Lecture 4 - Collection-Oriented Languages

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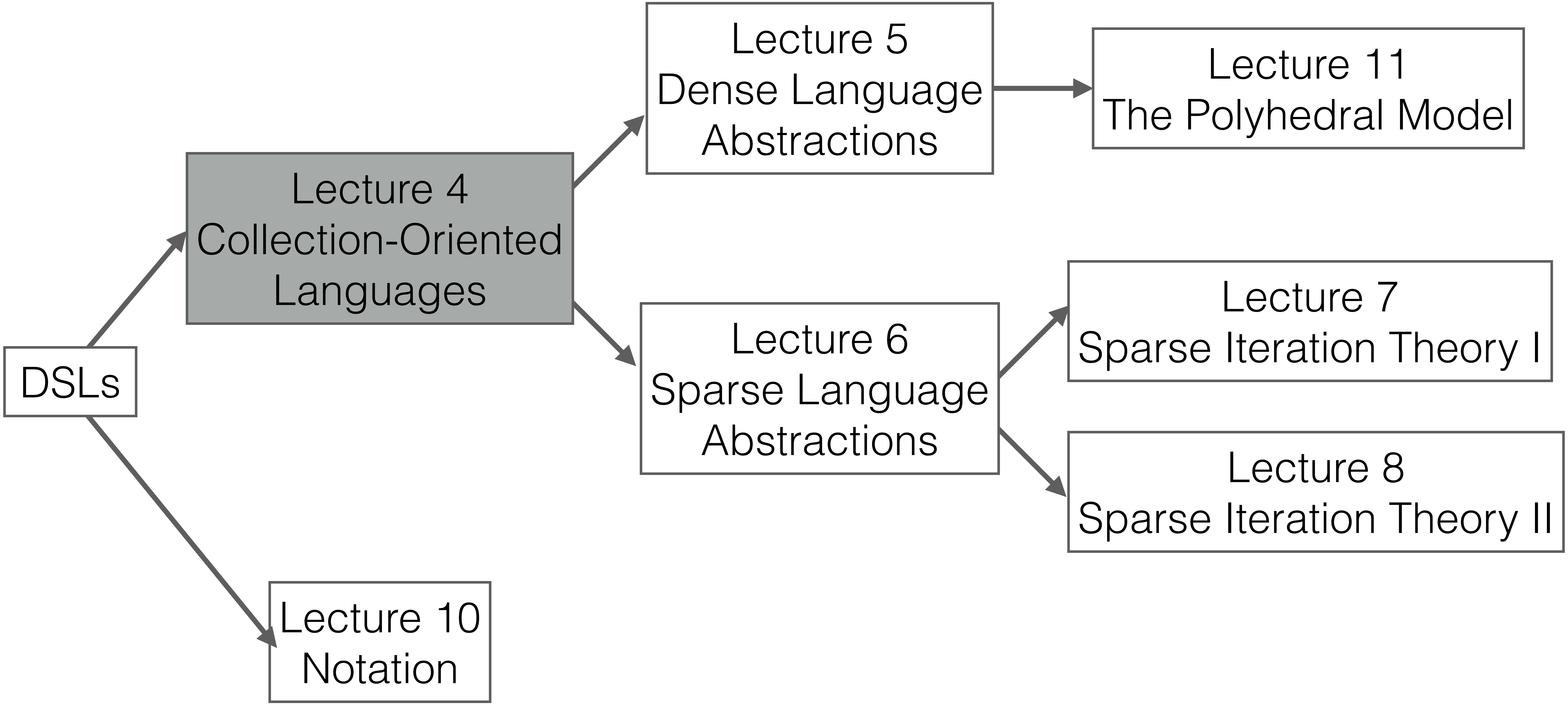
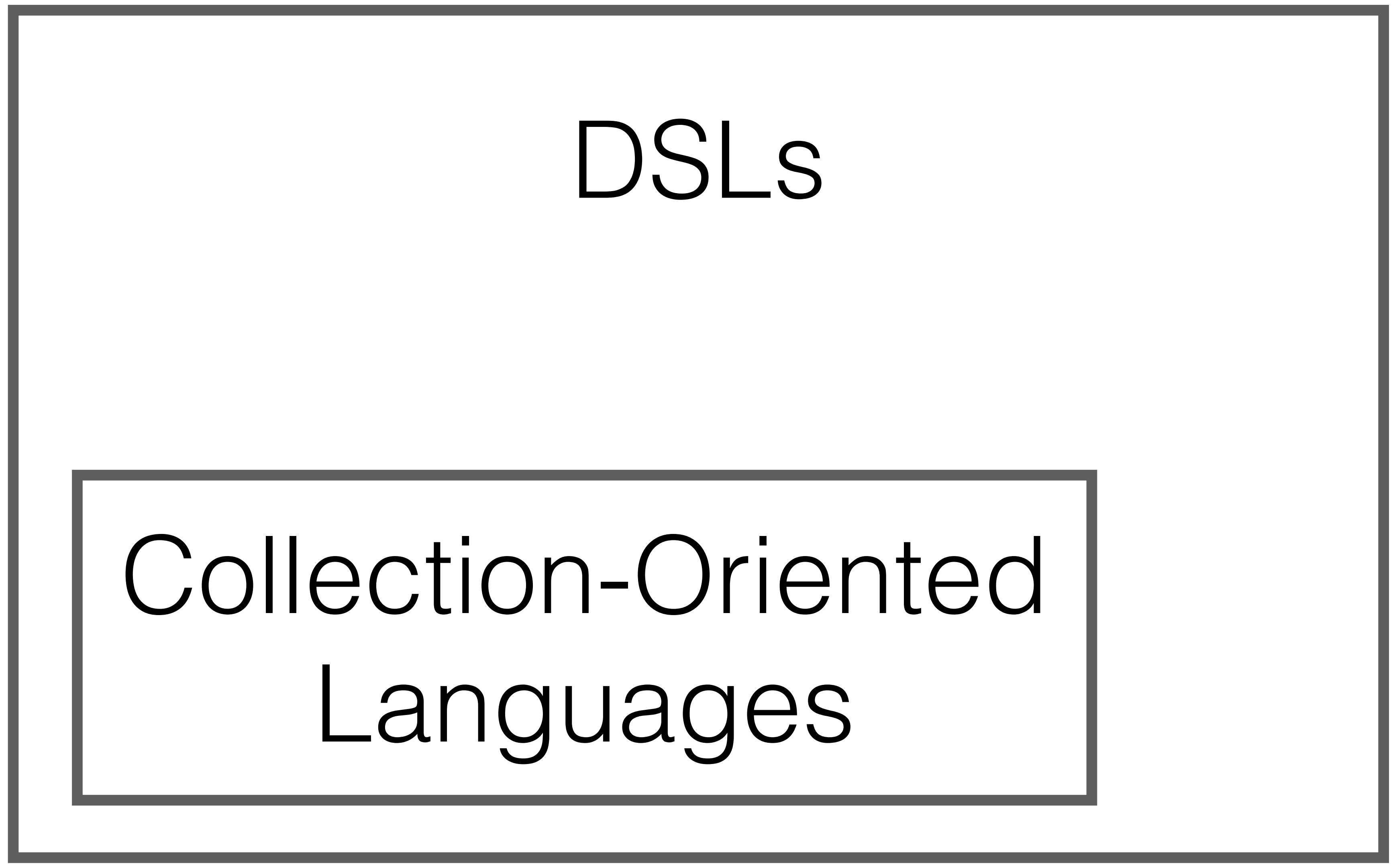
Overview of lectures in the coming weeks



Languages are tools for thought

> “By relieving the brain of all unnecessary work, a good notation sets it free to concentrate on the more advanced problems, and in effect increases the mental power of the race.”
>
> — Alfred N. Whitehead

Collection-Oriented languages are an important subclass of DSLs as discussed in this course



Economy of scale

in notation and execution

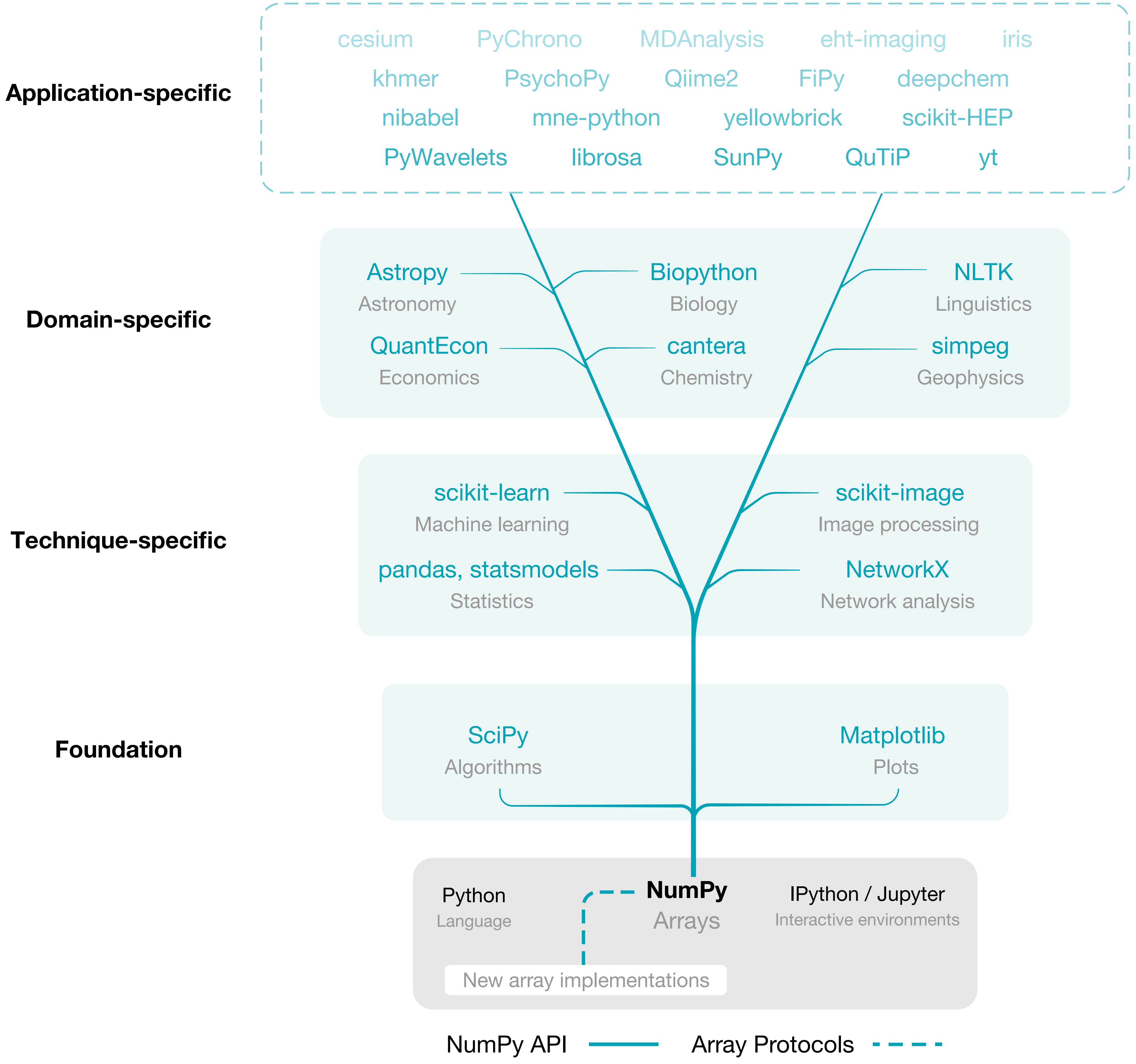
$$C = A \bowtie B$$

$$c = Ab$$

```
[x * 2 for x in my_list]
```

How many operations?

