DATA516/CSED516 Scalable Data Systems and Algorithms

Lecture 4

Distributed Query Evaluation

Announcements

- Project proposals due on Friday
- Reviews due every week
- HW2 due next Monday

Coming soon: guest lecturers!

- Cloud Databases: Shan Shan Huang, RelationalAI
- Graph Databases: Mingxi Wu, Tigergraph

Distributed Query Processing Algorithms

Horizontal Data Partitioning

- Block Partition, a.k.a. Round Robin:
  - Partition tuples arbitrarily s.t. size(R_1)≈ … ≈ size(R_P)
- Hash partitioned on attribute A:
  - Tuple t goes to chunk i, where i = h(t.A) mod P + 1
- Range partitioned on attribute A:
  - Partition the range of A into $-\infty = v_0 < v_1 < \ldots < v_P = \infty$
  - Tuple t goes to chunk i, if $v_{i-1} < t.A < v_i$

Notation

When a relation R is distributed to p servers,
we draw the picture like this:

Here R_1 is the fragment of R stored on server 1, etc

$$R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \cdots \cup R_P$$

Uniform Load and Skew

- $|R| = N$ tuples, then $|R_1| + |R_2| + \ldots + |R_p| = N$
- We say the load is uniform when:

  $$|R_1| \approx |R_2| \approx \ldots \approx |R_p| \approx N/p$$

- Skew means that some load is much larger:

  $$\max_i |R_i| >> N/p$$

We design algorithms for uniform load, discuss skew later

Parallel Algorithm

- Selection σ
- Join ⋈
- Group by γ

Parallel Selection

Data: R(<u>K</u>, A, B, C)

Query: $\sigma_{A=v}(R)$, or $\sigma_{v1<A<v2}(R)$

- Block partitioned:
  - All servers must scan and filter the data
- Hash partitioned:
  - Can have all servers scan and filter the data
  - Or can optimize and only have some servers do work
- Range partitioned
  - Also only some servers need to do the work

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  - Need to reshuffle data on A first (next slide)
  - Then compute locally $\gamma_{A,sum(C)}(R_i)$

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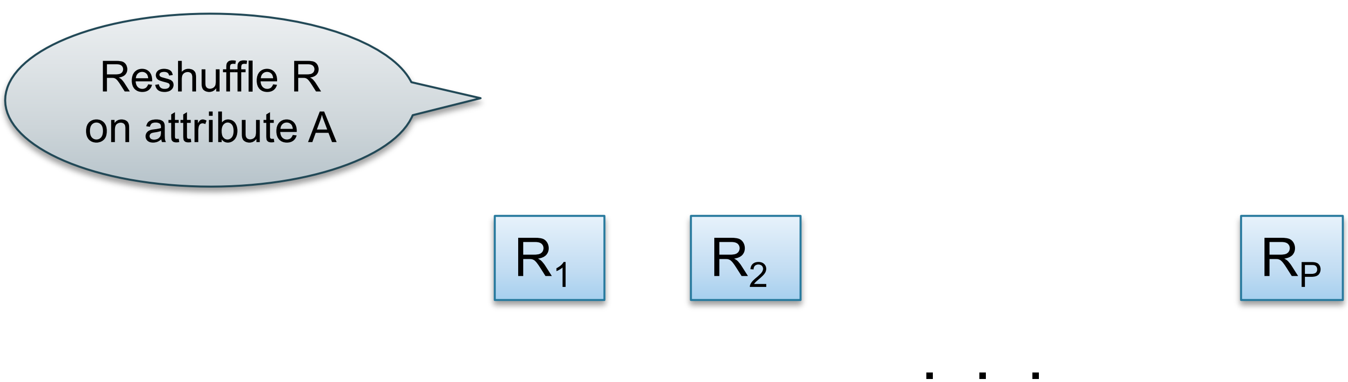

