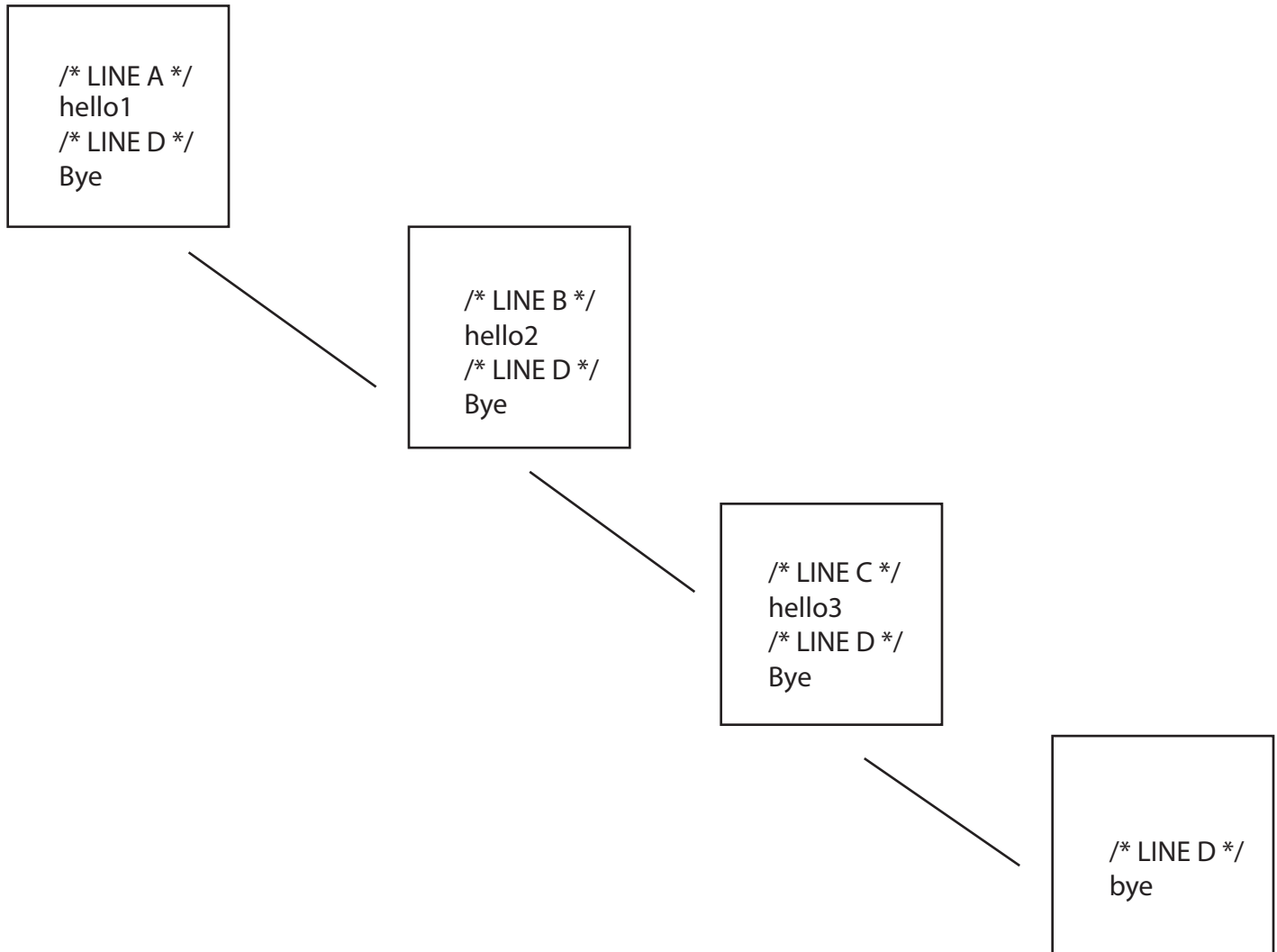


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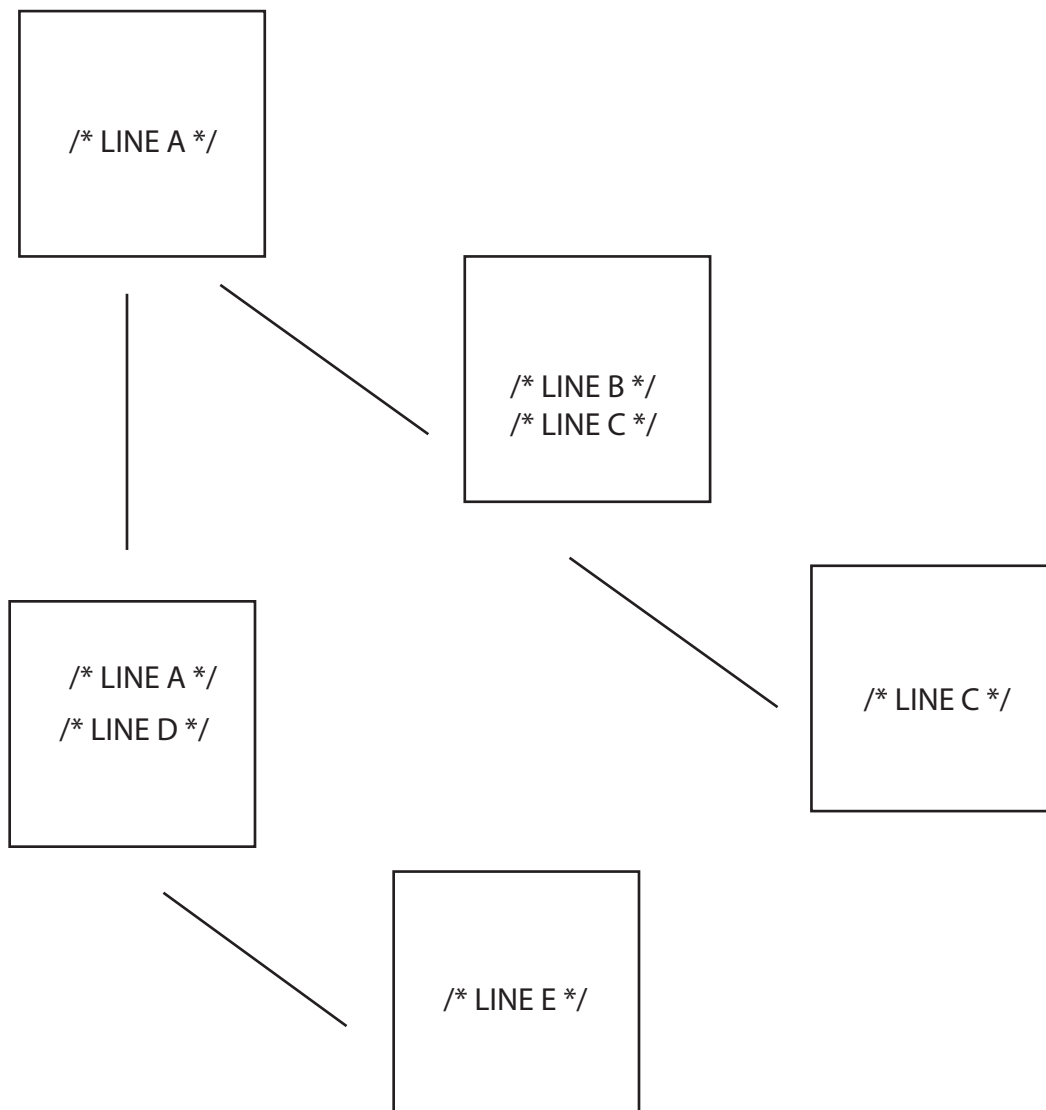
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Question 2



There are 5 copies of the original variable. Each time a fork occurs it takes the value of x as it was proceeding it. So A's x is equal to the original value. B's was 10 but so was C's because it was never changed again before C's fork occurred. D was 15 because it inherited the original value and added 10, and E's was 20 because it had D's value and added 5.

