Introduction to Parallel Computing (CMSC416 / CMSC616)

Performance Modeling, Analysis, and Tools

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Weak versus strong scaling

- Strong scaling: ***Fixed total*** problem size as we run on more processes
  - Sorting n numbers on 1 process, 2 processes, 4 processes, …
  - Problem size per process decreases with increase in number of processes
- Weak scaling: ***Fixed*** problem size ***per process*** but *increasing total* problem size as we run on more processes
  - Sorting n numbers on 1 process
  - 2n numbers on 2 processes
  - 4n numbers on 4 processes

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Performance analysis

- Parallel performance of a program might not be what the developer expects
- How do we find performance bottlenecks?
- Performance analysis is the process of studying the performance of a code
- Identify why performance might be slow
  - Serial performance
  - Serial bottlenecks when running in parallel
  - Communication overheads

Different performance analysis methods

- Analytical techniques: use algebraic formulae
  - In terms of data size (n), number of processes (p)
- Time complexity analysis: big O notation
- Scalability analysis: Isoefficiency
- More detailed modeling of various operations such as communication
  - Analytical models: LogP, alpha-beta model
- Empirical performance analysis using profiling tools

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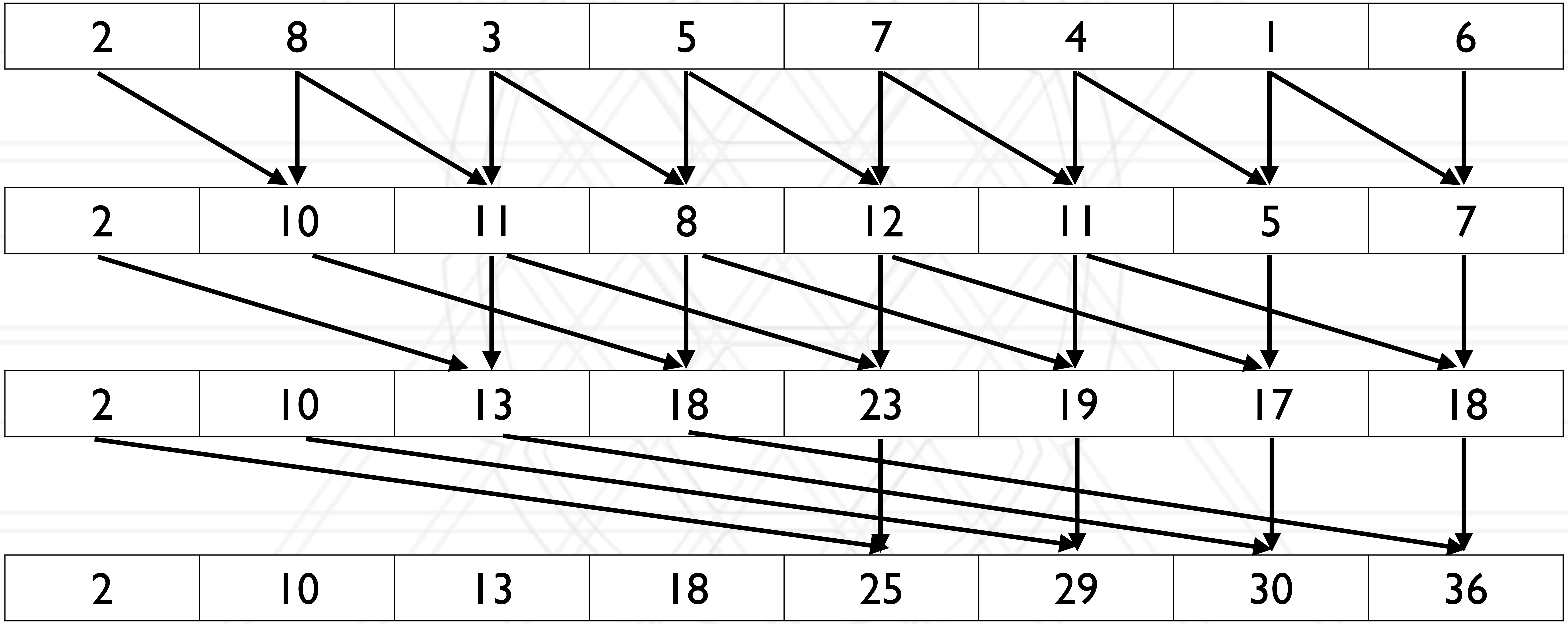

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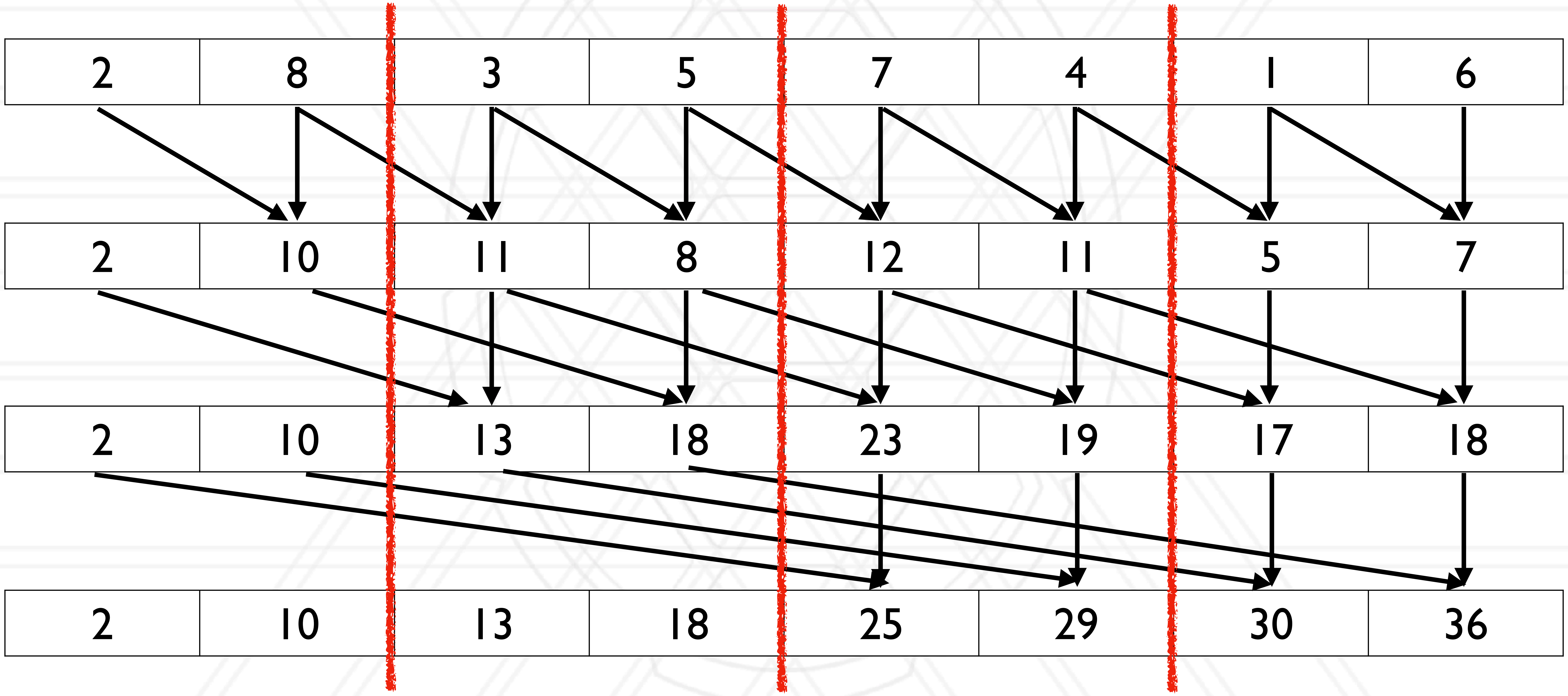

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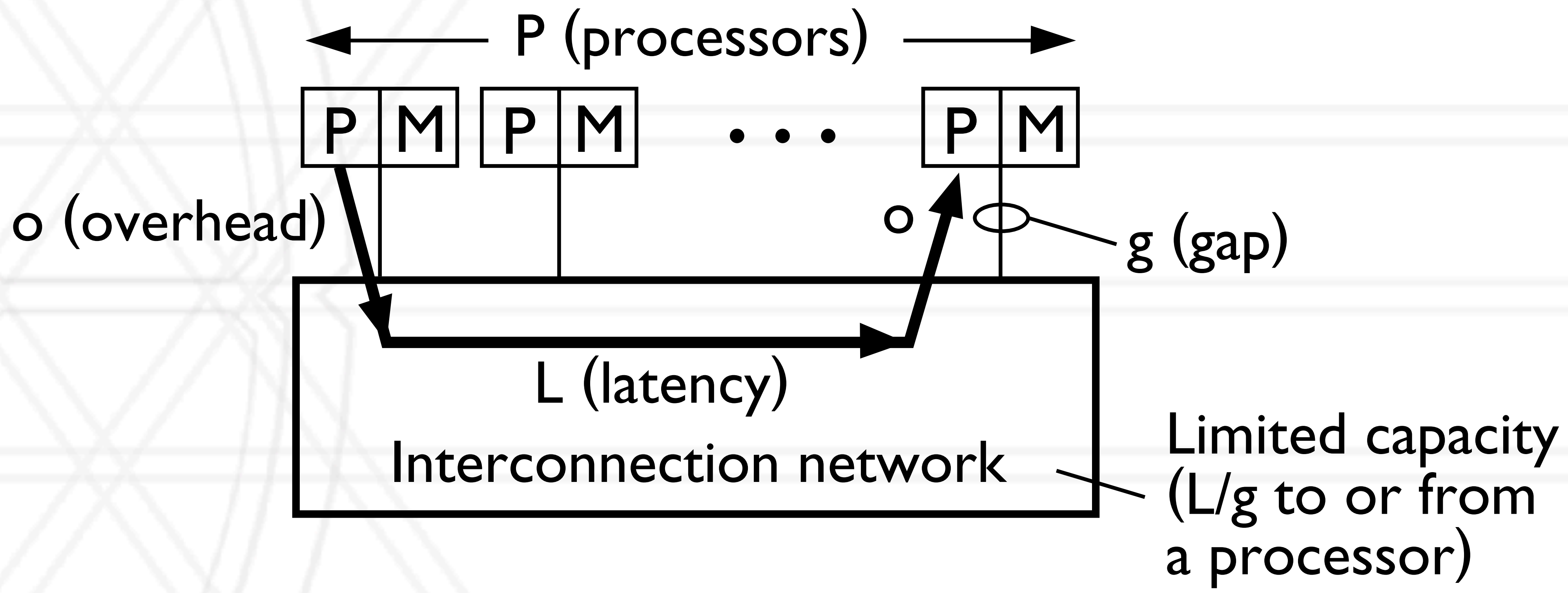
Modeling communication: LogP model

- Used for modeling communication on the inter-node network



L: latency or delay

o: overhead (processor busy in communication)

g: gap (required between successive sends/ receives)

P: number of processors / processes

g is the inverse of bandwidth

1/g = bandwidth

alpha + n * beta model

- Another model for communication

$$T_{\mathrm{comm}} = \alpha + n \times \beta$$

α: latency

n: size of message

1/β: bandwidth

Isoefficiency

- Relationship between problem size and number of processes to maintain a certain level of efficiency
- At what rate should we increase problem size with respect to number of processes to keep efficiency constant (iso-efficiency)

Speedup and efficiency

- Speedup: Ratio of execution time on one process to that on *p* processes

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{t_1}{t_p}$$

- Efficiency: Speedup per process

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{t_1}{t_p \times p}$$

Efficiency in terms of overhead

- Total time spent in all processes = (useful) computation + overhead (extra computation + communication + idle time + other overheads)

$$p \times t_p = t_1 + t_o$$

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{t_1}{t_p \times p} = \frac{t_1}{t_1 + t_o} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{t_o}{t_1}}$$

Isoefficiency function

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- Efficiency is constant if t_o / t_1 is constant (K)

$$t_o = K \times t_1$$

Isoefficiency analysis

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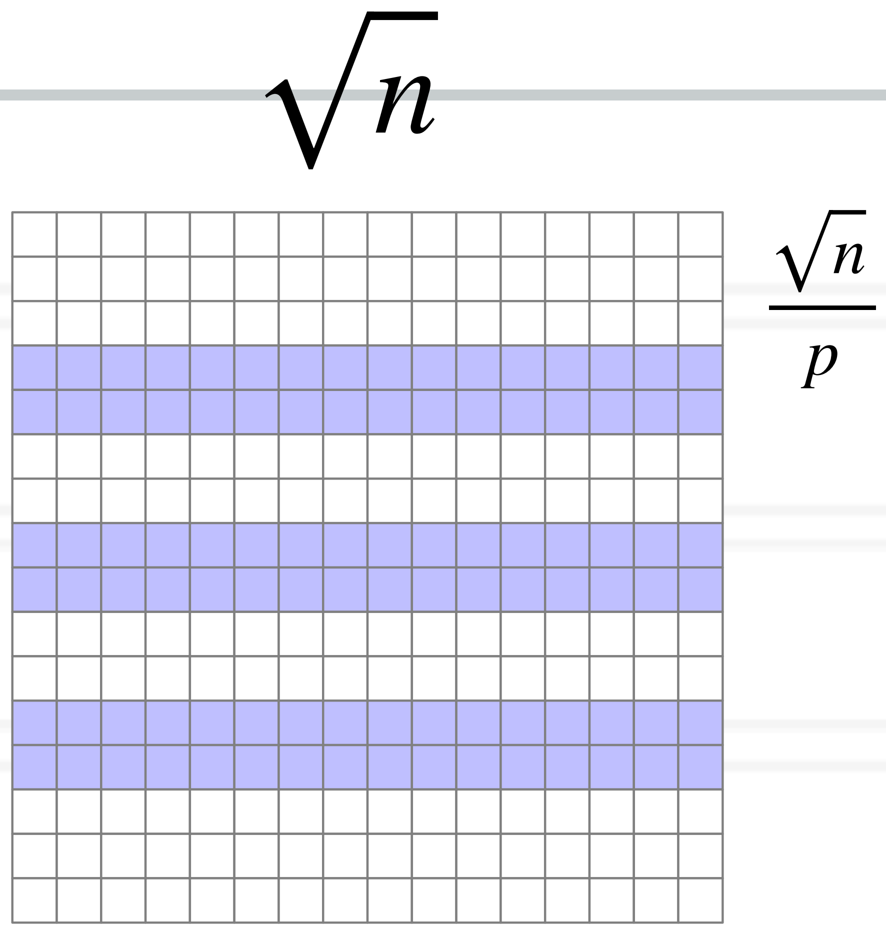

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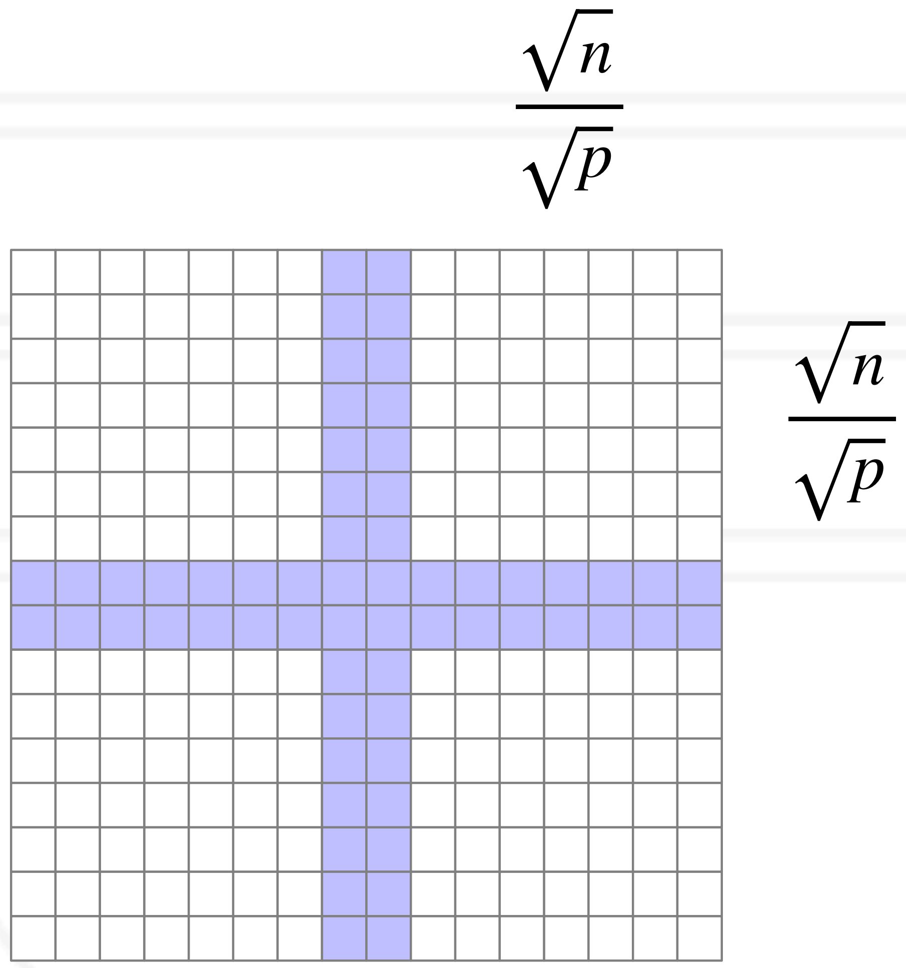