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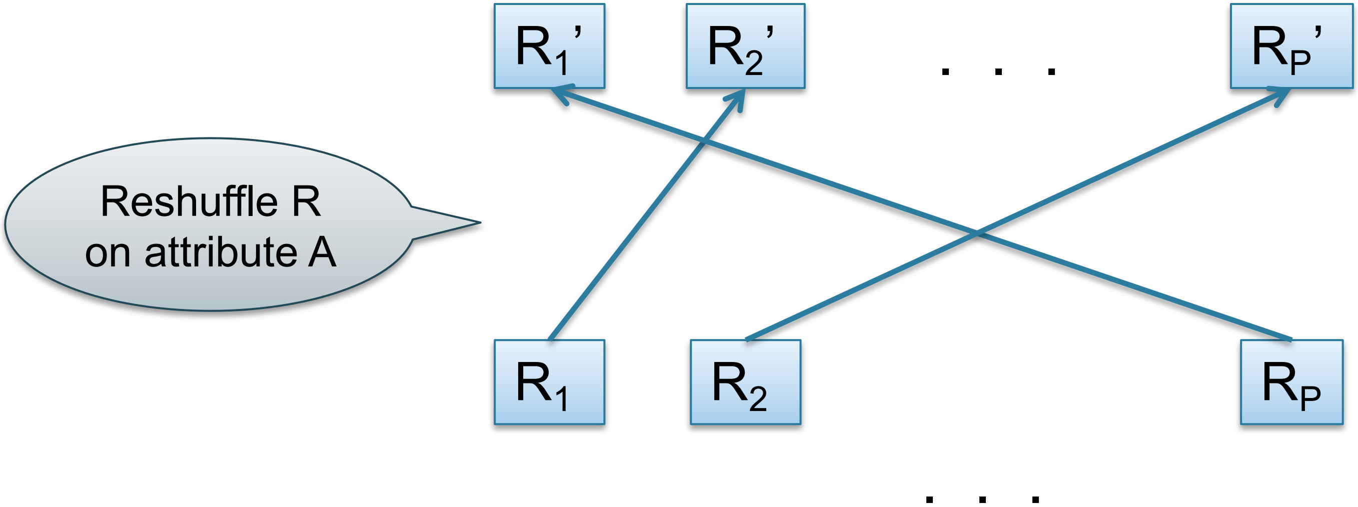

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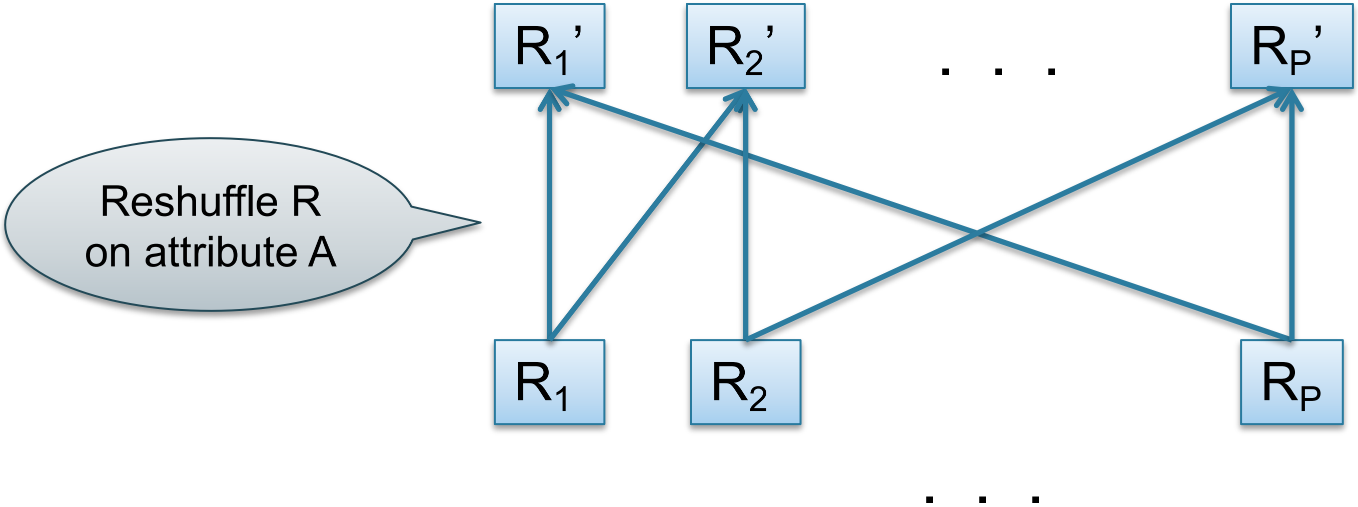

