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# DSC 204A: Scalable Data Systems Winter 2024

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Machine Learning Systems

Big Data

Cloud

Foundations of Data Systems

# Recap

## ***OLAP***

- Analytical
- Show queries
- Denormalised
- Historical Data



**BUSINESS DATA  
WAREHOUSE**

## ***OLTP***

- Transactional
- Fast Processing
- Normalised
- Current Data



**BUSINESS PROCESS**

How should OLTP database be improved  
to accommodate OLAP use?

# Today's topic: Column-oriented storage and schemas

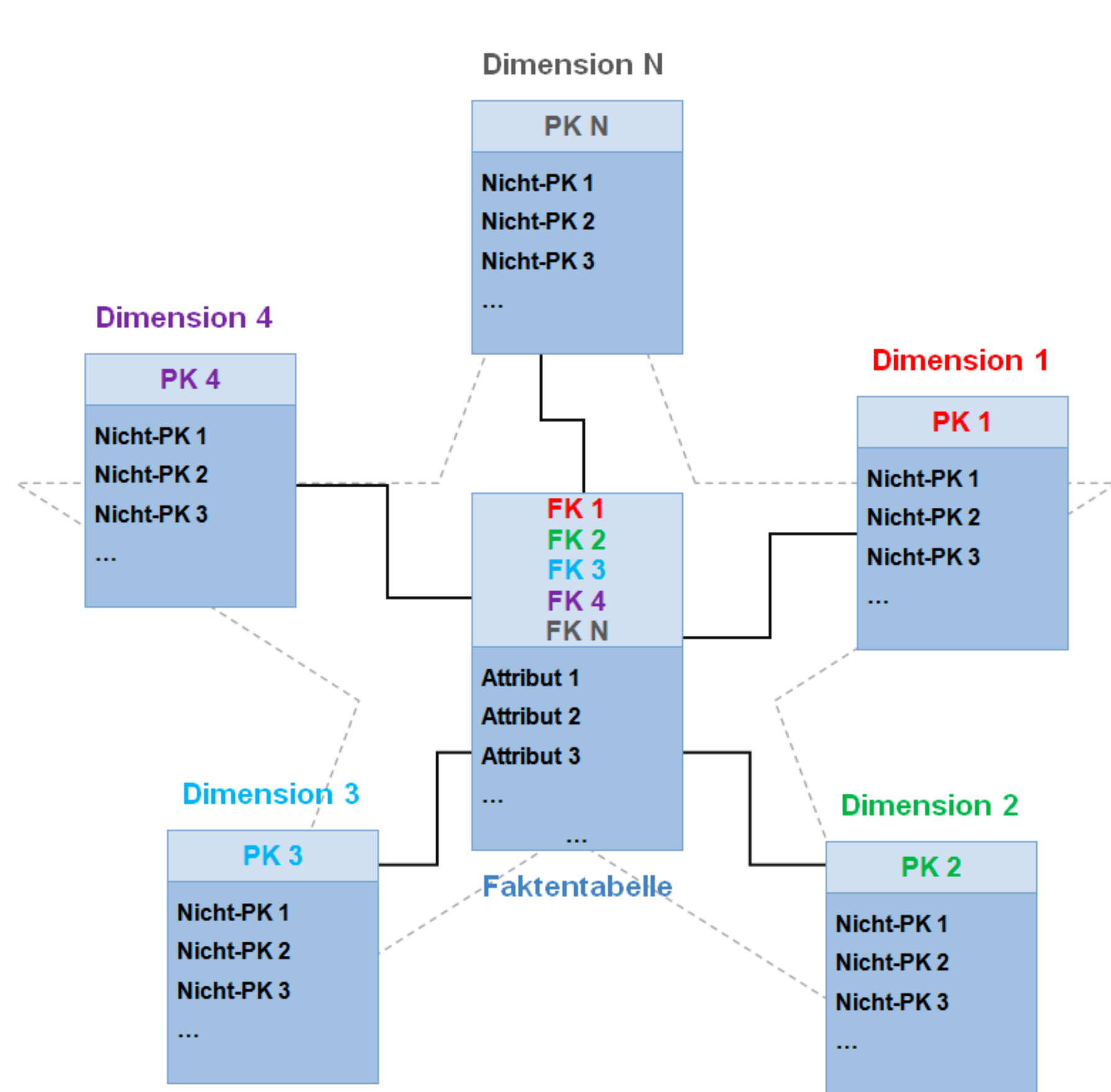
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- Data warehousing
- Schemas for Analytics
- Column-oriented storage

# Data analytic queries

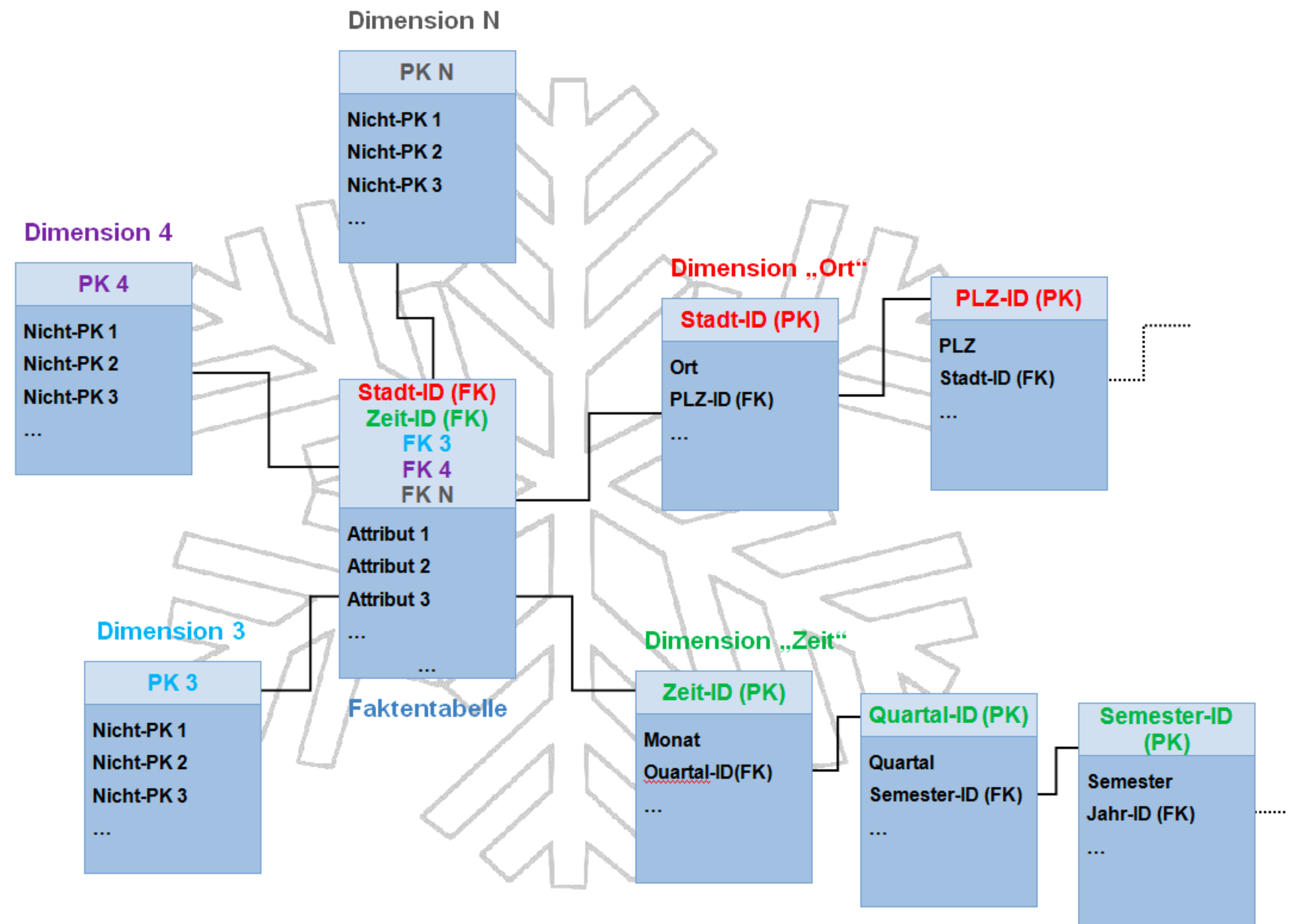
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# Popular Schemas in Database (DSC 102)

- Relation (SQL)
- Document (NoSQL)
- Graph (GraphQL)
- Network
- Hierarchy
- **Stars**
- **Snowflake**



Star



Snowflake

# Star schema

- Fact table in the middle
  - A collection of events
  - e.g., click events, page views, retail sales
- Two types of columns
  - Attributes
  - References to dimension tables.
- Fact table: event meta data
- Dimensions: who, what, where, when, how, and why of the event.

dim\_product table

product_sk	sku	description	brand	category
30	OK4012	Bananas	Freshmax	Fresh fruit
31	KA9511	Fish food	Aquatech	Pet supplies
32	AB1234	Croissant	Dealicious	Bakery

dim\_store table

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dim\_date table

date_key	year	month	day	weekday	is_holiday
140101	2014	jan	1	wed	yes
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dim\_customer table

customer_sk	name	date_of_birth
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dim\_promotion table

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# Example: dim\_date table

- Speed up the analysis.
- Easier development.