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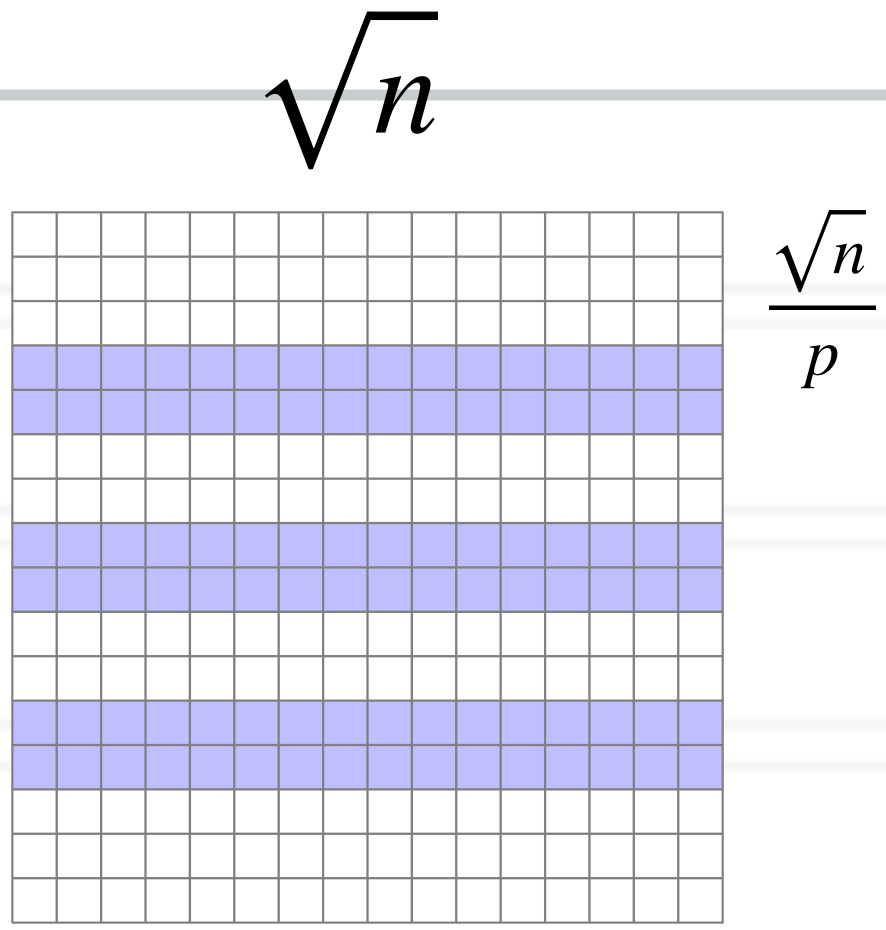

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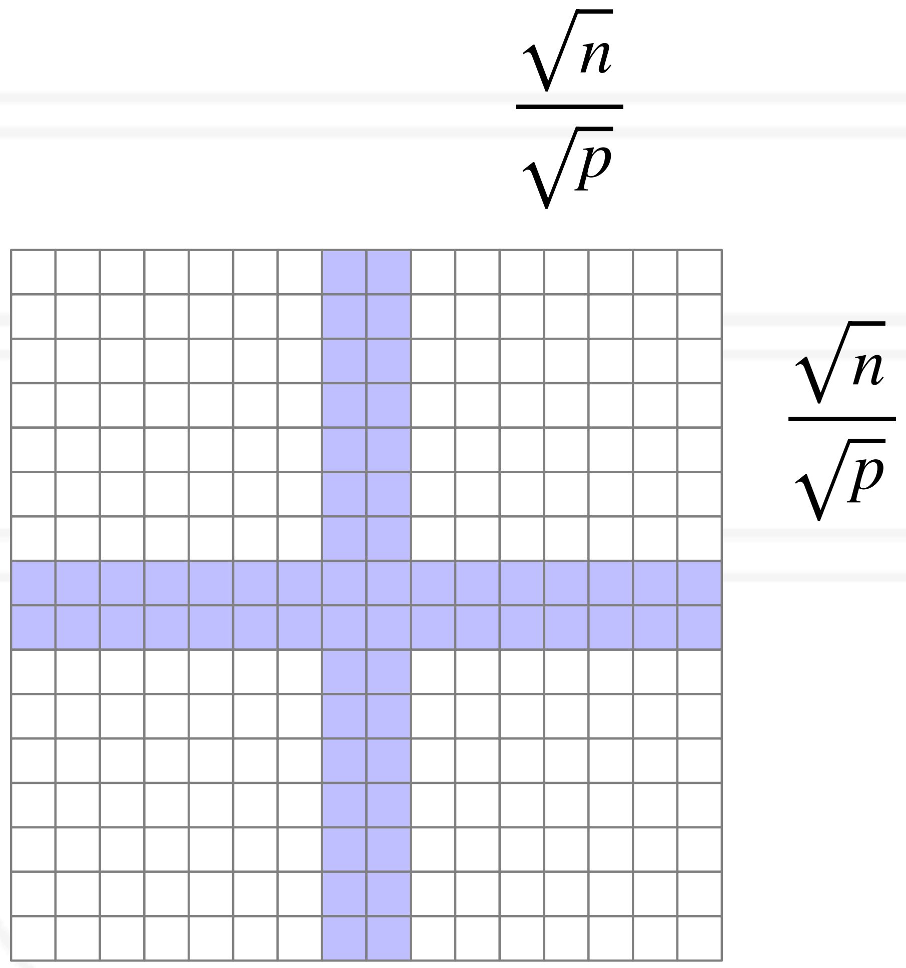

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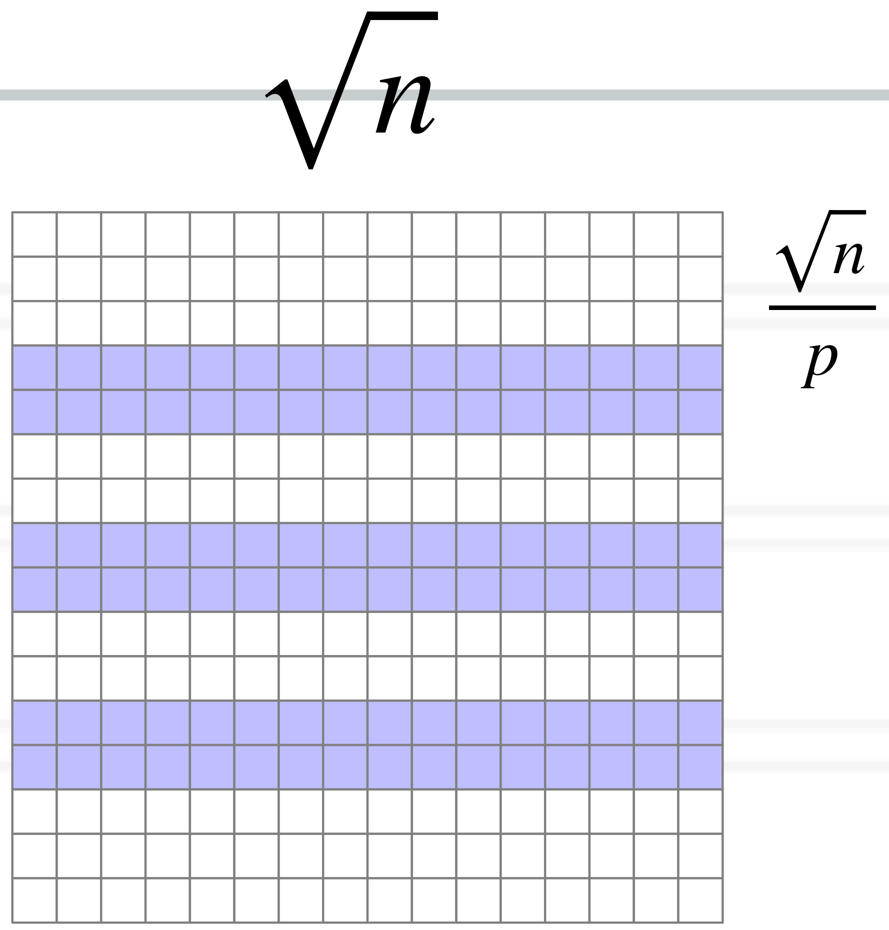

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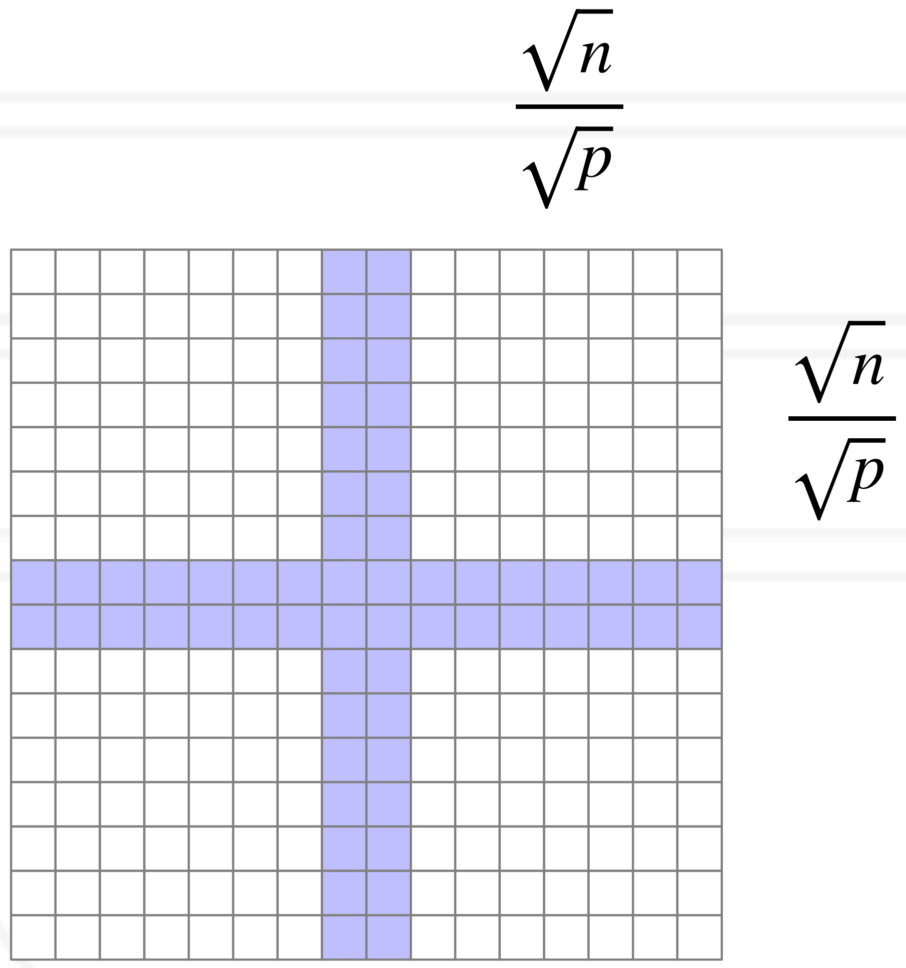

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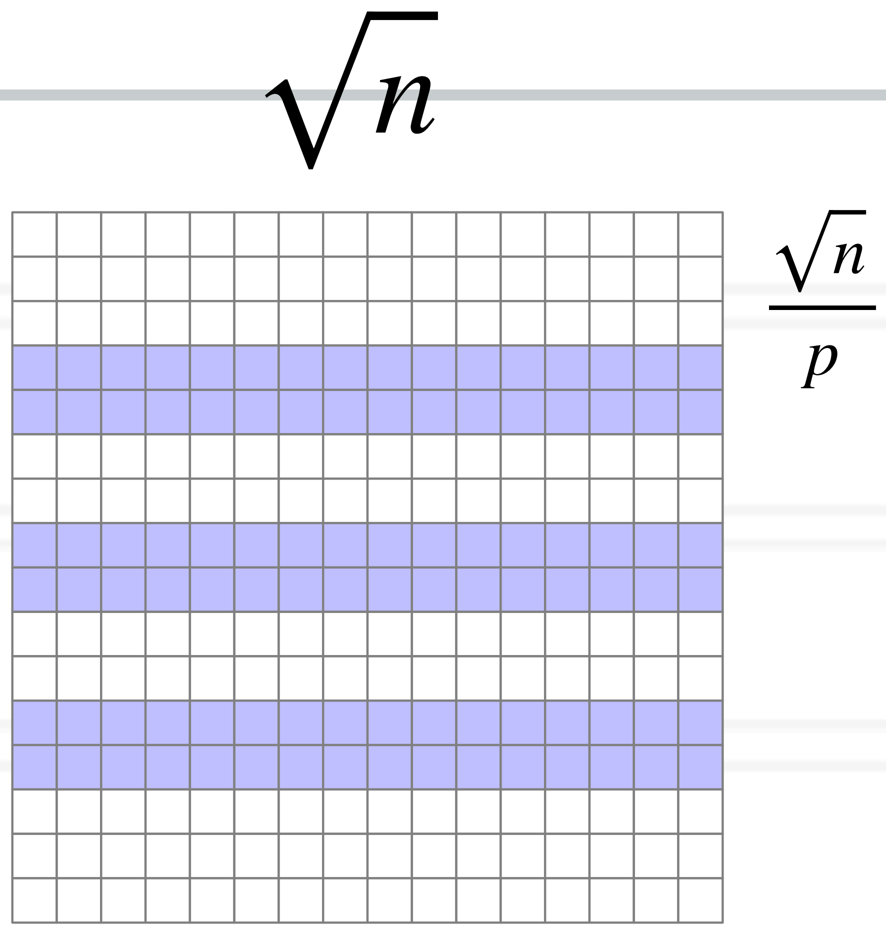

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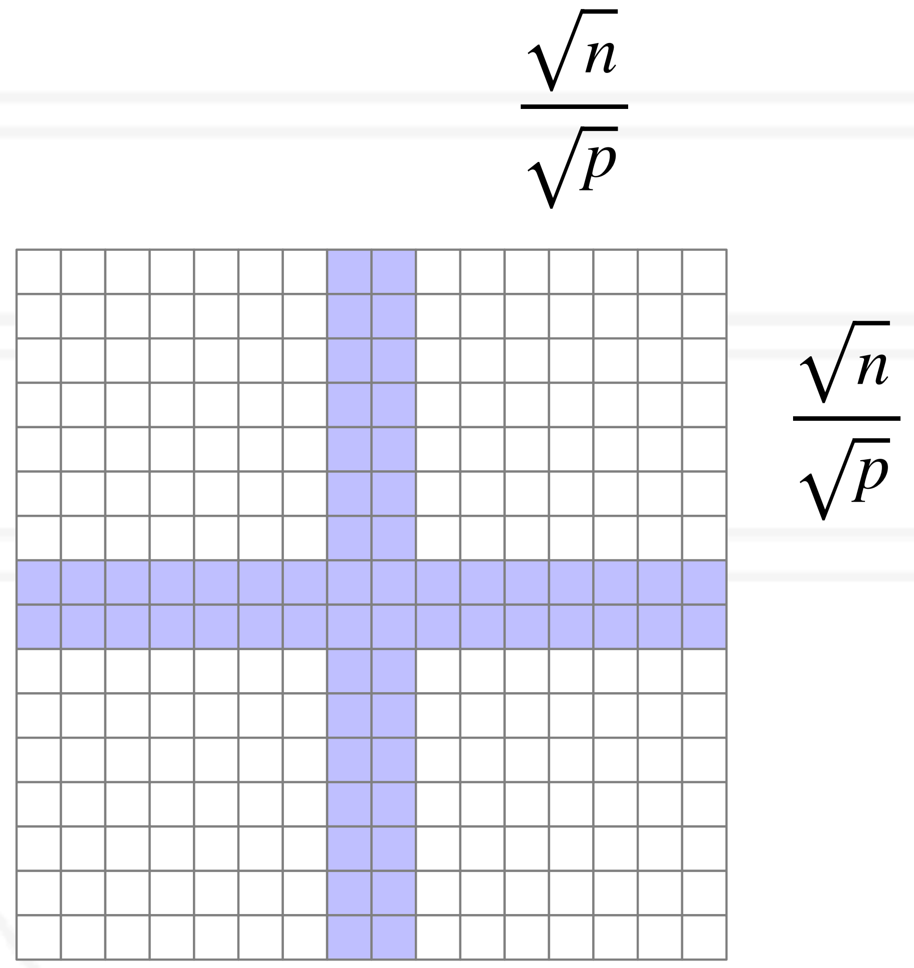

