Parallel and Distributed Computing CS3006 (BDS-6A) Lecture 07

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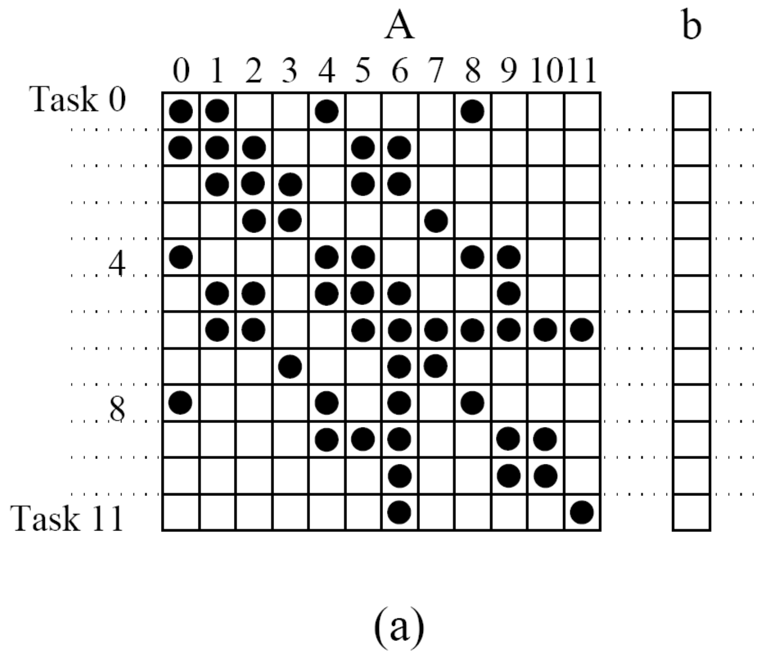
Principles of Parallel Algorithm Design

Task Interact Graph (Sparse-matrix multiplication**)**



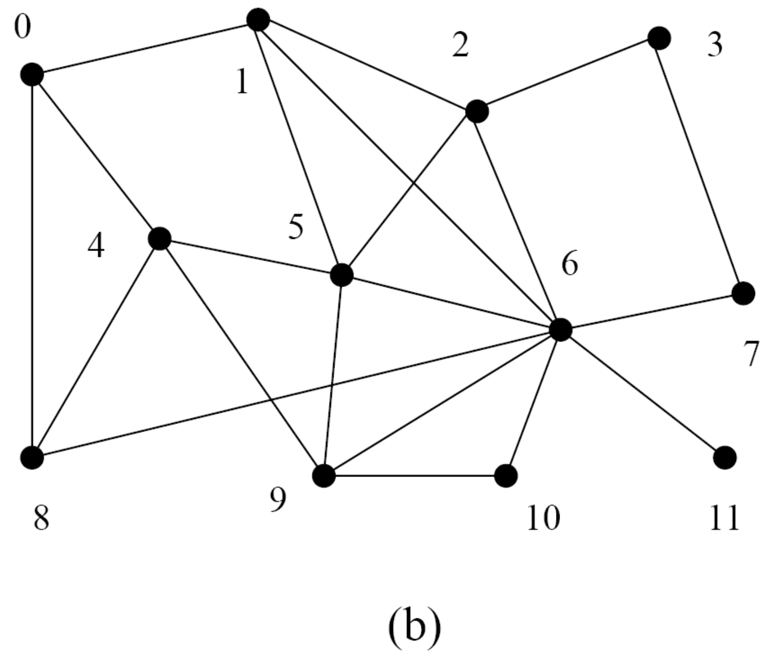
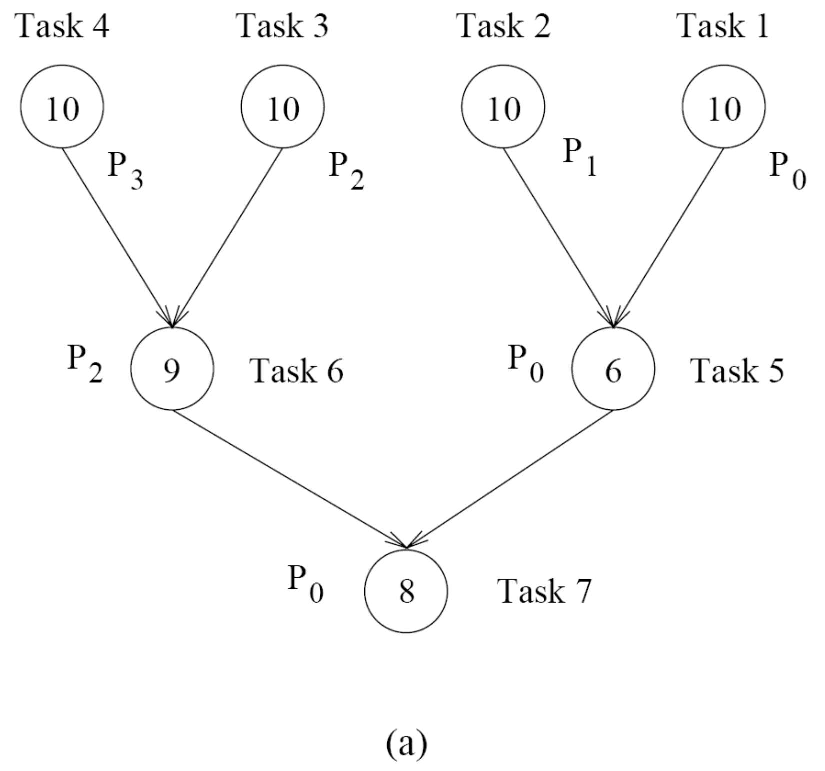


Figure 3.6 A decomposition for sparse matrix-vector multiplication and the corresponding task-interaction graph. In the decomposition Task i computes $\sum_{0 \le j \le 11, A[i,j] \neq 0} A[i, j].b[j]$.