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- Schemas for Analytics
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# Data scale

- Fact tables
  - Hundreds of columns
  - Trillions of rows
  - Petabytes of data
- Dimension tables
  - Million of rows.
  - Can be wide. But less common.

# How many columns do we need?

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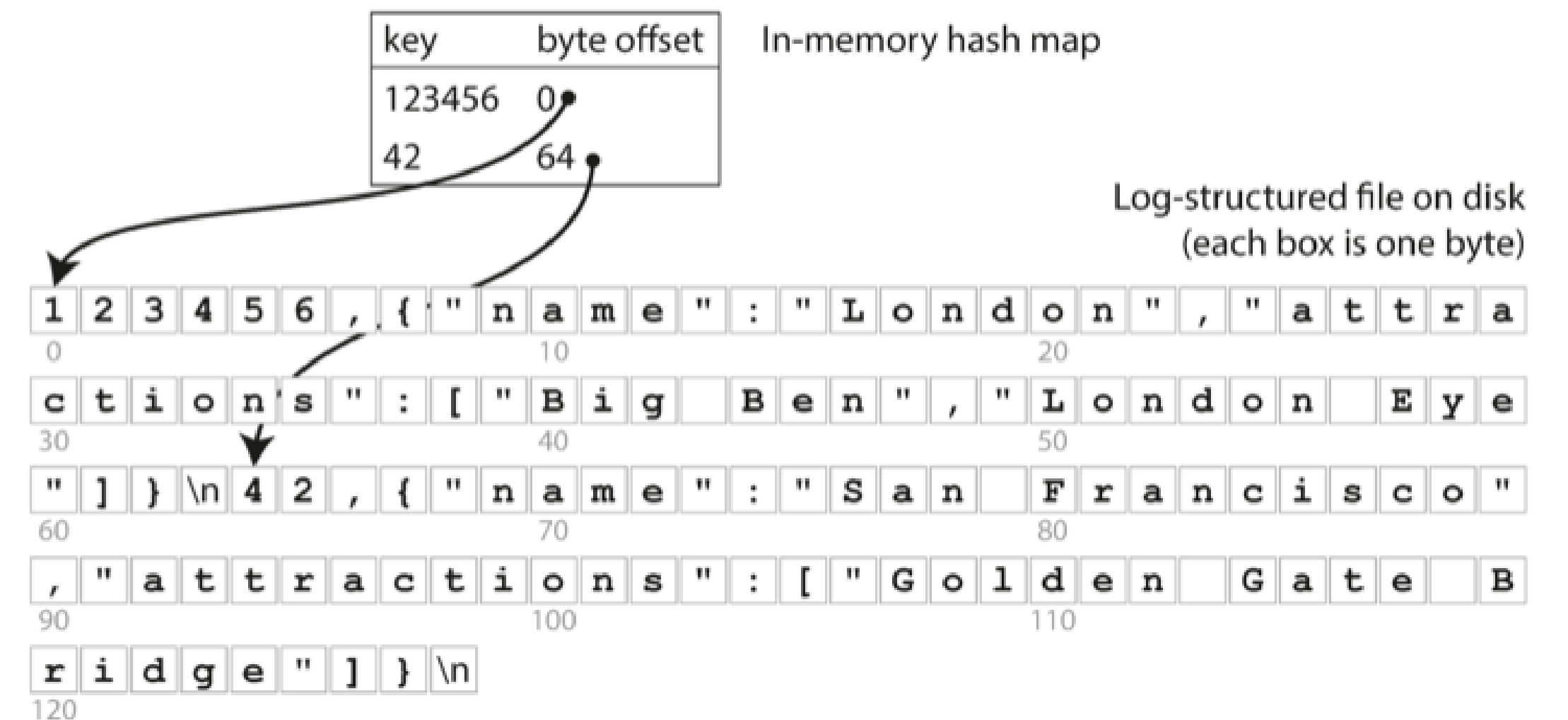
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# How does a Row-oriented storage work?

- Storage:
  - All the values from one row of a table are stored next to each other.
- What was the total revenue in January?
  - Load indexes into the memory
  - Find all the records in January.
  - Load all of these rows (100+ attributes) from disk into memory
  - Parse
  - Filter



# Implementations for column-oriented

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Columnar storage layout:

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store\_sk file contents: 4, 5, 5, 3, 2, 3, 3, 8  
promotion\_sk file contents: NULL, 19, NULL, 23, NULL, NULL, 21, NULL  
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discount\_price file contents: 13.99, 9.99, 14.99, 0.89, 2.49, 9.99, 39.99, 0.99



# How does a column-oriented storage work?

- Storage:
  - Store all the values from each column together instead.
- What was the total revenue in January?
  - Load indexes into the memory
  - Find all the records in January.
  - Load all of these rows (100+ attributes -> 1 row ) from disk into memory
    - 100 times improvement
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# Column compression

- Data in the same column are more repetitive.
- Save storage space
- Improve I/O bandwidth usage

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# Bitmap encoding

Column values:

product\_sk: 

69	69	69	69	74	31	31	31	31	29	30	30	31	31	31	68	69	69
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Bitmap for each possible value:

product_sk = 29:	<table border="1"><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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- Many transactions
- A small amount of distinct values
- Transform them into bitmaps
  - Bitmap => One unique value
  - Bit => Occurrence & Order

# Bitmap encoding

Column values:

product\_sk: 

69	69	69	69	74	31	31	31	31	29	30	30	31	31	31	68	69	69
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product\_sk = 68: 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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product\_sk = 69: 

1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
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product\_sk = 74: 

0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Run-length encoding:

product\_sk = 29: 9, 1 (9 zeros, 1 one, rest zeros)  
product\_sk = 30: 10, 2 (10 zeros, 2 ones, rest zeros)  
product\_sk = 31: 5, 4, 3, 3 (5 zeros, 4 ones, 3 zeros, 3 ones, rest zeros)  
product\_sk = 68: 15, 1 (15 zeros, 1 one, rest zeros)  
product\_sk = 69: 0, 4, 12, 2 (0 zeros, 4 ones, 12 zeros, 2 ones)  
product\_sk = 74: 4, 1 (4 zeros, 1 one, rest zeros)

- Many transactions
- A small amount of distinct values
- Transform them into bitmaps
  - Bitmap => One unique value
  - Bit => Occurrence & Order
- Run-length encoding for sparse bitmaps

# Bitmap indexes for queries

WHERE product\_sk IN (30, 68, 69):

Load the three bitmaps for product\_sk = 30, product\_sk = 68, and product\_sk = 69, and calculate the bitwise *OR* of the three bitmaps, which can be done very efficiently.

WHERE product\_sk = 31 AND store\_sk = 3:

Load the bitmaps for product\_sk = 31 and store\_sk = 3, and calculate the bitwise *AND*. This works because the columns contain the rows in the same order, so the *k*th bit in one column's bitmap corresponds to the same row as the *k*th bit in another column's bitmap.

Bitwise operations?

