

# CSE 544

# Principles of Database Management Systems

Lectures 17-18 - Transactions: recovery

# Announcements

- Project presentations tomorrow! 10am – 2pm
- Paper review was due today

# References

- **Concurrency control and recovery.**

Michael J. Franklin. The handbook of computer science and engineering. A. Tucker ed. 1997

- **Database management systems.**

Ramakrishnan and Gehrke.

Third Ed. **Chapters 16 and 18.**

# Outline

- **Review of ACID properties**
  - Today we will cover techniques for ensuring atomicity and durability in face of failures
- **Review of buffer manager and its policies**
- **Write-ahead log + simple UNDO / REDO recovery**
- **ARIES method for failure recovery**

# ACID Properties

- **Atomicity**: Either all changes performed by transaction occur or none occurs
- **Consistency**: A transaction as a whole does not violate integrity constraints
- **Isolation**: Transactions appear to execute one after the other in sequence
- **Durability**: If a transaction commits, its changes will survive failures

# What Could Go Wrong?

- **Concurrent** operations
  - That's what we discussed last time (atomicity and isolation properties)
- **Failures** can occur at any time
  - Today (isolation and durability properties)

# Problem Illustration

Client 1:

```
START TRANSACTION
```

```
INSERT INTO SmallProduct(name, price)
```

```
  SELECT pname, price
```

```
  FROM Product
```

```
  WHERE price <= 0.99
```

