Snapshottable stores

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SATURN: a library of verified concurrent data structures for OCAML 5

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1 Abstract

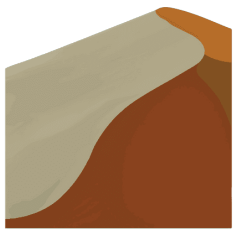
We present SATURN, a new OCAML 5 library available on `opam`. SATURN offers a collection of efficient concurrent data structures: stack, queue, skiplist, hash table, work-stealing deque, etc. It is well tested, benchmarked and in part formally verified.

2 Motivation

Sharing data between multiple threads or cores is a well-known problem. A naive approach is to take a sequential data structure and protect it with a lock. However, this approach is often inefficient in terms of performance, as locks introduce significant contention. Additionally, it may not be a sound solution as it can lead to liveness issues such as deadlock, starvation, and priority inversion.

In contrast, *lock-free* implementations, which rely on fine-grained synchronization instead of locks, are typically faster and guarantee system-wide progress. However, they are also more complex and come with their own set of bugs, such as the ABA problem (largely mitigated in garbage-collected languages), data races, and unexpected behaviors due to non-linearizability.

OCaml vers Zoo



`ocaml2zoo` $\longrightarrow$

Zoo

Store : deux interfaces

```
type t
type store = t

val create : unit -> t

module Ref : sig
  type 'a t
  val make : store -> 'a -> 'a t
  val get : store -> 'a t -> 'a
  val set : store -> 'a t -> 'a -> unit
end
```

```
type snapshot
val capture :
  store -> snapshot
val restore :
  store -> snapshot -> unit
```

```
type transaction
val transaction :
  store -> transaction
val rollback :
  store -> transaction -> unit
val commit :
  store -> transaction -> unit
```

ocaml2zoo appliqué à Store

```
let restore t s =
  if t != s.snap_store then (
    assert false
  ) else (
    let root = s.snap_root in
    match !root with
    | Root ->
        ()
    | Diff _ ->
        reroot root ;
        t.gen <- s.snap_gen + 1 ;
        t.root <- root
  )
```

```
Definition pstore_restore : val :=
  fun: "t" "s" =>
    if: "t" != "s".<snap_store> then (
      Fail
    ) else (
      let: "root" := "s".<snap_root> in
      match: !"root" with
      | Root =>
          ()
      | Diff <> <> <> <> =>
          pstore_reroot "root" ;;
          "t" <-{gen} "s".<snap_gen> + #1 ;;
          "t" <-{root} "root"
      end
    ).
```

Spécification : un simple état mutable...

$$\frac{\{\,\mathrm{True}\,\}}{\texttt{create}\ ()}\ \{\,t.\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \emptyset\,\}$$

$$\frac{\{\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma\,\}}{\texttt{ref}\ t\ v}\ \{\,r.\,r \notin \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) * \mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma[r \mapsto v]\,\}$$

$$\frac{\{\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma * \sigma(r) = v\,\}}{\texttt{get}\ t\ r}\ \{\,v.\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma\,\}$$

$$\frac{\{\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma * r \in \mathrm{dom}(\sigma)\,\}}{\texttt{set}\ t\ r\ v}\ \{\,v.\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma[r \mapsto v]\,\}$$

. . . avec des versions persistantes

$$\frac{\{\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma\,\}}{\texttt{capture}\ t}\ \{\,s.\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma * \mathrm{snapshot}\ t\ s\ \sigma\,\}$$

$$\frac{\{\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma * \mathrm{snapshot}\ t\ s\ \sigma'\,\}}{\texttt{restore}\ t\ s}\ \{\,().\,\mathrm{store}\ t\ \sigma'\,\}$$

Merci de votre attention!