# Summary of Important Concepts

- Hashtable indexes, SSTable, LSM, B-tree
  - Self-balanced tree
  - Bloom Filter
- General rule of thumbs:
  - LSM Tree -> in-memory database
  - B-Tree -> classic relational / on-disk database
- OLAP vs. OLTP
- Data warehouse
  - Schemas for Analytics
  - Column-oriented storage

# Where We Are

Machine Learning Systems

Big Data

Cloud

Foundations of Data Systems

2010 - Now

2000 - 2016

1980 - 2000



# Where We Are

Motivations, Economics, Ecosystems, Trends



Networking

Storage

**Part3: Compute**

Datacenter  
networking

Collective  
communication

(Distributed) File  
Systems / Database

Cloud storage

Distributed  
Computing

Big data  
processing

# Distributed Computing and Big Data

- Parallelism Basics
- Data Replication and partitioning
- [Maybe] Consensus
- Batched Processing
- Streaming Processing
- Guest Lectures

# Today's topic: Parallelism

- Express data processing in abstraction
- Parallelisms
  - Task parallelism
  - Data parallelism
  - Terms: SIMD, SIMT, SPMD, MPMD

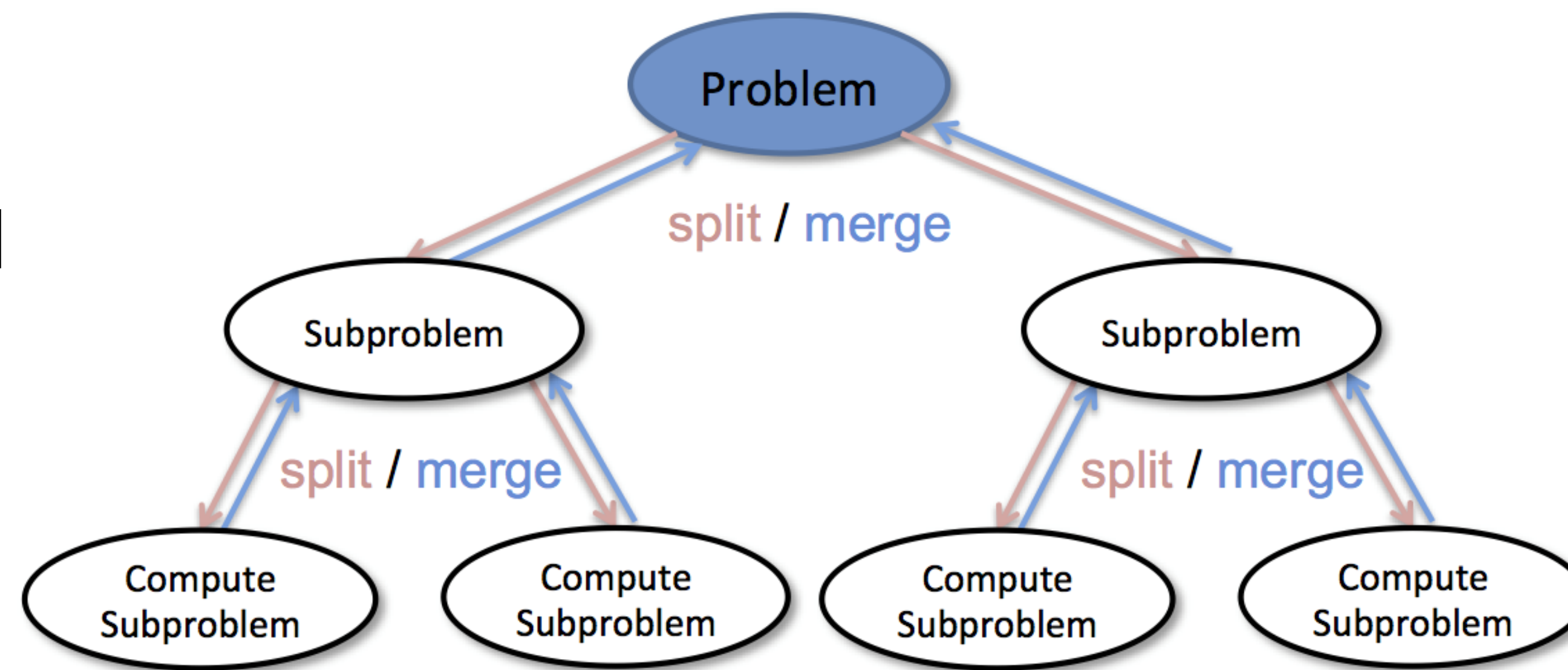


# Parallel Data Processing

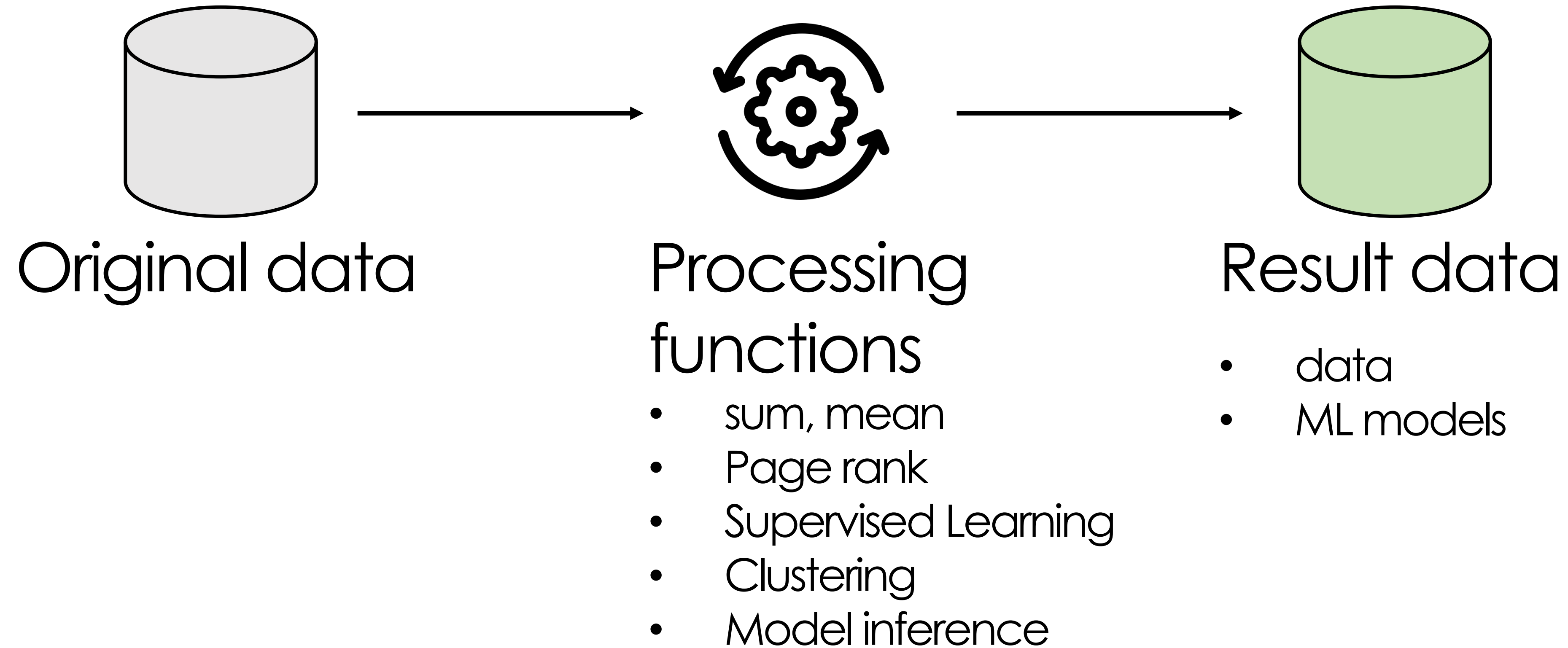
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**Basic Idea:** Split up workload across processors and perhaps also across machines/workers (aka “Divide and Conquer”)

Remind you of PA1  
(hope you've  
enjoyed it)



