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Chapter 4 Introduction to Object

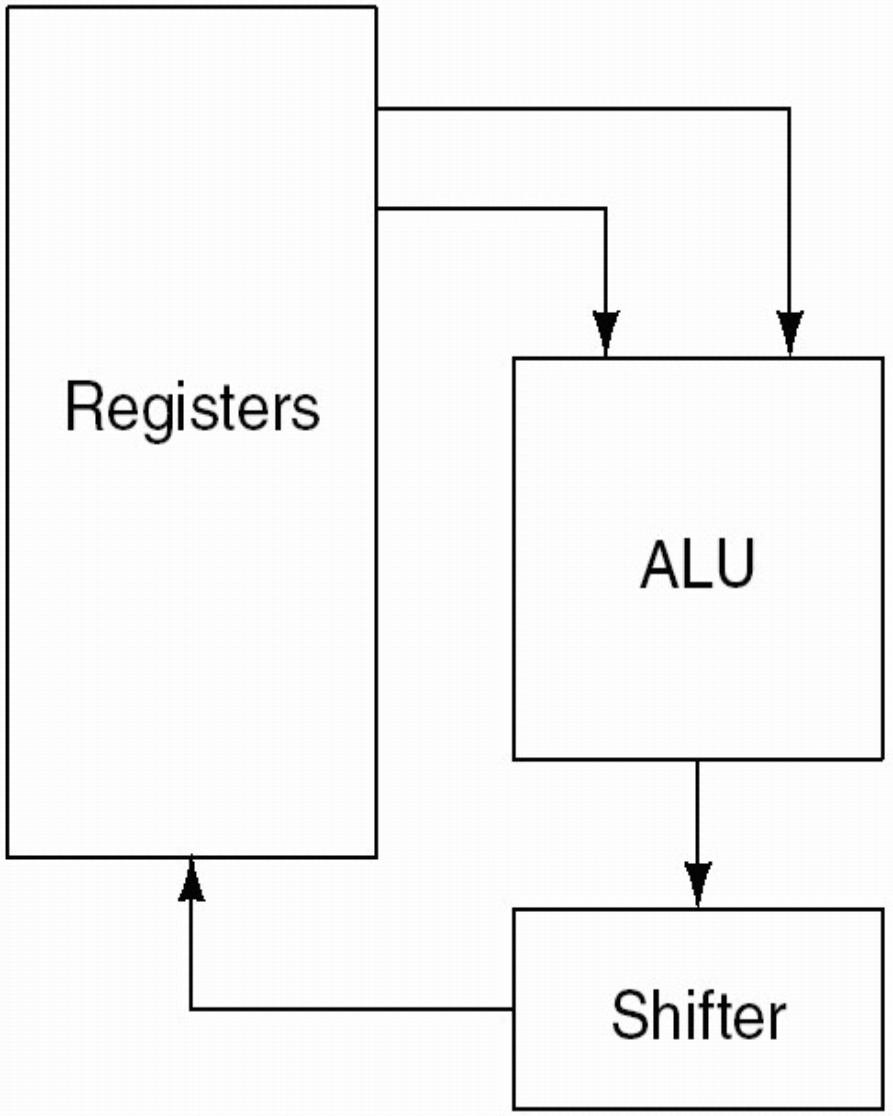
- What is a module?
- Cohesion
- Coupling
- Data Encapsulation
- Information Hiding
- Objects & OO Paradigm
- UML

4.1 What is a Module?

- **What is a module?**
  - **A lexically contiguous (词法相邻) sequence of program statements, bounded by boundary elements (边界元素, e.g. {…} in Java or C++), with an aggregate identifier (聚合标识符, e.g. *class* in Java or *function* in C or C++).**
  - **A *class* is a module; a *function* is also a module.**

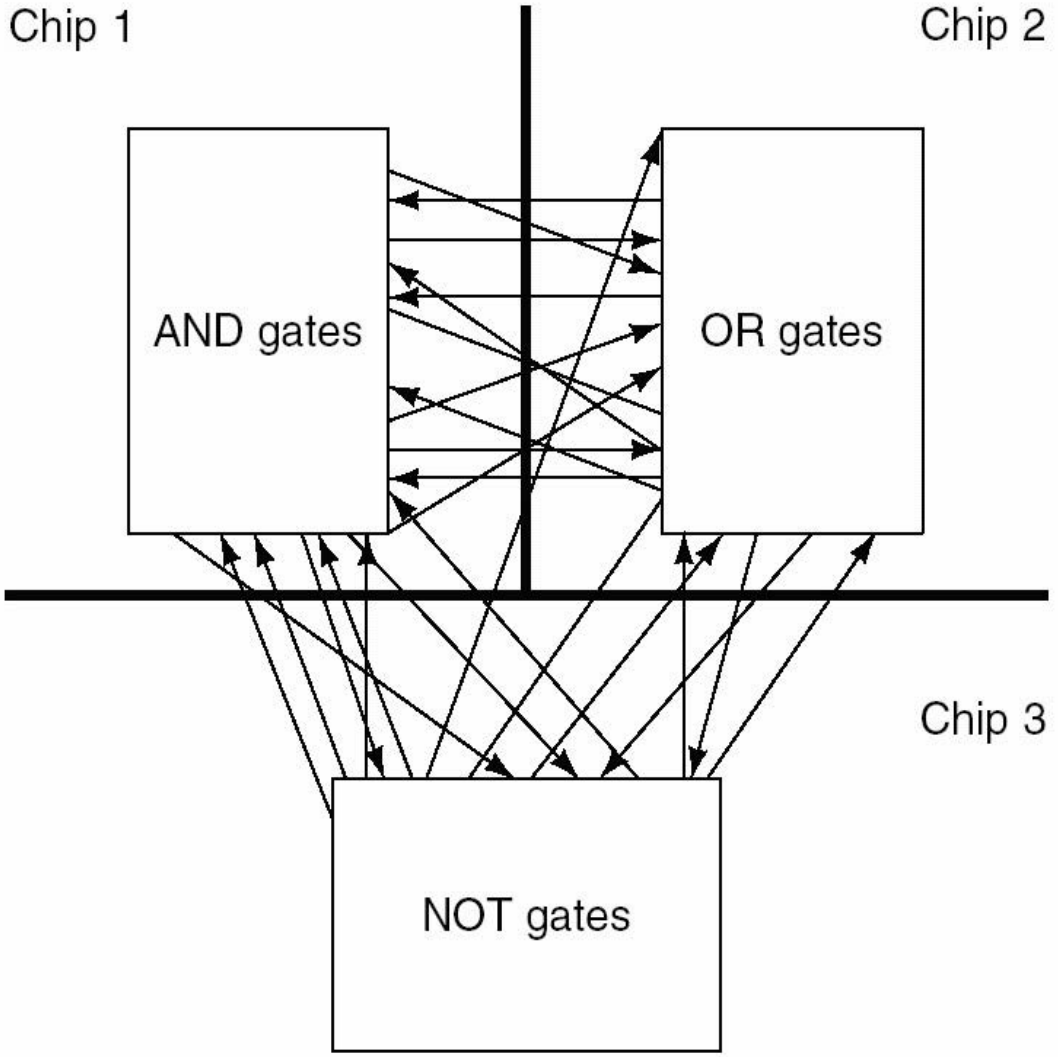
Design of Computer

- **A highly incompetent computer architect decides to build an ALU, shifter and 16 registers with AND, OR, and NOT gates, rather than NAND or NOR gates.**



