[544] Cassandra Partitioning+Replication

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Cassandra Influences

BigTable
(2006 paper)

HBase
(2008 release)

data model,
storage layout

Cassandra
(2008 release)

partitioning+replication

Dynamo
(2007 paper)

DynamoDB
(2012 release)

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goal: highly available when things are failing

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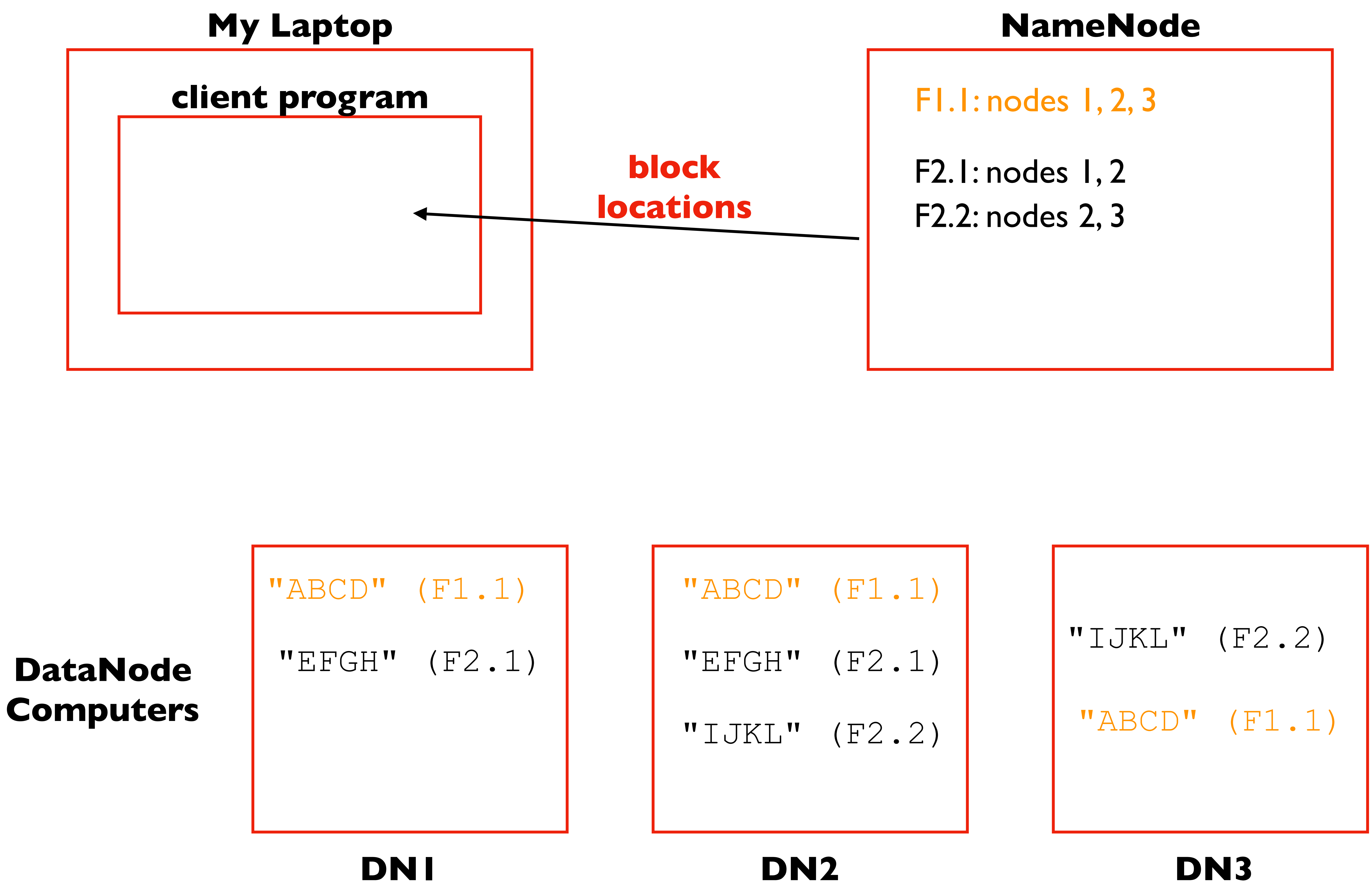
Review: HDFS Partitioning



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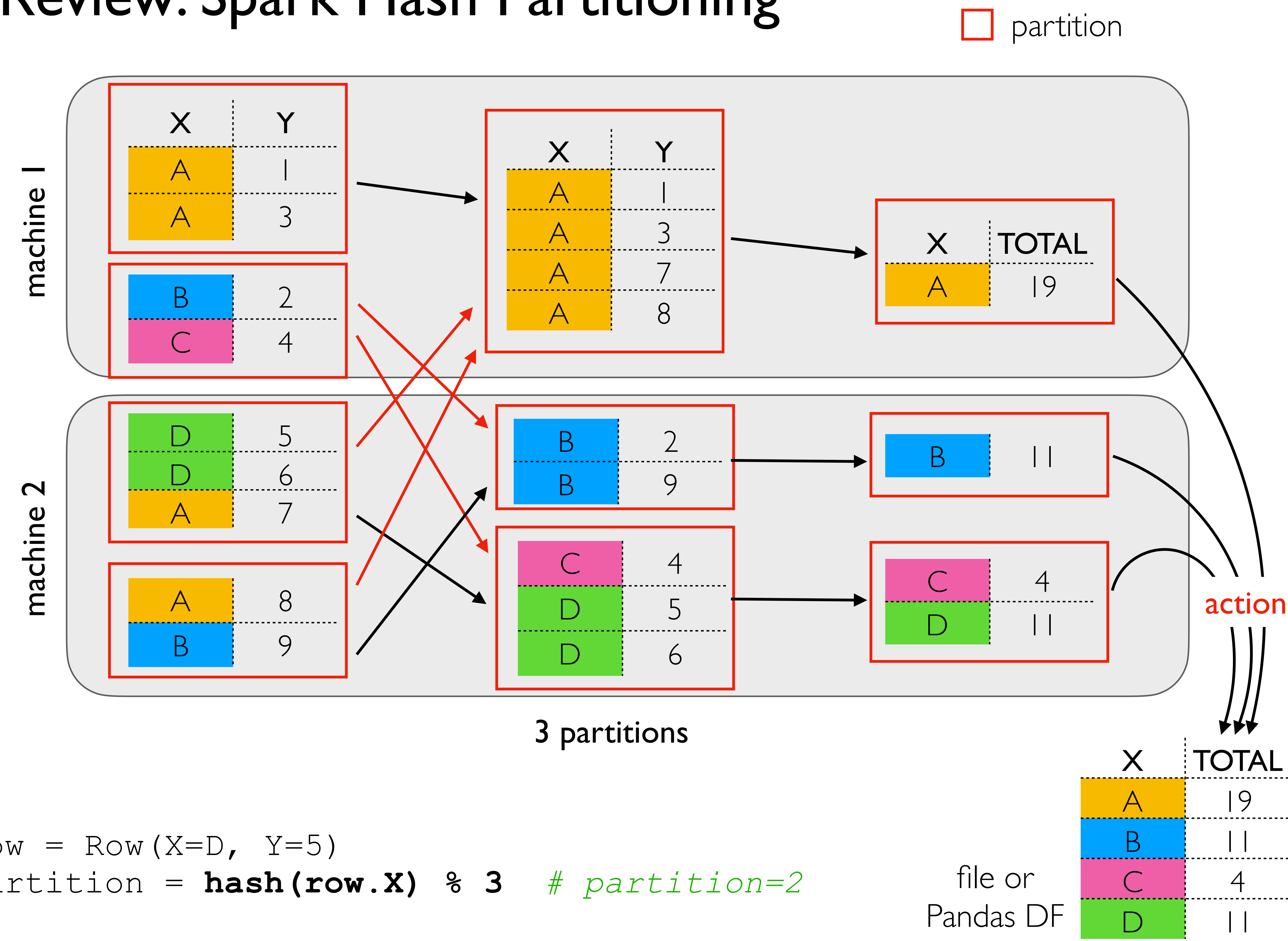


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row = Row(X=D, Y=5)
partition = hash(row.X) % 3   # partition=2
```

Scaling

Scalability: we can make efficient use of many machines for big data

Two ways we can have big data:

- very many file blocks or rows
- very large file blocks or rows

Will HDFS struggle with either kind of big data? Spark?

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Demo: hash partition 26 letters over 4 "machines". Add a 5th machine. How many letters must move?

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- locations = {range(0,10): "worker1", range(10,20): "worker2", ...}

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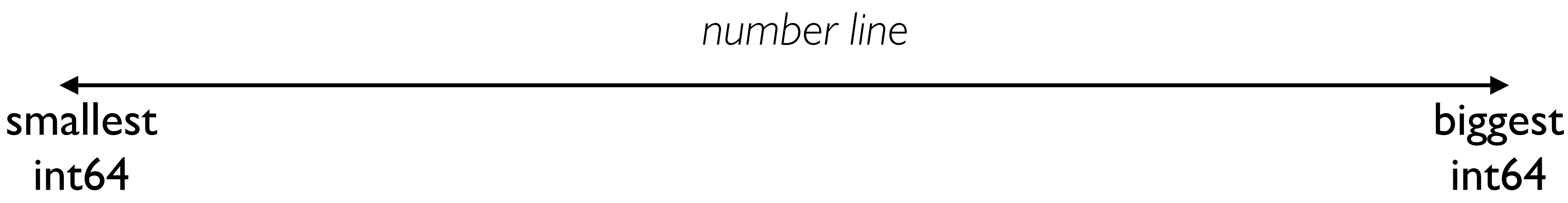

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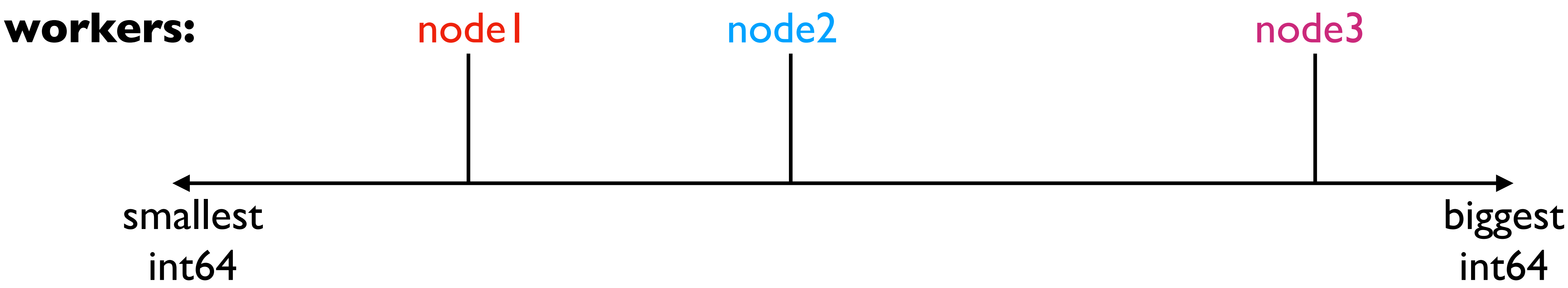

assign every **worker** a point on the number line.
Could be random (though newer approaches are more clever).
No hashing needed yet!

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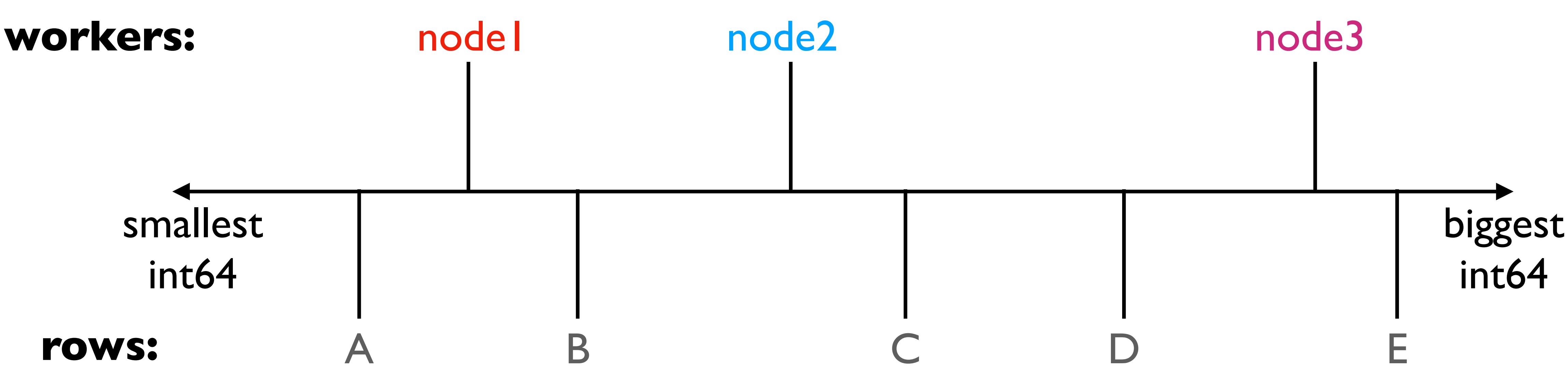

assign every **row** a point on the number line.
token(row) = hash(row's **partition** key)

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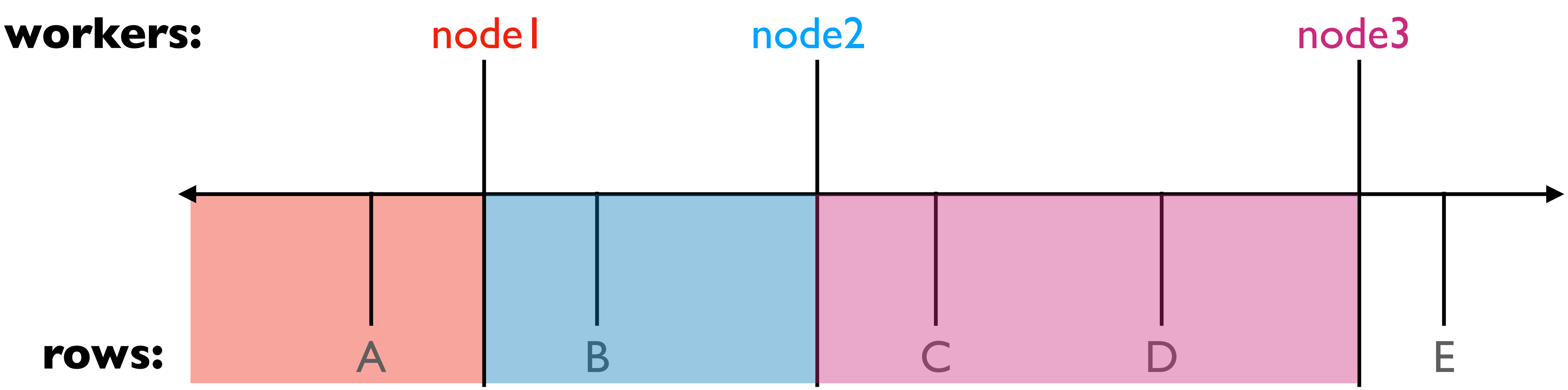
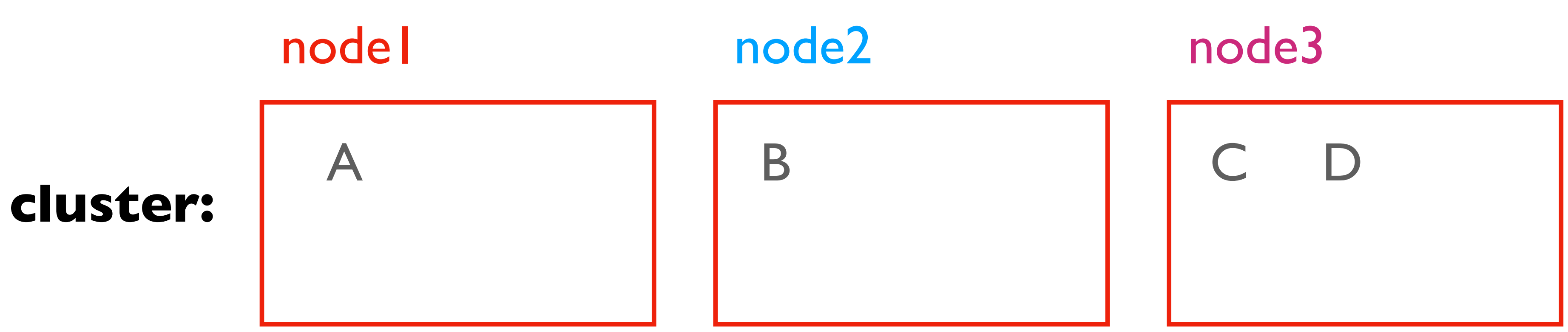


each node's token is the **inclusive end** of a range.
A row is mapped to a node based on the range it is in.



