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DPHPC: Prefix Scan

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- **First project reports have to be sent by tomorrow! Please send directly to your supervisor.
And cc Timo ☺**

Agenda for today:

- Prefix scan
- Homework

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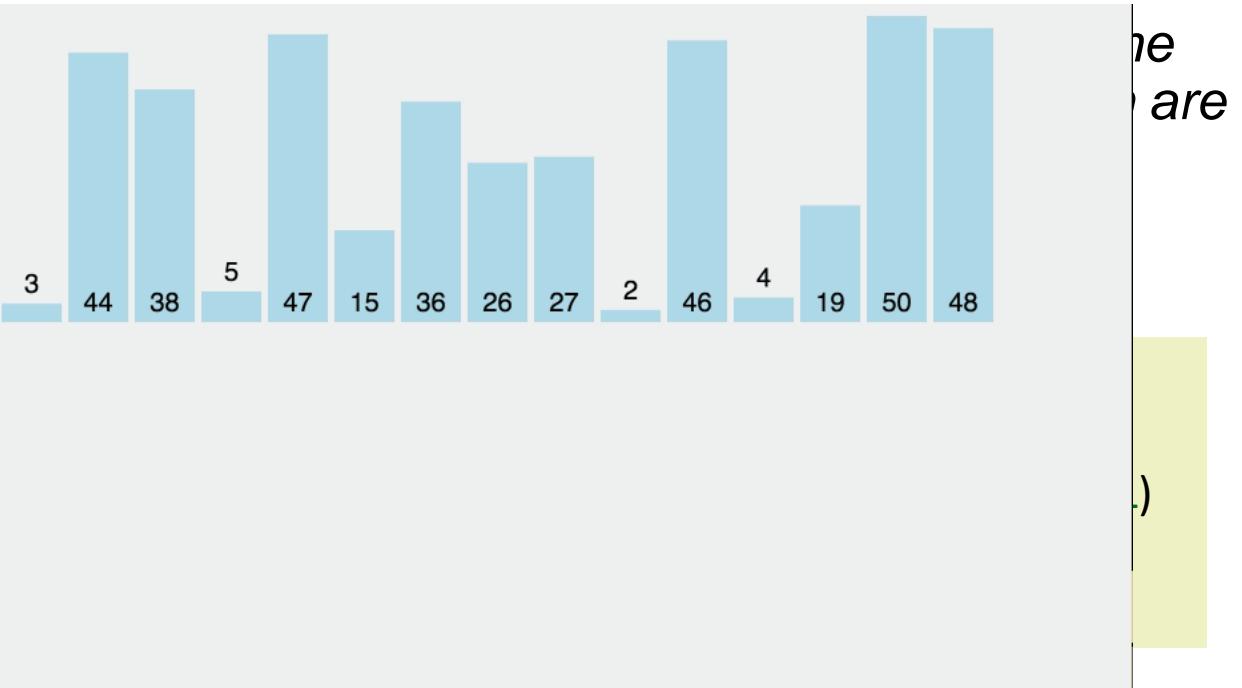
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where A_{TL} is 0×0

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$$\alpha_{11} := \alpha_{11} - a_{01}^T a_{01} \quad (\text{Dot})$$

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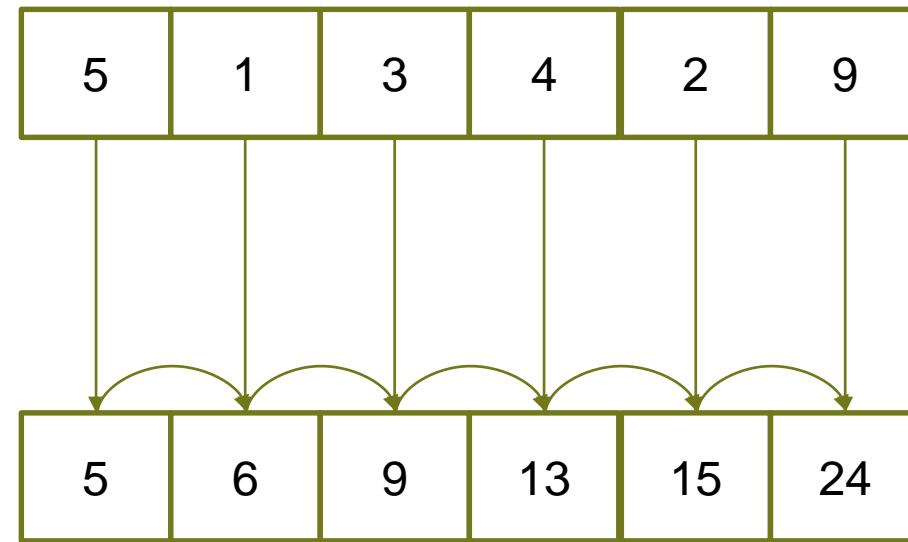
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NO. Counterexample position depends on model.

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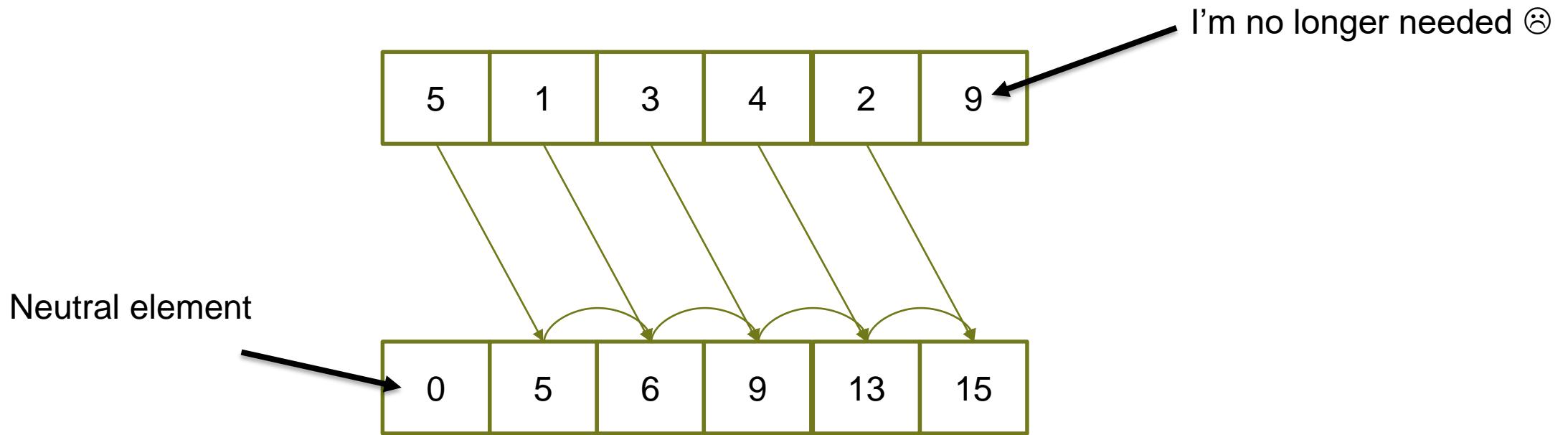


Known as “scan”, “prefix scan”, “prefix sum”

$$W(n) = n - 1$$

$$D(n) = n - 1$$

Exclusive scan



How to make an exclusive scan from an inclusive?

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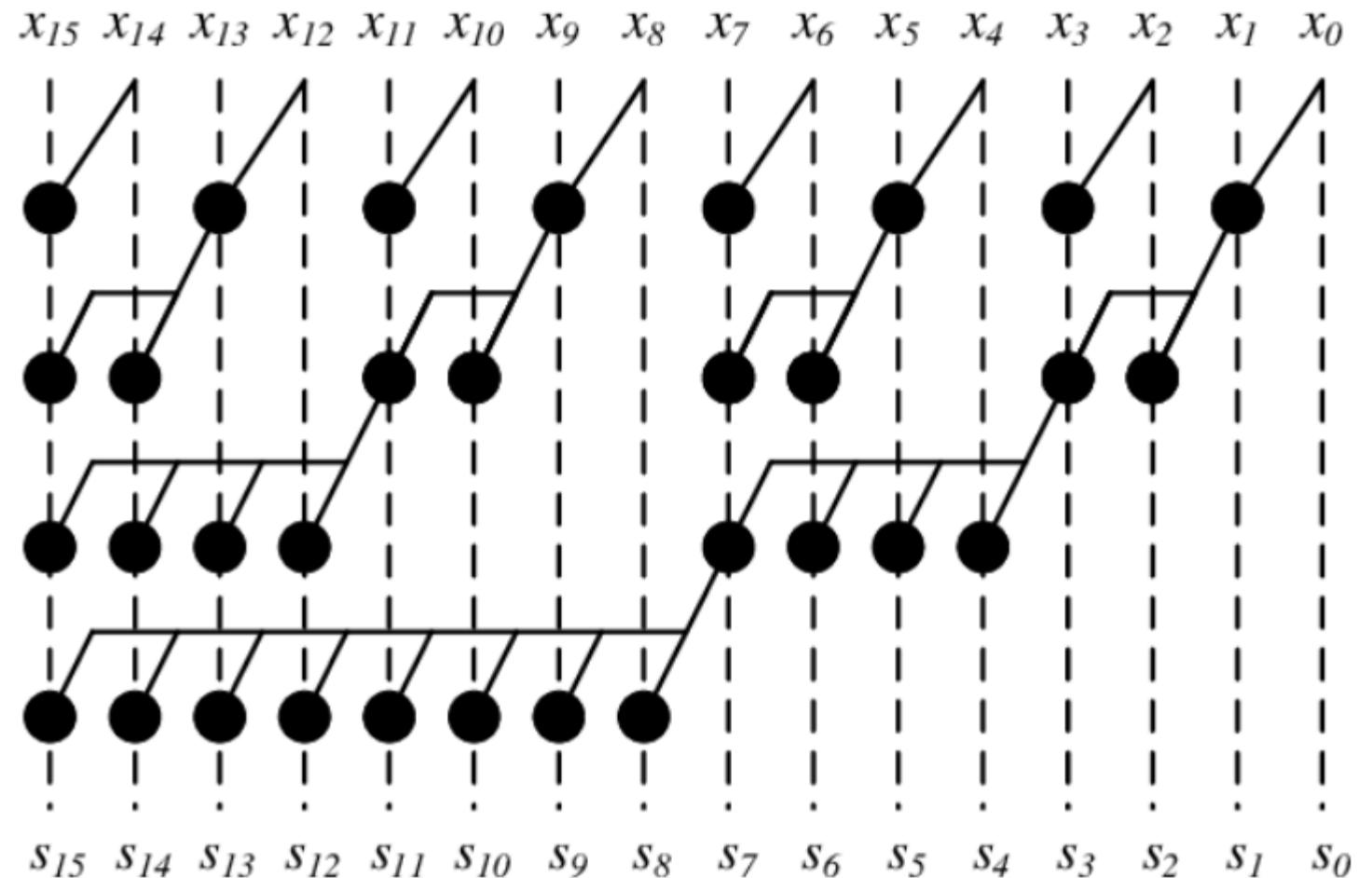
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Downsweep uses
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 b) last left child result

