

# Database Administration

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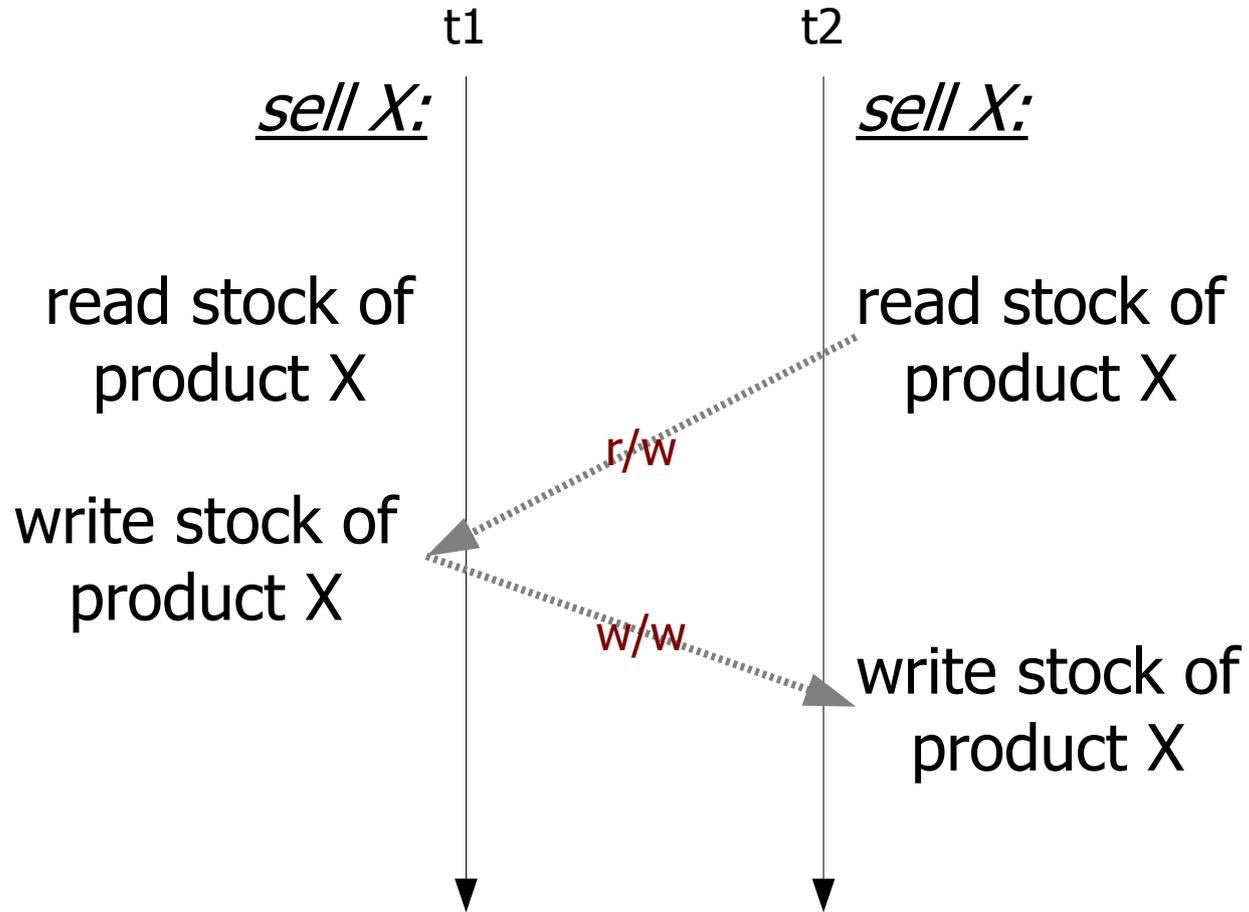