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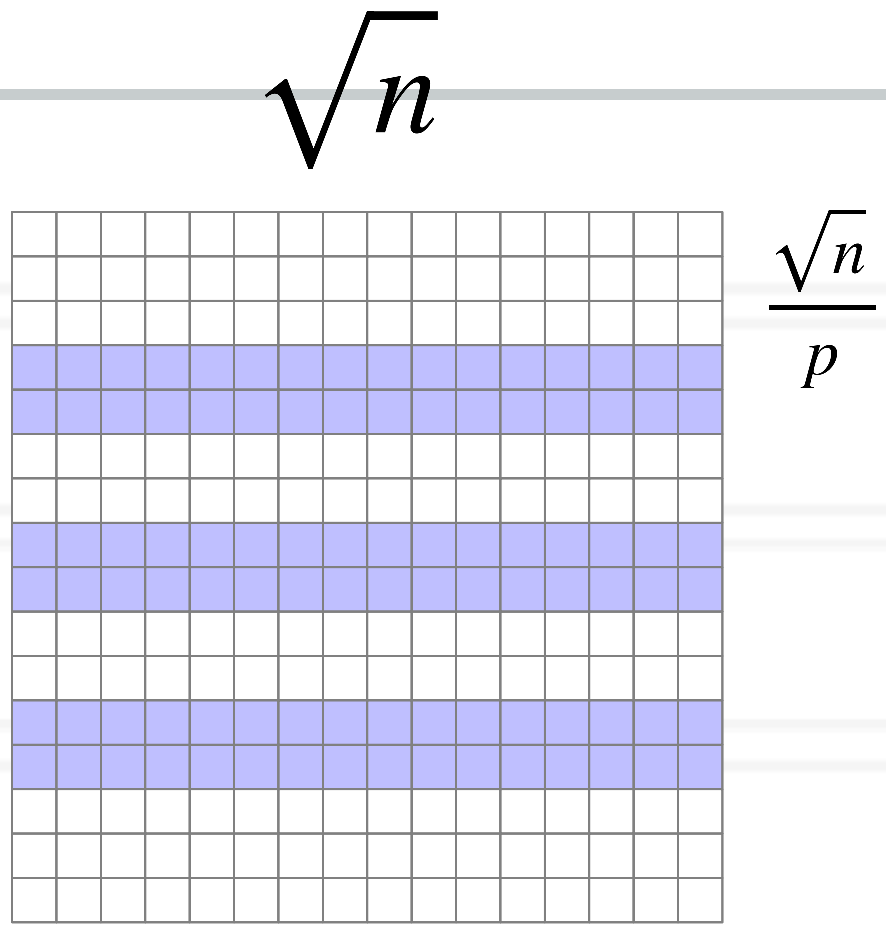

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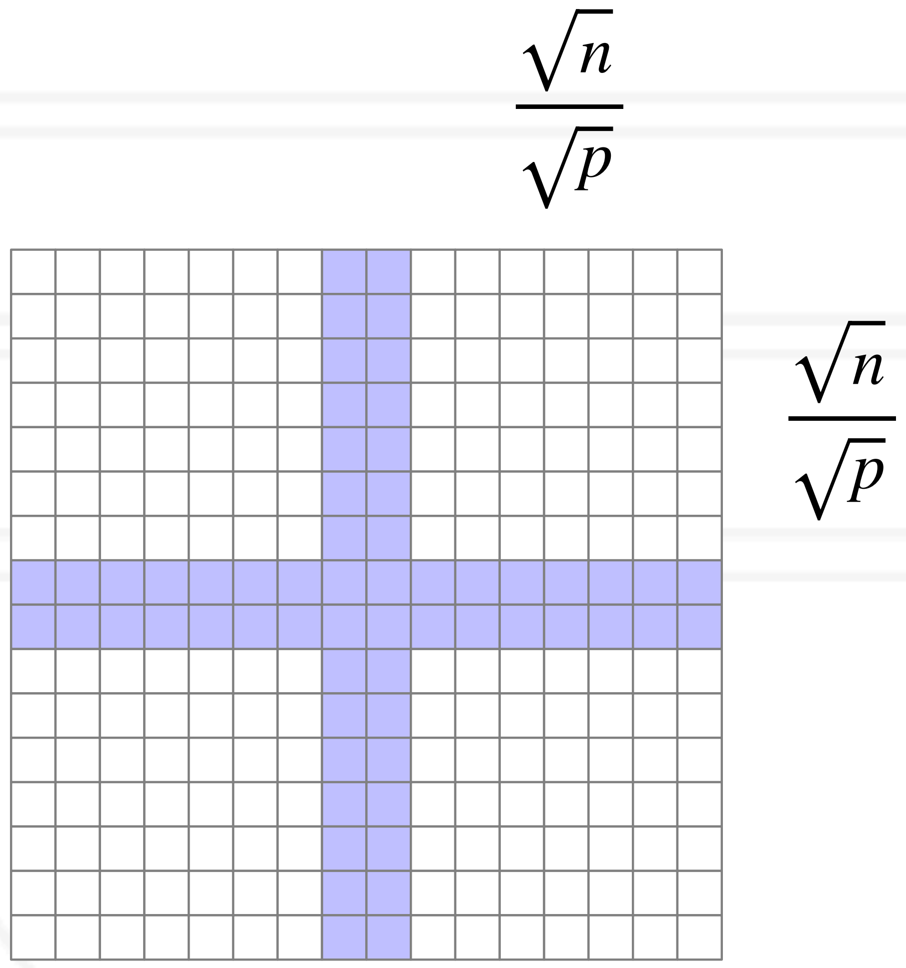

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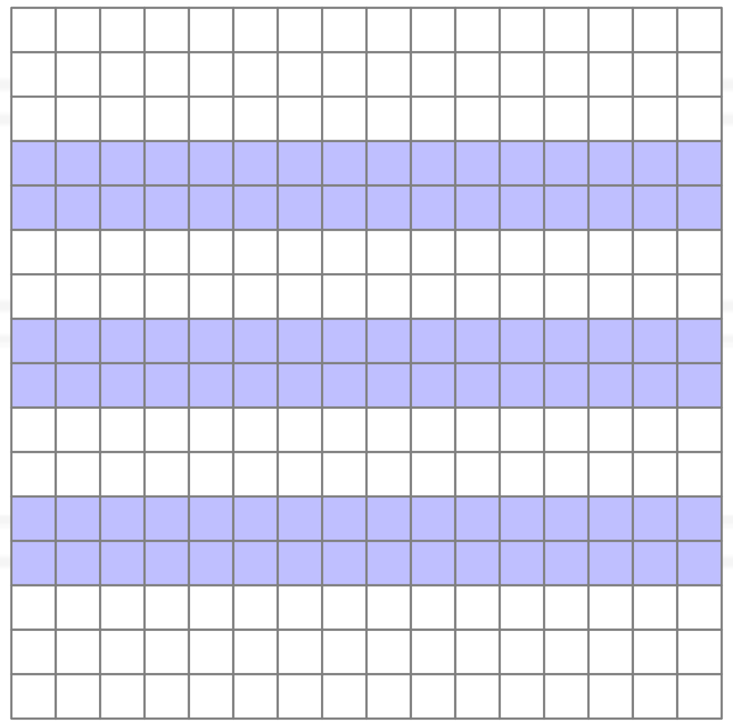

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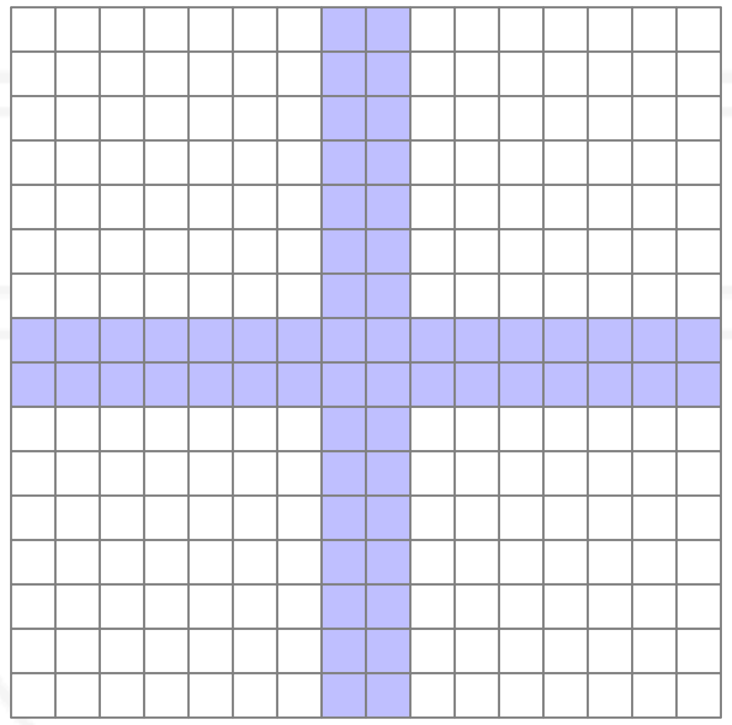

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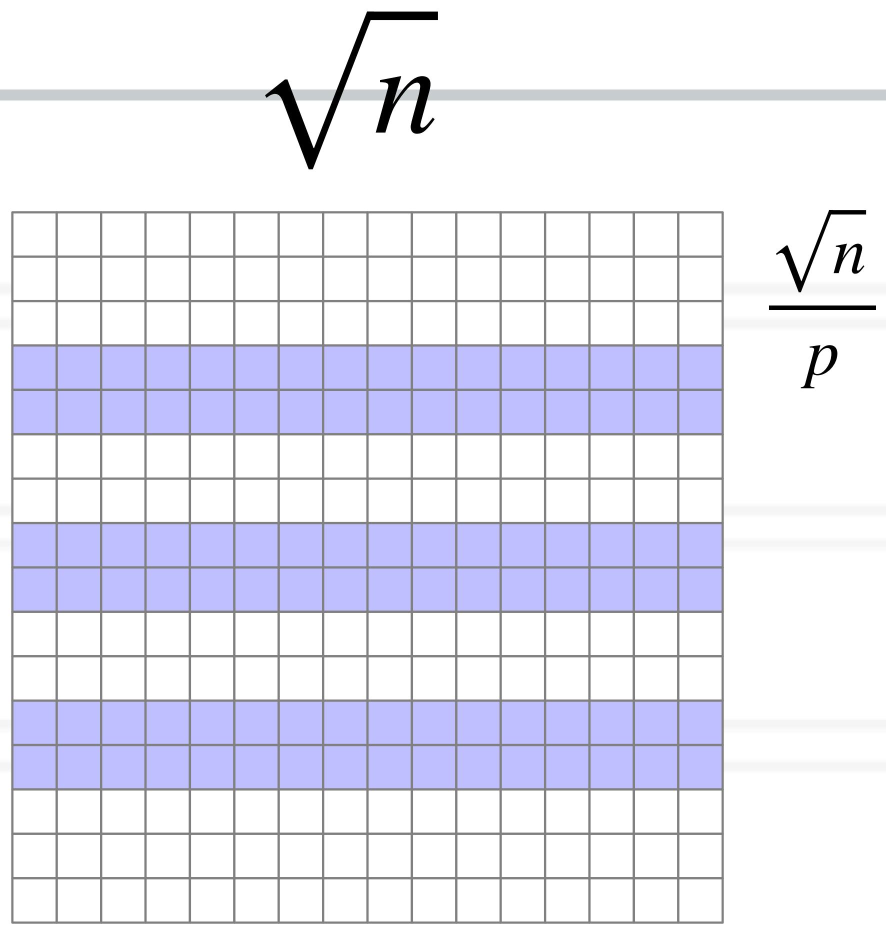

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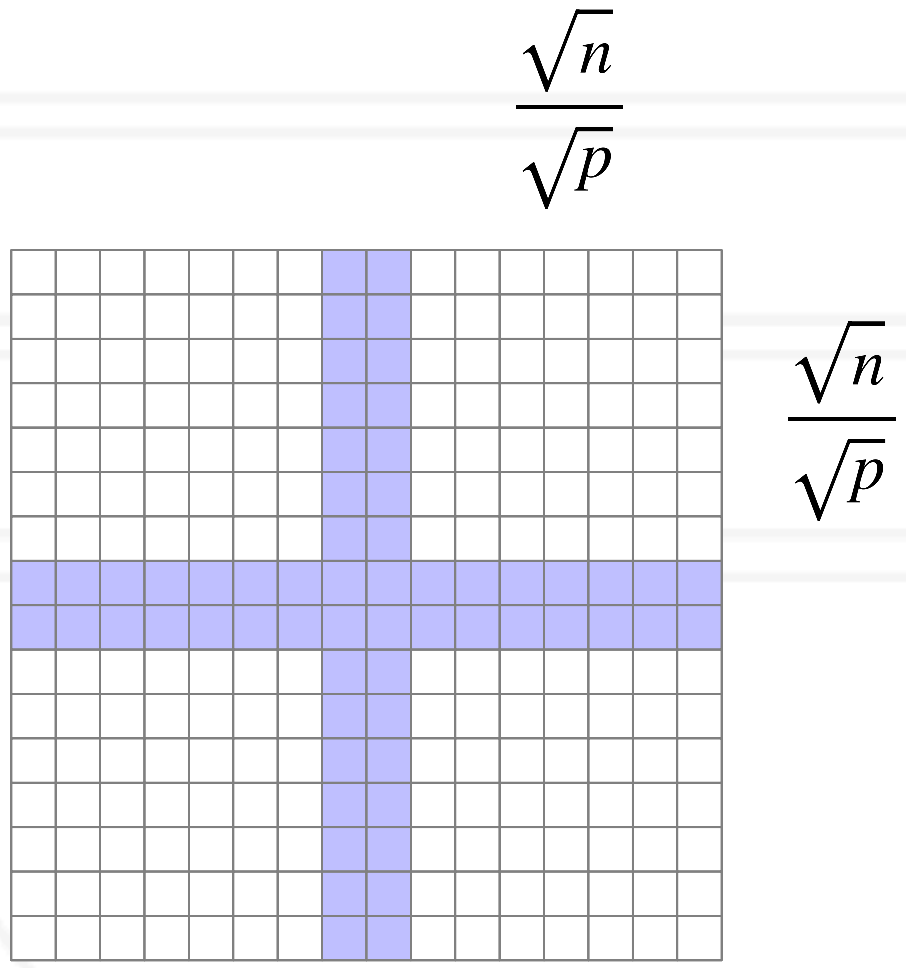

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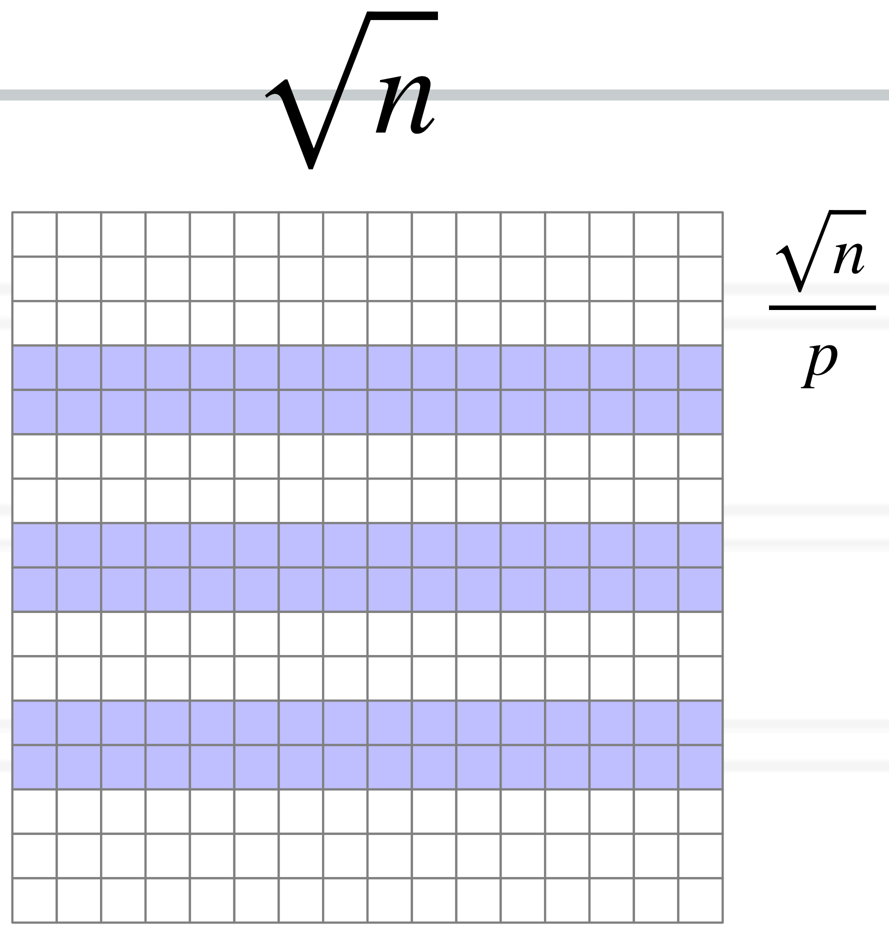

