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13: Query Execution *part b*

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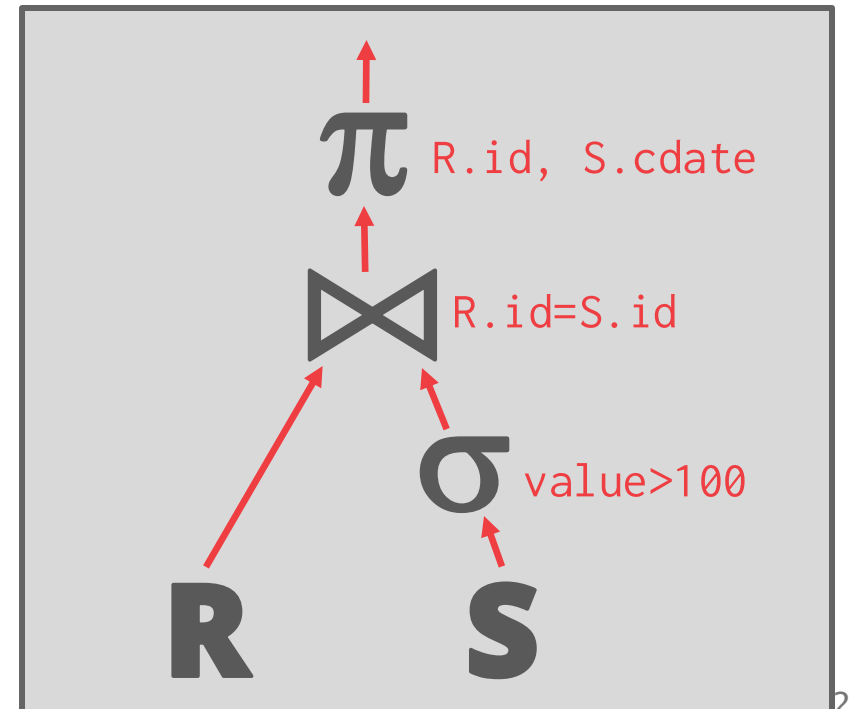
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Query Execution

- In the last class, we discussed composing operators into a plan to execute an arbitrary query.
- We assumed that queries execute with a single worker (e.g., a thread).
- We will now discuss how to execute queries using multiple workers.

```
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FROM R JOIN S  
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Why Care About Parallel Execution?

- Need to use the (parallel) hardware well
 - Higher Throughput
 - Lower Latency (especially important for human-in-the-loop scenarios)
- Potentially lower ***total cost of ownership*** (TCO)
 - Fewer machines means less parts / physical footprint / energy consumption.

Parallel / Distribution

- The database is spread across multiple **resources** to
 - Deal with large data sets that don't fit on a single machine/node
 - Higher performance
 - Redundancy/Fault-tolerance
- Appears as a single logical database instance to the application, regardless of physical organization.
 - SQL query for a single-resource DBMS should generate the same result on a parallel or distributed DBMS.

Parallel vs. Distribution

- **Parallel DBMSs**

- Resources are physically close to each other.
- Resources communicate over high-speed interconnect.
- Communication is assumed to be cheap and reliable.

- **Distributed DBMSs**

- Resources can be far from each other.
- Resources communicate using slow(er) interconnect.
- Communication costs and problems cannot be ignored.

This Lecture

- Process Models
- Execution Parallelism
- I/O Parallelism

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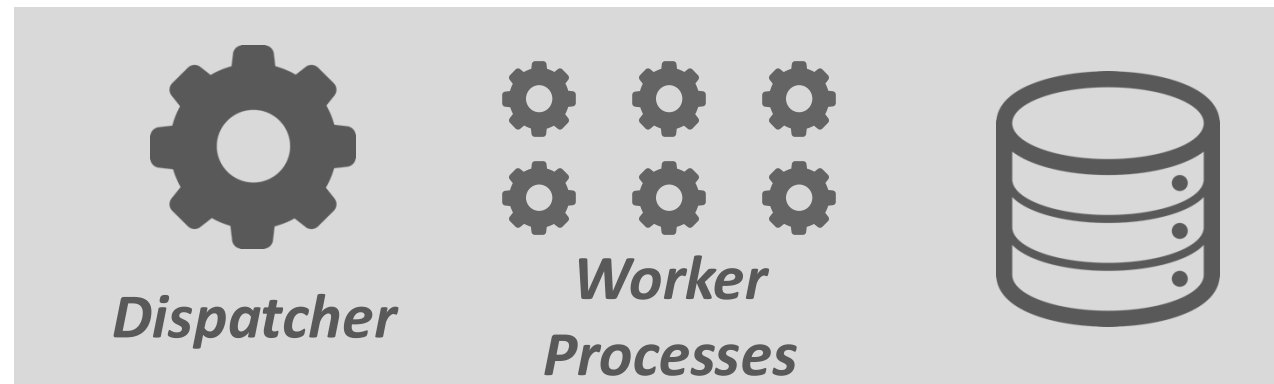
- A DBMS's **process model** defines how the system is architected to support concurrent requests / queries.
- A **worker** is the DBMS component responsible for executing tasks on behalf of the client and returning the results.

Process Model

- Approach #1: **Process** per DBMS Worker
- Approach #2: **Thread** per DBMS Worker
- Approach #3: **Embedded** DBMS

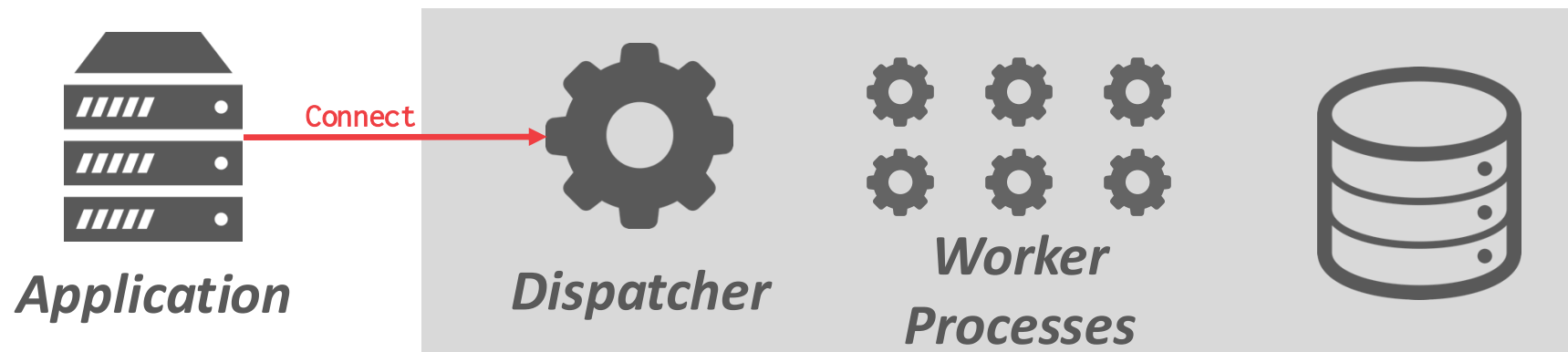
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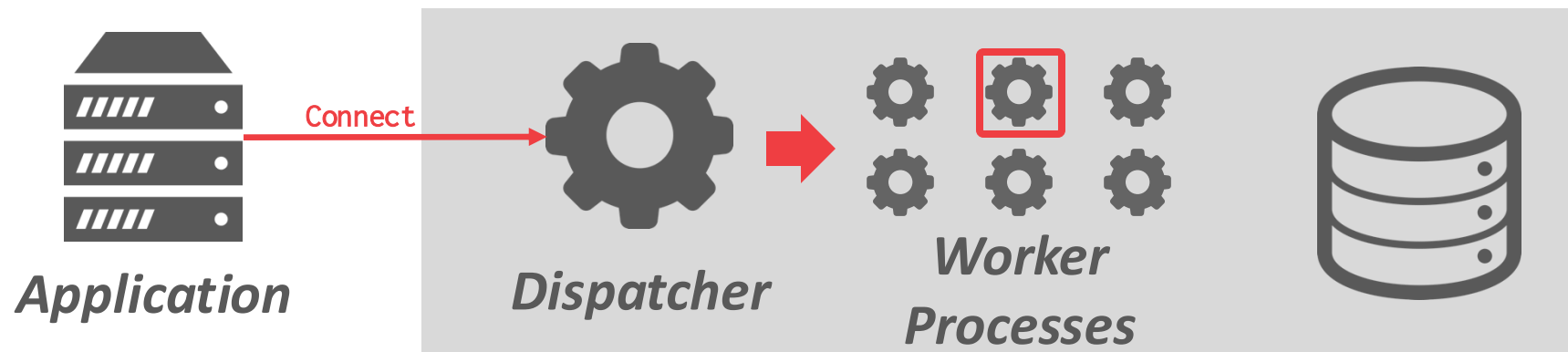
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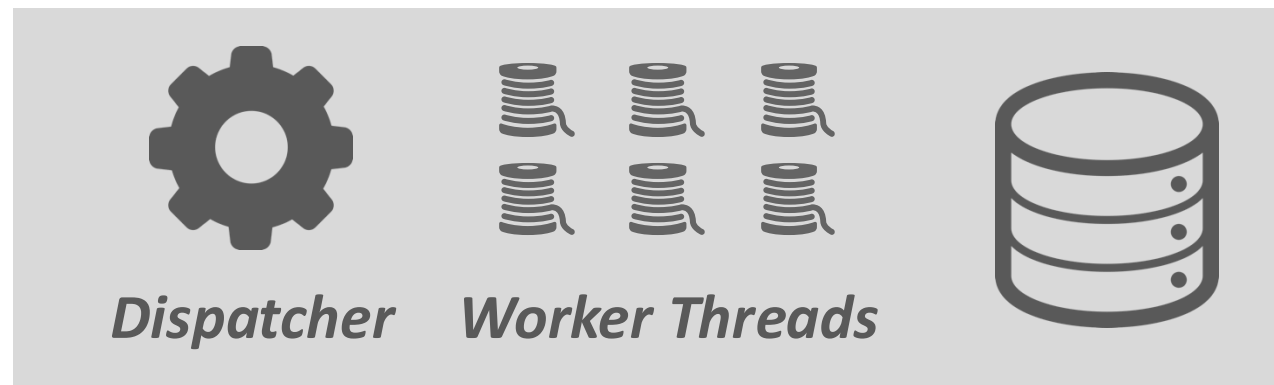
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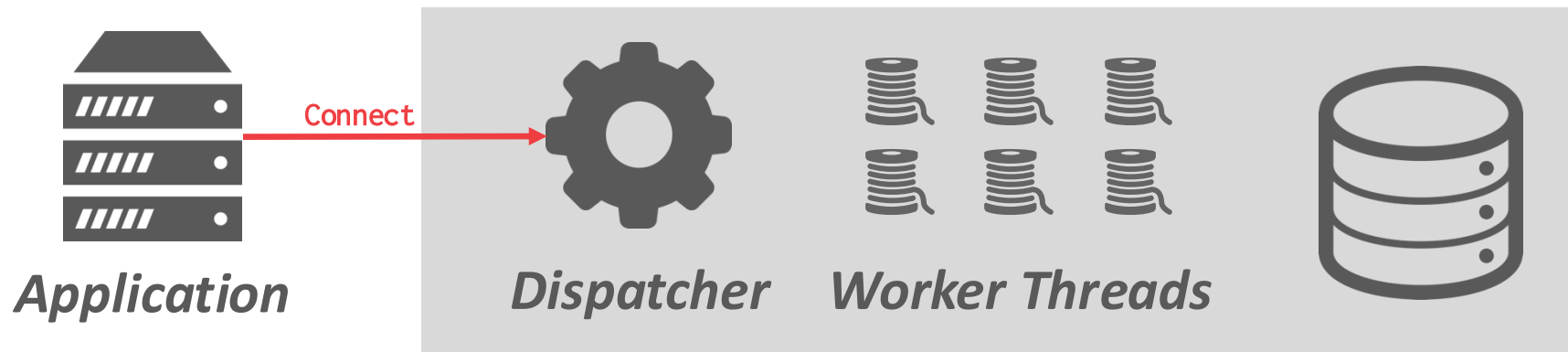
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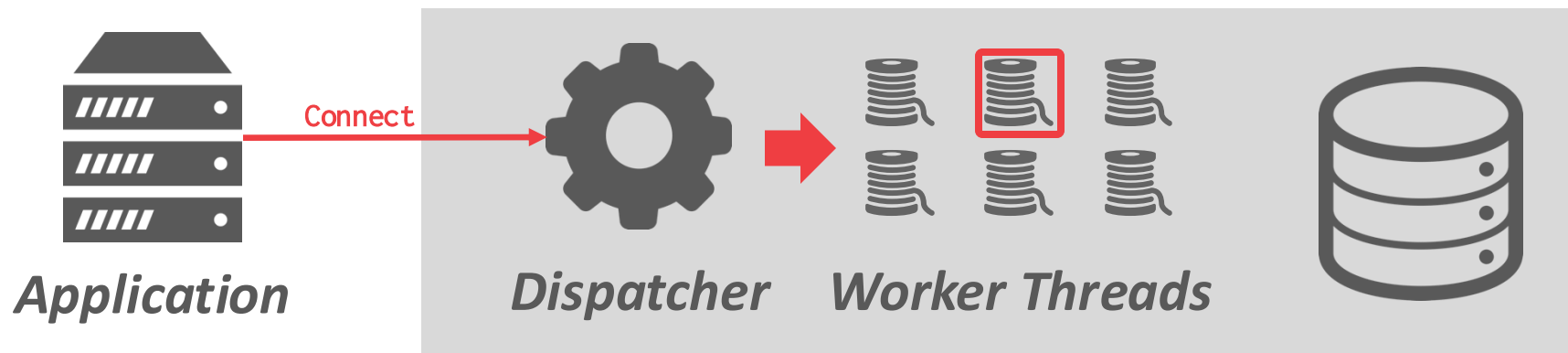
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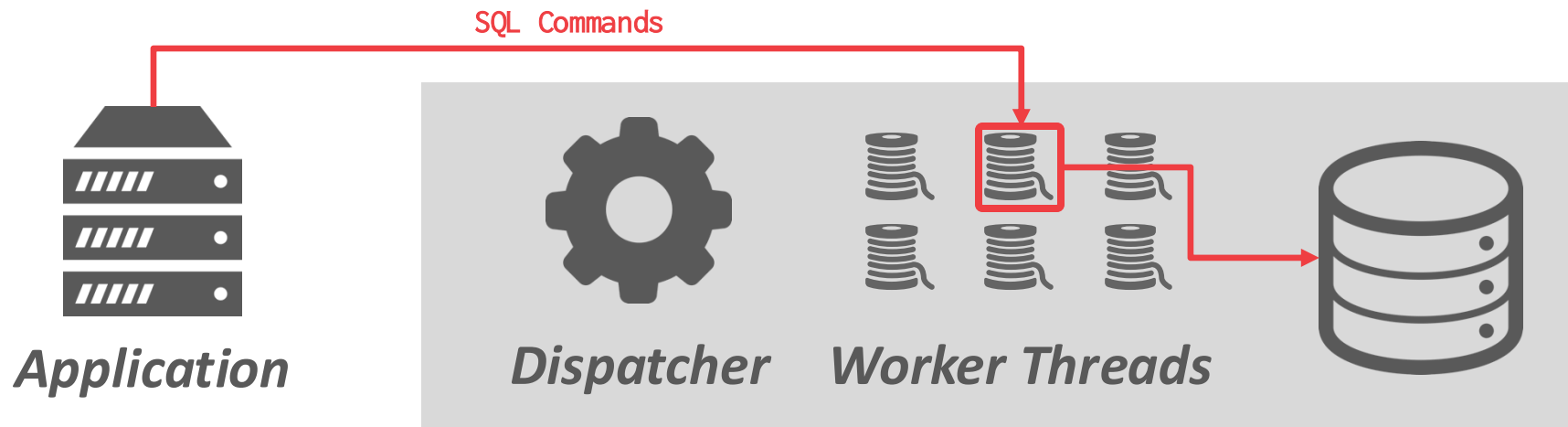
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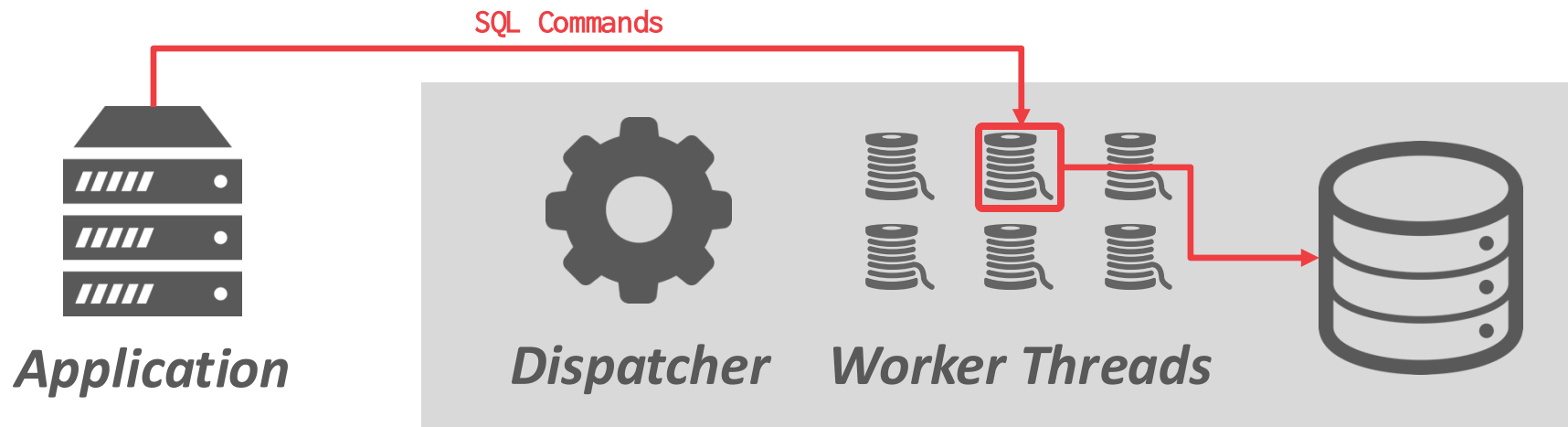
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Scheduling

- For each query plan, the DBMS decides where, when, and how to execute it.
 - How many tasks should it use?
 - How many CPU cores should it use?
 - What CPU core should the tasks execute on?
 - Where should a task store its output?
- The DBMS nearly ***always*** knows more than the OS.

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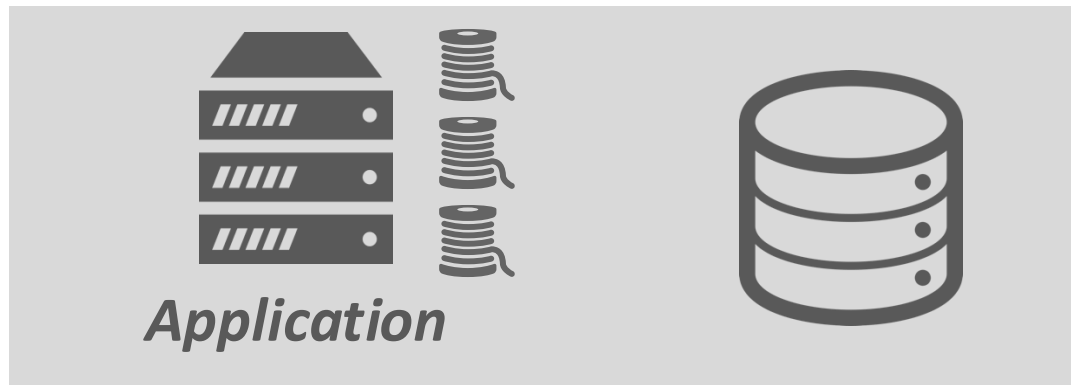
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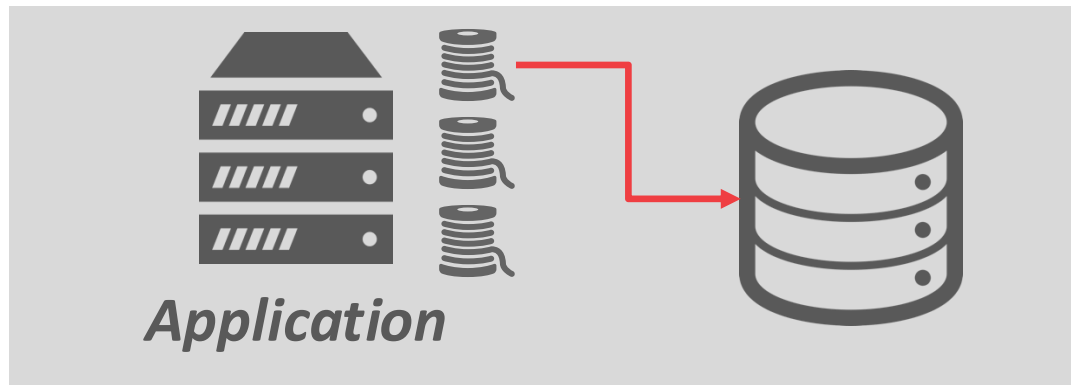
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Process Models

- Advantages of a multi-threaded architecture:
 - Less overhead per context switch.
