Bayou / Chord

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[Adapted from Andrew Or and Ion Stoica’s original slides]

Context on Bayou: Disconnected Nodes [Stoica]

Early days: nodes always on when not crashed

- Network bandwidth always plentiful.
- Never needed to work on a disconnected node

Now: nodes detach then reconnect elsewhere

- Even when attached, bandwidth is variable
- Reconnection elsewhere means often talking to different replica
- Work done on detached nodes

Bayou

- ”Replicated, [eventually] consistent storage system designed for … portable machines with less-than-ideal network connectivity.”
- System developed at PARC in the mid-90’s
- First coherent attempt to fully address the problem of disconnected operation

Bayou

What is it?

- Weakly consistent, replicated storage system

Goals:

- Maximize availability, *support offline collaboration*
- Minimize network communication
- Agree on all values (eventually)

Bayou Update Protocol: Review from Class

- Client sends update to a server
- Updates uniquely identified by:
  <Commit Sequence Number (CSN), Local Timestamp, Node ID>

- Updates are either committed or tentative
  CSNs increase monotonically
  Tentative updates have commit-stamp = ∞

- Only Primary server can commit updates
  Allocates CSN in monotonically increasing order
  CSN is different from time-stamp

Anti-Entropy Exchange

- Each server keeps a version vector:
  - R.V[X] is the latest timestamp from server X that server R has seen
- When two servers connect, exchanging the version vectors allows them to identify the missing updates
- These updates are exchanged in the order of the logs, so that if the connection is dropped the crucial monotonicity property still holds
  - If a server X has an update accepted by server Y, server X has all previous updates accepted by that server

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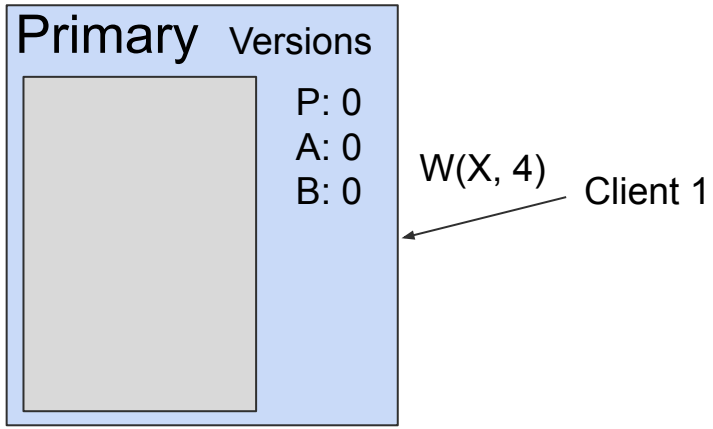

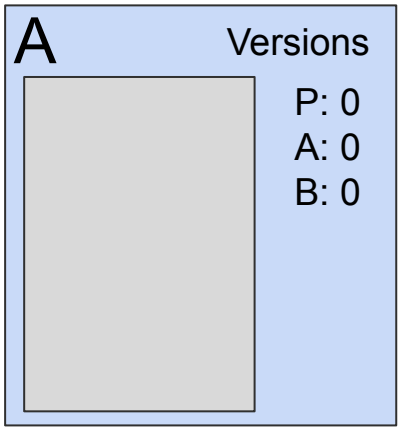

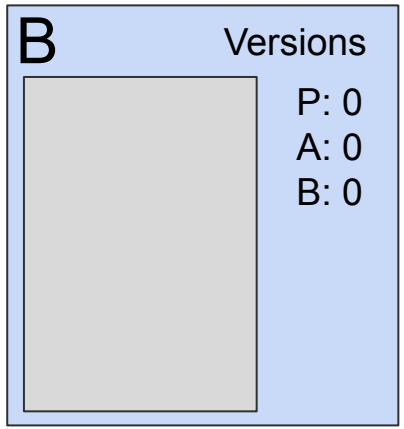

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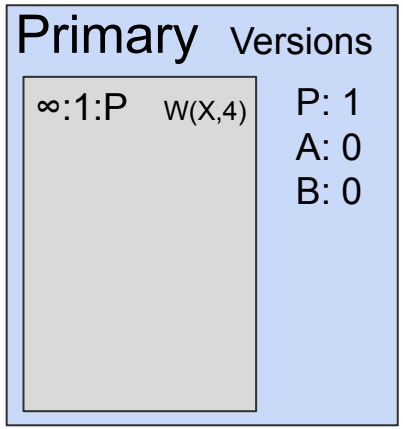

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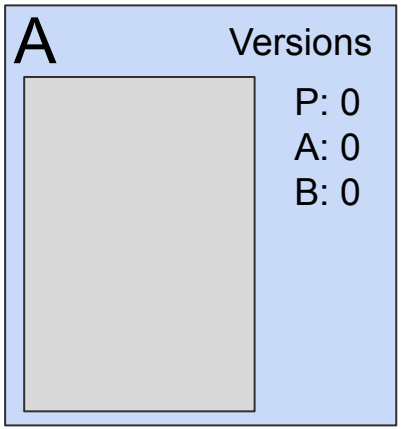