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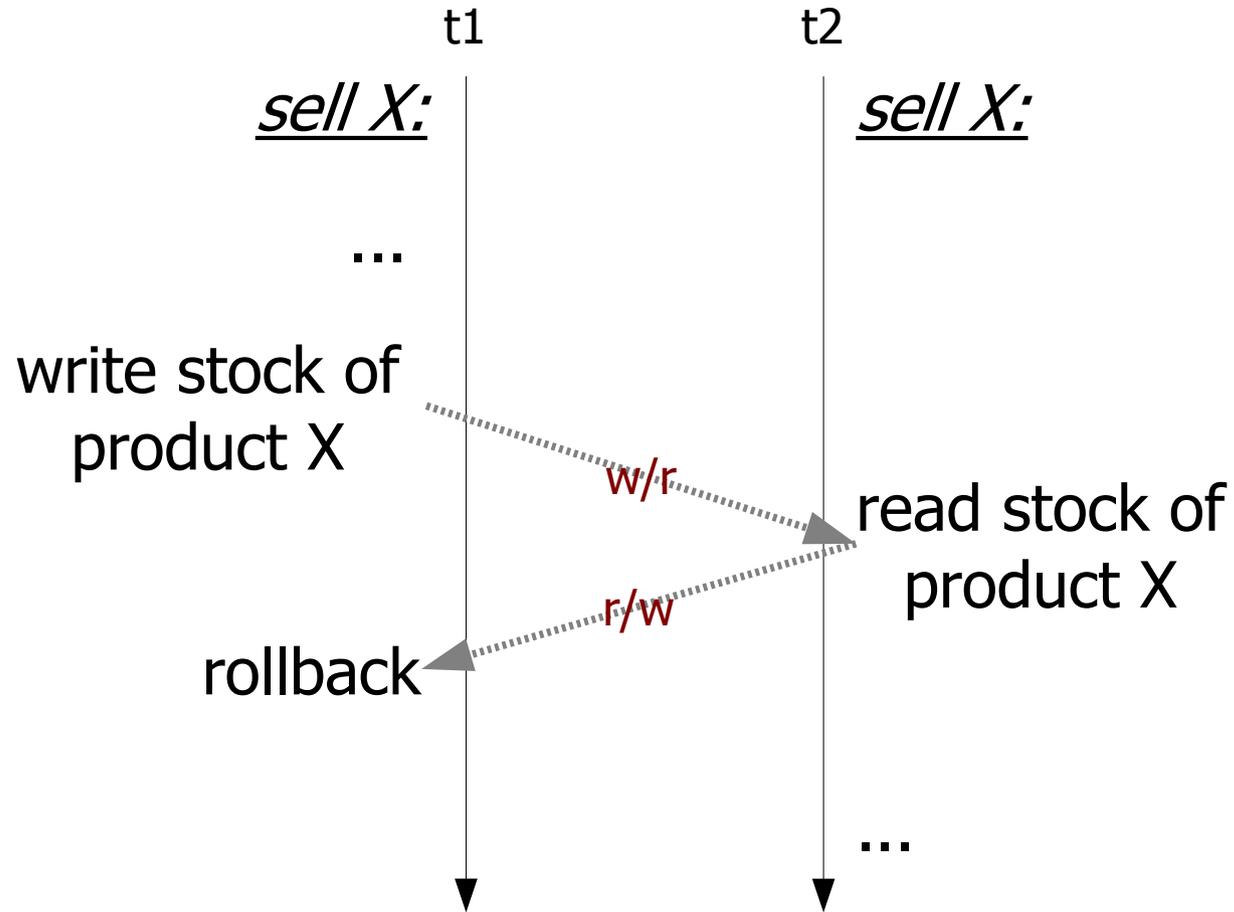
# Motivation