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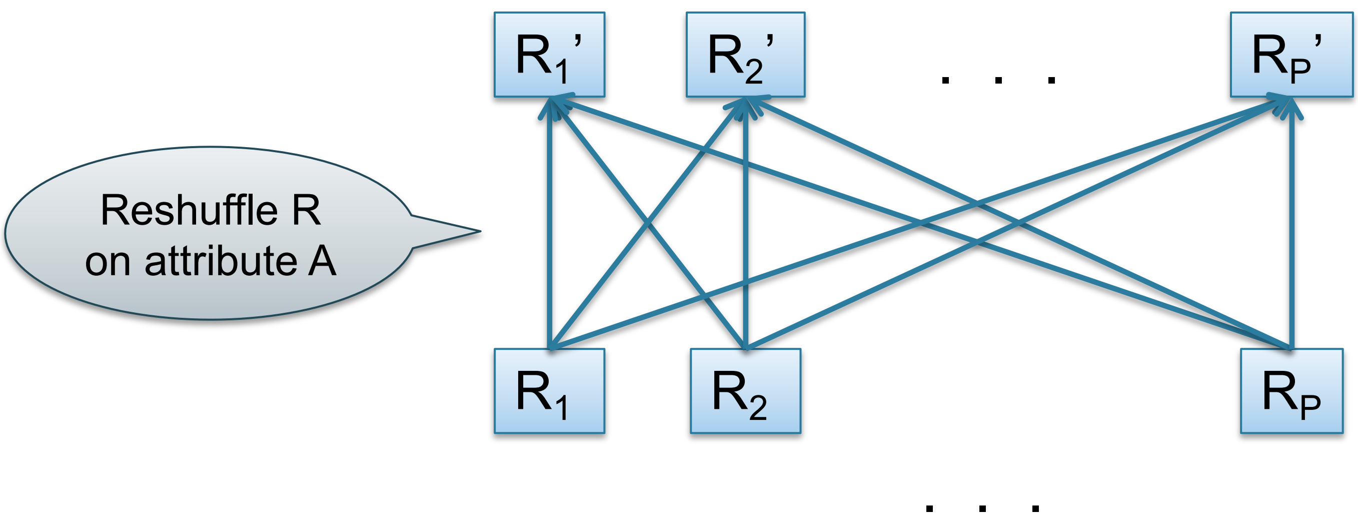

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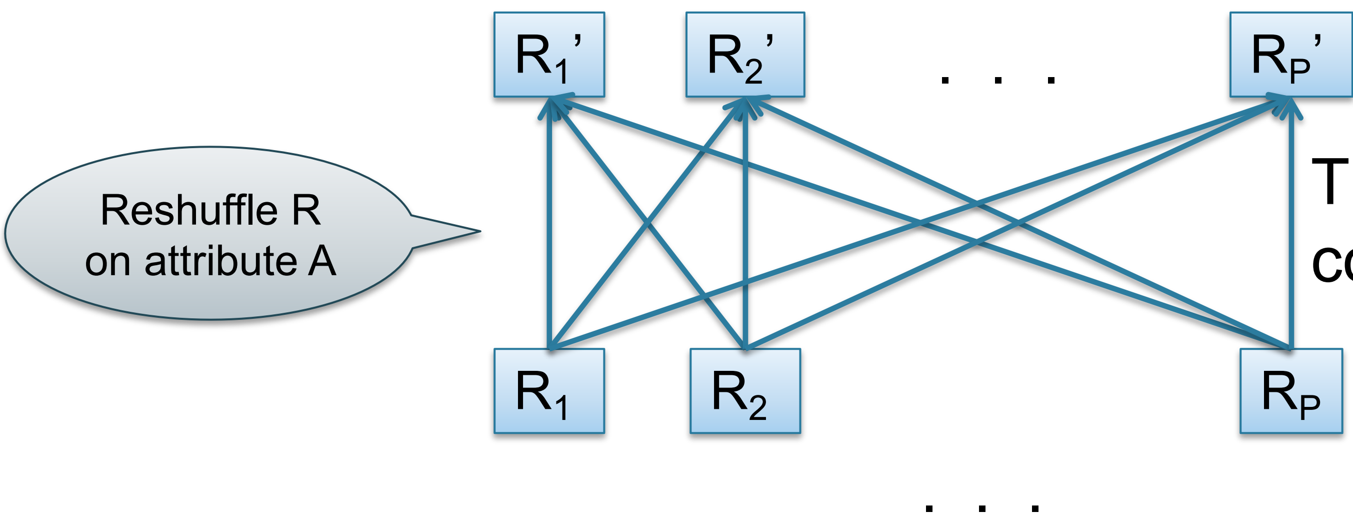