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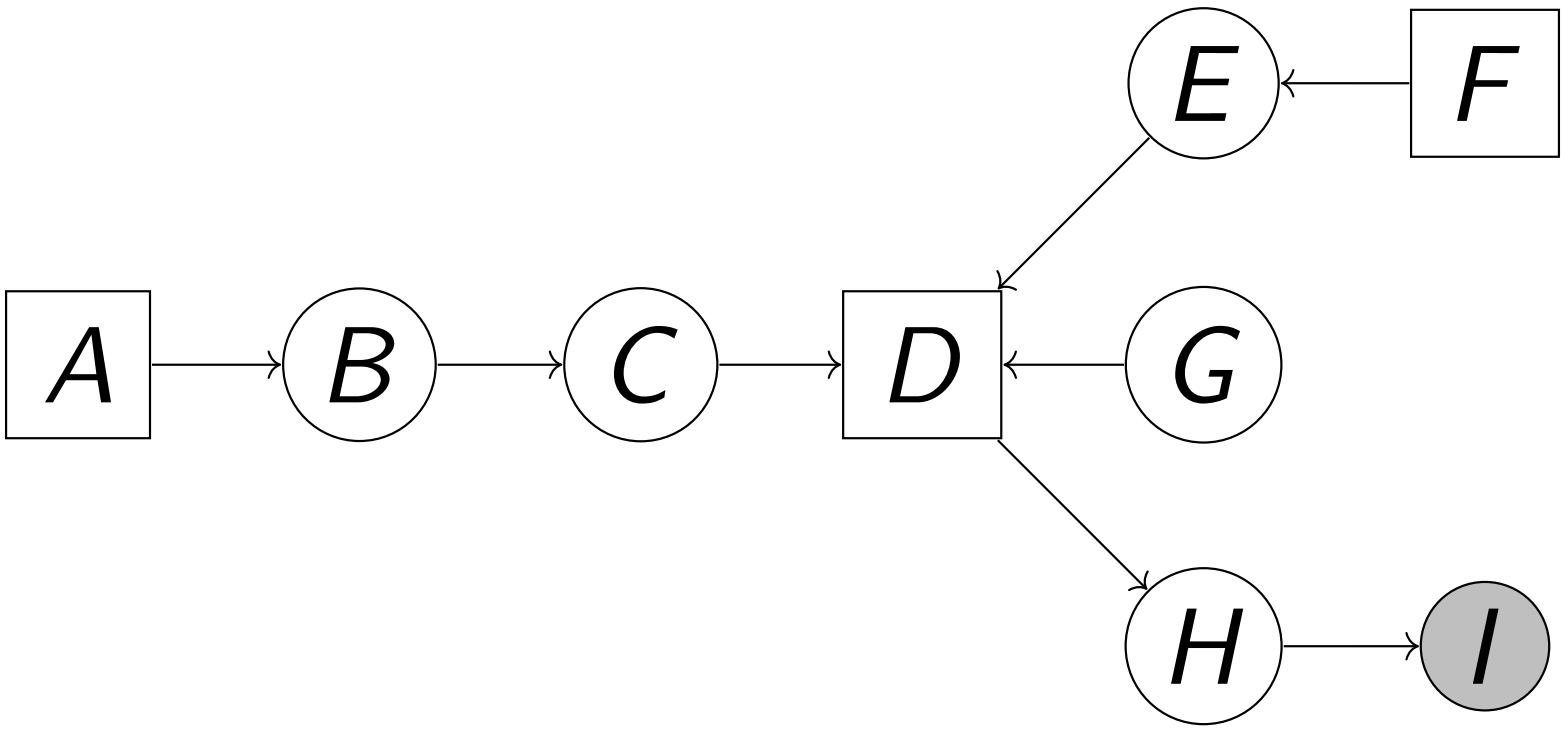

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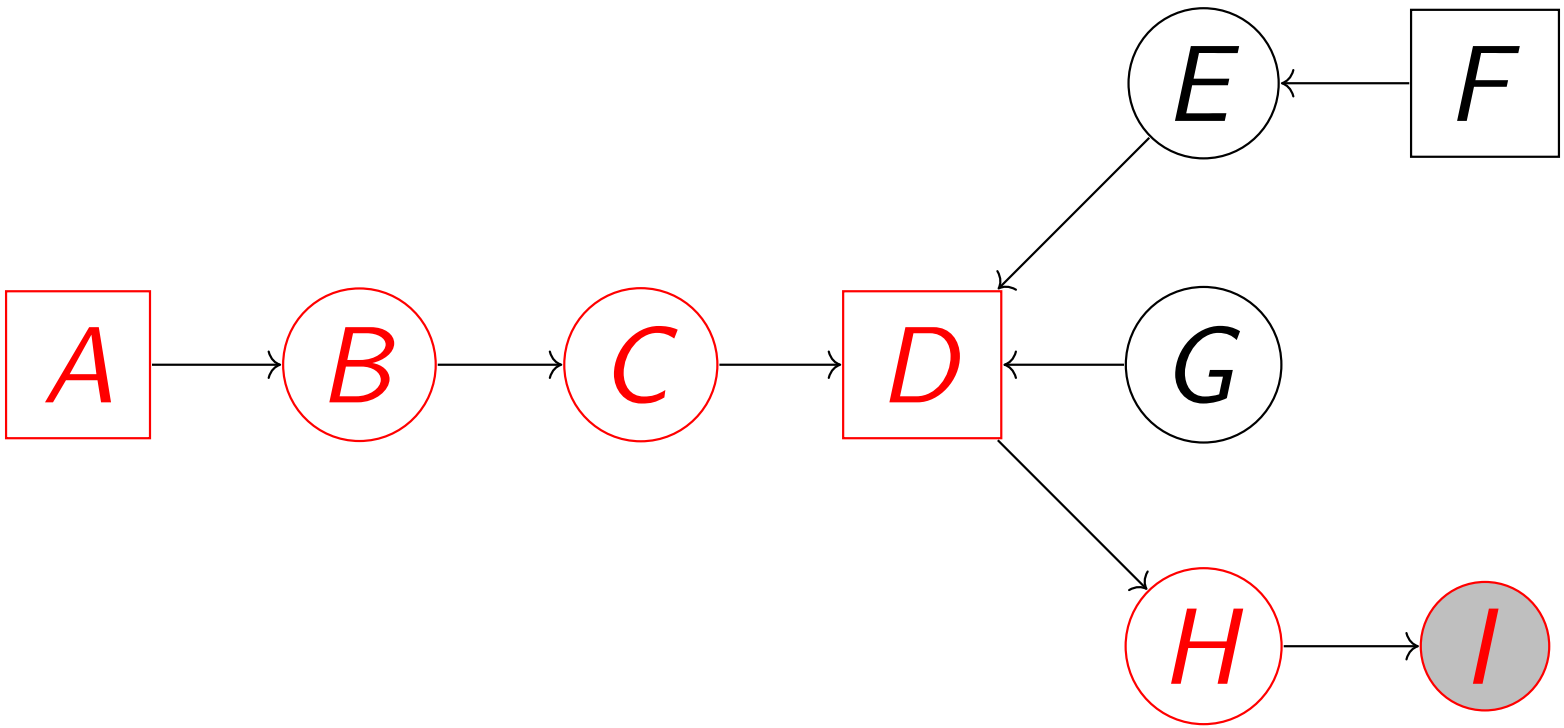

