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13: Query Execution *part b*

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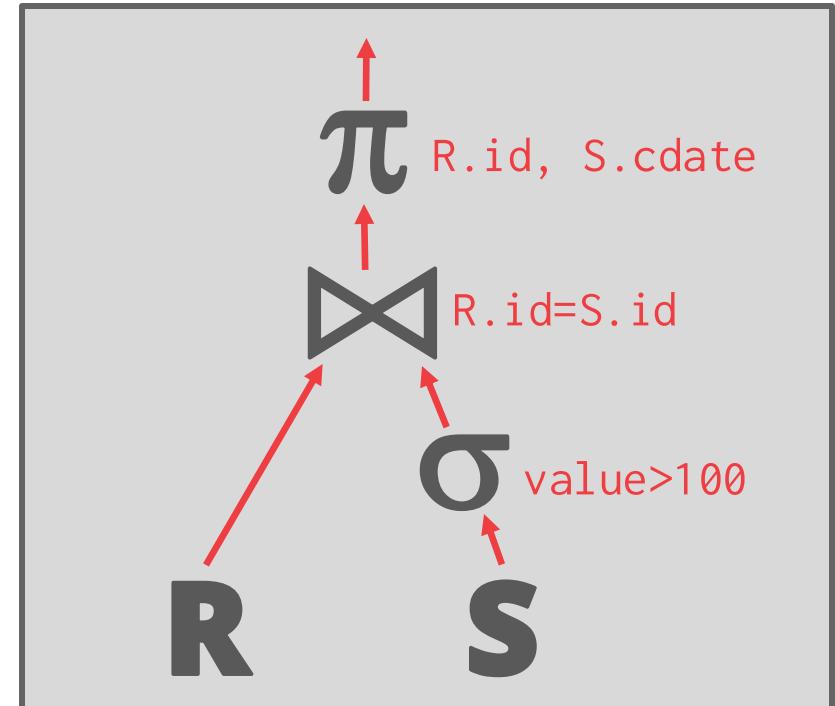
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Query Execution

- 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

Process Model

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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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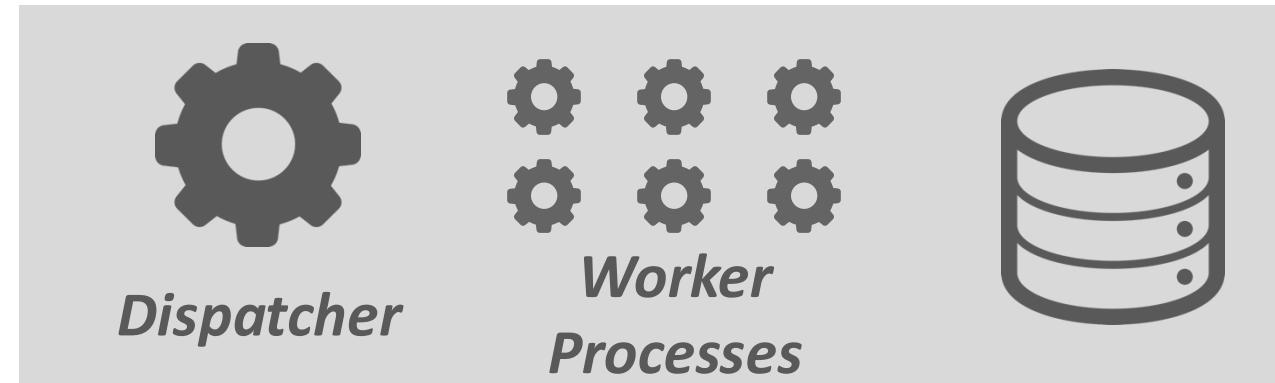


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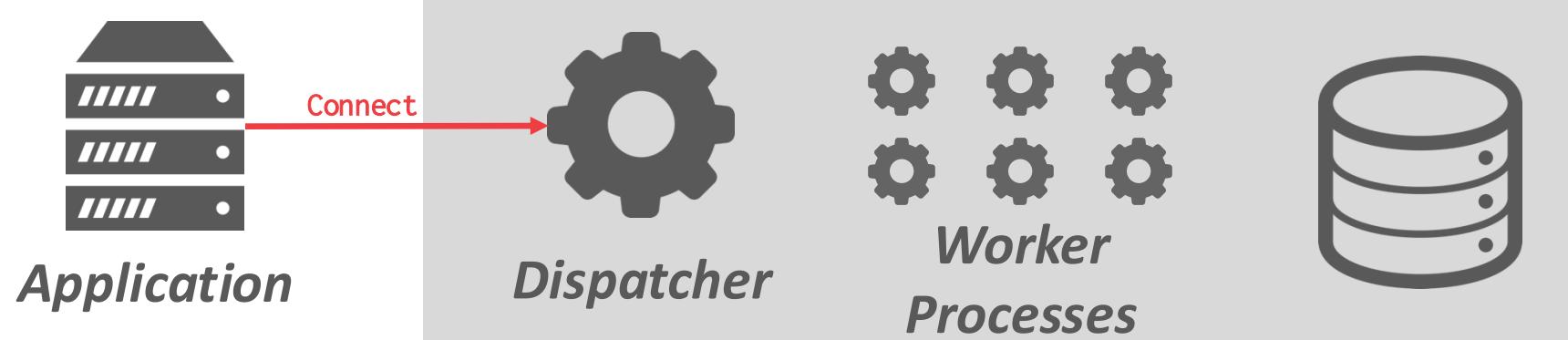
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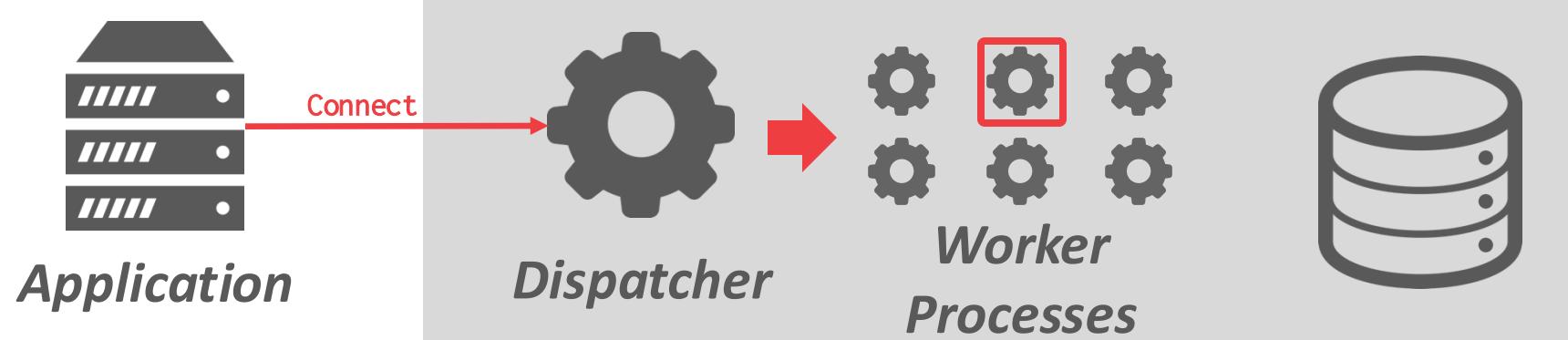
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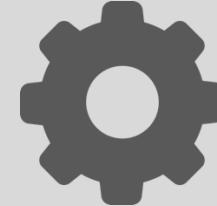


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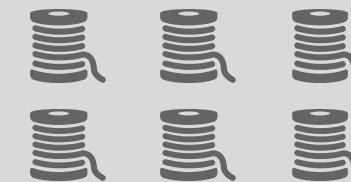
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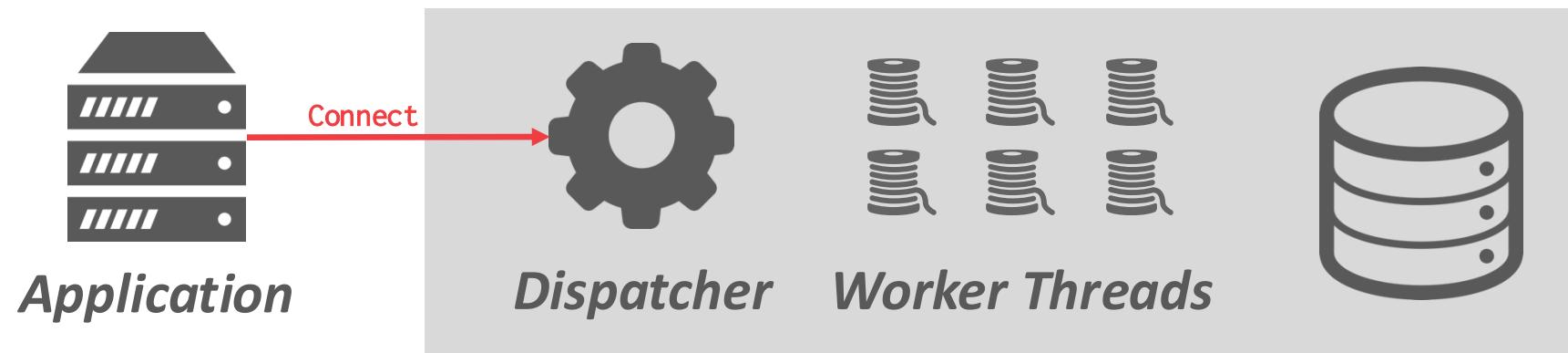
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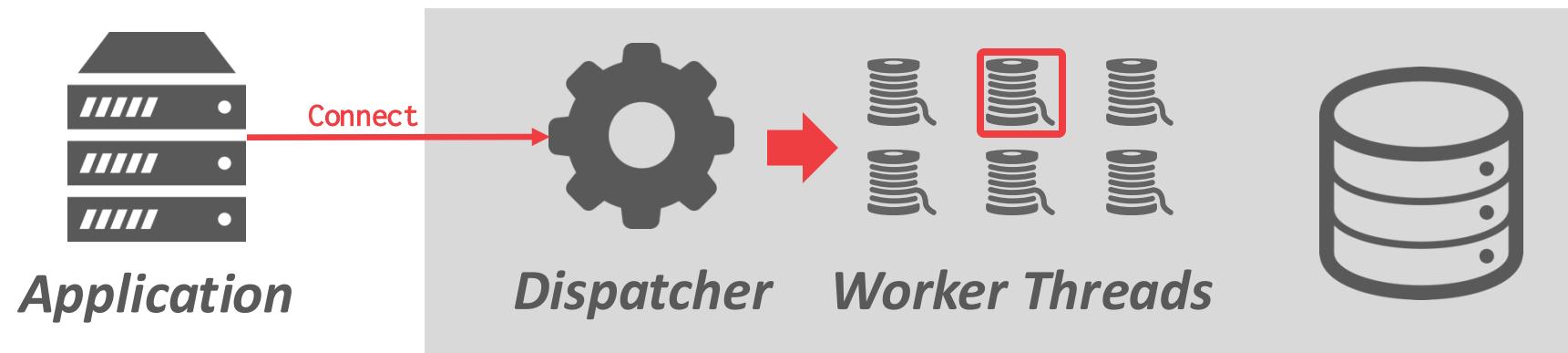
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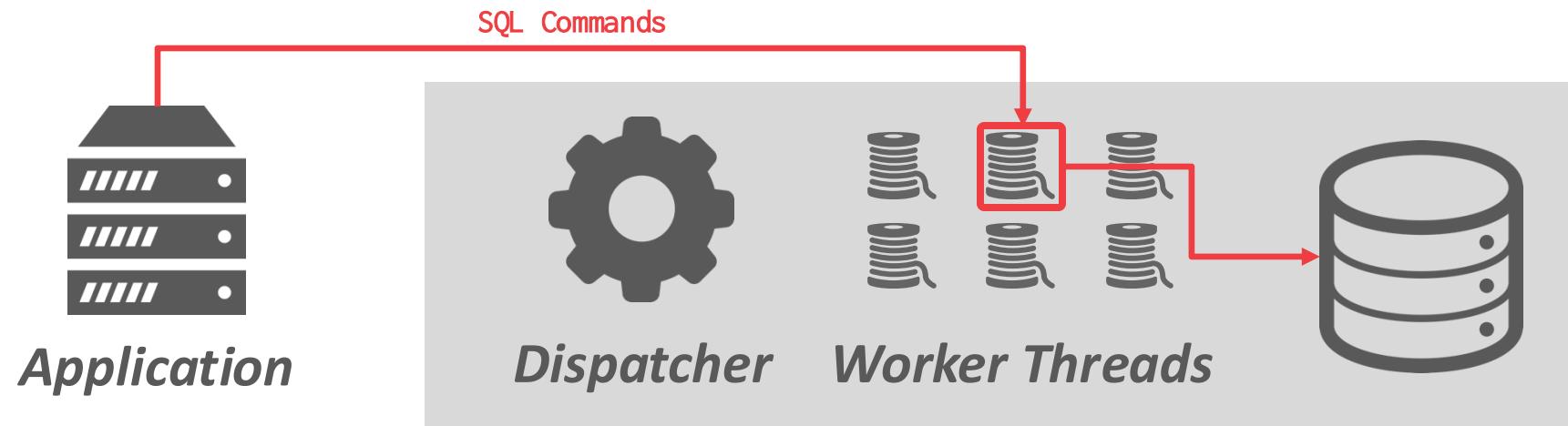
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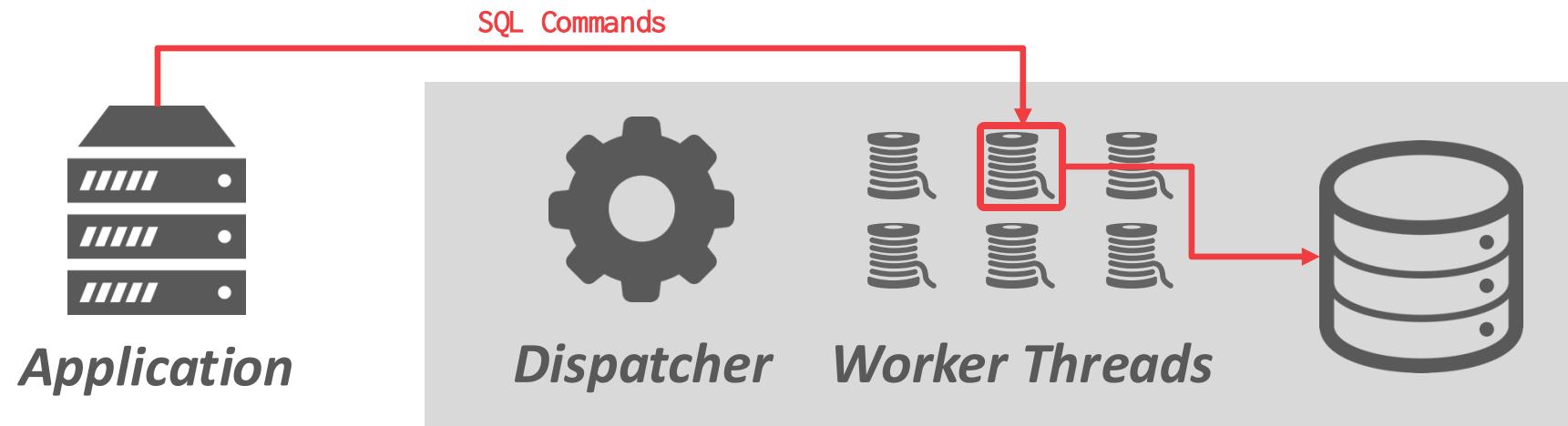
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Scheduling

- 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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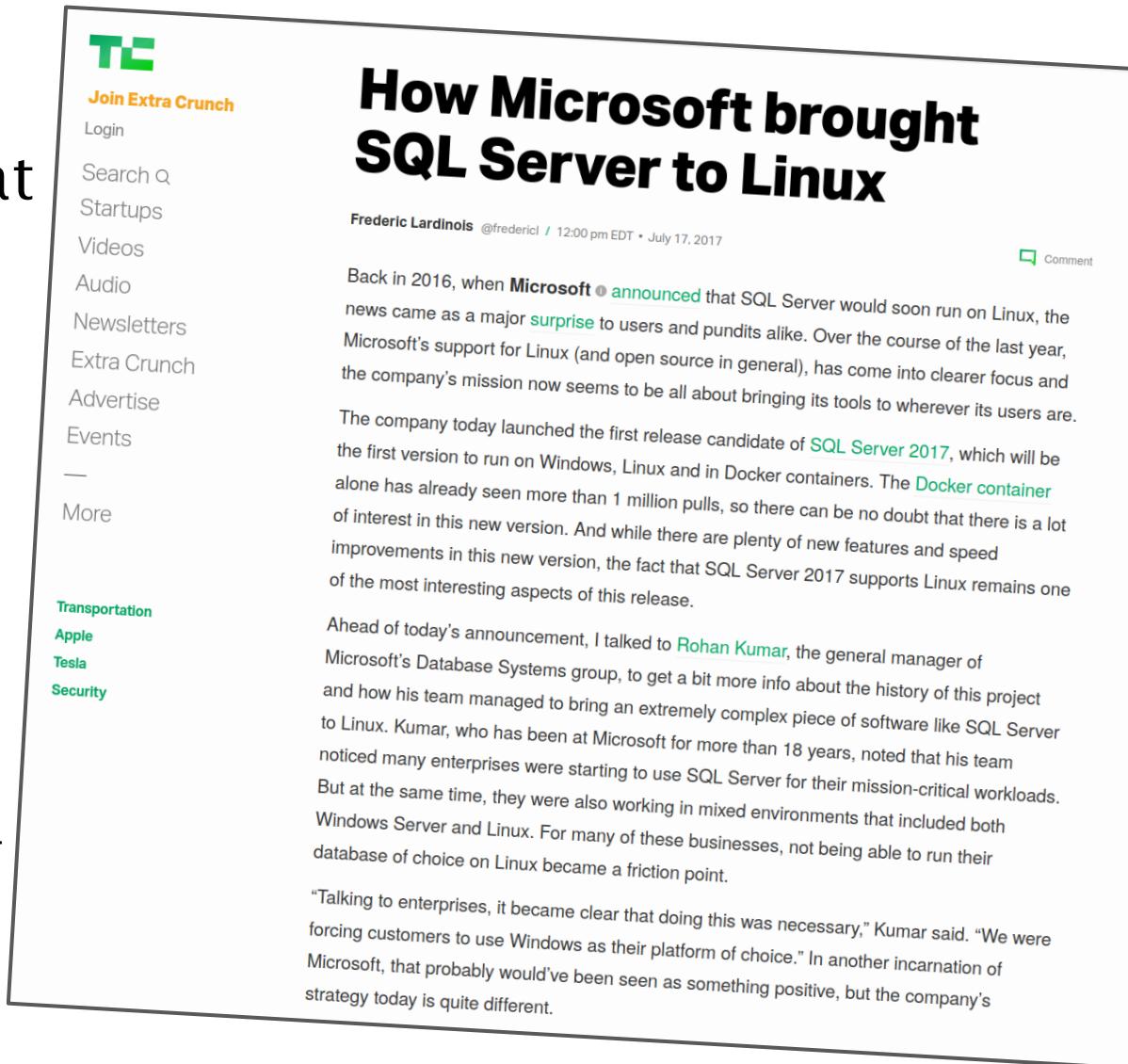
How Microsoft brought SQL Server to Linux

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Back in 2016, when Microsoft announced that SQL Server would soon run on Linux, the news came as a major surprise to users and pundits alike. Over the course of the last year, Microsoft's support for Linux (and open source in general), has come into clearer focus and the company's mission now seems to be all about bringing its tools to wherever its users are. The company today launched the first release candidate of SQL Server 2017, which will be the first version to run on Windows, Linux and in Docker containers. The Docker container alone has already seen more than 1 million pulls, so there can be no doubt that there is a lot of interest in this new version. And while there are plenty of new features and speed improvements in this new version, the fact that SQL Server 2017 supports Linux remains one of the most interesting aspects of this release.

Ahead of today's announcement, I talked to Rohan Kumar, the general manager of Microsoft's Database Systems group, to get a bit more info about the history of this project and how his team managed to bring an extremely complex piece of software like SQL Server to Linux. Kumar, who has been at Microsoft for more than 18 years, noted that his team noticed many enterprises were starting to use SQL Server for their mission-critical workloads. But at the same time, they were also working in mixed environments that included both Windows Server and Linux. For many of these businesses, not being able to run their database of choice on Linux became a friction point.

"Talking to enterprises, it became clear that doing this was necessary," Kumar said. "We were forcing customers to use Windows as their platform of choice." In another incarnation of Microsoft, that probably would've been seen as something positive, but the company's strategy today is quite different.



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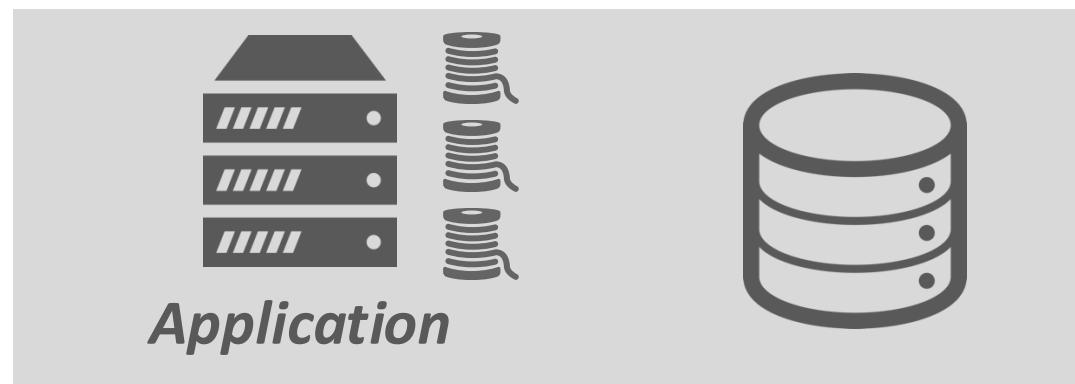
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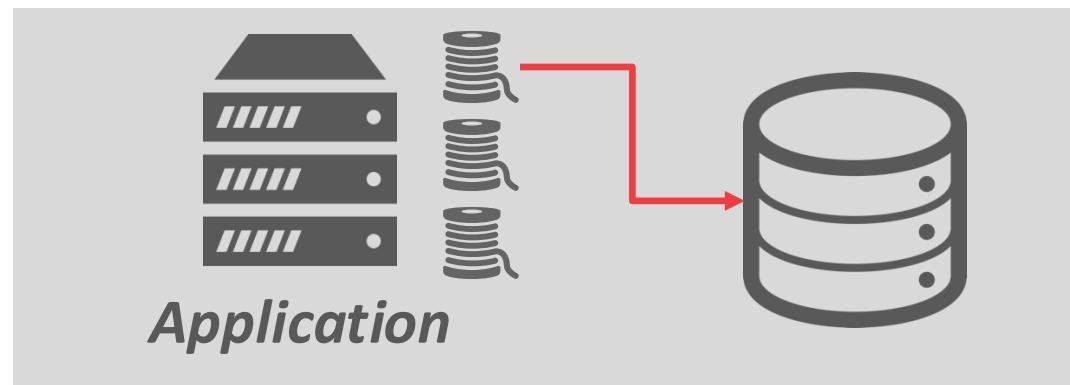
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Process Models

- 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

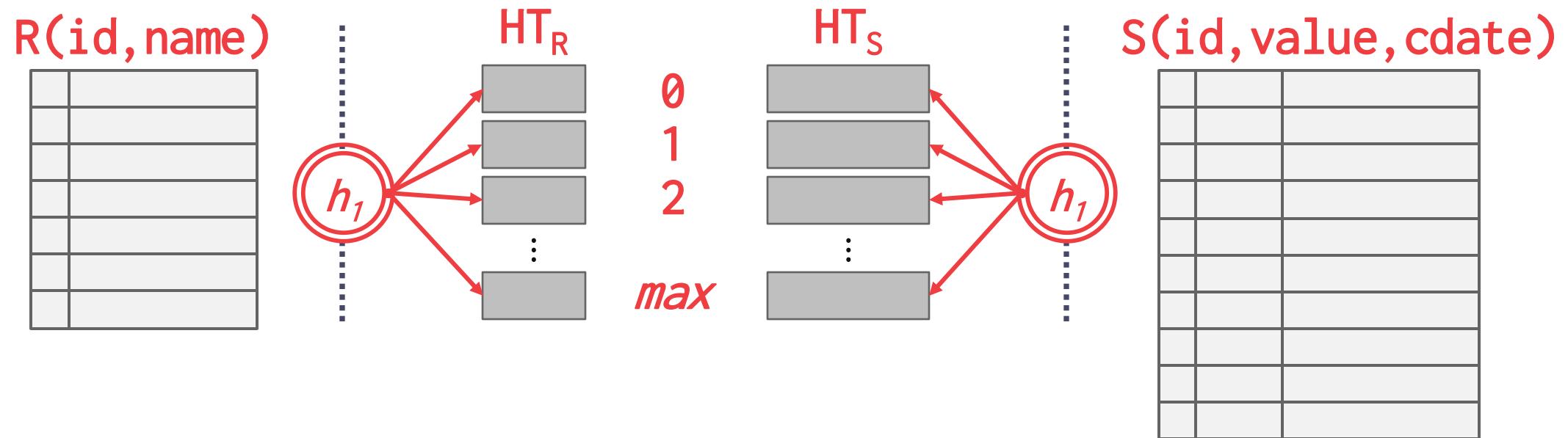
- Improve overall performance by allowing multiple queries to execute simultaneously.
- If queries are read-only, then this requires almost no explicit coordination between the queries.
 - Buffer pool can handle most of the sharing if necessary.
- If multiple queries are updating the database at the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

