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Algorithm design and basic algorithms

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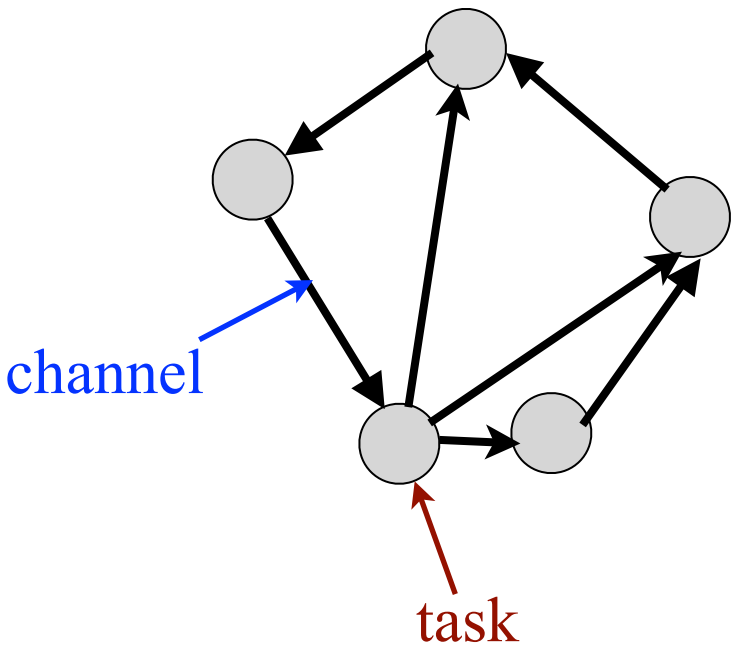

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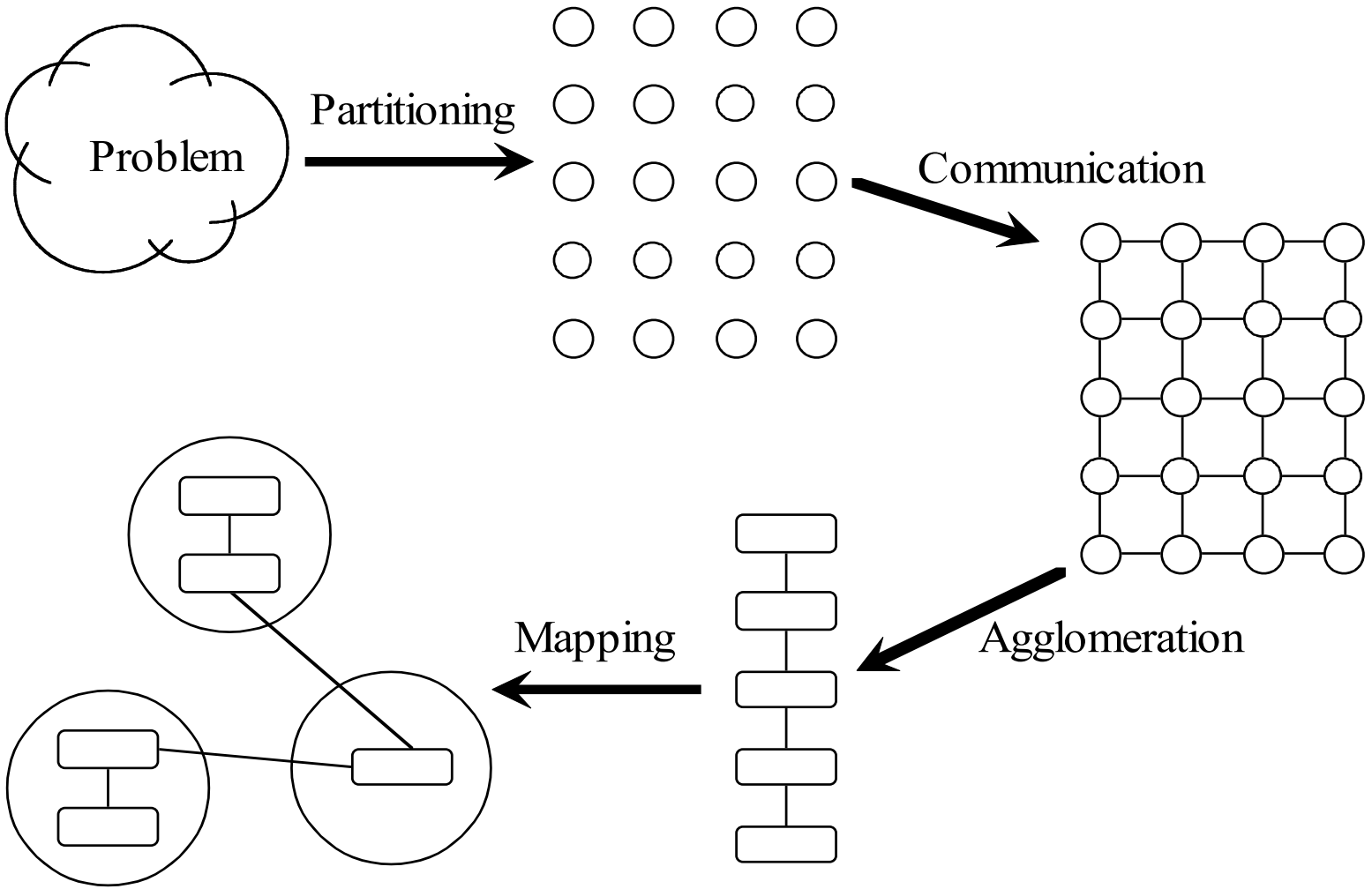

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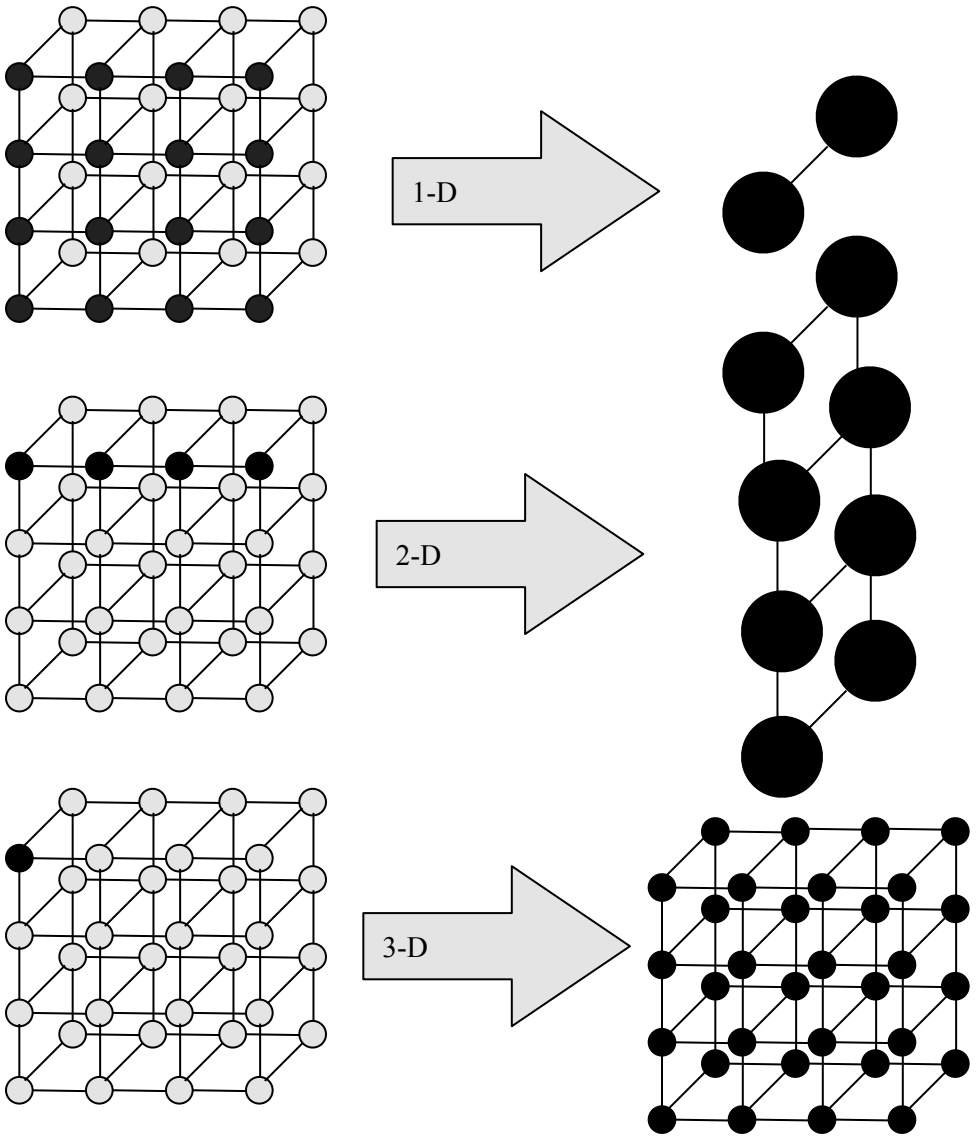

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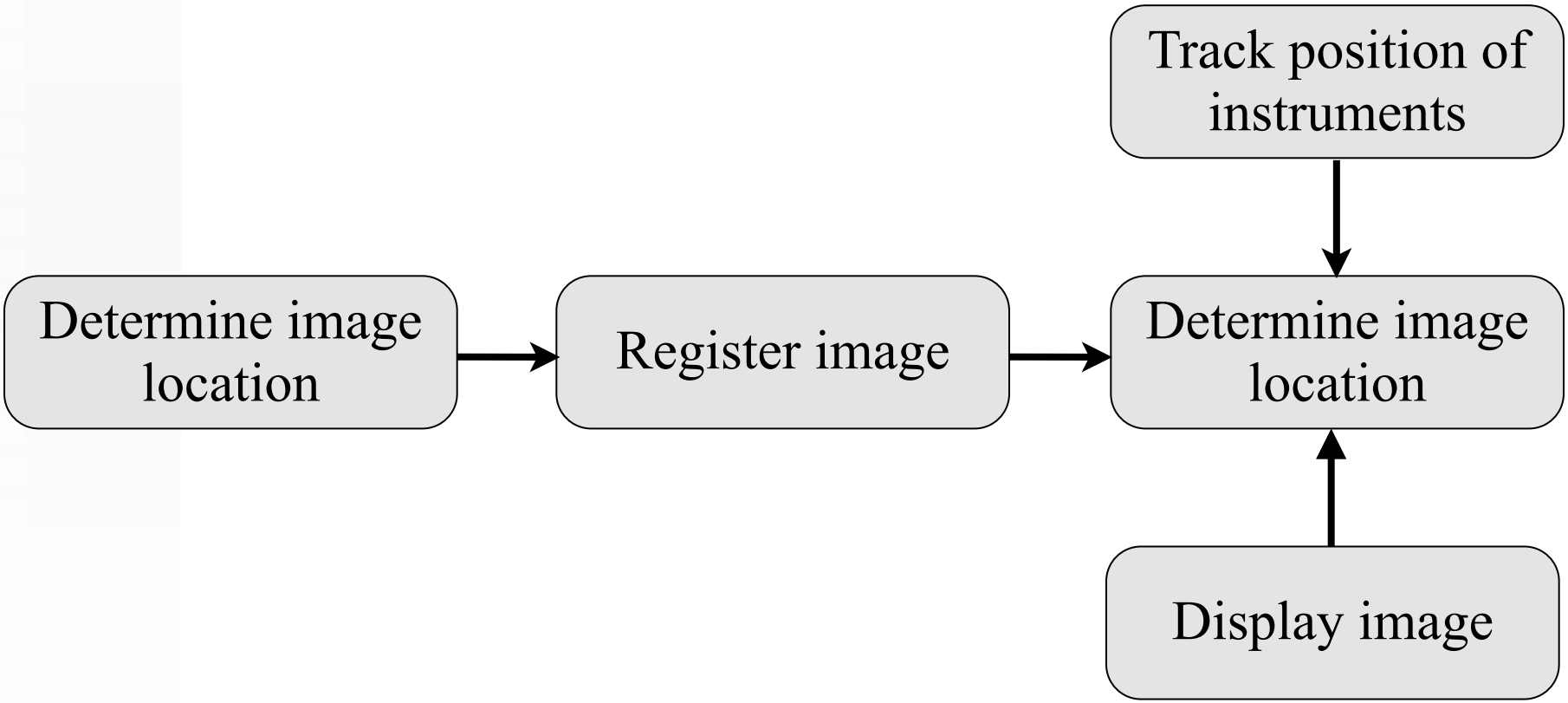

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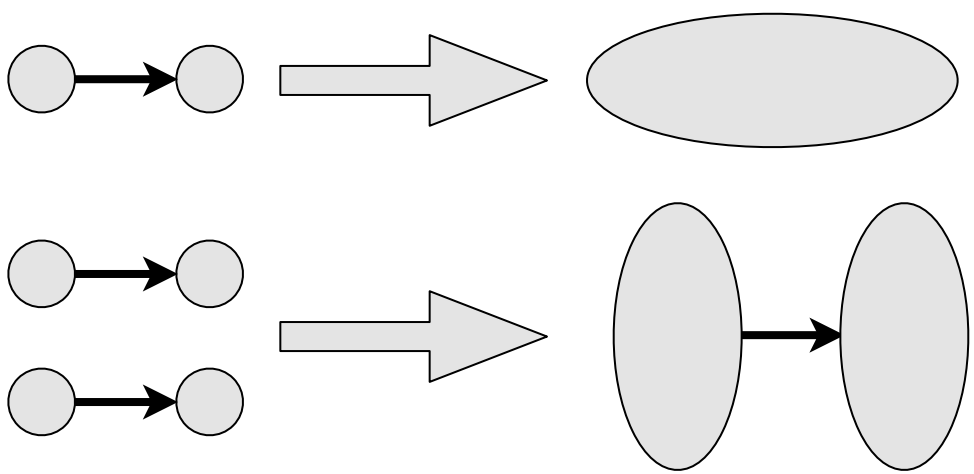

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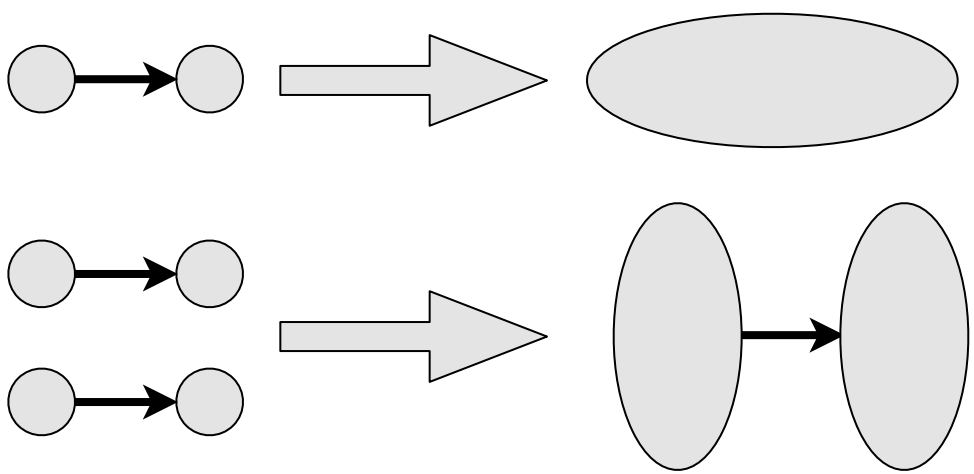

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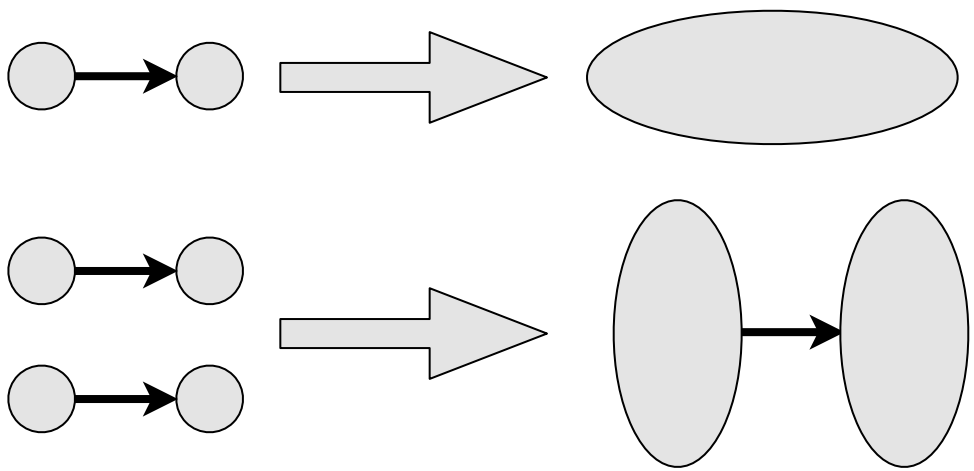

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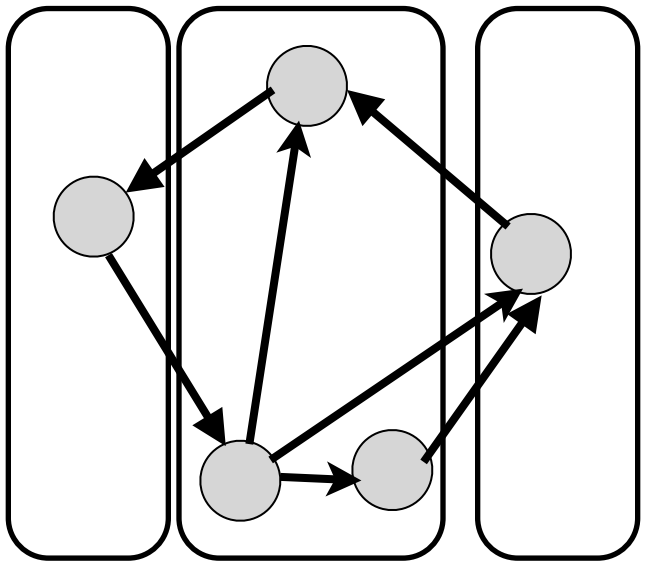

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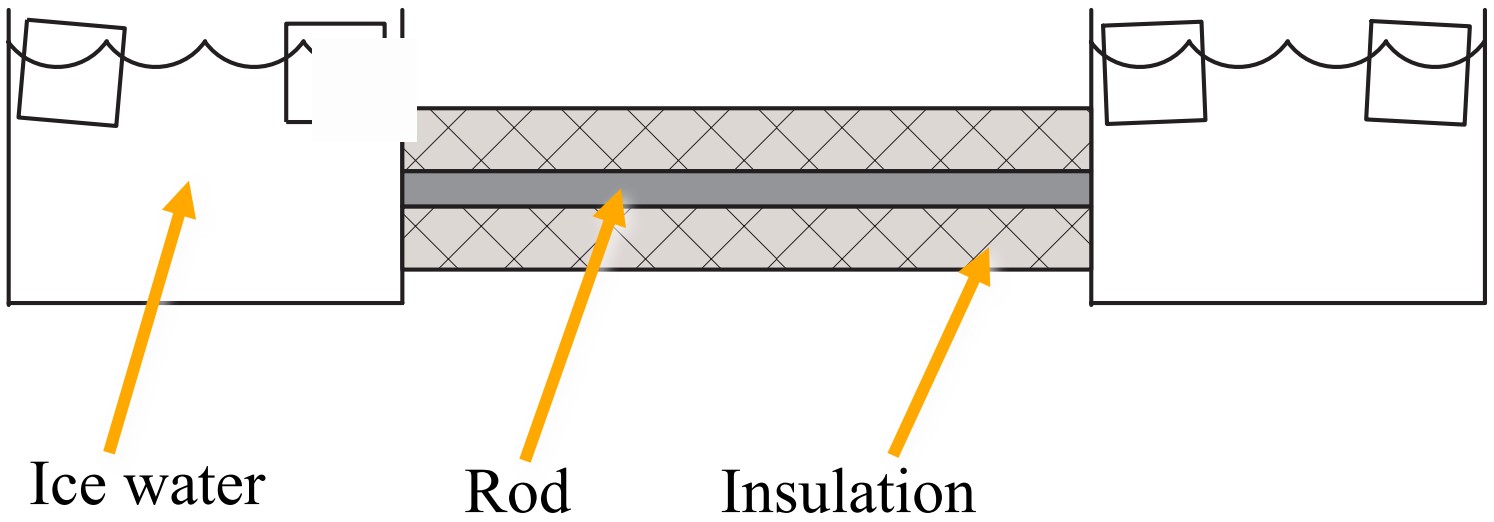