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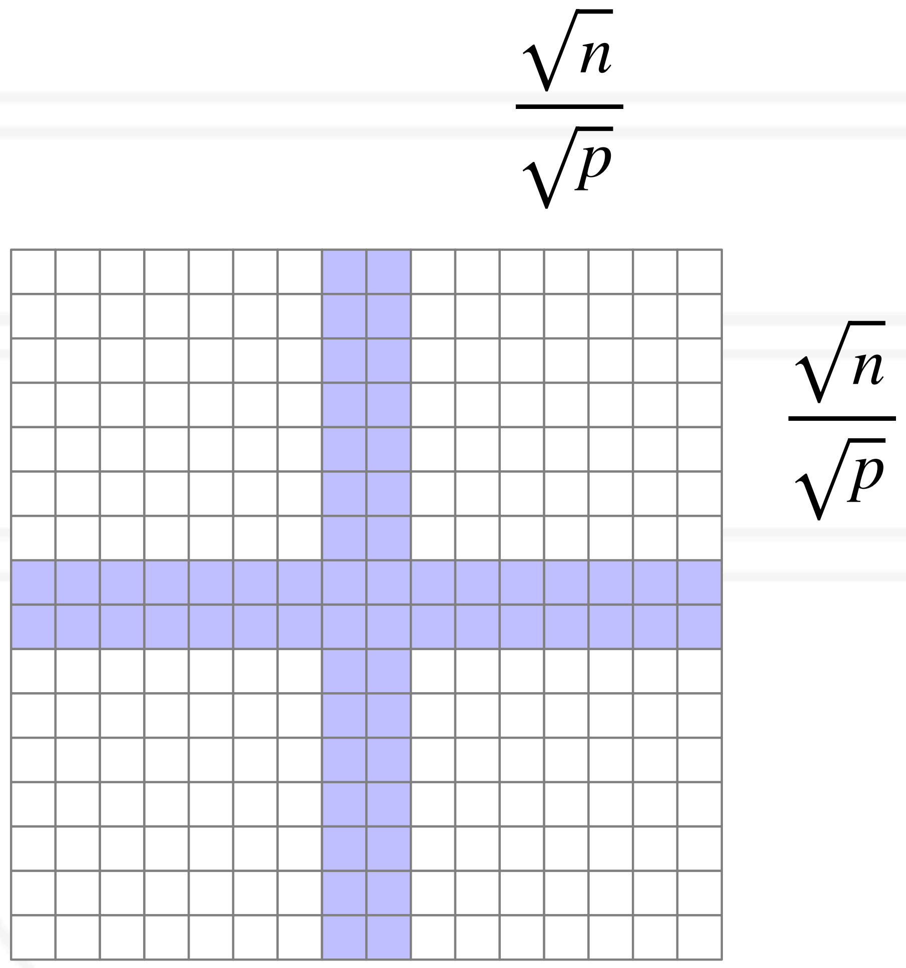

Announcements

- Assignment 2 is due next Wednesday on October 9 11:59 pm ET
- Grades for assignment 1 have been posted on gradescope and ELMS
- Quiz 1 has been posted, due on Oct 2 at noon ET

Empirical performance analysis

- Two parts to doing empirical performance analysis
  - measurement: gather/collect performance data from a program execution
  - analysis/visualization: analyze the measurements to identify performance issues
- Simplest tool: adding timers in the code manually and using print statements