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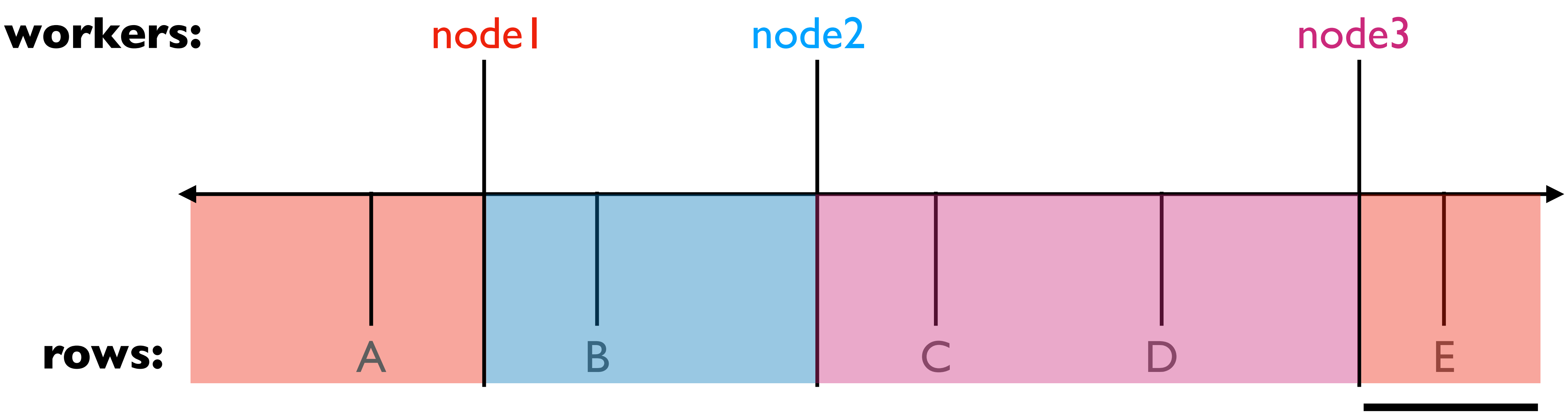
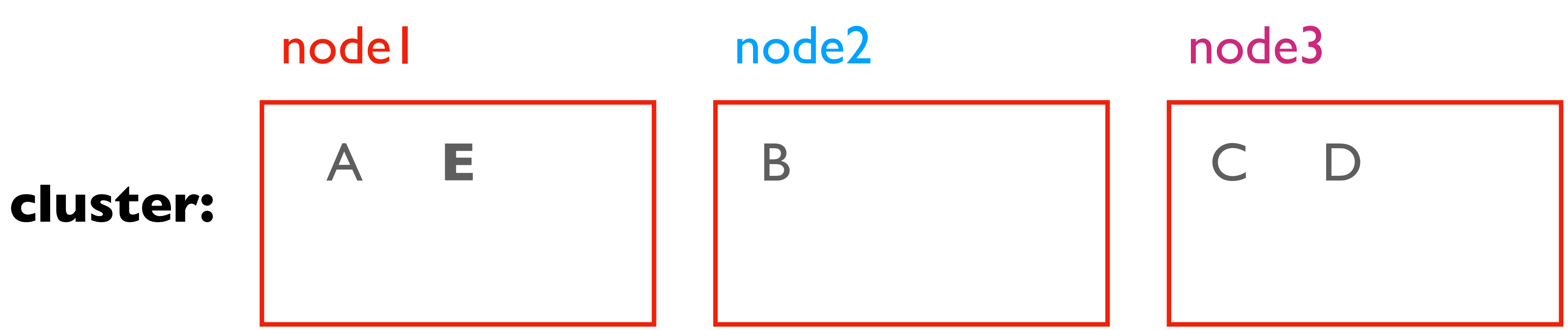


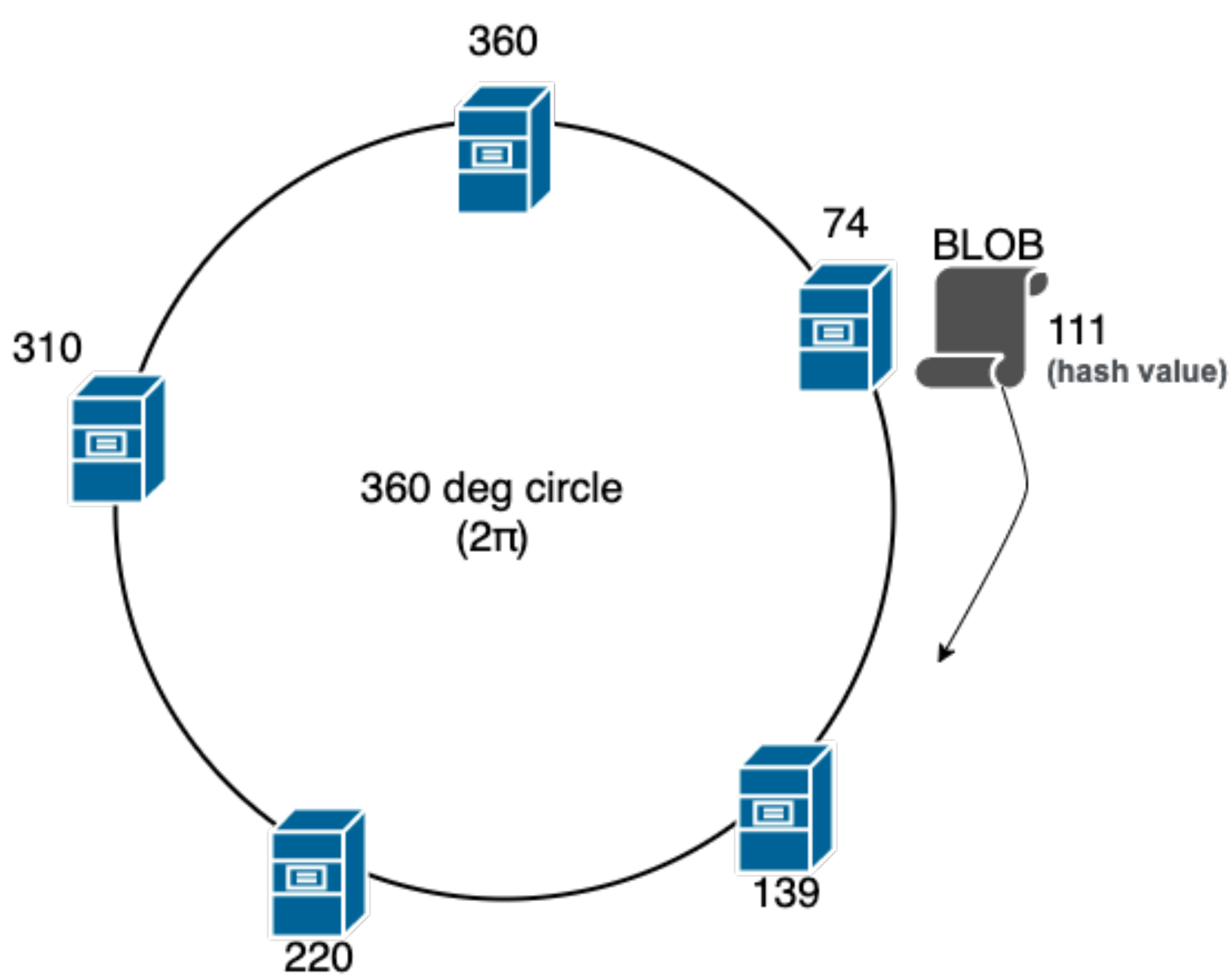
tokens > biggest node token are in the *wrapping range*. Rows in this region go to the node with the smallest token.



Alternate Visualization

Given the wrapping, clusters using consistent hashing are called "token rings"

Common visuazilation (e.g., from Wikipedia)



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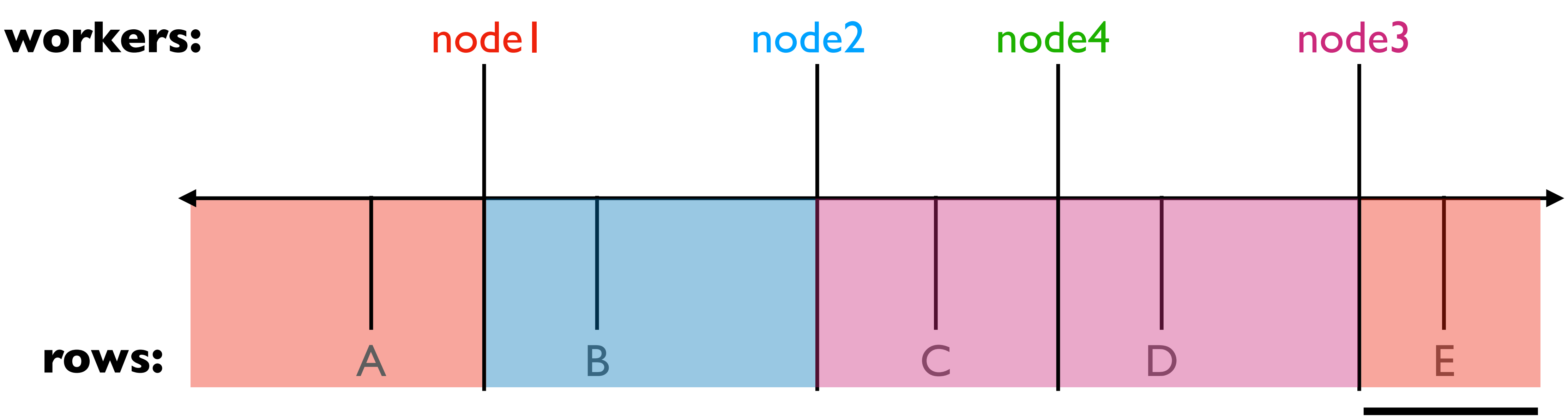

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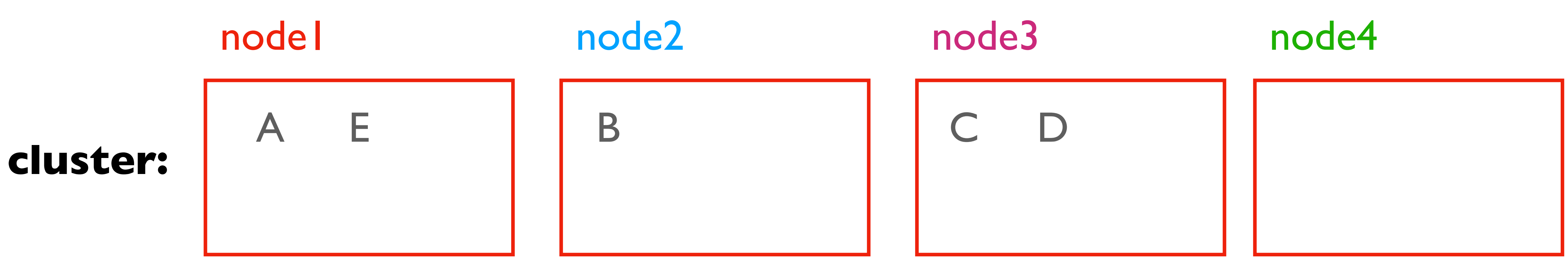
which nodes will be involved?



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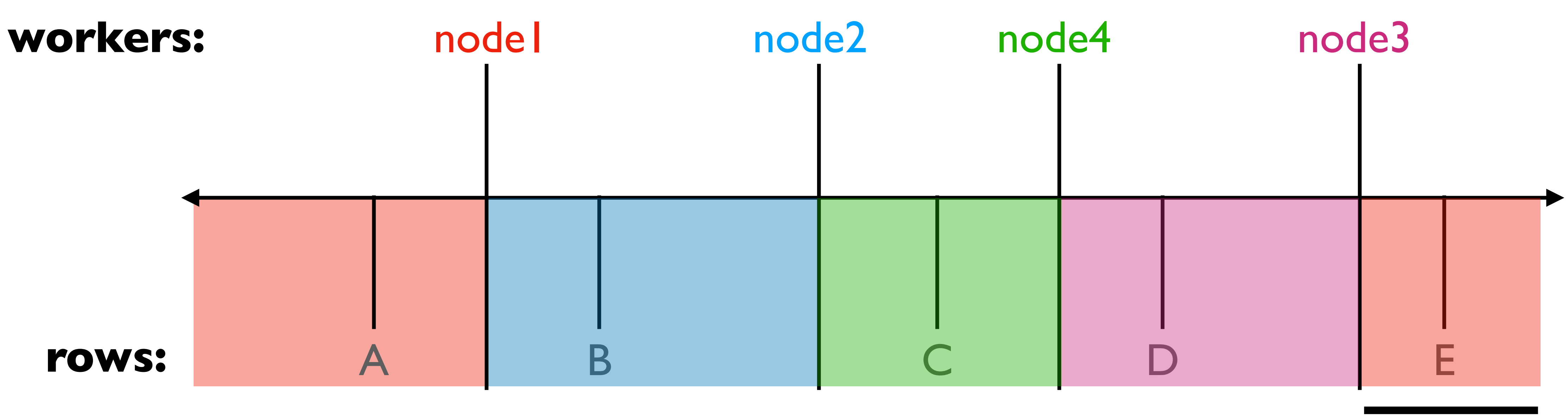

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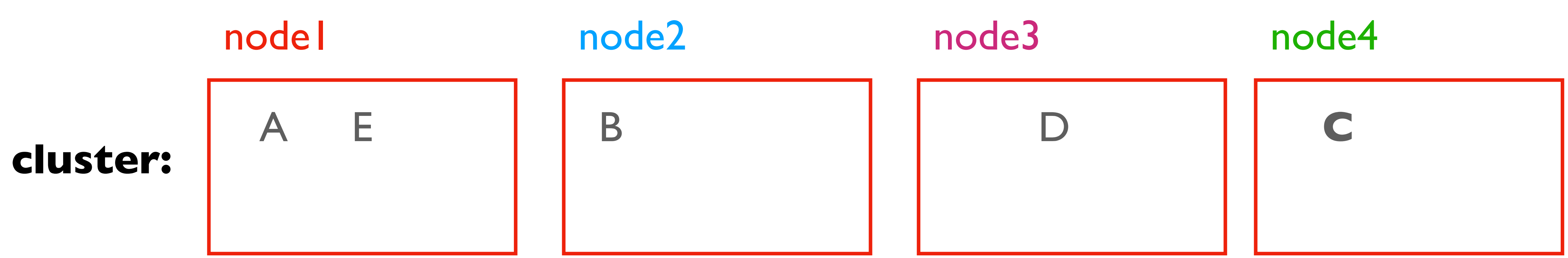

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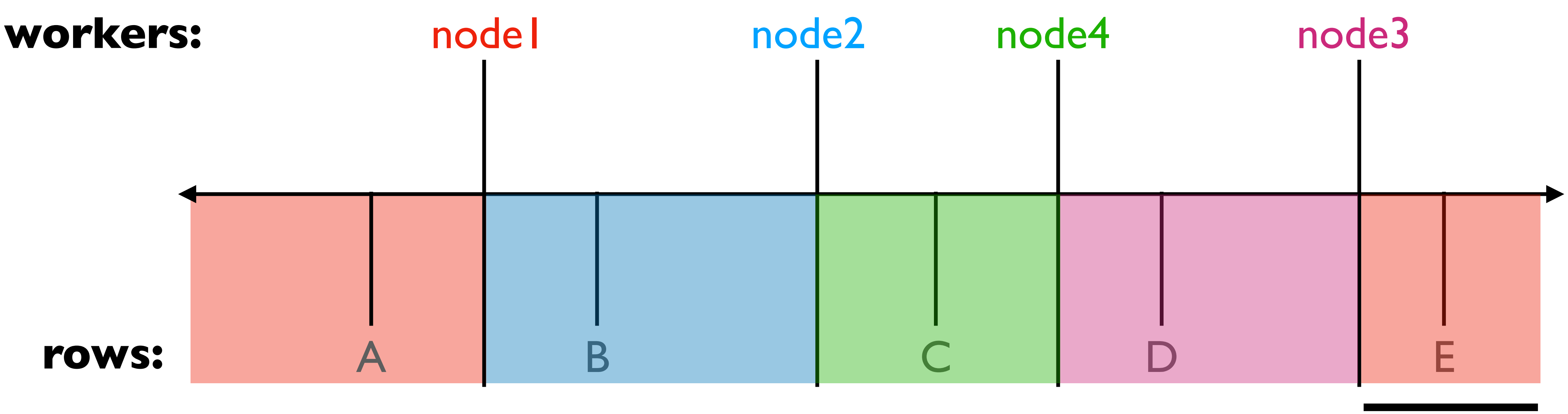

Typically, what fraction of the data must move when we scale from N-1 to N?
Hash partinioning: about (N-1)/N of the data
Consistent hashing: about (size of new range)/(size of combined range) of the data must move.

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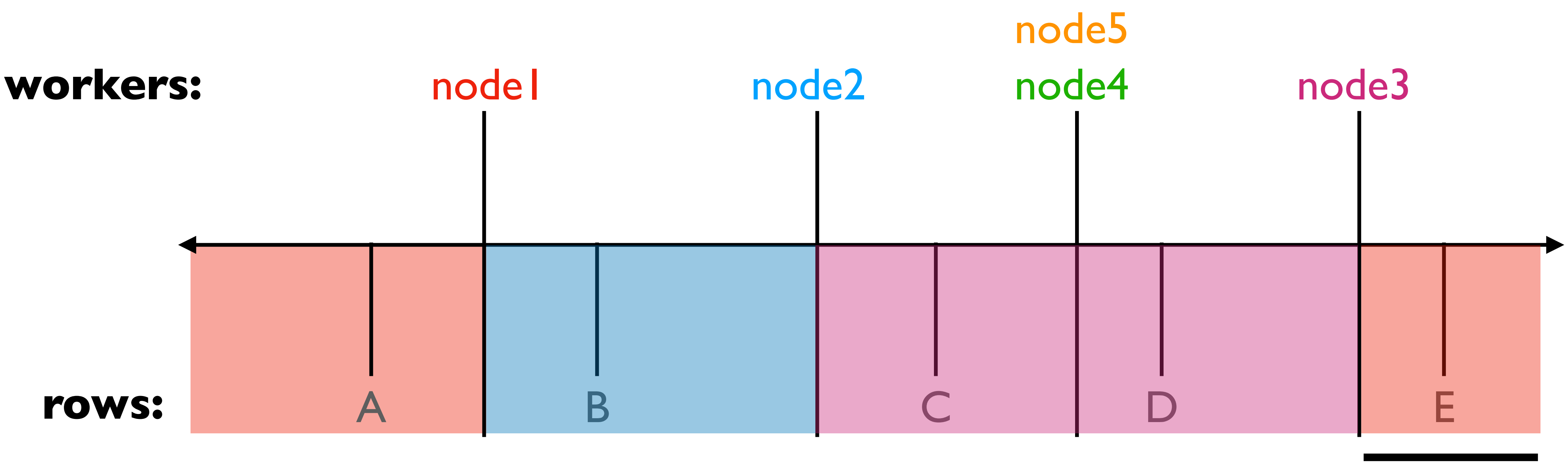

Problem: latest Cassandra versions by default try to choose new node tokens to split big ranges for better balance (instead of randomly picking). Adding multiple nodes simultaneously can lead to collisions, preventing nodes from joining.

