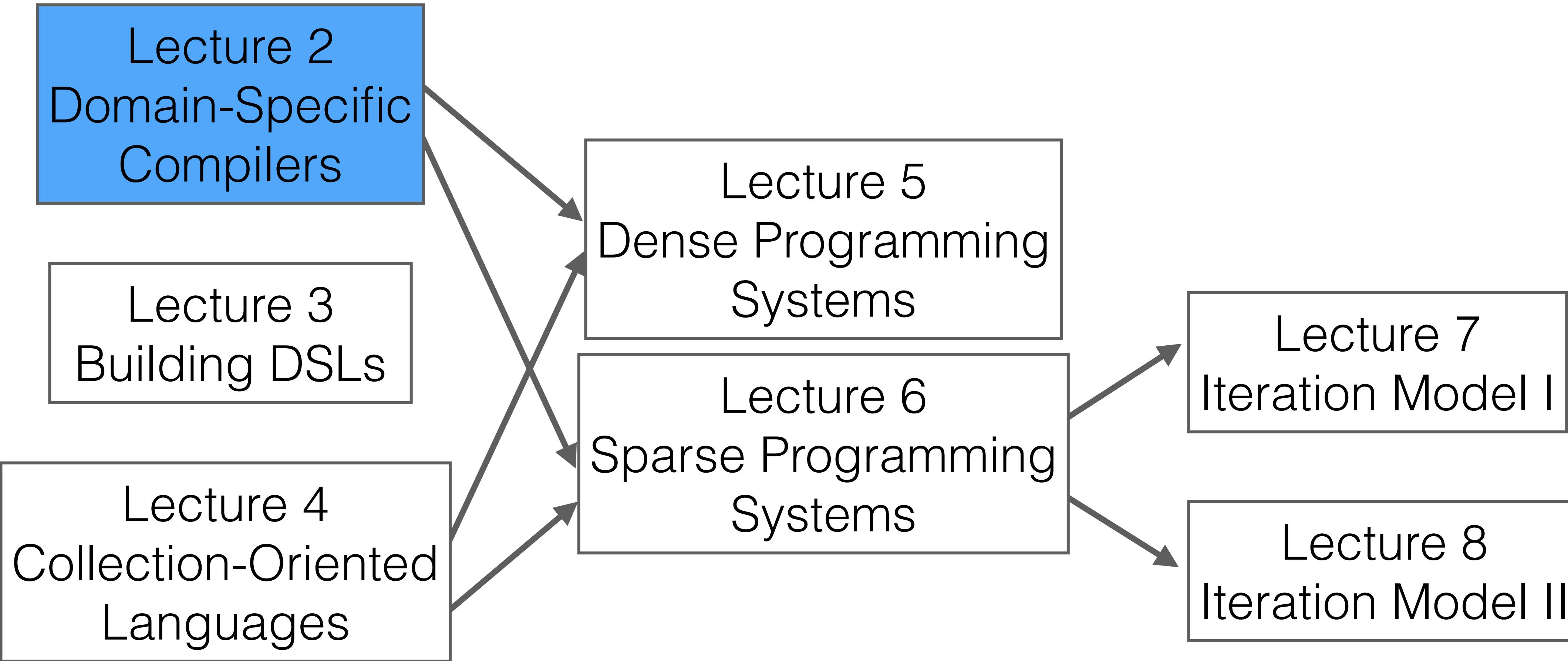
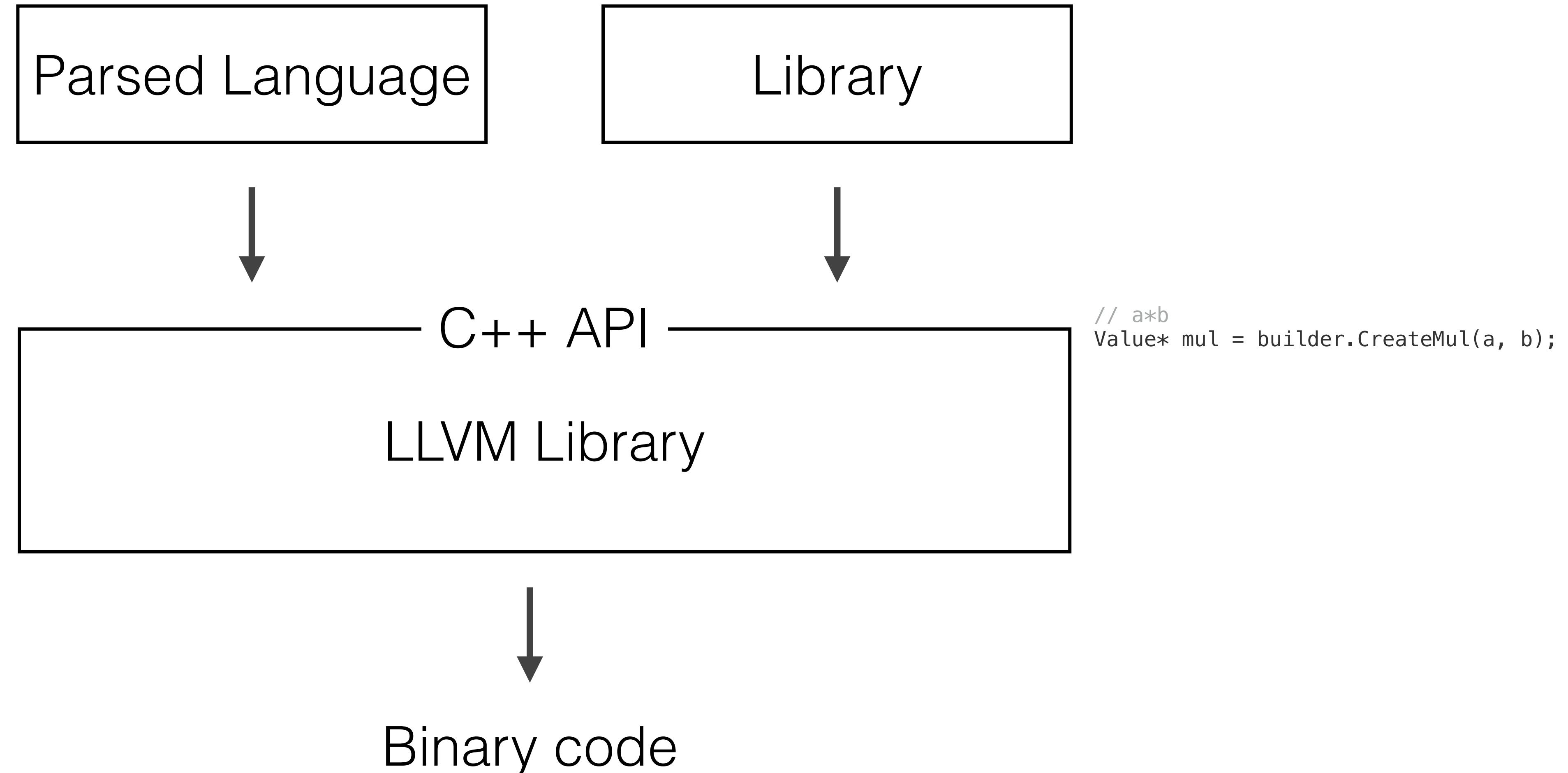


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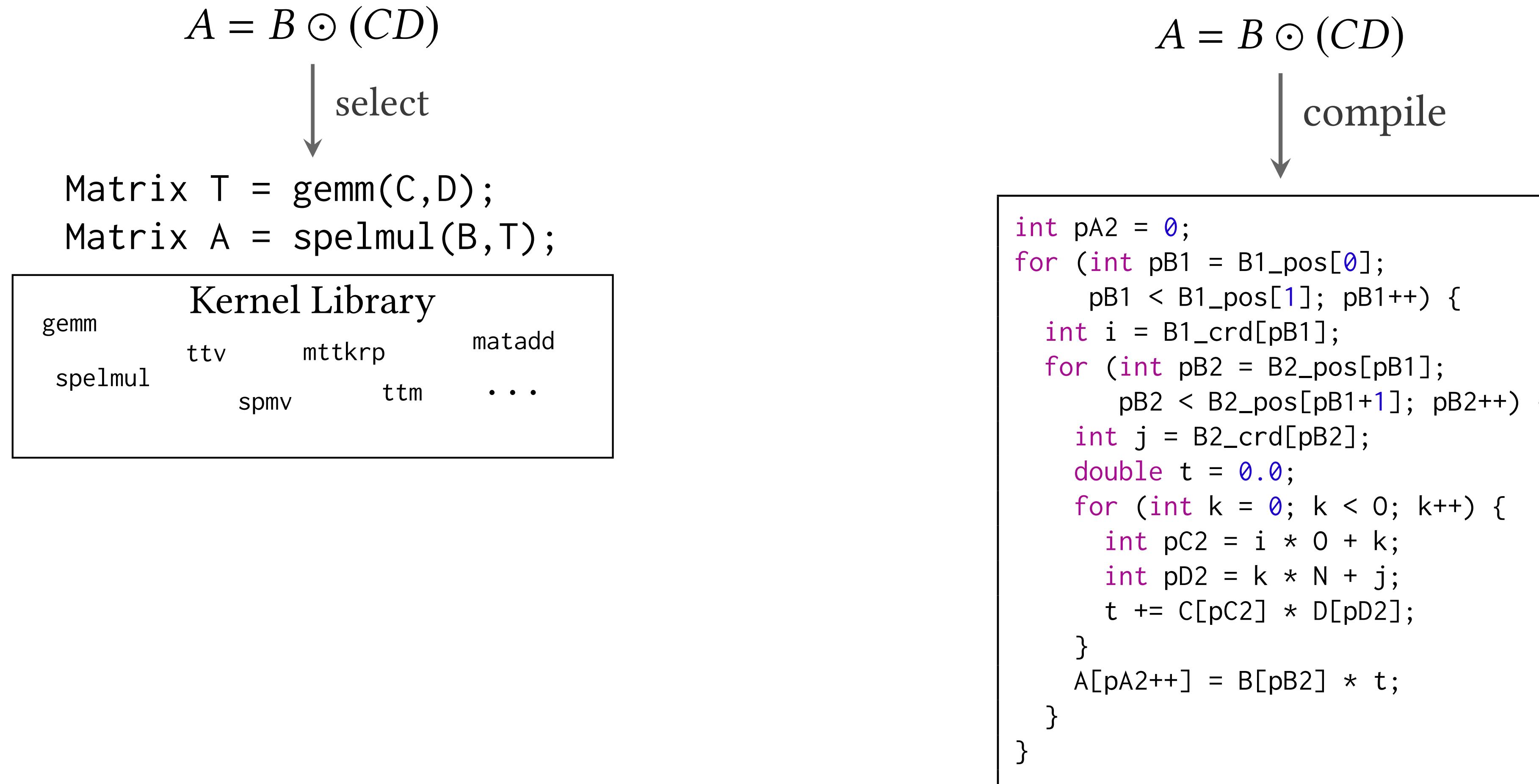
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# Granularity of generated code



# What does a compiler do for you?

1. Lets you program a different machine than the one you actually have
  - A high-level language is an imaginary machine (virtual machine)
  - The compiler automatically programs the actual machine for you
2. Lets you know if you are using the language incorrectly
3. Optimizes the performance of your program

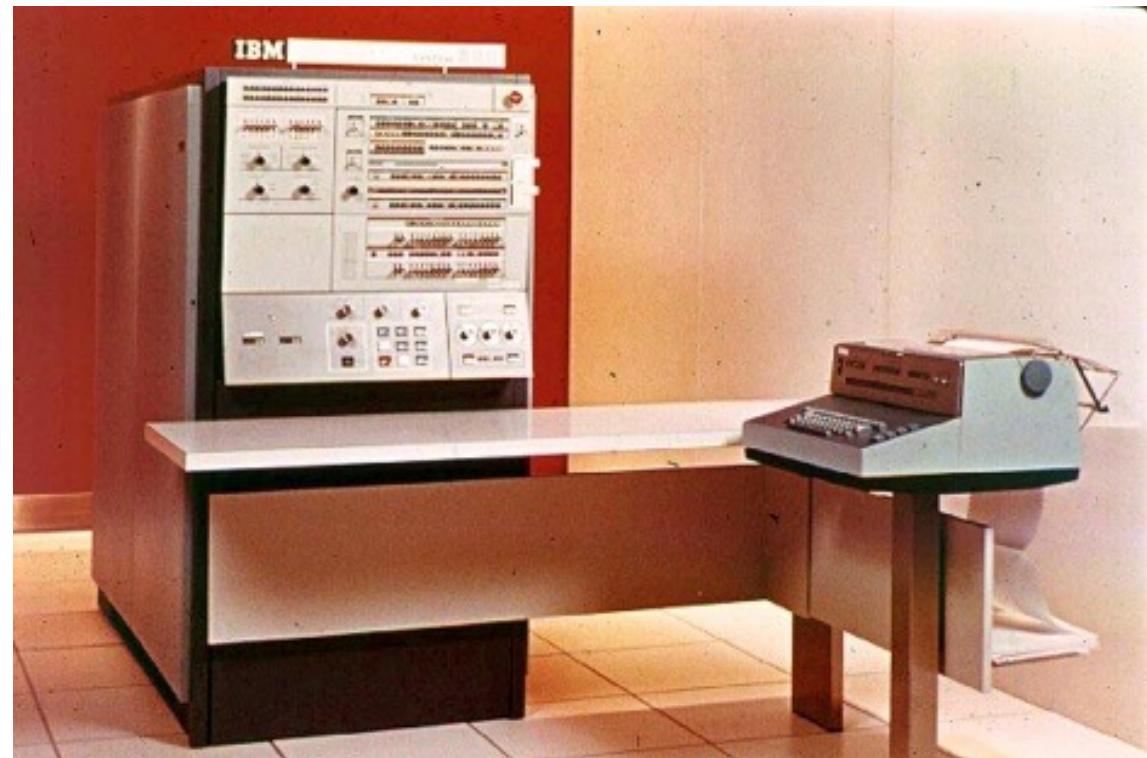
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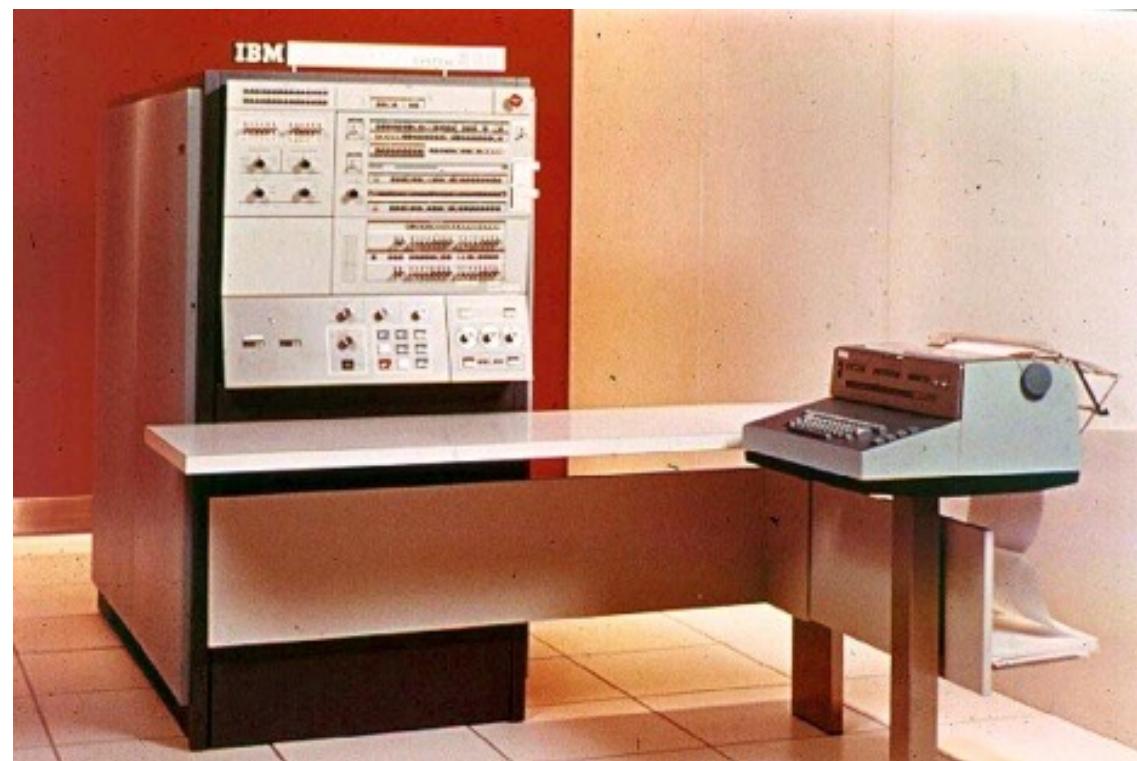


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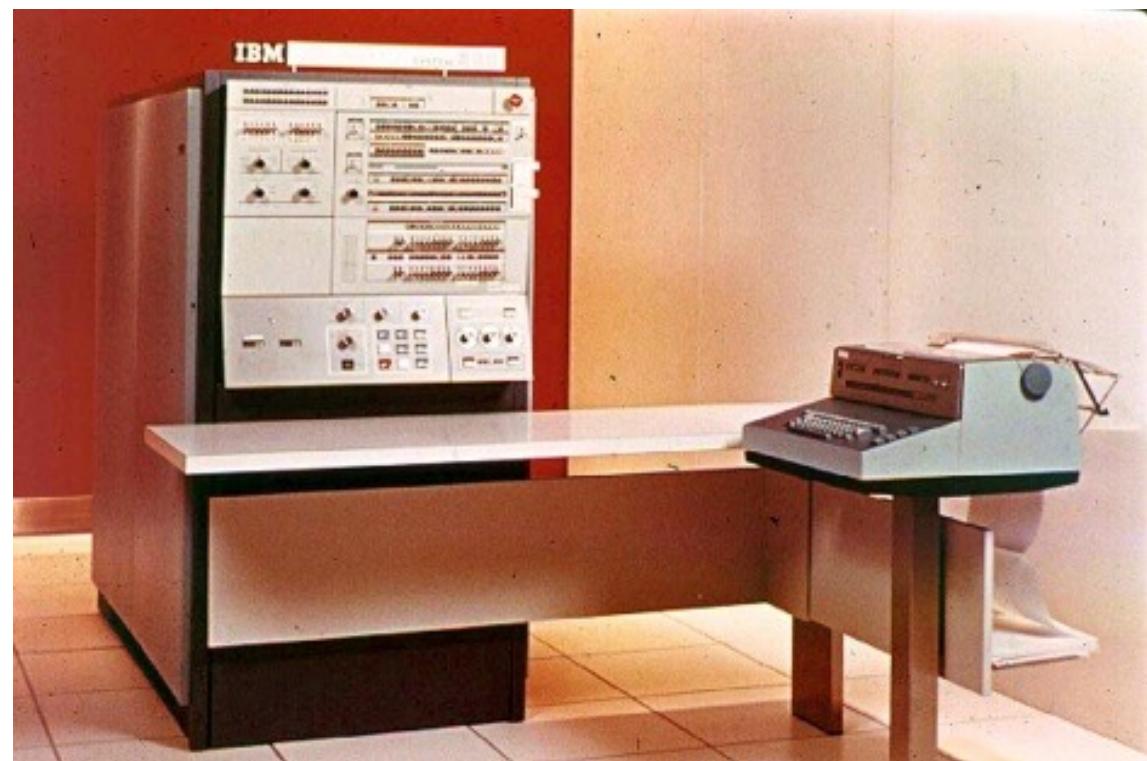


