

Parallel Sequences

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Last Time: Parallel Programming Disciplines

Programming with shared mutable data is very hard!

With pure functional code and parallel futures, many error modes disappear

Are there more great abstractions like futures?

– you betcha!



What if you had a really big job to do?

Example: Create an index of every web page on the planet.

- Google does that regularly!
- There are billions of them!

Example: Search facebook for a friend or twitter for a tweet

To get big jobs done, we typically need 1000s of computers, but:

- how do we distribute work across all those computers?
- you definitely can't use shared-memory parallelism because the computers don't share memory!
- when you use 1 computer, you just hope it doesn't fail. If it does, you go to the store, buy a new one and restart the job.
- when you use 1000s of computers at a time, failures become the norm. what to do when 1 of 1000 computers fail? Start over?



Big Jobs ---> Better Abstractions

Need high-level interfaces to shield application programmers from the complex details. Complex implementations solve the problems of distribution, fault tolerance and performance.

Common abstraction: Parallel collections

Example collections: sets, tables, dictionaries, sequences

Example bulk operations: create, map, reduce, join, filter



COMPLEXITY OF PARALLEL ALGORITHMS



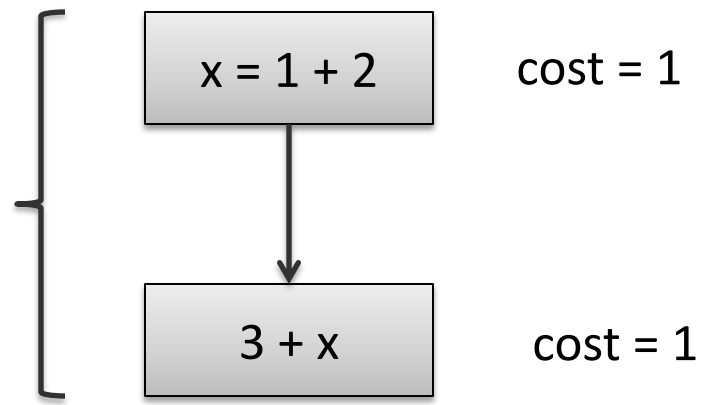
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let $x = 1 + 2$ in
 $3 + x$



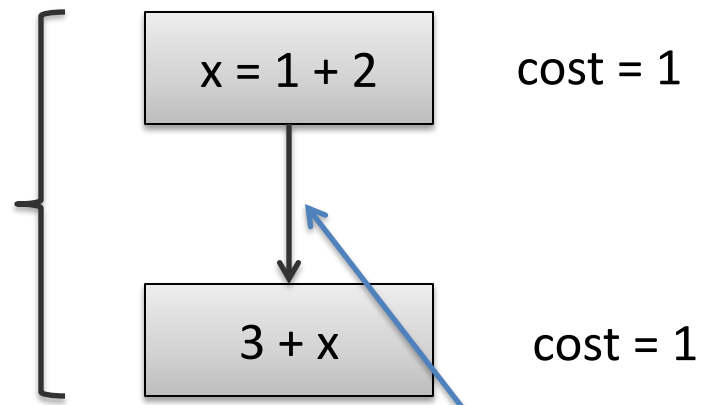
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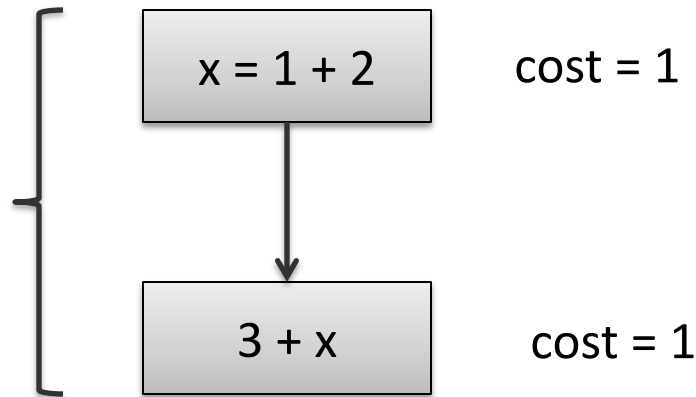


dependence:
 $x = 1 + 2$ *happens before* $3 + x$



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Execution of dependency diagrams: A processor can only begin executing the computation associated with a block when the computations of all of its predecessor blocks have been completed.



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step 1:
execute first block

$$x = 1 + 2$$

cost = 1



$$3 + x$$

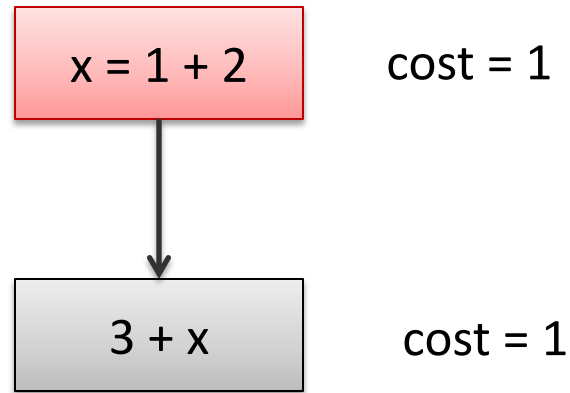
cost = 1

Cost so far: 0



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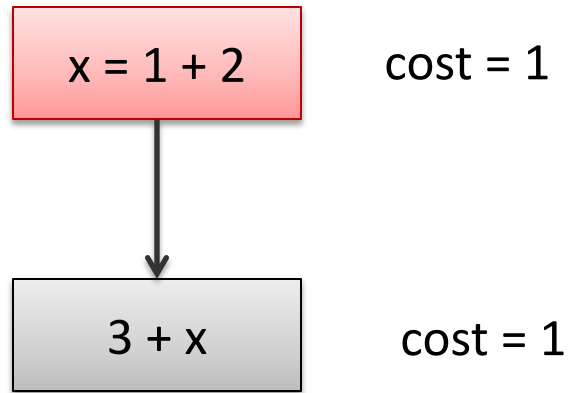


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step 2:
execute second block
because all of its
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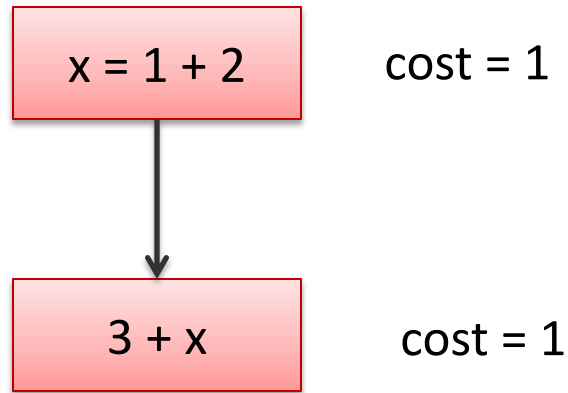


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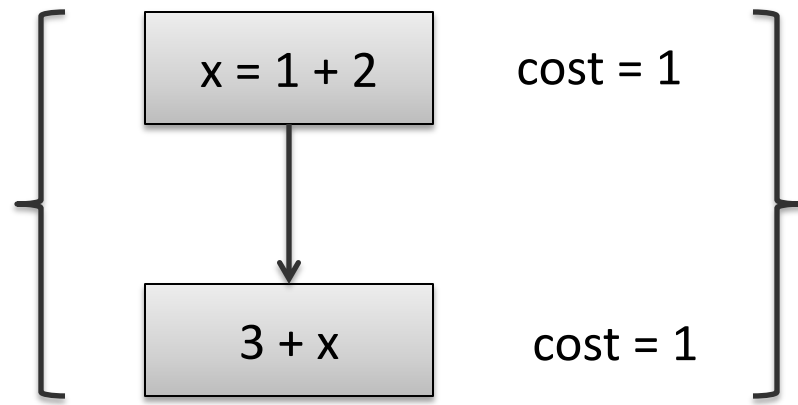


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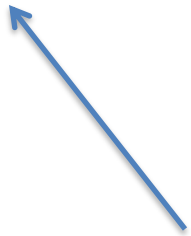


total cost
 $= 1 + 1$
 $= 2$



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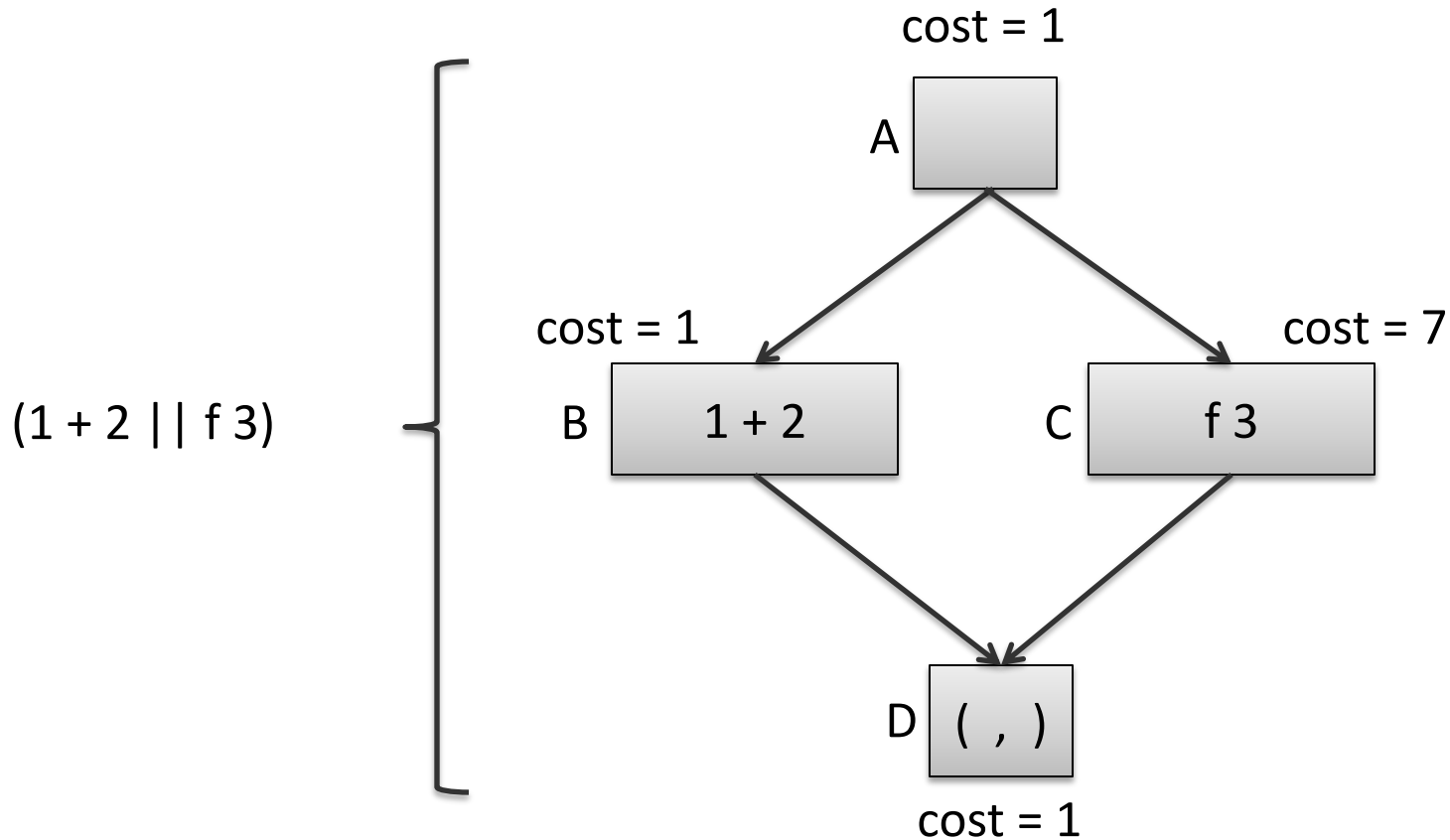
(1 + 2 || f 3)



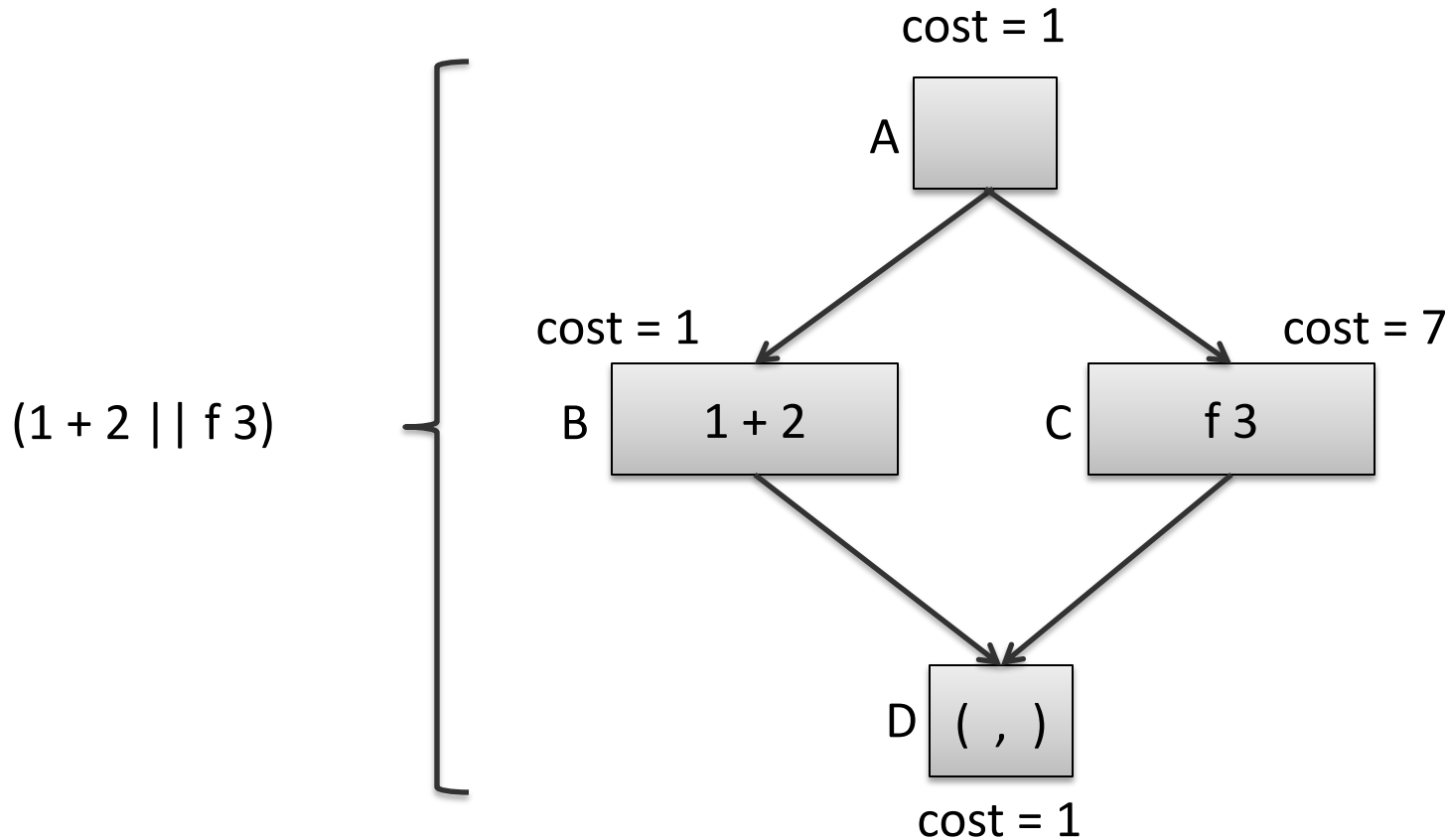
parallel pair:
compute both left and right-hand sides independently
return pair of values
(easy to implement using futures)