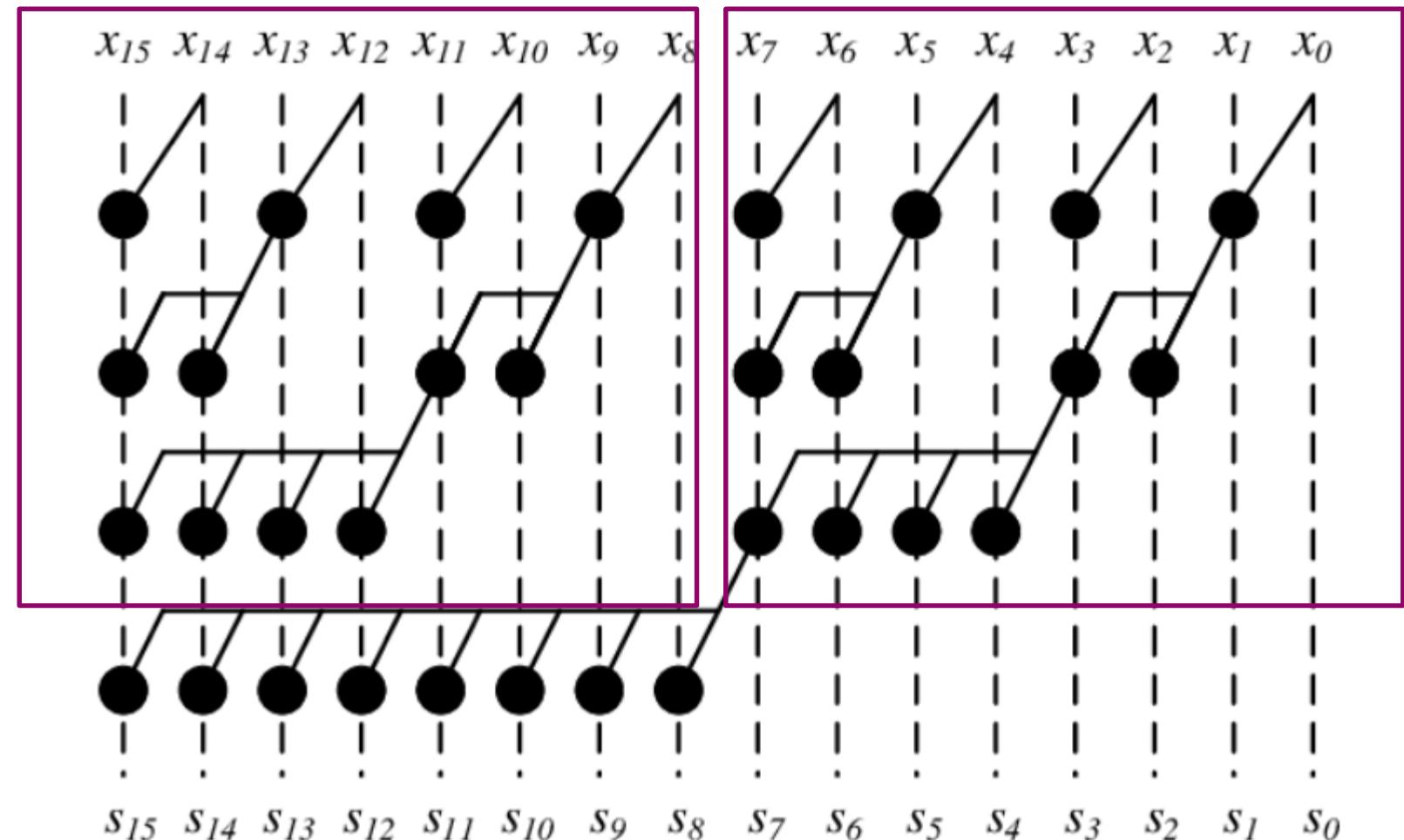
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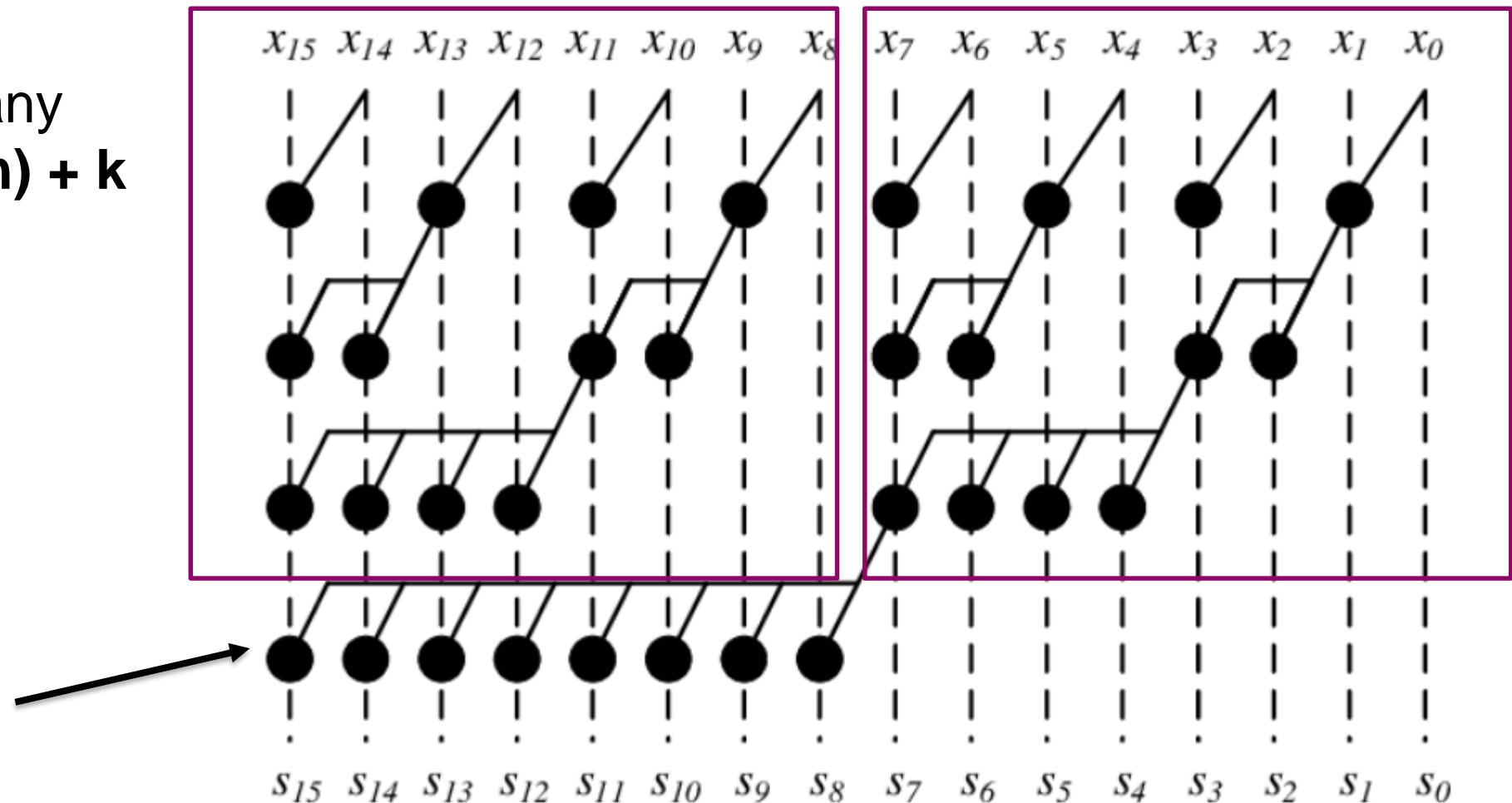
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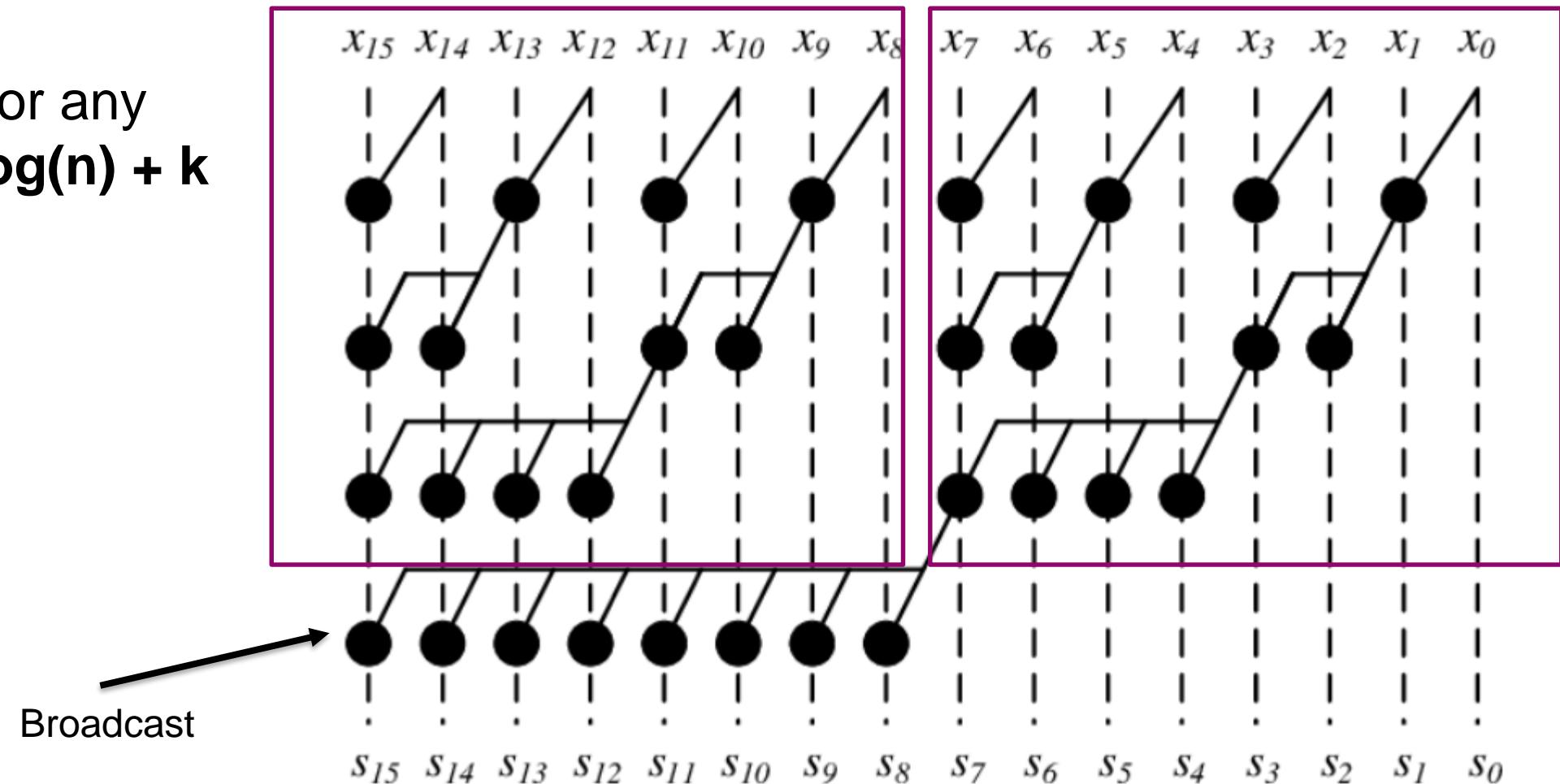