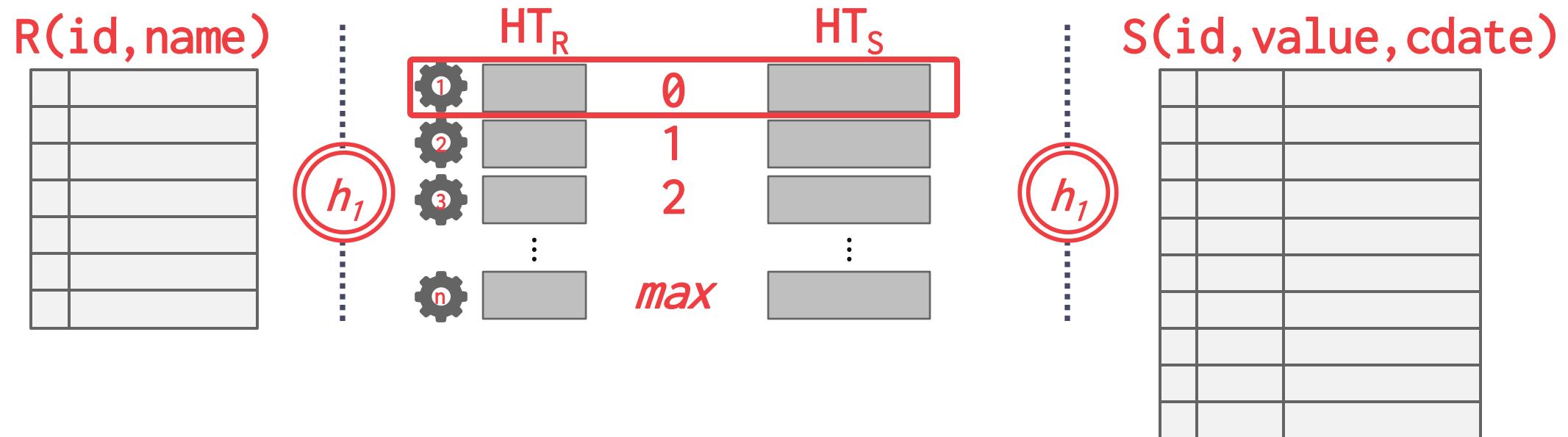
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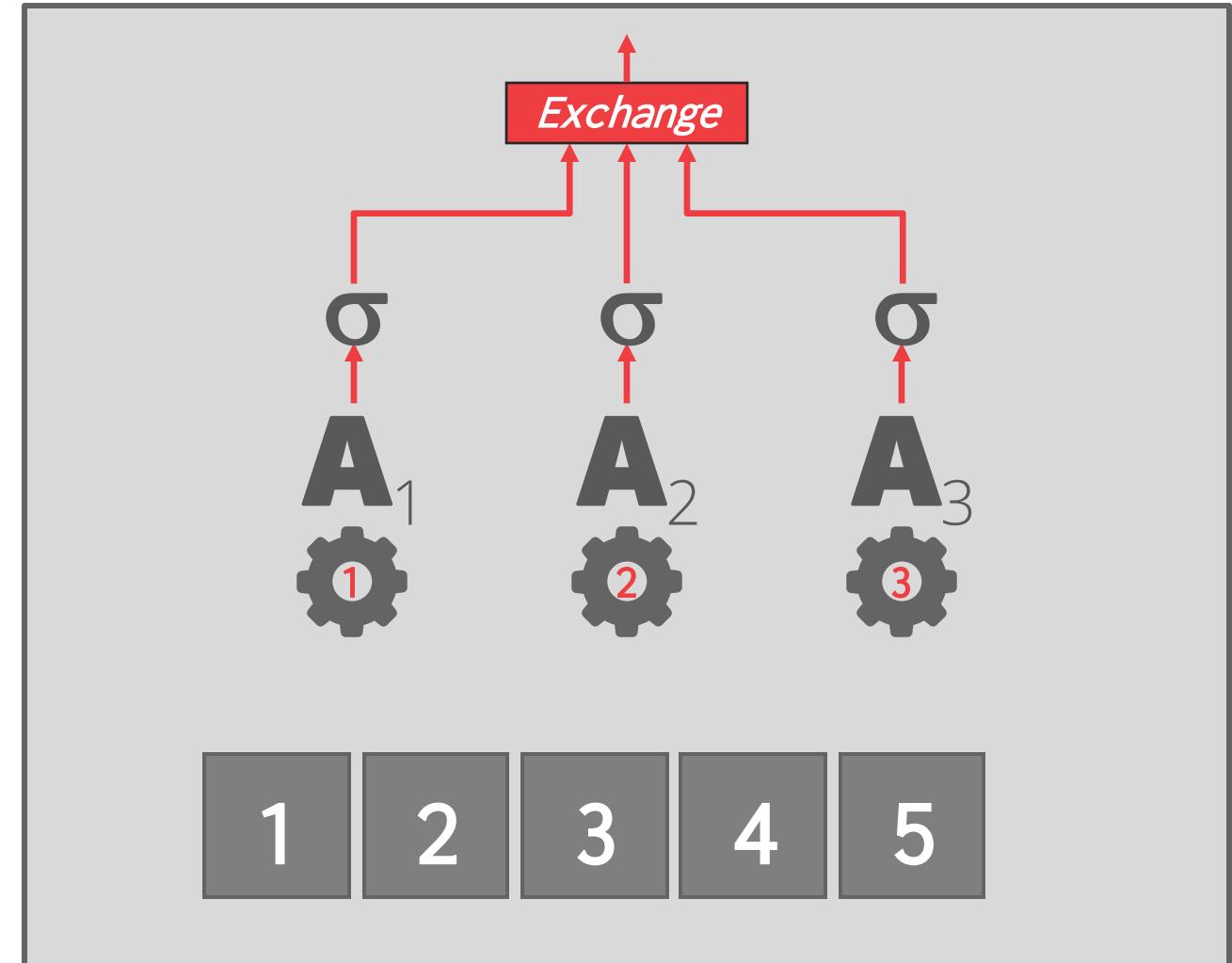
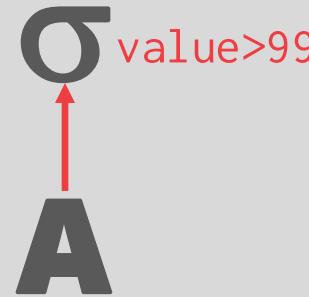
- Approach #1: **Intra-Operator** (Horizontal)
- Approach #2: **Inter-Operator** (Vertical)
- Approach #3: **Bushy**

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”