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Program had to be planned around the machine  
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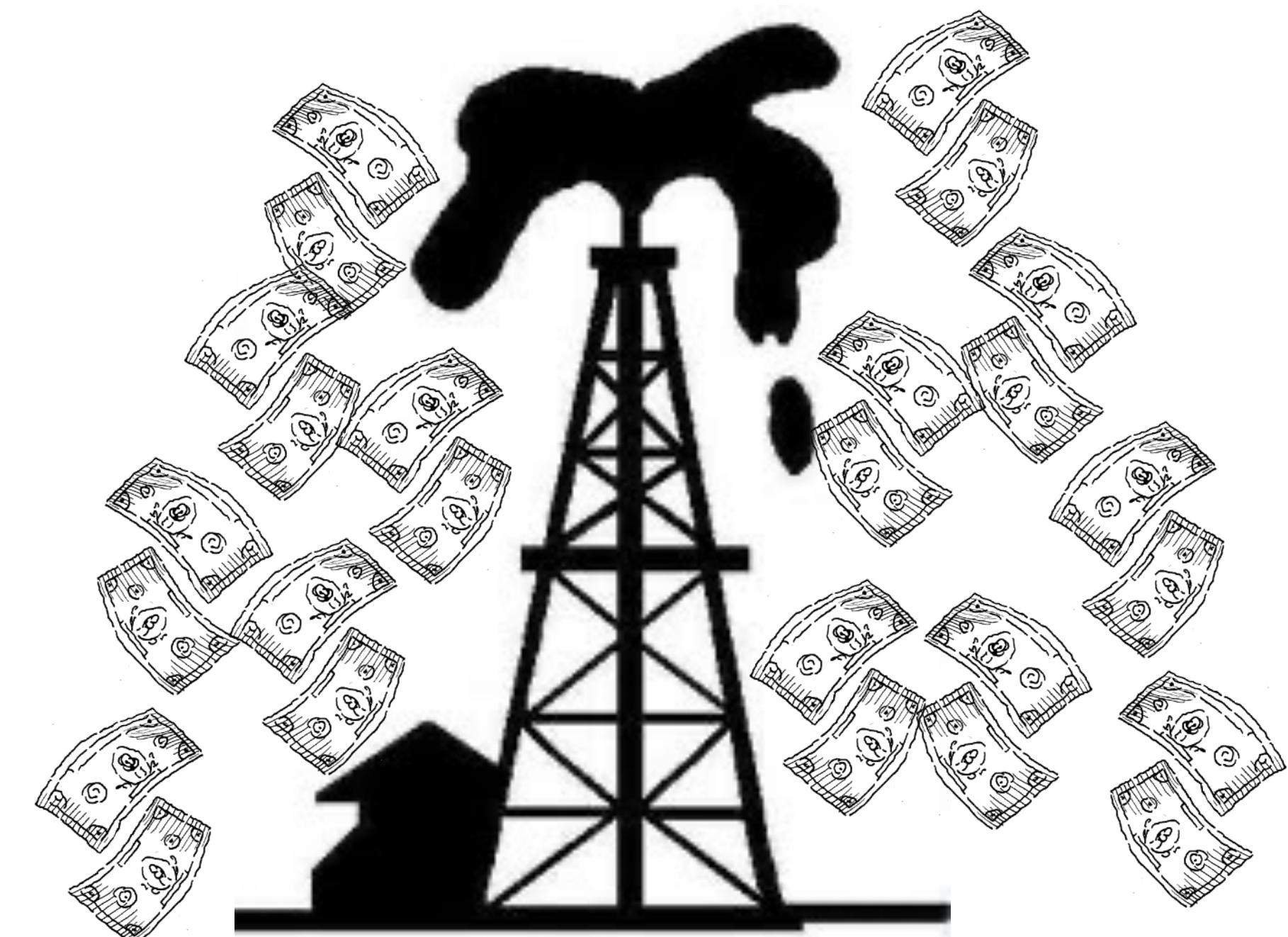
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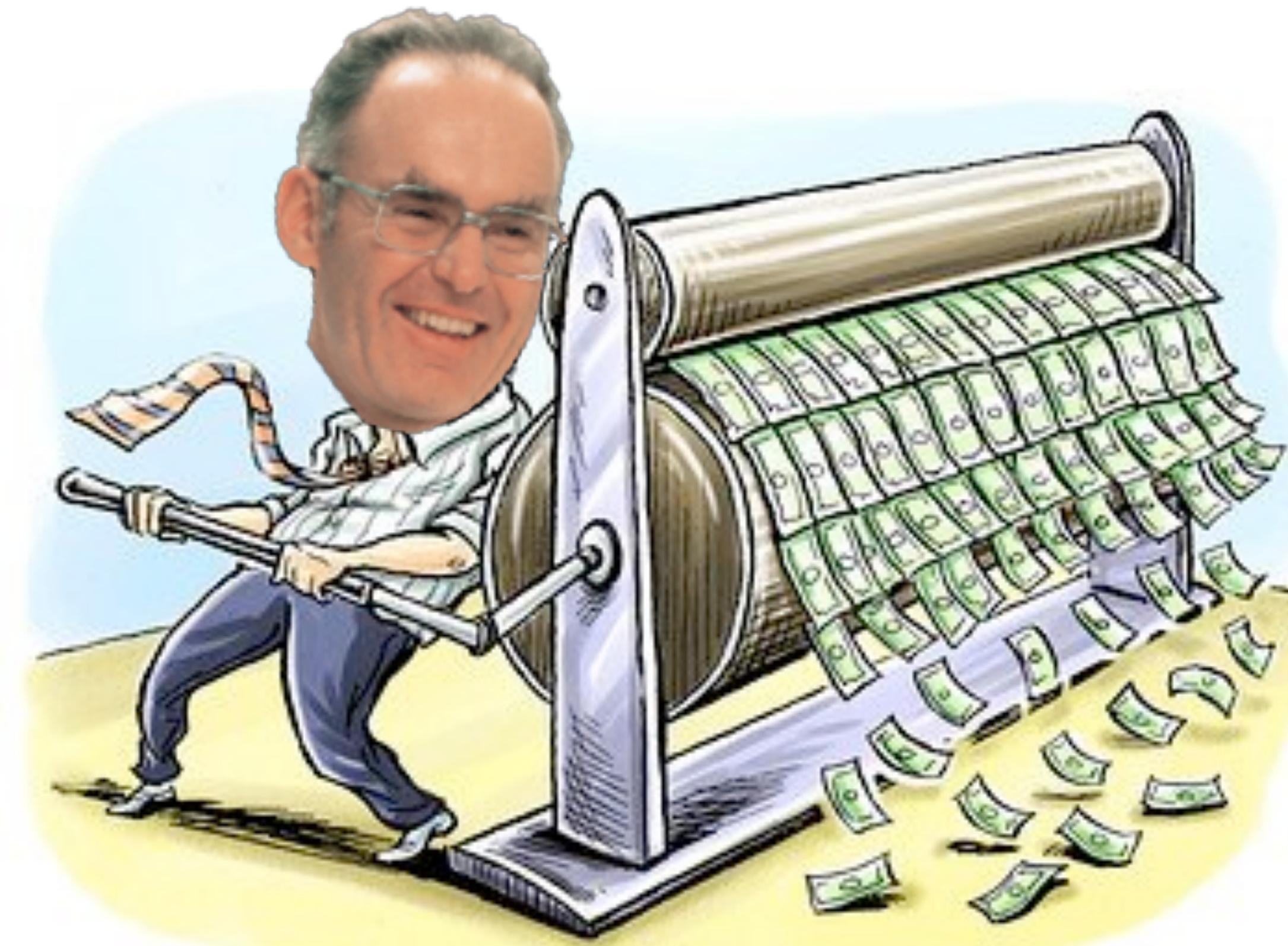
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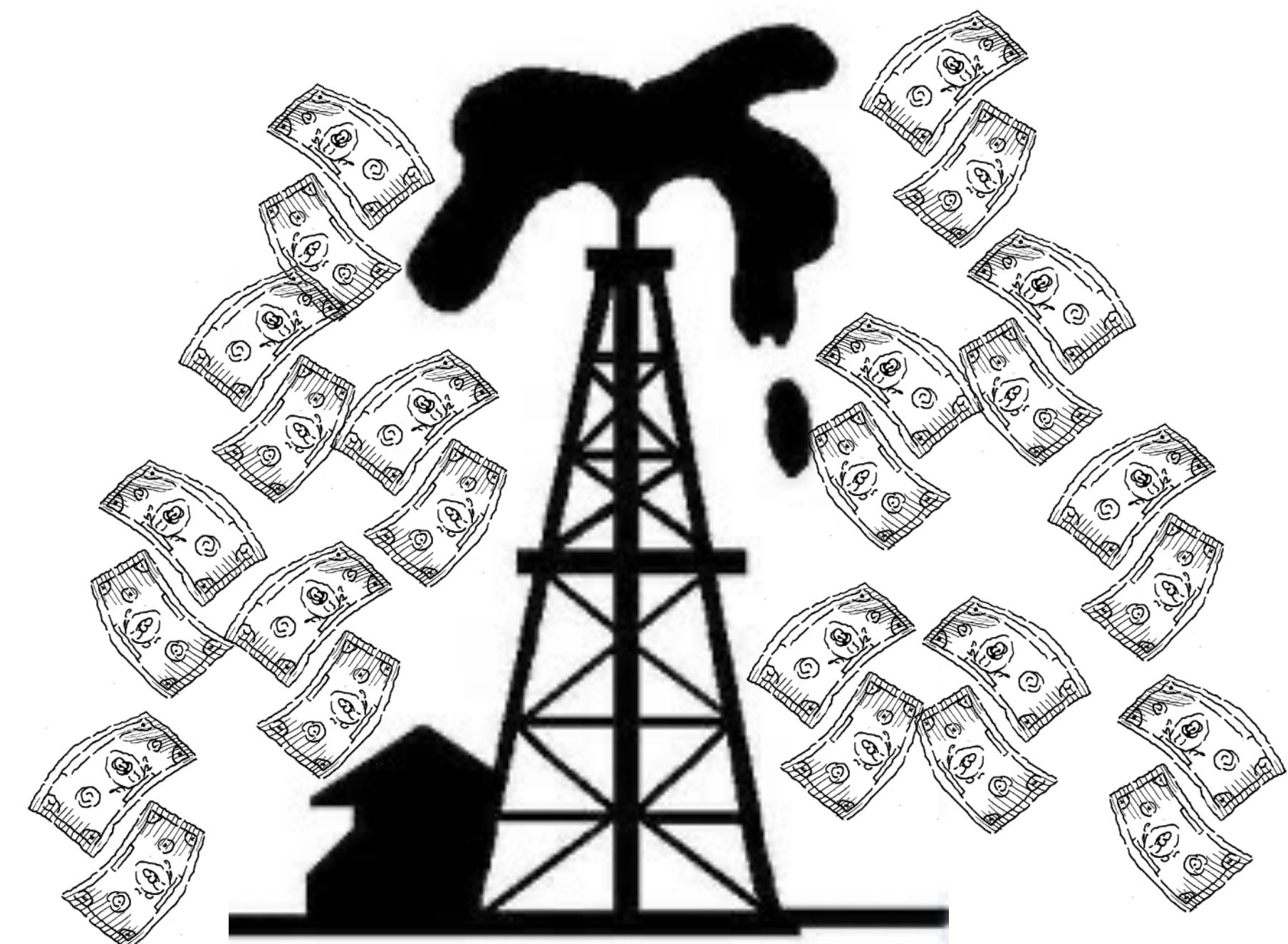
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Both requires specialization. A compiler is  
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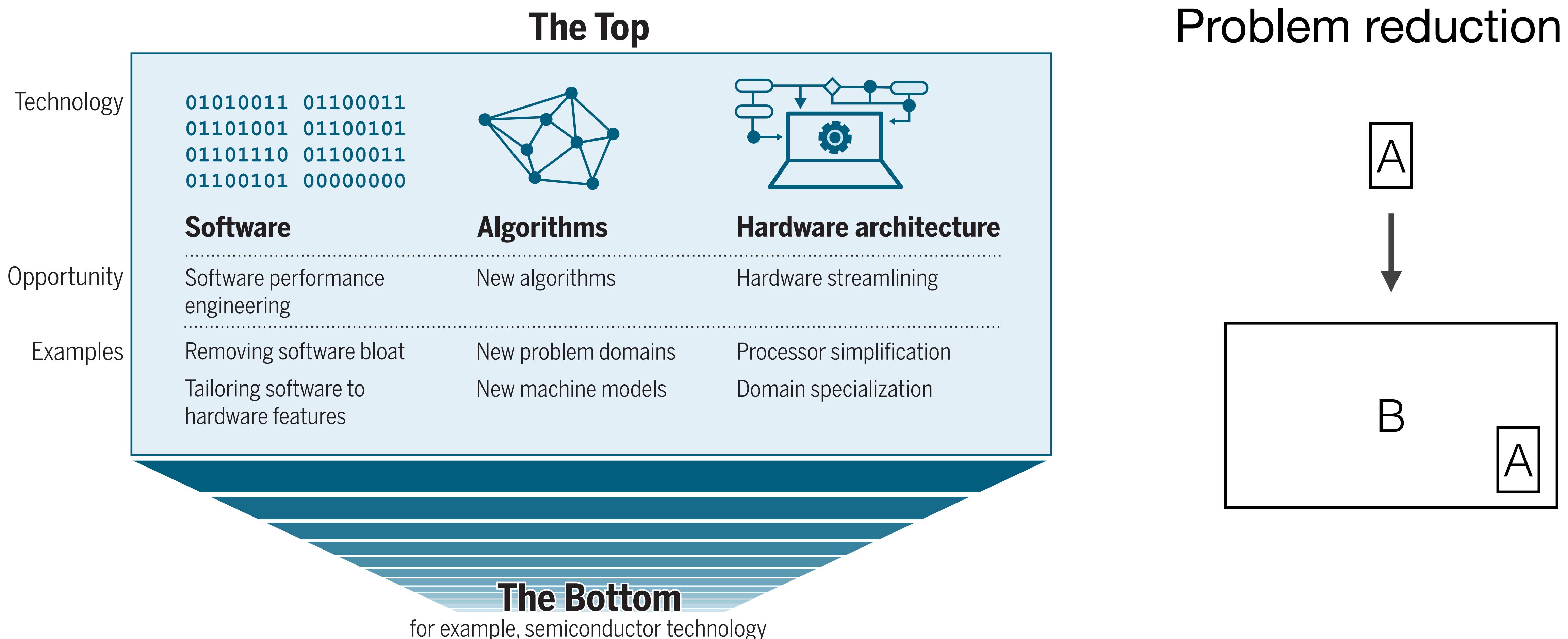
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$$A = B \odot (CD)$$

## Traditional Library Composition

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## Three pitfalls:

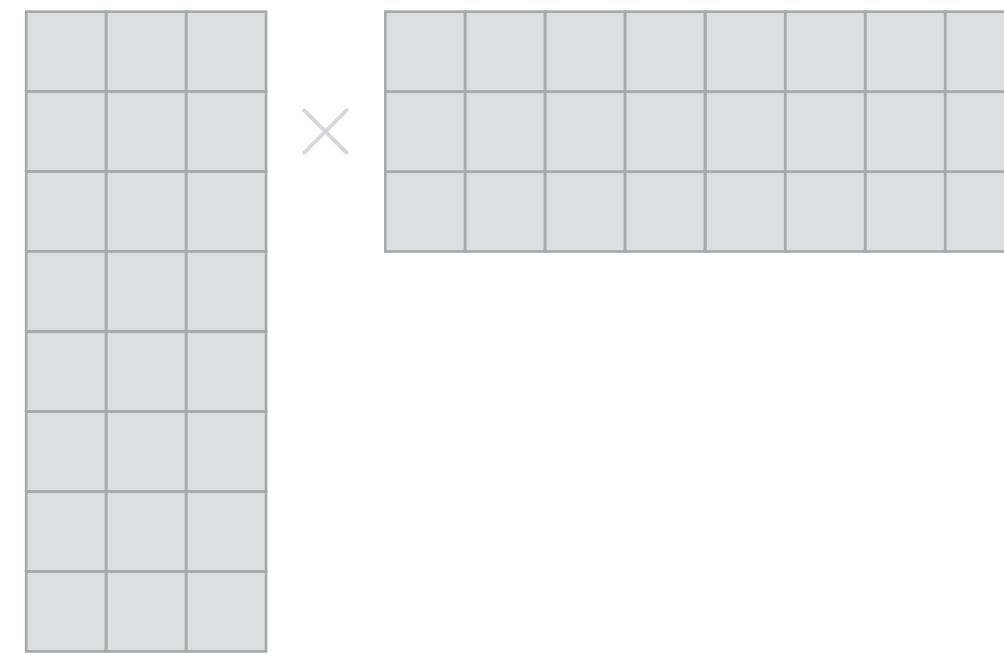
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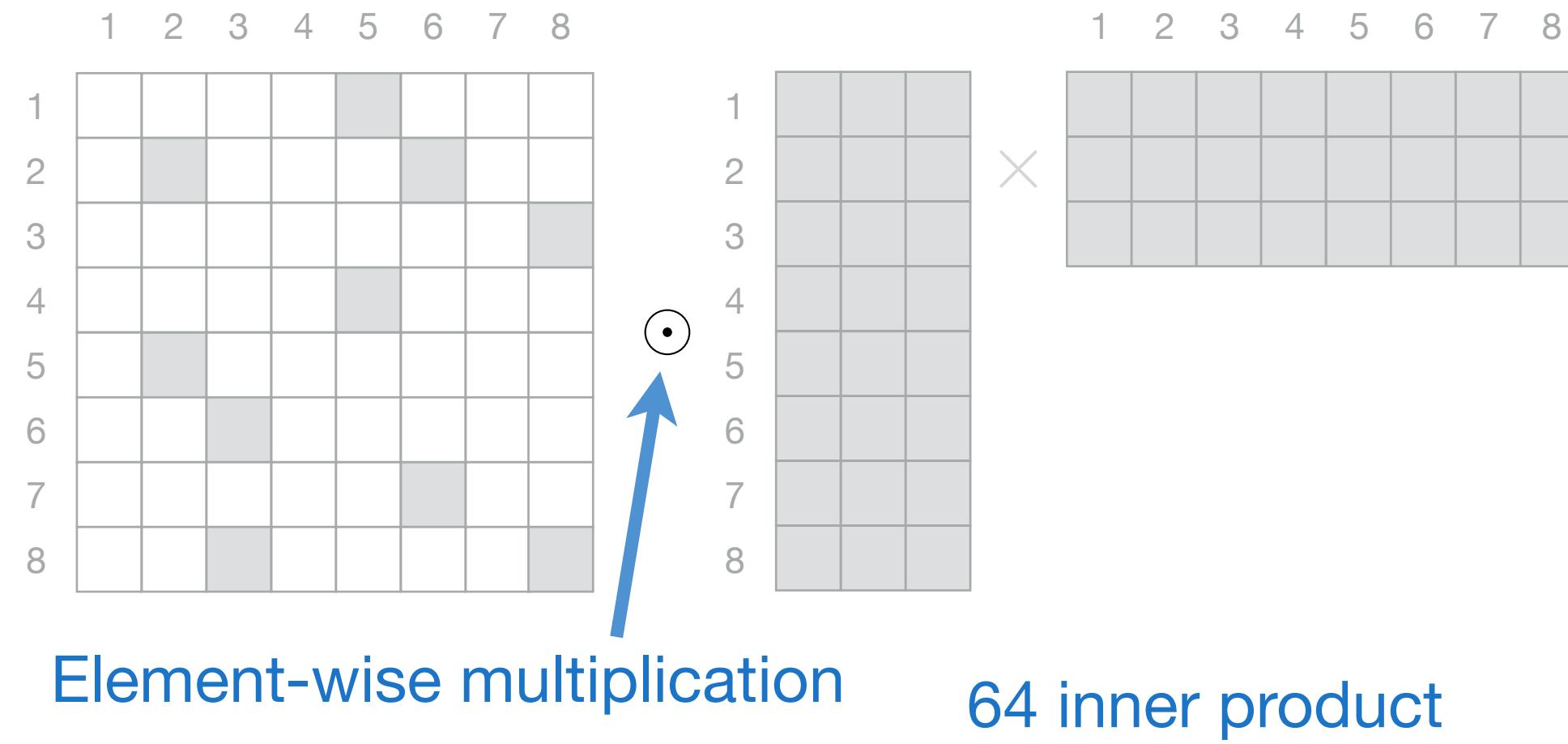
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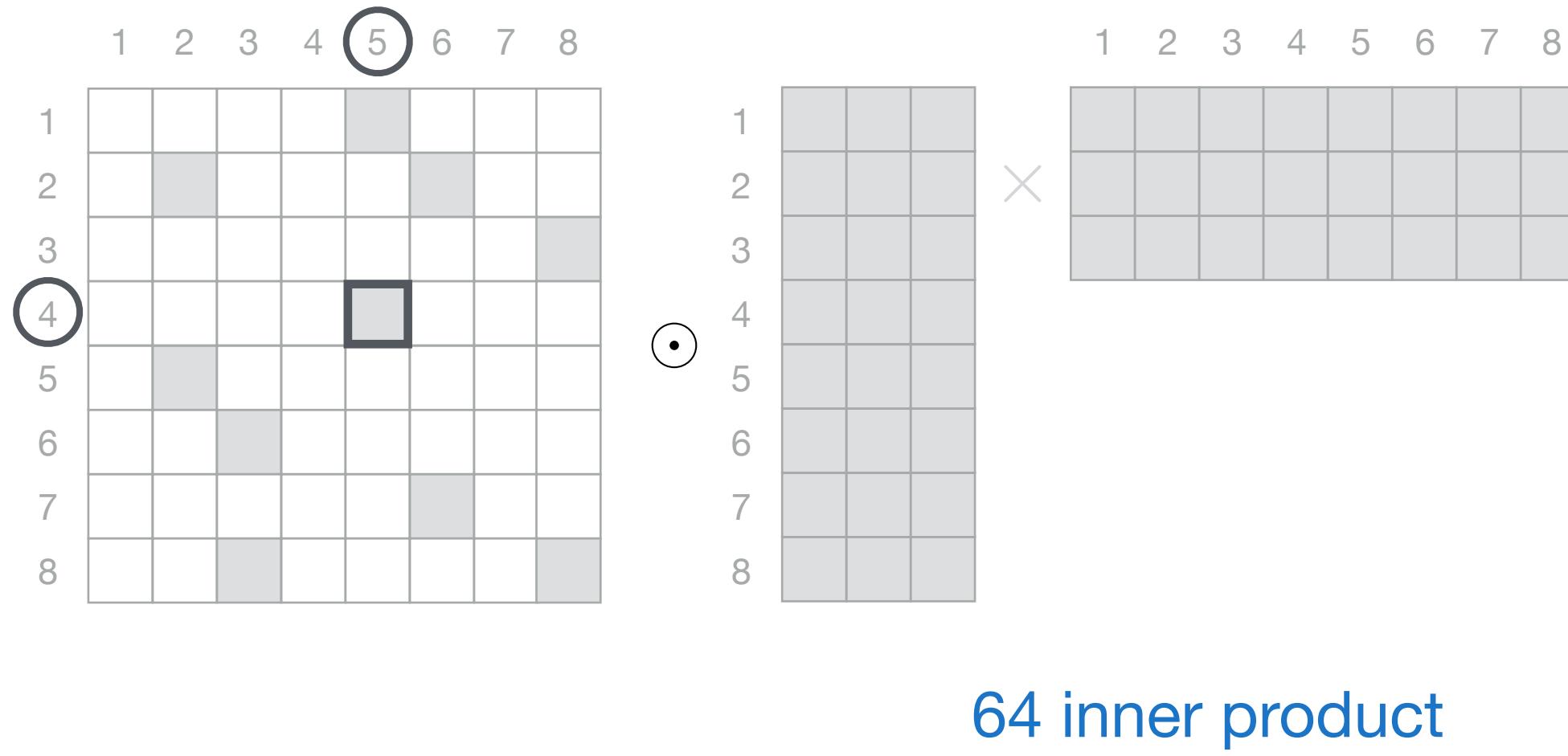
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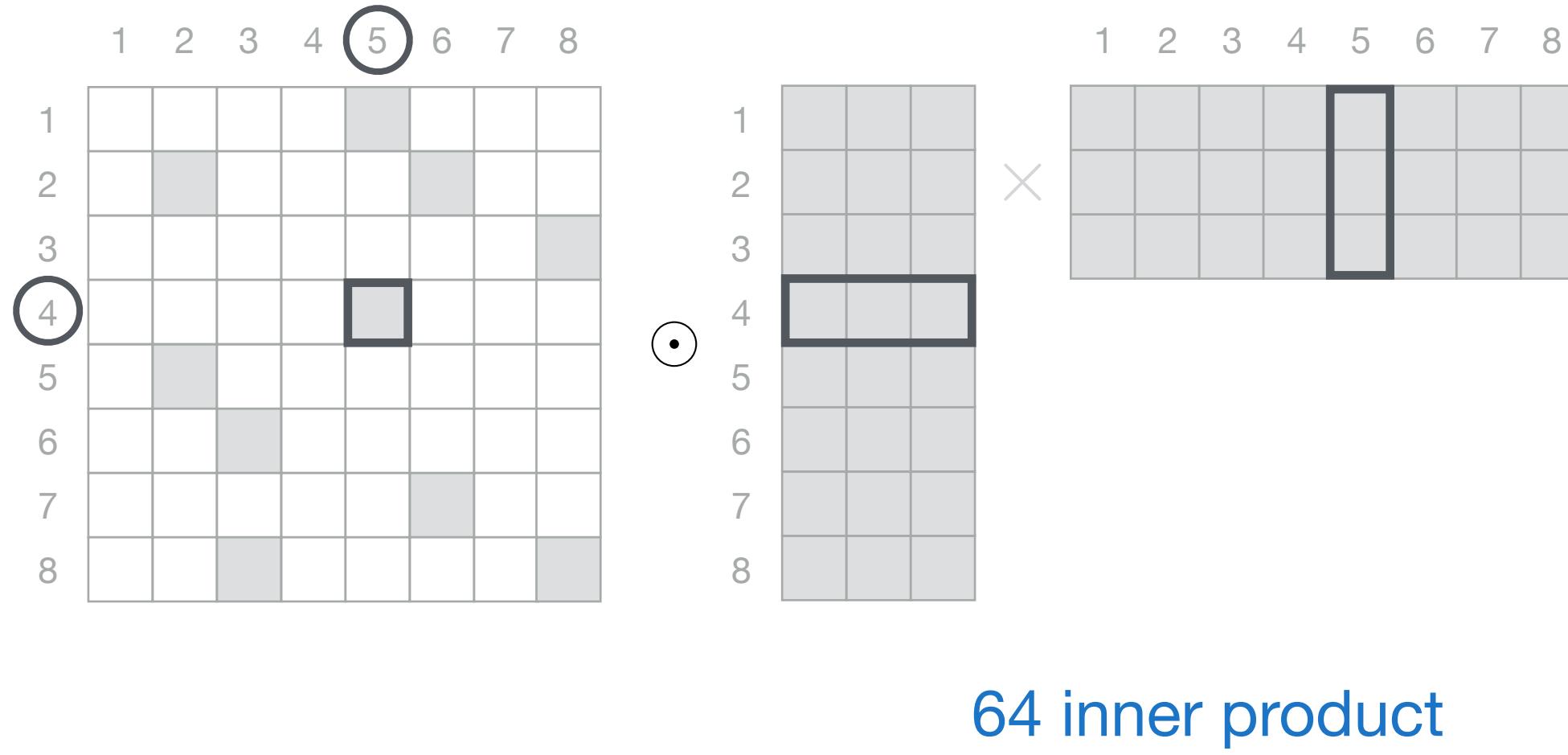
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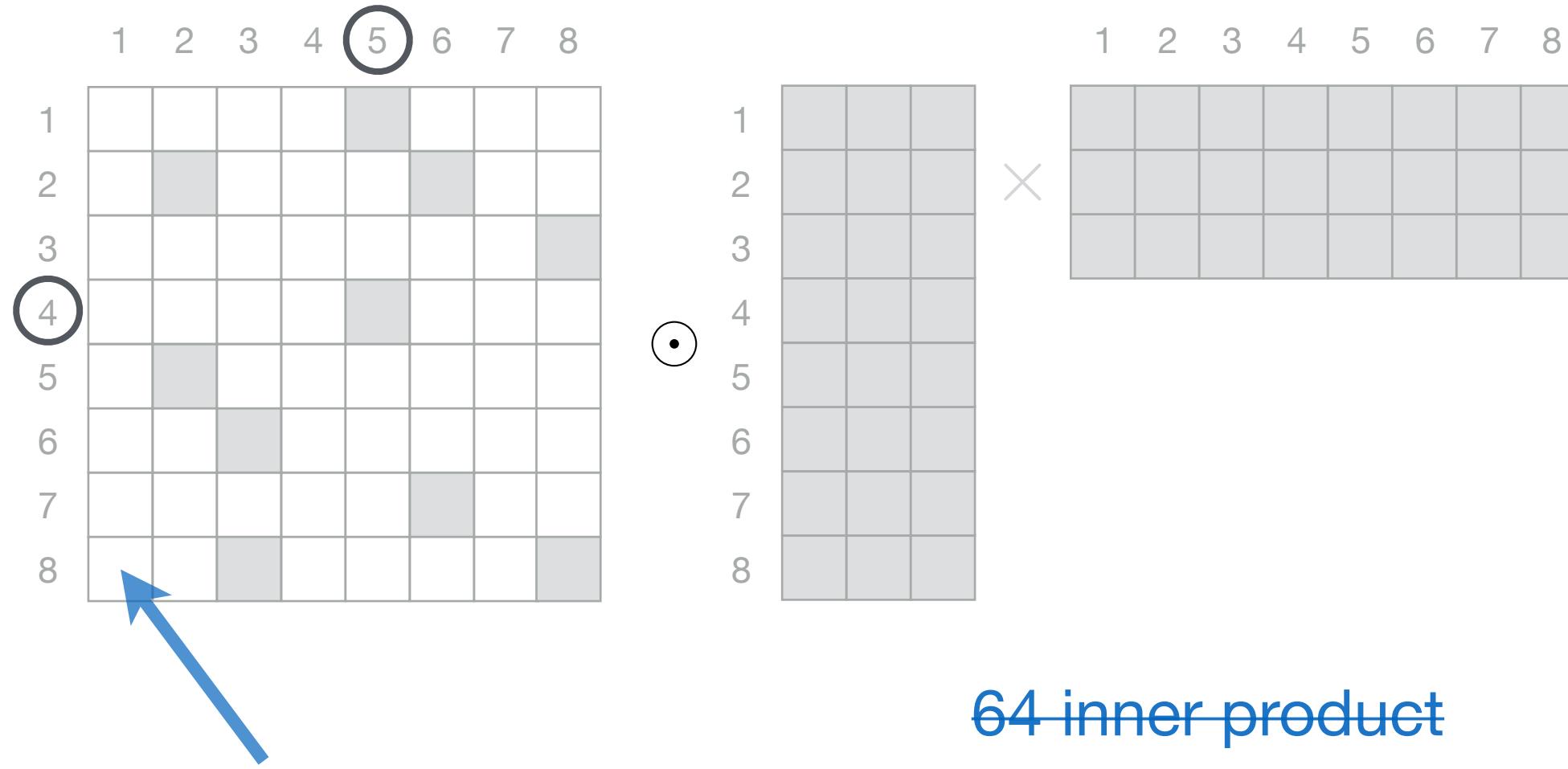
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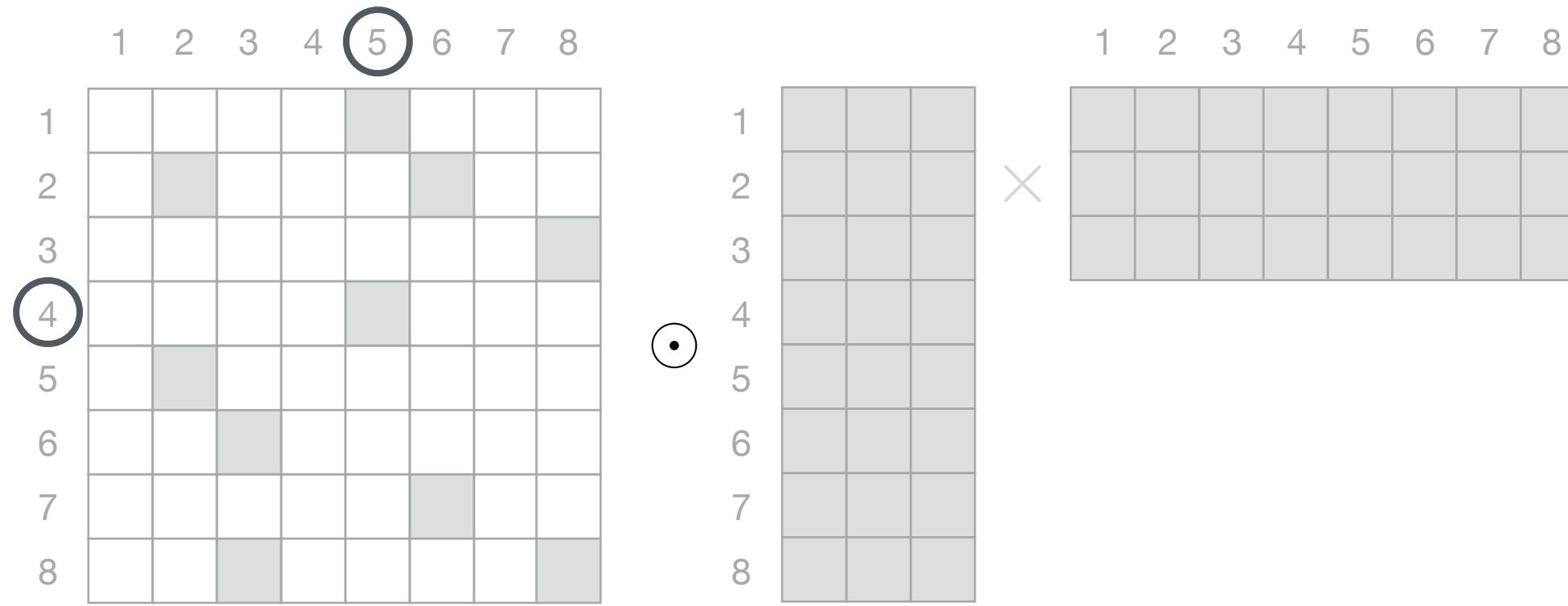
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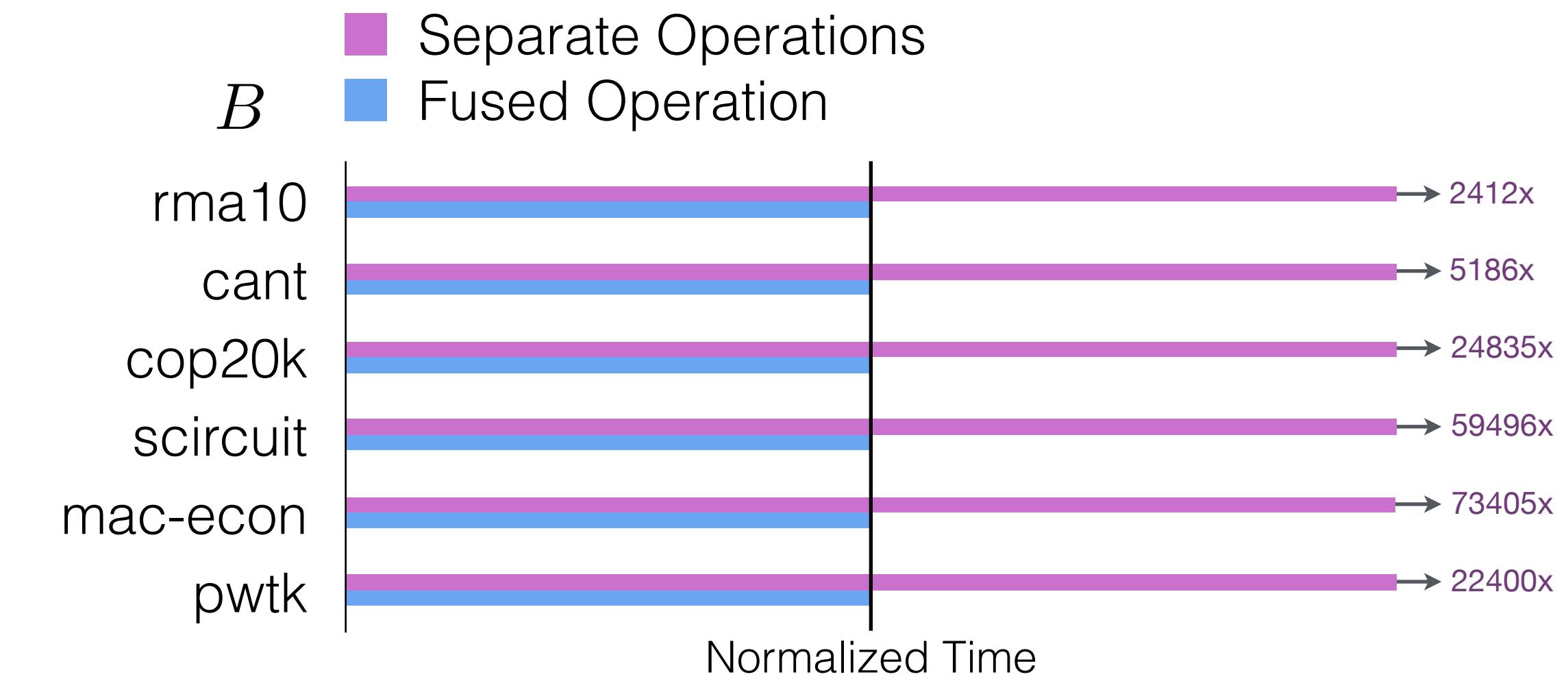
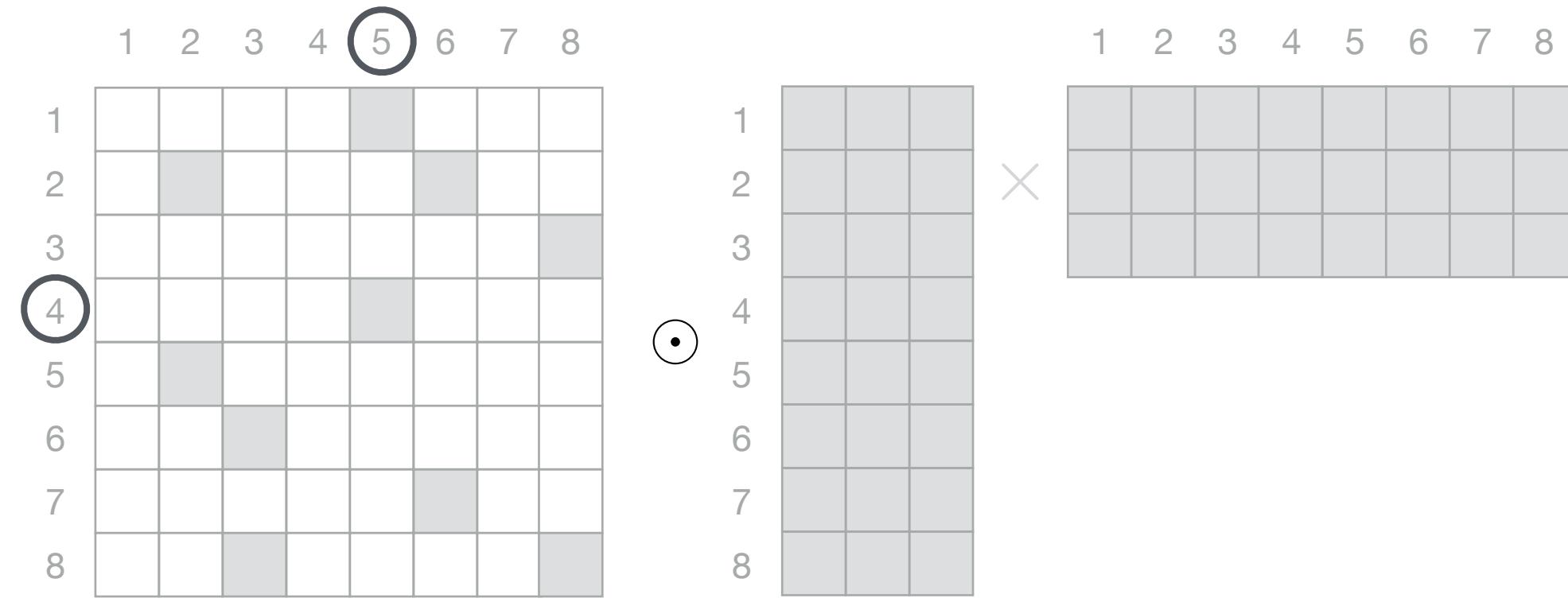
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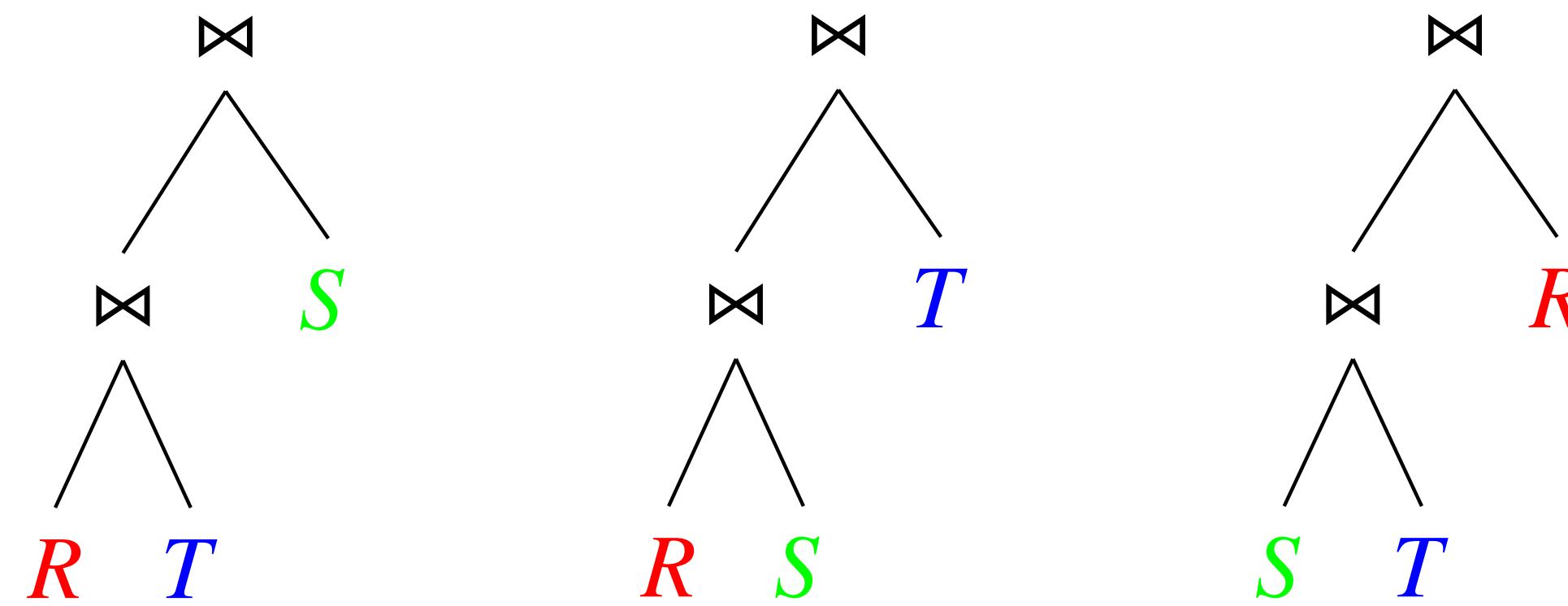
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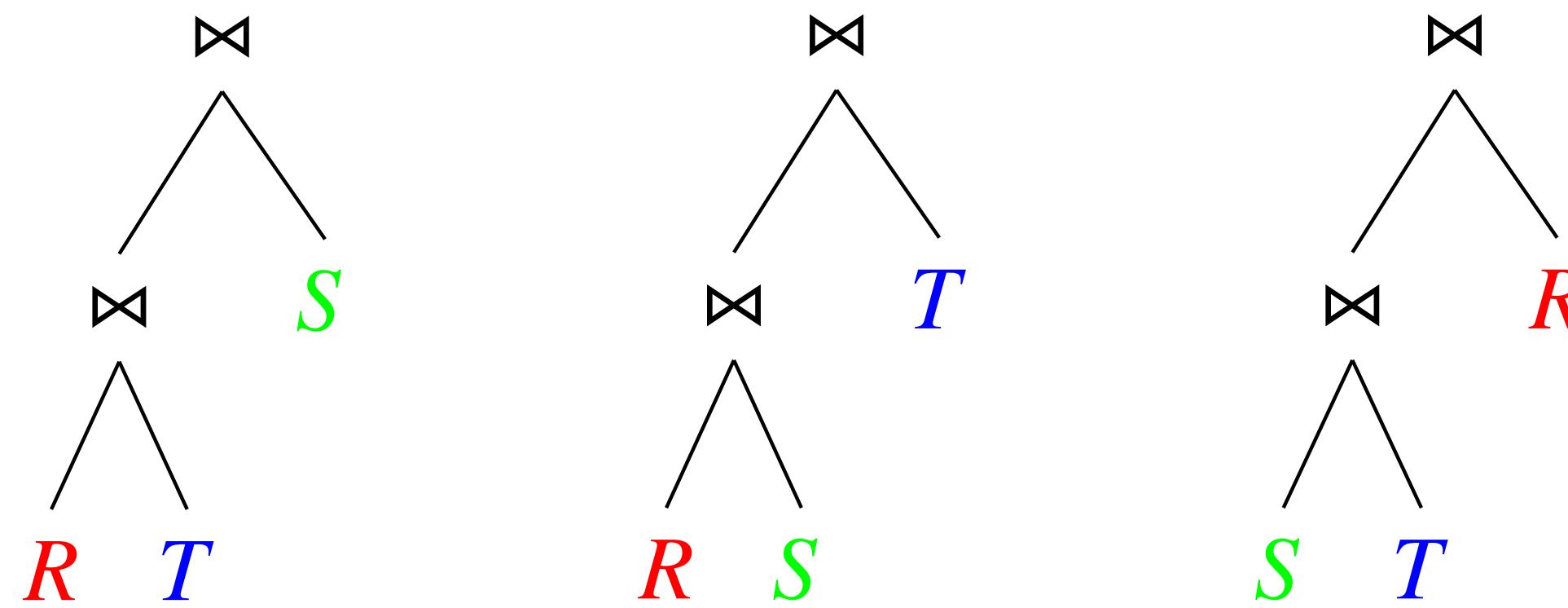
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**Algorithm 2** Computing  $Q_{\Delta}$  by delaying computation.