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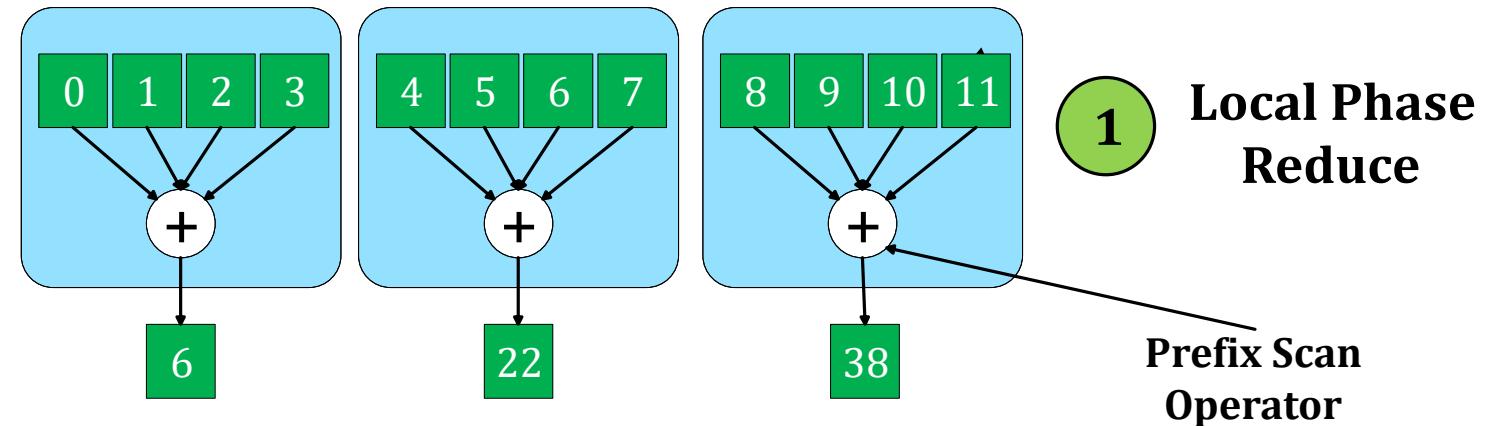
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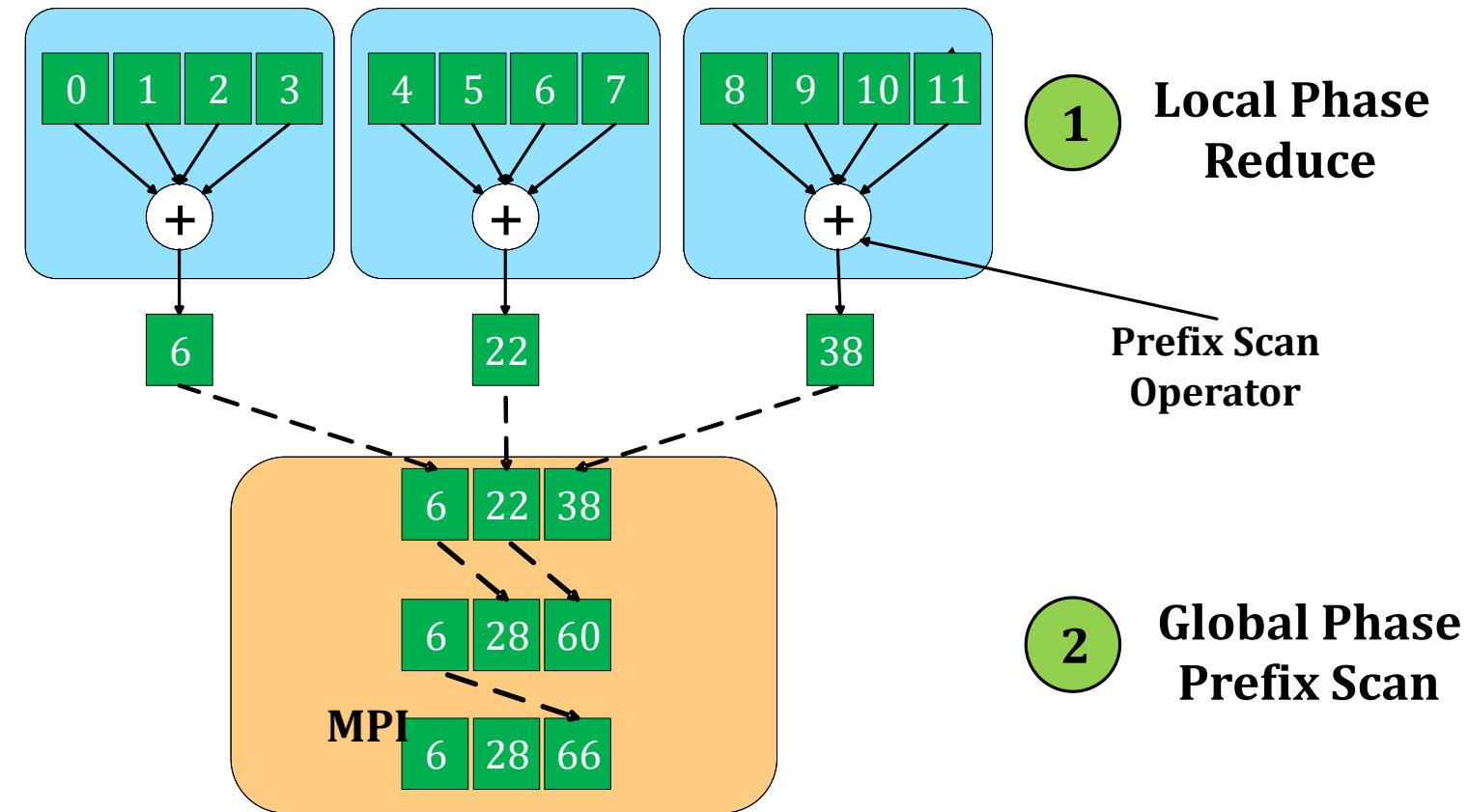
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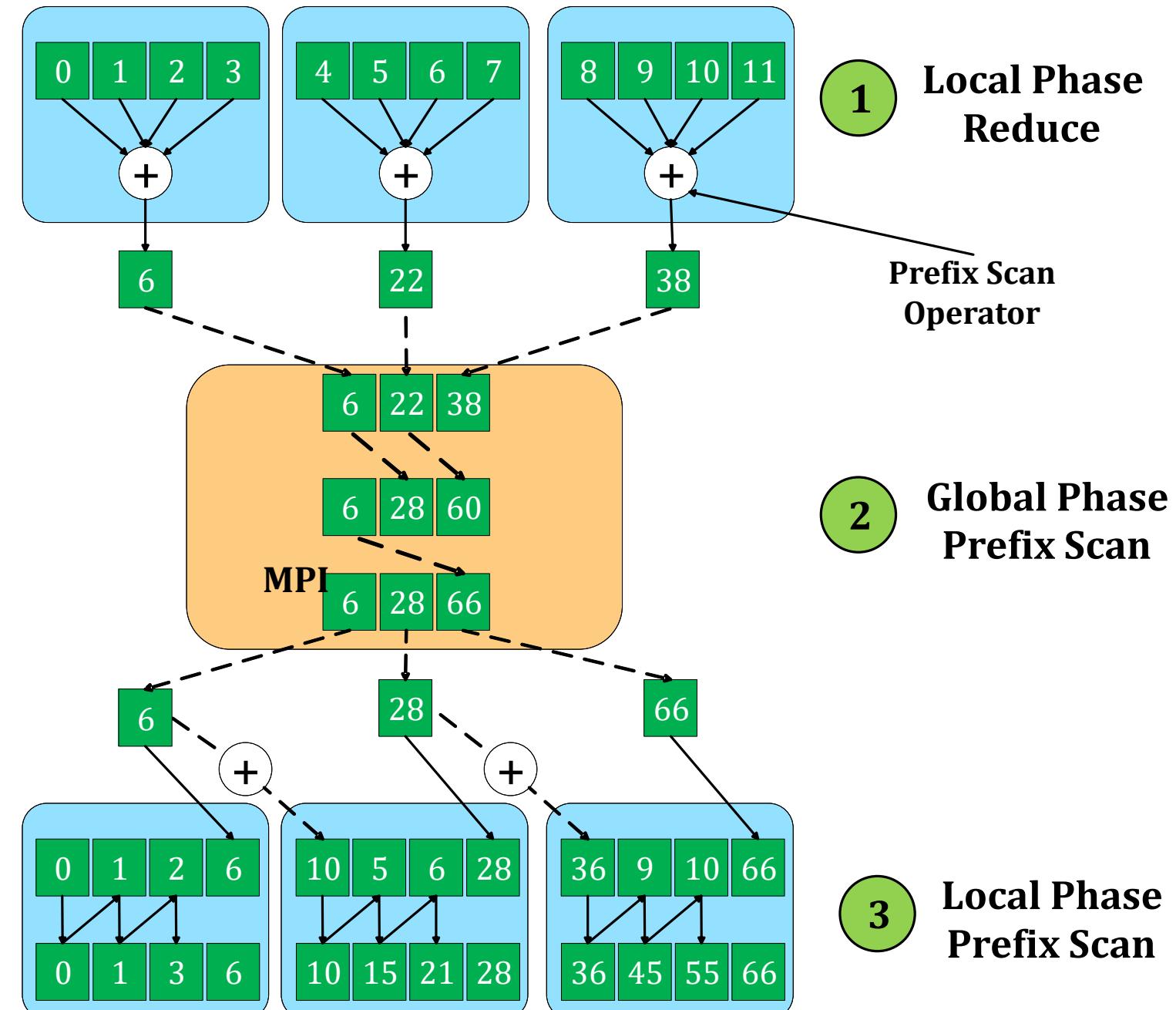