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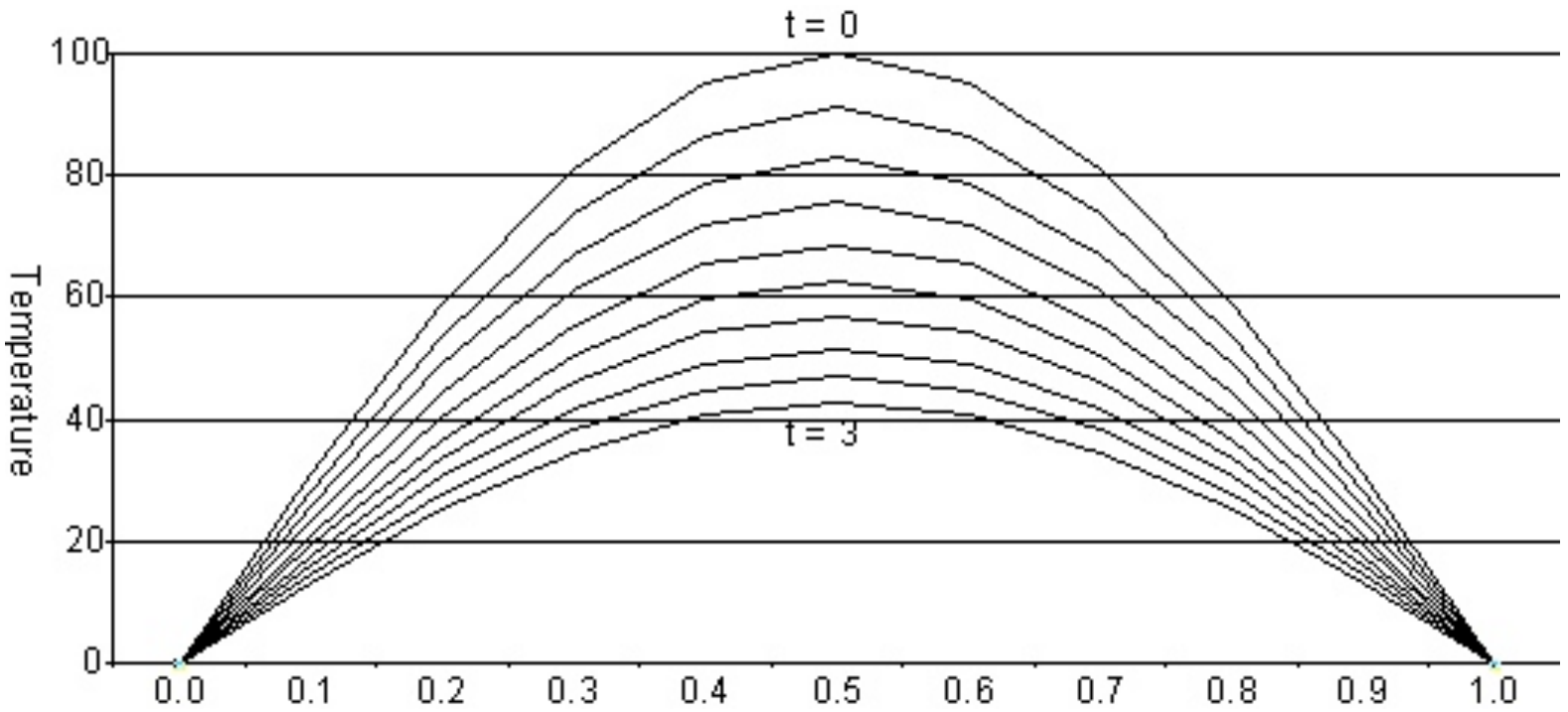

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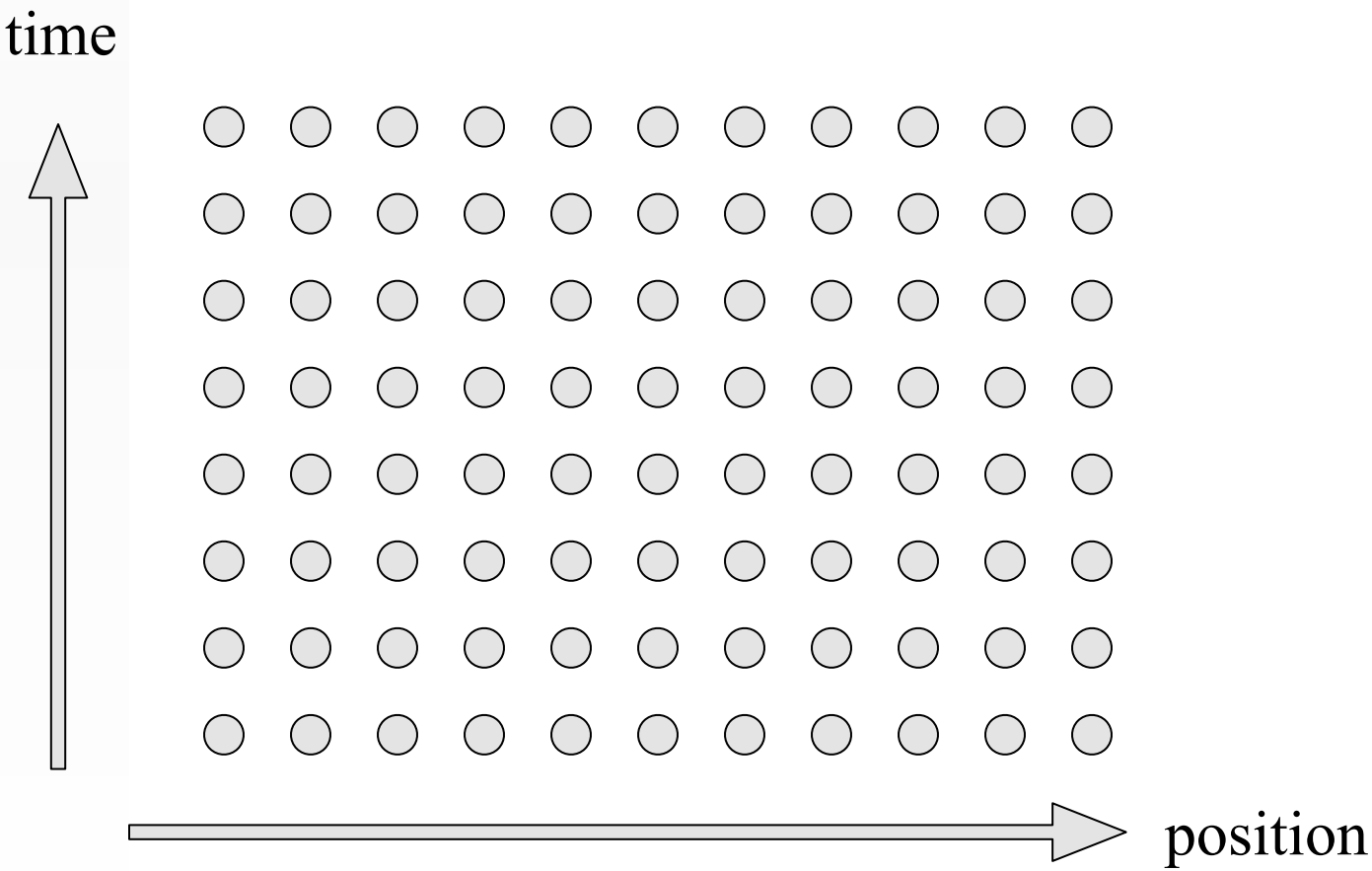

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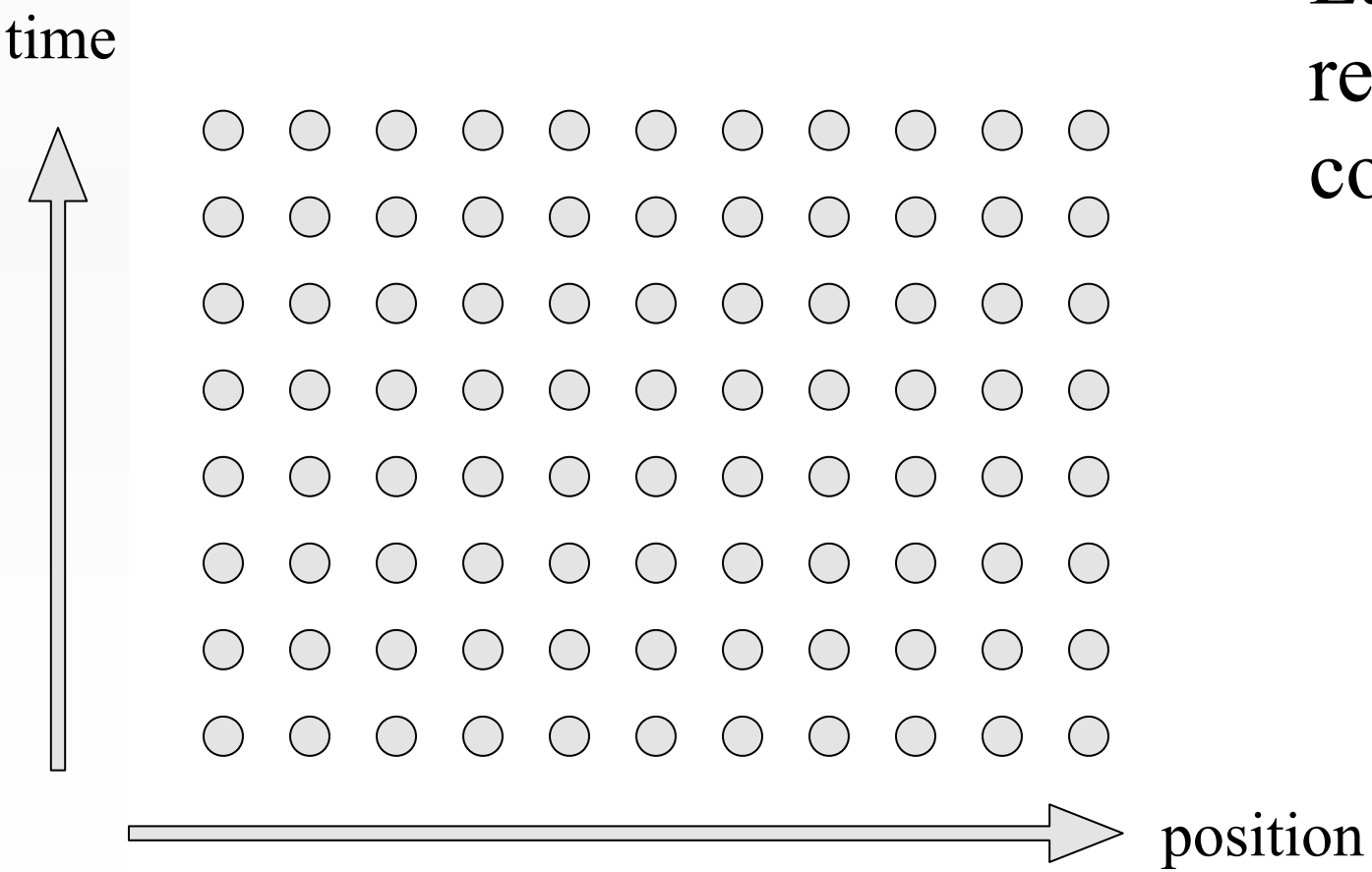

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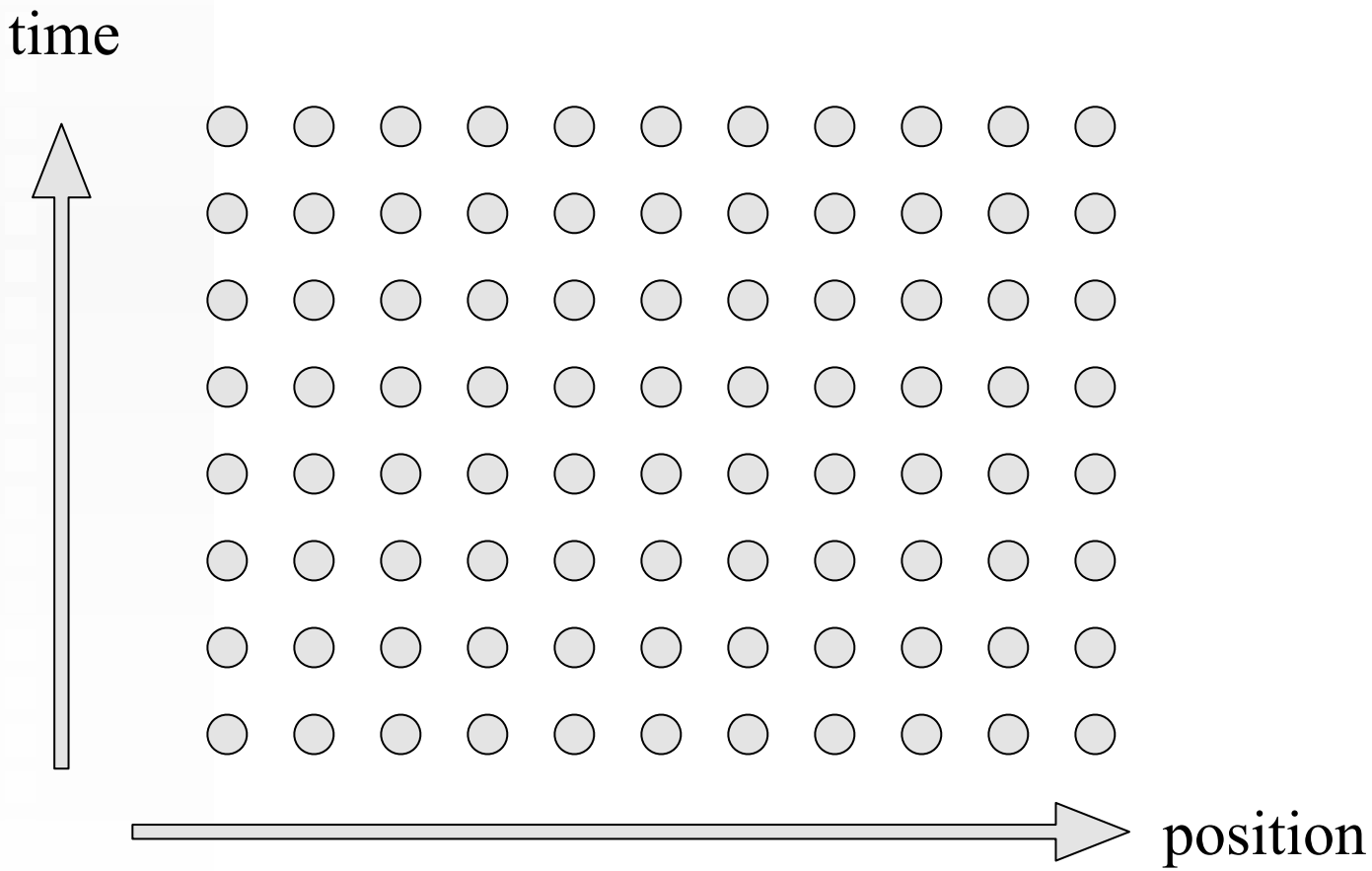

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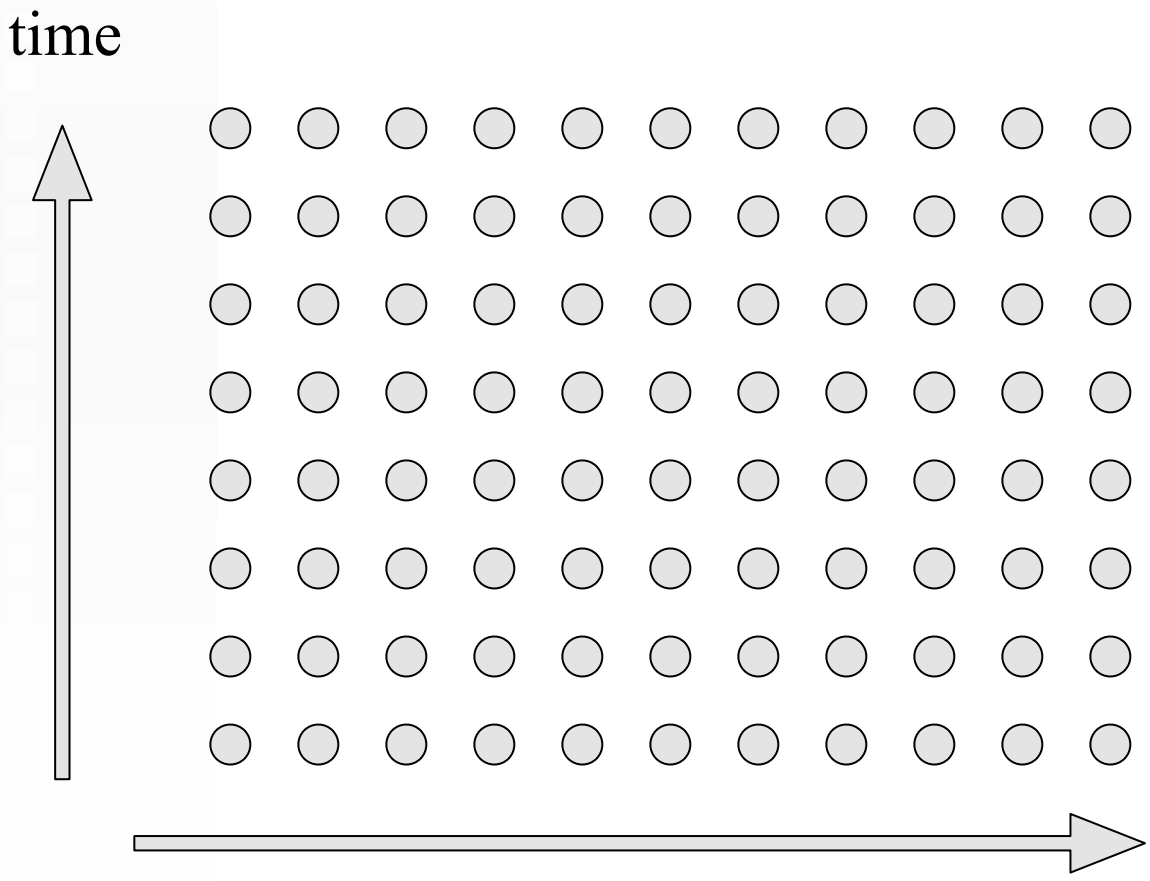