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**Input:**  $R(A, B), S(B, C), T(A, C)$  in sorted order

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  - 3: **For** each  $a \in L_A$  **do**
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  - 8:             Add  $(a, b, c)$  to  $Q$
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Figures from Ngo, Ré and Rudra (2013),  
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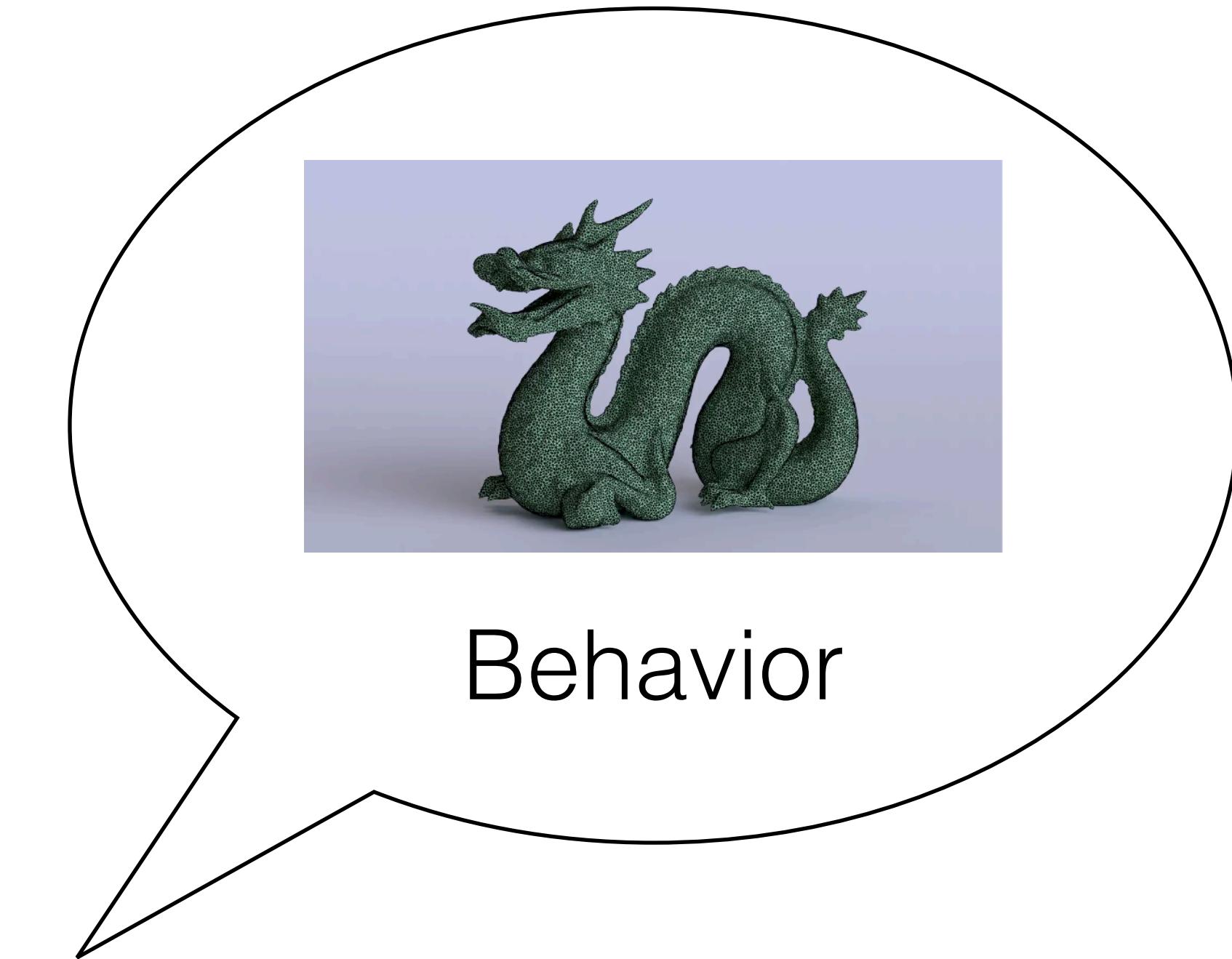
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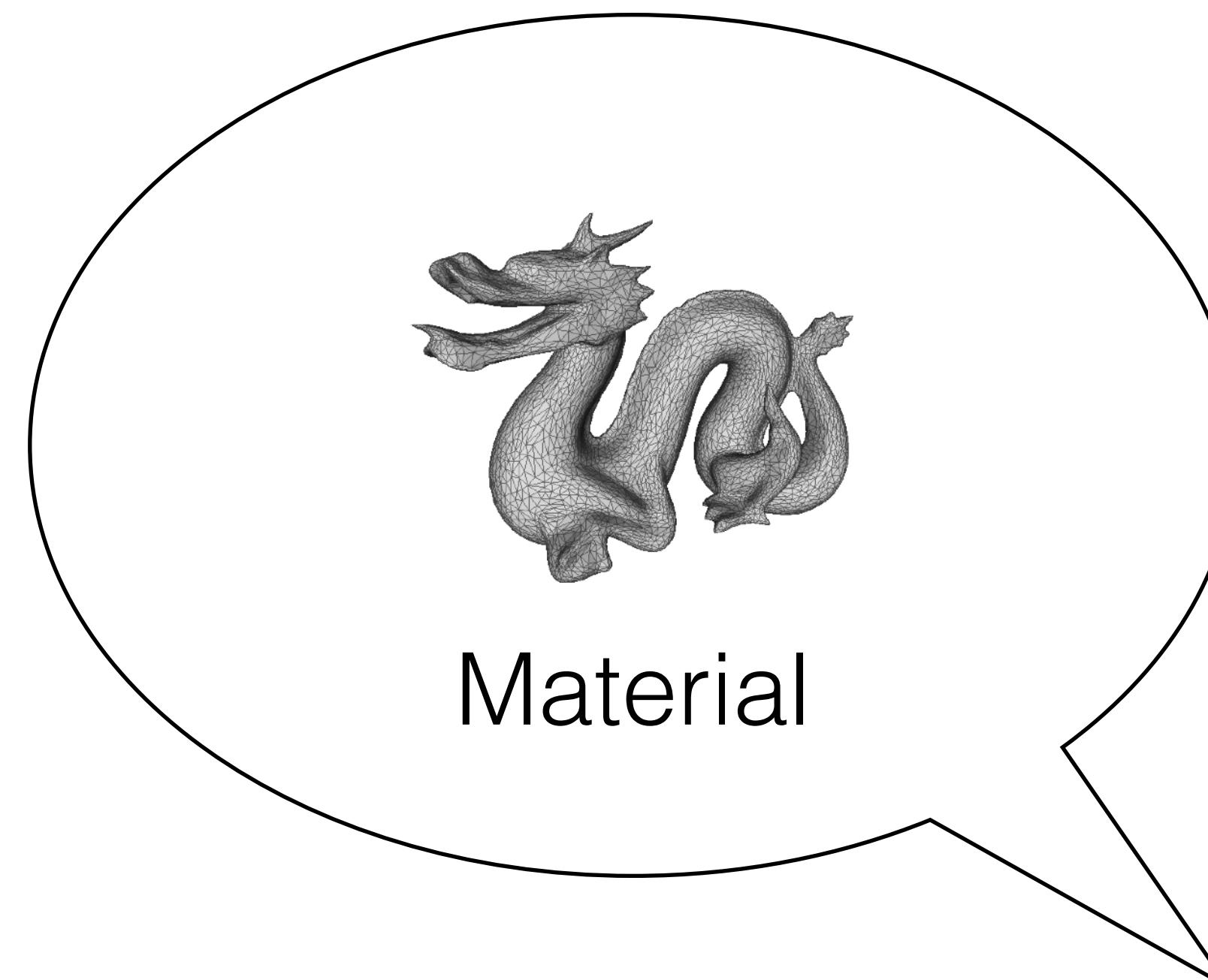
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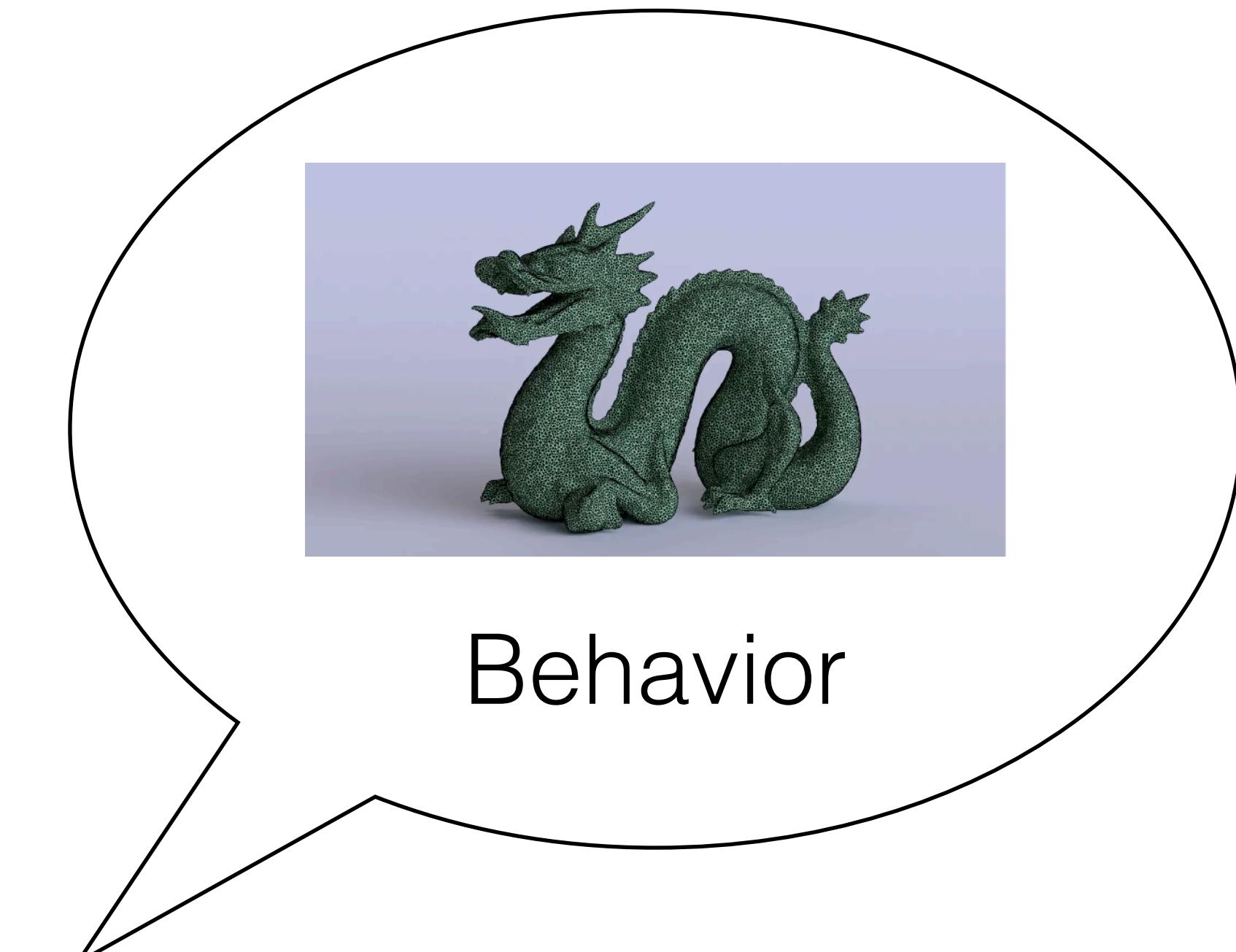
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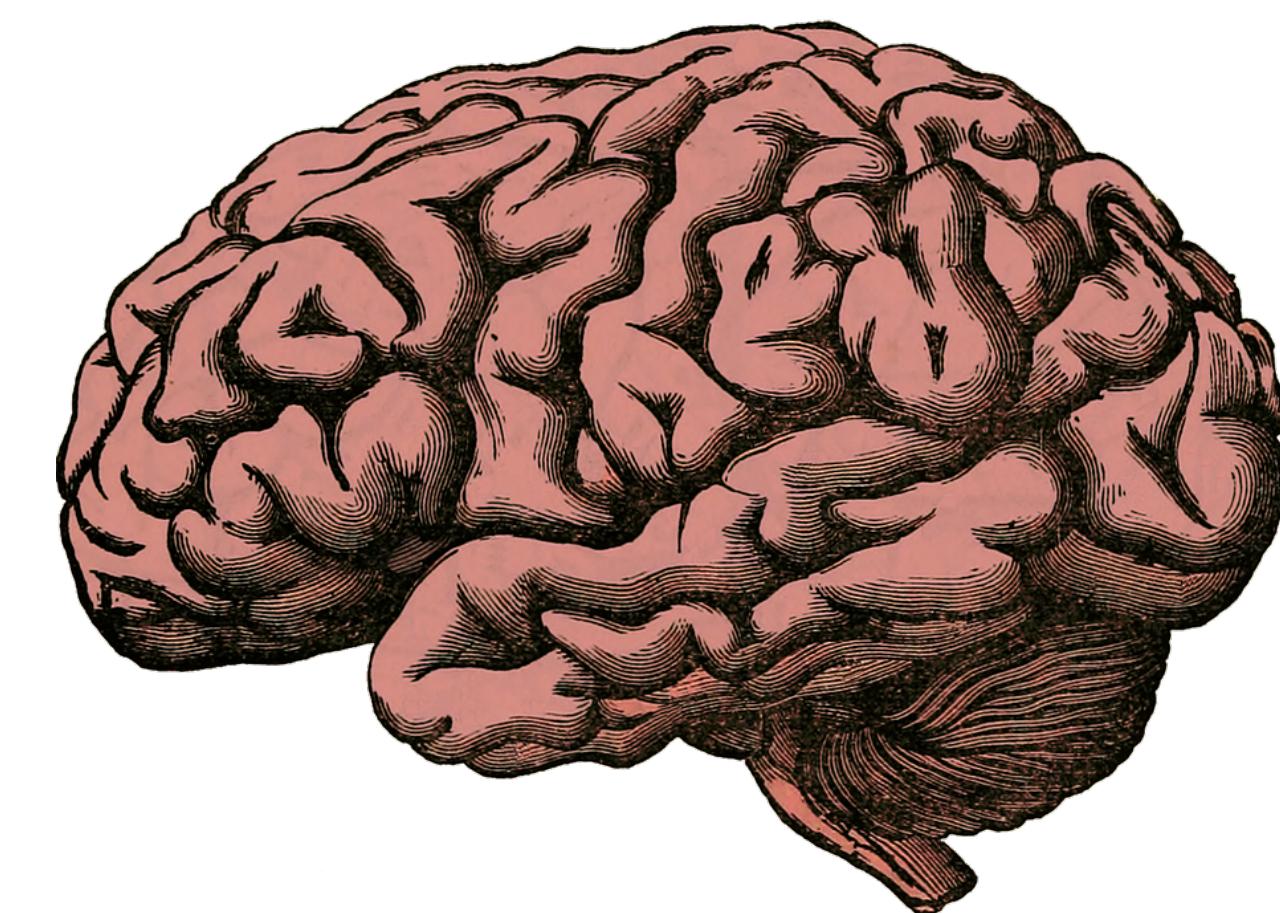