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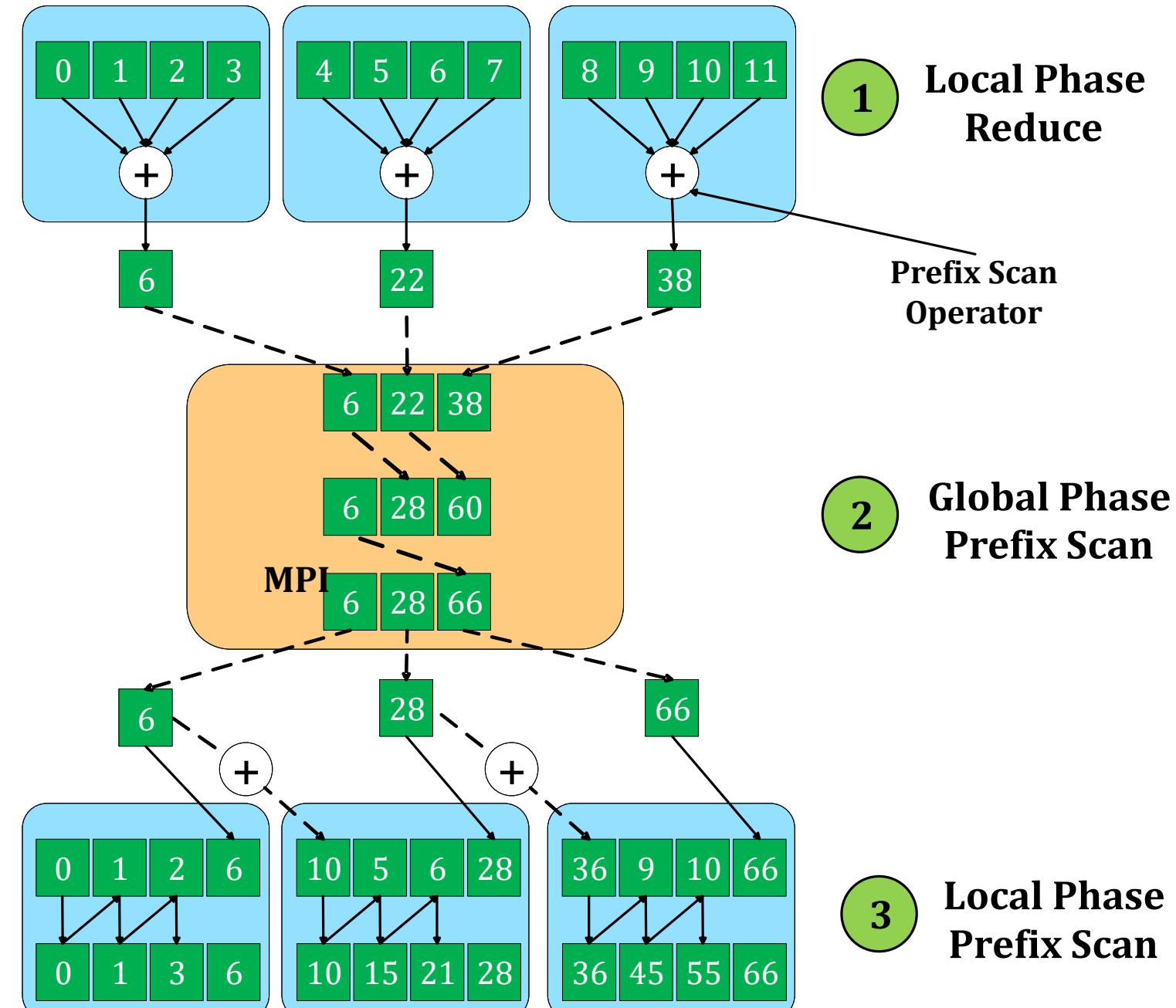
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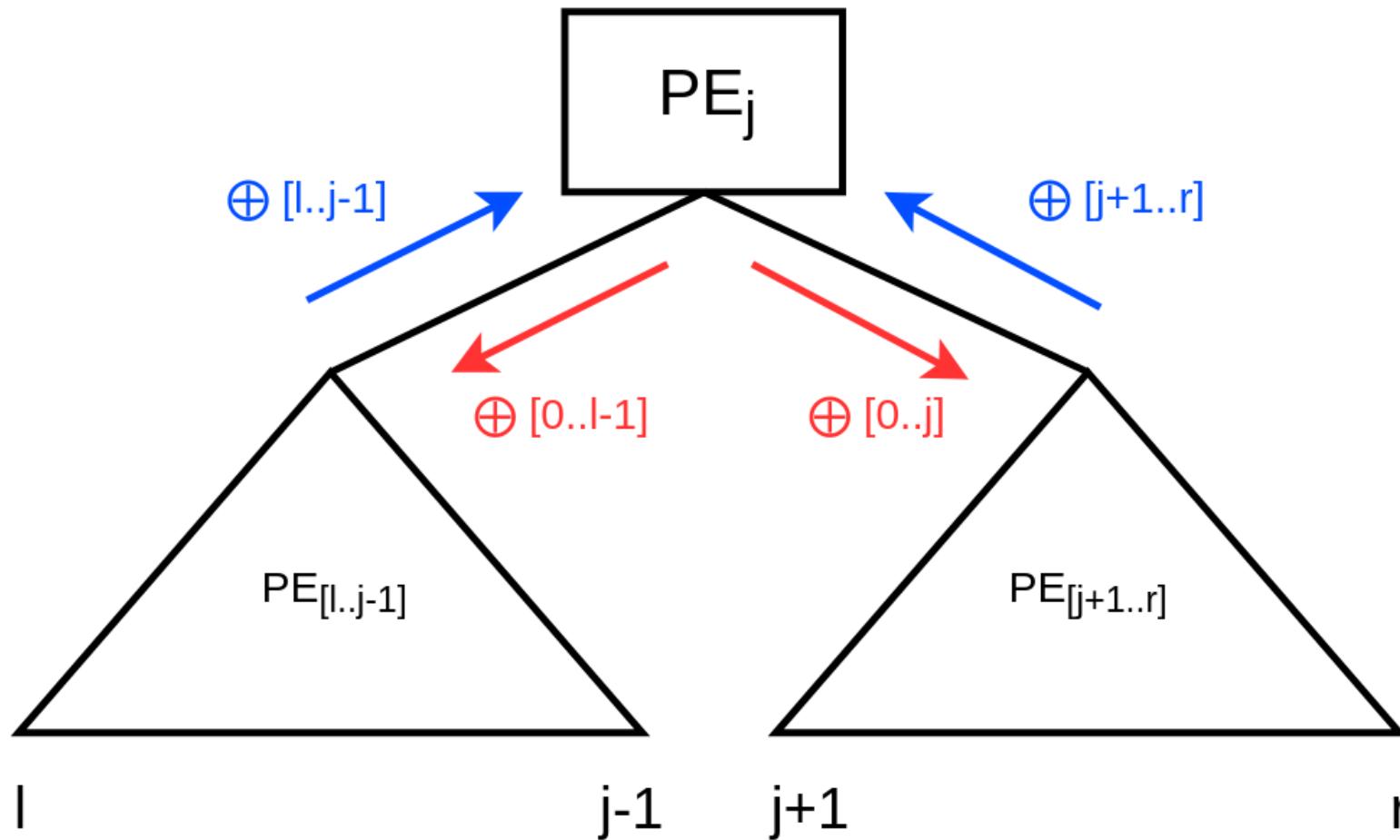
Scan—then—reduce
also possible!