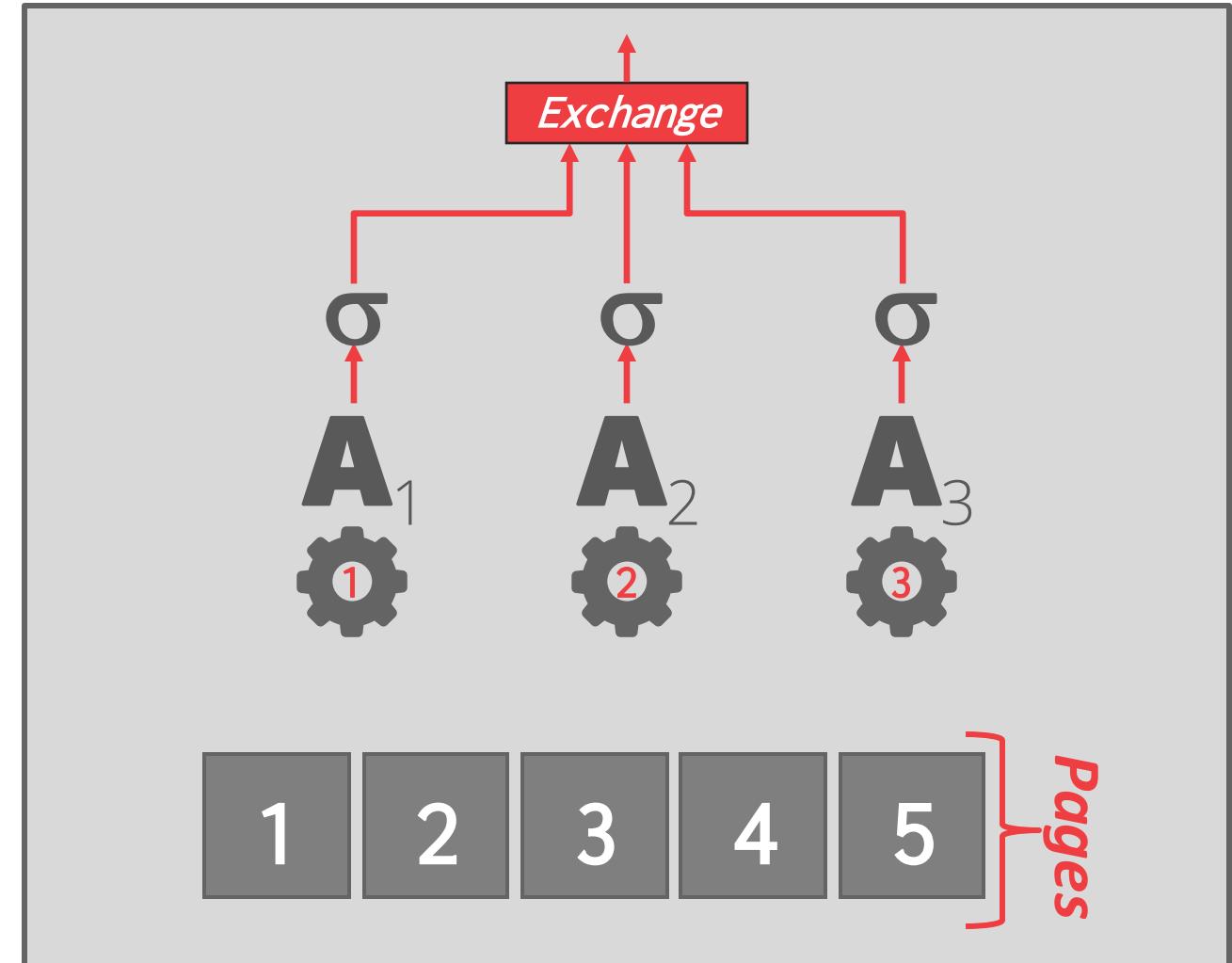
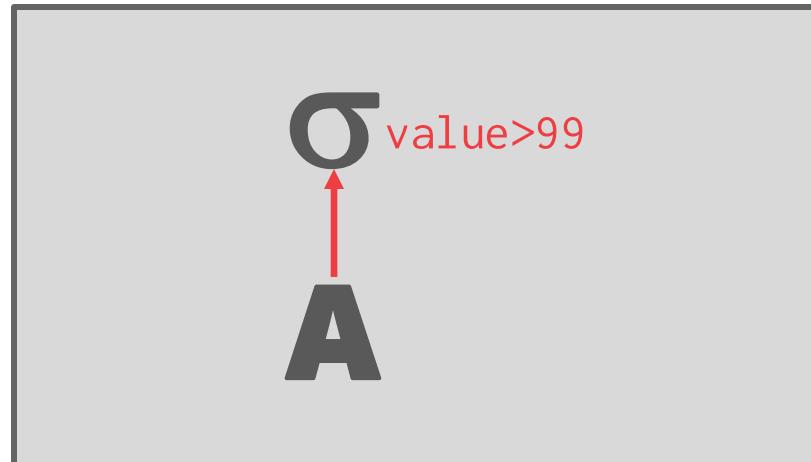
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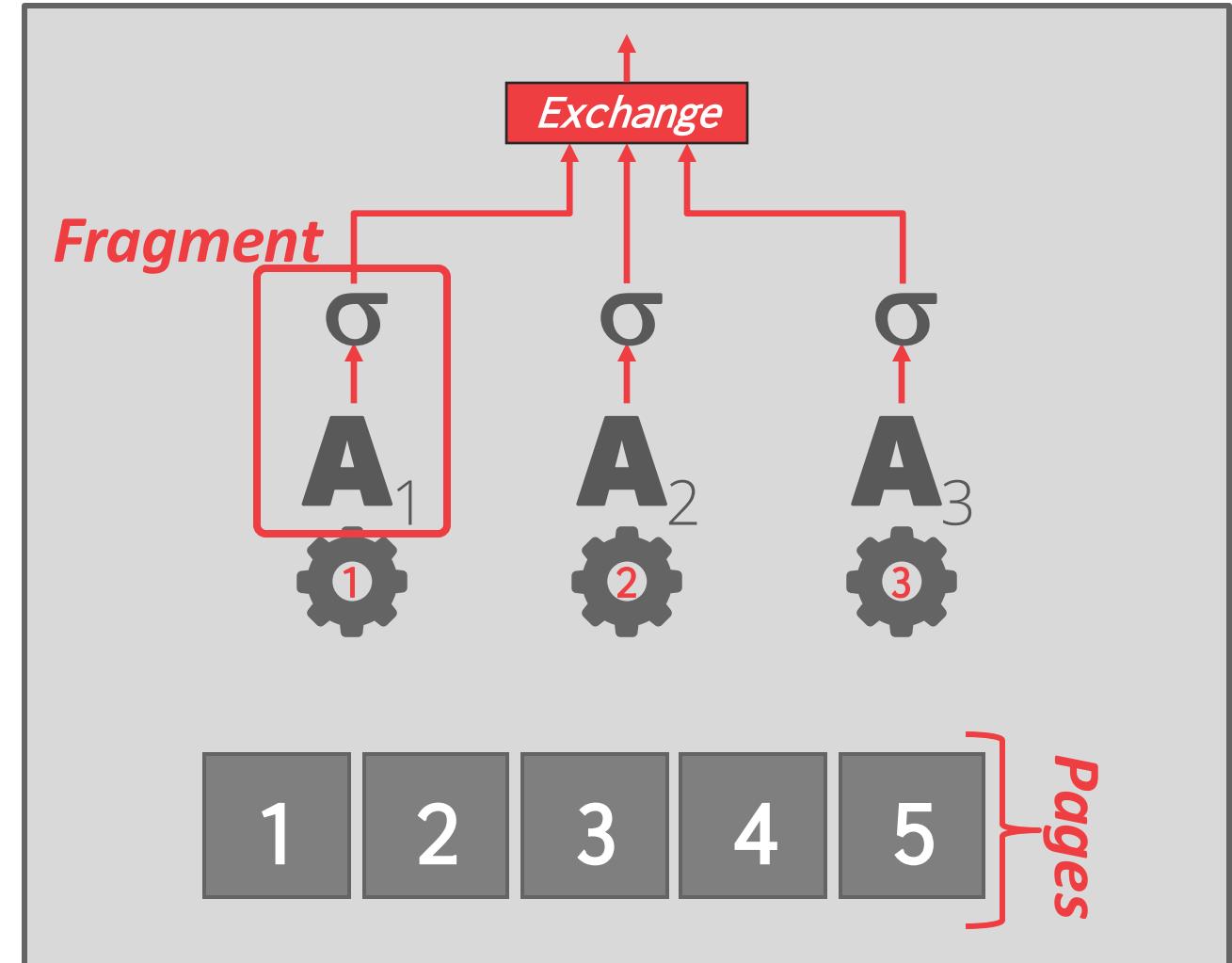
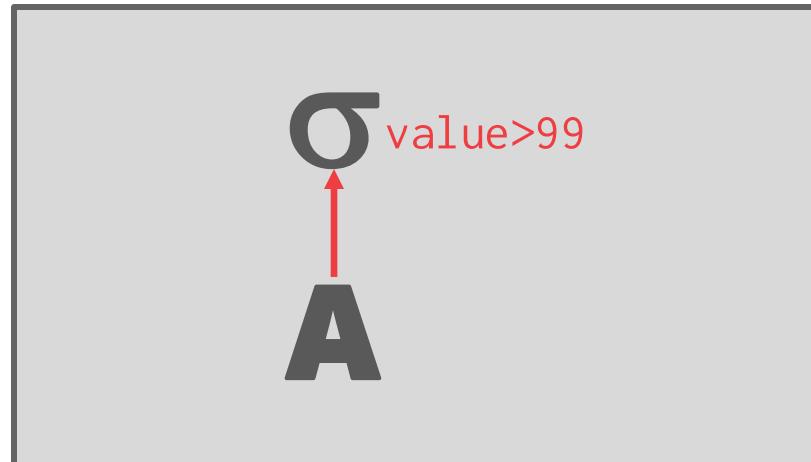
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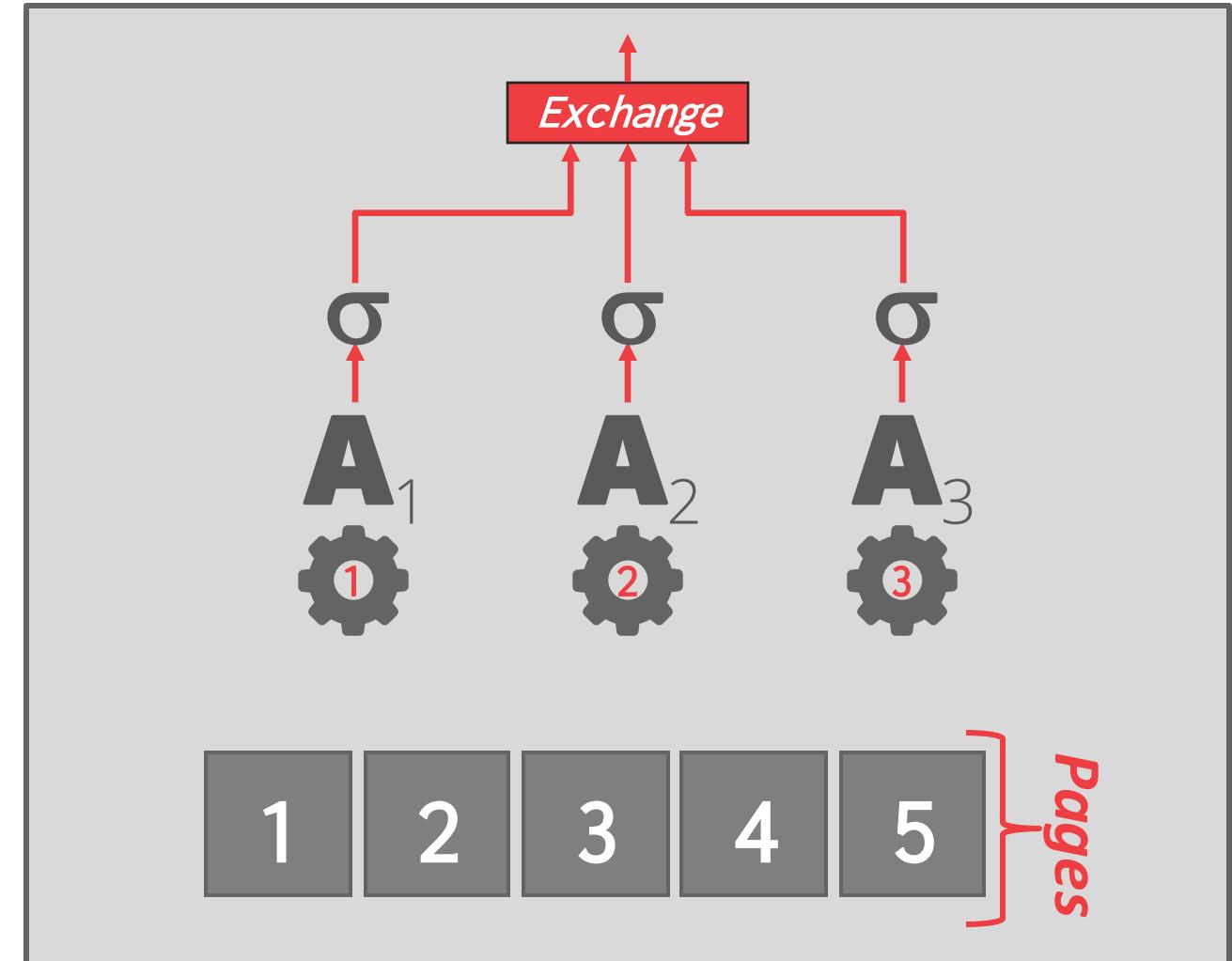
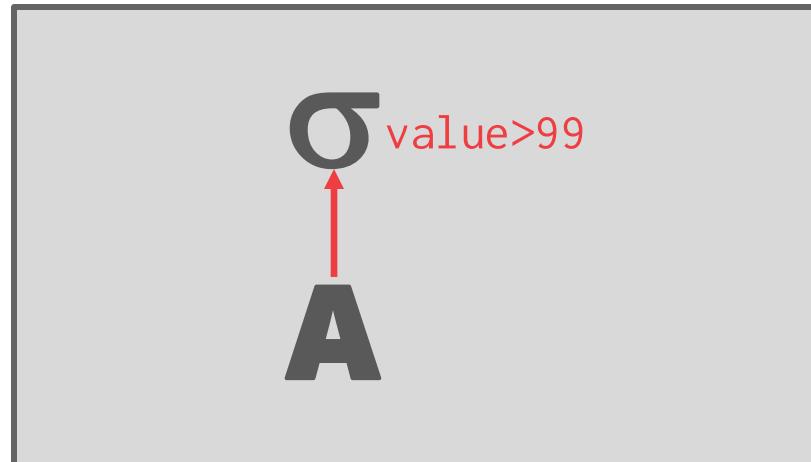
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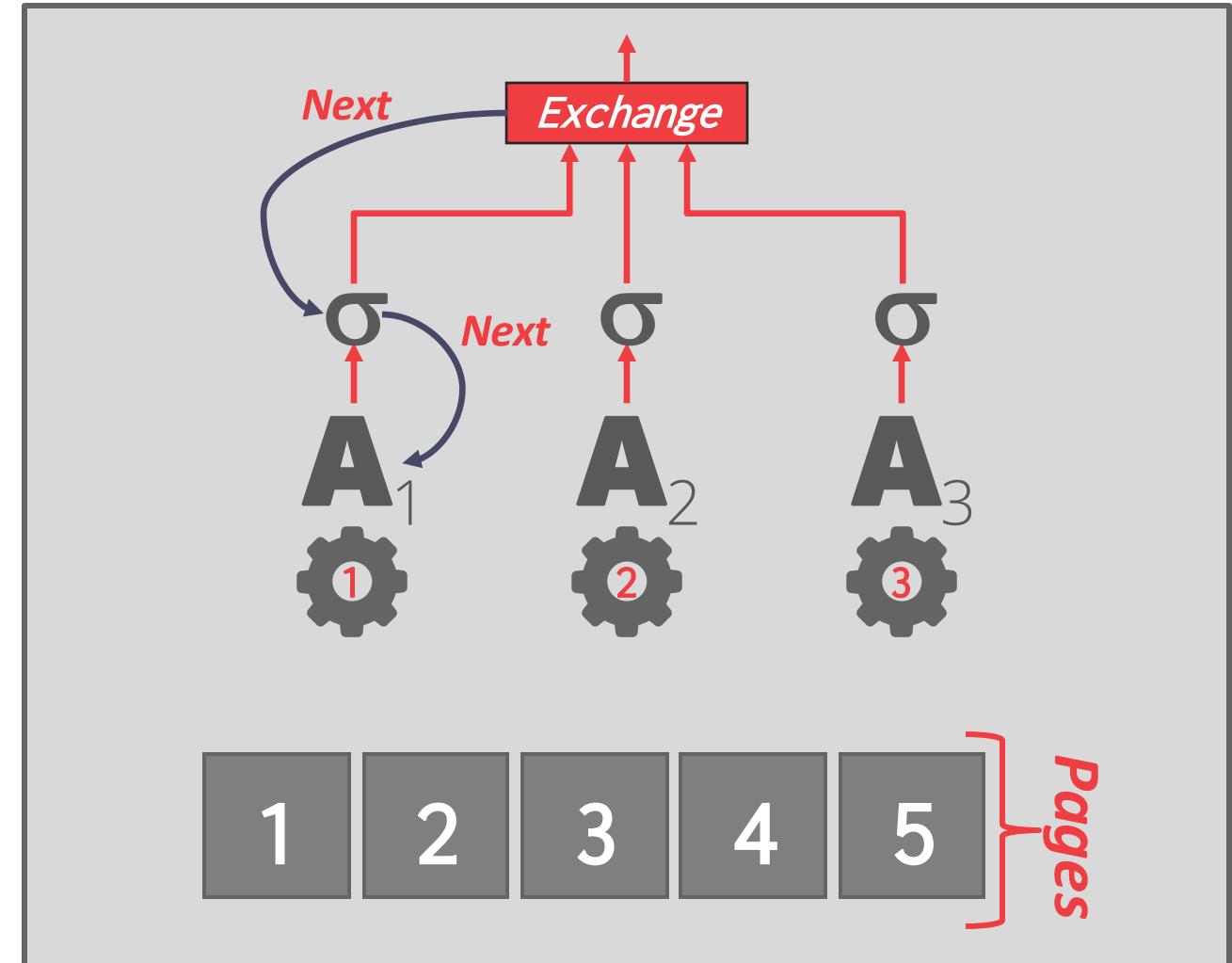
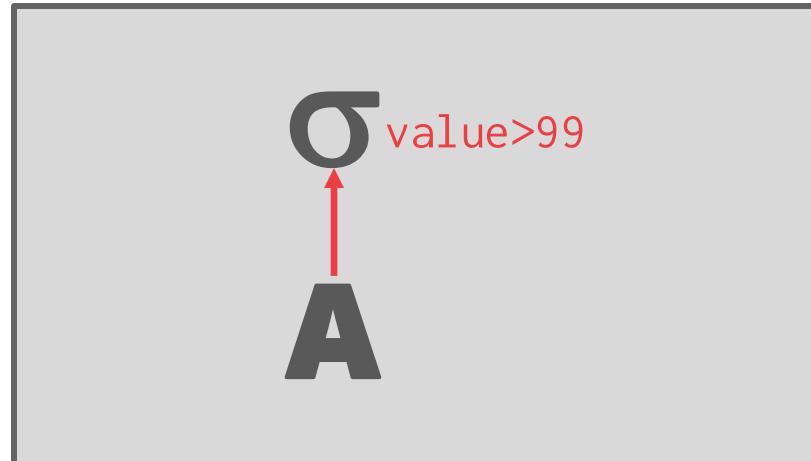
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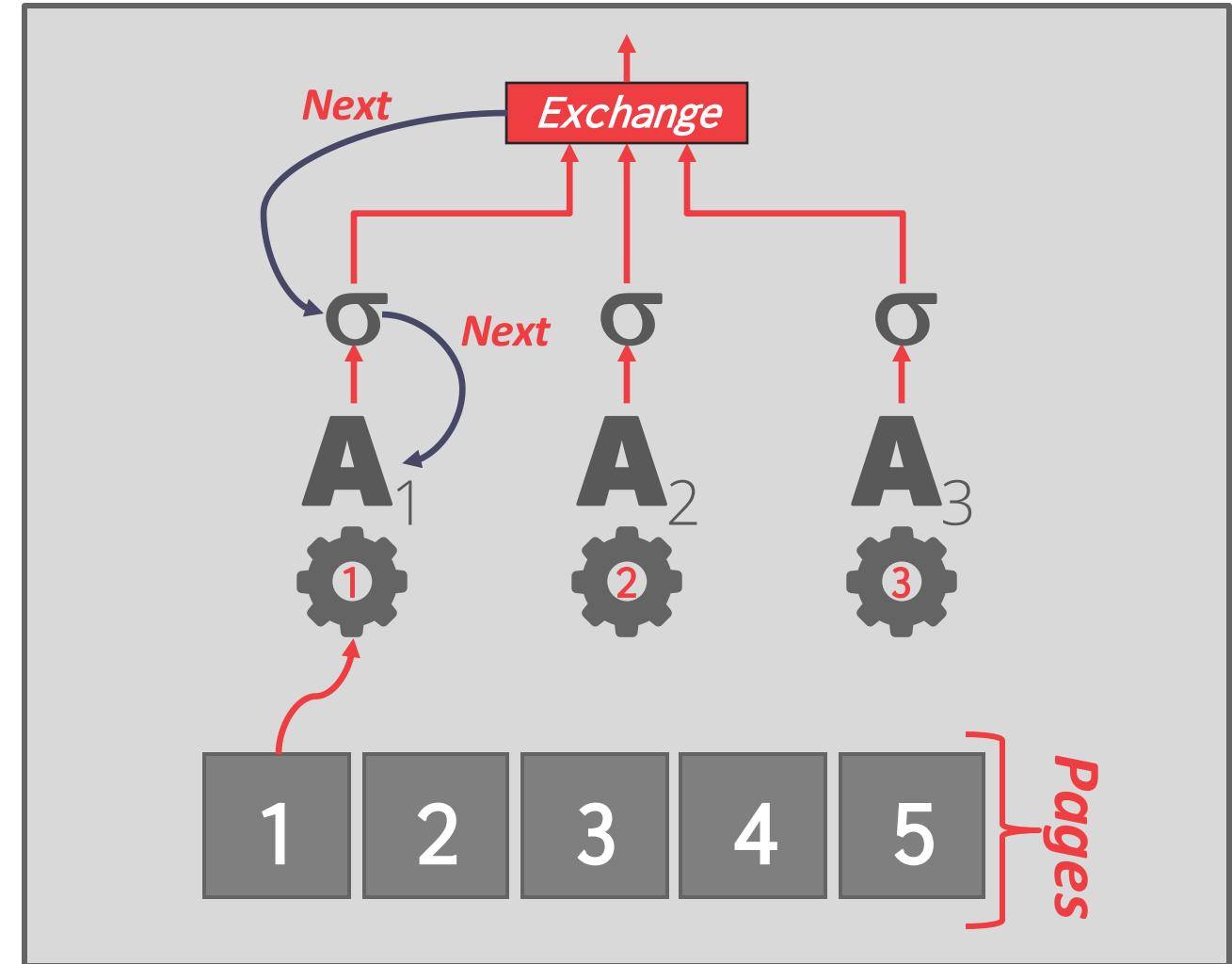
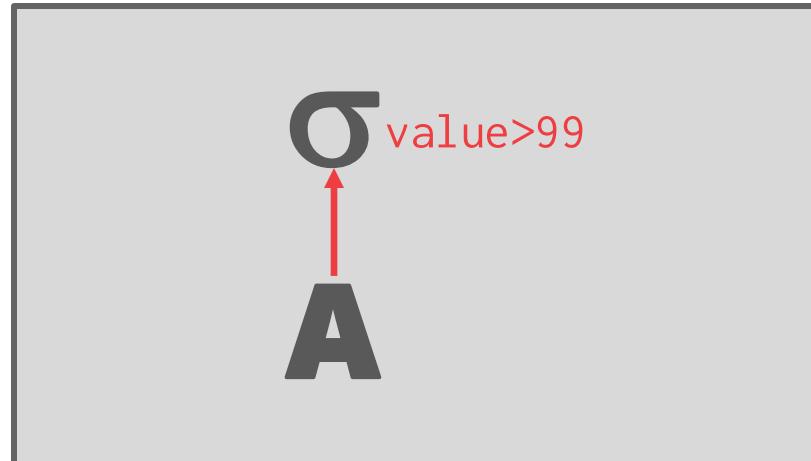
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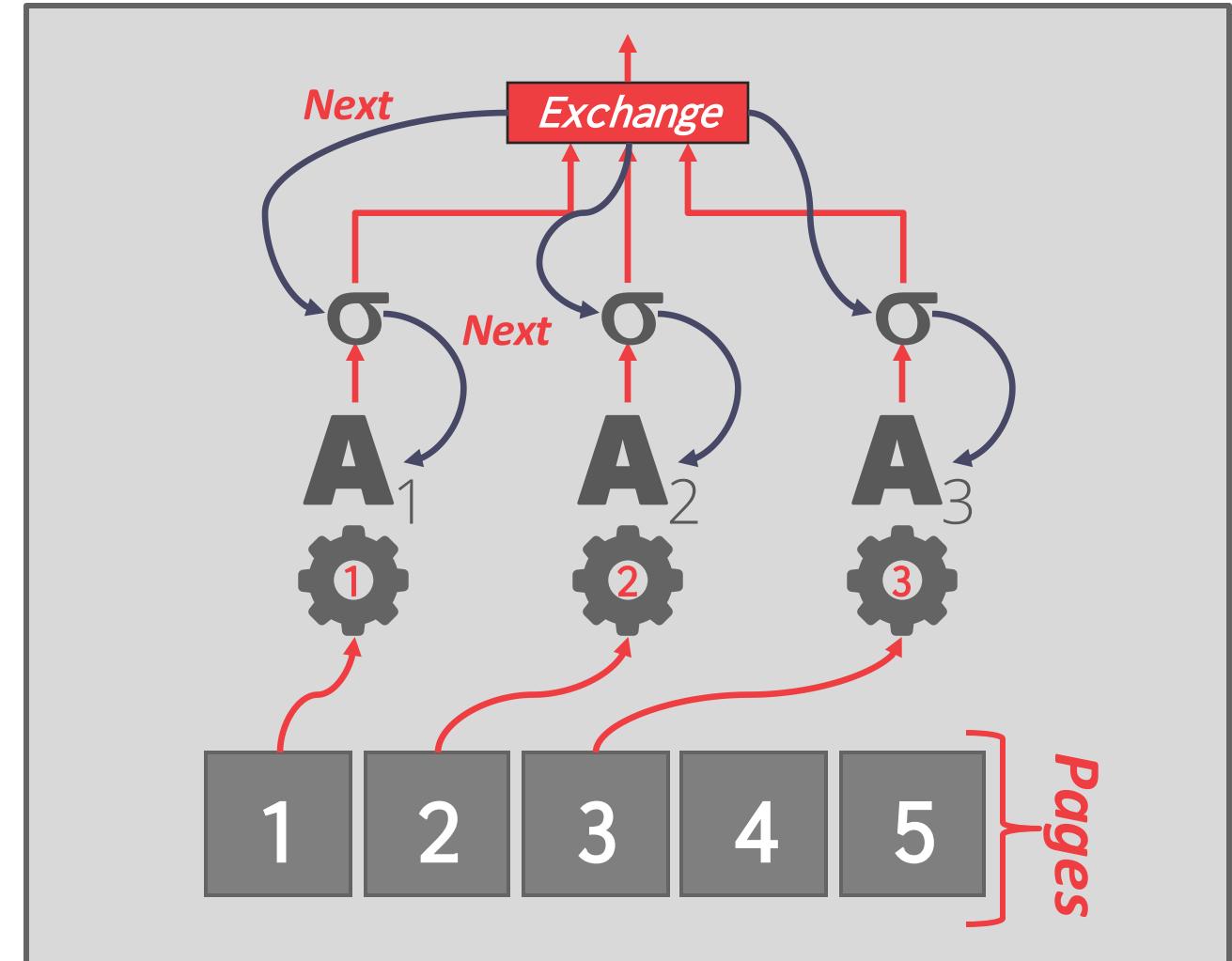
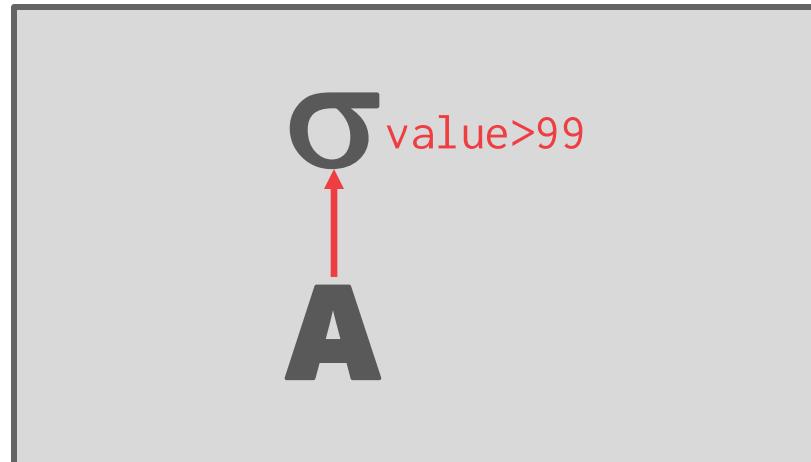
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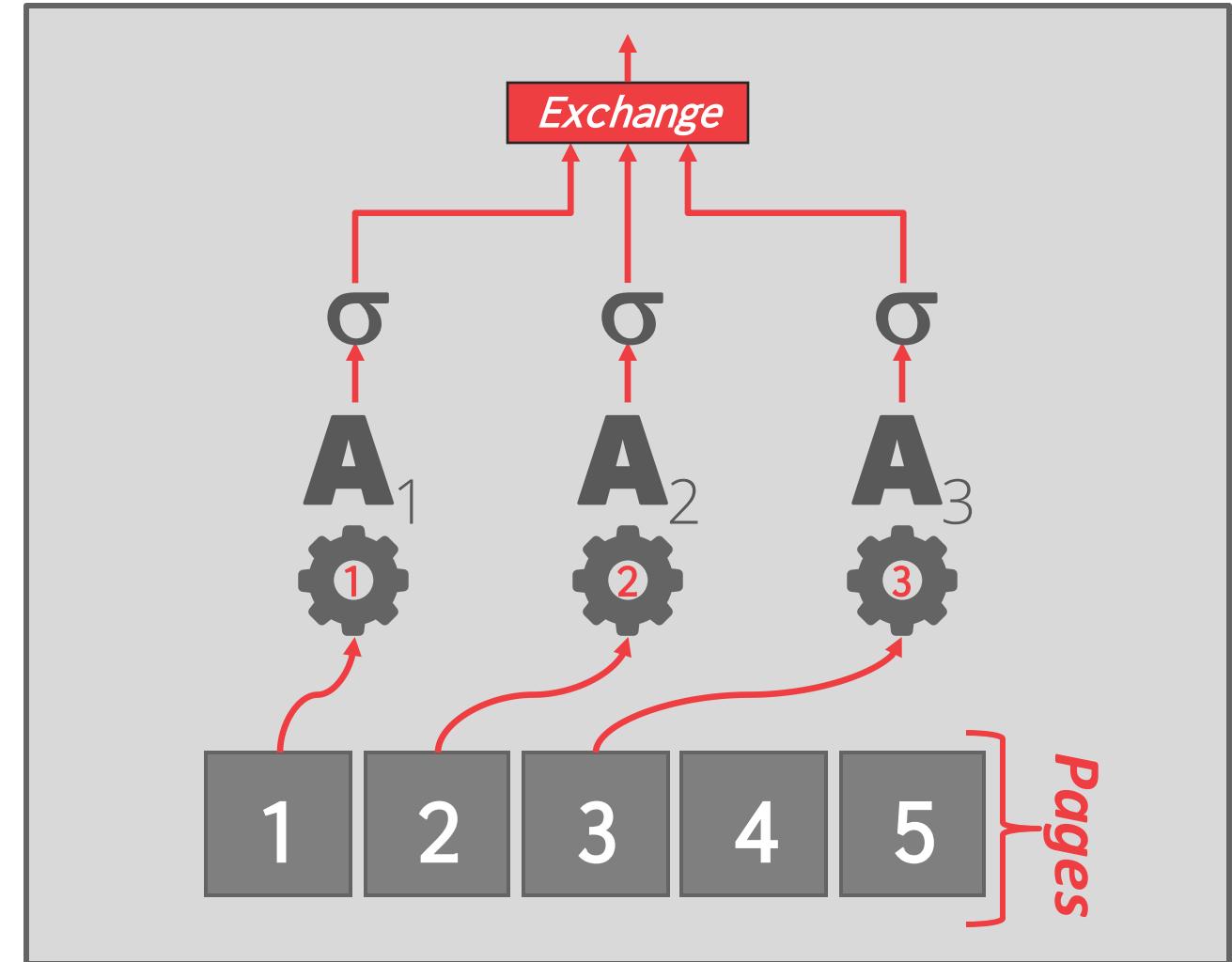
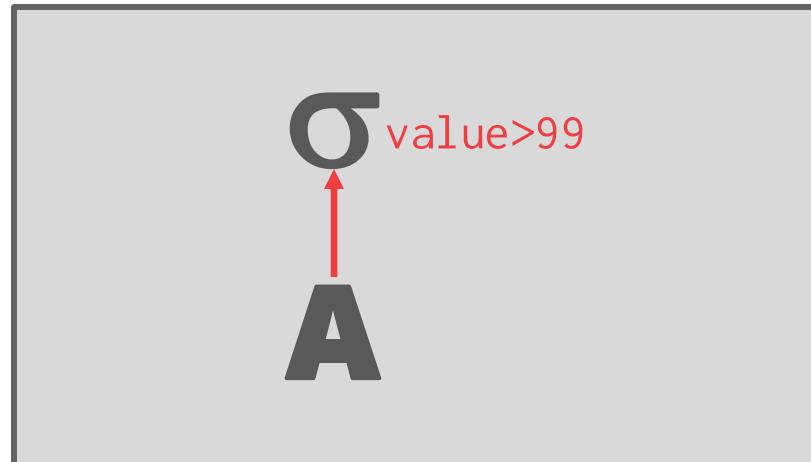
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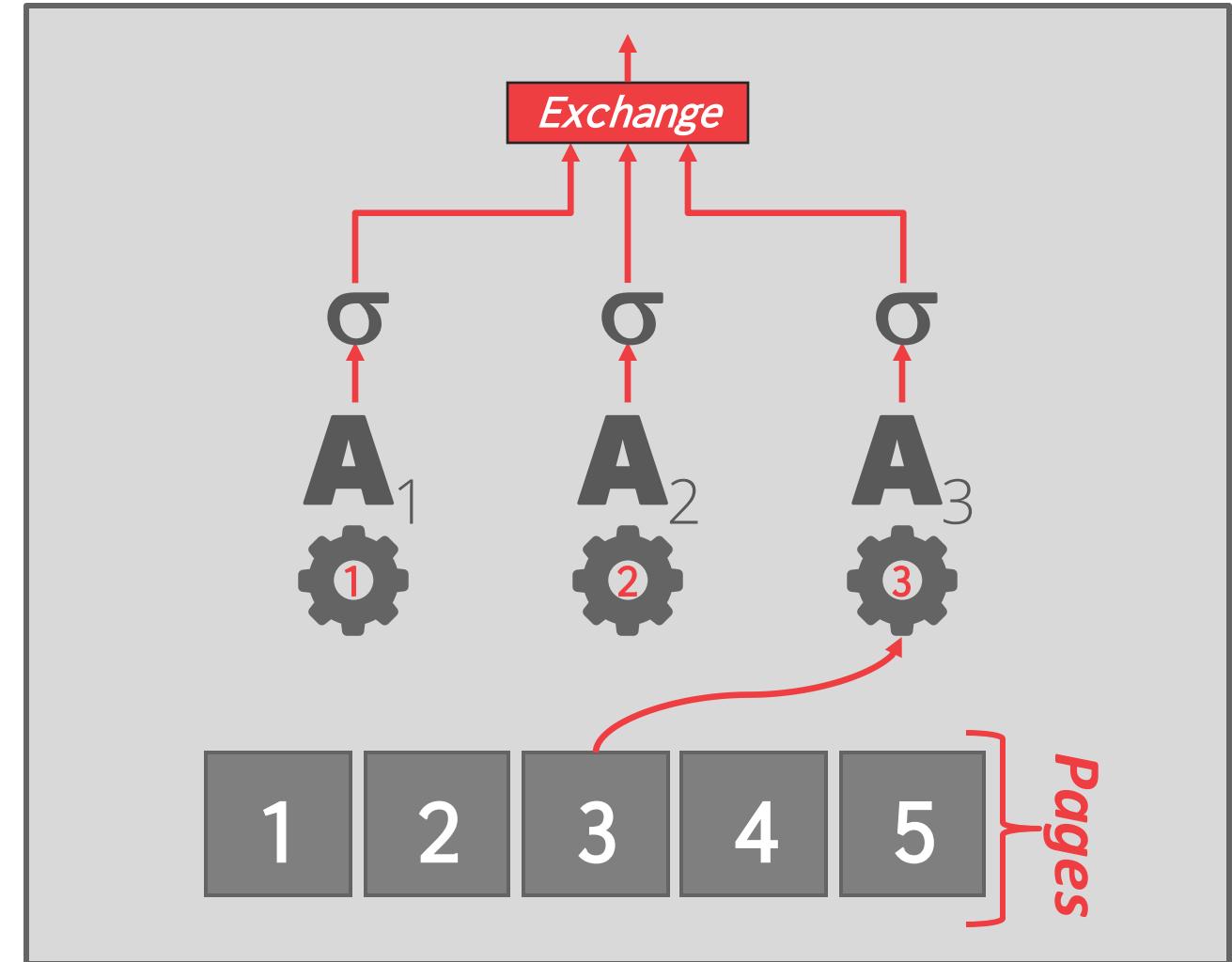
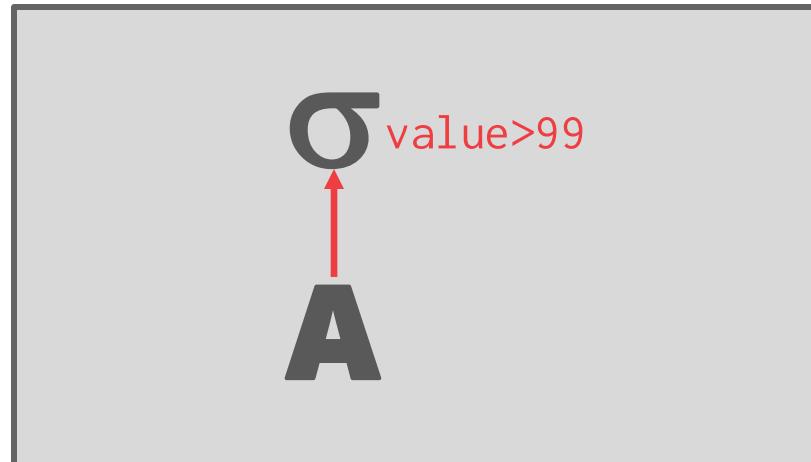
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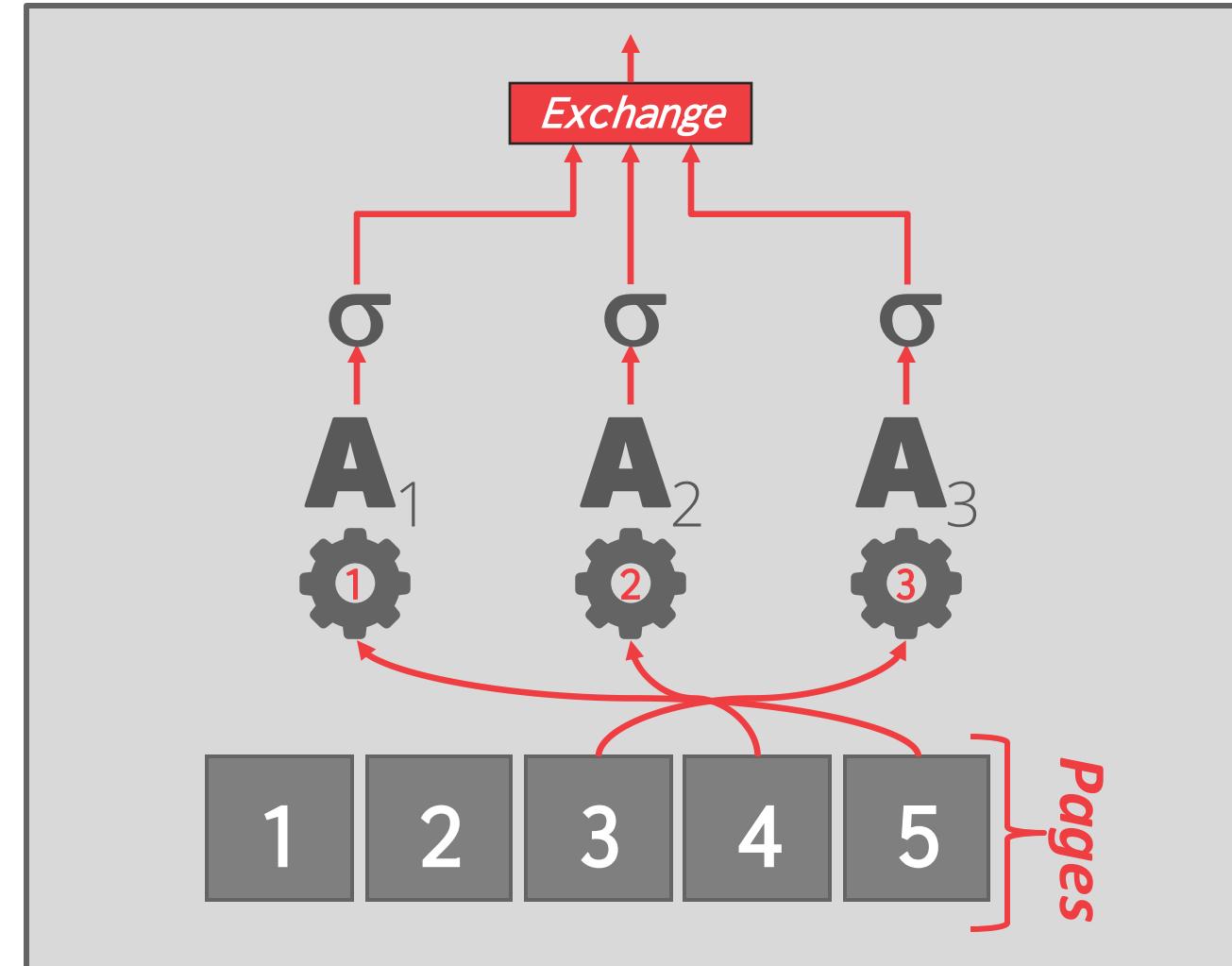
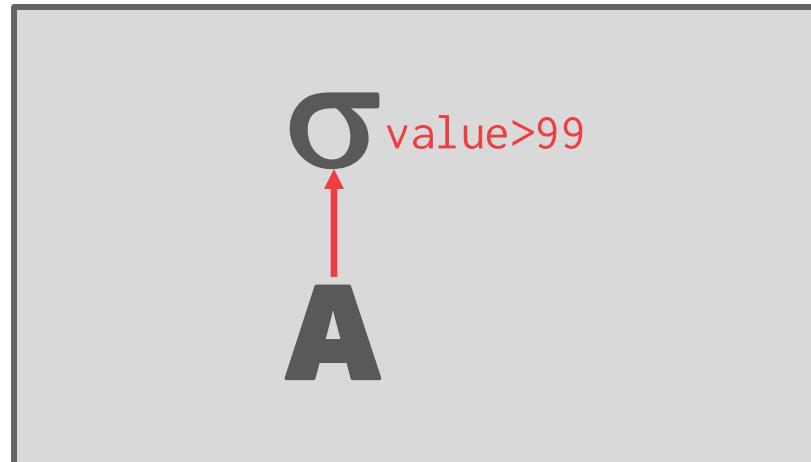
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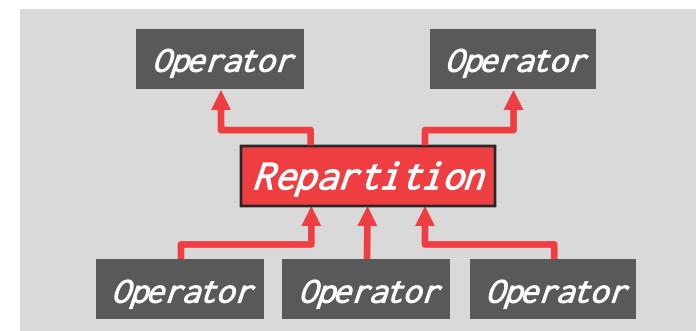
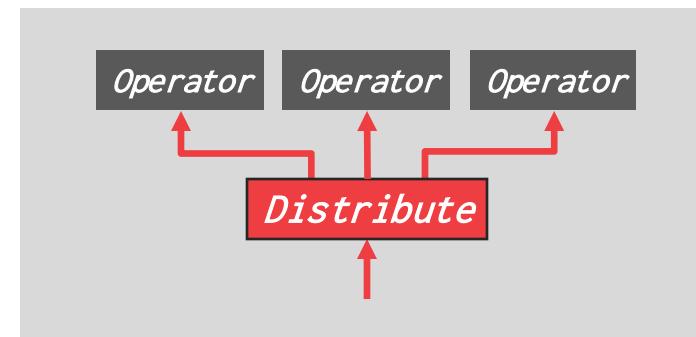
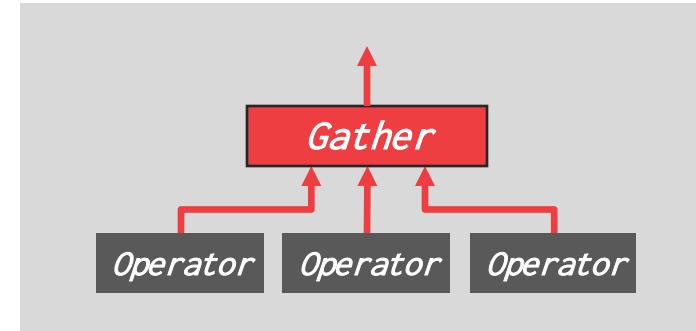
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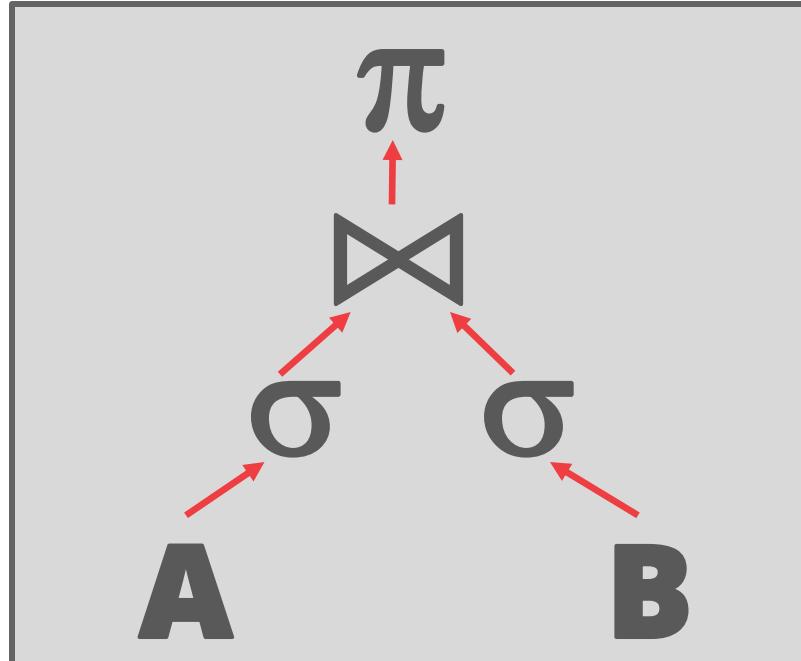
- **Exchange Type #1 - Gather**
 - Combine the results from multiple workers into a single output stream.
- **Exchange Type #2 - Distribute**
 - Split a single input stream into multiple output streams.
- **Exchange Type #3 - Repartition**
 - Shuffle multiple input streams across multiple output streams.