Solution: add one at a time

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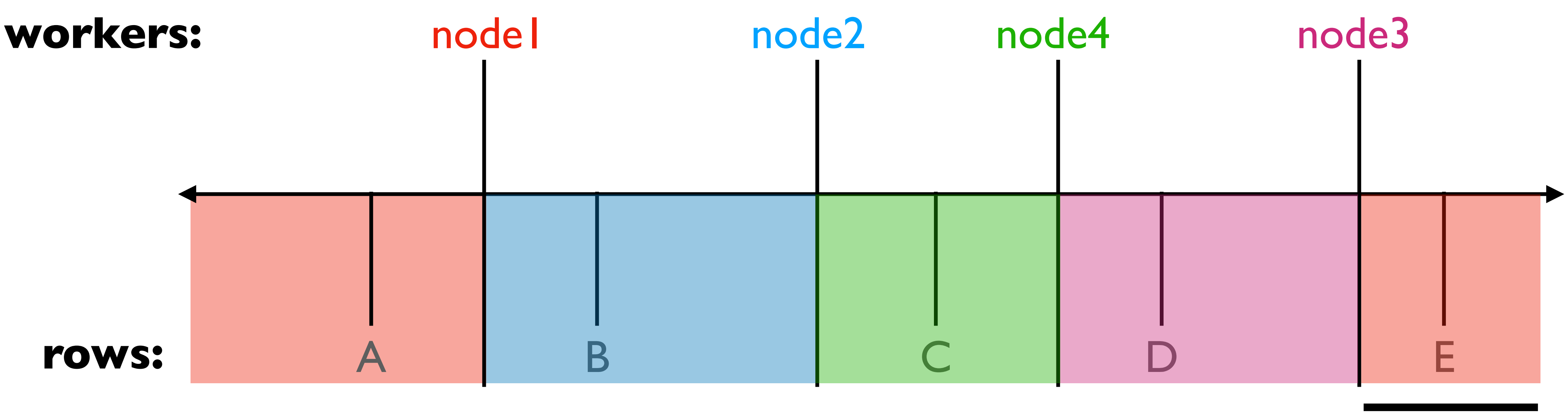

Other problems with adding node 4

- long term: only load of node 3 is alleviated
- short term: node 3 bears all the burden of transferring data to node 4

Solution: "vnodes"

Virtual Nodes (vnodes)

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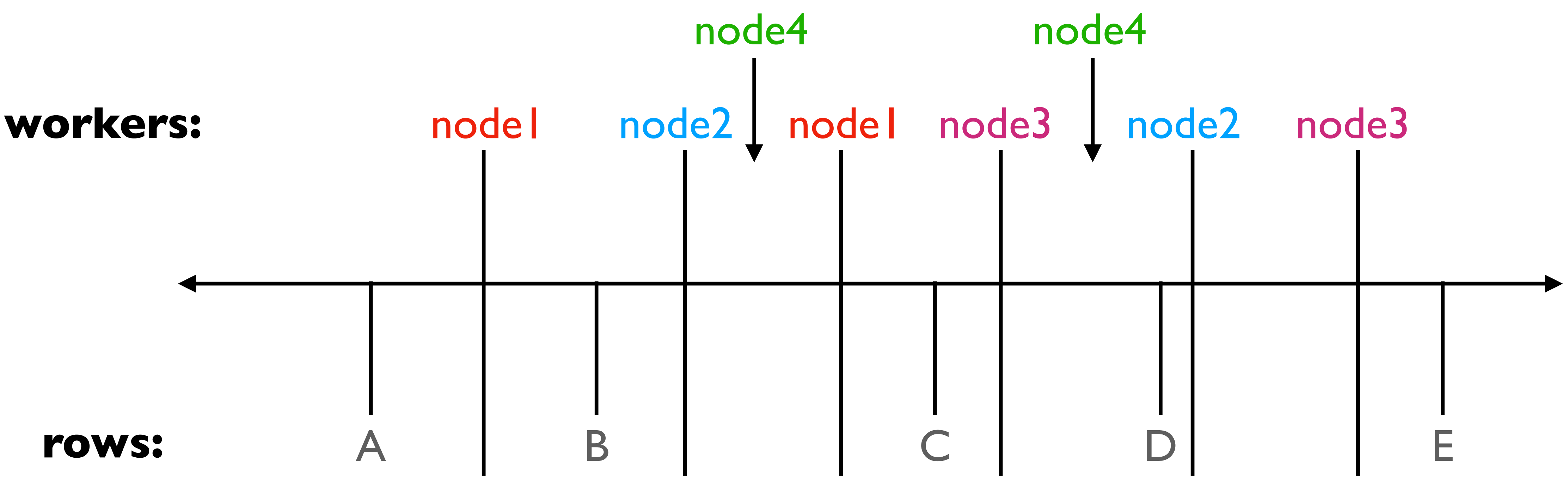

Each node is resonsible for multiple ranges

- how many is configurable
- node 4 will take some load off nodes 1 and 2 (those to the right of its vnodes)

Token Map Storage

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where should this live?

we don't want a single point of failure
(like an HDFS NameNode)

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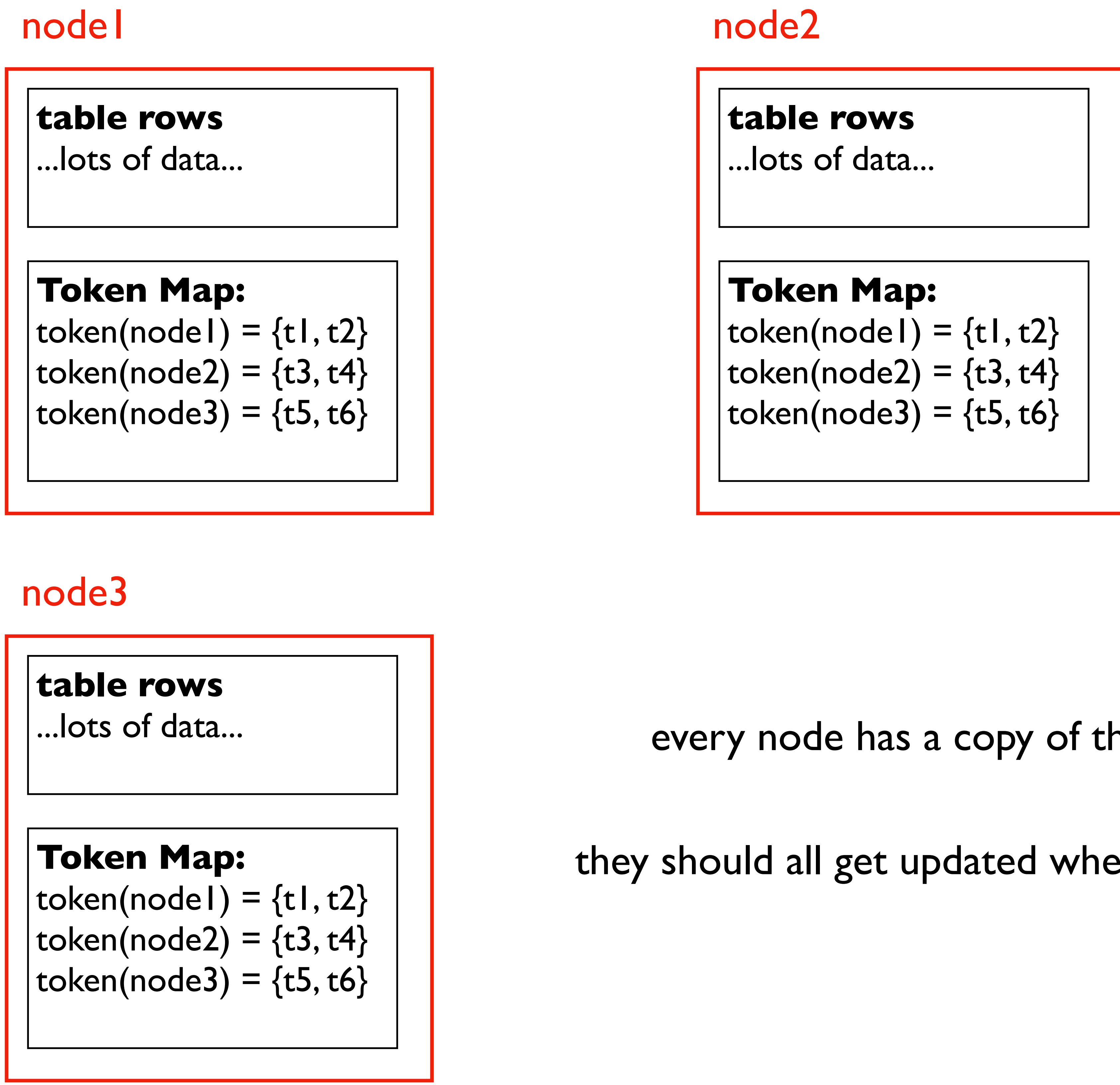

every node has a copy of the token map

they should all get updated when new nodes join

Adding Nodes: Bad Approach

uh oh, node 3 won't know about node 4 when it comes back

node1

table rows
...lots of data...

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rebooting...

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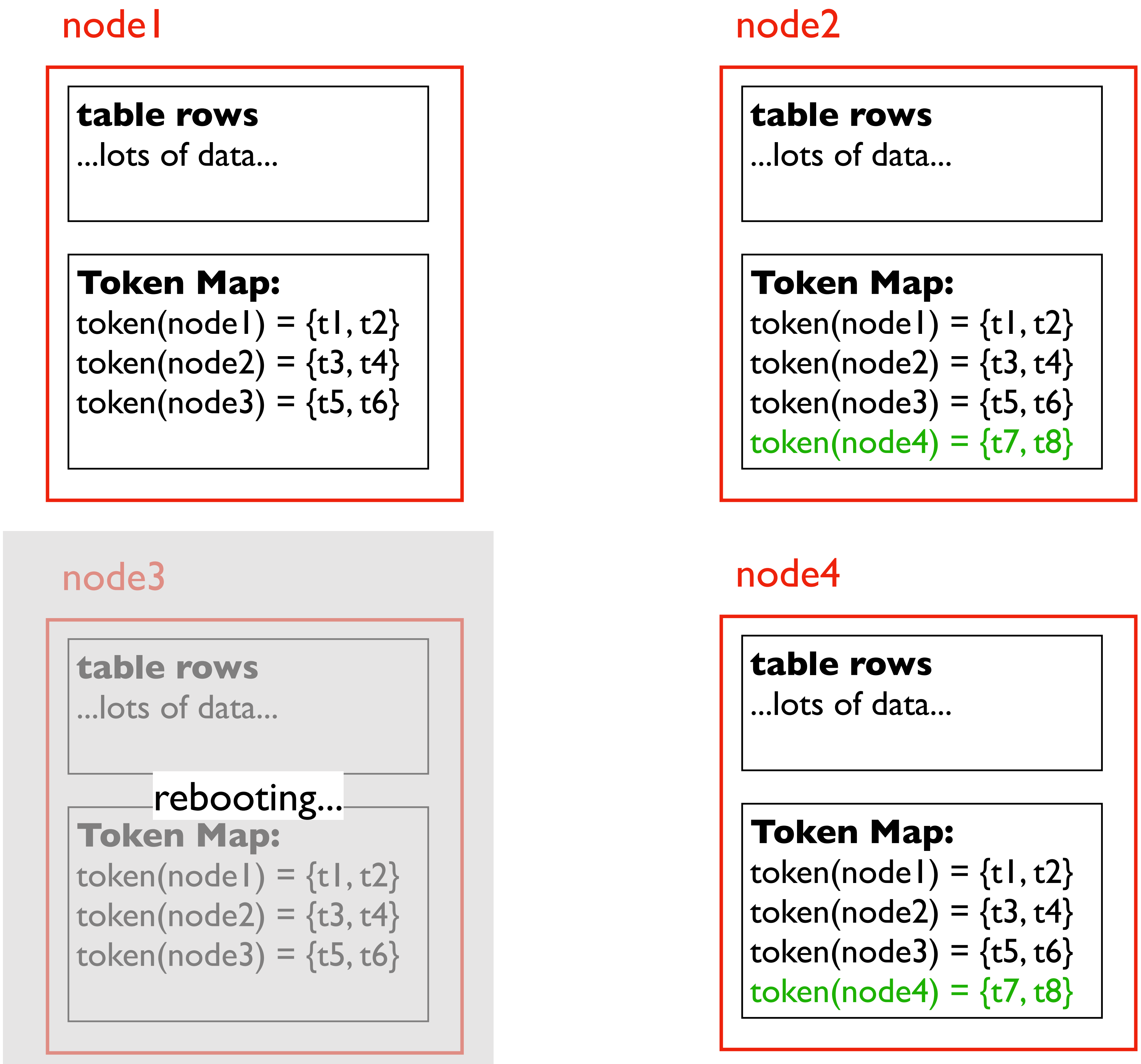
just inform one or a few nodes
about the new one



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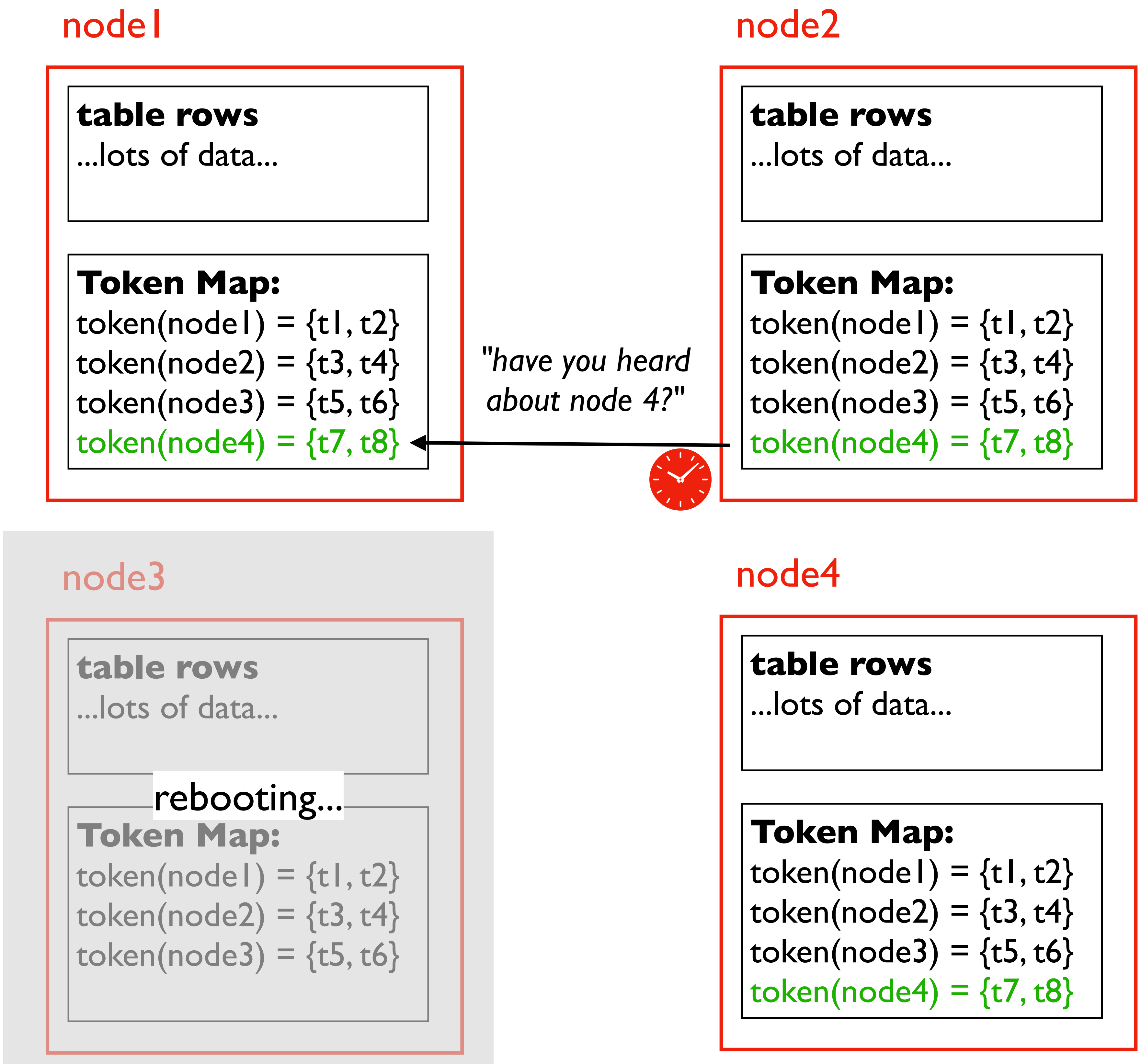
once per second:
choose a random friend
gossip about new nodes



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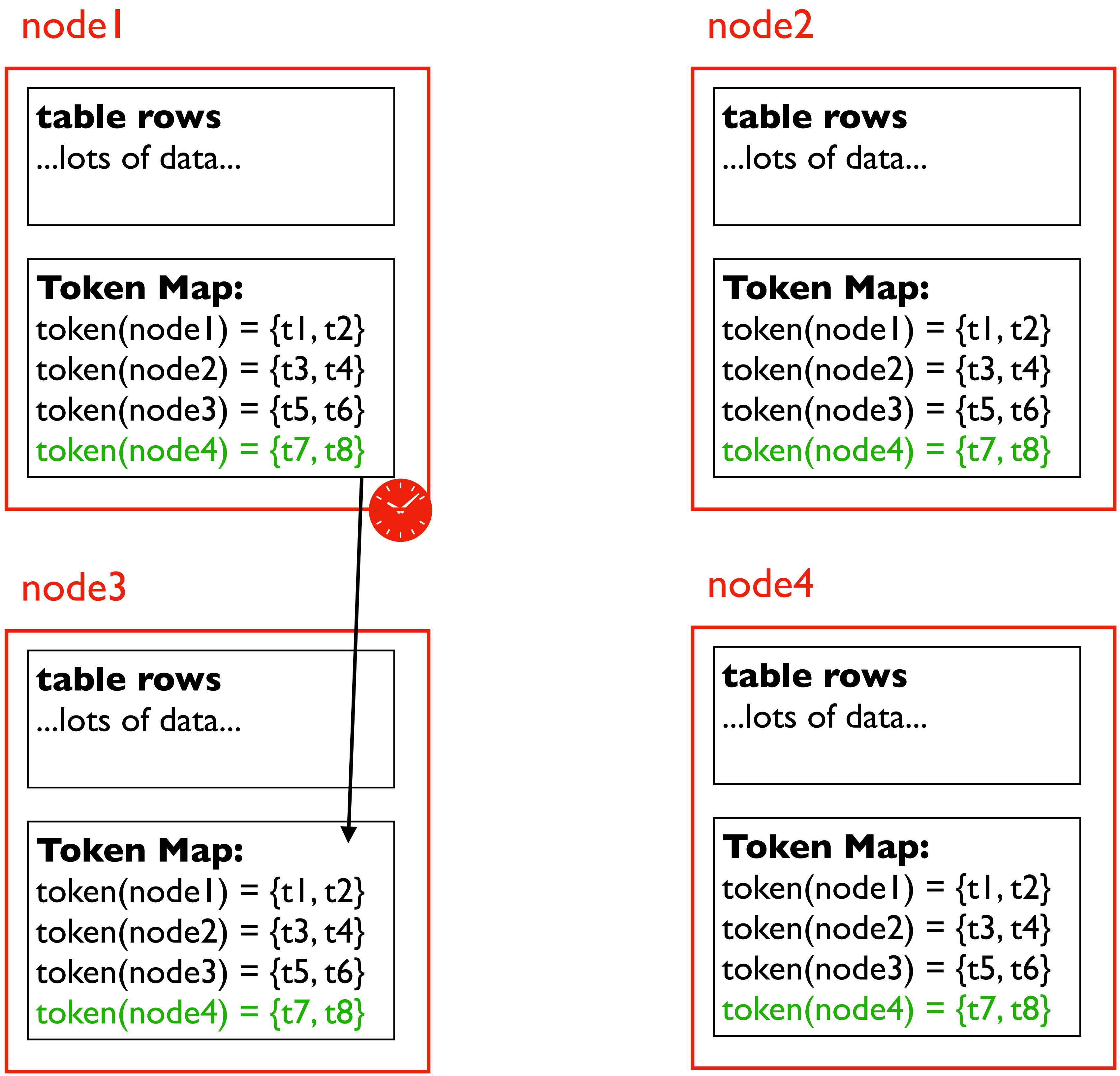
eventually, every node should find out



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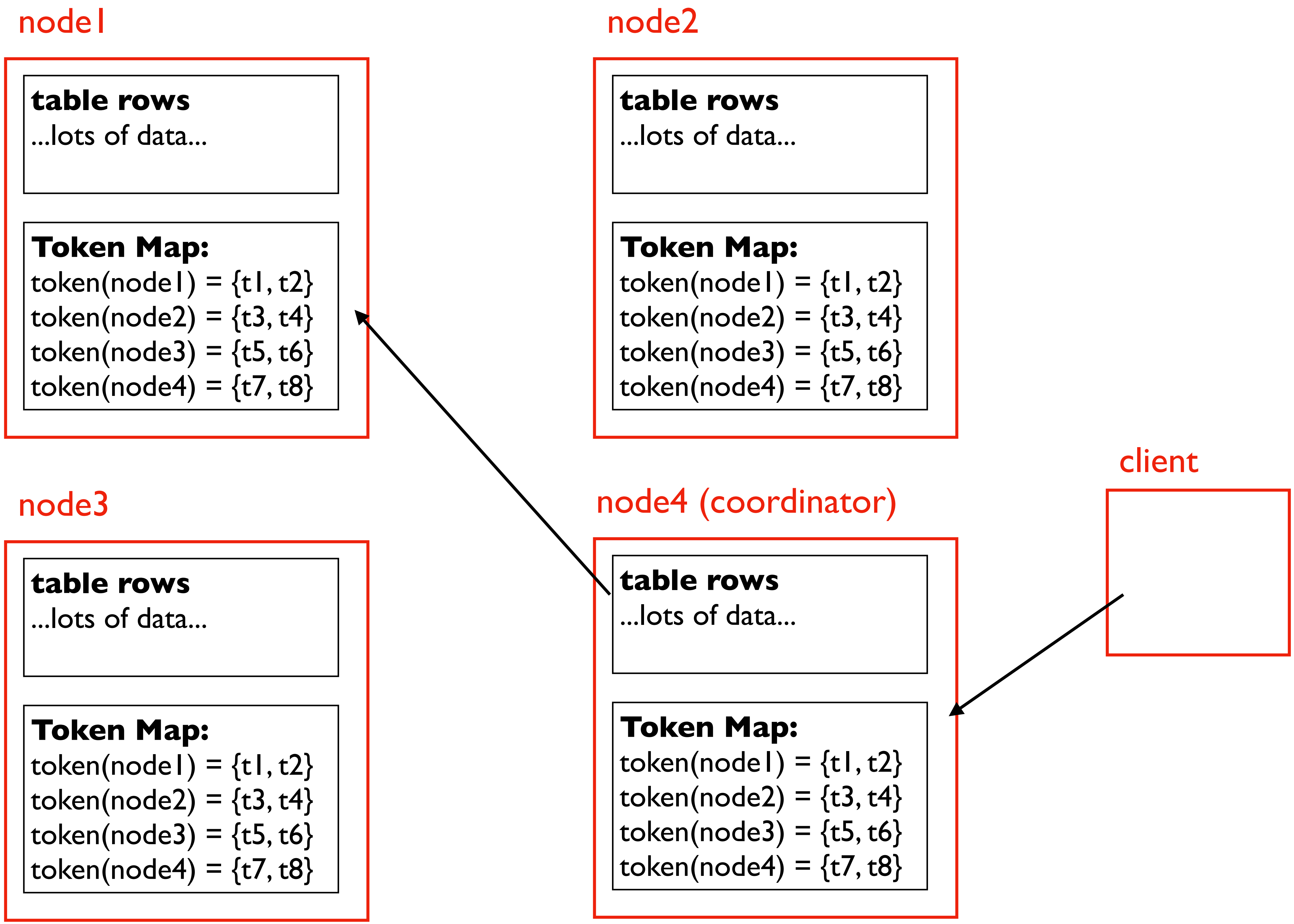
when a client wants to write a row, they can contact any node -- it should know where the data should live and coordinate the operation



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We *replicate* (create multiple copies on different nodes) to improve *durability* -- meaning we don't want data to be lost when nodes die.