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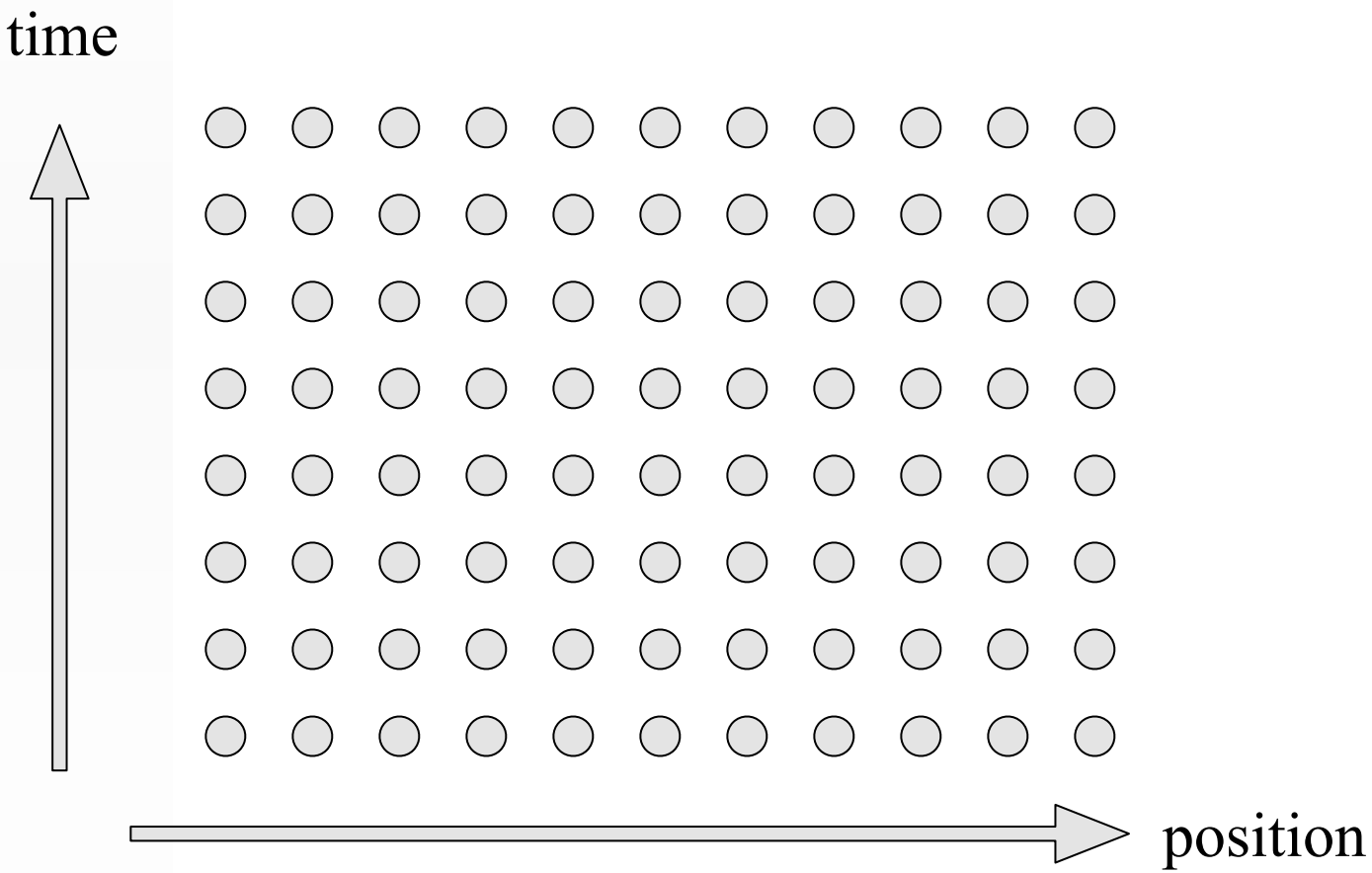

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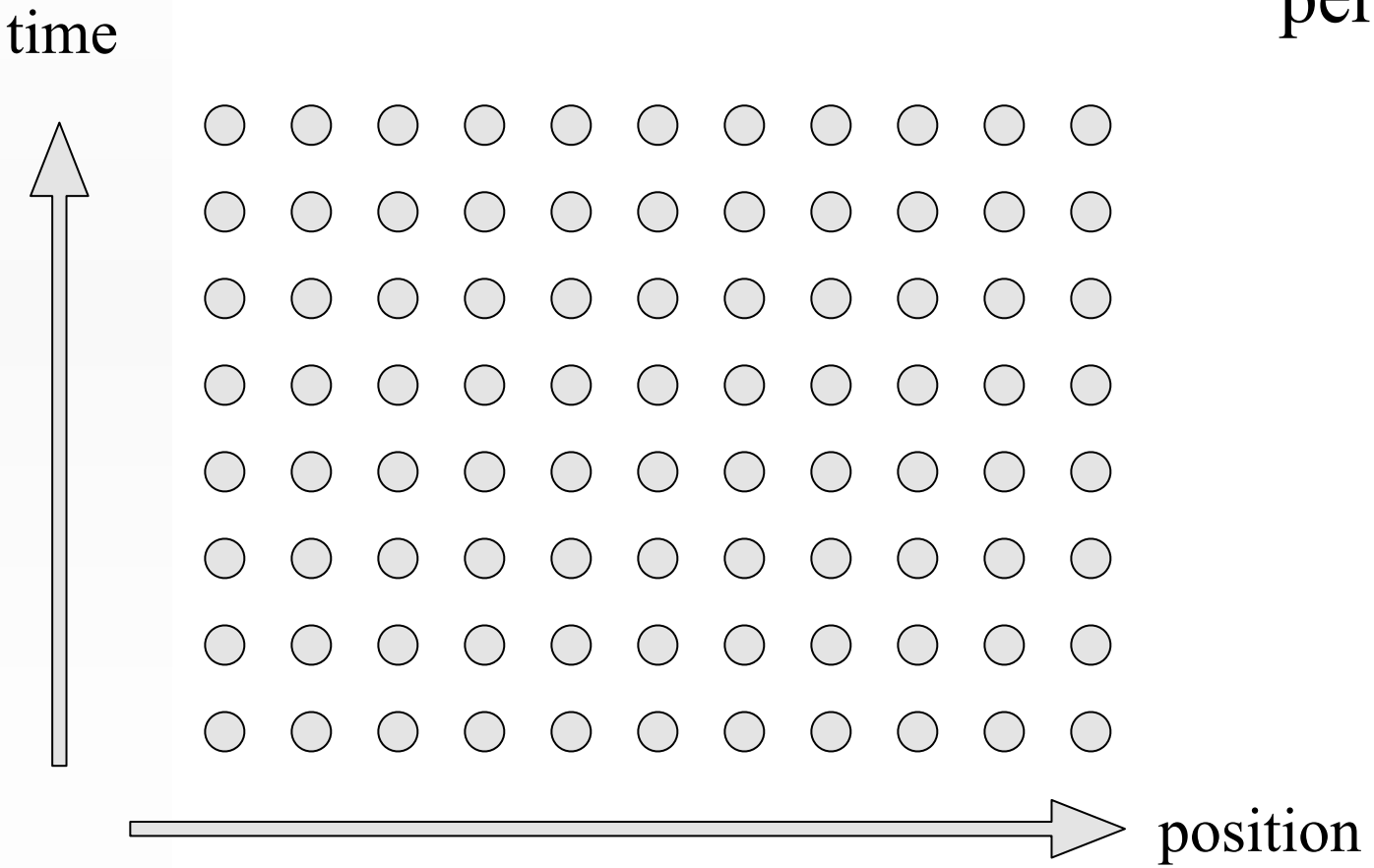

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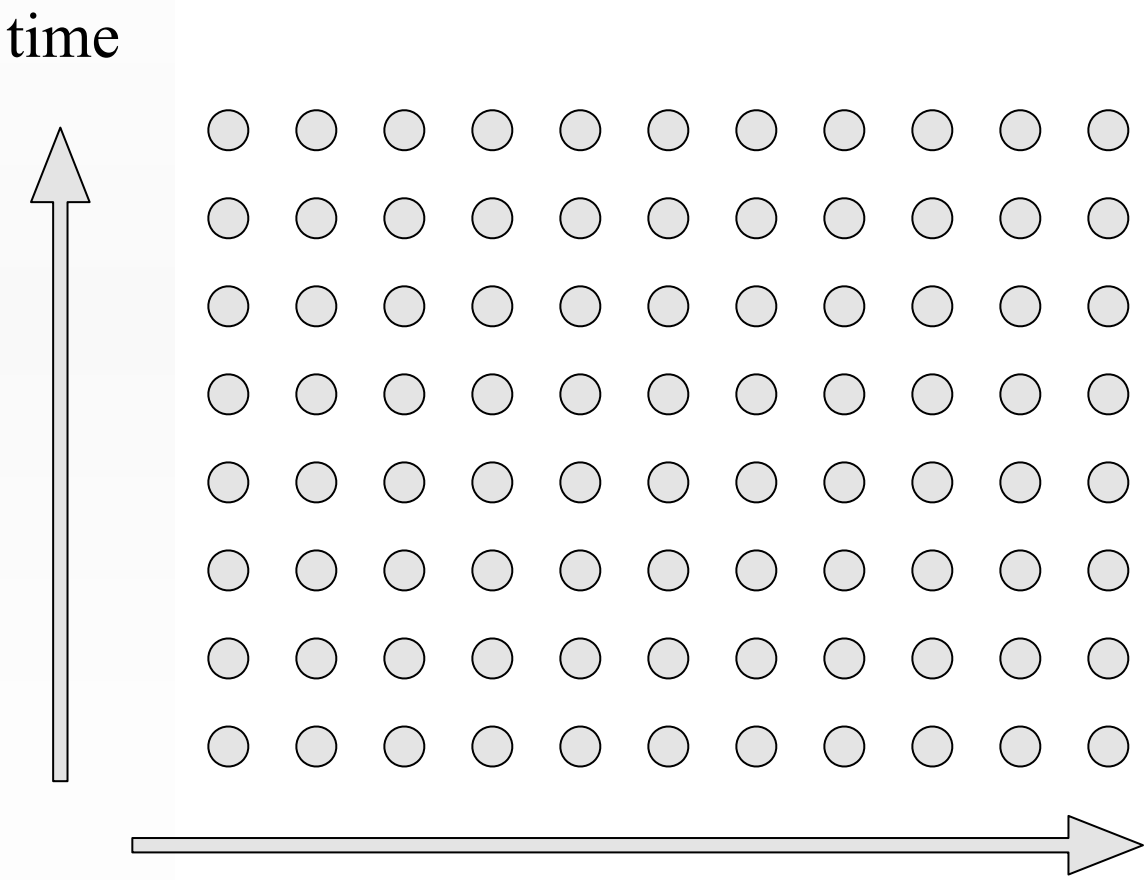

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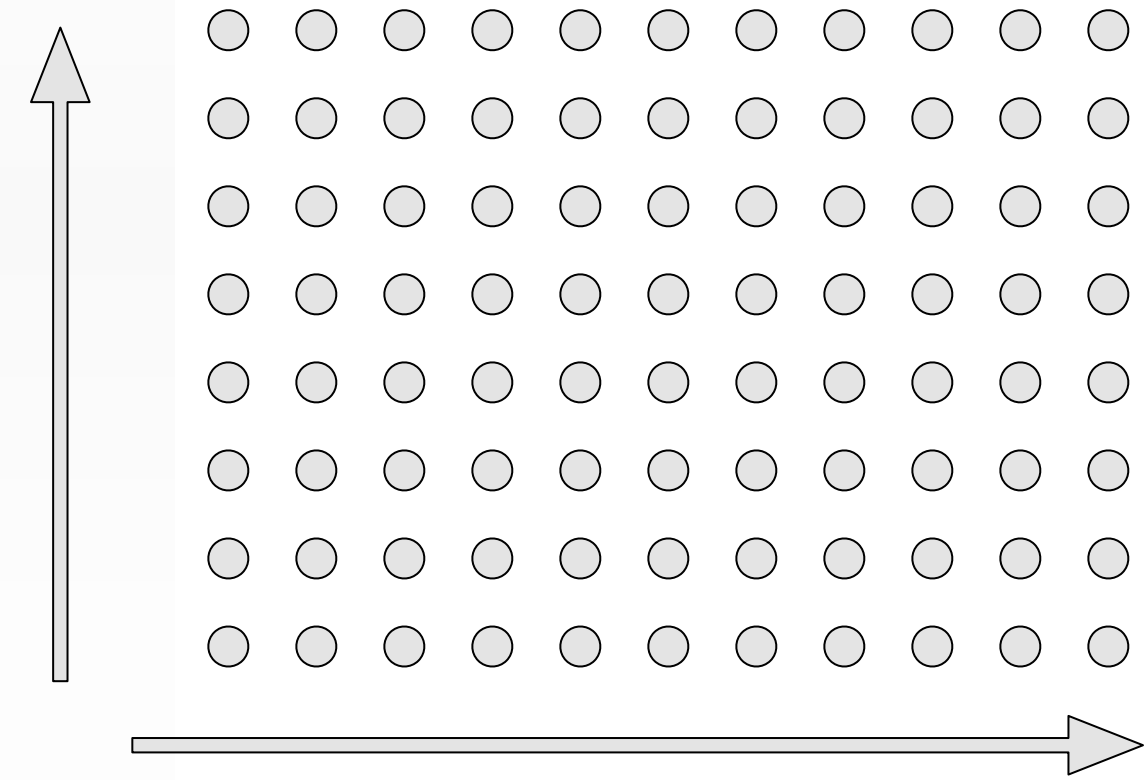

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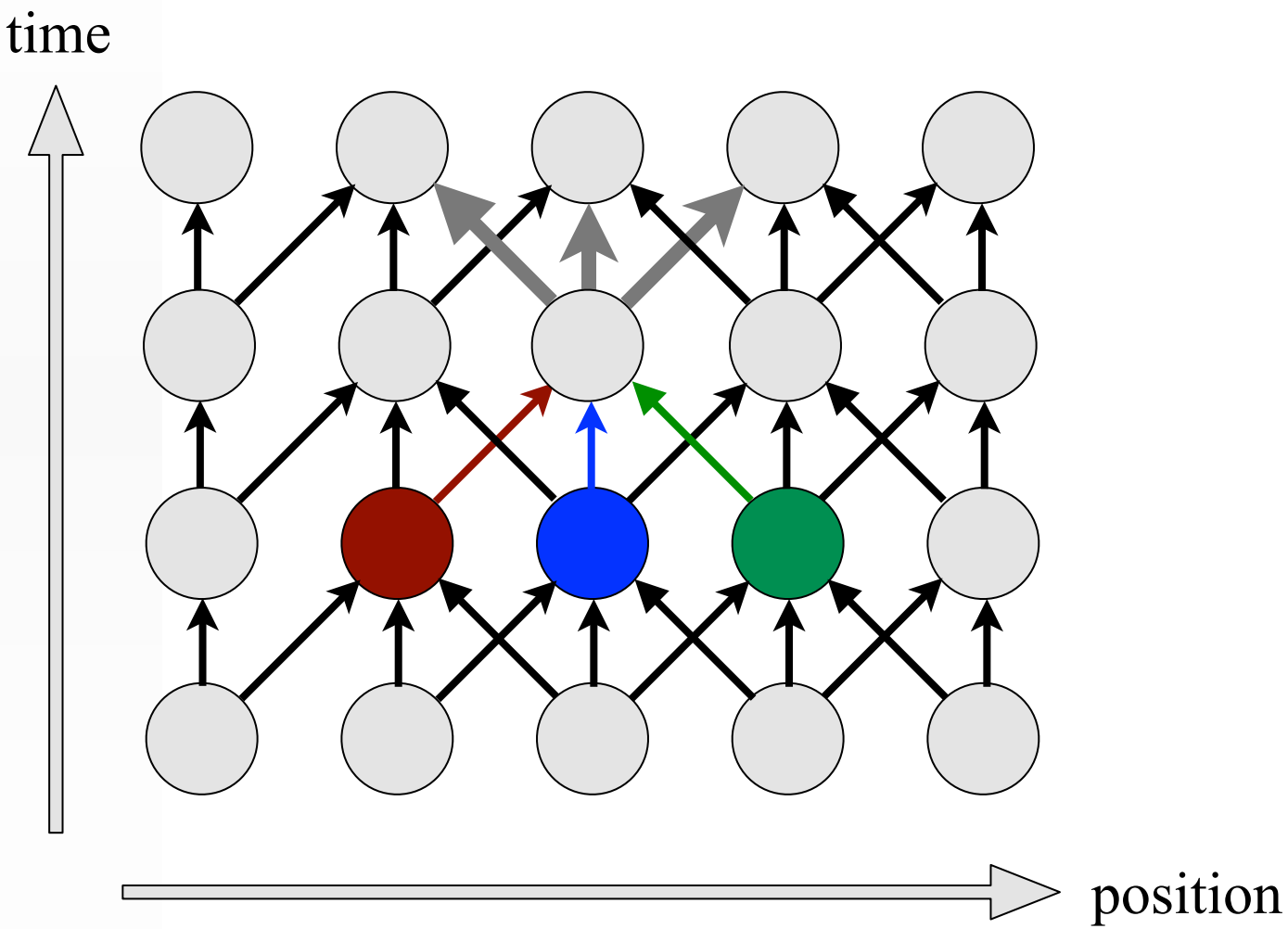

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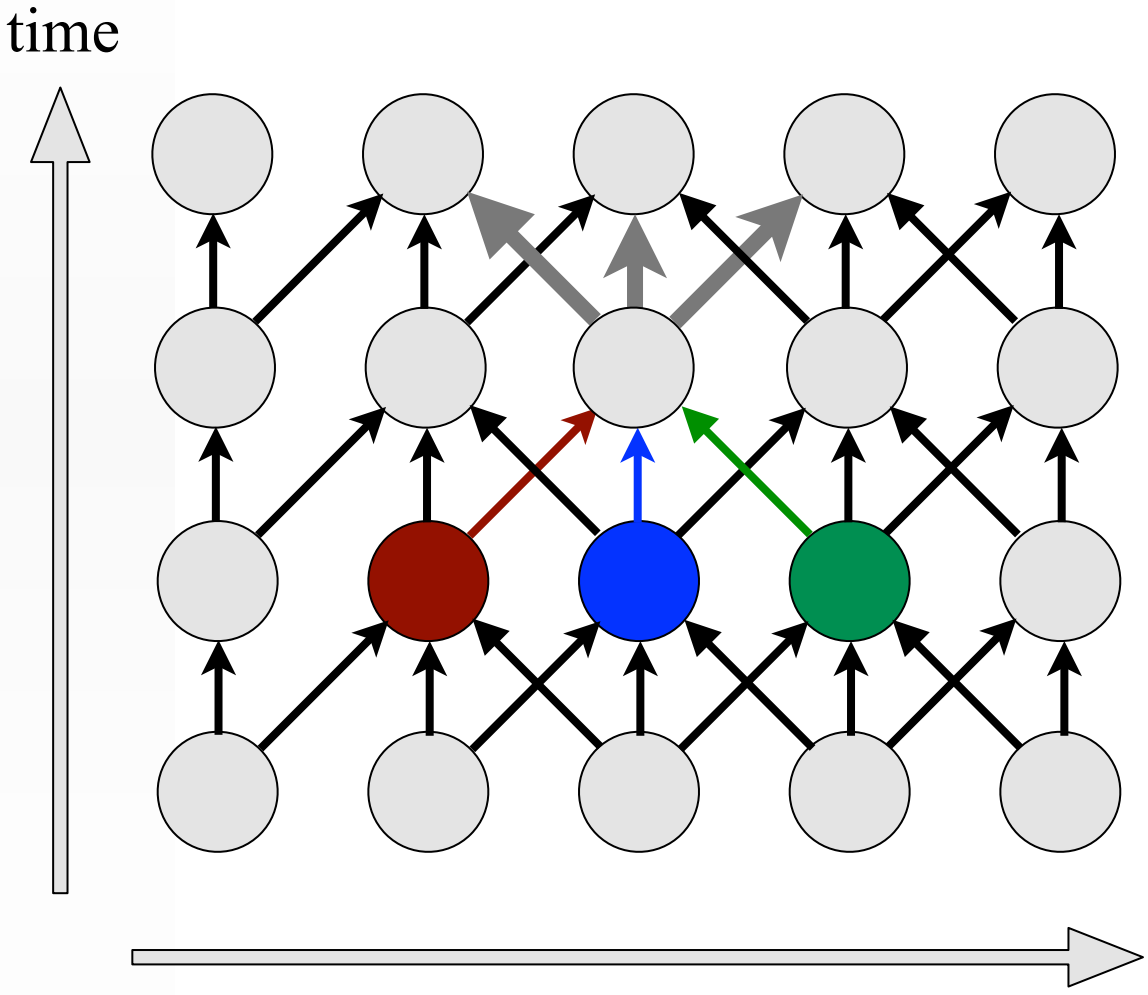