Crash !

```
DELETE Product
```

```
  WHERE price <=0.99
```

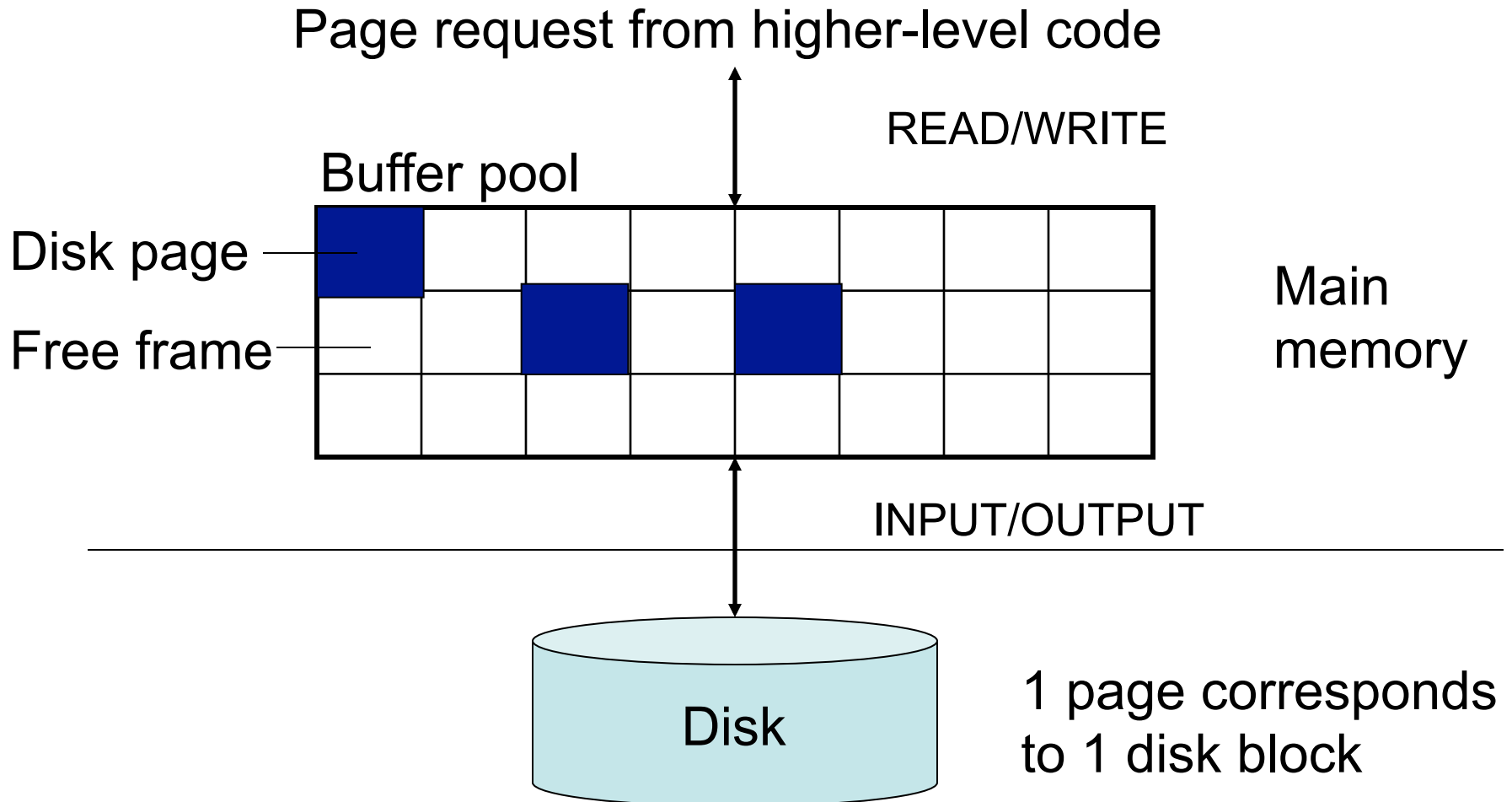
```
COMMIT
```

# Handling Failures

- Types of failures
  - Transaction failure
  - System failure
  - Media failure -> we will not talk about this now
- Required capability: **undo** and **redo**
- Challenge: **buffer manager**
  - Changes performed in memory
  - Changes written to disk only from time to time



# Impact of Buffer Manager



# Primitive Operations

- **READ(X,t)**
  - copy value of data item X to transaction local variable t
- **WRITE(X,t)**
  - copy transaction local variable t to data item X
- **INPUT(X)**
  - read page containing data item X to memory buffer
- **OUTPUT(X)**
  - write page containing data item X to disk