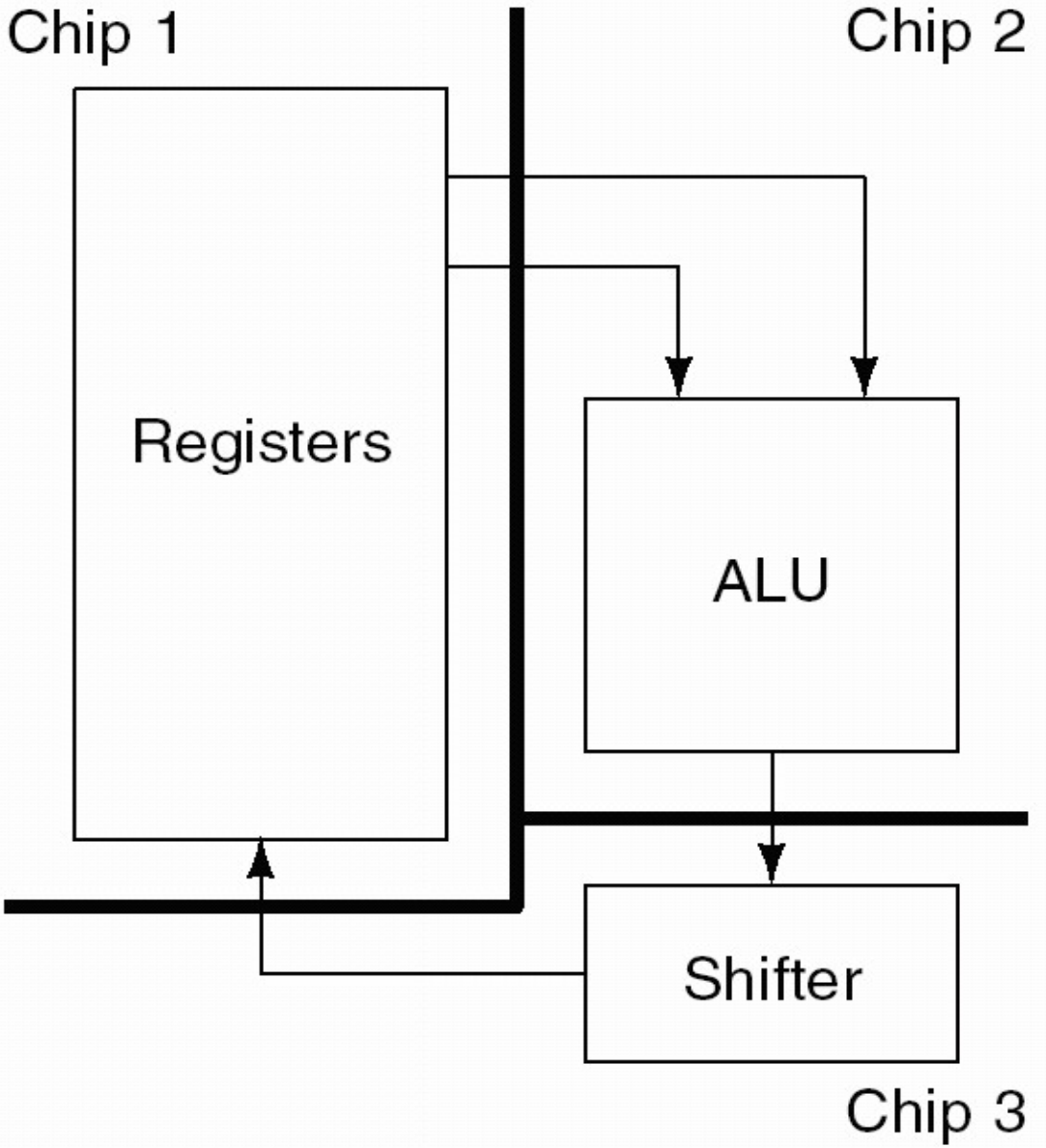
Design of Computer (contd)

- Redesign with one gate type per chip
- Resulting "masterpiece"



Design of Computer (contd)

- Architect designs 3 silicon chips



Computer Design (contd)

- The two designs are functionally equivalent
  - Second design is
    - Hard to understand
    - Hard to locate faults
    - Difficult to extend or enhance
    - Cannot be reused in another product
- Modules must be like the first design
  - Maximal relationships within modules, minimal relationships between modules

Composite / Structured Design

- Method for breaking up a product into modules for
  - maximal interaction within module, and
  - minimal interaction between modules
- Module cohesion
  - Degree of interaction within a module
- Module coupling
  - Degree of interaction between modules

Function, Logic, and Context of module

- **In C/SD, the name of a module is its *function***
- **Example**
  - **Module computes square root of double precision integers using Newton's algorithm. Module is named *computeSquareRoot***

4.2 Cohesion

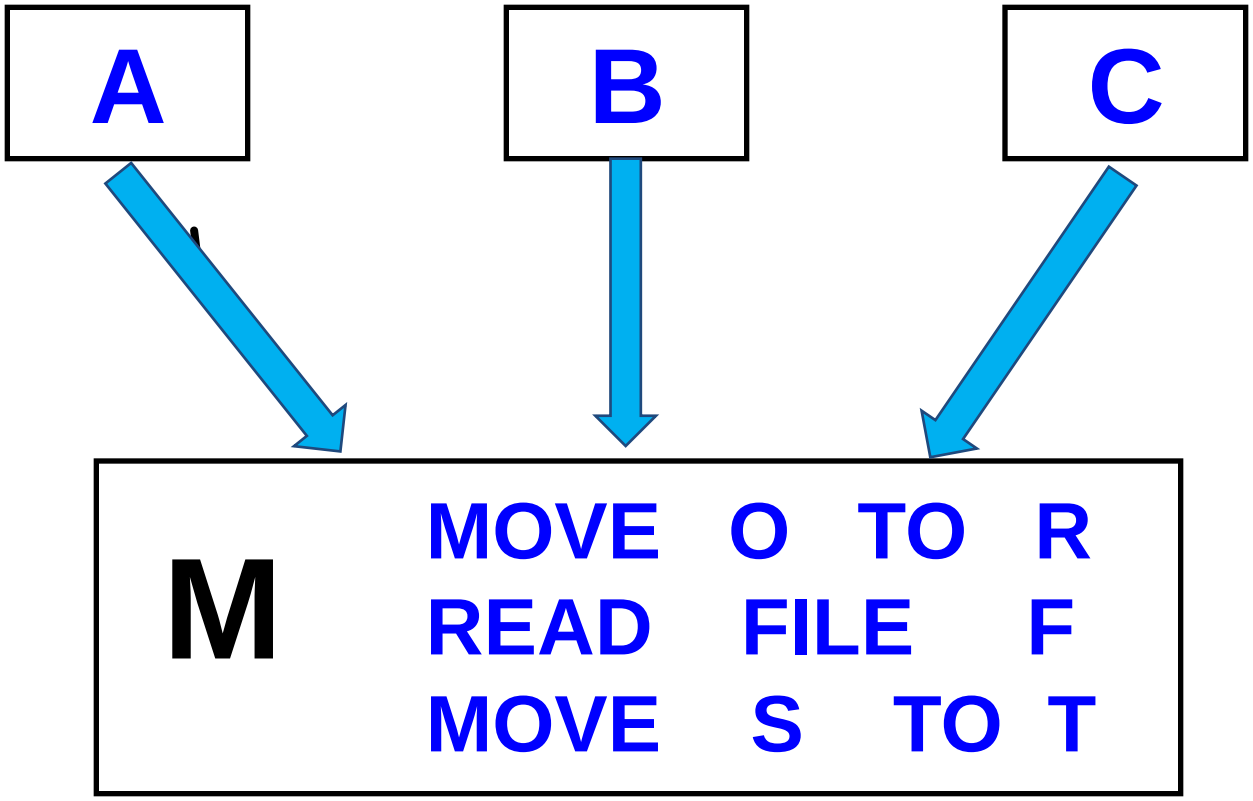
- **Degree of interaction within a module**
- **Seven categories or levels of cohesion (non-linear scale)**

