

Definition: *Request* $\rightarrow R$, *Traversal Path* $\rightarrow TP$, *Region* = {upper region, middle region, lower region}, *Target Key* $\rightarrow K$, *Target Internal Node* $\rightarrow N$, *Parent of Target Leaf Node* $\rightarrow X$, *X's right sibling* $\rightarrow Y$, *Target Leaf Node* $\rightarrow N_x$.

Theorem: The algorithm keeps the consistency.

Assume: R is in the region && TP is modified.

Prove: consistency of a traversal path is guaranteed.

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$.**CASE:** R is in upper region && TP is in upper region.

PROOF: $\langle 2 \rangle 1$.the modification will incur a conflict.

$\langle 2 \rangle 2$.R is protected by the upper HTM region.

$\langle 2 \rangle 3$.R will retry from the root.

$\langle 2 \rangle 4$.Q.E.D.

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$.**CASE:** R isn't in the upper region && TP is in the lower region.

PROOF: $\langle 2 \rangle 1$.**CASE:** R is in the lower region.

PROOF: $\langle 3 \rangle 1$.cause a HTM conflict in the lower region,
which is similar to $\langle 2 \rangle 1$, $\langle 2 \rangle 2$.

$\langle 3 \rangle 2$.R will retry from the target leaf node.

$\langle 3 \rangle 3$.Q.E.D.

$\langle 2 \rangle 2$.**CASE:** R is in the middle region.

PROOF: $\langle 3 \rangle 1$.**CASE:** N is consistent.

PROOF: R entering the lower region,
it is similar to $\langle 2 \rangle 1$.

$\langle 3 \rangle 2$.**CASE:** N is modified, N_x isn't valid.

PROOF: $\langle 4 \rangle 1$. there must exist a new key X'
in node N s.t. $X < X' \leq K < Y$.

$\langle 4 \rangle 2$. retry from the root.

$\langle 4 \rangle 3$. find a new leaf node $N_{x'}$.

$\langle 4 \rangle 4$. Q.E.D.

$\langle 3 \rangle 3$.**CASE:** N's ancestor is modified.

PROOF: $\langle 4 \rangle 1$. N_x is not valid(a new key is
inserted into parent node only when the descendant node splits).

$\langle 4 \rangle 2$. retry from the root.

$\langle 4 \rangle 3$. Q.E.D.

$\langle 3 \rangle 4$. Q.E.D.

$\langle 2 \rangle 3$. Q.E.D.

$\langle 1 \rangle 3$. Q.E.D.