Which one is better?



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Parallel filter

Given an array, produce an array containing only elements for which predicate is true.

```
input [17, 4, 6, 8, 11, 5, 13, 19, 0, 24]  
  
f(e) : true if e > 10  
  
output [17, 11, 13, 19, 24]
```

Can we parallelize that?

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- Parallel map with filter f

bits [1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1]

$$D(n) = 1$$

- Parallel prefix sum on bit vector

bitsum [1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5]

$$D(n) = \log(n)$$

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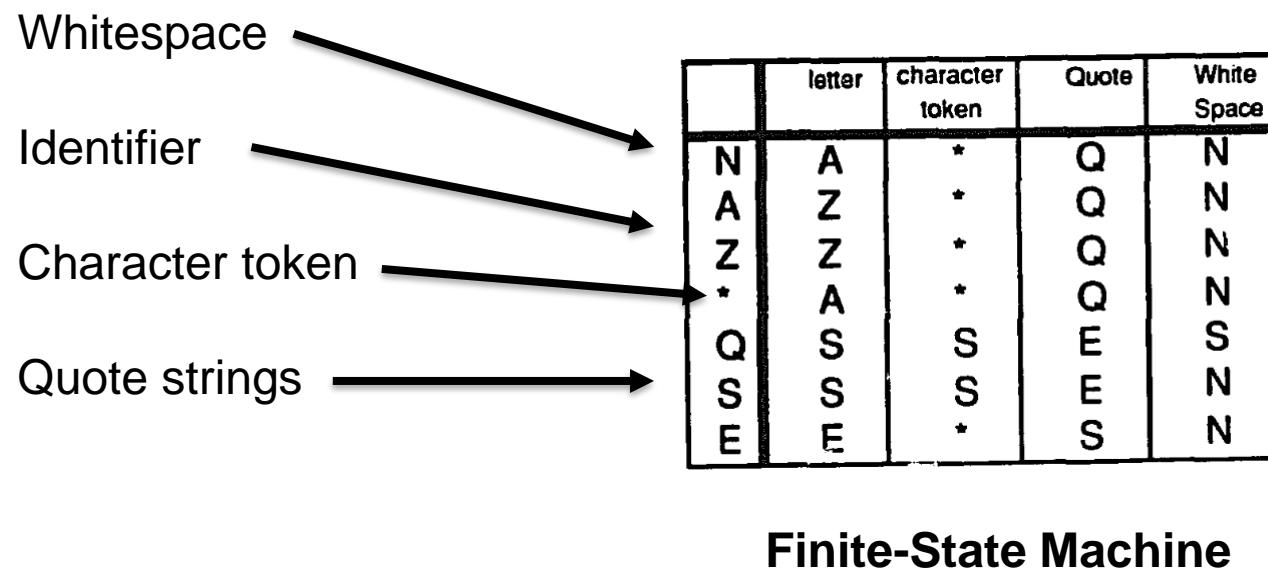
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    if bitsum[i]:
        output[bitsum[i - 1]] = input[i]
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Parallel lexical analysis

INPUT	(f	o	o	space	+	"	s	")
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Map appropriate transition for each character

	letter	character token	Quote	White Space
N	A	*	Q	N
A	Z	*	Q	N
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*	A	*	Q	N
Q	S	S	E	S
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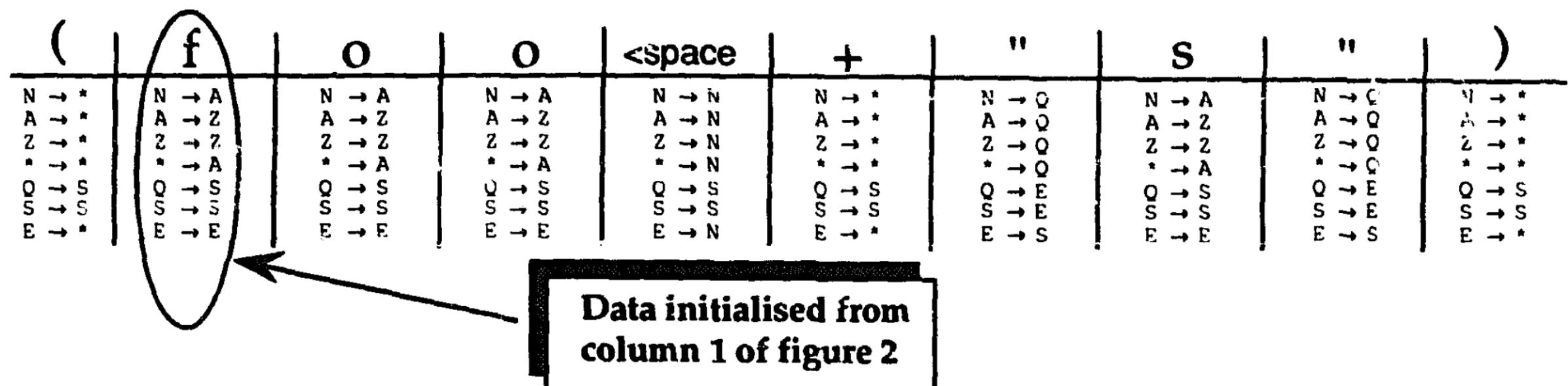
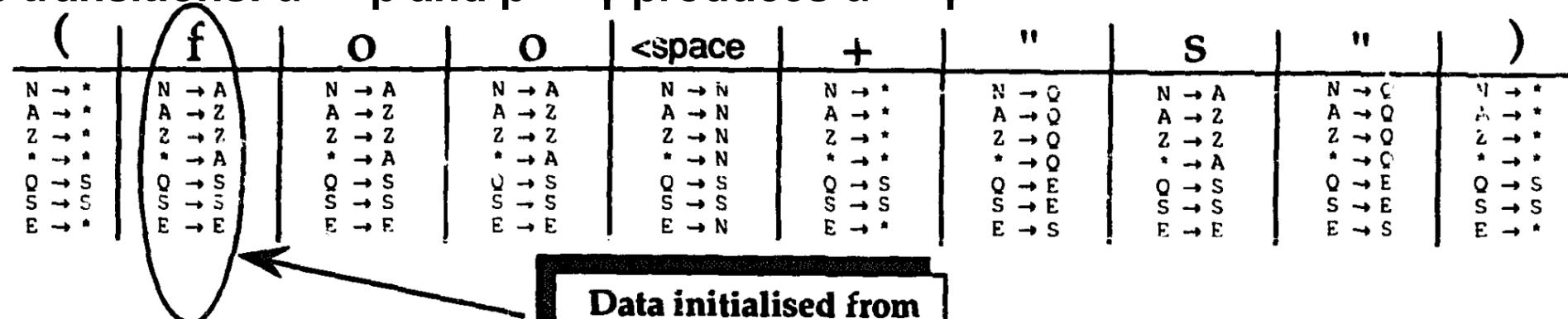


