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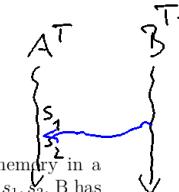
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4. A conflict occurs between two threads A and B where B accesses memory in a non-transactional way. The transaction of A consists of two statements s_1, s_2 . B has observed the state after A has executed s_1 but before A has executed s_2 .



- A and B will abort.
- The TM system uses lazy version management.
- The TM does not provide single-lock atomicity.
- The TM does not provide transactional sequential consistency.

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- The implementation checks for conflicts only when committing.
- A transaction can be suspended until a conflicting transaction has finished.

Assignment 5.2 Restricted Transactional Memory

Consider the following code fragment on a machine with RTM and Caches:

```
int data = 0;
int s=0;
```

thread P_1 :

```
if (_xbegin() == -1){  
    data++;  
    _xend();  
}  
else {  
    data++;  
}
```

thread P_0 :

```
while (s != -1){  
    if ((s == _xbegin()) == -1){  
        data++;  
        _xend();  
    }  
    else {  
        data++;  
    }  
}
```

1. Fill in the gap with either "will", "will not" or "may or may not":
After P_0 and P_1 both terminate, data may or may not evaluate to 1.
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3. Consider the following interleaving of paths through the program:

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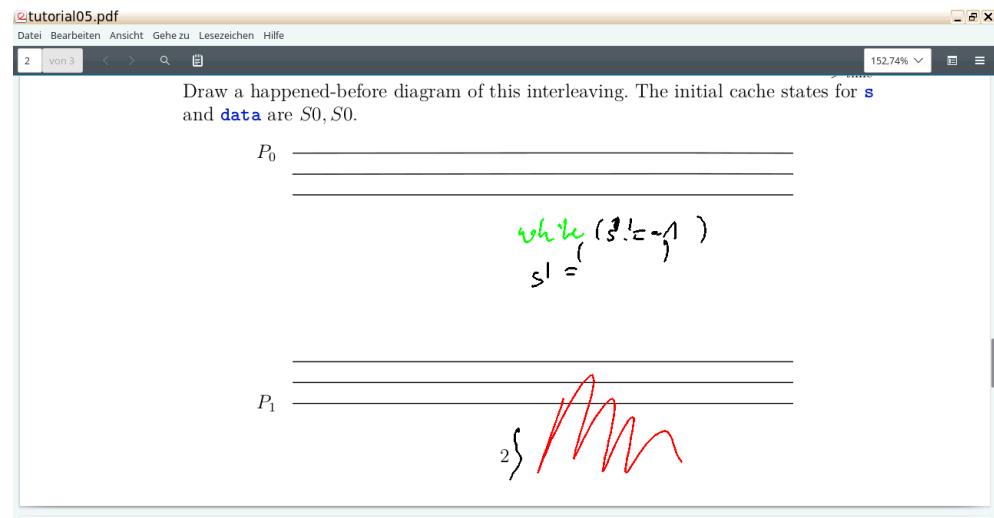
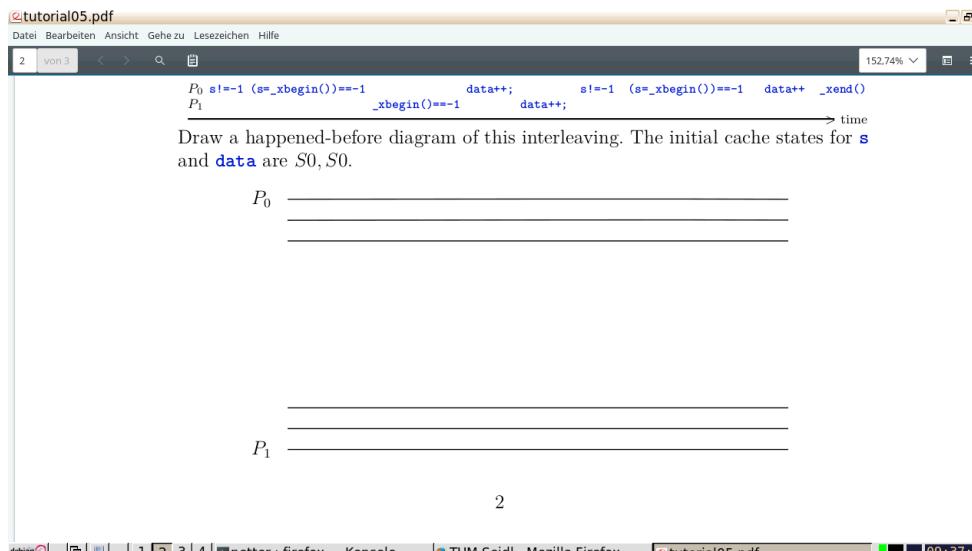
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3. Consider the following interleaving of paths through the program:
Draw a happened-before diagram of this interleaving. The initial cache states for s and $data$ are $S0, S0$.



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Consider the following code fragment on a machine with two cores and caches.

```

int data = 0;
int s=0;

thread P0:
    if (_xbegin() == -1){
        while (s != -1)
            if((s=_xbegin()) == -1){
                _xend();
                data++;
            }else {
                _xend();
                data++;
            }
    }

thread P1:
    if (_xbegin() == -1){
        data++;
        _xend();
    }
}

```

1. Fill in the gap with either "will", "will not" or "may or may not":

After P_0 and P_1 both terminate, $\text{data } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ evaluate to 1.

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