- First, implement each operation assuming that no two operations run concurrently
- Then, assume that any operations can run concurrently
- What can go wrong?

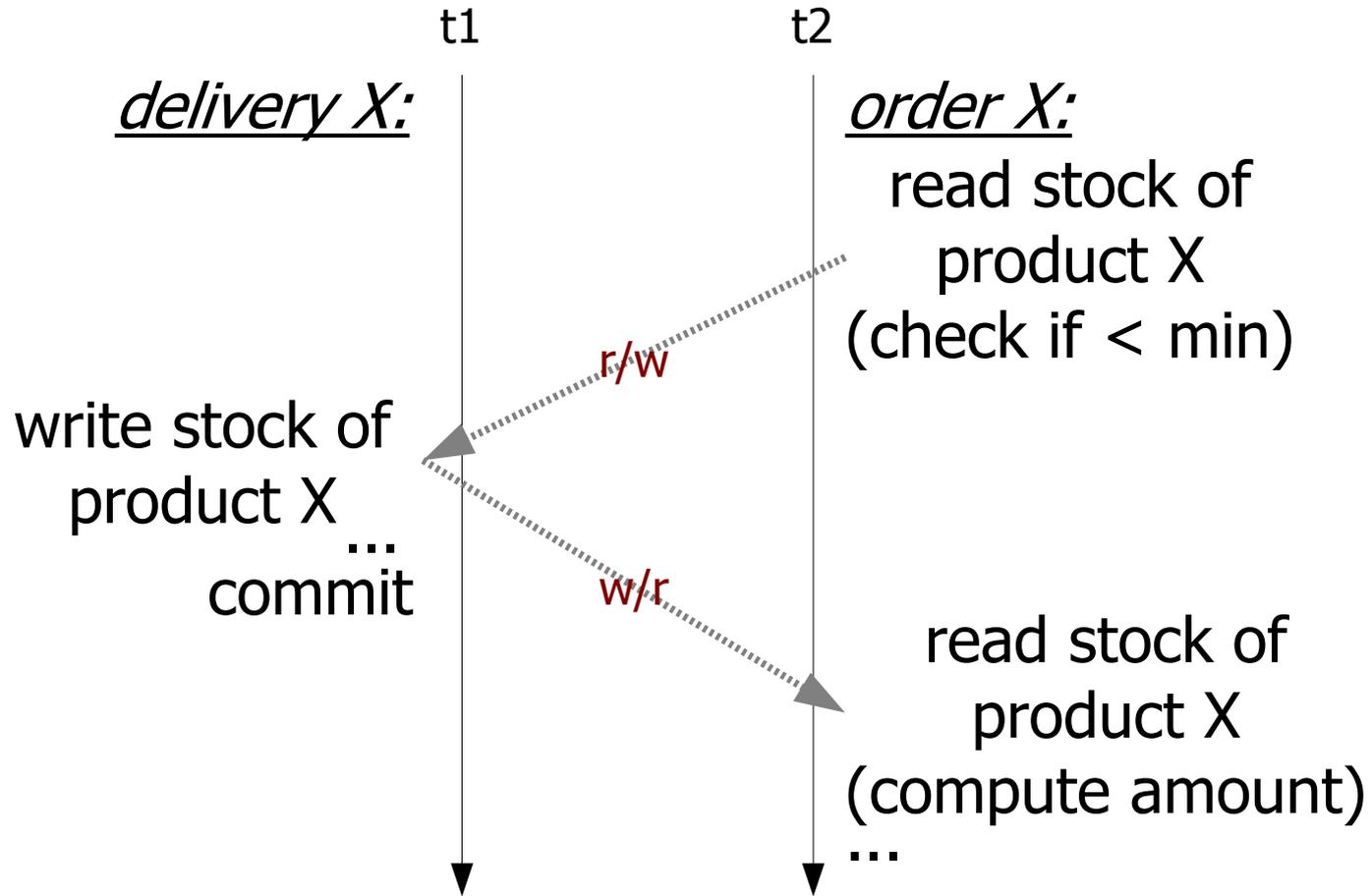
# Lost update (RWW)