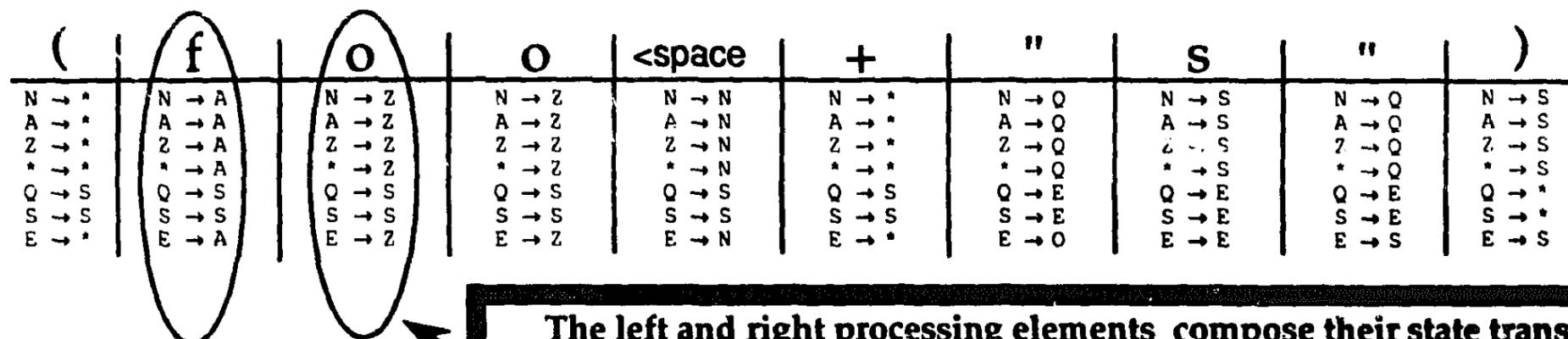
Fig. 3. The state of the processors after the input '(foo + "s")' has been initialised.

Parallel lexical analysis

Compose transitions: $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ and $\beta \rightarrow \gamma$ produces $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$



Data initialised from
column 1 of figure 2



The left and right processing elements compose their state transition tables and the result is stored in the right of the two elements. This result signifies that the machine would be in state A or S after reading the previous and current characters (i.e "(f")

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Parallel prefix sum!

Last value is FSM state
after reading the entire input

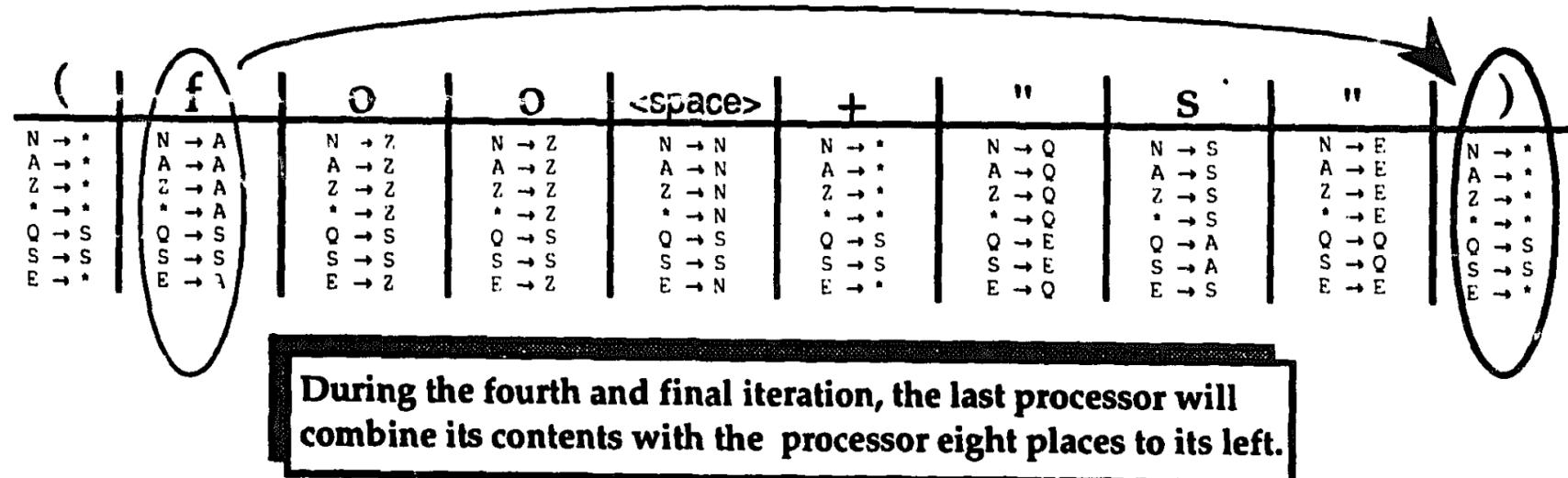


Fig. 5. The fourth and final iteration of the parallel prefix technique.

INPUT	(f	o	o	space	+	"	s	")
Result State	*	A	Z	Z	N	*	Q	S	E	*
Comment	Single char. token	'A' denotes the start of a identifier token , and 'Z' corresponds to the continuation of that token			$i_g n_o r_e$	Single char token	'Q' and 'E' denote the start & end of a quotes token, & S denotes the sentence within the quotes			Single char token

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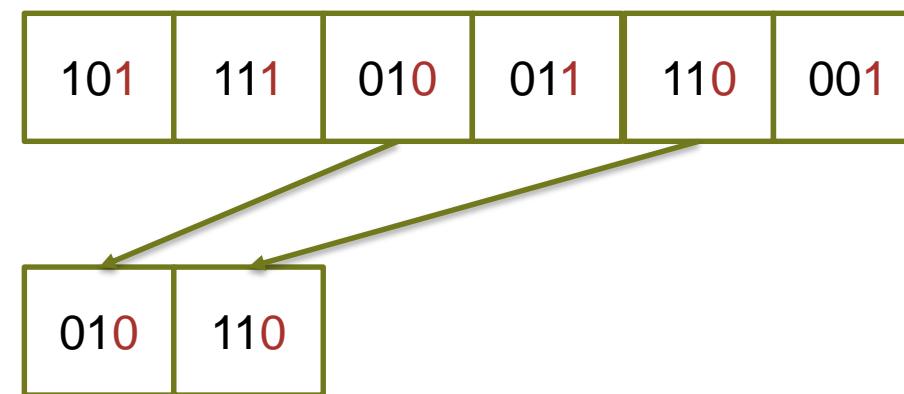
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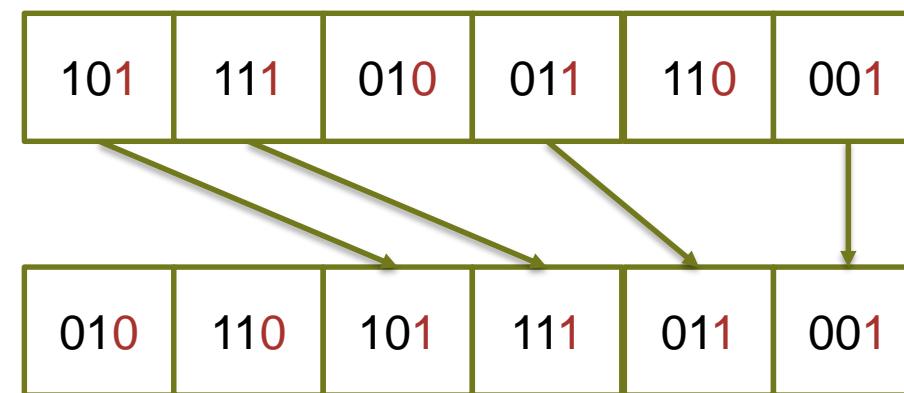


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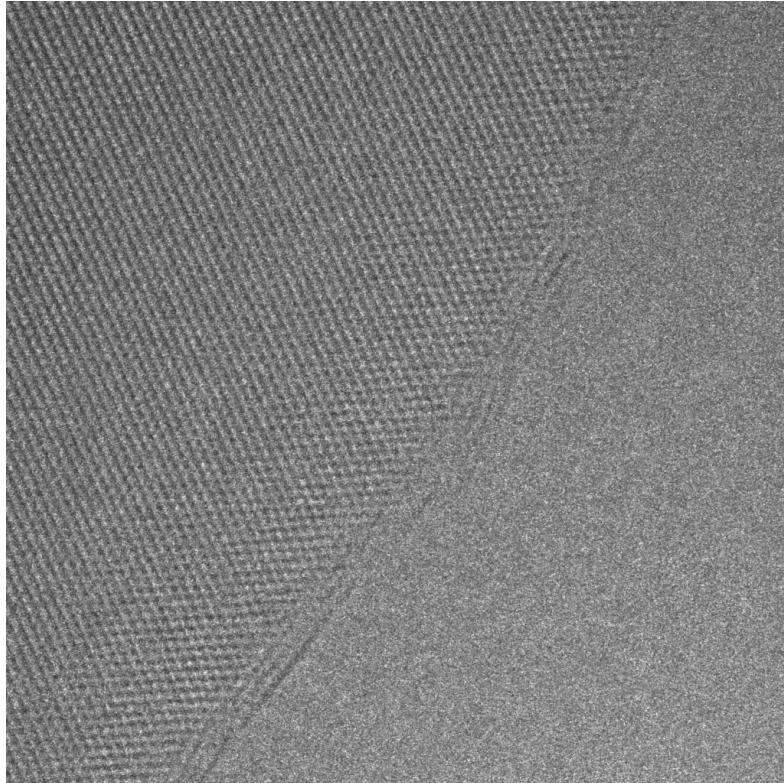
0	1
0	2