Source: [Craig Freedman](#)

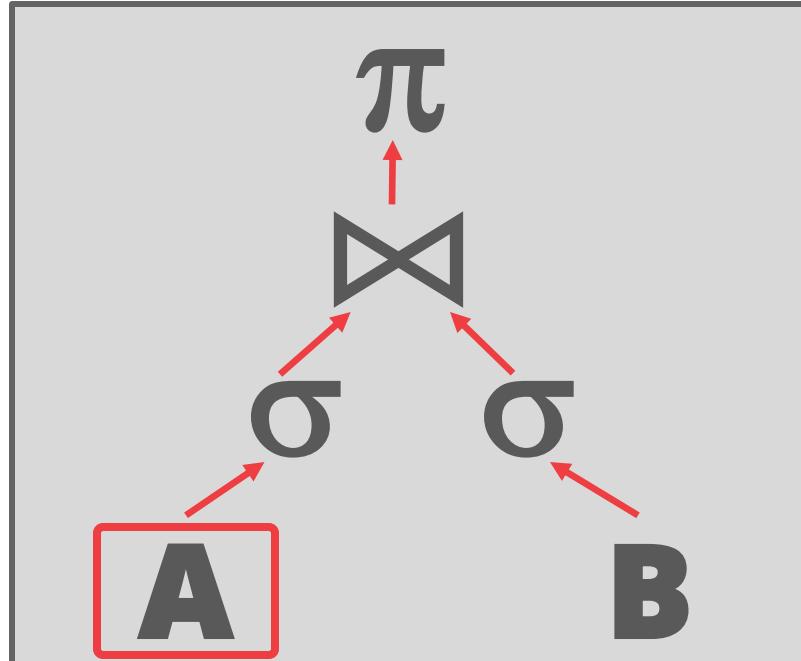
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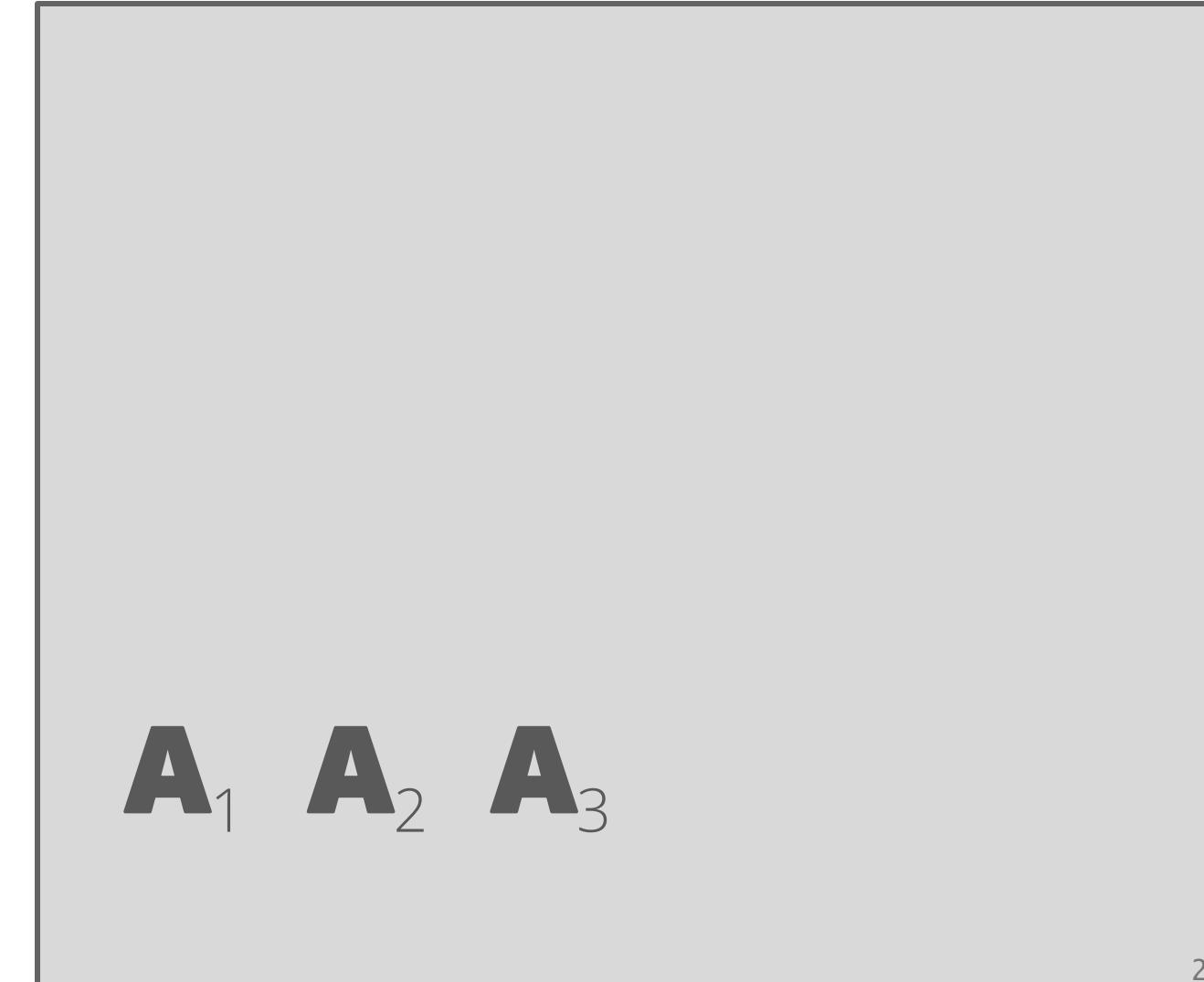
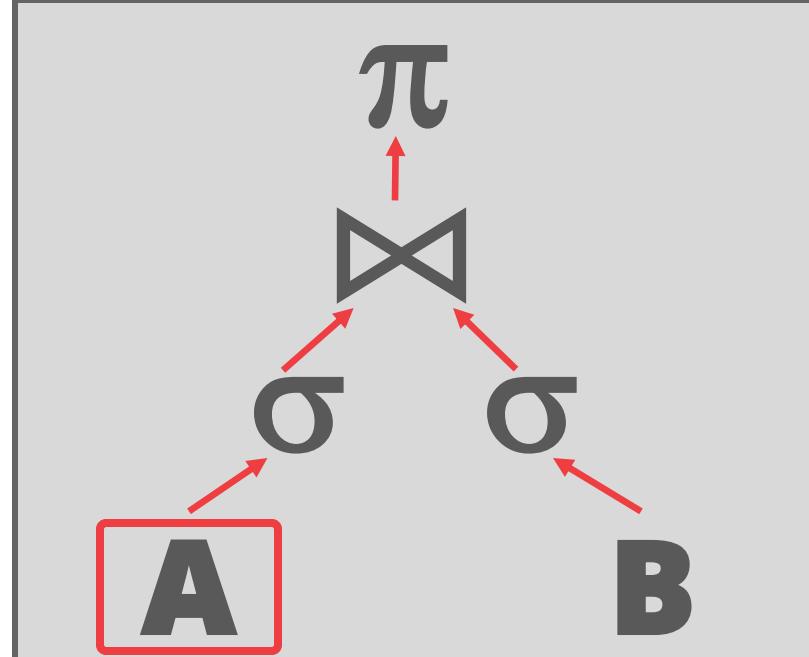
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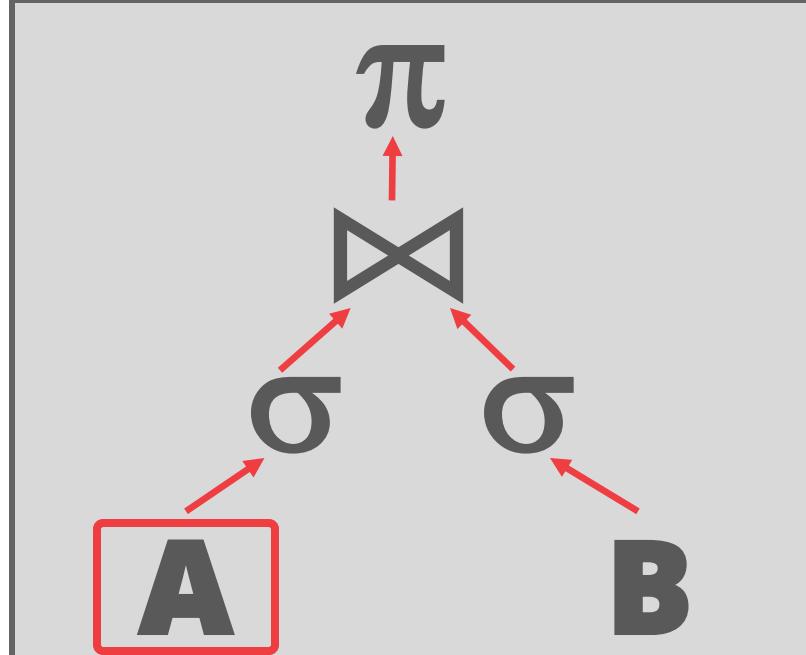
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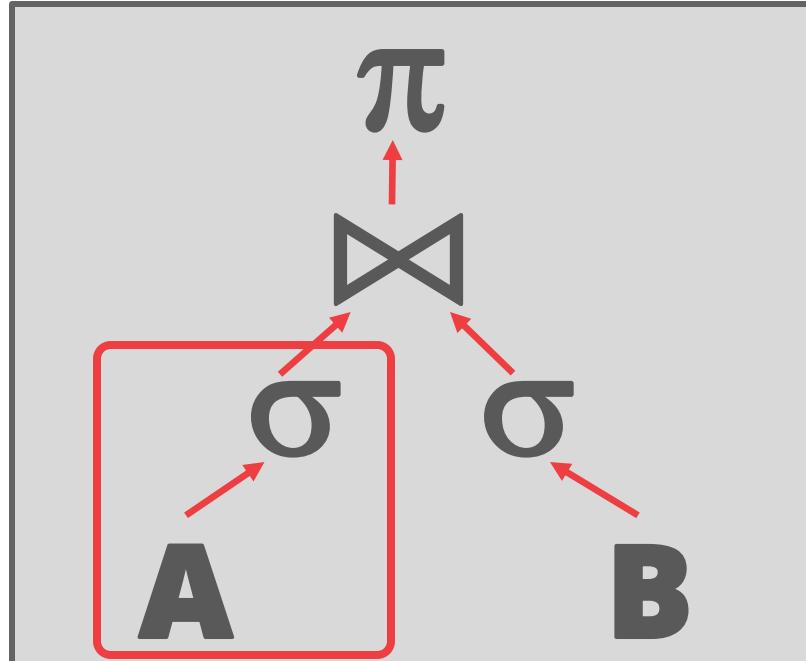
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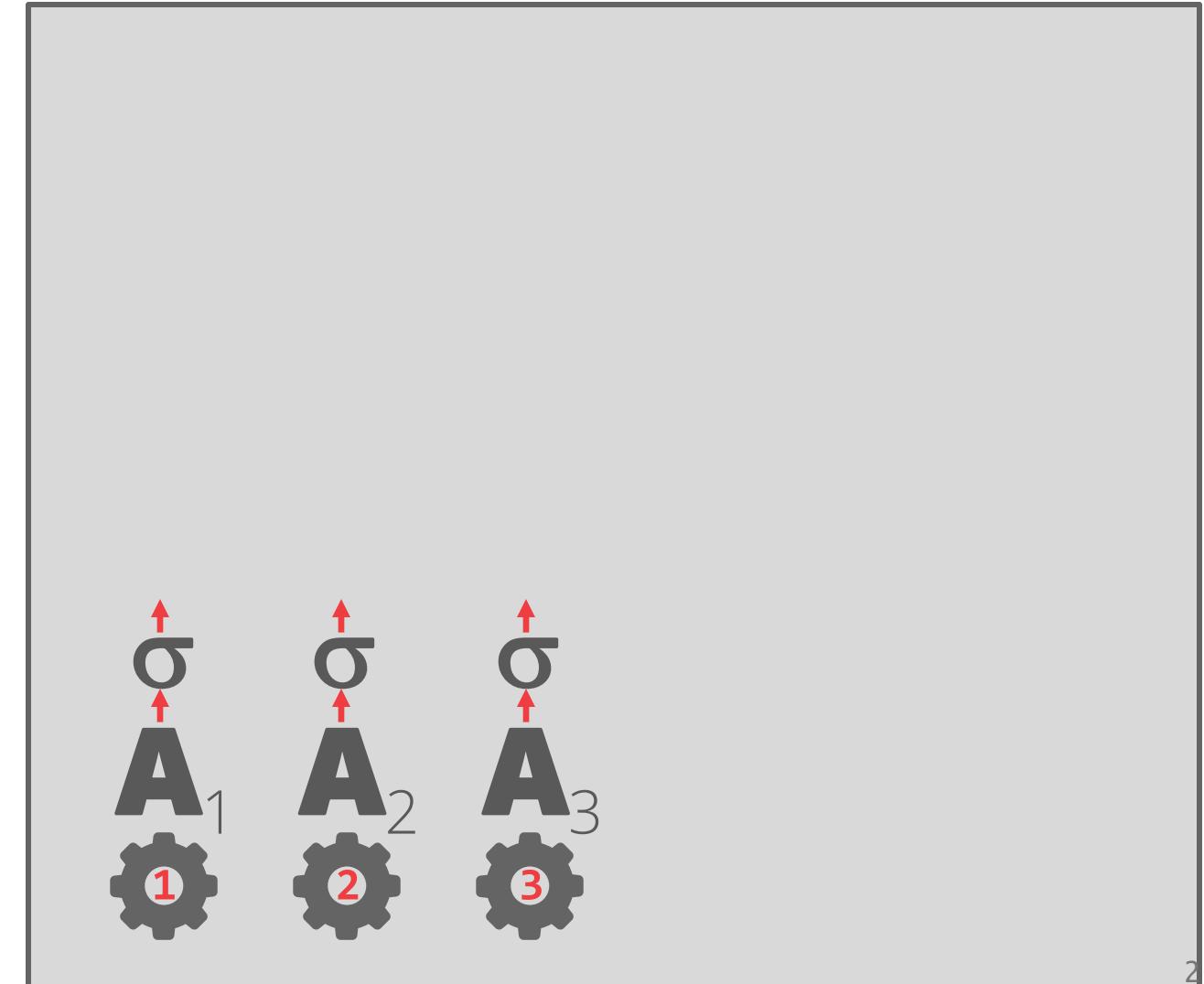
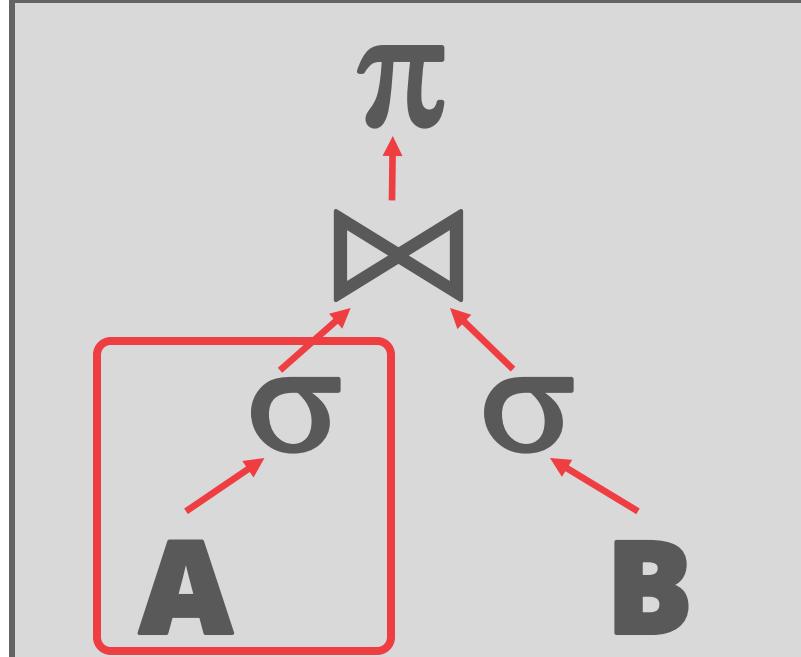
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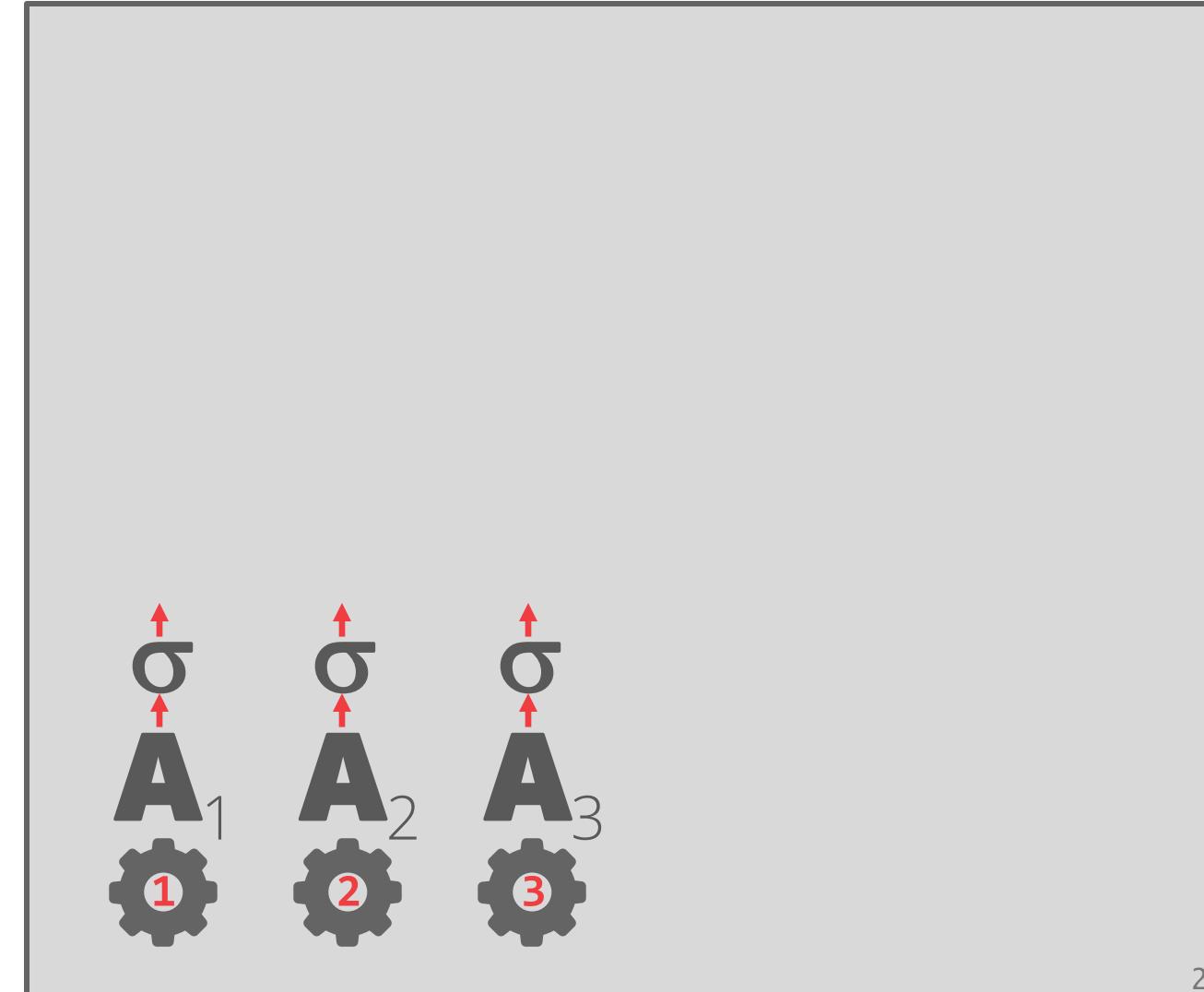
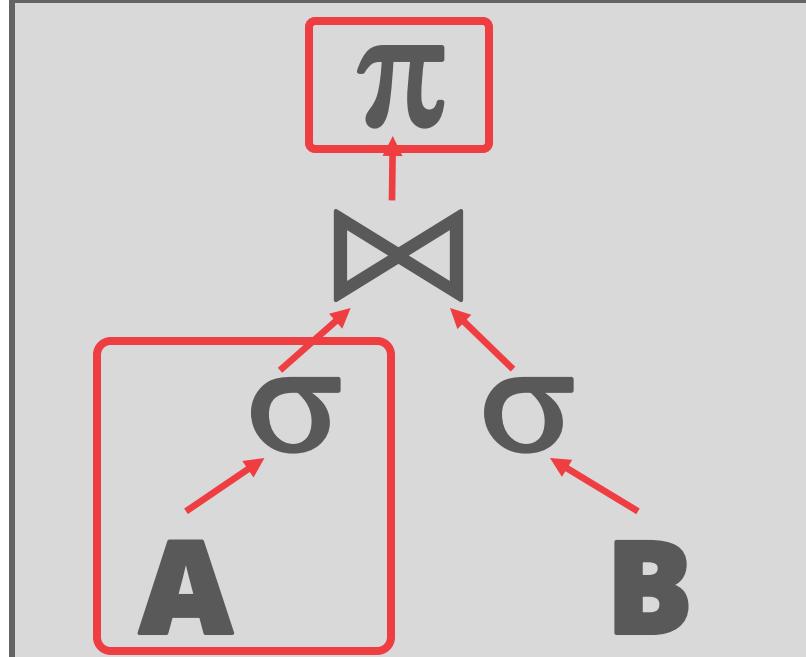
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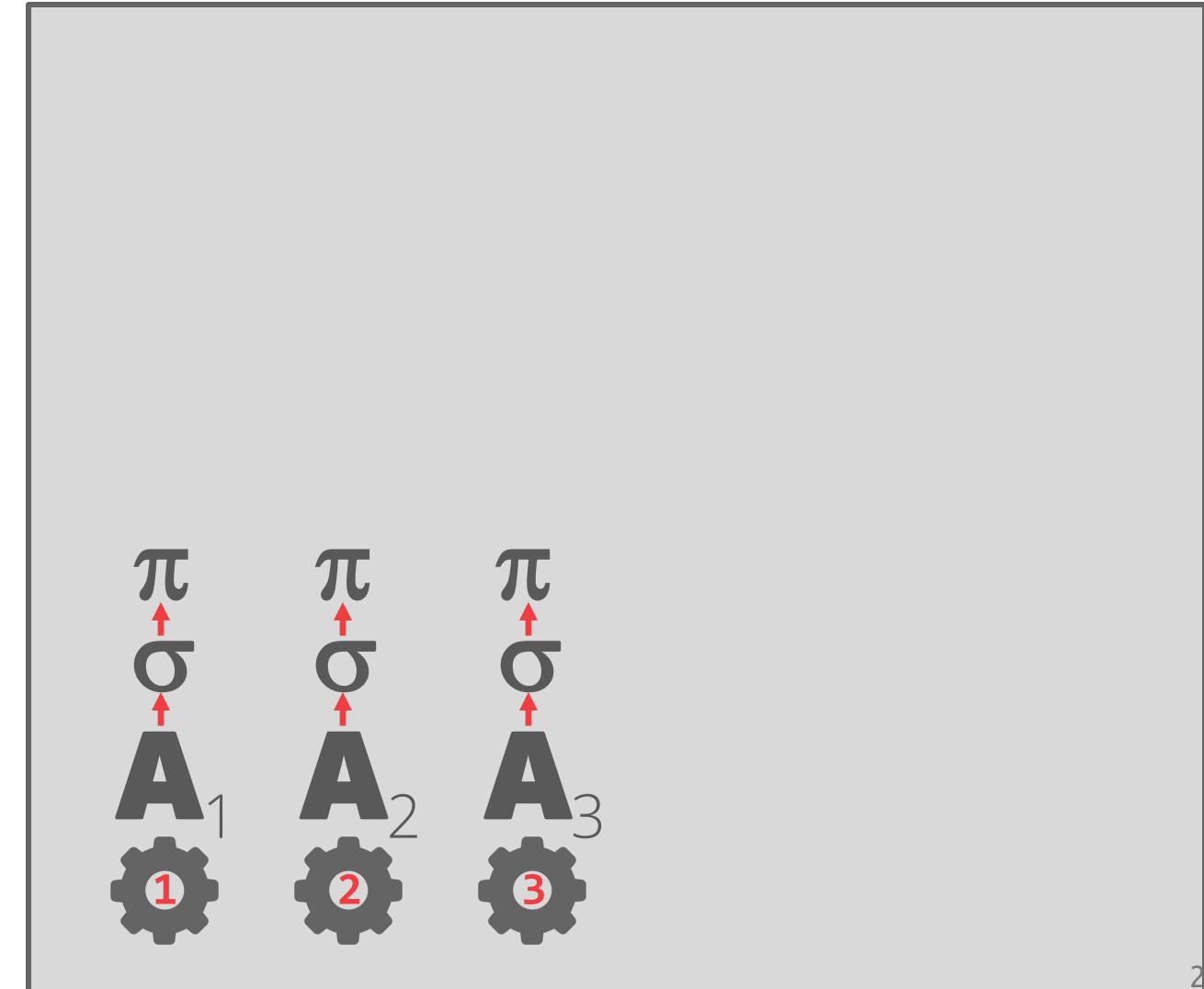