Processes and Mapping

- The *logical processing* or *computing agent* that performs tasks is called a **process**.
- The *mechanism* by which tasks are *assigned to processes* for execution is called ***mapping.***
- *Multiple tasks* can be mapped on a *single process*
- *Independent tasks* should be mapped onto *different processes*
- *Tasks* with high *mutual-interactions* should be mapped onto a *single process*

Processes and Mapping



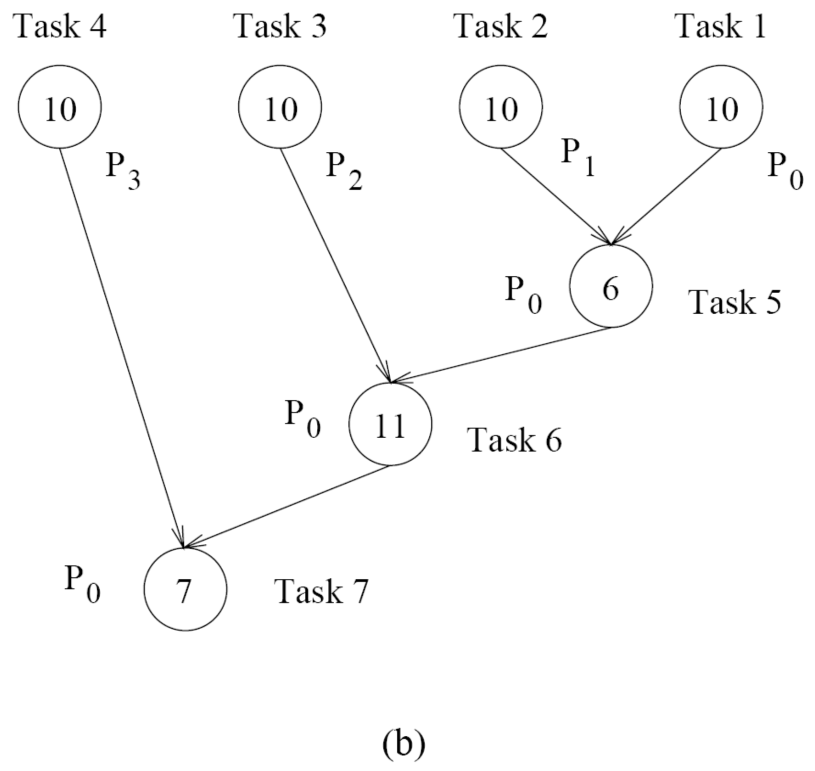


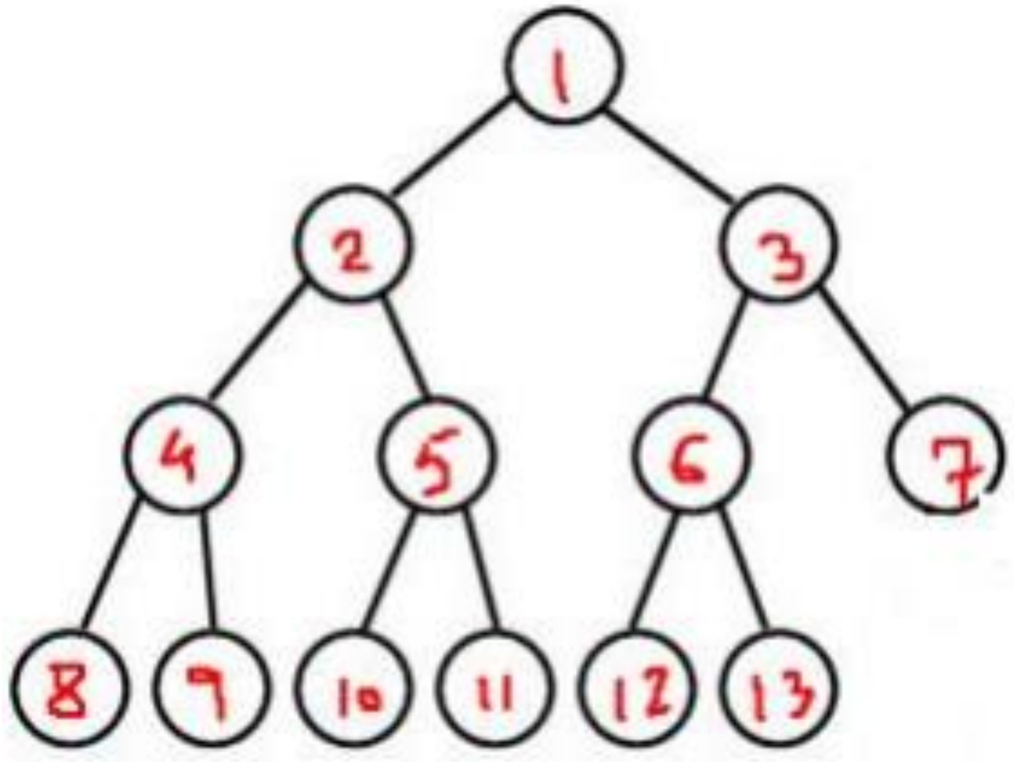
Figure 3.7 Mappings of the task graphs of Figure 3.5 onto four processes.

Processes vs. Processors

- **Processes** are logical computing agents that perform tasks
- **Processors** are the hardware units that physically perform computations
- Depending on the problem, *multiple processes* can be mapped onto a *single processor*
- But, in most of the cases, there is a *one-to-one correspondence between processors and processes*
- So, we assume that there are *as many processes* as the number of *physical CPUs* on the parallel computer

Exercise:

- For the task graph given above, determine:
- Maximum degree of concurrency
- Critical path
- Maximum possible speedup assuming large number of process are available
- Minimum number of processes needed to obtain the maximum possible speedup
- Maximum speedup if number of processes are limited to 4



ASSUME: All weights are one, and arcs are directing upwards. We may assume that average degree of concurrency can be used as the maximum possible speedup.