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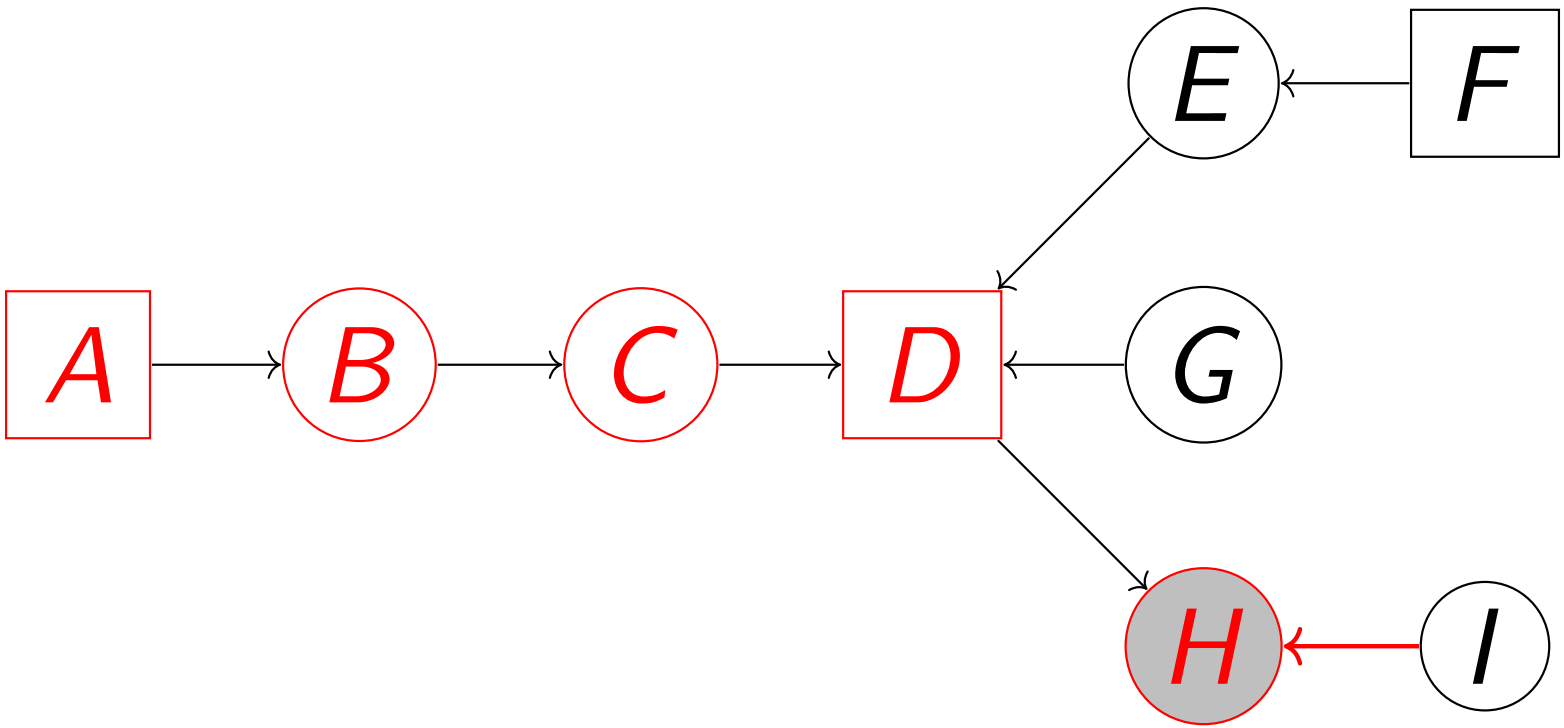