Cassandra lets us choose a different RF (replication factor) for each keyspace:

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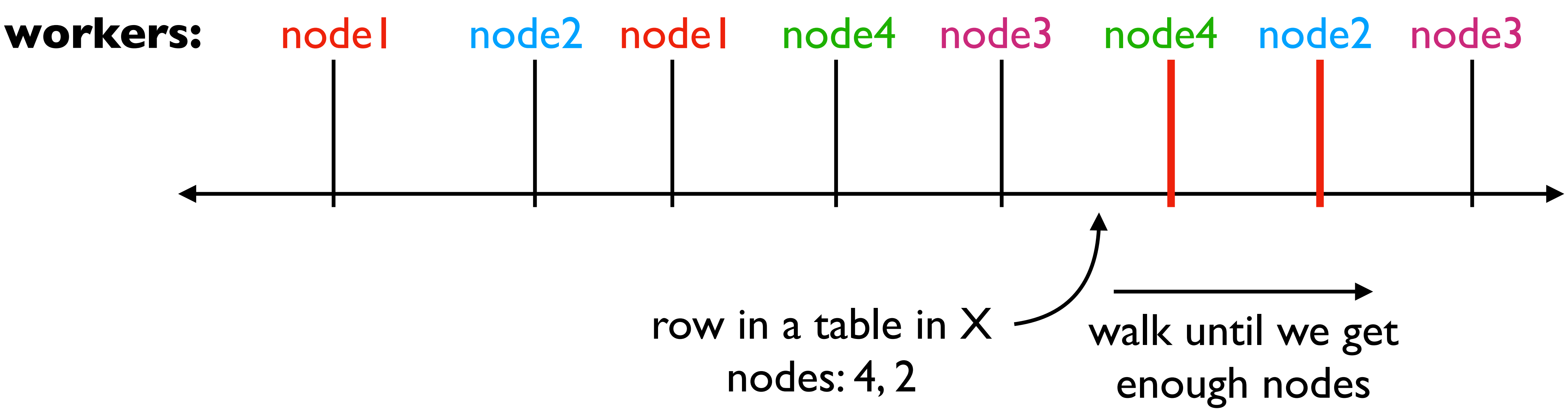


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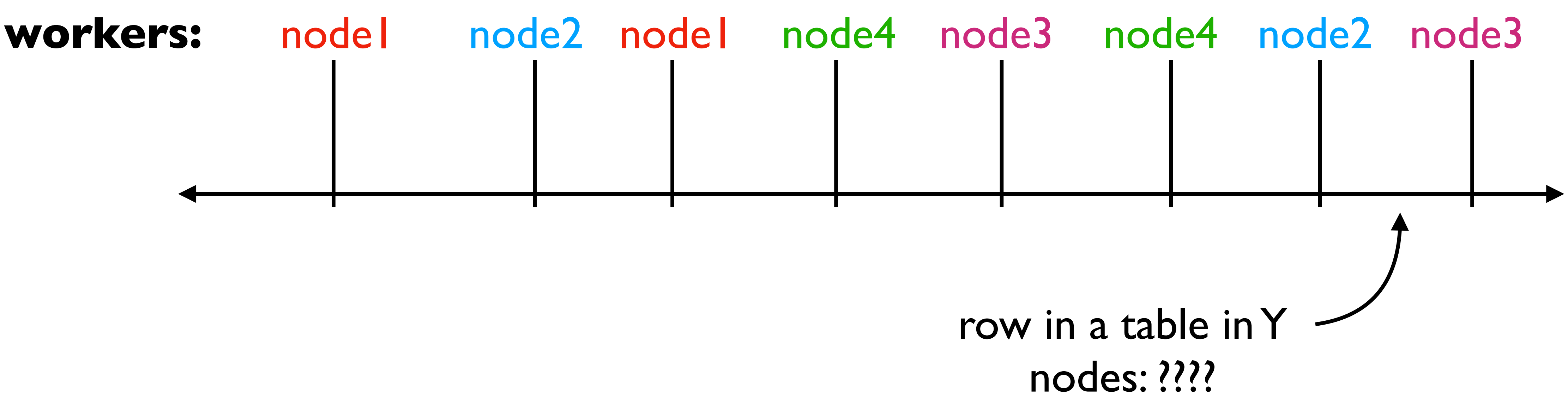


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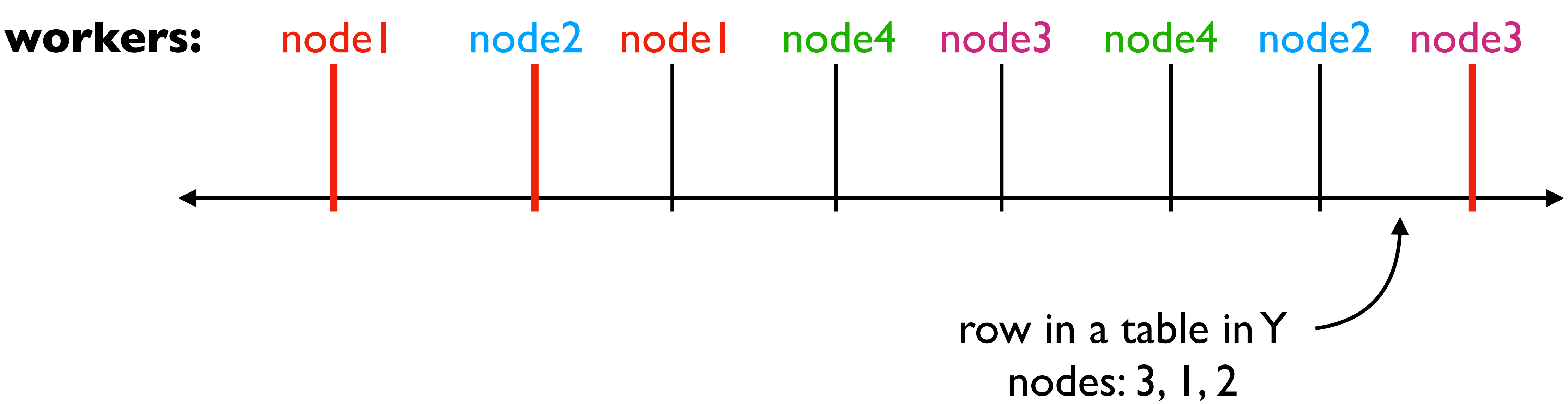


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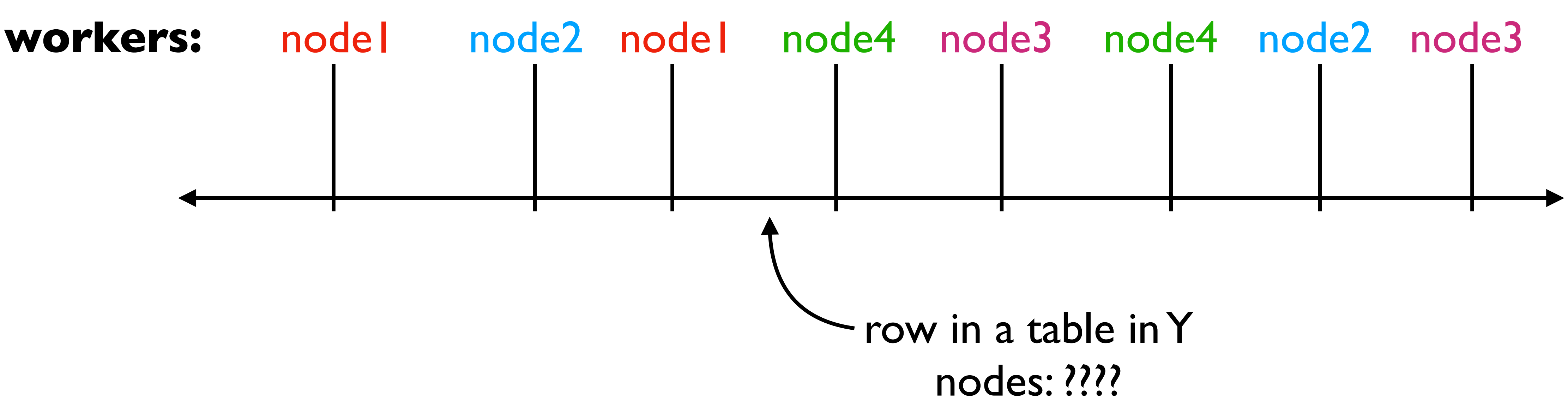


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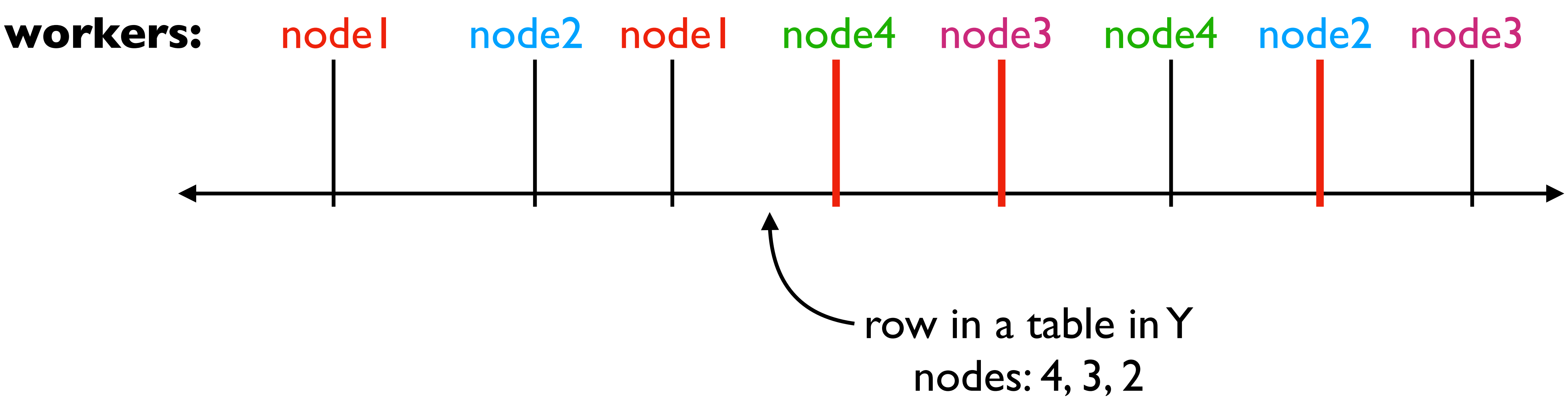

Important! Keeping multiple copies on vnodes on the same node provides little safety (when a node dies, all its vnodes die).

Cassandra can skip nodes as it "walks the ring".

Network Infrastructure

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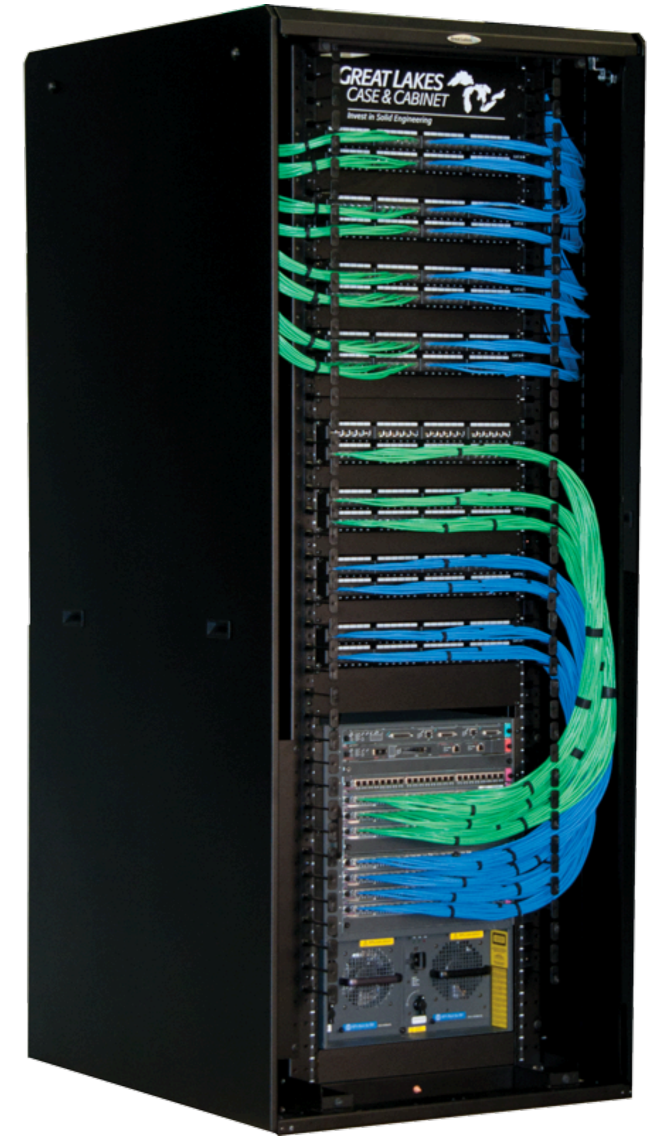

Rack

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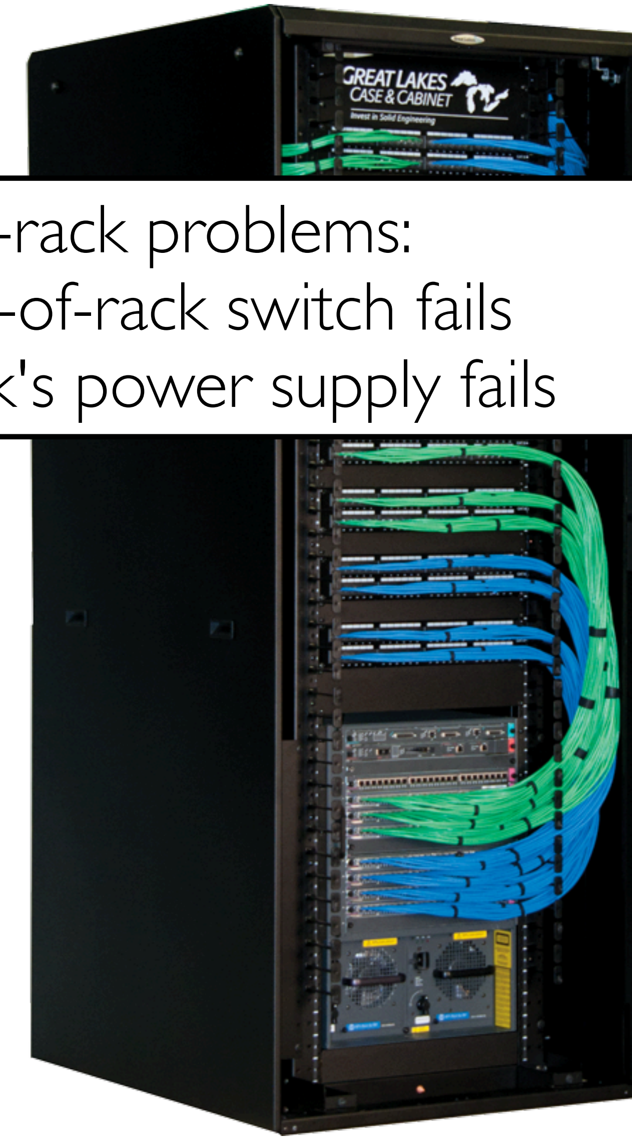
Correlated Failures

One server goes down, all of its vnodes are gone.