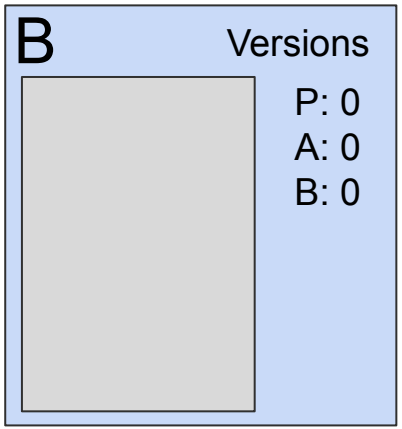

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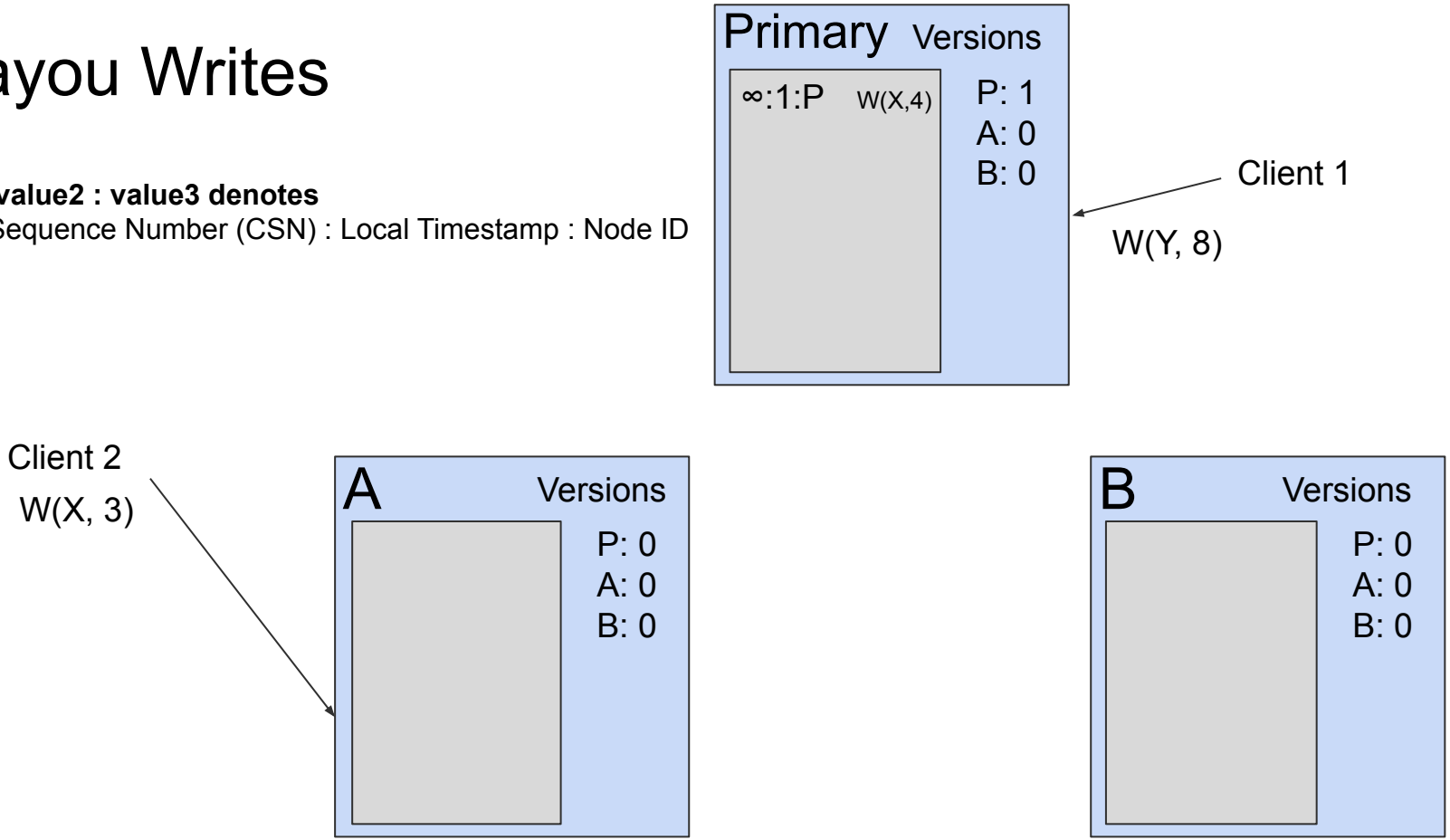

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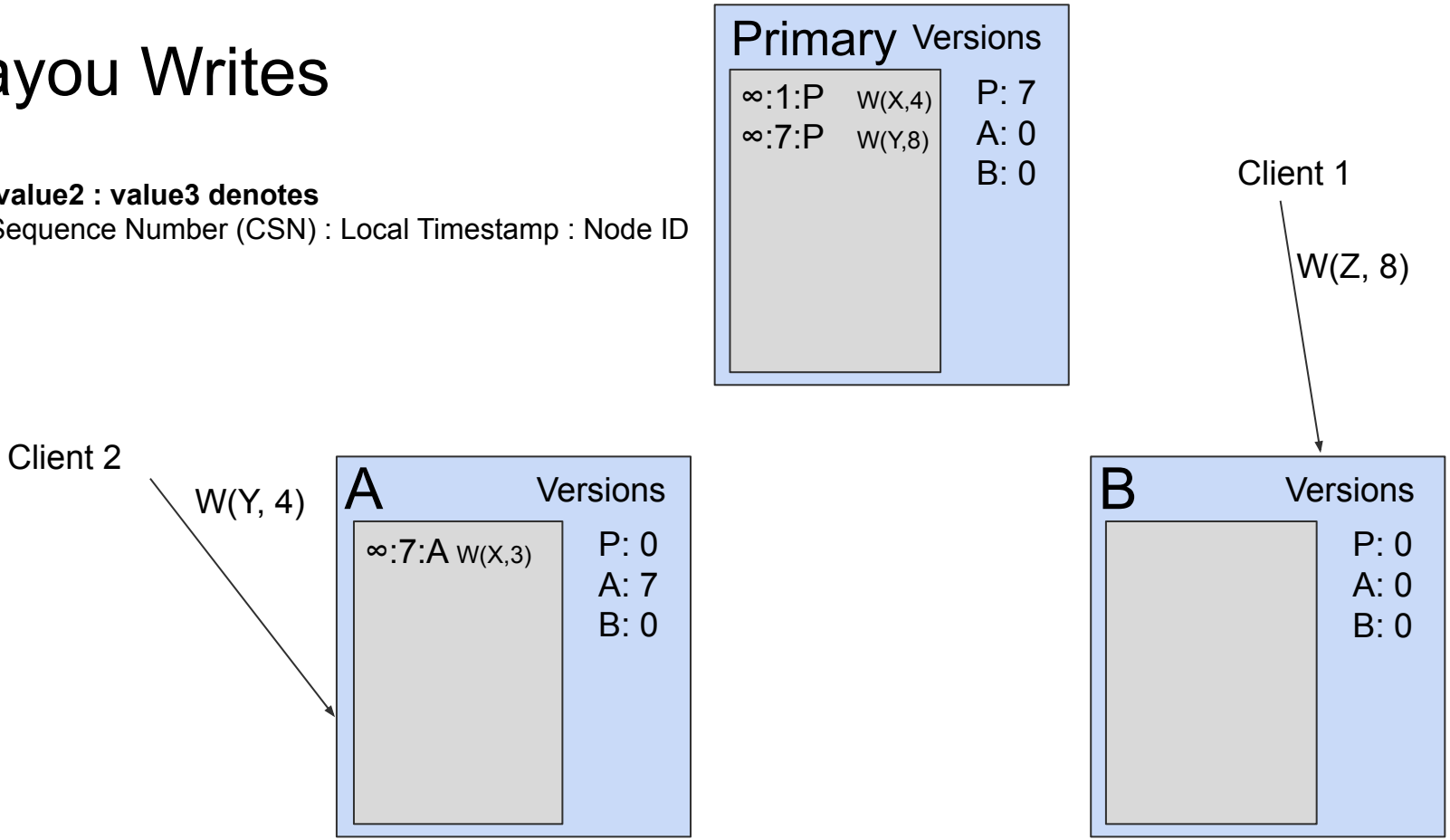