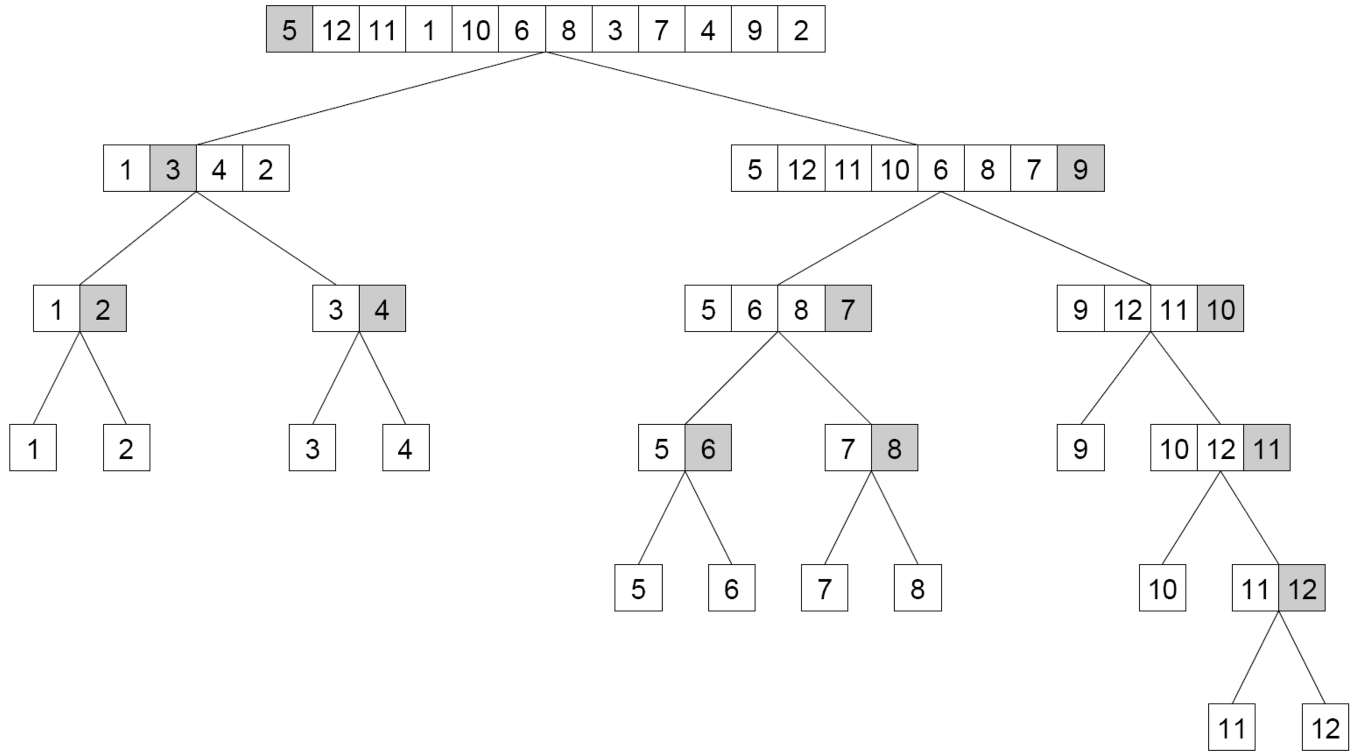
Decomposition Techniques

- The process of decomposing larger problems into smaller tasks for concurrent executions is known as *decomposition*.
- The techniques that facilitate this decomposition are known as *decomposition techniques*.
- Common techniques:
  - Recursive
  - Data-decomposition
  - Exploratory decomposition
  - Speculative decomposition
  - Hybrid
- *Recursive* and *data decompositions* are relatively *general purpose*
- *Exploratory* and *speculative* are *special purpose* in nature

Recursive Task Decomposition

- Recursive decomposition is a method for inducing concurrency in the problems that can be solved using a *divide and conquer strategy*
- It *divides* each problem into a *set of independent sub-problems*
- Each one of these *subproblems* is solved by *recursively applying* a similar *division* into *smaller subproblems* followed by a *combination of their results*
- A *natural concurrency* exists as *different subproblems* can be *solved concurrently*.

Recursive Decomposition



At each level and for each vector

1. Select a pivot
2. Partition set around pivot
3. Recursively sort each subvector

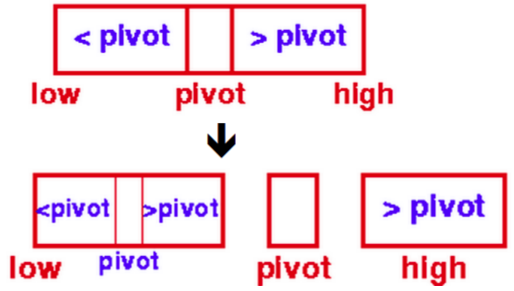


Figure 3.8 The quicksort task-dependency graph based on recursive decomposition for sorting a sequence of 12 numbers.

Recursive Decomposition

Modifying simple problem to support recursive decomposition

```
procedure SERIAL_MIN ($A$, $n$)
begin
$min = A[0]$;
for $i := 1$ to $n - 1$ do
    if ($A[i] < min$) $min := A[i]$;
endfor;
return $min$;
end SERIAL_MIN
```

Algorithm 3.1 A serial program for finding the minimum in an array of numbers A of length n.

```
procedure RECURSIVE_MIN ($A$, $n$)
begin
if ($n = 1$) then
    $min := A[0]$;
else
    $lmin :=$ RECURSIVE_MIN ($A$, $n/2$);
    $rmin :=$ RECURSIVE_MIN ($\&(A[n/2])$, $n - n/2$);
    if ($lmin < rmin$) then
        $min := lmin$;
    else
        $min := rmin$;
    endelse;
endelse;
return $min$;
end RECURSIVE_MIN
```

Algorithm 3.2 A recursive program for finding the minimum in an array of numbers A of length n.

Recursive Decomposition

Modifying simple problem to support recursive decomposition

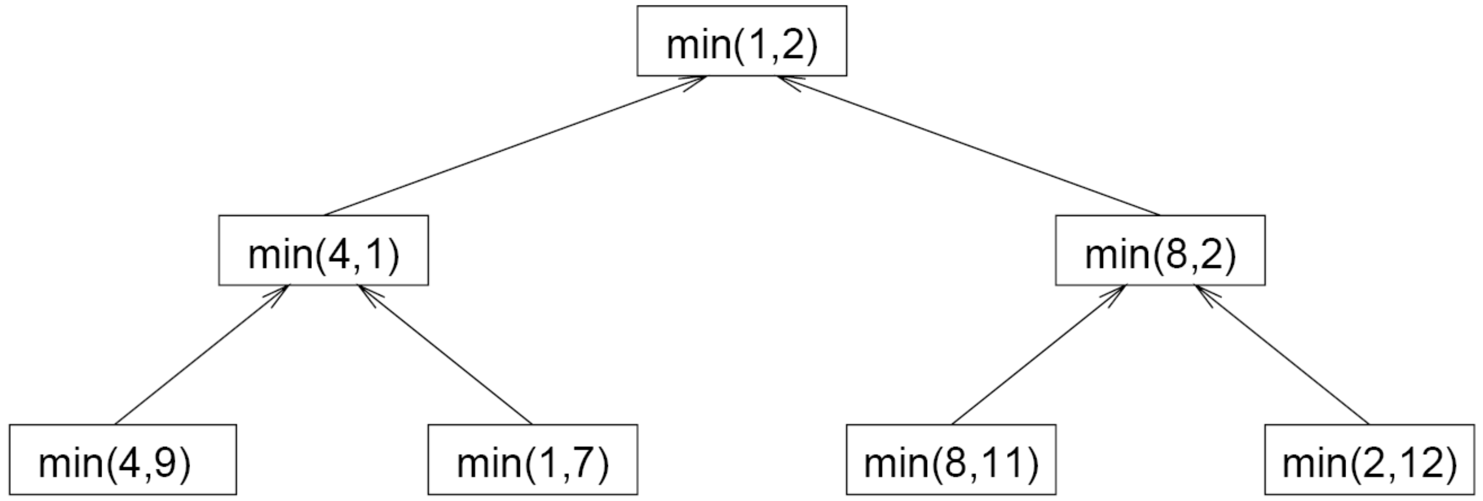


Figure 3.9 The task-dependency graph for finding the minimum number in the sequence {4, 9, 1, 7, 8, 11, 2, 12}. Each node in the tree represents the task of finding the minimum of a pair of numbers.