Server

Whole-rack problems:

- top-of-rack switch fails
- rack's power supply fails



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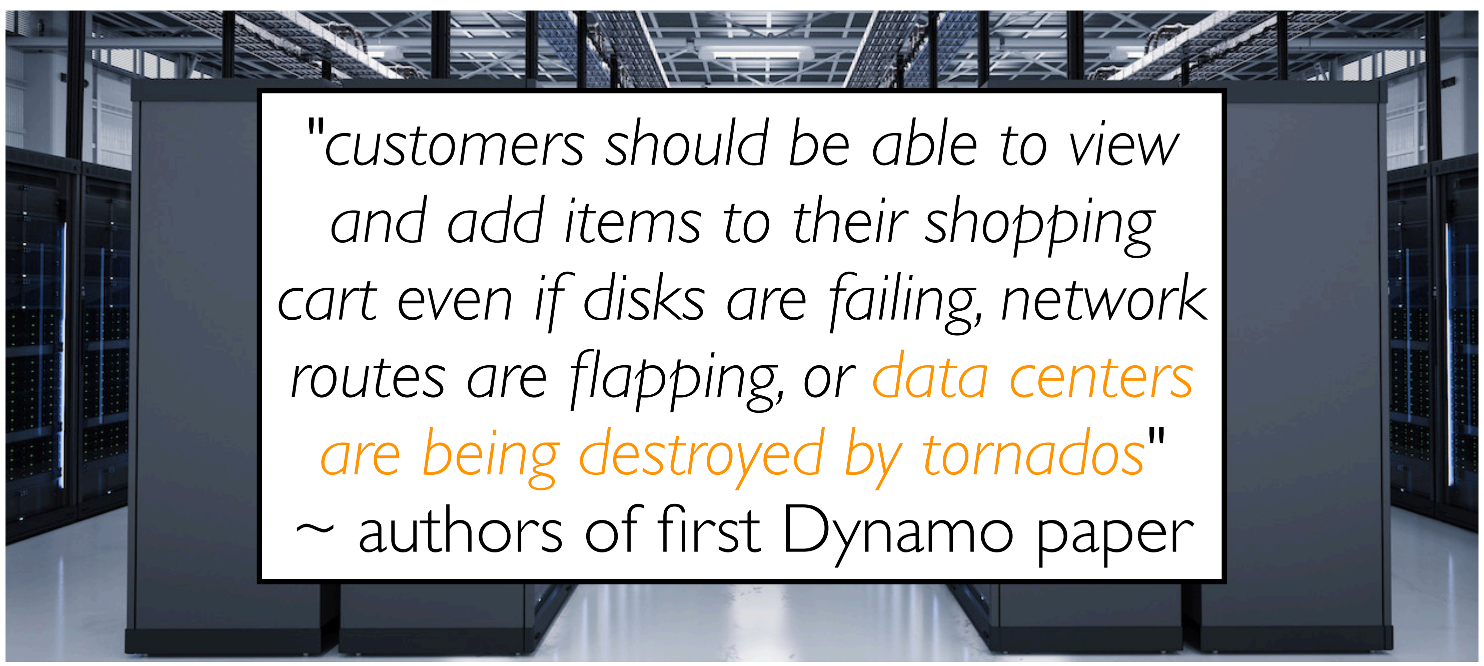

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Replication Policy

Cassandra replication strategies are "pluggable", with a couple built-in options.

SimpleStrategy

- all nodes are considered equal
- ignores rack and data center placement
- used in CS 544

NetworkTopologyStrategy

- considers data centers and racks
- when walking the ring, some vnodes may be skipped

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stronger definition: **all** devices (in case one device fails)

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Write Acks: WhatsApp Example

How to check read receipts

Copy link

Android iPhone KaiOS

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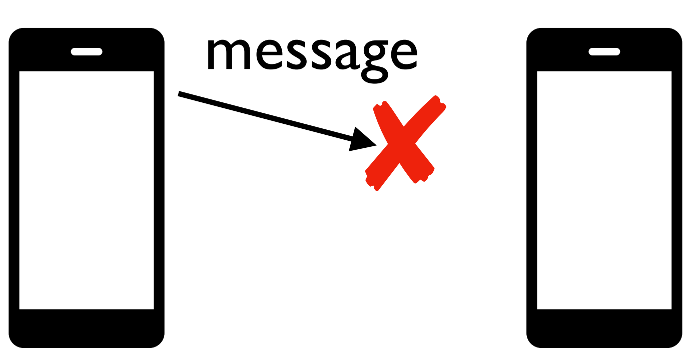

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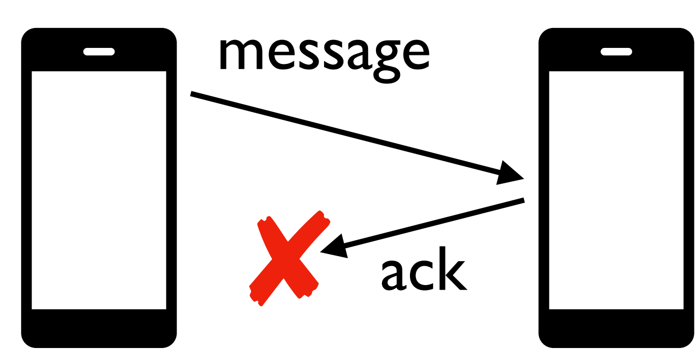