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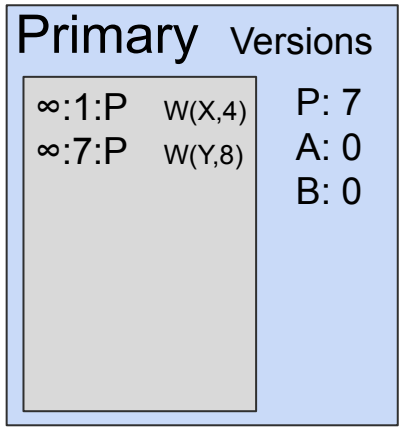
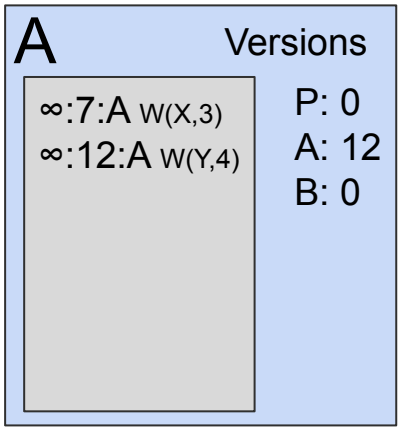
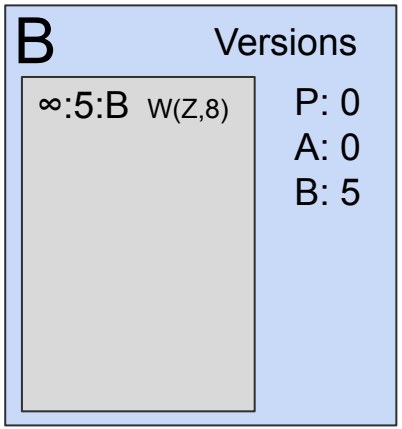
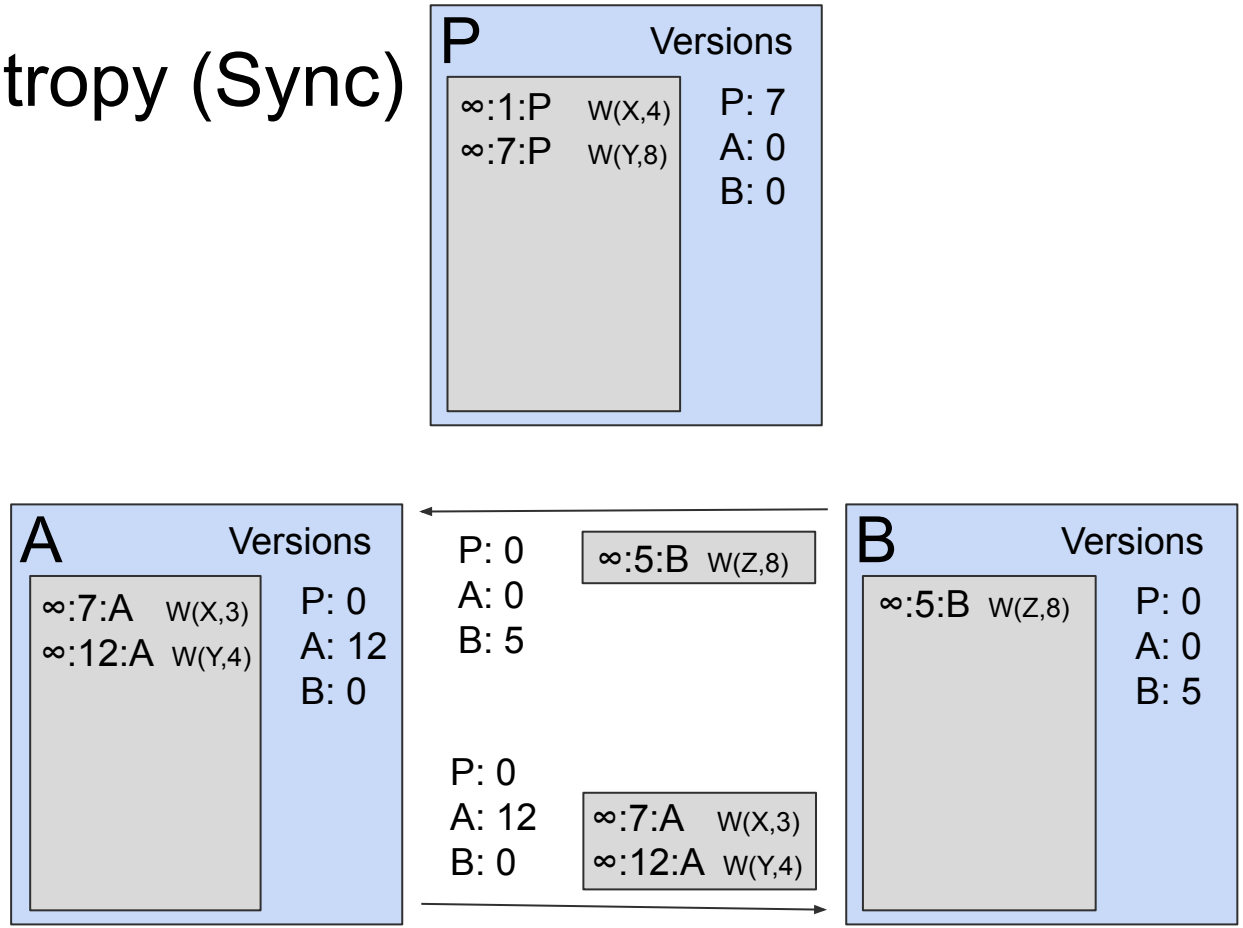






Bayou Anti-Entropy (Sync)

Anti-entropy Session
A & B



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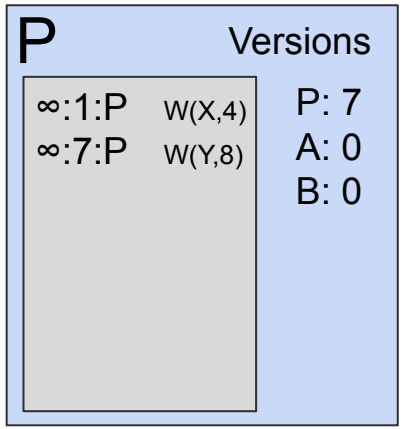