# Data Processing: Abstraction



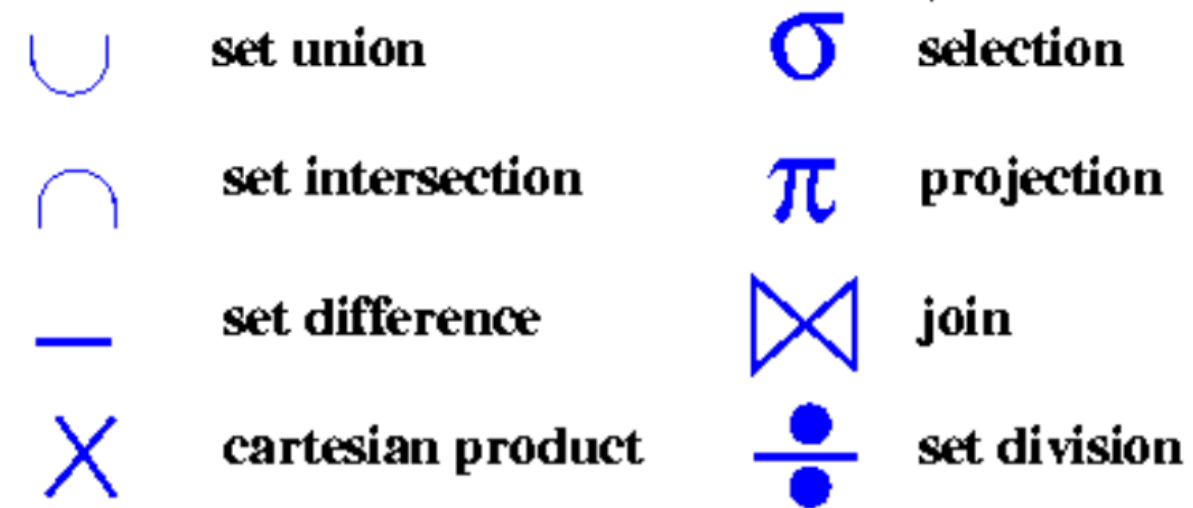
Q: How to represent various processing functions?

# How to Express Arbitrarily Complex Processing Functions?

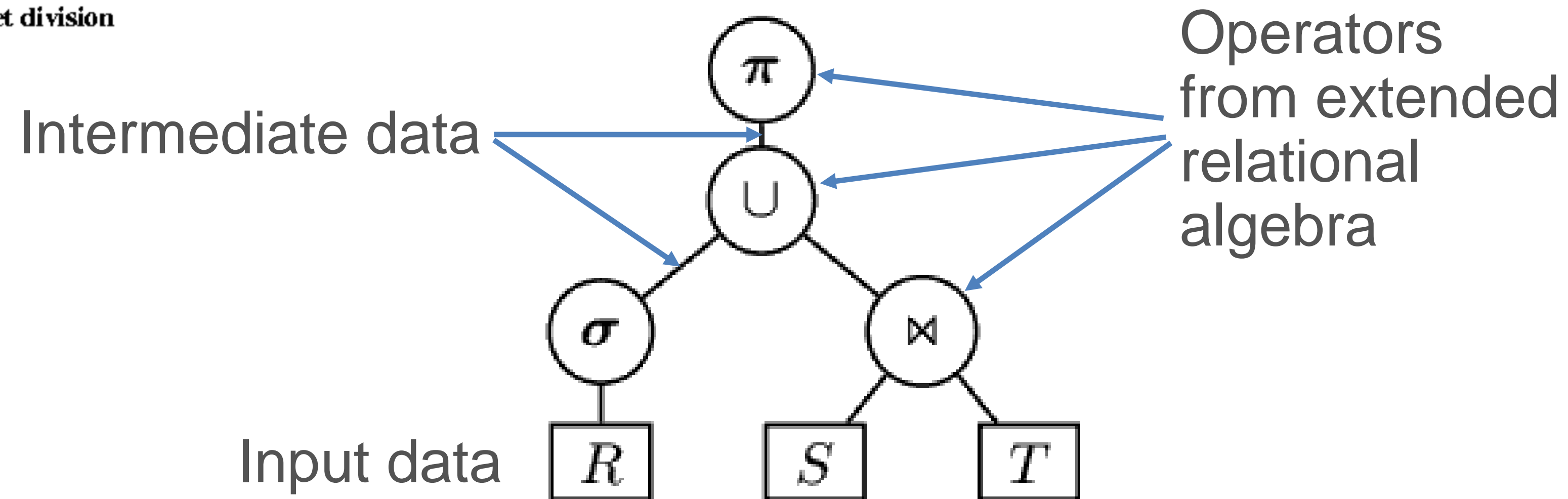
**Dataflow Graph:** common in parallel data processing

- A **directed** graph representation of a program
  - **Vertices:** abstract operations from a restricted set of computational primitives:
  - **Edges:** data flowing directions (hence data dependency)
- Examples
  - Relational dataflows: RDBMS, Pandas, Modin
  - Matrix/tensor dataflows: NumPy, PyTorch, TensorFlow
- Enables us to reason about data-intensive programs at a higher level

# Example: Relational Dataflow Graph



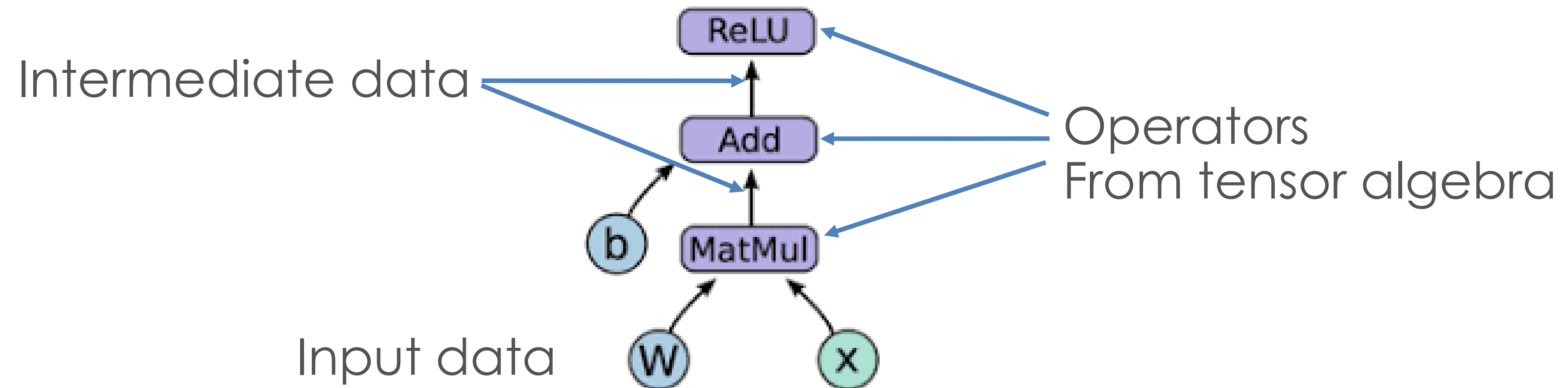
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Aka **Logical Query Plan** in the DB systems world

