

# CRDT Sets: Paper to Product

(Or Everything You Always Wanted to Know About  
ORSets\* (\*But Were Afraid to Ask))

# What?

- Why Riak?
- What is Riak?
- What's a CRDT, anyway?
- A replicated set



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# Why Riak?

# Scale Up

**\$\$\$\$Big Iron  
(still fails)**



# Scale Out

**Commodity Servers  
CDNs, App servers  
Expertise**



# Fault Tolerance



The background features a minimalist design with abstract orange and yellow curved lines forming a V-shape. Three solid orange circles of varying sizes are positioned along these lines: one at the top center, one near the middle left, and one near the bottom left.

# Low Latency

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Amazon found every 100ms of latency cost them 1% in sales.



# Low Latency

Google found an extra 0.5 seconds in search page generation time  
dropped traffic by 20%.





# Trade Off



CAP

<http://aphyr.com/posts/288-the-network-is-reliable>

C A

C

A



C

A

**CP**

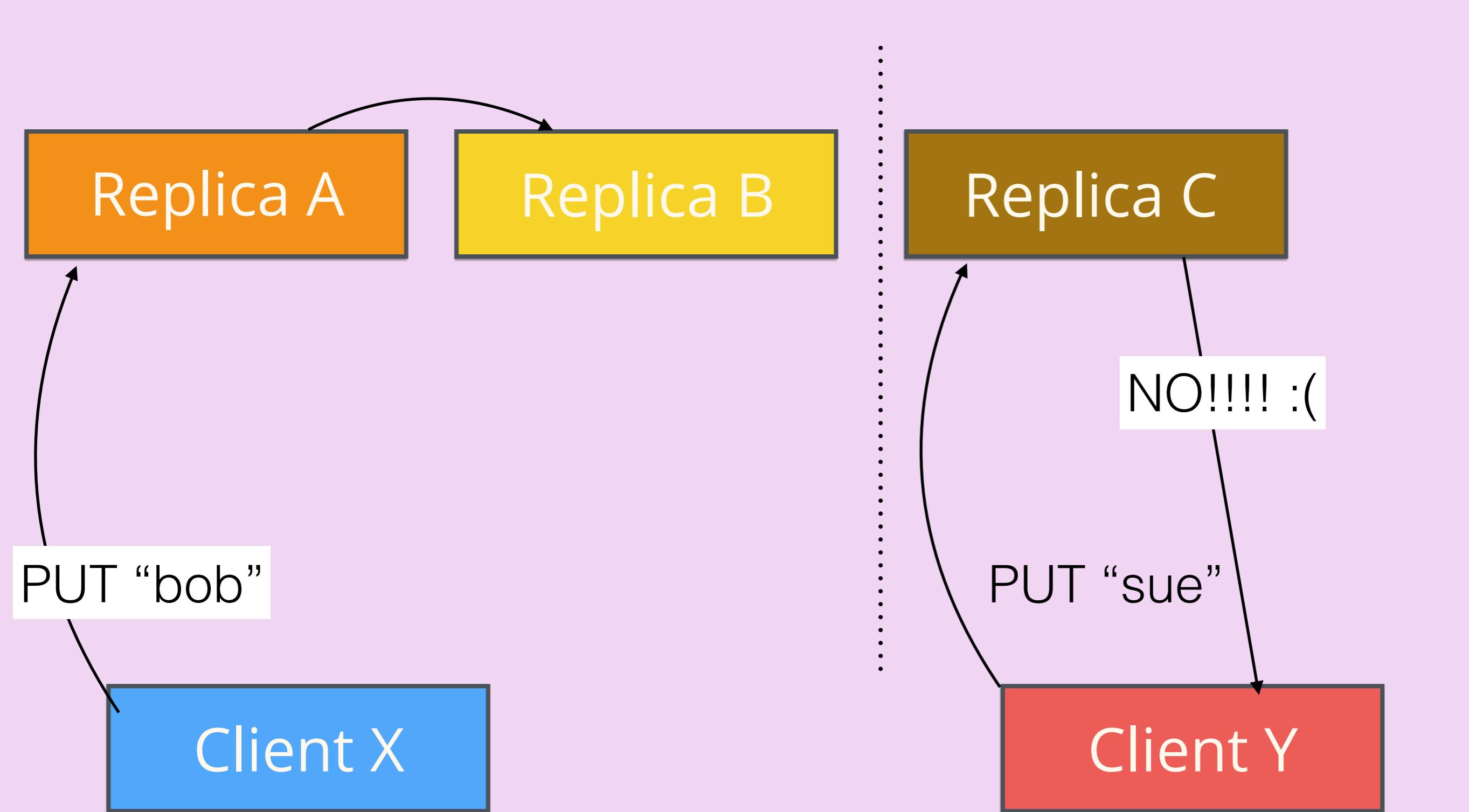
**AP**

# Eventual Consistency

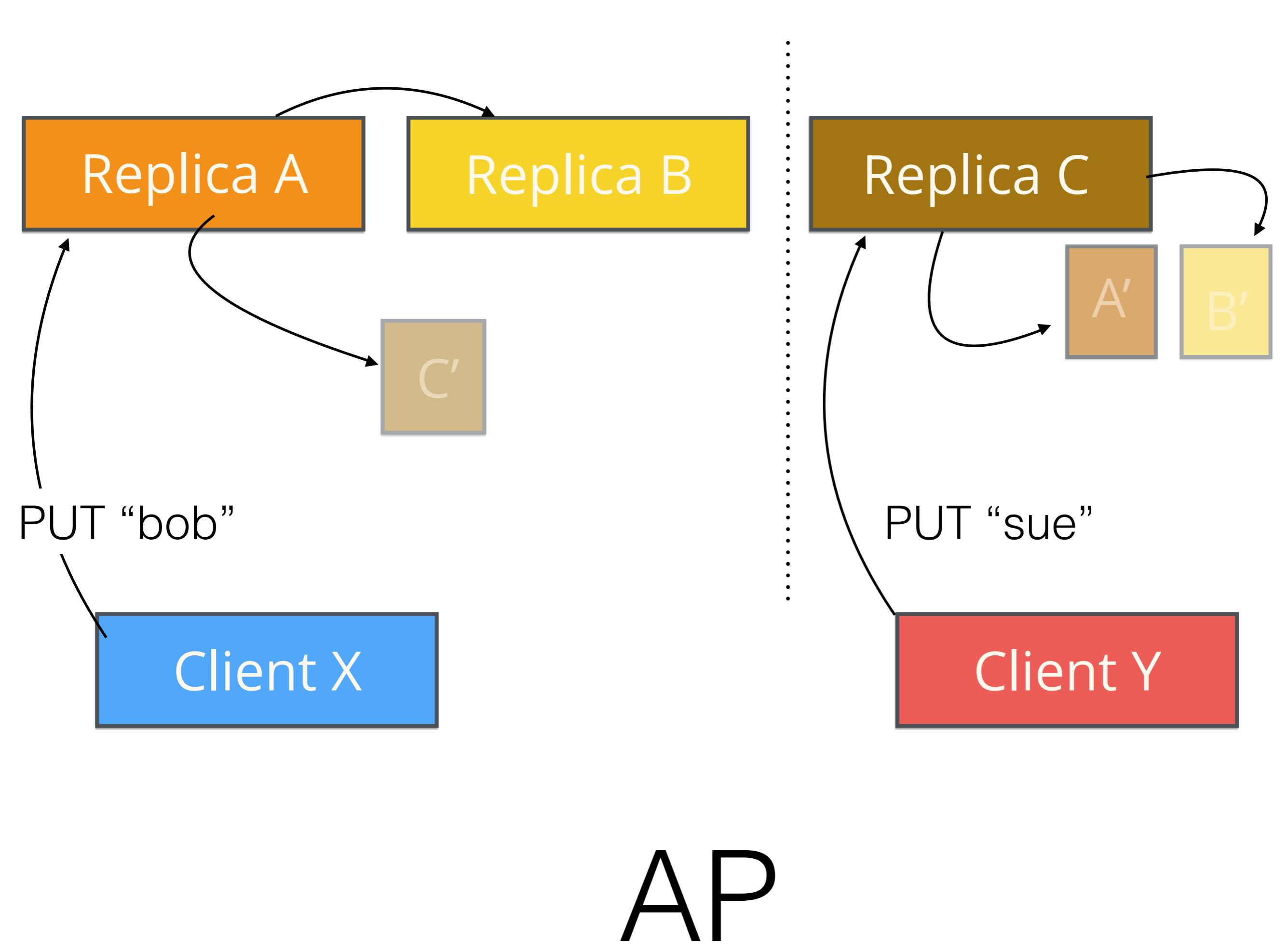
Eventual consistency is a consistency model used in distributed computing that informally guarantees that, if no new updates are made to a given data item, eventually all accesses to that item will return the last updated value.