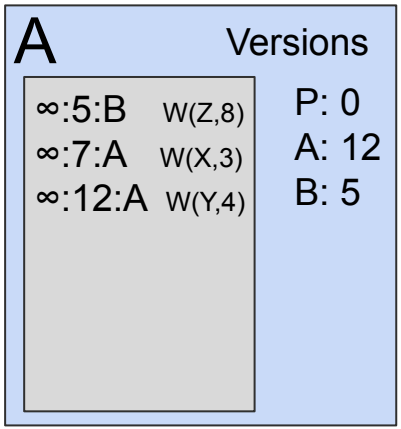

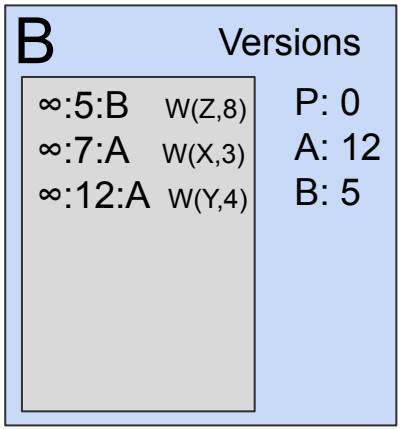

Bayou Commit

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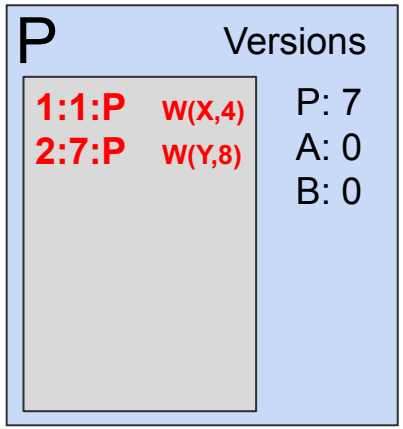
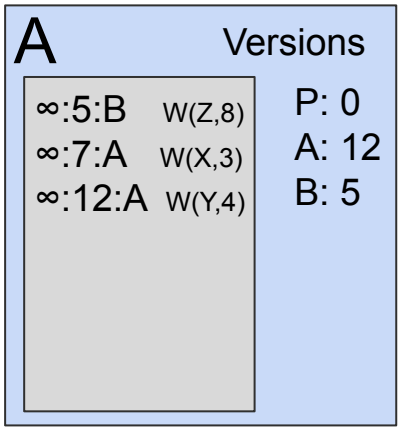
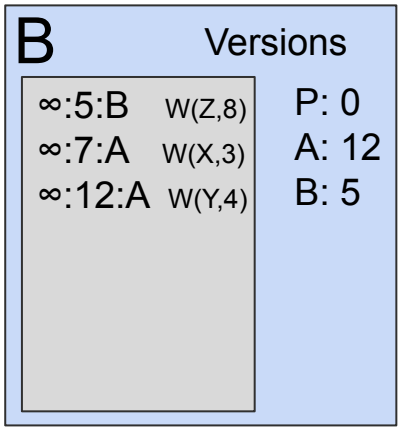
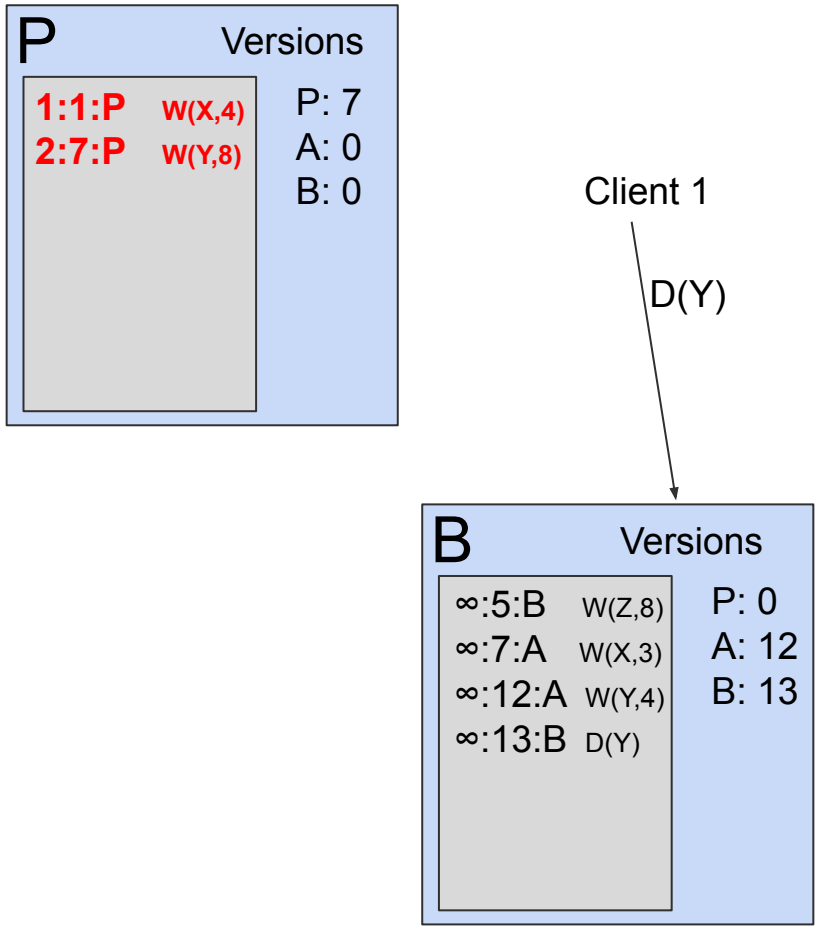






Bayou Write

Write after anti-entropy session
Write timestamp = max(clock, max(TS)+1)