 - Do not have to manage shared memory.
- The thread per worker model does **not** mean that the DBMS supports intra-query parallelism.
- DBMS from the last 15 years use native OS threads unless they are Redis or Postgres forks.

Query Execution

Inter- vs. Intra-Query Parallelism

- **Inter-Query:** Execute multiple disparate queries simultaneously.
 - Increases throughput & reduces latency.
- **Intra-Query:** Execute the operations of a single query in parallel.
 - Decreases latency for long-running queries, especially for OLAP queries.

Inter-Query Parallelism

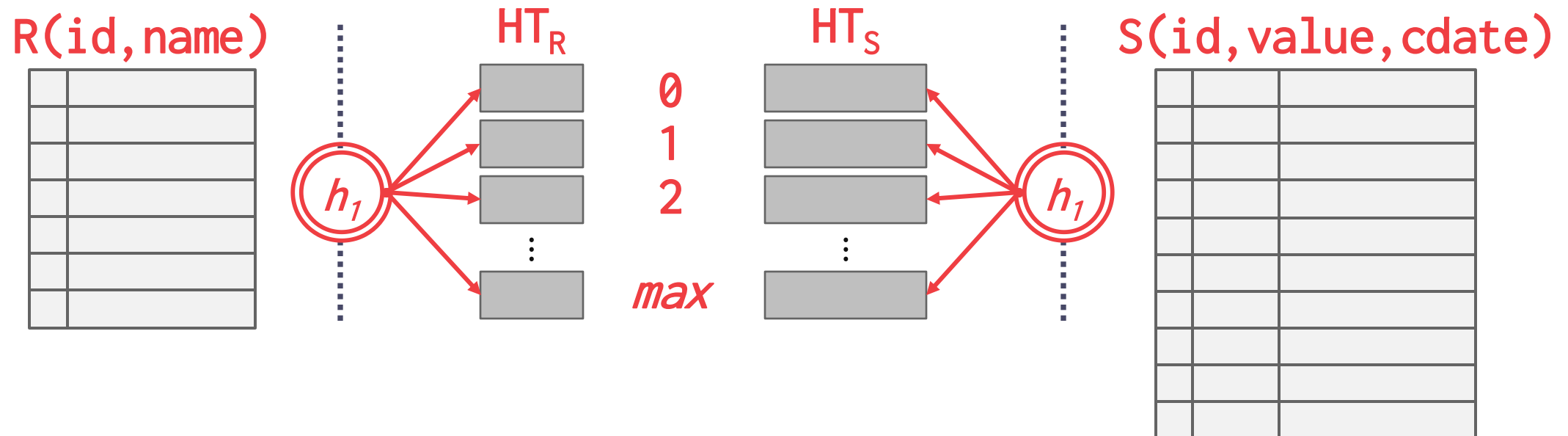
- Improve overall performance by allowing multiple queries to execute simultaneously.
- If queries are read-only, then this requires almost no explicit coordination between the queries.
 - Buffer pool can handle most of the sharing if necessary.
- If multiple queries are updating the database at the same time, then this is hard to do correctly...

Intra-Query Parallelism

- Improve the performance of a single query by executing its operators in parallel.
- Think of the organization of operators in terms of a *producer/consumer* paradigm.