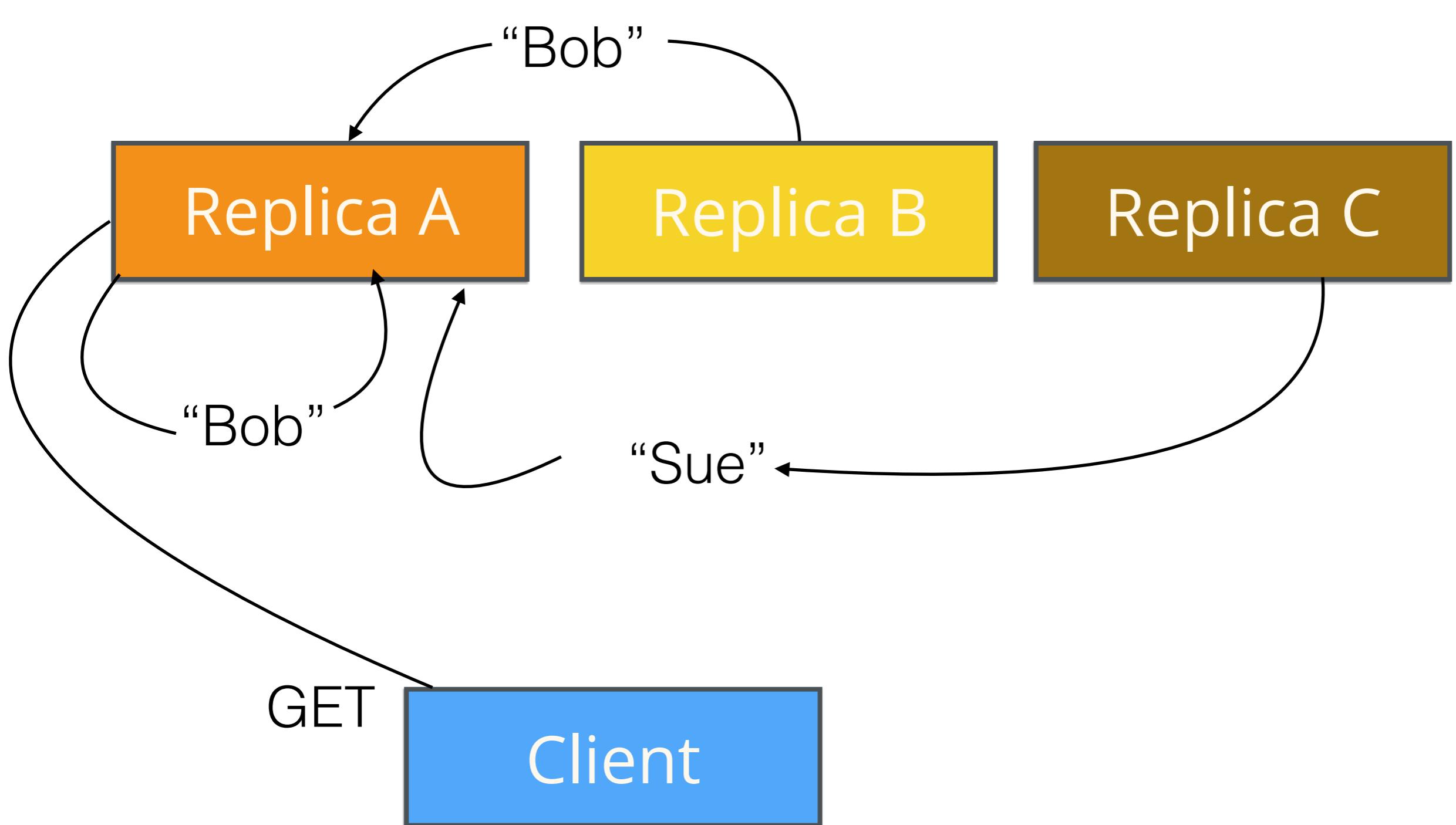
--Wikipedia





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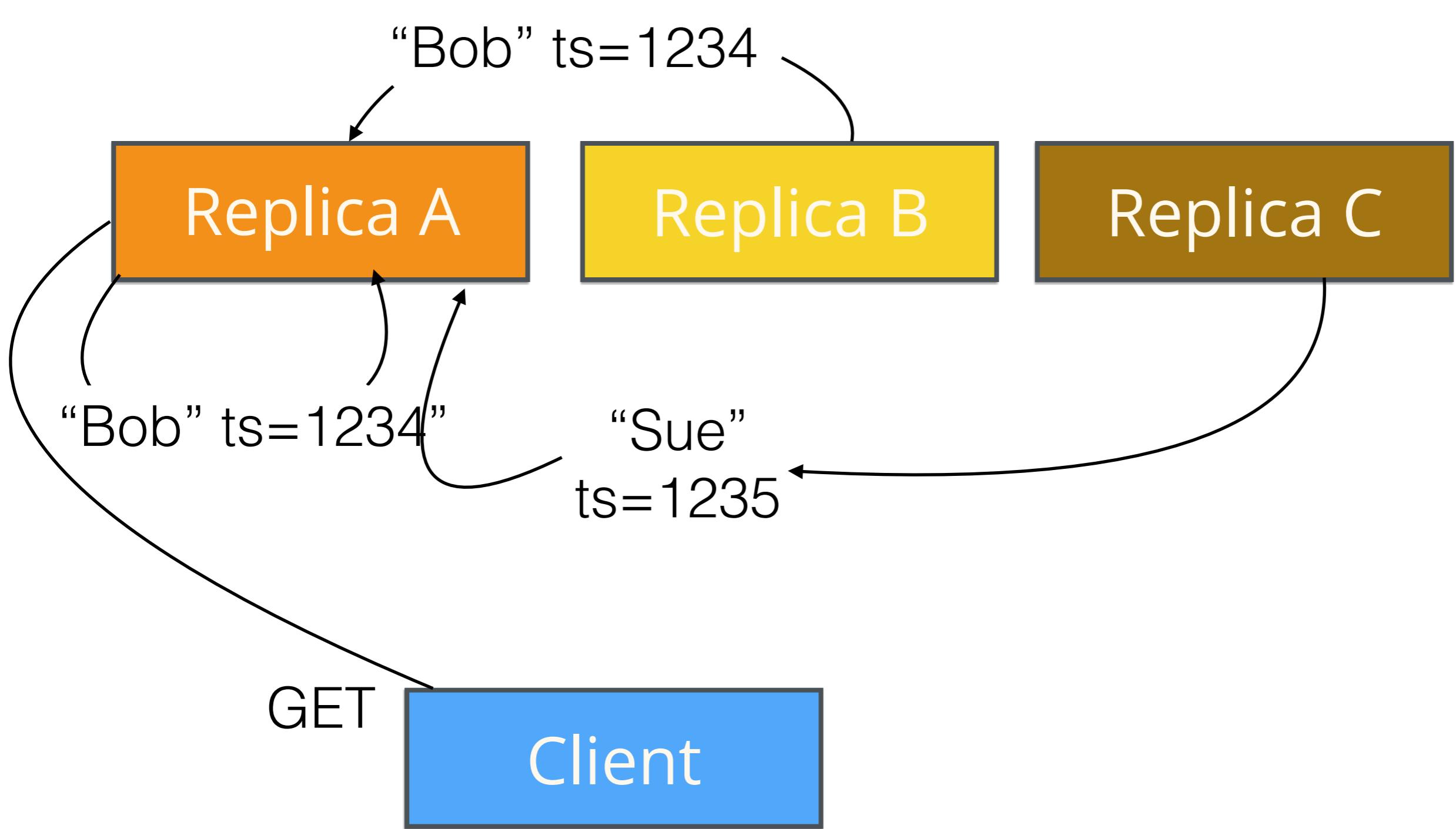