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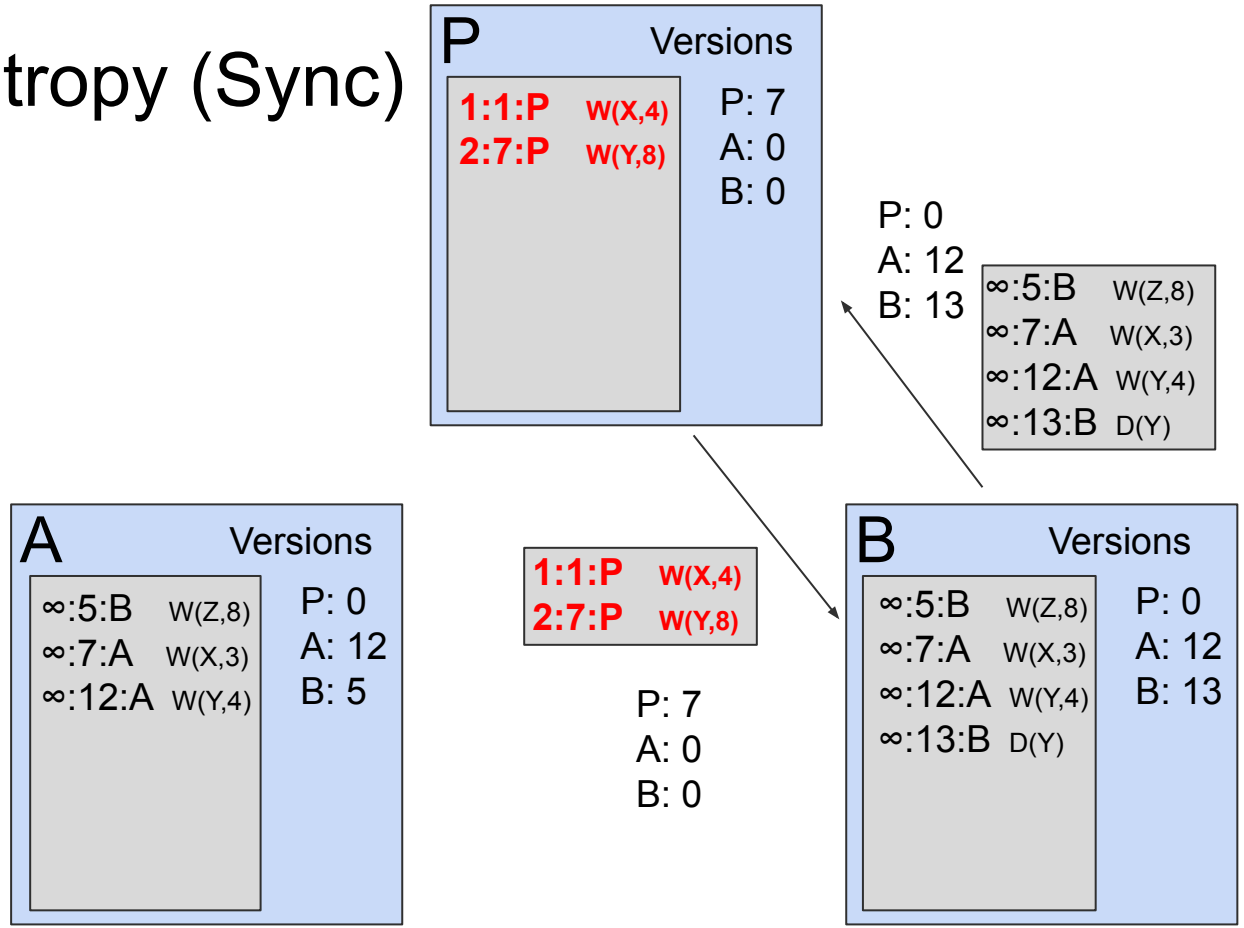

Bayou Anti-Entropy

Anti-entropy Session
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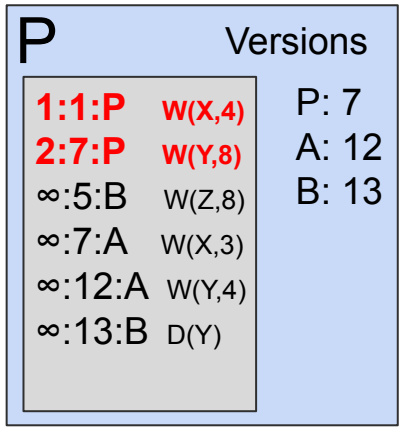
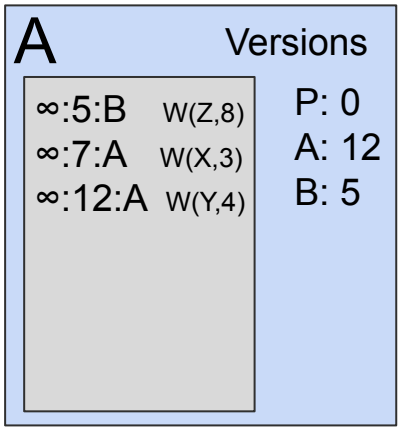
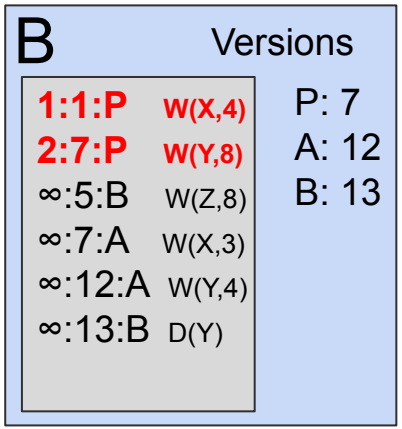
Primary respects causality







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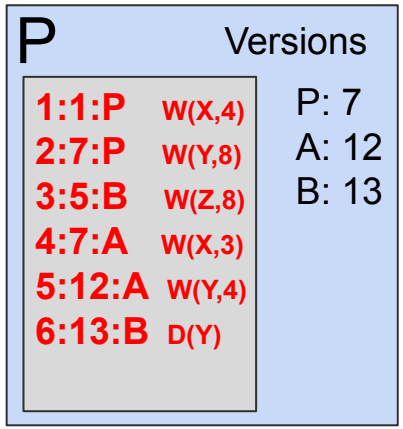
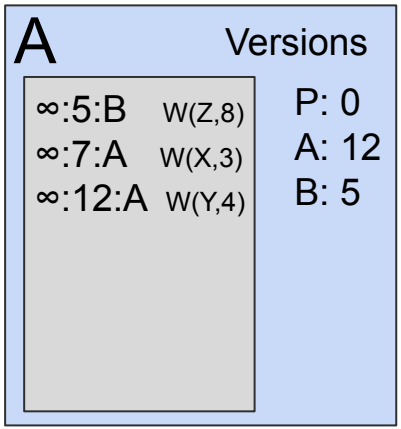
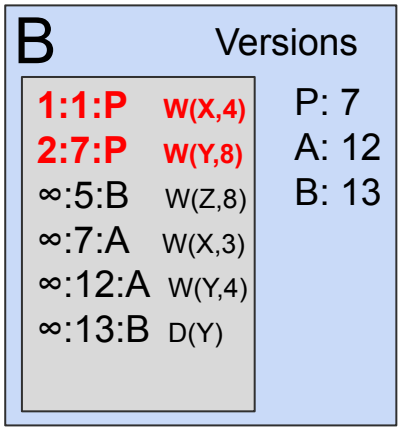
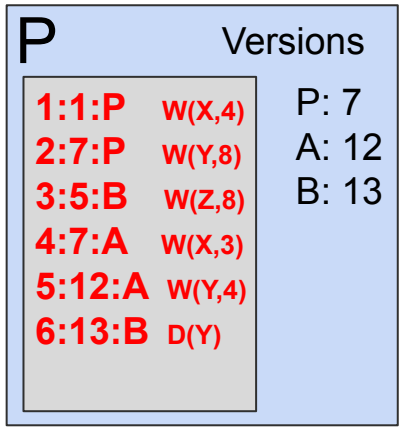