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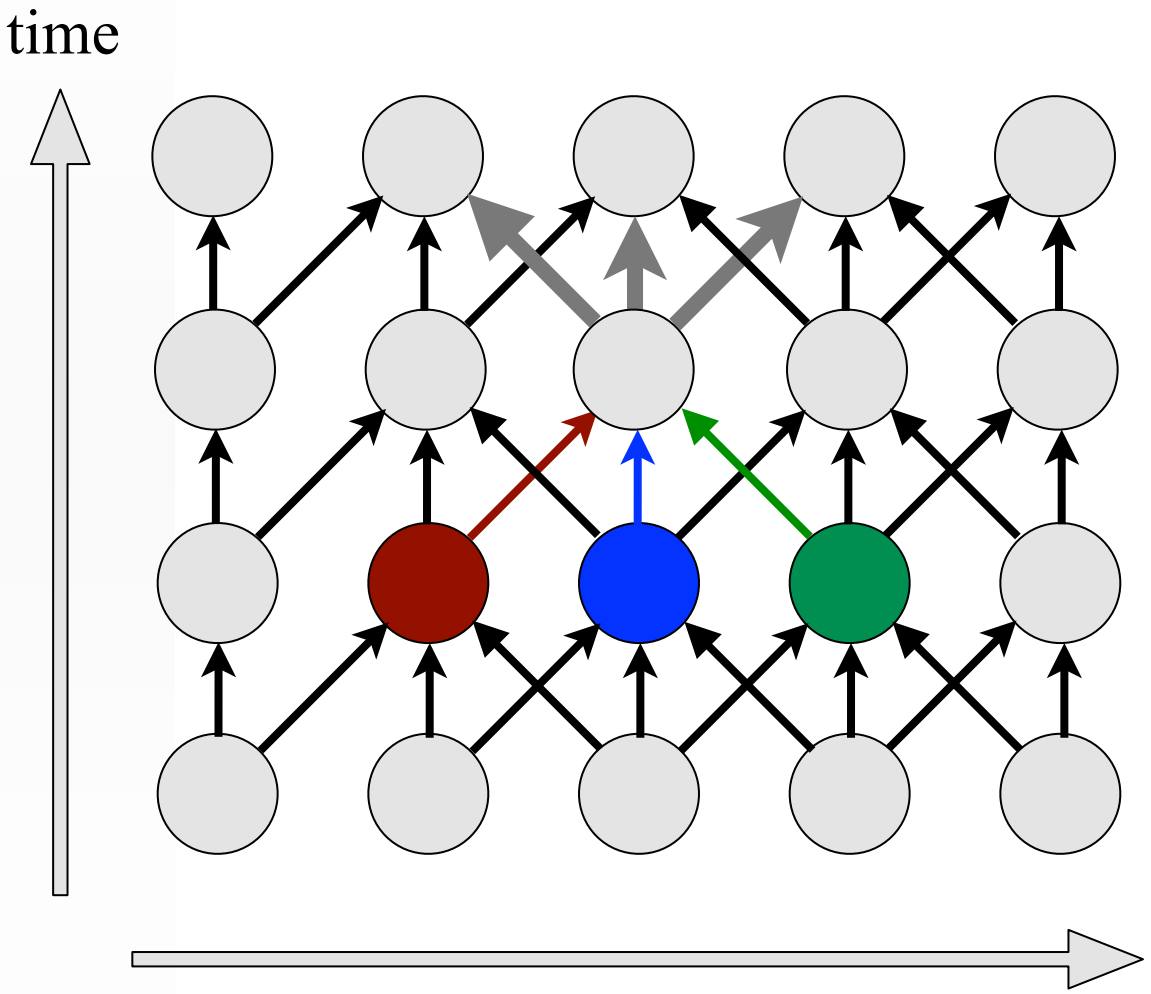

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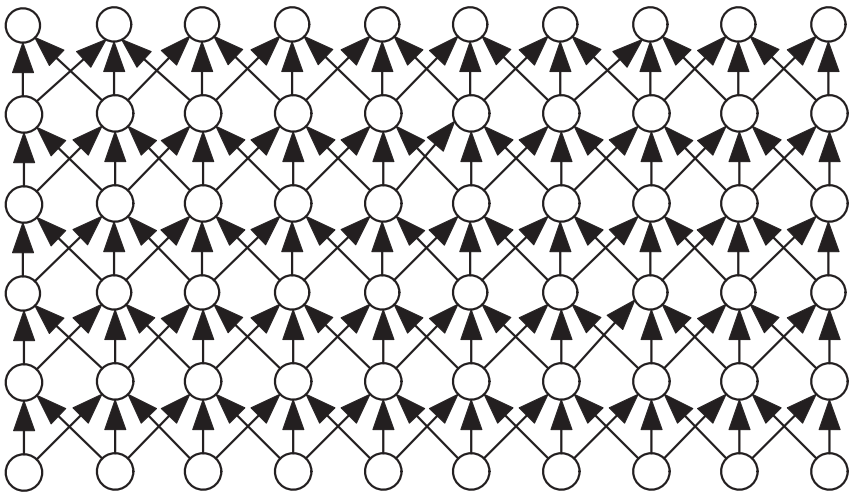

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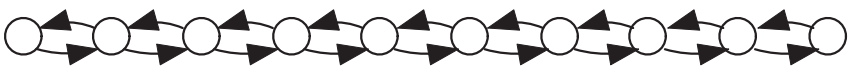

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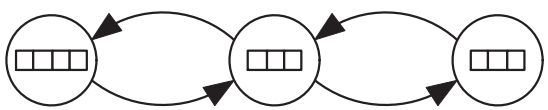

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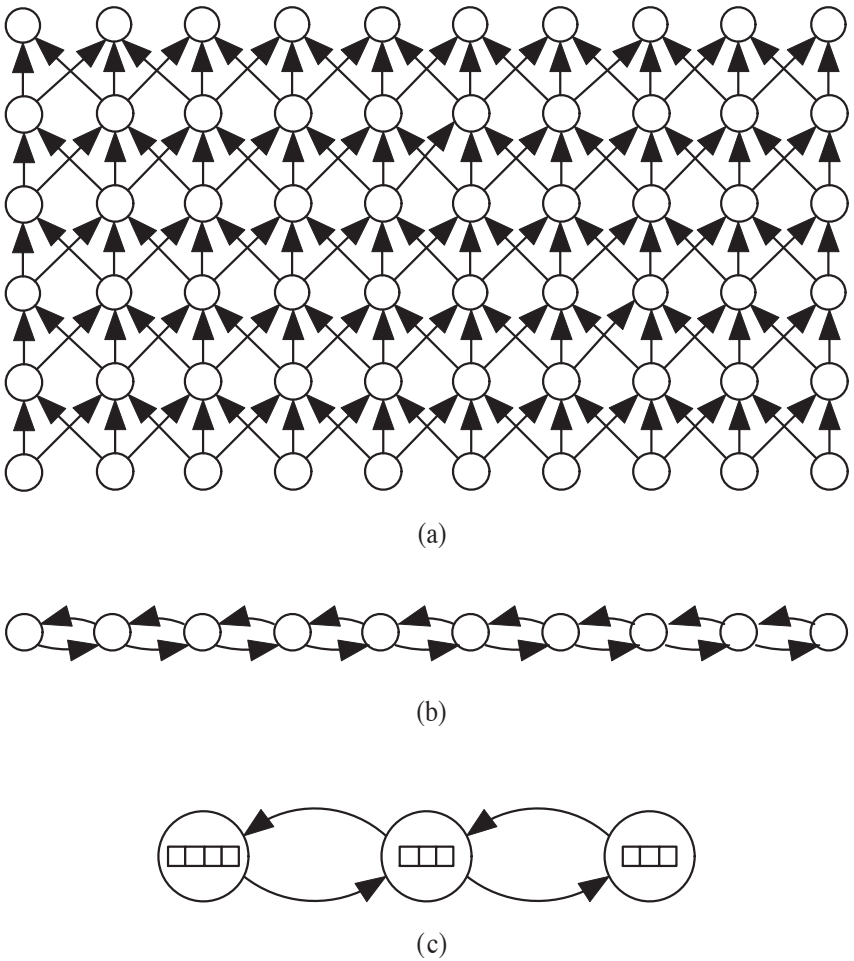

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Computed	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.19
Correct	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18
Error (%)	0.00%	0.00%	6.25%	5.26%

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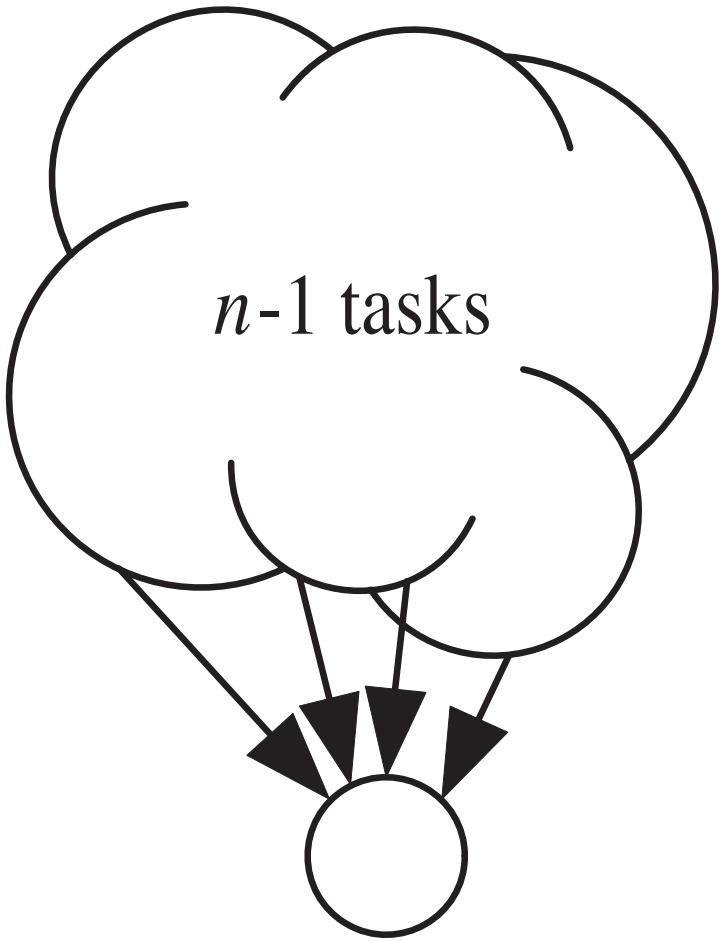

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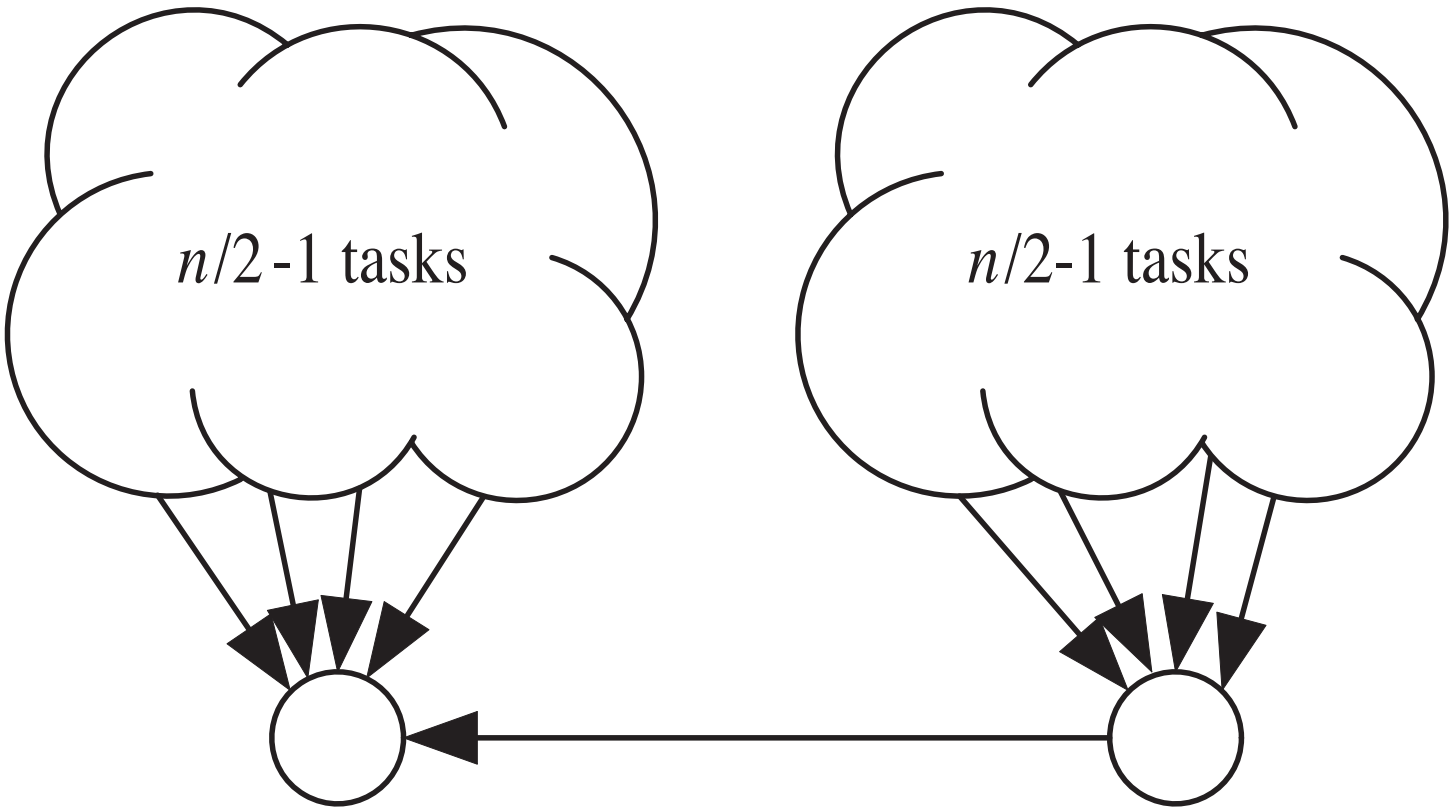

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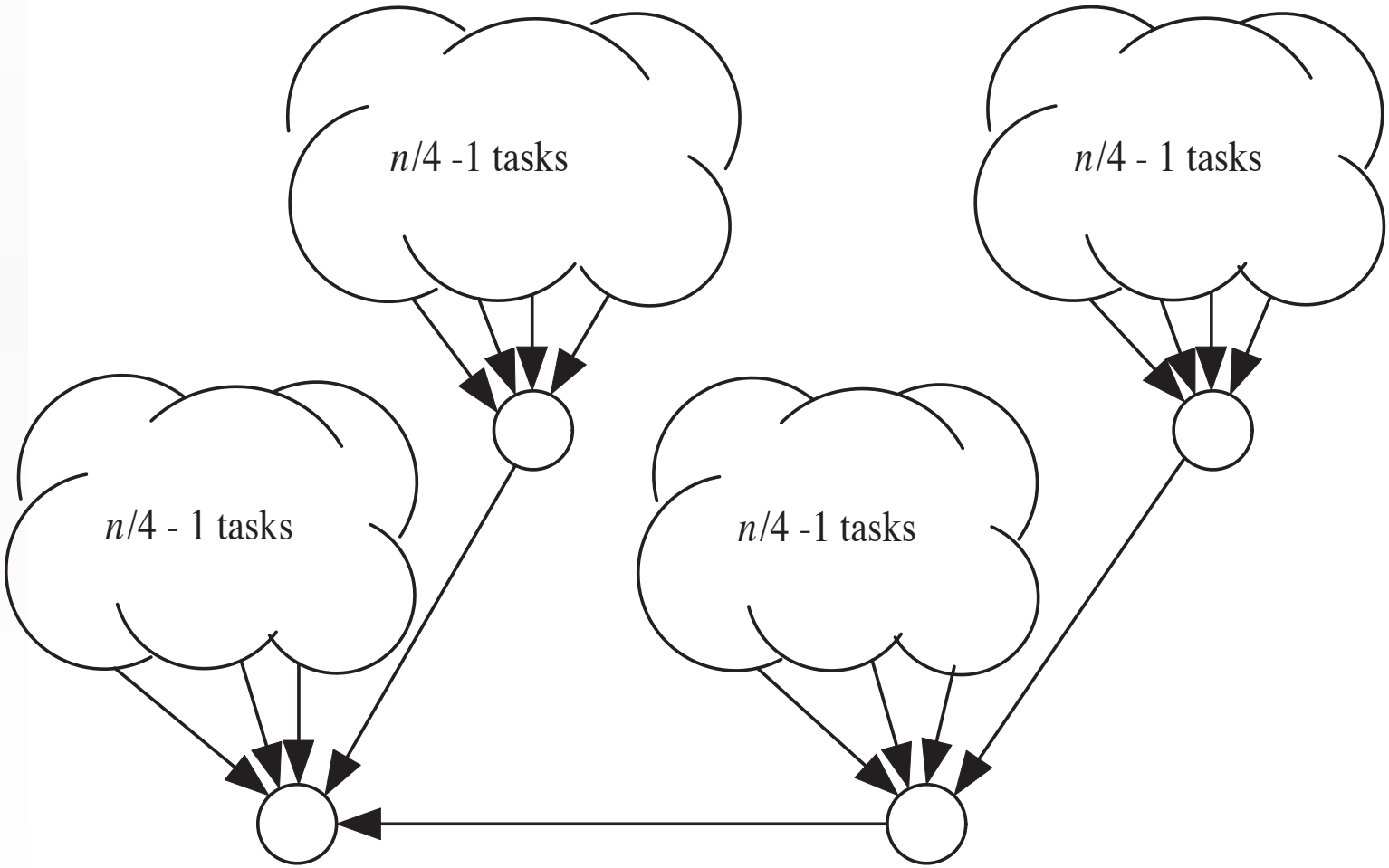

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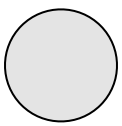