# Running Example

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION
```

```
READ(A,t);
```

```
t := t*2;
```

```
WRITE(A,t);
```

```
READ(B,t);
```

```
t := t*2;
```

```
WRITE(B,t)
```

```
COMMIT;
```

Initially,  $A=B=8$ .

**Atomicity** requires that either  
(1) T commits and  $A=B=16$ , or  
(2) T does not commit and  $A=B=8$ .

READ(A,t); t := t\*2; WRITE(A,t);  
 READ(B,t); t := t\*2; WRITE(B,t)

Transaction

Buffer pool

Disk

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B
INPUT(A)		8		8	8
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
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INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
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COMMIT					

Is this bad ?

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Is this bad ?

Yes it's bad: A=16, B=8....

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OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16
COMMIT					

Crash !

Is this bad ?

Yes it's bad:  $A=B=16$ , but not committed

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Crash !

Is this bad ?

No: that's OK

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t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
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COMMIT					
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OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16

Crash !

# Write-Ahead Log

- **Log: append-only file containing log records**
- For every update, commit, or abort operation
  - Write a log record
  - Multiple transactions run concurrently, log records are interleaved
- After a system crash, use log to:
  - Redo transactions that did commit
  - Undo other transactions that didn't commit

# Log Granularity

What is an “element”  $X$ :

- **Physical log records:  $X = \text{a block(page)}$** 
  - Position on a particular page where update occurred
  - Both before and after image for undo/redo logs
  - Benefits: Idempotent & updates are fast to redo/undo
- **Logical log records:  $X = \text{a record}$** 
  - Record only high-level information about the operation
  - Benefit: Smaller log
  - BUT difficult to implement because crashes can occur in the middle of an operation

# Buffer Manager Policies

- **STEAL or NO-STEAL**

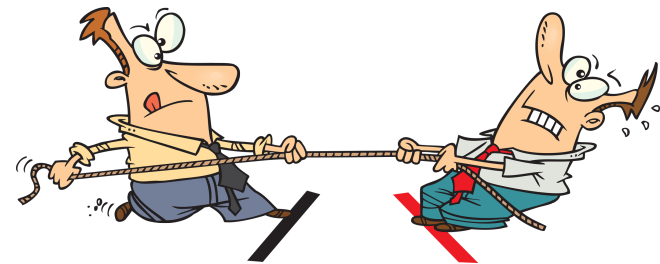
- Can an update made by an uncommitted transaction overwrite the most recent committed value of a data item on disk?

- **FORCE or NO-FORCE**

- Should all updates of a transaction be forced to disk before the transaction commits?

- Easiest for recovery: **NO-STEAL/FORCE**

- Highest performance: **STEAL/NO-FORCE**



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# UNDO Log

FORCE and STEAL

# Undo Logging

## Log records

- **<START T>**
  - transaction T has begun
- **<COMMIT T>**
  - T has committed
- **<ABORT T>**
  - T has aborted
- **<T,X,v>**
  - T has updated element X, and its old value was v

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	<b>UNDO</b> Log
						<START T>
INPUT(A)		8		8	8	
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,8>
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8	
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
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COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

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READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
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WHAT DO WE DO ?

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t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
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COMMIT						<COMMIT T>



WHAT DO WE DO ?

We **UNDO** by setting B=8 and A=8

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						<START T>
INPUT(A)		8		8	8	
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,8>
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OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

What do we do now ?

Crash !

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OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

What do we do now ?

Nothing: log contains COMMIT

# Recovery with Undo Log

...

...

<T6,X6,v6>

...

...

<START T5>

<START T4>

<T1,X1,v1>

<T5,X5,v5>

<T4,X4,v4>

<COMMIT T5>

<T3,X3,v3>

<T2,X2,v2>



**Question 1:** Which updates are undone ?

**Question 2:**  
How far back do we need to read in the log ?

**Question 3:**  
What happens if there is a second crash, during recovery ?



Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<START T>
INPUT(A)		8	8		8	
READ(A,t)	8	8	8		8	
t:=t*2	16	8	8		8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,8>
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8	
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
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OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

When must we force pages to disk ?



Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<START T>
INPUT(A)		8		8	8	
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,8>
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READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

RULES: log entry before OUTPUT before COMMIT

# Undo-Logging Rules

U1: If T modifies X, then  $\langle T, X, v \rangle$  must be written to disk before  $\text{OUTPUT}(X)$

U2: If T commits, then  $\text{OUTPUT}(X)$  must be written to disk before  $\langle \text{COMMIT } T \rangle$



FORCE

- Hence: OUTPUTs are done early, before the transaction commits

# REDO Log

NO-FORCE and NO-STEAL

# Redo Logging

One minor change to the undo log:

- $\langle T, X, v \rangle =$  T has updated element X, and its new value is v

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	REDO Log
						<START T>
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,16>
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,16>
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>
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READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,16>
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>
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How do we recover ?

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WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,16>
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
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COMMIT						<COMMIT T>
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How do we recover ?

We **REDO** by setting A=16 and B=16



# Recovery with Redo Log

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```
<START T1>  
<T1,X1,v1>  
<START T2>  
<T2, X2, v2>  
<START T3>  
<T1,X3,v3>  
<COMMIT T2>  
<T3,X4,v4>  
<T1,X5,v5>
```

Crash !

Show actions during recovery

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	REDO Log
						<START T>
READ(A,t)	8	8	8	8	8	
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WRITE(A,t)	16	16	8	8	8	<T,A,16>
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READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,16>
COMMIT		NO-STEAL				<COMMIT T>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

RULE: OUTPUT after COMMIT

# Redo-Logging Rules

R1: If T modifies X, then both  $\langle T, X, v \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{COMMIT } T \rangle$  must be written to disk before  $\text{OUTPUT}(X)$

NO-STEAL

- Hence: OUTPUTs are done late

# Comparison Undo/Redo

- Undo logging: OUTPUT must be done early:
  - Inefficient
- Redo logging: OUTPUT must be done late:
  - Inflexible