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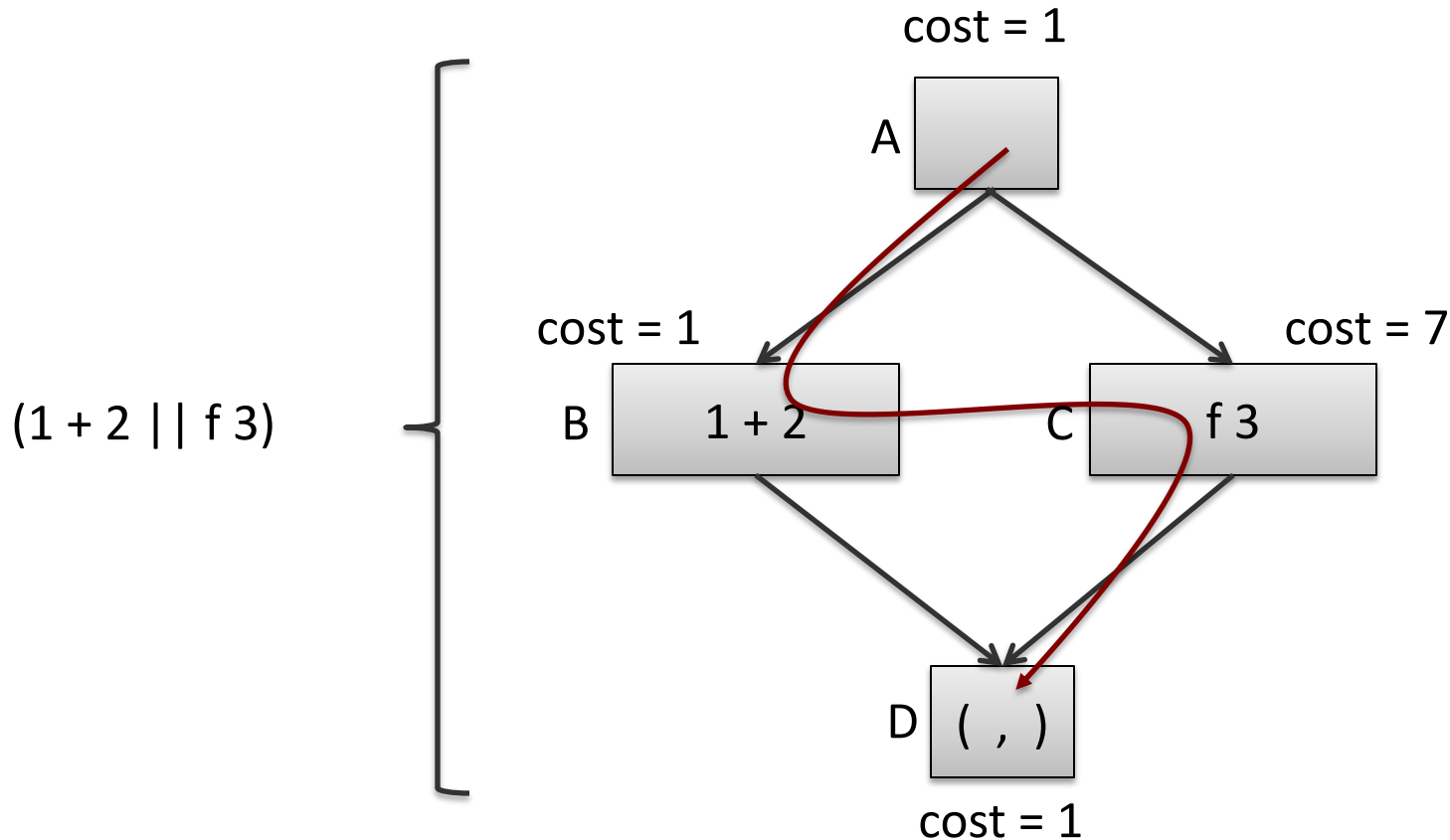
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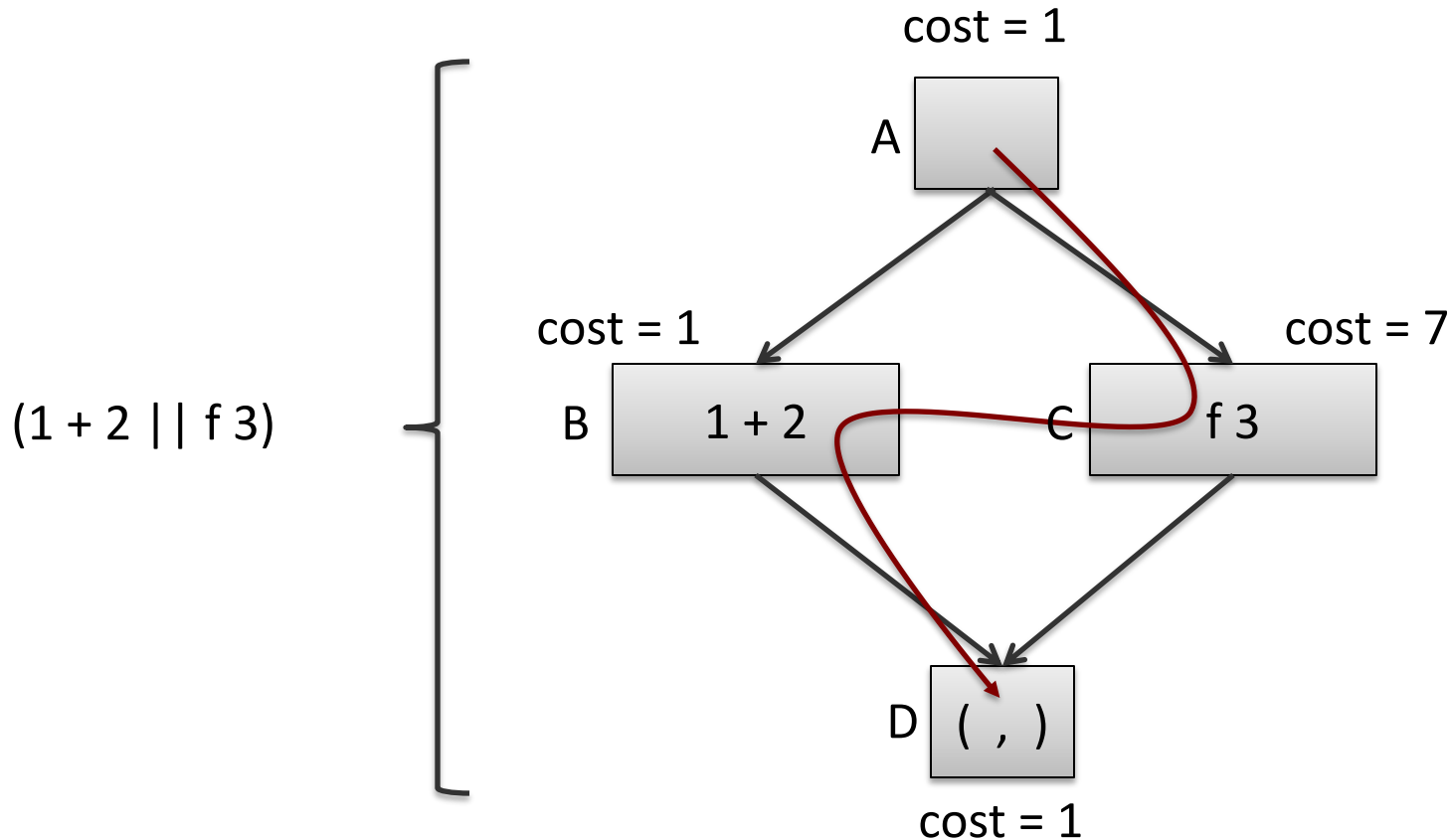
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Schedule A-B-C-D: $1 + 1 + 7 + 1$



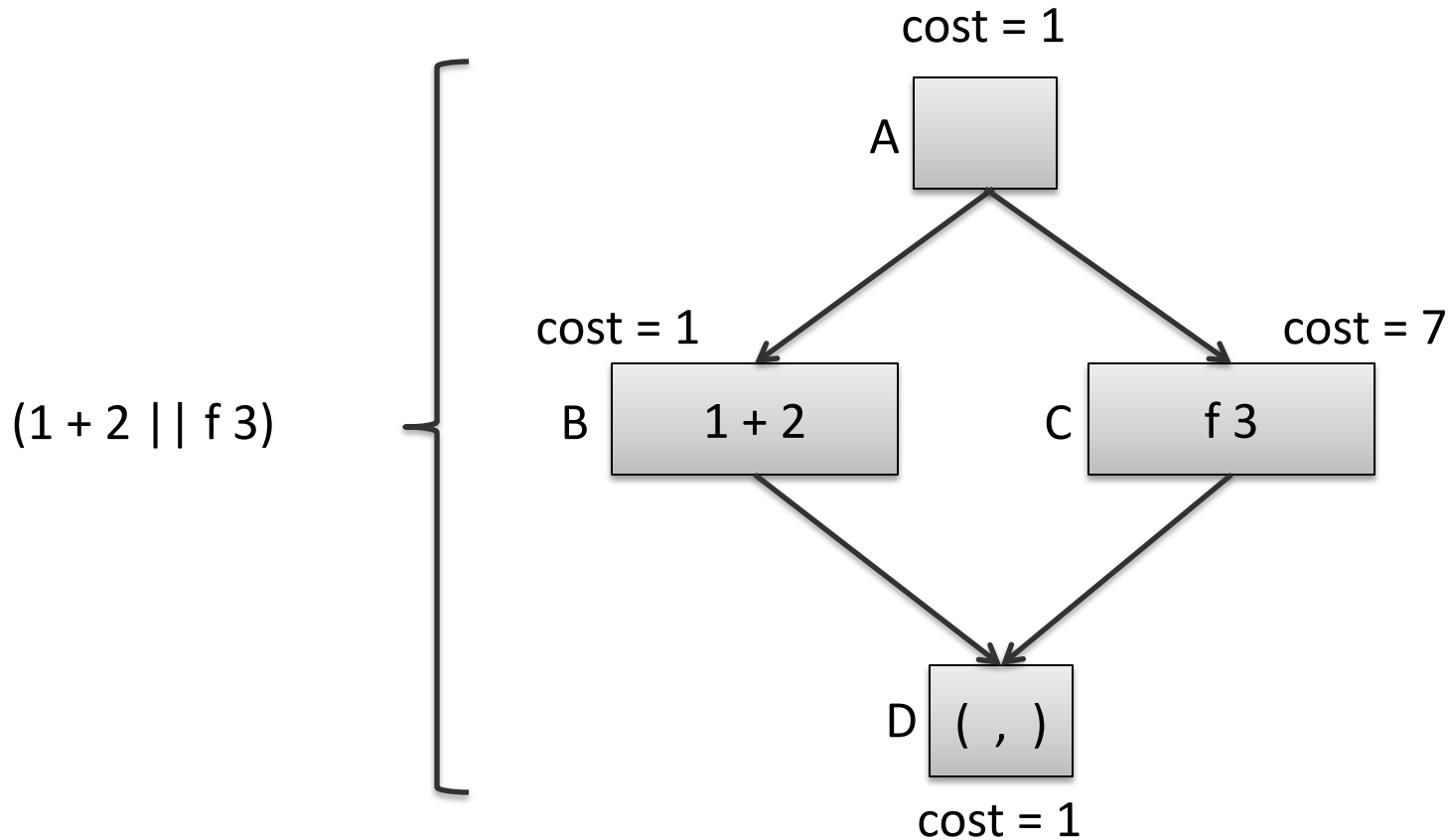
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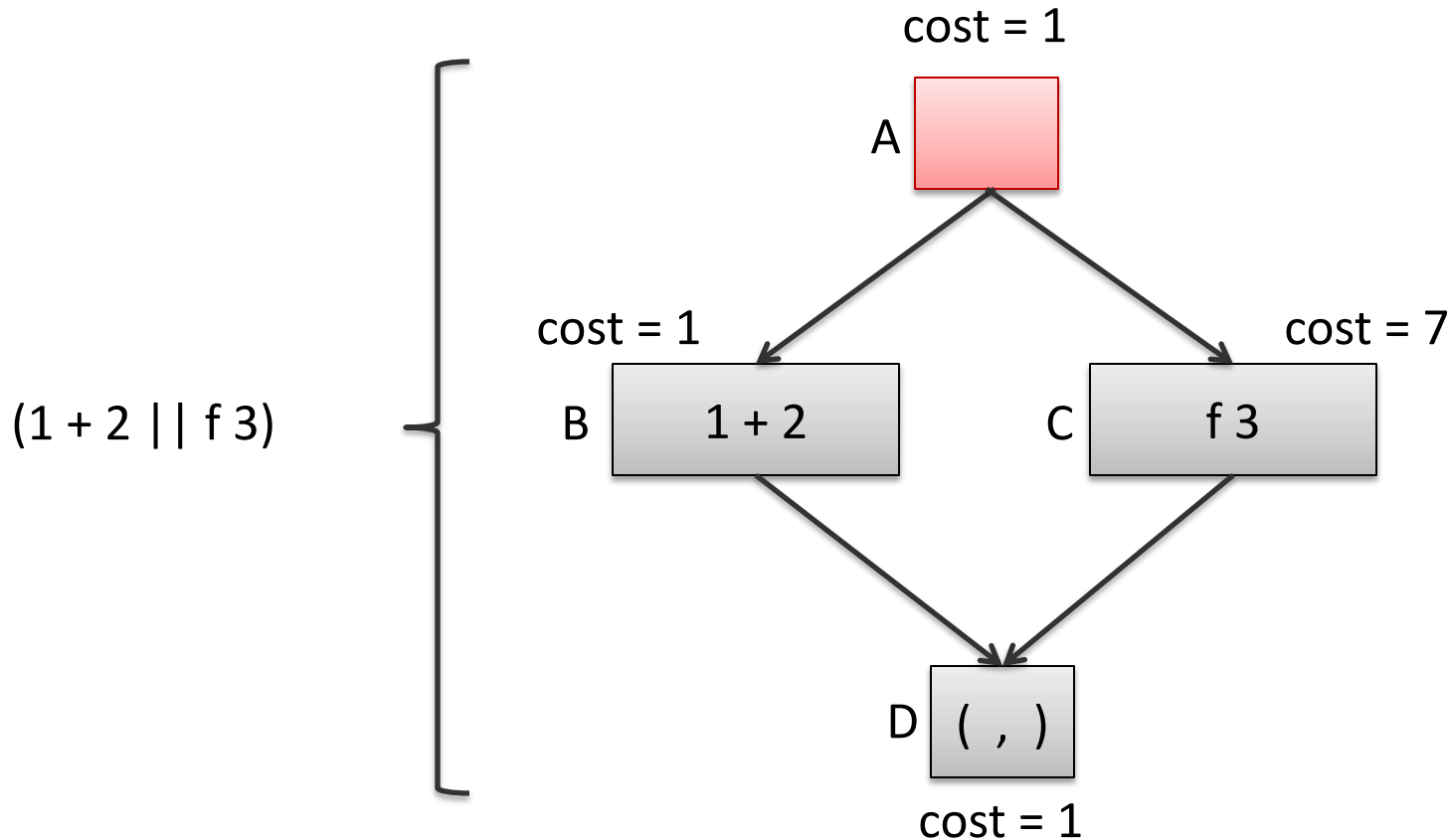
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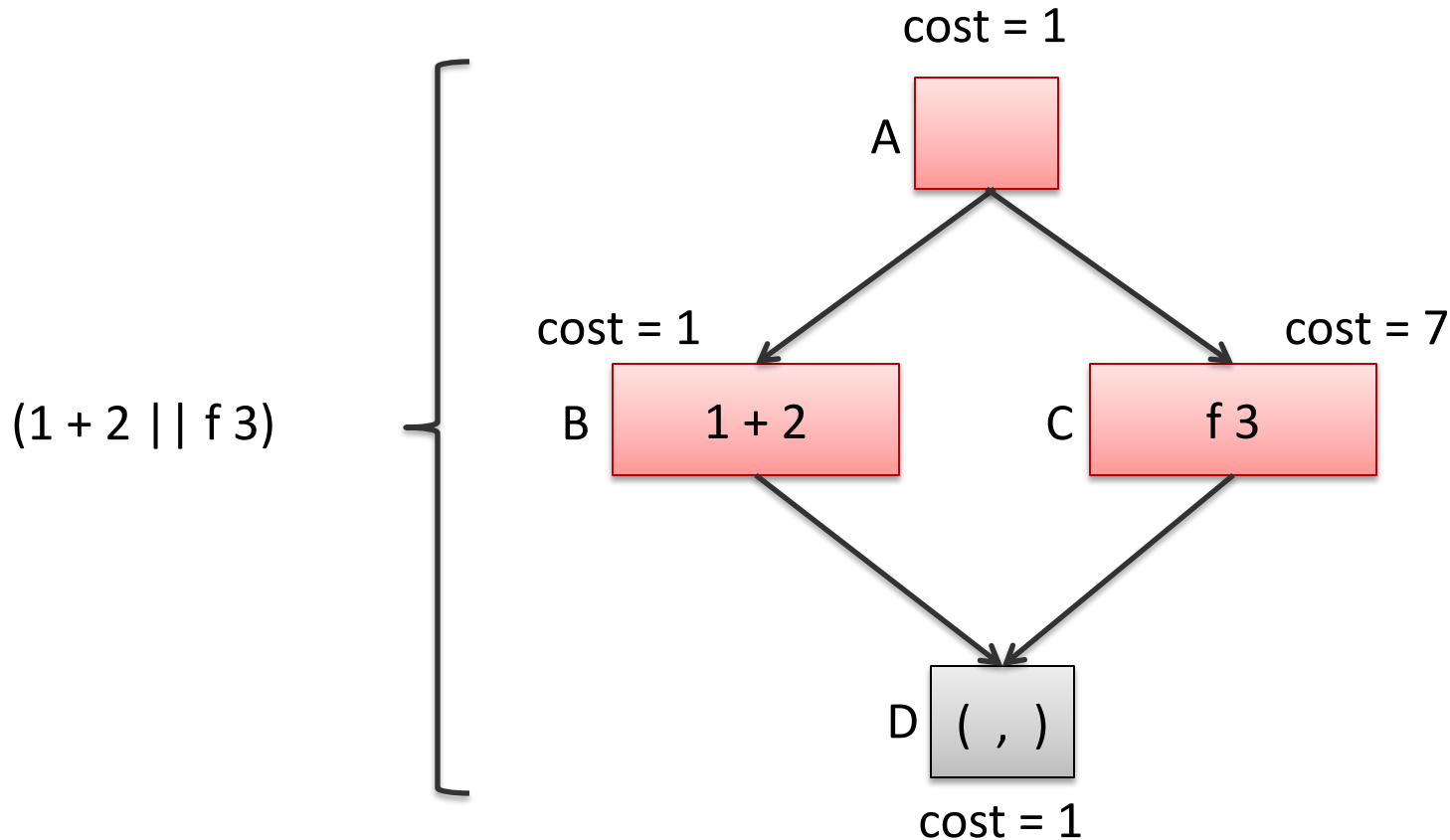
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Cost so far: 1