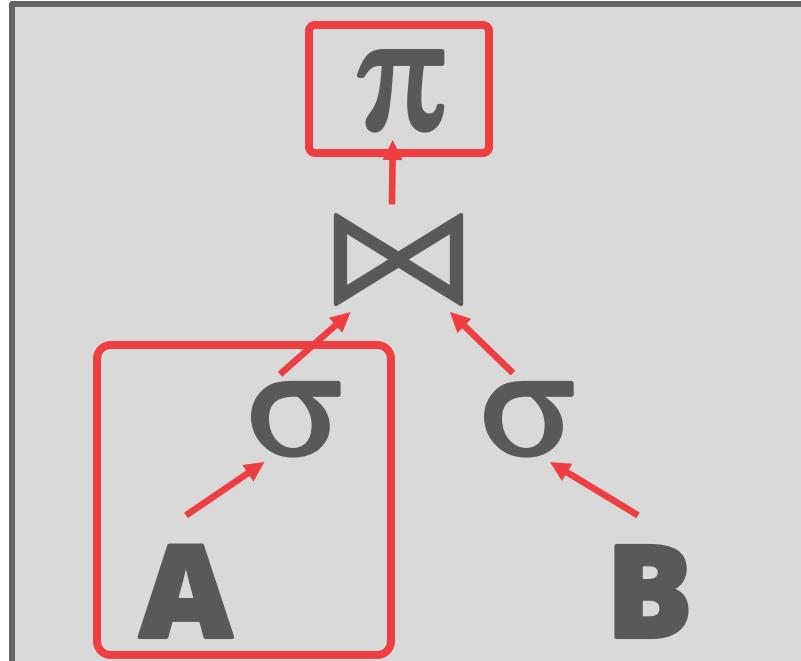
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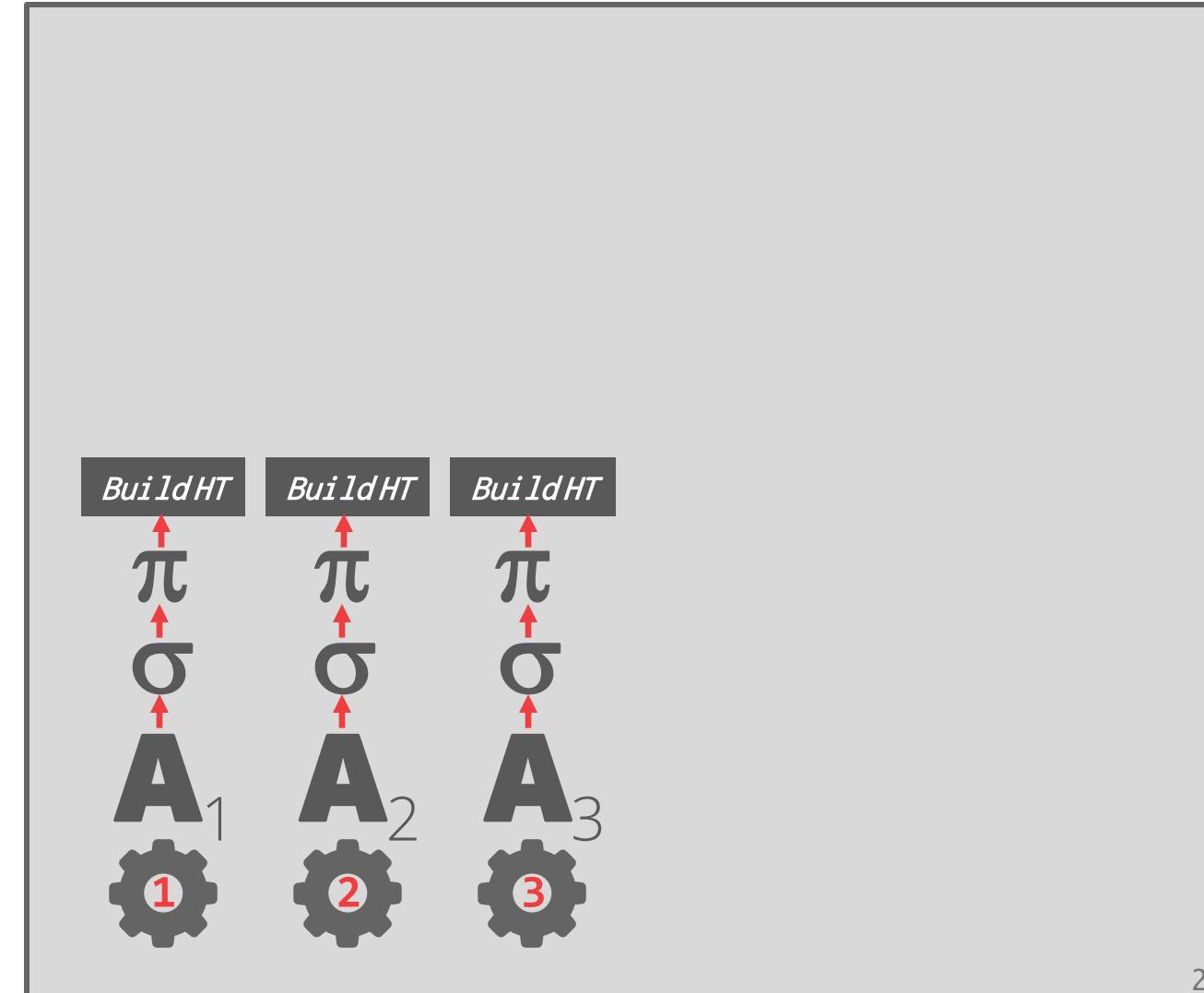
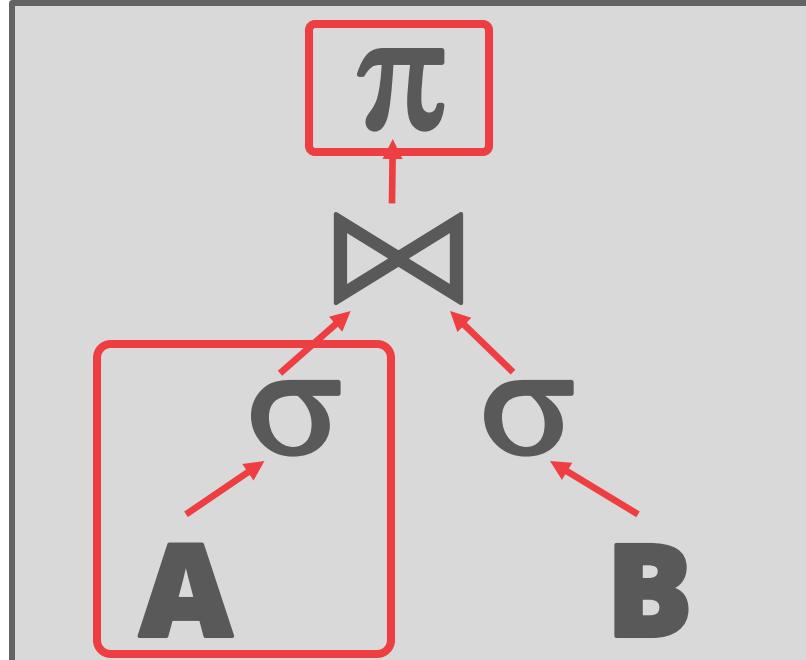
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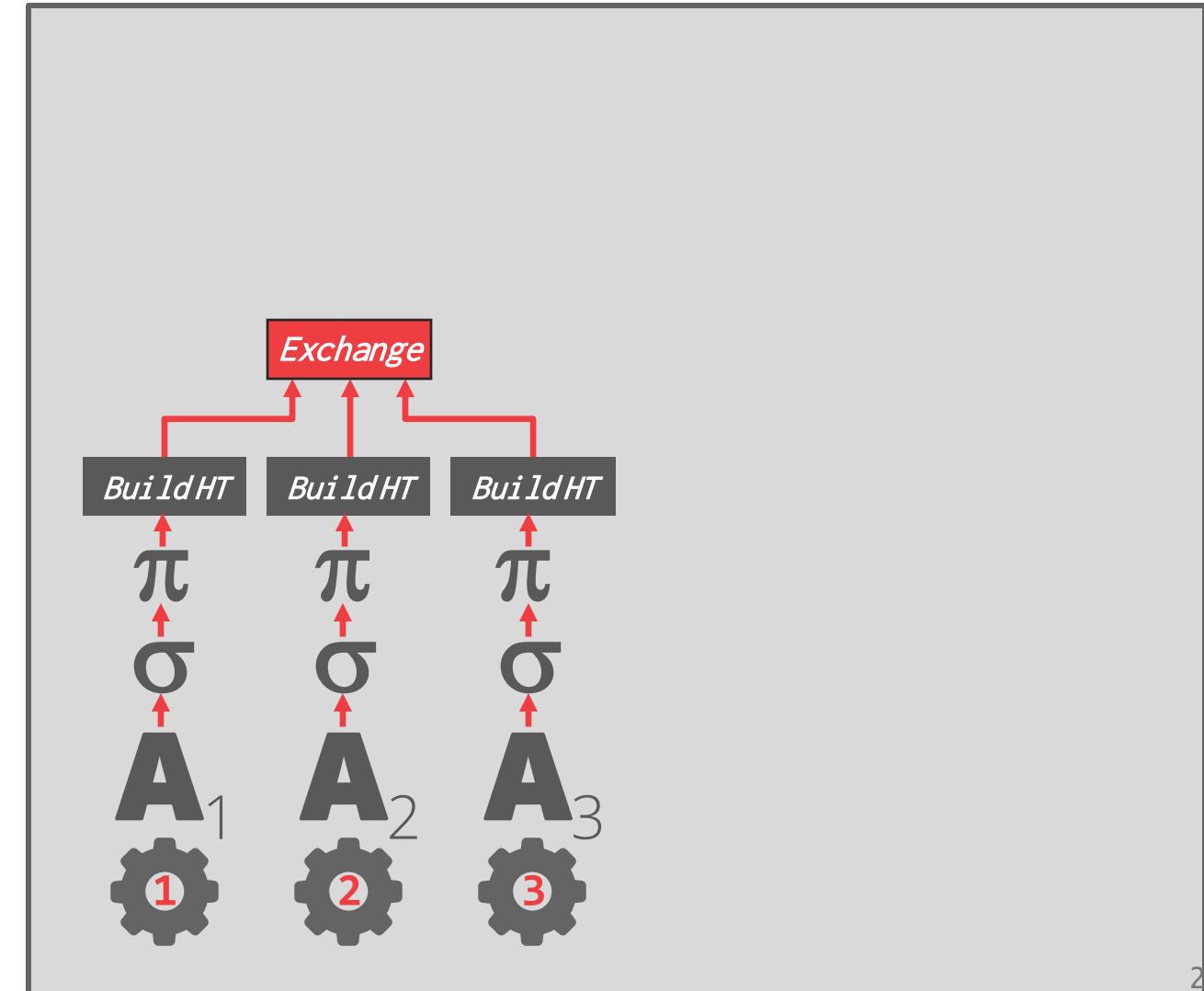
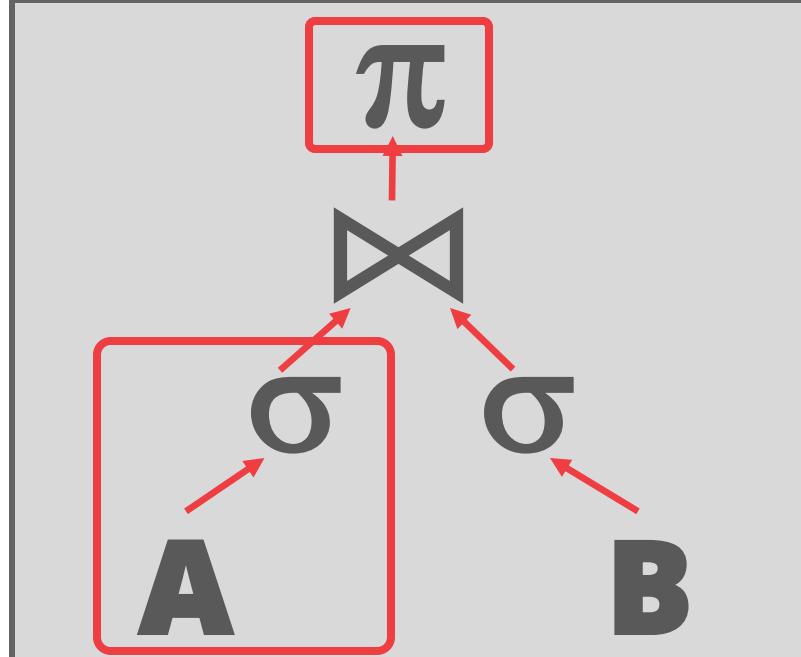
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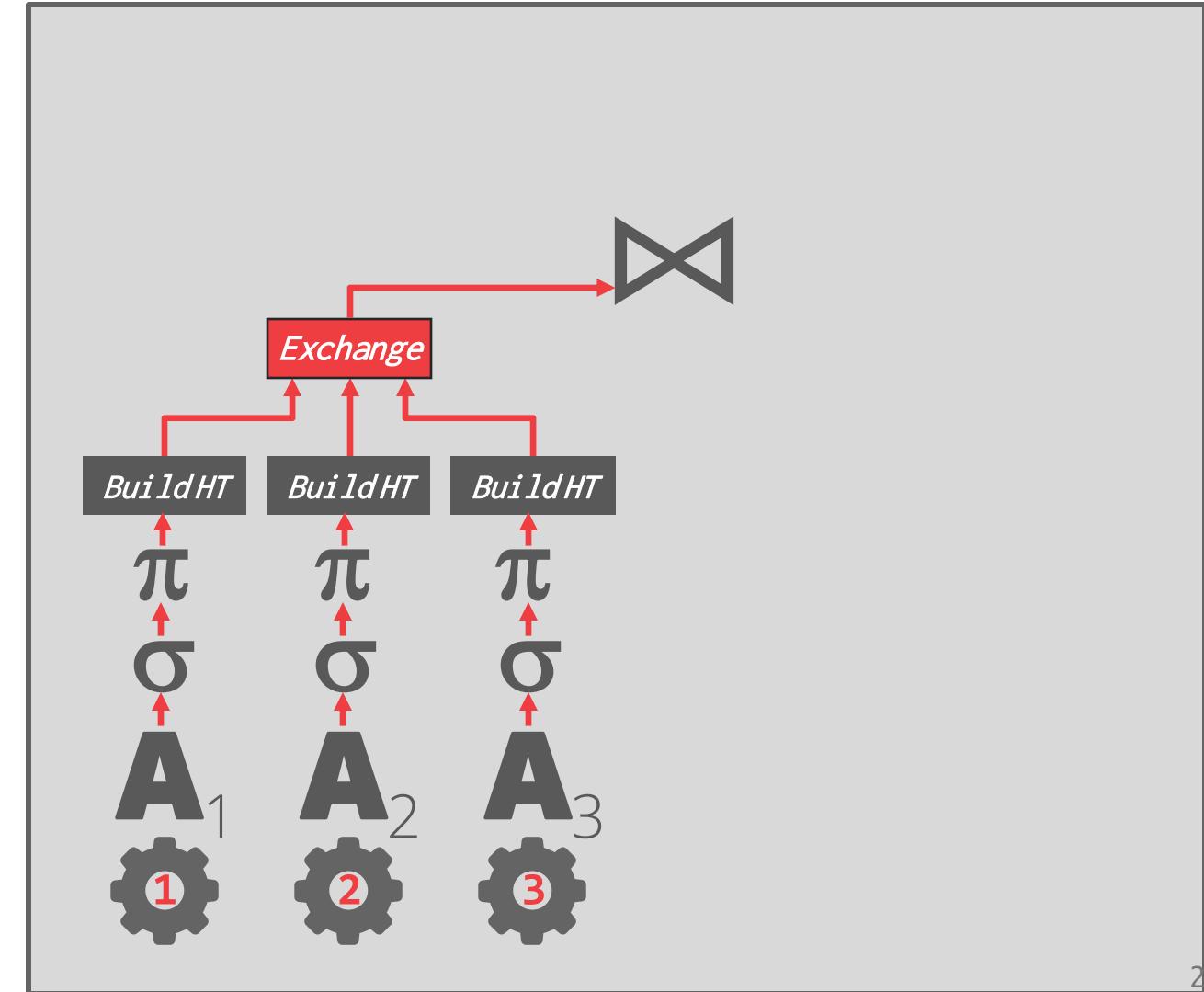
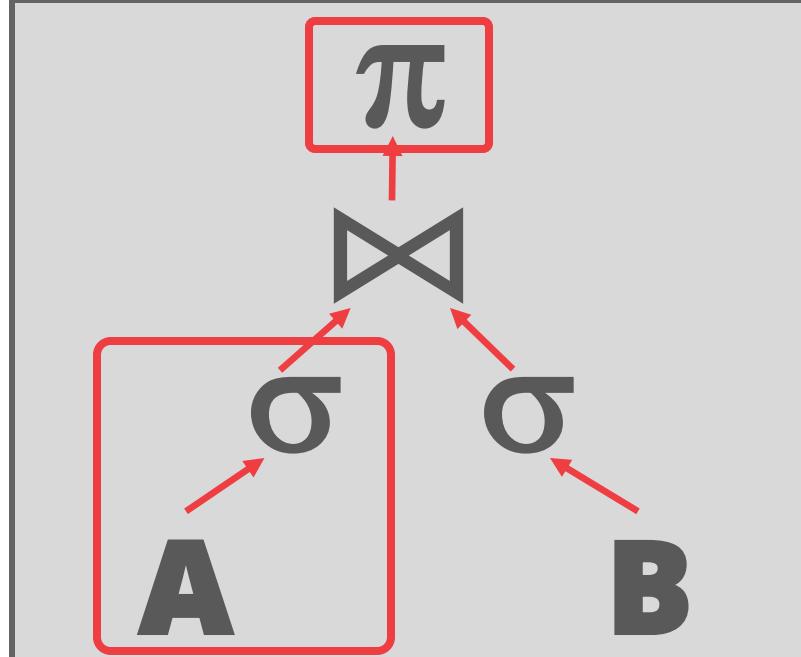
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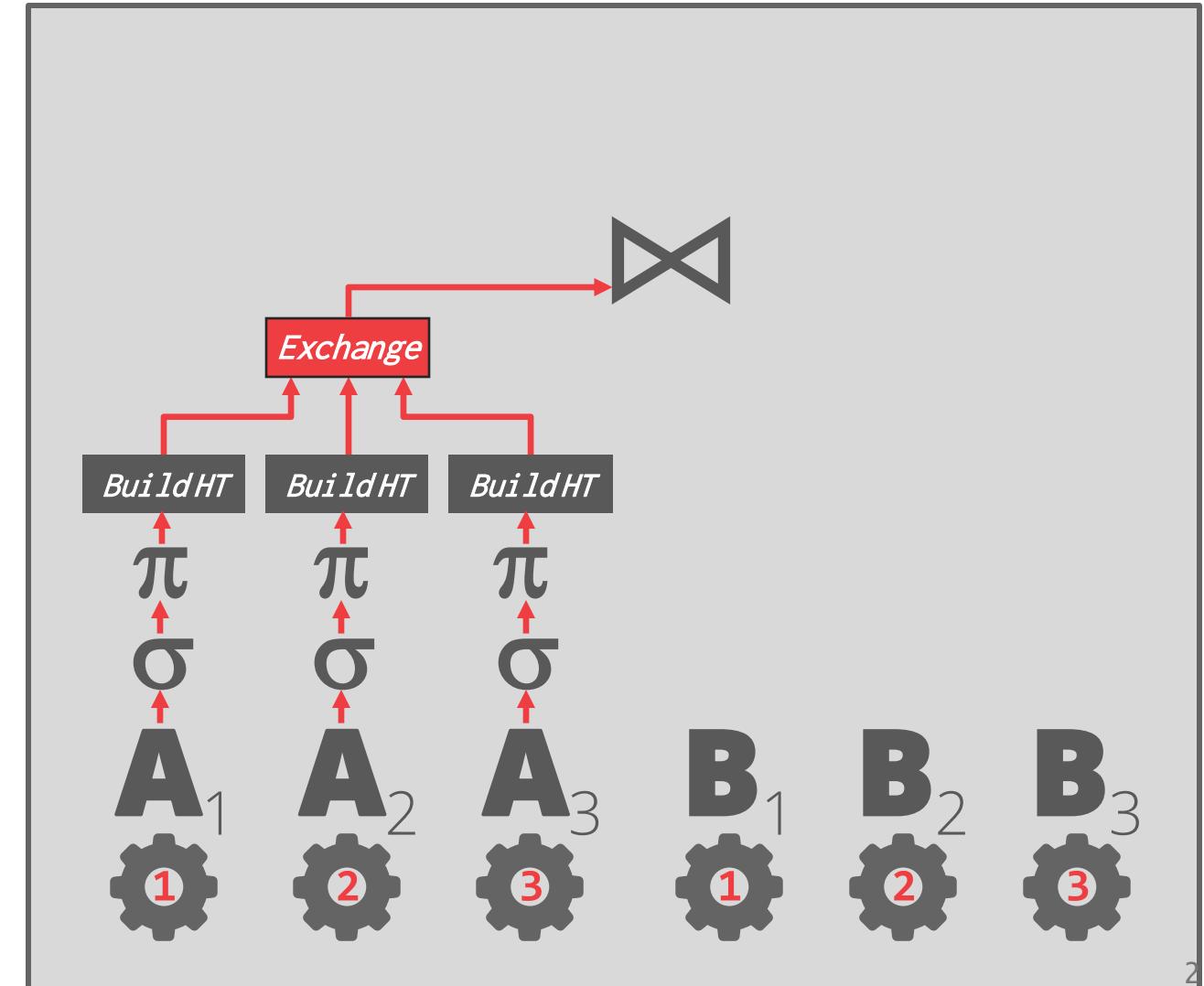
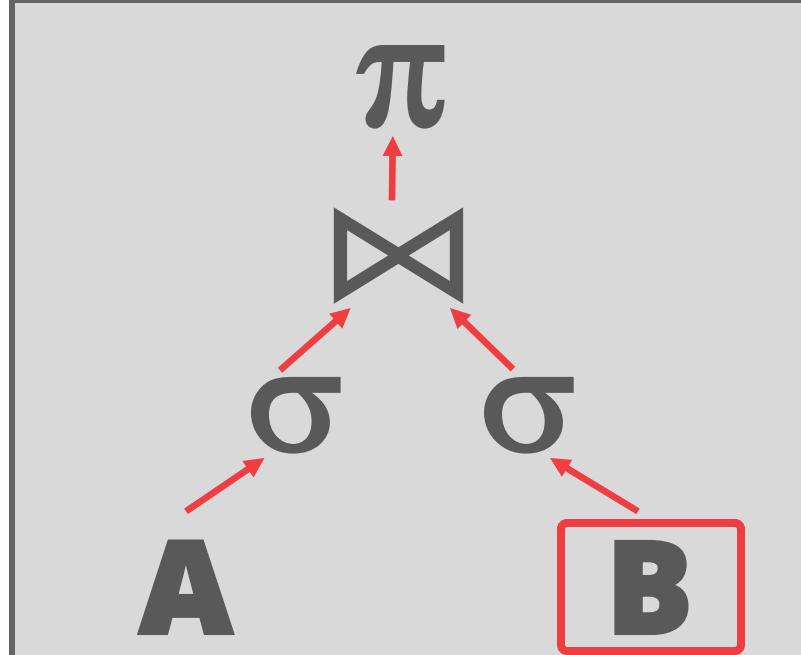
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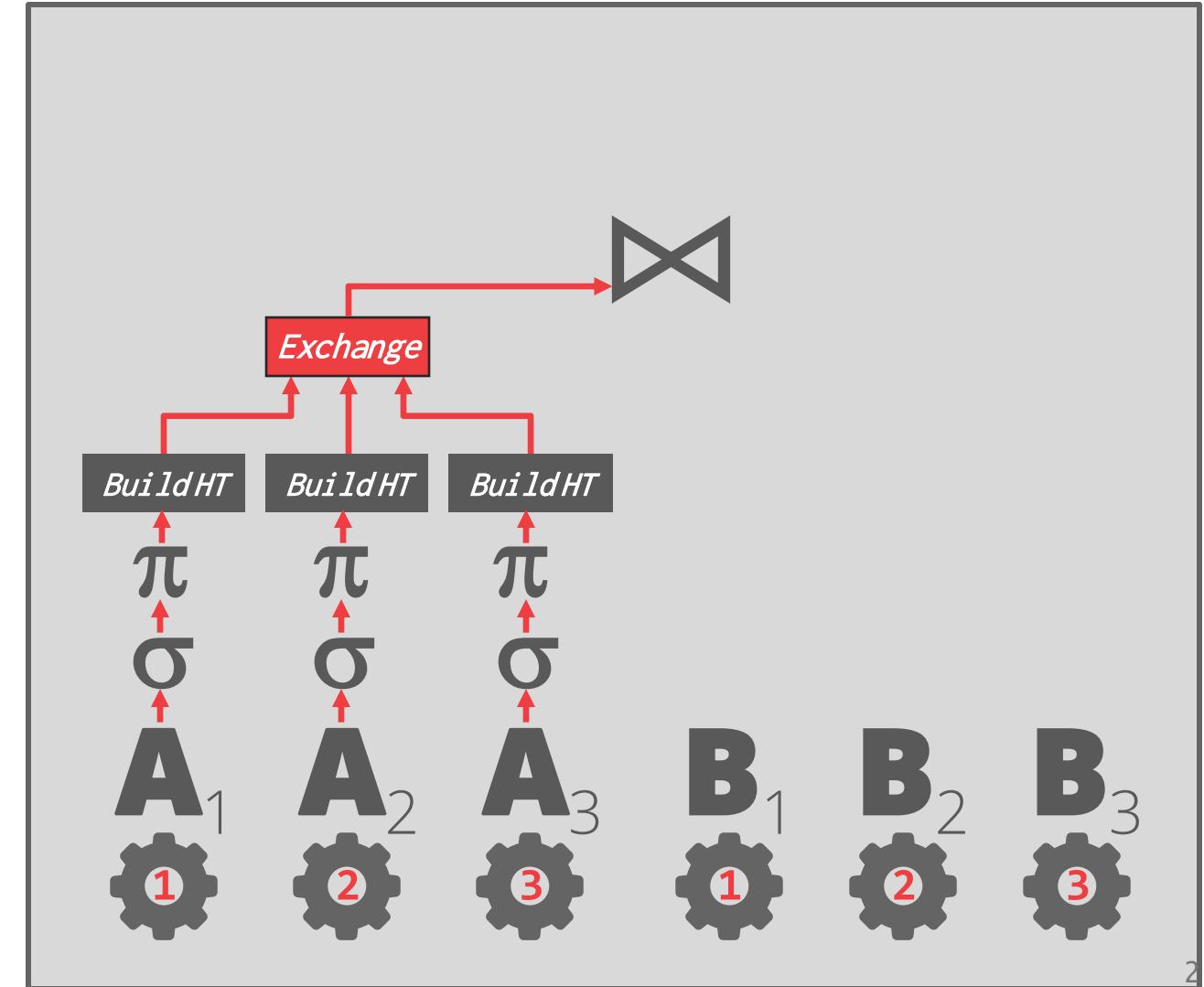