# Conflict!

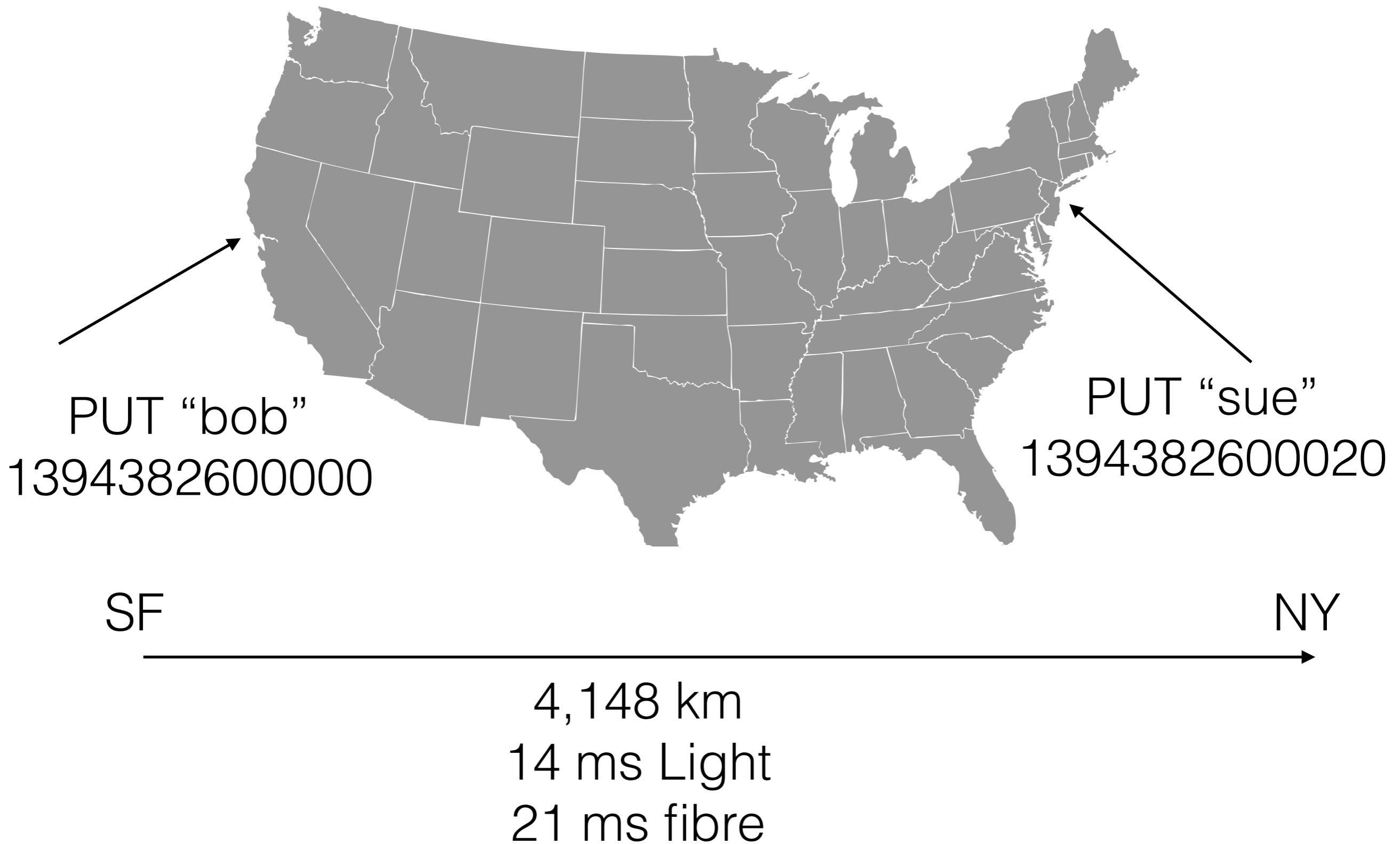


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if (result.hasConflicts()) {  
    // TODO: What should we do???
```



# Last Write Wins!

# Physics Problem



Replica A

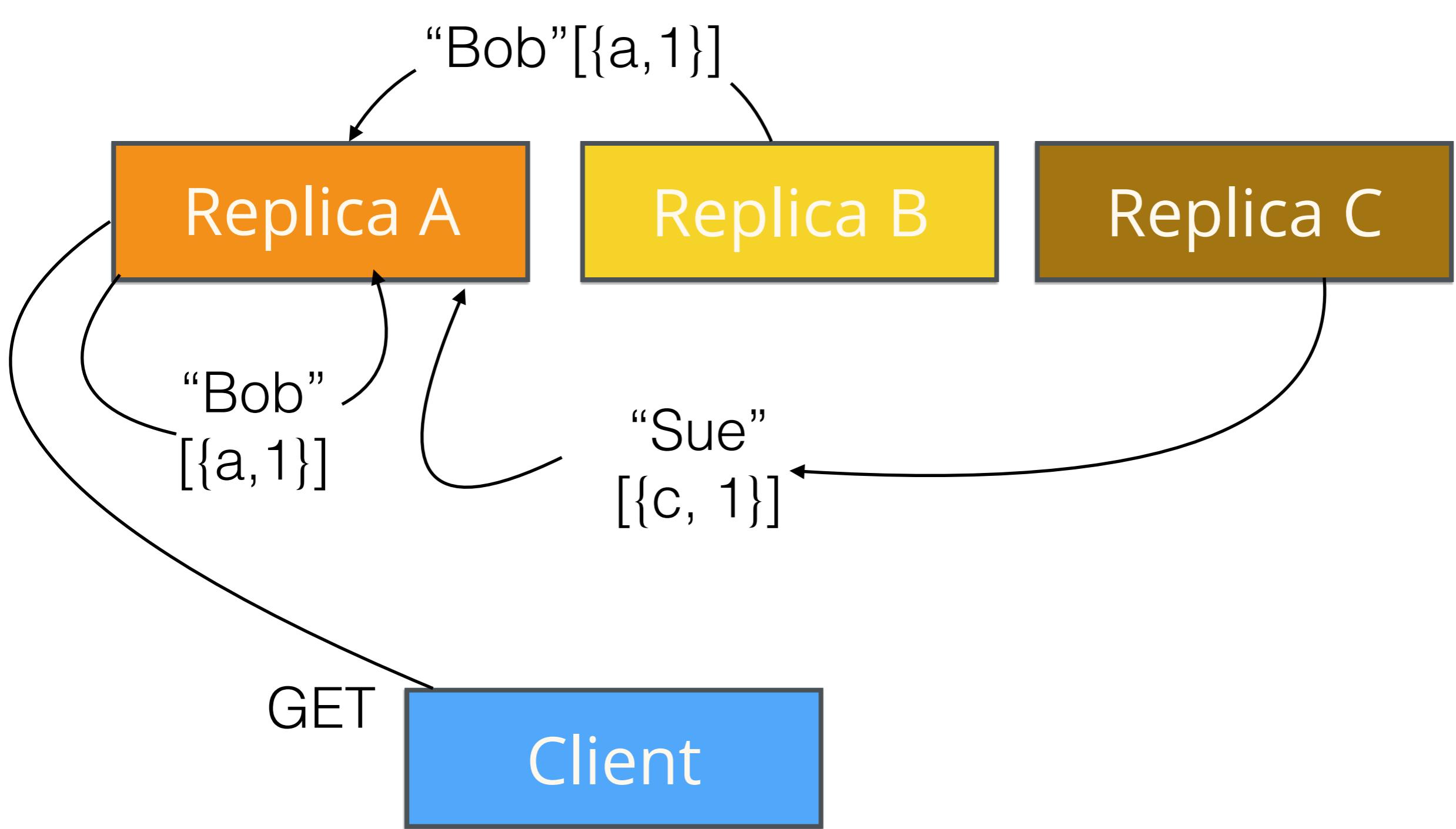
Replica B

Replica C

“Sue”

Client

Last Write Wins



# Conflict!

Replica A

Replica B

Replica C

[“Bob”, “Sue”]  
[{a,1}, {c, 1}]

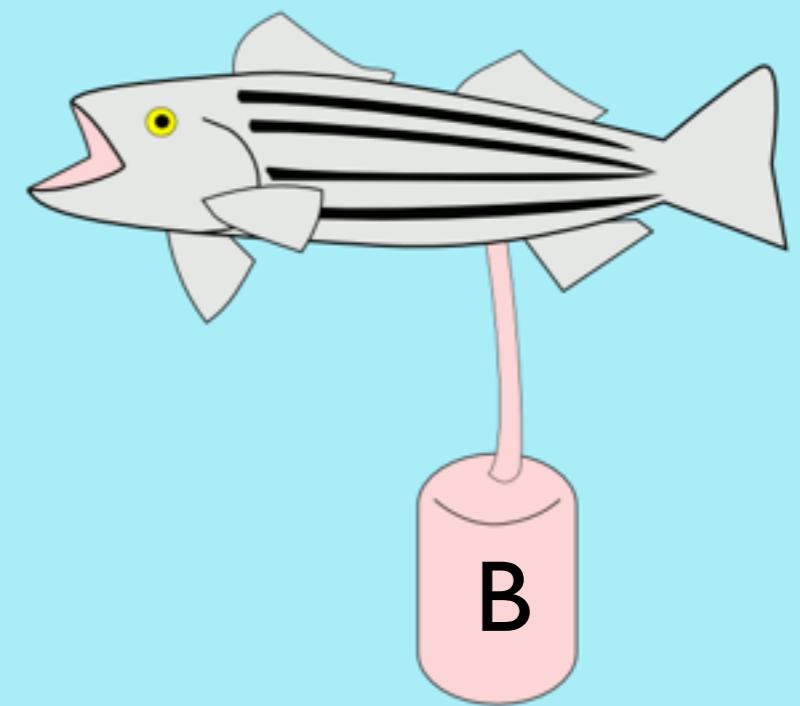
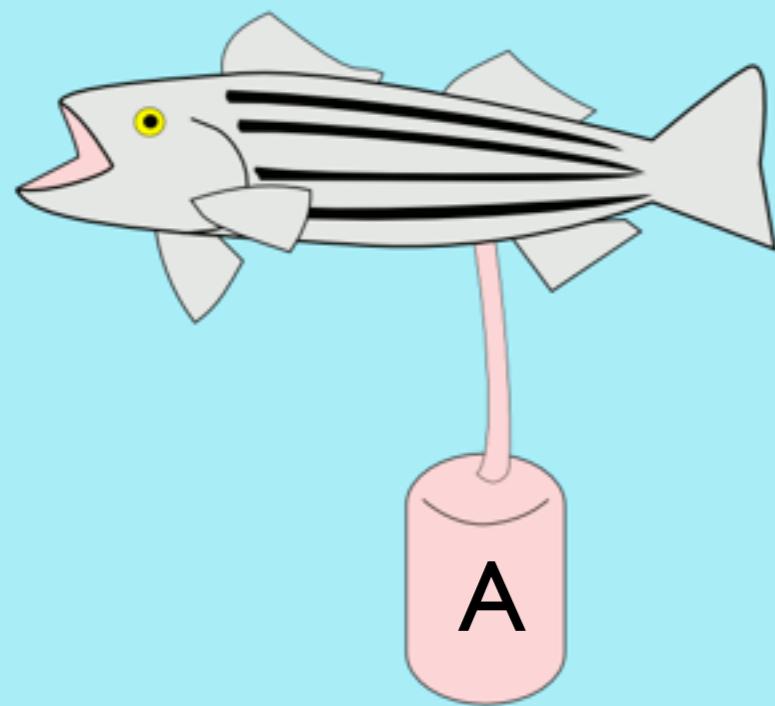
Client

# Multi-Value

# Semantic Resolution

# Dynamo

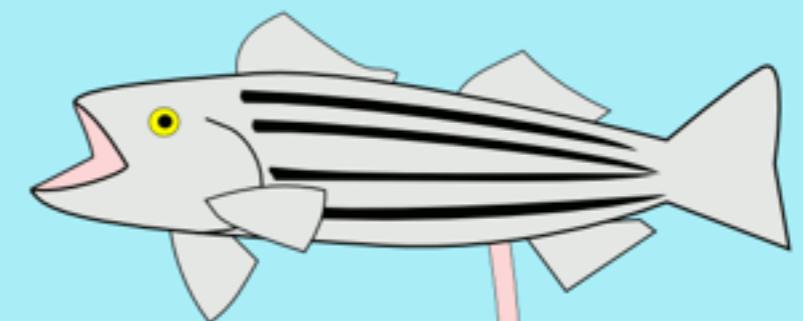
## The Shopping Cart



HAIRDRYER

HAIRDRYER

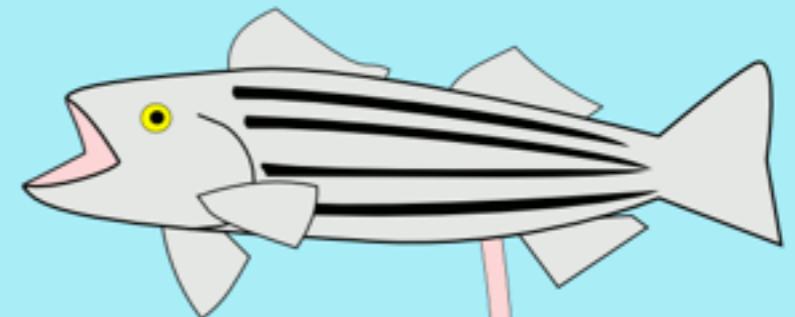
A



B

HAIRDRYER

A



B

PENCIL CASE

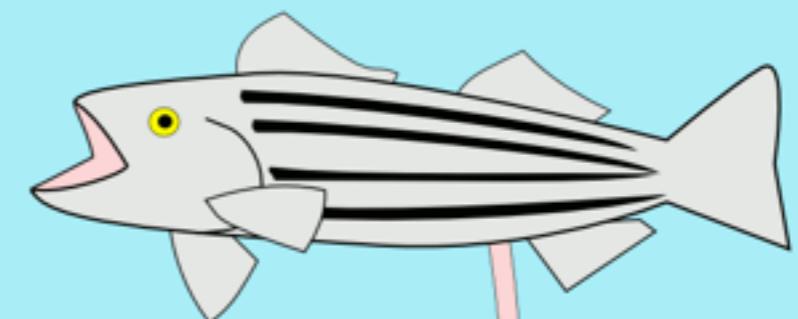
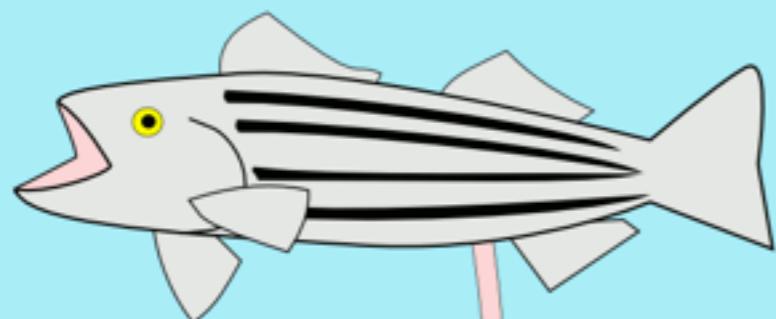
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HAIRDRYER

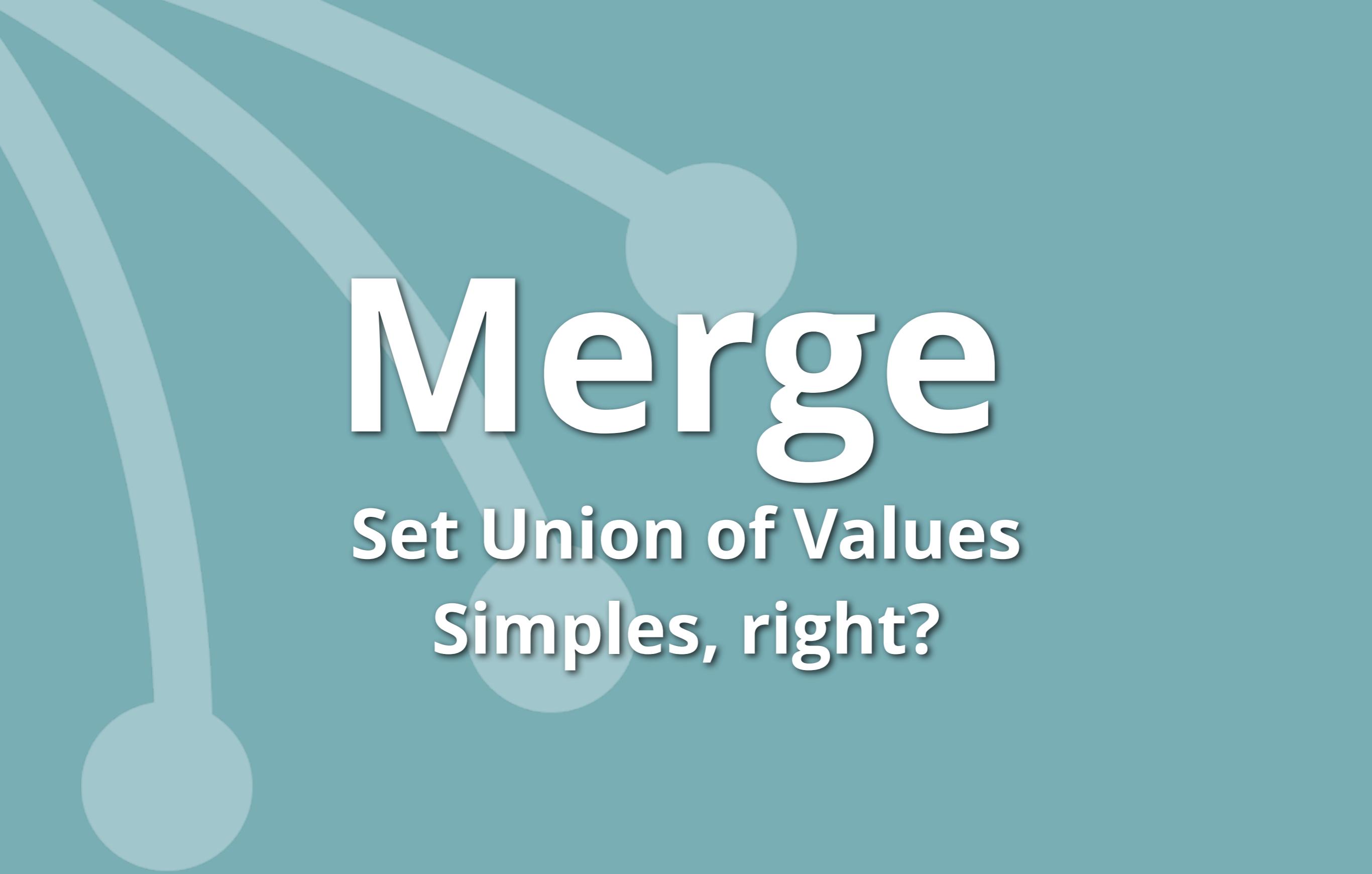
A

PENCIL CASE

B



[HAIRDRYER], [PENCIL CASE]



# Merge

Set Union of Values  
Simples, right?

# Removes?

Set Union?  
“Anomaly”  
Reappear

# Google F1

“We have a lot of experience with eventual consistency systems at Google.”