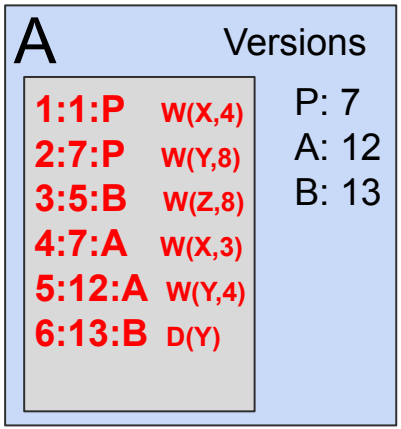


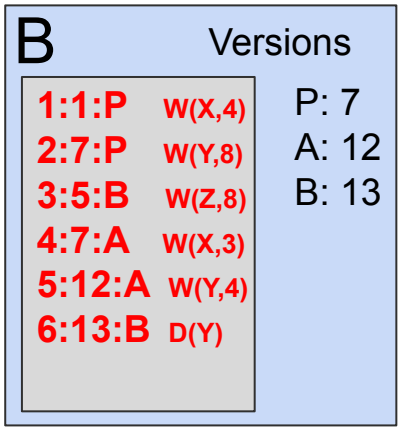


Bayou

After a number of commits and anti-entropy sessions (without further writes), all nodes converge on the same state.







Bayou (review from class)

1. Eventual consistency: if updates stop, all replicas eventually have the same view.
2. Update functions for automatic app-driven conflict resolution.
3. Ordered update log is the real truth, not the DB.
4. Use Lamport clocks: eventual consistency that respects causality.

Context for Chord: Key Value Stores

Amazon:
- Key: customerID
- Value: customer profile (e.g., buying history, credit card, ..)

Facebook, Twitter:
- Key: UserID
- Value: user profile (e.g., posting history, photos, friends, …)

iCloud/iTunes:
- Key: Movie/song name
- Value: Movie, Song

Distributed file systems
- Key: Block ID
- Value: Block

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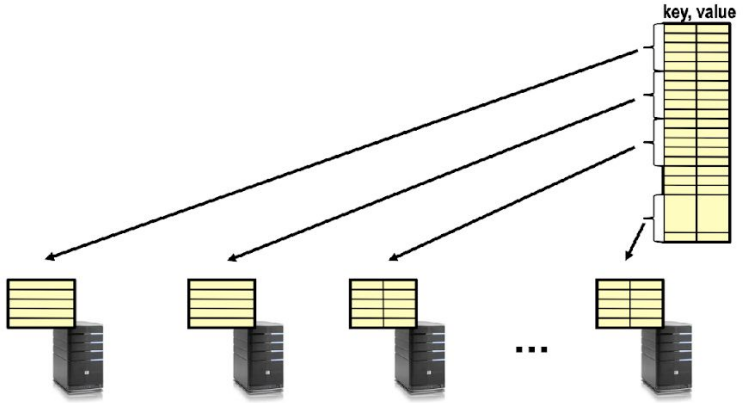
Context for Chord: Key Value Stores

Key Value Store

Also called a Distributed Hash Table (DHT)

Main idea: partition set of key-values across many machines



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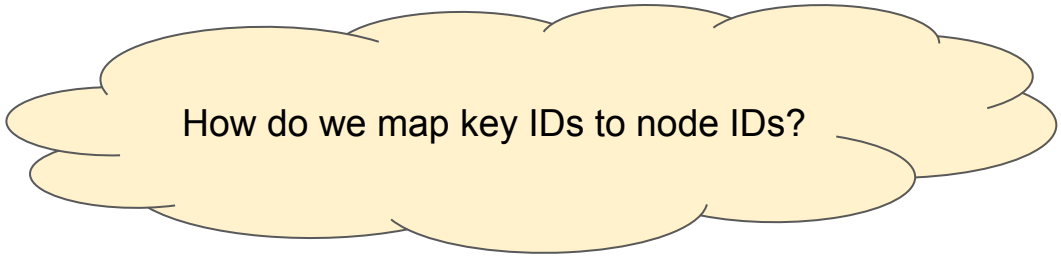
Chord

- Chord: “a distributed lookup protocol” for a peer-to-peer distributed hash table [Stoica ‘01]
- *Consistent hashing* for partitioning key space + lookup

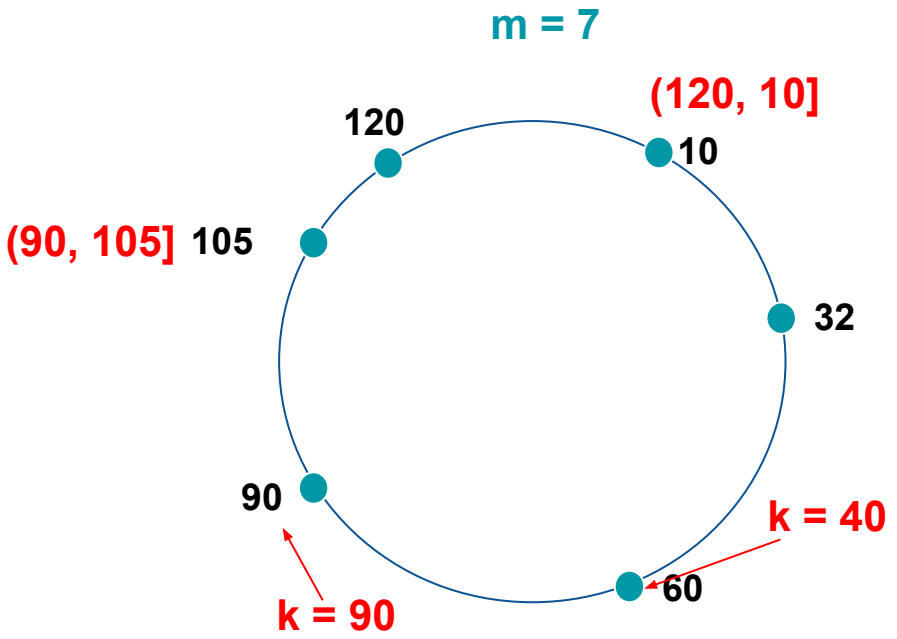
Identifiers in Chord

- Key identifier = SHA1(key) mod 2^m
- Node identifier = SHA1(IP address) mod 2^m
- Both are uniformly distributed in the same identifier space
- The identifier length, m, must be large enough to make the probability of two nodes or keys hashing to the same identifier negligible (e.g. m = 160)



Consistent Hashing

- A node owns the preceding key range, including its own identifier.
- Key k is stored at its successor node, the first node whose identifier is equal to or greater than the identifier of key k.