7.	Informational cohesion	(Good)
6.	Functional cohesion	
5.	Communicational cohesion	
4.	Procedural cohesion	
3.	Temporal cohesion	
2.	Logical cohesion	
1.	Coincidental cohesion	(Bad)

1. Coincidental Cohesion

- A module has coincidental cohesion if it performs multiple, completely unrelated actions
- Arise from rules like——“Every module will consist of between 35 and 50 statements”
- Example

1. Coincidental Cohesion

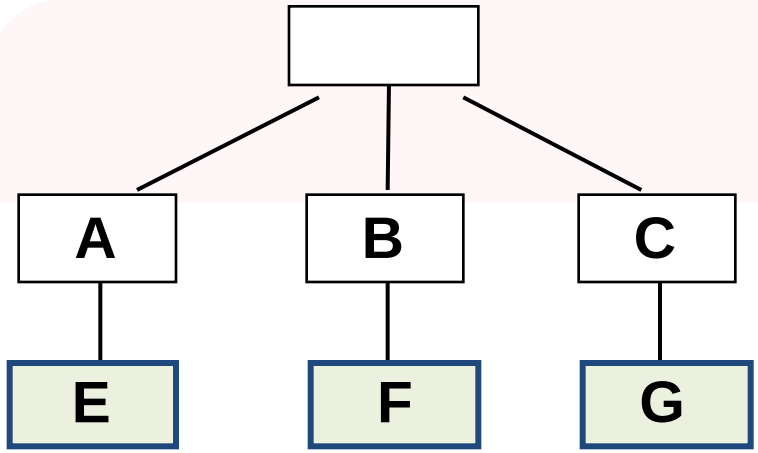


Why Is Coincidental Cohesion So Bad?

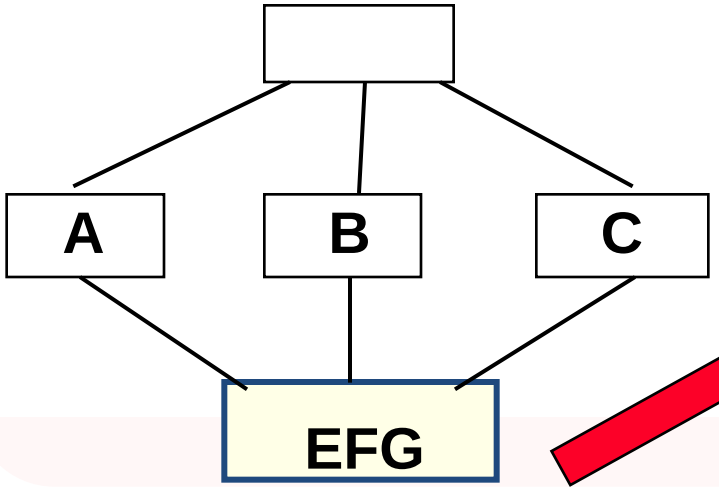
- Degrades maintainability
- Modules are not reusable
- This is easy to fix
  - Break into separate modules each performing one task

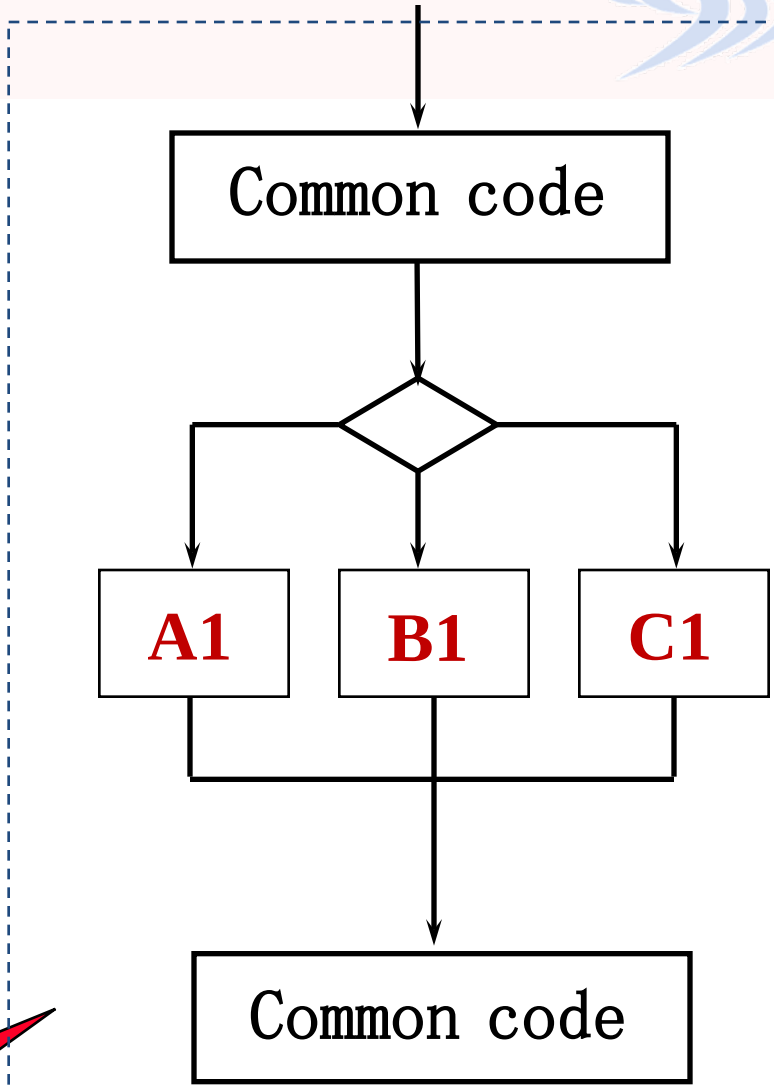
2. Logical Cohesion

- A module has logical cohesion when it performs a series of related actions, one of which is selected by the calling module
- Example



E,F and G are logically similar, they are composed into a new module EFG





Module EFG

Why Is Logical Cohesion So Bad?

- The interface is difficult to understand
- Difficult to modify
- Code for more than one action may be intertwined
- Increase coupling
- Low efficiency

3. Temporal Cohesion

- **A module has temporal cohesion when it performs a series of actions related in time**
- **The actions in the module must execute in the same time**
- **Example:**
  - ***Initialization*** **module**
  - ***ErrorHandling*** **module**
  - ***SystemTermination*** **module**