Using timers

```
double start, end;
double phase1, phase2, phase3;

start = MPI_Wtime();
 ... phase1 code ...
end = MPI_Wtime();
phase1 = end - start;

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 ... phase2 ...
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Phase 1 took 2.45 s

Phase 2 took 11.79 s

Phase 3 took 4.37 s

Performance tools

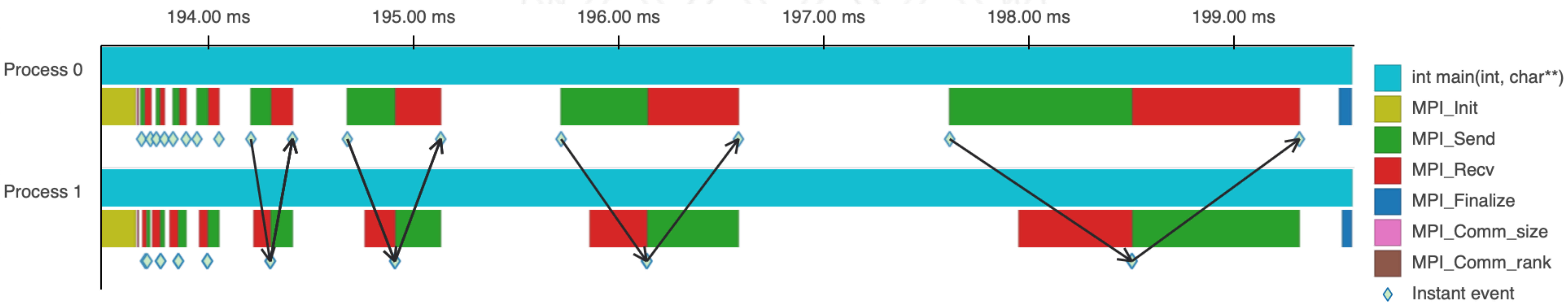
- Tracing tools
  - Capture entire execution trace, typically via instrumentation
- Profiling tools
  - Provide aggregated information
  - Typically use statistical sampling
- Many tools can do both

Metrics recorded

- Counts of function invocations
- Time spent in each function/code region
- Number of bytes sent (in case of MPI messages)
- Hardware counters such as floating point operations, cache misses, etc.
- To fix performance problems — we need to connect metrics to source code

Tracing tools

- Record all the events in the program with enter/leave timestamps
- Events: user functions, MPI and other library routines, etc.



Timeline visualization of a 2-process execution trace

Examples of tracing tools

- VampirTrace
- Score-P
- TAU
- Projections
- HPCToolkit

Profiling tools

- Ignore the specific times at which events occurred
- Provide aggregate information about time spent in different functions/code regions
- Examples:
  - gprof, perf
  - mpiP
  - HPCToolkit, caliper
- Python tools: cprofile, pyinstrument, scalene

gprof Data   Enter filter text

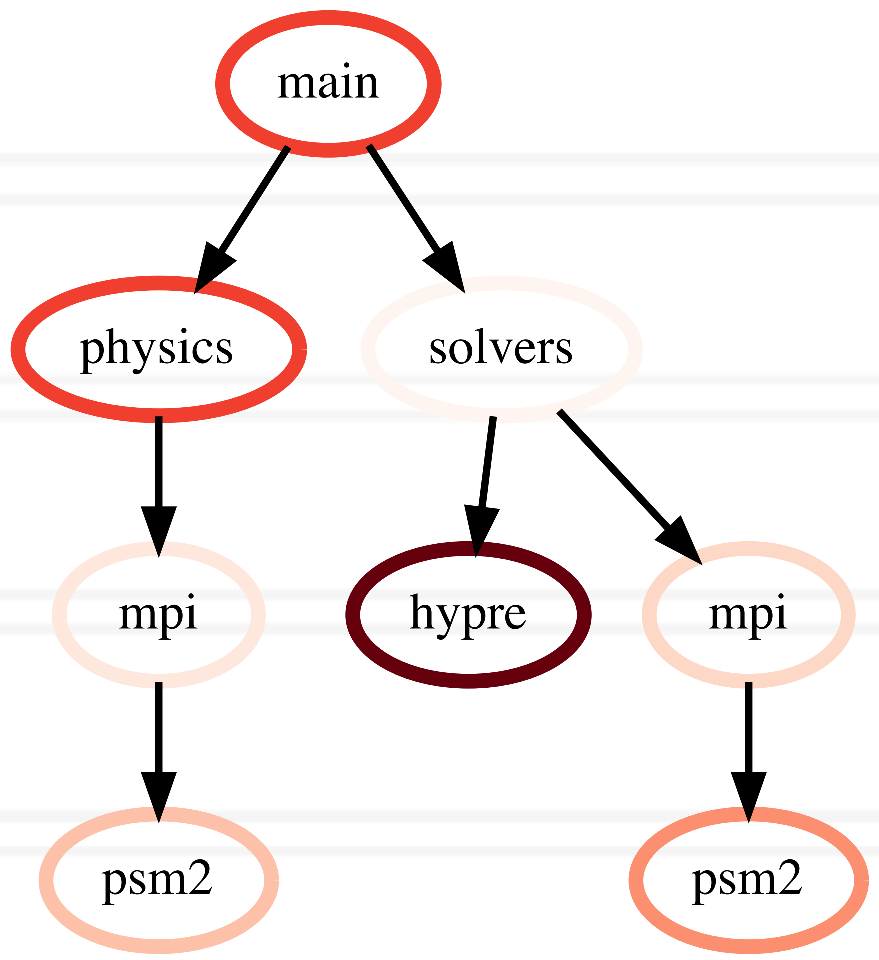
4 bytes per bucket, each sample counts as 10.000ms

Name (location)	Samples	Calls	Time/Call	% Time
Summary	2228			100.0%
calc.c	590			26.48%
copy.c	0			0.0%
diag.c	25			1.12%
main.c	0			0.0%
time.c	653			29.31%
tstep.c	958			43.0%
tstep	958	10000	957.999us	43.0%
tstep (tstep.c:47)	1			0.04%
tstep (tstep.c:48)	62			2.78%
tstep (tstep.c:49)	46			2.06%