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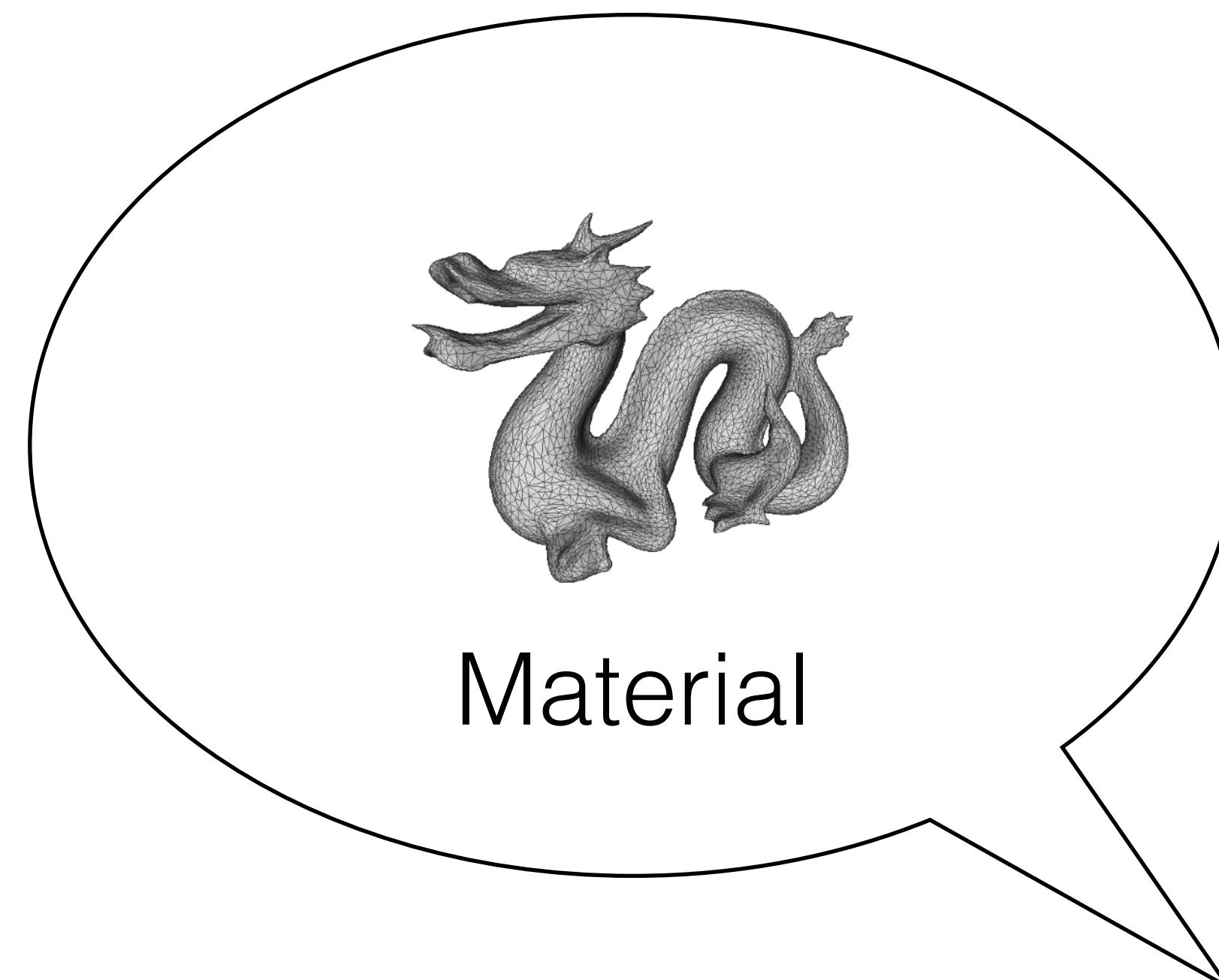
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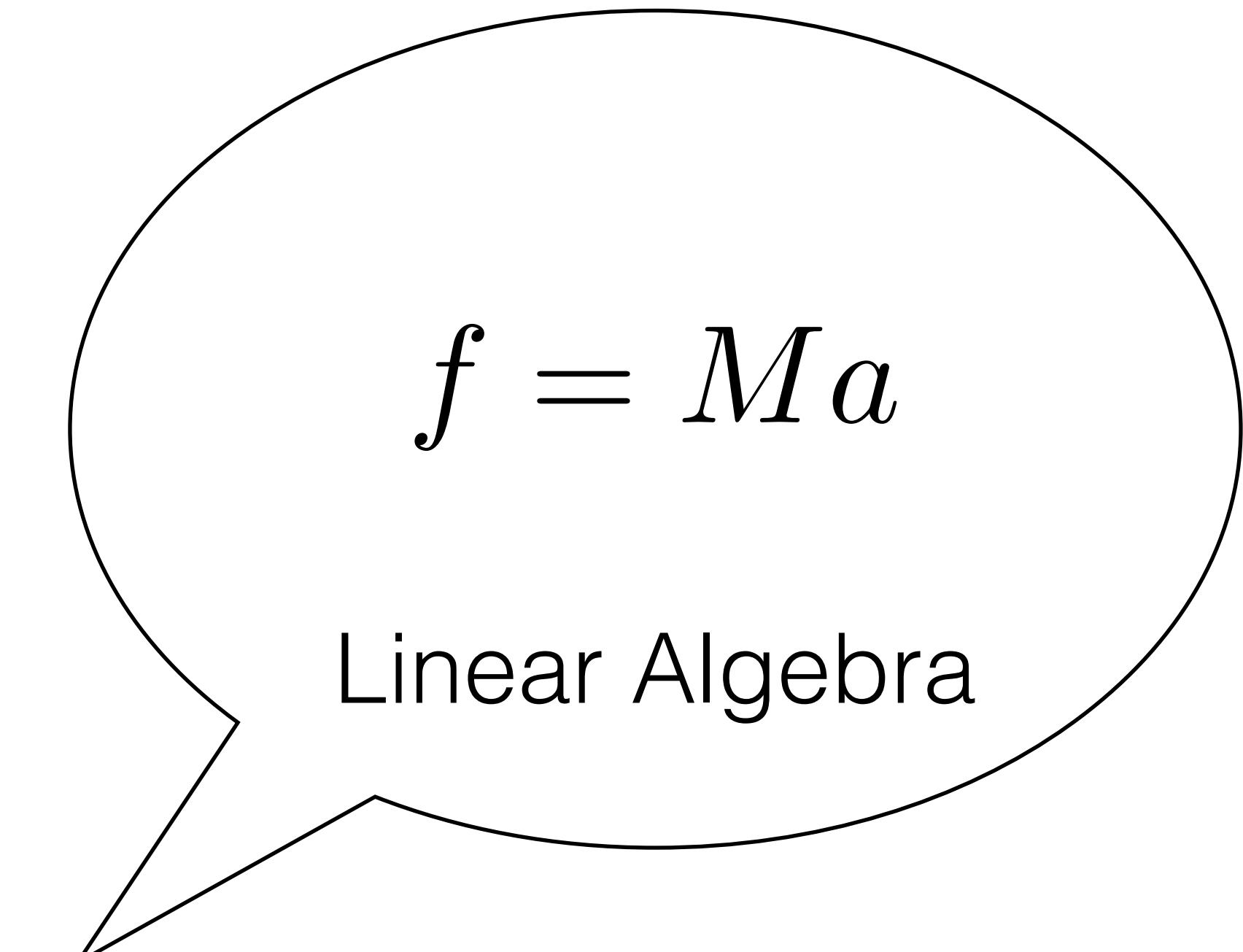
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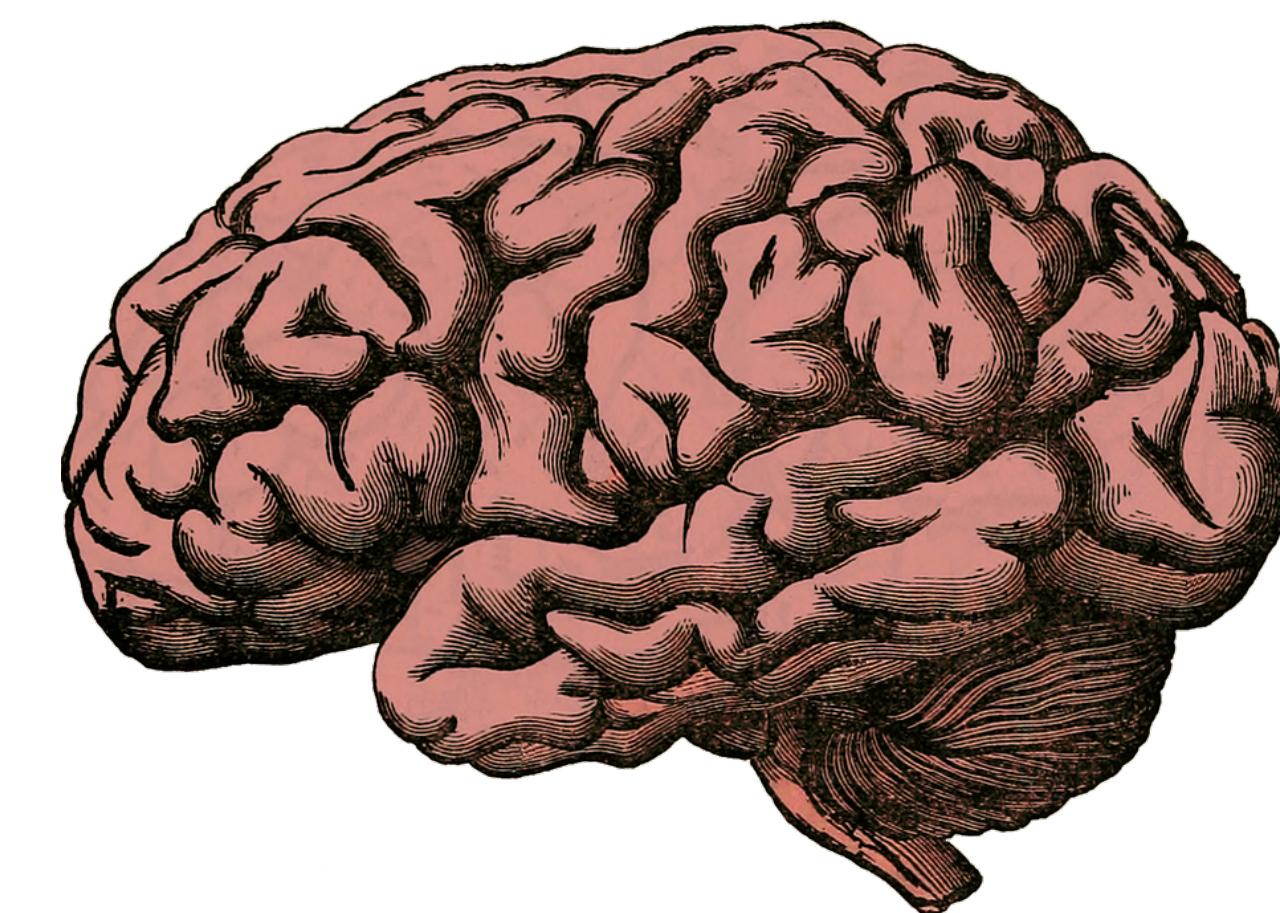
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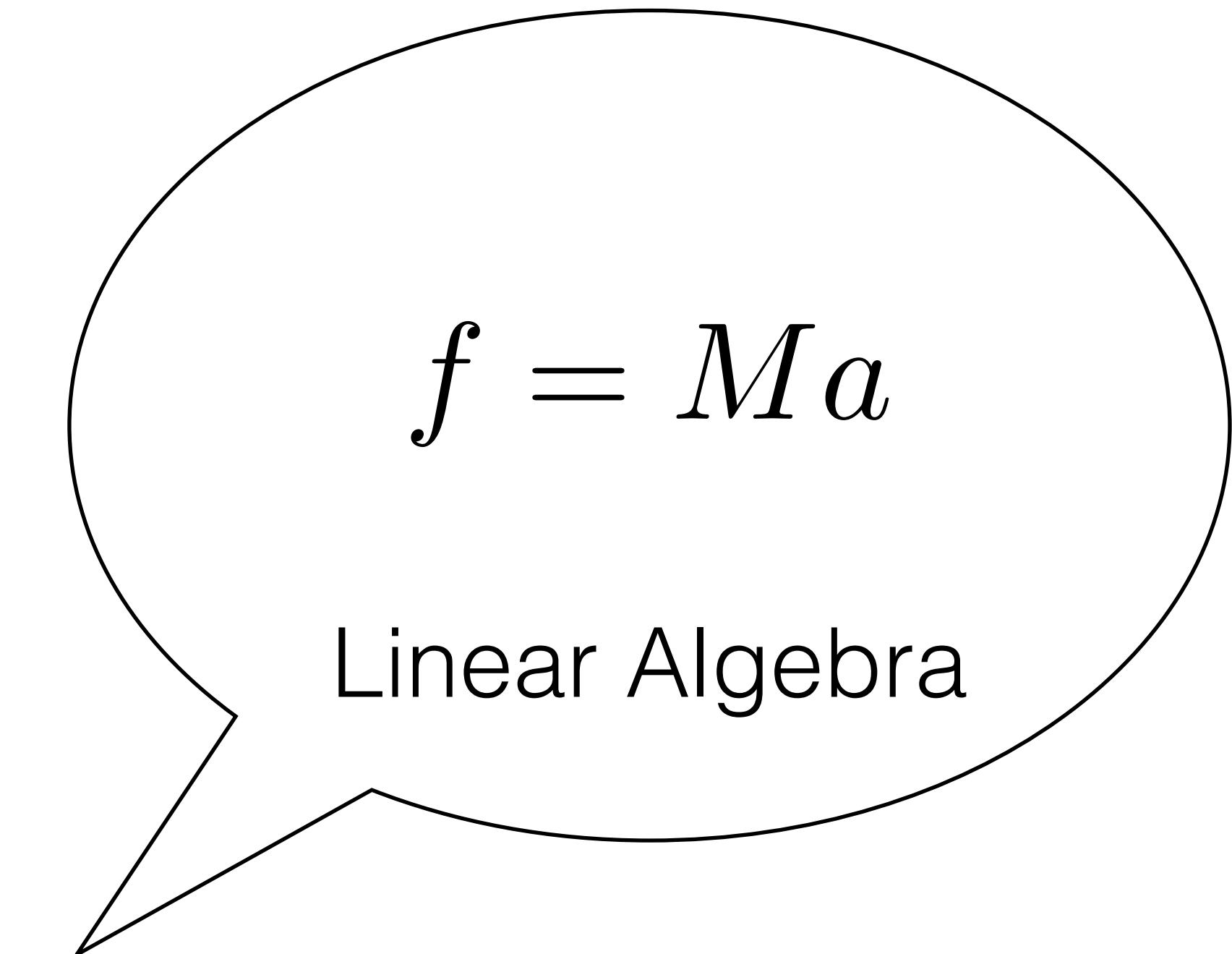
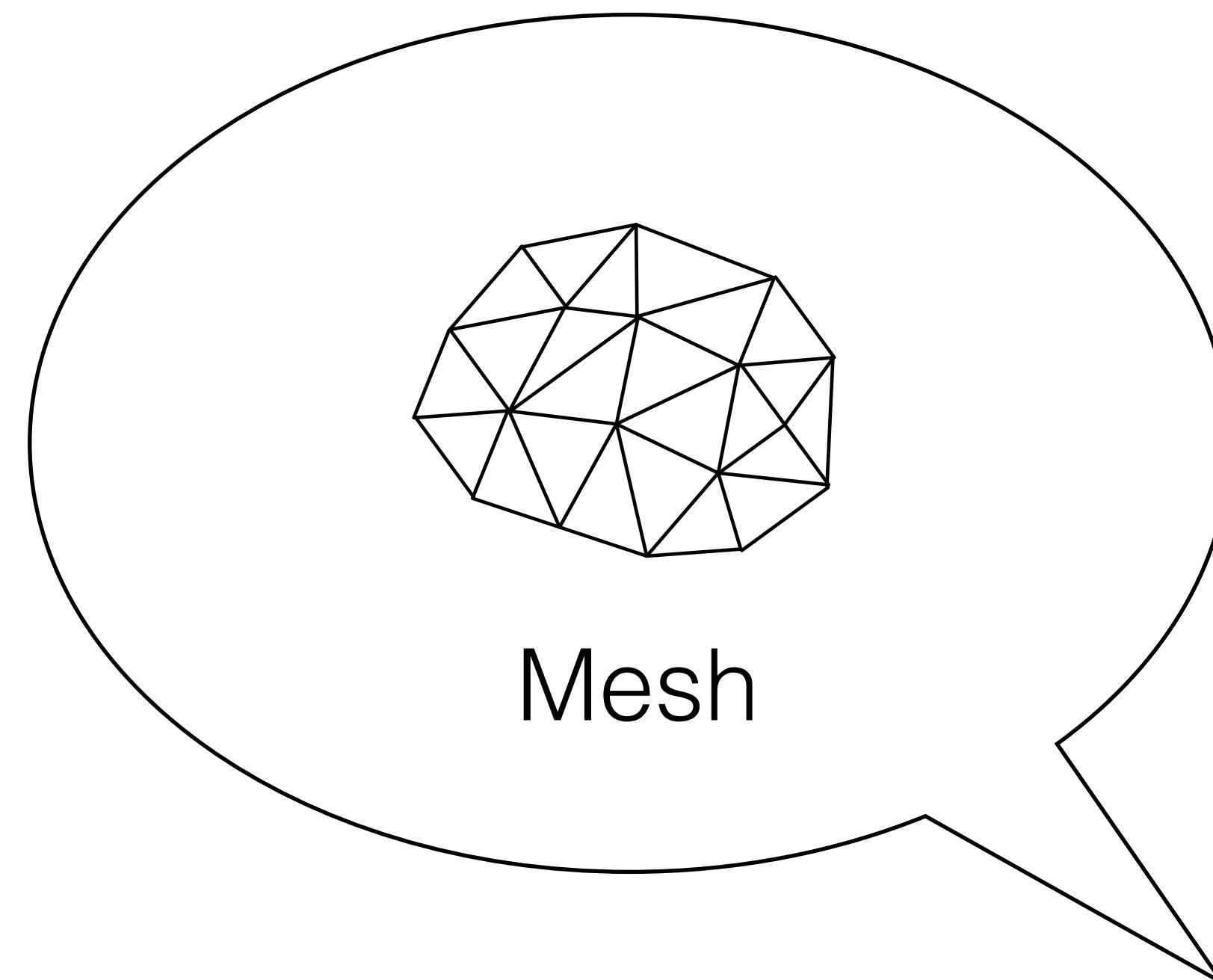
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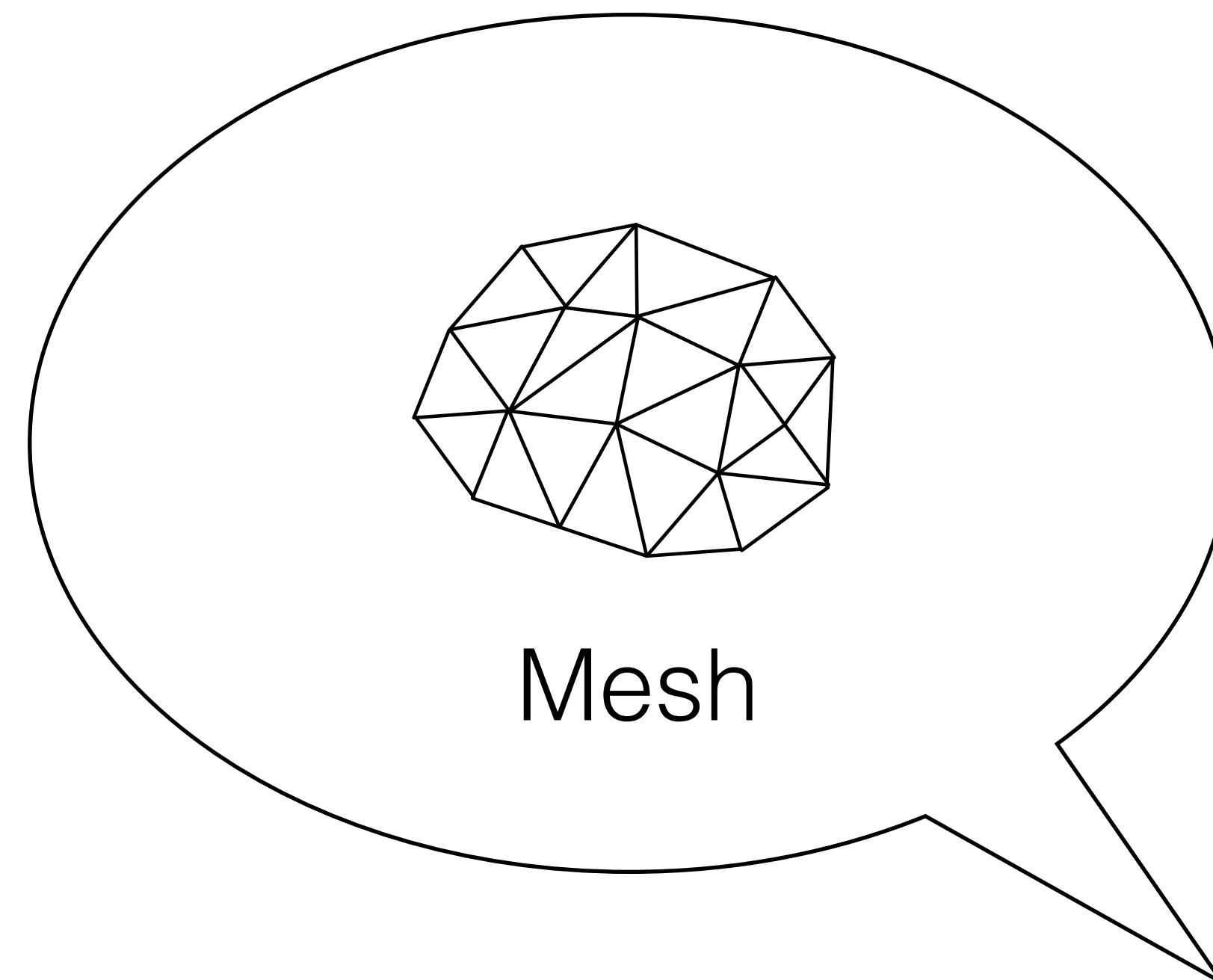
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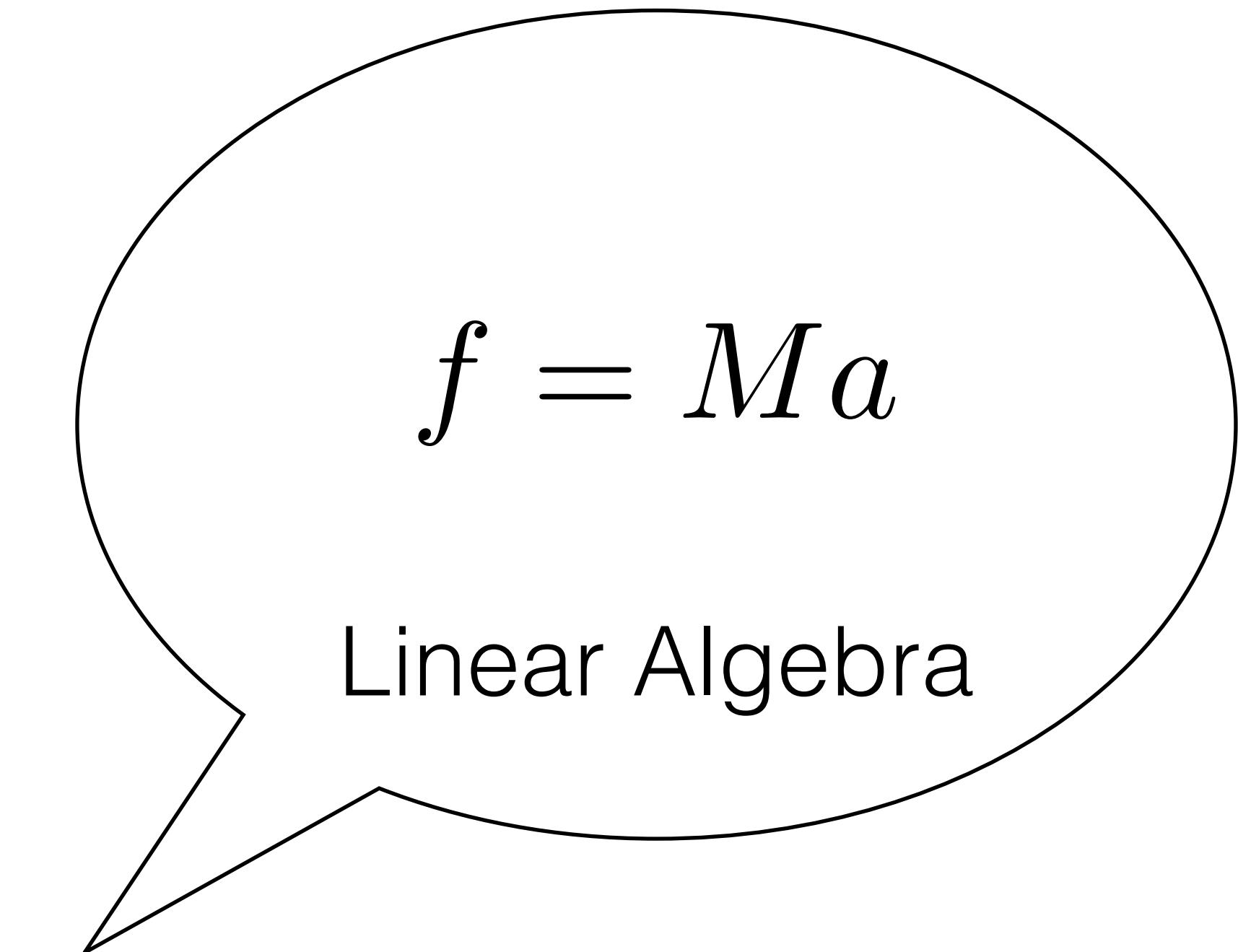
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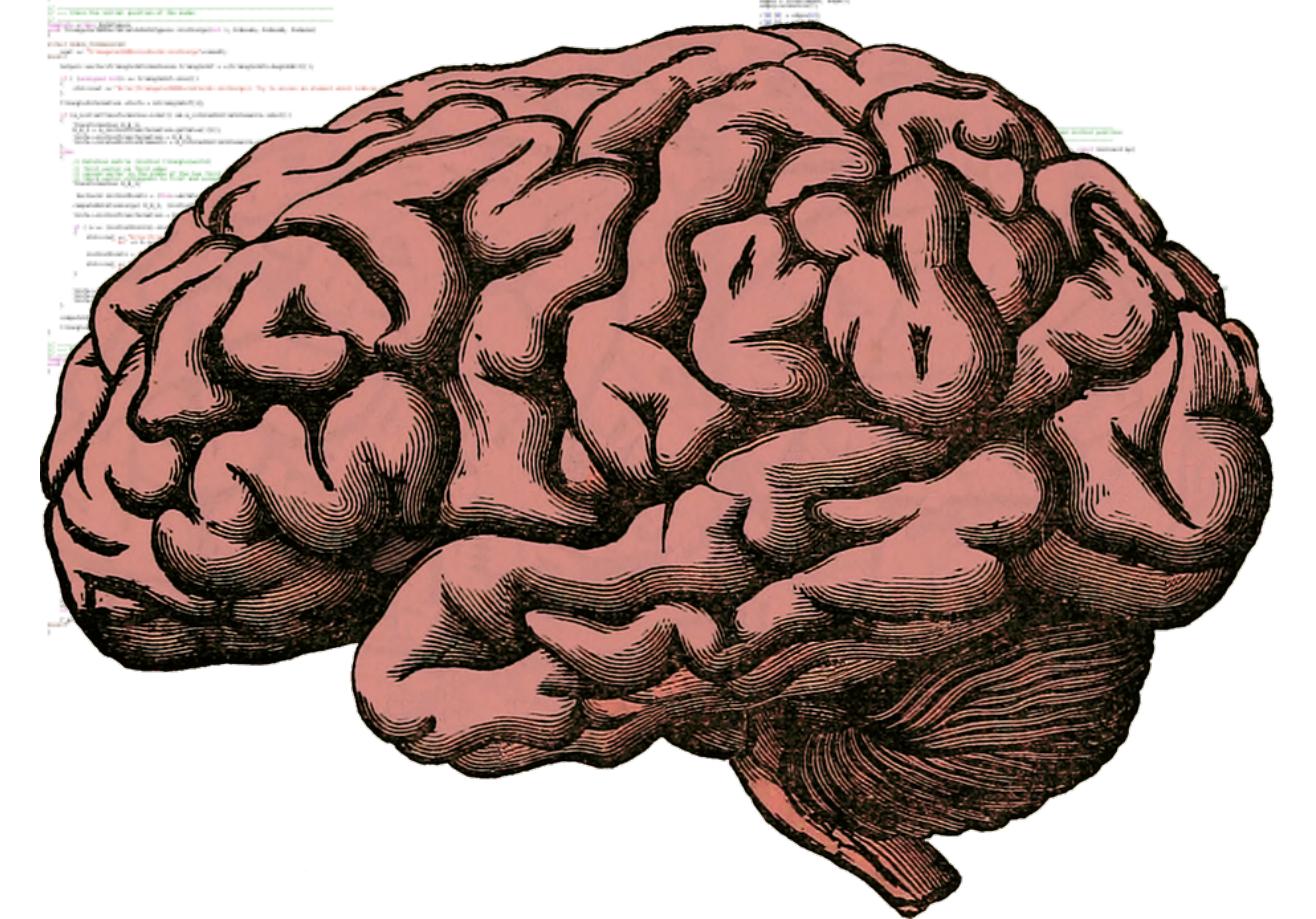
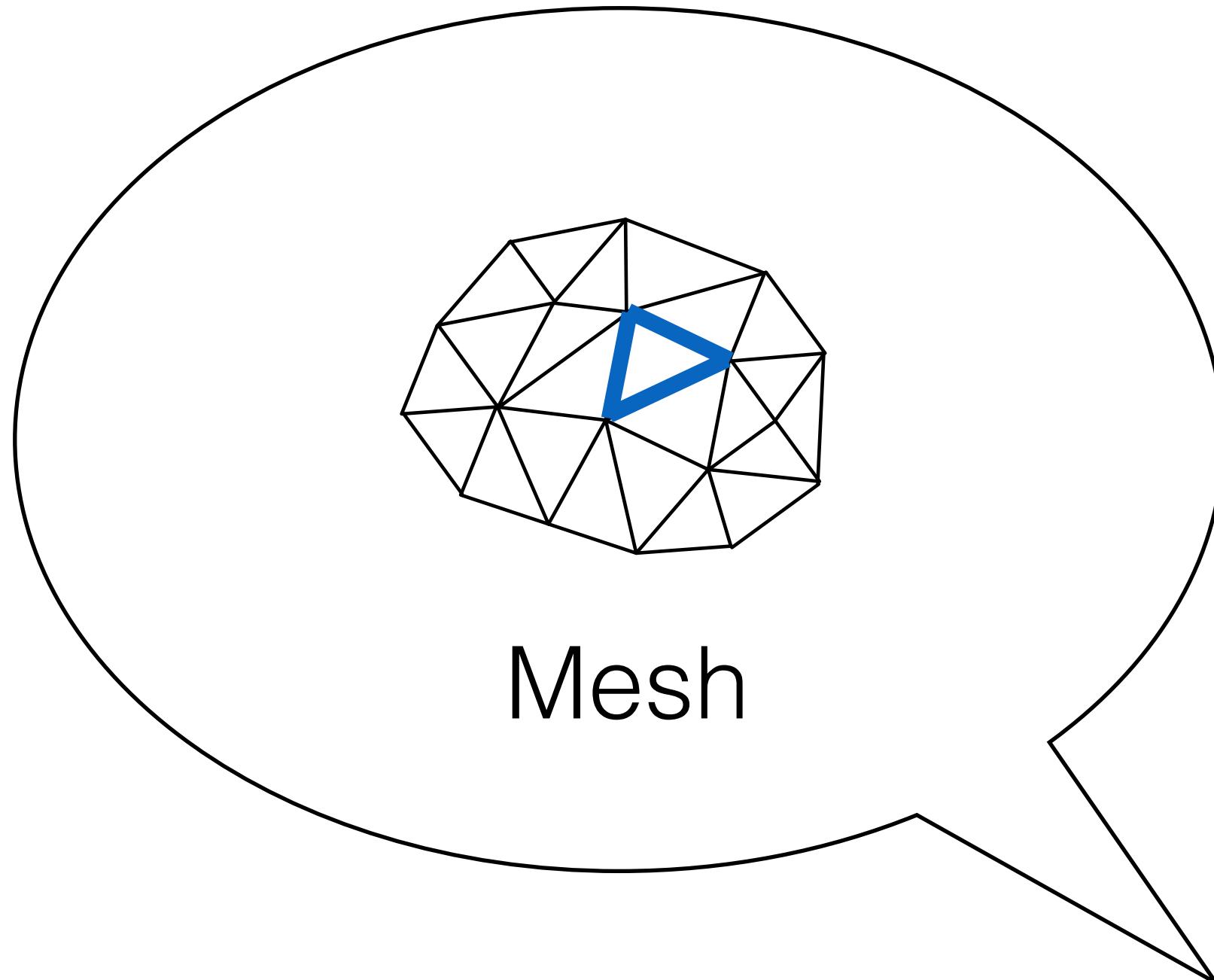