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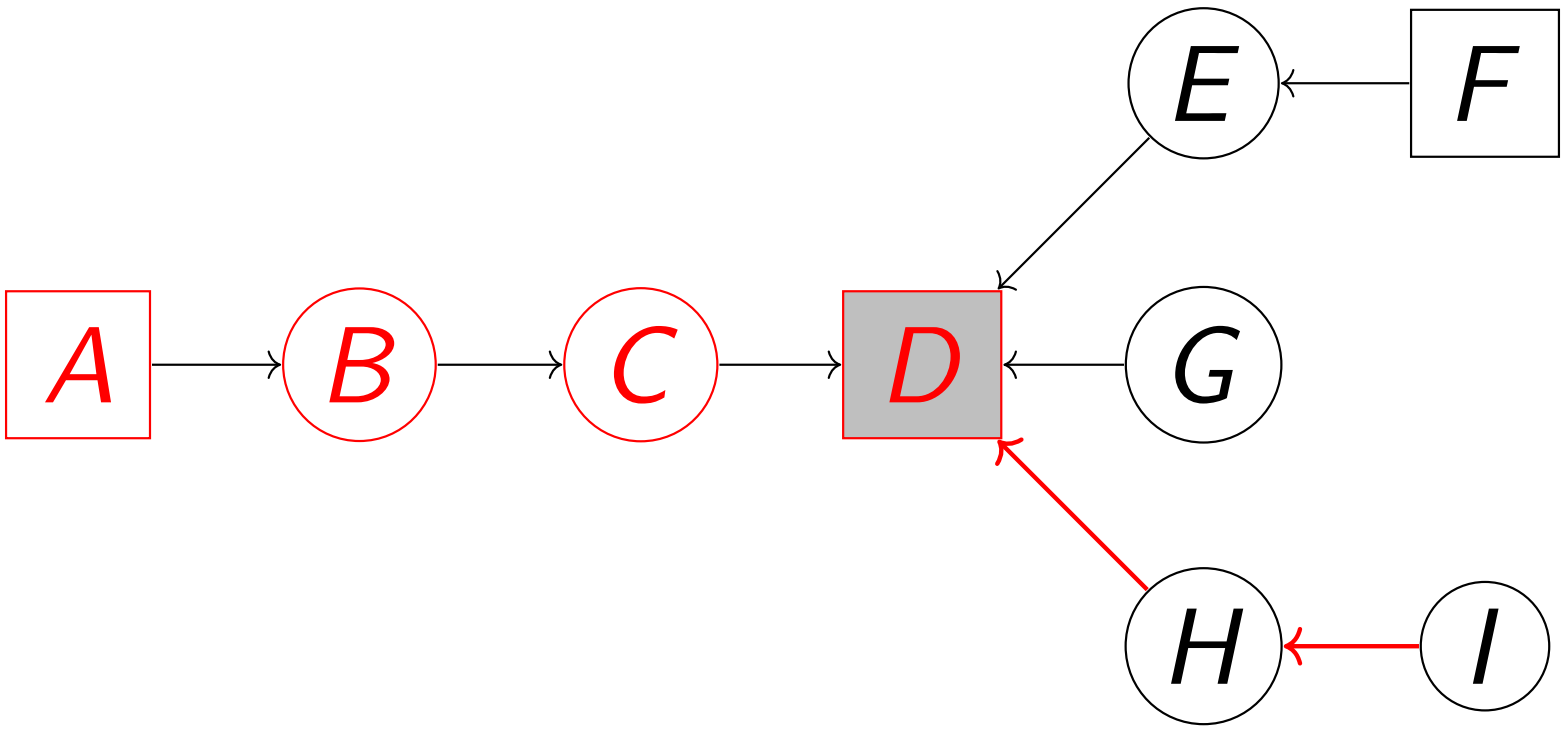

