

Duplicate key problem:

3 hot keys are 98% of traffic. 17 cold keys are 2% traffic. Hot key op distribution: 95% set 5% del. Cold key op distribution: 20% set 10% get 70% del. Aggressive deletions on cold keys prevent needing to resize. Let's say you have k_A & k_B that hash to slot 10. Let's say slot 10 is deleted. Let's say k_A wins the CAS request \rightarrow slot 10: pk_A pV_A F. Thread trying to insert ptr_{k_B} ptr_{V_B} spins. A third thread comes along and deletes k_A . \rightarrow slot 10: \emptyset \emptyset D. The thread trying to insert pk_B sees pk_A was deleted during spin. It breaks the while loop. Then it probes and is placed in slot 11. \rightarrow slot 11: pk_B pV_B F. Then a fourth thread comes along trying to insert k_B which hashes to slot 10. Then the fourth thread claims the deleted slot 10 and inserts the key \rightarrow slot 10: pk_B pV_B F \boxed{A} slot 11: pk_B pV_B F