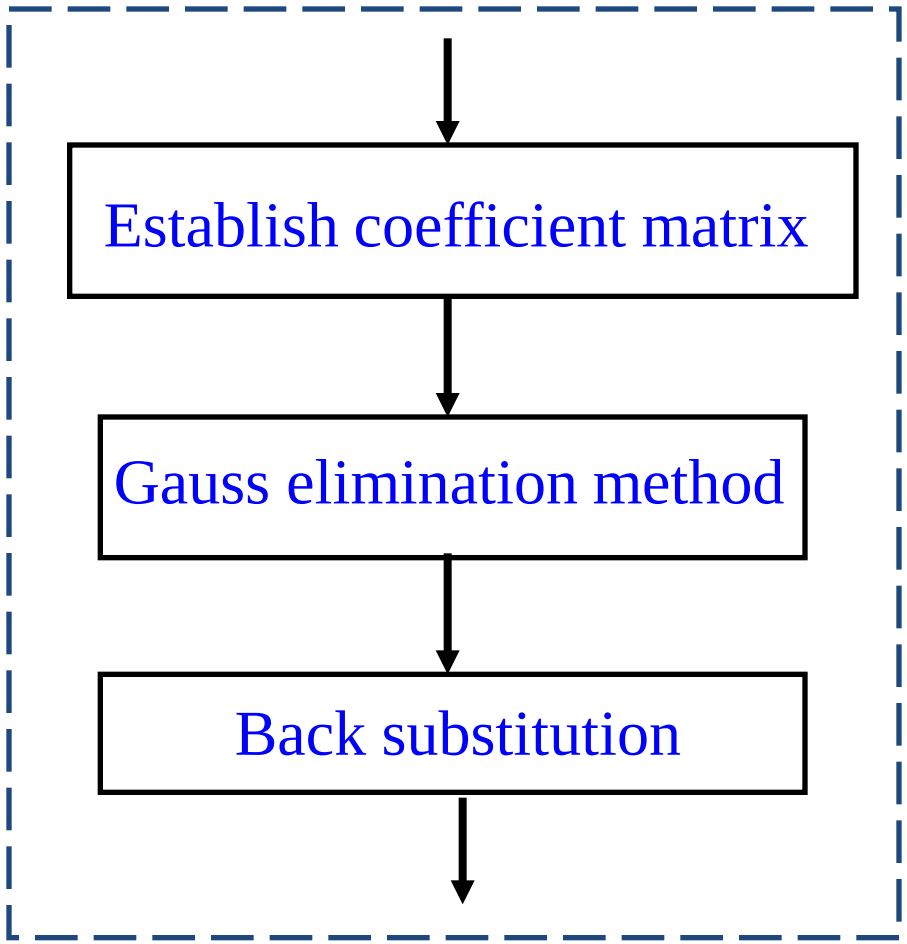
Why Is Temporal Cohesion So Bad?

- **Actions of this module are weakly related to one another, but strongly related to actions in other modules.**
  - **Consider sales district table**
- **Not reusable**

4. Procedural Cohesion

- A module has procedural cohesion if it performs a series of actions related by the procedure to be followed by the product
- Example

Procedural Cohesion



Gauss elimination algorithm

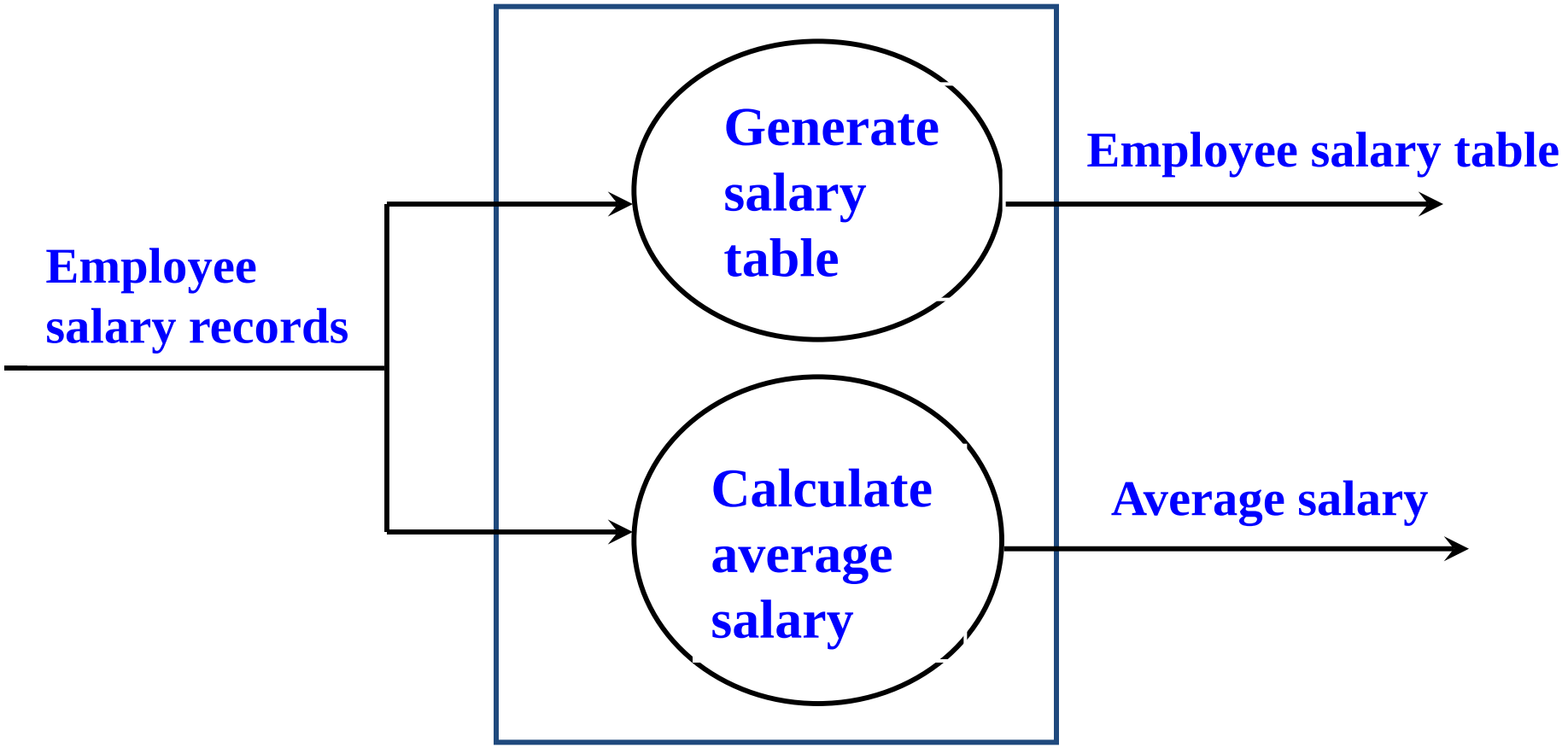
Why Is Procedural Cohesion So Bad?

- **Actions are still weakly connected, so module is not reusable**

5. Communicational Cohesion

- A module has communicational cohesion if it performs a series of actions related by the procedure to be followed by the product, but in addition all the actions operate on the same input or output data
- Example

Example of communicational cohesion



Module of generating salary table and calculating average salary

Why Is Communicational Cohesion So Bad?