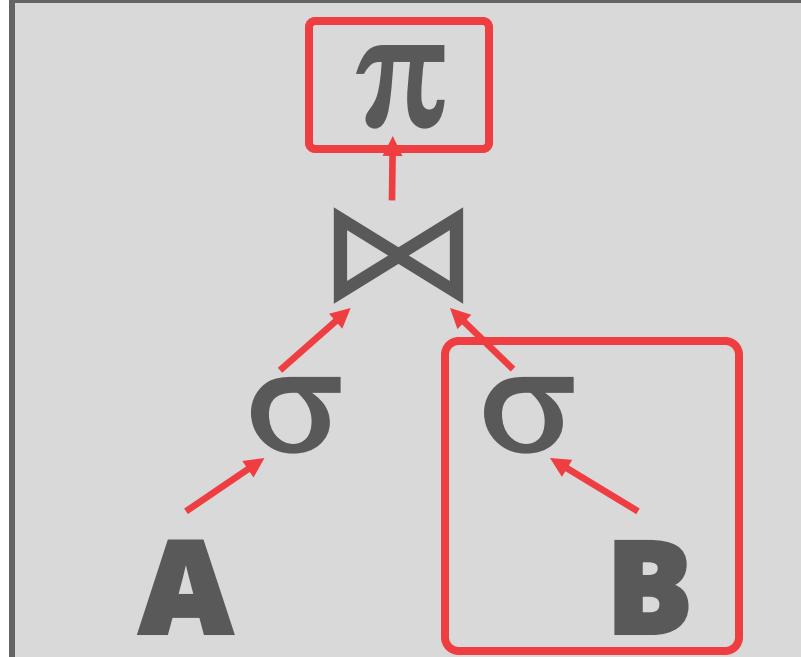
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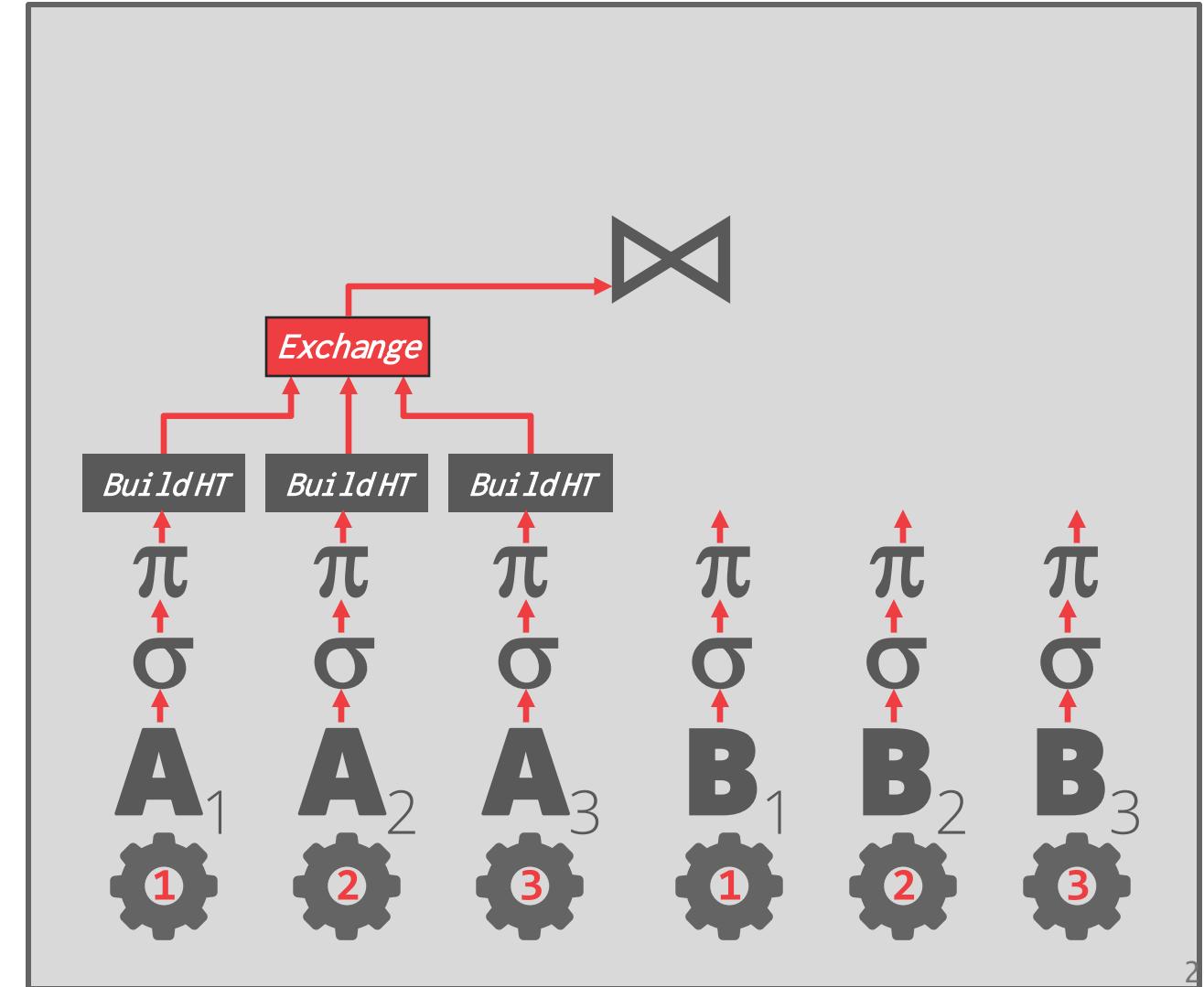
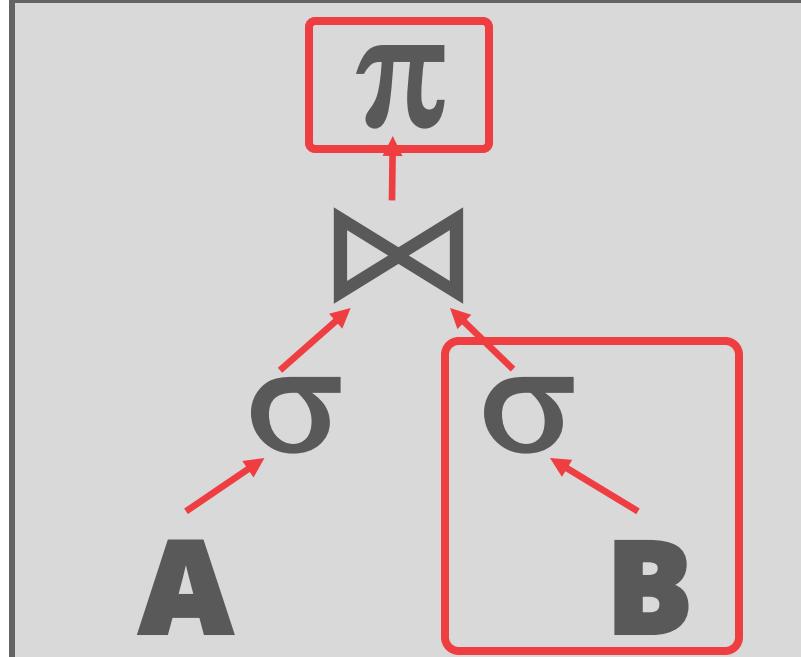
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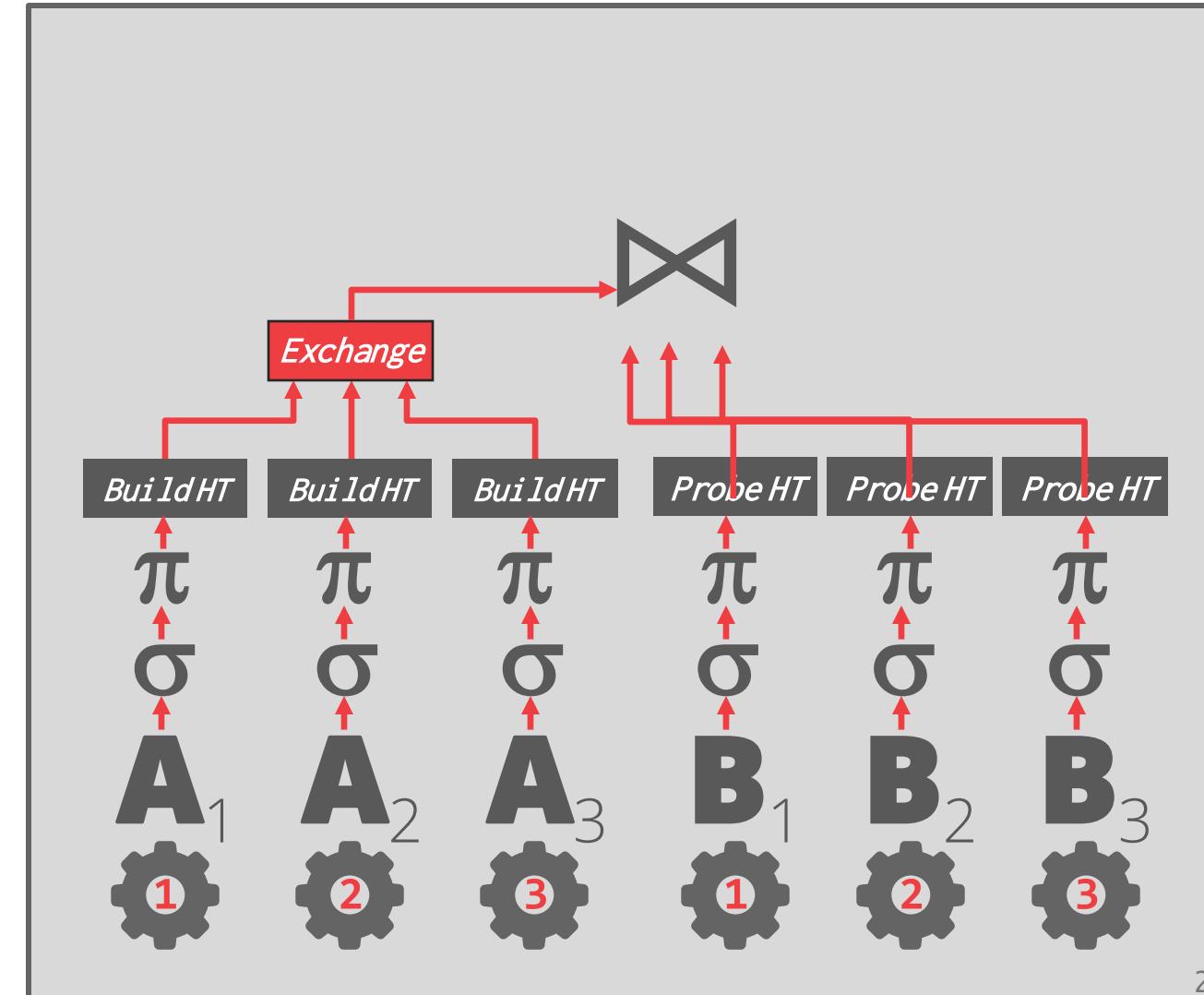
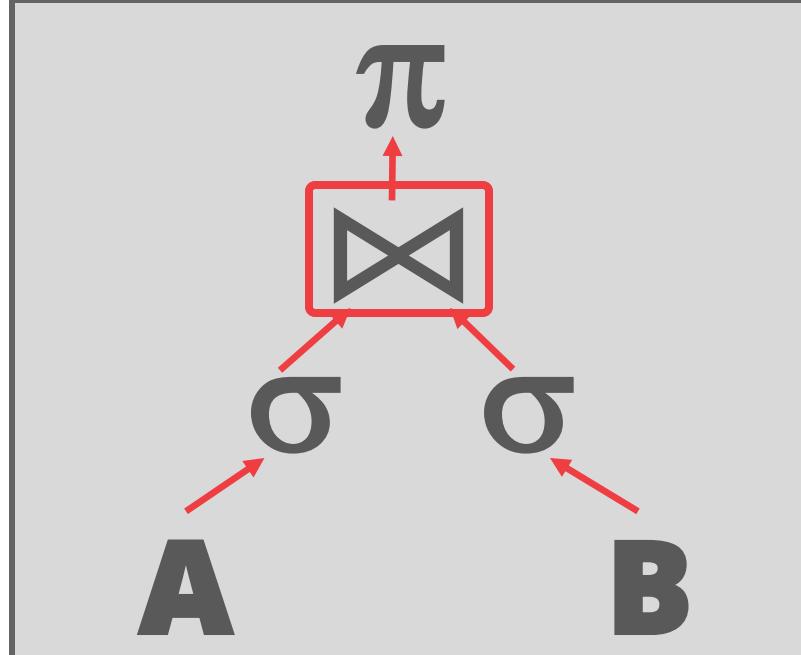
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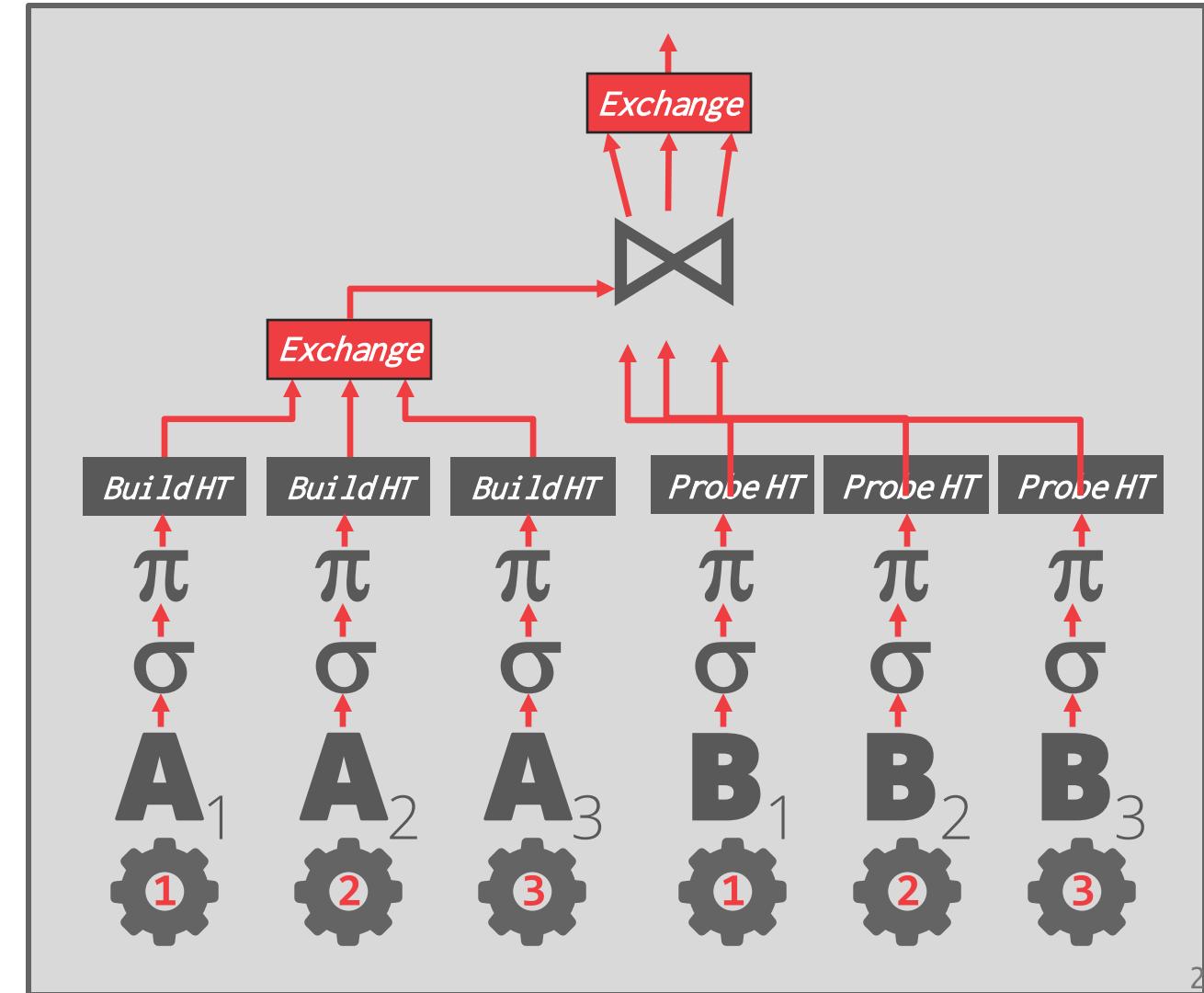
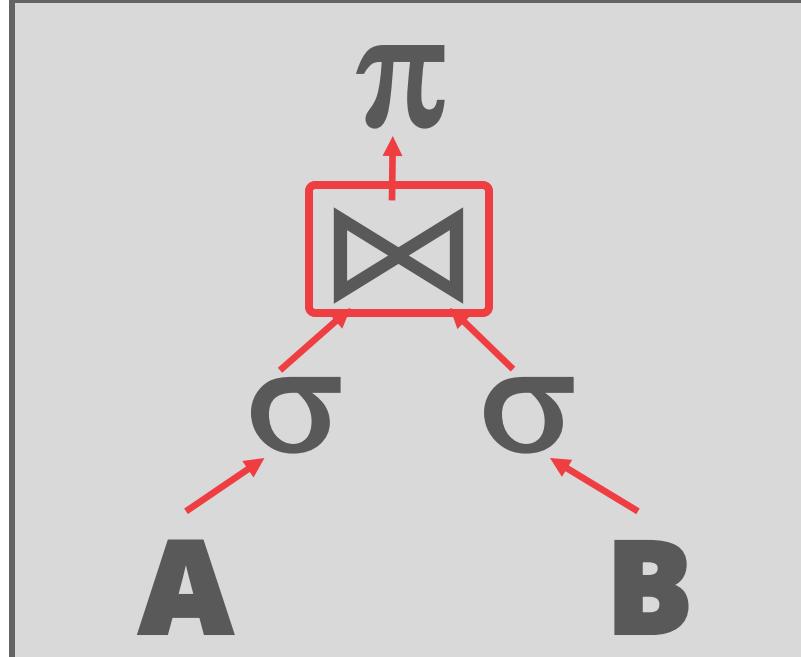
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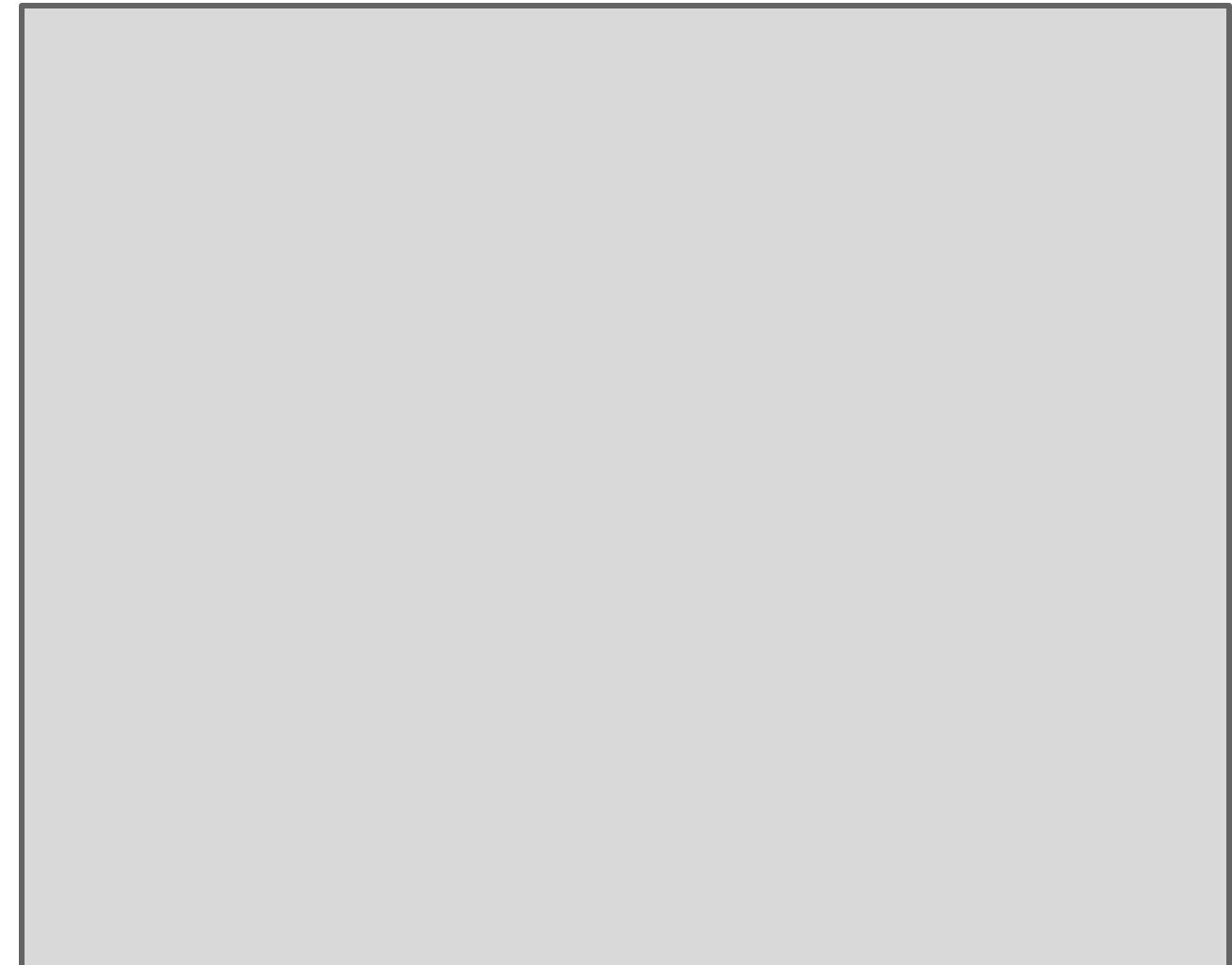
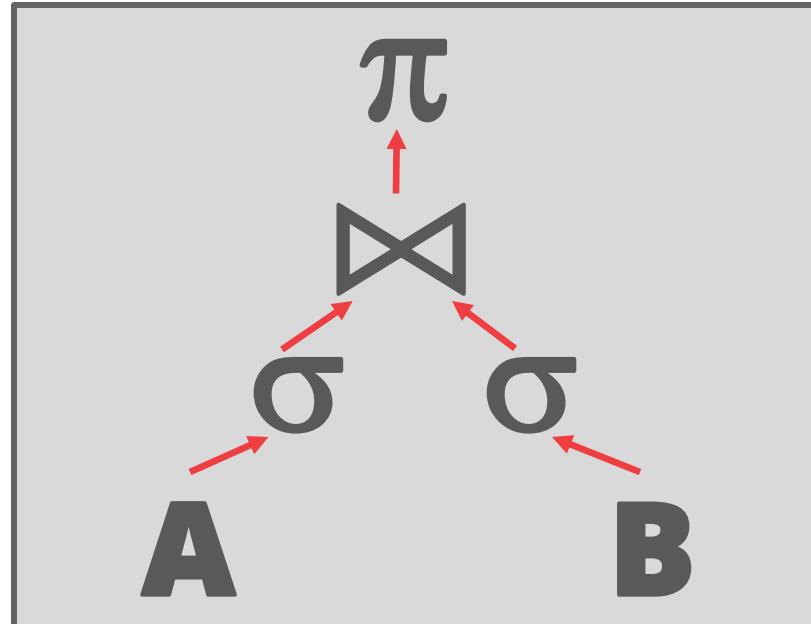
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 - More common in streaming systems (continuous queries)
- Also called **pipeline parallelism**.