Collection-oriented languages are relatively general



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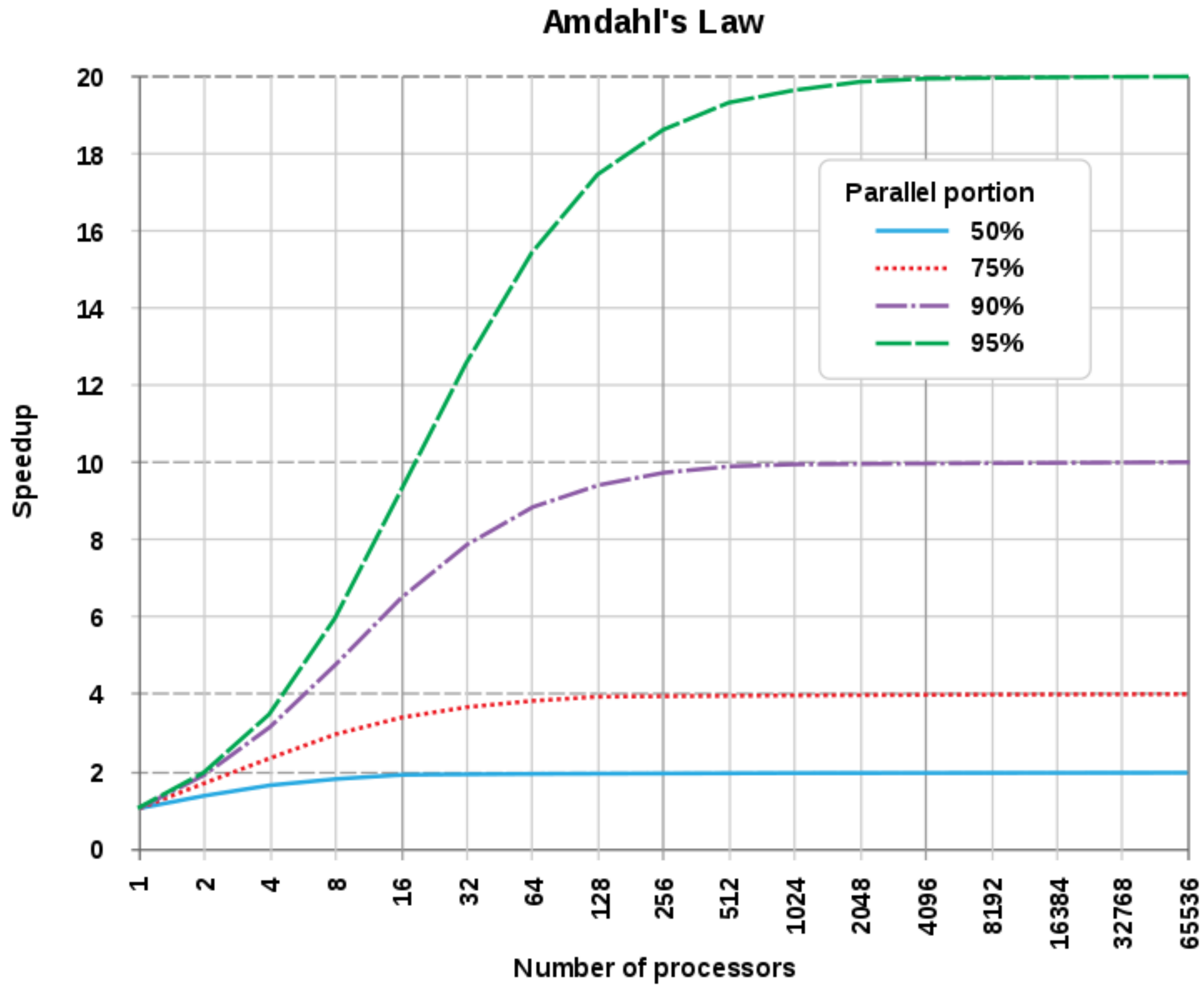
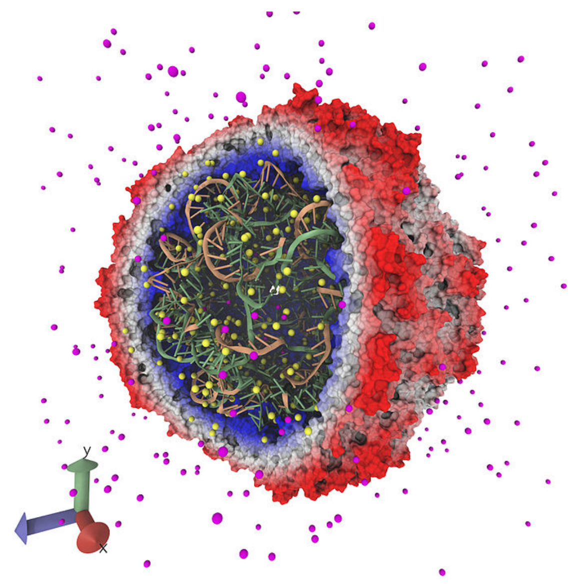
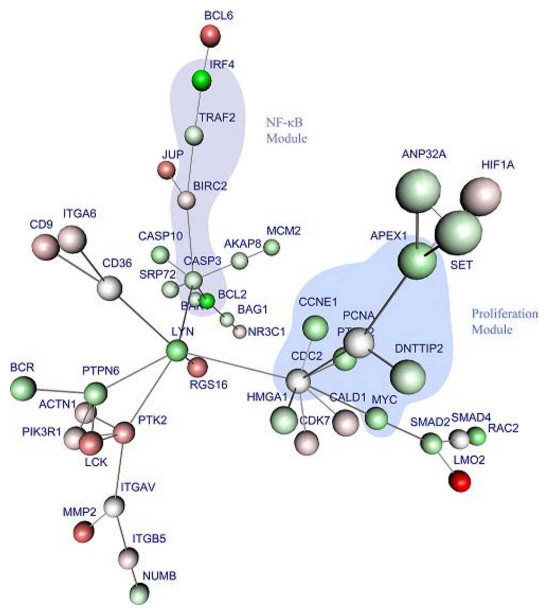
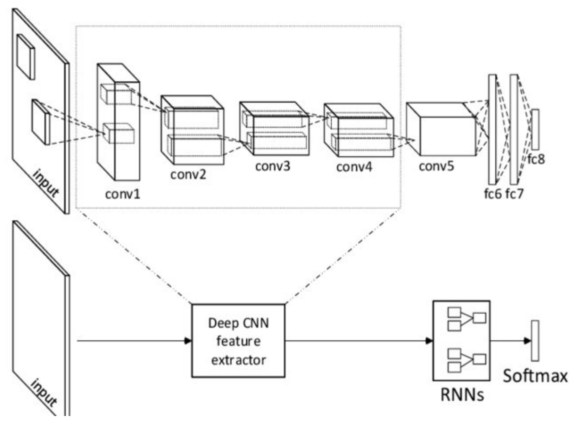
We need collections for performance due to Amdahl's law

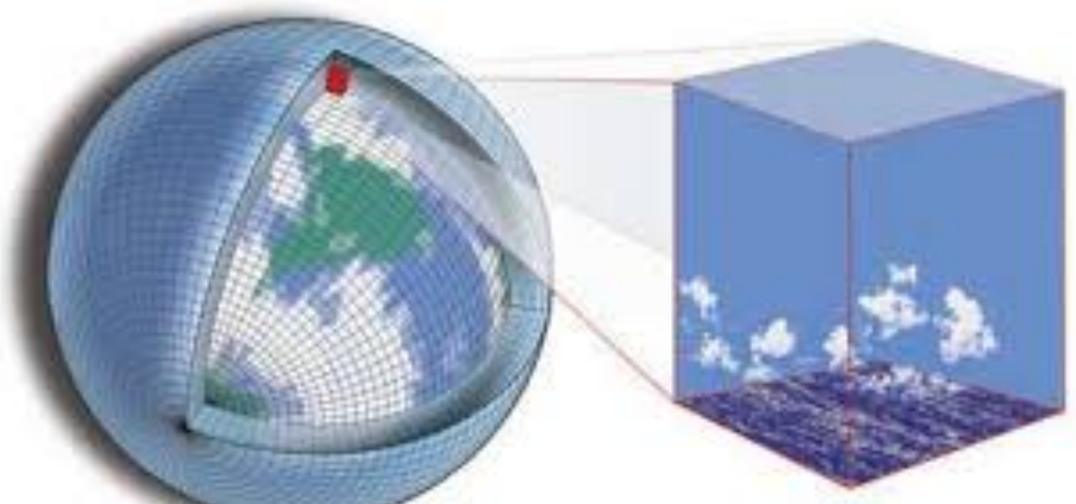


But many applications are data-rich









Plot from Wikipedia

Can programming be liberated from the von Neumann model?

Imperative Form

```
c := 0
for i := 1 step 1 until n do
  c := c + a[i] x b[i]
```

poor world of statements

transfers one scalar value to memory:
von Neumann bottleneck in software
the assignment transfers one value to memory

rich world of expressions

Functional Form

```
c = sum(a[0:n]*b[0:n])
```

produces a vector

Collection-oriented operations let us operate on collections as a whole

- A record-at-a-time user interface forces the programmer to do manual query optimization, and this is often hard.
- Set-a-time languages are good, regardless of the data model, since they offer much improved physical data independence.
- The programming language community has long recognized that aggregate data structures and general operations on them give great flexibility to programmers and language implementors.

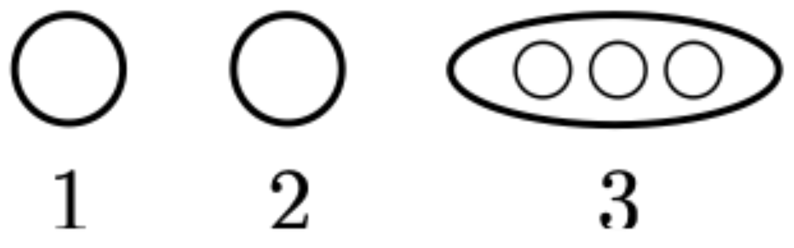
“What Goes Around Comes Around” Stonebraker and Hellerstein
“Collection-Oriented Languages” Sipelstein and Blelloch

Collection-Oriented Languages

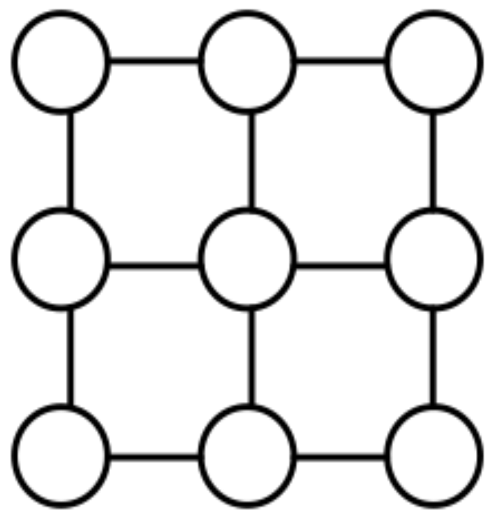
Lists
Lisp M58

Sets
SETL S70

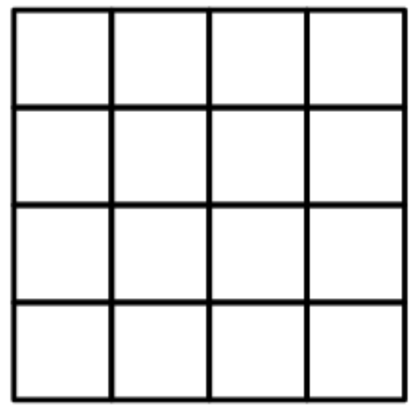
Nested Sequences
NESL B94



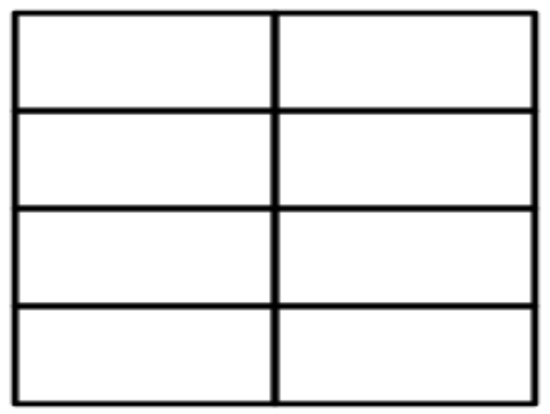
Grids
Sejits S09, Halide



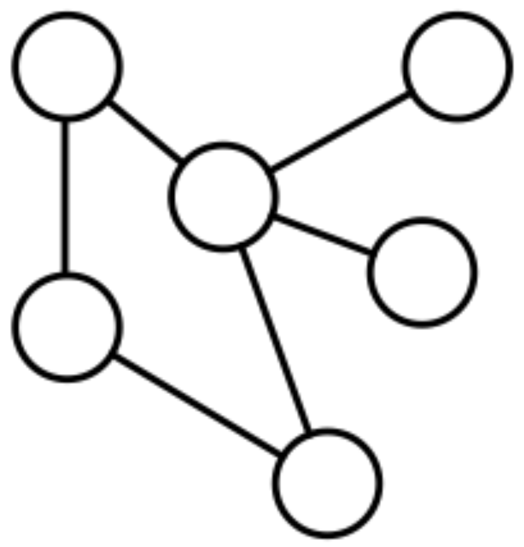
Arrays
APL I62
NumPy



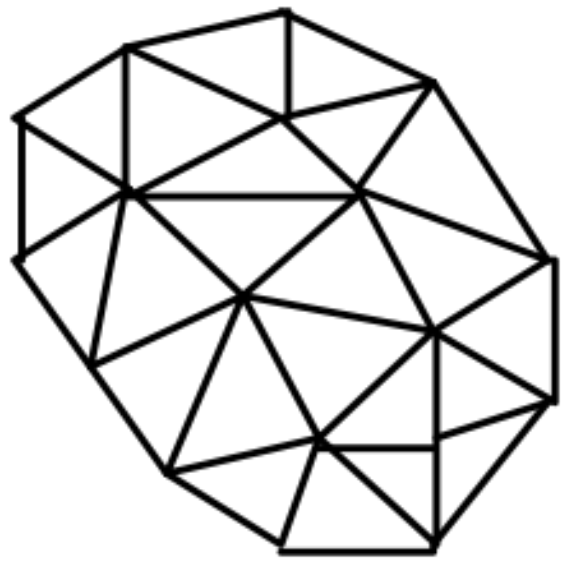
Relations
Relational Algebra C70,



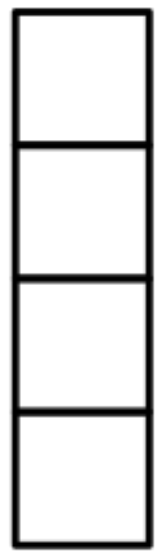
Graphs
GraphLab L10



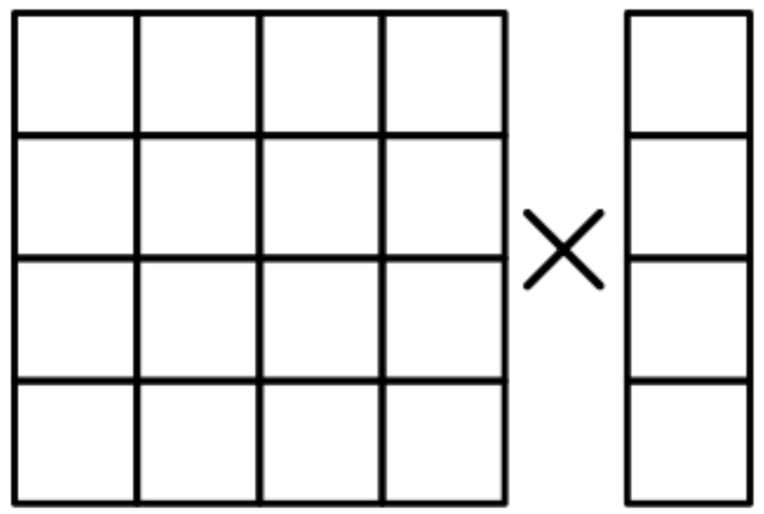
Meshes
Liszt D11



Vectors
Vector Model B90



Matrices and Tensors
Matlab M79, taco K17



A collection-oriented programming model provides collective operations on some collection/abstract data structure

Features of collections

- Ordering: unordered, sequence, or grid-ordered?
- Regularity: Can the collection represent irregularity/sparsity?
- Nesting: nested or flat collections?
- Random-access: can individual elements be accessed?