- **Still lack of reusability**

6. Functional Cohesion

- **Module with functional cohesion performs exactly one action**

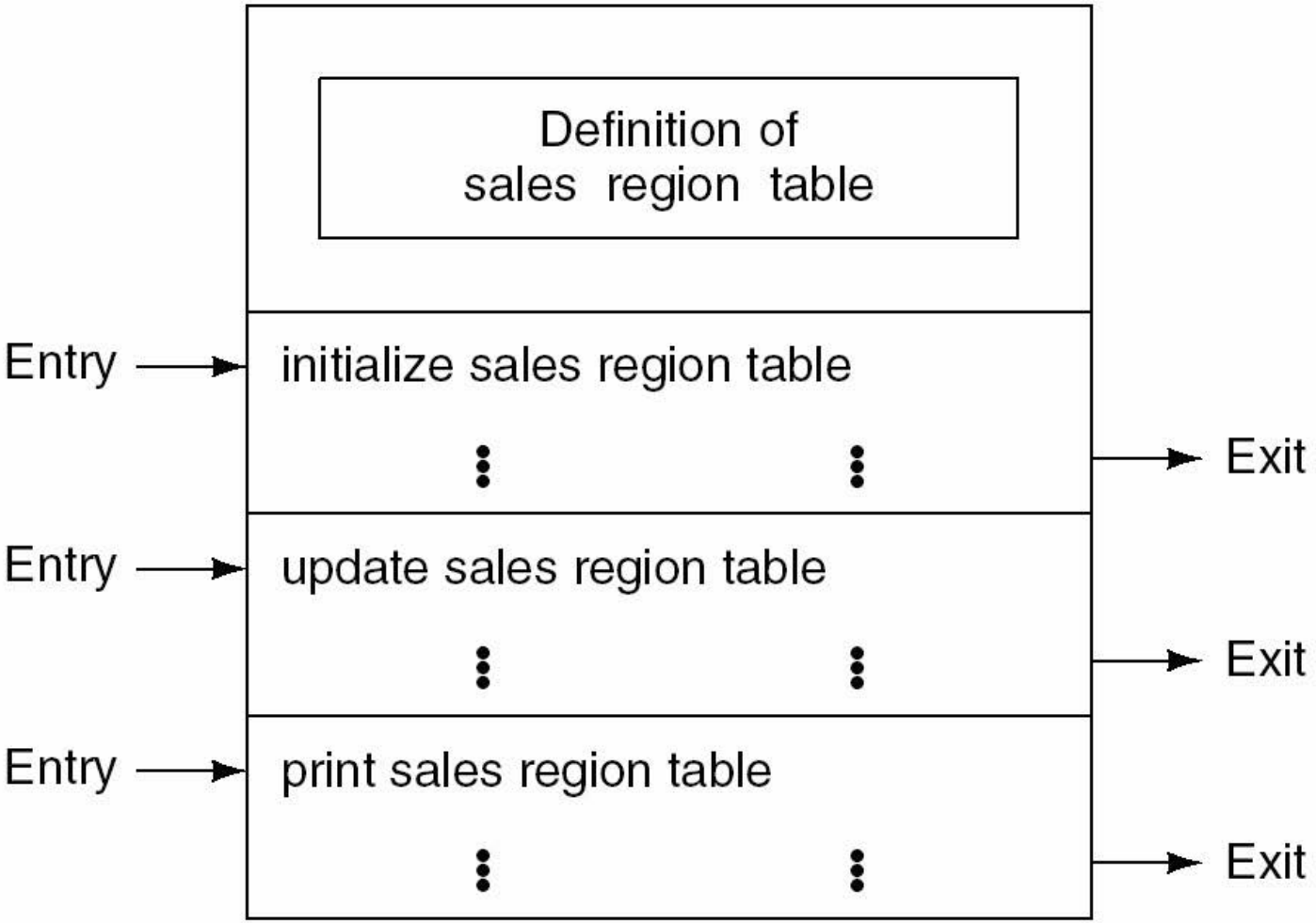
Why is functional cohesion so good?

- More reusable
- Corrective maintenance easier
  - Fault isolation
  - Fewer regression faults
- Easier to extend product

7. Informational Cohesion

- **A module has informational cohesion if it performs a number of actions, each with its own entry point, with independent code for each action, all performed on the same data structure**

Why Is Informational Cohesion So Good?



- **Essentially, this is an abstract data type (see later)**

4.3 Coupling

- **Coupling ---- Degree of interaction between two modules.**

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- **Five categories or levels of coupling (non-linear scale):**

5.	Data coupling	(Good)
4.	Stamp coupling	
3.	Control coupling	
2.	Common coupling	
1.	Content coupling	(Bad)

1. Content Coupling

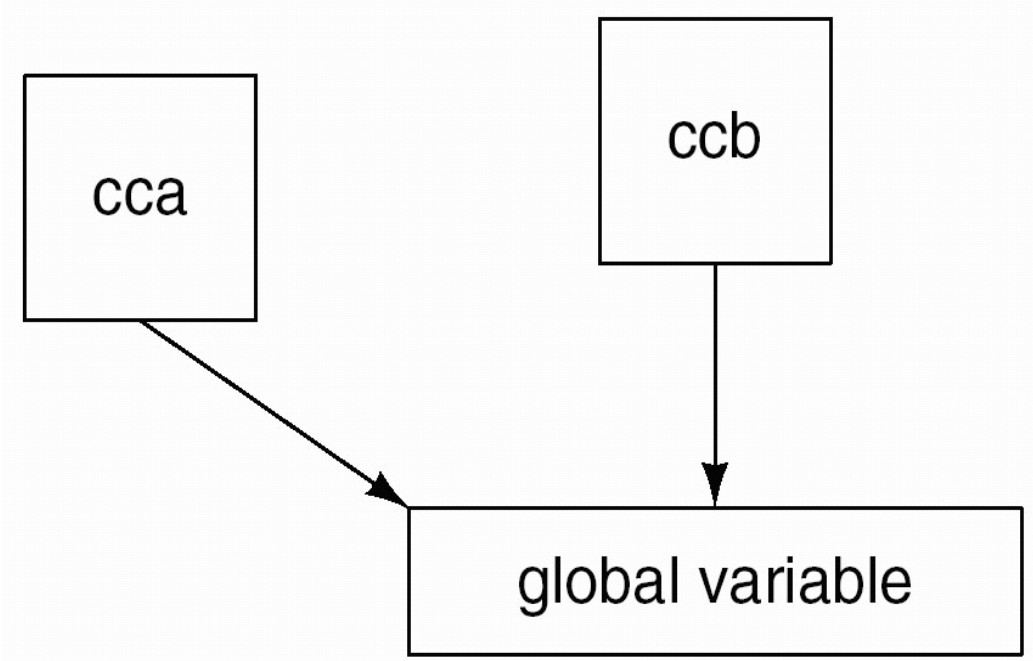
- **Two modules are content coupled if one directly references contents of the other.**

1. Content Coupling


```
public class Product {
        public float unitPrice;
        private float unitPrice
         …
         setUnitPrice(float pUnitPrice){unitPrice=pUnitPrice;}
}
public class Order  {
        private Product myProduct=new Product();
        public void setItem() {
              myProduct.setUnitPrice=100;
              myProduct.setUnitPrice(100);
        }
}
```