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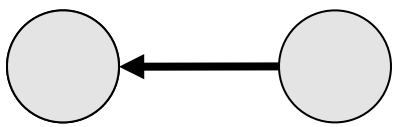

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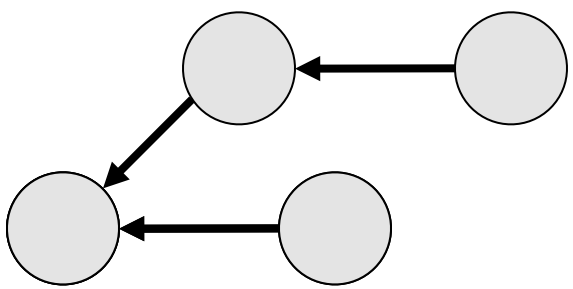

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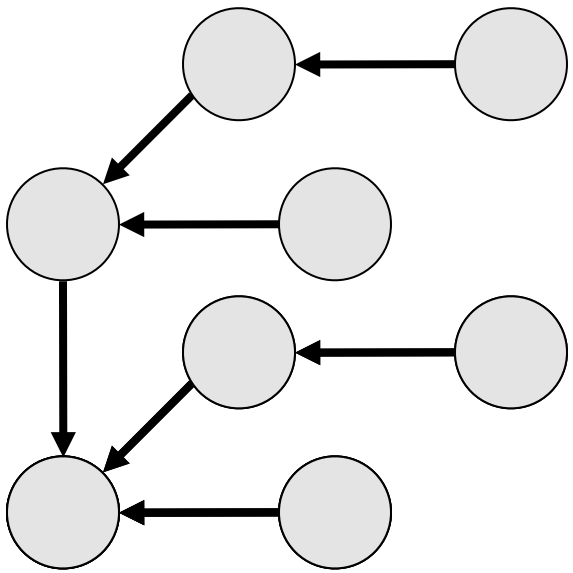

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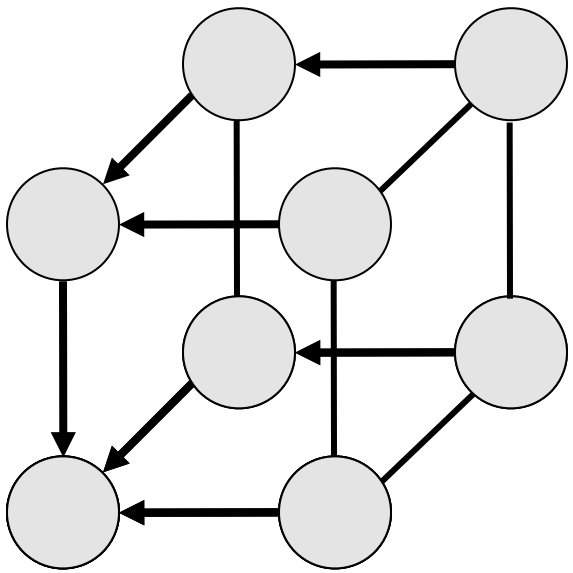

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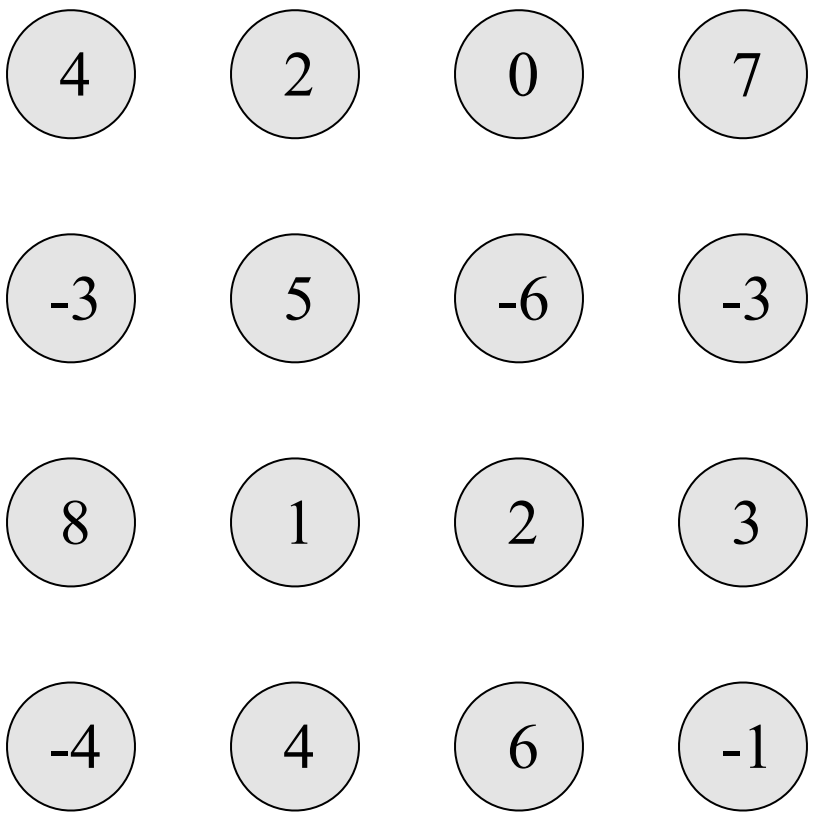

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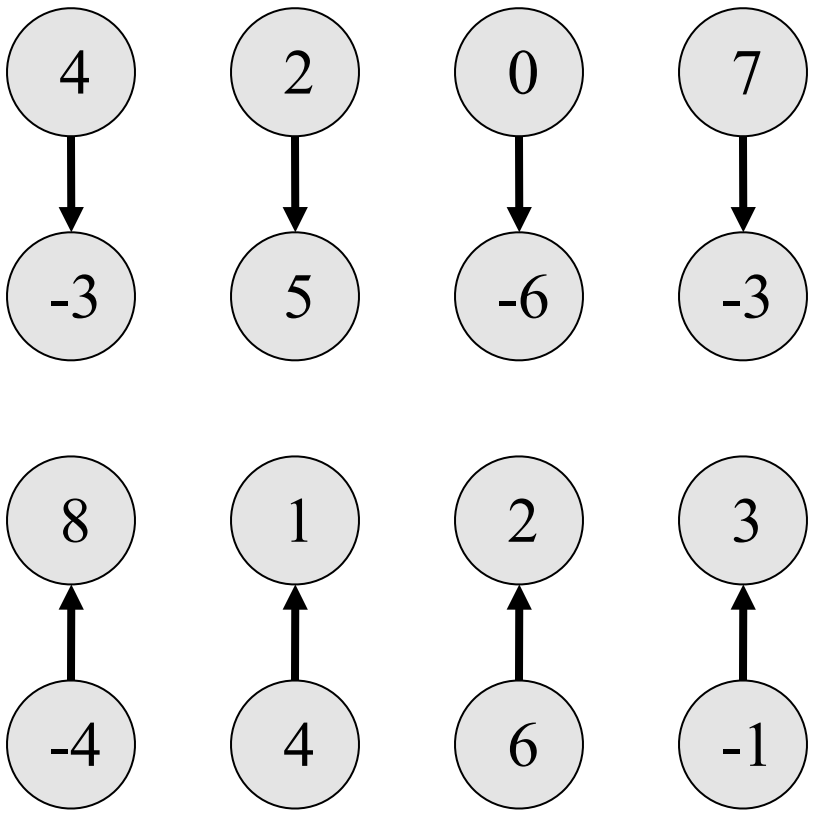

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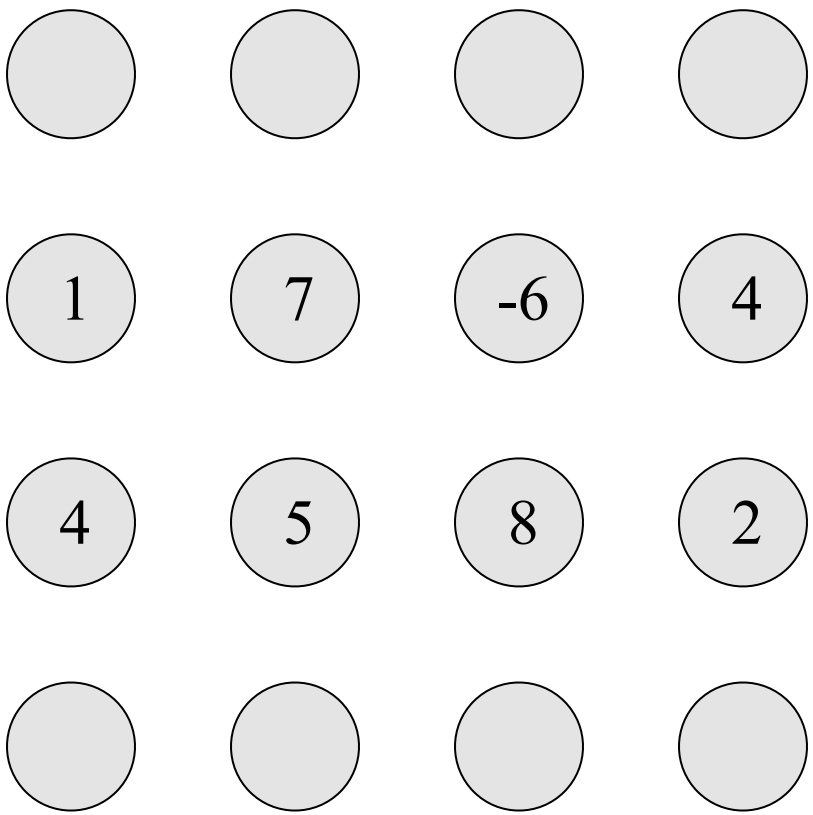

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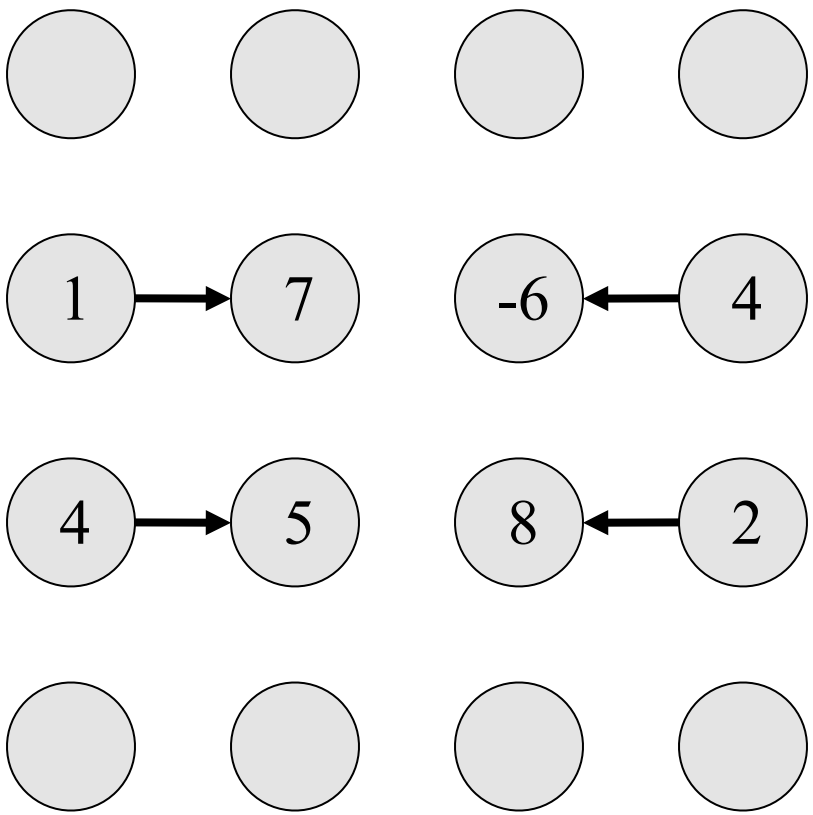

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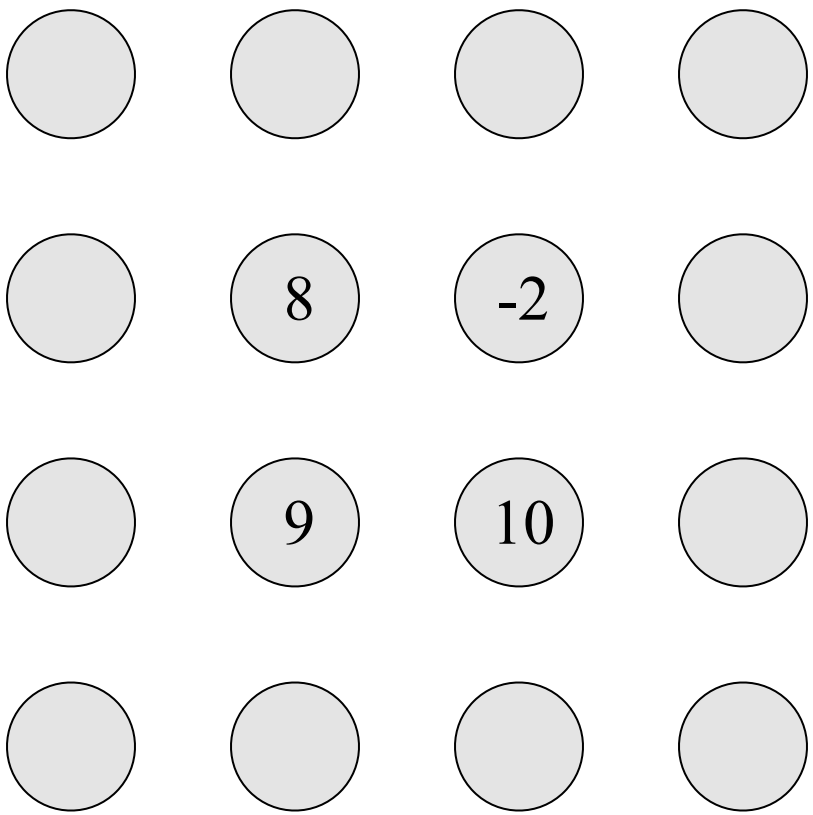

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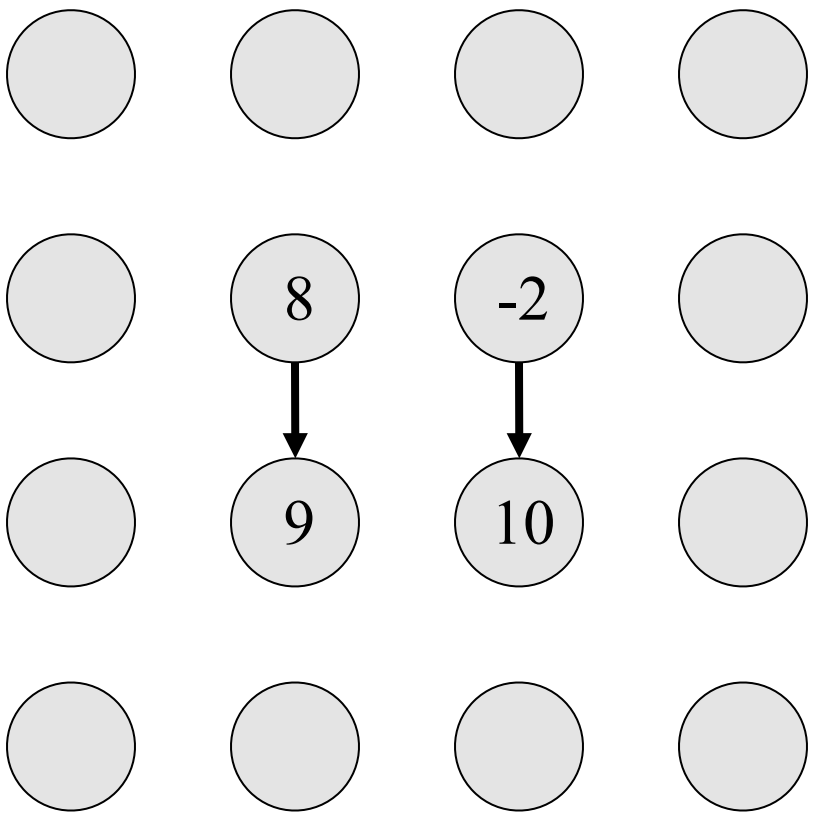

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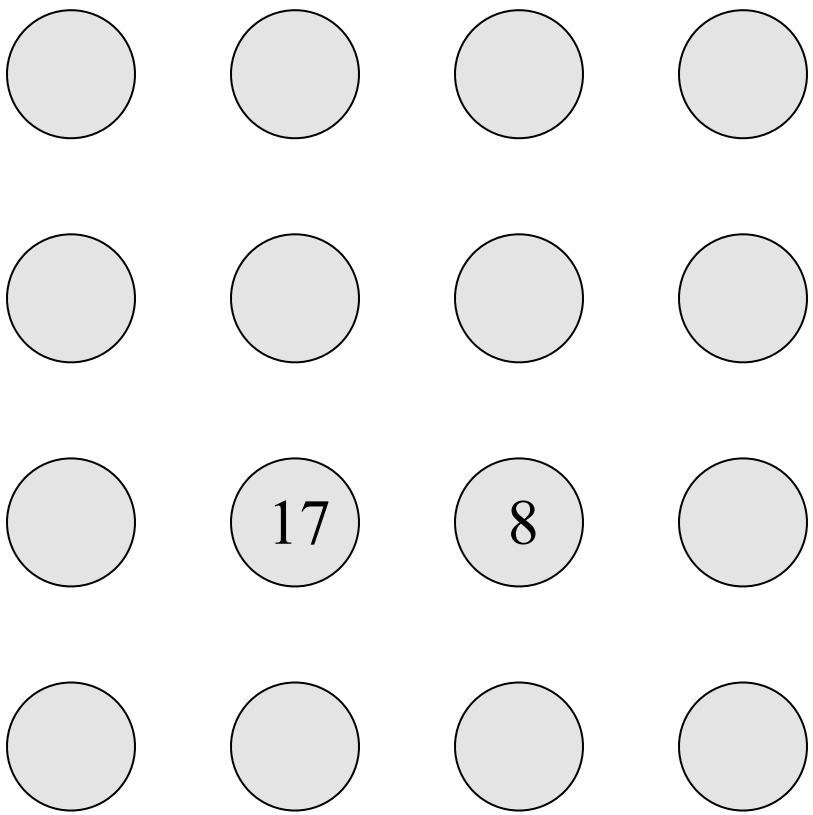

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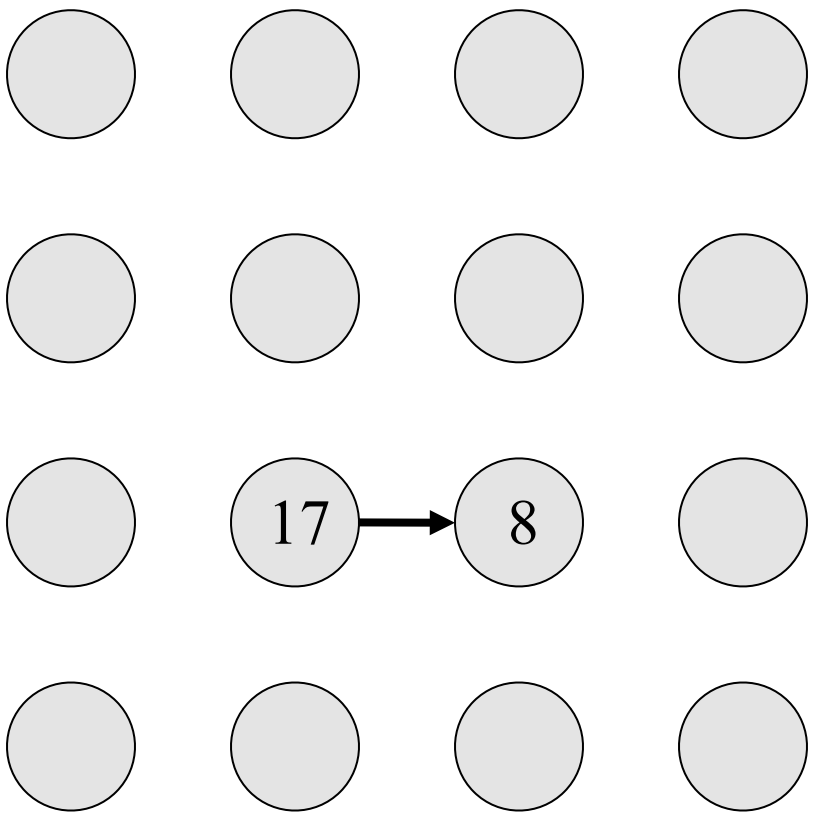