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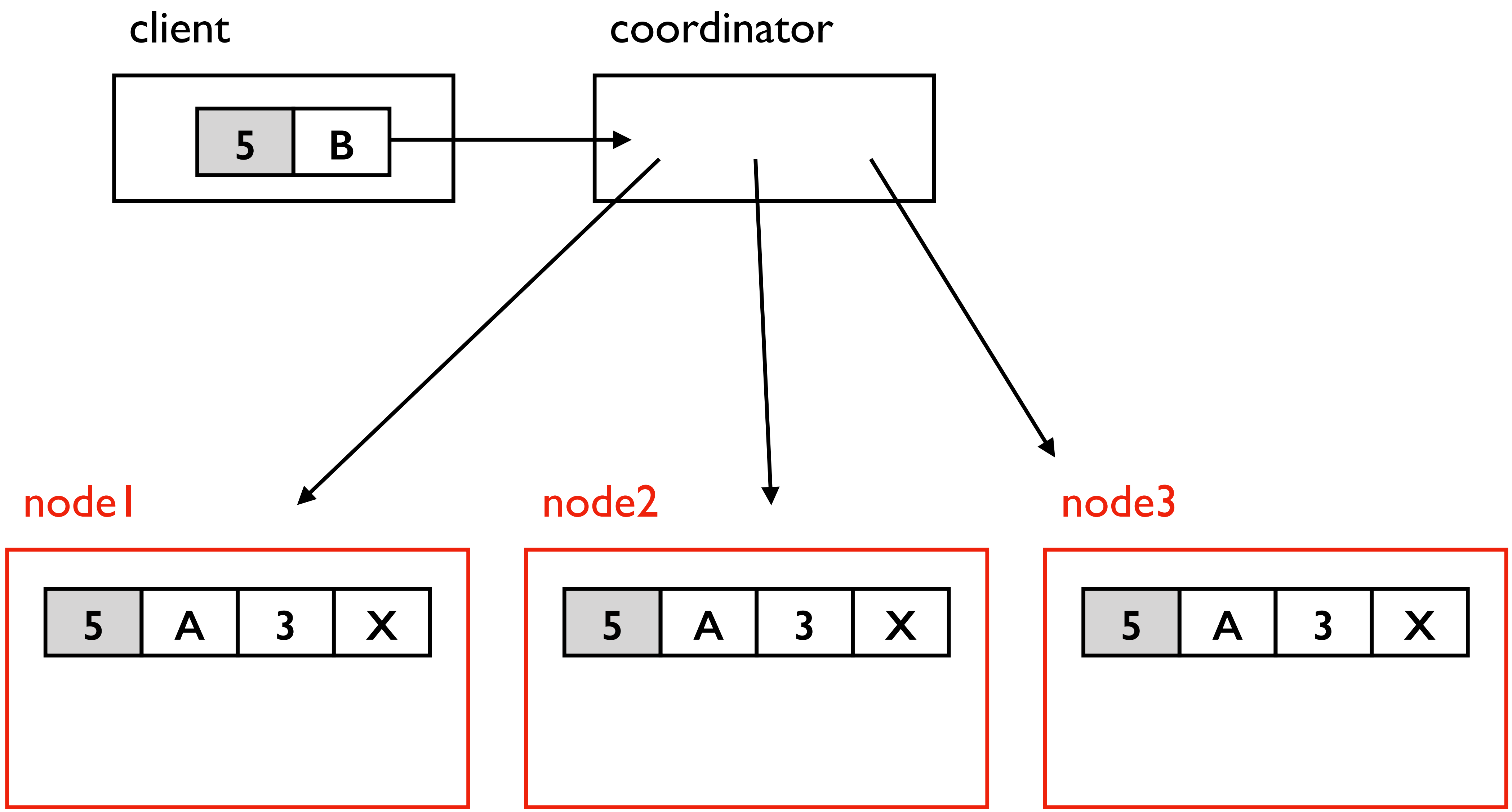

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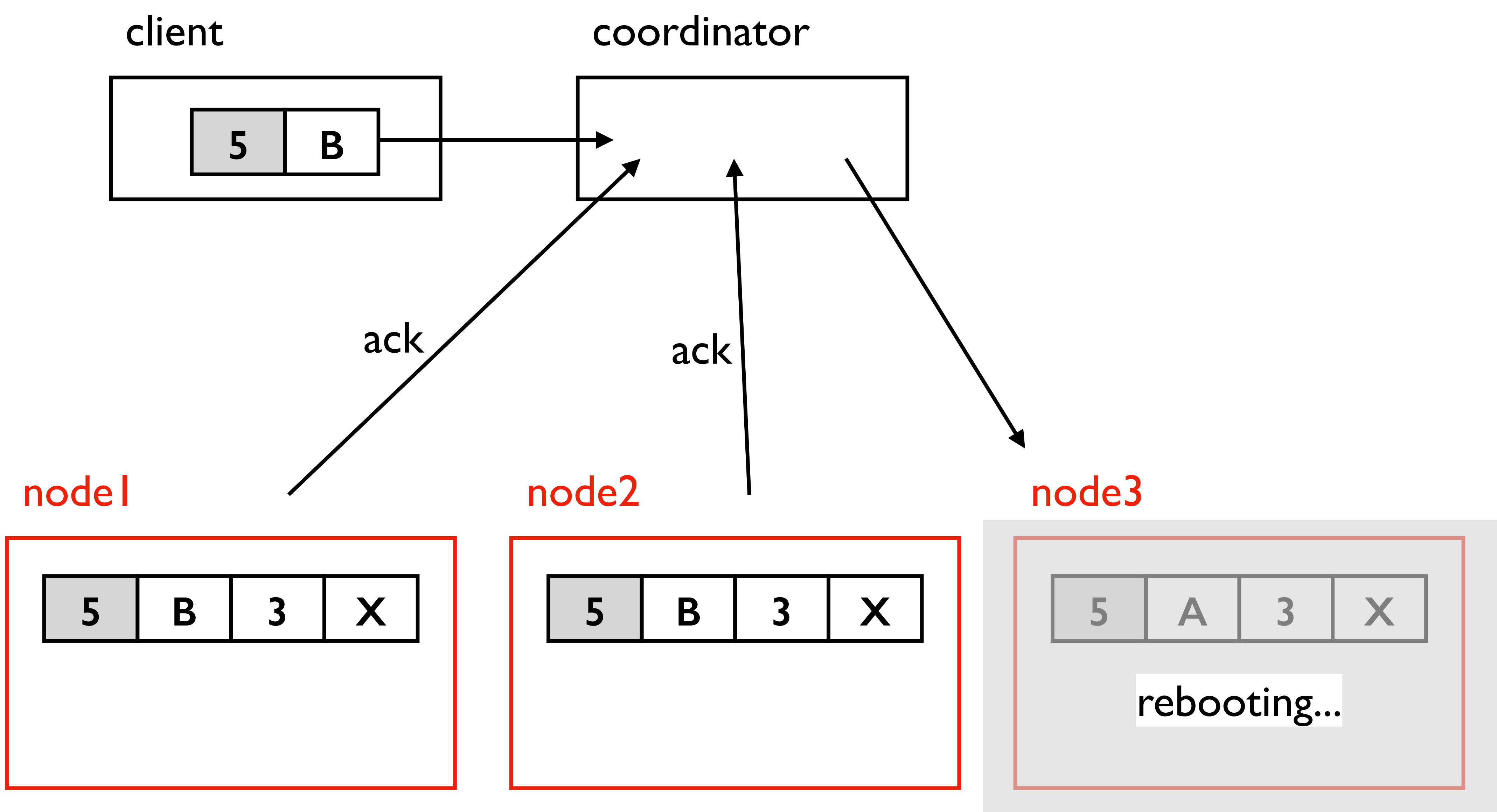

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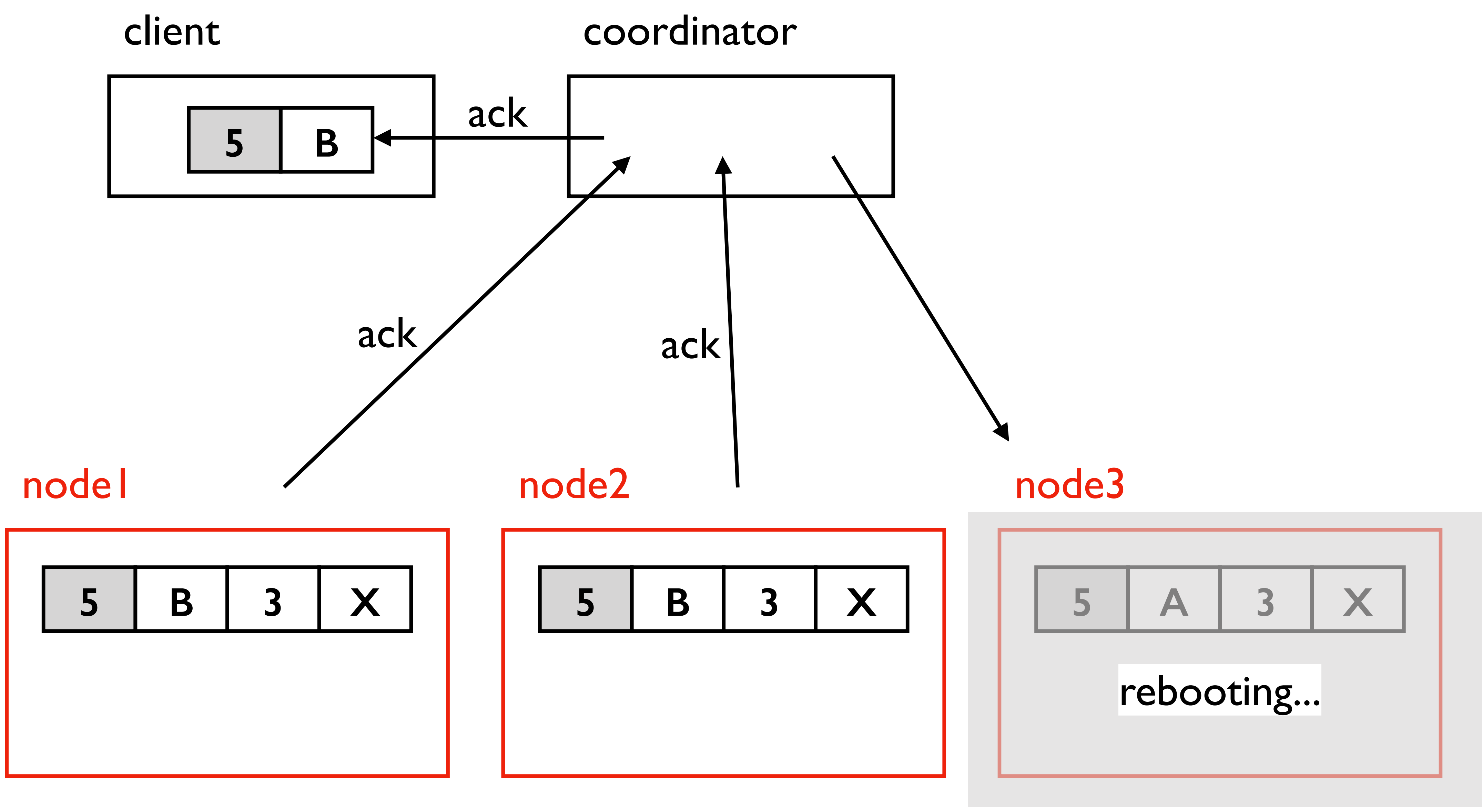

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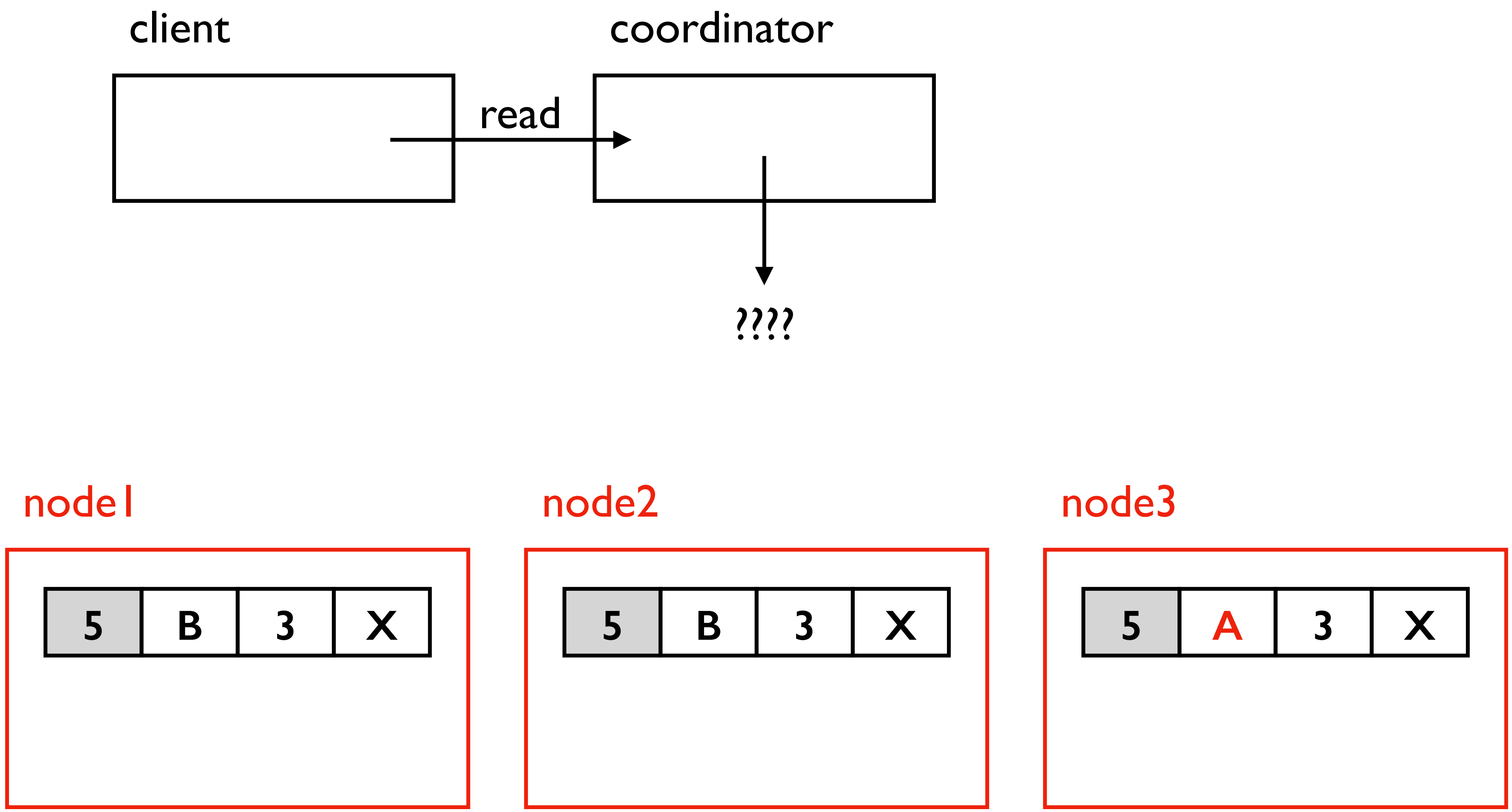

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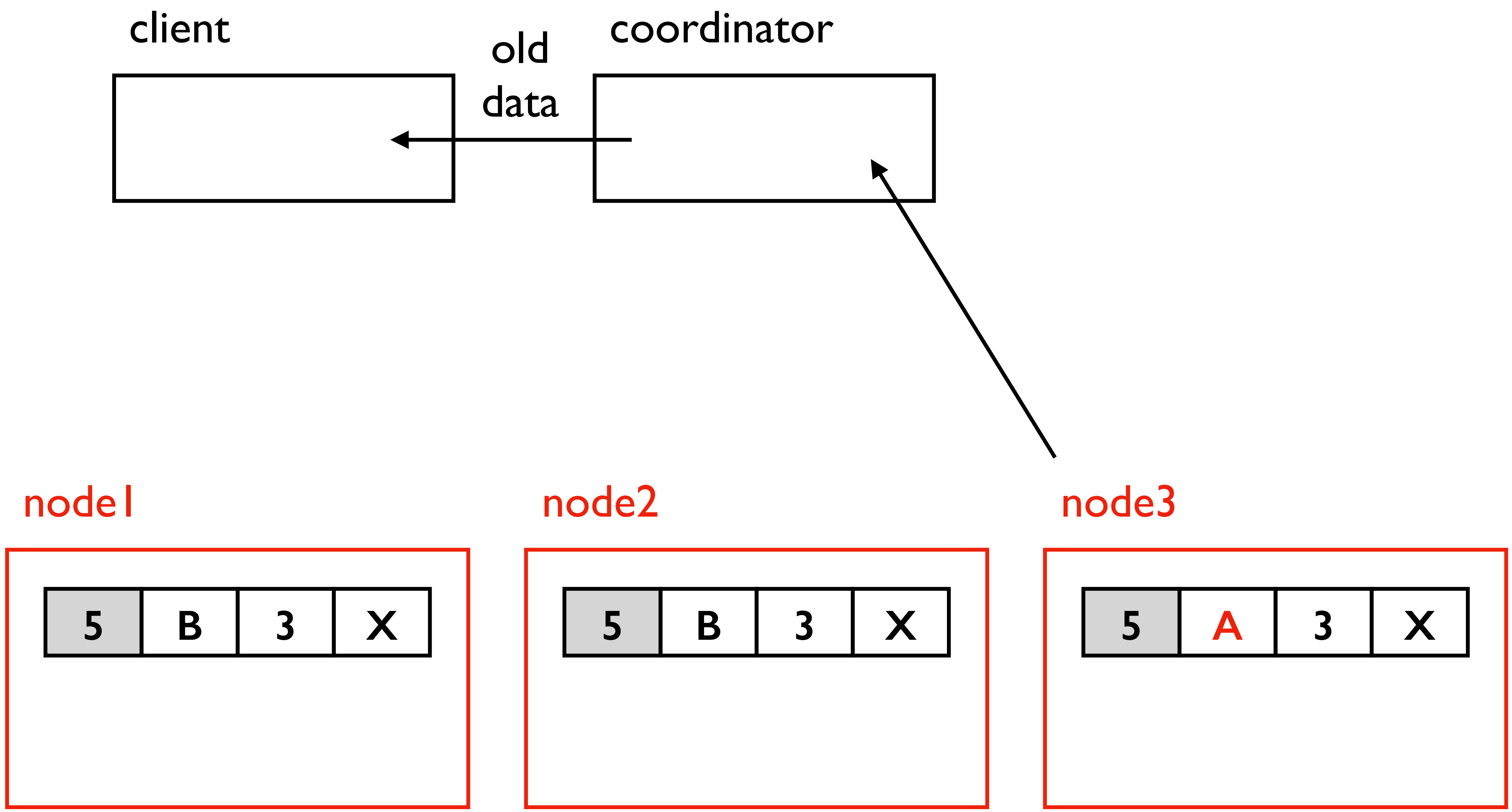

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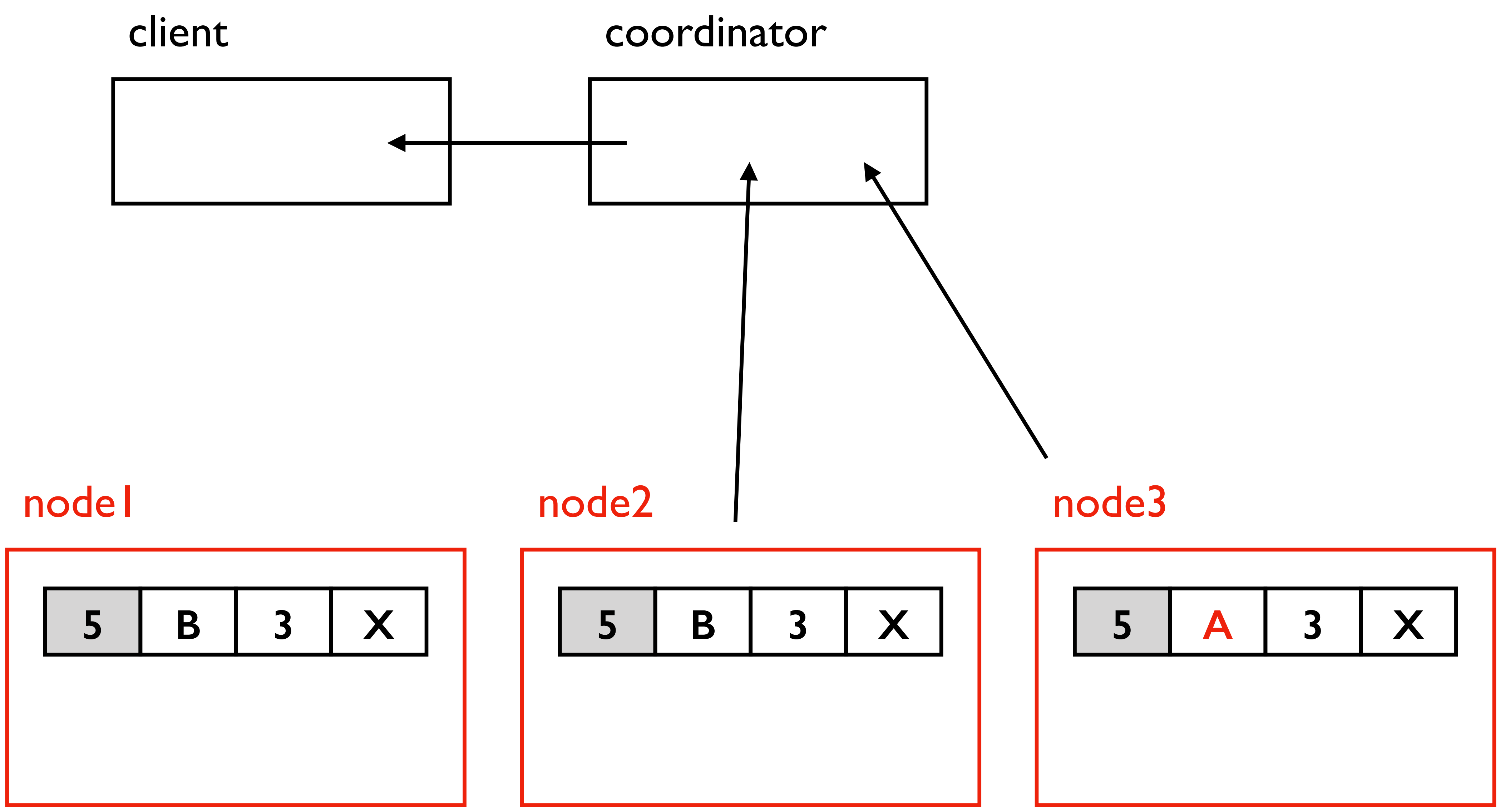
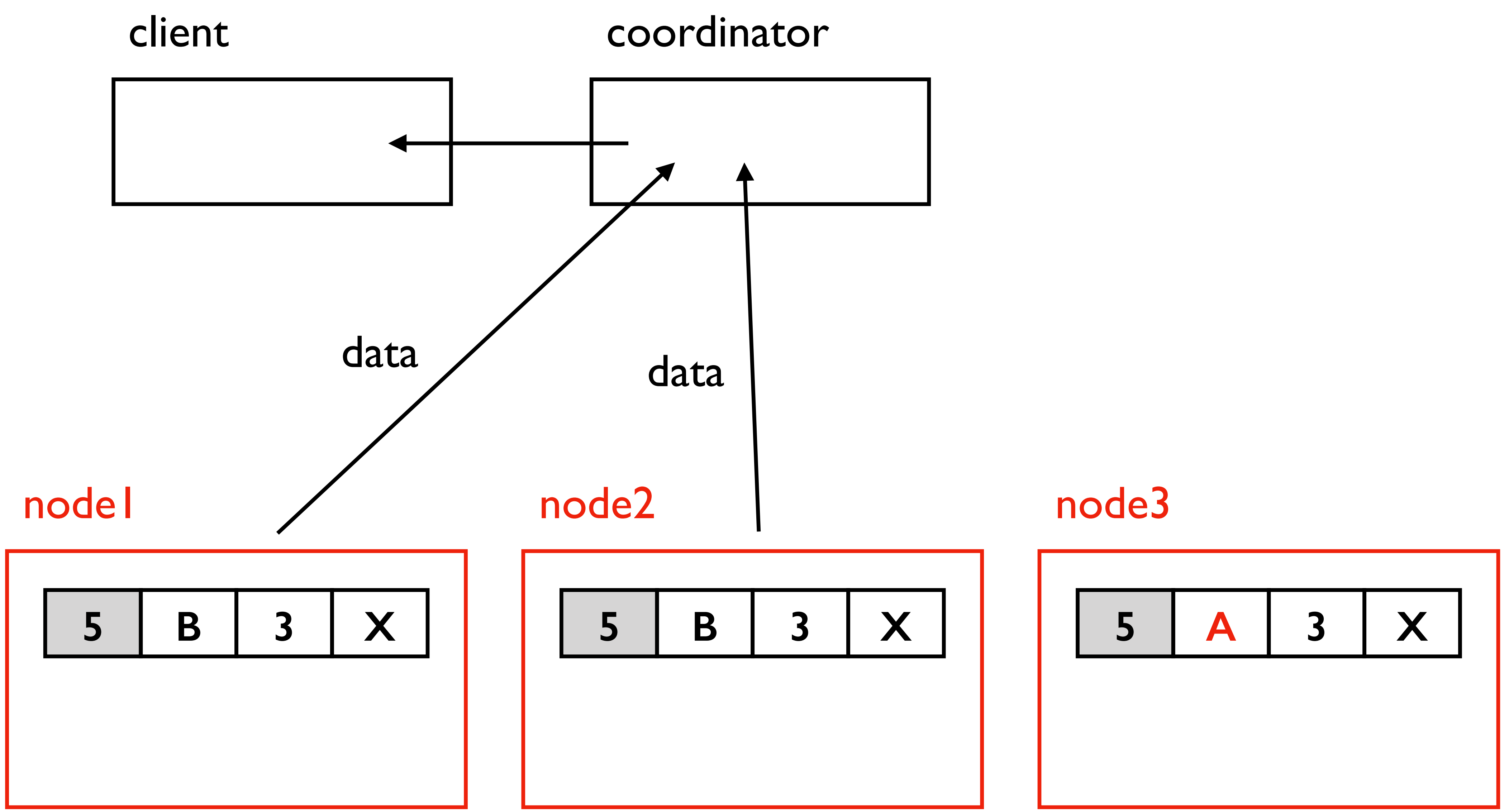


Read from R replicas (configurable). Here R=2.
Hopefully at least one of the replicas has new data.

Cassandra Reads



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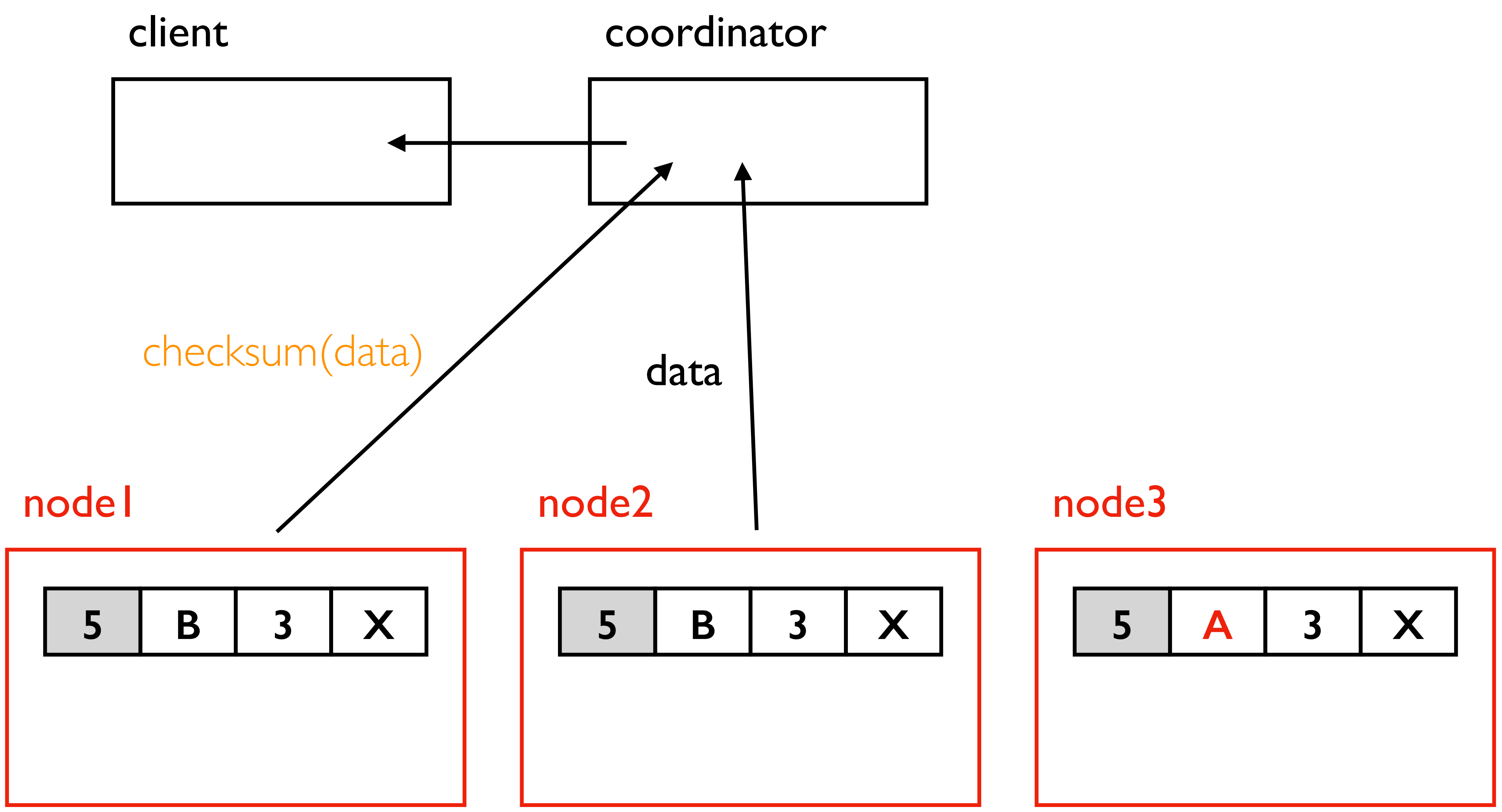

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Improvement: read one copy, and only request checksum from others.