- There are parallel versions of every operator.
 - Can either have multiple threads access centralized data structures or use partitioning to divide work up.

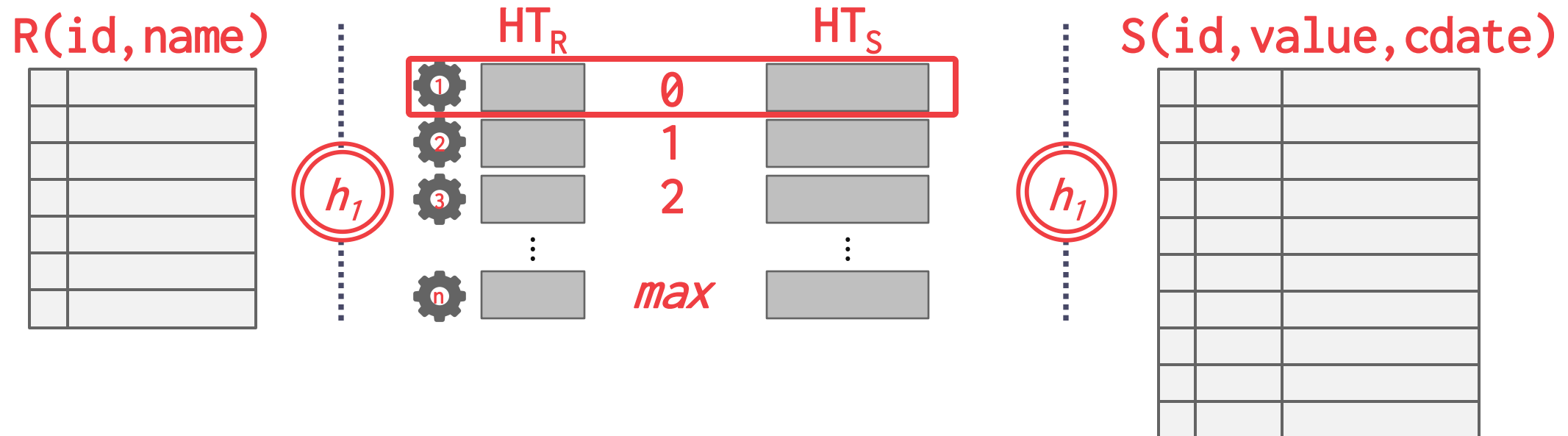
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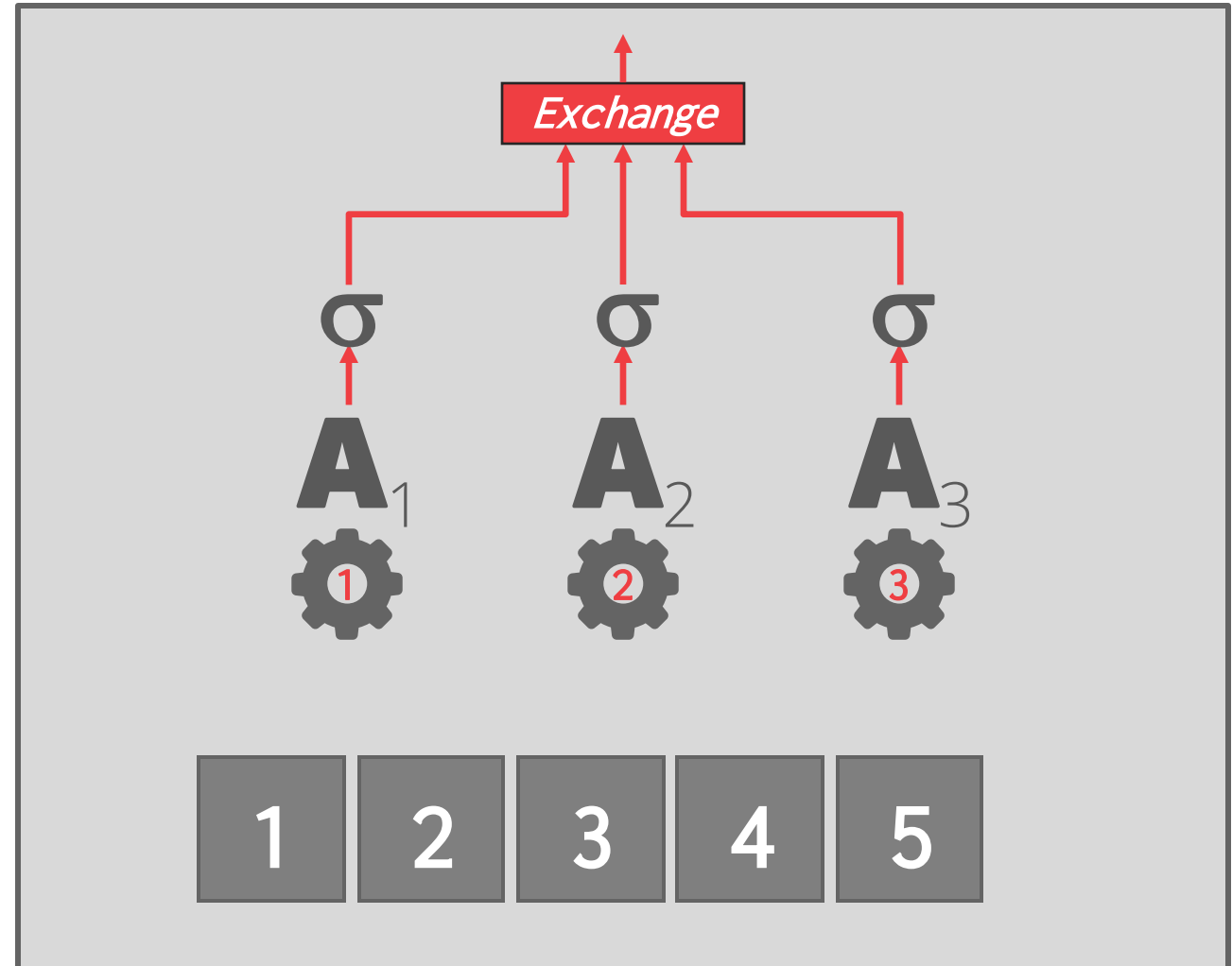
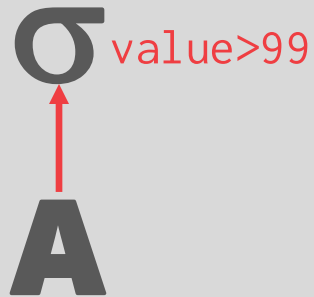
- Approach #1: **Intra-Operator** (Horizontal)
- Approach #2: **Inter-Operator** (Vertical)
- Approach #3: **Bushy**

Intra-Query Parallelism

- **Approach #1: Intra-Operator (Horizontal)**
 - Decompose operators into independent fragments that perform the same function on different subsets of data.
- The DBMS inserts an exchange operator into the query plan to coalesce/split results from multiple children/parent operators.
 - Postgres calls this “gather”

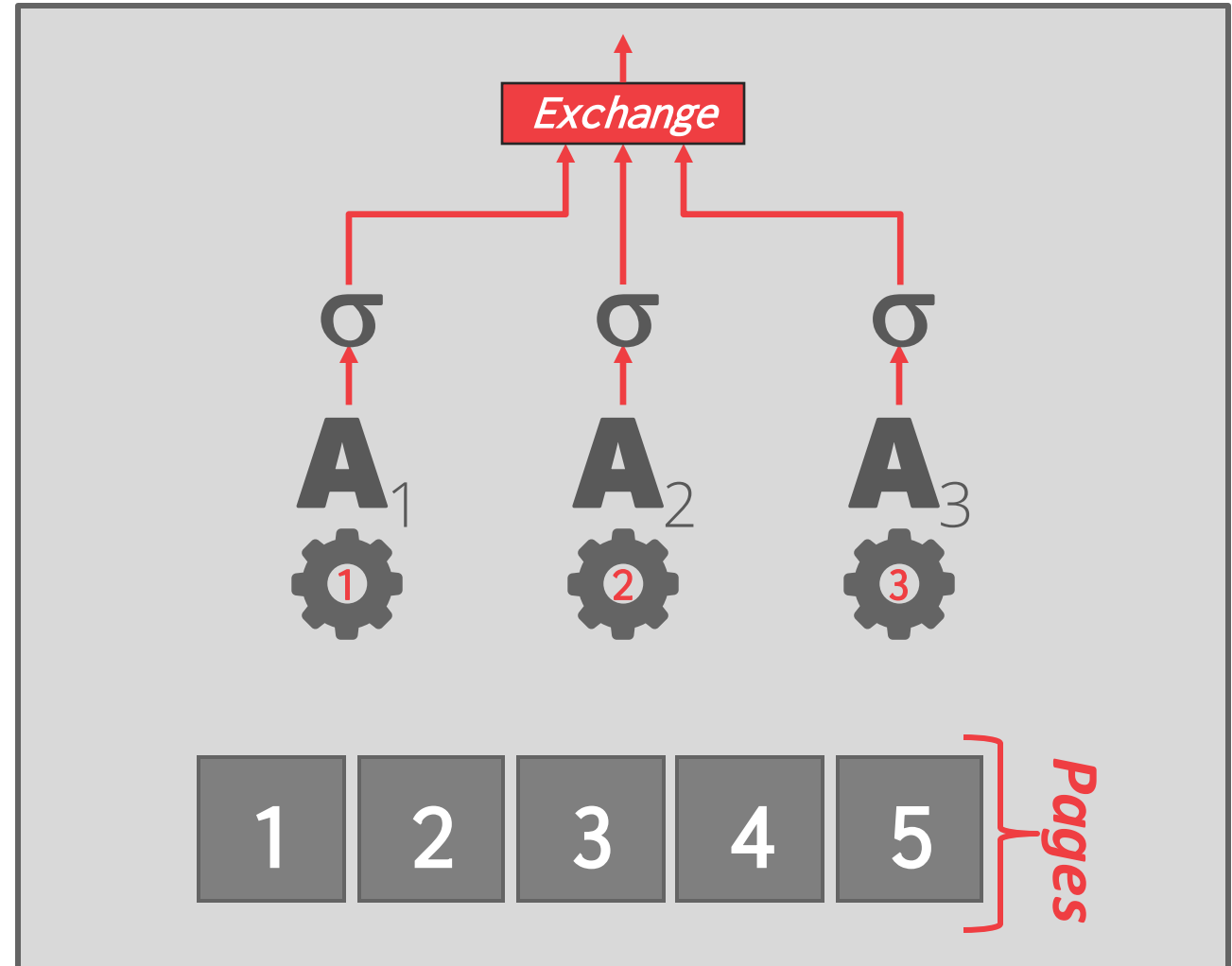
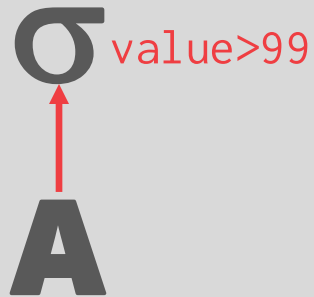
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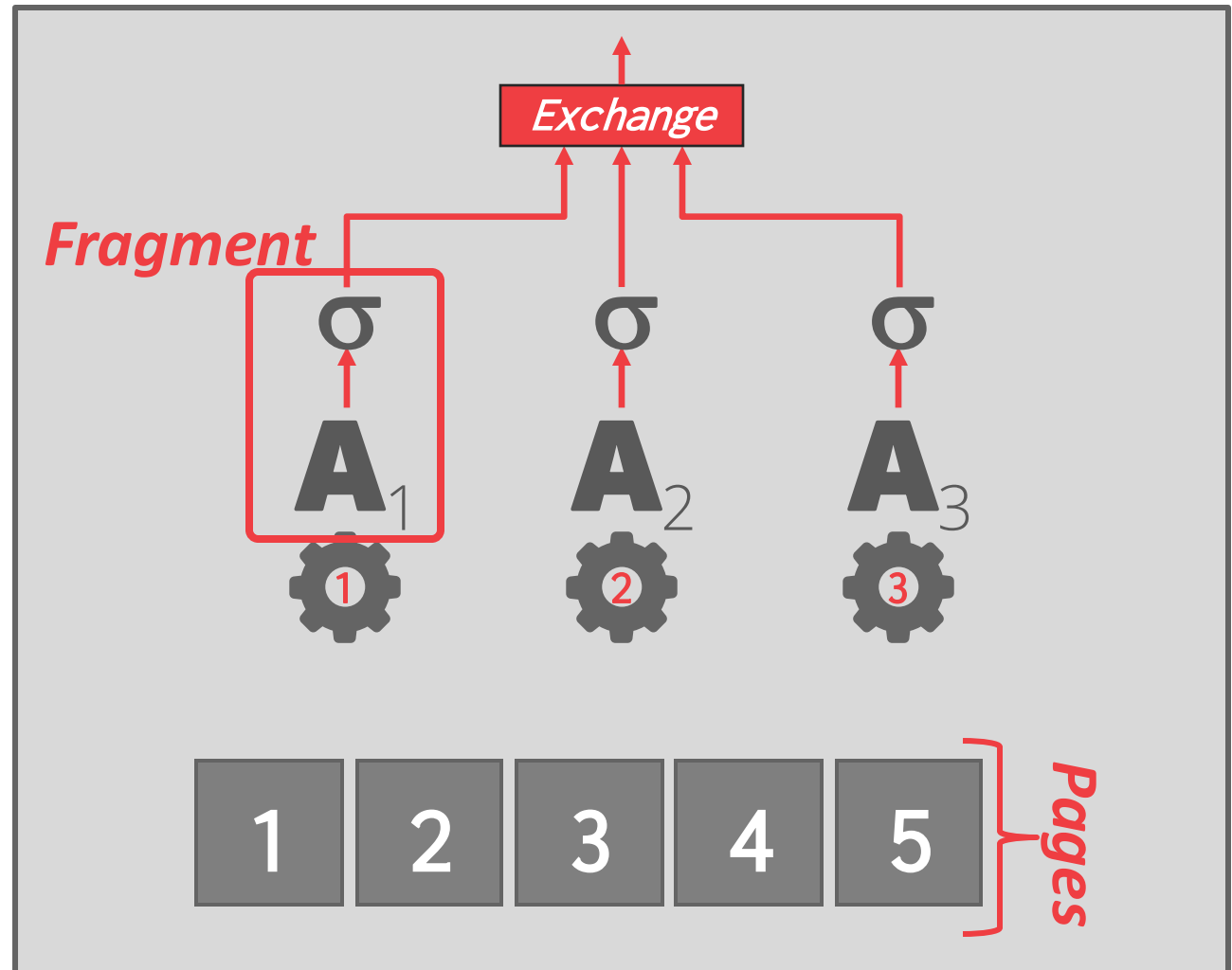
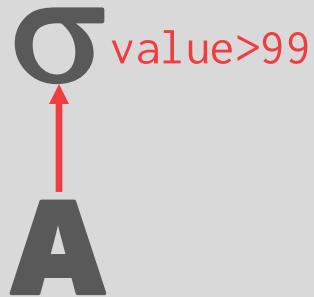
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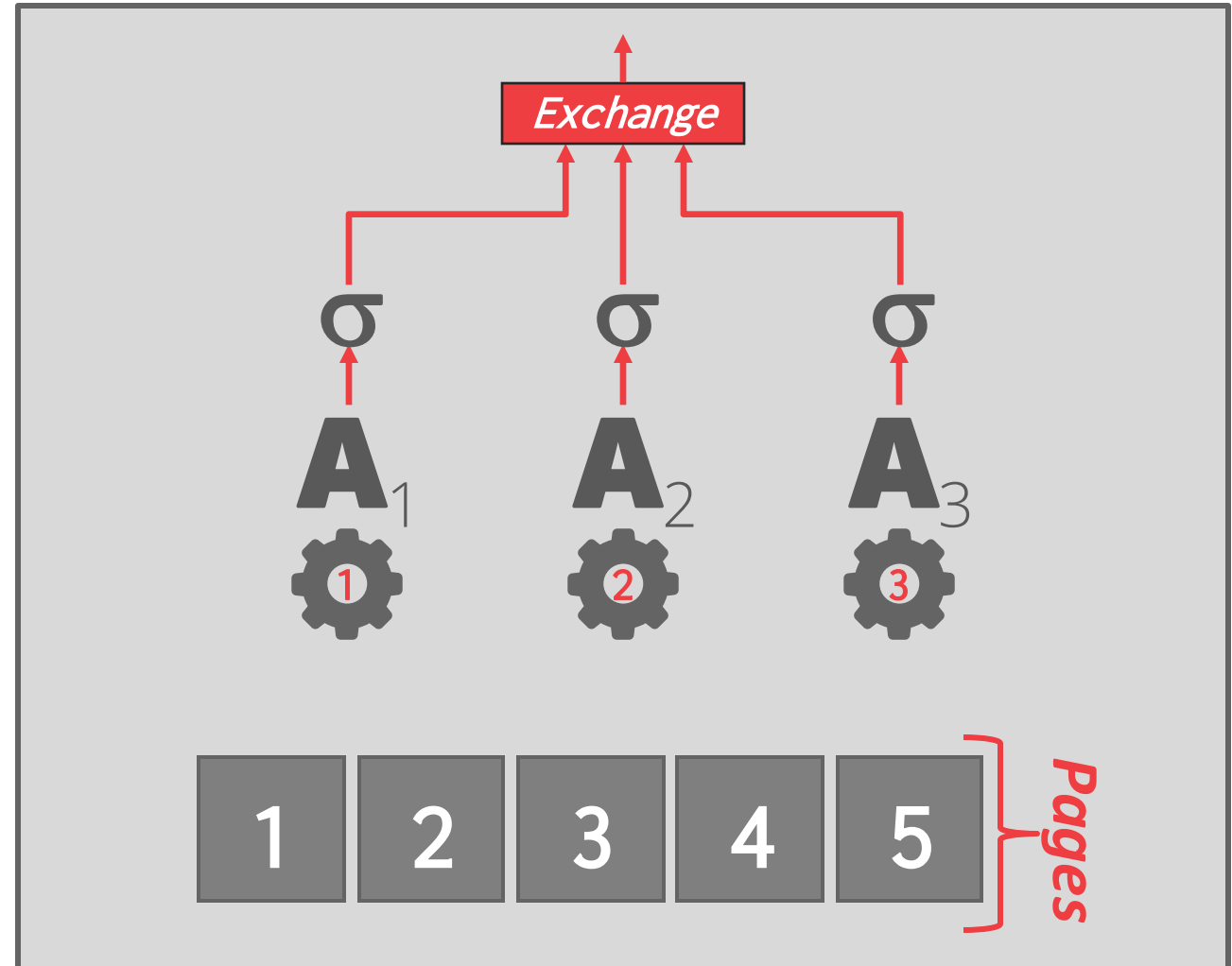
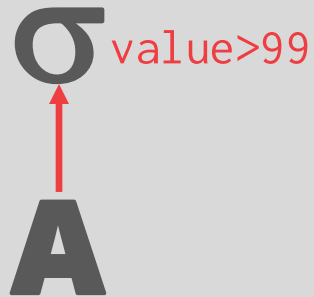