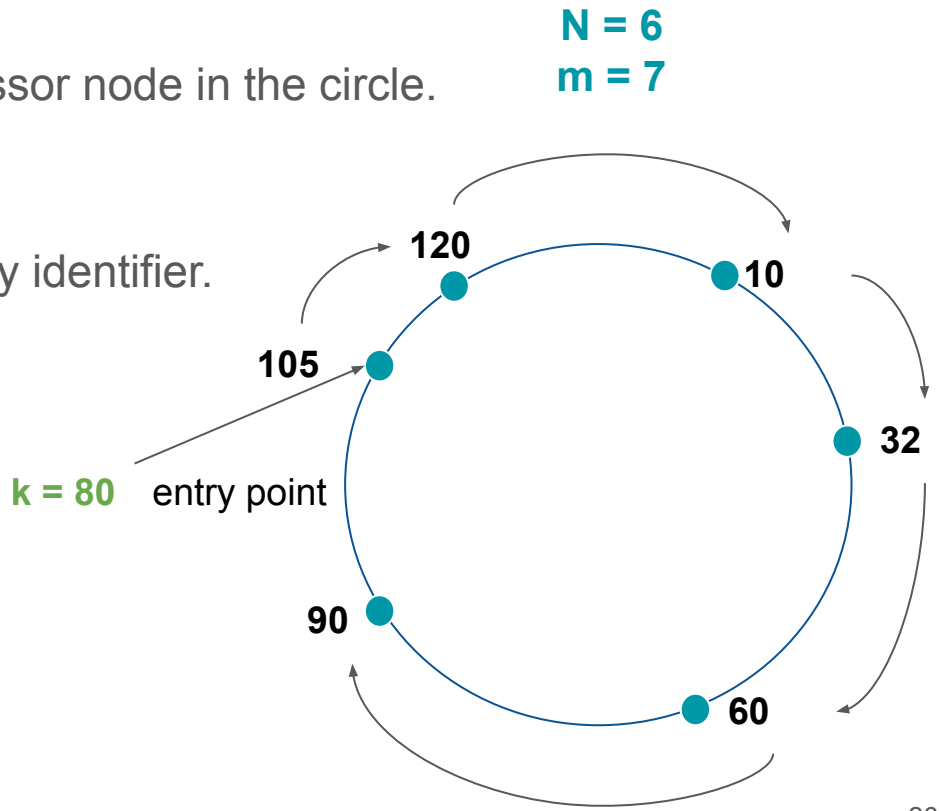


Basic Lookups

- Each node only remembers its successor node in the circle.
- Lookups in clockwise direction.
- Assume N nodes and K keys.
- m is the number of bits in the node/key identifier.

What is the lookup time?

O(N) hops



Finger Table Notations

- Each node maintains additional routing information (e.g., finger tables) to accelerate lookups.
- A finger table contains m entries

n is the identifier of the node

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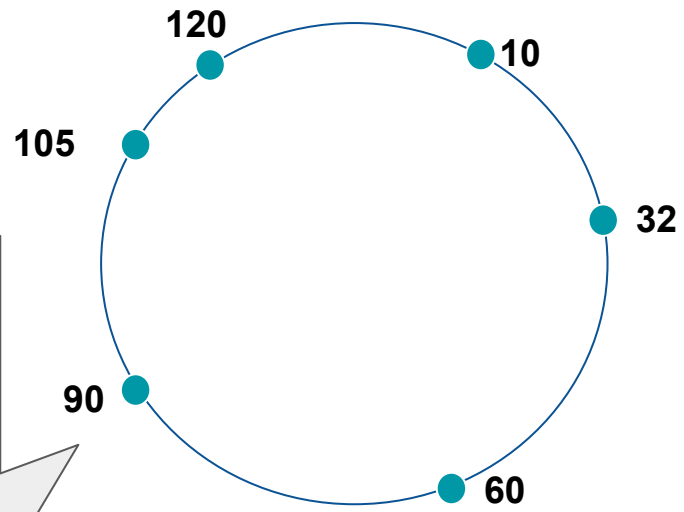

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k = 3
k = 4
k = 5
k = 6
k = 7

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94	[94, 98)	105
98	[98, 106)	105
106	[106, 122)	120
122	[122, 26)	10
26	[26, 90)	32

Finger Table of Node 10

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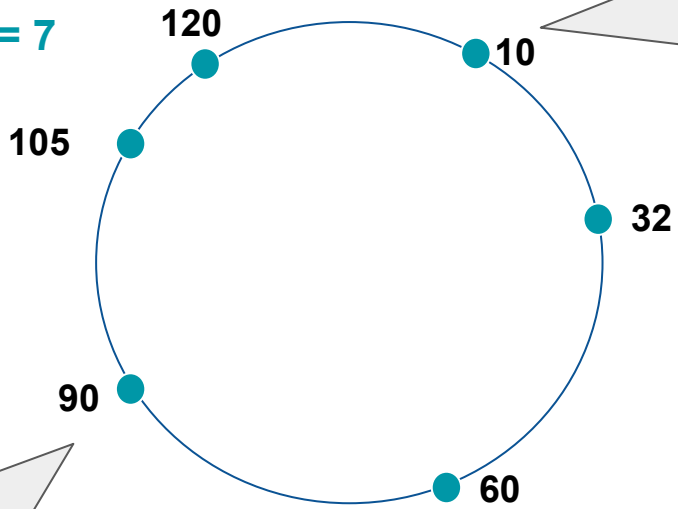

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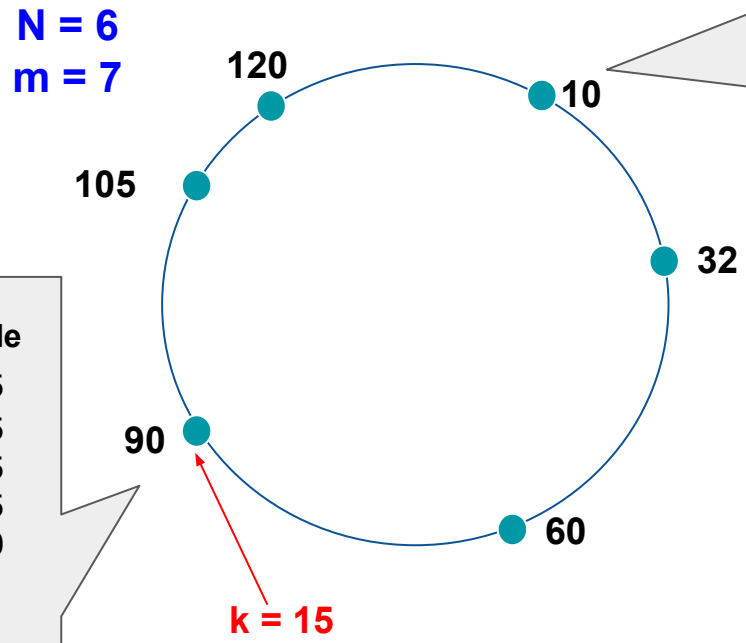