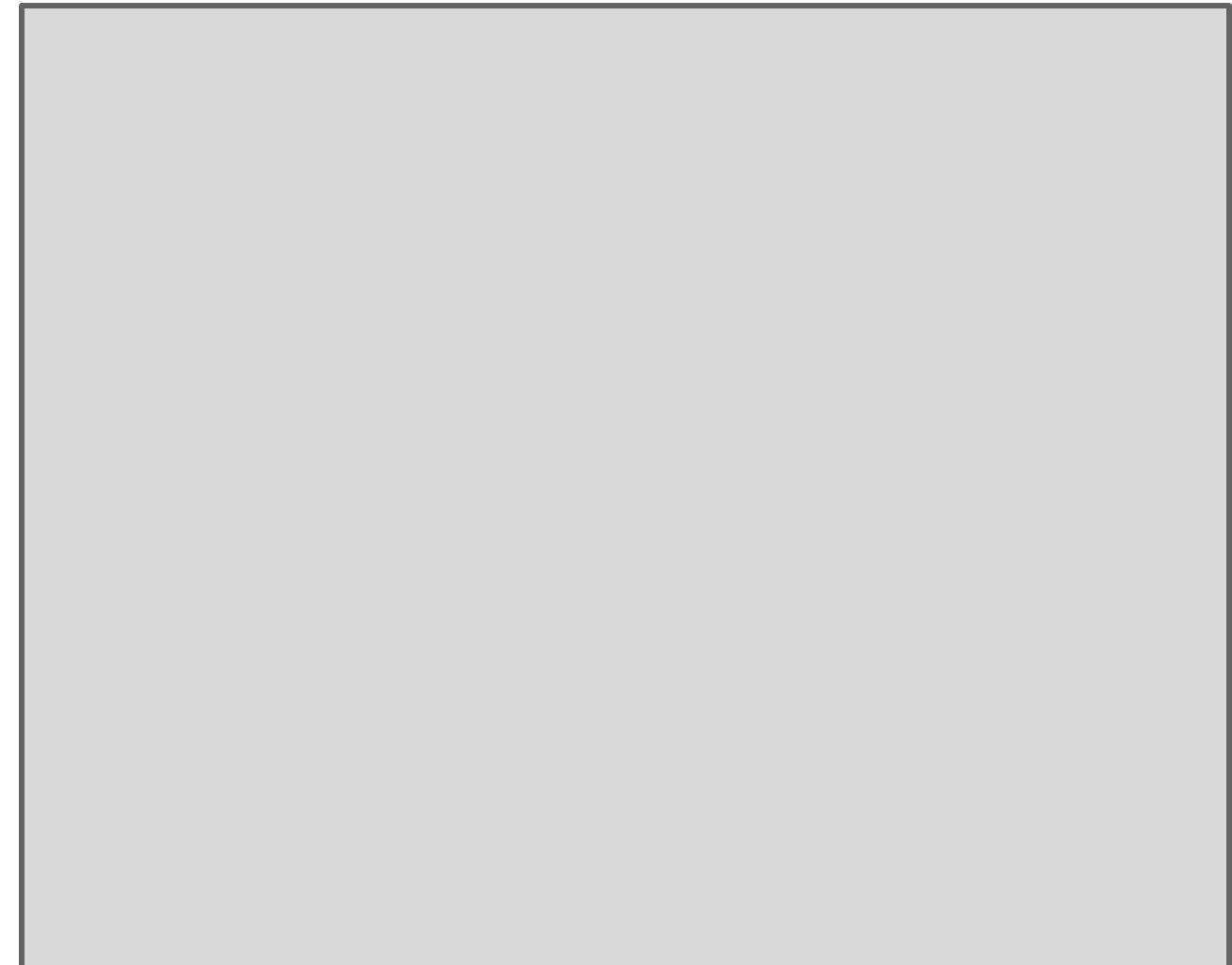
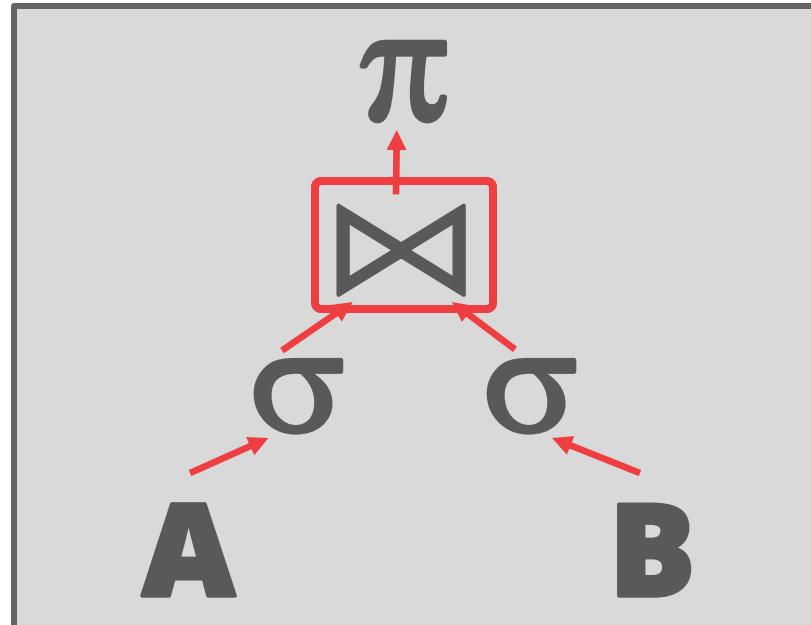
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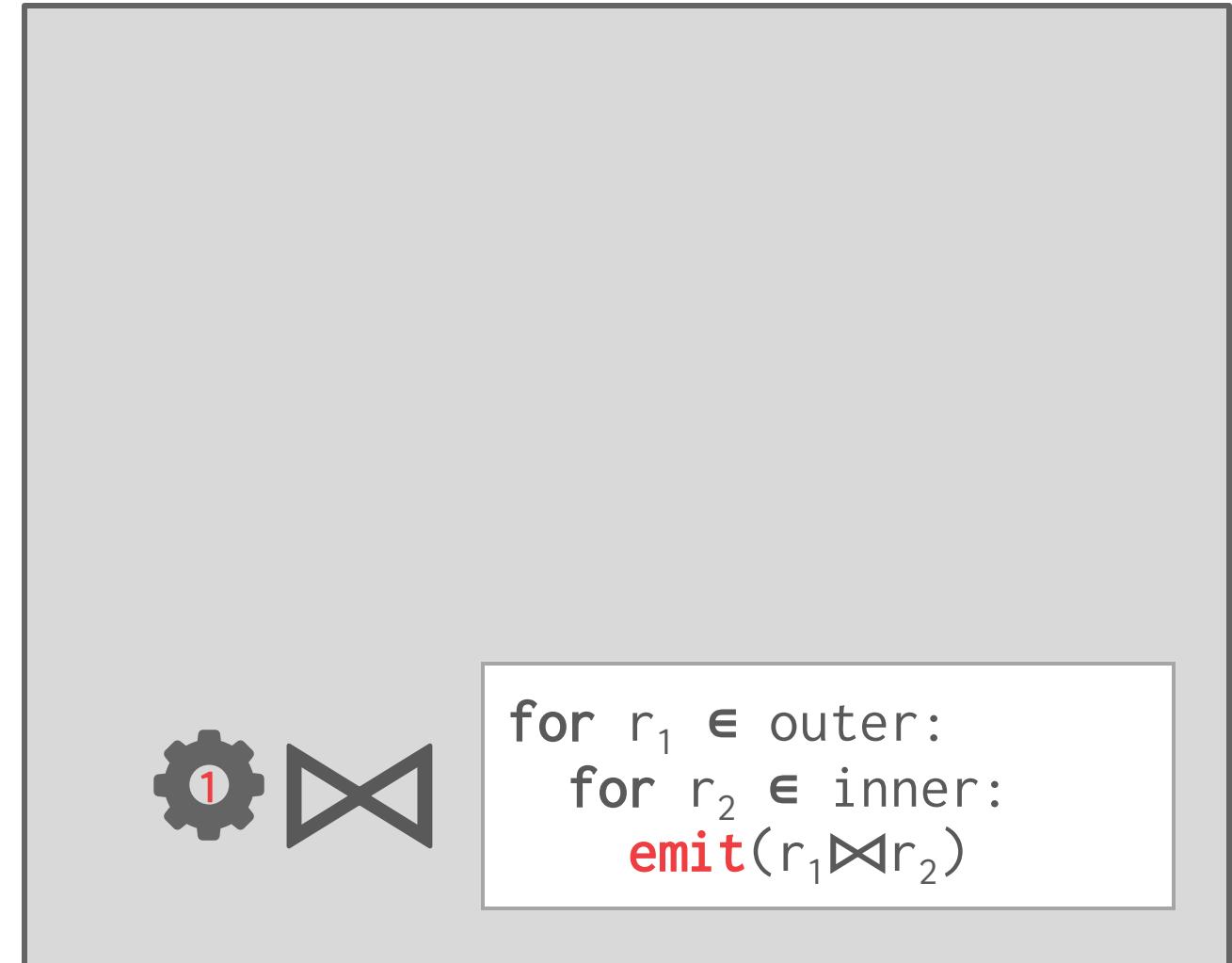
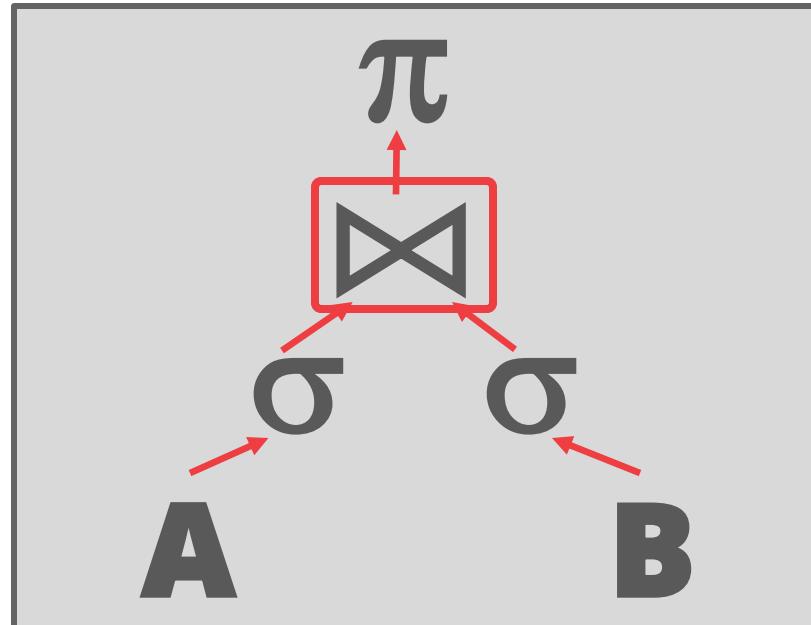
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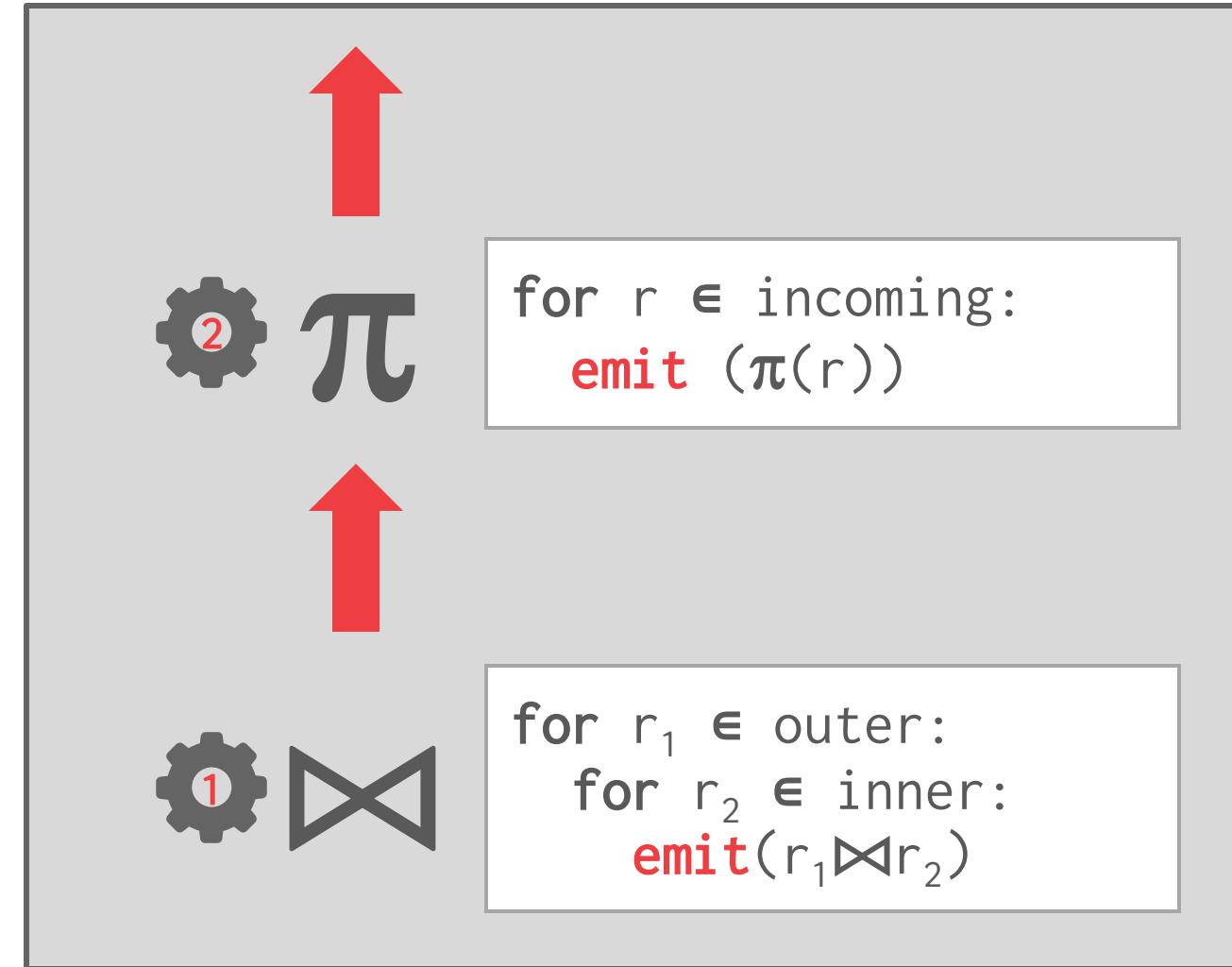
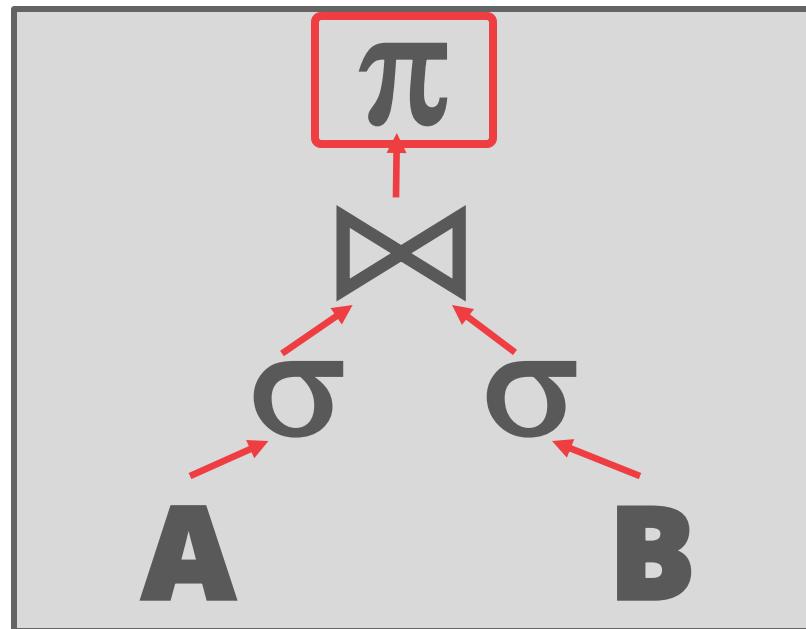
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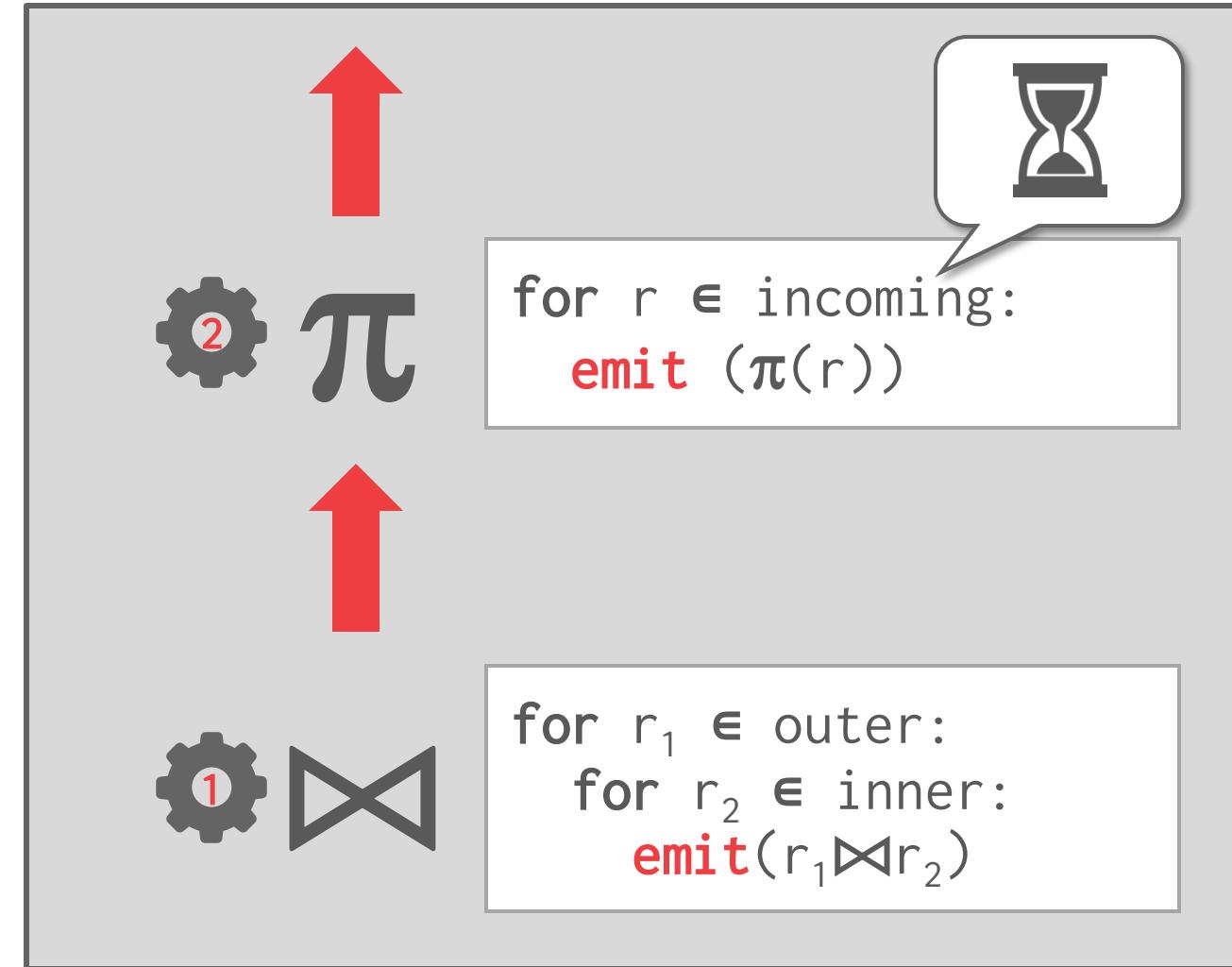
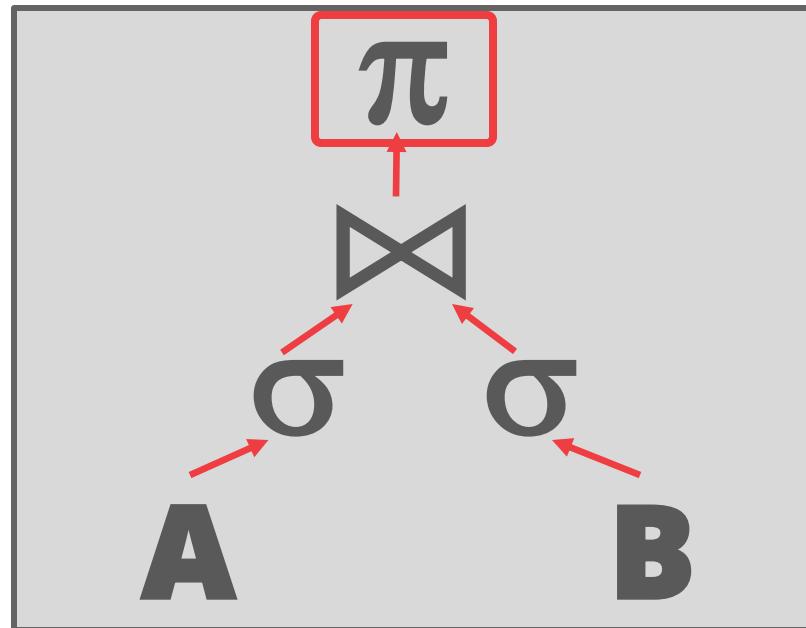
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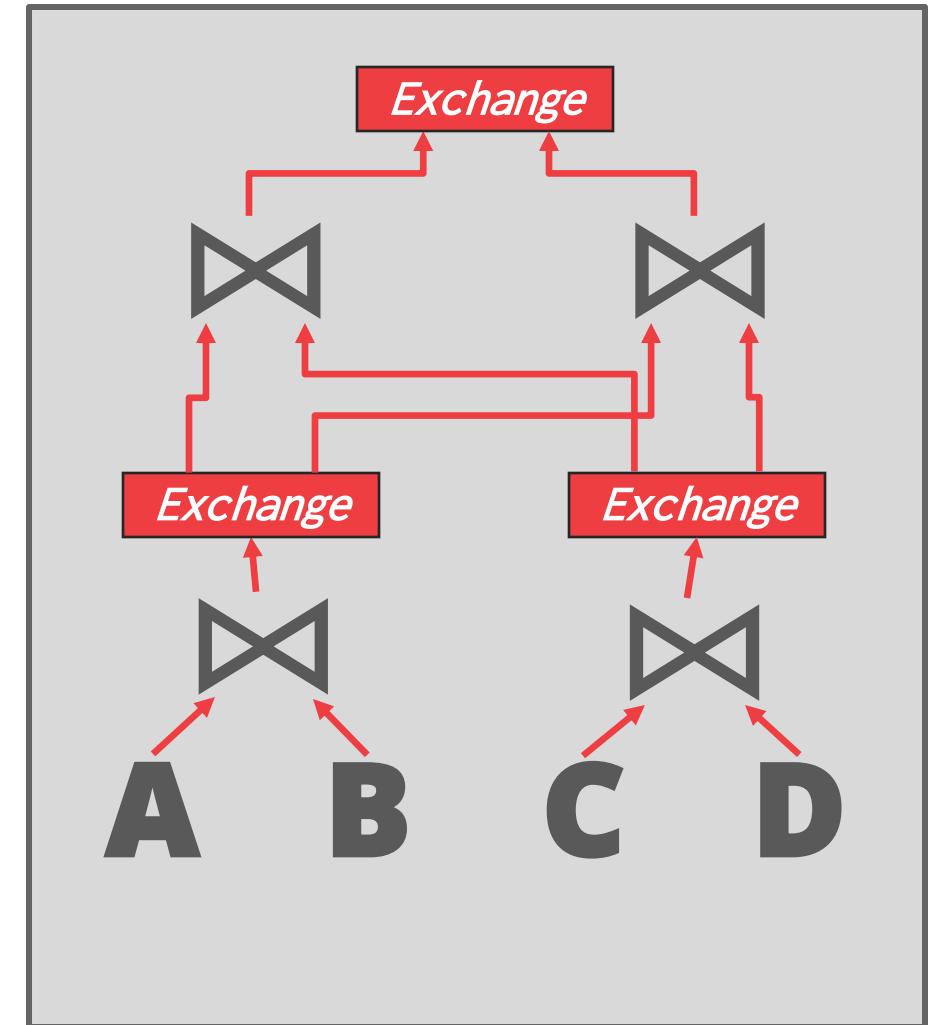
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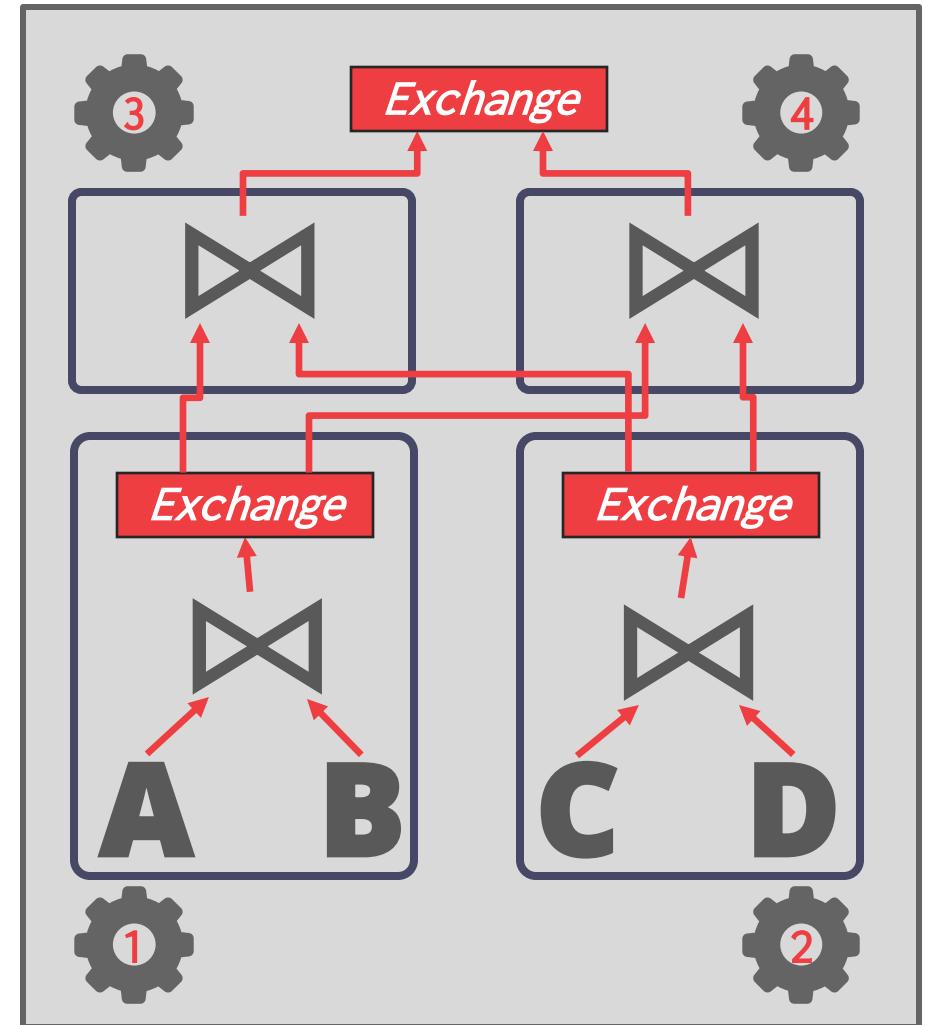
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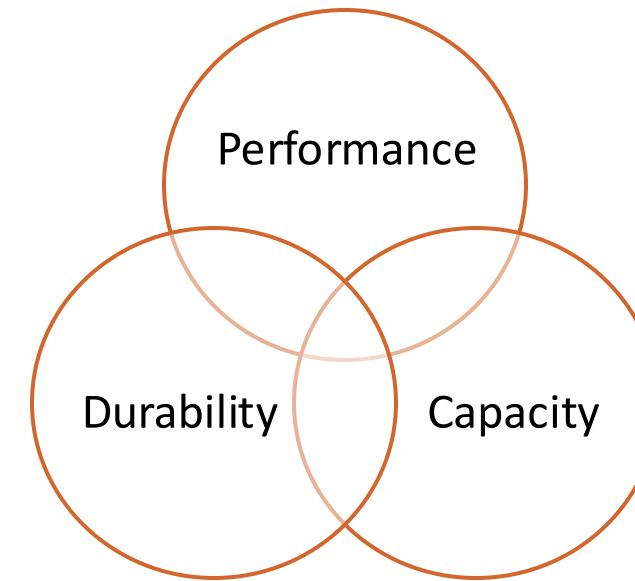
- Using additional processes/threads to execute queries in parallel won't help if the disk is always the main bottleneck.
- It can sometimes make the DBMS's performance worse if a worker is accessing different segments of the disk at the same time.