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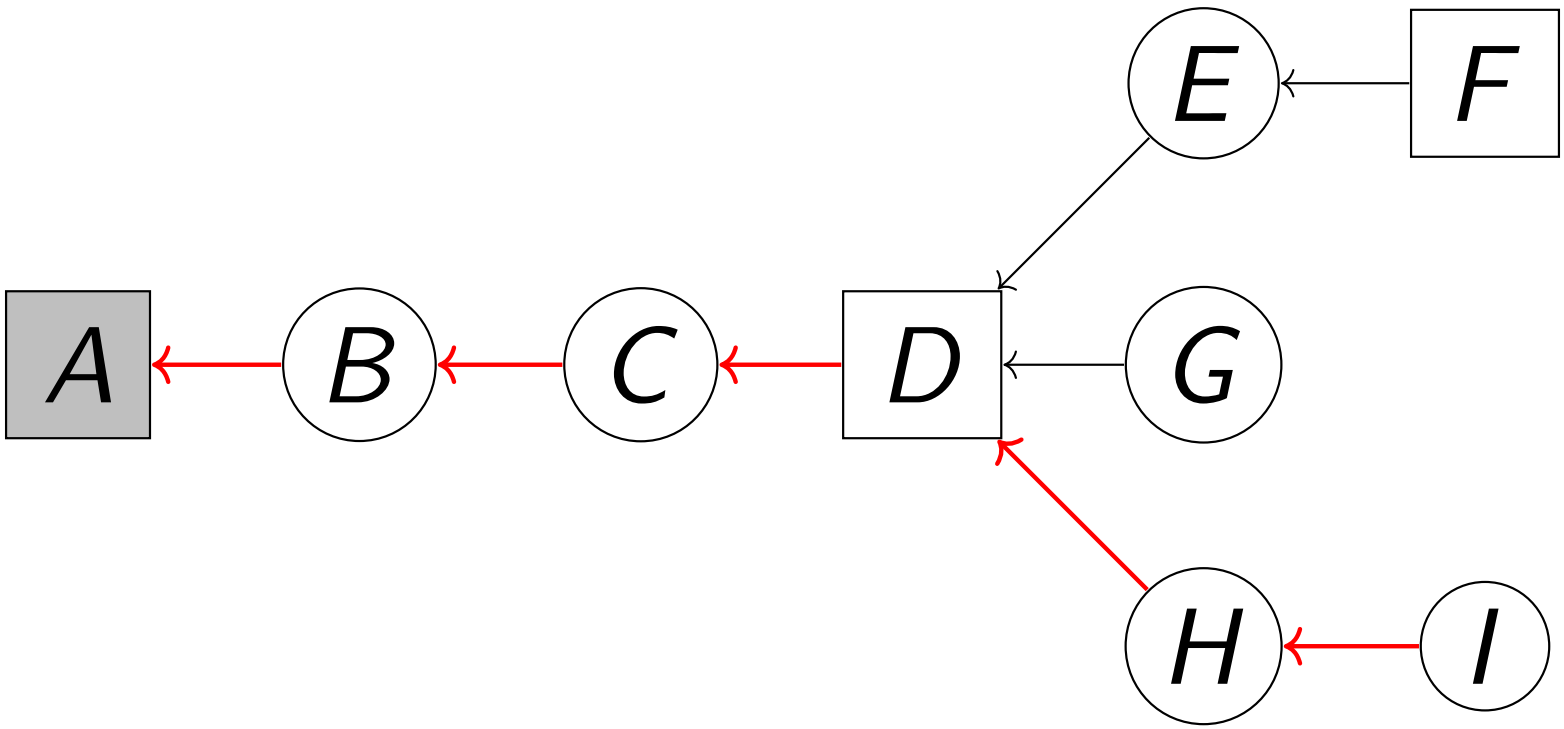
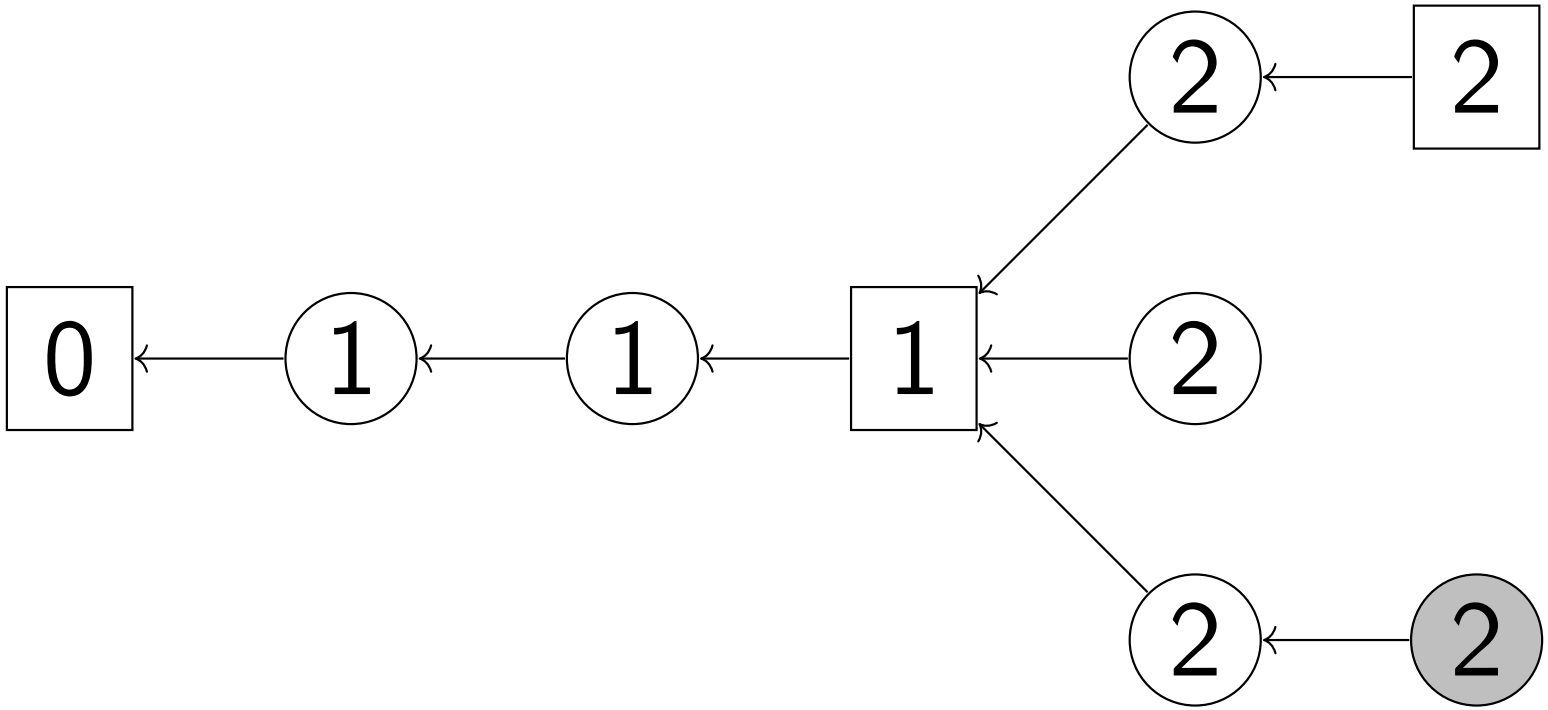