A *checksum* (like md5) is a hash function where collisions are extremely rare and hard to find.

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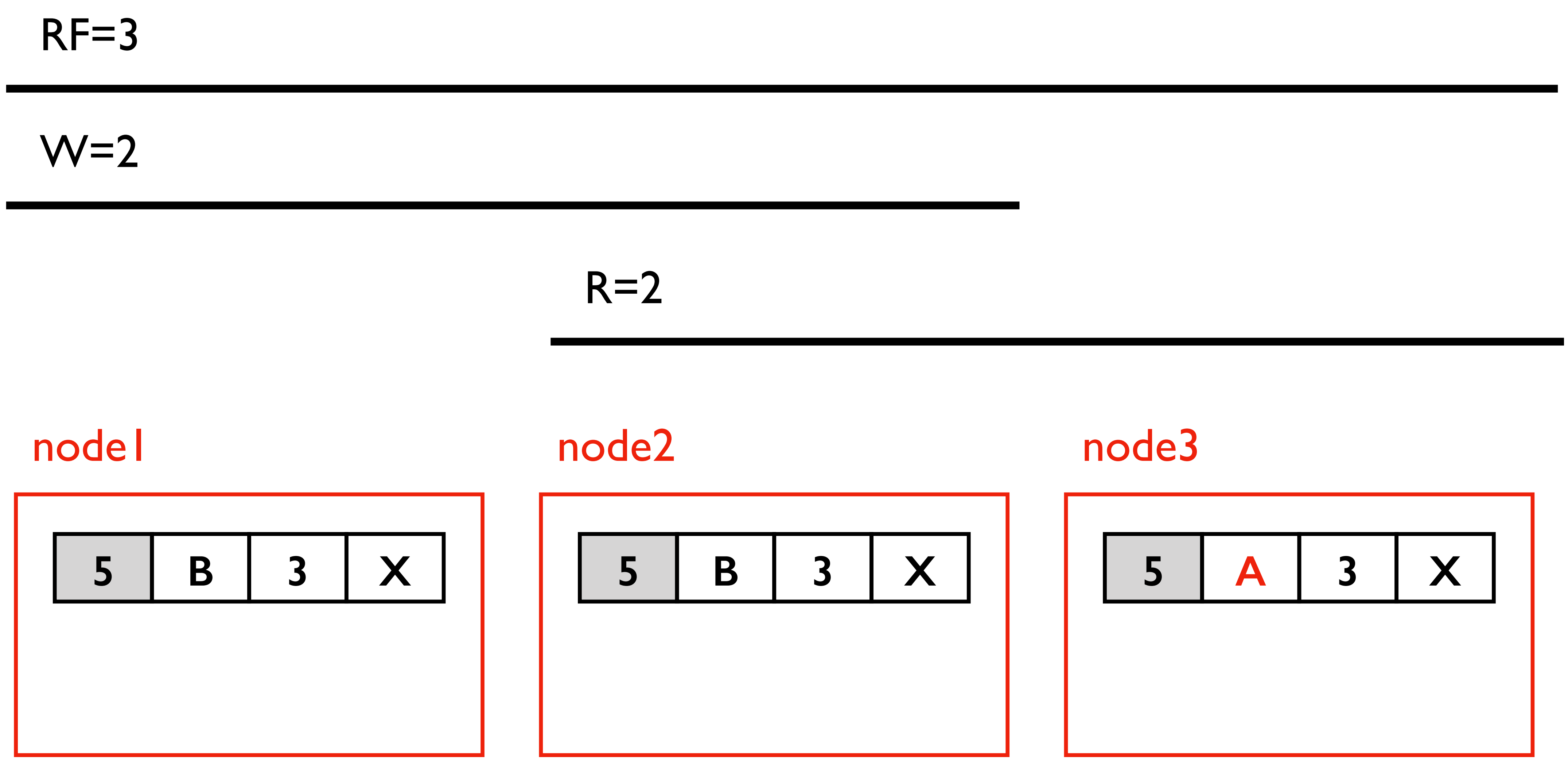

When R+W > RF, the replicas read+written will overlap.

There are some caveats (related to ring membership and something called "hinted handoff") not covered here.

Tuning R and W

Say RF=3

W=3, R=1

- reads are highly available and fast -- only need one replica to respond before we can get back to the client!
- writes will not succeed (from the clients perspective) if even one node is down. But the data may still get recorded on some nodes.

W=1, R=3

- writes are highly available and fast -- only need one replica to respond before we can get back to the client!
- reads will not return data when even one node is down.
- risky: if the one node that took the write fails permanently, we'll lose committed data

W=2, R=2

- relatively balanced approach

W=1, R=1

- speed+availability more important that correct data

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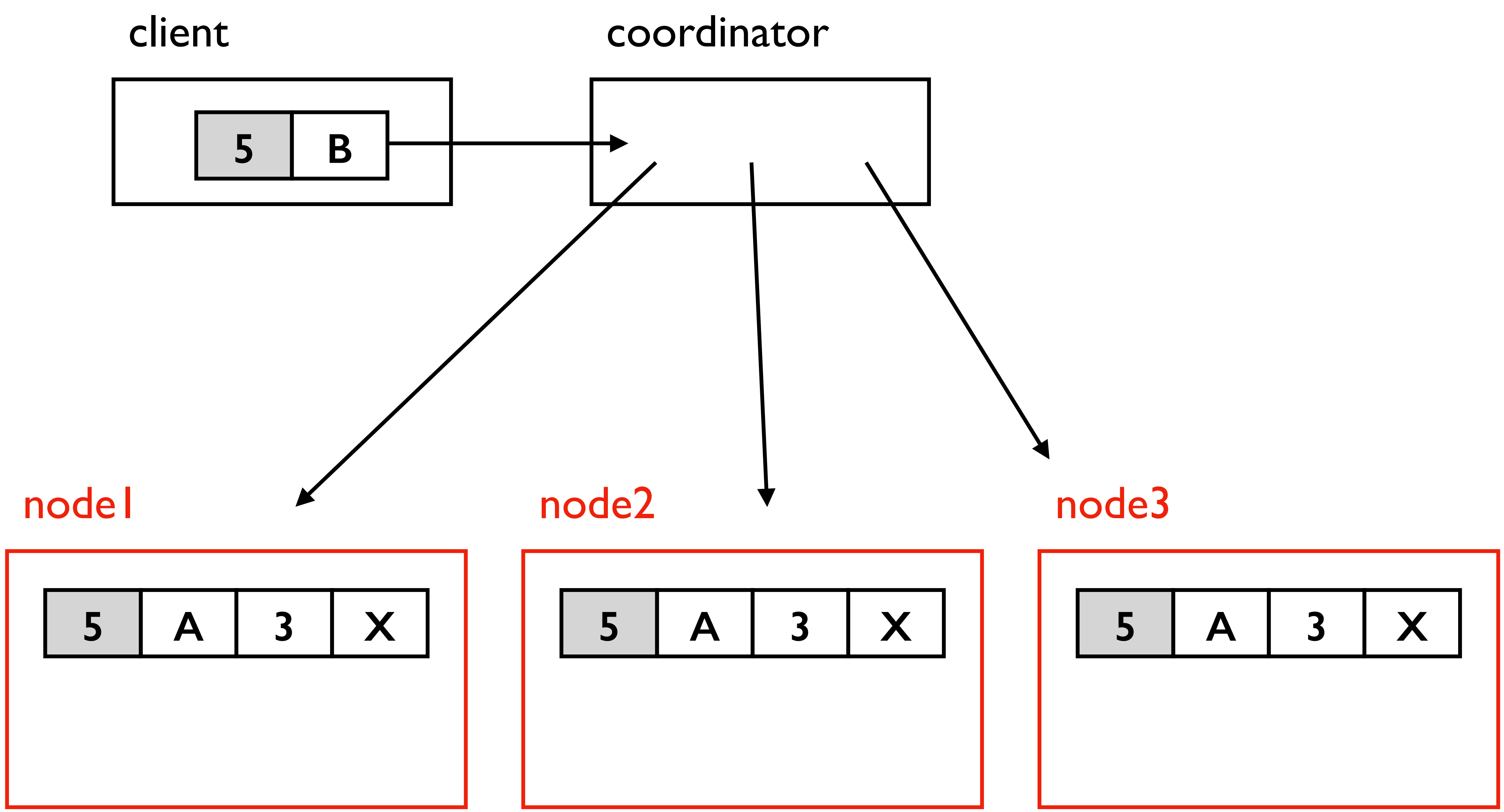

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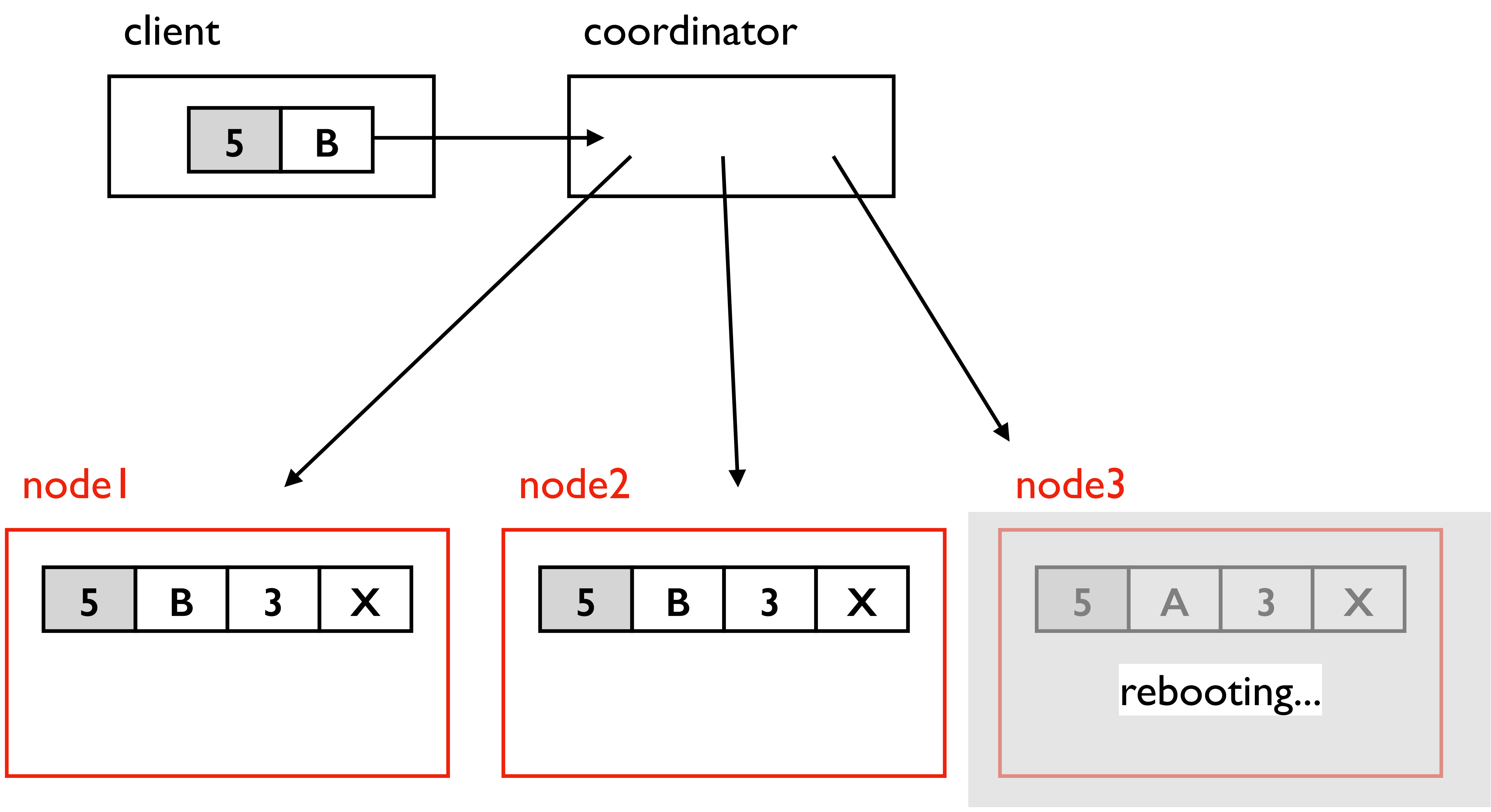