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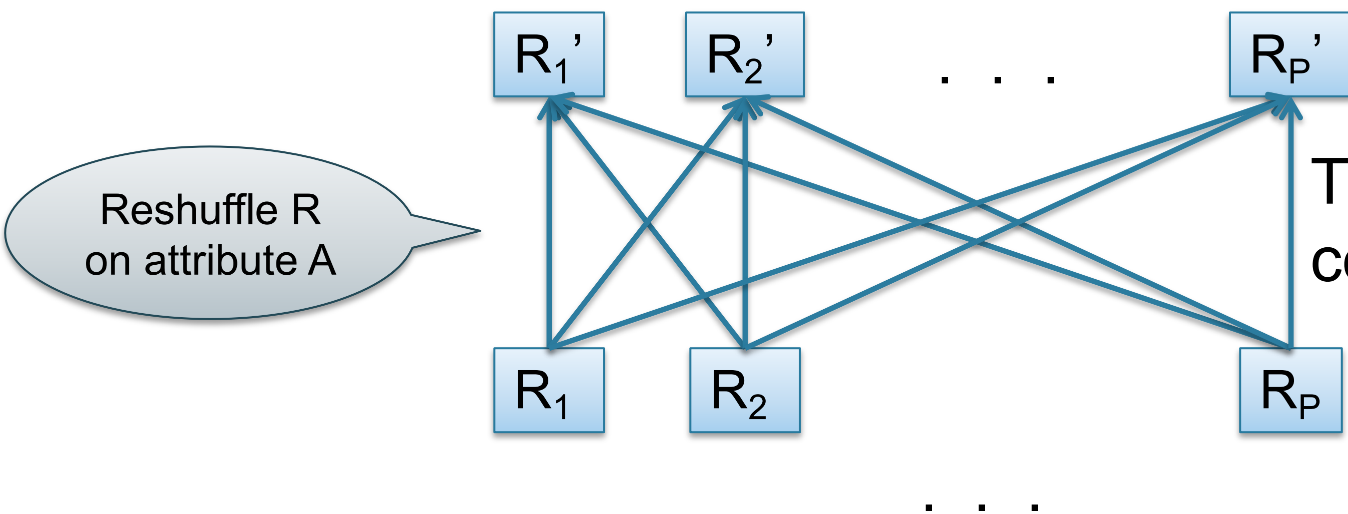

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Can you think of an optimization?

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Step 2: receive fragments, union them, then group-by
$R_j' = T_{1,j} \cup \ldots \cup T_{p,j}$
$Answer_j = \gamma_{A, sum(C)} (R_j')$

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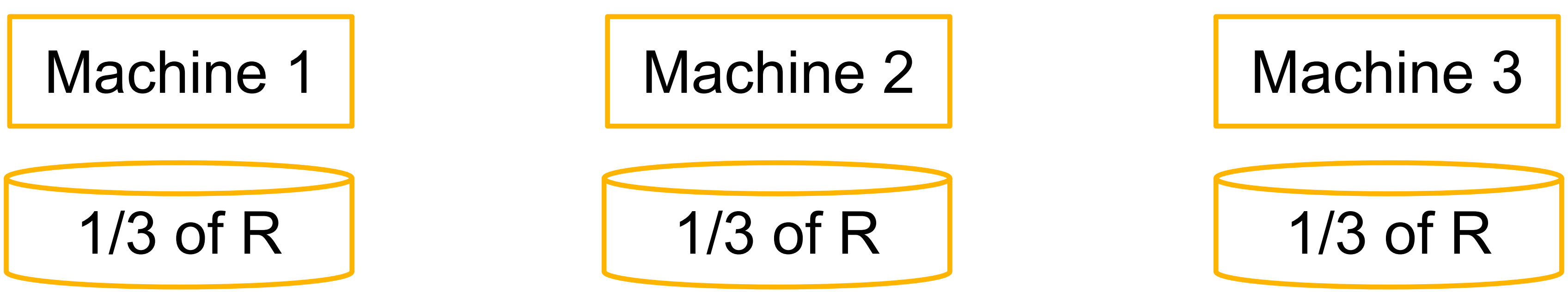