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.

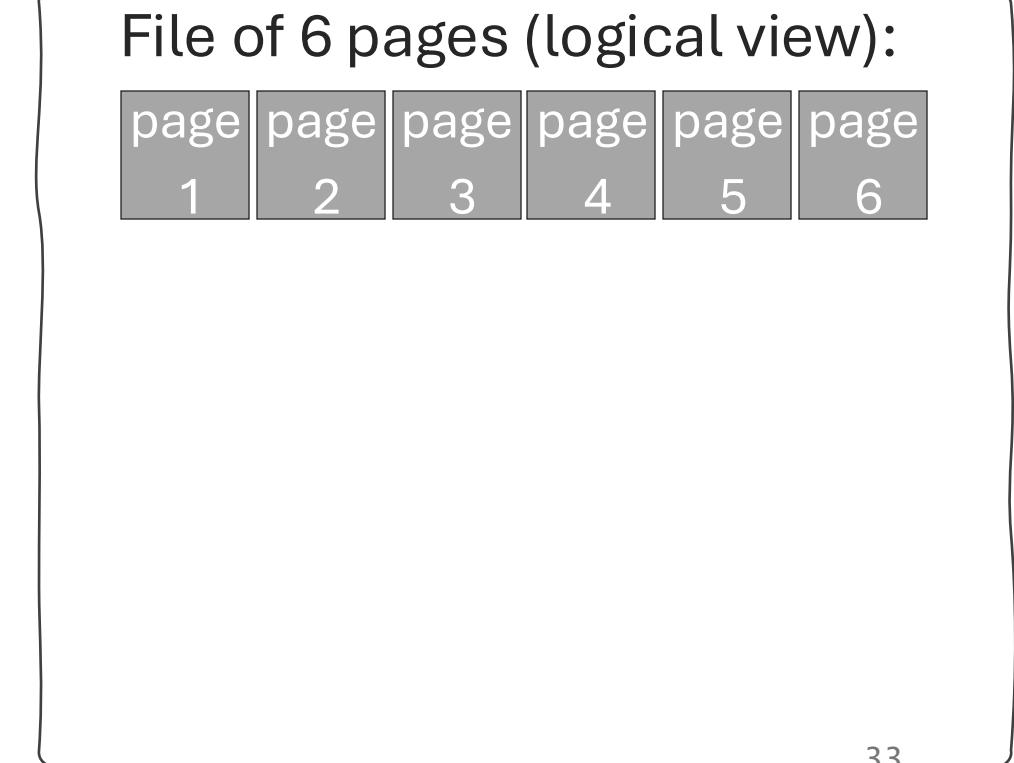
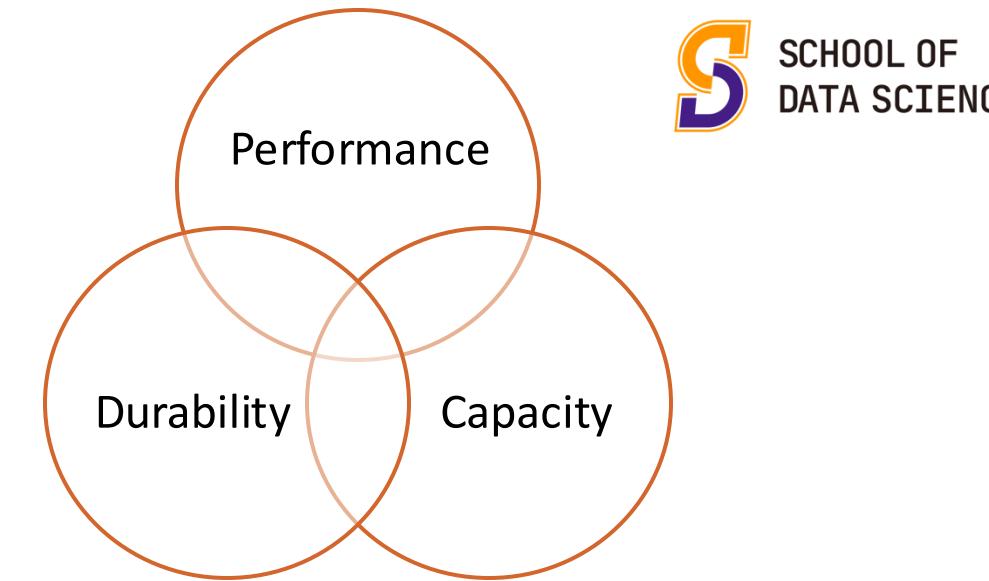
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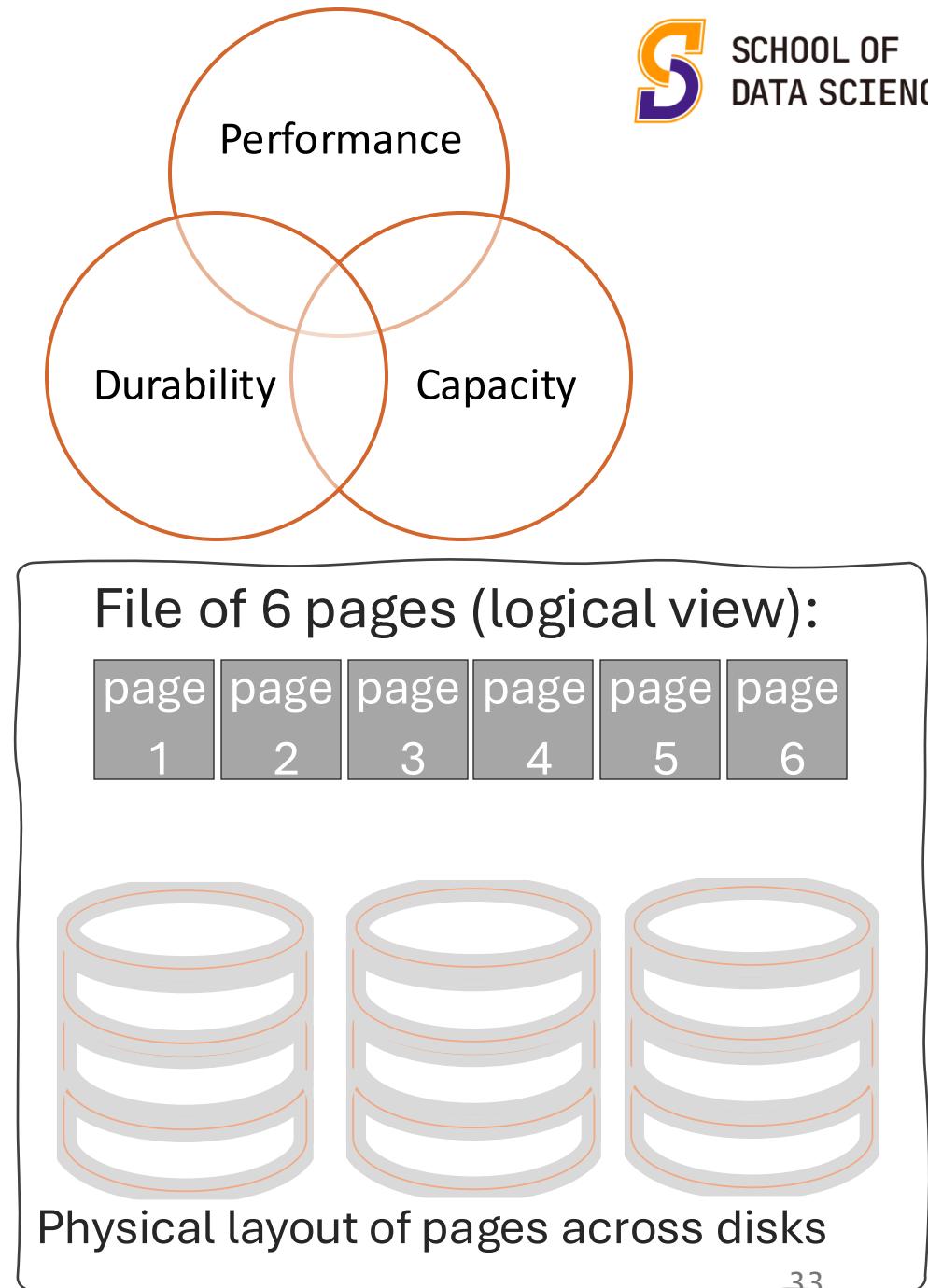
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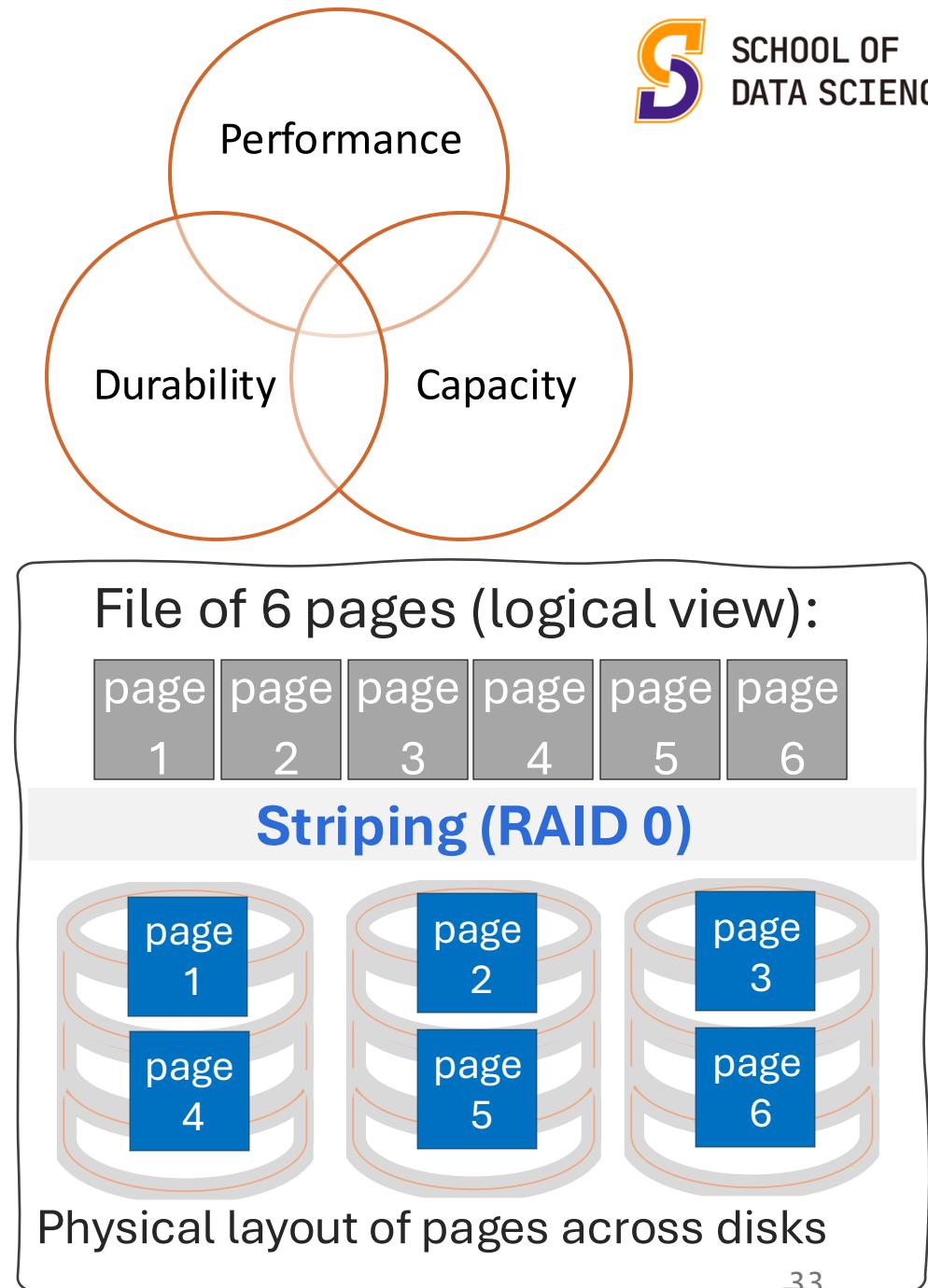
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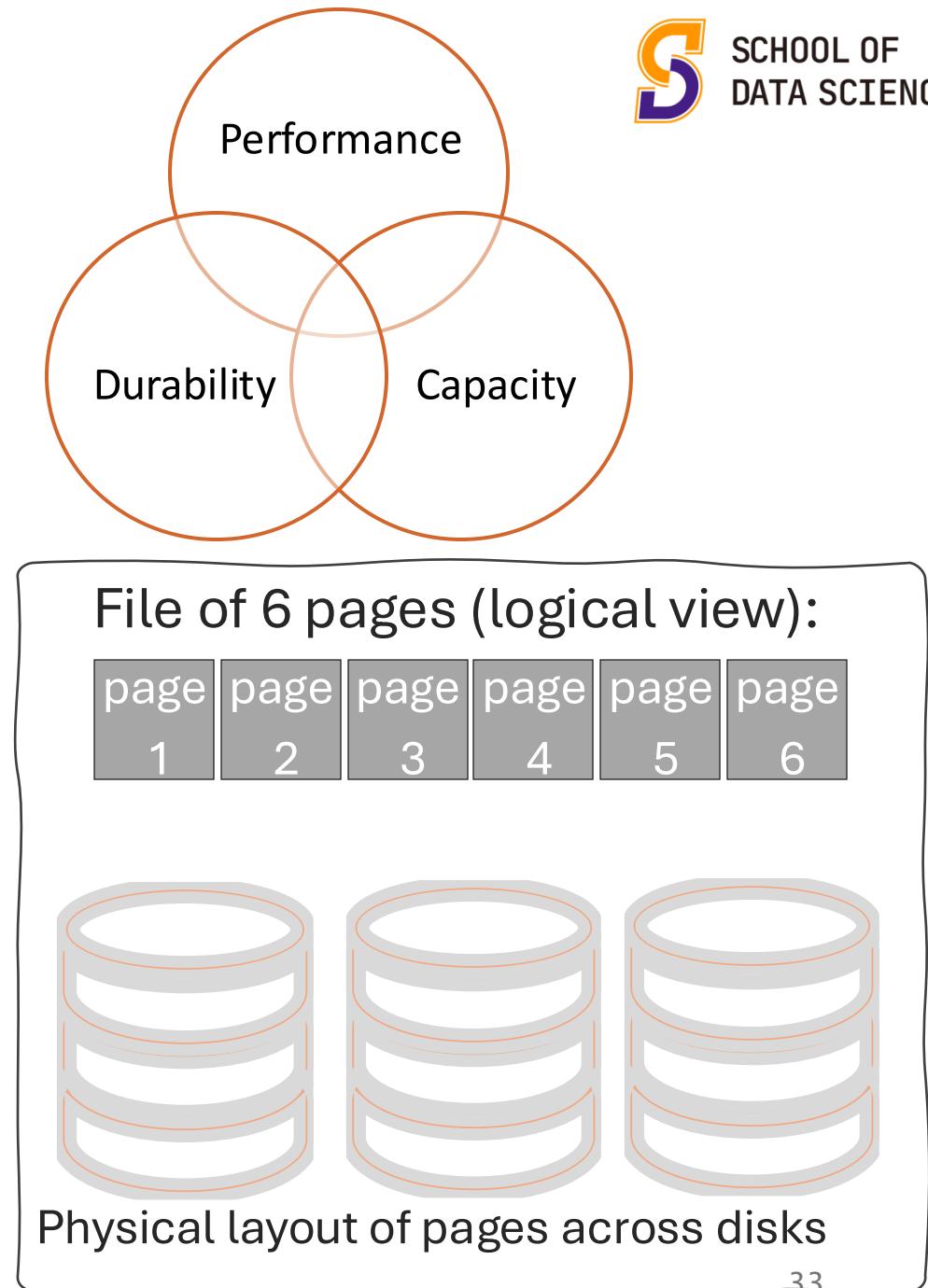
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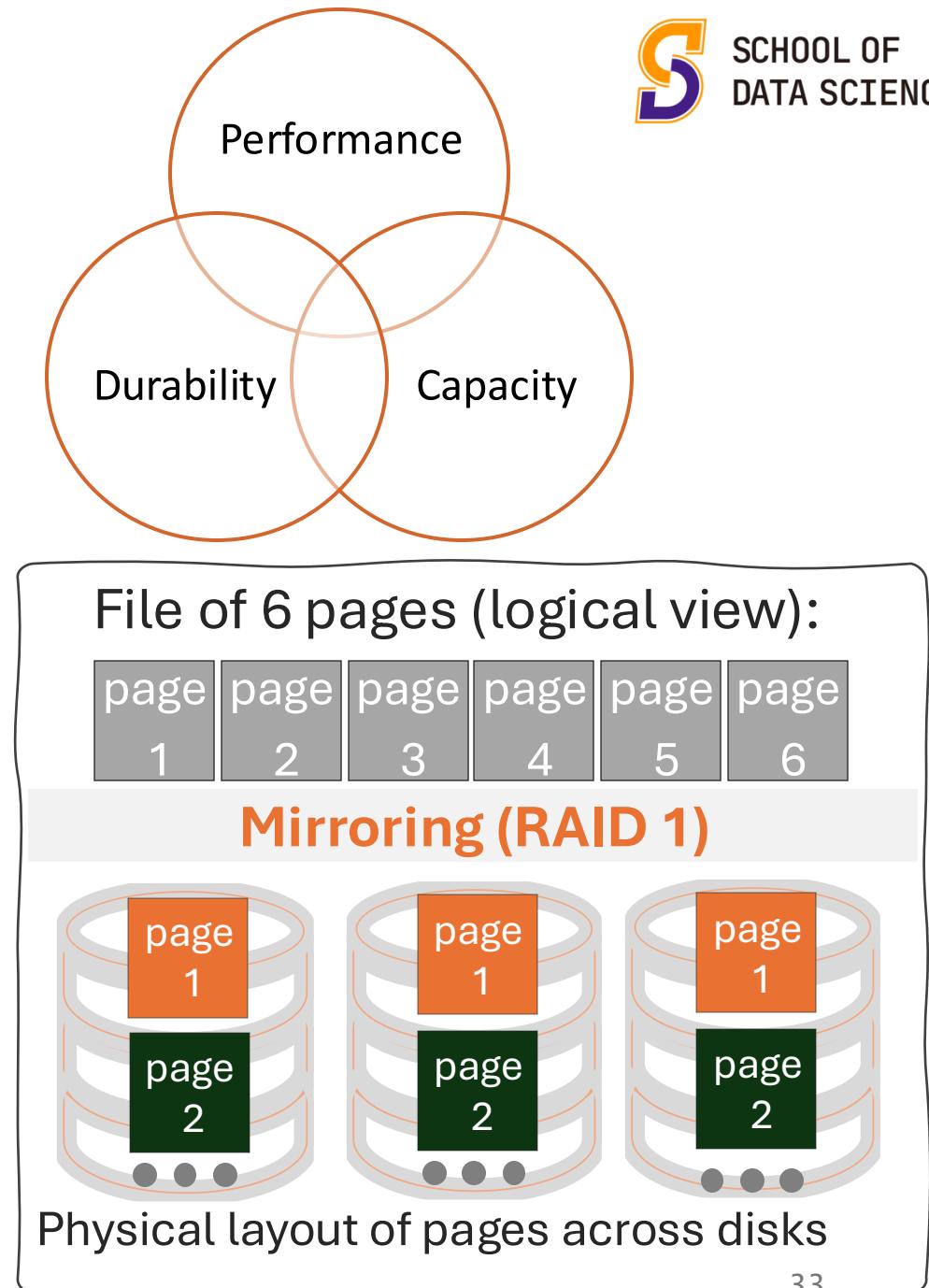
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Database Partitioning

- 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

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 - Logical vs Physical Plans
 - Search Space of Plans
 - Cost Estimation of Plans