“We find developers spend a significant fraction of their time building extremely complex and error-prone mechanisms to cope with eventual consistency”



# Google F1

“Designing applications to cope with concurrency anomalies in their data is very error-prone, time-consuming, and ultimately not worth the performance gains.”





A diagram consisting of three teal circles connected by white lines. One circle is at the top right, one is at the bottom left, and one is in the center. Lines connect the top and bottom circles, and the bottom circle to the central circle.

Ad Hoc



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*A comprehensive study of*  
***Convergent and Commutative Replicated Data Types***

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# Join Semi-lattice



# Join Semi-lattice

Partially ordered set; Bottom; least upper bound

$$\langle S, \perp, \sqcup \rangle$$

# Join **Semi-lattice**

**Associativity:**  $(X \sqcup Y) \sqcup Z = X \sqcup (Y \sqcup Z)$



# Join **Semi-lattice**

**Commutativity:**  $X \sqcup Y = Y \sqcup X$



# Join Semi-lattice

**Idempotent:**  $X \sqcup X = X$



# Join **Semi-lattice**

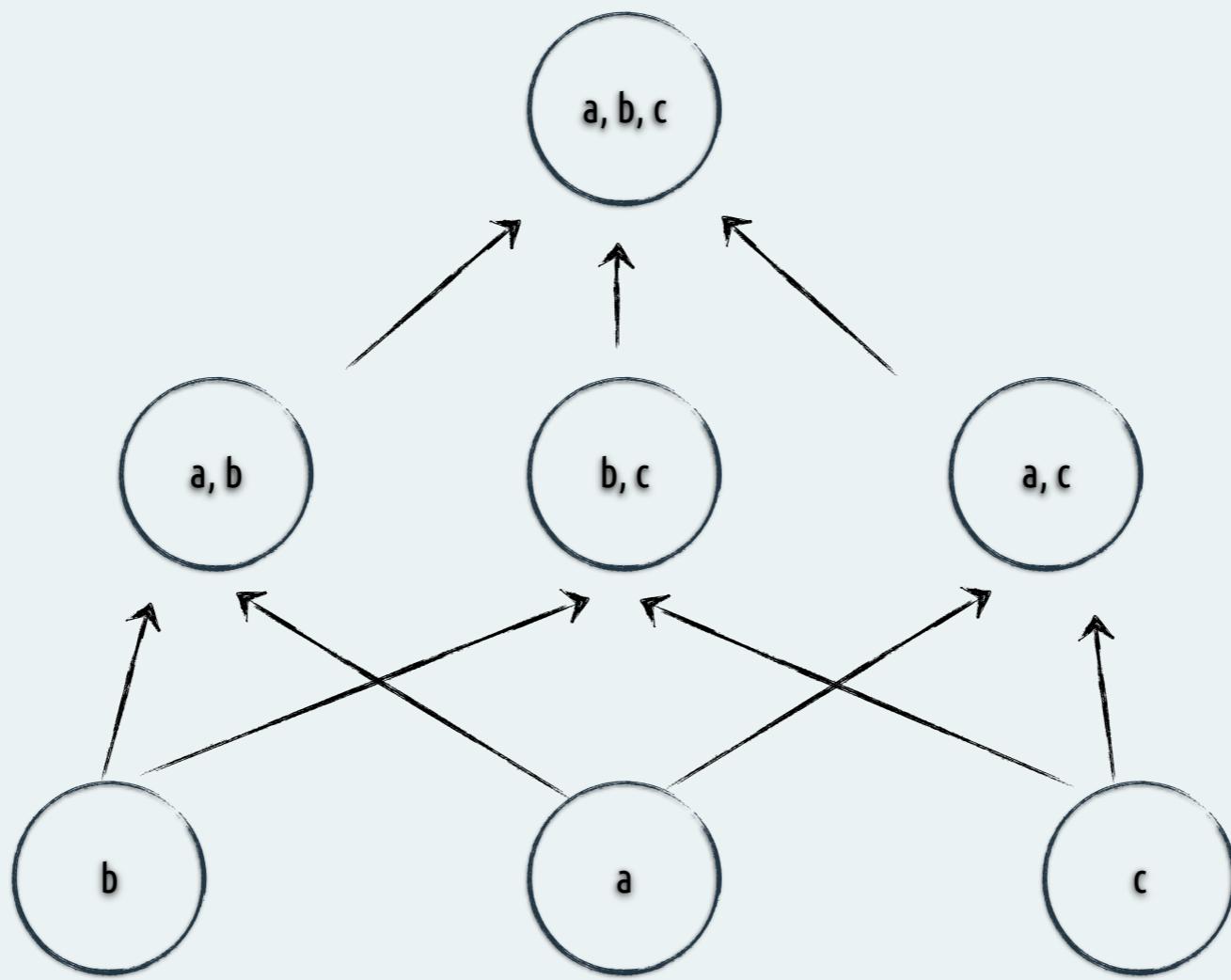
