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What are Schedules ?

Schedules are sequences that indicate the chronological order in which instructions of concurrent transactions are executed.
A schedule must preserve the order in which the instructions appear in each individual transaction.

Types of schedule

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Example of serial schedule

Transaction2 starts after completion of transaction1.

Transaction1	Transaction2
Read(X);	
X=X-1000;	
Write(X);	

Read(Y);	
Y=Y-1000;	
Write(Y);	
	Read(X);
	X=X+1000;
	Write(X)

Example of non serial schedule

Transaction2 start while transaction1 was in process.

Transaction1	Transaction2
Read(X);	
X=X-1000;	
	Read(X);
	X=X+1000;
Write(X);	
Read(Y);	
	Write(X);
Y=Y-1000;	
Write(Y)	

Schedule recoverability

Sometimes a transaction may be incomplete due to a software issue, system crash or hardware failure.

Than failed transaction needed to be rollback.

A transaction needed to be saved at each point.

In SQL we use commit to save the transactions state.

This example uses commit at proper point, which maked it recoverable schedule. In case of fail it can be roll back to commit point.

Example of Schedule recoverability

Transaction1	Transaction1Buffer	Transaction2	Transaction2Buffer	Database
				X = 1000
Read(X);	X = 10000			X = 10000
X=X-1000;	X = 9000			X = 10000
Write(X);	X = 9000			X = 9000
Commit;				
		Read(X);	X = 9000	X = 9000
		X=X+1000;	X = 10000	X = 9000
		Write(X);	X = 10000	X = 10000

		Commit;		

Check out this video lecture, for more information on schedule.