tstep (tstep.c:50)	46			2.06%
tstep (tstep.c:51)	48			2.15%
tstep (tstep.c:58)	101			4.53%
tstep (tstep.c:59)	135			6.06%
tstep (tstep.c:60)	120			5.39%
tstep (tstep.c:61)	126			5.66%
tstep (tstep.c:66)	3			0.13%
tstep (tstep.c:67)	108			4.85%
tstep (tstep.c:68)	63			2.83%
tstep (tstep.c:69)	43			1.93%
tstep (tstep.c:70)	56			2.51%
worker.c	2			0.09%

gprof data in hpctView

Calling contexts, trees, and graphs

- Calling context or call path: Sequence of function invocations leading to the current sample (statement in code)
- Calling context tree (CCT): dynamic prefix tree of all call paths in an execution
- Call graph: obtained by merging nodes in a CCT with the same name into a single node but keeping caller-callee relationships as edges



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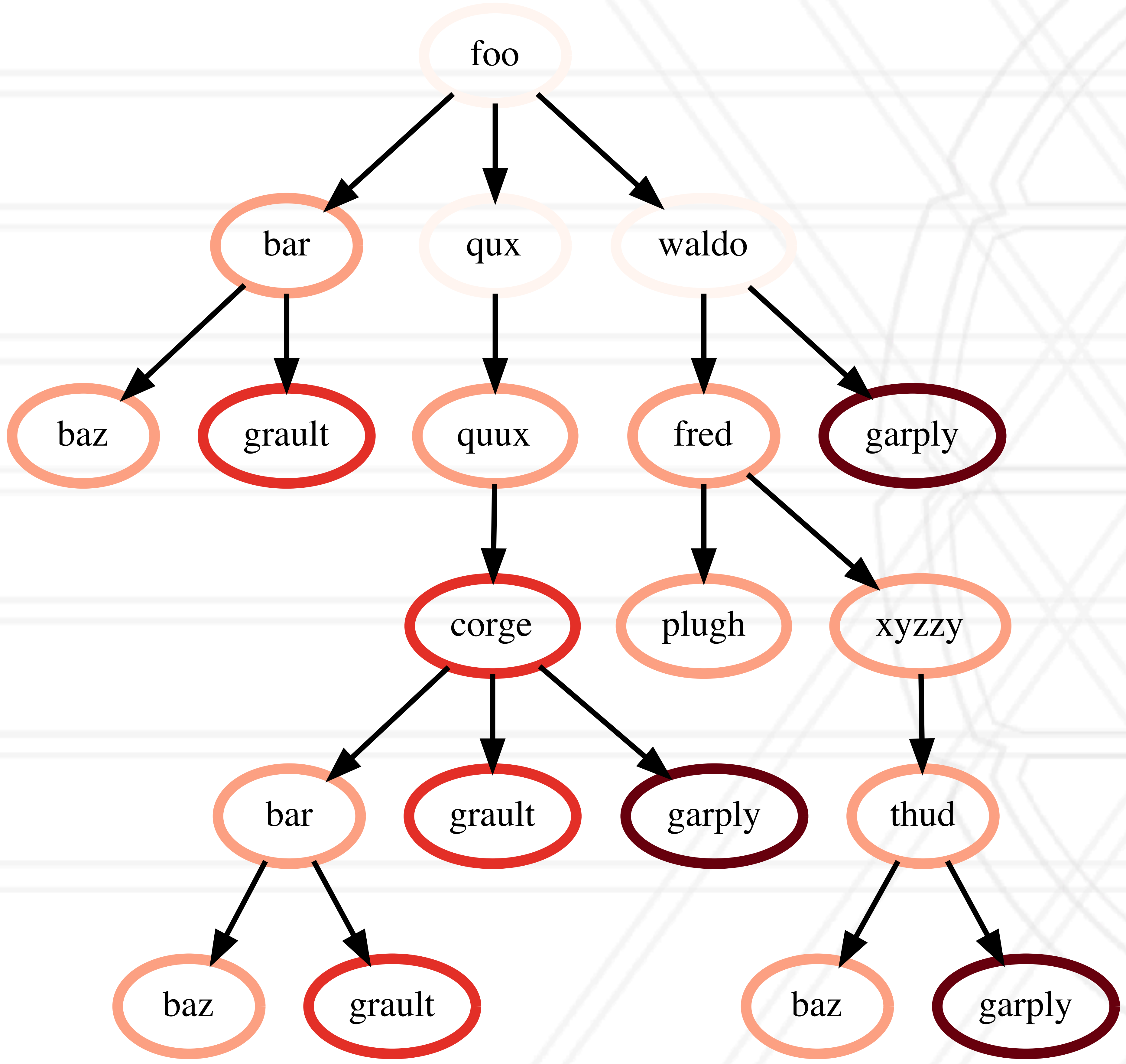

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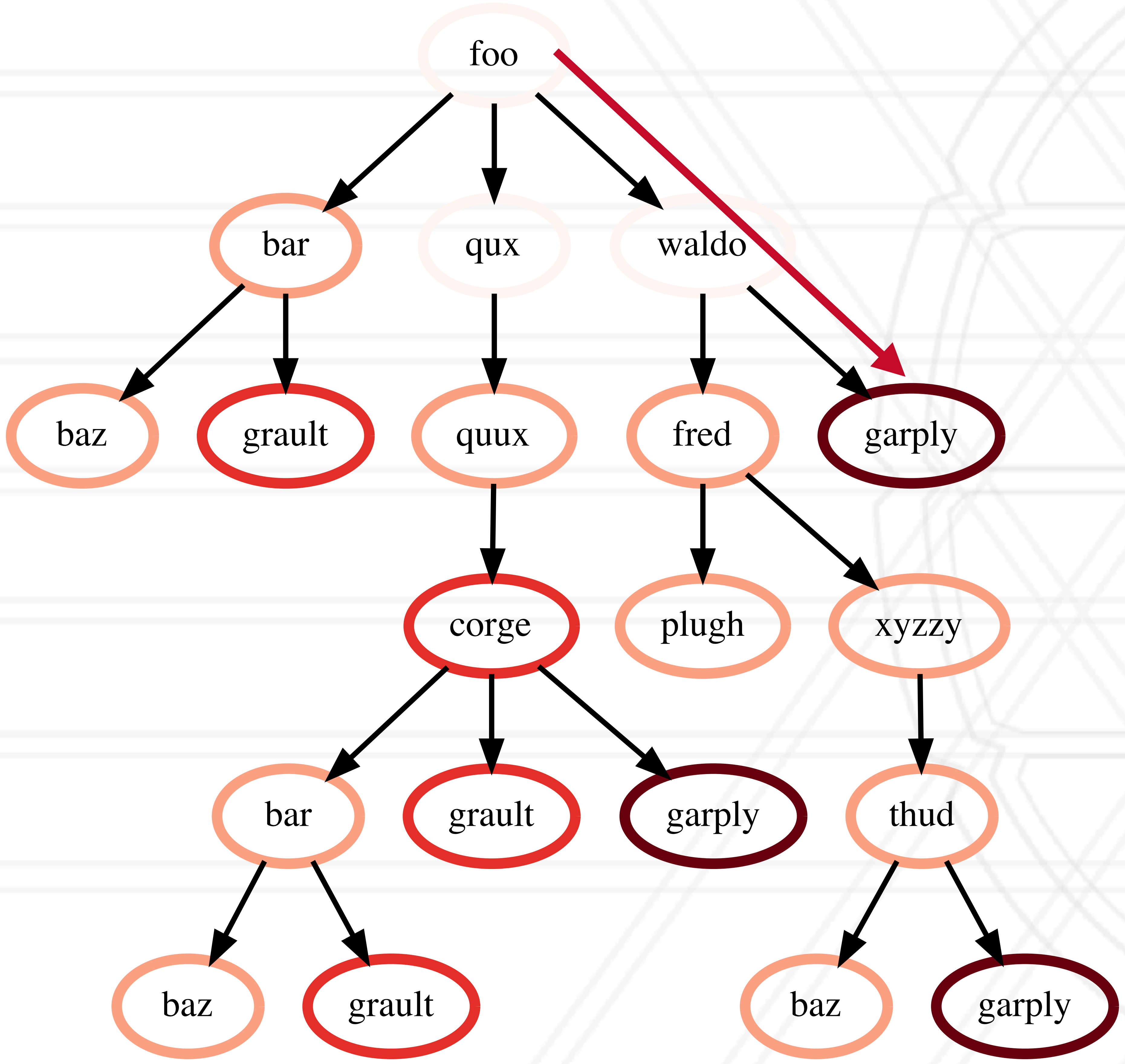

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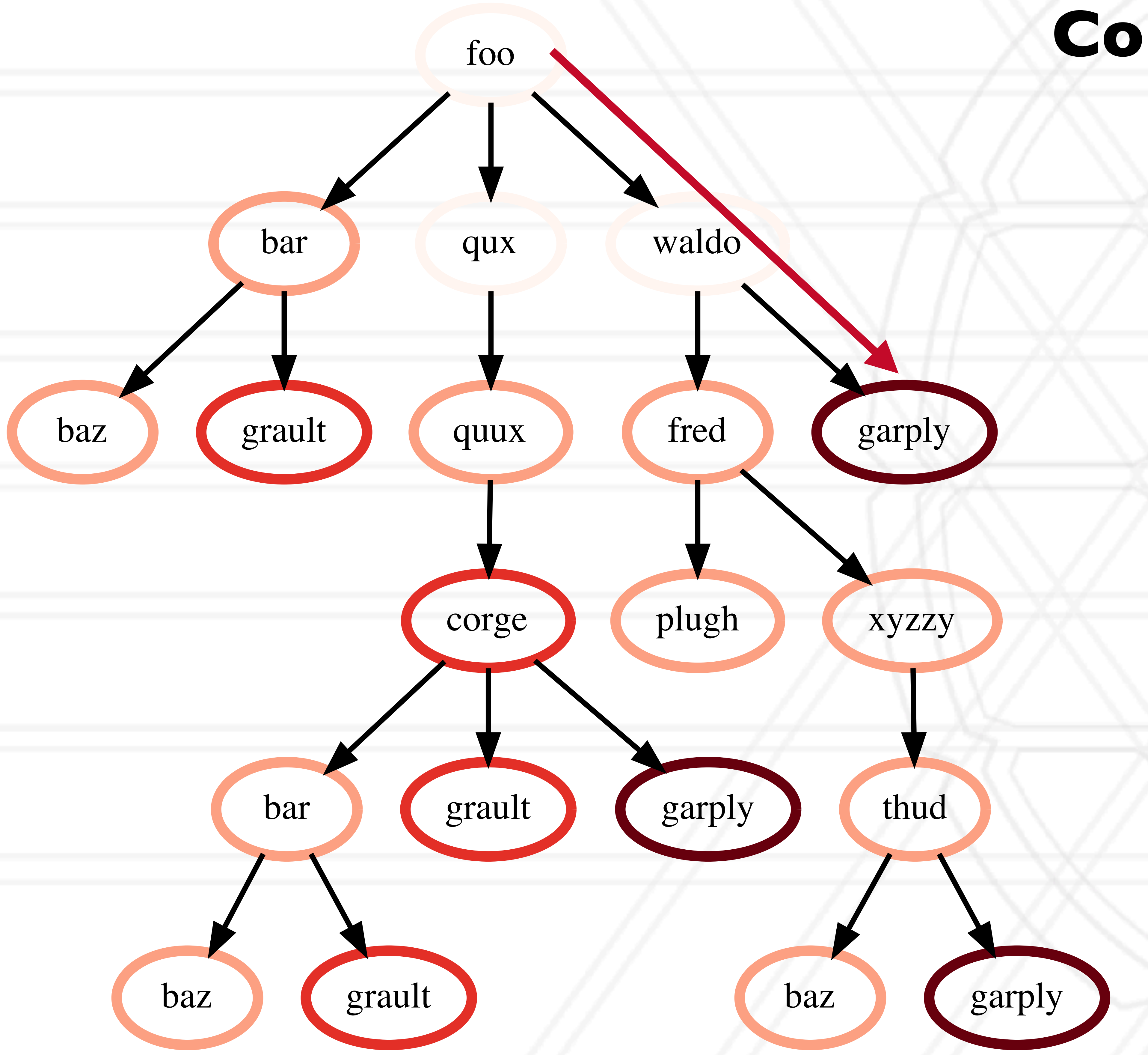

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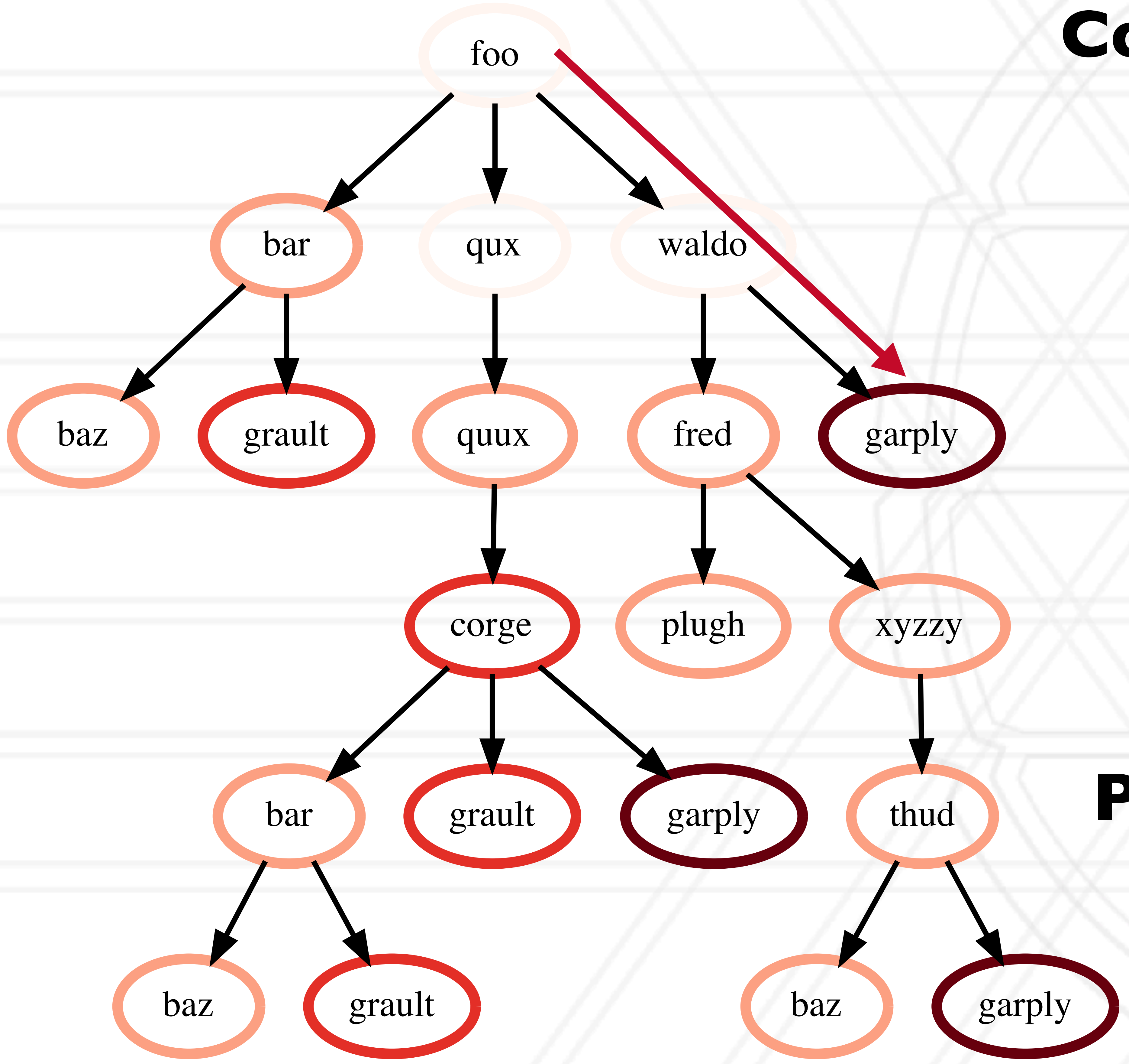

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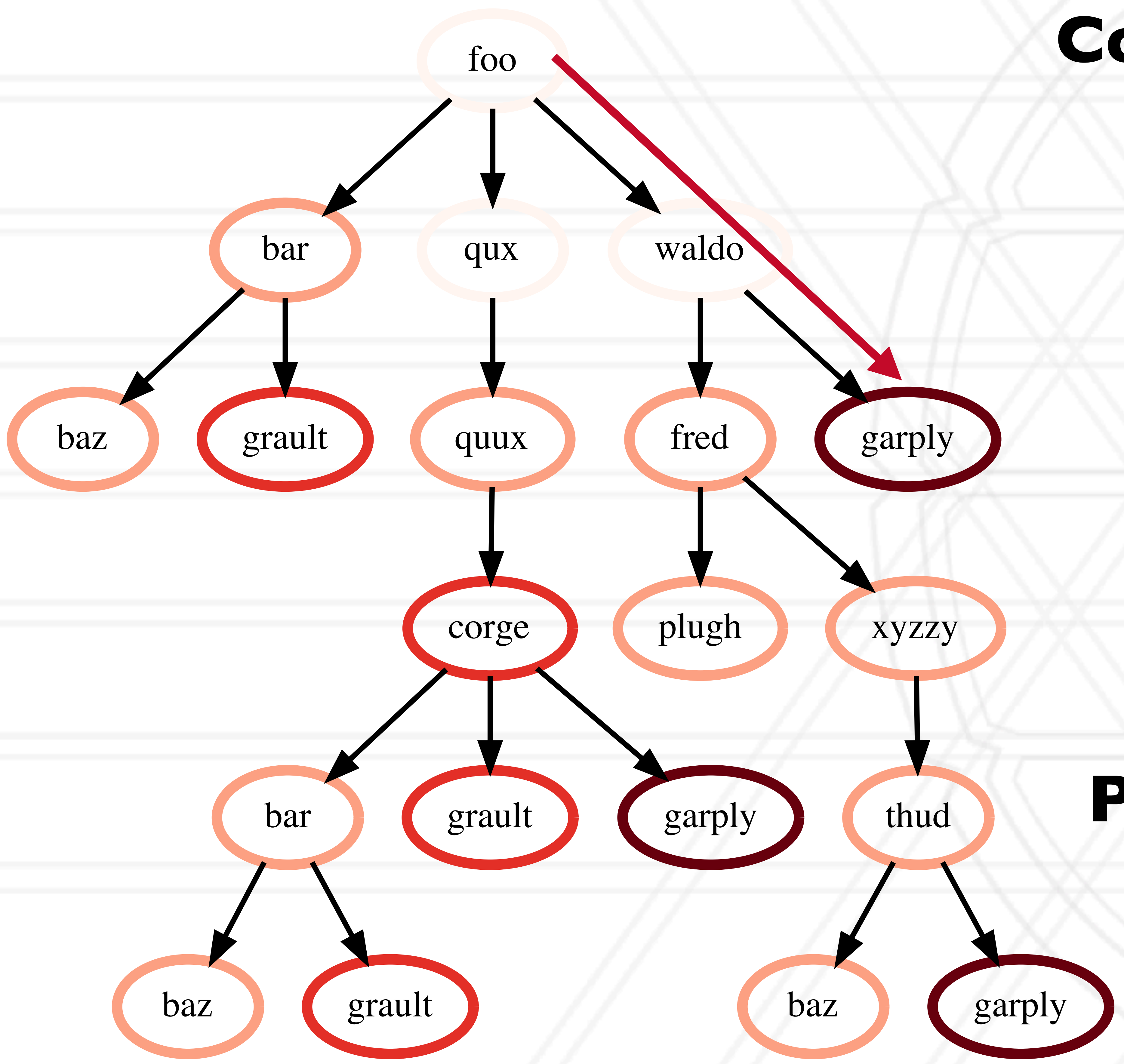

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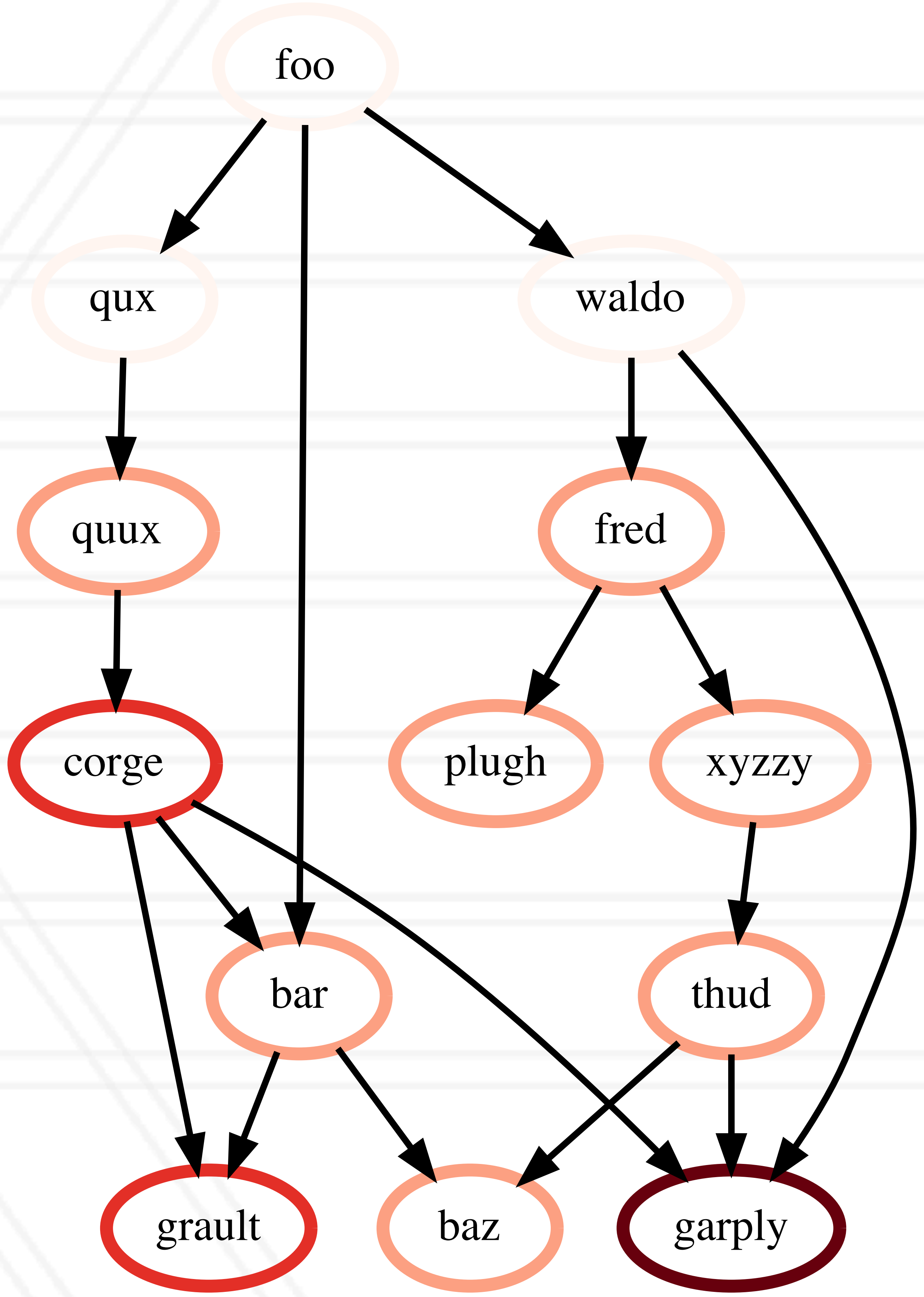

Call graph

Output of profiling tools

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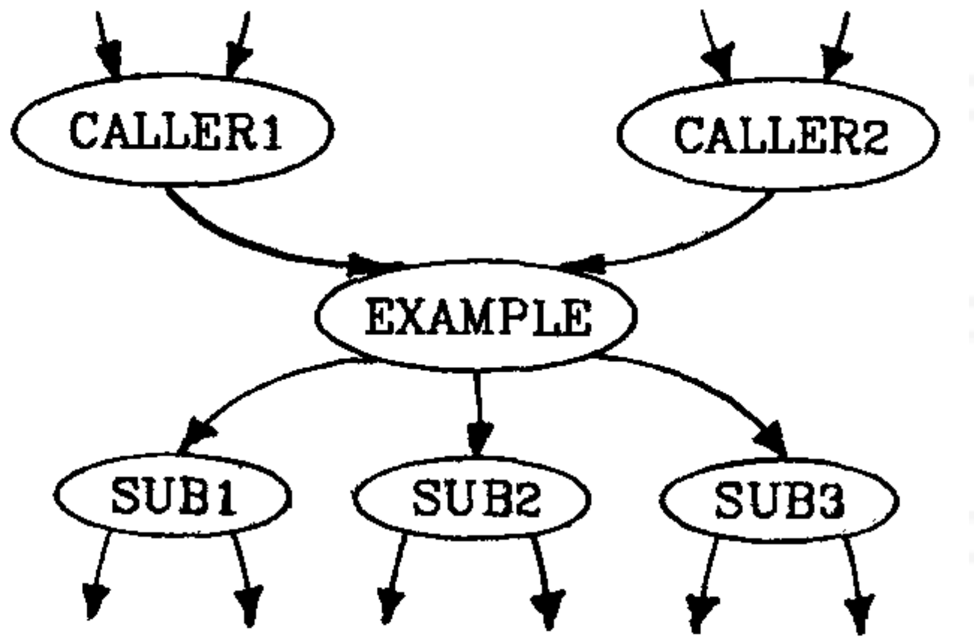
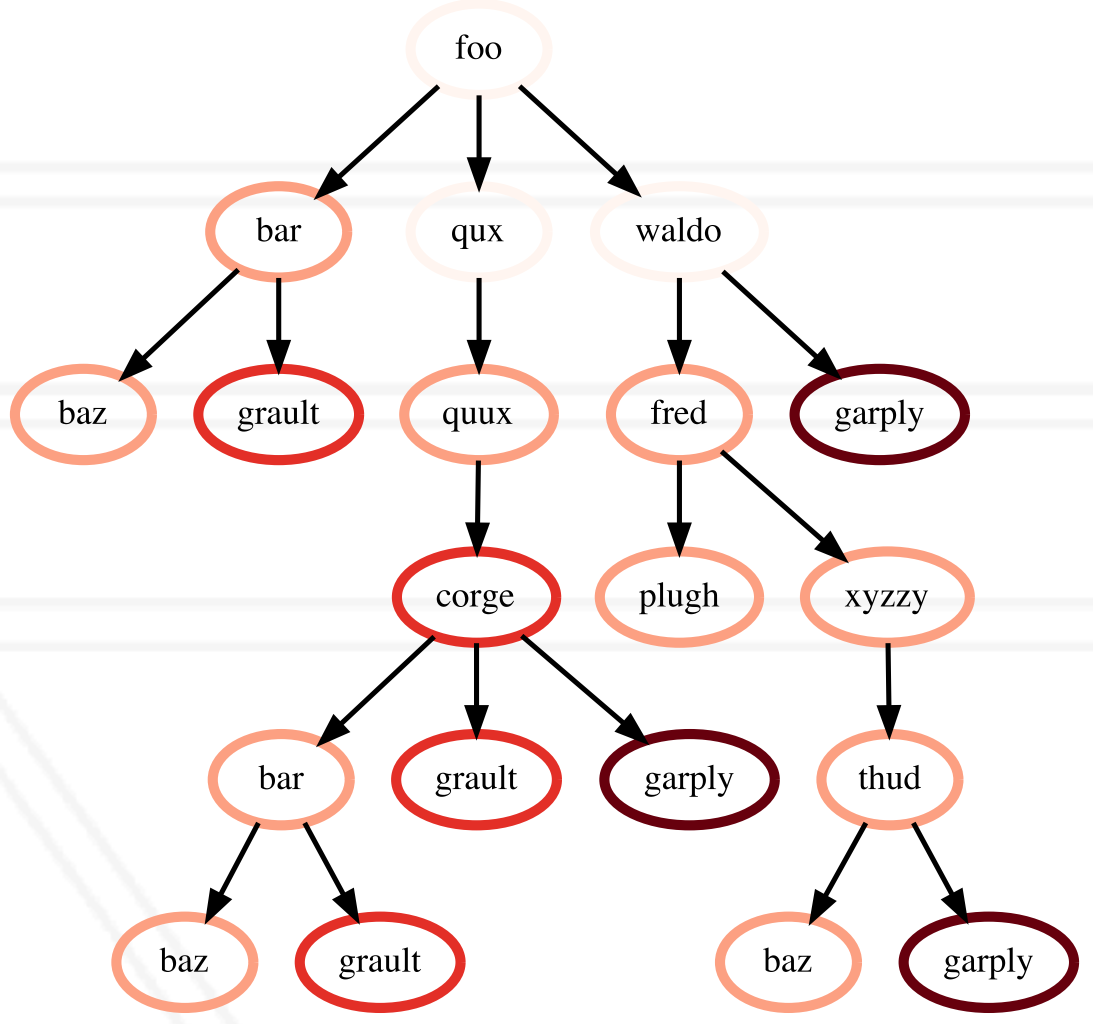


- Flat profile: Listing of all invoked functions with counts and execution times
- Call graph profile: unique node per function
- Calling context tree: unique node per calling context



Calling context tree

Hatchet: performance analysis tool

- Hatchet enables programmatic analysis of parallel profiles
- Leverages pandas which supports multi-dimensional tabular datasets