Data Decomposition

- Powerful and commonly used method
- Two step procedure:
  - *Partition data* on which computation is to be performed
  - This data partitioning is used to *induce* a *partitioning of the computations* into tasks.
- Partitioning output data
  - Used where each element of the output *can be computed independently* of others *as a function of the input*.
  - Partitioning of the output data *automatically induces a decomposition* of the problems into tasks
  - Each task is assigned *the work of computing a portion of the output*

Data Decomposition (Partitioning Output Data)

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} B_{1,1} & B_{1,2} \\ B_{2,1} & B_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} C_{1,1} & C_{1,2} \\ C_{2,1} & C_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

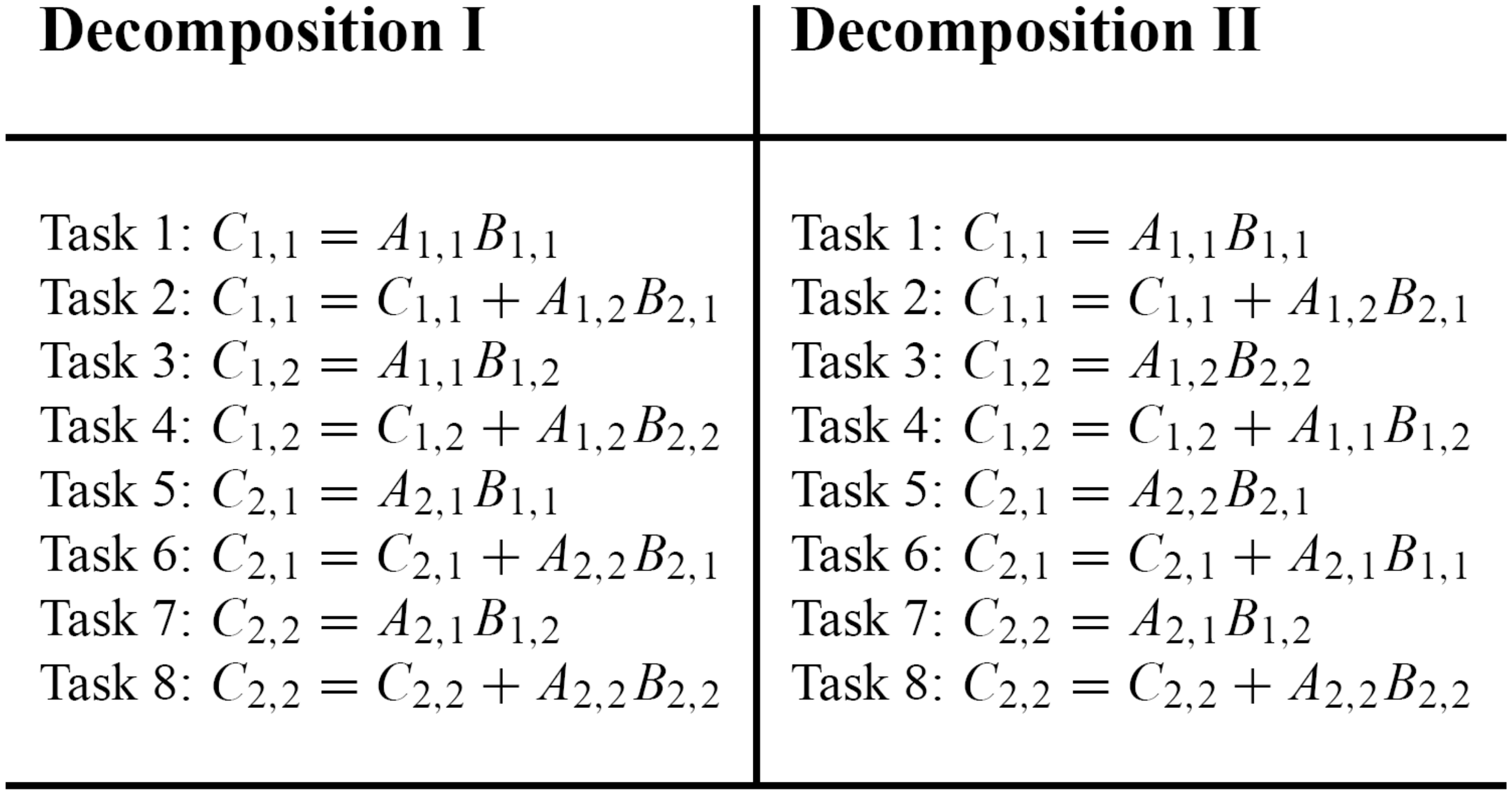
(a)

Task 1: $C_{1,1} = A_{1,1}B_{1,1} + A_{1,2}B_{2,1}$
Task 2: $C_{1,2} = A_{1,1}B_{1,2} + A_{1,2}B_{2,2}$
Task 3: $C_{2,1} = A_{2,1}B_{1,1} + A_{2,2}B_{2,1}$
Task 4: $C_{2,2} = A_{2,1}B_{1,2} + A_{2,2}B_{2,2}$

(b)

Figure 3.10 (a) Partitioning of input and output matrices into 2×2 submatrices. (b) A decomposition of matrix multiplication into four tasks based on the partitioning of the matrices in (a).

Data Decomposition (Partitioning Output Data)



Decomposition I	Decomposition II
Task 1: $C_{1,1} = A_{1,1}B_{1,1}$	Task 1: $C_{1,1} = A_{1,1}B_{1,1}$
Task 2: $C_{1,1} = C_{1,1} + A_{1,2}B_{2,1}$	Task 2: $C_{1,1} = C_{1,1} + A_{1,2}B_{2,1}$
Task 3: $C_{1,2} = A_{1,1}B_{1,2}$	Task 3: $C_{1,2} = A_{1,2}B_{2,2}$
Task 4: $C_{1,2} = C_{1,2} + A_{1,2}B_{2,2}$	Task 4: $C_{1,2} = C_{1,2} + A_{1,1}B_{1,2}$
Task 5: $C_{2,1} = A_{2,1}B_{1,1}$	Task 5: $C_{2,1} = A_{2,2}B_{2,1}$
Task 6: $C_{2,1} = C_{2,1} + A_{2,2}B_{2,1}$	Task 6: $C_{2,1} = C_{2,1} + A_{2,1}B_{1,1}$
Task 7: $C_{2,2} = A_{2,1}B_{1,2}$	Task 7: $C_{2,2} = A_{2,1}B_{1,2}$
Task 8: $C_{2,2} = C_{2,2} + A_{2,2}B_{2,2}$	Task 8: $C_{2,2} = C_{2,2} + A_{2,2}B_{2,2}$

Figure 3.11 Two examples of decomposition of matrix multiplication into eight tasks.