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# ARIES

# Aries

- ARIES pieces together several techniques into a comprehensive algorithm
- Developed at IBM Almaden, by C. Mohan
- IBM botched the patent, so everyone uses it now
- Several variations, e.g. for distributed transactions



# Granularity in ARIES

- *Physiological logging*
  - Log records refer to a single page
  - But record logical operation within the page
- **Page-oriented logging for REDO**
  - Necessary since can crash in middle of complex operation
- **Logical logging for UNDO**
  - Enables **tuple-level locking!**
  - Why physical logging for REDO and logical logging for UNDO?  
(answer at the end of the lecture)

# ARIES Method

**Recovery from a system crash is done in 3 passes:**

## **1. Analysis pass**

- Figure out what was going on at time of crash
- List of dirty pages and active transactions

## **2. Redo pass (repeating history principle)**

- Redo all operations, even for transactions that will not commit
- Get back to state at the moment of the crash

## **3. Undo pass**

- Remove effects of all uncommitted transactions
- Log changes during undo in case of another crash during undo

# ARIES Recovery Manager

- A redo/undo log
- **Physiological logging**
  - Physical logging for REDO
  - Logical logging for UNDO
- Efficient checkpointing



Why do we do checkpointing?

# ARIES Recovery Manager

Log entries:

- <START T> -- when T begins
- Update: <T,X,u,v>
  - T updates X, old value=u, new value=v
  - In practice: undo only and redo only entries
- <COMMIT T> or <ABORT T>
- CLR's – we'll talk about them later.

# ARIES Recovery Manager

Rule:

- If T modifies X, then  $\langle T, X, u, v \rangle$  must be written to disk before OUTPUT(X)

We are free to OUTPUT early or late

# LSN = Log Sequence Number

- **LSN** = identifier of a log entry
  - Log entries belonging to the same TXN are linked
- Each page contains a **pageLSN**:
  - LSN of log record for latest update to that page

# ARIES Data Structures

- **Active Transactions Table**
  - Lists all active TXN's
  - For each TXN: **lastLSN** = its most recent update LSN
- **Dirty Page Table**
  - Lists all dirty pages
  - For each dirty page: **recoveryLSN (recLSN)** = first LSN that caused page to become dirty
- **Write Ahead Log**
  - LSN, **prevLSN** = previous LSN for same txn

$W_{T100}(P7)$   
 $W_{T200}(P5)$   
 $W_{T200}(P6)$   
 $W_{T100}(P5)$

# ARIES Data Structures

## Dirty pages

pageID	recLSN
P5	102
P6	103
P7	101

## Log (WAL)

LSN	prevLSN	transID	pageID	Log entry
101	-	T100	P7	
102	-	T200	P5	
103	102	T200	P6	
104	101	T100	P5	

## Active transactions

transID	lastLSN
T100	104
T200	103

## Buffer Pool

P8	P2	...
	...	
P5 PageLSN=104	P6 PageLSN=103	P7 PageLSN=101



# ARIES Normal Operation

T writes page P

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- What do we do ?
- Write  $\langle T, P, u, v \rangle$  in the **Log**
- **prevLSN=lastLSN**
- **pageLSN=LSN**
- **lastLSN=LSN**
- **recLSN**=if isNull then **LSN**

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# ARIES Normal Operation

Buffer manager wants to OUTPUT(P)

- Flush log up to **pageLSN**
- Remove P from **Dirty Pages** table

Buffer manager wants INPUT(P)

- Create entry in **Dirty Pages** table  
**recLSN** = NULL

# ARIES Normal Operation

Transaction T starts

- What do we do ?

Transaction T commits/aborts

- What do we do ?