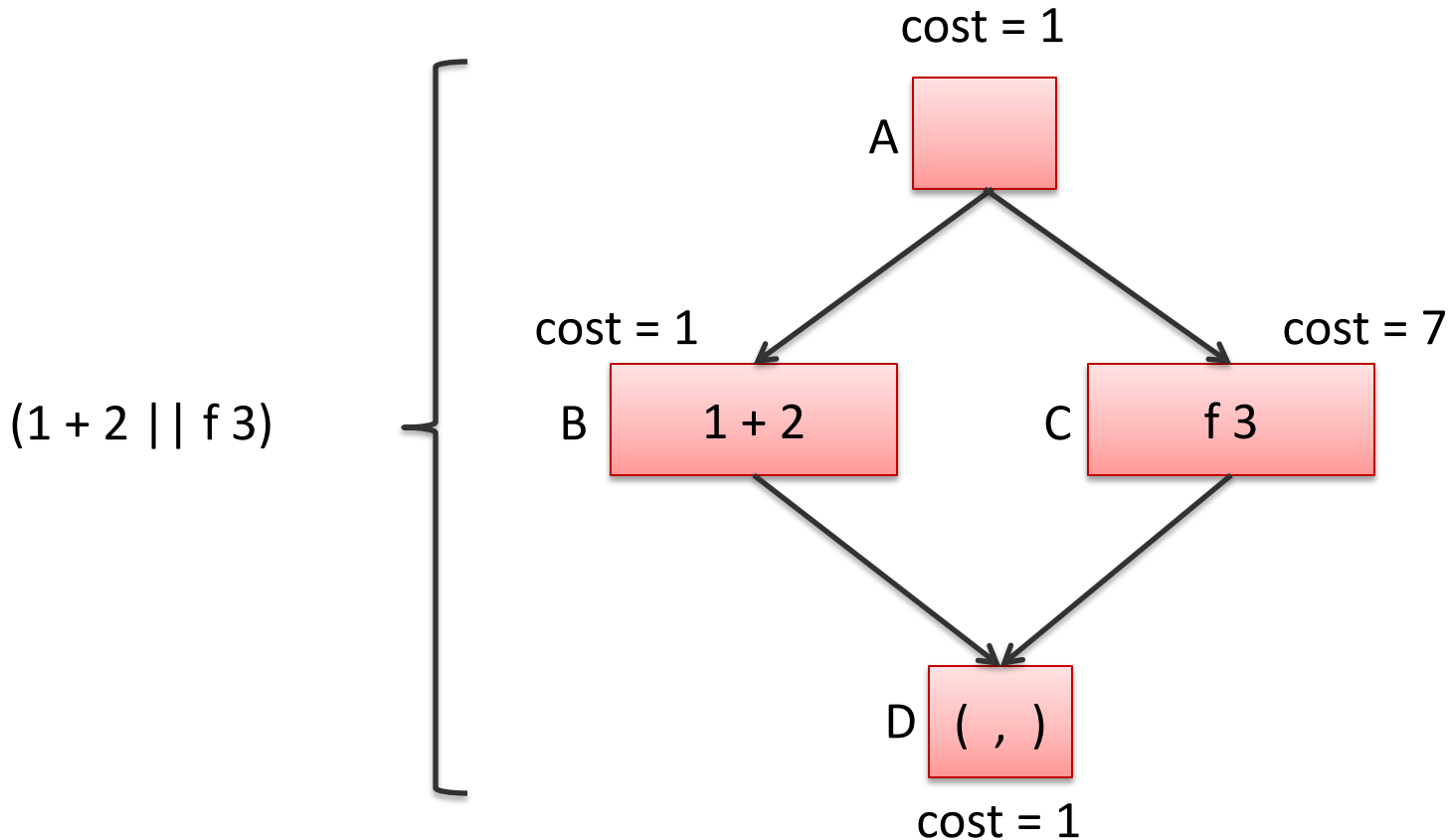
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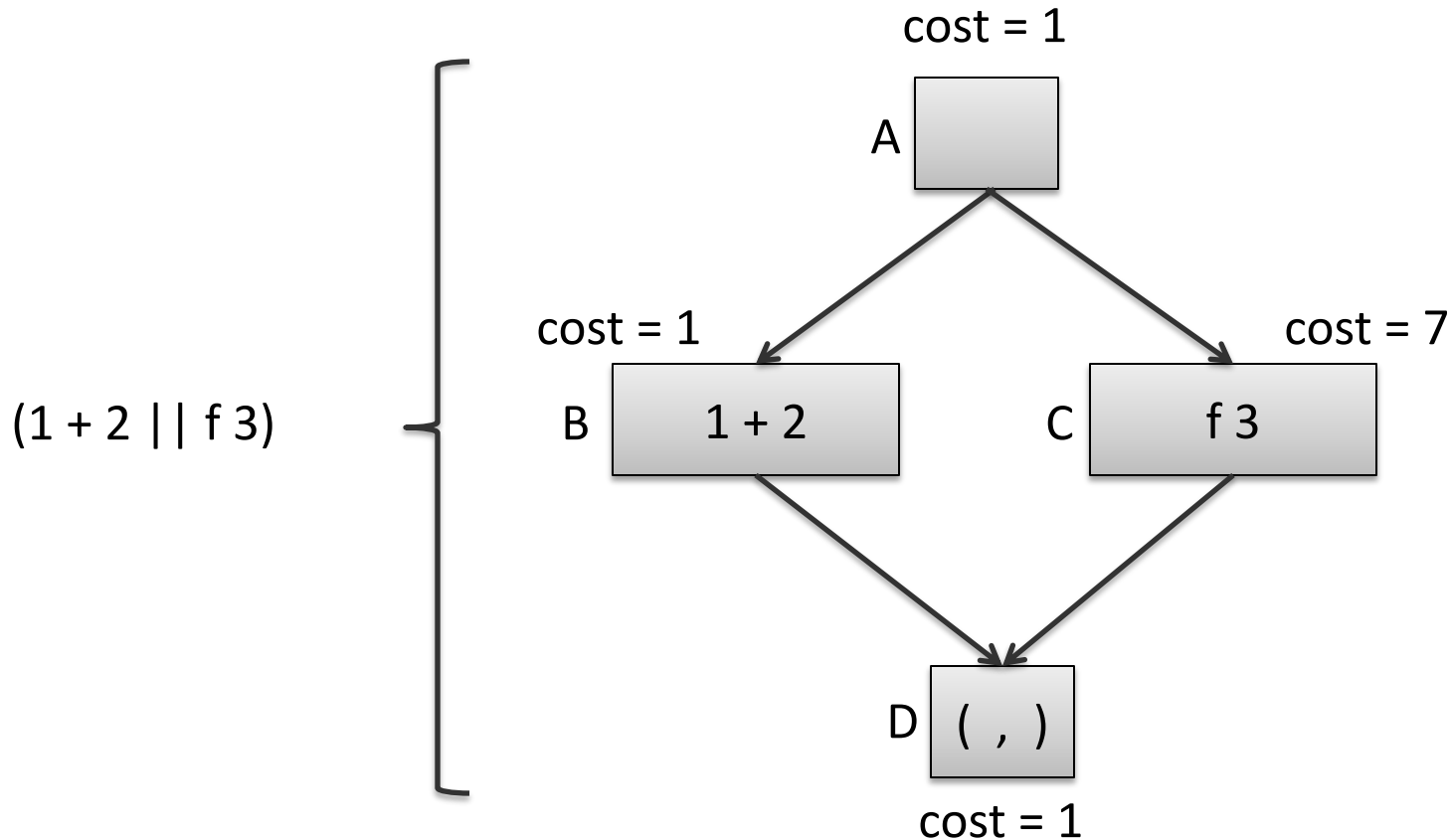
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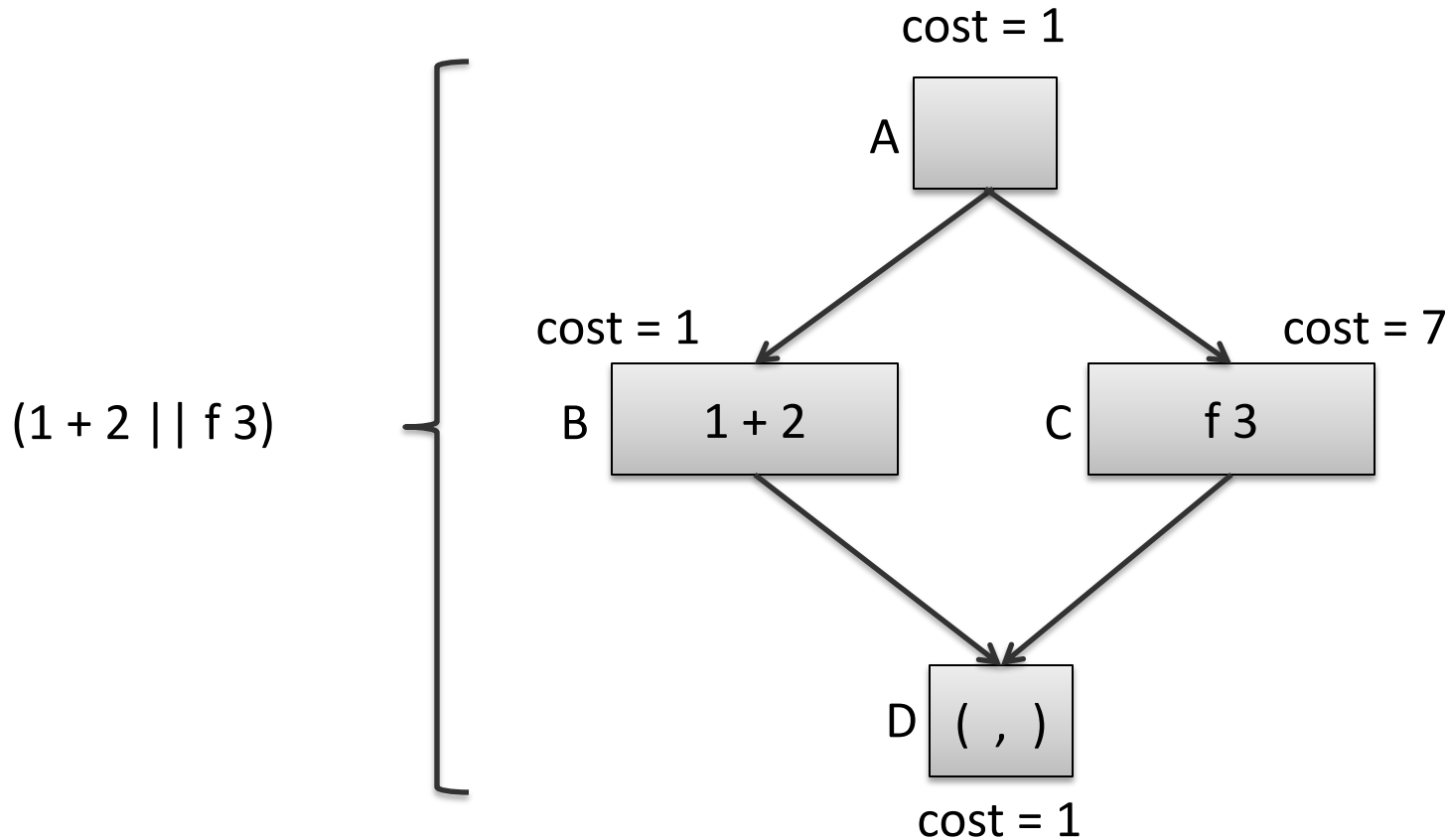
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Total cost: $1 + \max(1,7) + 1$. We say the *schedule* we used was: A-CB-D



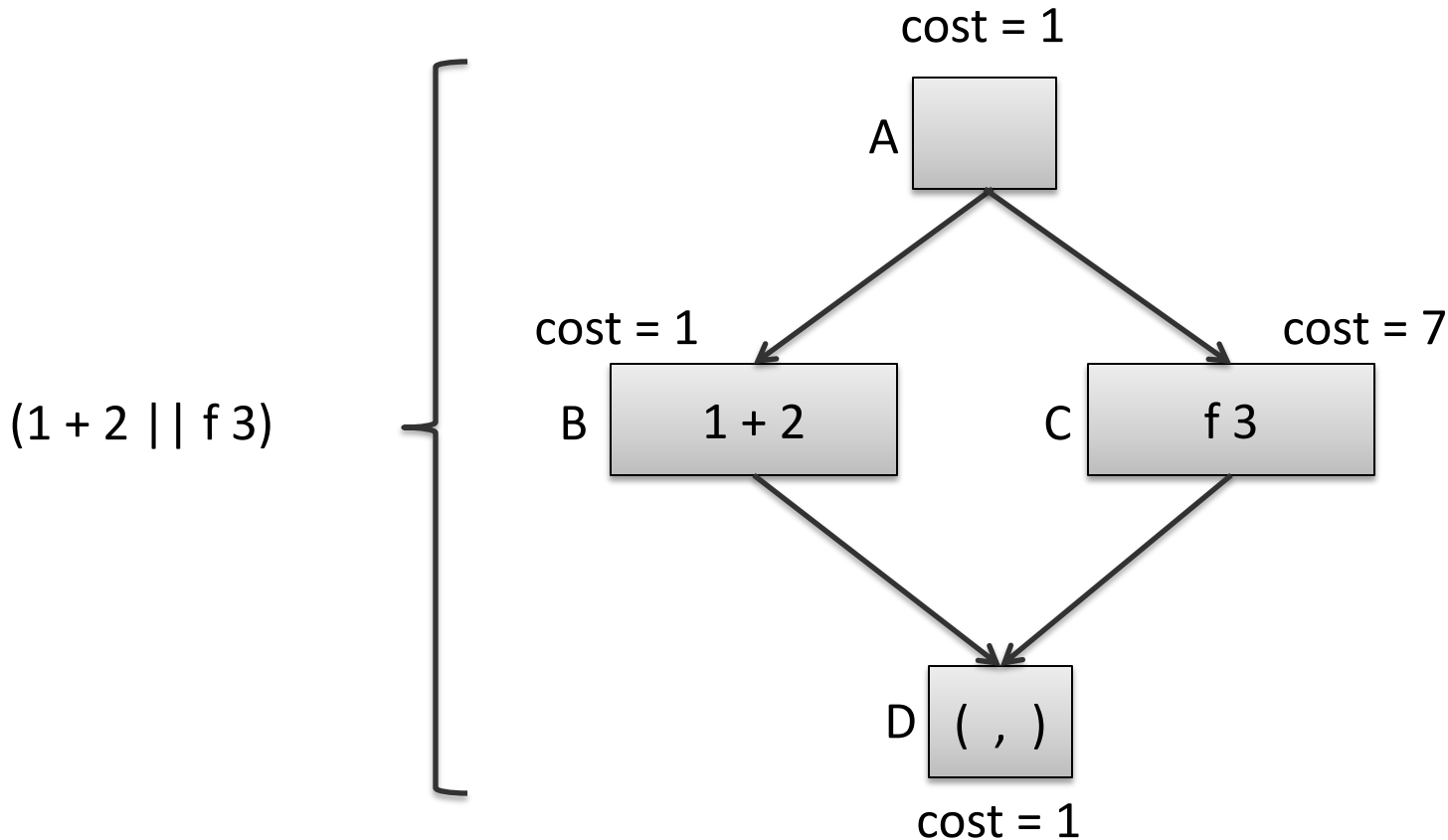
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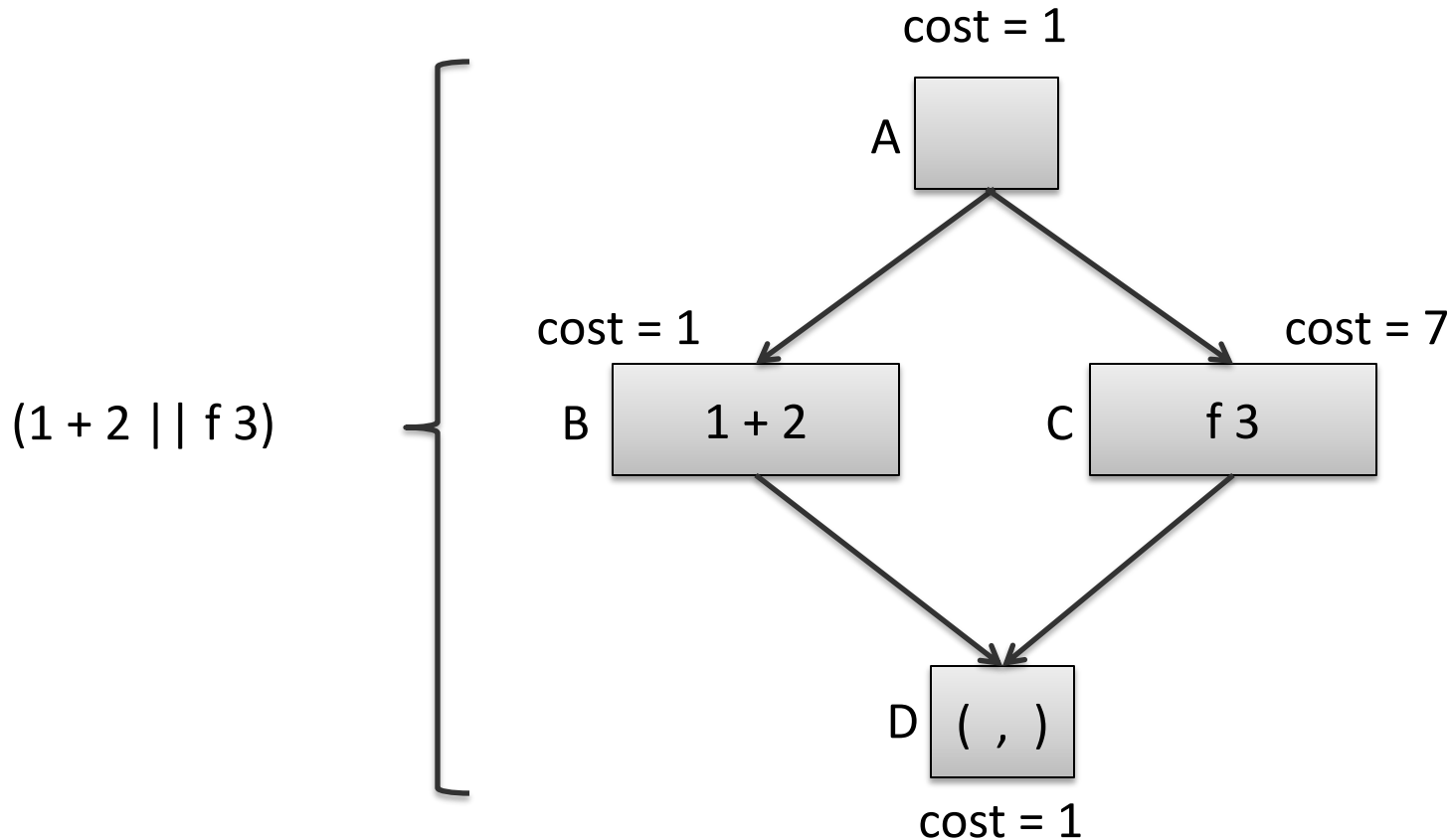
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Suppose we have **3 processors**. How much time does this computation take?
Schedule A-BC-D: $1 + \max(1,7) + 1 = 9$



Visualizing Computational Costs



Suppose we have **infinite processors**. How much time does this computation take?
Schedule A-BC-D: $1 + \max(1,7) + 1 = 9$



Work and Span

Understanding the complexity of a parallel program is a little more complex than a sequential program

- the number of processors has a significant effect

One way to *approximate* the cost is to consider a parallel algorithm independently of the machine it runs on is to consider *two* metrics:

- **Work**: The cost of executing a program with just 1 processor.
- **Span**: The cost of executing a program with an infinite number of processors

Always good to minimize work

- Every instruction executed consumes energy
- Minimize span as a second consideration
- Communication costs are also crucial (we are ignoring them)



Parallelism

The **parallelism** of an algorithm is an estimate of the maximum number of processors an algorithm can profit from.