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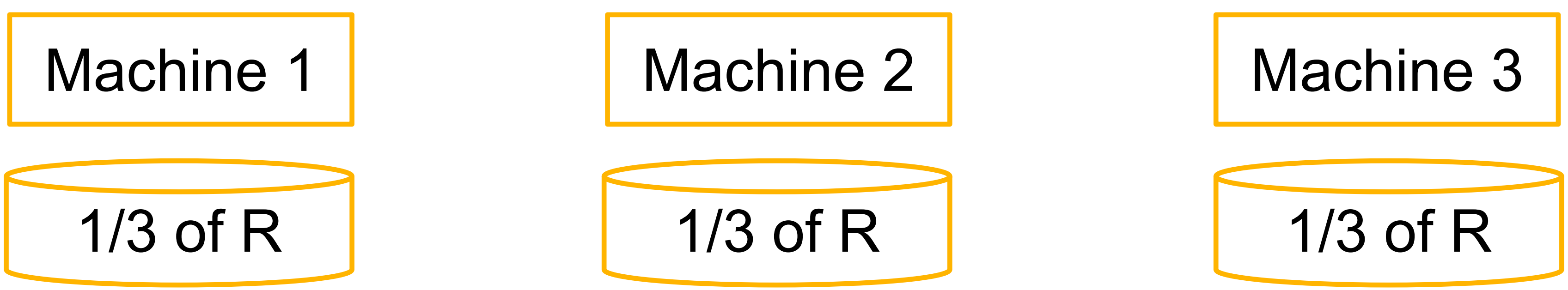

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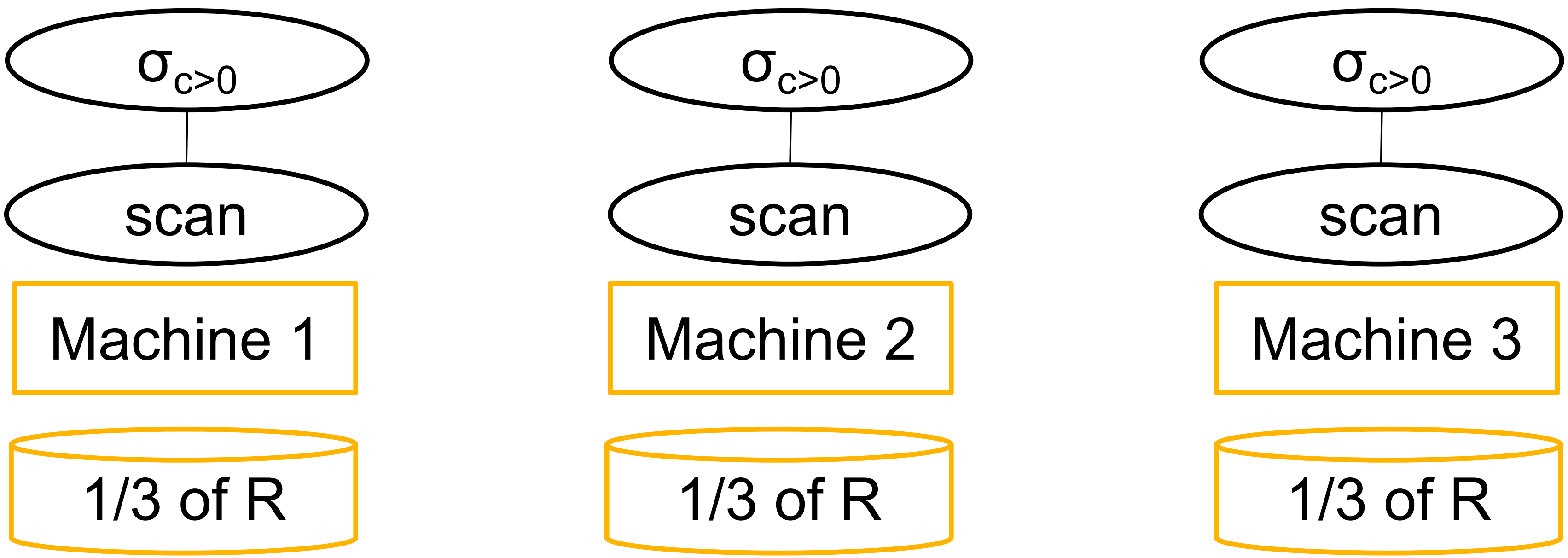