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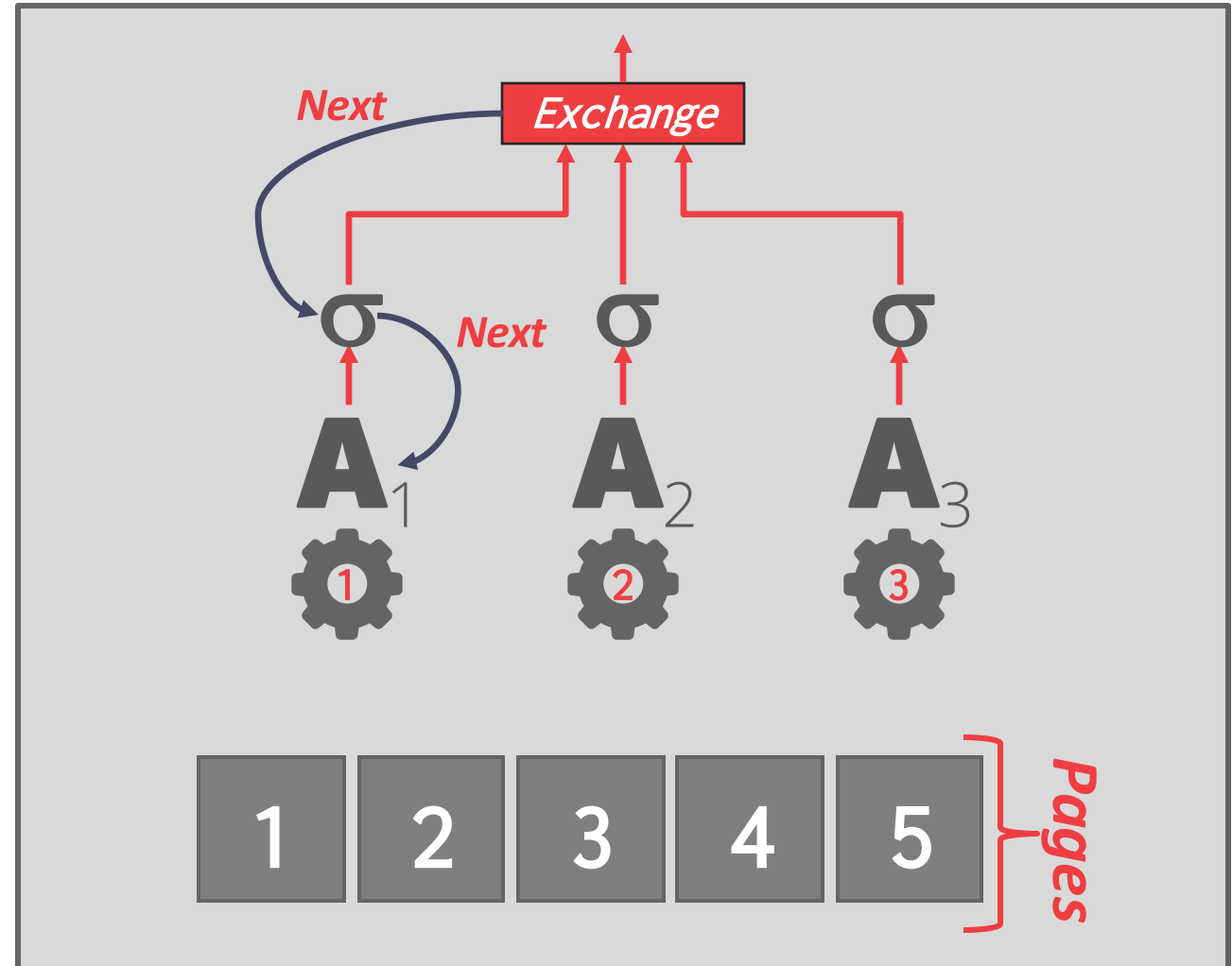
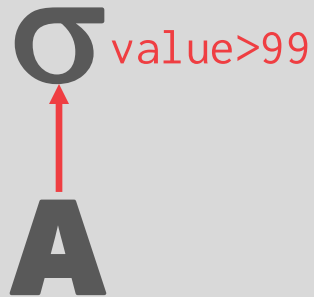
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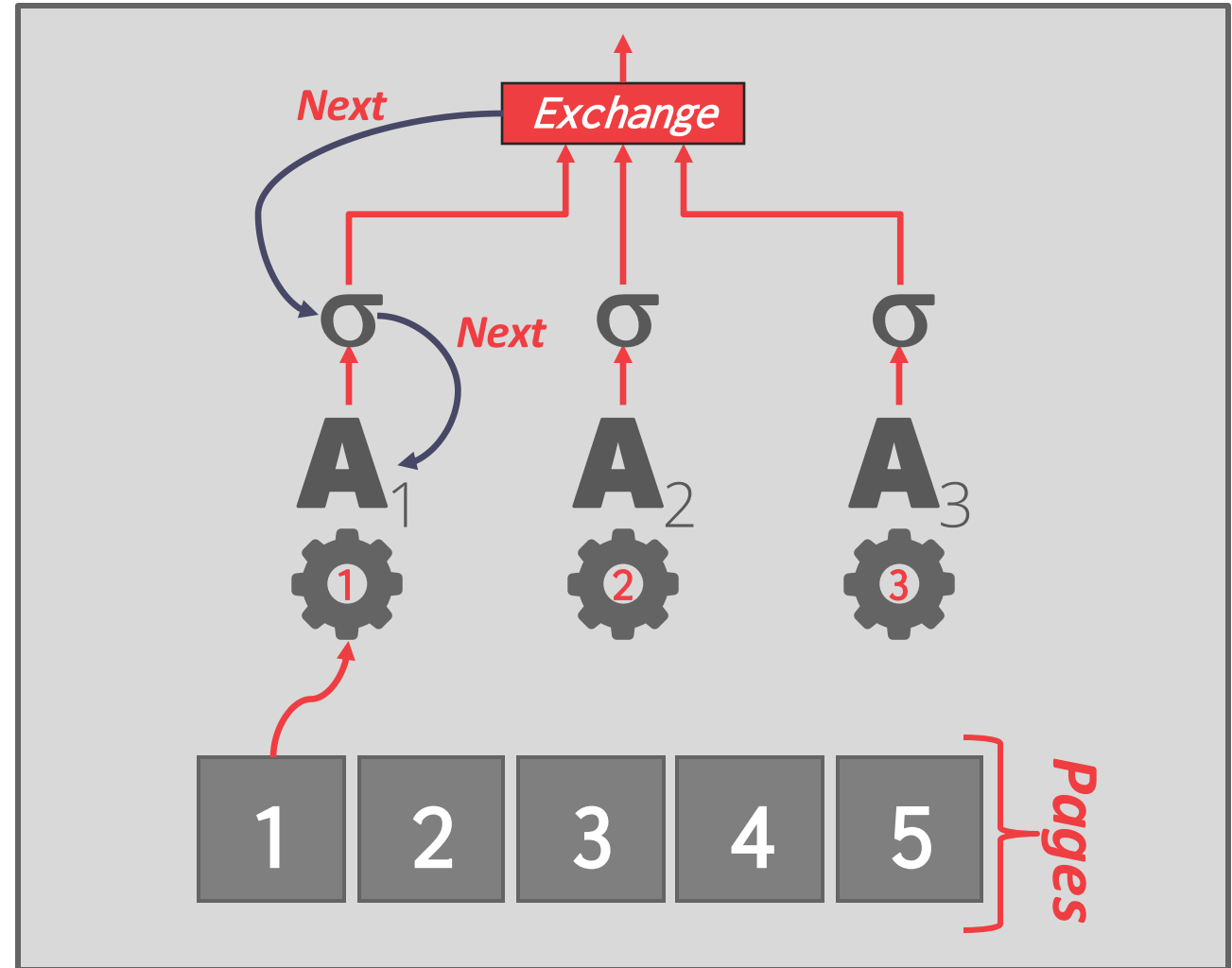
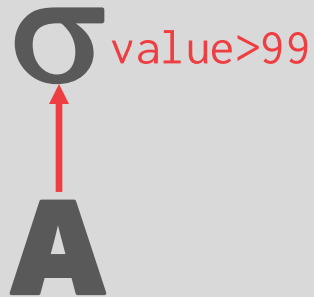
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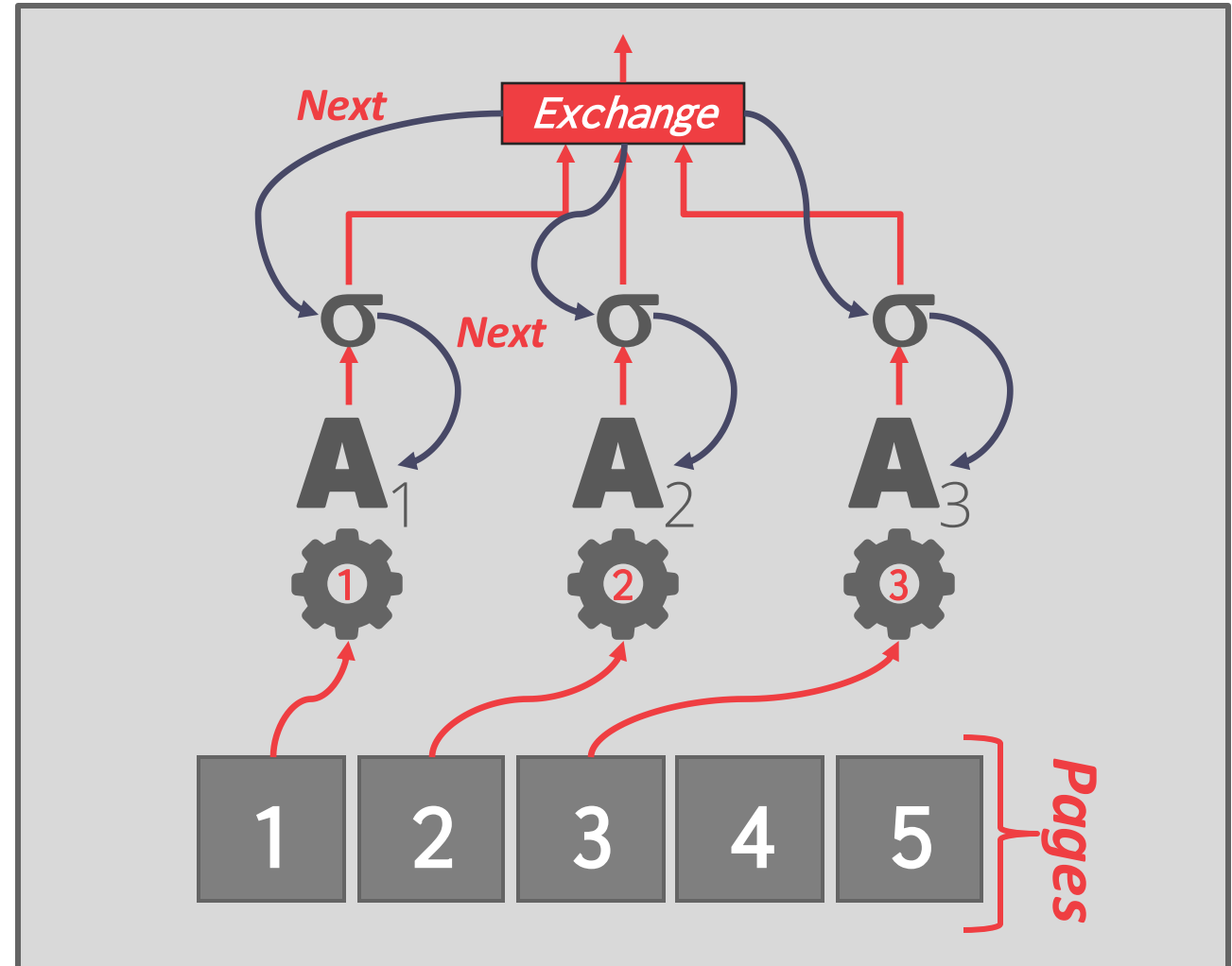
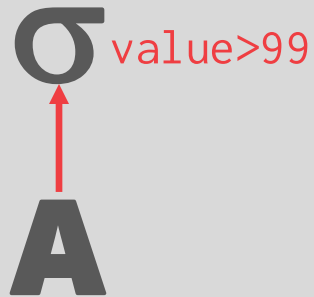
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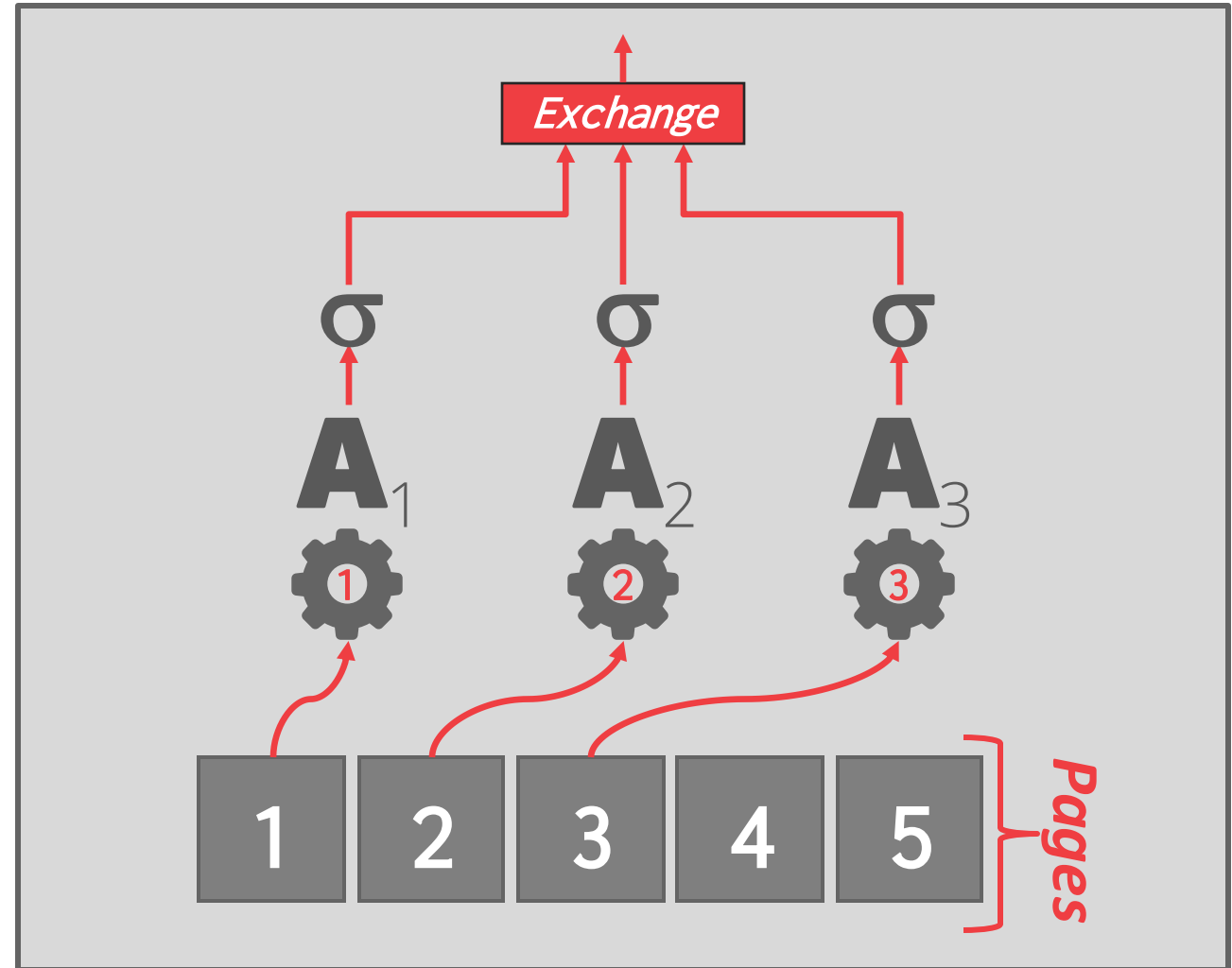
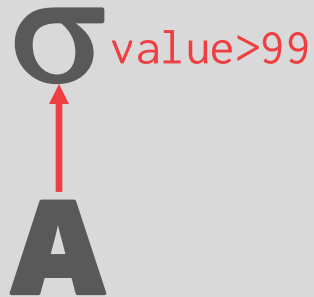
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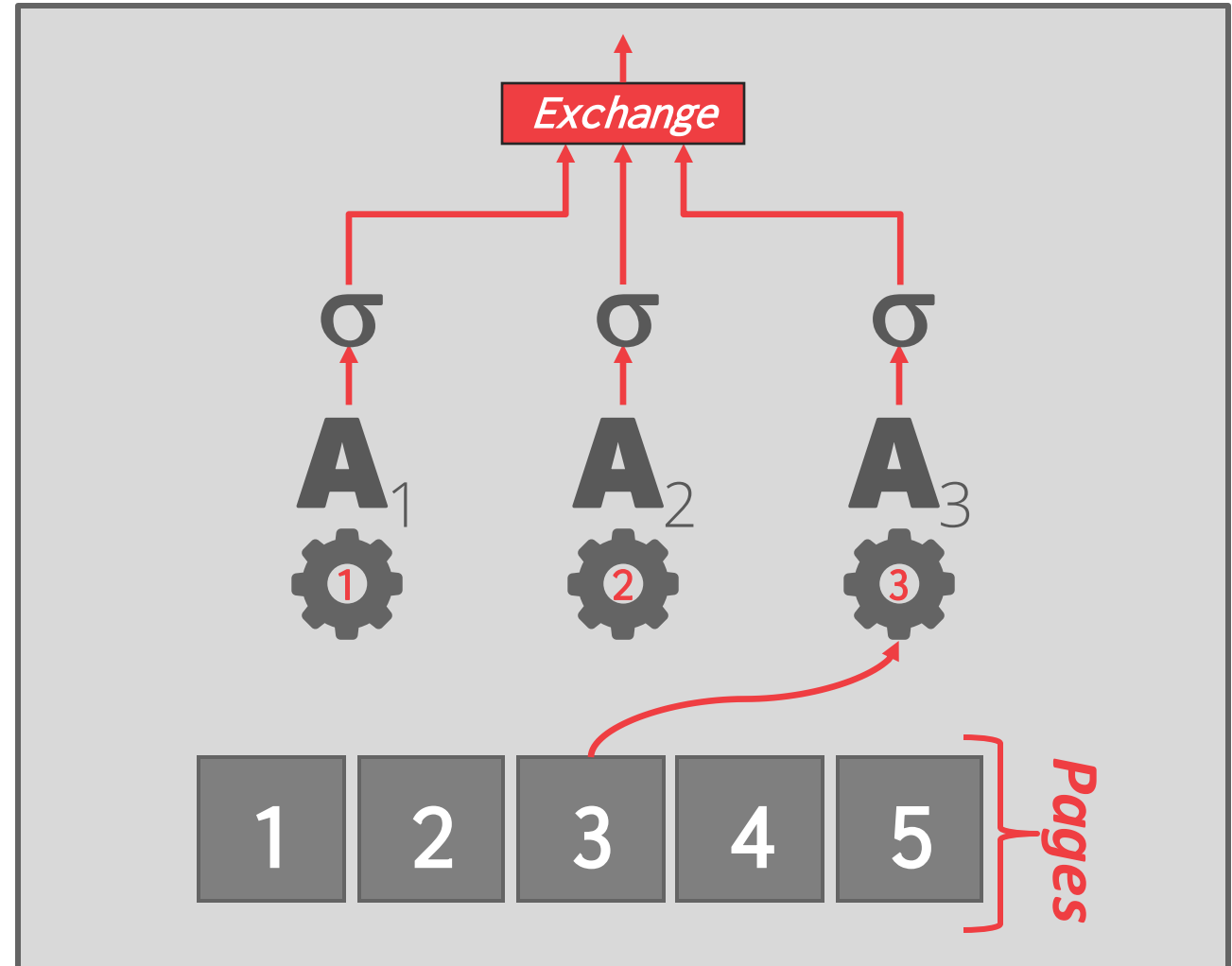
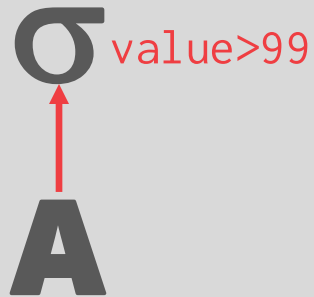
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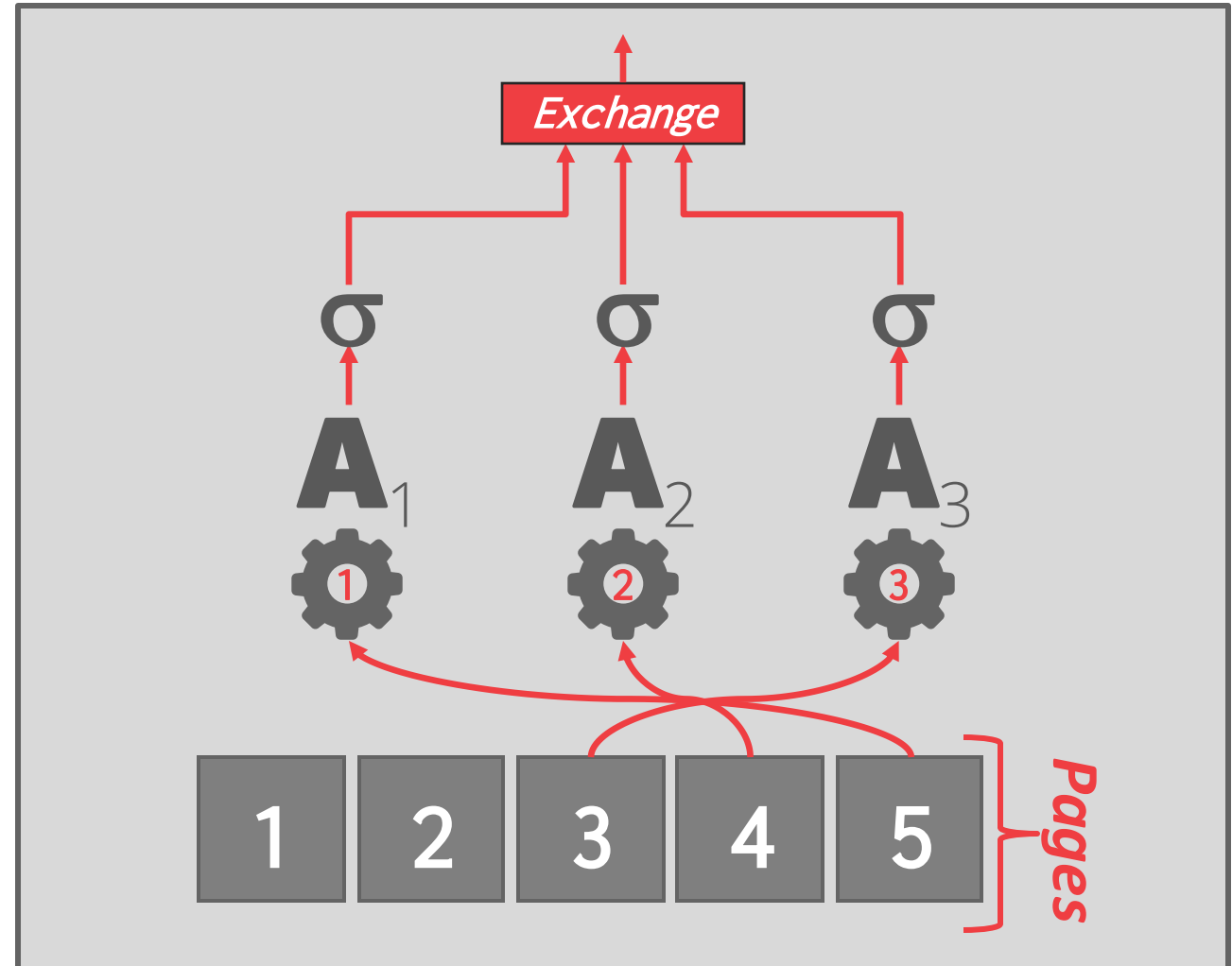
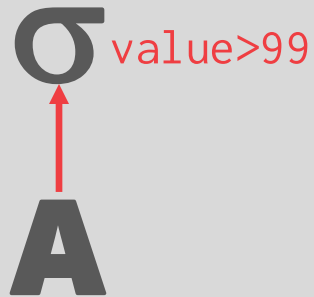
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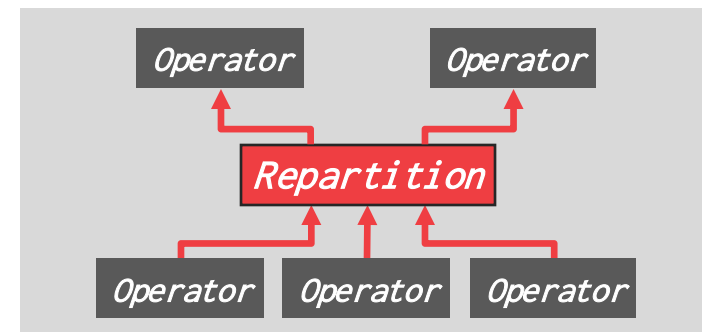
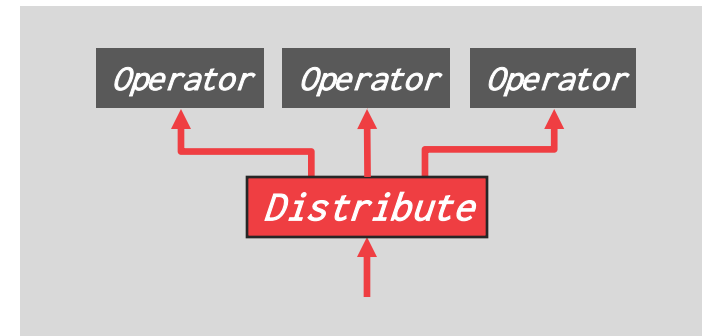
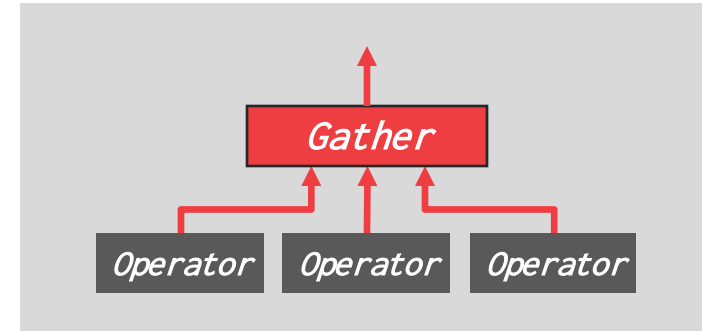
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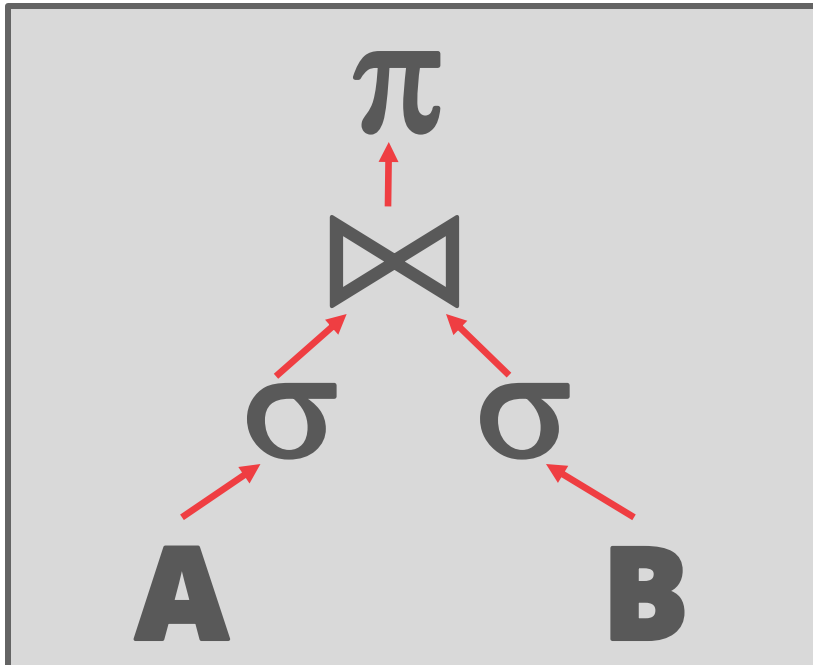
- **Exchange Type #1 - Gather**