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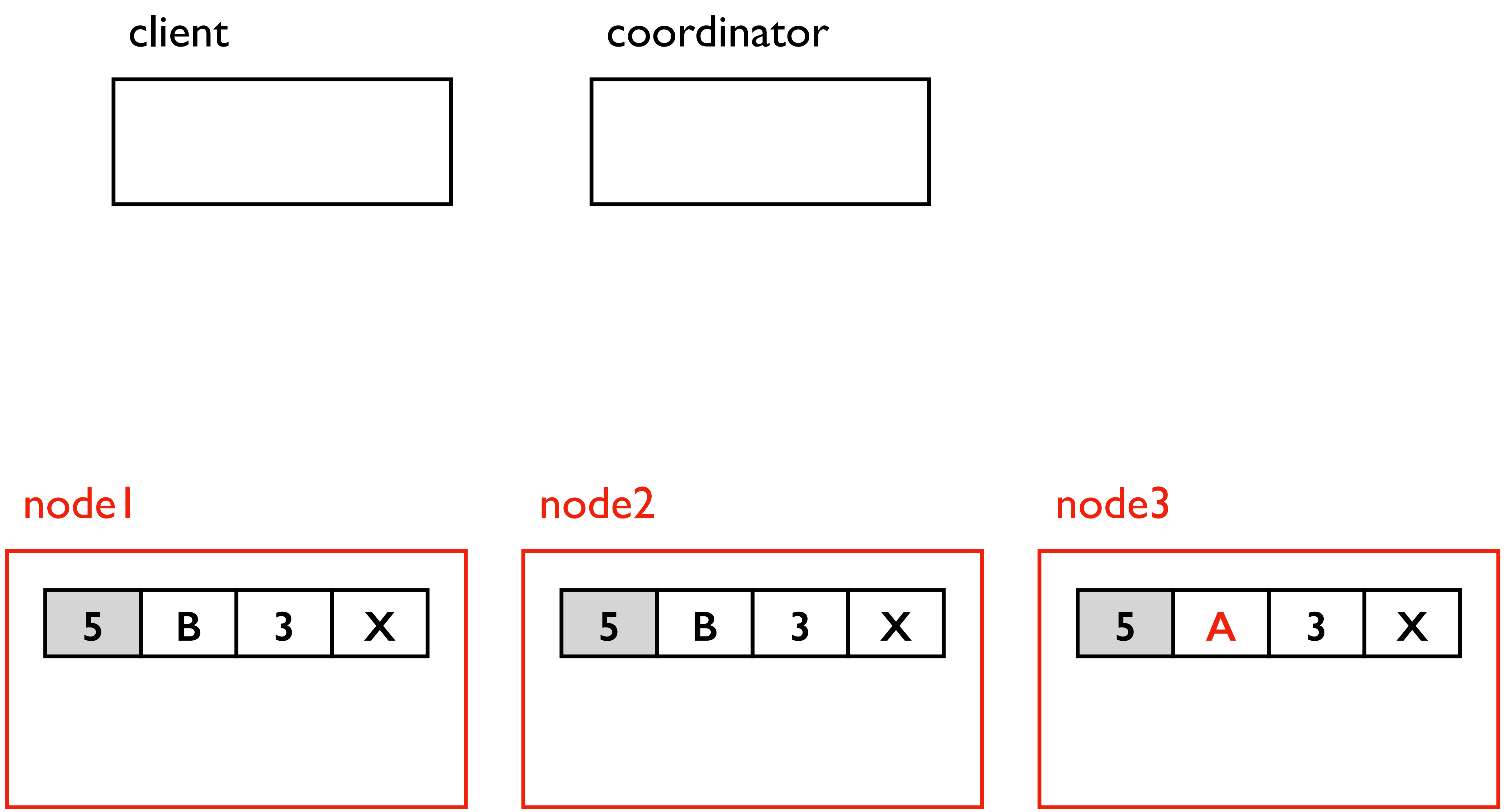

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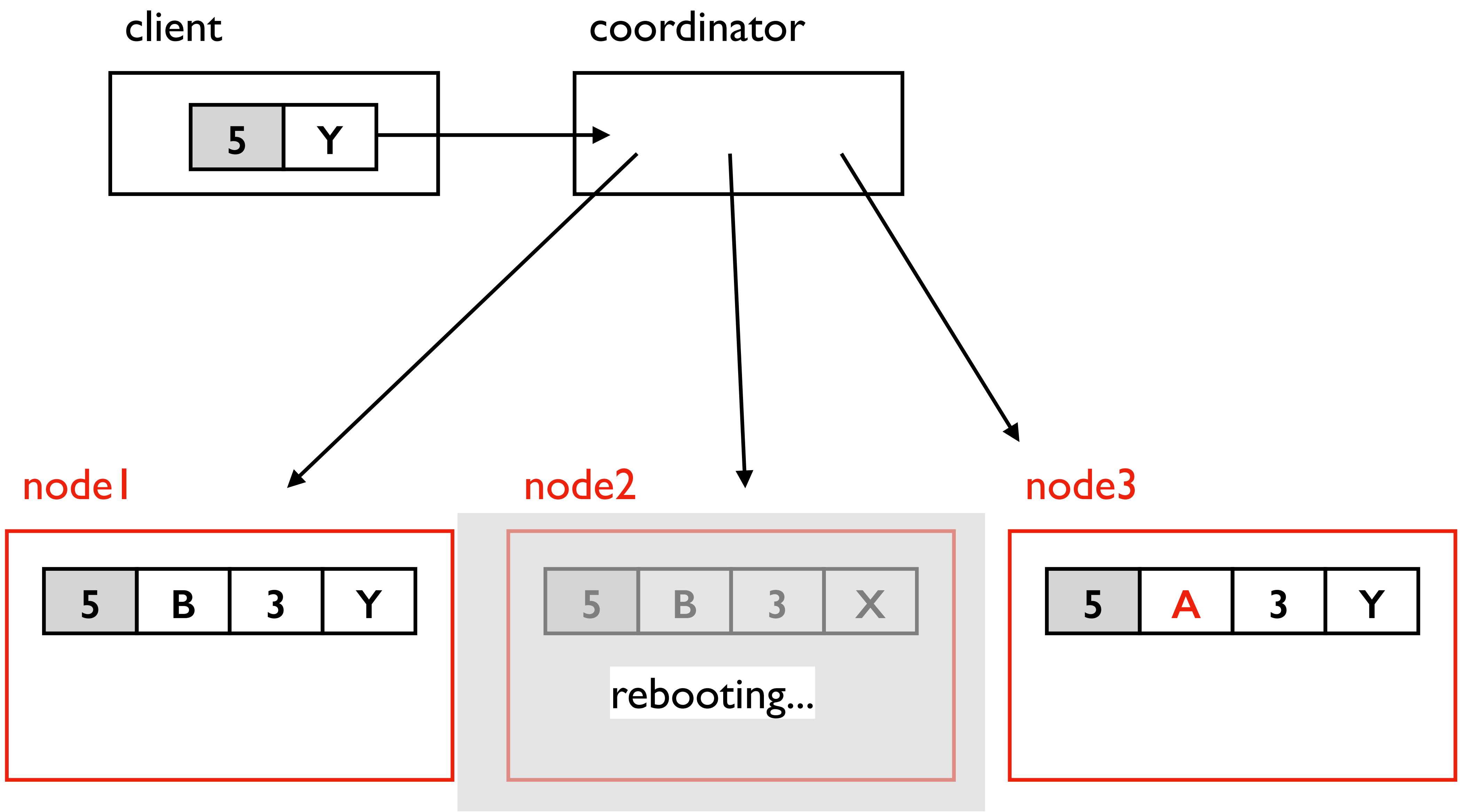

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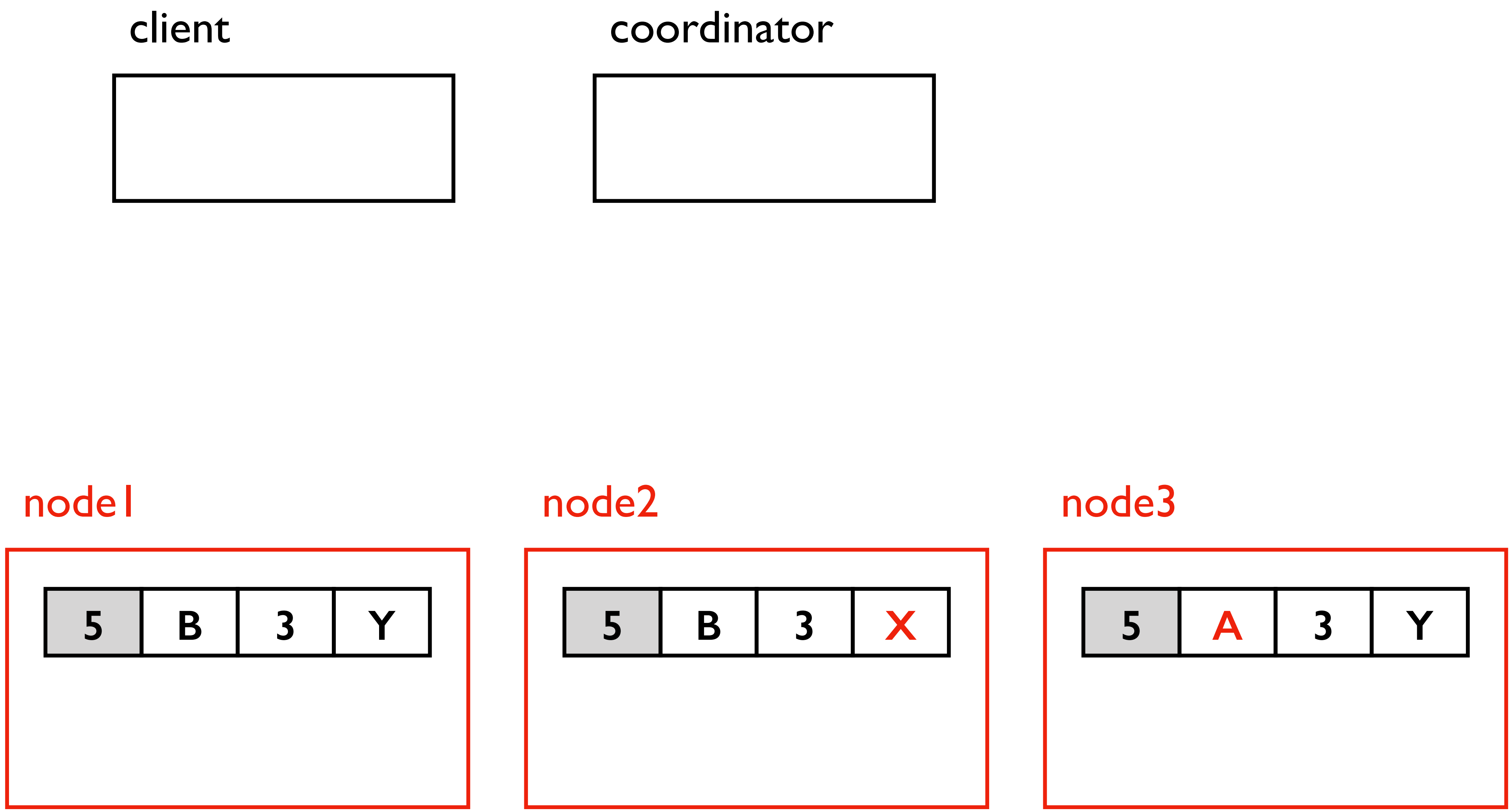

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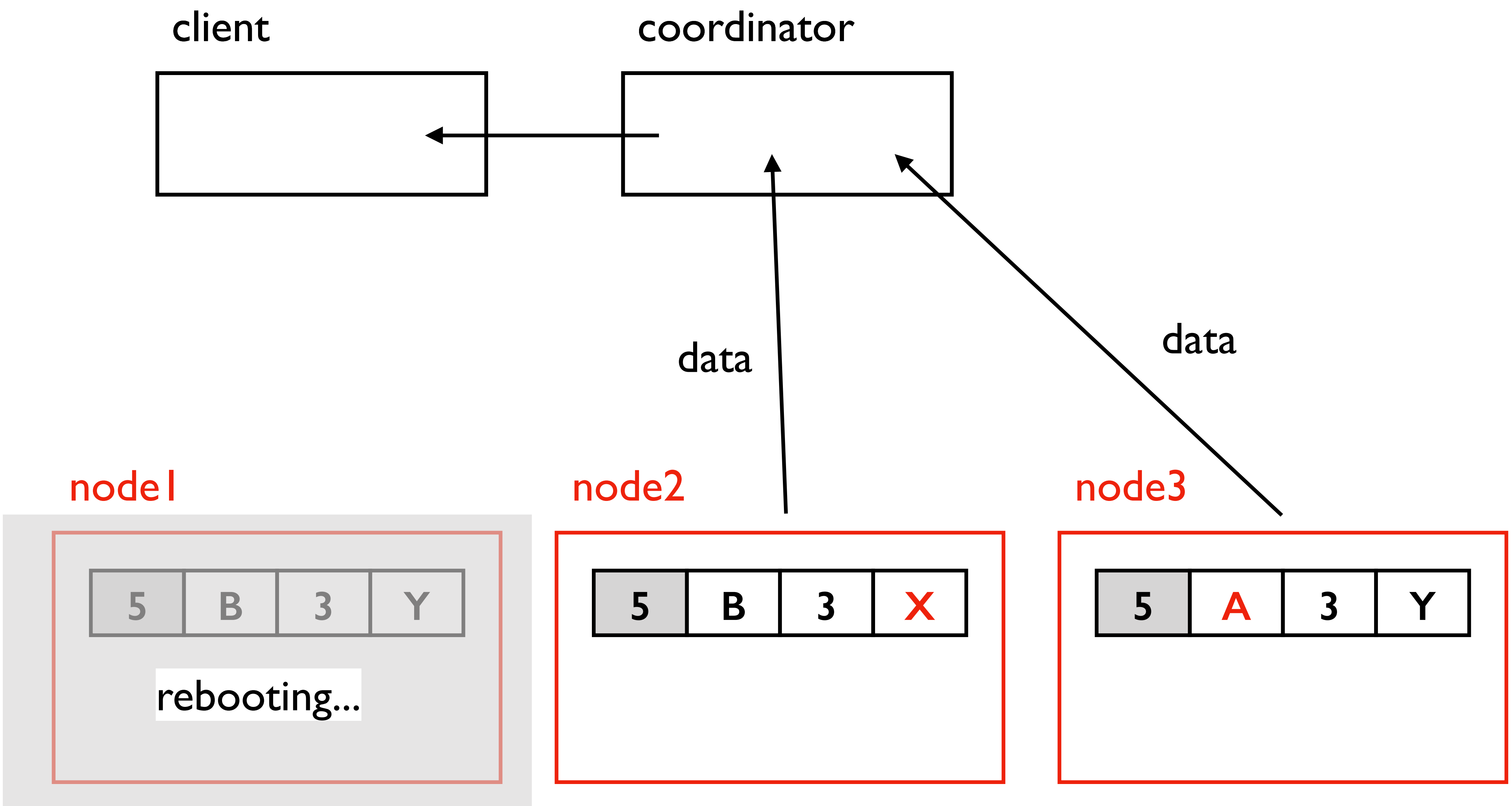

Which version of row 5 should be sent back?
Both contain some new data not contained by other.

Systems that allow conflicting versions to co-exist,
fixing it up later are "*eventually consistent*"

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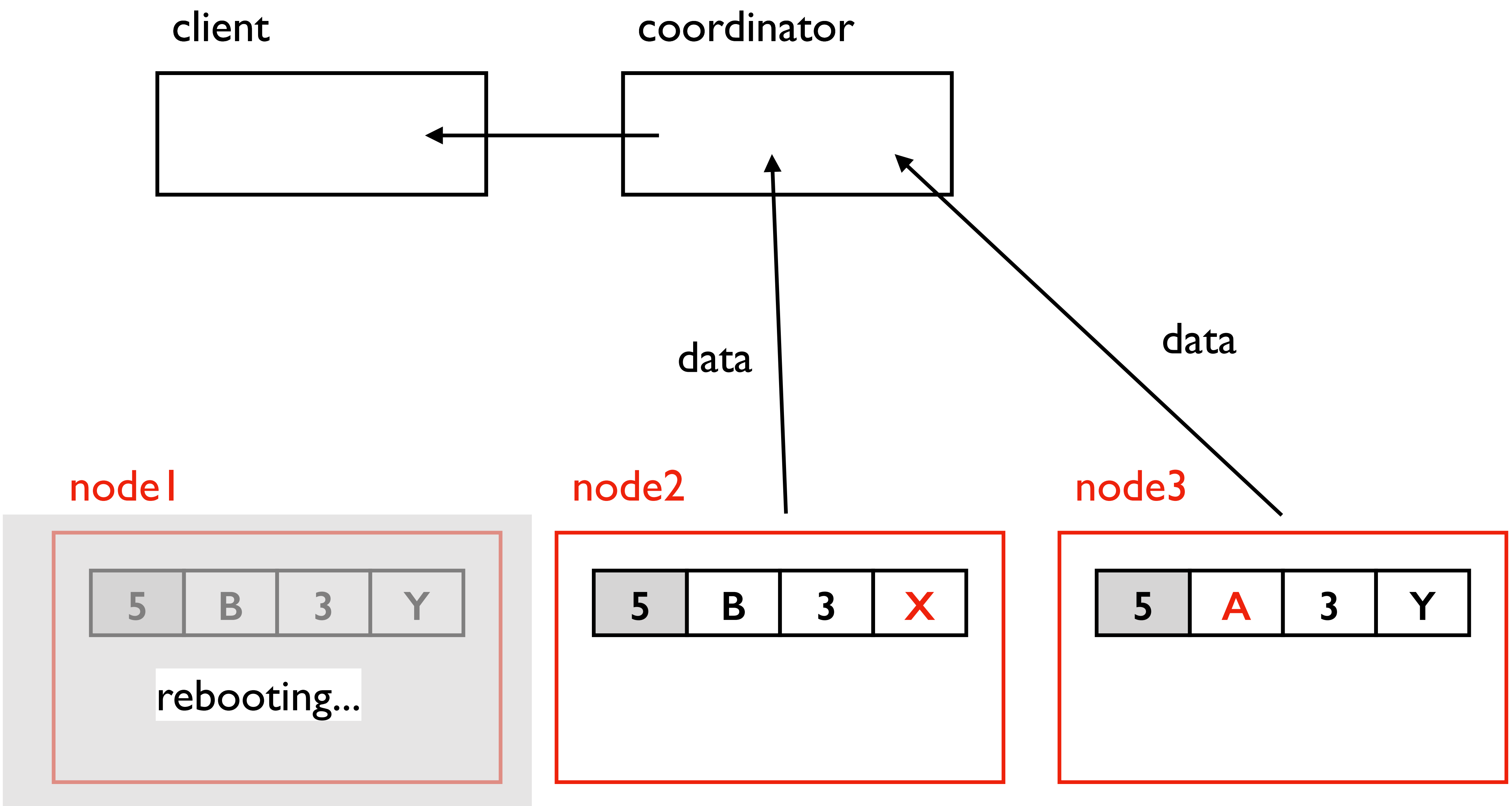
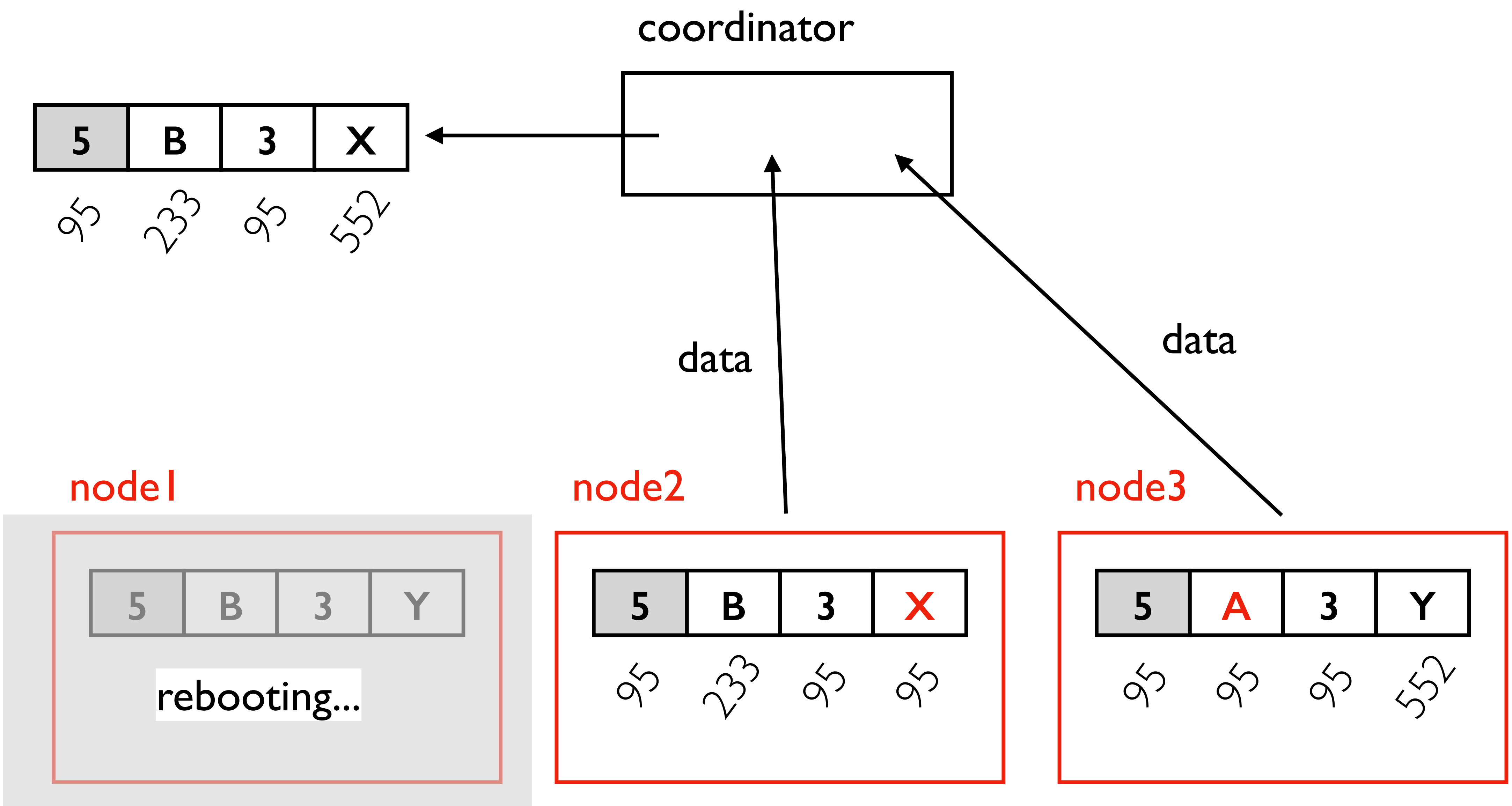


Approaches:

- send all version back to the client, which will need specialized conflict resolution code
- automatically combine them into a new row, and write that (if possible to all replicas)

Dynamo supports both. Cassandra uses second approach.

Timestamps



Every cell of every table has a timestamp:

- approximate (since clocks of nodes in a cluster are never perfectly in sync)
- policy is LWW (last writer wins), meaning prefer newer data
- Cassandra lets you query the timestamp of each cell

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