The APL Programming Language

```
n ← 4 5 6 7
```

i.e., mkArray

```
n+4
8 9 10 11
```

4 is broadcast across each n

```
n+ι4
5 7 9 11
```

element-wise multiplication
(ι4 makes the array [1,2,3,4])

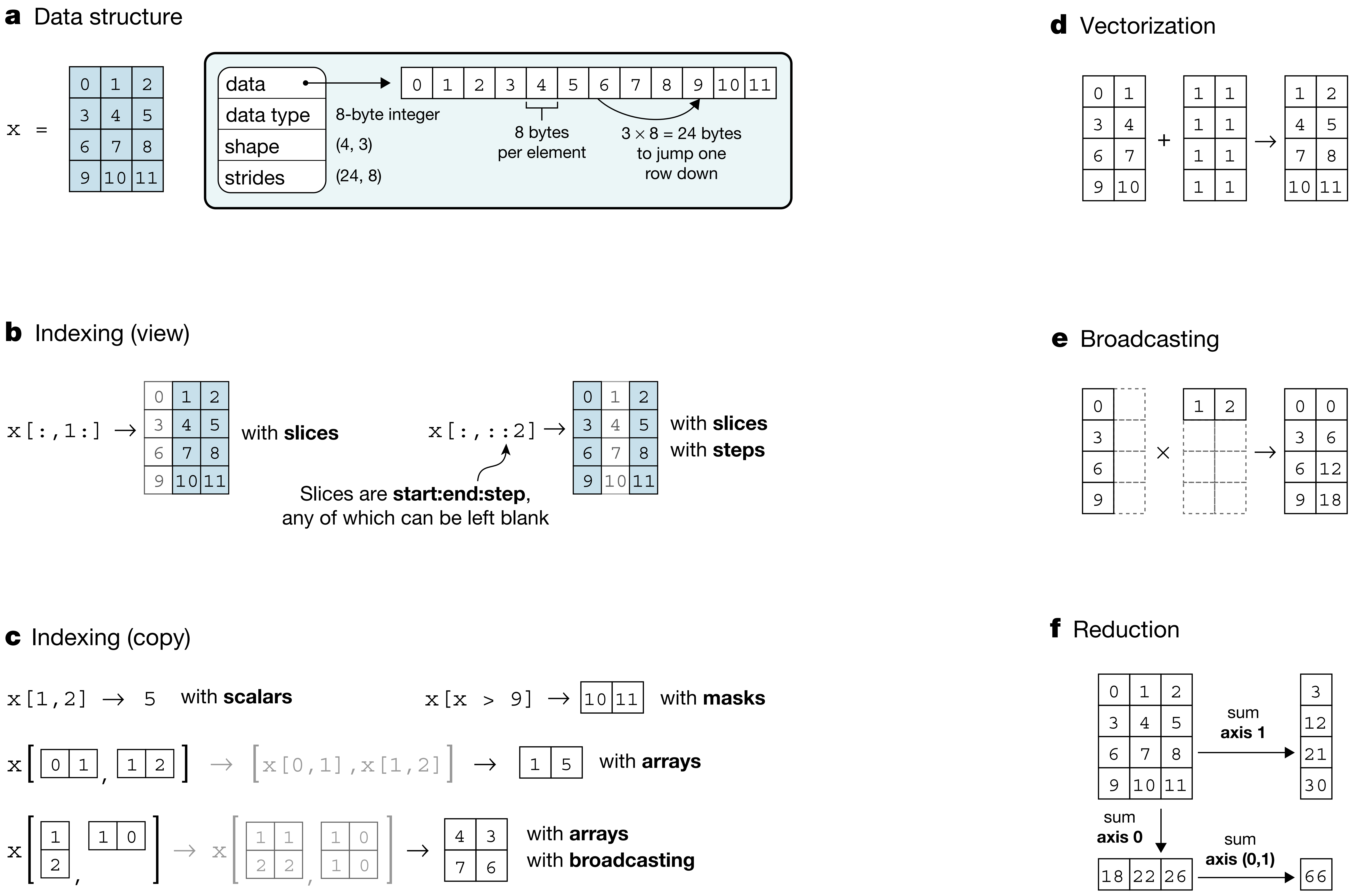
```
+/n
22
```

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} n_i$$

```
+/(3+ι4)
22
```

$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} (i+3)$$

Array Programming with NumPy



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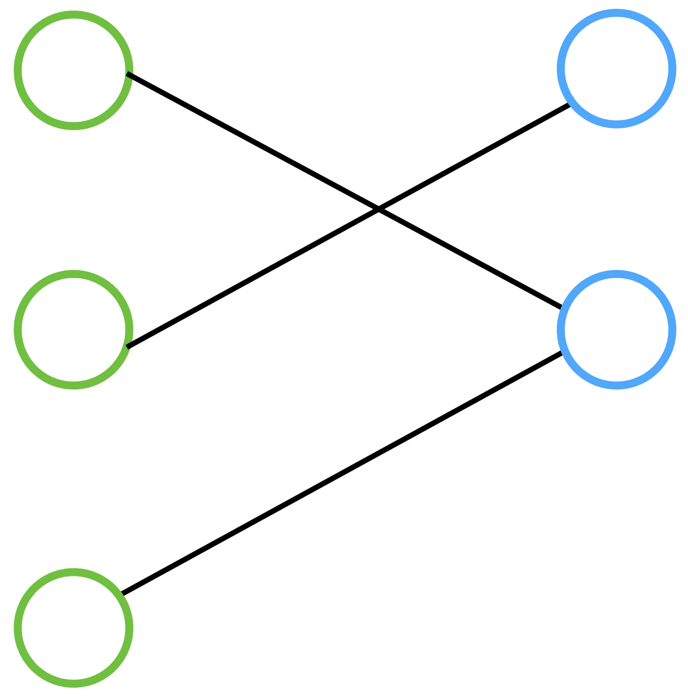
The SETL Language

Sets

Tuples

Functions



SETL Set Former Notation

Notation	Example
$\{x \in s \mid C(x)\}$	$\{x \in \{1,5,10,32\} \mid x \textbf{ lt } 10\} \rightarrow \{1,5\}$
$\{e(x), x \in s \mid C(x)\}$	$\{i * i, i \in \{1,3,5\}\} \rightarrow \{1,9,25\}$
$\{e(x), \text{min} \leq i \leq \text{max} \mid C(i)\}$	$\{i * 2 - 1, 1 \leq i \leq 5\} \rightarrow \{1,3,5,7,9\}$
$[\text{op} : x \in s \mid C(x)]e(x)$	$[+ : x \in \{1,2,3\}](x * x) \rightarrow 14$
$\forall x \in s \mid C(x)$	$\forall x \in 1,2,4 \mid (x//2) \textbf{ eq } 1 \rightarrow \textbf{f}$
$[+ : x \in s_1, y \in s_2]\{ < x, y > \}$	$[+ : x \in \{1,2\}, y \in \{a, b\}]\{ < x, y > \} \rightarrow$ $\{ < 1,a > , < 1,b > , < 2,a > , < 2,b > \}$

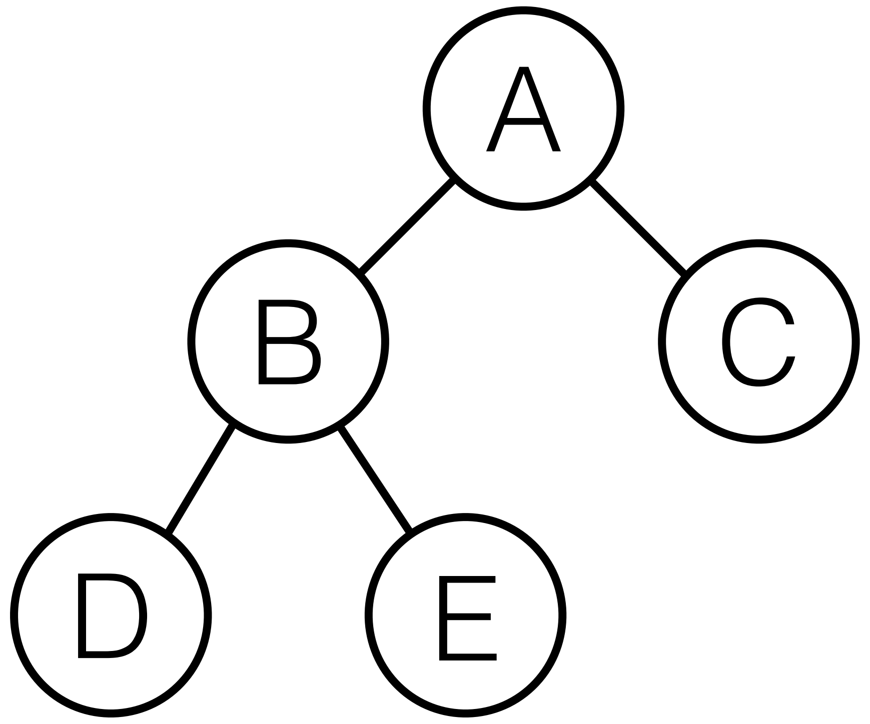
Standard set operations like union, intersection, and set difference are also supported

SETL Table Functions

$$f = \{ < 1,1 > , < 2,4 > , < 3,9 > \}$$

$$f(2) \to 4$$

$$f \;+ \{ < 2,5 > \} \to \{ < 1,1 > , < 2,5 > , < 3,9 > \}$$



left $= \{ < A, B > , < B, D > \}$

right $= \{ < A, C > , < B, E > \}$

Relational Algebra

employees

name	id	department
Harry	3245	CS
Sally	7264	EE
George	1379	CS
Mary	1733	ME
Rita	2357	CS

departments

department	manager
CS	George
EE	Mary

Projection (Π)

$\Pi_{name,department}$ employees

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Selection (σ)

$\sigma_{department=CS}$ employees

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Natural join ($\bowtie$)

employees $\bowtie$ departments

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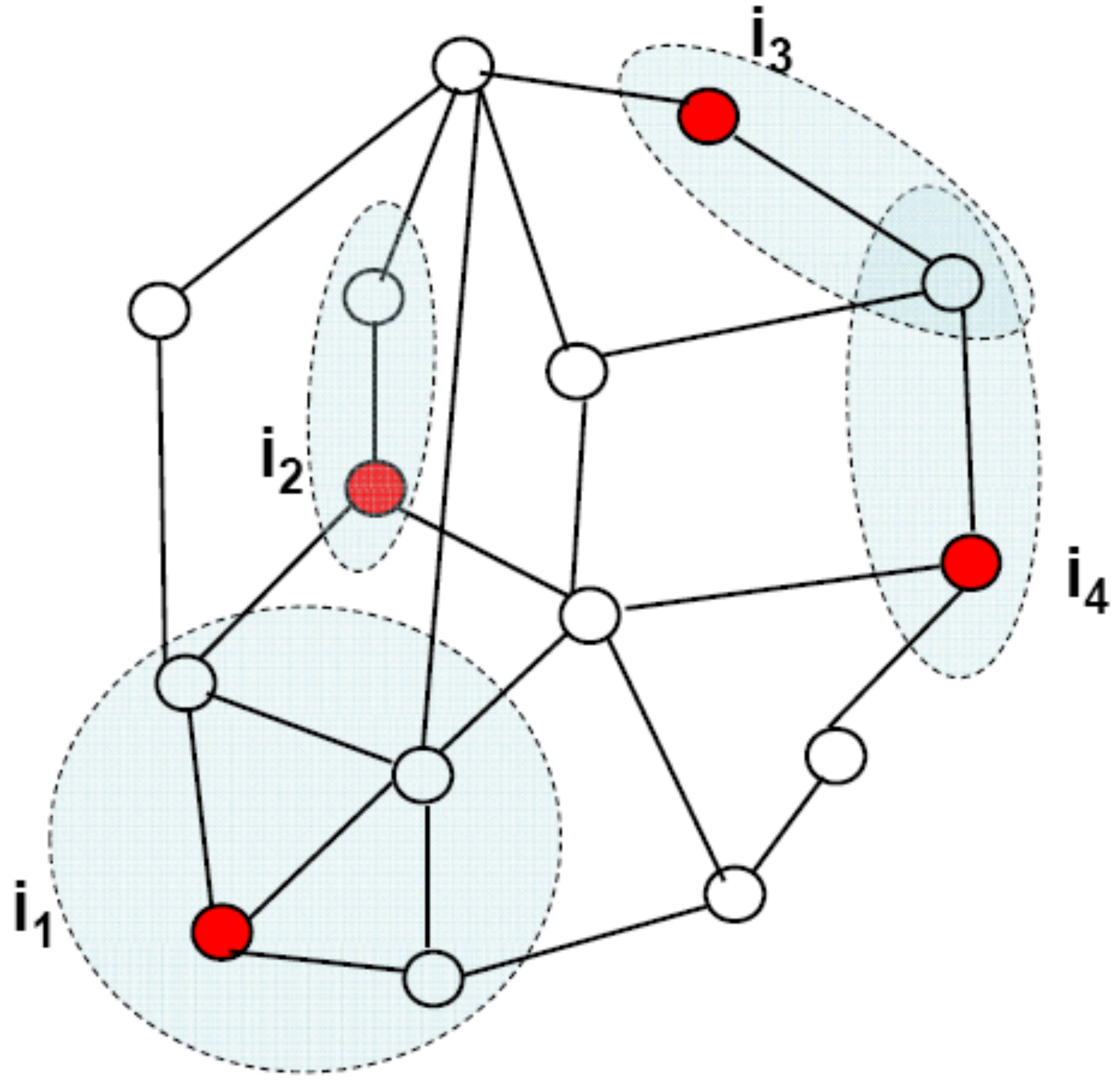
Graph operations

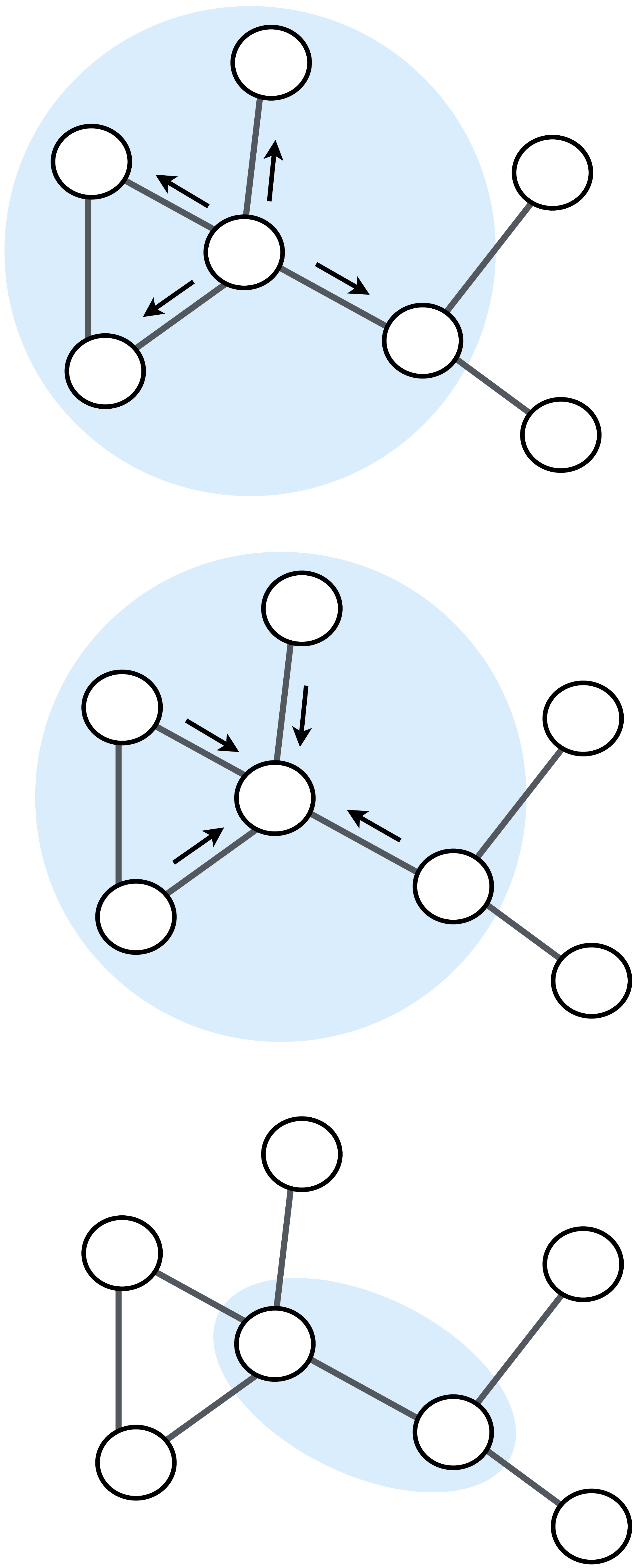
Simultaneous operations on different parts of the graph



push

pull

edge functions



Left figure from Tao of Parallelism in Algorithms (Pingali et al.)