- $\text{parallelism} = \text{work} / \text{span}$

If $\text{work} = \text{span}$ then $\text{parallelism} = 1$.

- We can only use 1 processor
- It's a sequential algorithm

If $\text{span} = \frac{1}{2} \text{work}$ then $\text{parallelism} = 2$

- We can use up to 2 processors

If $\text{work} = 100$, $\text{span} = 1$

- All operations are independent & can be executed in parallel
- We can use up to 100 processors



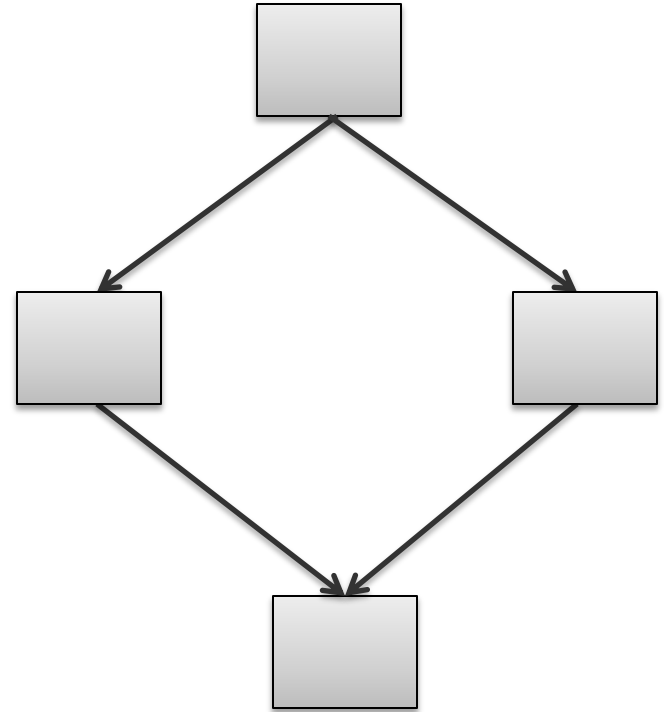
Series-Parallel Graphs



one operation



two operations
in sequence
 $e1; e2$

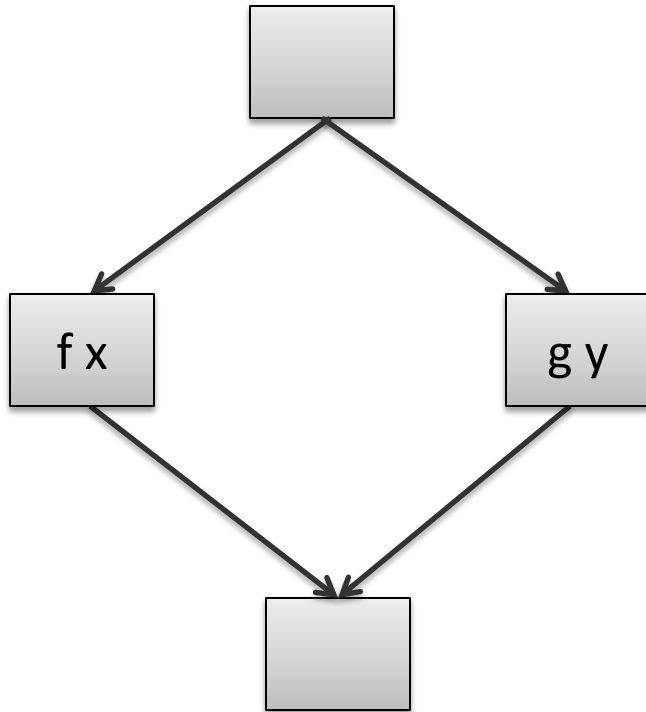


two operations
in parallel
 $(e1 \parallel e2)$

Series-parallel graphs arise from execution of functional programs with parallel pairs. Also known as well-structured, nested parallelism.



Parallel Pairs



let both f x g y =
let ff = future f x in
let gv = g y in
(force ff, gv)



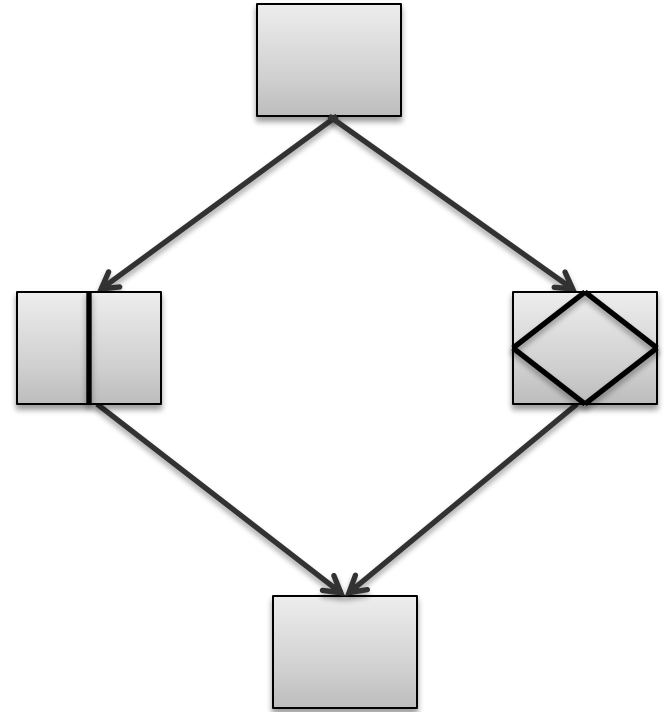
Series-Parallel Graphs Compose



one operation



two graphs
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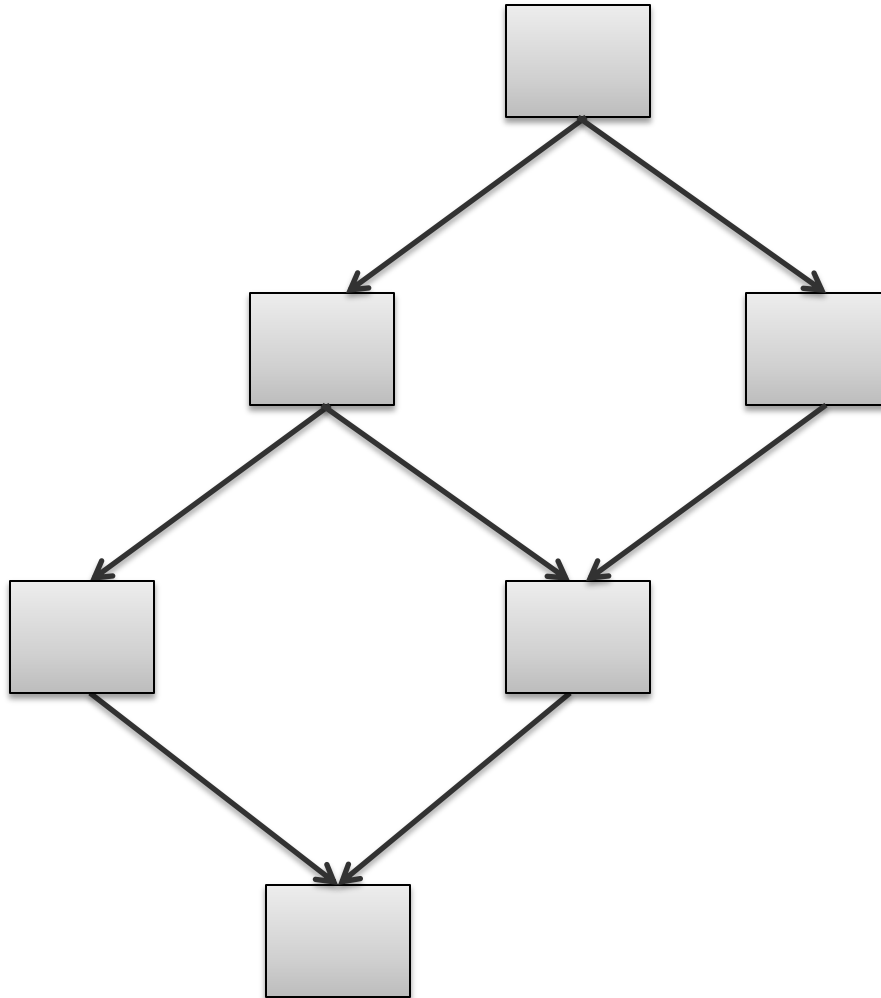
two graphs
in parallel

In general, a series-parallel graph has a source and a sink and is:

- a single node, or
- two series-parallel graphs in sequence, or
- two series-parallel graphs in parallel



Not a Series-Parallel Graph



However:
The results about
greedy schedulers
(next few slides)
do apply to DAG
schedules as well
as series-parallel
schedules!

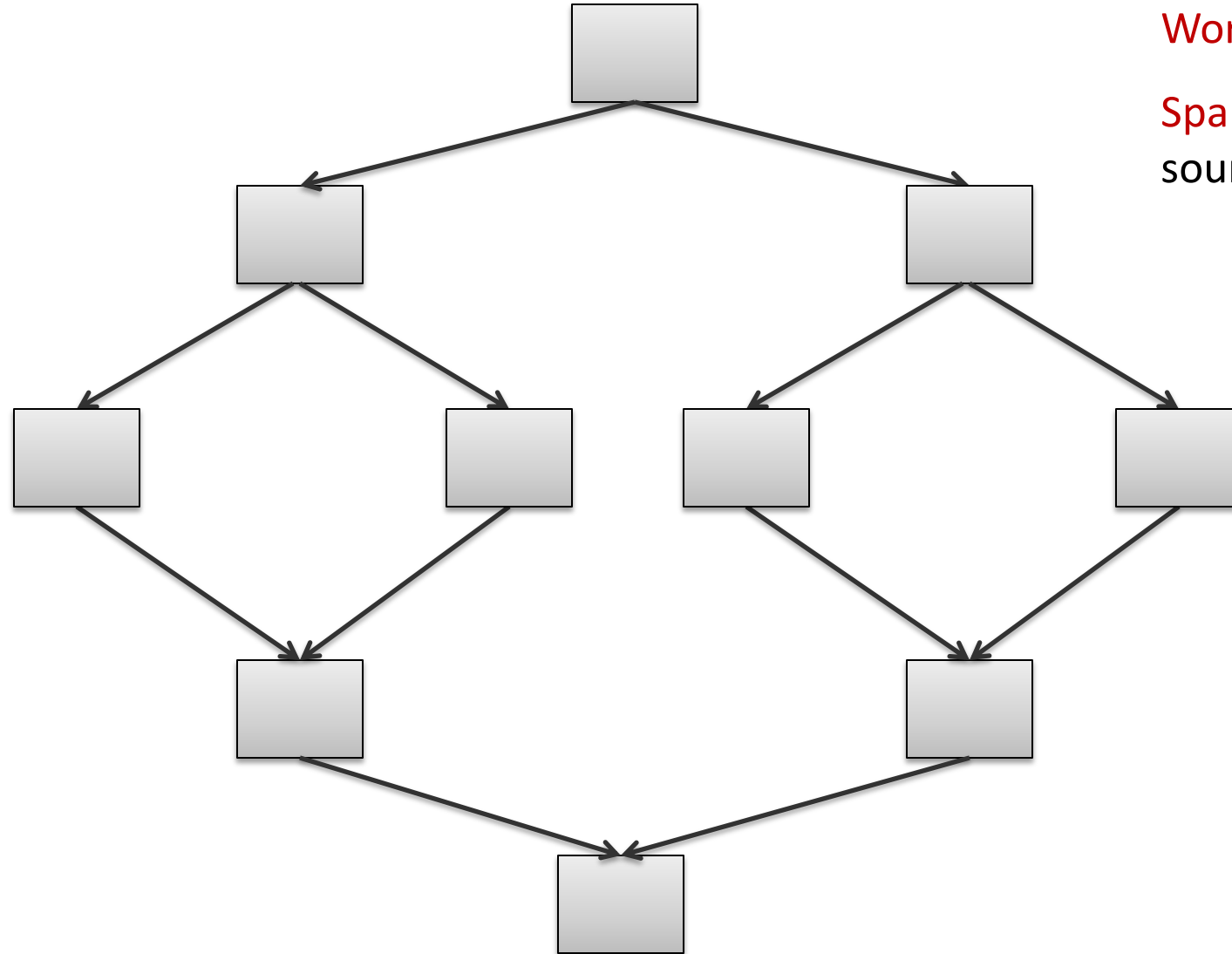


Work and Span of Acyclic Graphs

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Work: sum the nodes.

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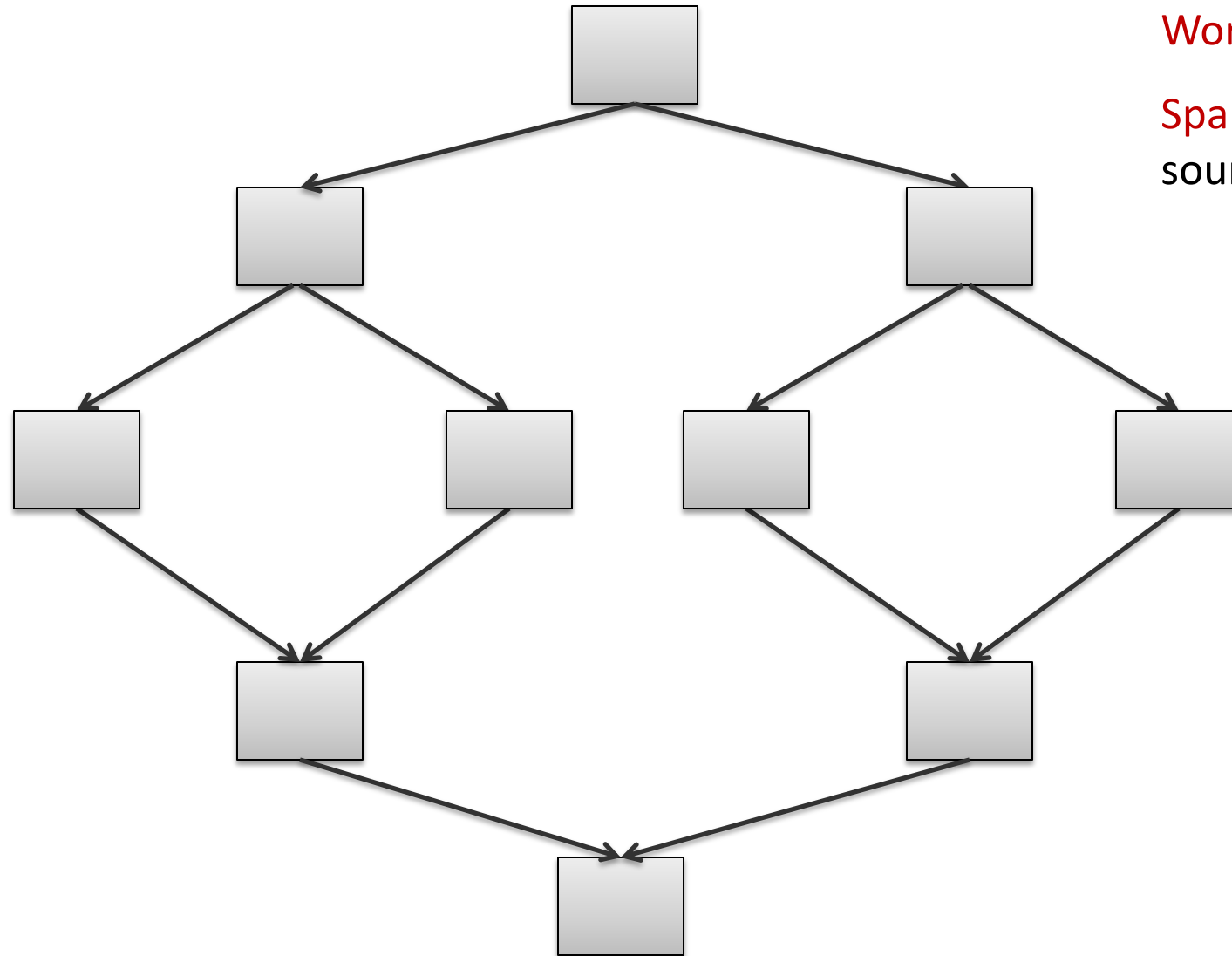
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work = 10