# Dirty read (WRW)



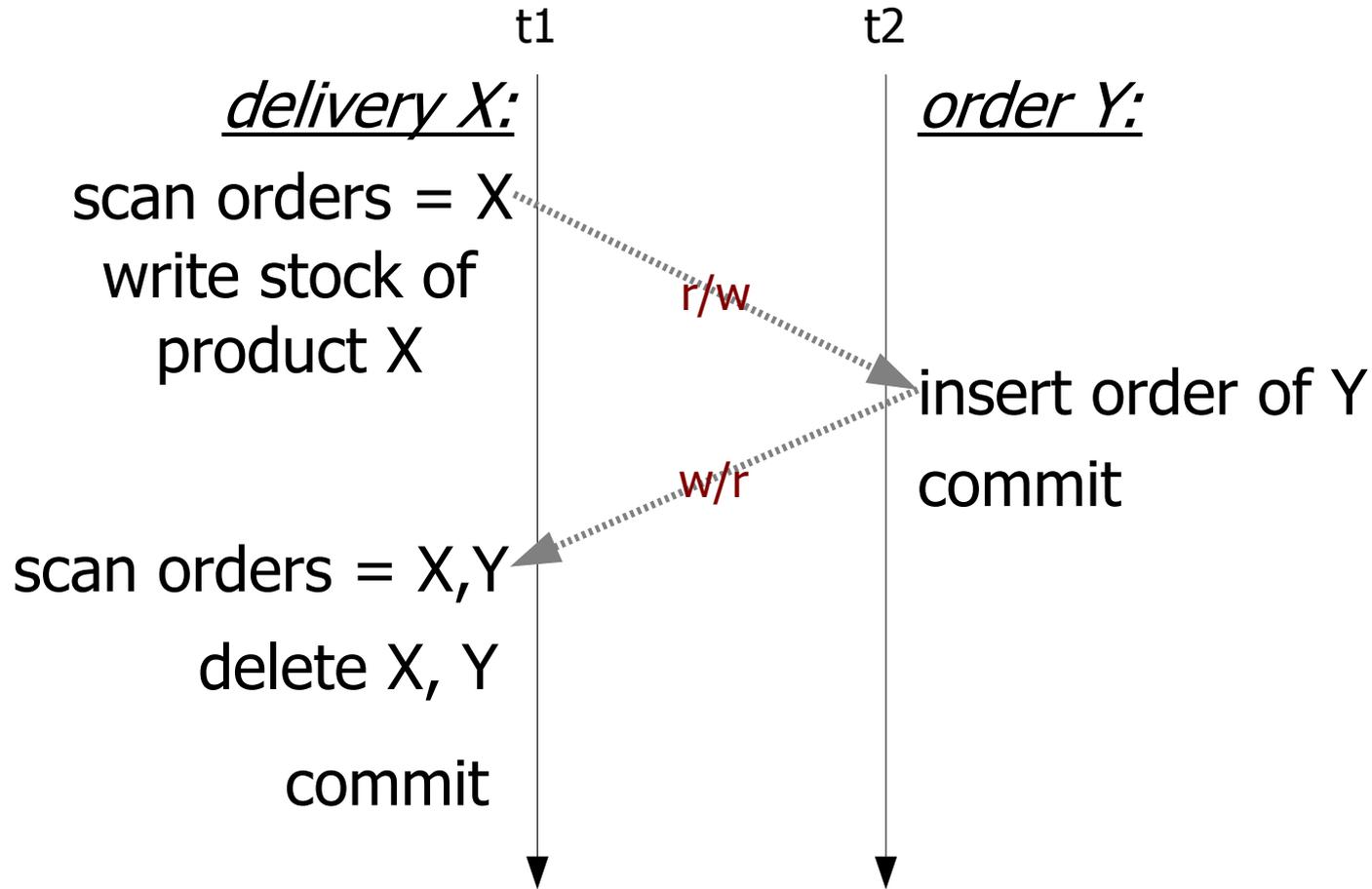
# Non-repeatable read (RWR)



# Other anomalies?

- Read after read is not a problem
  - Thus no RRW, WRR...
- Why no WWR?
  - Assume no “blind writes”
  - Actually a RWWR (lost update)