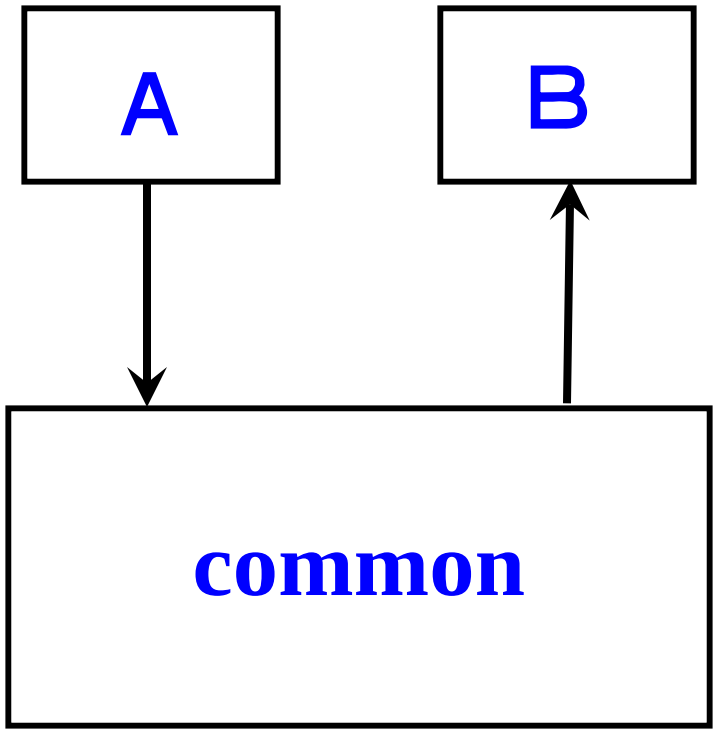
2. Common Coupling

- Two modules are common coupled if they have write access to global data

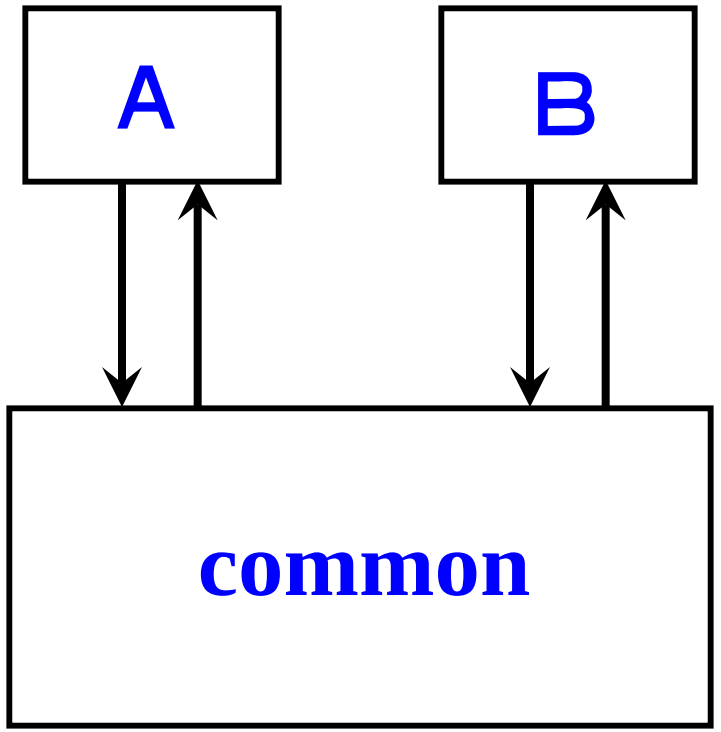


- Example 1
  - Modules *cca* and *ccb* can access and change value of global variable

Common Coupling Examples

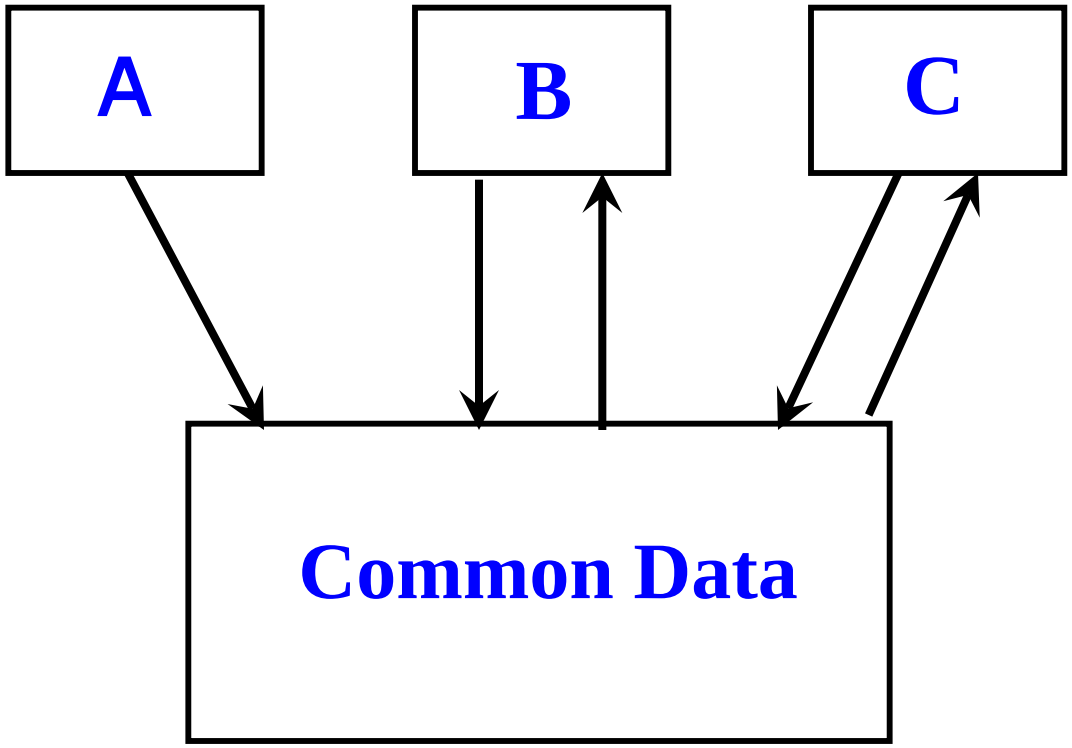


Loose coupling

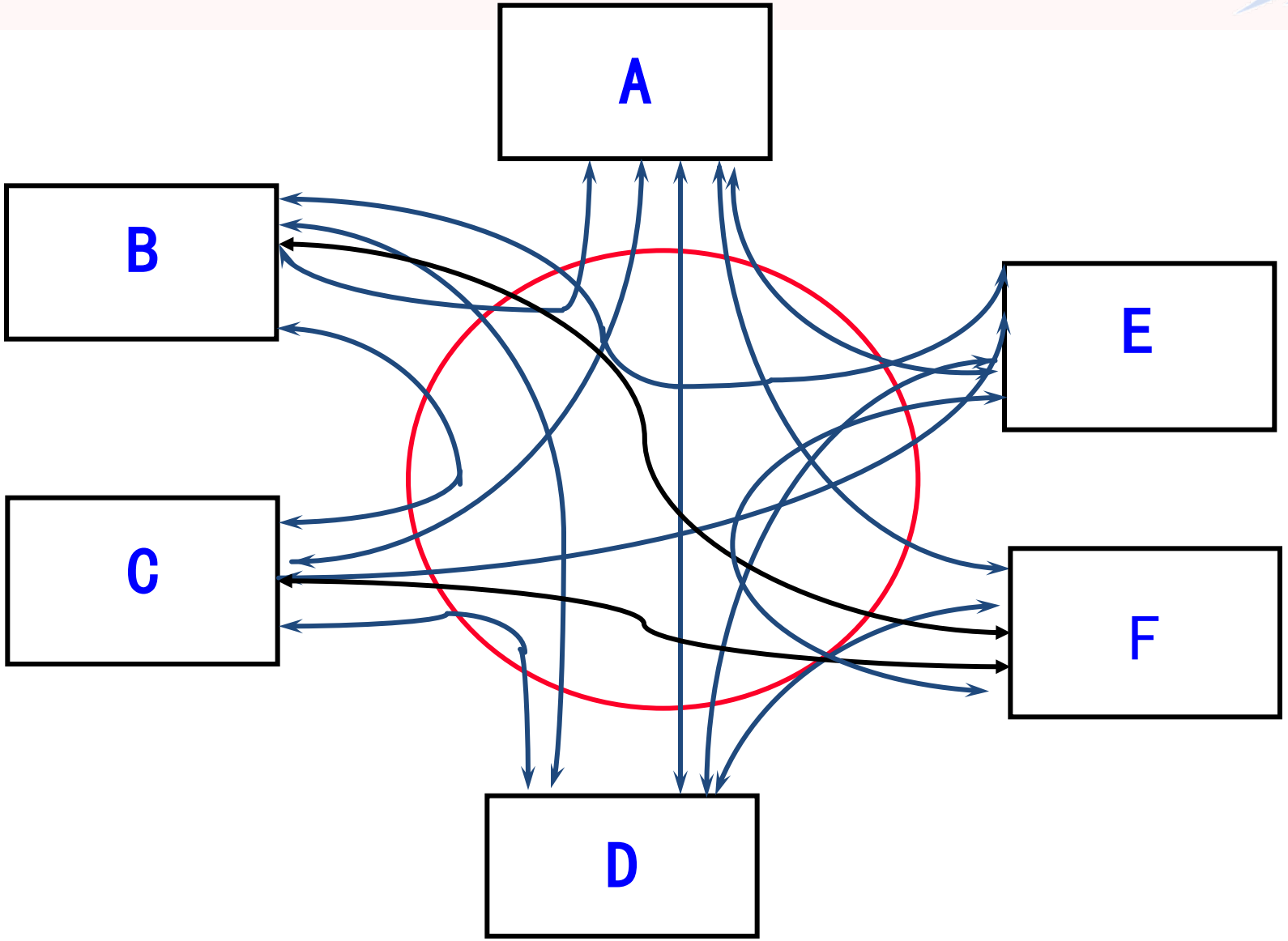


Close coupling

Common Coupling Examples



Common Coupling Examples



Why Is Common Coupling So Bad?