 - Combine the results from multiple workers into a single output stream.
- **Exchange Type #2 - Distribute**
 - Split a single input stream into multiple output streams.
- **Exchange Type #3 - Repartition**
 - Shuffle multiple input streams across multiple output streams.

Source: [Craig Freedman](#)



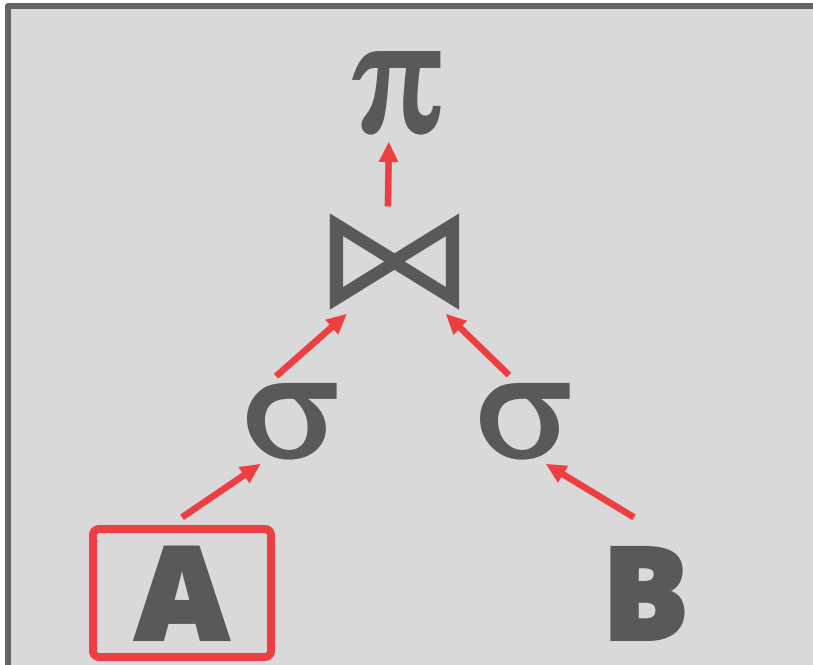
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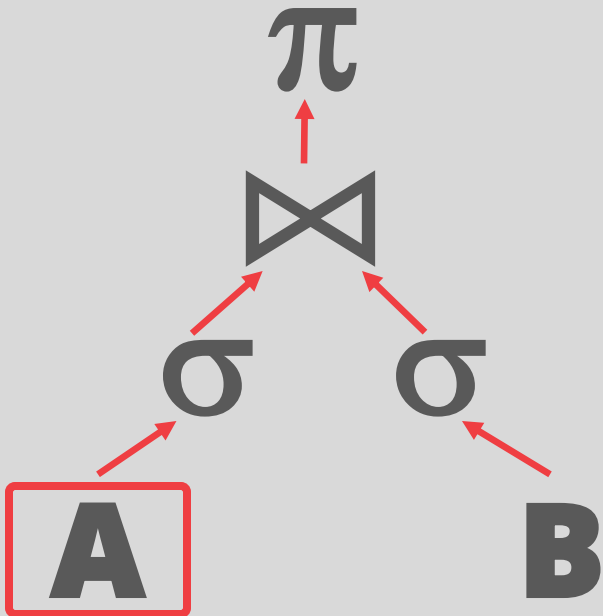
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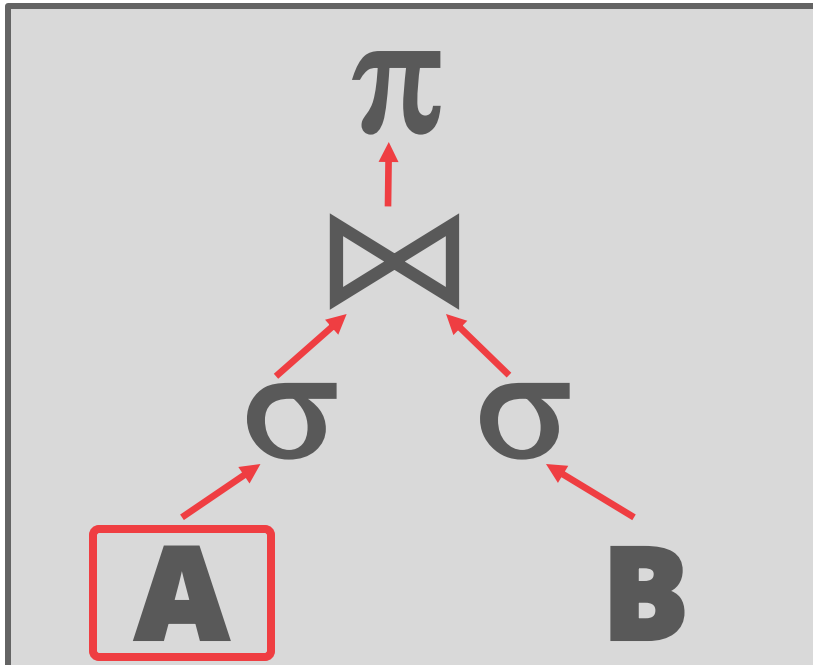
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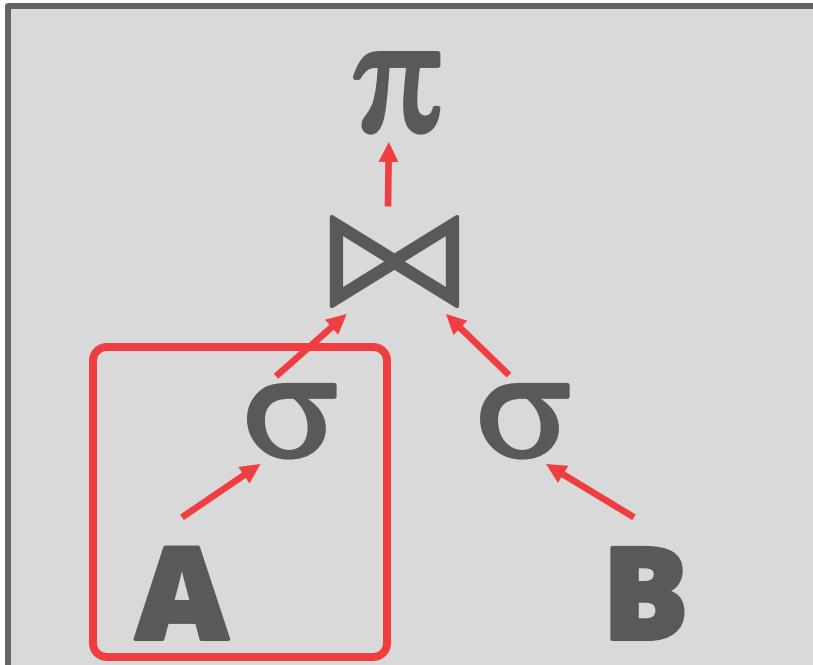
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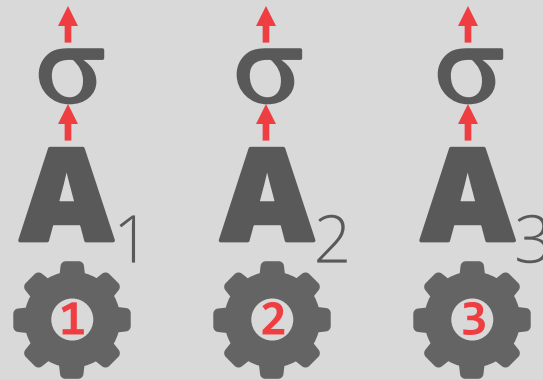
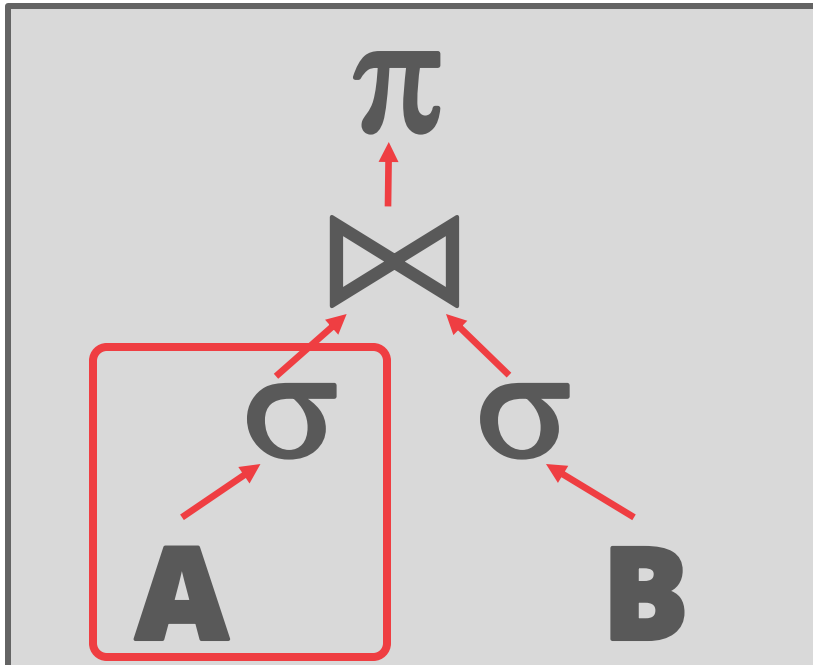
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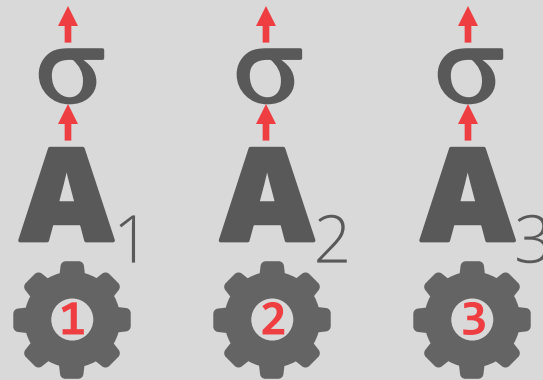
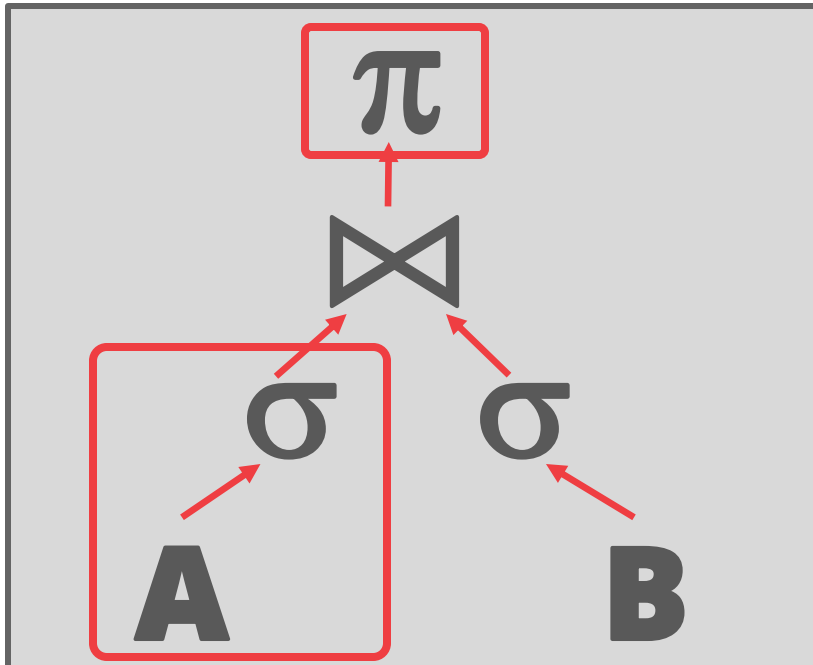
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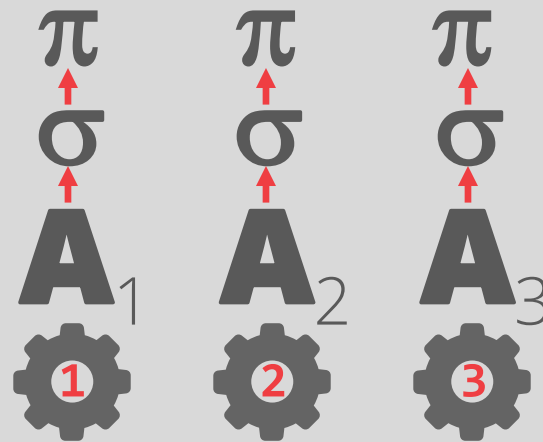
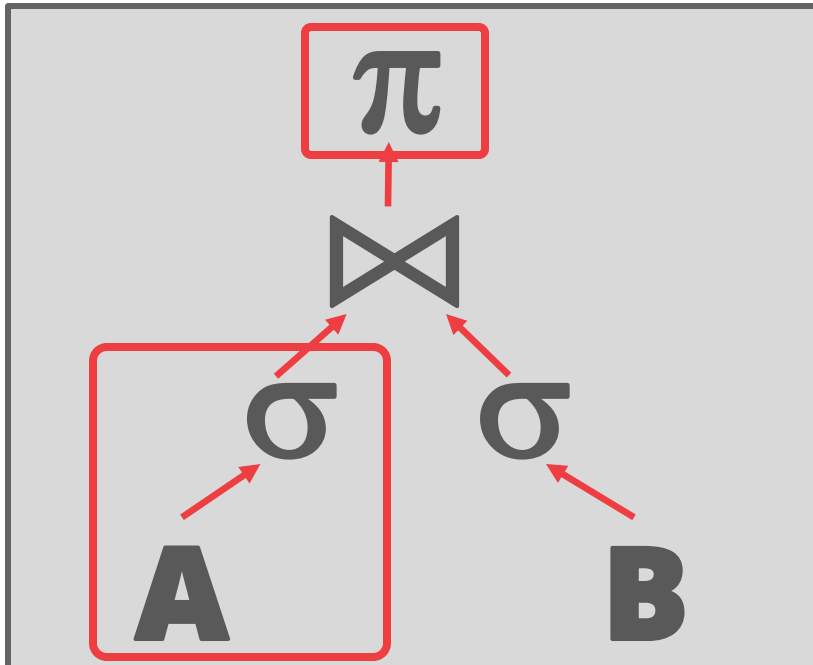
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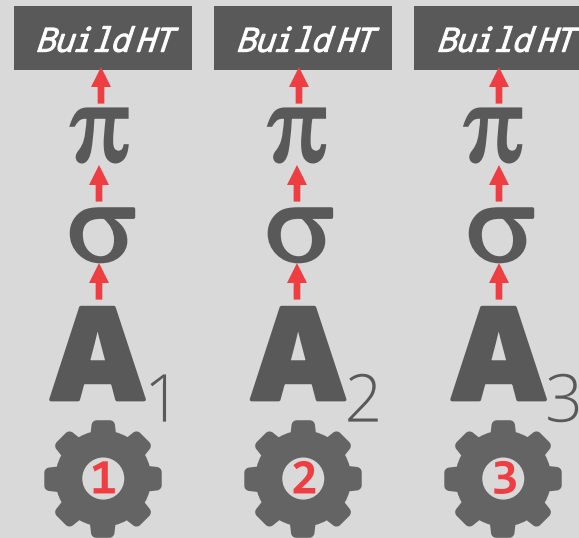
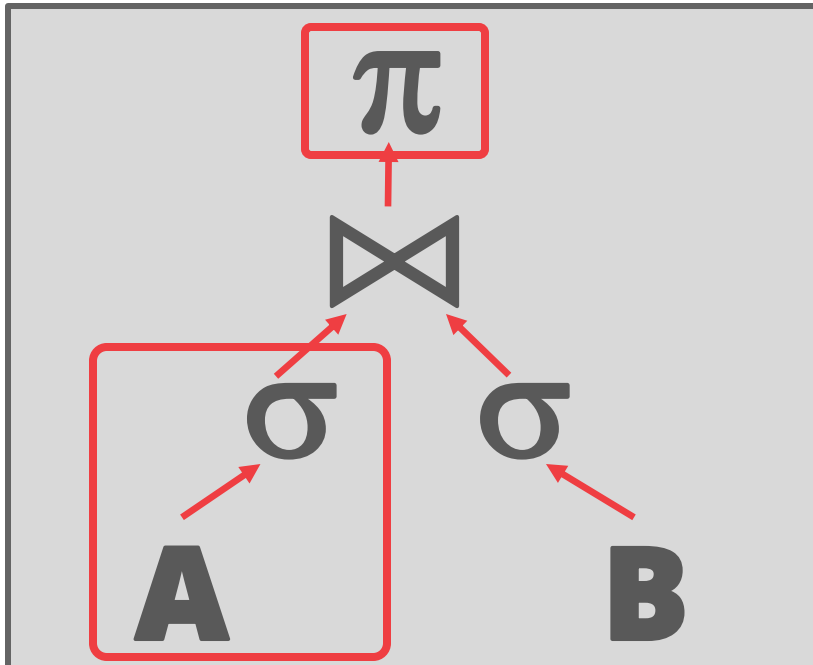