Data Decomposition
(Partitioning Output Data)

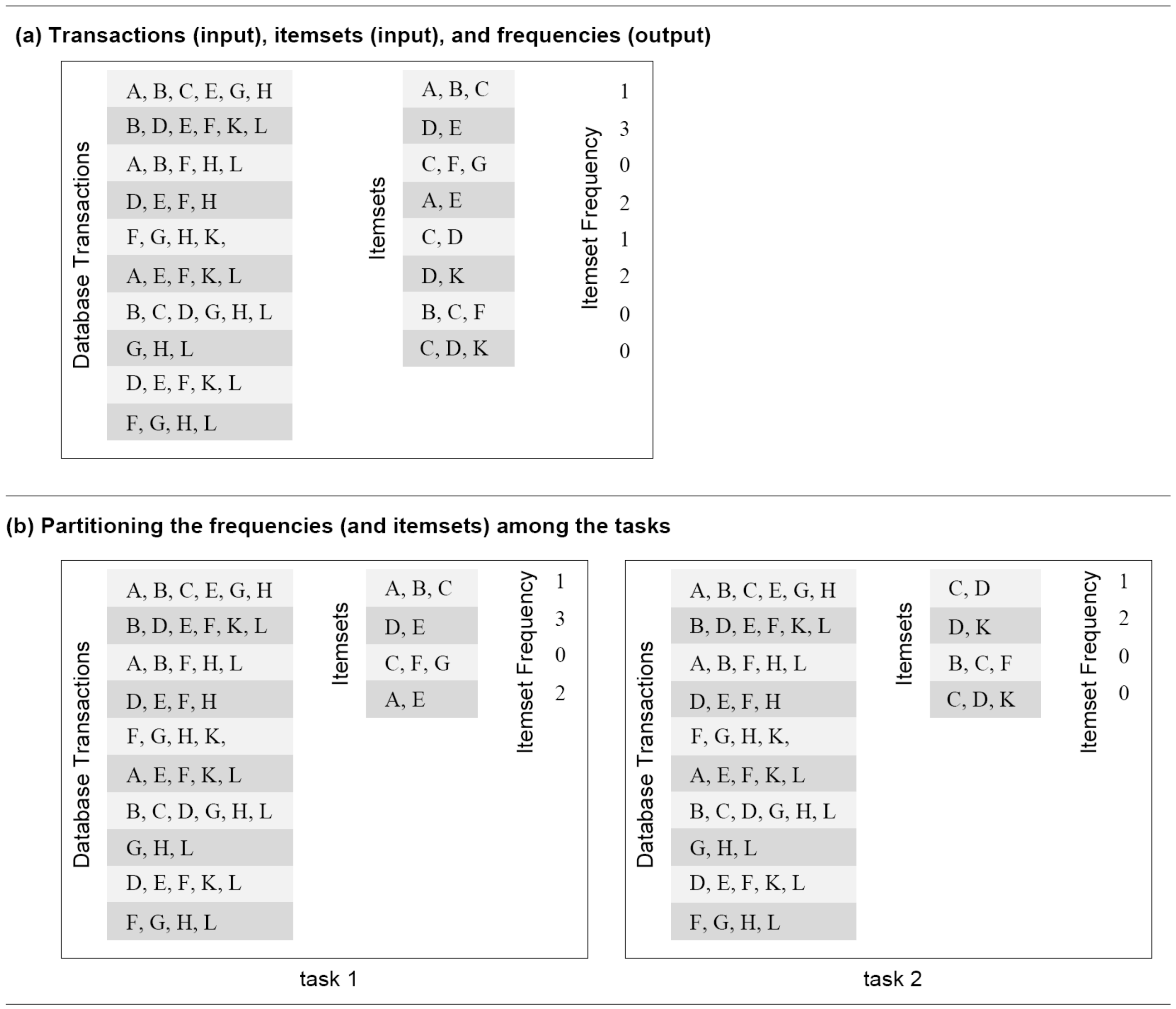


Figure 3.12 Computing itemset frequencies in a transaction database.