**Objects grow over time; merge computes LUB**



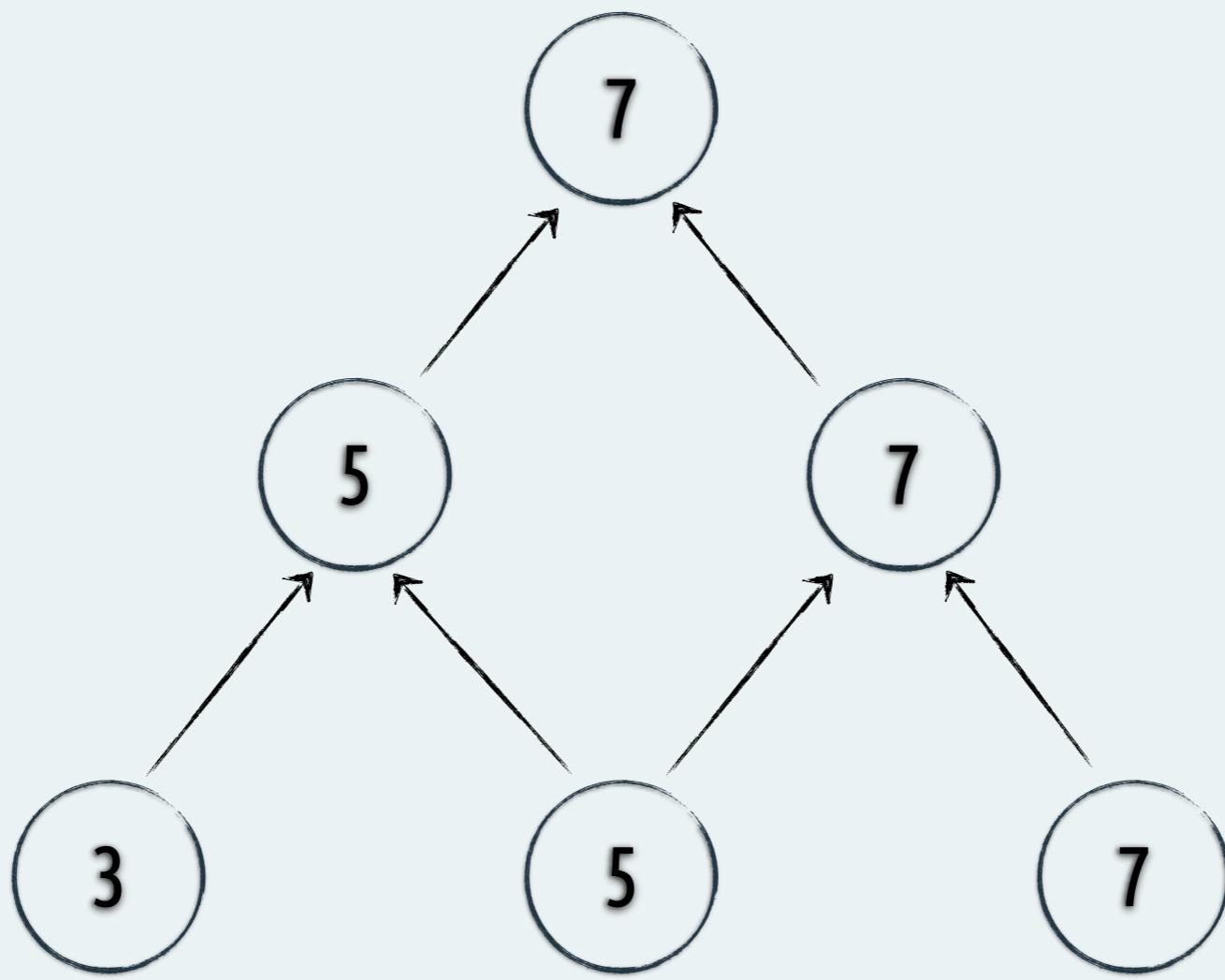
# **Join Semi-lattice**

## **Examples**

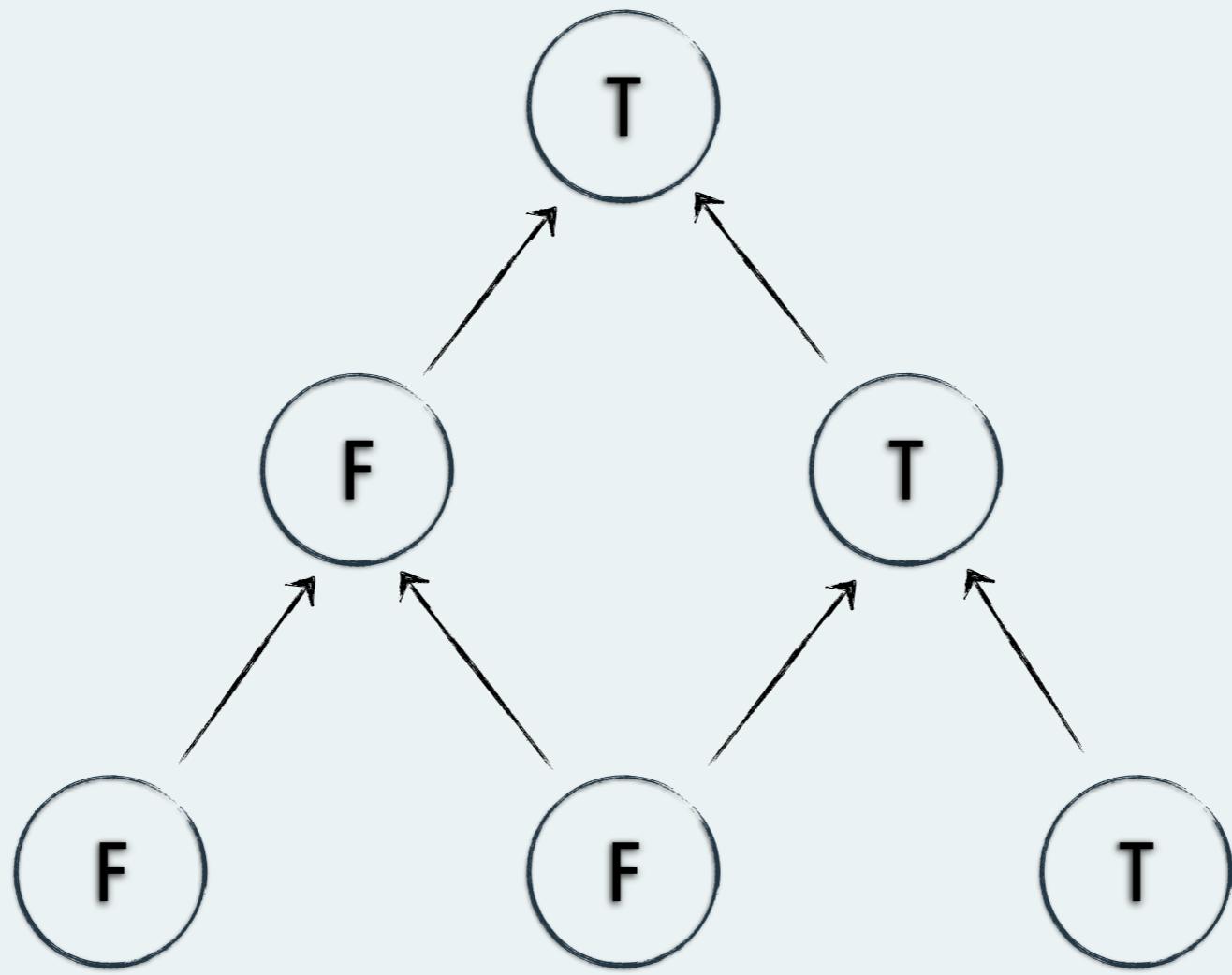




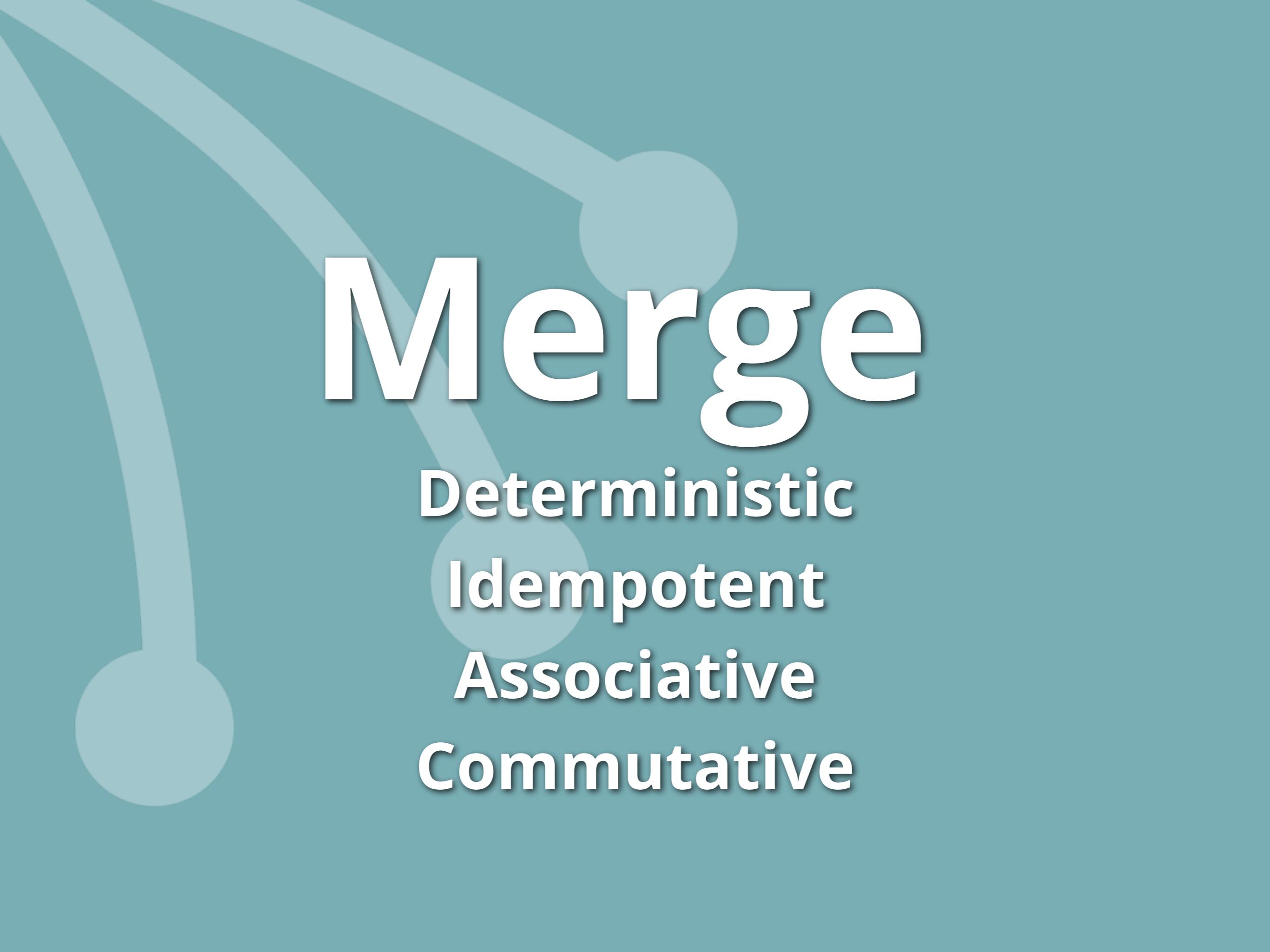
Set; merge function: union.



Increasing natural; merge function: max.



Booleans; merge function: or.



# Merge

Deterministic  
Idempotent  
Associative  
Commutative



# Reusable defined semantics

# Evolution of a Set

G-SET

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G-SET

Shelly

Bob

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Anna

Joe

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Anna

Joe

Shelly

Reece

Pete

Alex

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Anna

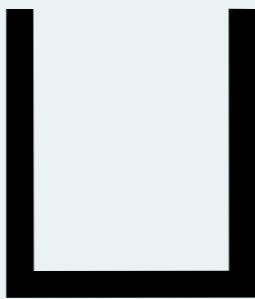
Joe

Shelly

Reece

Pete

Alex



Shelly

Bob

Pete

Anna

Joe

Reece

Alex

# **Evolution of a Set**

**G-SET**

**2P-SET**

Adds

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Anna

Shelly

Removes

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Adds

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Anna