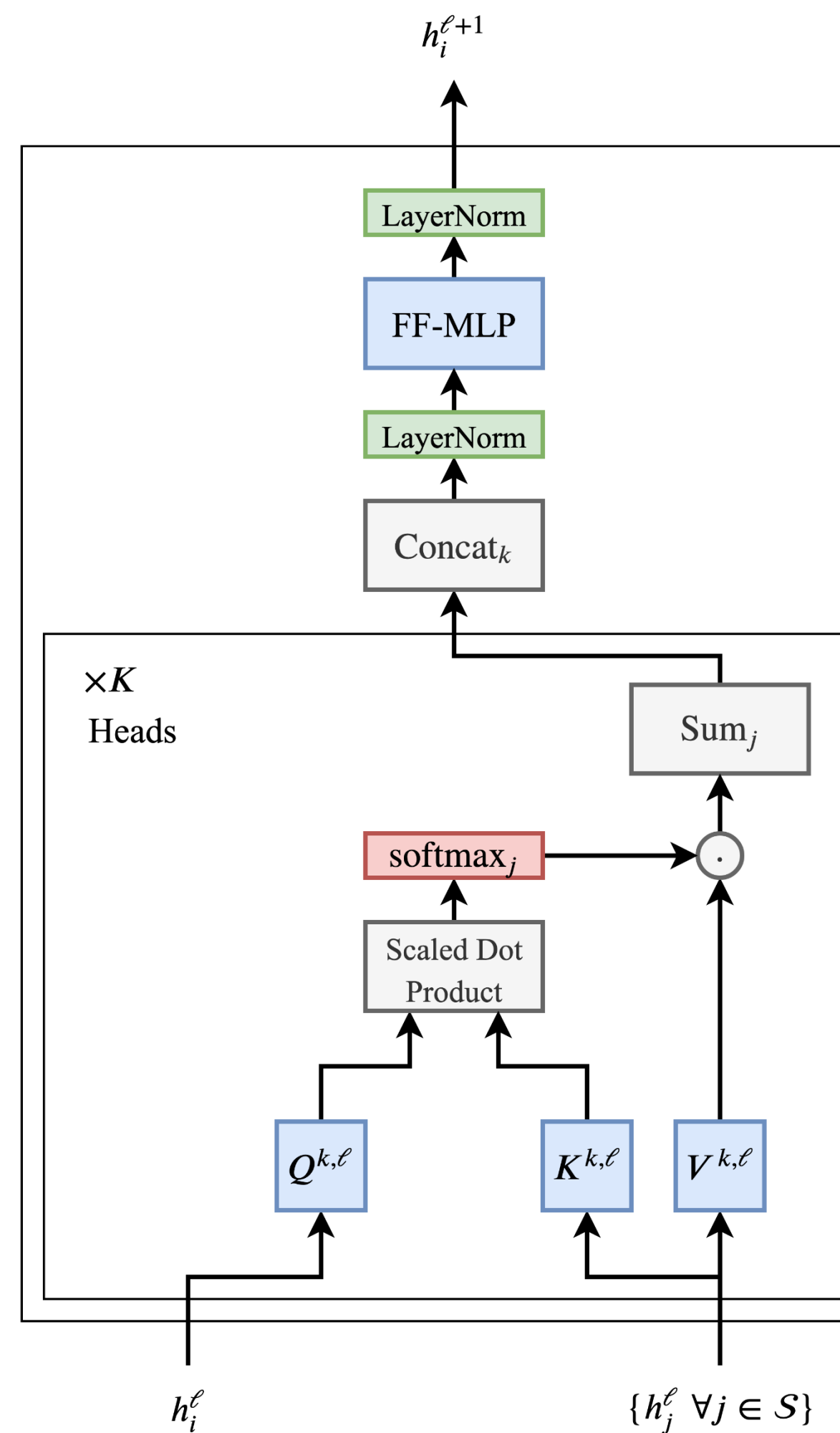
# Example: Machine Learning Dataflow Graph

$$\text{ReLU}(WX + b)$$



Aka **Neural network computational graph** in ML systems

# What is ChatGPT's dataflow graph Looking like?



# Parallelism

**Central Issue:** Workload takes too long for one processor!

**Basic Idea:** Split up workload across processors and perhaps also across machines/workers (aka “Divide and Conquer”)

## Key parallelism paradigms in data systems

- assuming there will be coordination:

	data	Shared	Replicated	Partitioned
func				
Replicated		N/A (rare cases)		Data parallelism
Partitioned		Task parallelism		Hybrid parallelism

# Terms are confusing

- Different domains term them differently in different contexts
- Architecture/parallel computing: single-node multi-cores
  - SIMD, MIMD, SIMT
- Distributed system: multiple-node multi-cores
  - SPMD vs. MPMD
- Machine learning community
  - Data parallelism vs. Model parallelism
  - Inter-operator parallelism vs. Intra-operator parallelism



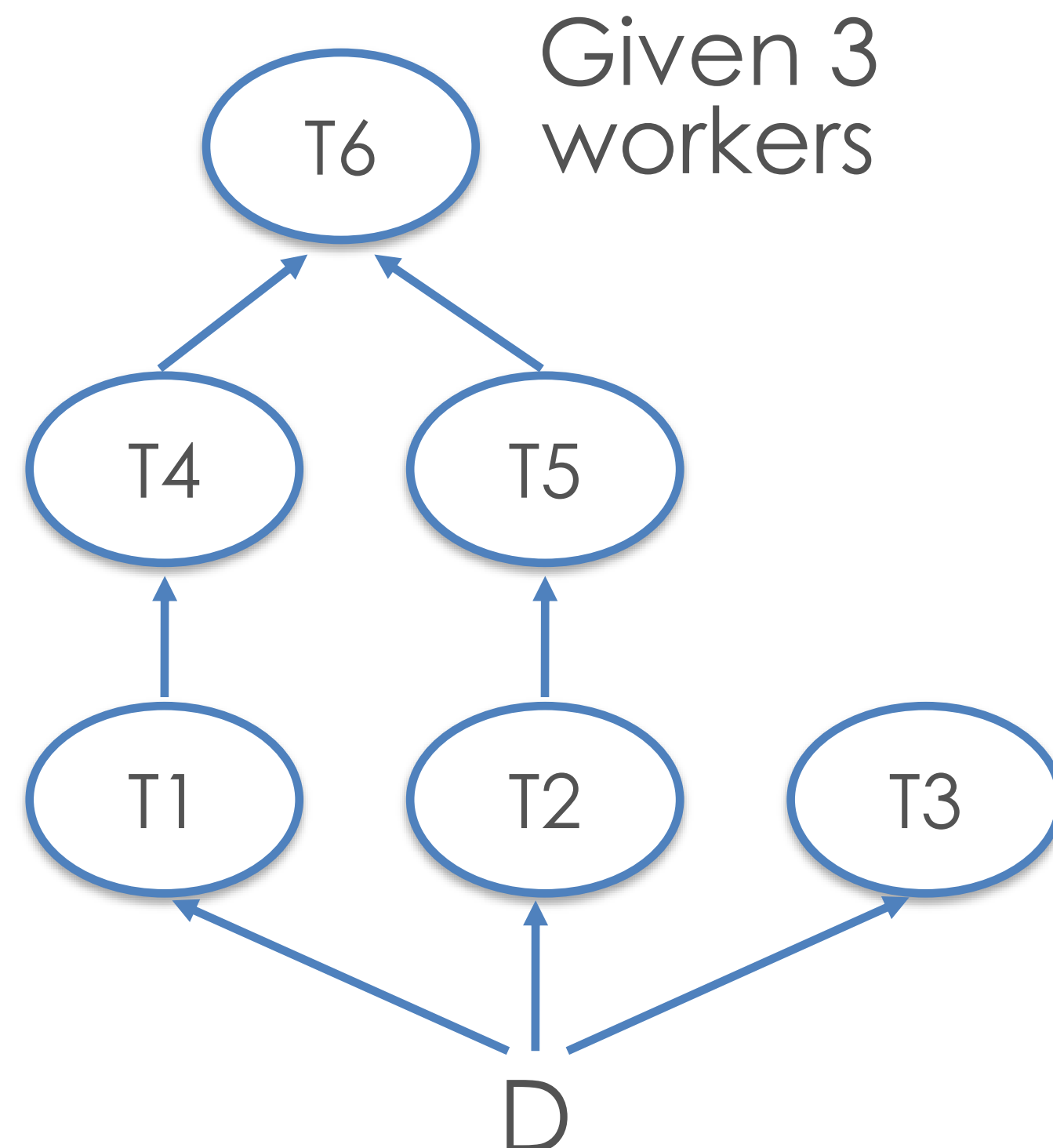
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  - **Task parallelism**
  - Data parallelism
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# Task Parallelism

**Basic Idea:** Split up *tasks* across workers; if there is a common dataset that they read, just make copies of it (aka *replication*)

## Example:



4) After T4 & T5 end, run T6 on W1; W2 is *idle*

3) After T1 ends, run T4 on W1; after T2 ends, run T5 on W2; after T3 ends, W3 is *idle*