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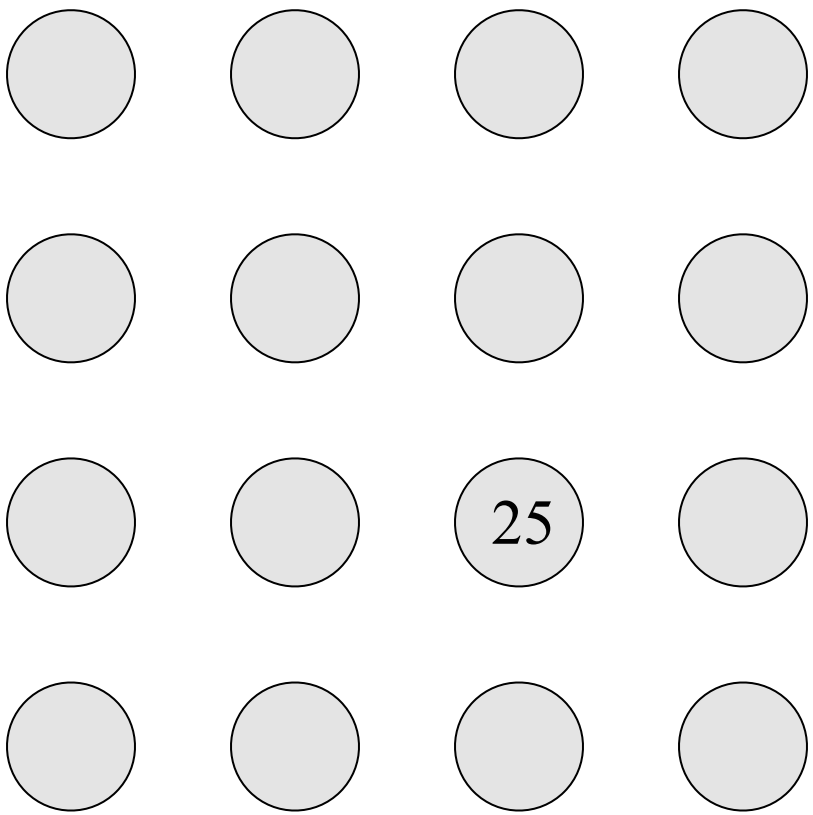

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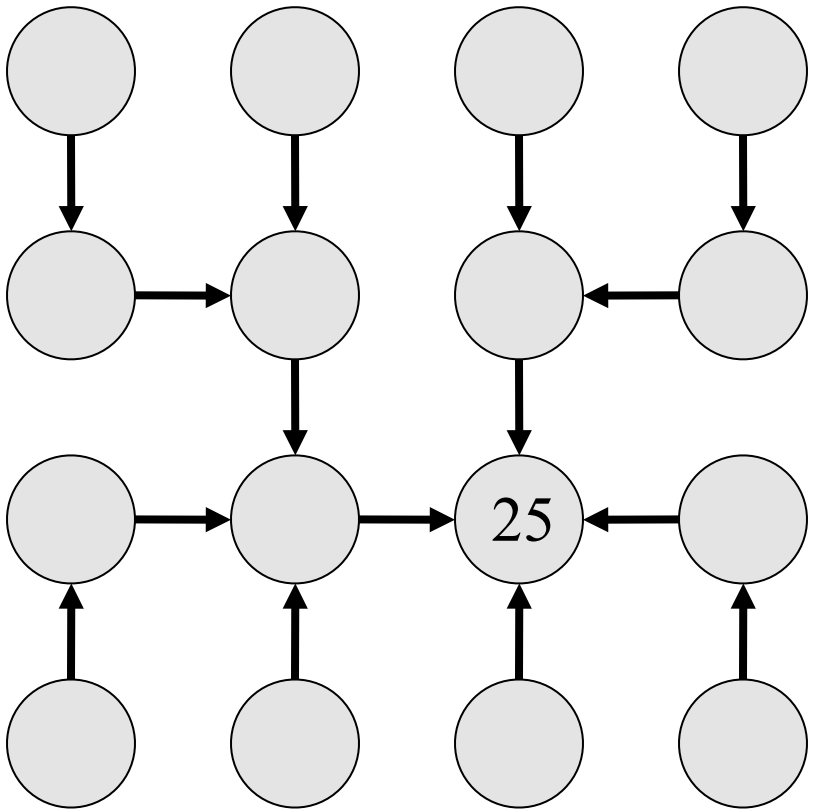

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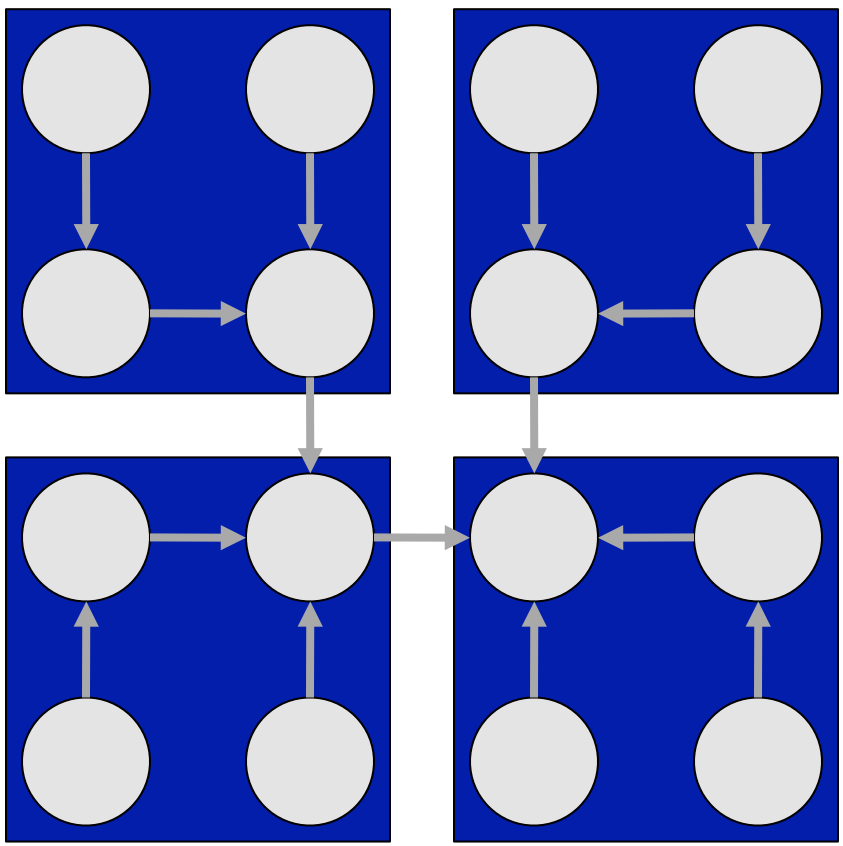

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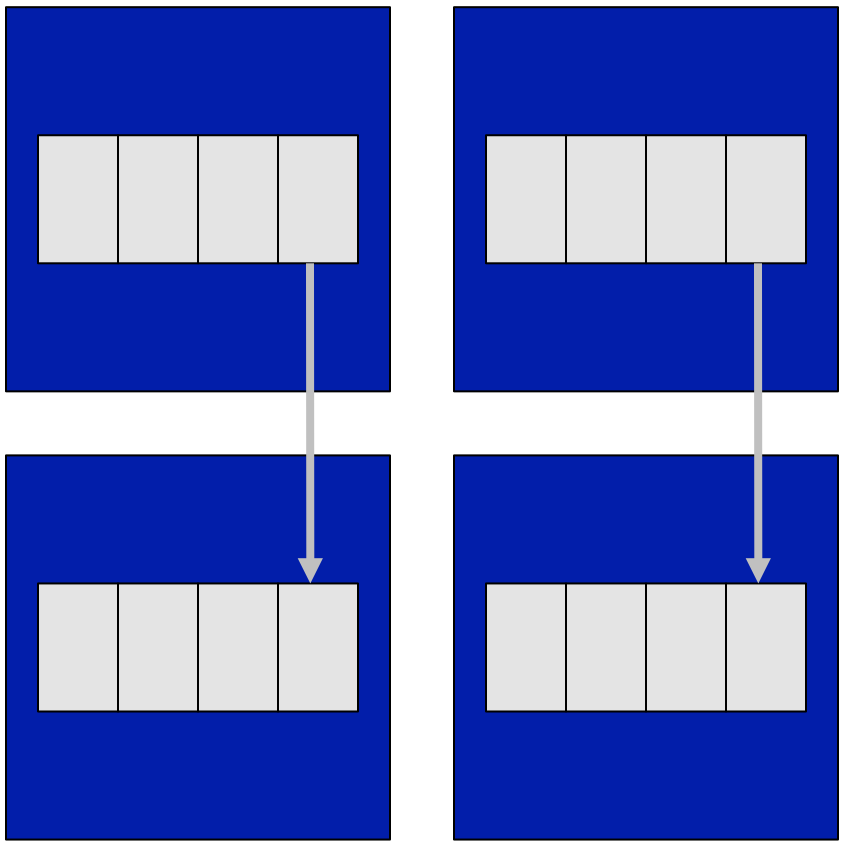

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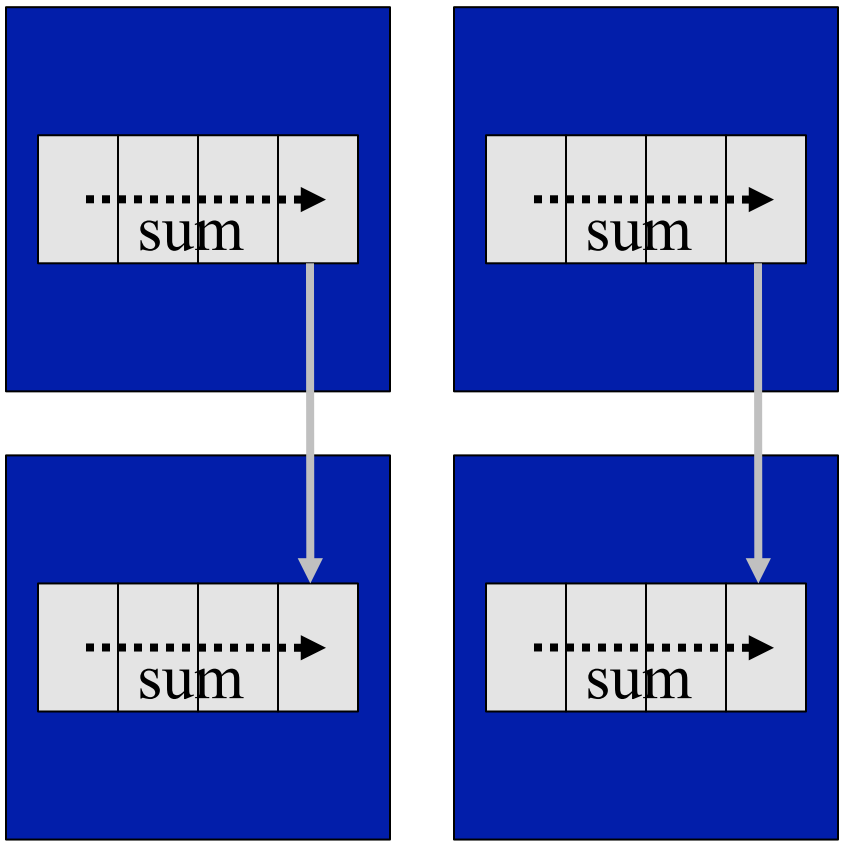

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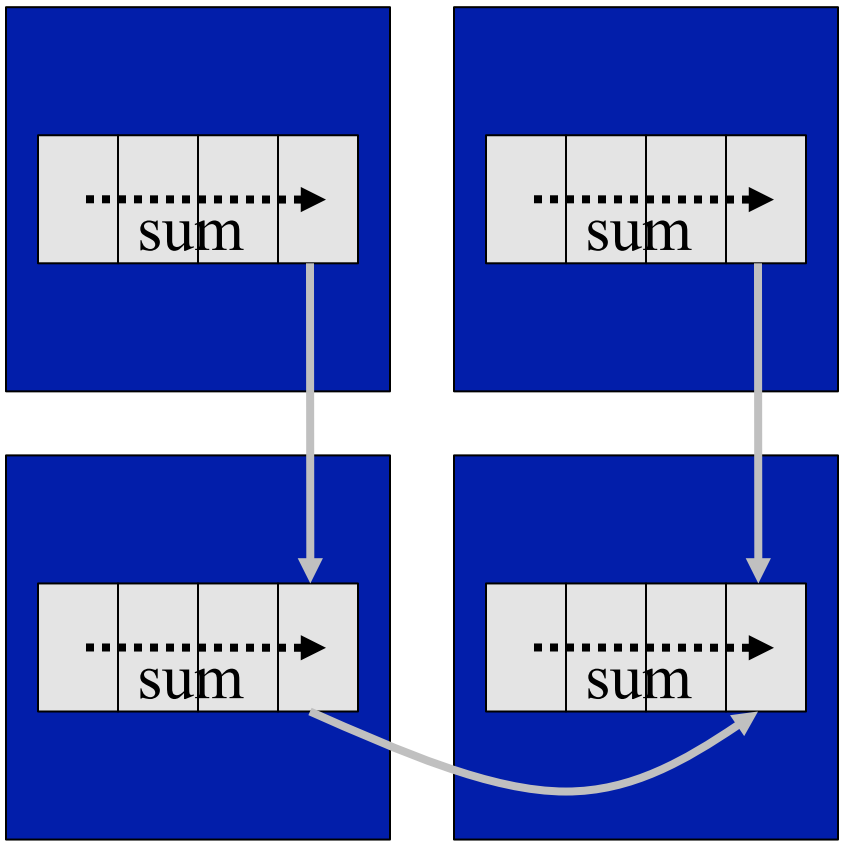

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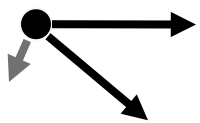

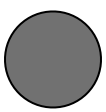

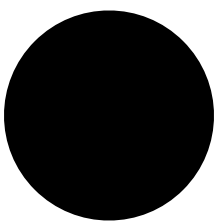

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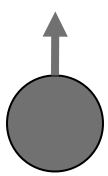

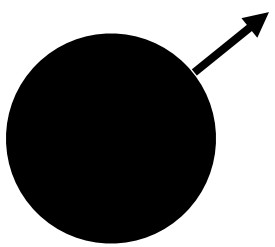

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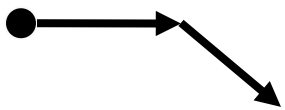

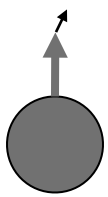

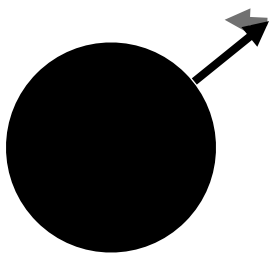

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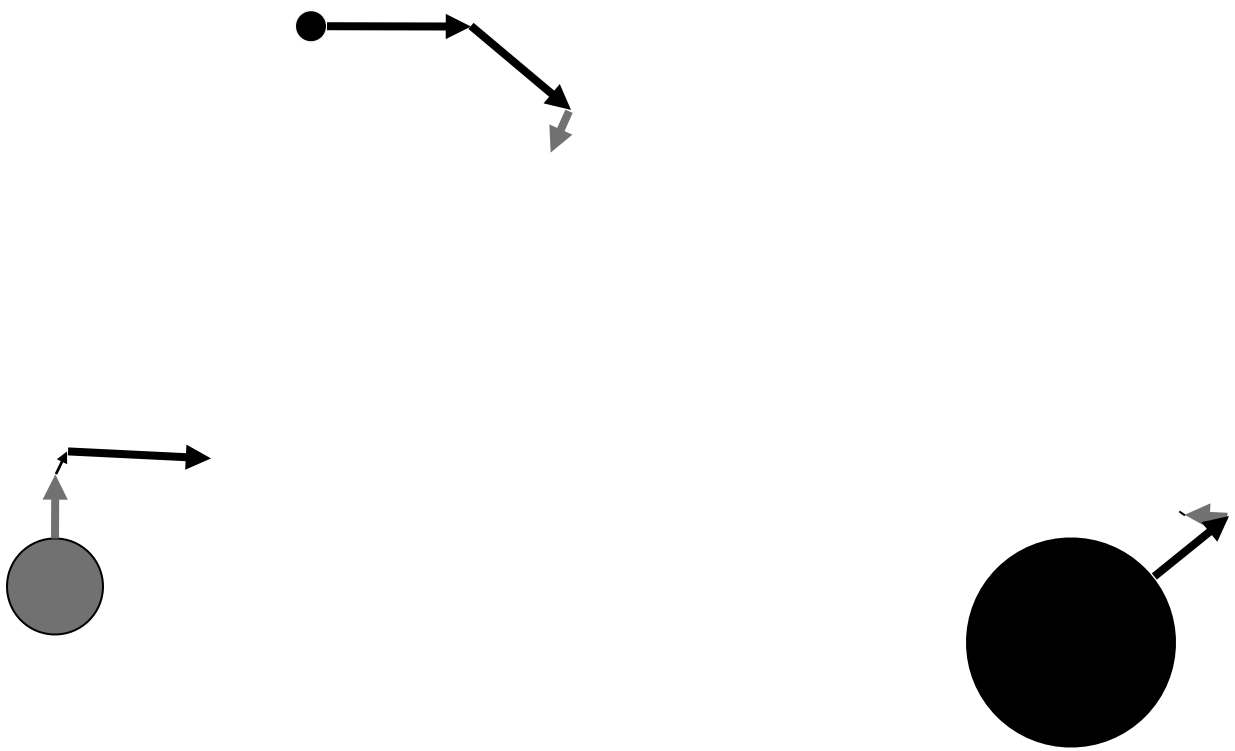