Decomposition Techniques

Data Decomposition

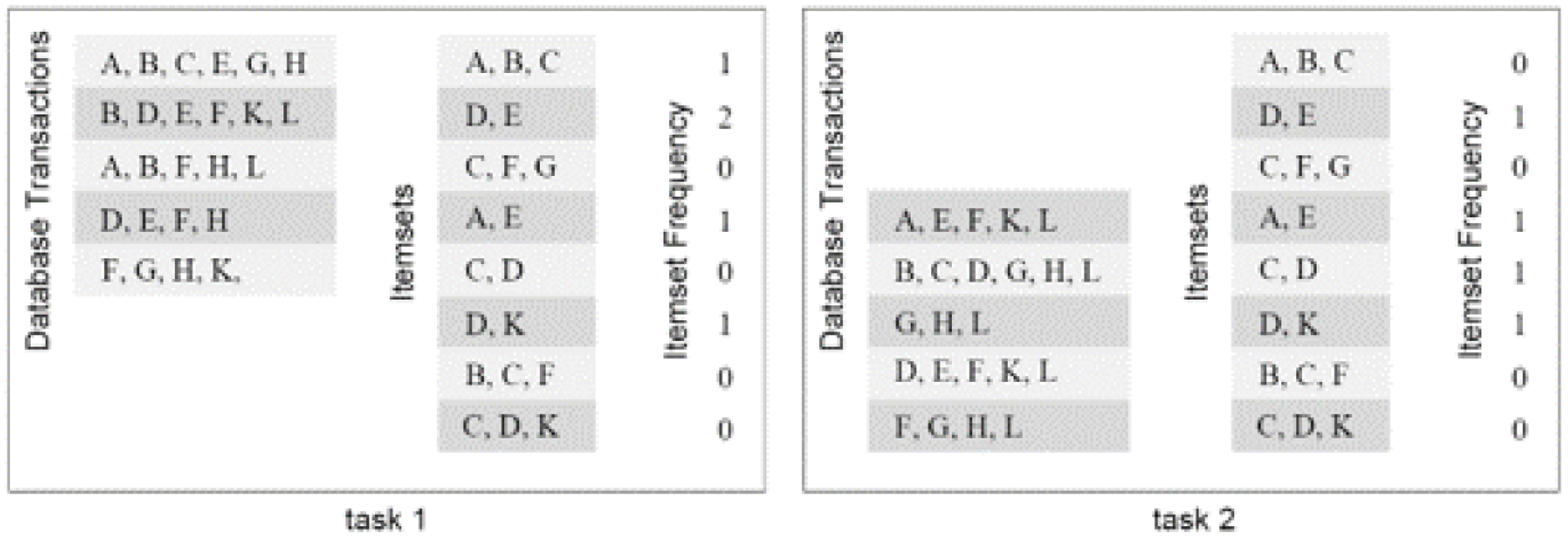
Partitioning *input* data

- In many algorithms, it is not possible or desirable to *partition the output data*.
    - The output may be a *single unknown value*.
    - Such as in case of *finding sum*, *minimum*, *maximum* or *frequencies of a number*.
- It is sometimes possible to *partition the input data*, and then use this partitioning to *induce concurrency*
- A *task is created for each partition of the input data* and this task performs *as much computation as possible using this local data*
- Then *local solutions are combined* to generate a *global solution*

Decomposition Techniques

Partitioning input data

(a) Partitioning the transactions among the tasks



task 1

Database Transactions
A, B, C, E, G, H
B, D, E, F, K, L
A, B, F, H, L
D, E, F, H
F, G, H, K,

Itemsets	Itemset Frequency
A, B, C	1
D, E	2
C, F, G	0
A, E	1
C, D	0
D, K	1
B, C, F	0
C, D, K	0

task 2

Database Transactions
A, E, F, K, L
B, C, D, G, H, L
G, H, L
D, E, F, K, L
F, G, H, L

Itemsets	Itemset Frequency
A, B, C	0
D, E	1
C, F, G	0
A, E	1
C, D	1
D, K	1
B, C, F	0
C, D, K	0

Decomposition Techniques

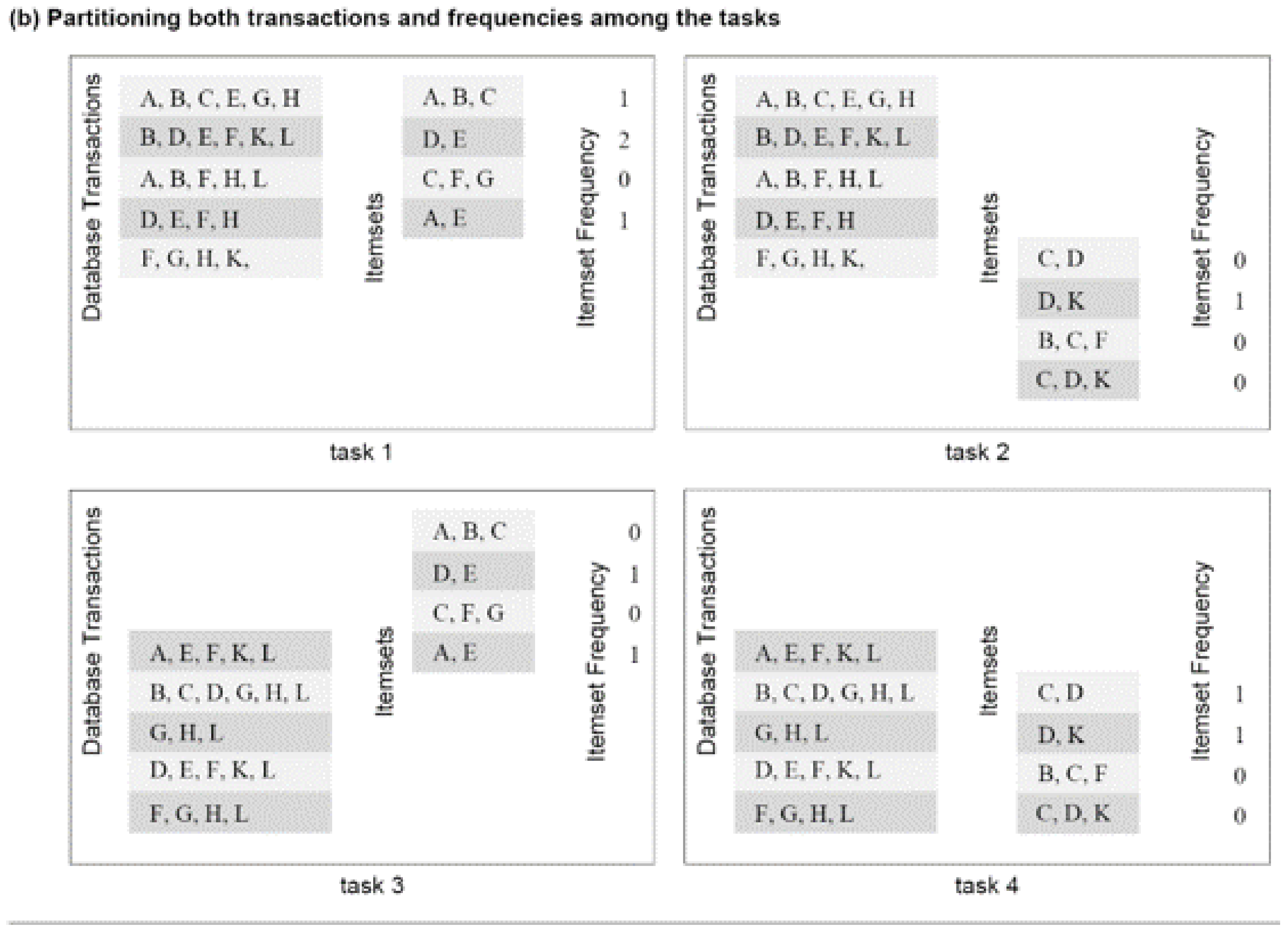
Data Decomposition

Partitioning *both input and output* data

- Consider the problems where output data-partitioning is possible
- Here, partitioning the input also, can offer additional concurrency
- The next example shows *4-way decomposition of the previous example* based on both input-output partitioning.

Decomposition Techniques

Partitioning *both input and output* data


(b) Partitioning both transactions and frequencies among the tasks

task 1

Database Transactions	Itemsets	Itemset Frequency
A, B, C, E, G, H	A, B, C	1
B, D, E, F, K, L	D, E	2
A, B, F, H, L	C, F, G	0
D, E, F, H	A, E	1
F, G, H, K,		

task 2

Database Transactions	Itemsets	Itemset Frequency
A, B, C, E, G, H		
B, D, E, F, K, L		
A, B, F, H, L		
D, E, F, H		
F, G, H, K,	C, D	0
	D, K	1
	B, C, F	0
	C, D, K	0

task 3

Database Transactions	Itemsets	Itemset Frequency
	A, B, C	0
	D, E	1
	C, F, G	0
A, E, F, K, L	A, E	1
B, C, D, G, H, L		
G, H, L		
D, E, F, K, L		
F, G, H, L		

task 4

Database Transactions	Itemsets	Itemset Frequency
A, E, F, K, L		
B, C, D, G, H, L	C, D	1
G, H, L	D, K	1
D, E, F, K, L	B, C, F	0
F, G, H, L	C, D, K	0

Figure 3.13 Some decompositions for computing itemset frequencies in a transaction database.

