

# Real Time Systems – SS2016

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#### **Dependent tasks**



The assumption of independent tasks often does not meet reality.

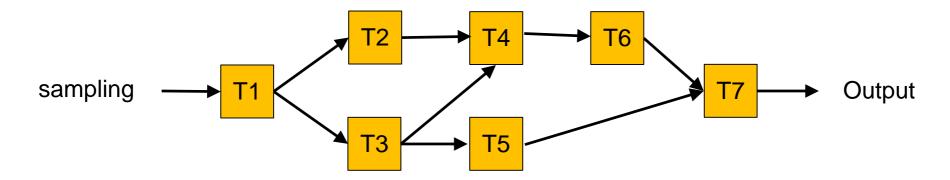
- In practice, tasks are dependent.
   We often have conditions or constraints e.g.
  - A must be computed before B
  - B must be computed before C and D
- Such conditions are called precedence constraints which can be represented as Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAG) known as Precedence Graphs

Such graphs are also known as "Task Graph"

#### **Dependent tasks: Examples**



- Input/output relation
  - Some task is waiting for output of the others: data flow diagrams

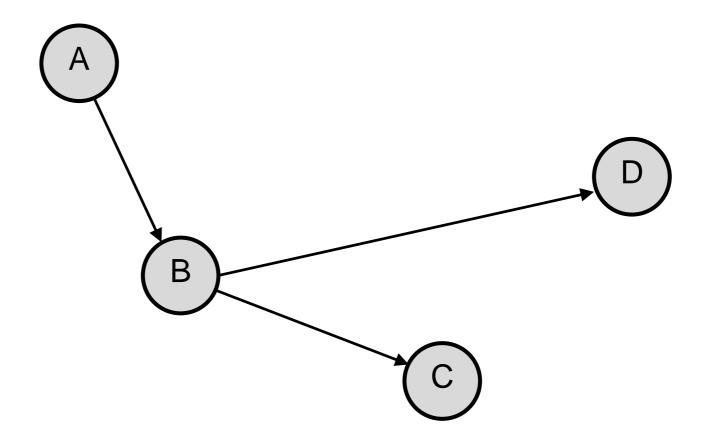


- Synchronisation
  - Some task must be finished before the others e.g.
     It is holding a shared resource
- Other dependence relations (Resource lock, shared resources, etc.)

# **Precedence graph: Example**



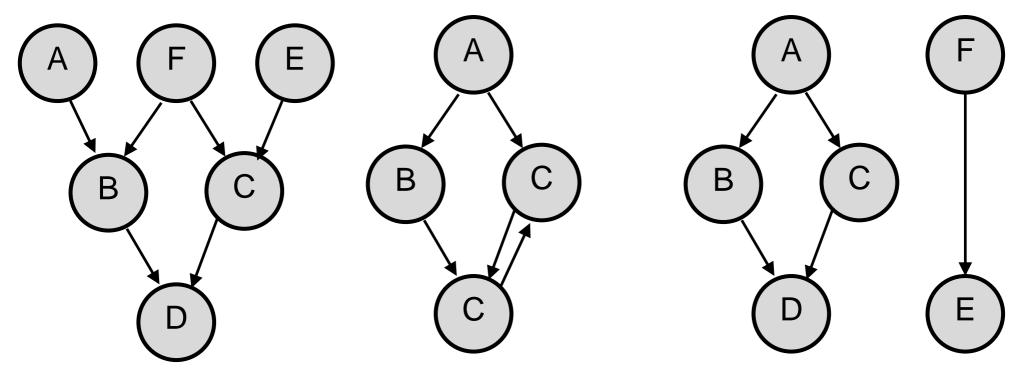
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#### **Precedence Graph: Examples**



## Nodes(Knoten) and edges(Kanten)



Not a precedence graph

Conjunct and dishunct join (not considered)

#### **AND/OR precedence graphs**



- AND-node, all incoming edges must be finished first
- OR-node: at least one of the incoming edges must be finished

### Scheduling under timing and precedence constraints



- Feasible schedules should meet
  - Timing constraints
  - Precedence constraints
- Overlapping area of blue and red is what we need
- Precedence constraints restrict the search area.