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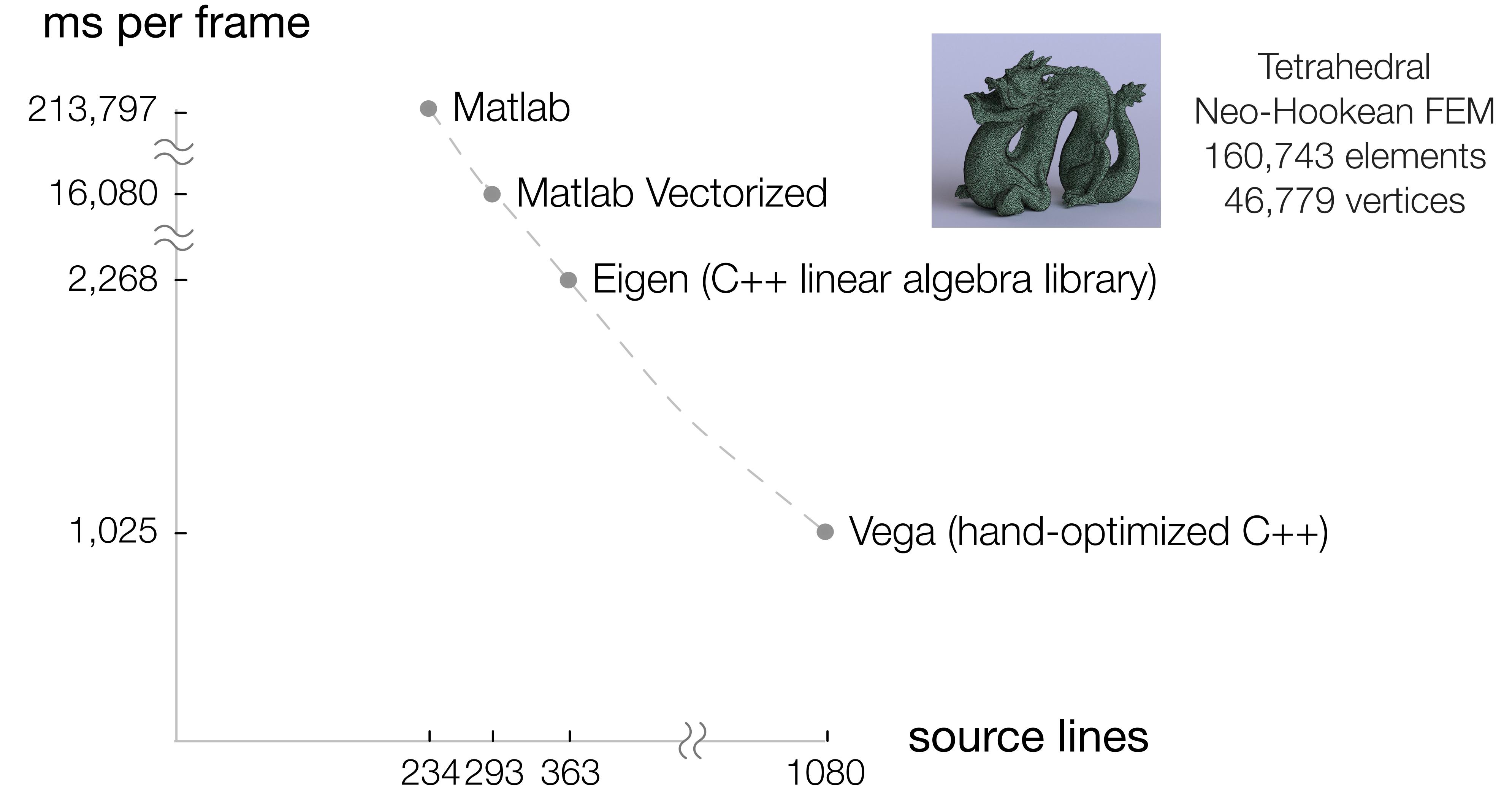
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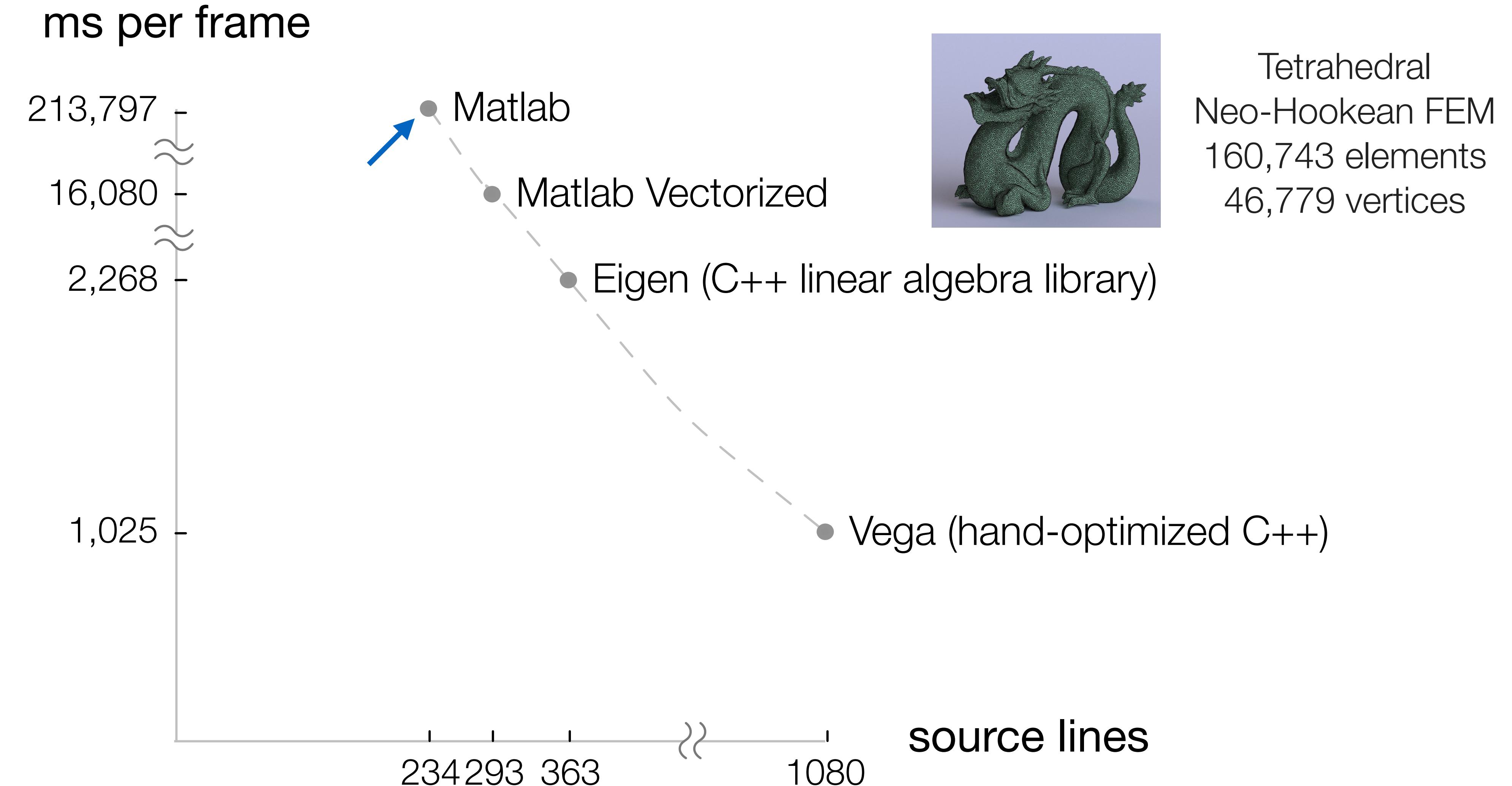