2) Put T1 on worker 1 (W1), T2 on W2, T3 on W3; run all 3 in parallel

1) Copy whole D to all workers

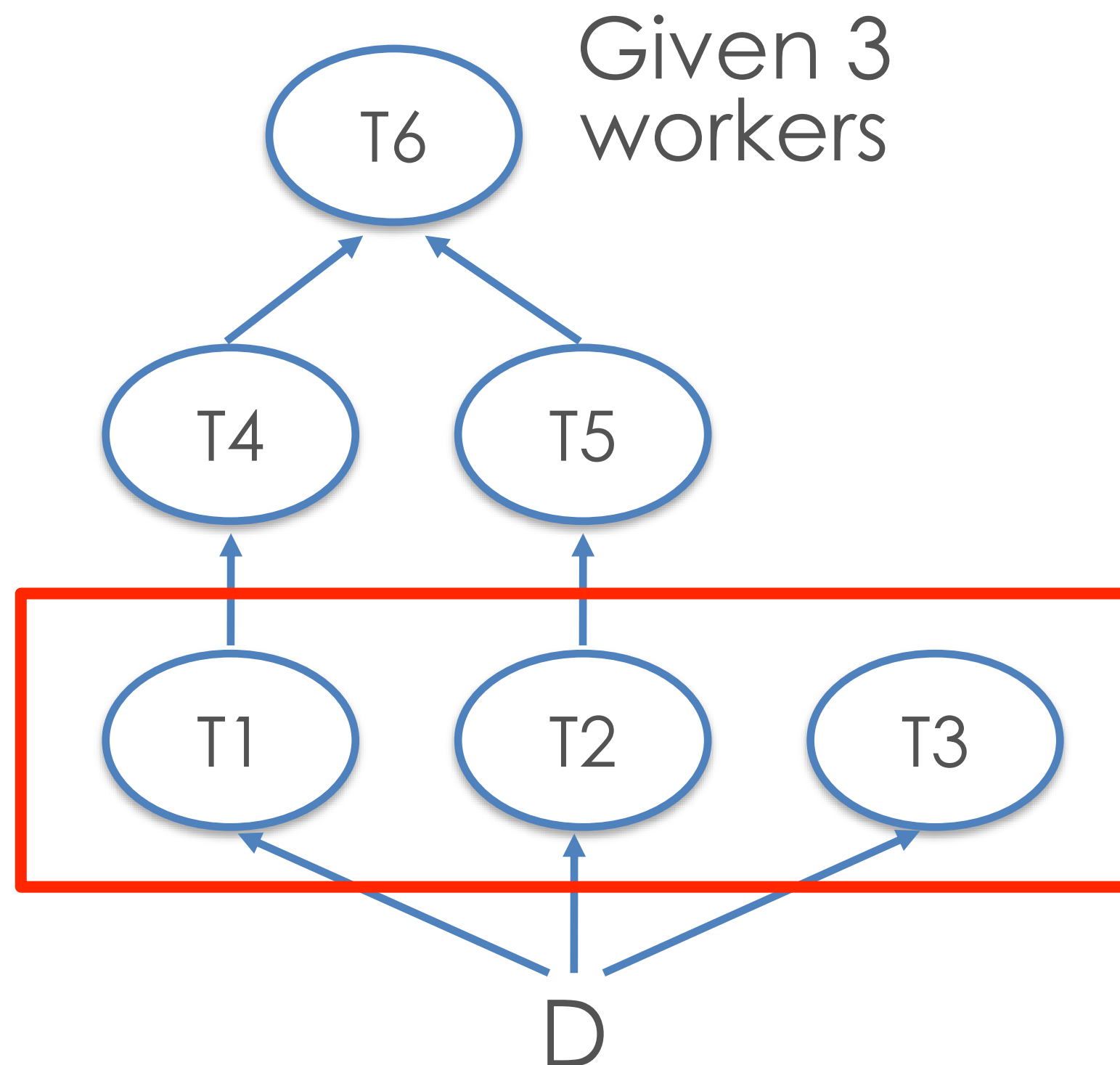
# Task Parallelism

- Topological sort of tasks in task graph for scheduling
- Notion of a “worker” can be at processor/core level, not just at node/server level
  - Thread-level parallelism possible instead of process-level
  - E.g., Dask: 4 worker nodes x 4 cores = 16 workers total
- Main pros of task parallelism:
  - Simple to understand
  - Independence of workers => low software complexity
- Main cons of task parallelism:
  - Can be difficult to implement
  - Idle times possible on workers

# Degree of Parallelism

- ❖ The largest amount of *concurrency* possible in the task graph, i.e., how many task can be run simultaneously

## Example:



**Q:** *How do we quantify the runtime performance benefits of task parallelism?*

But over time, degree of parallelism keeps dropping in this example

Degree of parallelism is only 3

So, more than 3 workers is not useful for this workload!

# Quantifying Benefit of Parallelism: Speedup

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{\text{Completion time given only 1 worker}}{\text{Completion time given } n (>1) \text{ workers}}$$

**Q:** *But given  $n$  workers, can we get a speedup of  $n$ ?*

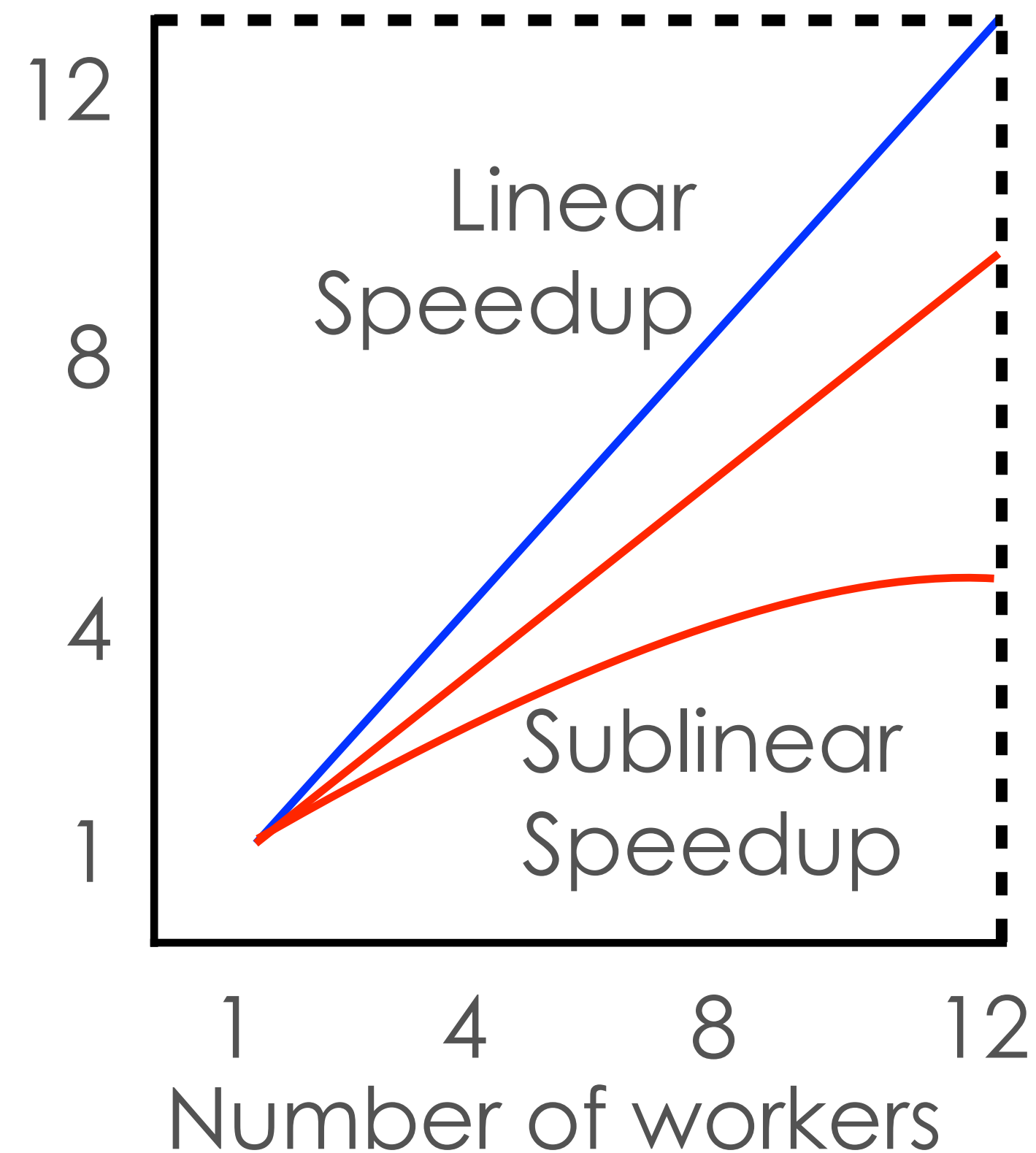
It depends!