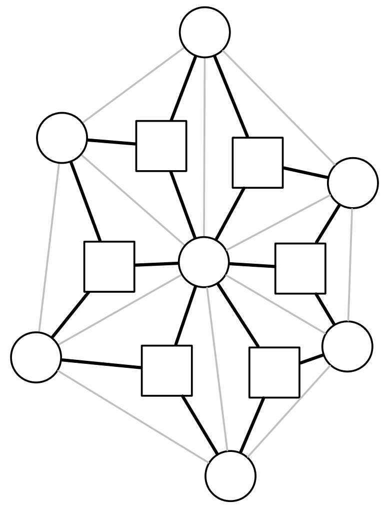
Relations, Graphs, and Algebra: No glove fits all

Relations

Names	City	Age
Peter	Boston	54
Mary	San Fransisco	35
Paul	New York	23
Adam	Seattle	84
Hilde	Boston	19
Bob	Chicago	76
Sam	Portland	32
Angela	Los Angeles	62

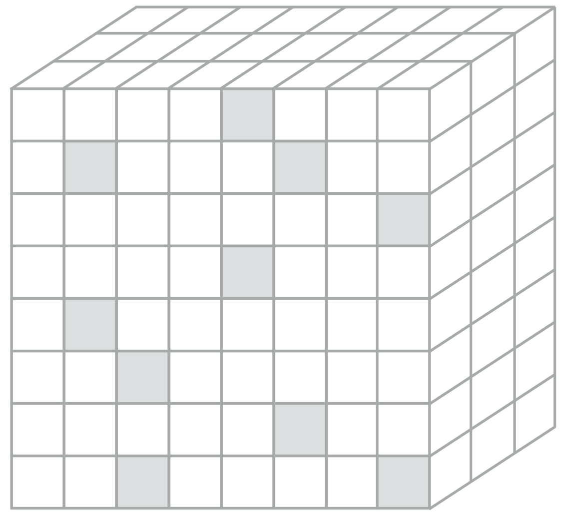
Ideal for combining data to form systems

Graphs



Ideal for local operations

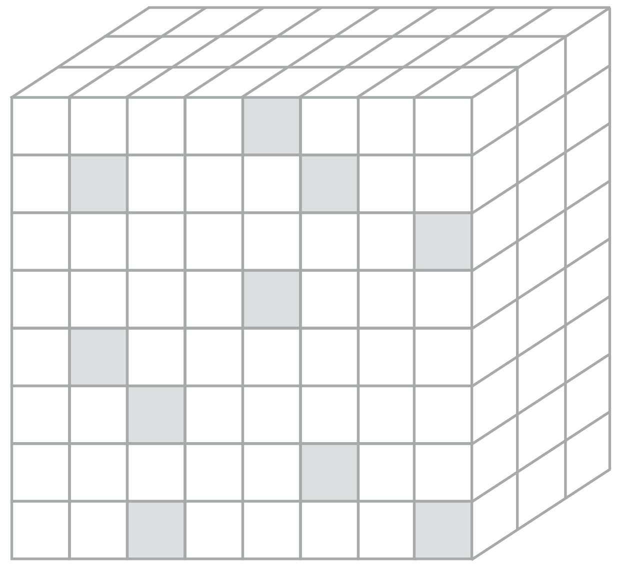
Tensors



Ideal for global operations

It is critical to be able to compose languages and abstractions

Tensors



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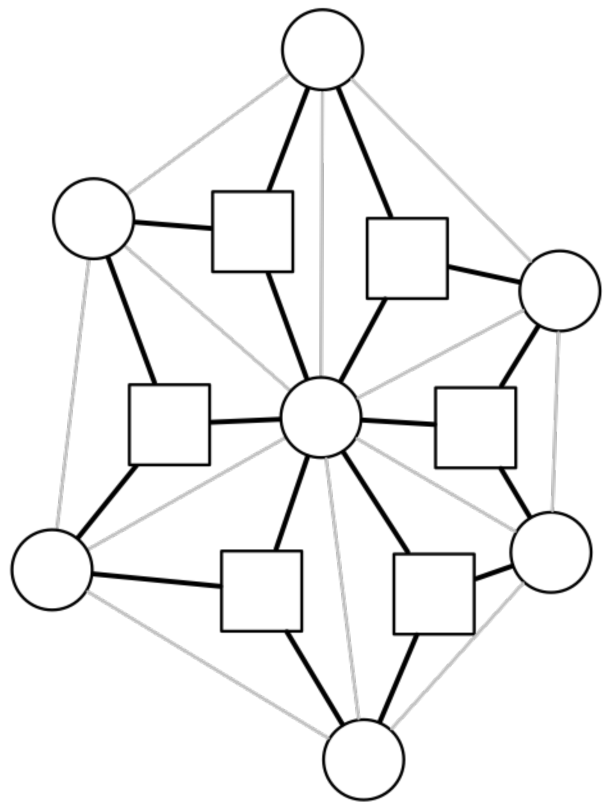

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Example: Relations and Tensors

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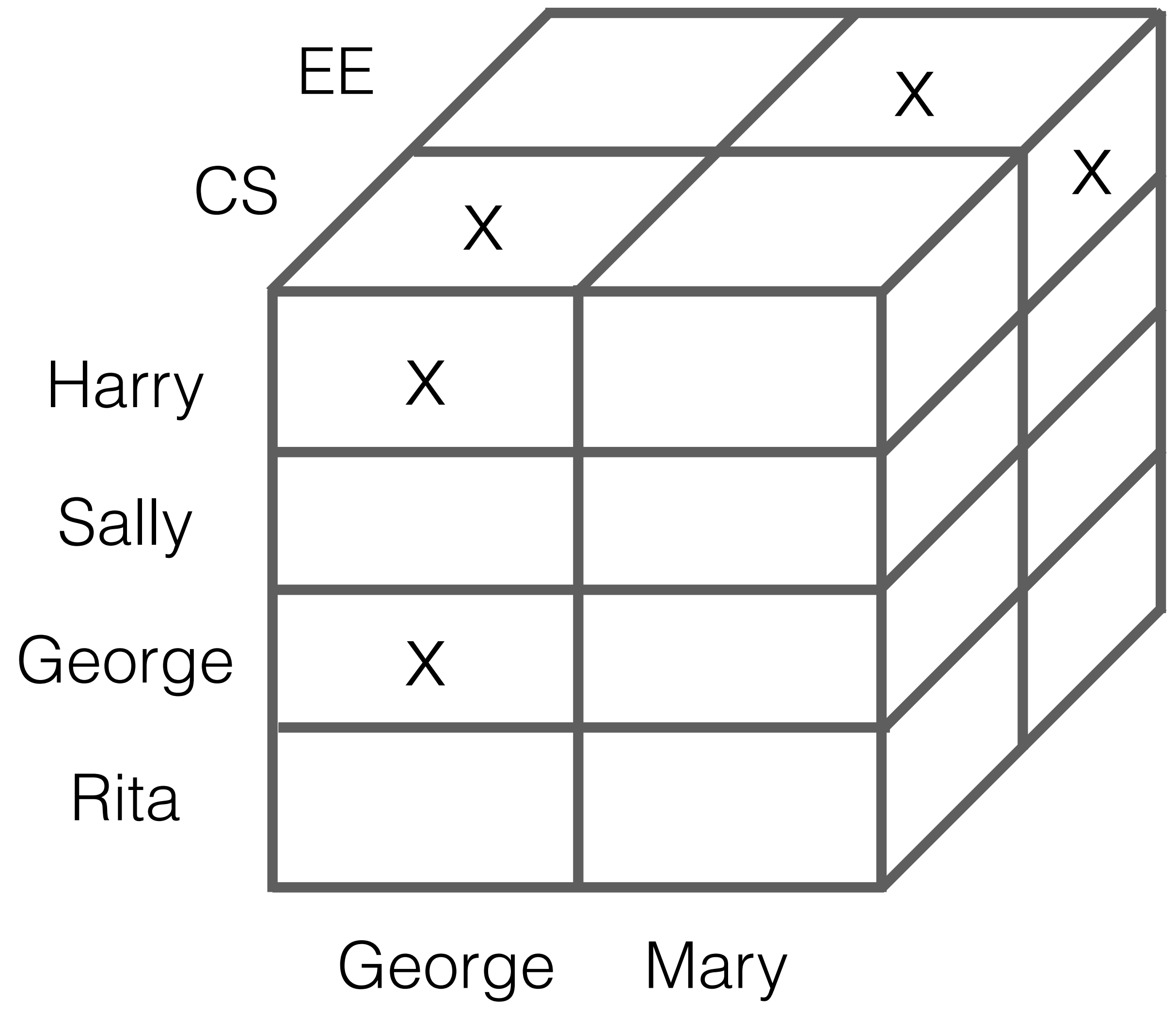
Tensor Assembly



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$\bowtie$

name1	name2
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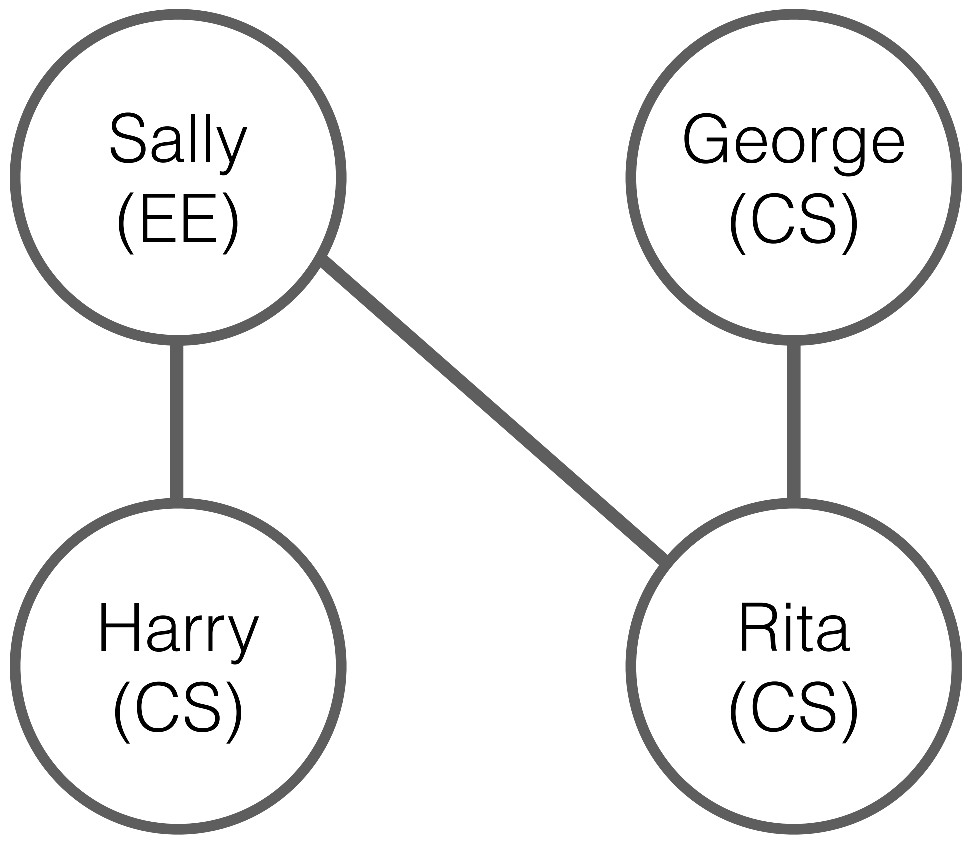

Example: Graphs and Tensors (Simit)

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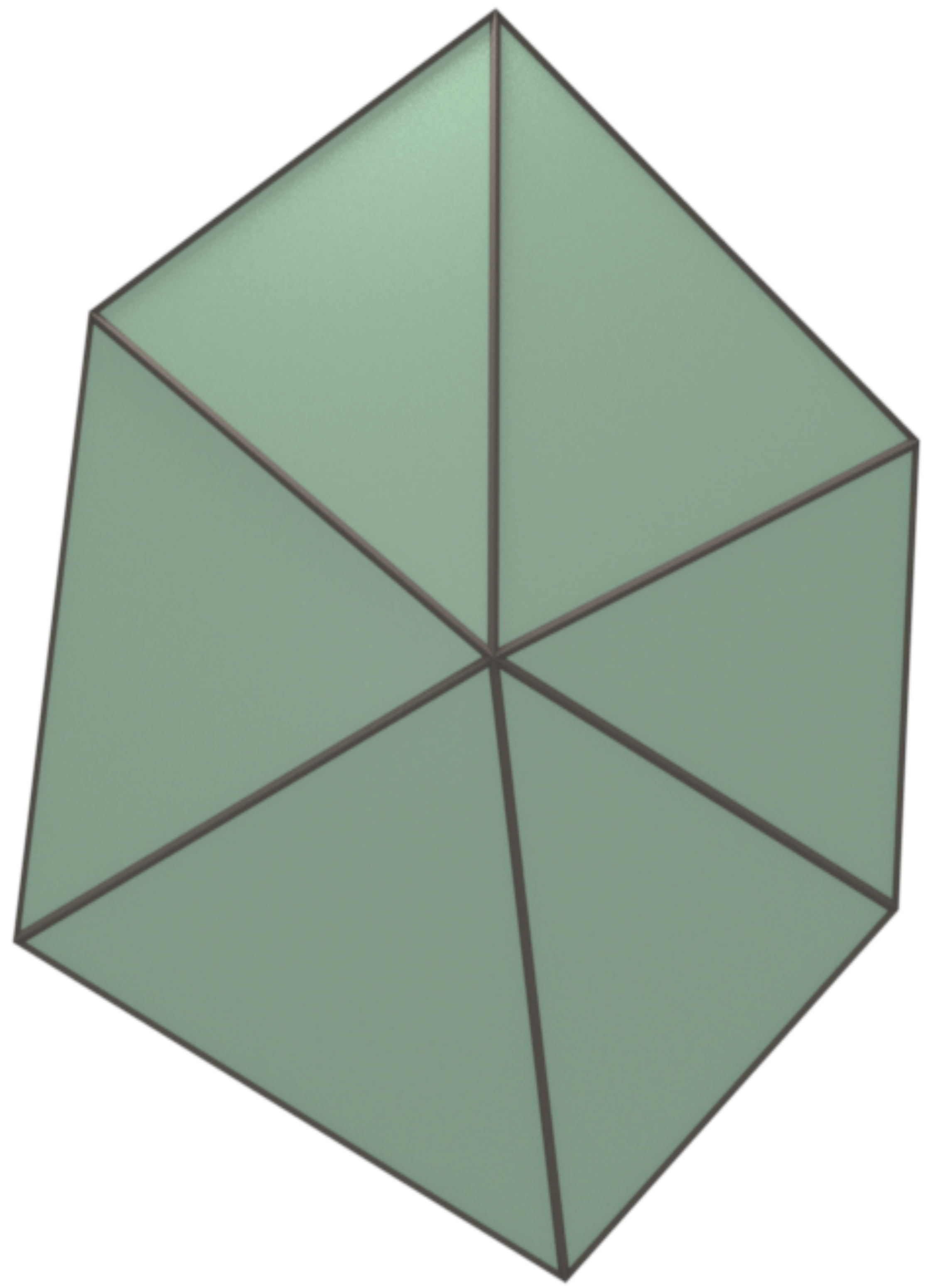