# ARIES Normal Operation

Transaction T starts

- Write **<START T>** in the **log**
- New entry T in **Active TXN**;  
**lastLSN** = null

Transaction T commits/aborts

- Write **<COMMIT T>** in the **log**
- Flush **log** up to this entry

# Checkpoints

Write into the log

- Entire **active transactions table**
- Entire **dirty pages table**

Recovery always starts by analyzing latest checkpoint

Background process periodically flushes dirty pages to disk

# ARIES Recovery

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- Figure out what was going on at time of crash
- List of dirty pages and active transactions

## 2. Redo pass (repeating history principle)

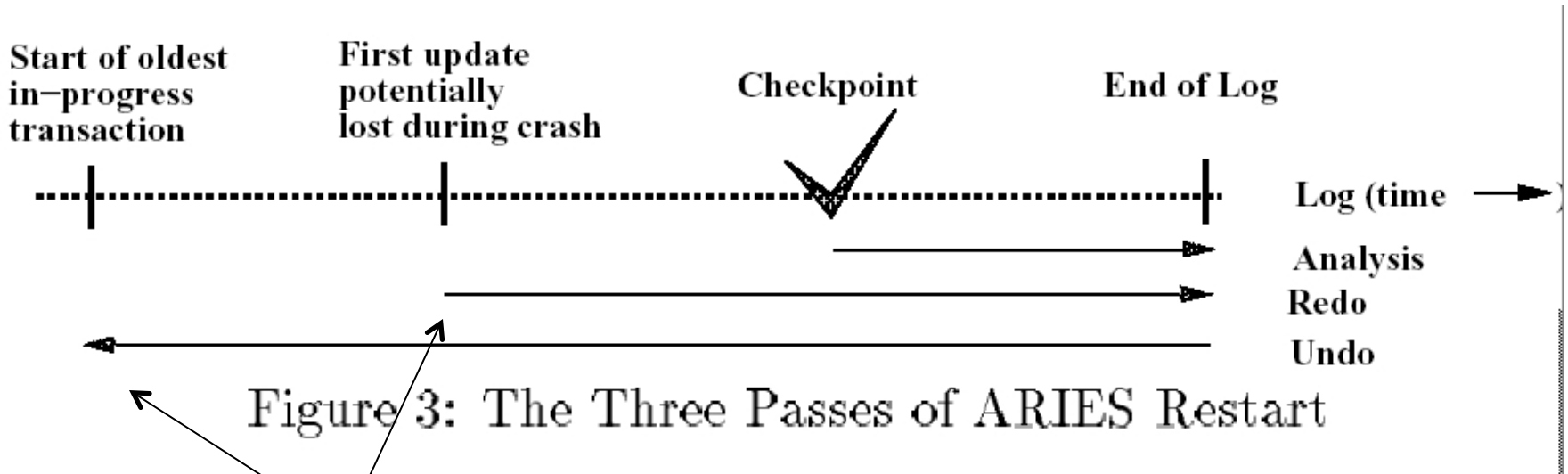
- Redo all operations, even for transactions that will not commit
- Get back to state at the moment of the crash

## 3. Undo pass

- Remove effects of all uncommitted transactions
- Log changes during undo in case of another crash during undo



# ARIES Method Illustration



First undo and first redo log entry might be in reverse order

[Figure 3 from Franklin97]

# 1. Analysis Phase

- Goal
  - Determine point in log (**firstLSN**) where to start REDO
  - Determine set of dirty pages when crashed
    - Conservative estimate of dirty pages
  - Identify active transactions when crashed
- Approach
  - Rebuild **active transactions table** and **dirty pages table**
  - Reprocess the log from the checkpoint
    - Only update the two data structures
  - Compute: **firstLSN** = smallest of all **recoveryLSN**

# 1. Analysis Phase



**firstLSN= ????**

Where do we start the REDO phase ?