Decomposition Techniques

Partitioning *both intermediate data*

Stage I

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} B_{1,1} & B_{1,2} \\ B_{2,1} & B_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_{1,1,1} & D_{1,1,2} \\ D_{1,2,2} & D_{1,2,2} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} D_{2,1,1} & D_{2,1,2} \\ D_{2,2,2} & D_{2,2,2} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

Stage II

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_{1,1,1} & D_{1,1,2} \\ D_{1,2,2} & D_{1,2,2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} D_{2,1,1} & D_{2,1,2} \\ D_{2,2,2} & D_{2,2,2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} C_{1,1} & C_{1,2} \\ C_{2,1} & C_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

A decomposition induced by a partitioning of D

Task 01:	$D_{1,1,1} = A_{1,1} B_{1,1}$
Task 02:	$D_{2,1,1} = A_{1,2} B_{2,1}$
Task 03:	$D_{1,1,2} = A_{1,1} B_{1,2}$
Task 04:	$D_{2,1,2} = A_{1,2} B_{2,2}$
Task 05:	$D_{1,2,1} = A_{2,1} B_{1,1}$
Task 06:	$D_{2,2,1} = A_{2,2} B_{2,1}$
Task 07:	$D_{1,2,2} = A_{2,1} B_{1,2}$
Task 08:	$D_{2,2,2} = A_{2,2} B_{2,2}$
Task 09:	$C_{1,1} = D_{1,1,1} + D_{2,1,1}$
Task 10:	$C_{1,2} = D_{1,1,2} + D_{2,1,2}$
Task 11:	$C_{2,1} = D_{1,2,1} + D_{2,2,1}$
Task 12:	$C_{2,2} = D_{1,2,2} + D_{2,2,2}$

Figure 3.15 A decomposition of matrix multiplication based on partitioning the intermediate three-dimensional matrix.

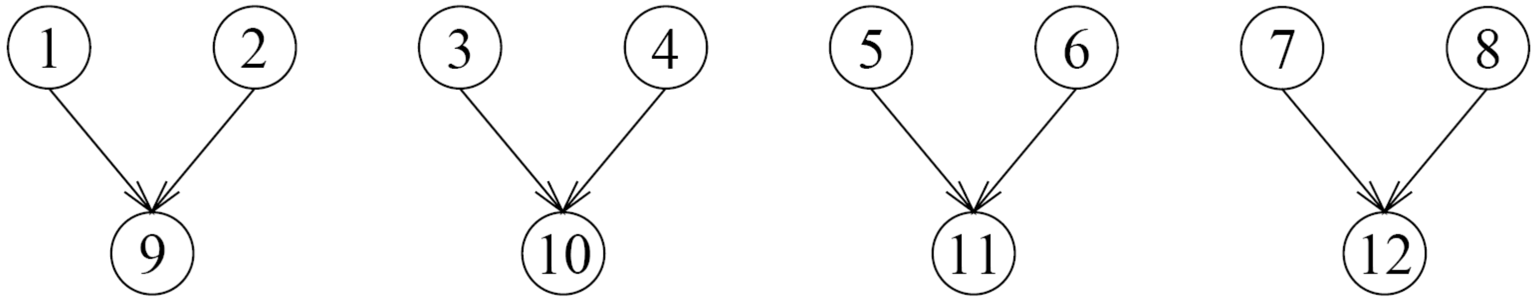


Figure 3.16 The task-dependency graph of the decomposition shown in Figure 3.15.

Decomposition Techniques

3. Exploratory Decomposition

- Specially used to decompose the problems having underlying computation *like search-space exploration*.
- Steps:
    1. Partition the *search space into smaller parts*
    2. Search each one of these parts concurrently, *until the desired solutions* are found.

Decomposition Techniques

3. Exploratory Decomposition

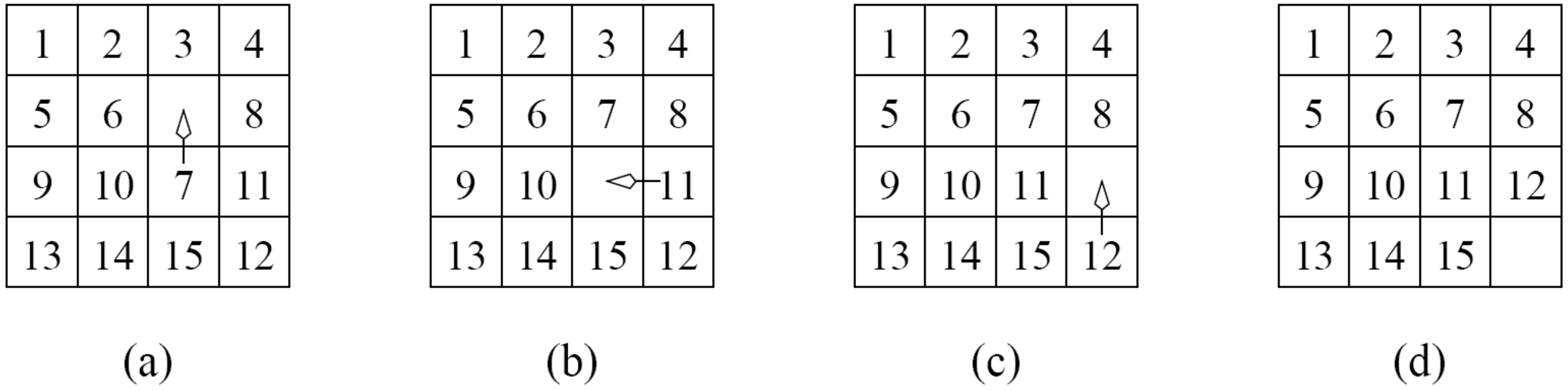


Figure 3.17 A 15-puzzle problem instance showing the initial configuration (a), the final configuration (d), and a sequence of moves leading from the initial to the final configuration.