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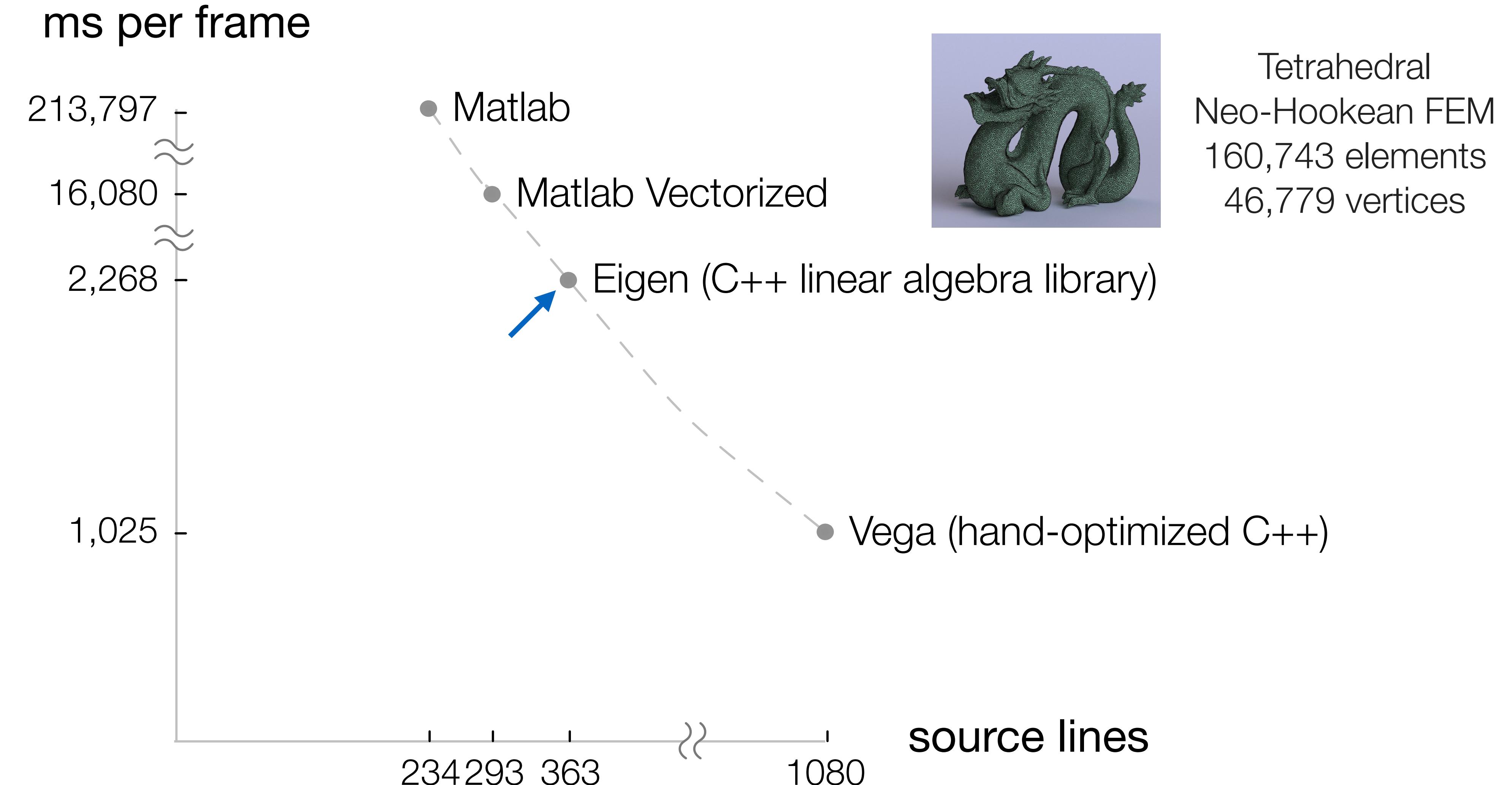
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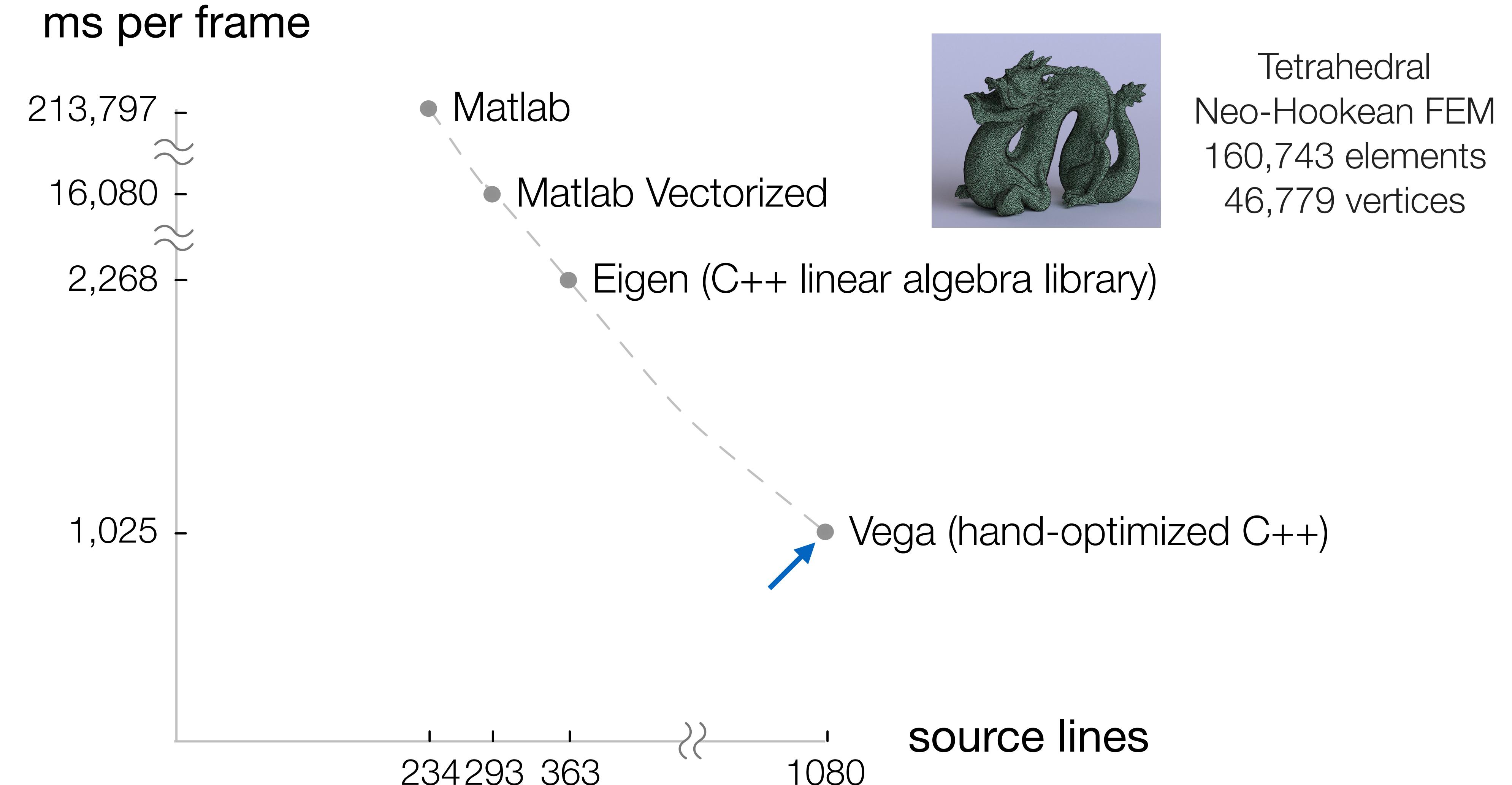
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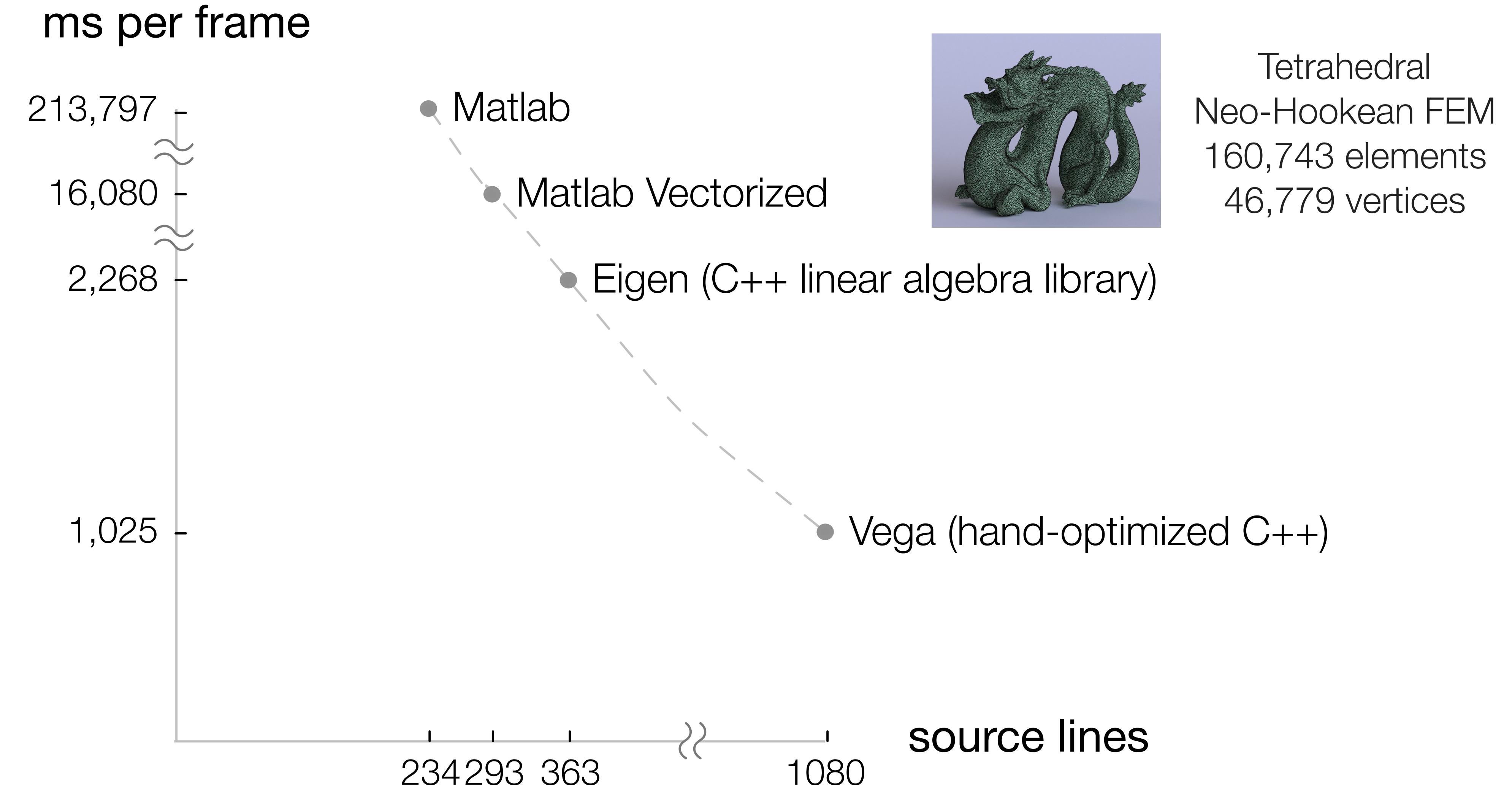
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Quantum Chromodynamics

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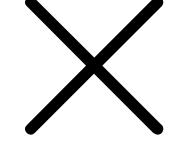
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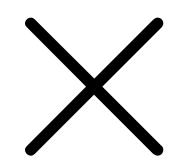
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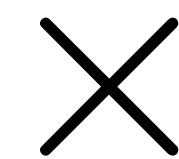
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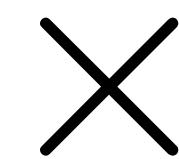
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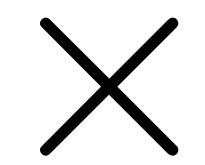
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for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {  
  
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {  
        int pB2 = i*n + j;  
        int pA2 = i*n + j;  
        double t = 0.0;  
        for (int k = 0; k < o; k++) {  
            int pB3 = pB2*o + k;  
            t += B[pB3] * c[k];  
        }  
        A[pA2] = t;  
    }  
}
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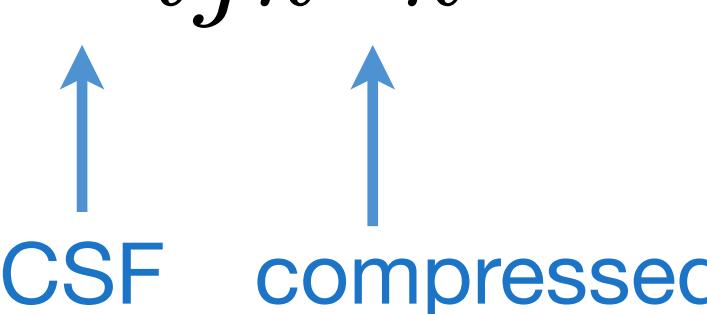
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    A[pA] = 0.0;
}
for (int pB1 = B1_pos[0]; pB1 < B1_pos[1]; pB1++) {
    int i = B1_crd[pB1];
    for (int pB2 = B2_pos[pB1]; pB2 < B2_pos[pB1+1]; pB2++) {
        int j = B2_crd[pB2];
        int pA2 = i*n + j;
        double t = 0.0;
        for (int pB3 = B3_pos[pB2]; pB3 < B3_pos[pB2+1]; pB3++) {
            int k = B3_crd[pB3];
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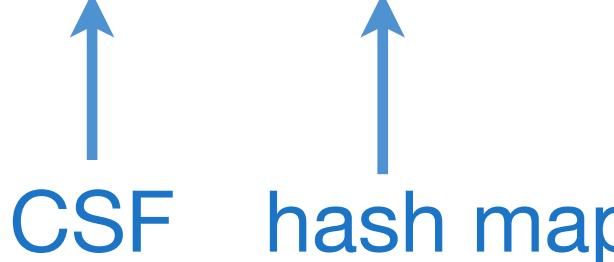
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        int pA2 = i*n + j;
        double t = 0.0;
        int pB3 = B3_pos[pB2];
        int pc1 = c1_pos[0];
        while (pB3 < B3_pos[pB2+1] && pc1 < c1_pos[1]) {
            int kB = B3_crd[pB3];
            int kc = c1_crd[pc1];
            int k = min(kB, kc);
            if (kB == k && kc == k) {
                t += B[pB3] * c[pc1];
            }
            pB3 += (int)(kB == k);
            pc1 += (int)(kc == k);
        }
        A[pA2] = t;
    }
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CSF      hash map

```
for (int pA = 0; pA < m*n; pA++) {
    A[pA] = 0.0;
}
for (int pB1 = B1_pos[0]; pB1 < B1_pos[1]; pB1++) {
    int i = B1_crd[pB1];
    for (int pB2 = B2_pos[pB1]; pB2 < B2_pos[pB1+1]; pB2++) {
        int j = B2_crd[pB2];
        int pA2 = i*n + j;
        double t = 0.0;
        for (int pB3 = B3_pos[pB2]; pB3 < B3_pos[pB2+1]; pB3++) {
            int k = B3_crd[pB3];
            int pc1 = k % c_size;
            if (c_crd[pc1] != k && c_crd[pc1] != -1) {
                int end = pc;
                do {
                    pc = (pc+1) % c_size;
                } while (c_crd[pc1] != k &&
                         c_crd[pc1] != -1 && pc1 != end);
            }
            if (c_crd[pc1] == k) {
                t += B[pB3] * c[pc1];
            }
        }
        A[pA2] = t;
    }
}
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$$A_{ijk} = B_{ijk} + C_{ijk}$$