**Dirty pages**

pageID	recLSN	pageID

**Active txn**

transID	lastLSN	transID

# 1. Analysis Phase



$\text{firstLSN} = \min(\text{recLSN})$

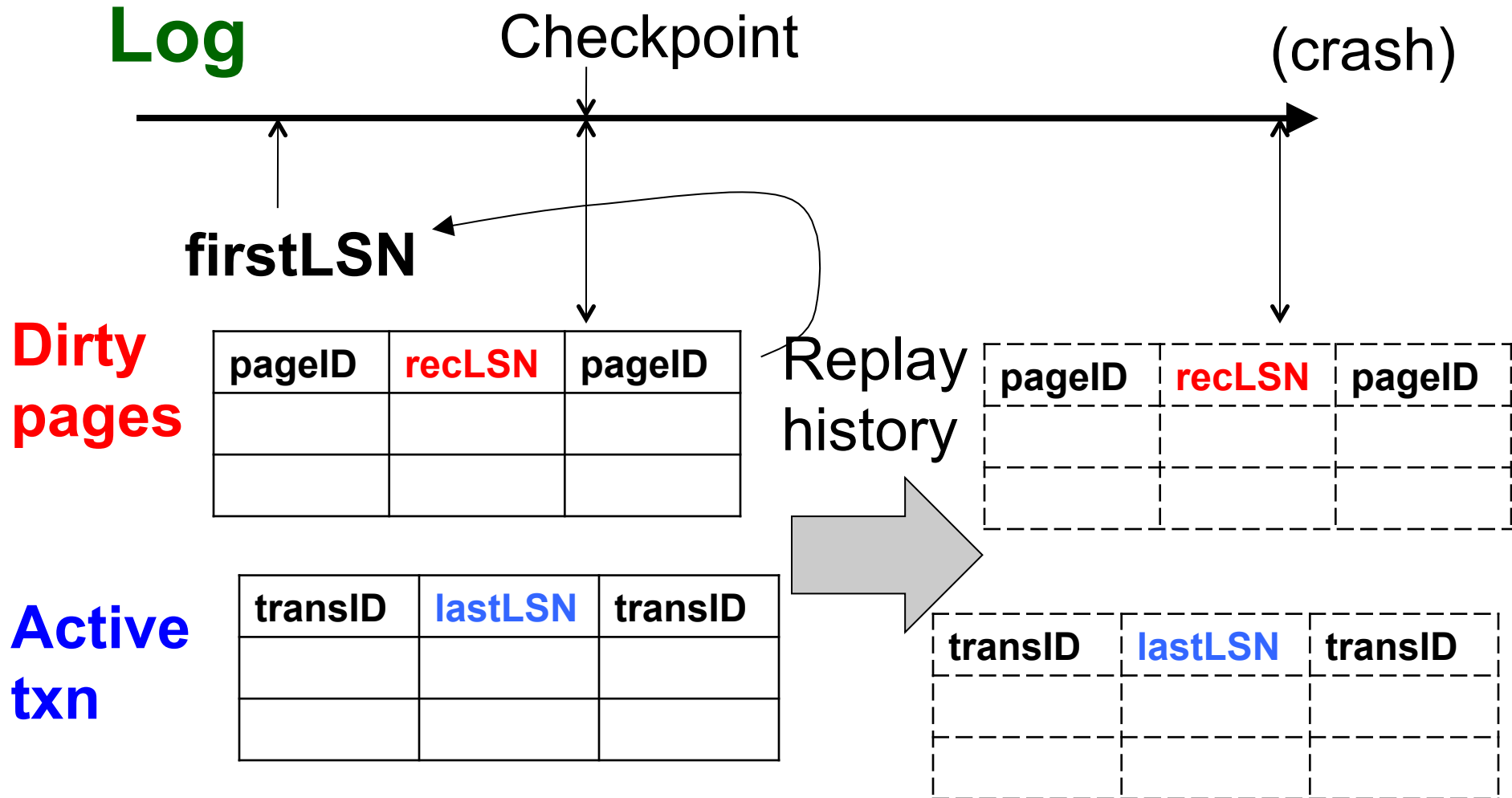
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# 1. Analysis Phase



## 2. Redo Phase

Main principle: replay history

- Process Log forward, starting from **firstLSN**
- Read every log record, sequentially
- Redo actions are not recorded in the log
- Needs the **Dirty Page Table**

## 2. Redo Phase: Details

For each **Log** entry record **LSN:  $\langle T, P, u, v \rangle$**

- Re-do the action  $P=u$  and  $WRITE(P)$
- But which actions can we skip, for efficiency ?