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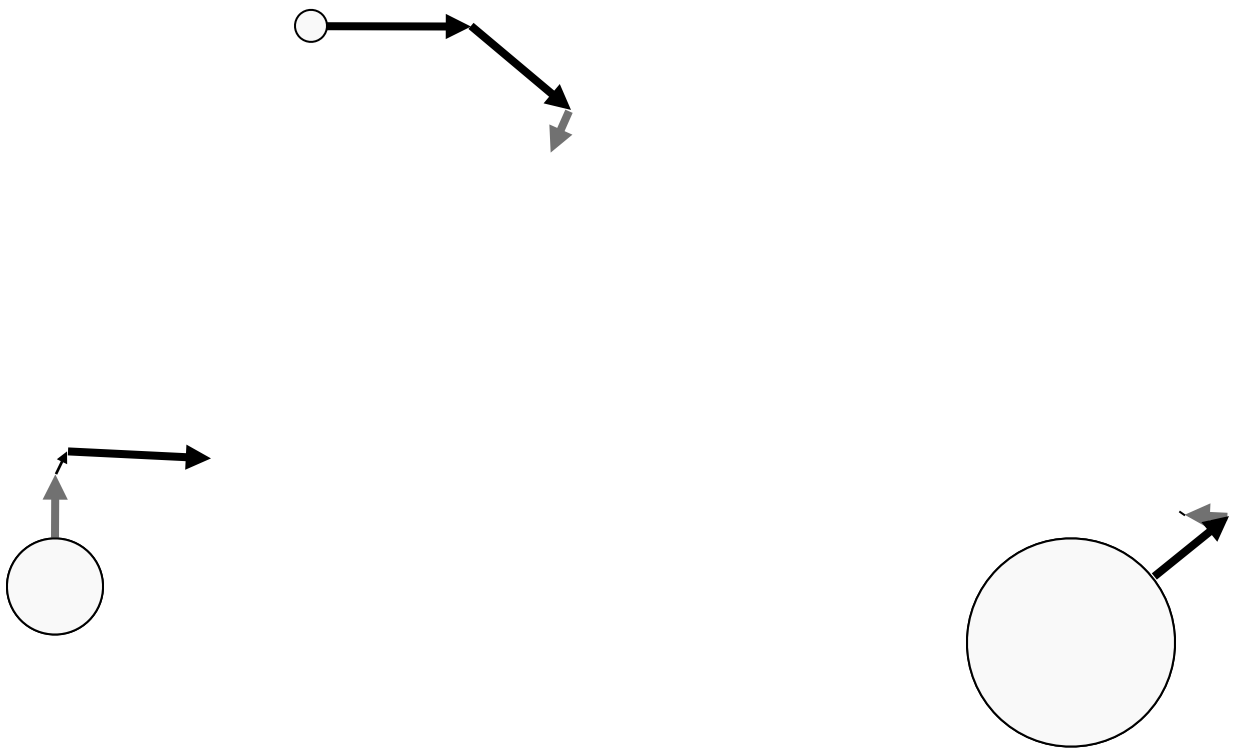

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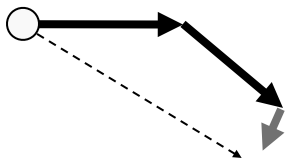

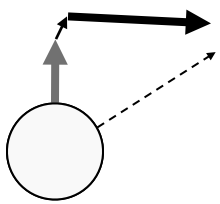

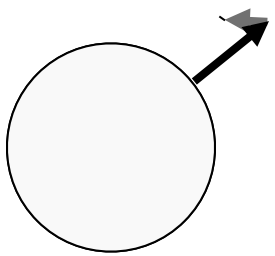

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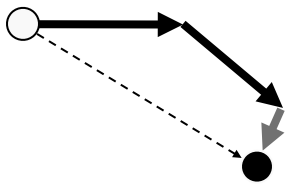

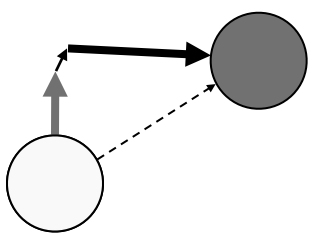

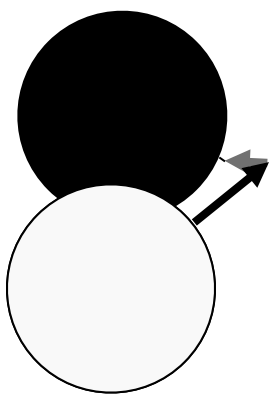

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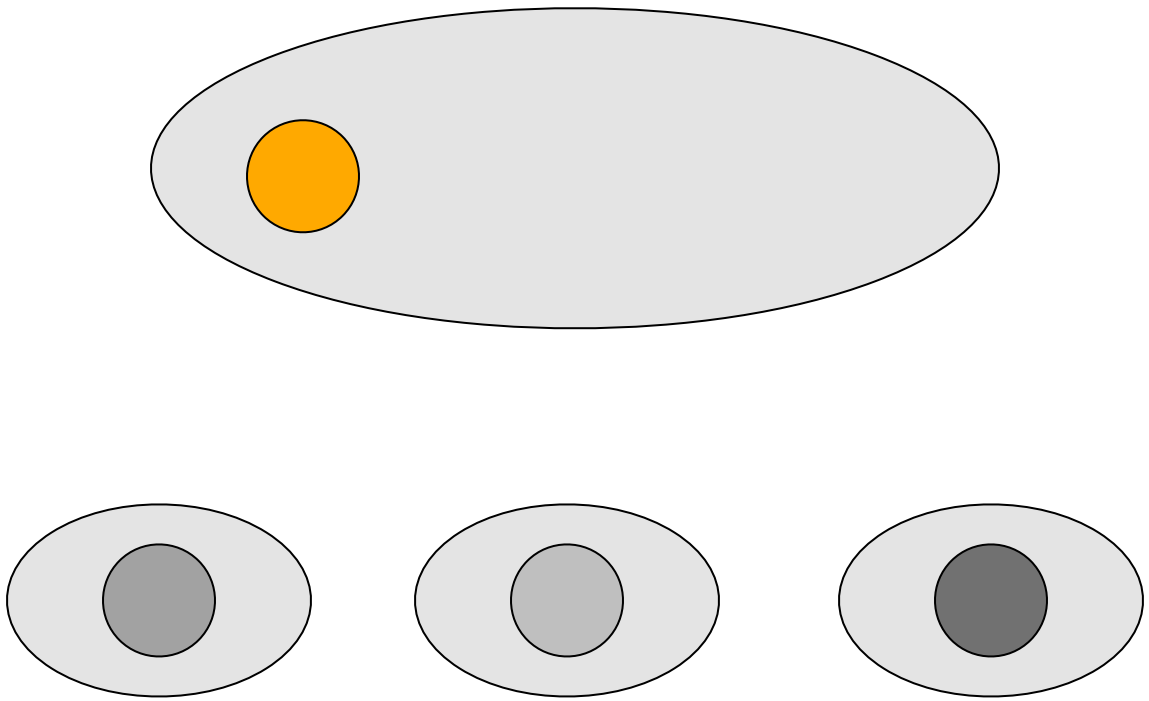

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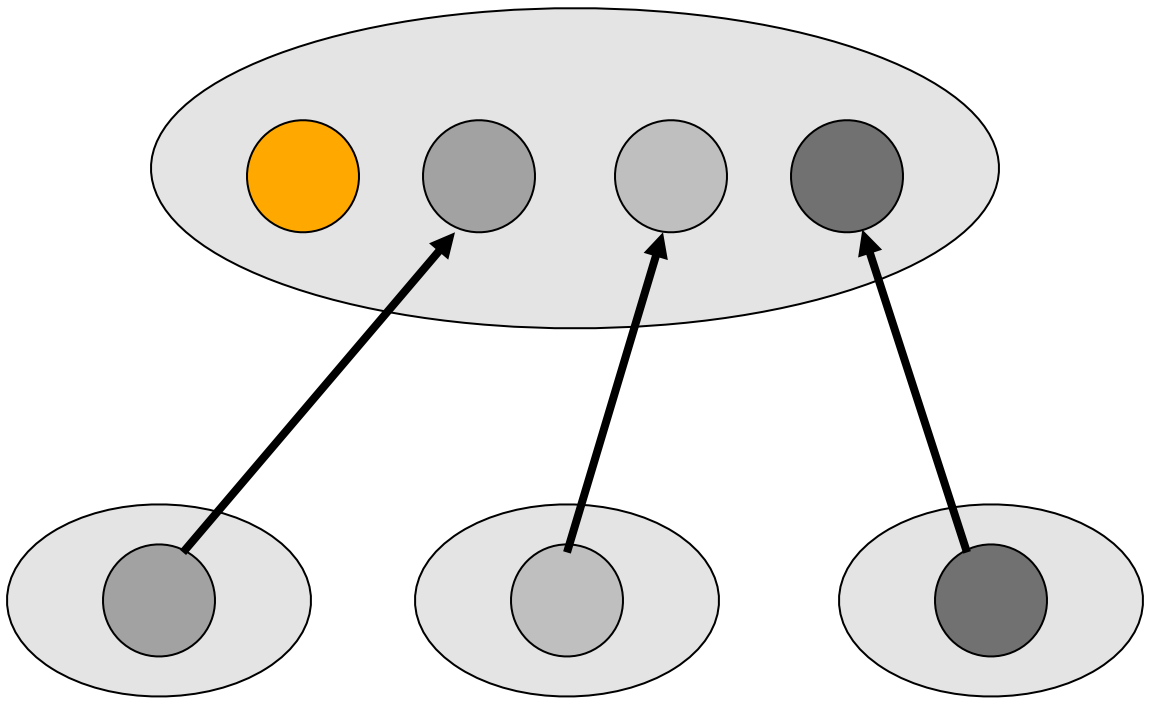

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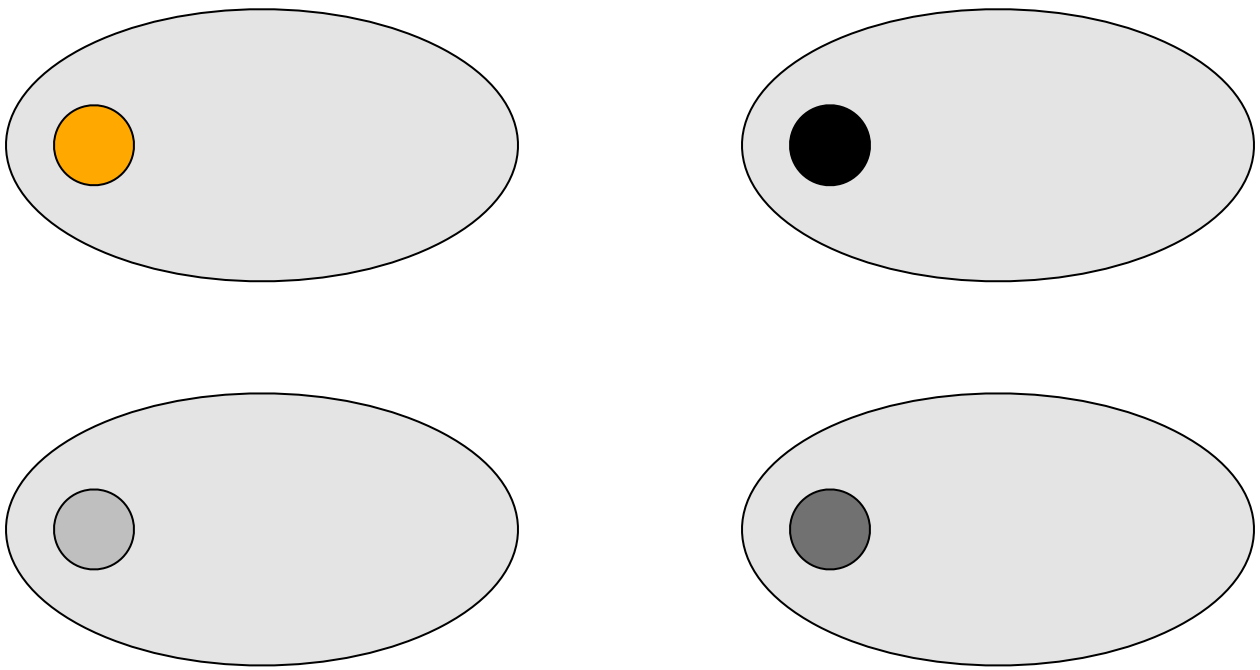

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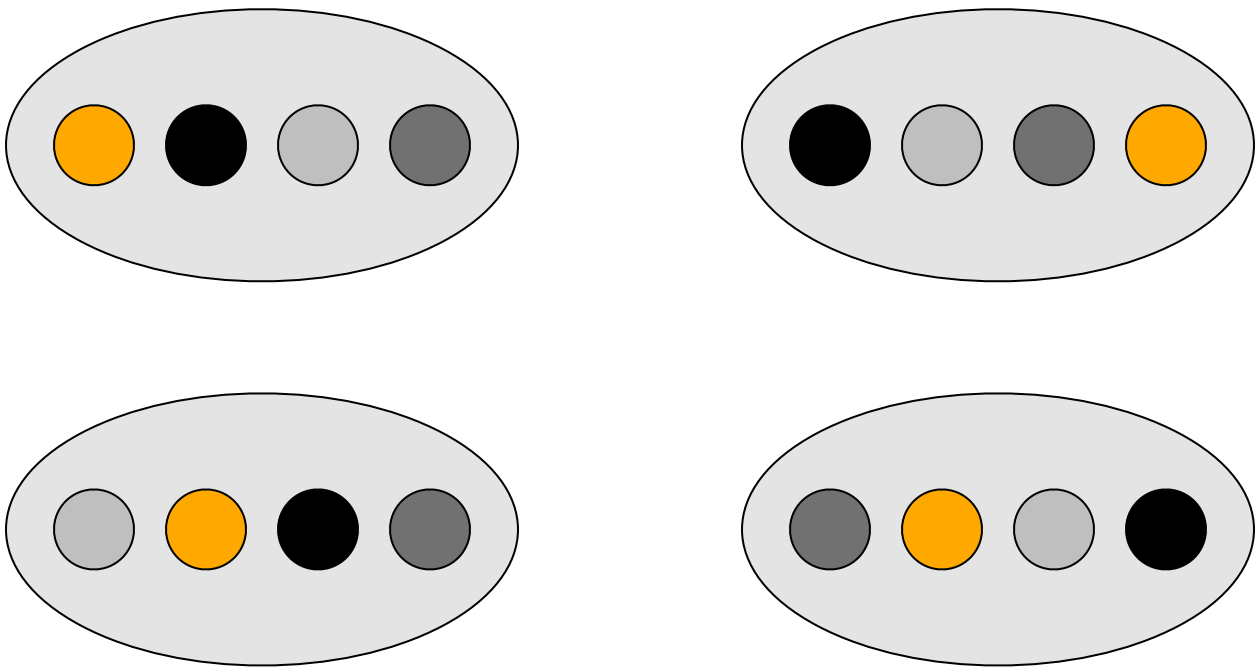

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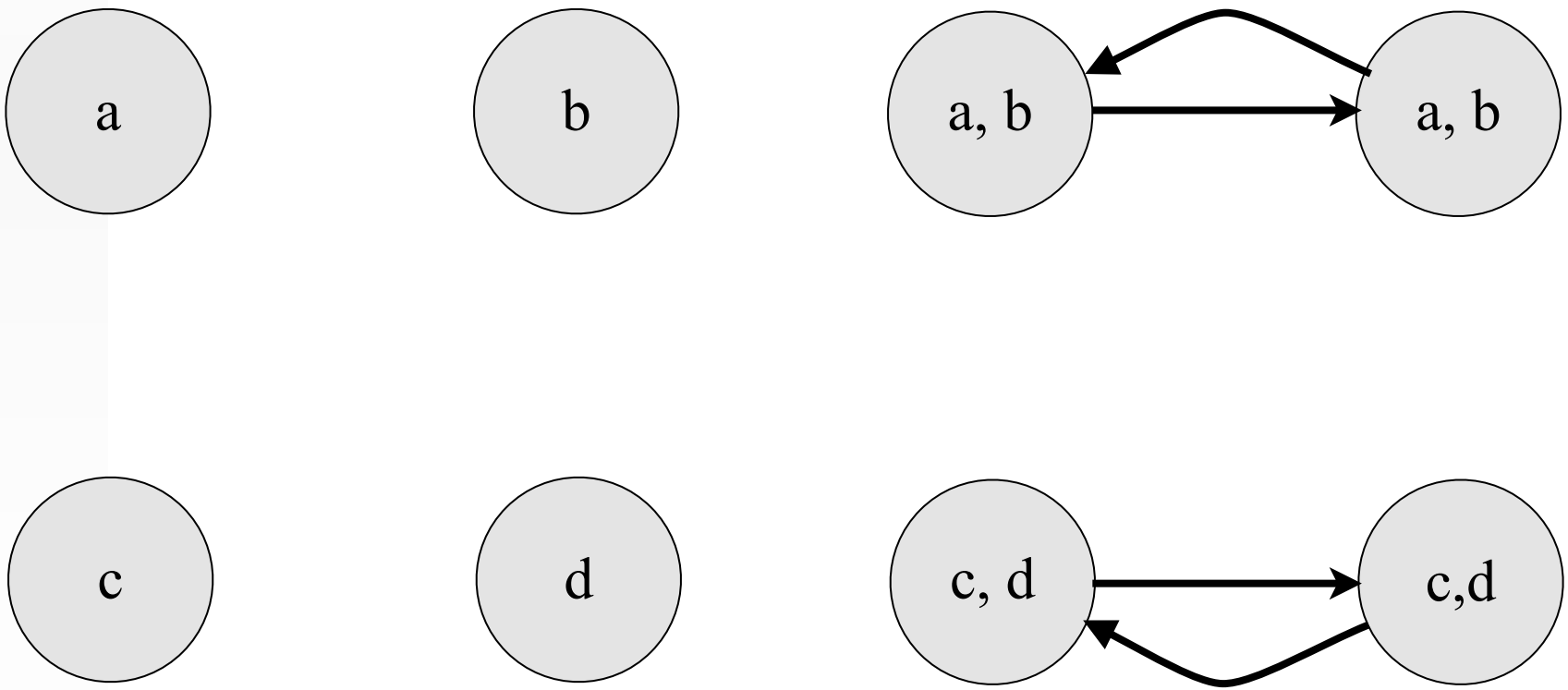

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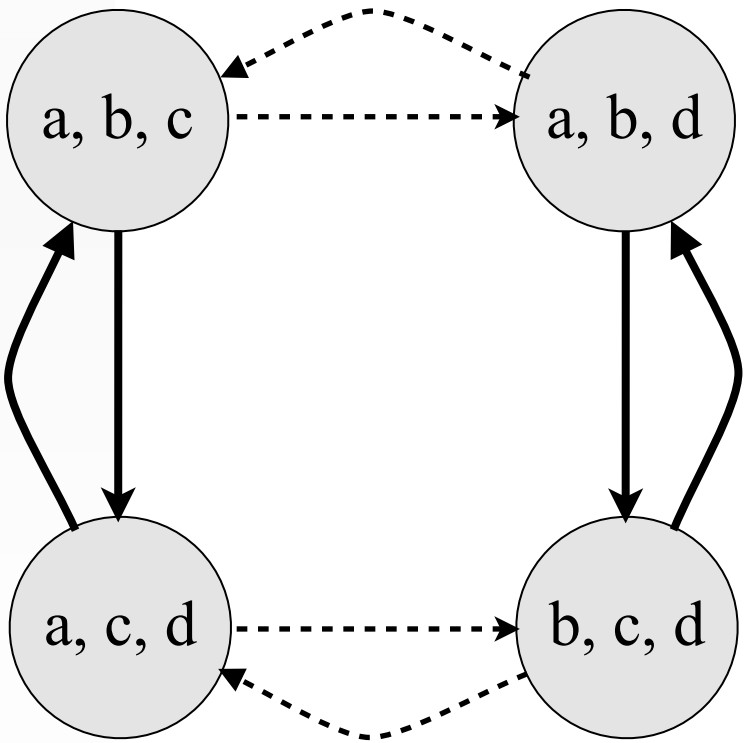