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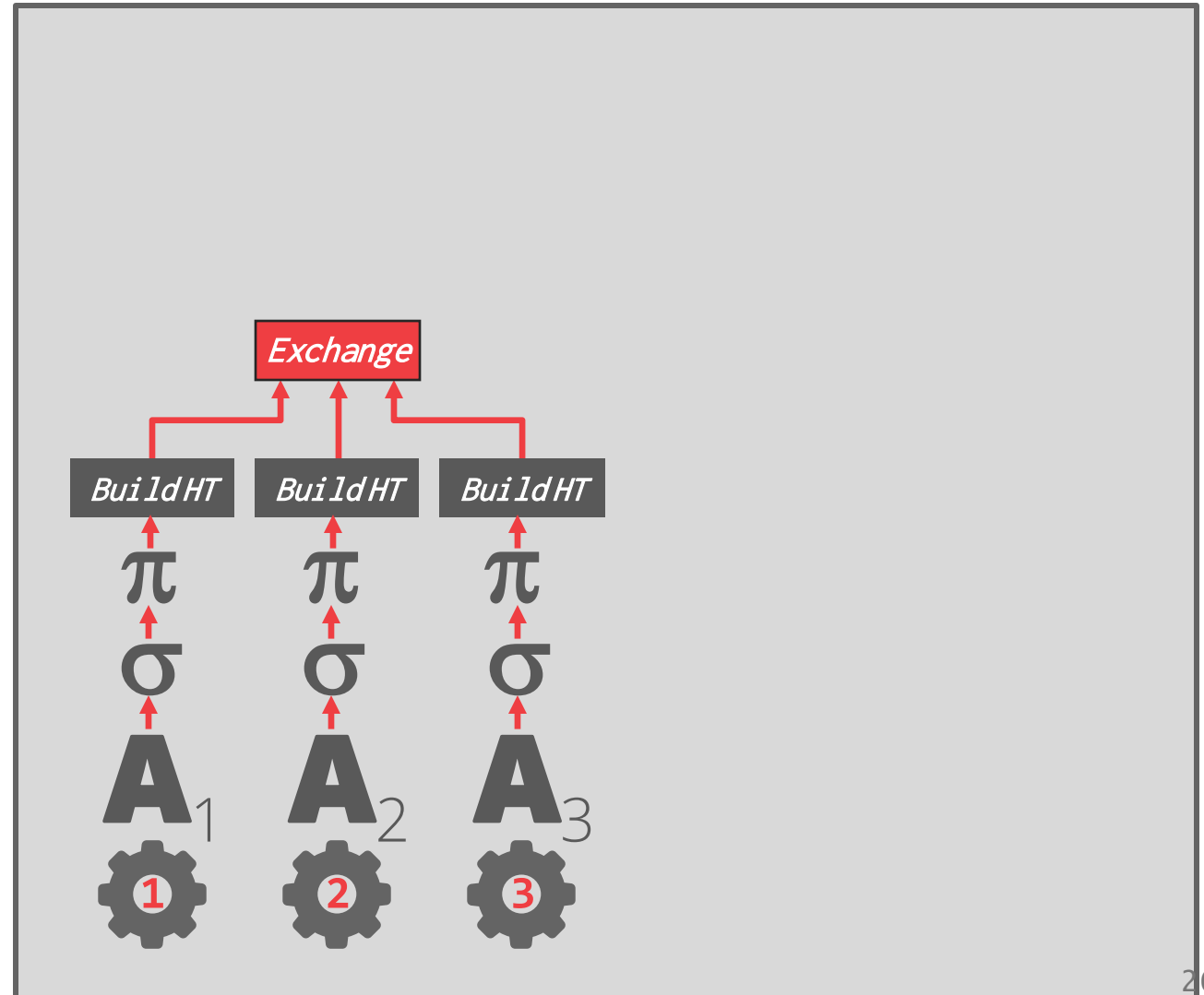
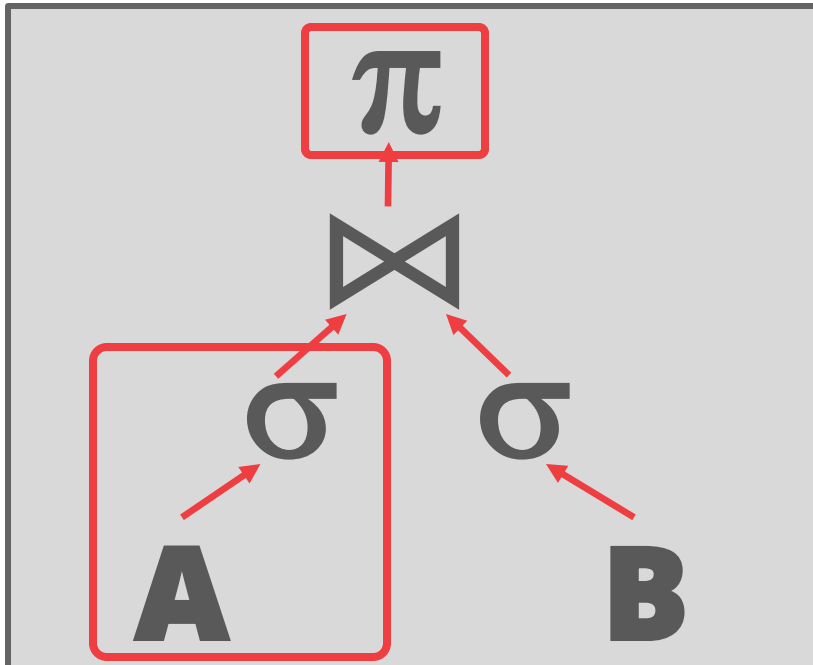
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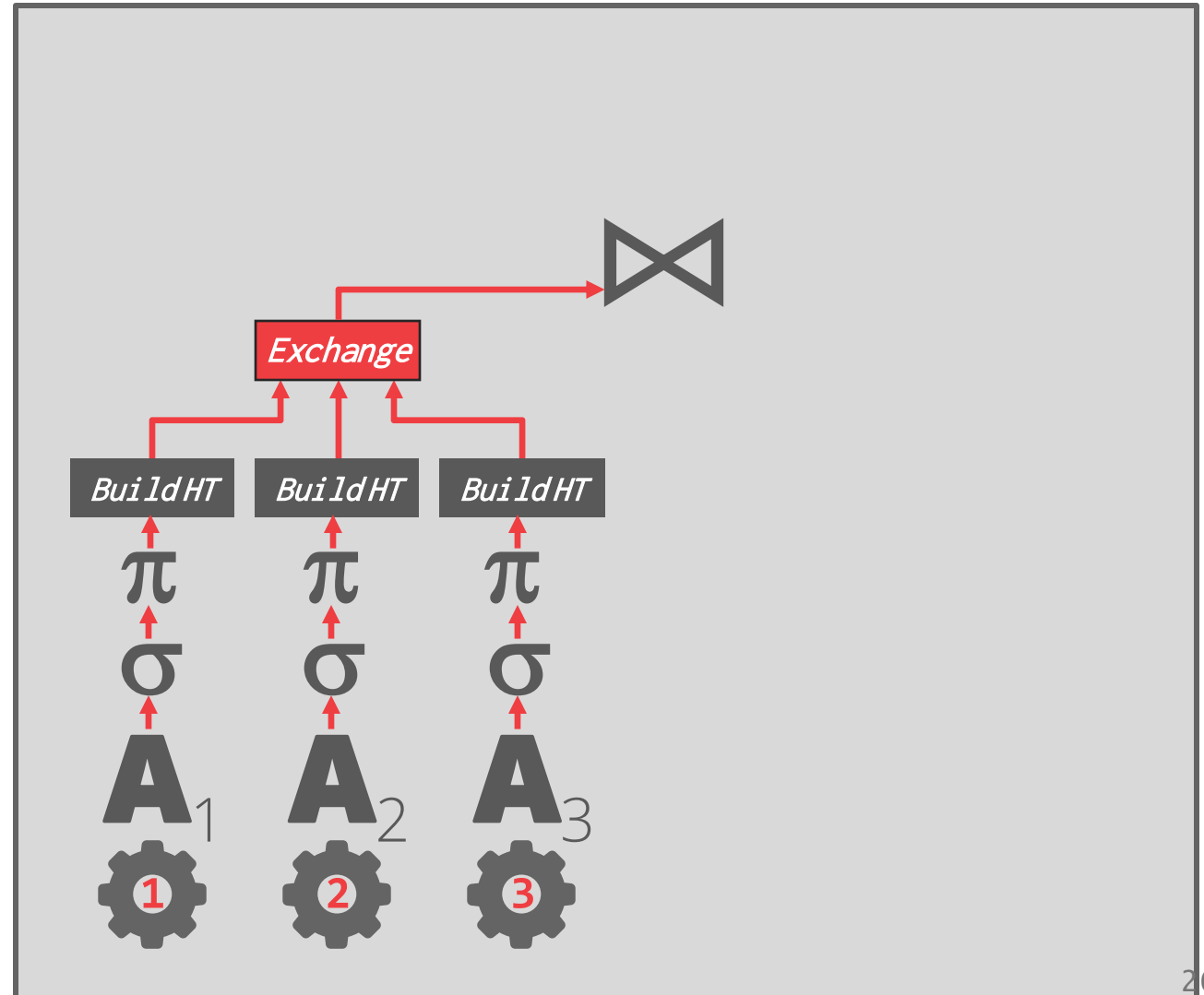
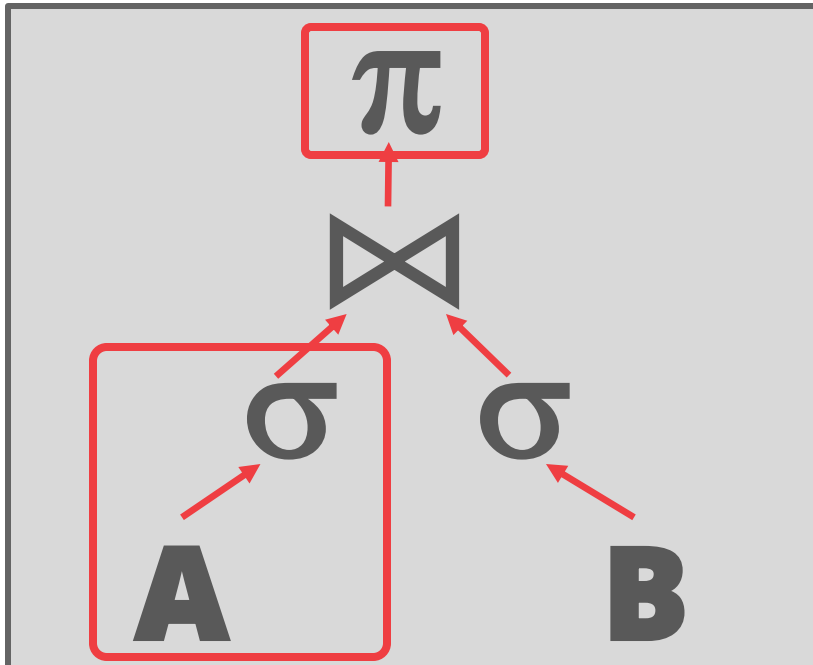
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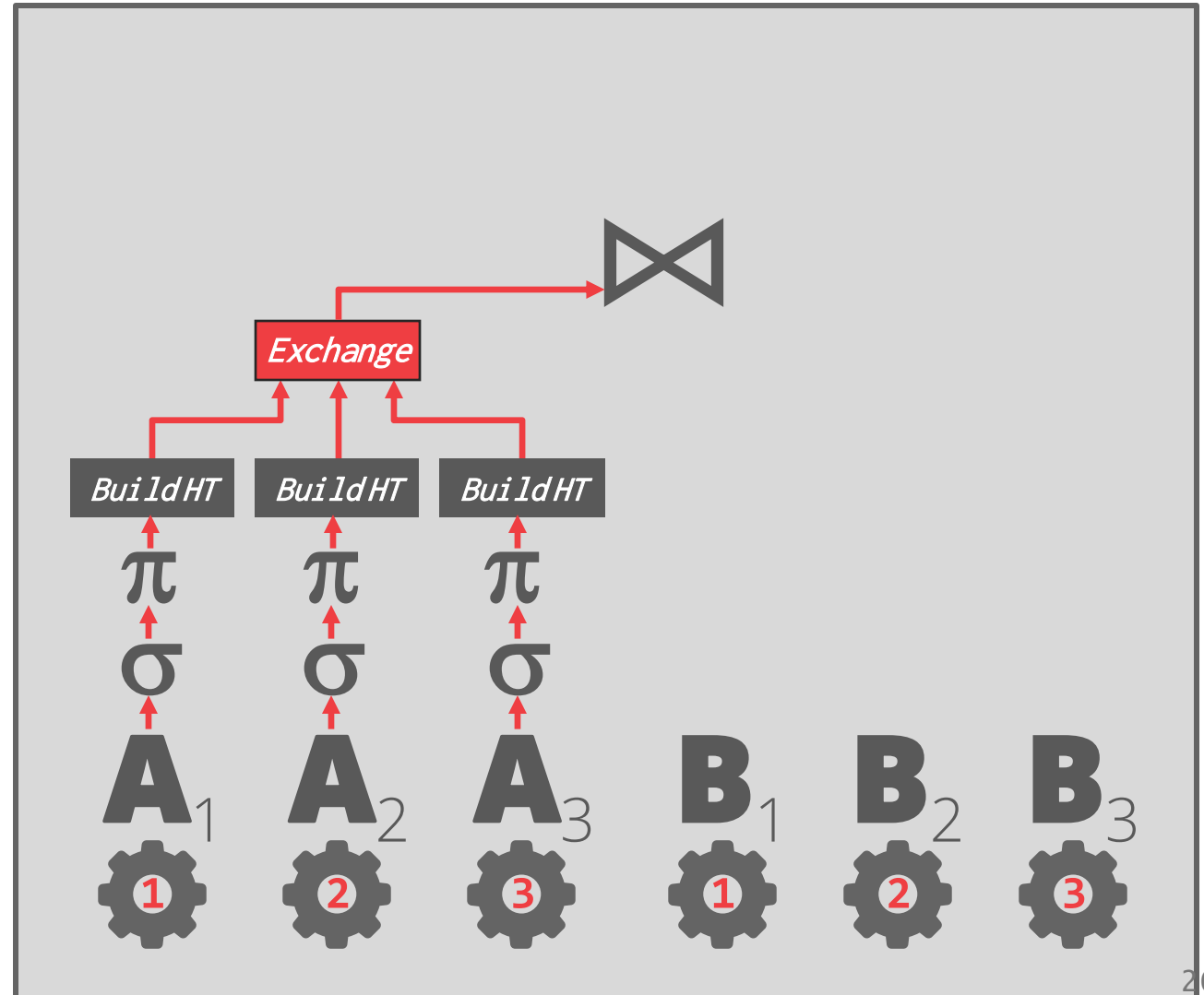
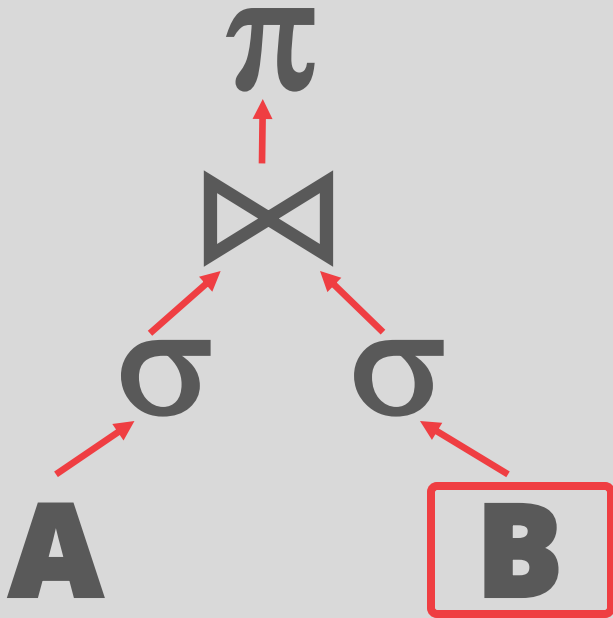
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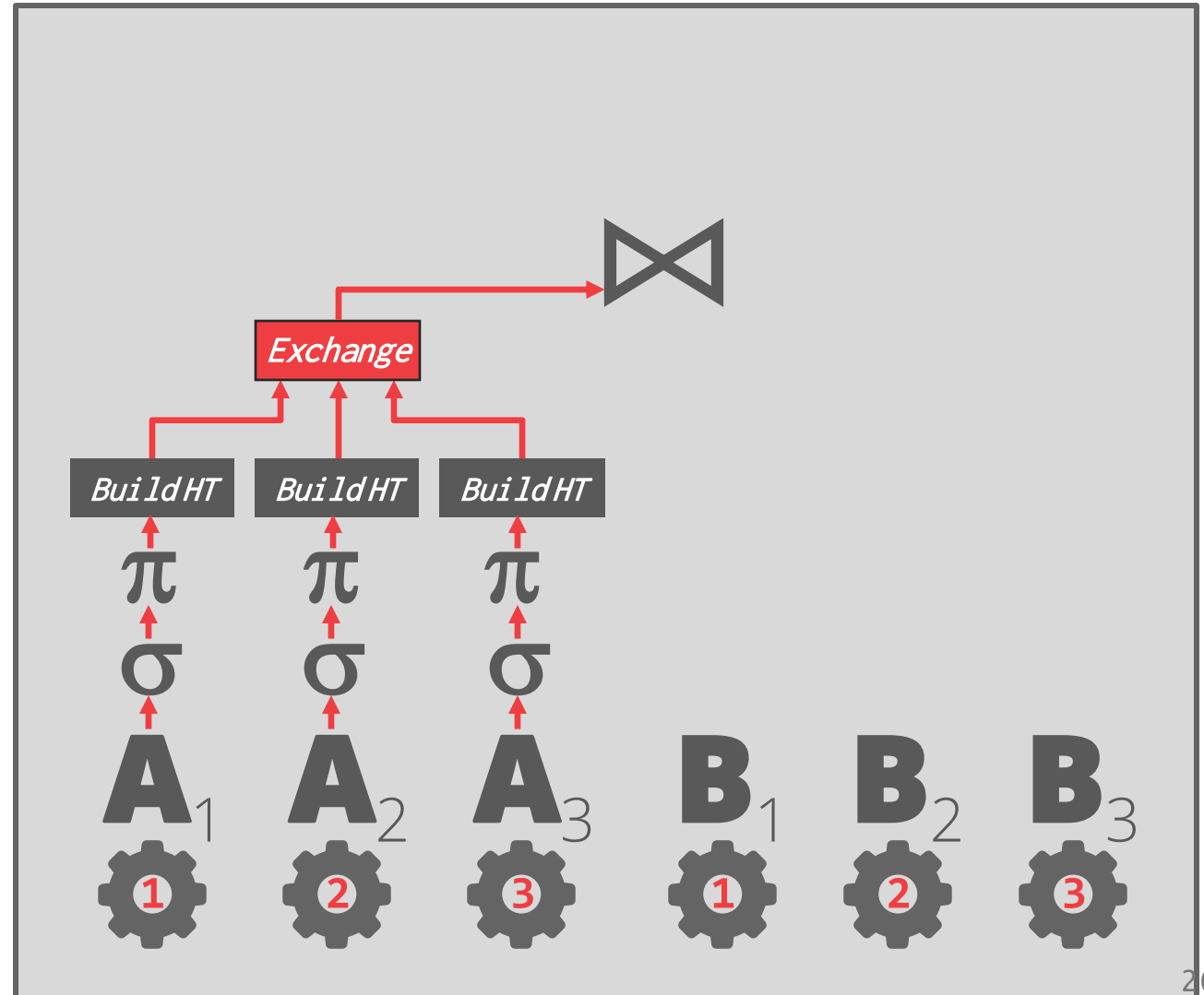
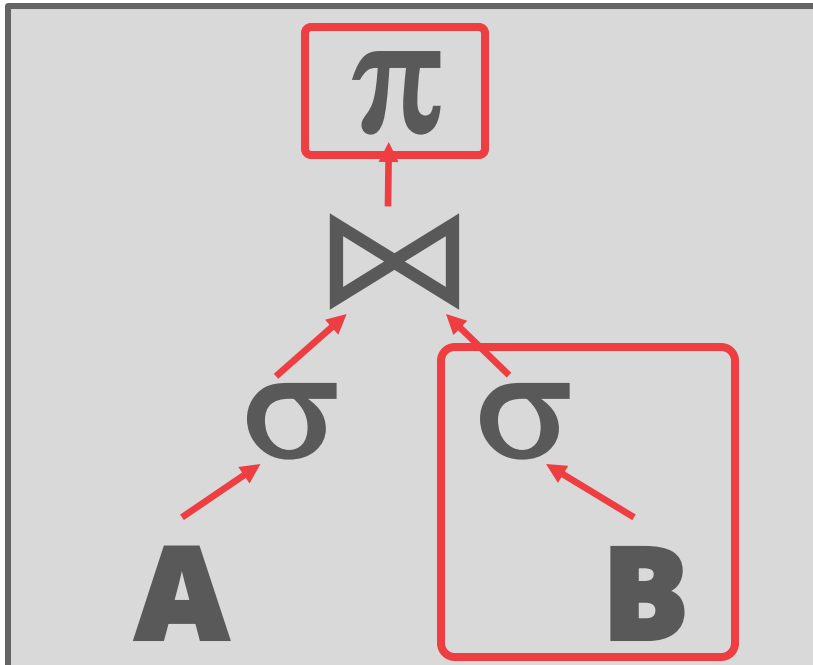
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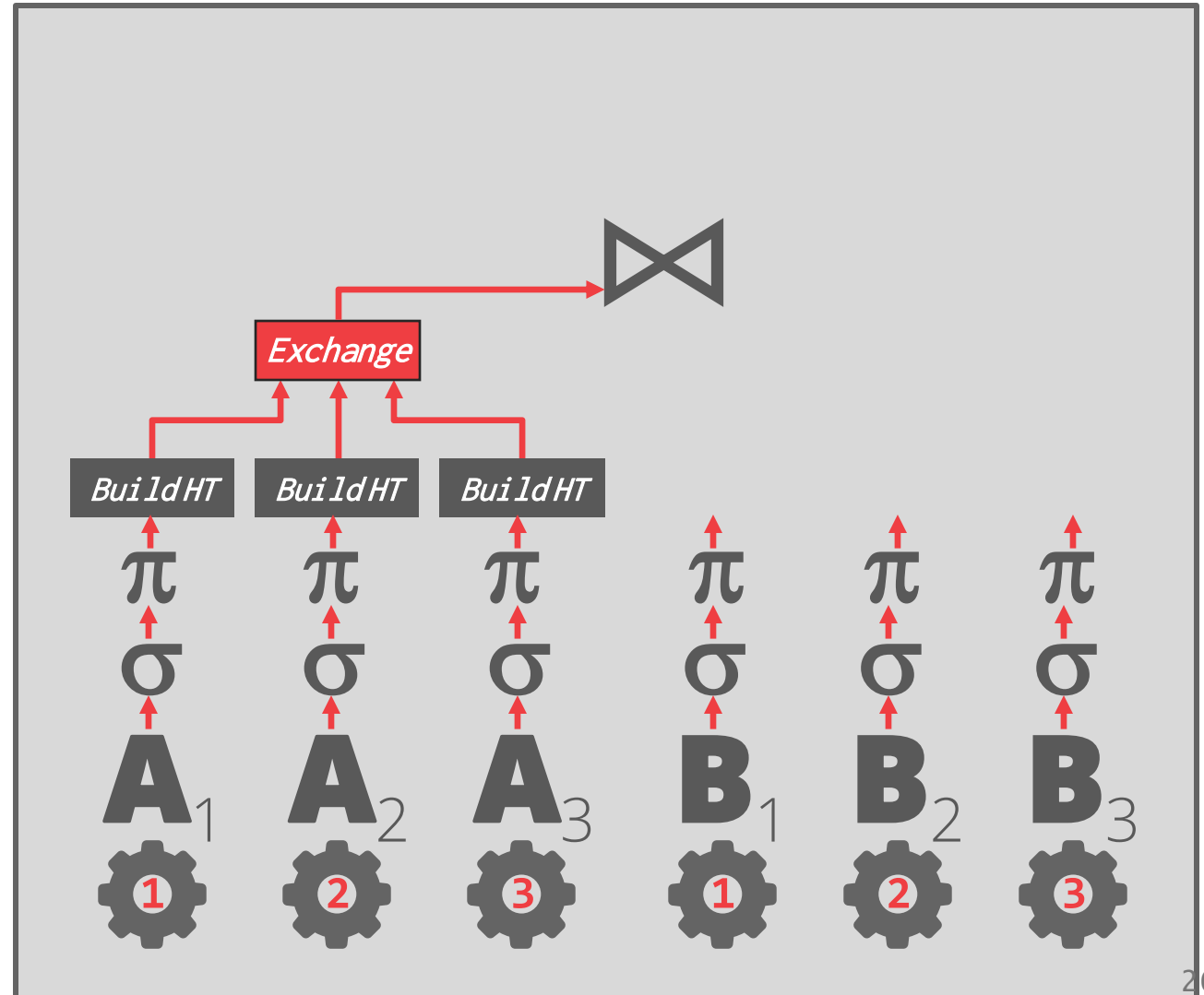
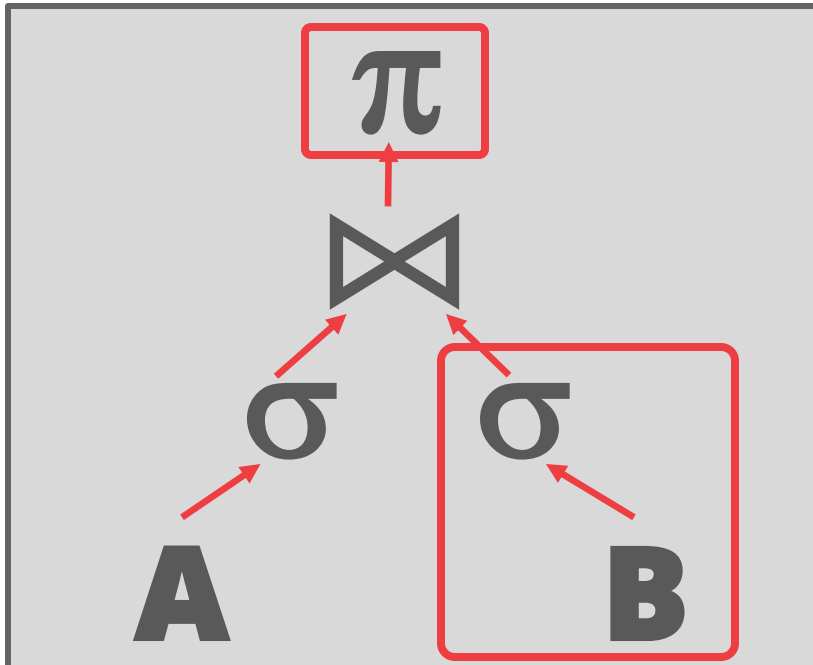
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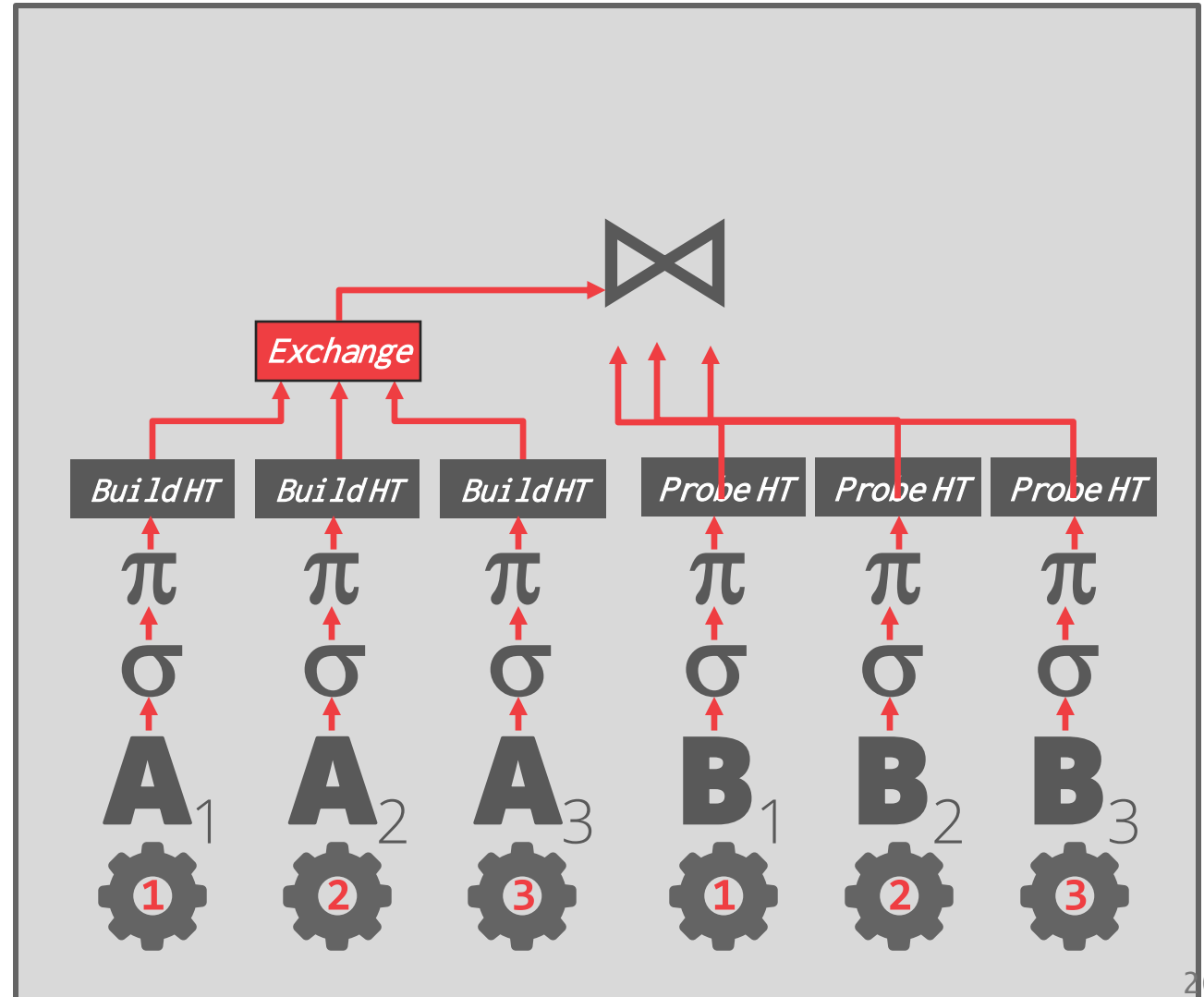
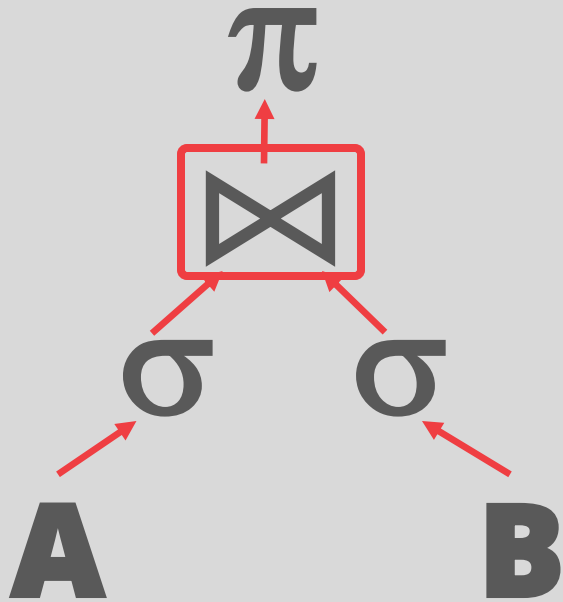
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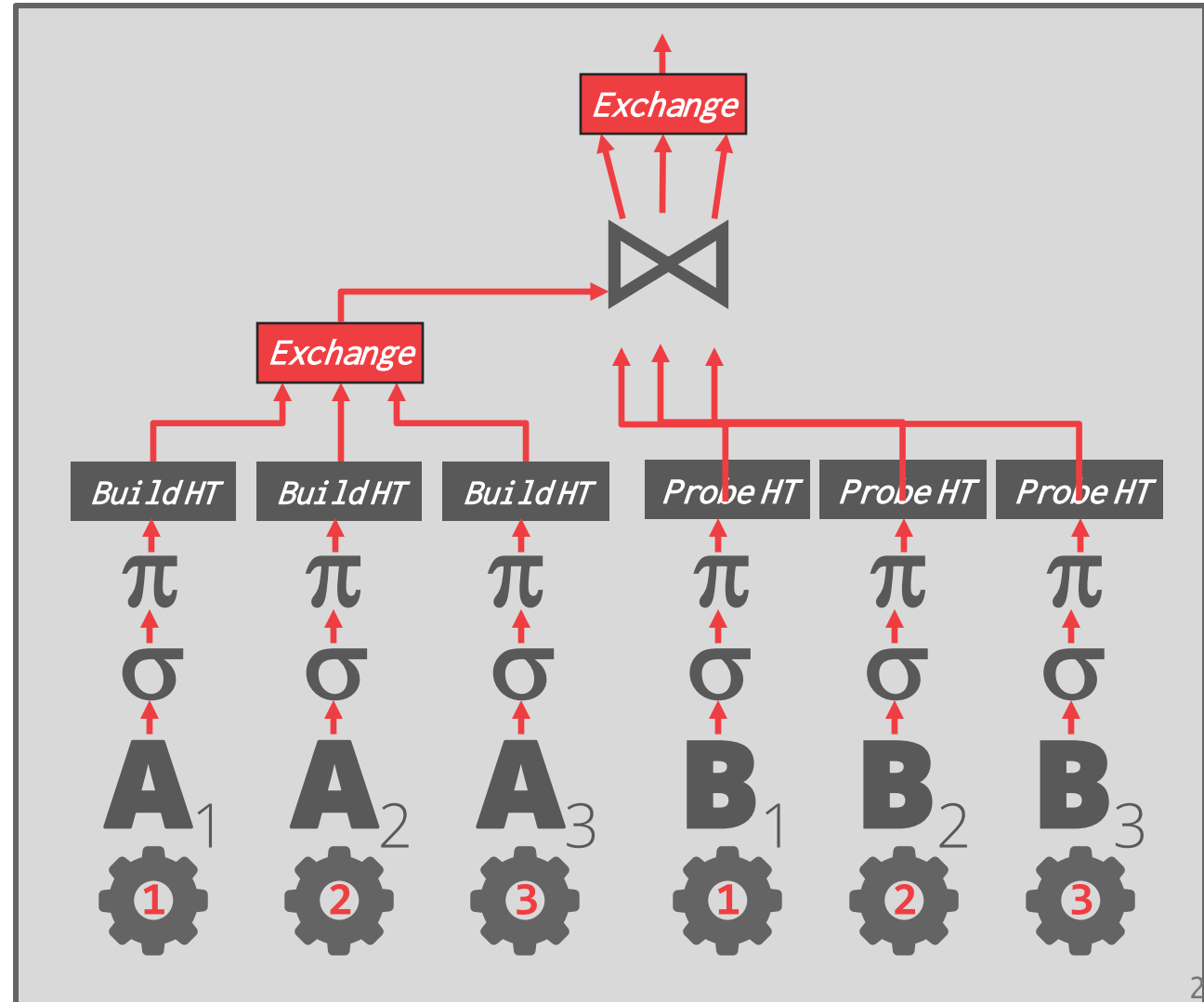
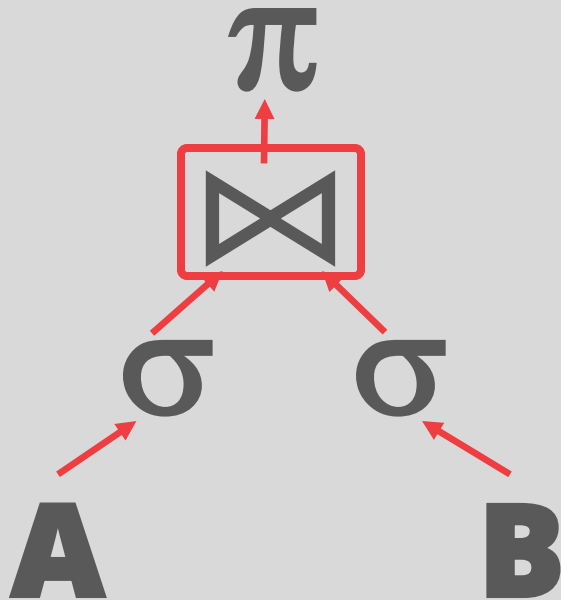
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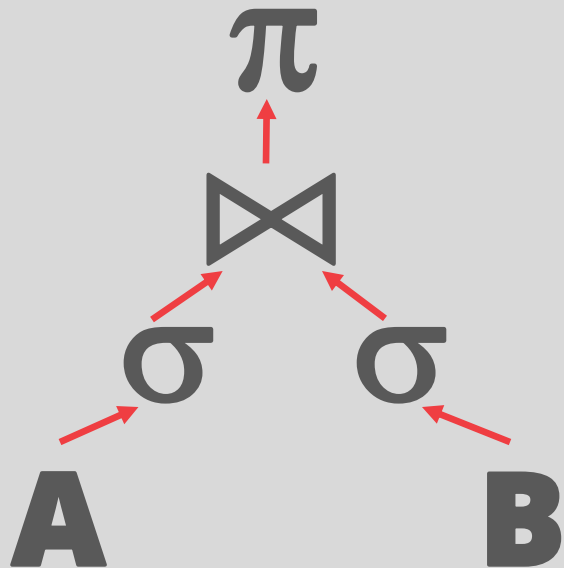
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- Also called pipeline parallelism.