## 2. Redo Phase: Details

For each **Log** entry record **LSN**:  $\langle T, P, u, v \rangle$

- If  $P$  is not in **Dirty Page** then **no update**
- If  $\text{recLSN} > \text{LSN}$ , then **no update**
- Read page from disk:  
If  $\text{pageLSN} > \text{LSN}$ , then **no update**
- Otherwise perform update



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doing it twice is the as as doing it once.

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- Need to support ROLLBACK!  
Selective undo, for one transaction only
  - Cannot simply undo physical actions
  - E.g. Txn updates a record on a page, another Txn updates another record on the same page: don't undo the latter
  - E.g. Txn updates a B<sup>+</sup>-tree, causing rebalancing, other Txn do other update: don't undo the latter!
- Hence, *logical* undo v.s. *physical* redo

# 3. Undo Phase

Main principle: “logical” undo

- Start from end of **Log**, move backwards
- Read only affected log entries
- Undo actions *are* written in the Log as special entries: **CLR** (Compensating Log Records)
- **CLRs** are redone, but never undone

# 3. Undo Phase: Details

- “Loser transactions” =
  - Uncommitted transactions in [Active Transactions Table](#)
  - Or transactions to be rolled back
- **ToUndo** = set of [lastLSN](#) of loser transactions

# 3. Undo Phase: Details

While **ToUndo** not empty:

- Choose most recent (largest) **LSN** in **ToUndo**
- If **LSN** = regular record **<T,P,u,v>**:
  - Undo v
  - Write a **CLR** where **CLR.undoNextLSN** = **LSN.prevLSN**
- If **LSN** = **CLR record**:
  - Don't undo !
- if **CLR.undoNextLSN** not null, insert in **ToUndo**  
otherwise, write **<END TRANSACTION>** in log

# 3. Undo Phase: Details

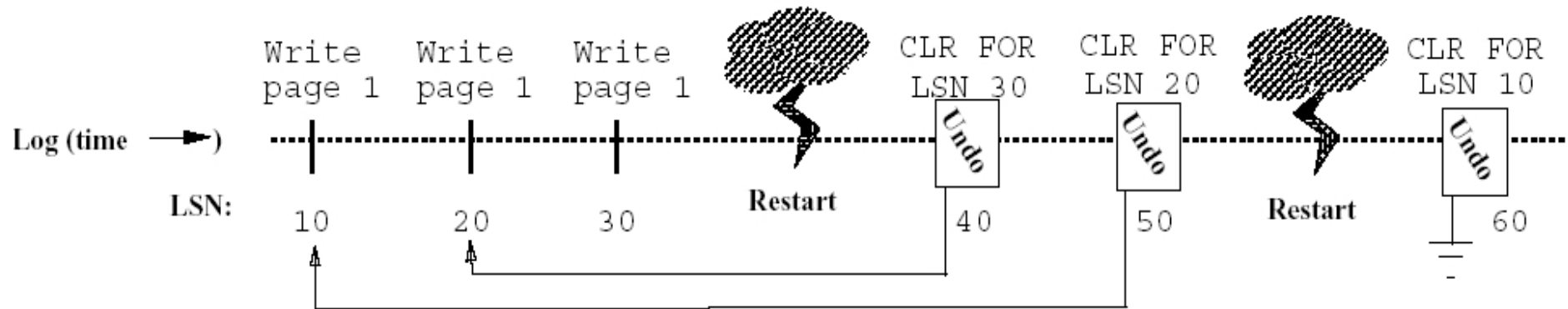


Figure 4: The Use of CLR for UNDO

[Figure 4 from Franklin97]



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We do not UNDO again ! Instead, each CLR is a REDO record: we simply redo the undo

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Why are redo records physical ?

- Simplicity: replaying history is easy, and idempotent

Why are undo records logical ?

- Required for transaction rollback: this not “undoing history”, but selective undo