0+2	1+2	0+0	2+2	1+0	3+2
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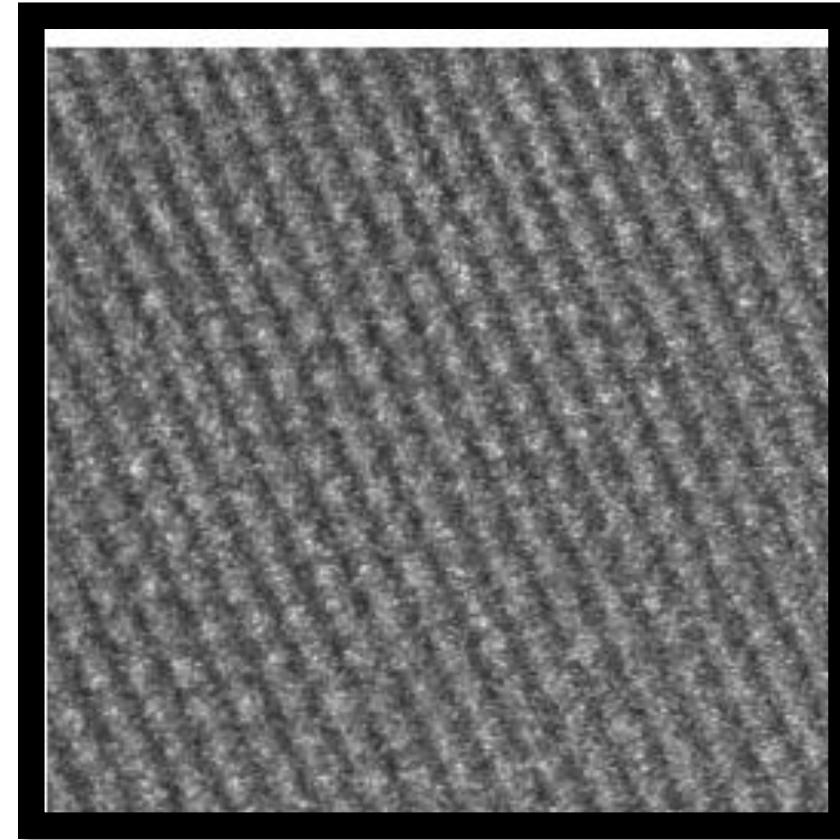
3. Exclusive prefix scan on each group of digits

0	1	0	2	1	3
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Image Registration



Electron microscopy frame
 f_0



The image after deformation (magnification).
 $f_{25} \cdot \phi_{0,25}$

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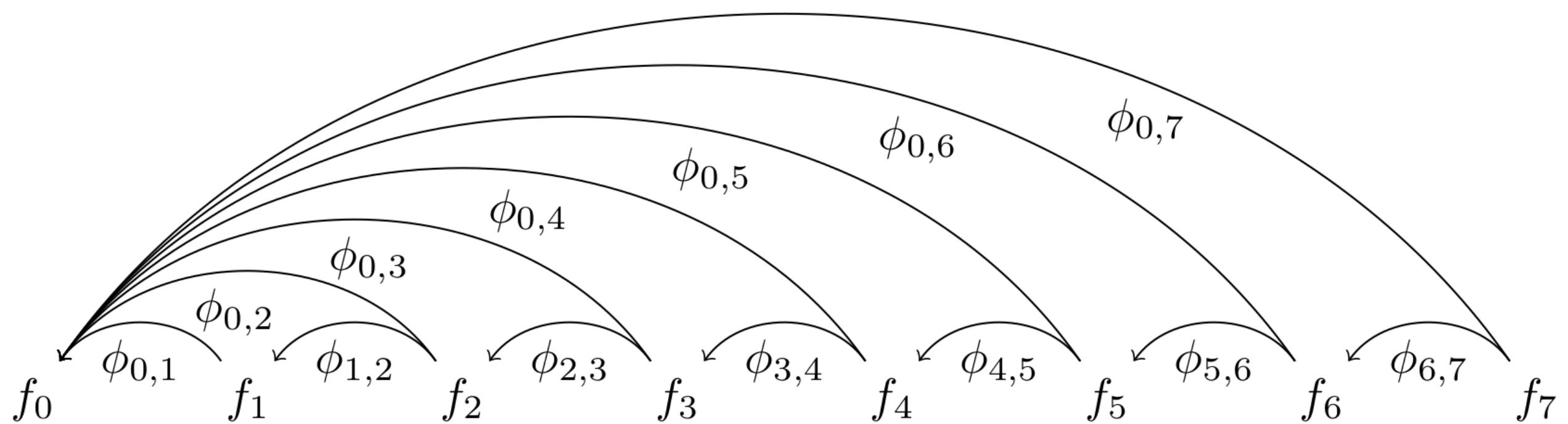
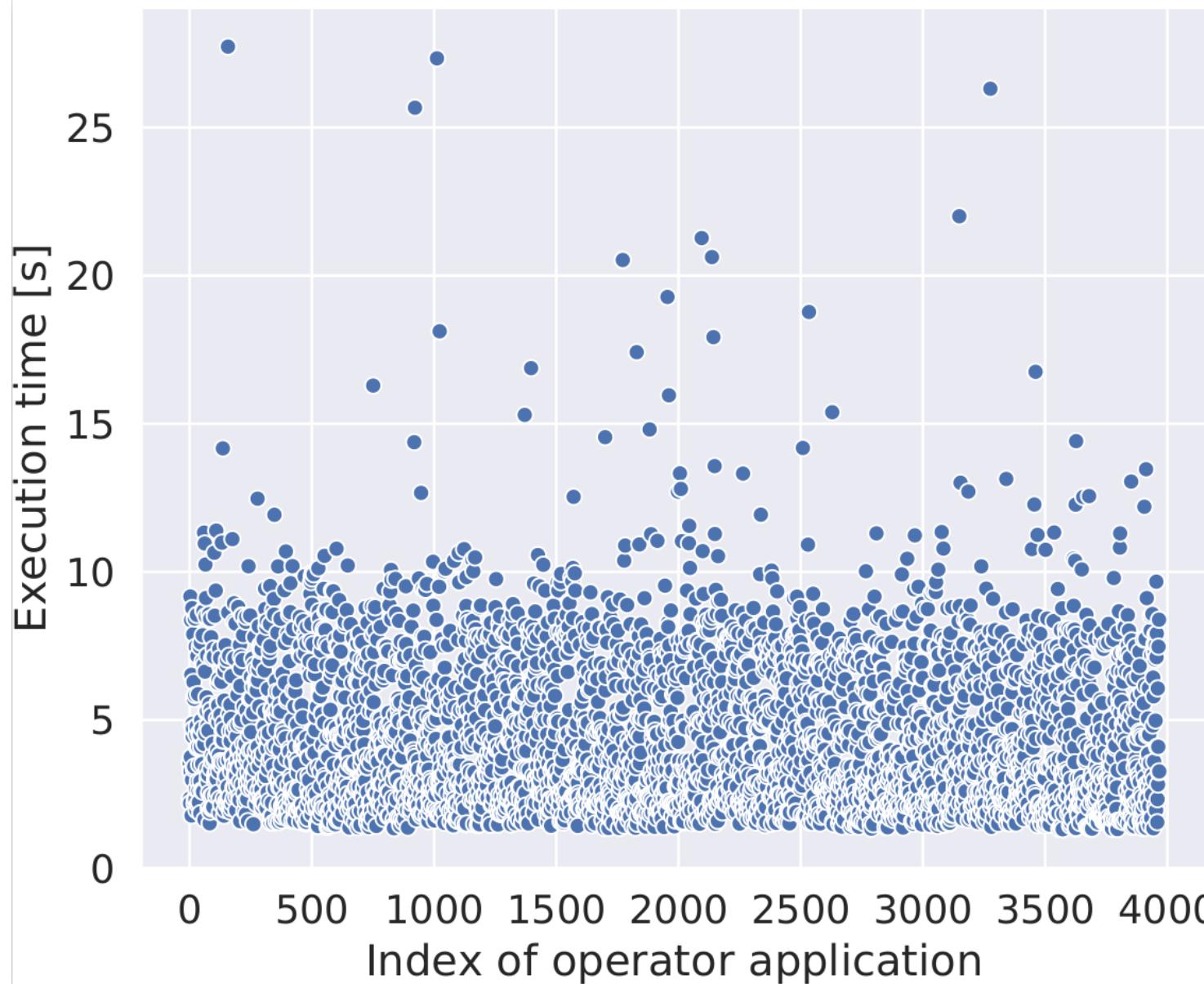


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Not every prefix scan problem is...