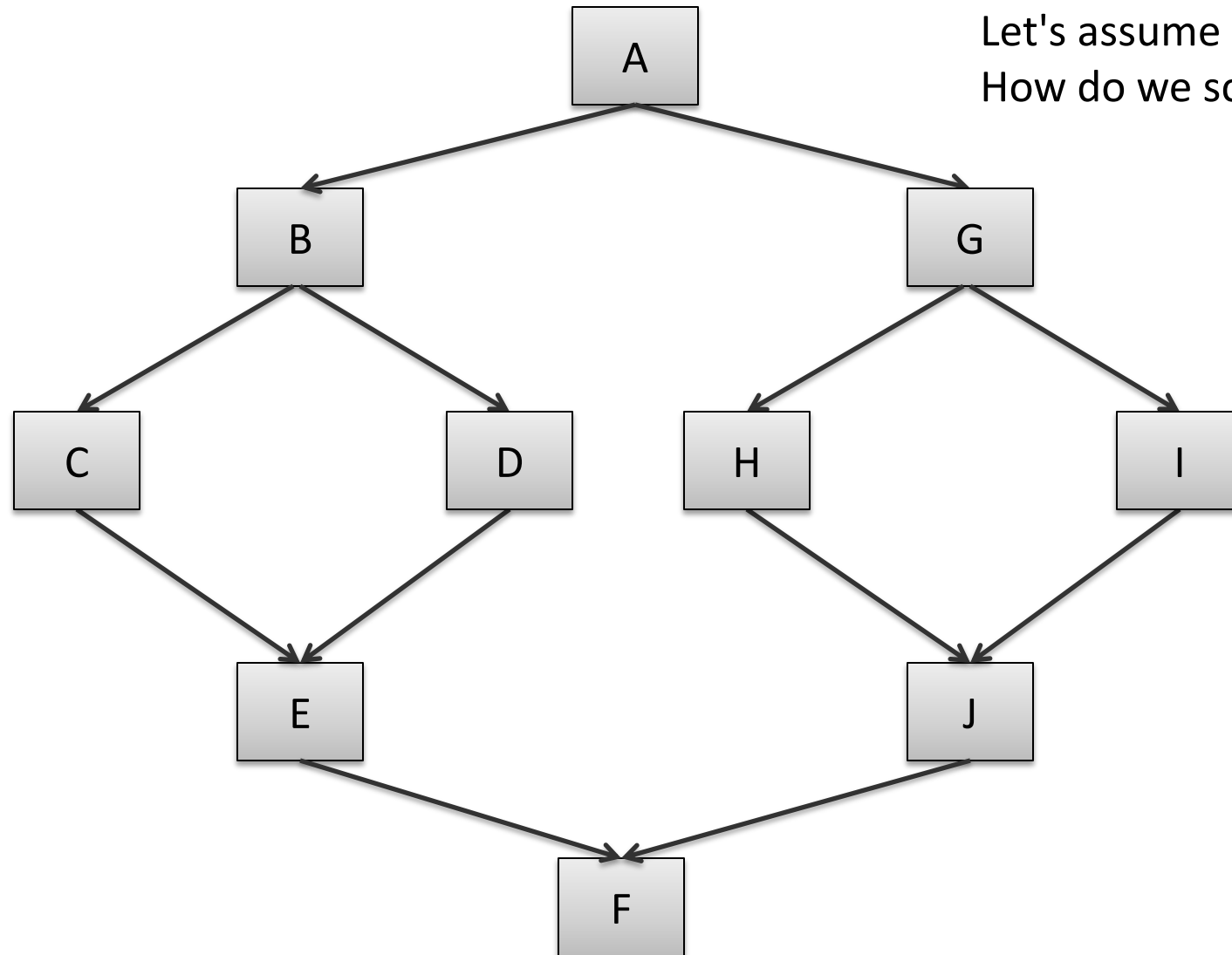
span = 5



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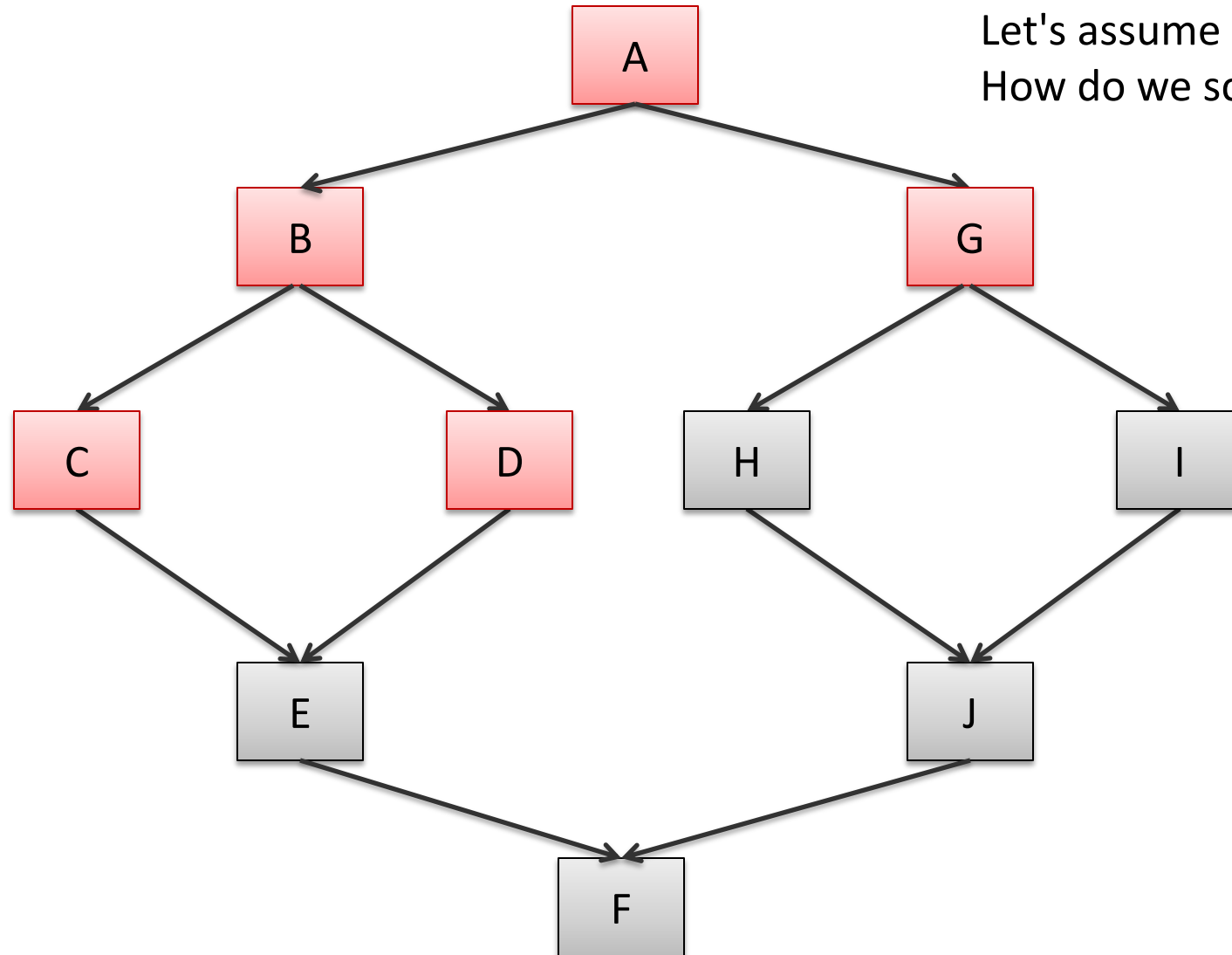
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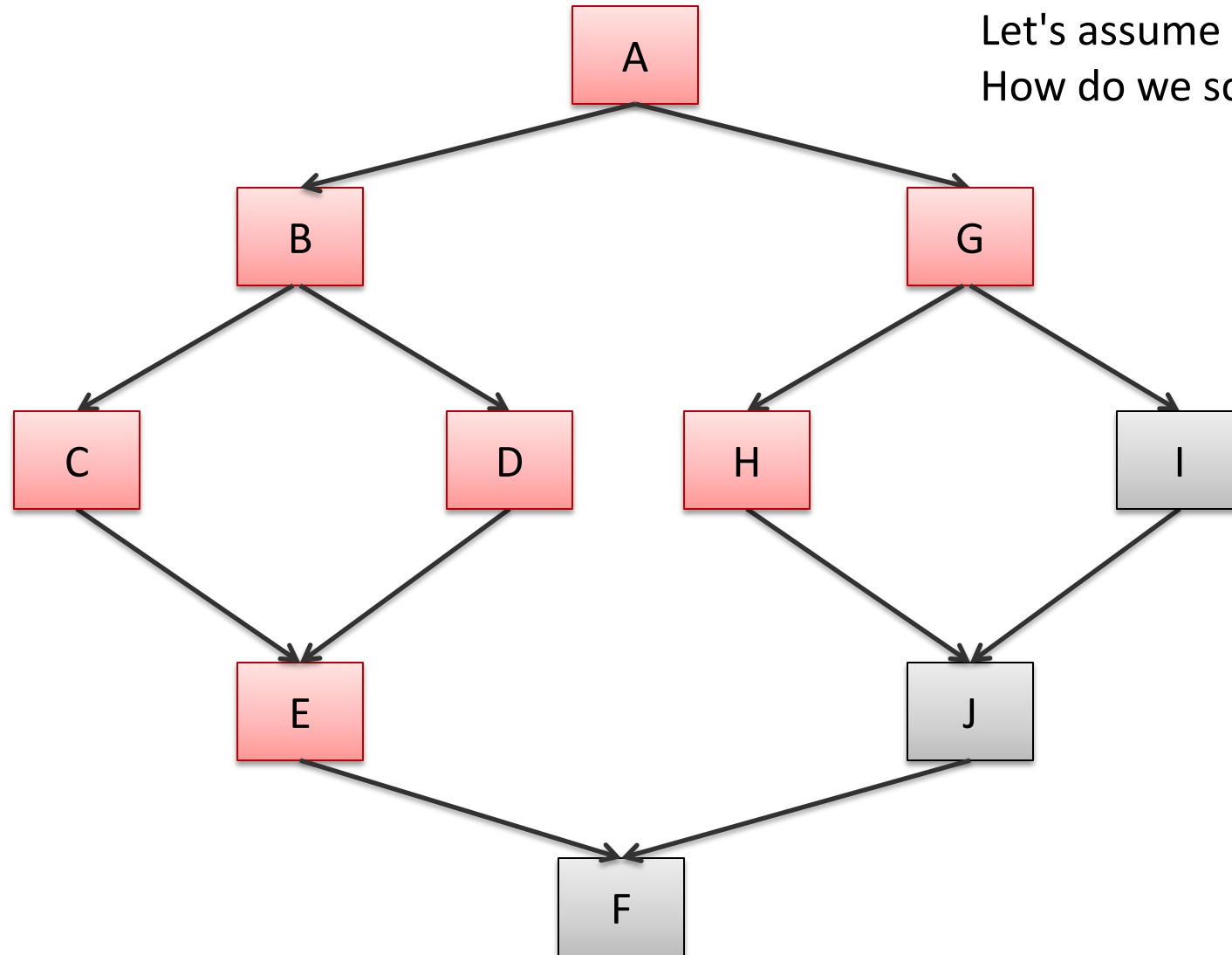
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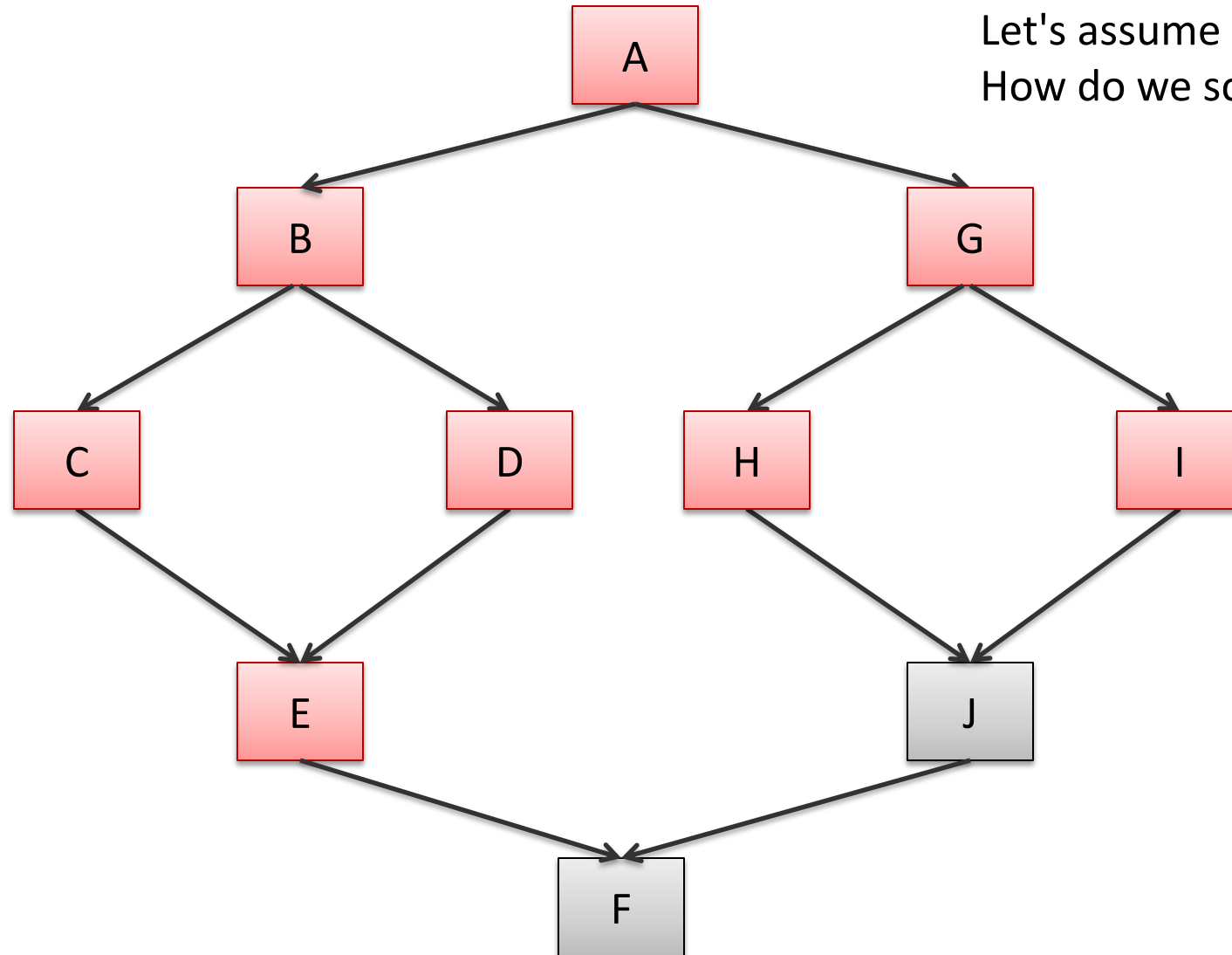
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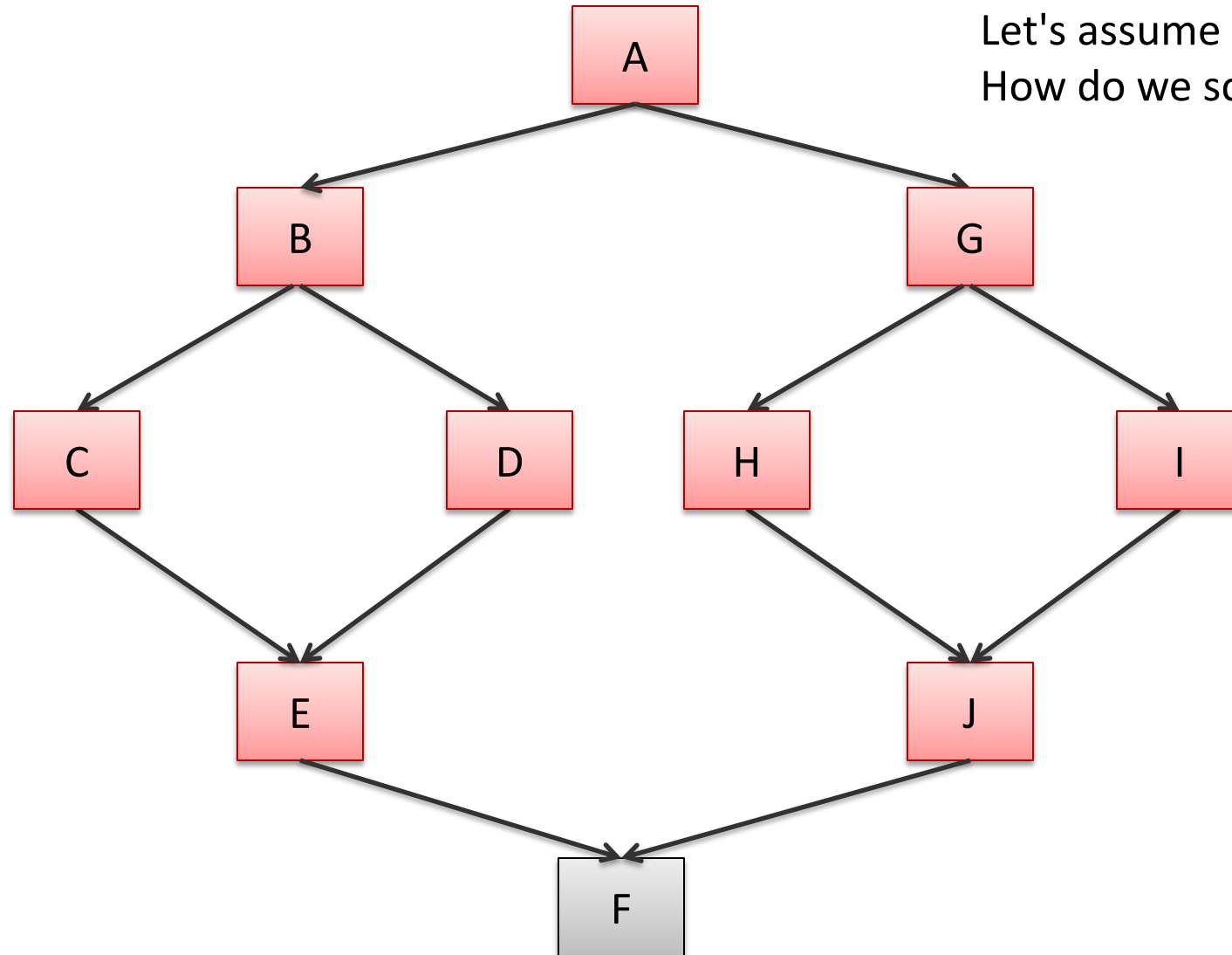
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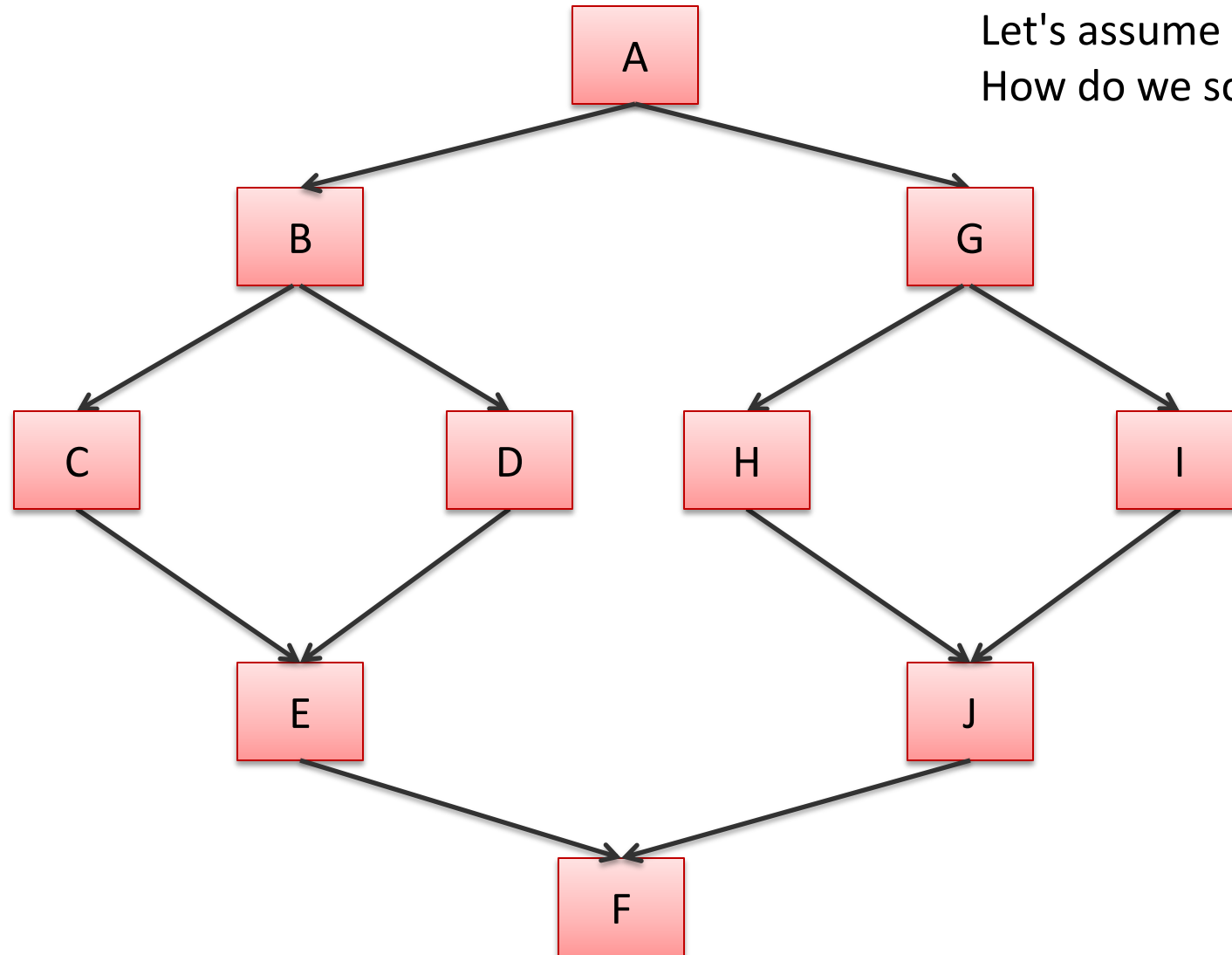
