

# Algorithm for ConcurrentLinkedSet

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The goal of `ConcurrentLinkedSet` is to implement a concurrent linked list that supports four operations, namely `contains`, `insert`, `delete` and `replace`, using lazy synchronization approach.

Based on code of `add` and `remove` methods shown in the textbook, we designed the `replace` method as shown in algorithm 1. The key idea is:

- Add an addition field `replaceNode` in `Node` class an element.
- When creating the new node used in `replace`, refer the `replaceNode` to the node to be replaced.
- Logically, the replaced node was removed if it was marked. Likewise, the newly added node during `replace` was logically in the list only if the `replaceNode` node was marked.

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**Algorithm 1** Algorithm for `replace`

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function replace(old, new)
  // if two elements are the same, semantically identical with add(x).
  if  $old \equiv new$  then
    add(new)
  end if
  while true do
     $oldWindow \leftarrow \text{locateWindow}(old)$ 
     $newWindow \leftarrow \text{locateWindow}(new)$ 
    Lock all nodes in  $oldWindow$  and  $newWindow$  from left to right.
    Validate both windows.
    if  $old \notin oldWindow$  then
      if  $new \notin newWindow$  then
        Add  $new$  node directly (like add(new)).
      else
        return false
      end if
    else
      if  $new \in newWindow$  then
        Delete  $old$  node directly (like delete(new)).
      else
        Create  $new$  node with replaceNode point to  $old$  node.
        Add  $new$  in  $newWindow$ .
        Set marked flag to true in  $old$  node.    ▷ Linearization point.
        Bypass  $old$  node.
        Unset replaceNode field in  $new$ 
      end if
    end if
    Unlock all nodes in  $oldWindow$  and  $newWindow$  from right to left.
    return true
  end while
end function
```

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To test the implementation, we run 4 to 8 thread each randomly modify (add/remove/replace) elements in the linked set. For each modification, we check if the linked list was still sorted, and abort if not. After each thread finished, we will do one final check if the linked list is sorted, and then output the duration for all iteration.