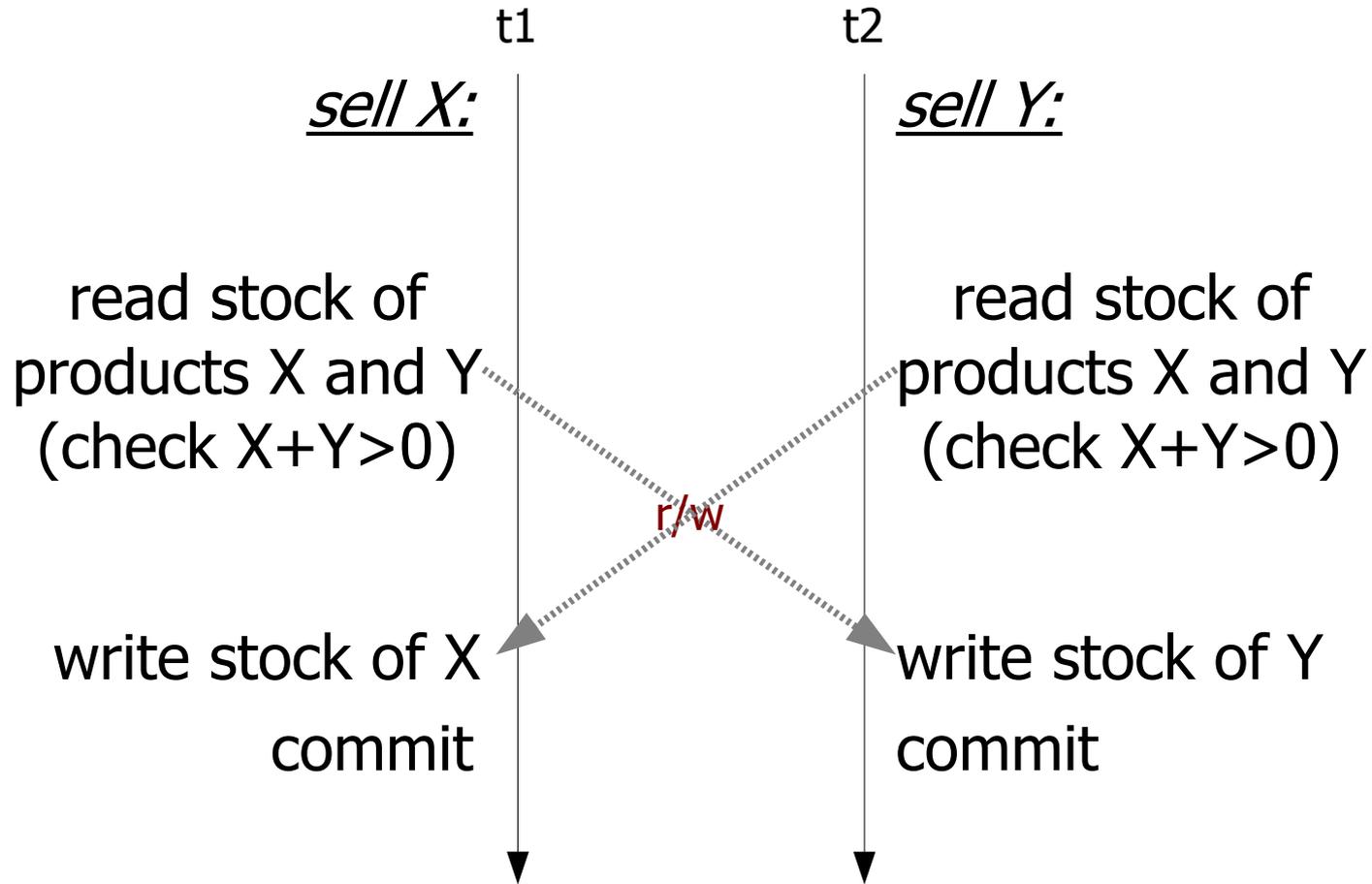
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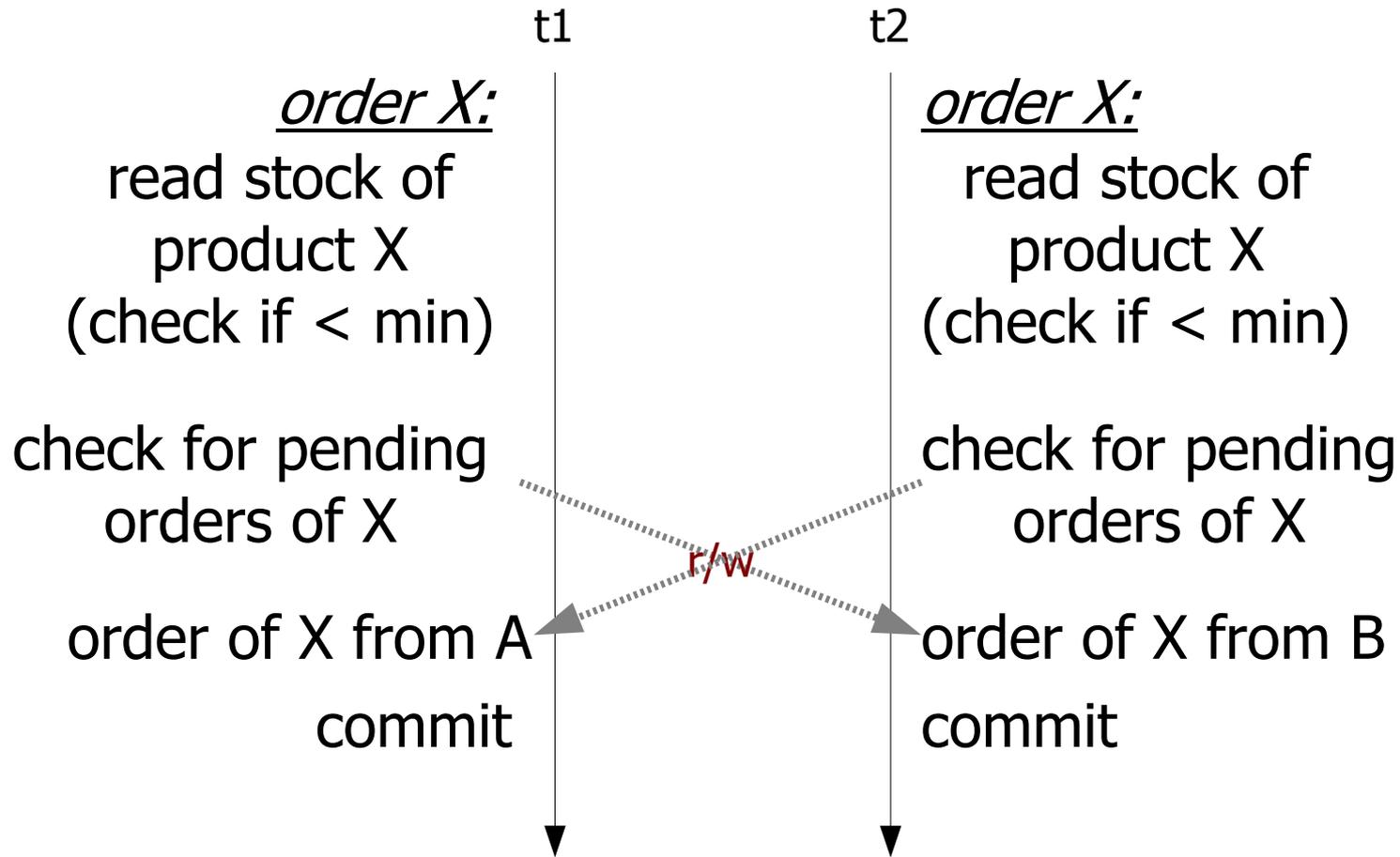
- It is actually a non-repeatable read (RWR) on the collection
- Why no dirty read (WRW) for collections?
  - Solved by having no dirty reads on the item
- Why no RWW (lost update) for collections?
  - Means allocating the same physical space for two records!
  - Very dangerous: corruption, etc...