- Create a structured index to enable indexing pandas dataframes by nodes in a graph
- A set of operators to filter, prune and/or aggregate structured data

https://hatchet.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

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3	{'name': 'psm2'}	psm2	15.0	30.0
4	{'name': 'solvers'}	solvers	100.0	10.0
5	{'name': 'hypre'}	hypre	65.0	30.0
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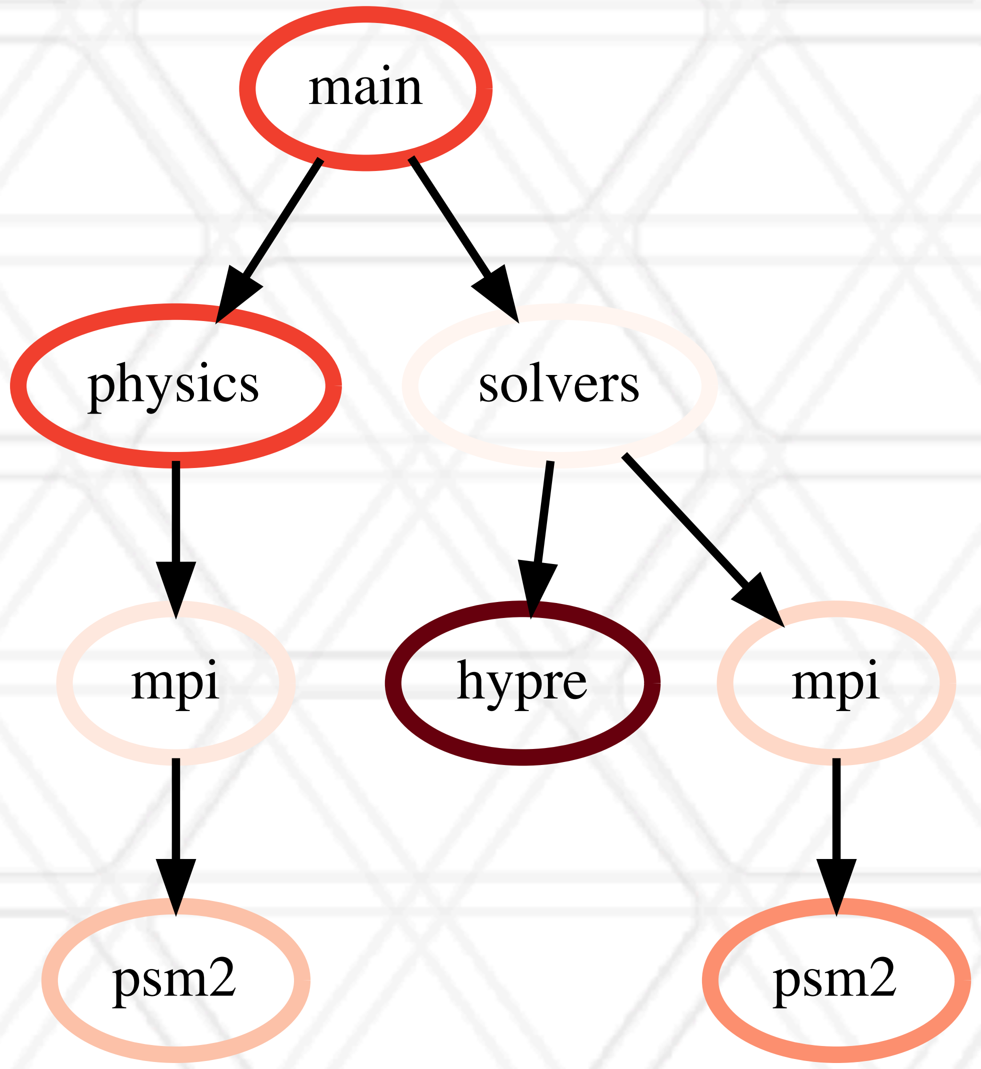

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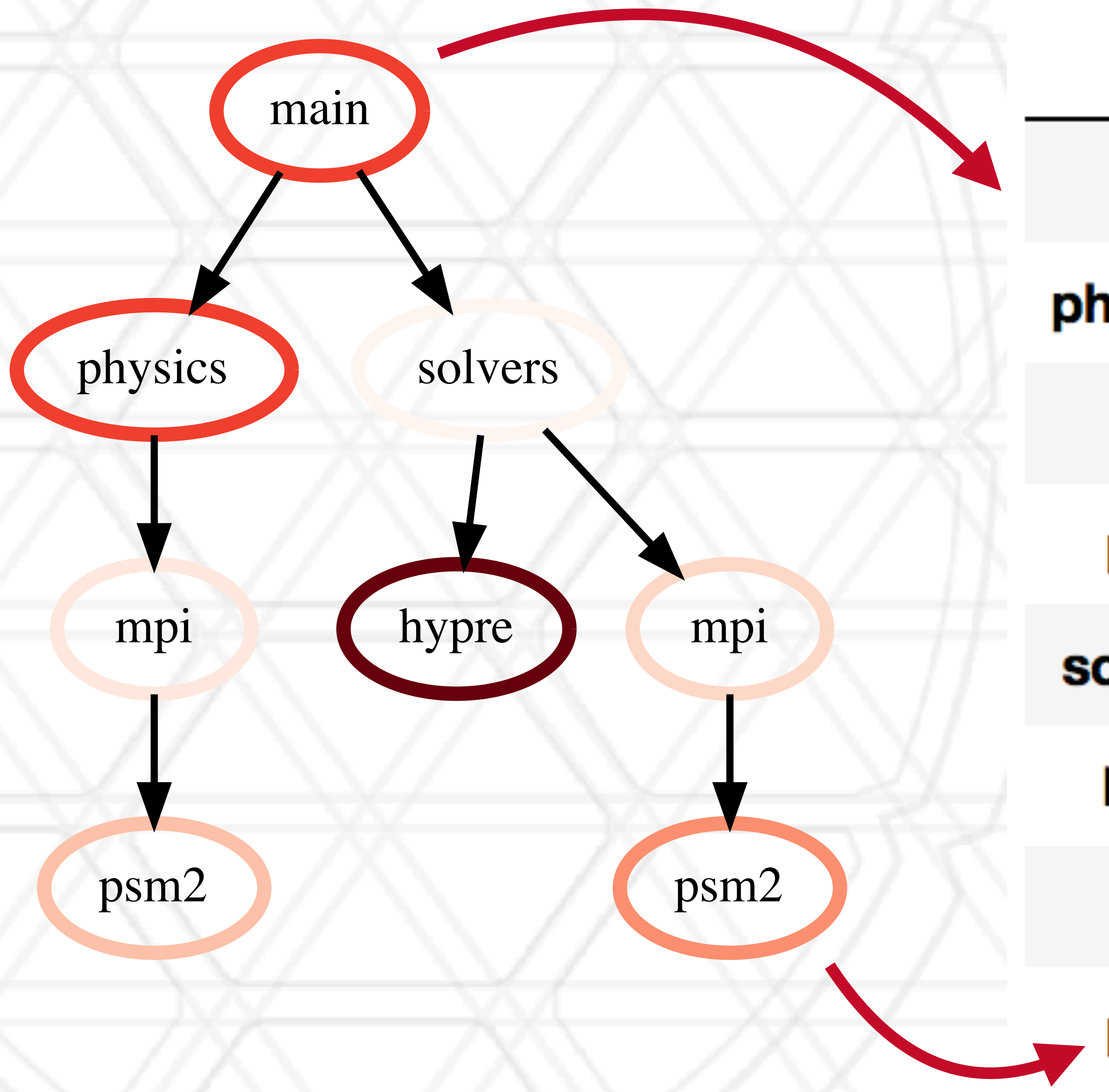

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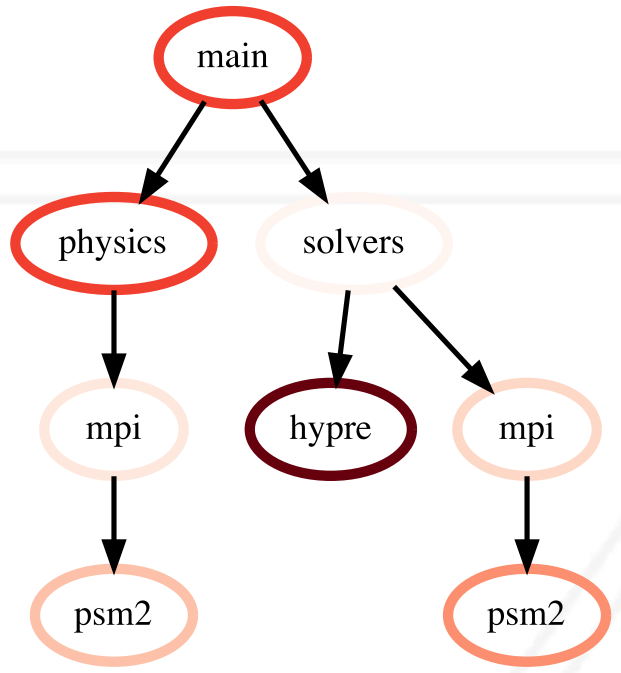

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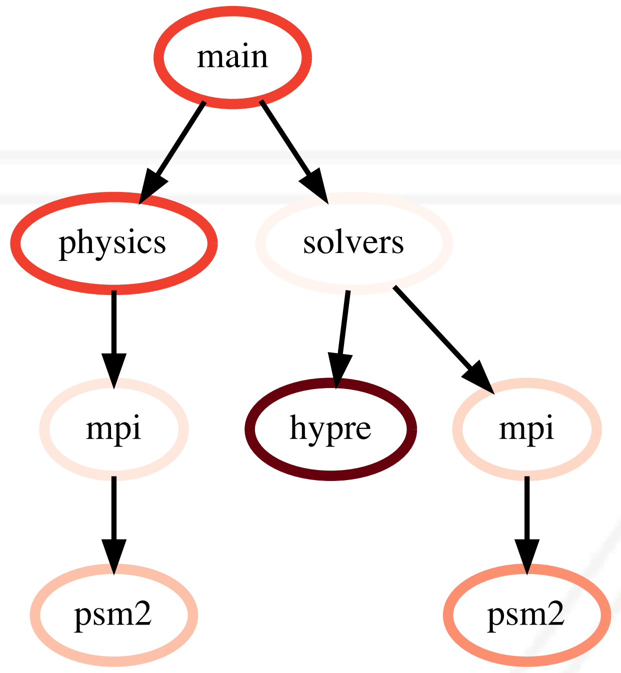

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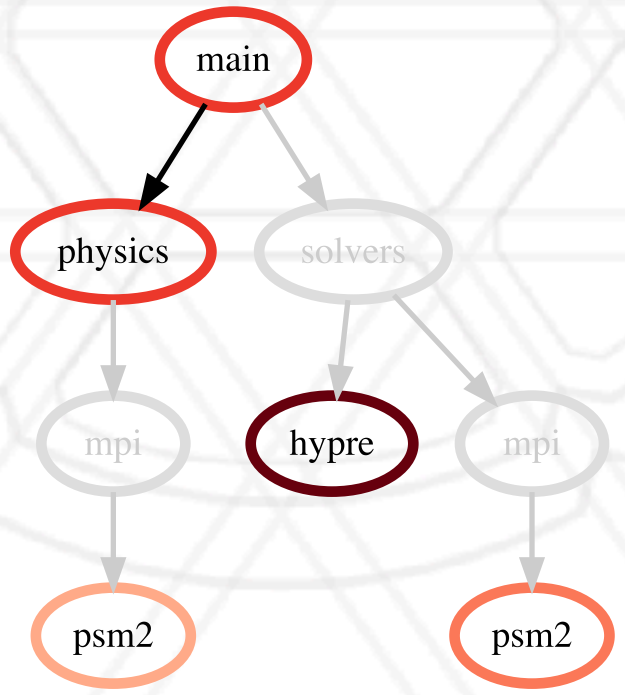

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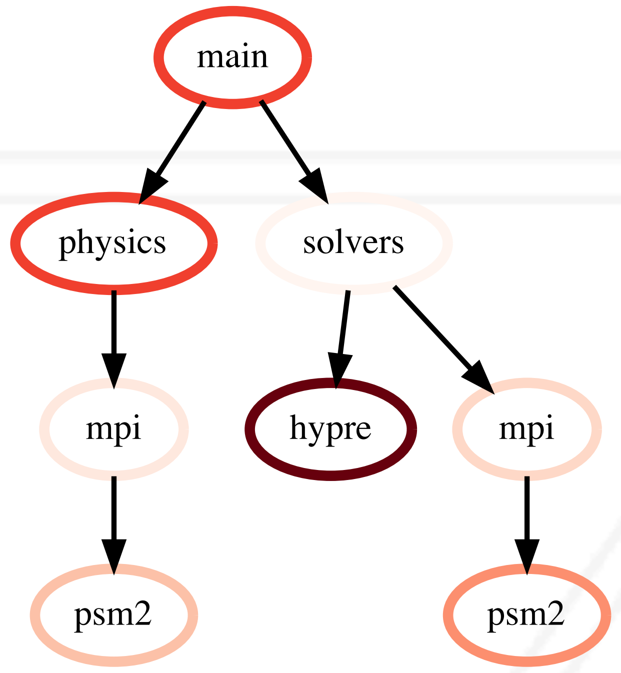

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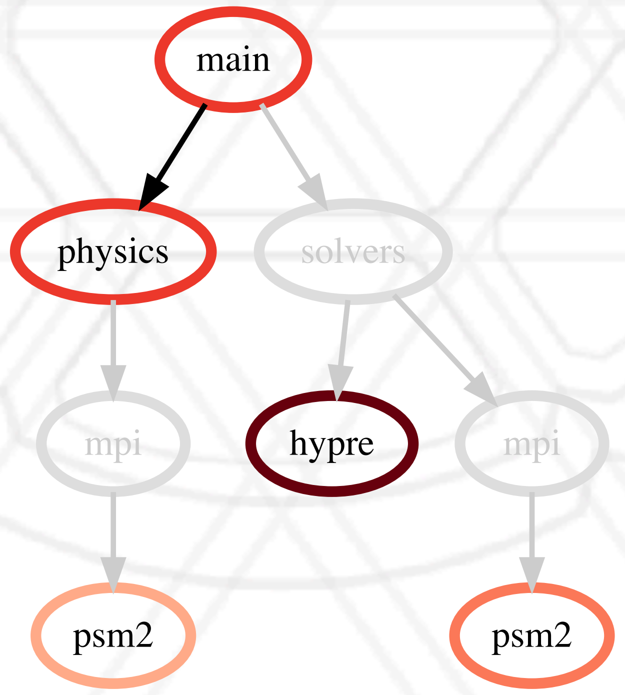

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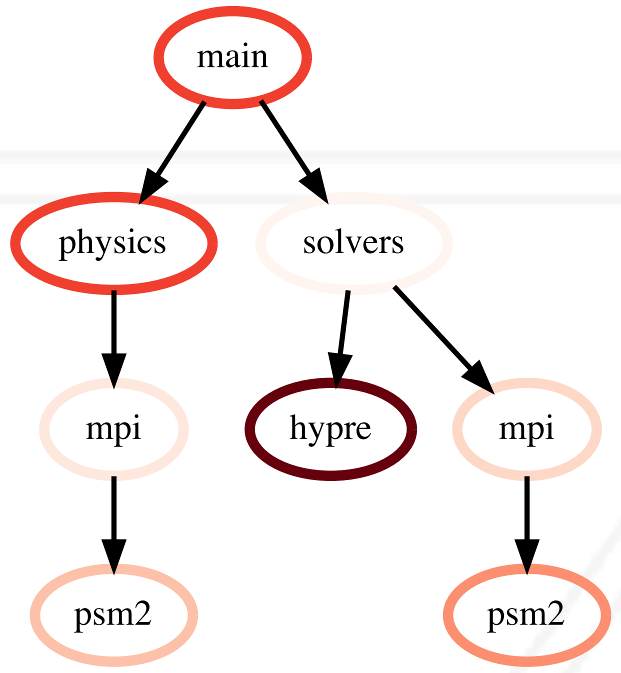

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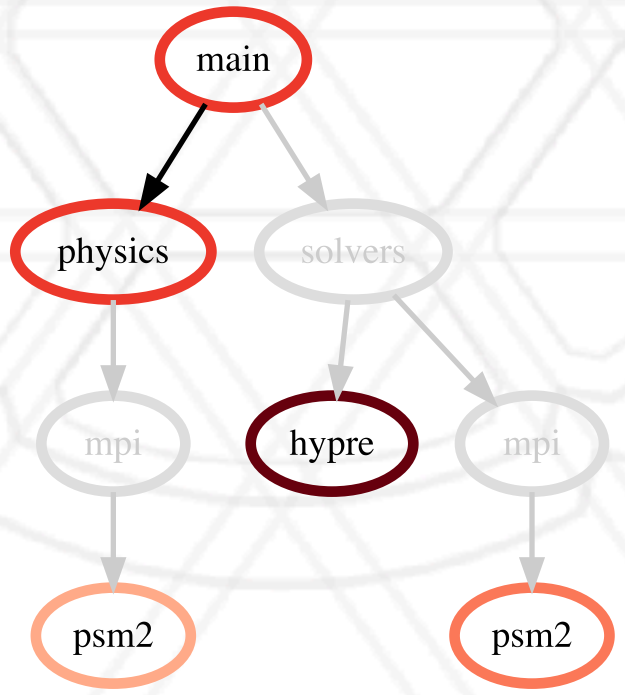

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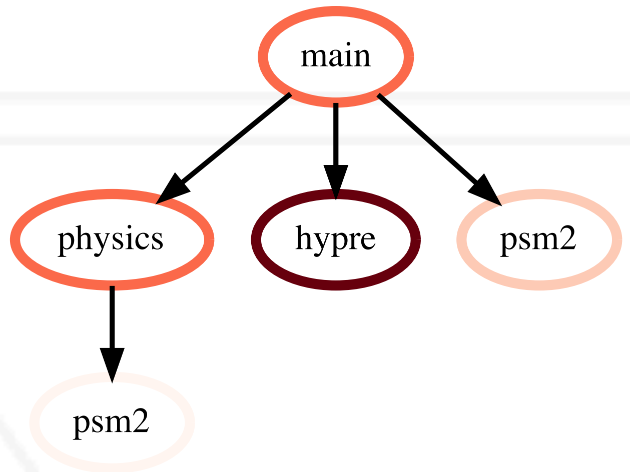

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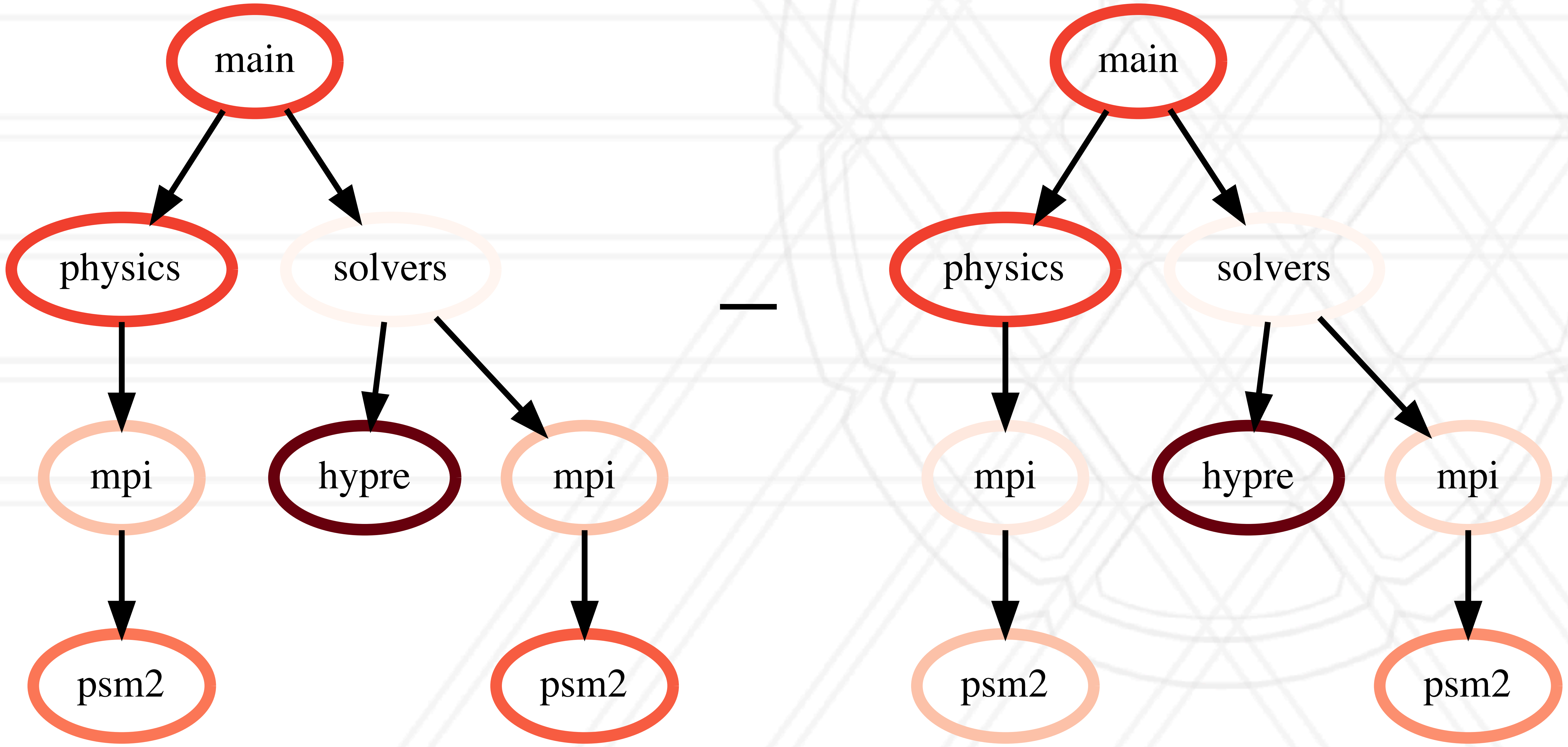

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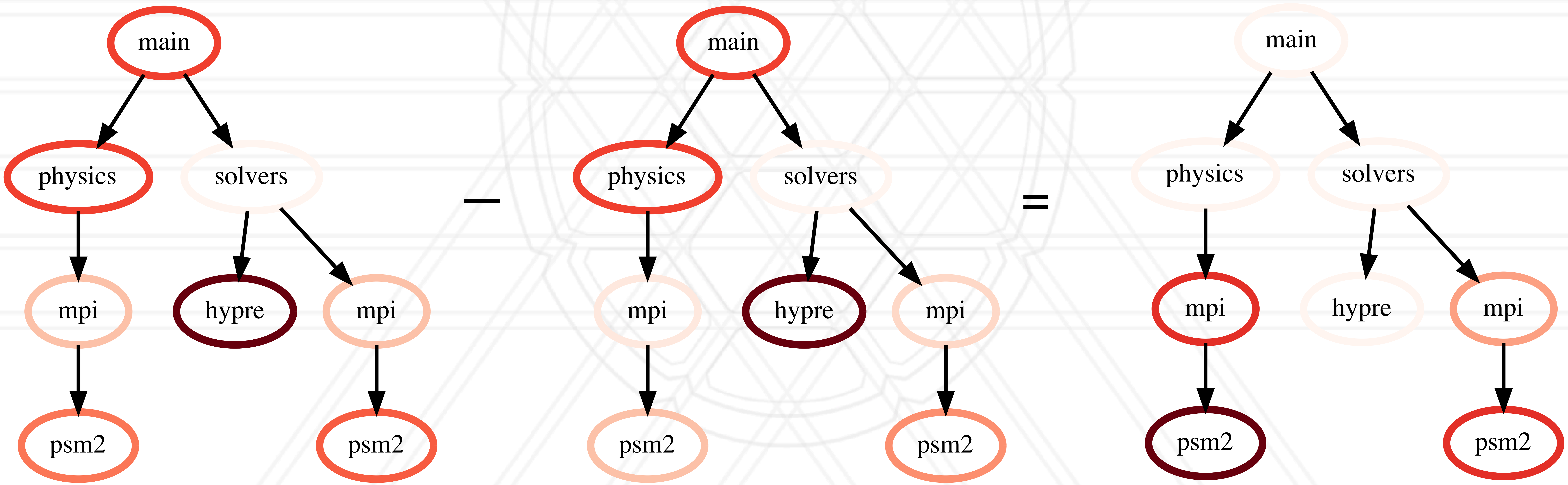

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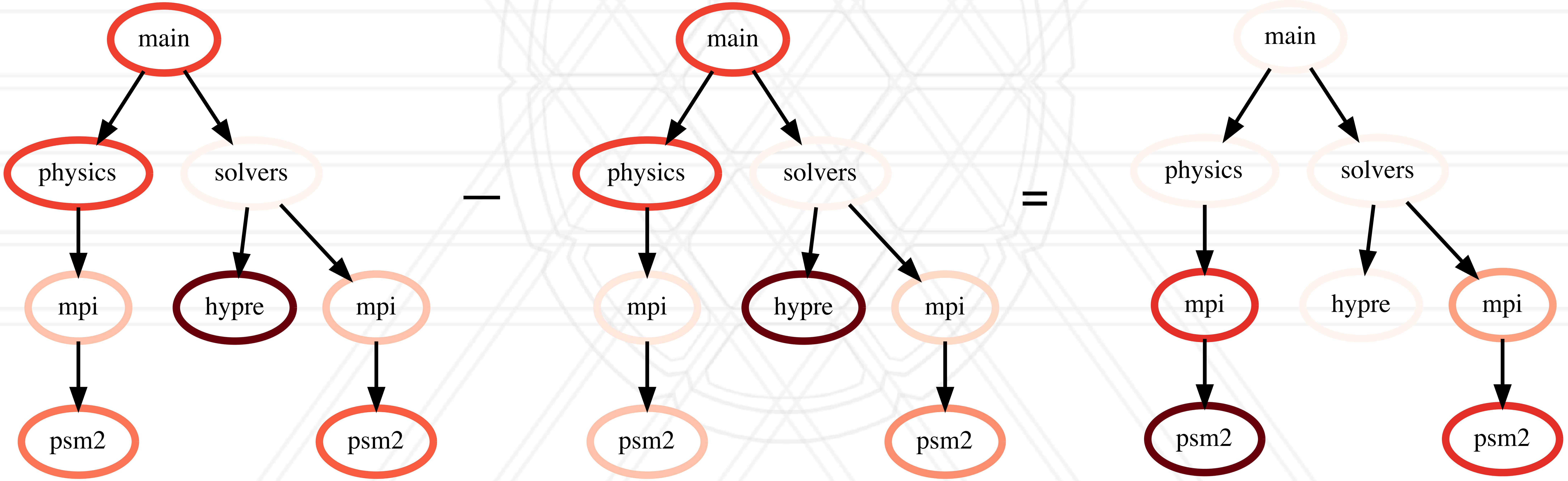

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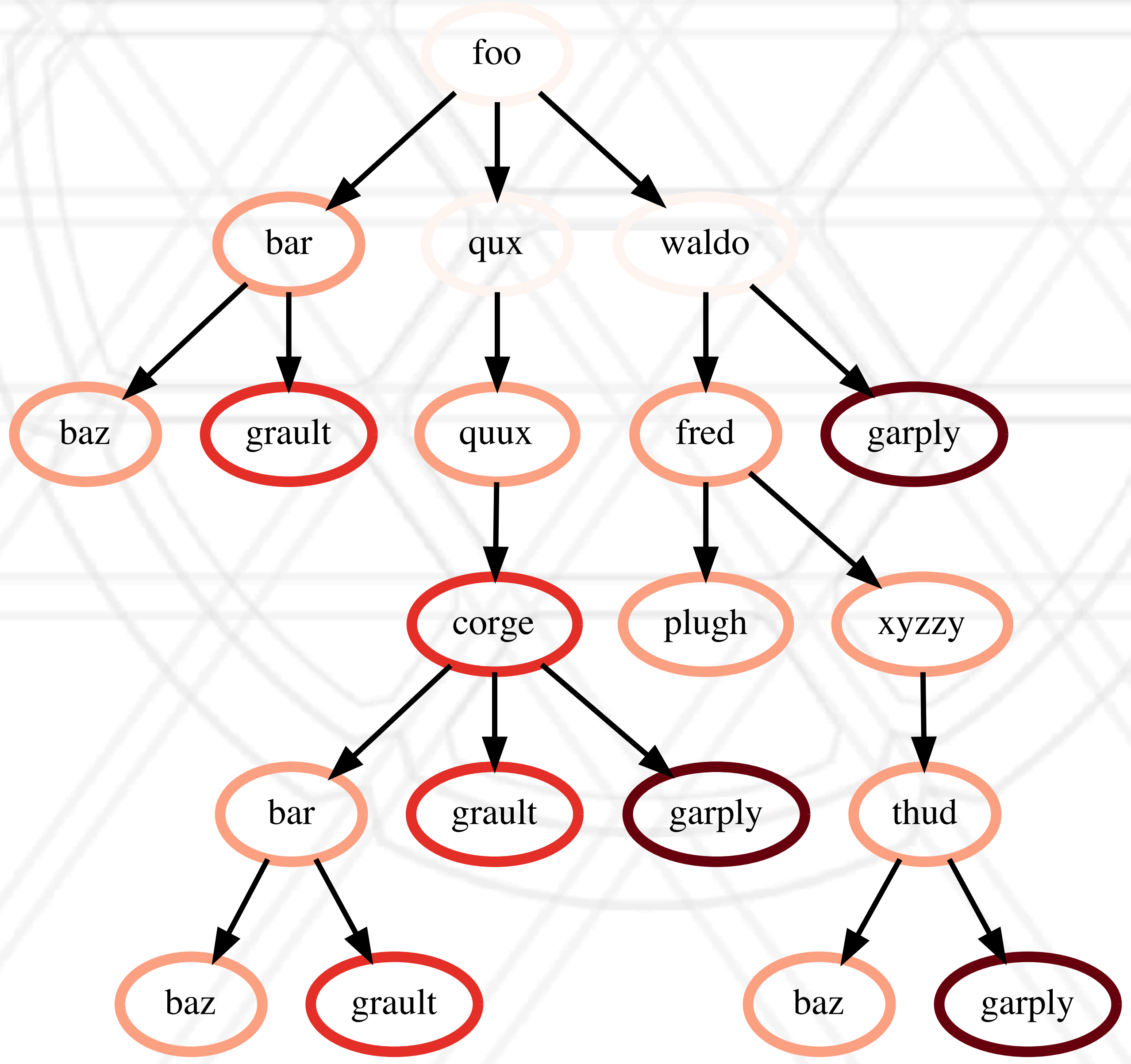

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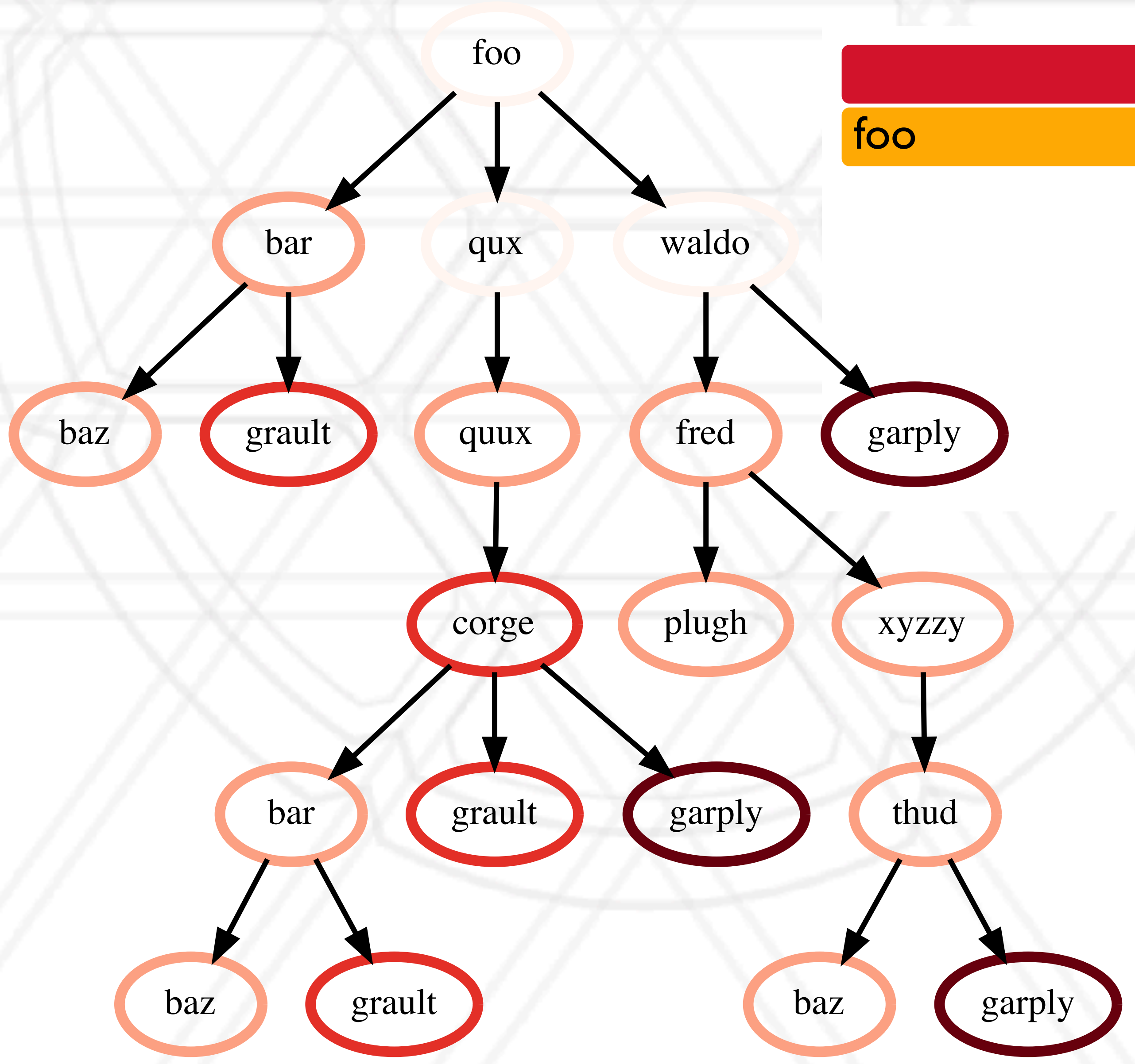

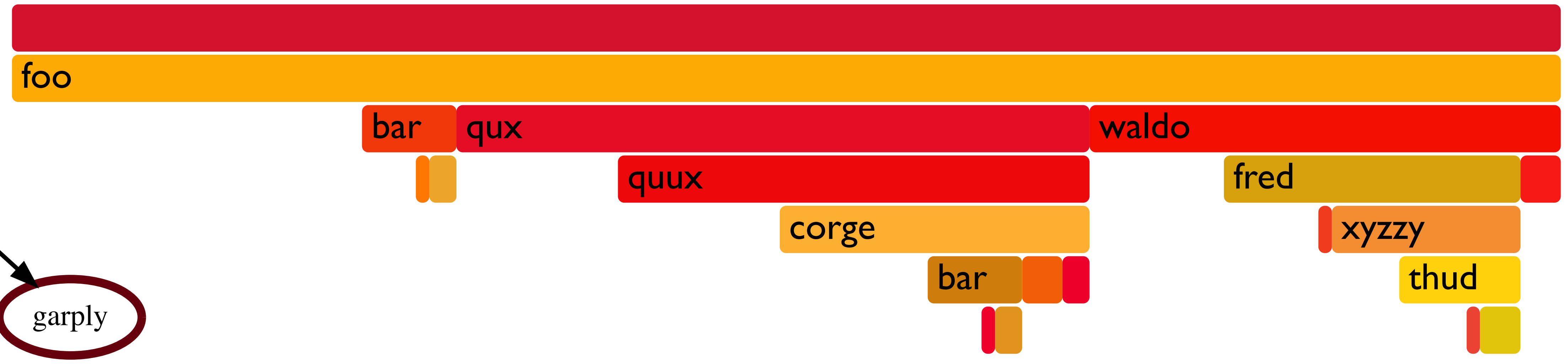

Flamegraph

Starter code for reading data