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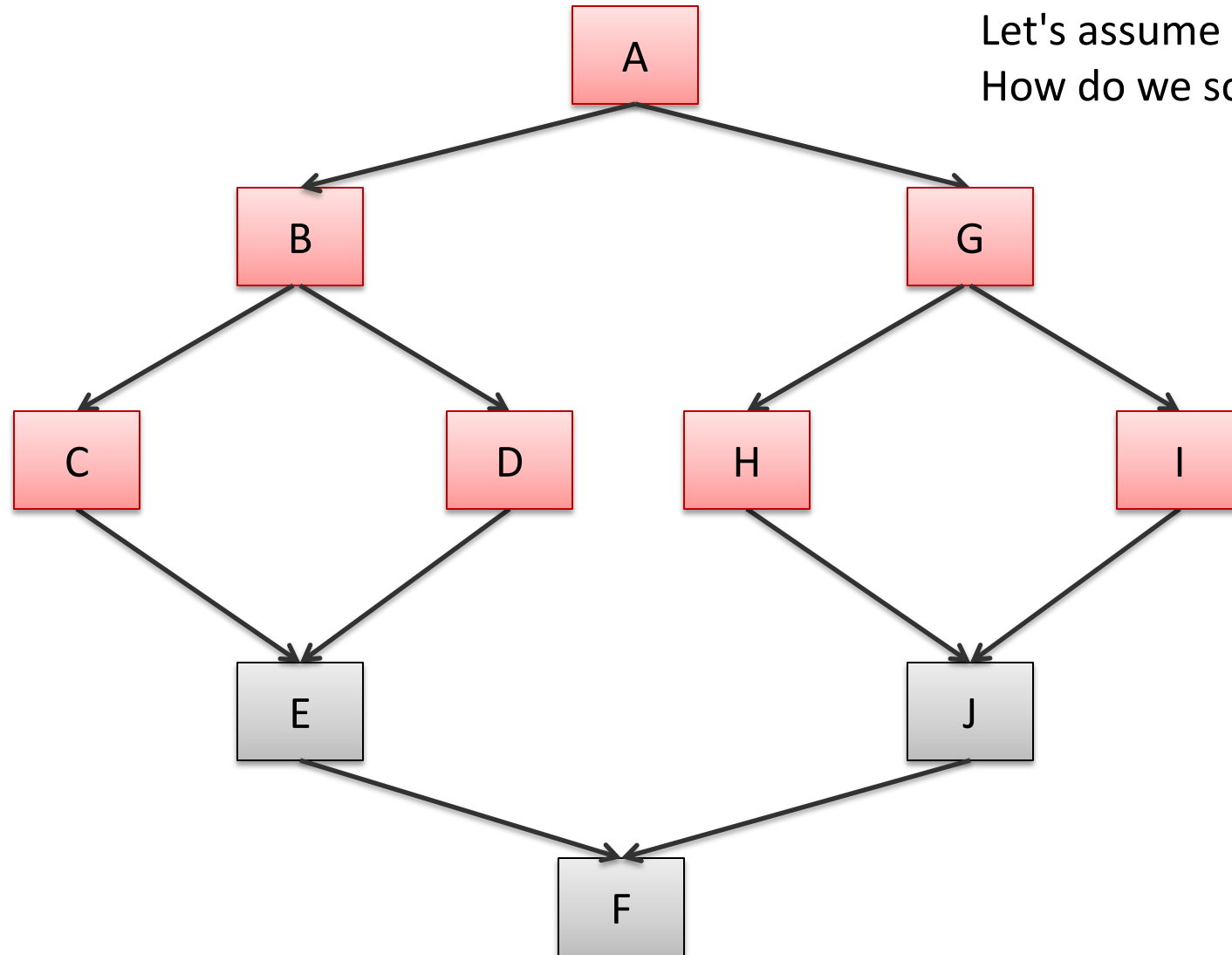
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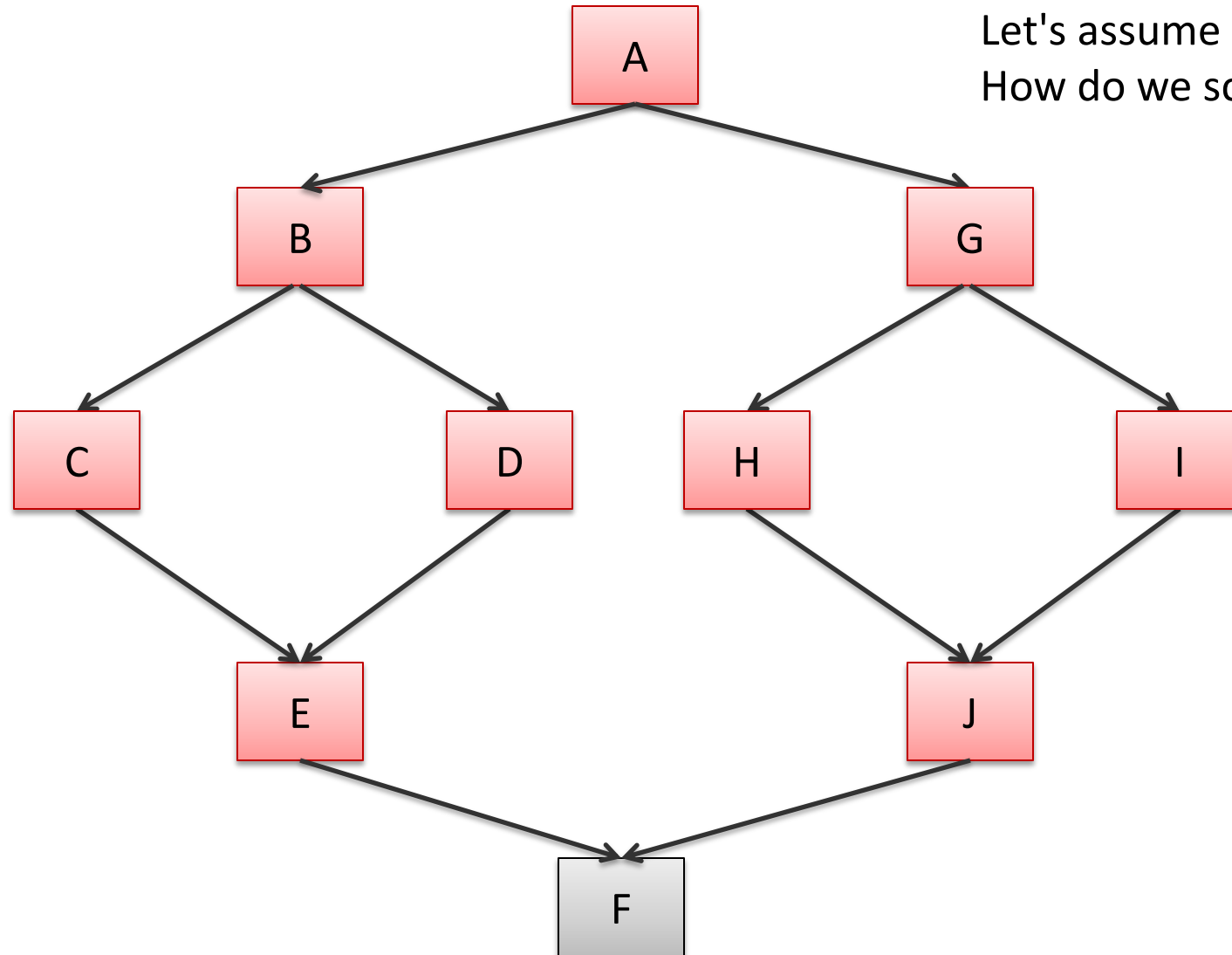
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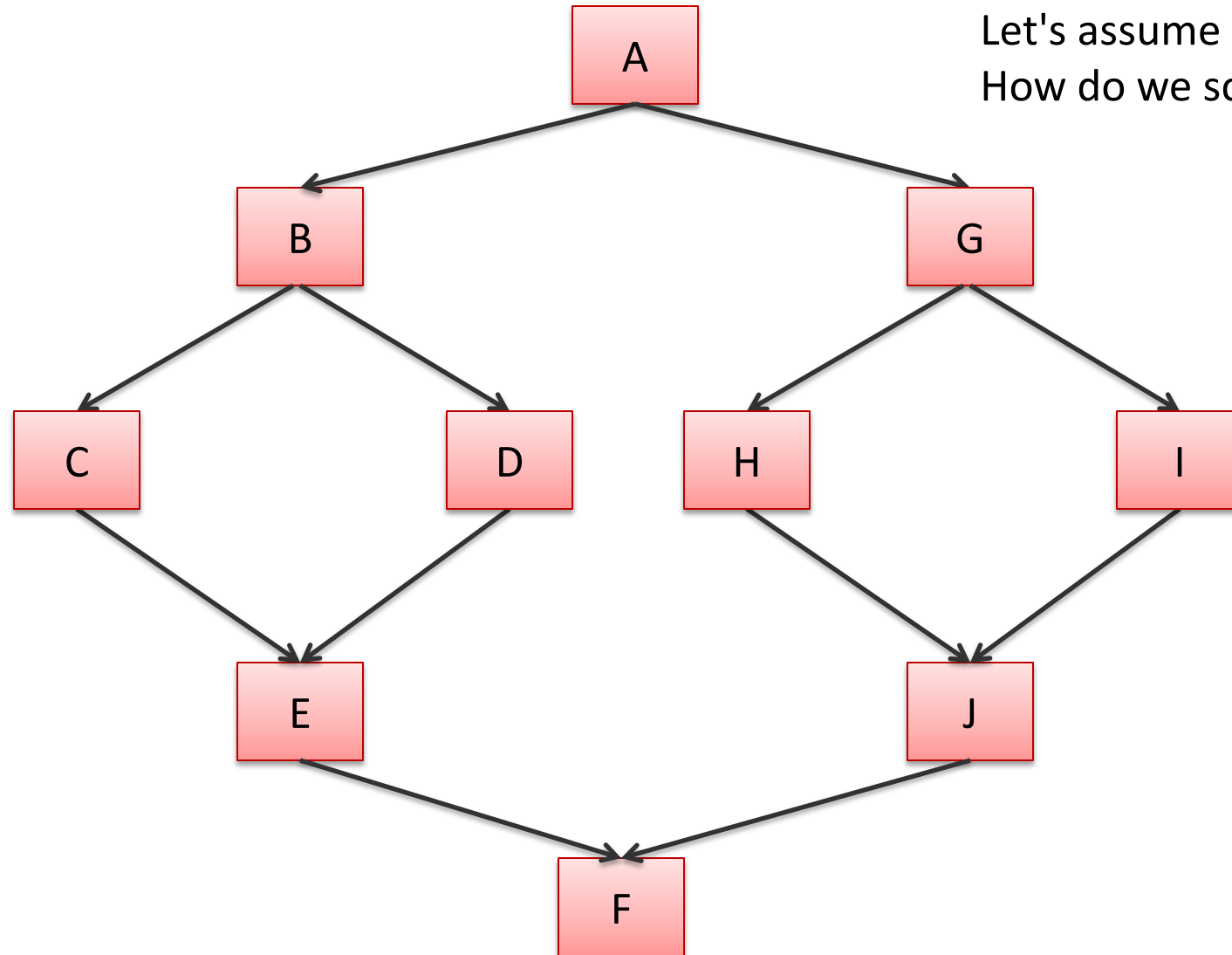
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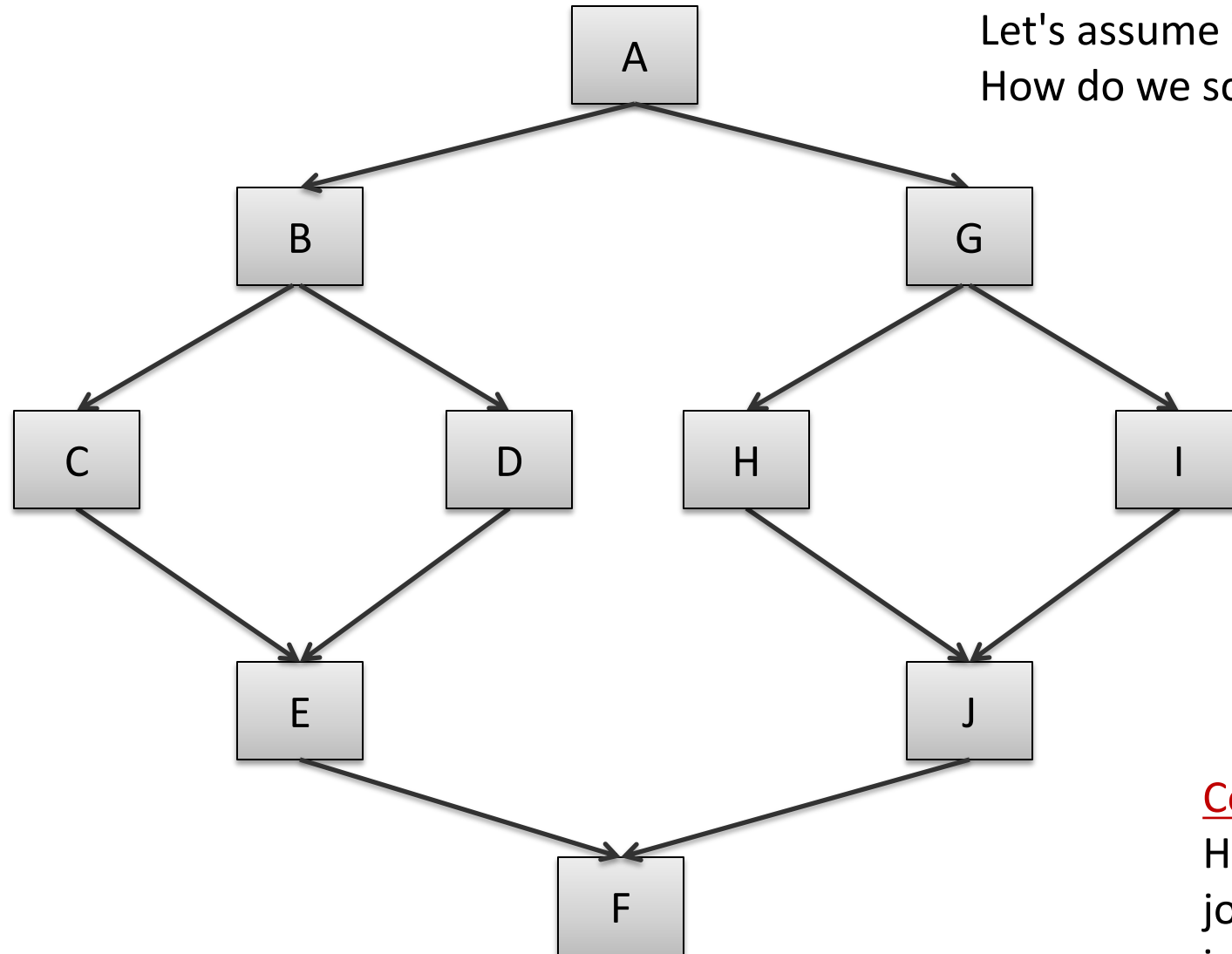
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Conclusion:

How you schedule jobs can have an impact on performance



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Properties (for p processors):

- $T(p) < \text{work}/p + \text{span}$
 - won't be worse than dividing up the data perfectly between processors, except for the last little bit, which causes you to add the span on top of the perfect division
- $T(p) \geq \max(\text{work}/p, \text{span})$
 - can't do better than perfect division between processors (work/p)
 - can't be faster than span



Greedy Schedulers

Properties (for p processors):

$$\max(\text{work}/p, \text{span}) \leq T(p) < \text{work}/p + \text{span}$$

Consequences:

- as span gets small relative to work/p
 - $\text{work}/p + \text{span} \implies \text{work}/p$
 - $\max(\text{work}/p, \text{span}) \implies \text{work}/p$
 - so $T(p) \implies \text{work}/p$ -- greedy schedulers converge to the optimum!

- if span approaches the work
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And therefore

Even though greedy schedulers are simple to implement,
they can be effective in building a parallel programming system.

and

This *supports* the idea that **work and span** are useful ways to reason about the cost of parallel programs.



PARALLEL SEQUENCES



Parallel Sequences

Parallel sequences

$\langle e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n \rangle$

Operations:

- creation (called **tabulate**)
- indexing an element in constant span
- map
- scan -- like a fold: $\langle u, u + e_1, u + e_1 + e_2, \dots \rangle$ log n span!

Languages:

- Nesl [Blelloch]
- Data-parallel Haskell



Parallel Sequences: Selected Operations

```
tabulate : (int -> 'a) -> int -> 'a seq
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tabulate f n == <f 0, f 1, ..., f (n-1)>
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```
length : 'a seq -> int
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```
length <e0, e1, ..., e(n-1)> == n
```

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Example Problems

Write a function that creates the sequence $\langle 0, \dots, n-1 \rangle$
with $\text{Span} = O(1)$ and $\text{Work} = O(n)$.

Operations:

	Work	Span
<code>tabulate f n</code>	<code>n</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>nth i s</code>	<code>1</code>	<code>1</code>
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let create n =
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(* create n == <0, 1, ..., n-1> *)  
let create n =  
  tabulate (fun i -> i) n
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(* map f <v0, ..., vn-1> == <f v0, ..., f vn-1> *)  
let map f s =
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(* map f <v0, ..., vn-1> == <f v0, ..., f vn-1> *)  
let map f s =  
  tabulate (fun i -> f (nth s i)) (length s)
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let reverse s =  
  let n = length s in  
  tabulate (fun i -> nth s (n-i-1)) n
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A Parallel Sequence API

	<u>Work</u>	<u>Span</u>
type 'a seq		
tabulate : (int -> 'a) -> int -> 'a seq	O(N)	O(1)
length : 'a seq -> int	O(1)	O(1)
nth : 'a seq -> int -> 'a	O(1)	O(1)
append : 'a seq -> 'a seq -> 'a seq (can build this from tabulate, nth, length)	O(N+M)	O(1)
split : 'a seq -> int -> 'a seq * 'a seq	O(N)	O(1)

For efficient implementations, see Blelloch's NESL project:
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~scandal/nsl.html>



Fold and Reduce

We have seen many sequential algorithms can be programmed succinctly using fold or reduce. Eg: sum all elements:

sum:

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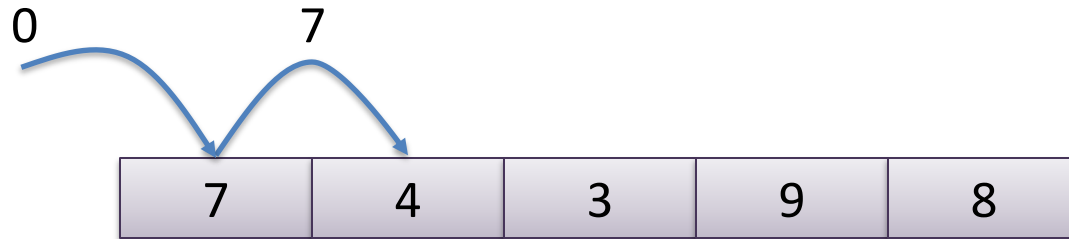
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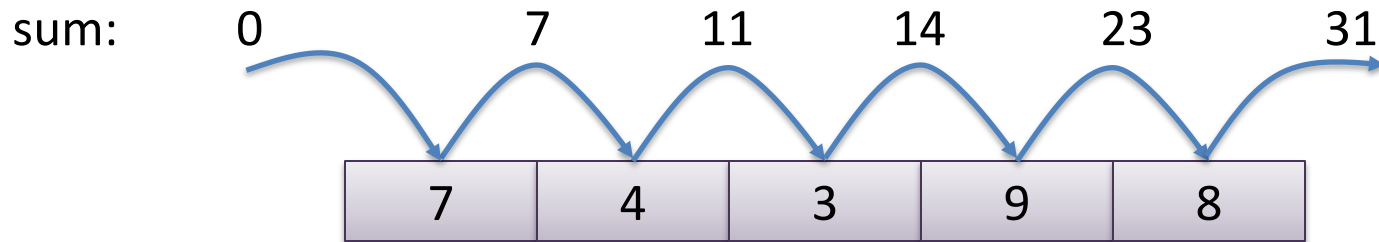
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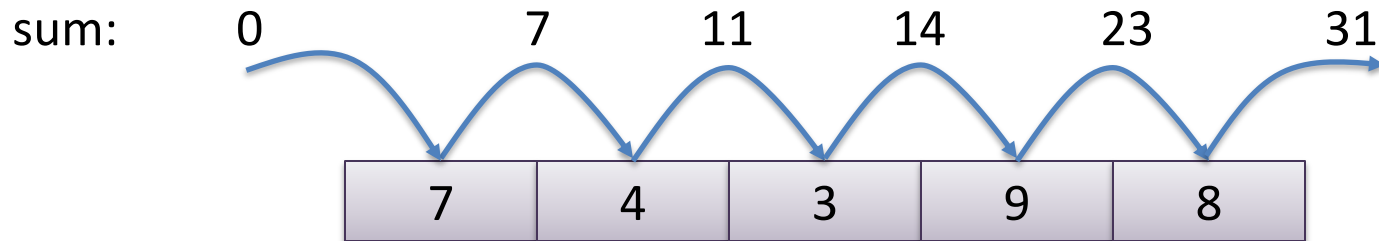
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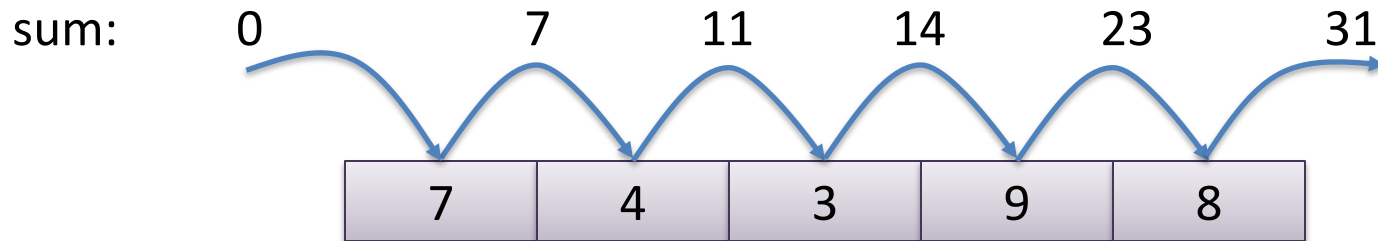


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Key to parallelization: Notice that because sum is an *associative* operator, we do not have to add the elements strictly left-to-right:

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Side Note

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Commutativity not needed!

Commutativity allows us to reorder the elements:

$$v1 + v2 == v2 + v1$$

But we don't have to reorder elements to obtain a significant speedup; we just have to reorder the execution of the operations.



Parallel Sum

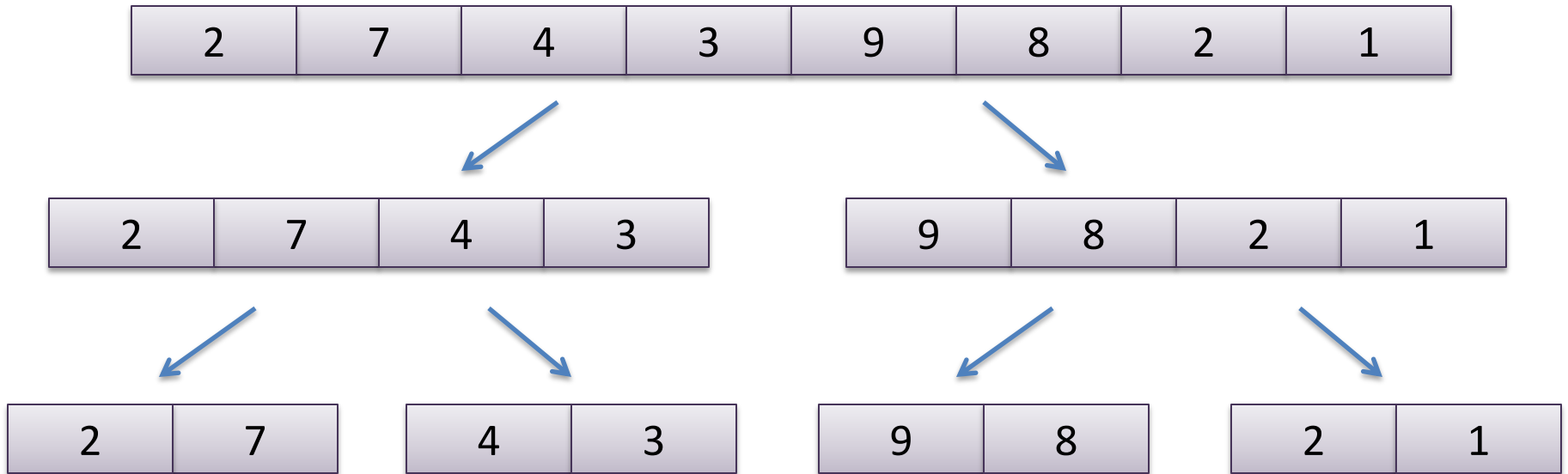
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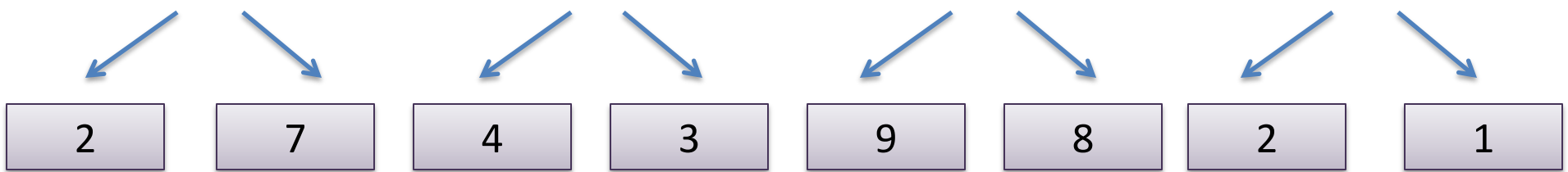
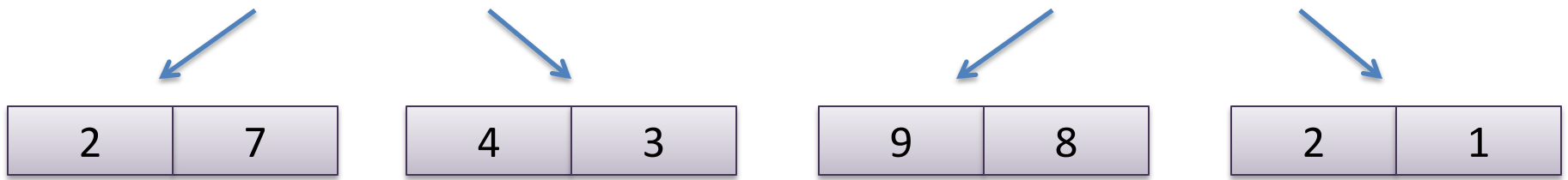
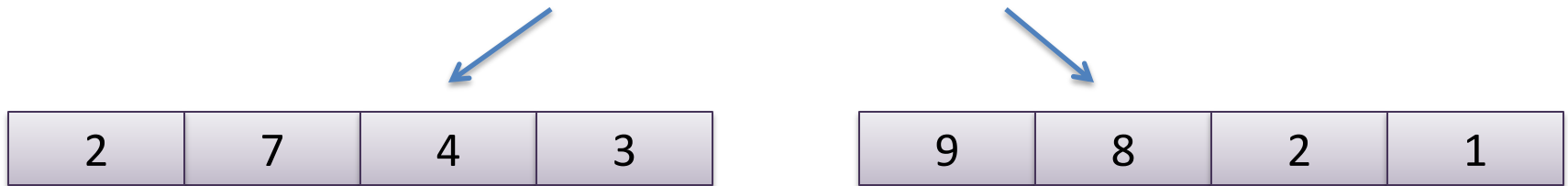
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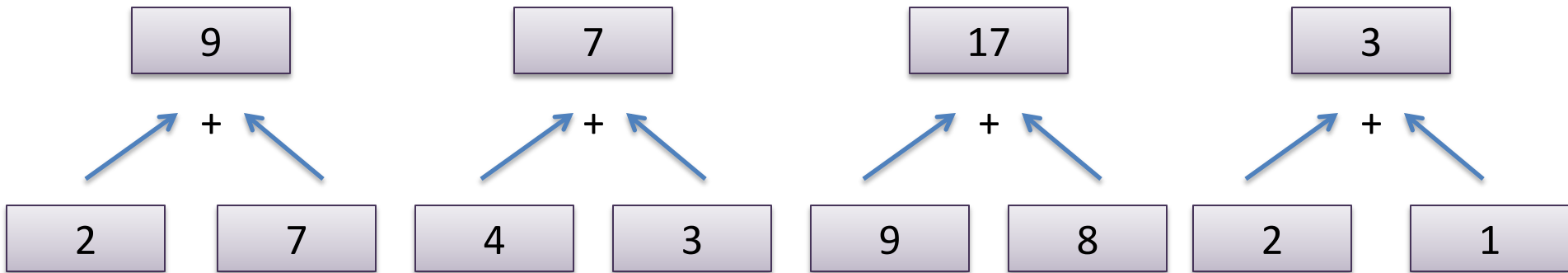
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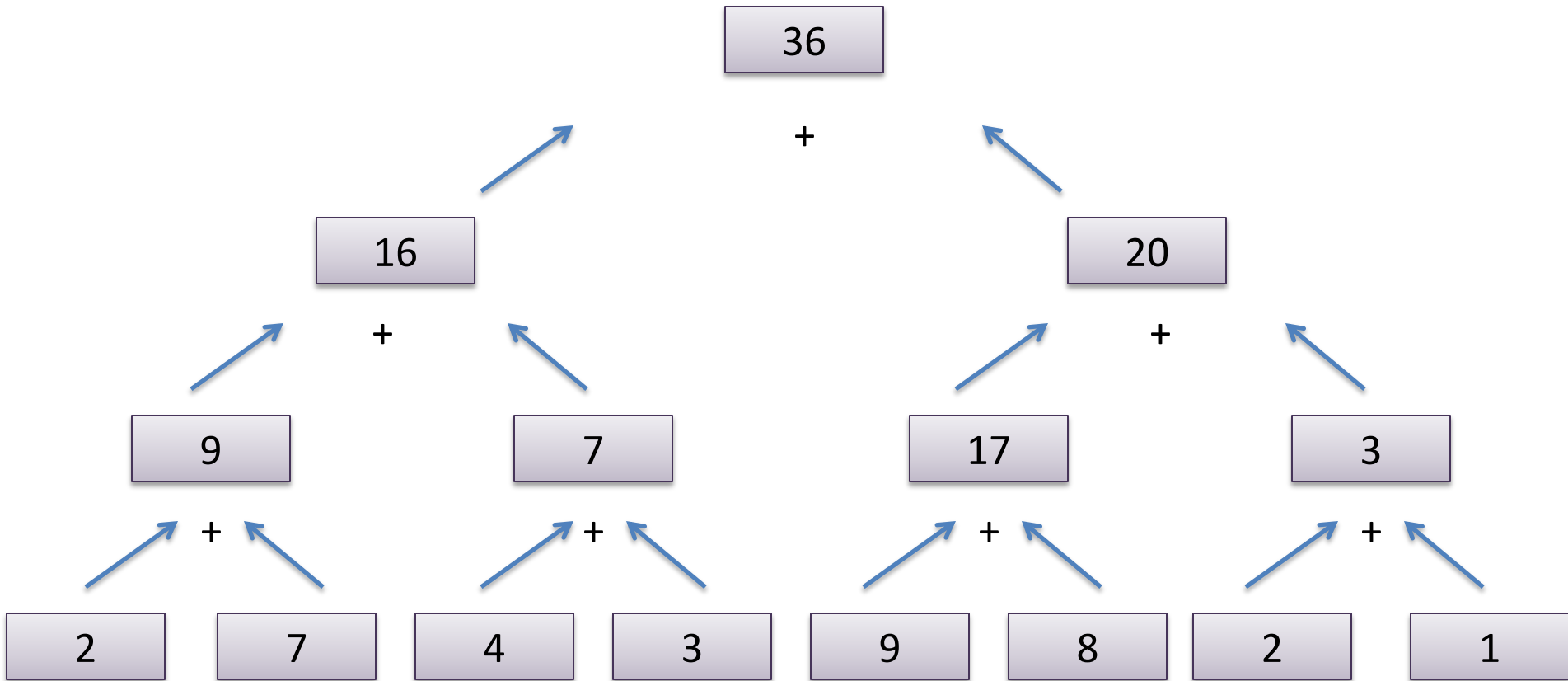
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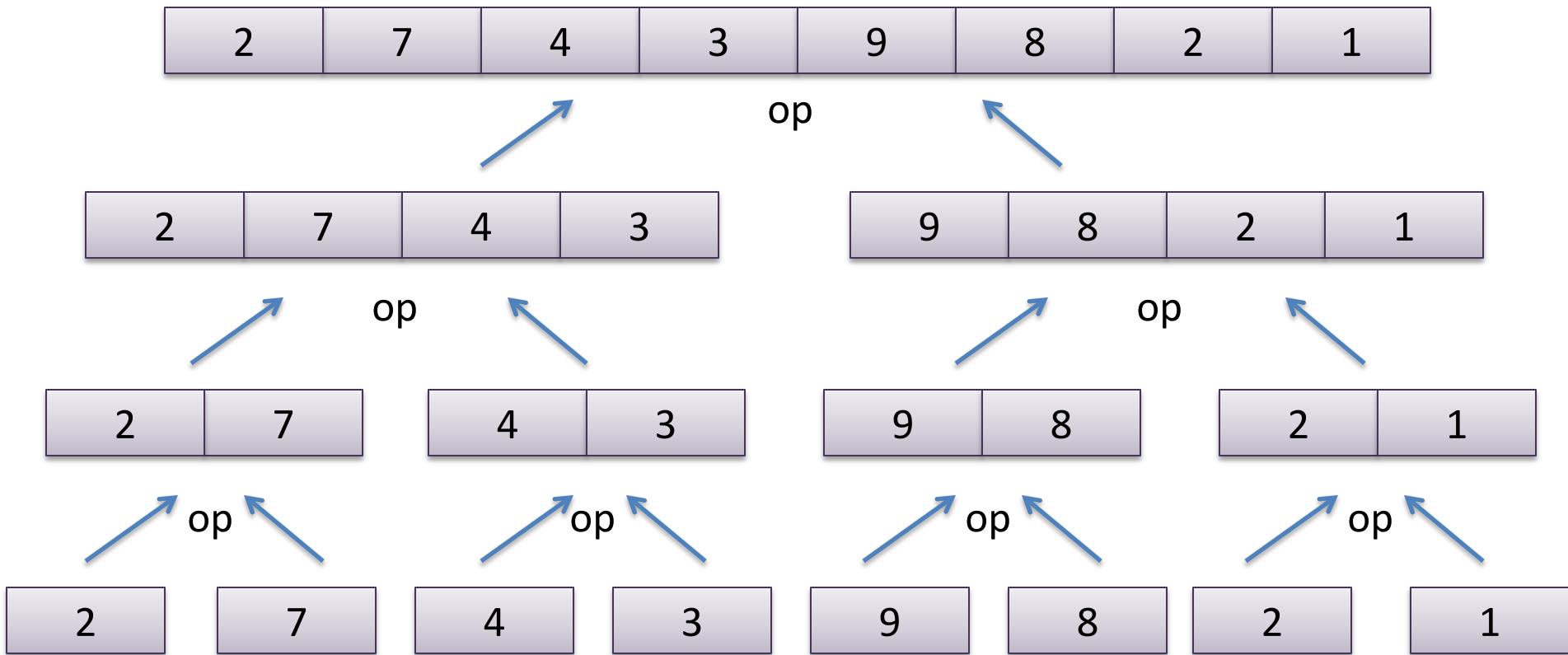
Parallel Sum

```
let both f x g y =  
  let ff = future f x in  
  let gv = g y in  
  (force ff, gv)
```

```
let rec psum (s : int seq) : int =  
  match length s with  
  | 0 -> 0  
  | 1 -> nth s 0  
  | n ->  
    let (s1,s2) = split (n/2) s in  
    let (a1, a2) = both psum s1  
                    psum s2 in  
    a1 + a2
```