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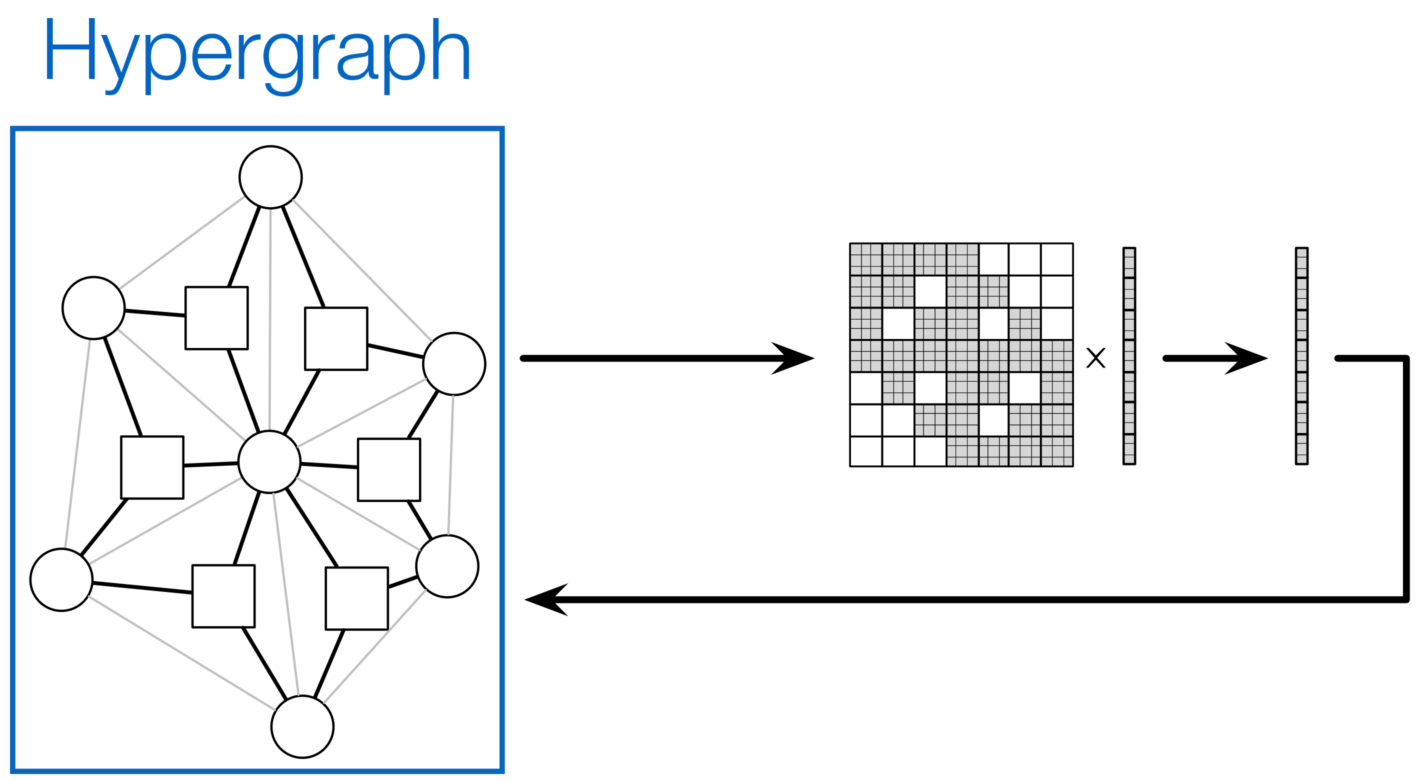


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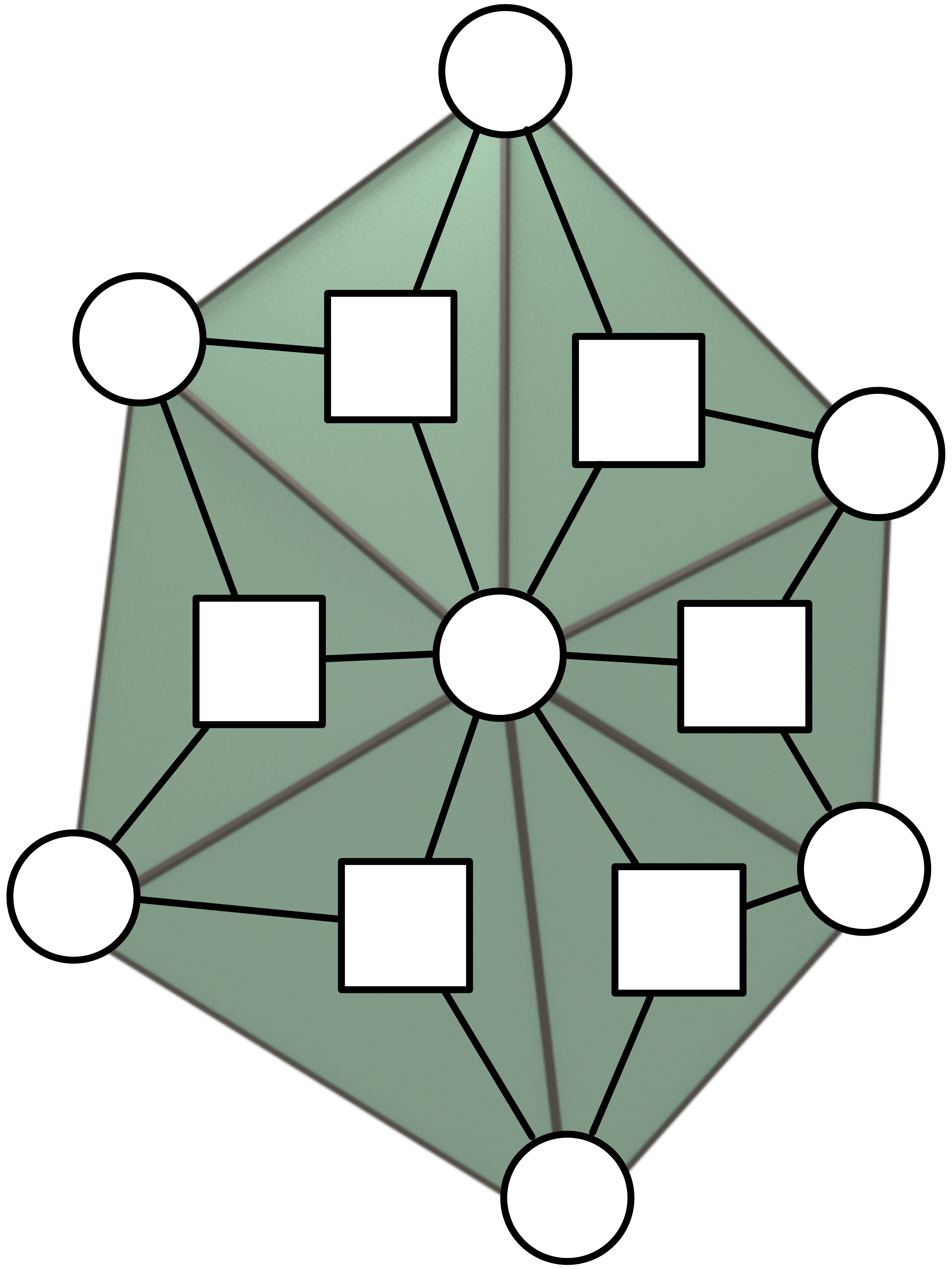

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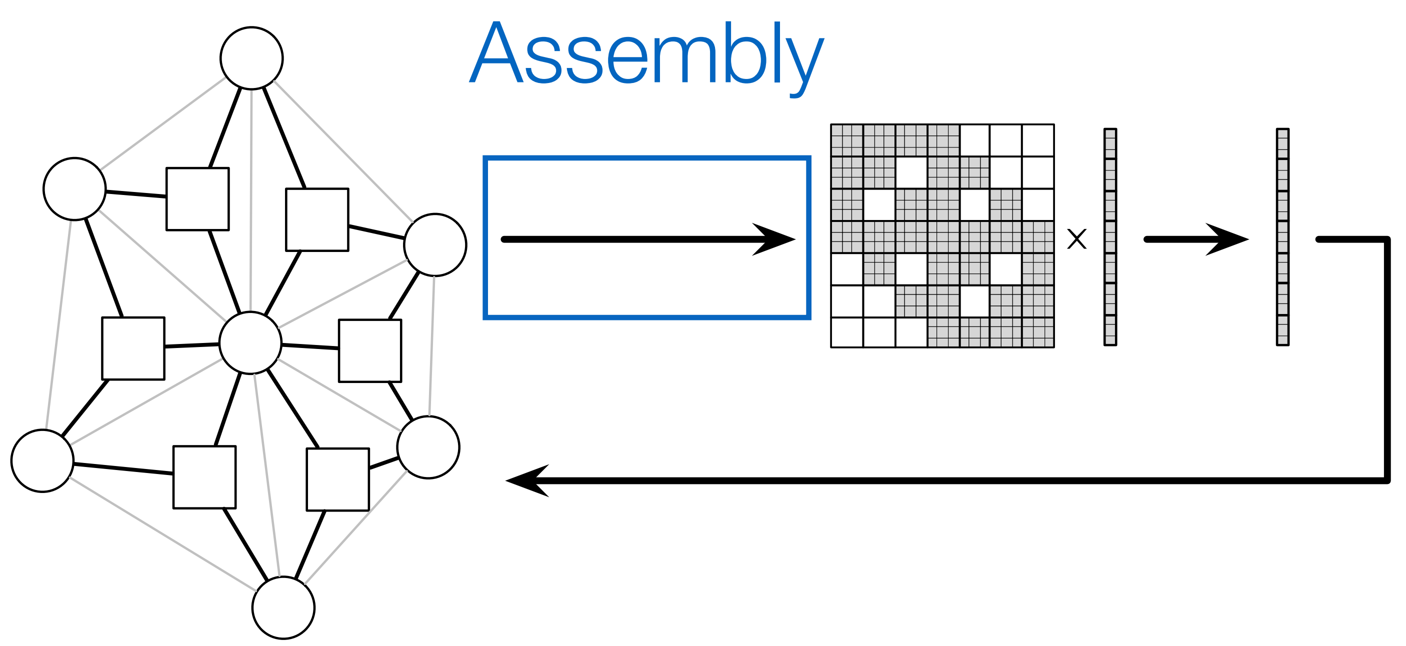

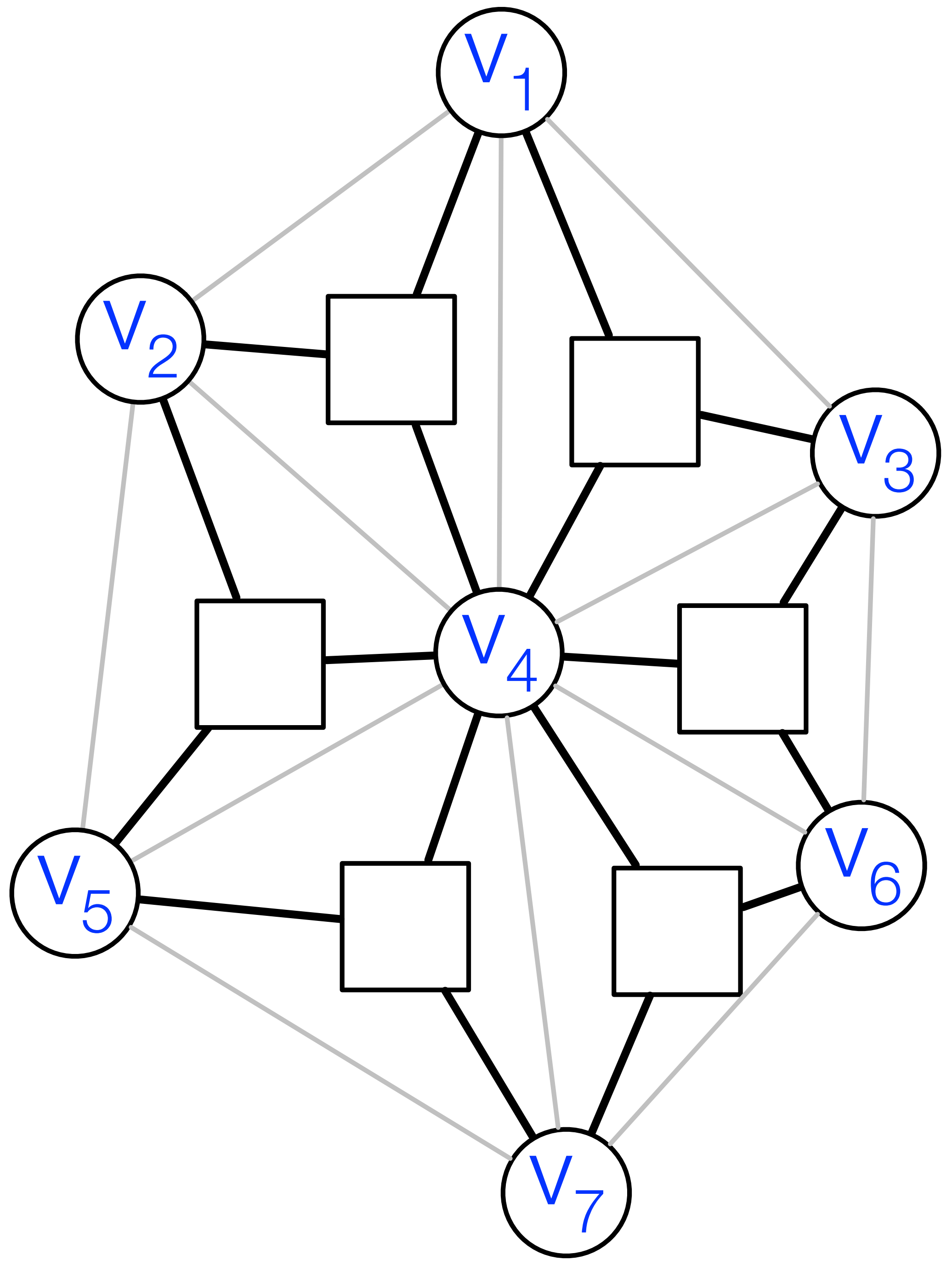

	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7
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  t.B = compute_B(v);
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end

export func init()
  apply compute_area to triangles;
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```

```
% newton's method
export func newton_method()
  while abs(f - verts.fe) > 1e-6
    K = map triangle_stiffness to triangles reduce +;
    // assemble force vector
    // compute new position
  end
end
```