Historical tree & generations



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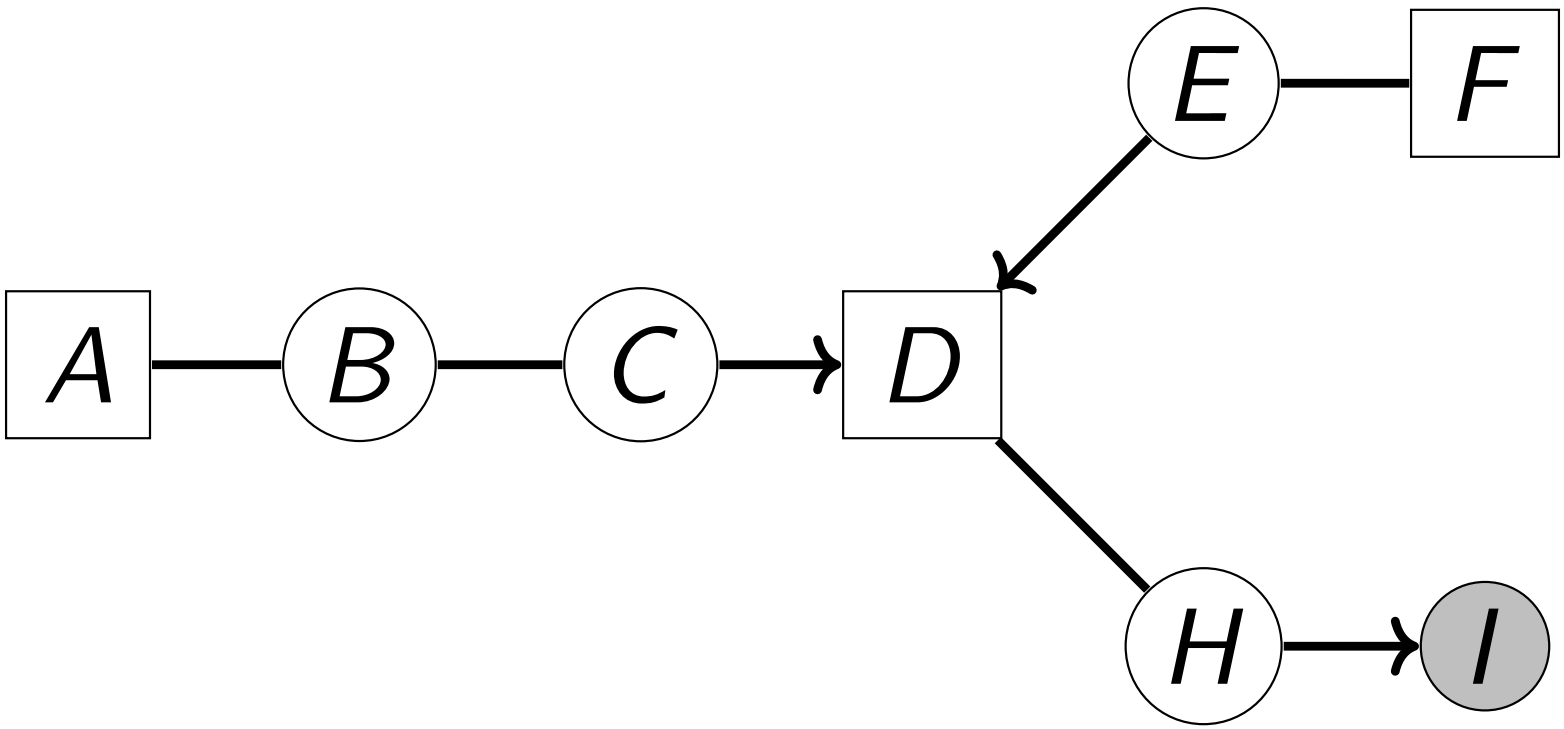