Parallel Reduce



If op is associative and the base case has the properties:

$$op \text{ base } X == X$$

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then the parallel reduce is equivalent to the sequential left-to-right fold.



Parallel Reduce

```
let rec reduce (f:'a -> 'a -> 'a) (base:'a) (s:'a seq) =  
  match length s with  
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let sum s = reduce (+) 0 s
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```
let average s =
  let (count, total) =
    mapreduce (fun x -> (1,x))
              (fun (c1,t1) (c2,t2) -> (c1+c2, t1 + t2))
              (0,0) s in
  if count = 0 then 0 else total / count
```



**DON'T PARALLELIZE
AT TOO FINE A GRAIN**



Parallel Reduce with Sequential Cut-off

When data is small, the overhead of parallelization isn't worth it.
Revert to the sequential version!

```
let sequential_reduce f base (s:'a seq) =  
  let rec g i x =  
    if i < 0 then x else g (i-1) (f (nth a i) x)  
  in g (length s - 1)
```

```
let SHORT = 1000  
  
let rec reduce (f:'a -> 'a -> 'a) (base:'a) (s:'a seq) =  
  if length s < SHORT  
  then sequential_reduce f base s  
  else let (s1,s2) = split ((length s)/2) s in  
    let (n1, n2) = both (reduce f base) s1  
                      (reduce f base) s2 in  
    f n1 n2
```



BALANCED PARENTHESES



The Balanced Parentheses Problem

Consider the problem of determining whether a sequence of parentheses is balanced or not. For example:

- balanced: `()()()`
- not balanced: `(`
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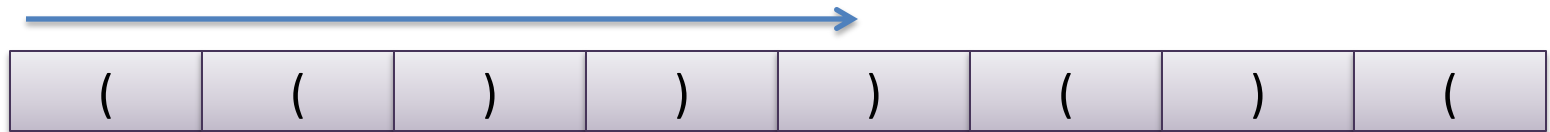
We will try formulating a divide-and-conquer parallel algorithm to solve this problem efficiently:

```
type paren = L | R      (* L(ef) or R(ight) paren *)  
let balanced (ps : paren seq) : bool = ...
```



First, a sequential approach

fold from left to right, keep track of
of unmatched left parens



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Warning! This solution
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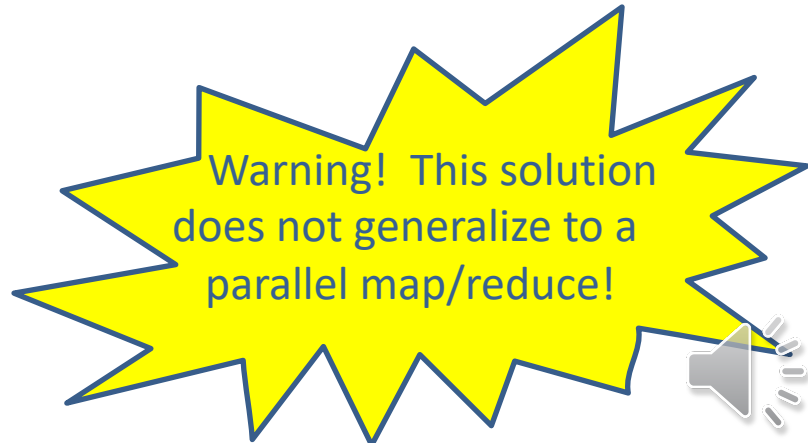


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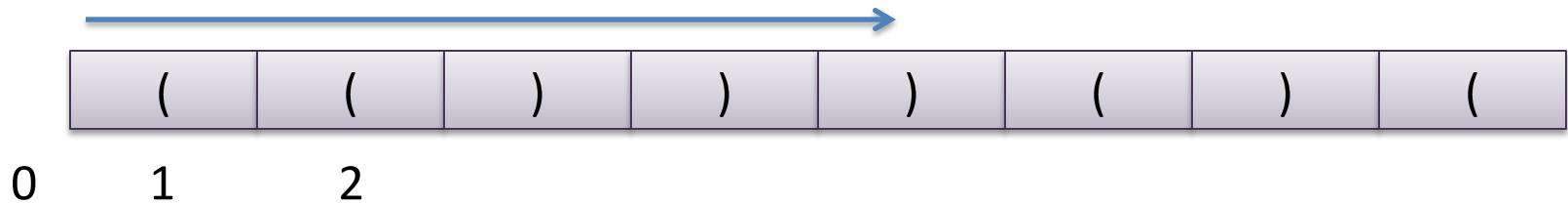


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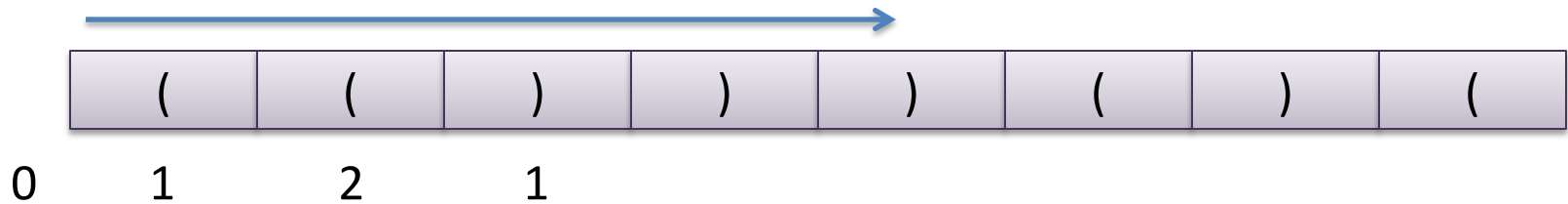


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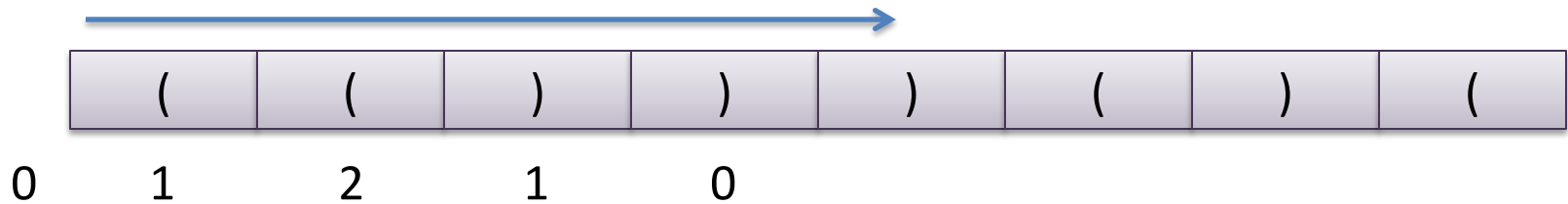


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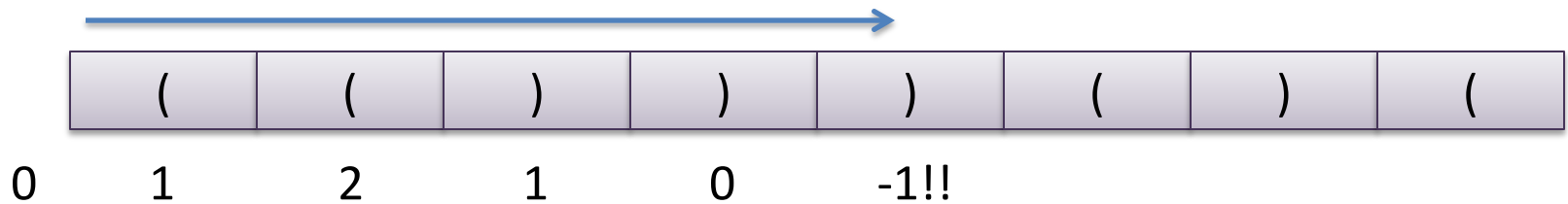


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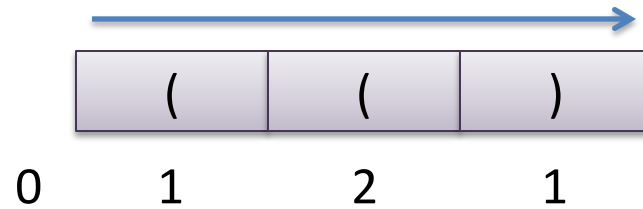
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too many right parens
indicates no match



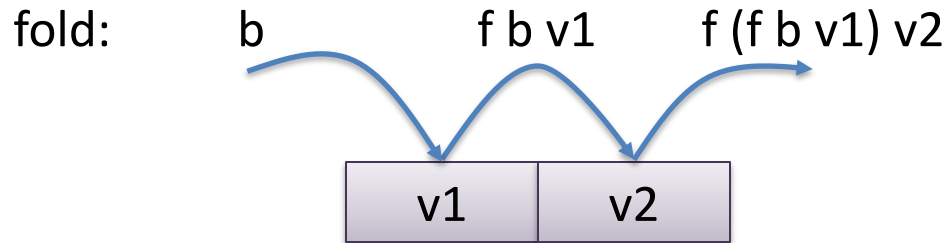
First, a sequential approach



if you reach the end of the end of the sequence, you should have no unmatched left parens



Easily Coded Using a Fold



```
let rec fold f b s =  
  let rec aux n accum =  
    if n >= length s then  
      accum  
    else  
      aux (n+1) (f (nth s n) accum)  
  in  
  aux 0 b
```



Easily Coded Using a Fold

```
(* check to see if we have too many unmatched R parens  
so_far : number of unmatched parens so far  
or None if we have seen too many R parens
```

```
*)
```

```
let check (p:paren) (so_far:int option) : int option =  
  match (p, so_far) with  
  | (_, None) -> None  
  | (L, Some c) -> Some (c+1)  
  | (R, Some 0) -> None (* violation detected *)  
  | (R, Some c) -> Some (c-1)
```



Easily Coded Using a Fold

```
let fold f base s = ...  
  
let check so_far s = ...  
  
let balanced (s: paren seq) : bool =  
  match fold check (Some 0) s with  
  | Some 0 -> true  
  | (None | Some n) -> false
```

That was easy enough. But the “check” function is not associative, that means it can’t be used in a parallel “reduce”.

That’s what I was warning about!



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Parallel Matcher

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```
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*)
```

```
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  match length s with  
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  | 1 -> (match nth s 0 with  
          | L -> (0, 1)  
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  | n ->  
    let (left, right) = split (n/2) s in  
    let ((j, k), (x, y)) = both matcher left  
                          matcher right in  
    if x > k  
    then (j + (x - k), y)  
    else (j, (k - x) + y)
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Parallel Balance

```
(* *)  
let matcher s = ...  
  
(* true if s is a sequence of balanced parens *)  
let balanced s =  
  match matcher s with  
  | (0, 0) -> true  
  | (j,k) -> false
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This looks just like mapreduce!



Using a Parallel Fold

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Summary

Parallel complexity can be described in terms of work and span

Folds and reduces are easily coded as parallel divide-and-conquer algorithms with $O(n)$ work and $O(\log n)$ span

The map-reduce paradigm, inspired by functional programming, is a winner when it comes to big-data processing (more about that in the next lecture).



Sanity checks

```
let combine (j,k) (x,y) =  
  if x > k then (j + (x - k), y)  
  else          (j, (k - x) + y)  
  
base = (0,0)
```

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Prove for yourself:

combine (combine (j,k) (x,y)) (a,b) = combine (j,k) (combine (x,y)(a,b))

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