Efficient Renaming in Conflict-Free Replicated Data Types (CRDTs)

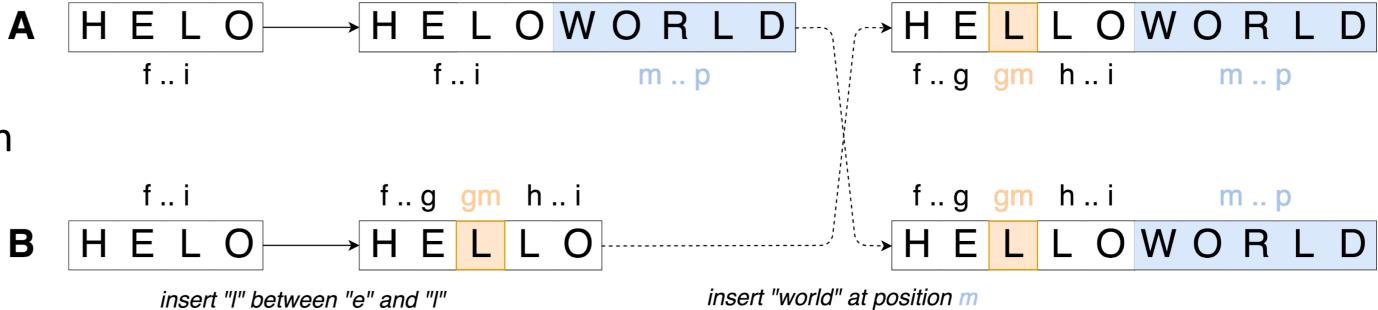
Case Study of a Sequence CRDT: LogootSplit

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CRDTs [2]

- Replicated data structure
- Updates performed without coordination
- Strong Eventual Consistency [2]



Limits

- Attach an identifier to each element
- Size of identifiers not bounded
- Overhead of the data structure increasing over time

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l'évolution de la taille des éléments et de la taille du CRDT

en fonction du nombre d'éléments insérés

How to reduce the overhead introduced by the data structure?

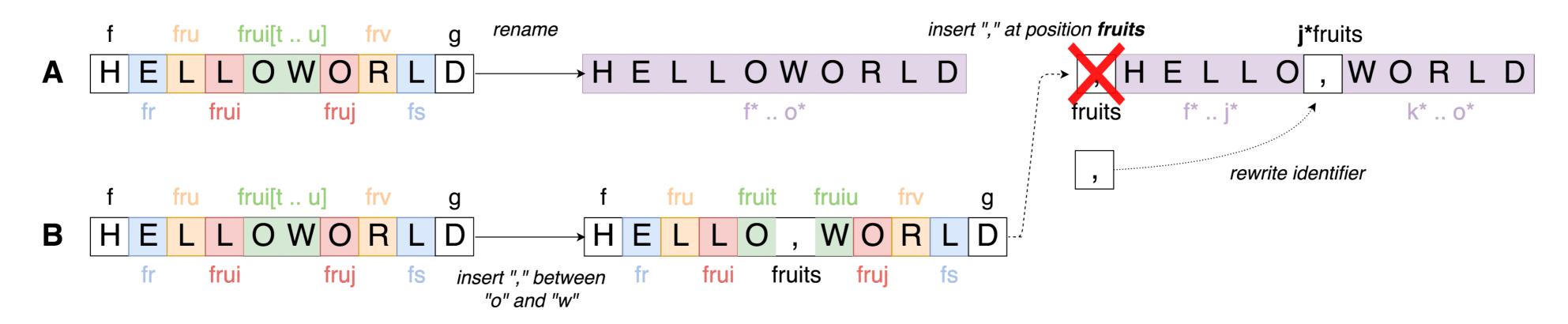
Reassign shorter identifiers in a fully distributed manner

Rename operation

Reassign shorter identifiers to whole current state

Rewriting rules

- Concurrent insert or delete can not be applied as such
- Define rewriting rules for concurrent updates



Concurrent rename operations

- Define a total order on rename operations
- Pick a "winner" operation between concurrent renames
- Add rewriting rules to undo effects of "losing" ones

Propose a fully distributed renaming mechanism for LogootSplit [1]

- Designed the rename operation
- Defined rewriting rules to deal with concurrent updates
- WIP: Implementation in MUTE (https://coedit.re/)
- WIP: Design the strategy to trigger the renaming
- Prove formally its correctness
- Benchmark its performances

Next Steps

- Generalize the approach to other CRDTs
 - To other Sequence CRDTs
 - To other types (Counter, Set, ...)

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