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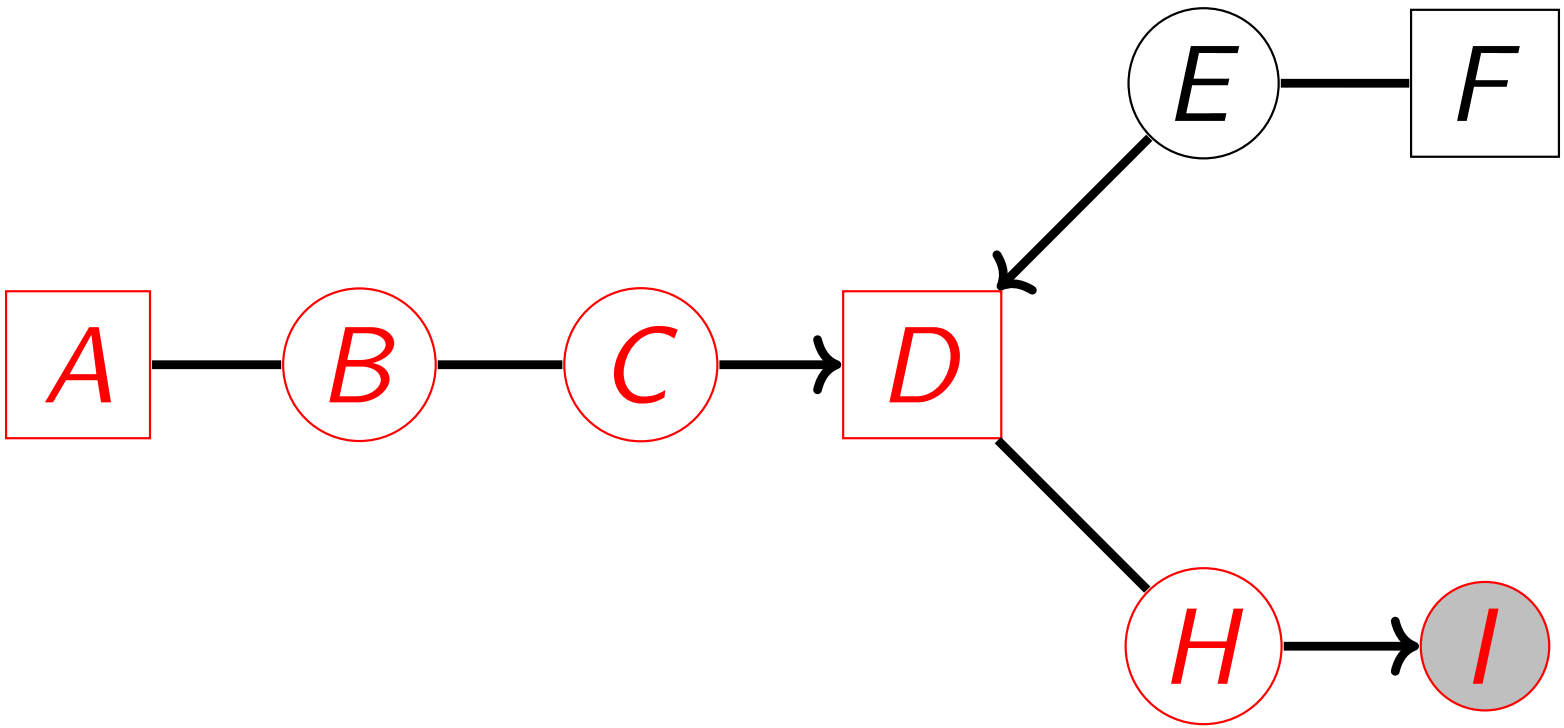

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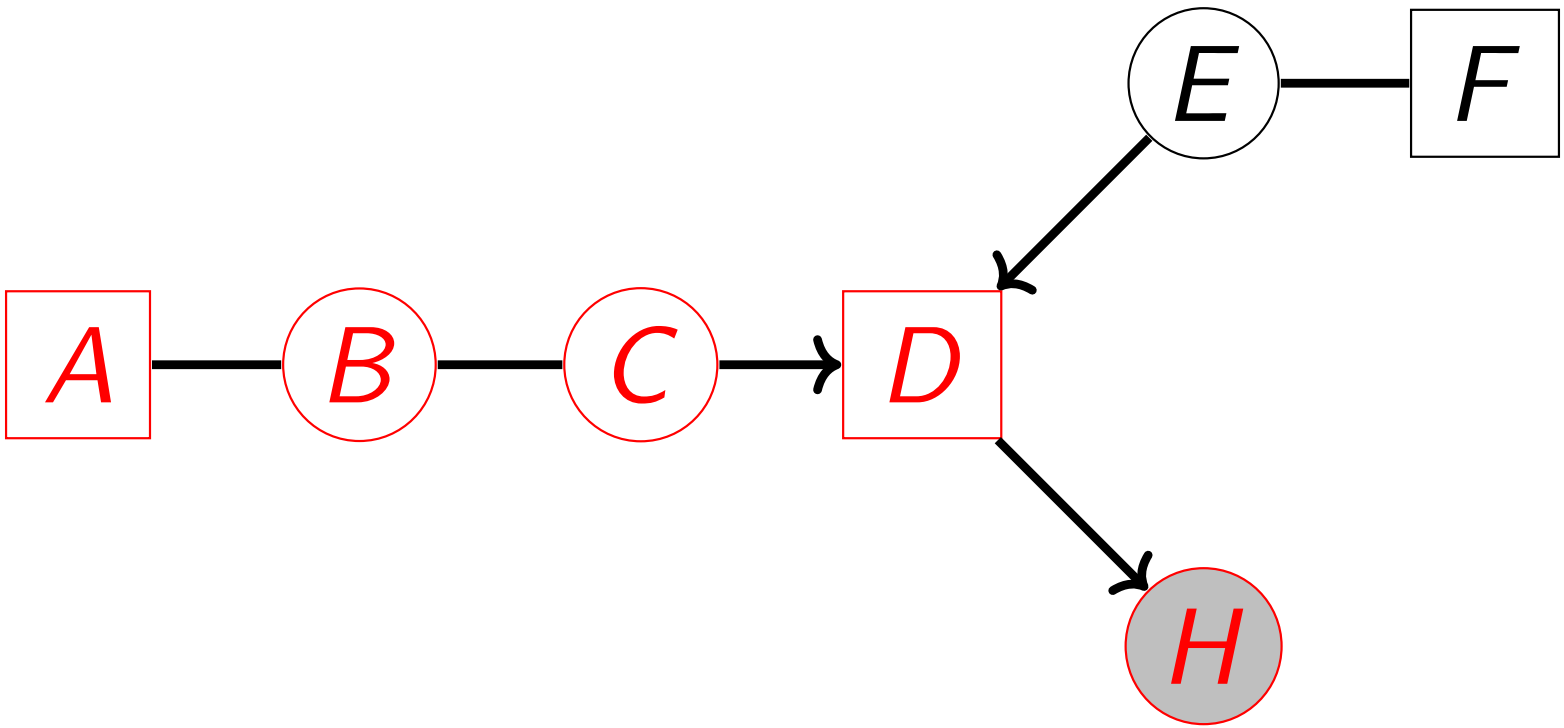