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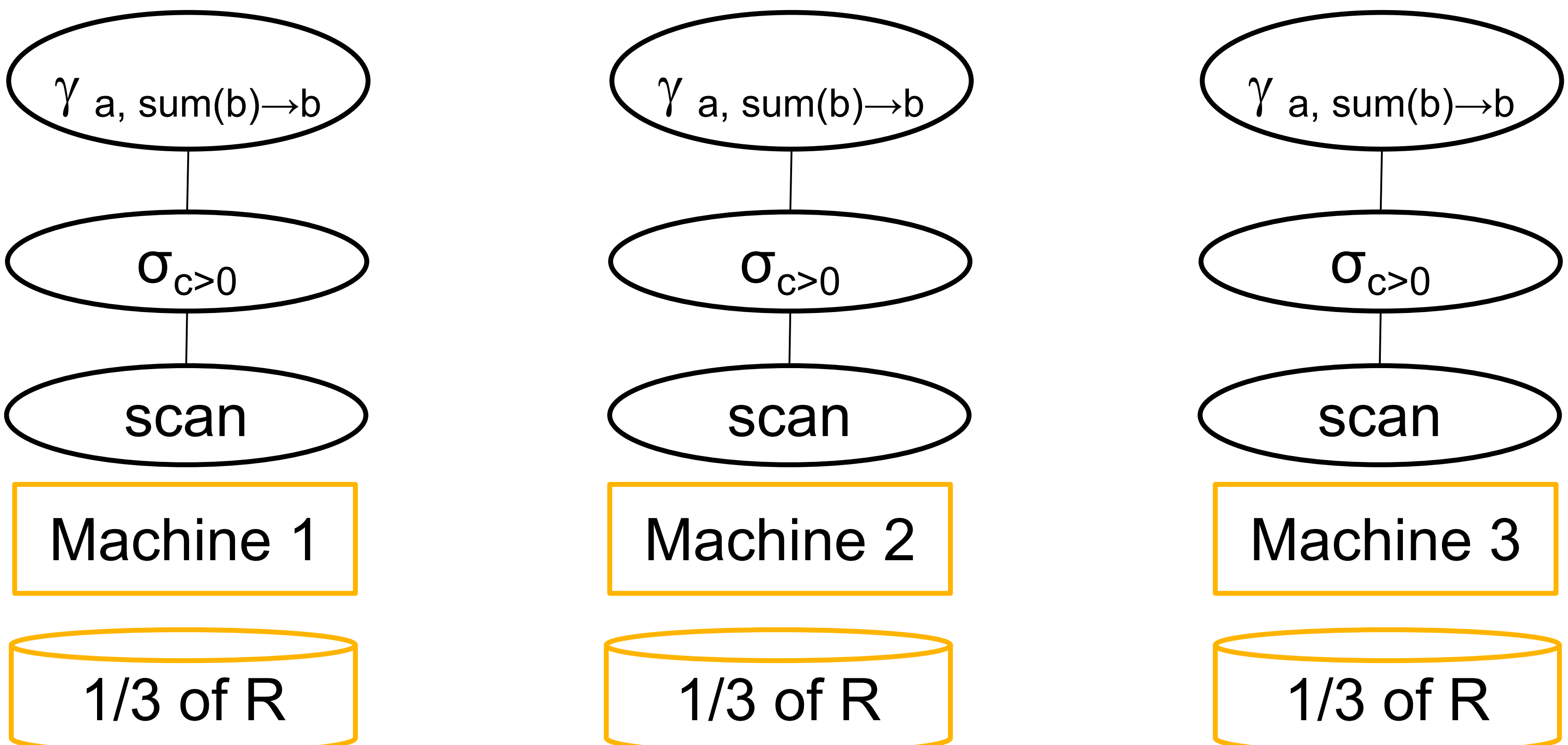