```

int iB = 0;
int C0_pos = C0_pos[0];
while (C0_pos < C0_pos[1]) {
    int iC = C0_crd[C0_pos];
    int C0_end = C0_pos + 1;
    if (iC == iB)
        while ((C0_end < C0_pos[1]) && (C0_crd[C0_end] == iB)) {
            C0_end++;
        }
    if (iC == iB) {
        int B1_pos = B1_pos[iB];
        int C1_pos = C0_pos;
        while ((B1_pos < B1_pos[iB + 1]) && (C1_pos < C0_end)) {
            int jB = B1_crd[B1_pos];
            int jC = C1_crd[C1_pos];
            int j = min(jB, jC);
            int A1_pos = (iB * A1_size) + j;
            int C1_end = C1_pos + 1;
            if (jC == j)
                while ((C1_end < C0_end) && (C1_crd[C1_end] == j)) {
                    C1_end++;
                }
            if ((jB == j) && (jC == j)) {
                int B2_pos = B2_pos[B1_pos];
                int C2_pos = C1_pos;
                while ((B2_pos < B2_pos[B1_pos + 1]) && (C2_pos < C1_end)) {
                    int kB = B2_crd[B2_pos];
                    int kC = C2_crd[C2_pos];
                    int k = min(kB, kC);
                    int A2_pos = (A1_pos * A2_size) + k;
                    if ((kB == k) && (kC == k)) {
                        A[A2_pos] = B[B2_pos] + C[C2_pos];
                    } else if (kB == k) {
                        A[A2_pos] = B[B2_pos];
                    } else {
                        A[A2_pos] = C[C2_pos];
                    }
                    if (kB == k) B2_pos++;
                    if (kC == k) C2_pos++;
                }
                while (B2_pos < B2_pos[B1_pos + 1]) {
                    int kB0 = B2_crd[B2_pos];
                    int A2_pos0 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kB0;
                    A[A2_pos0] = B[B2_pos];
                    B2_pos++;
                }
                while (C2_pos < C1_end) {
                    int kC0 = C2_crd[C2_pos];
                    int A2_pos1 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kC0;
                    A[A2_pos1] = C[C2_pos];
                    C2_pos++;
                }
            } else if (jB == j) {
                for (int B2_pos0 = B2_pos[B1_pos]; B2_pos0 < B2_pos[B1_pos + 1]; B2_pos0++) {
                    int kB1 = B2_crd[B2_pos0];
                    int A2_pos2 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kB1;
                    A[A2_pos2] = B[B2_pos0];
                }
            } else {
                for (int C2_pos0 = C1_pos; C2_pos0 < C1_end; C2_pos0++) {
                    int kC1 = C2_crd[C2_pos0];
                    int A2_pos3 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kC1;
                    A[A2_pos3] = C[C2_pos0];
                }
            }
            if (jB == j) B1_pos++;
            if (jC == j) C1_pos = C1_end;
        }
    }
}

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while (B1_pos < B1_pos[iB + 1]) {
    int jB0 = B1_crd[B1_pos];
    int A1_pos0 = (iB * A1_size) + jB0;
    for (int B2_pos1 = B2_pos[B1_pos]; B2_pos1 < B2_pos[B1_pos + 1]; B2_pos1++) {
        int kB2 = B2_crd[B2_pos1];
        int A2_pos4 = (A1_pos0 * A2_size) + kB2;
        A[A2_pos4] = B[B2_pos1];
    }
    B1_pos++;
}
while (C1_pos < C0_end) {
    int jC0 = C1_crd[C1_pos];
    int A1_pos1 = (iB * A1_size) + jC0;
    int C1_end0 = C1_pos + 1;
    while ((C1_end0 < C0_end) && (C1_crd[C1_end0] == jC0)) {
        C1_end0++;
    }
    for (int C2_pos1 = C1_pos; C2_pos1 < C1_end0; C2_pos1++) {
        int kB2 = C2_crd[C2_pos1];
        int A2_pos5 = (A1_pos1 * A2_size) + kB2;
        A[A2_pos5] = C[C2_pos1];
    }
    C1_pos = C1_end0;
}
else {
    for (int B1_pos0 = B1_pos[iB]; B1_pos0 < B1_pos[iB + 1]; B1_pos0++) {
        int jB1 = B1_crd[B1_pos0];
        int A1_pos2 = (iB * A1_size) + jB1;
        for (int B2_pos2 = B2_pos[B1_pos0]; B2_pos2 < B2_pos[B1_pos0 + 1]; B2_pos2++) {
            int kB3 = B2_crd[B2_pos2];
            int A2_pos6 = (A1_pos2 * A2_size) + kB3;
            A[A2_pos6] = B[B2_pos2];
        }
    }
    if (iC == iB) C0_pos = C0_end;
    iB++;
}
while (iB < B0_size) {
    for (int B1_pos1 = B1_pos[iB]; B1_pos1 < B1_pos[iB + 1]; B1_pos1++) {
        int jB2 = B1_crd[B1_pos1];
        int A1_pos3 = (iB * A1_size) + jB2;
        for (int B2_pos3 = B2_pos[B1_pos1]; B2_pos3 < B2_pos[B1_pos1 + 1]; B2_pos3++) {
            int kB4 = B2_crd[B2_pos3];
            int A2_pos7 = (A1_pos3 * A2_size) + kB4;
            A[A2_pos7] = B[B2_pos3];
        }
    }
    iB++;
}

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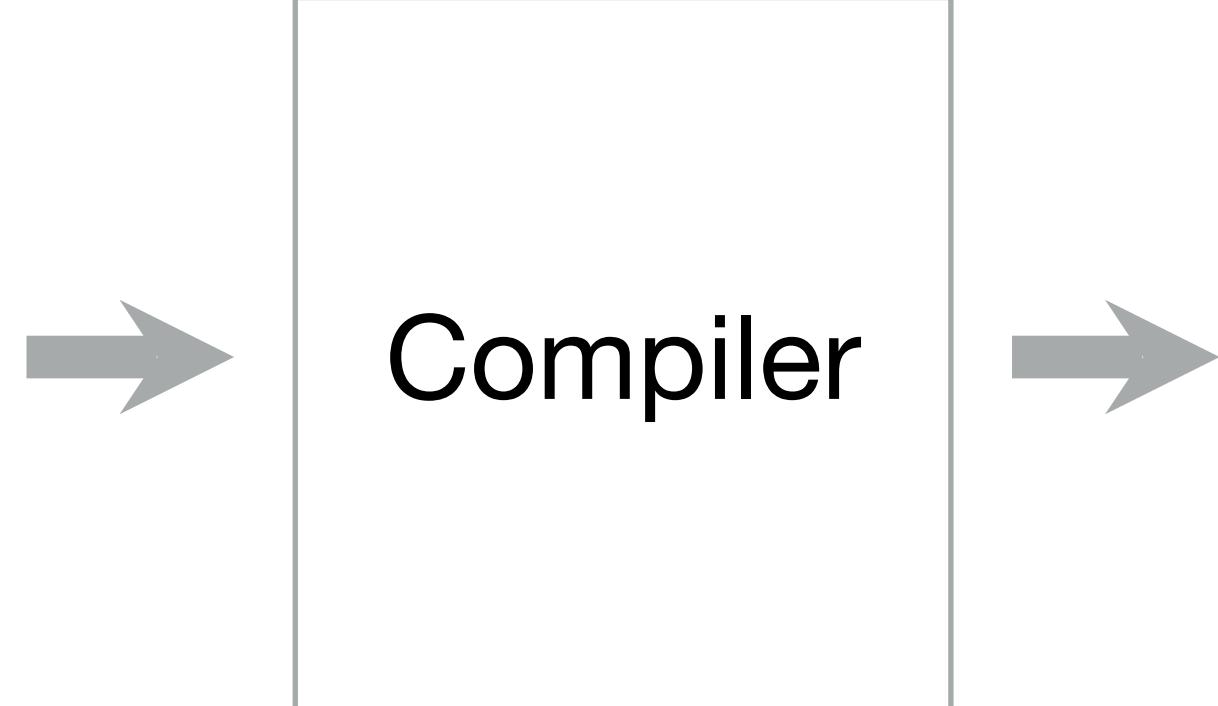
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### Generated Code

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int iB = 0;
int C0_pos = C0_pos_arr[0];
while (C0_pos < C0_pos_arr[1]) {
    int iC = C0_idx_arr[C0_pos];
    int C0_end = C0_pos + 1;
    if (iC == iB)
        while ((C0_end < C0_pos_arr[1]) && (C0_idx_arr[C0_end] == iB)) {
            C0_end++;
        }
    if (iC == iB) {
        int B1_pos = B1_pos_arr[iB];
        int C1_pos = C0_pos;
        while ((B1_pos < B1_pos_arr[iB + 1]) && (C1_pos < C0_end)) {
            int jB = B1_idx_arr[B1_pos];
            int jC = C1_idx_arr[C1_pos];
            int j = min(jB, jC);
            int A1_pos = (iB * A1_size) + j;
            int C1_end = C1_pos + 1;
            if (jC == j)
                while ((C1_end < C0_end) && (C1_idx_arr[C1_end] == j)) {
                    C1_end++;
                }
            if ((jB == j) && (jC == j)) {
                int B2_pos = B2_pos_arr[B1_pos];
                int C2_pos = C1_pos;
                while ((B2_pos < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos + 1]) && (C2_pos < C1_end)) {
                    int kB = B2_idx_arr[B2_pos];
                    int kC = C2_idx_arr[C2_pos];
                    int k = min(kB, kC);
                    int A2_pos = (A1_pos * A2_size) + k;
                    if ((kB == k) && (kC == k)) {
                        A_val_arr[A2_pos] = B_val_arr[B2_pos] + C_val_arr[C2_pos];
                    } else if (kB == k) {
                        A_val_arr[A2_pos] = B_val_arr[B2_pos];
                    } else {
                        A_val_arr[A2_pos] = C_val_arr[C2_pos];
                    }
                    if (kB == k) B2_pos++;
                    if (kC == k) C2_pos++;
                }
                while (B2_pos < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos + 1]) {
                    int kB0 = B2_idx_arr[B2_pos];
                    int A2_pos0 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kB0;
                    A_val_arr[A2_pos0] = B_val_arr[B2_pos];
                    B2_pos++;
                }
                while (C2_pos < C1_end) {
                    int kC0 = C2_idx_arr[C2_pos];
                    int A2_pos1 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kC0;
                    A_val_arr[A2_pos1] = C_val_arr[C2_pos];
                    C2_pos++;
                }
            } else if (jB == j) {
                for (int B2_pos0 = B2_pos_arr[B1_pos];
                     B2_pos0 < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos + 1]; B2_pos0++) {
                    int kB1 = B2_idx_arr[B2_pos0];
                    int A2_pos2 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kB1;
                    A_val_arr[A2_pos2] = B_val_arr[B2_pos0];
                }
            } else {
                for (int C2_pos0 = C1_pos;
                     C2_pos0 < C1_end; C2_pos0++) {
                    int kC1 = C2_idx_arr[C2_pos0];
                    int A2_pos3 = (A1_pos * A2_size) + kC1;
                    A_val_arr[A2_pos3] = C_val_arr[C2_pos0];
                }
            }
            if (jB == j) B1_pos++;
            if (jC == j) C1_pos = C1_end;
        }
    }
    while (B1_pos < B1_pos_arr[iB + 1]) {
        int jB0 = B1_idx_arr[B1_pos];
        int A1_pos0 = (iB * A1_size) + jB0;
        for (int B2_pos1 = B2_pos_arr[B1_pos];
             B2_pos1 < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos + 1]; B2_pos1++) {
            int kB2 = B2_idx_arr[B2_pos1];
            int A2_pos4 = (A1_pos0 * A2_size) + kB2;
            A_val_arr[A2_pos4] = B_val_arr[B2_pos1];
        }
        B1_pos++;
    }
    while (C1_pos < C0_end) {
        int jC0 = C1_idx_arr[C1_pos];
        int A1_pos1 = (iB * A1_size) + jC0;
        int C1_end0 = C1_pos + 1;
        while ((C1_end0 < C0_end) && (C1_idx_arr[C1_end0] == jC0)) {
            C1_end0++;
        }
        for (int C2_pos1 = C1_pos;
             C2_pos1 < C1_end0; C2_pos1++) {
            int kB2 = C2_idx_arr[C2_pos1];
            int A2_pos5 = (A1_pos1 * A2_size) + kB2;
            A_val_arr[A2_pos5] = C_val_arr[C2_pos1];
        }
        C1_pos = C1_end0;
    }
} else {
    for (int B1_pos0 = B1_pos_arr[iB];
         B1_pos0 < B1_pos_arr[iB + 1]; B1_pos0++) {
        int jB1 = B1_idx_arr[B1_pos0];
        int A1_pos2 = (iB * A1_size) + jB1;
        for (int B2_pos2 = B2_pos_arr[B1_pos0];
             B2_pos2 < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos0 + 1]; B2_pos2++) {
            int kB3 = B2_idx_arr[B2_pos2];
            int A2_pos6 = (A1_pos2 * A2_size) + kB3;
            A_val_arr[A2_pos6] = B_val_arr[B2_pos2];
        }
    }
}
if (iC == iB) C0_pos = C0_end;
iB++;
}
while (iB < B0_size) {
    for (int B1_pos1 = B1_pos_arr[iB];
         B1_pos1 < B1_pos_arr[iB + 1]; B1_pos1++) {
        int jB2 = B1_idx_arr[B1_pos1];
        int A1_pos3 = (iB * A1_size) + jB2;
        for (int B2_pos3 = B2_pos_arr[B1_pos1];
             B2_pos3 < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos1 + 1]; B2_pos3++) {
            int kB4 = B2_idx_arr[B2_pos3];
            int A2_pos7 = (A1_pos3 * A2_size) + kB4;
            A_val_arr[A2_pos7] = B_val_arr[B2_pos3];
        }
    }
    iB++;
}
```

# Can we get abstractions *without friction* by moving the abstractions into the compiler?

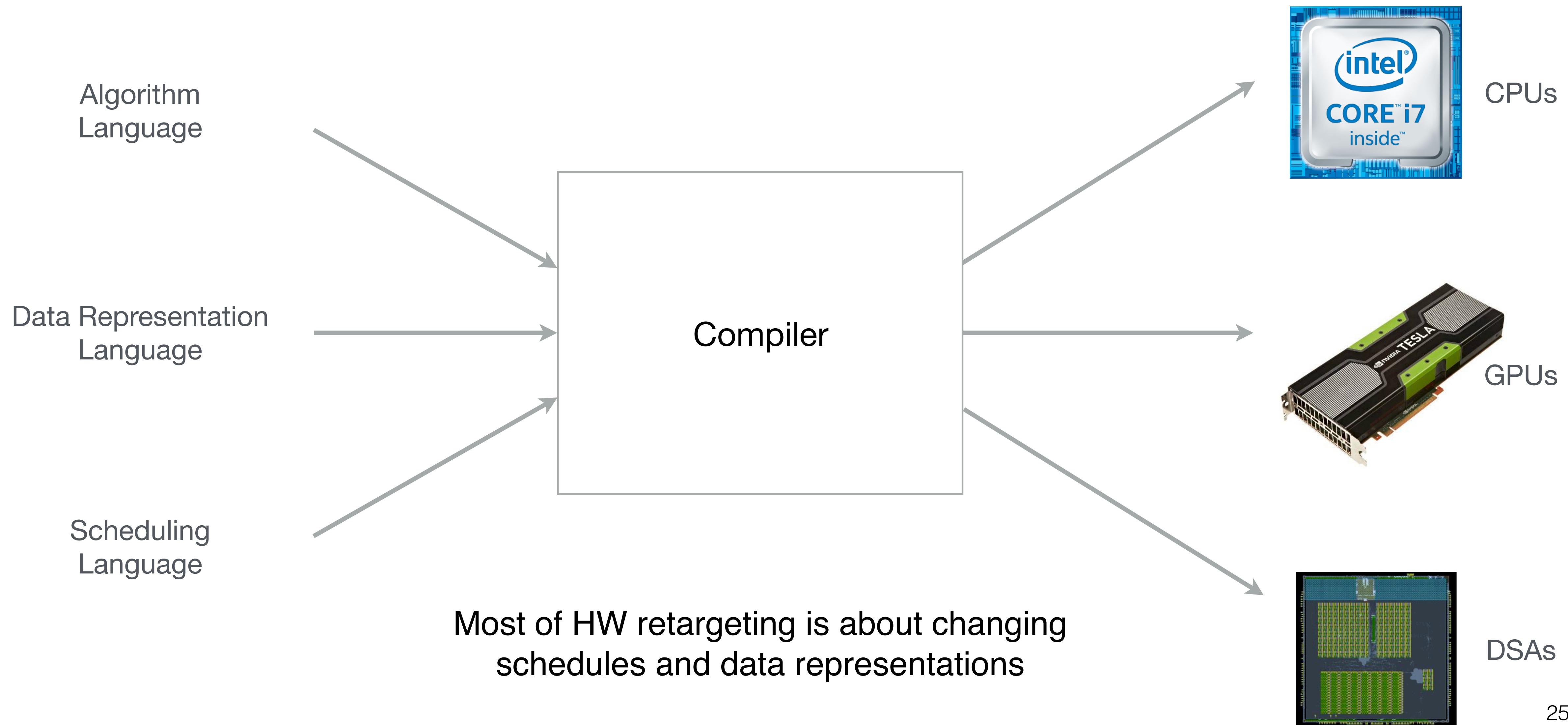
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## Generated Code

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int iB = 0;
int C0_pos = C0_pos_arr[0];
while (C0_pos < C0_pos_arr[1]) {
    int iC = C0_idx_arr[C0_pos];
    int C0_end = C0_pos + 1;
    if (iC == iB)
        while ((C0_end < C0_pos_arr[1]) && (C0_idx_arr[C0_end] == iB)) {
            C0_end++;
        }
    if (iC == iB) {
        int B1_pos = B1_pos_arr[iB];
        int C1_pos = C0_pos;
        while ((B1_pos < B1_pos_arr[iB + 1]) && (C1_pos < C0_end)) {
            int jB = B1_idx_arr[B1_pos];
            int jC = C1_idx_arr[C1_pos];
            int j = min(jB, jC);
            int A1_pos = (iB * A1_size) + j;
            int C1_end = C1_pos + 1;
            if (jC == j)
                while ((C1_end < C0_end) && (C1_idx_arr[C1_end] == j)) {
                    C1_end++;
                }
            if ((jB == j) && (jC == j)) {
                int B2_pos = B2_pos_arr[B1_pos];
                int C2_pos = C1_pos;
                while ((B2_pos < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos + 1]) && (C2_pos < C1_end)) {
                    int kB = B2_idx_arr[B2_pos];
                    int kC = C2_idx_arr[C2_pos];
                    int k = min(kB, kC);
                    int A2_pos = (A1_pos * A2_size) + k;
                    if ((kB == k) && (kC == k)) {
                        A_val_arr[A2_pos] = B_val_arr[B2_pos] + C_val_arr[C2_pos];
                    } else if (kB == k) {
                        A_val_arr[A2_pos] = B_val_arr[B2_pos];
                    } else {
                        A_val_arr[A2_pos] = C_val_arr[C2_pos];
                    }
                    if (kB == k) B2_pos++;
                    if (kC == k) C2_pos++;
                }
                while (B2_pos < B2_pos_arr[B1_pos + 1]) {
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        }
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}
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“Like other great software, great little languages are grown, not built. Start with a solid simple design, expressed in a notation like Backus-Naur form. Before implementing the language, test your design by describing a wide variety of objects in the proposed language. After the language is up and running, iterate designs to add new features as dictated by real use.”

— Jon Bentley (Little Languages)

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Applying + again	$\Rightarrow 28$