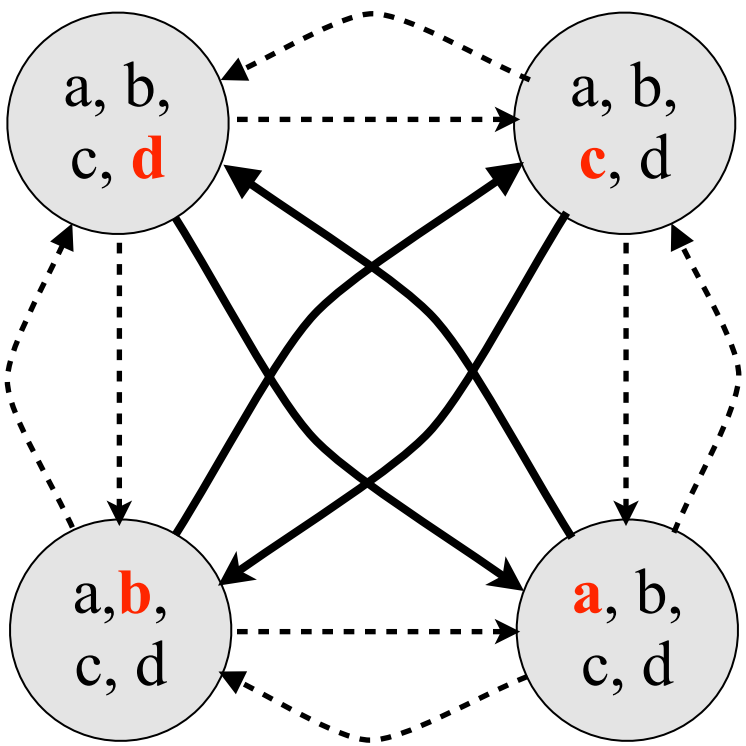

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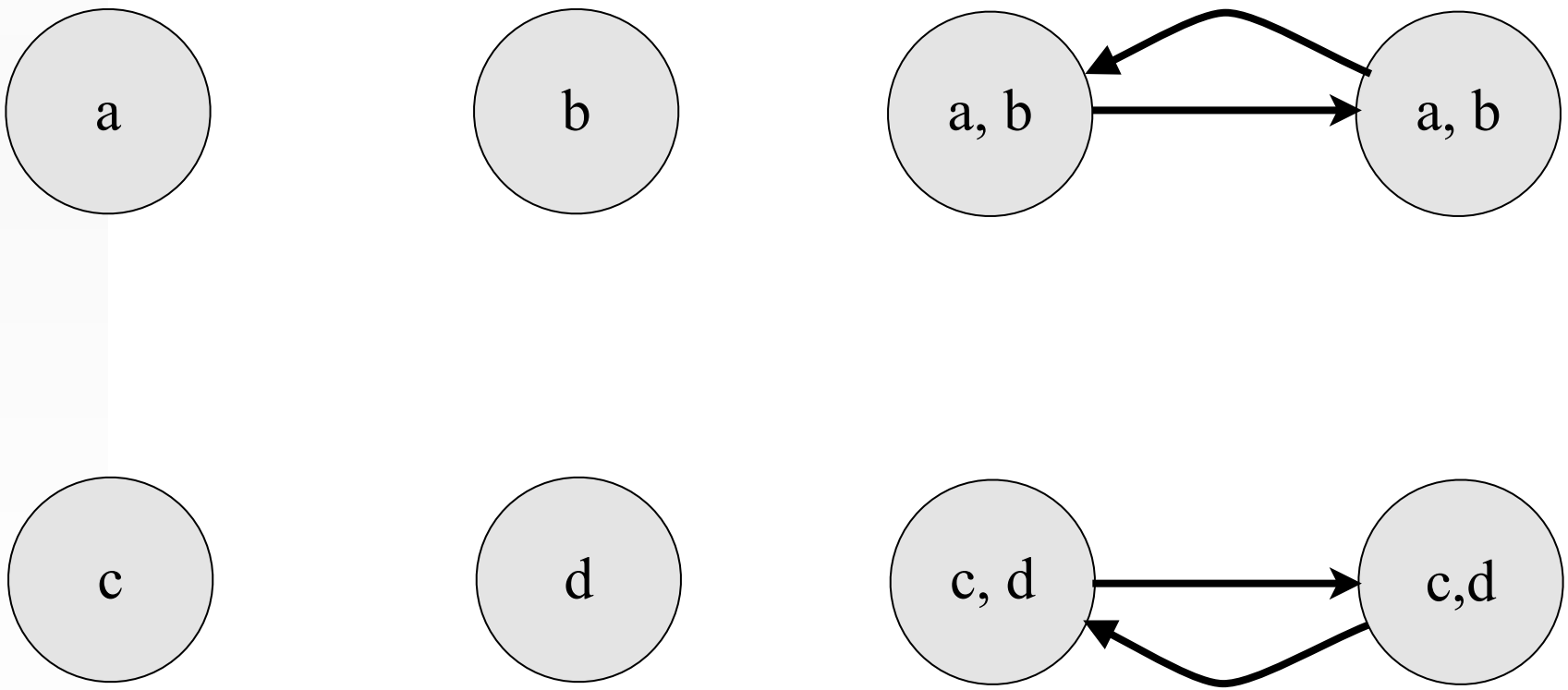

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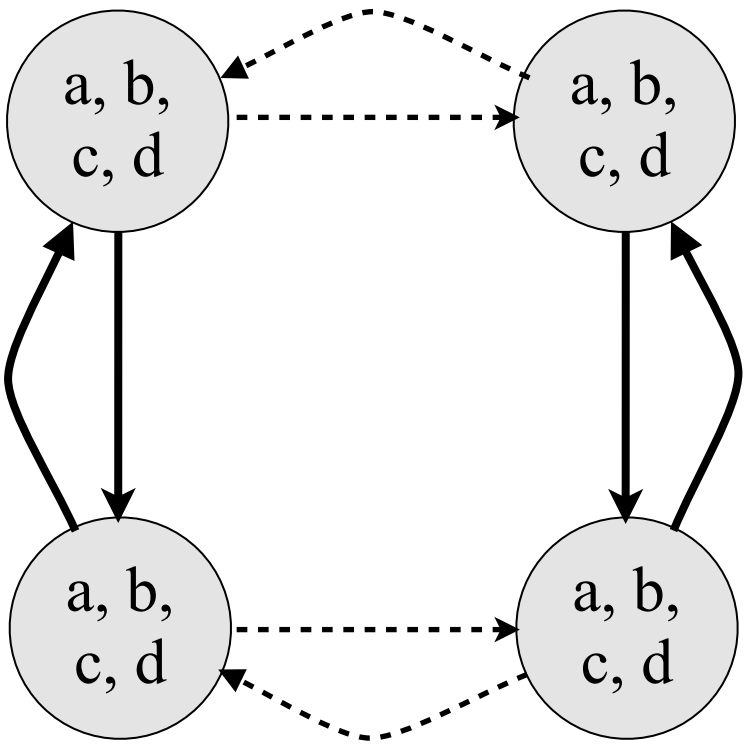


Communication Time

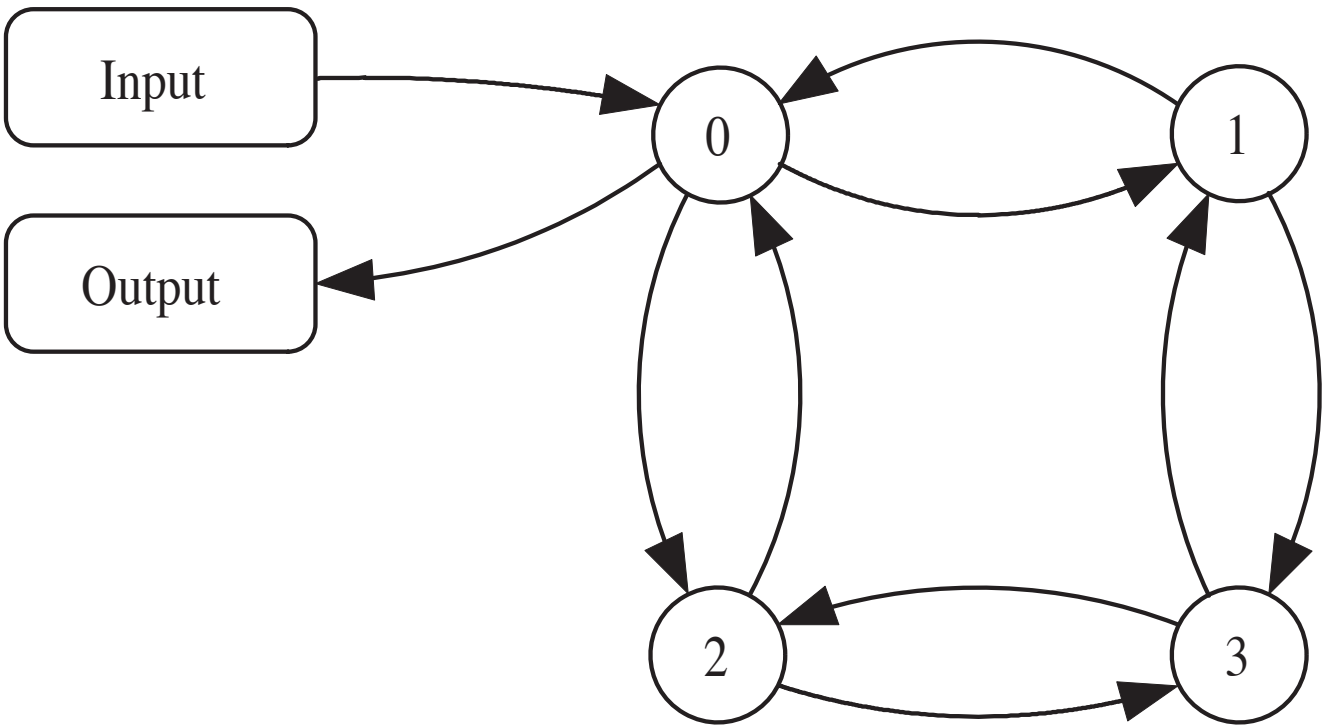
Complete graph

$$(p-1)(\lambda + \frac{n/p}{\beta}) = (p-1)\lambda + \frac{n(p-1)}{\beta p}$$

Hypercube

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\log p} \left(\lambda + \frac{2^{\text{i-1}} n}{\beta p} \right) = \lambda \log p + \frac{n(p-1)}{\beta p}$$

Adding Data Input



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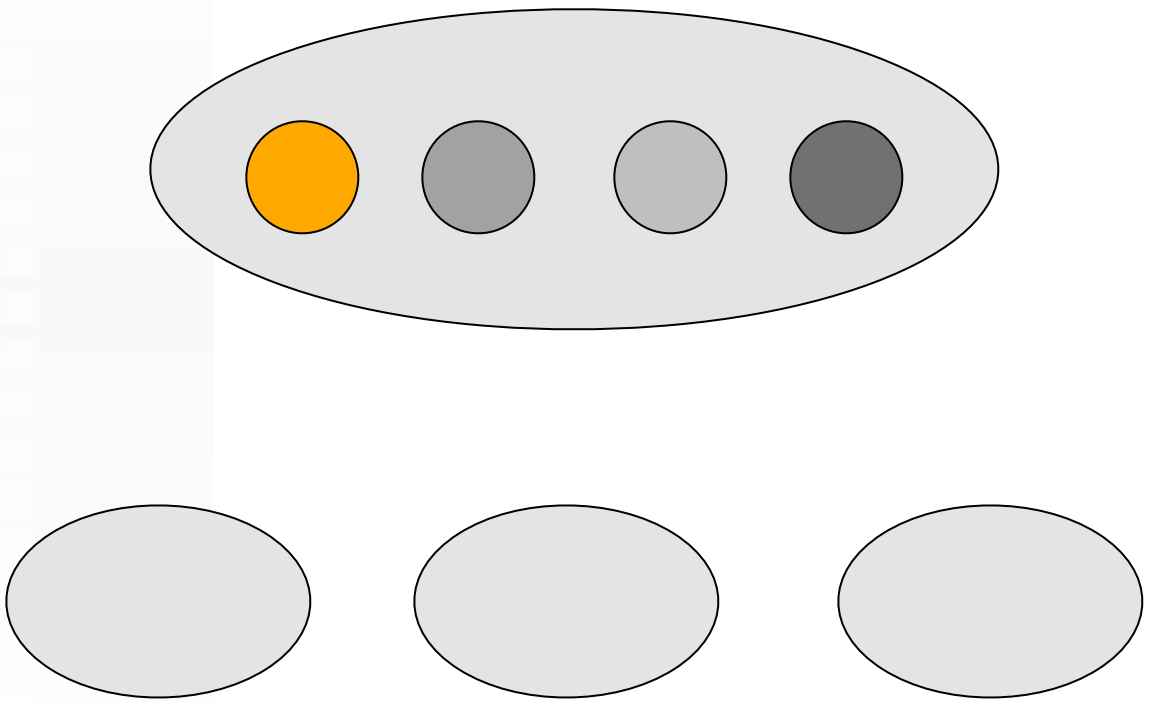

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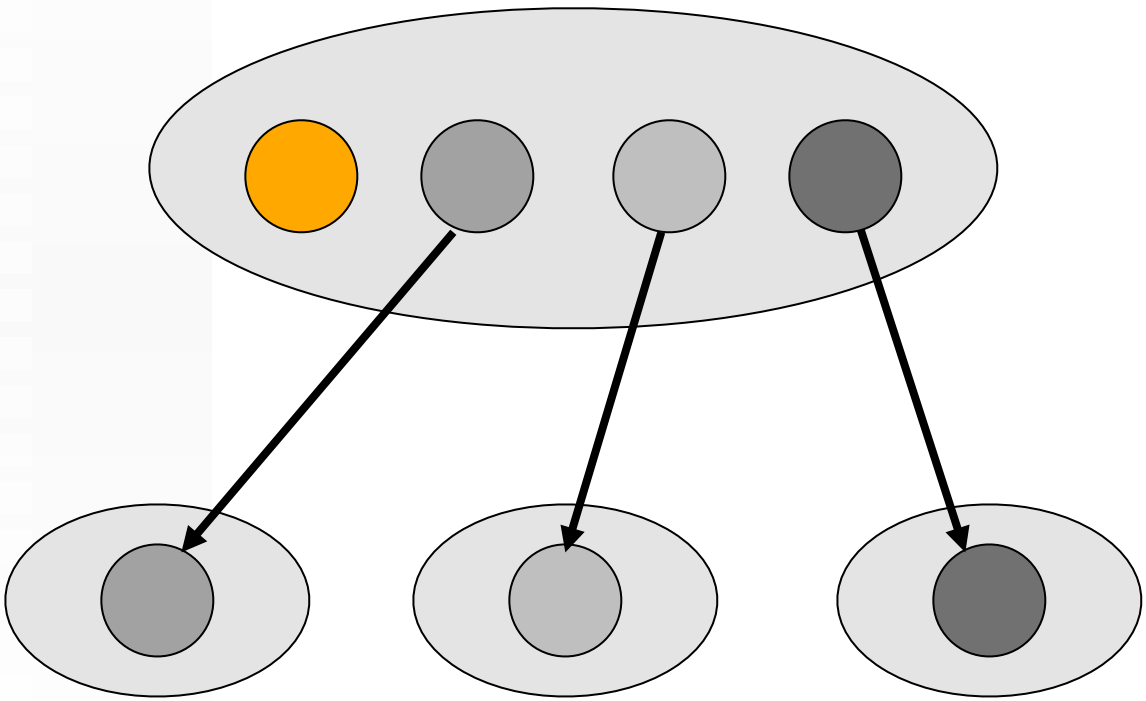

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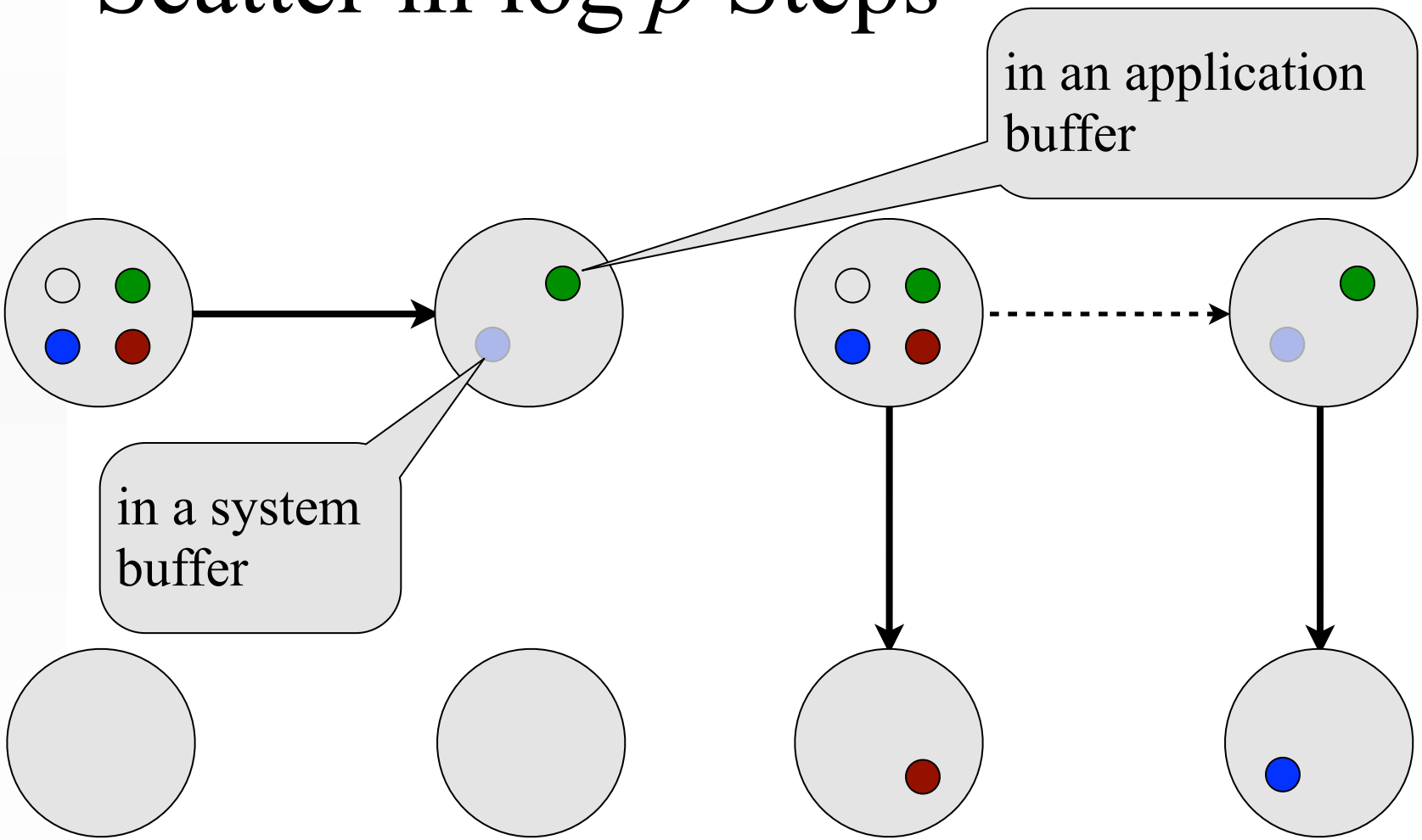

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