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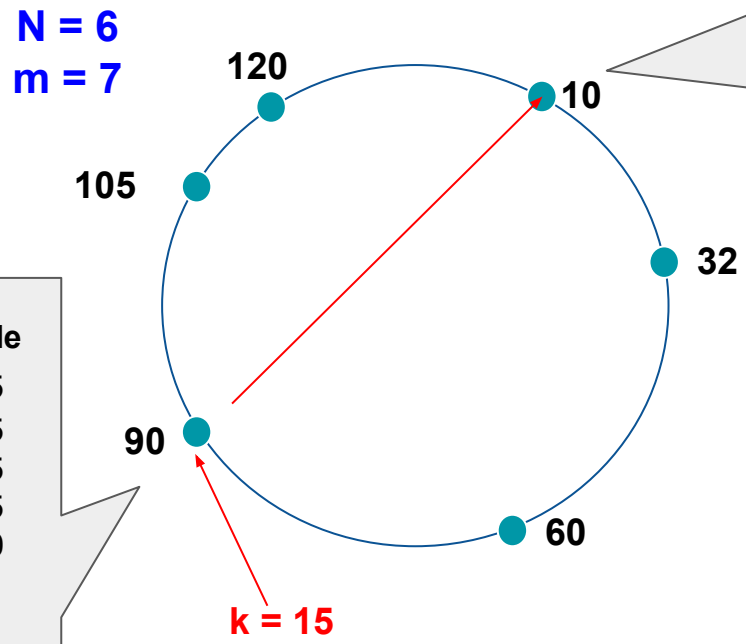

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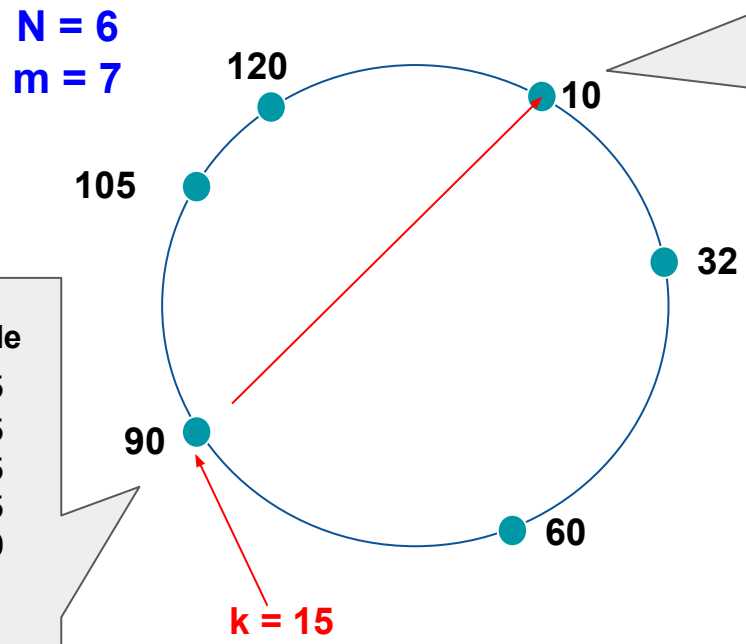

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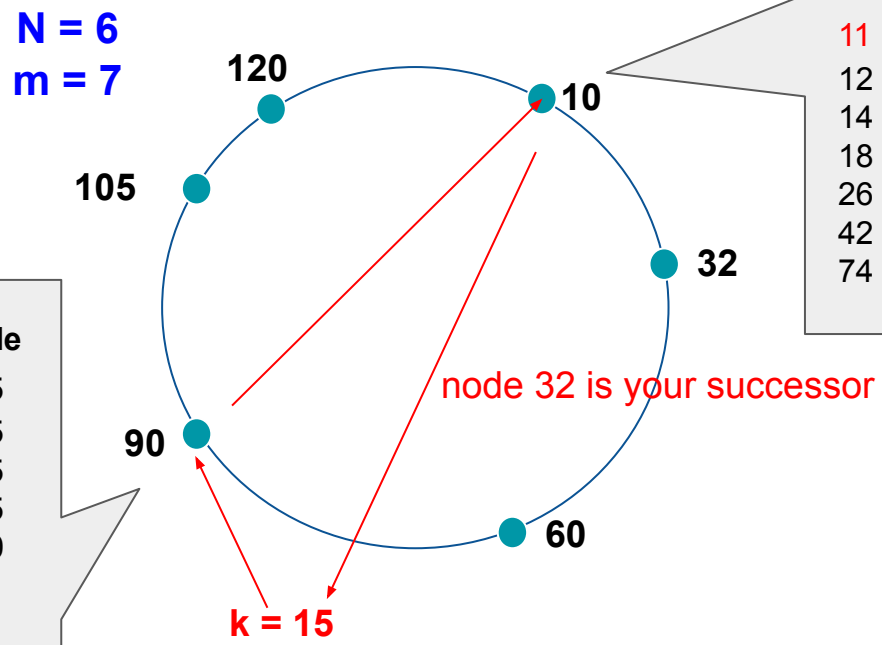

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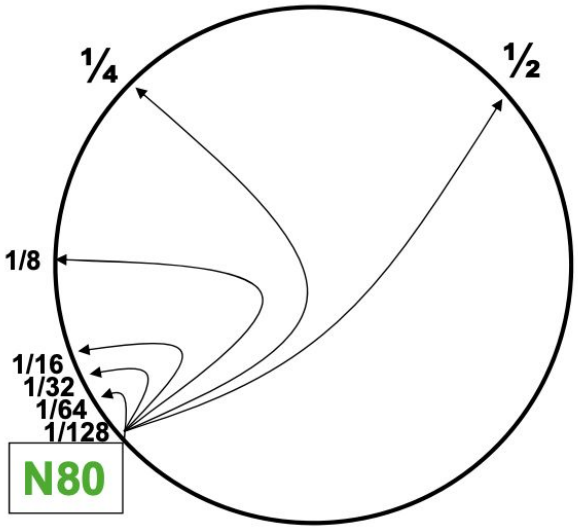
Summary: Finger Table

- Each node maintains additional routing information (e.g., finger tables) to accelerate lookups.This information is not essential for correctness, as long as the successor information is correct.
- A finger table contains m entries
- We trade off space for better lookup performance

What is the lookup time?

O(logN) hops



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