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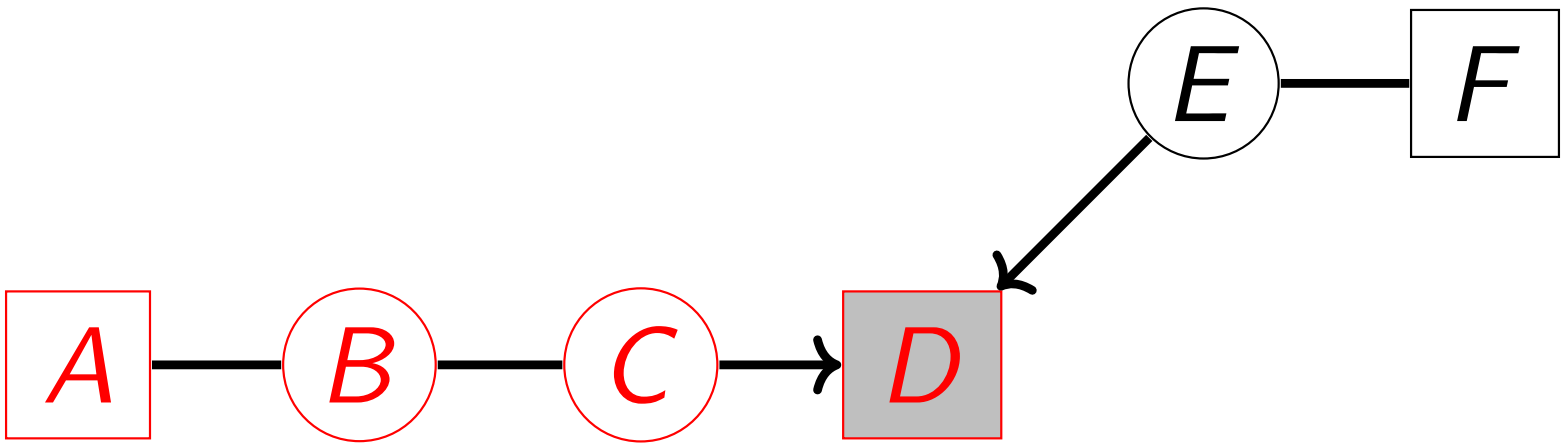

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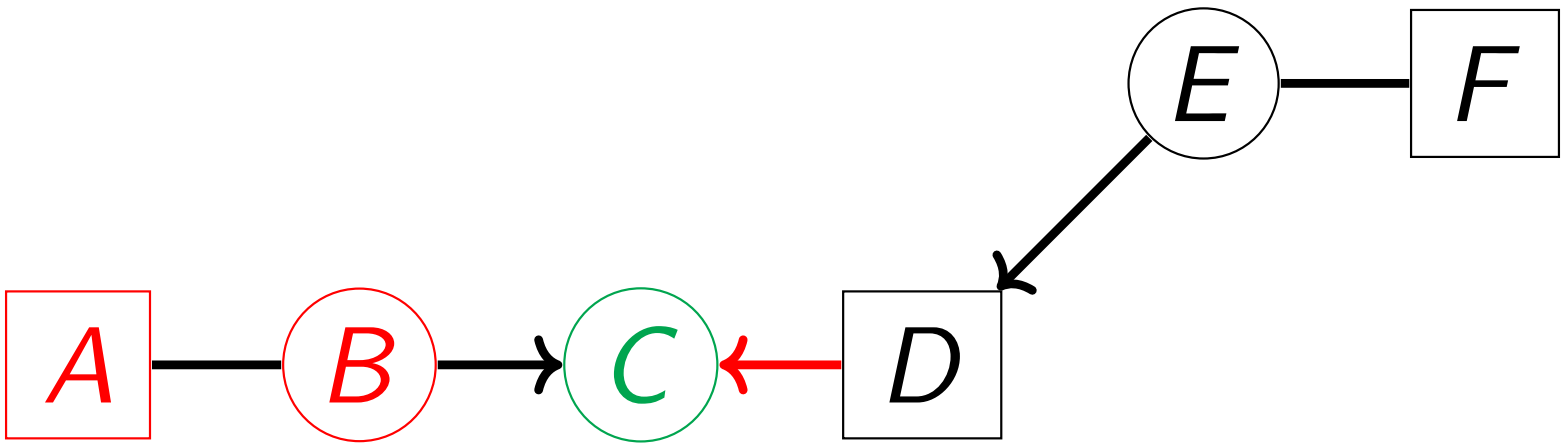

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