- **Contradicts the spirit of structured programming**
  - **The resulting code is virtually unreadable**

```
while (global variable == 0)
{
   if (argument xyz > 25)
      module 3 ();
   else
      module 4 ();
}
```

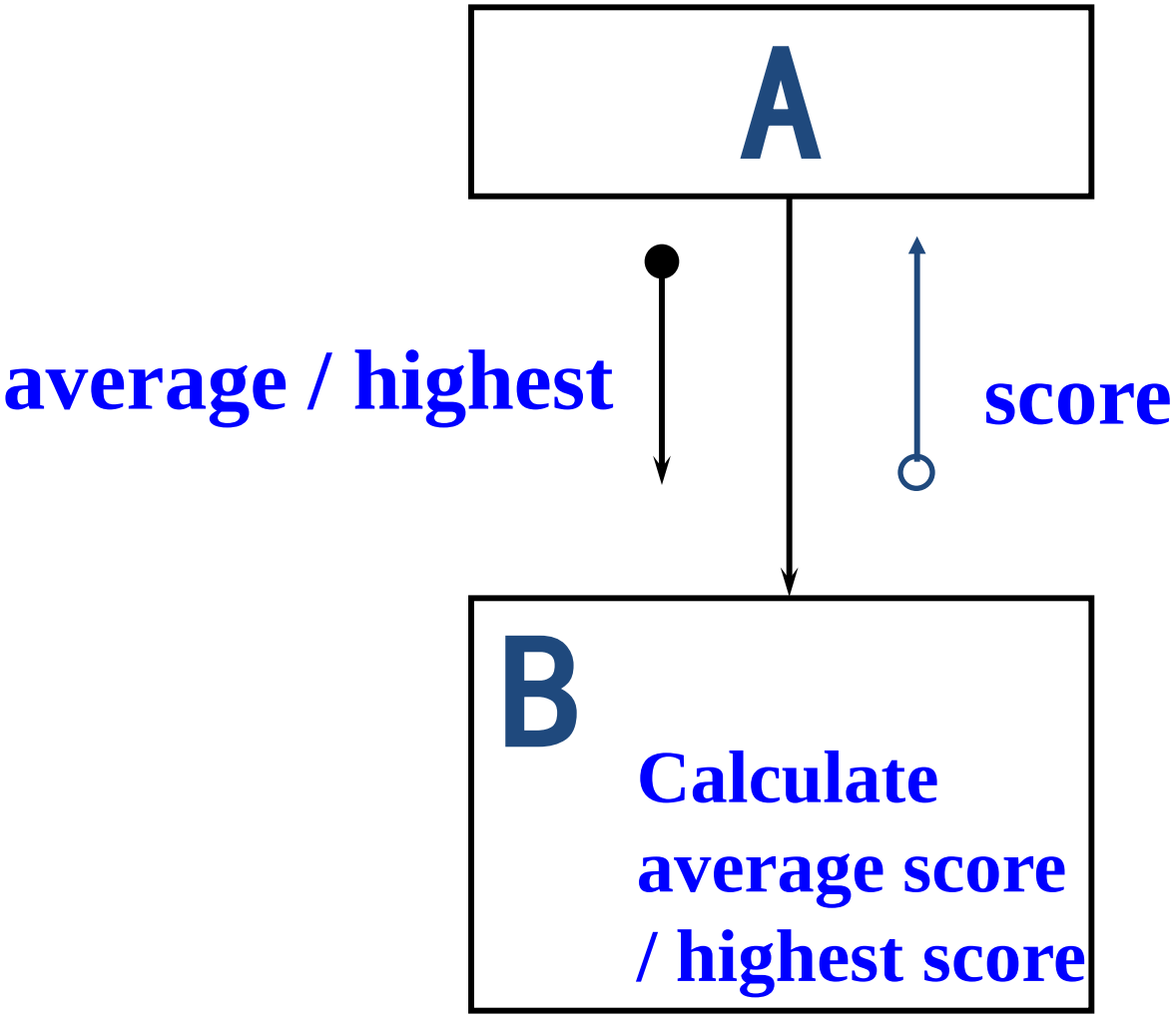
Why Is Common Coupling So Bad?

- Modules can have side-effects
  - This affects their readability
- Entire module must be read to find out what it does
- Difficult to reuse
- Module exposed to more data than necessary