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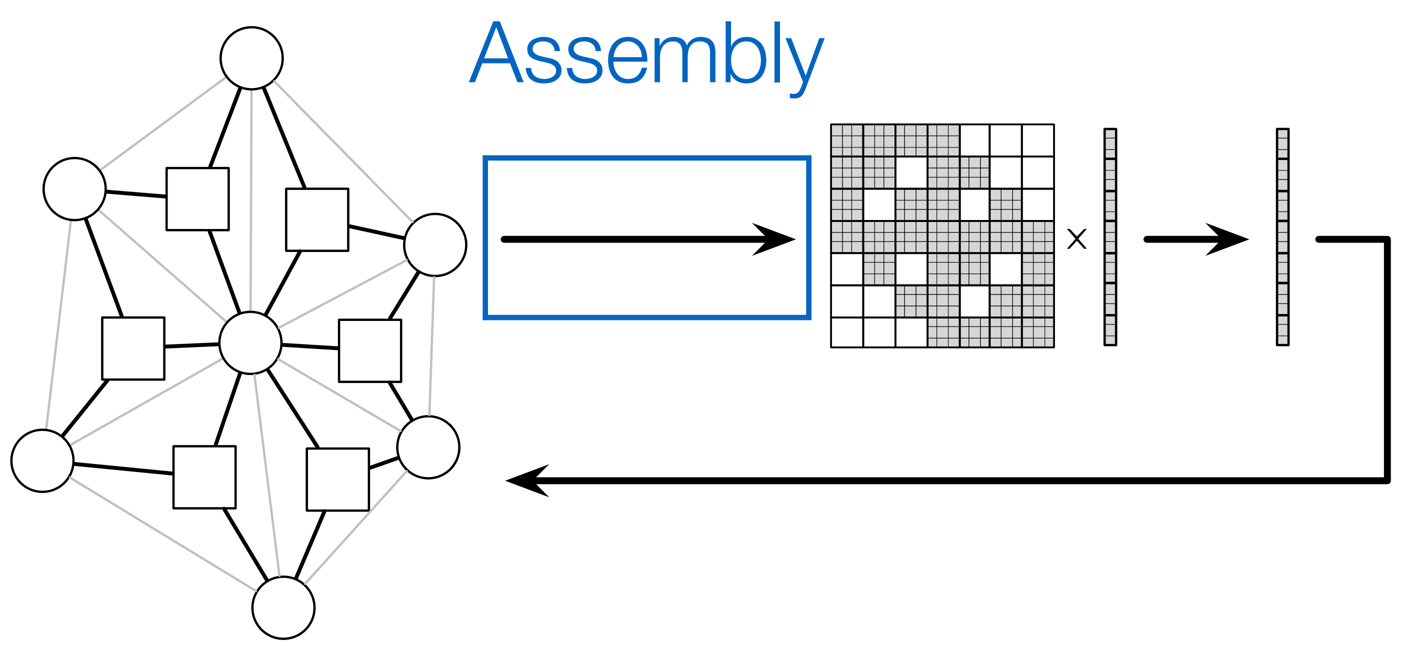

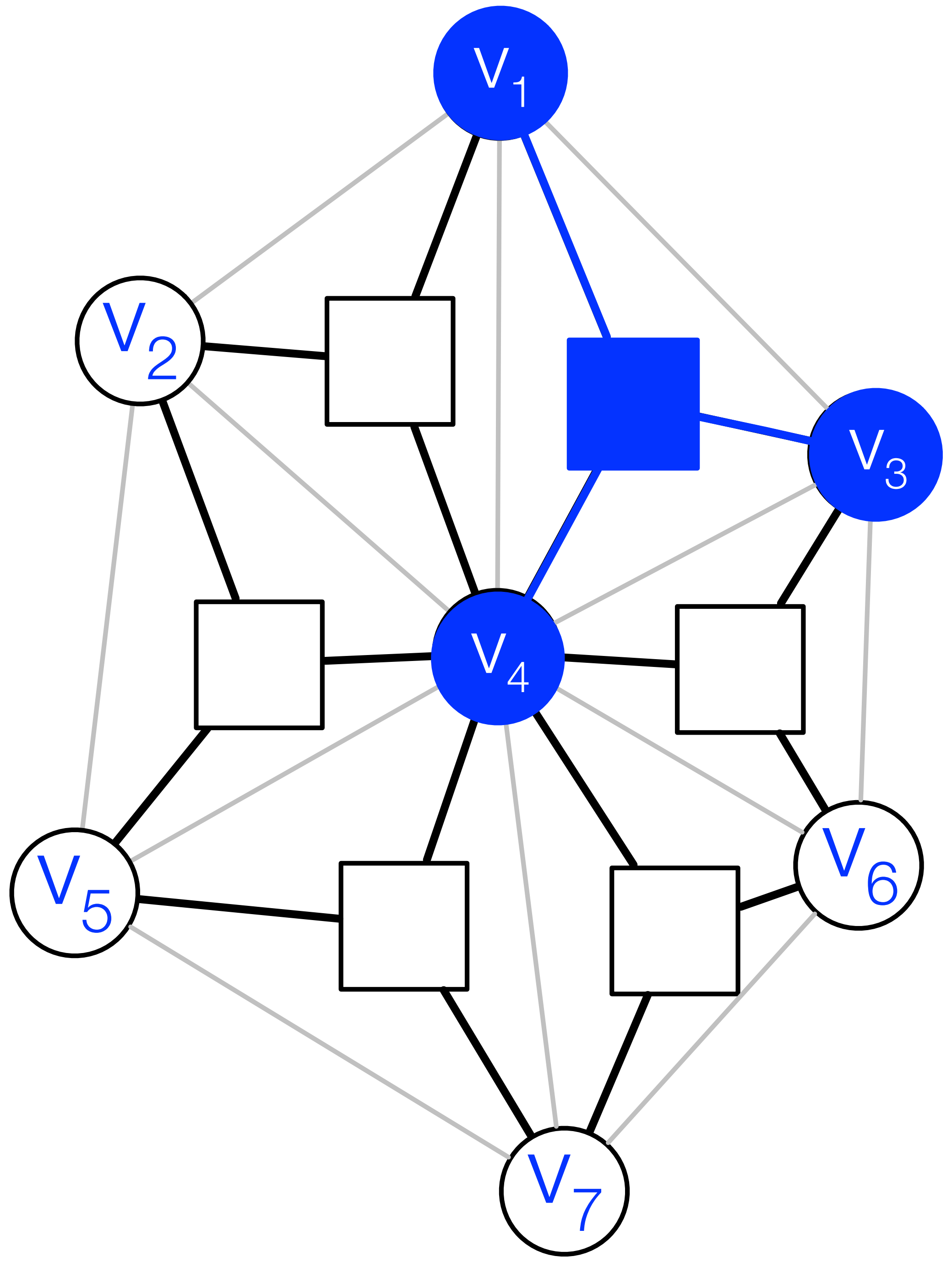

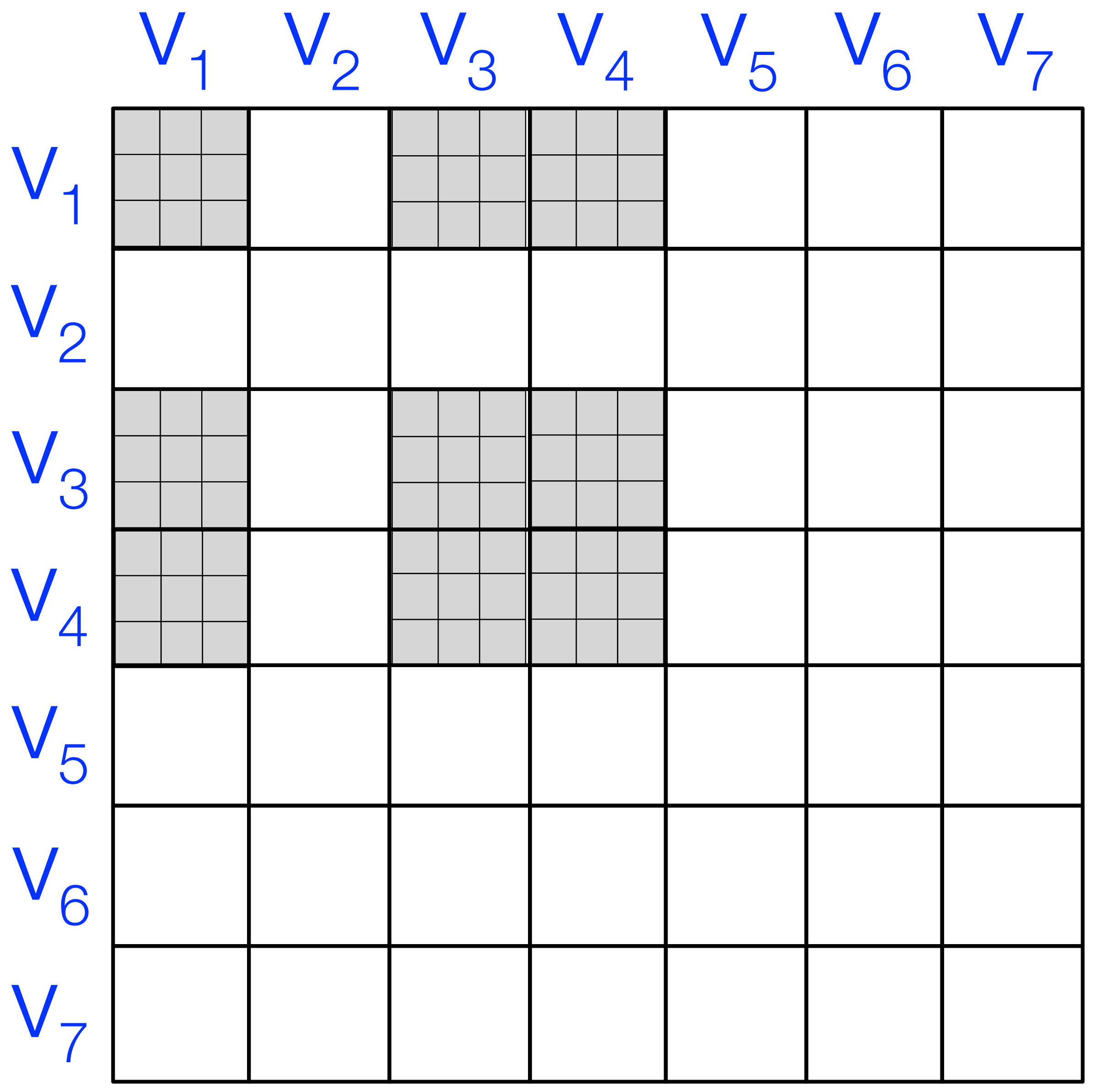


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func triangle_stiffness(t : Triangle, v : (Vertex*3))
    -> K : matrix[verts,verts](matrix[3,3](float))
  for i in 0:3
    for j in 0:3
      K(v(i),v(j)) += compute_stiffness(t,v,i,j);
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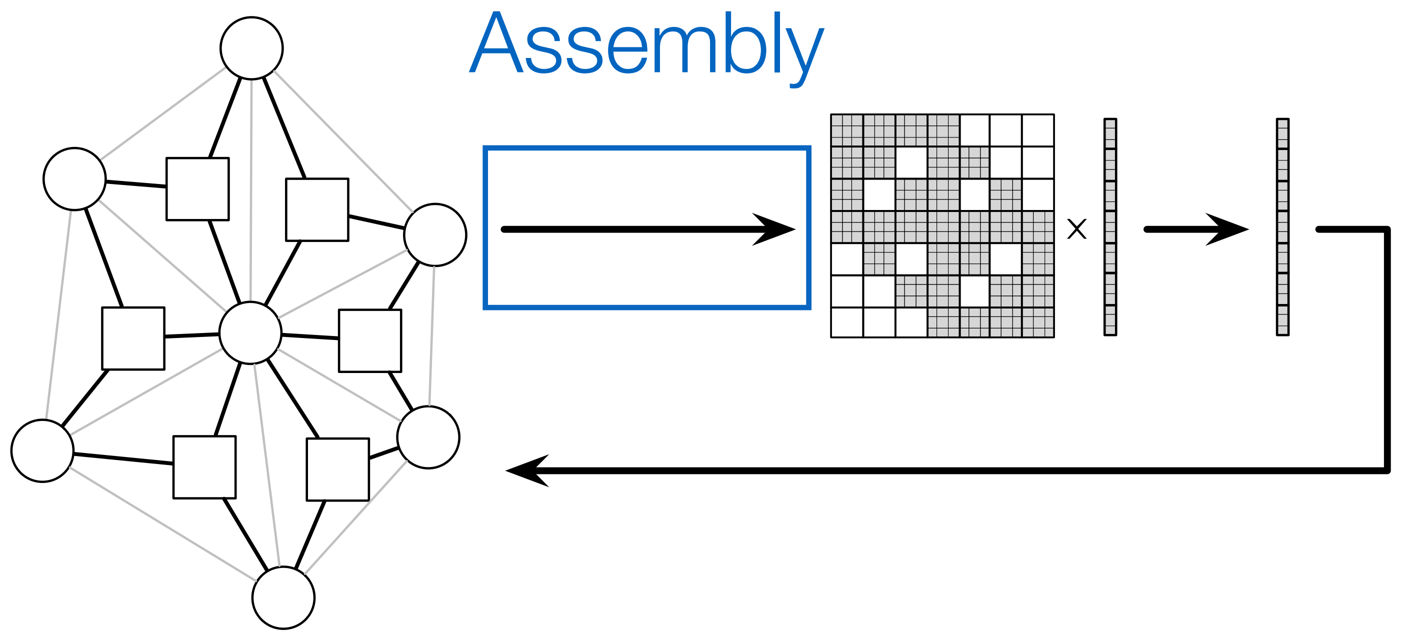