# Write skew (aka “short fork”)



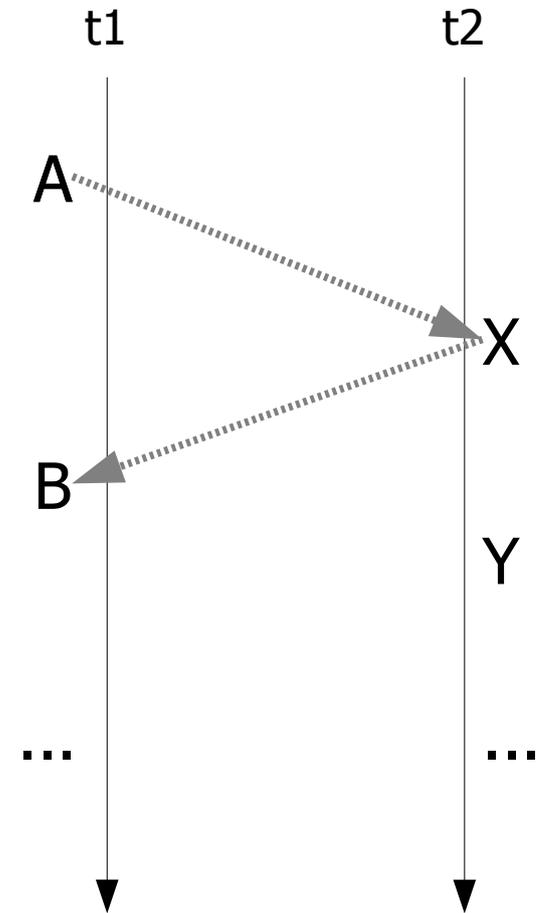
(assume X is backup for Y and vice-versa)

# Write skew on collections



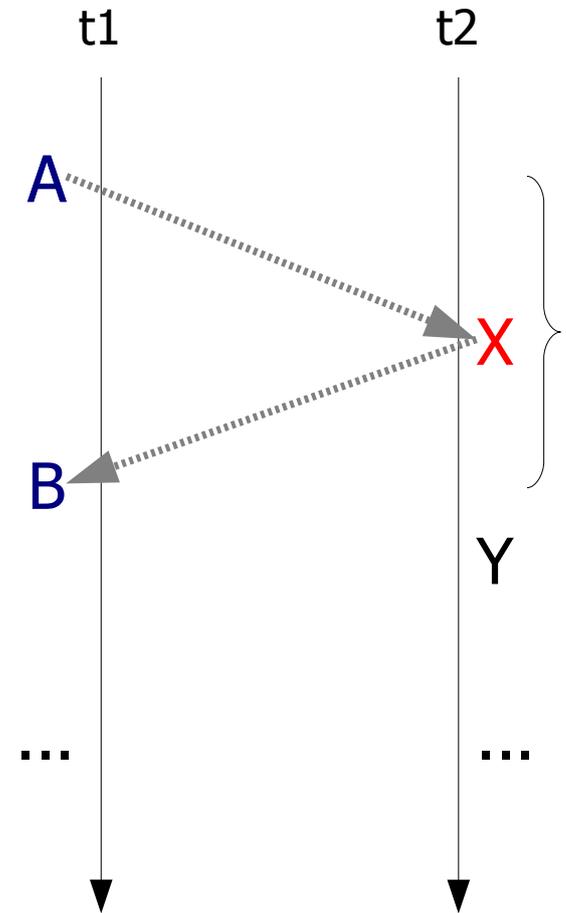
# General problem

- No serial execution is conceivable:
  - Some t1 must be ordered after t2
  - But t2 must be ordered after t1
- The user cannot be fooled into thinking that transactions execute serially (i.e. serialized)