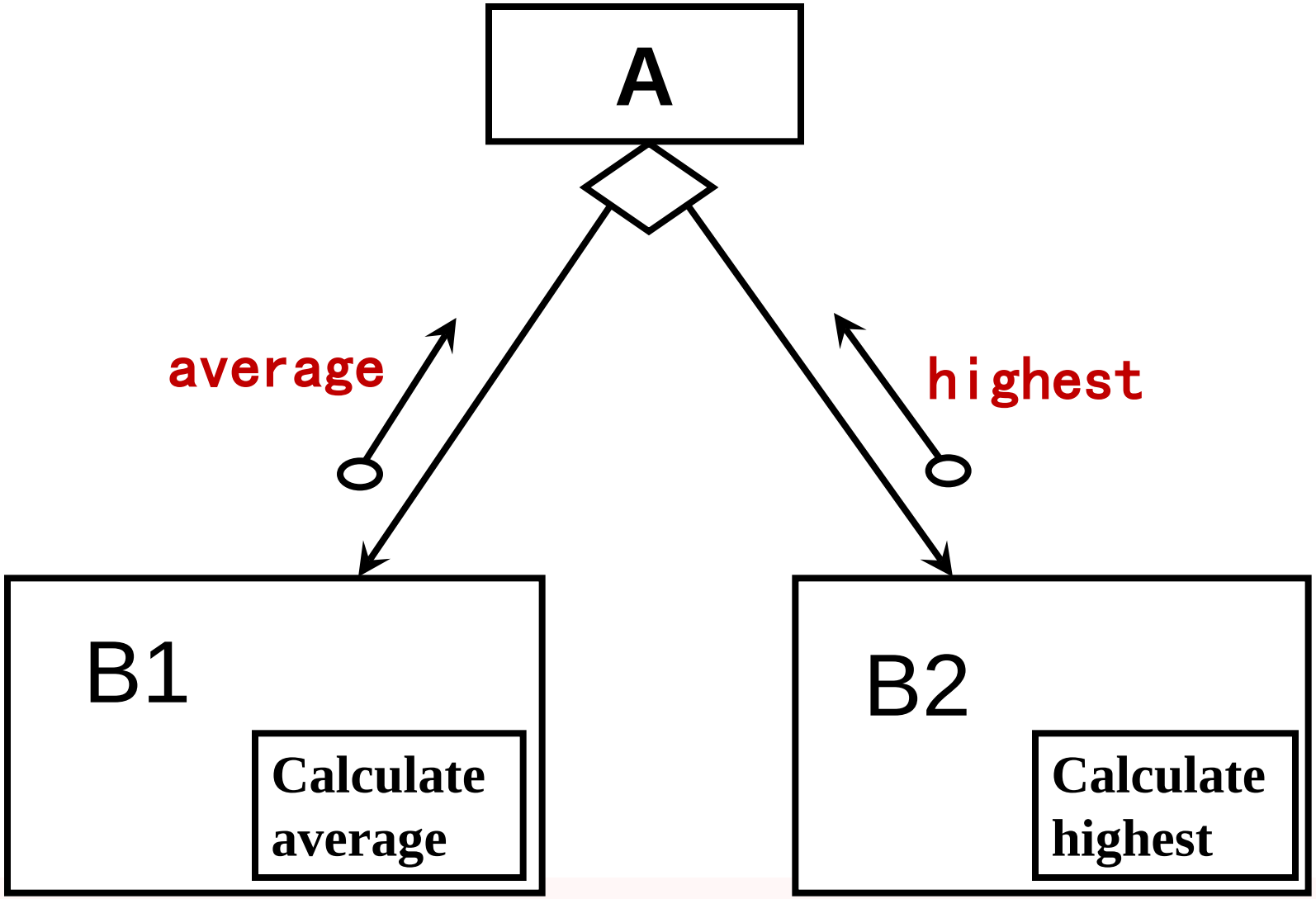
3. Control Coupling

- Two modules are control coupled if one passes an element of control to the other
- Example 1
  - Operation code passed to module with logical cohesion
- Example 2
  - Control-switch passed as argument

Control coupling example



Control coupling example



Why Is Control Coupling So Bad?

- **Modules are not independent; module *b* (the called module) must know internal structure and logic of module *a*.**
  - **Affects reusability**
- **Associated with modules of logical cohesion**

4. Stamp Coupling

- **Some languages allow only simple variables as parameters**
  - ***part number***
  - ***satellite altitude***
  - ***temprature***
- **Many languages also support passing of data structures**
  - ***part record***
  - ***satellite coordinates***
  - ***segment table***

4. Stamp Coupling (contd)

- **Two modules are stamp coupled if a data structure is passed as a parameter, but the called module operates on some but not all of the individual components of the data structure.**

Why Is Stamp Coupling So Bad?


```
public class Order    {
    public float calcTotalMoney(User user)    {
        int userLevel = user.getLevel();
        int userConsumeScore= user.getConsumeScore();
        …//the following will compute the total cost of order
        …
    }
    …
}
```

Why Is Stamp Coupling So Bad?


```
public class Order    {
    public float calcTotalMoney
                        (int userLevel, int userConsumeScore)    {
        …//the following will compute the total cost of order
        …
    }
    …
}
```

Why Is Stamp Coupling So Bad?

- It is not clear, without reading the entire module, which fields of a record are accessed or changed
- Difficult to understand
- Unlikely to be reusable

Why Is Stamp Coupling So Bad?

- **More data than necessary is passed**
  - **Uncontrolled data access can lead to computer crime**
- **There is nothing wrong with passing a data structure as a parameter, provided all the components of the data structure are accessed and/or changed**

  invert matrix (original matrix, inverted matrix);

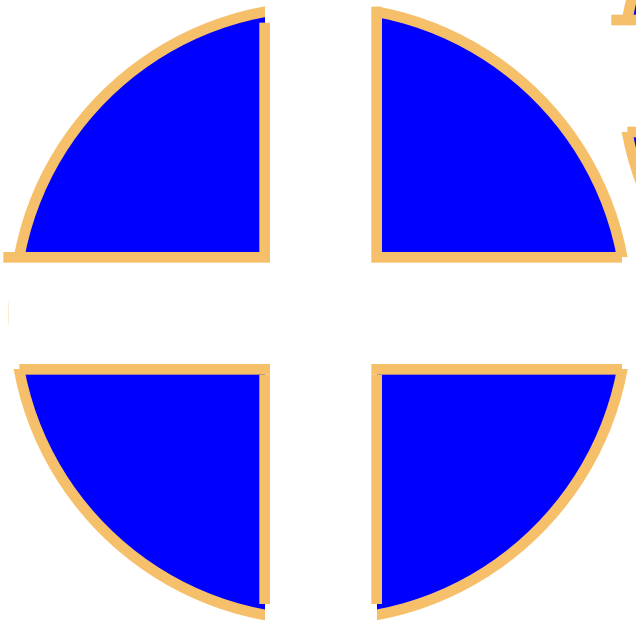
  print inventory record (warehouse record);

5. Data Coupling

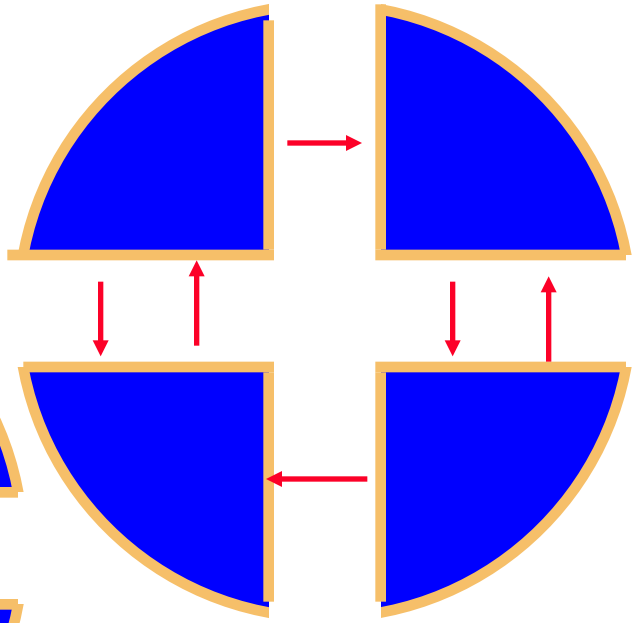
- **Two modules are data coupled if all parameters are homogeneous data items, simple parameters, or data structures all of whose elements are used by called module.**
- **Examples**
  - ***display time of arrival (flight number);***
  - ***compute product (first number, second number);***
  - ***get job with highest priority (job queue);***

Why Is Data Coupling So Good?

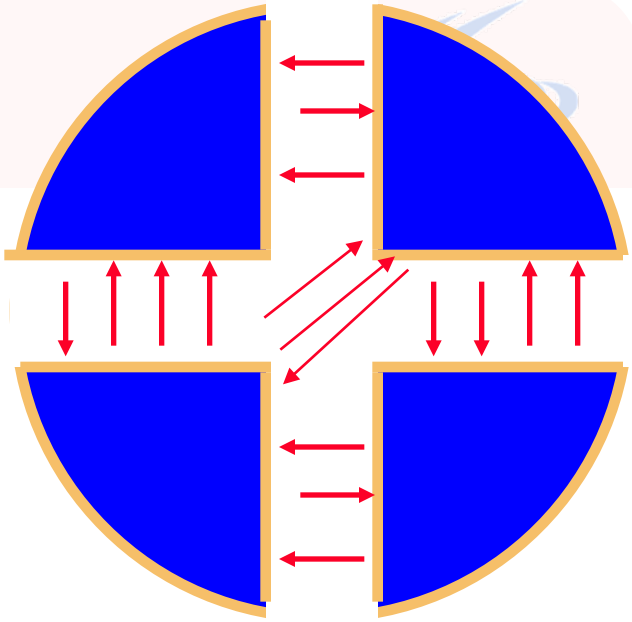
- The difficulties of content, common, control, and stamp coupling are not present
- Maintenance is easier



No coupling



Loosely coupling



Tightly coupling

Good design has

high cohesion

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low coupling

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