```
import hatchet as ht
import sys

if __name__ == '__main__':
    file_name = sys.argv[1]
    gf = ht.GraphFrame.from_caliper(file_name)

    print(gf.tree())
    print(gf.dataframe)
```

Replace this with another reader depending on data source

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Kernel_3d_DGZ::scattering	60	7.669936e+07	7.896253e+07
Kernel_3d_DGZ::LTimes	30	5.010439e+07	5.240528e+07
Kernel_3d_DGZ::LPlusTimes	115	4.947707e+07	5.104498e+07
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Grid_Data::particleEdit	1201	1.131266e+06	1.249157e+06
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memset.S:98	3767	6.197776e+05	6.197776e+05

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CalcHourglassControlForElems	CalcHourglassControlForElems	7.0	3.888798e+06	4.755817e+06
LagrangeNodal	LagrangeNodal	3.0	1.986046e+06	8.828475e+06
CalcForceForNodes	CalcForceForNodes	4.0	1.017857e+06	6.842429e+06

Example 3: Speedup and efficiency

```
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df.T.loc[:, :].plot.bar()
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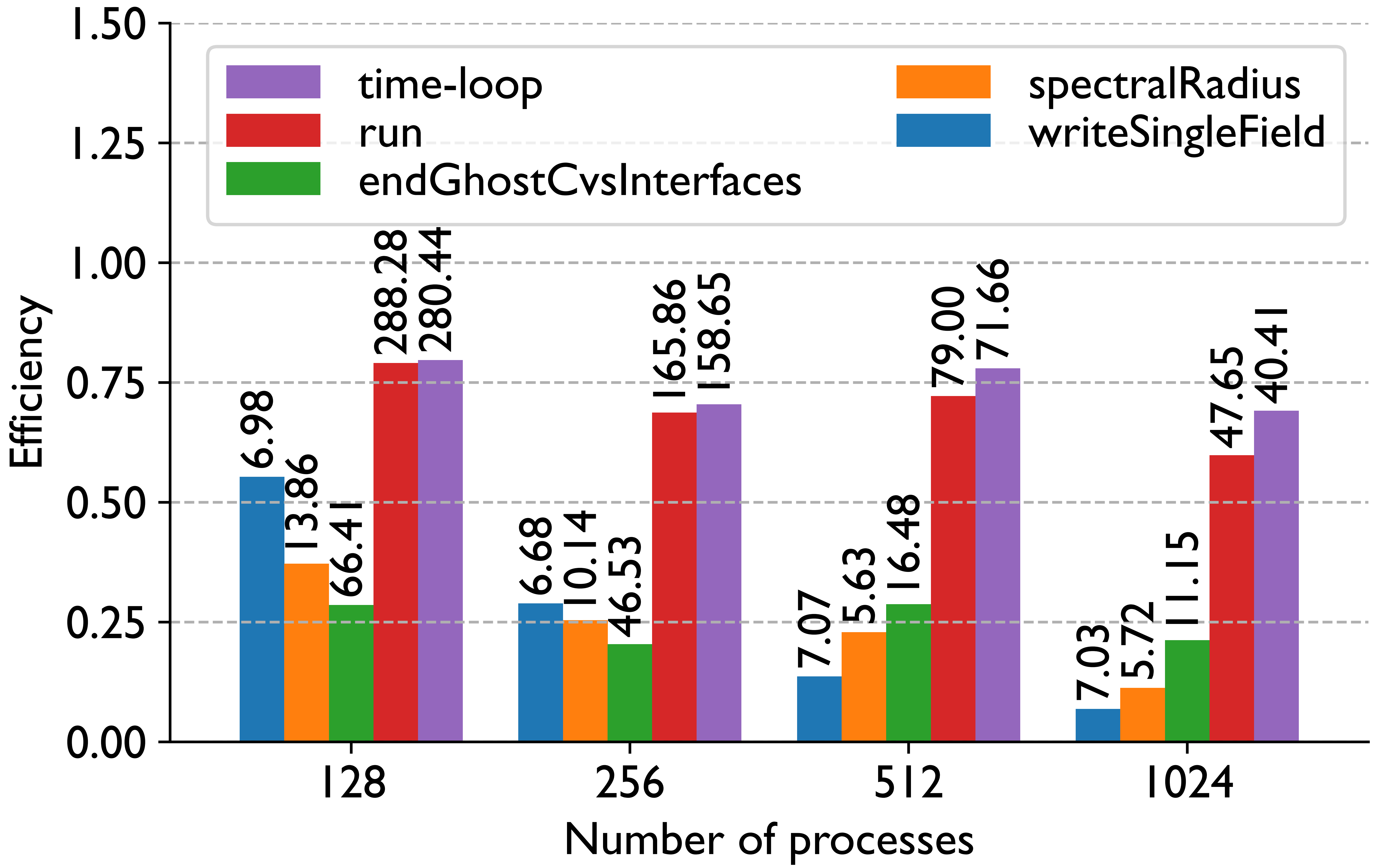

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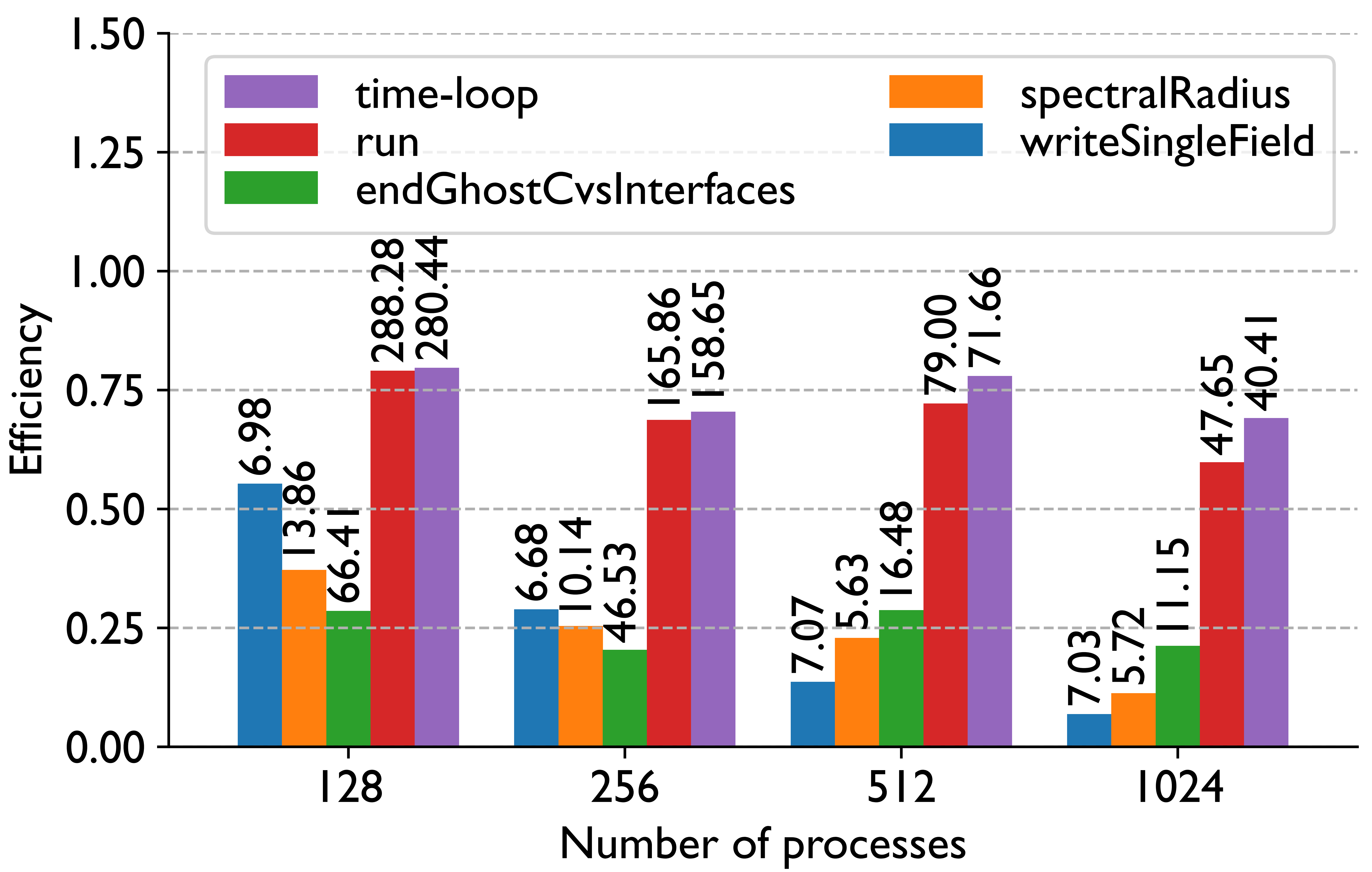

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NuclearData.cc:270	1.329530	[84 119 5 120 118]	[27, 38, 26, 16, 13, 5, 1, 0, 0, 2]	[40.667, 42.775, 44.325, 46.946, 60.088]	45.195
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