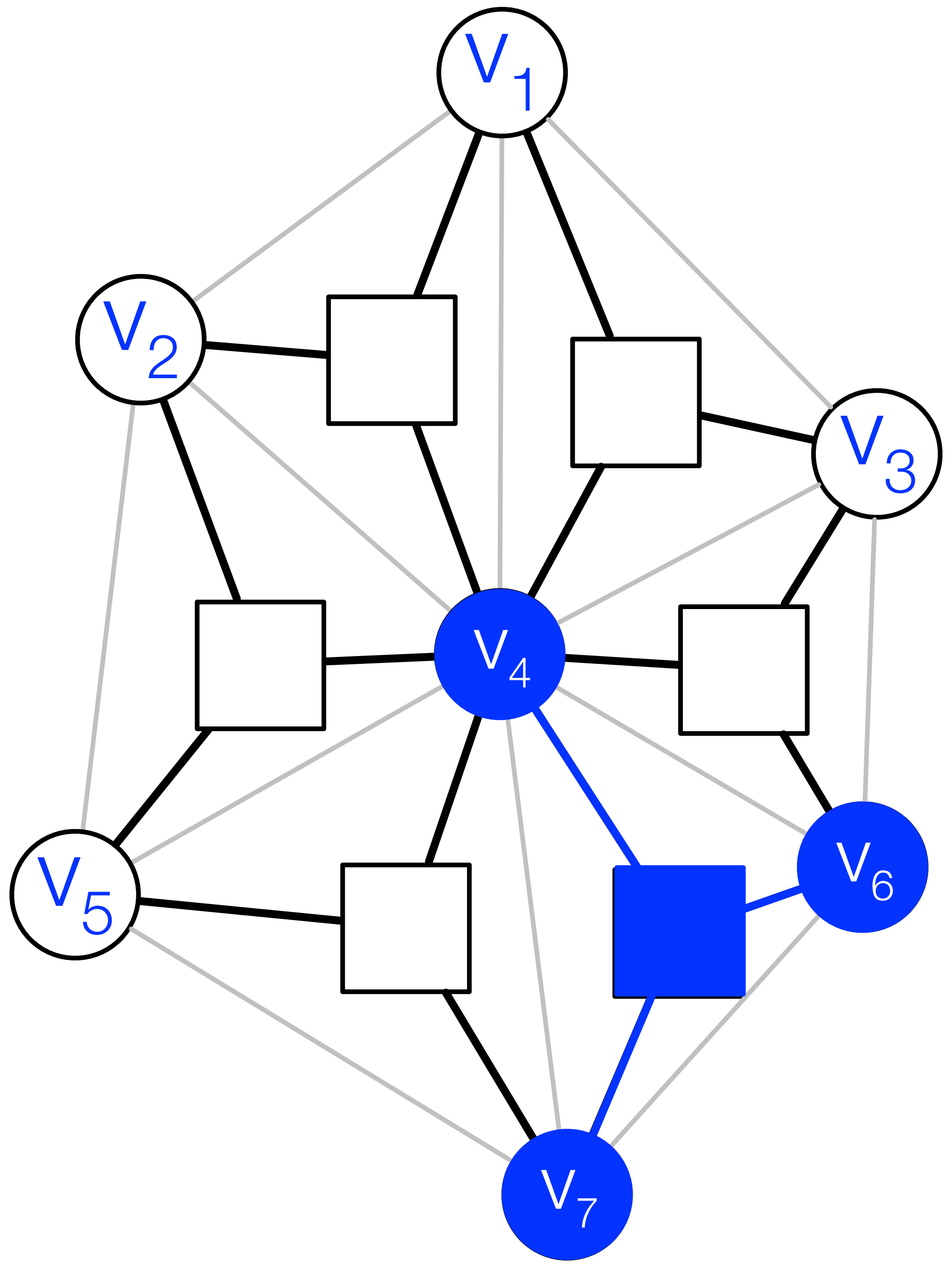

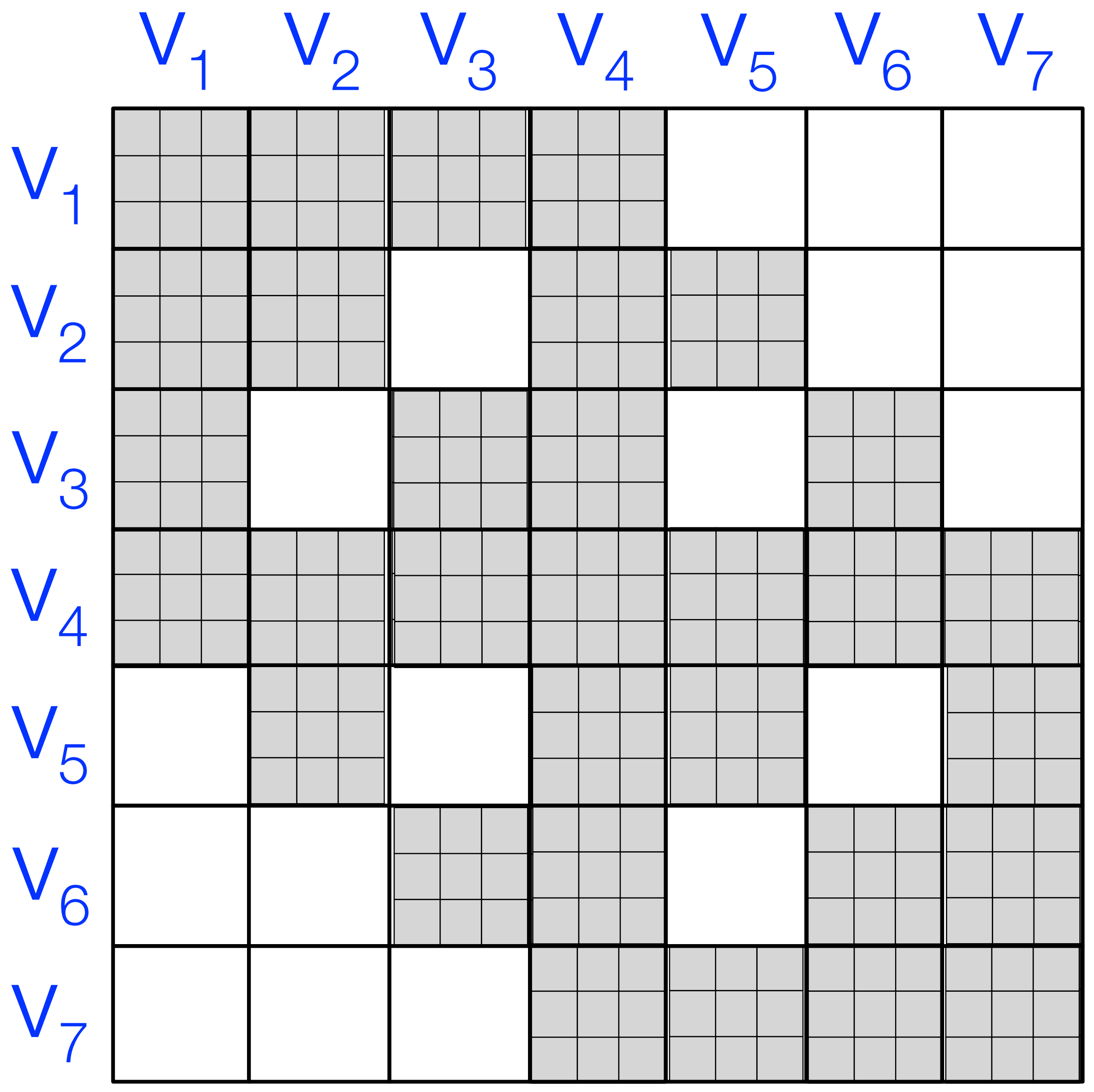


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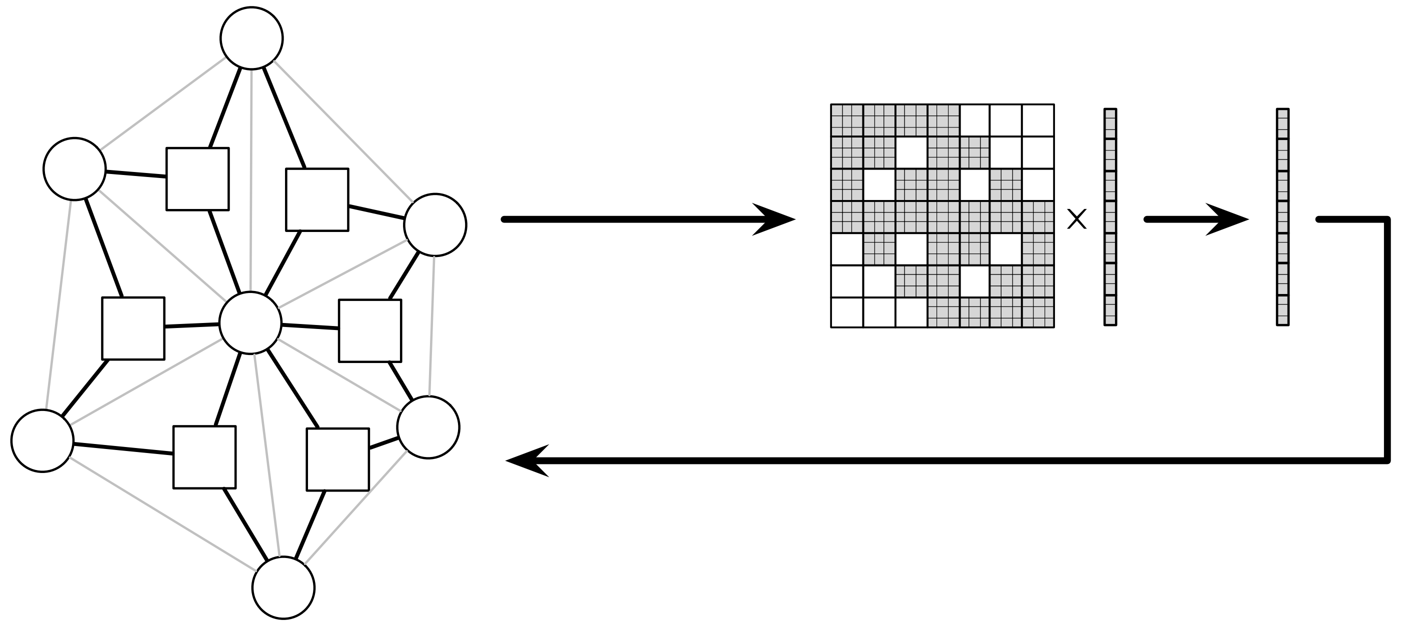

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    end
  end
end

% computes the force of a triangle on its vertices
func triangle_force(t : Triangle, v : (Vertex*3))
    -> f : vector[verts](vector[3](float))
  for i in 0:3
    f(v(i)) += compute_force(t,v,i);
  end
end