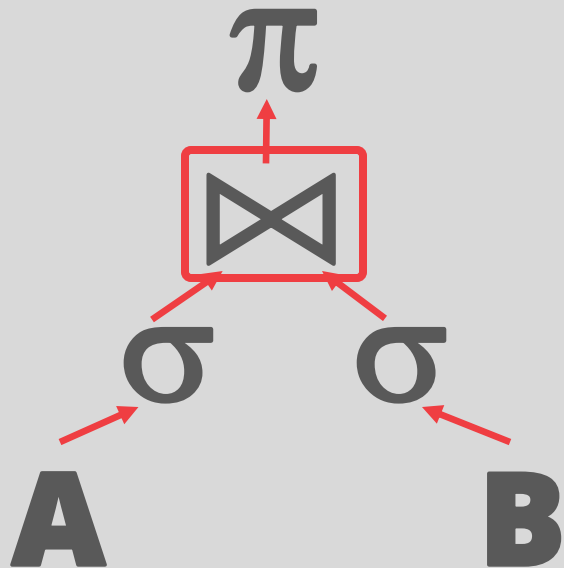
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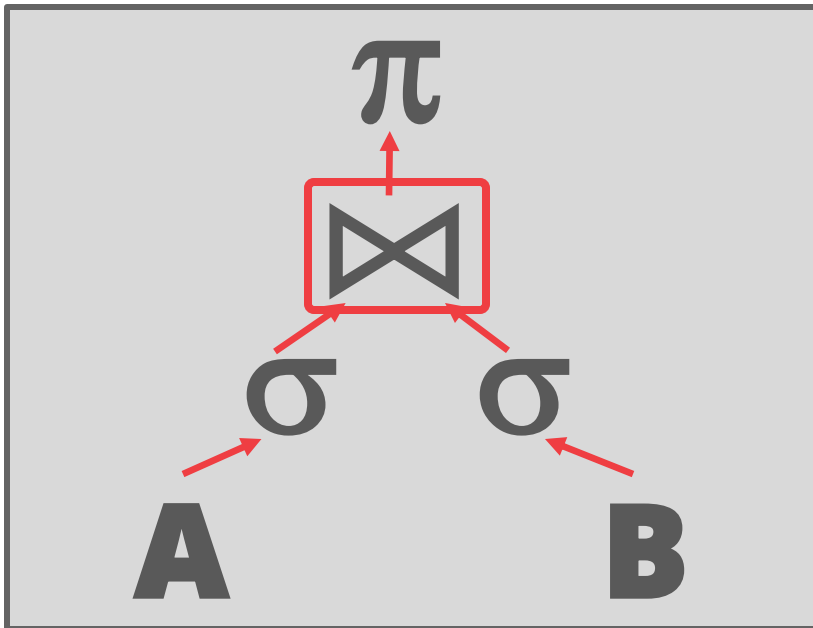
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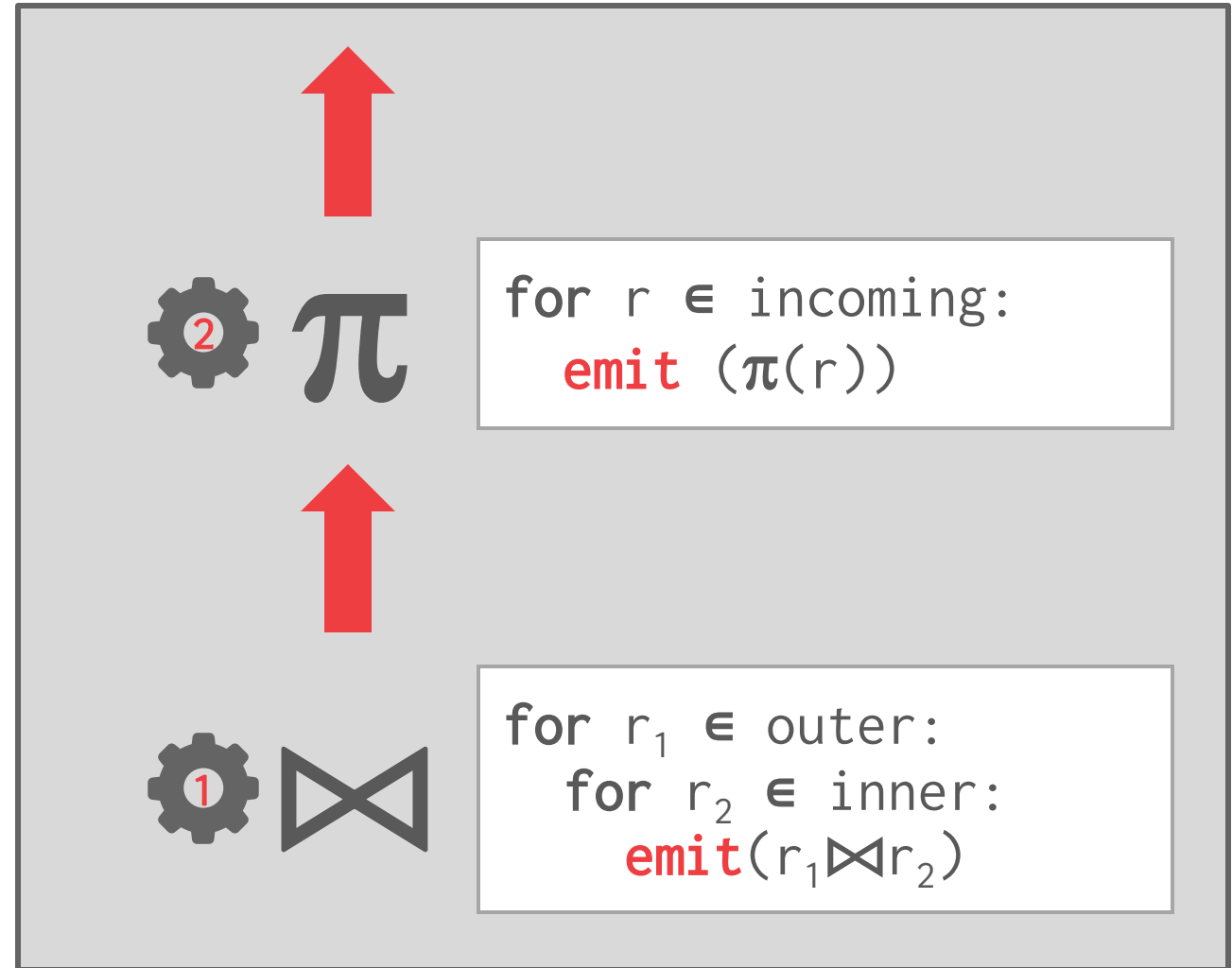
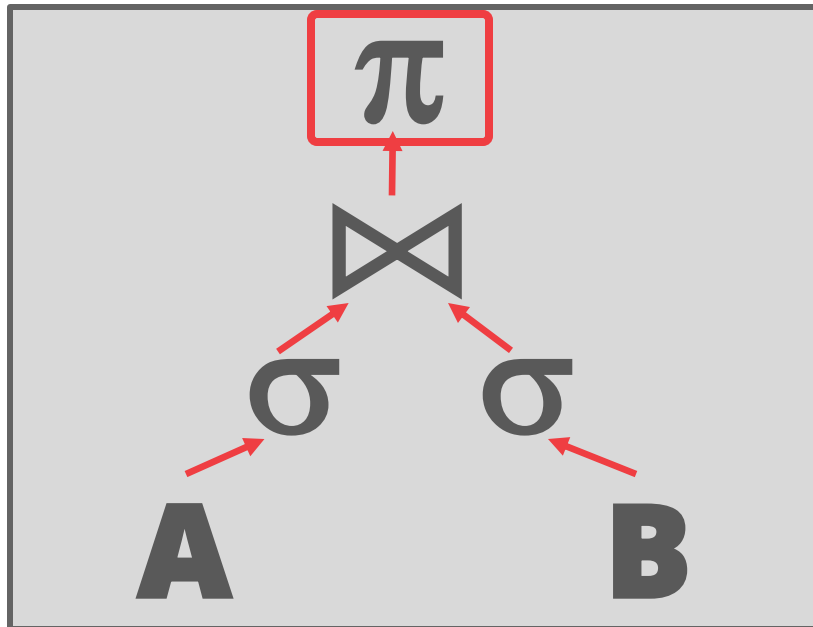
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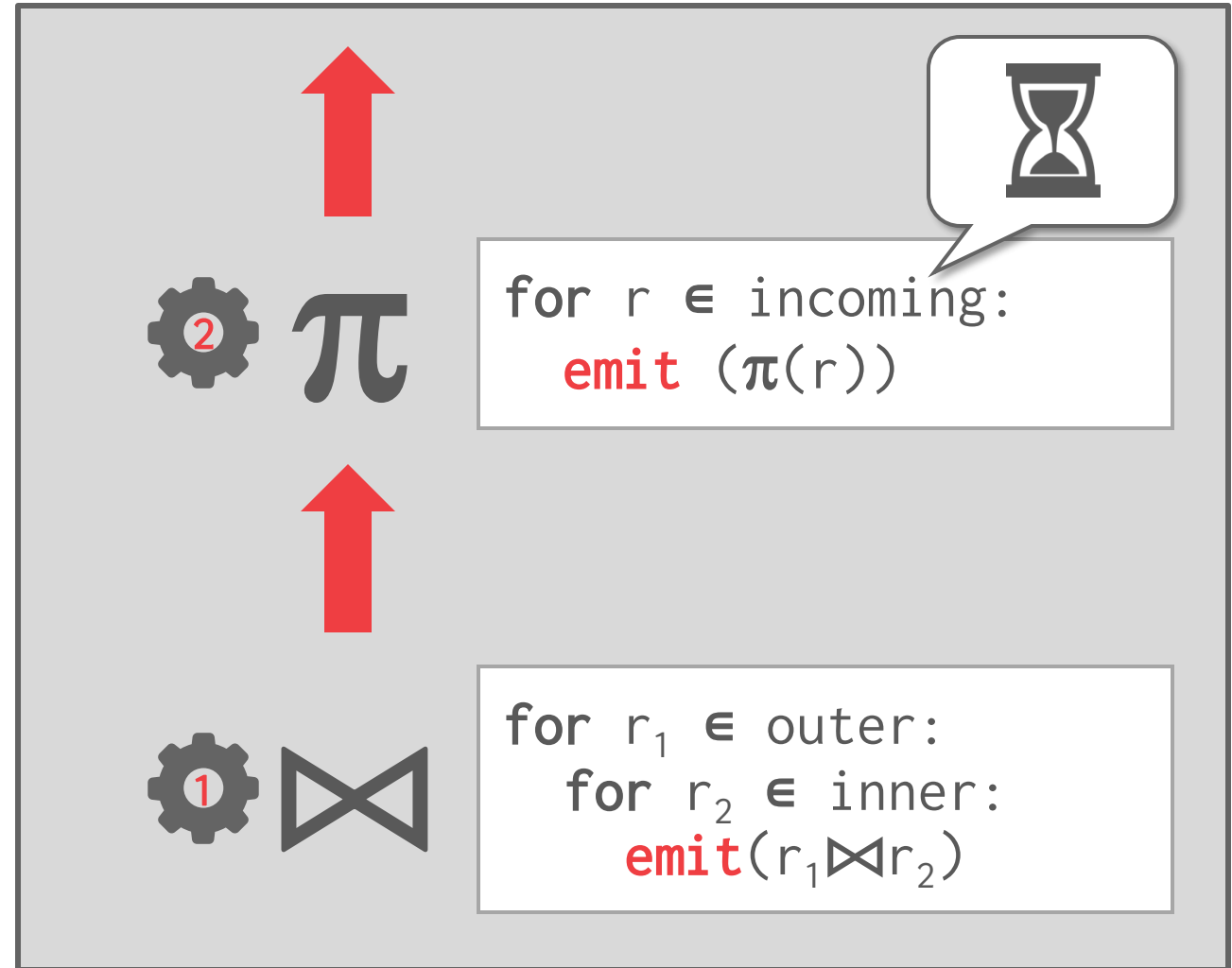
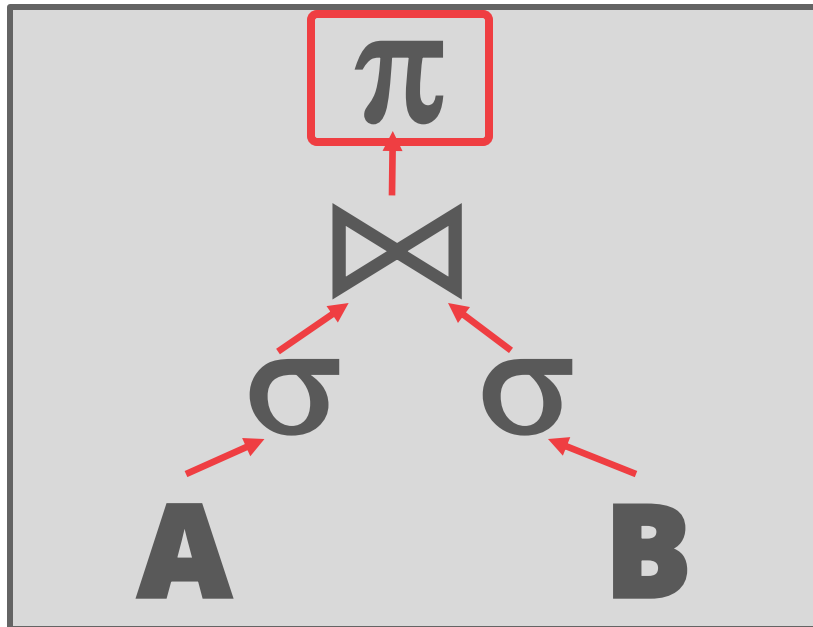
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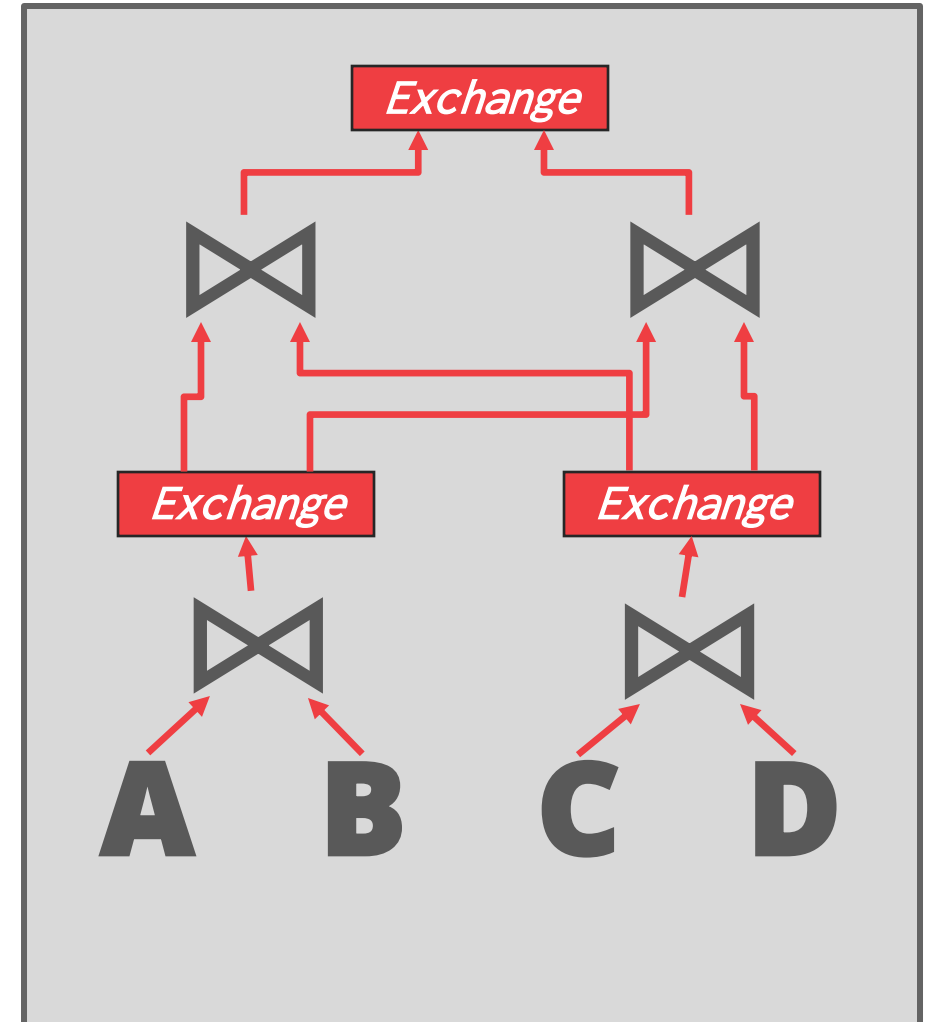
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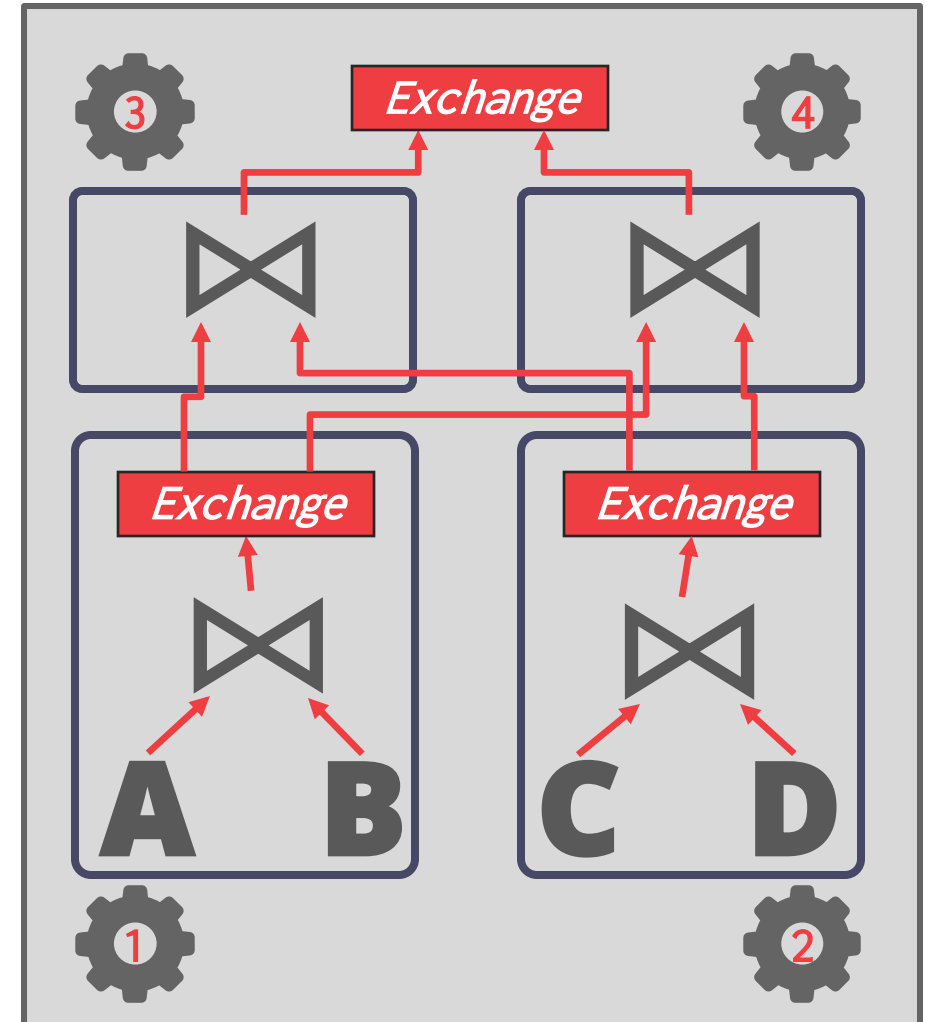
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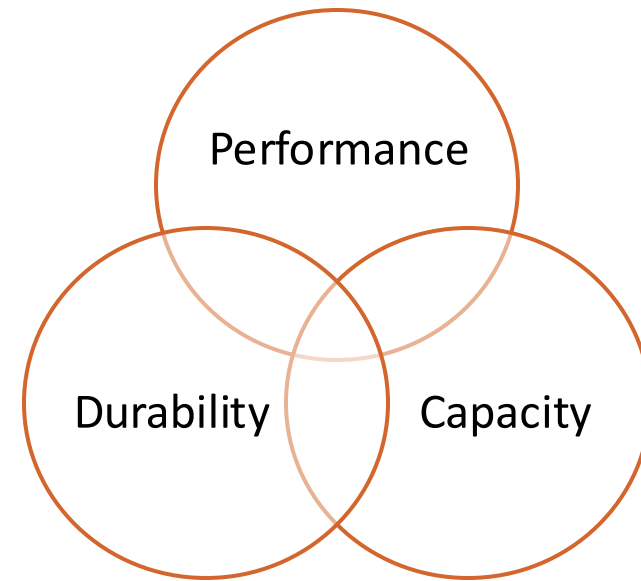
- Using additional processes/threads to execute queries in parallel won't help if the disk is always the main bottleneck.