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Question 3

a) Output.txt will contain "hello world" followed by a new line. This is because the parent waits for the child to join it before it continues its execution.

b) This is the file I/O write parameter.

param[0] = the file descriptor

param[1] = the buffer of the char array

param[2] = the number of bytes in the char array to be written to the file.

c) Commenting out line 12 could change the output of the file, depending on how the scheduler executes the processes. If it chooses to run the parent first the file will look something like:

1 world

2 hello

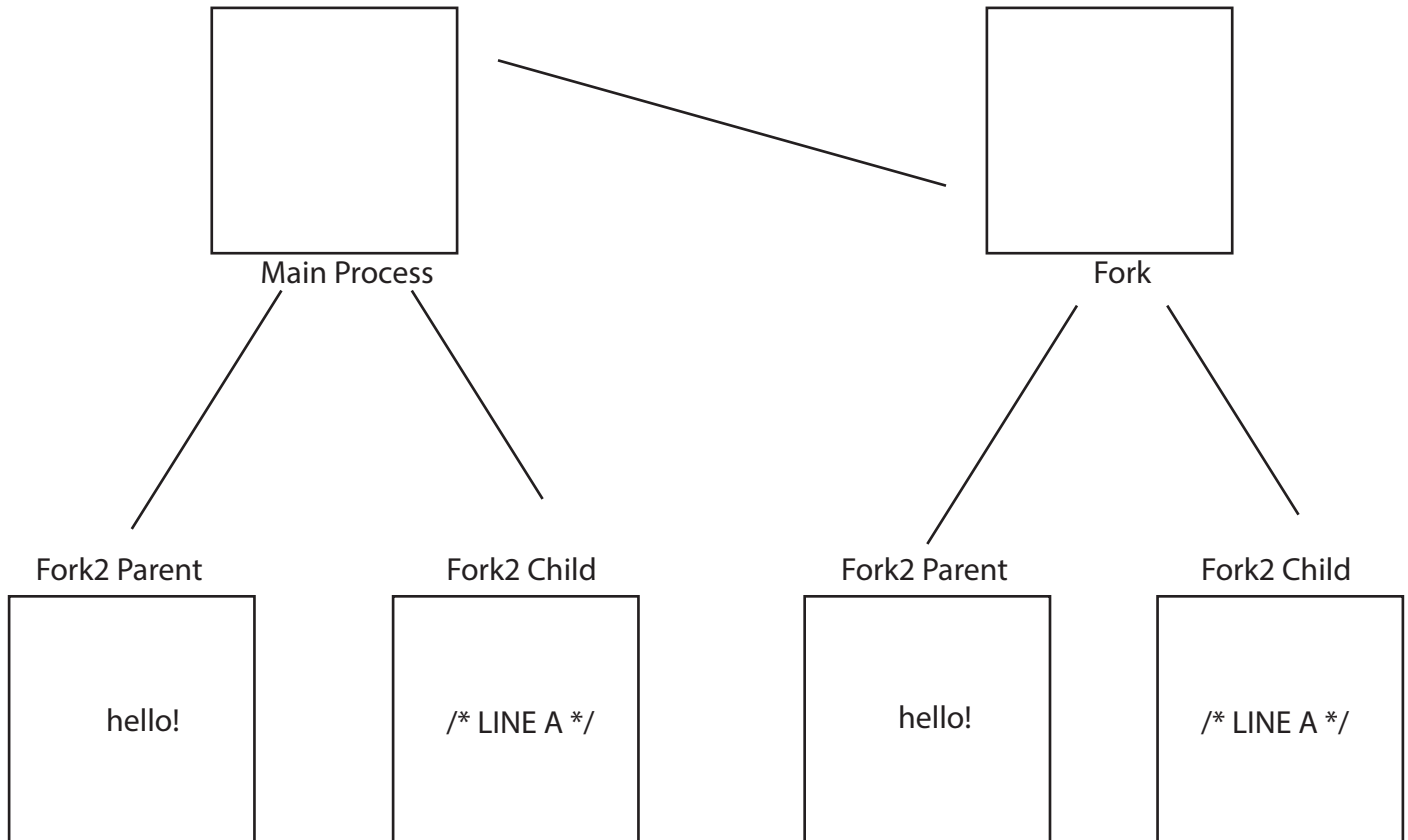
but it could choose to run the processes in the original order, however, it's all up to the scheduler at run time.

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Question 4

// This is the fork from line 6



b) Line A should run twice

c) hello and Line A will print twice each. This is because the fork on line 6 makes a copy of the code that follows it and main also runs it. Then the fork that is created in the if statement runs the parent (printf("hello\n");) and child (execv("/bin/date", argv);) code. However, Line B should never be printed unless there is an error with execv. This because execv makes puts in its own code and ignores whatever follows it.