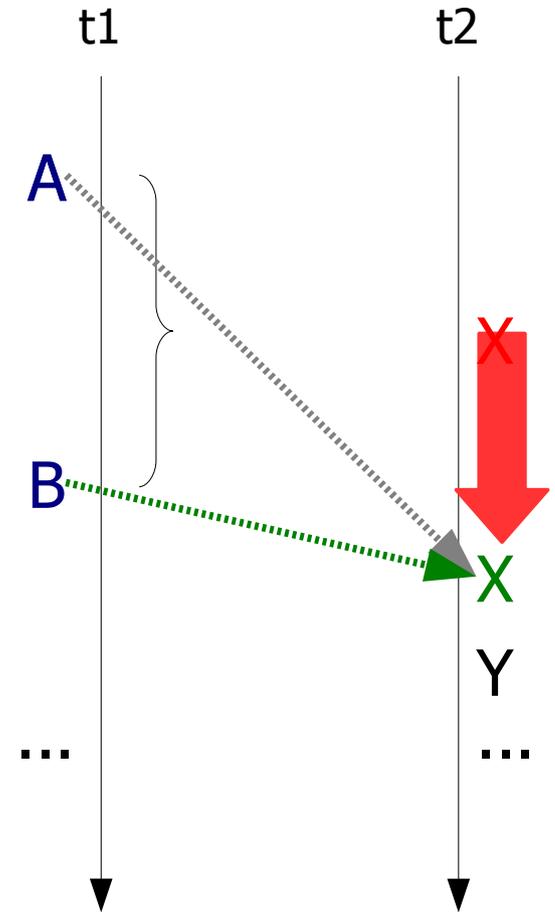
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- In detail, some operation X should not be happening between A and B...



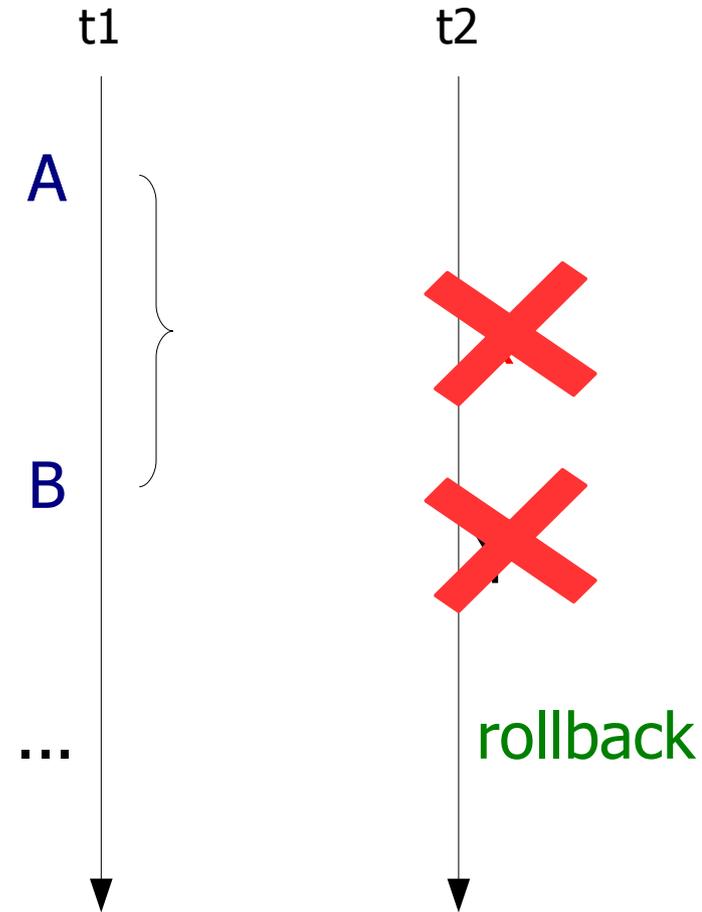
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- Delay X (and all its consequences) until B
  - t1 precedes t2



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- Remove X and related operations
  - t1 executes alone



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- Anticipate X (i.e. execute X before the application has requested it!)
  - t2 precedes t1
- (Can you propose a mechanism to do this!?)