- It can sometimes make the DBMS's performance worse if a worker is accessing different segments of the disk at the same time.

I/O Parallelism

- Split the DBMS across multiple storage devices to improve disk bandwidth latency.
- Many different options that have trade-offs:
 - Multiple Disks per Database
 - One Database per Disk
 - One Relation per Disk
 - Split Relation across Multiple Disks
- Some DBMSs support this natively. Others require admin to configure outside of DBMS.

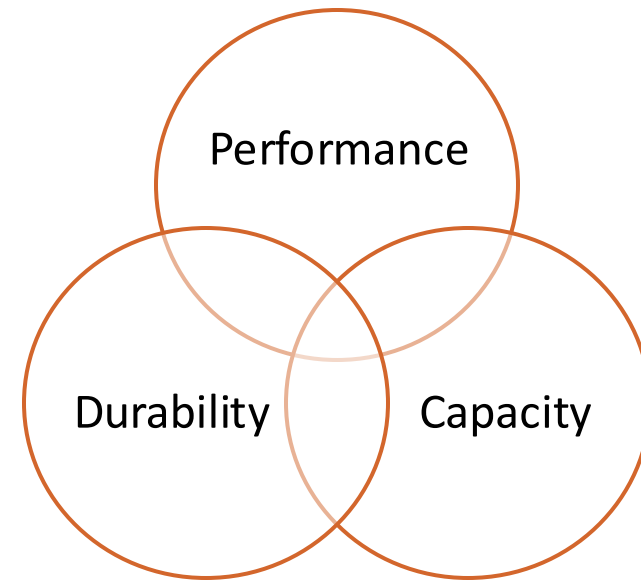
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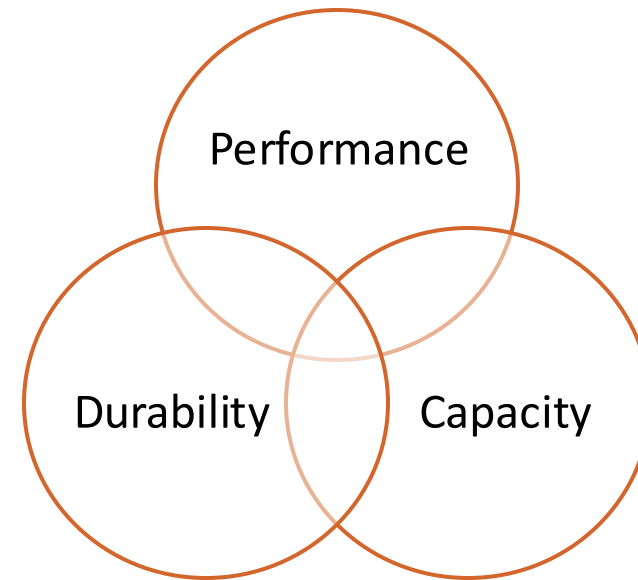


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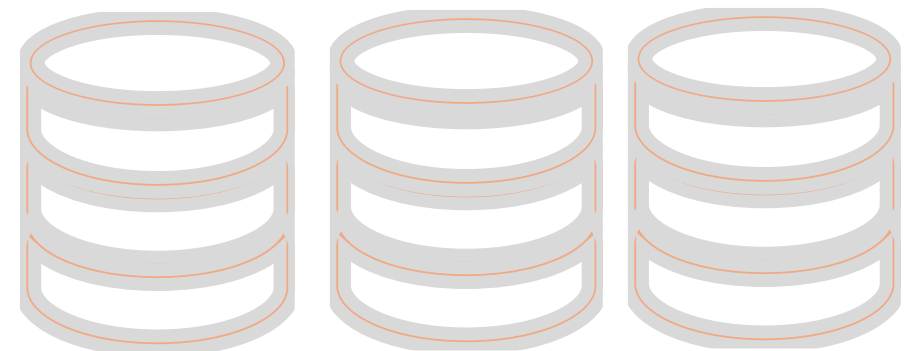
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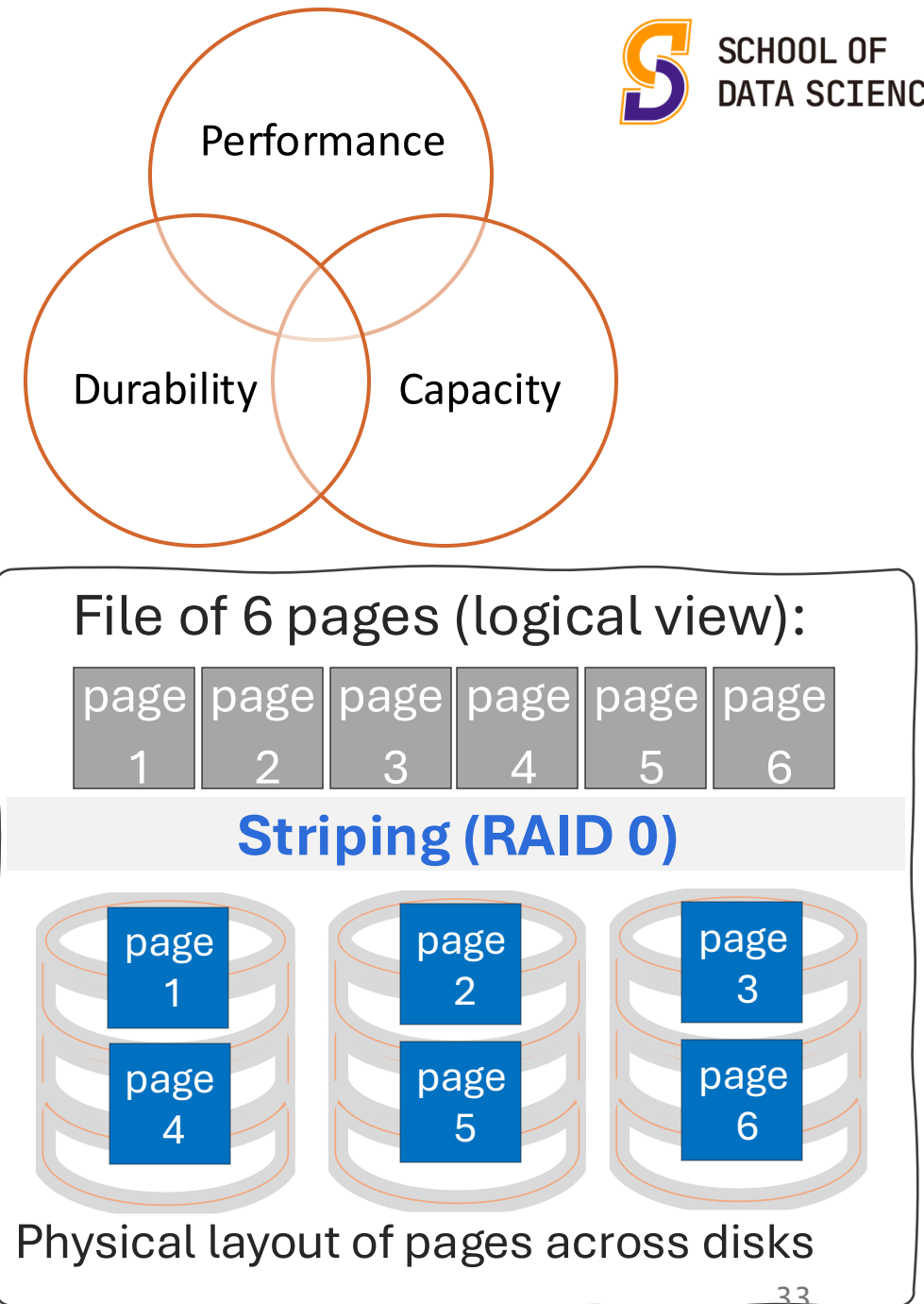
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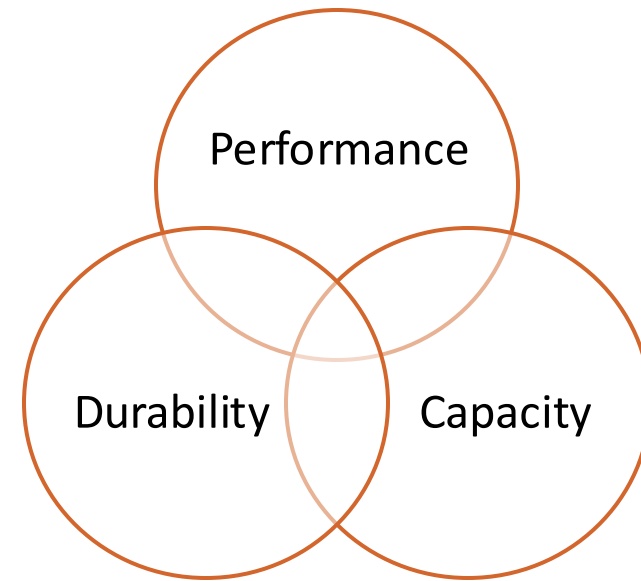
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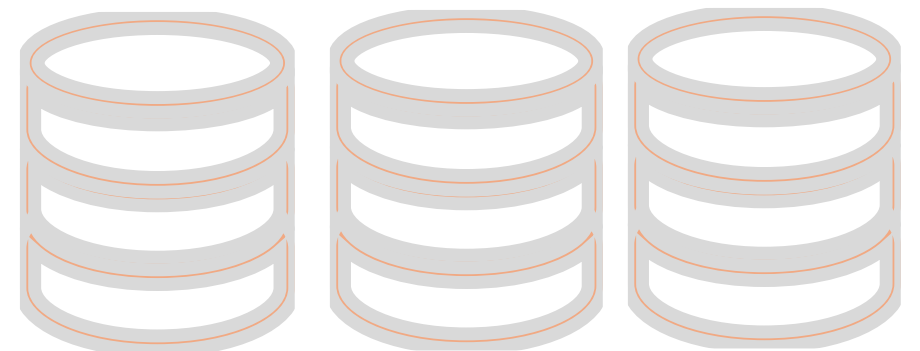
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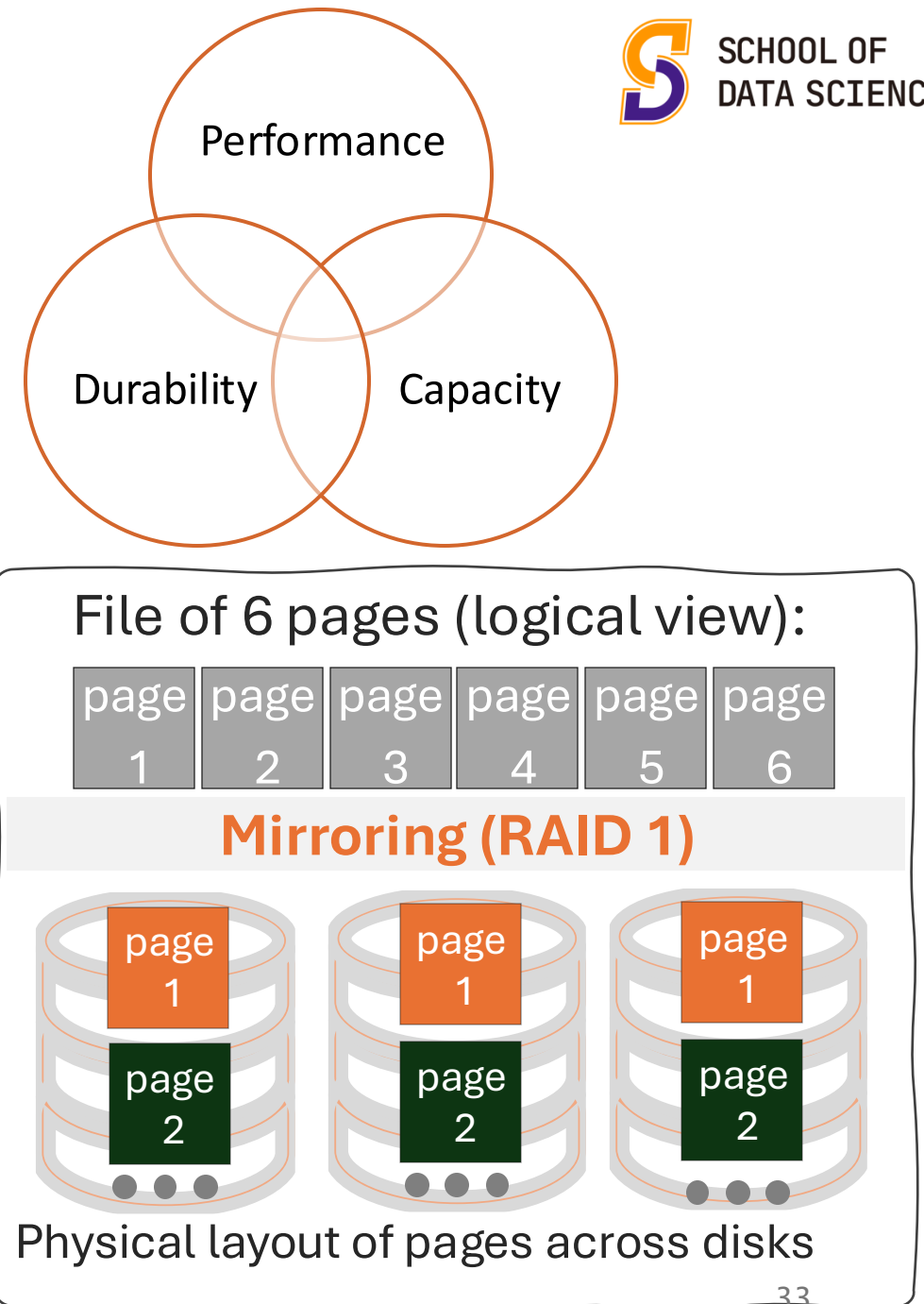
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Database Partitioning

- Some DBMSs allow you to specify the disk location of each individual database.
 - The buffer pool manager maps a page to a disk location.
- This is also easy to do at the filesystem level if the DBMS stores each database in a separate directory.
 - The DBMS recovery log file might still be shared if transactions can update multiple databases.

Partitioning

- Split a single logical table into disjoint physical segments that are stored/managed separately.
- Partitioning should (ideally) be transparent to the application.
 - The application should only access logical tables and not have to worry about how things are physically stored.
- ***We will cover this further if we have time to talk about distributed databases.***

Conclusion

- Parallel execution is important, which is why (almost) every major DBMS supports it.
- However, it is hard to get right.
 - Coordination Overhead
 - Scheduling
 - Concurrency Issues
 - Resource Contention

Next Lecture

- Query Optimization
 - Logical vs Physical Plans
 - Search Space of Plans
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