(On degree of parallelism, task dependency graph structure, intermediate data sizes, etc.)

Q: what kind of graphs can give a speedup of  $n$ ?

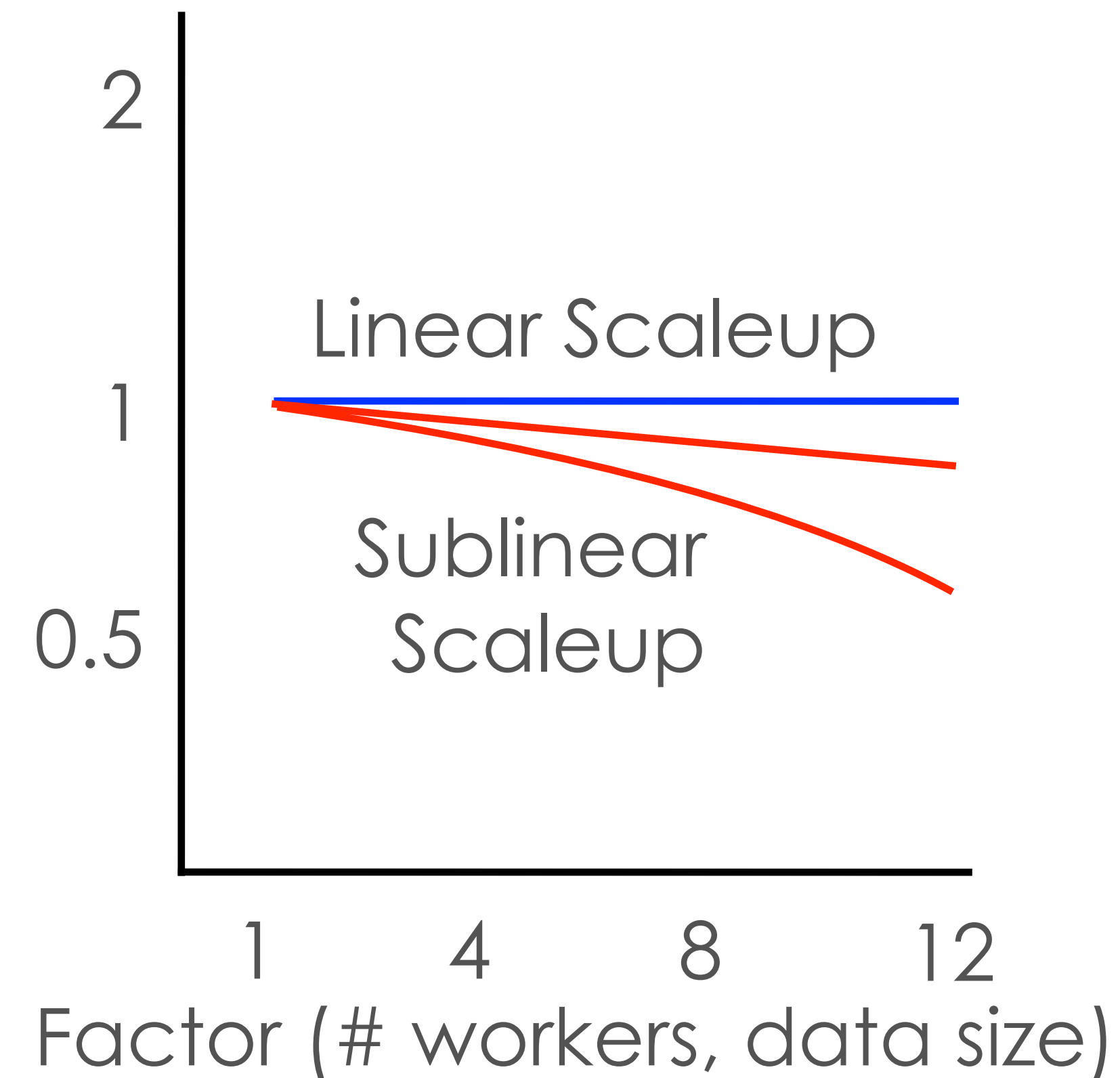
# Weak and Strong Scaling

Runtime speedup (fixed data size)