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- ... stable**
- ... perfectly associative**

Linked list prefix scan

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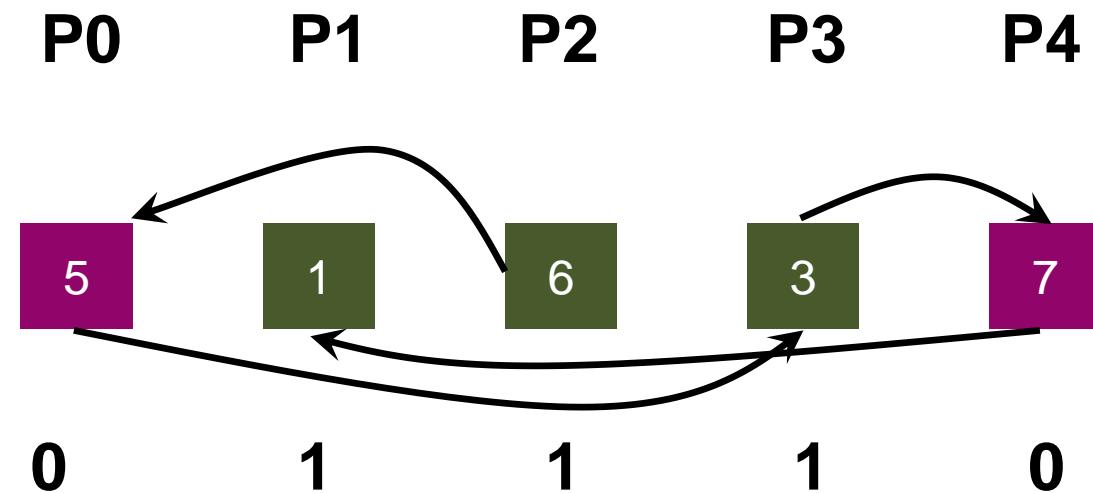
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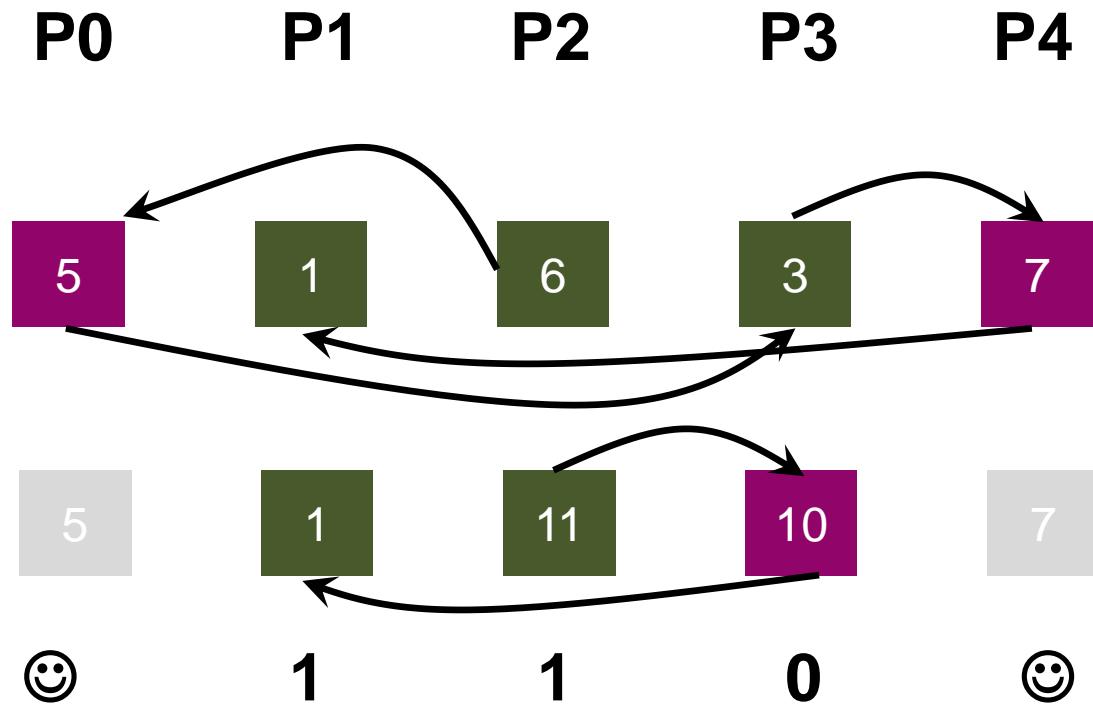
Linked list prefix scan - upward

P0 P1 P2 P3 P4

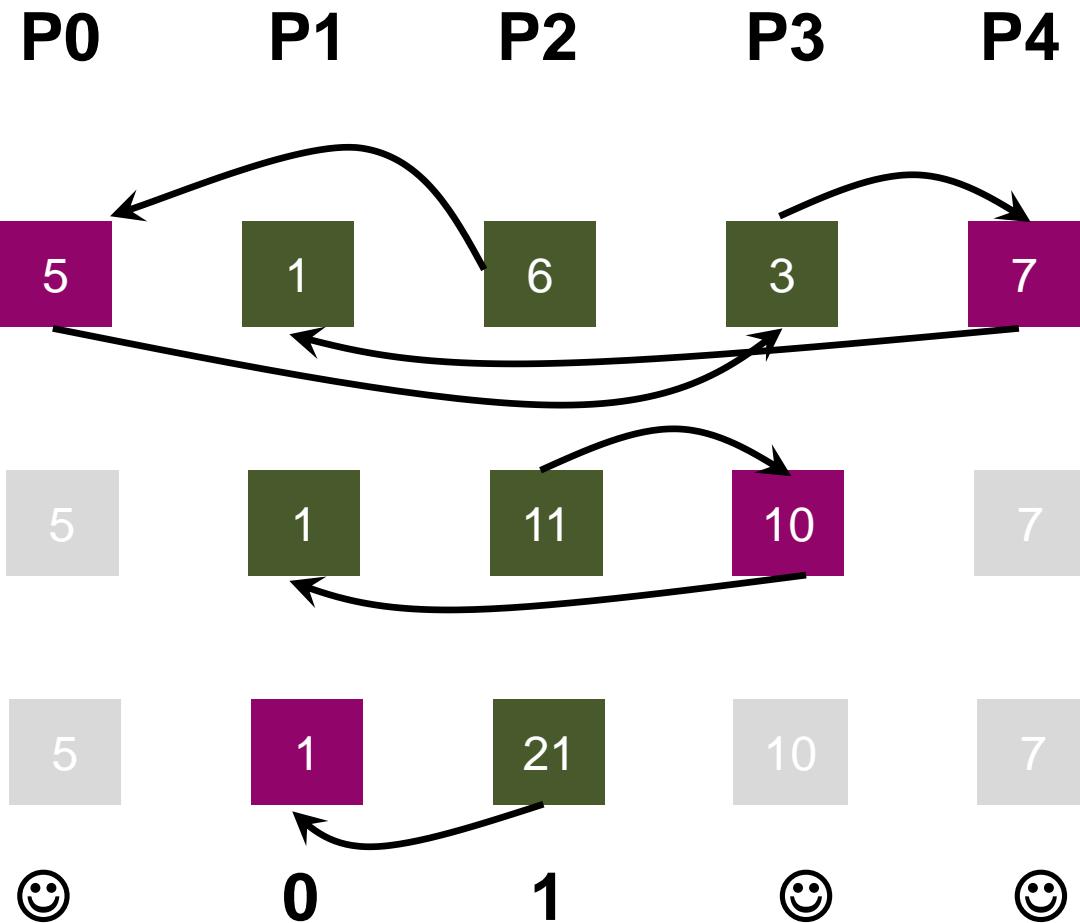
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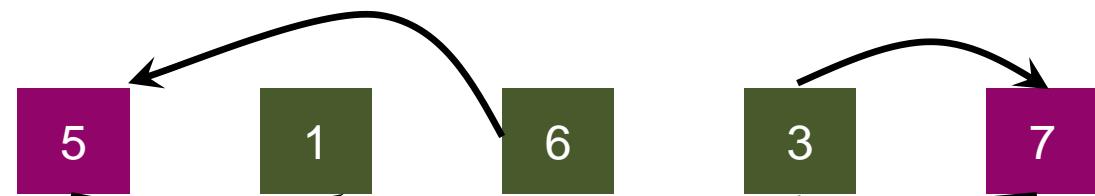


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Linked list prefix scan - downward

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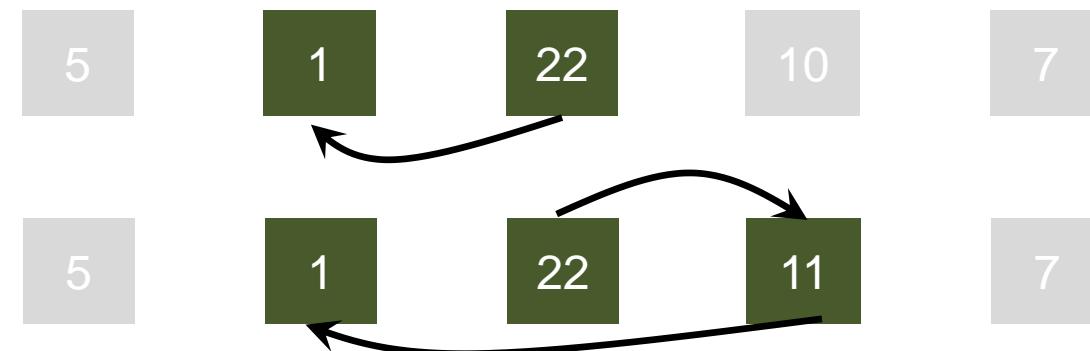
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