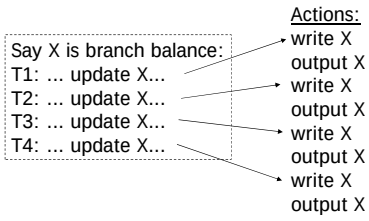

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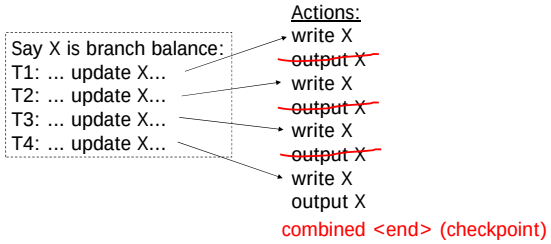


Solution: Checkpoint

- no <ti, end> actions>
- simple checkpoint

Periodically:

(1) Do not accept new transactions

(2) Wait until all transactions finish

(3) Flush all log records to disk (log)

(4) Flush all buffers to disk (DB) (do not discard buffers)

(5) Write "checkpoint" record on disk (log)

(6) Resume transaction processing

Example: what to do at recovery?

Redo log (disk):

Key drawbacks:

- *Undo logging:* cannot bring backup DB copies up to date
- *Redo logging:* need to keep all modified blocks in memory until commit

Solution: undo/redo logging!

Update ⇒ <Ti, Xid, New X val, Old X val> page X

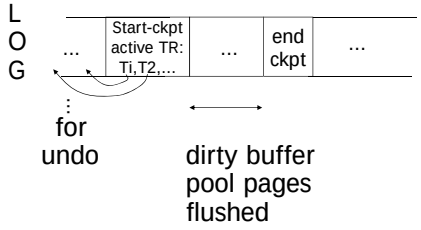
Rules

- Page X can be flushed before or after Ti commit
- Log record flushed before corresponding updated page (WAL)
- Flush at commit (log only)

Example: Undo/Redo logging what to do at recovery?

log (disk):

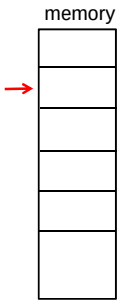
Non-quiesce checkpoint



Non-quiesce checkpoint

checkpoint process:
for i := 1 to M do
output(buffer i)

[transactions run concurrently]



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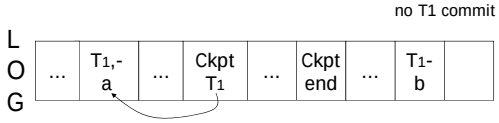

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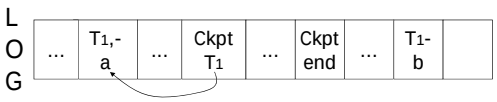
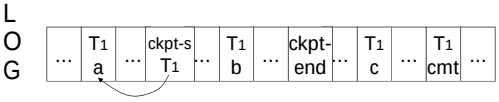


☒ Undo T1 (undo a,b)

Example



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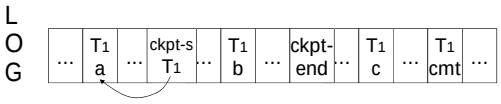
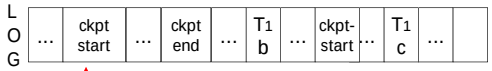


☒ Redo T1: (redo b,c)

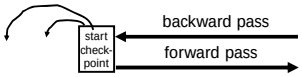
Recover From Valid Checkpoint:



start
of latest
valid
checkpoint

Recovery process:

- Backwards pass (end of log ➲ latest valid checkpoint start)
  - construct set S of committed transactions
  - undo actions of transactions not in S
- Undo pending transactions
  - follow undo chains for transactions in (checkpoint active list) - S
- Forward pass (latest checkpoint start ➲ end of log)
  - redo actions of S transactions



Real world actions

E.g., dispense cash at ATM

$T_i = a_1\ a_2 \ldots\ldots\ a_j \ldots\ldots\ a_n$

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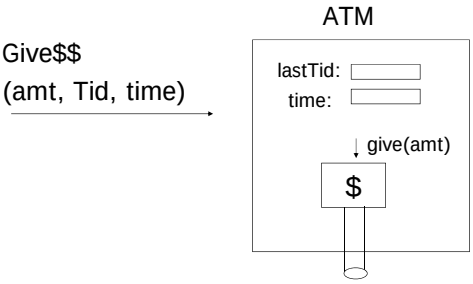
Solution

(1) execute real-world actions after commit

(2) try to make idempotent

Give$$
(amt, Tid, time)



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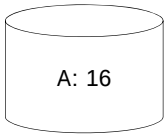

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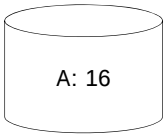
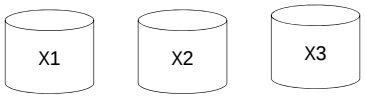


Solution: Make copies of data!

Example 1 Triple modular redundancy

- Keep 3 copies on separate disks
- Output(X) --> three outputs
- Input(X) --> three inputs + vote

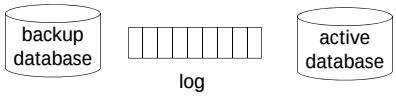


Example #2 Redundant writes, Single reads

- Keep N copies on separate disks
- Output(X) --> N outputs
- Input(X) --> Input one copy
  - if ok, done
  - else try another one

⇔ Assumes bad data can be detected

Example #3: DB Dump + Log



- If active database is lost,
  - restore active database from backup
  - bring up-to-date using redo entries in log

Backup Database

- Just like checkpoint, except that we write full database

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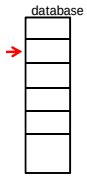

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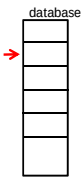

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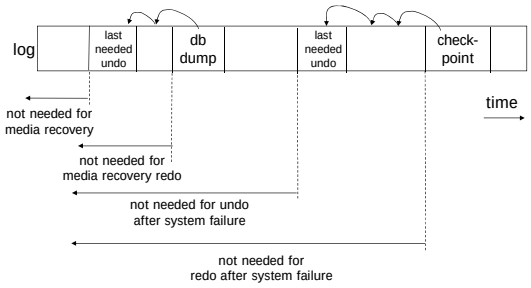
When can log be discarded?



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