**Speedup** plot / Strong scaling

Runtime speedup



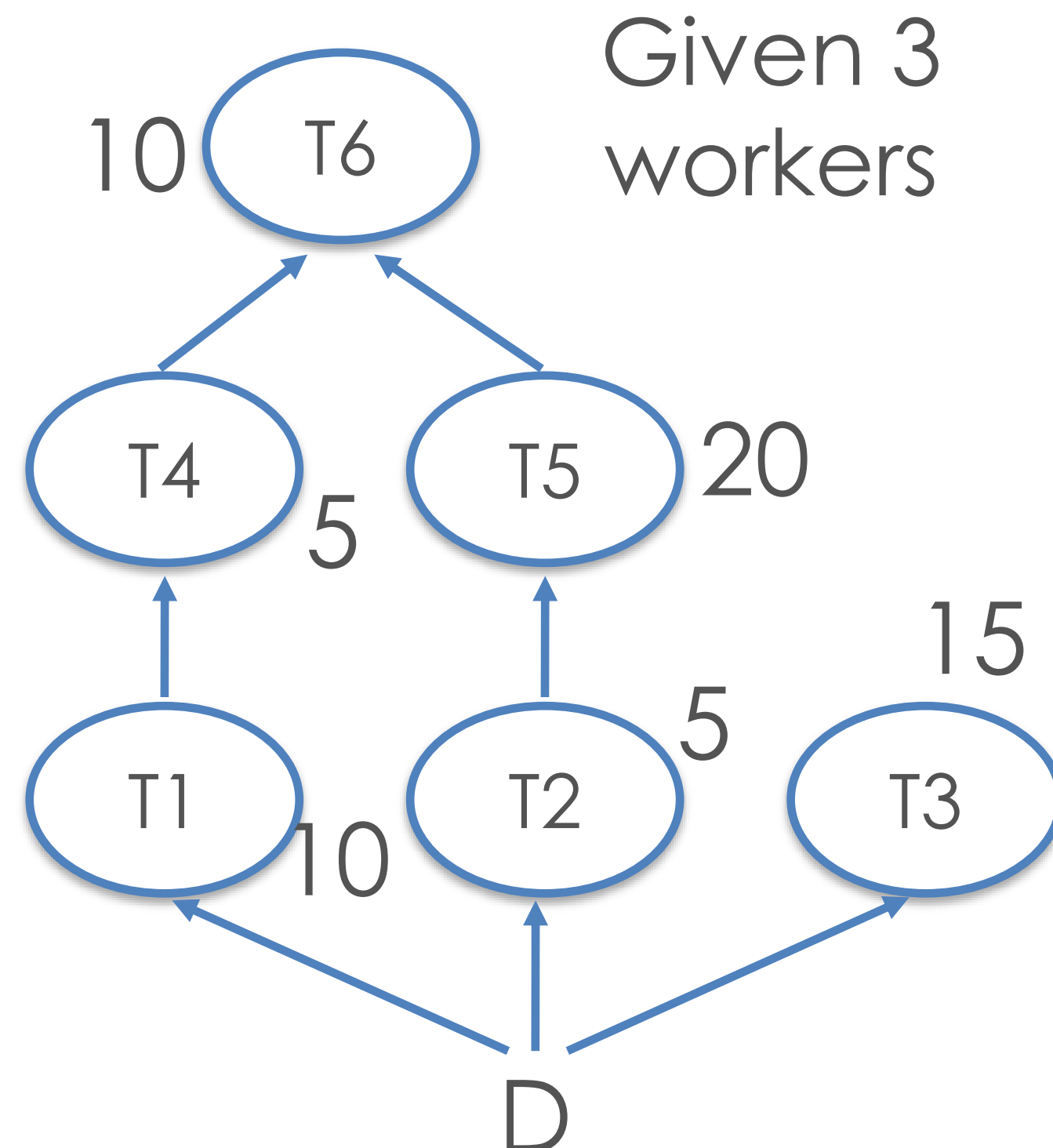
**Scaleup** plot / Weak scaling

**Q:** Is superlinear speedup/scaleup ever possible?

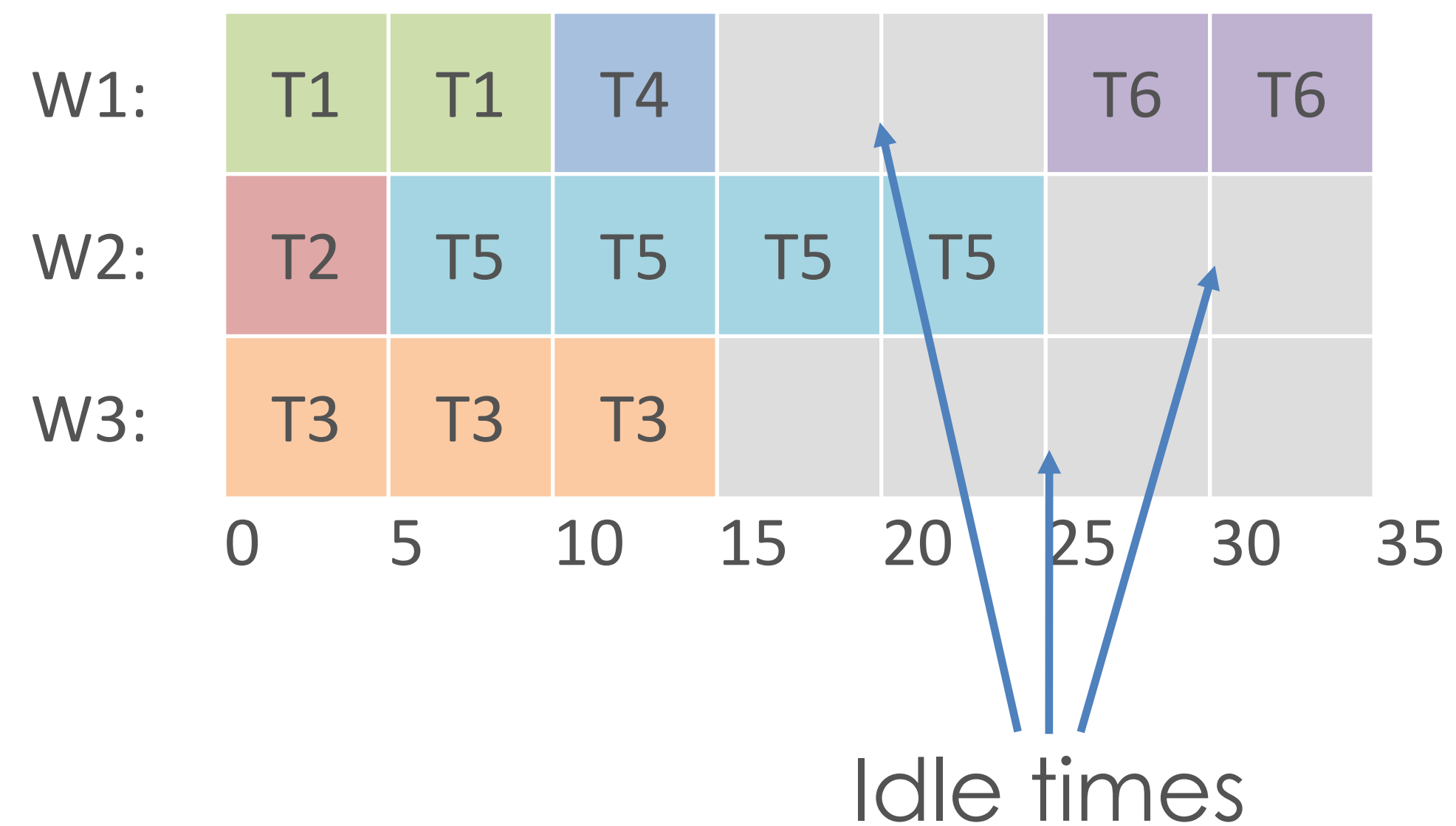
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## Example:



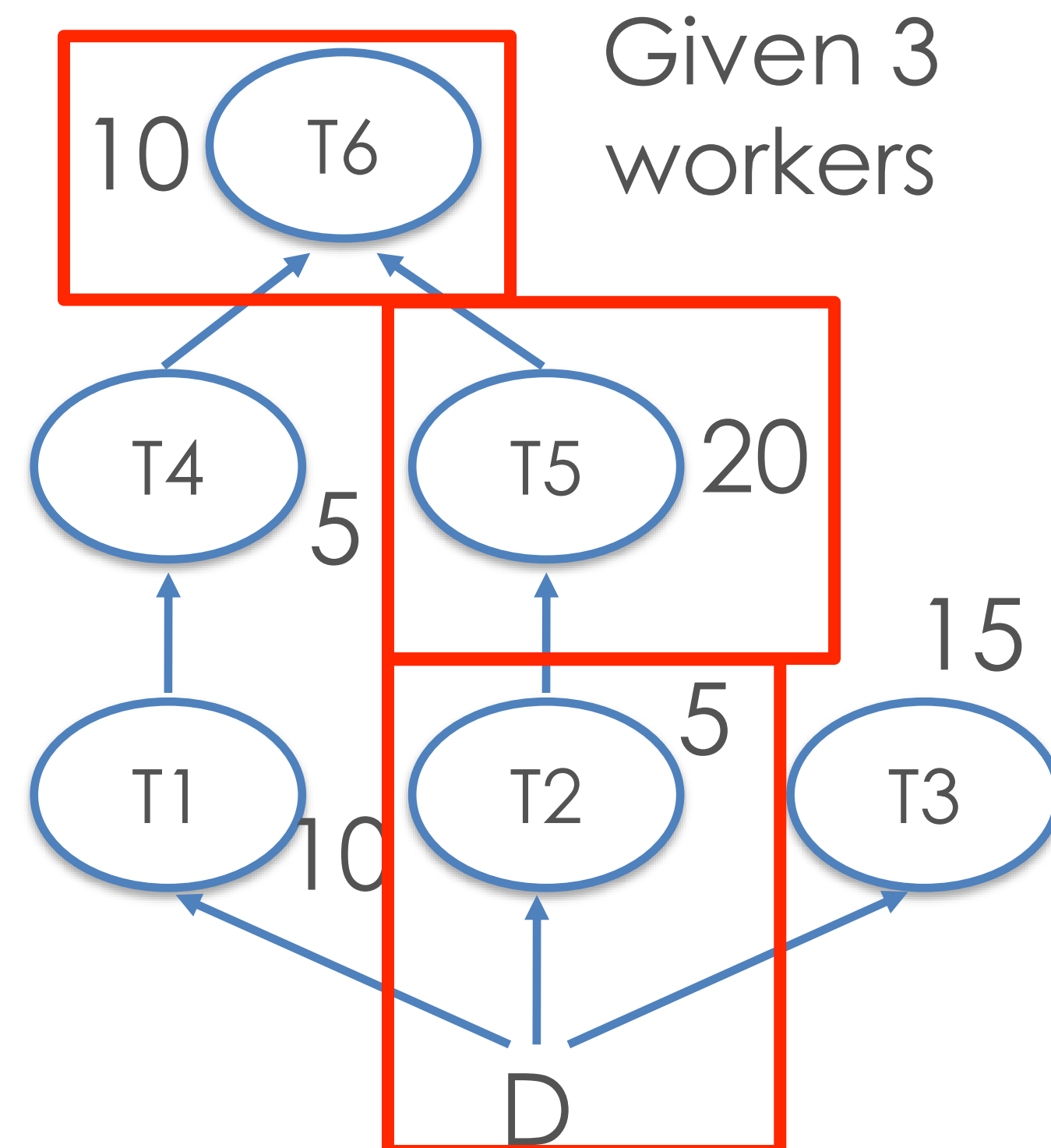
Gantt Chart visualization of schedule:



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- In general, overall workload's completion time on task-parallel setup is always *lower bounded* by the **longest path** in the task graph
- Possibility: A task-parallel scheduler can “release” a worker if it knows that will be idle till the end
- Can save costs in cloud