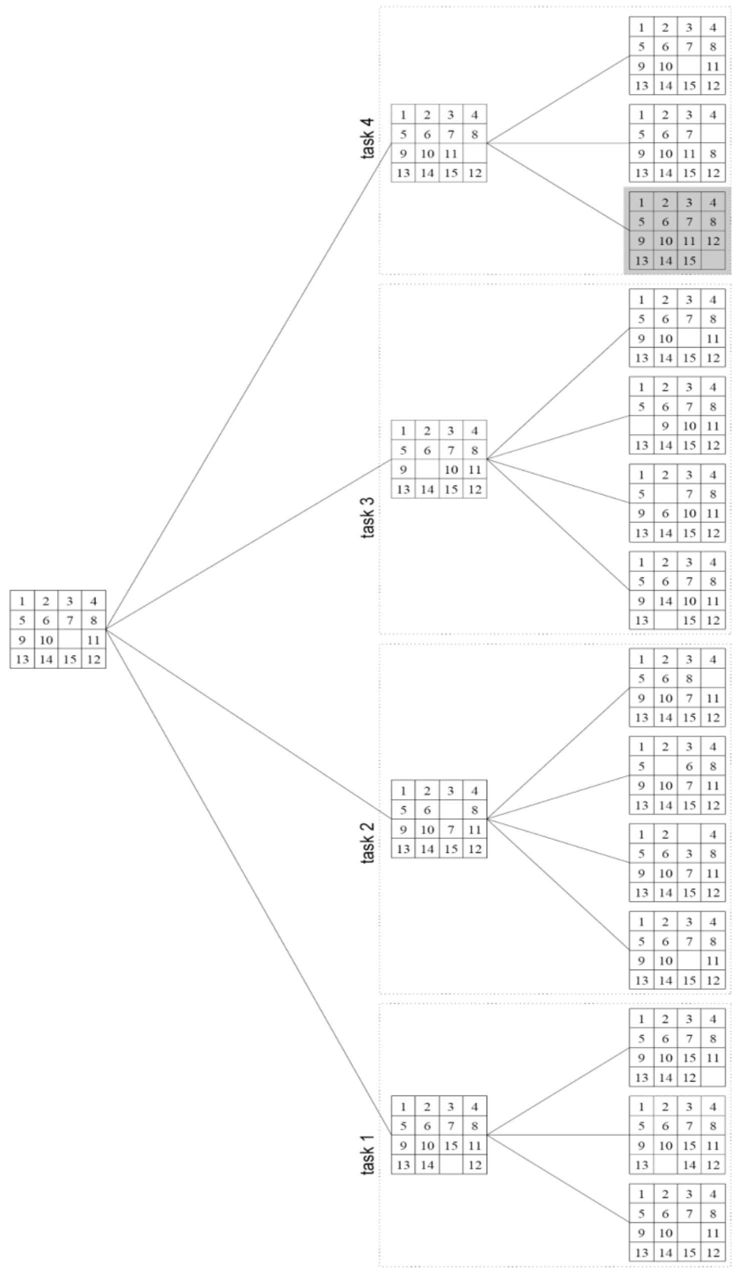
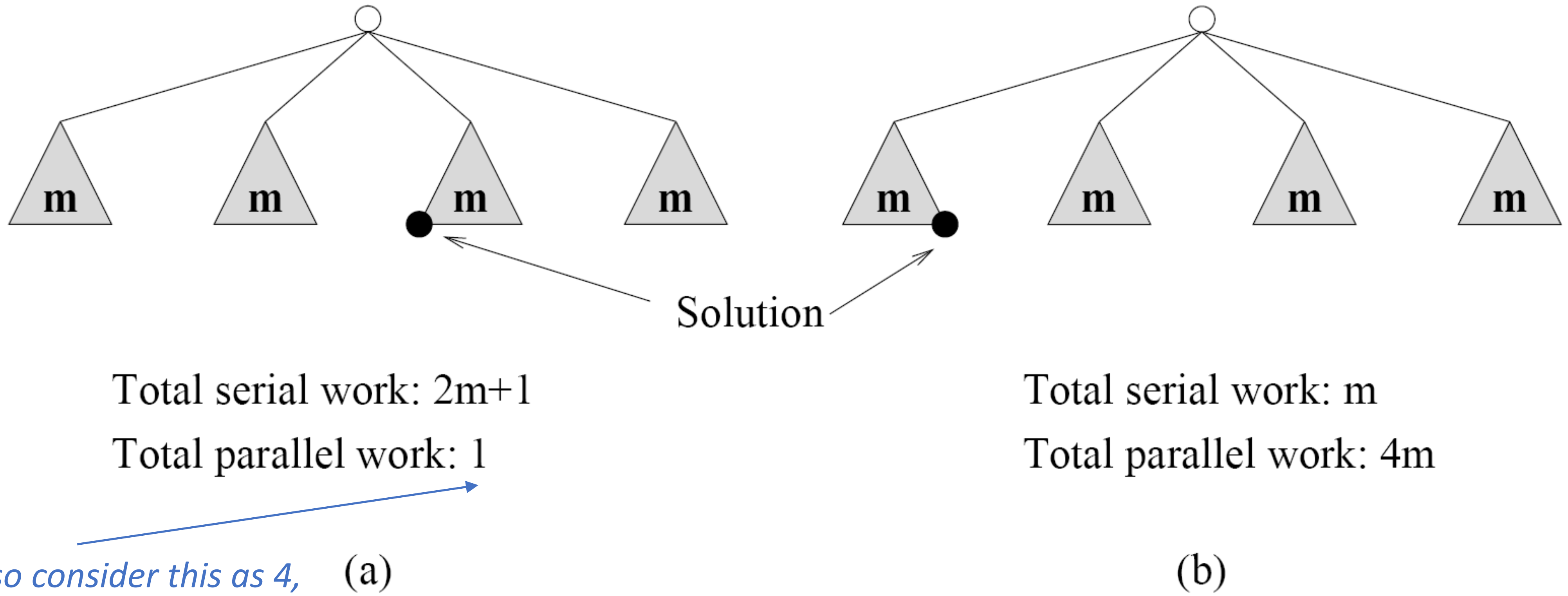


Figure 3.18 The states generated by an instance of the 15-puzzle problem.



We may also consider this as 4, since each task has done 1 step

Figure 3.19 An illustration of anomalous speedups resulting from exploratory decomposition.

Decomposition Techniques

4. Speculative Decomposition

- Usually used in the problems *where different input values or output of the previous stage* causes many *computationally intensive branches*.
- Speculation is something like *Gamble* or *Risk* or preliminary guess.
- Steps:
  - *Speculate (guess) the output* of previous stage
  - Start performing computations in the *next stage even before the completion of the previous stage*.
  - After the output of the previous stage is available, *if the speculation was correct*, then most of the computation for the next step would have already been done.

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