Removes

Shelly

Bob

Pete

Anna

# **Evolution of a Set**

# **U-SET**

# **Evolution of a Set**

## **U-SET**

## **OR-SET**

Adds

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete
4	Anna

Removes

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete

Adds

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete
4	Anna
5	Shelly

Removes

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete

# Replica A

Adds

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete

# Replica A

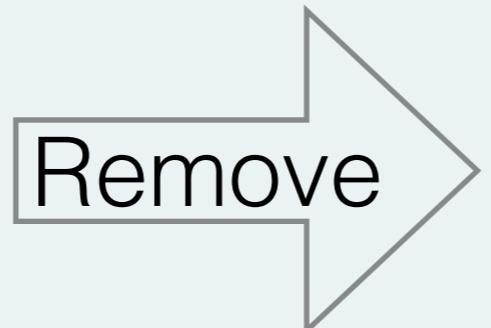
Adds

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete

Removes

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete

Remove



# Replica B

Adds

4

Anna

5

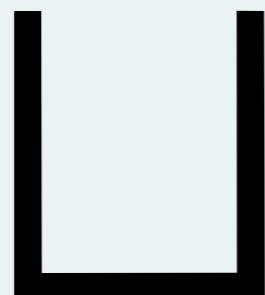
Shelly

Adds

Removes

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete



Adds

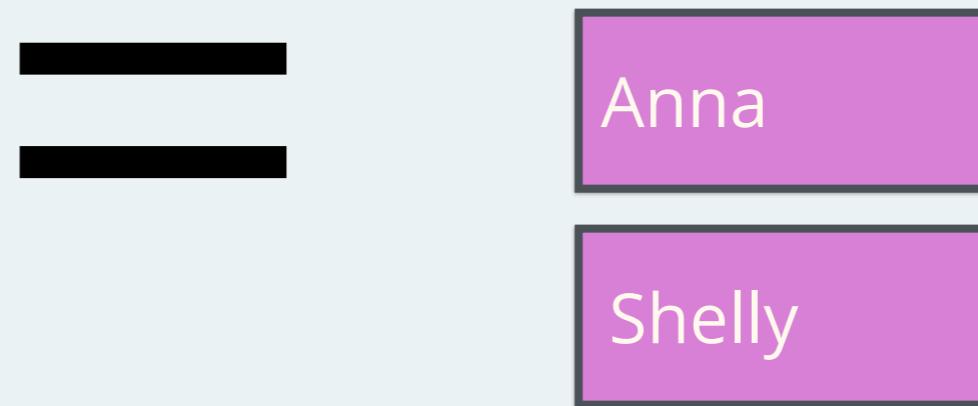
4	Anna
5	Shelly

## Adds

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete
4	Anna
5	Shelly

## Removes

1	Shelly
2	Bob
3	Pete



Semantics  
Add  
Wins