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export func newton_method()
  while abs(f - verts.fe) > 1e-6
    K = map triangle_stiffness to triangles reduce +;
    f = map triangle_force     to triangles reduce +;
    verts.x = verts.x + K \ (verts.fe - f);
  end
end
```
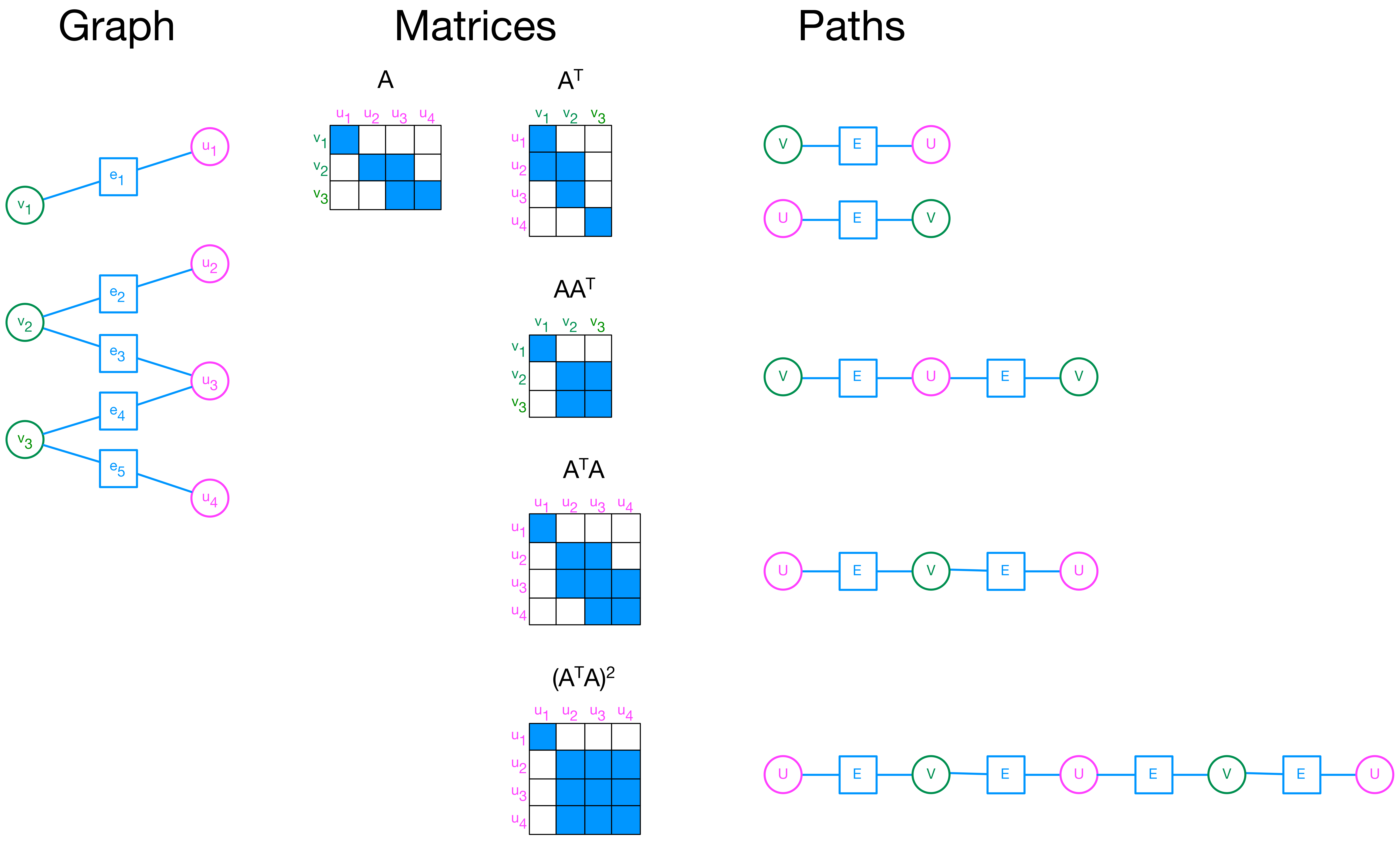
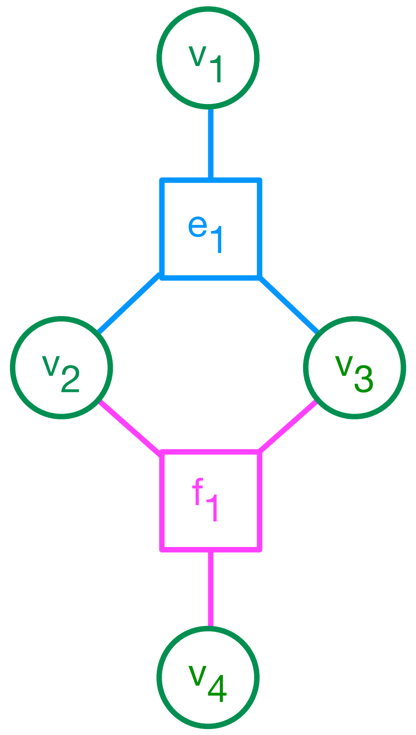

Paths through different sets

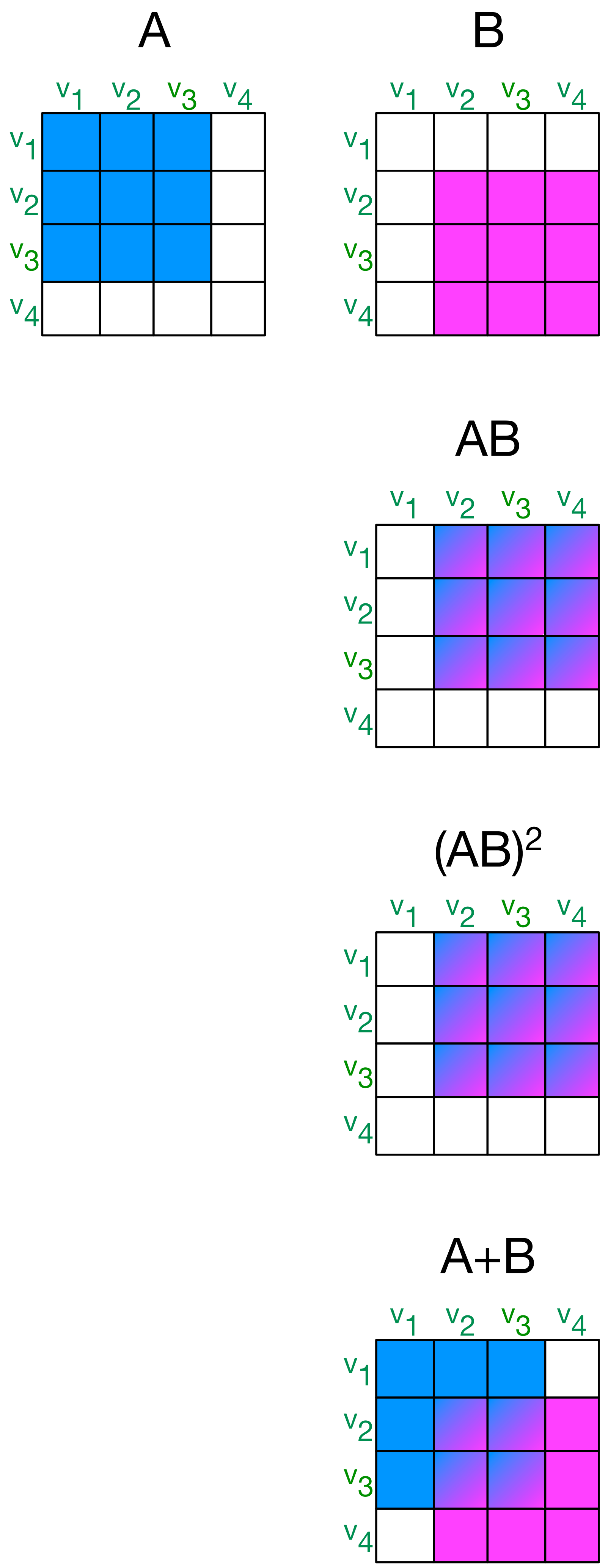


Paths through different hyperedge sets

Graph



Matrices



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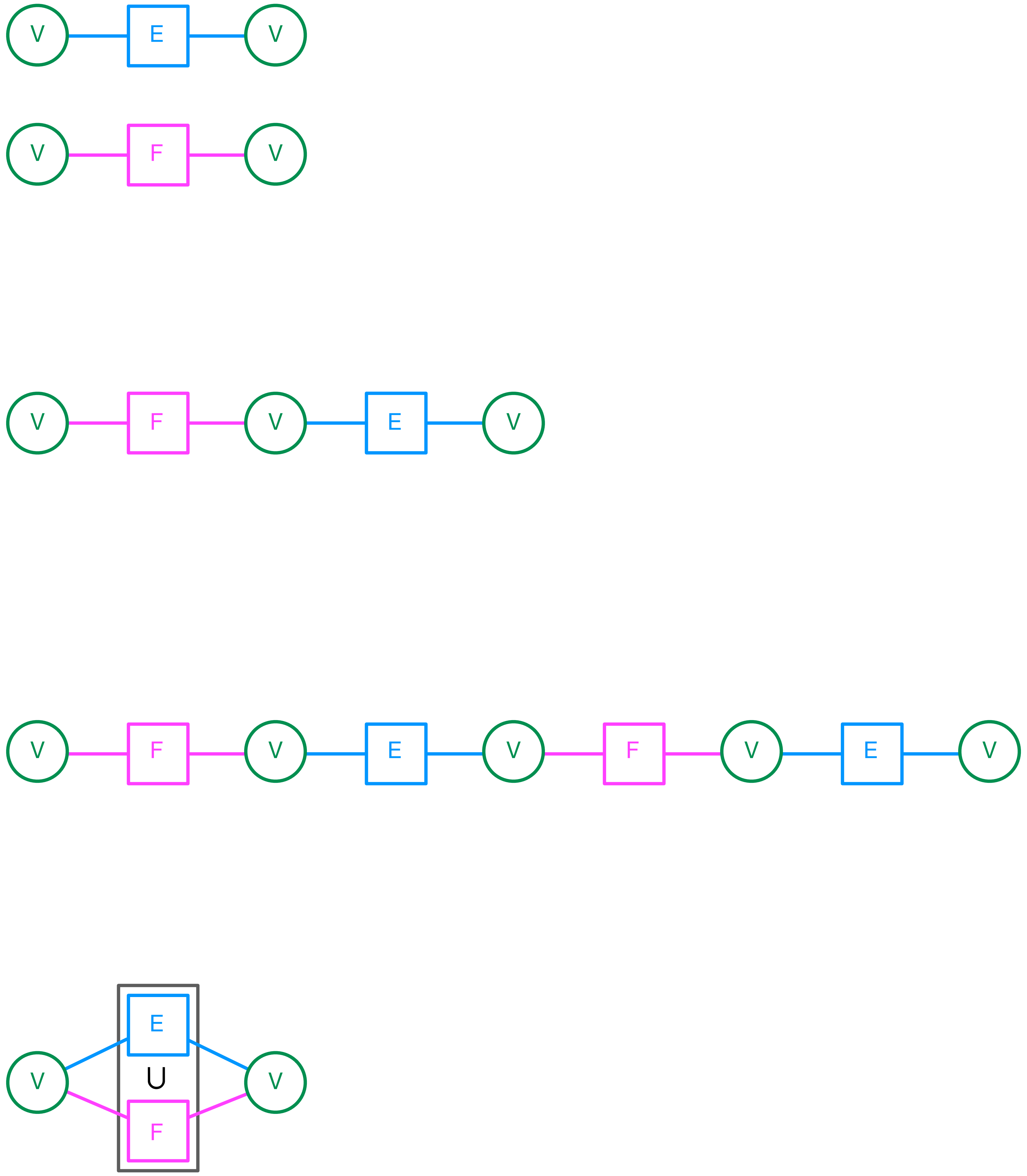
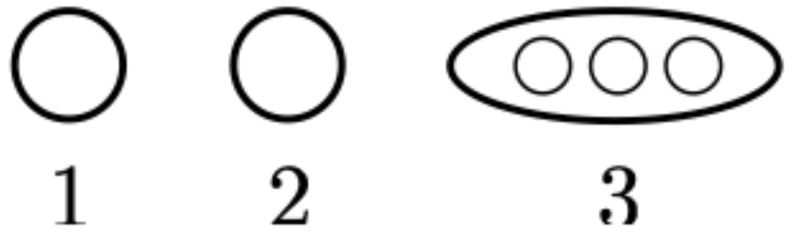


Collection-Oriented Languages

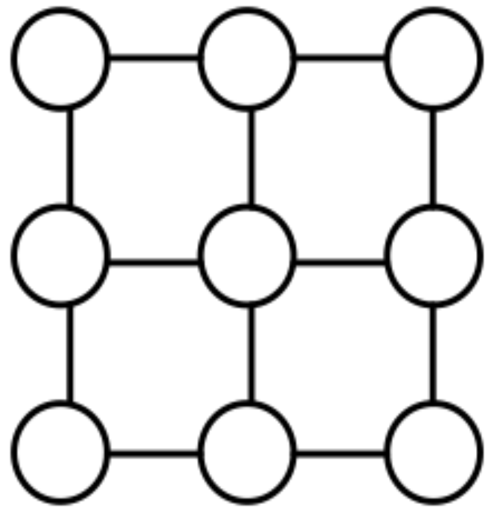
Lists
Lisp M58

Sets
SETL S70

Nested Sequences
NESL B94



Grids
Sejits S09, Halide



Arrays
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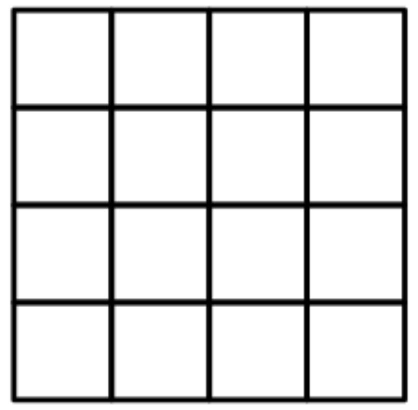
NumPy



Relations
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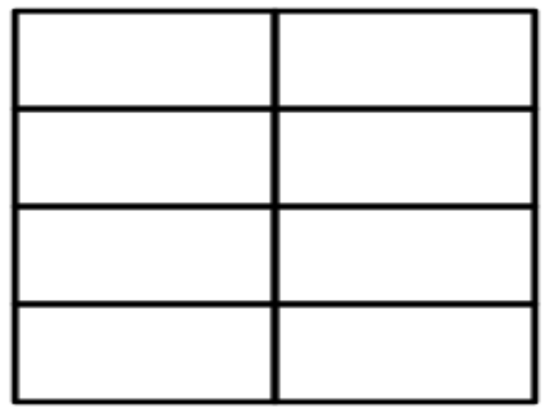
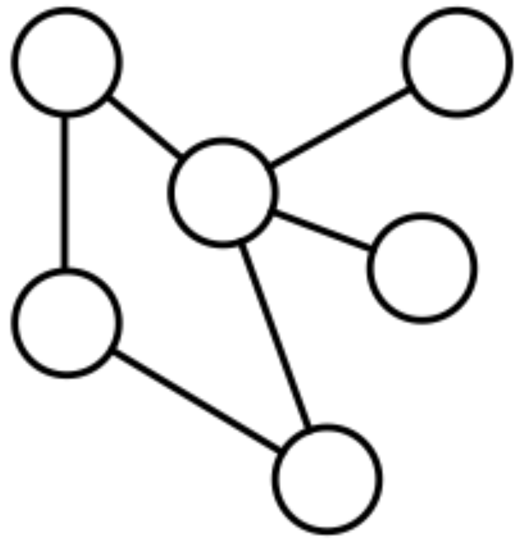


Graphs
GraphLab L10



Meshes
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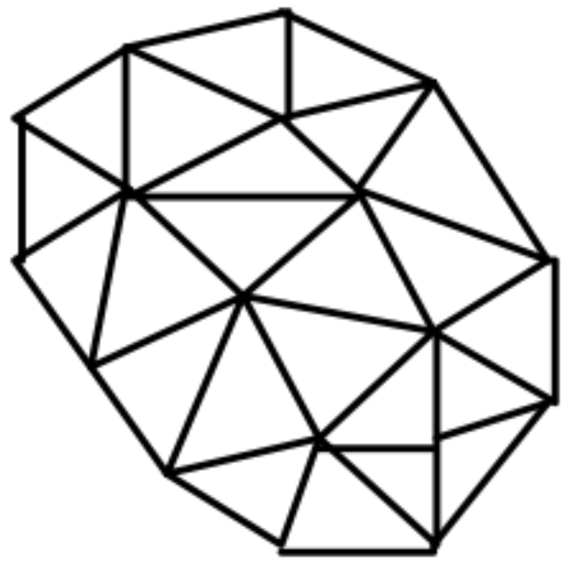
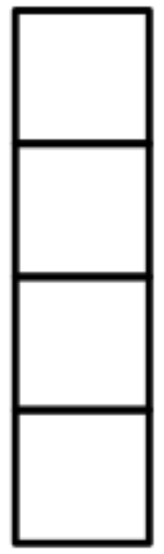
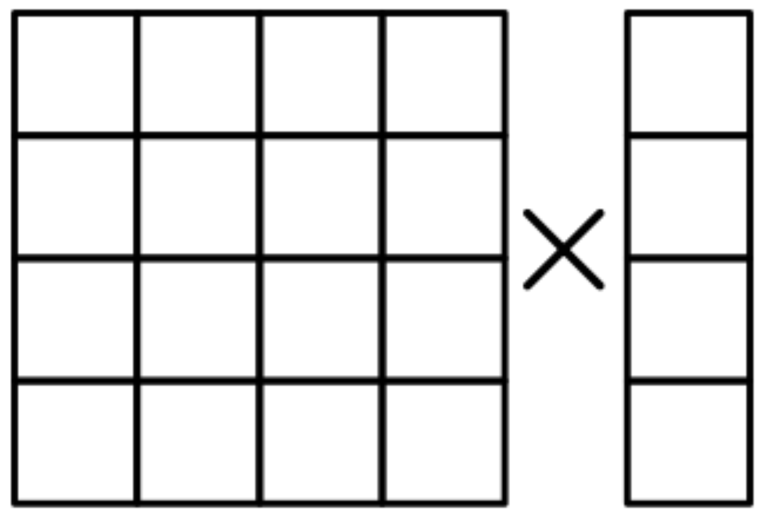


Vectors
Vector Model B90



Matrices and Tensors
Matlab M79, taco K17



A collection-oriented programming model provides collective operations on some collection/abstract data structure

Overview of lectures in the coming weeks