# **Evolution of a Set**

## **U-SET**

## **OR-SET**

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## *An Optimized Conflict-free Replicated Set*

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# Dotted Version Vectors: Logical Clocks for Optimistic Replication

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## Abstract

*In cloud computing environments, a large number of users access data stored in highly available storage systems. To provide good performance to geographically disperse users and allow operation even in the presence of failures or network partitions, these systems often rely on optimistic replication solutions that guarantee only eventual consistency. In this scenario, it is important to be able to accurately and efficiently*

The mentioned systems follow a design where the data store is always writable. A consequence is that replicas of the same data item are allowed to diverge, and this divergence should later be repaired. Accurate tracking of concurrent data updates can be achieved by a careful use of well established causality tracking mechanisms [5], [6], [7], [8]. In particular, for data storage systems, version vectors [6] enables the system to compare any pair of replica versions and detect if



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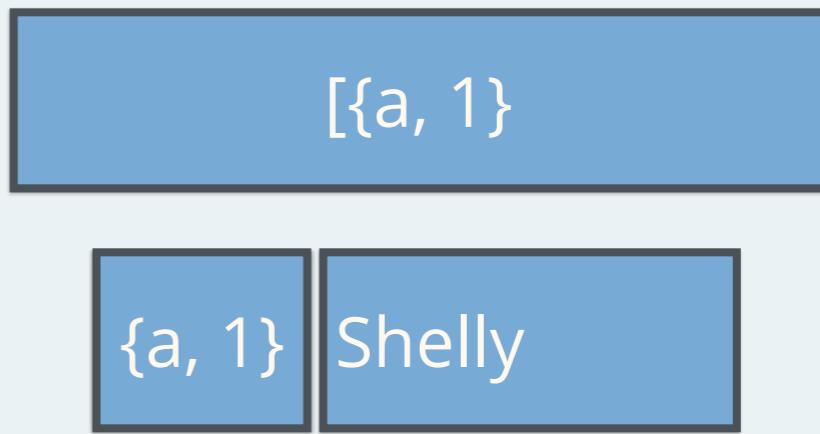
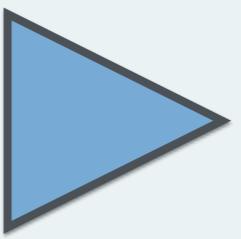
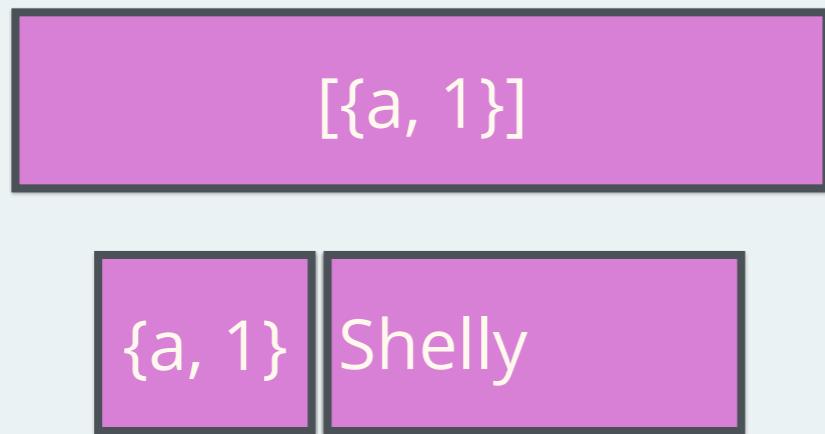
**OR-SET**

**OR-SWOT**

[{a, 1}]

{a, 1}

Shelly



$[\{a, 1\}]$

$\{a, 1\}$  Shelly

$[\{a, 1\}, \{b, 3\}]$

$\{a, 1\}$  Shelly

$\{b, 1\}$  Bob

$\{b, 2\}$  Phil

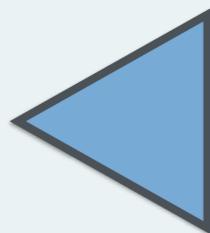
$\{b, 3\}$  Pete

$\left[\{a, 1\}, \{b, 3\}\right]$

{a, 1}	Shelly
{b, 1}	Bob
{b, 2}	Phil
{b, 3}	Pete

$\left[\{a, 1\}, \{b, 3\}\right]$

{a, 1}	Shelly
{b, 1}	Bob
{b, 2}	Phil
{b, 3}	Pete



$[\{a, 2\}, \{b, 3\}]$

$[\{a, 1\}, \{b, 3\}]$

$\{a, 1\}$  Shelly

$\{b, 1\}$  Bob

$\{b, 3\}$  Pete

$\{a, 2\}$  Anna

$\{a, 1\}$  Shelly

$\{b, 1\}$  Bob

$\{b, 2\}$  Phil

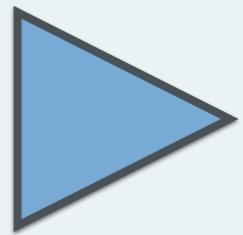
$\{b, 3\}$  Pete

$\{\{a, 2\}, \{b, 3\}\}$

{a, 1}	Shelly
{b, 1}	Bob

$\{\{a, 2\}, \{b, 3\}\}$

{a, 1}	Shelly
{b, 1}	Bob



{b, 3}	Pete
{a, 2}	Anna

{b, 3}	Pete
{a, 2}	Anna

# CRDTs

- Principled Merge
- Data Types with Defined Semantic
- Fine Grained Causality
- Building Block of EC Systems