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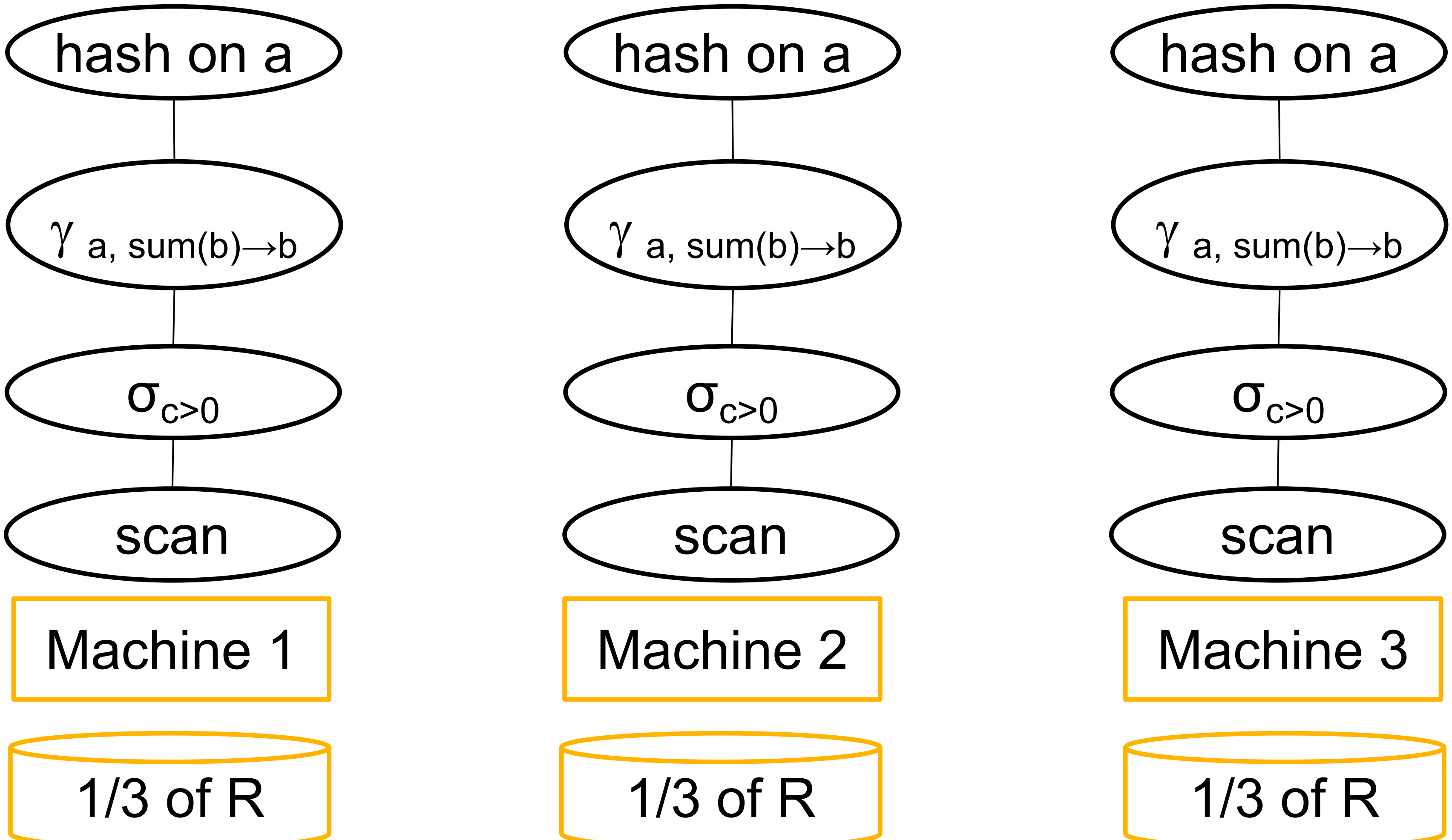

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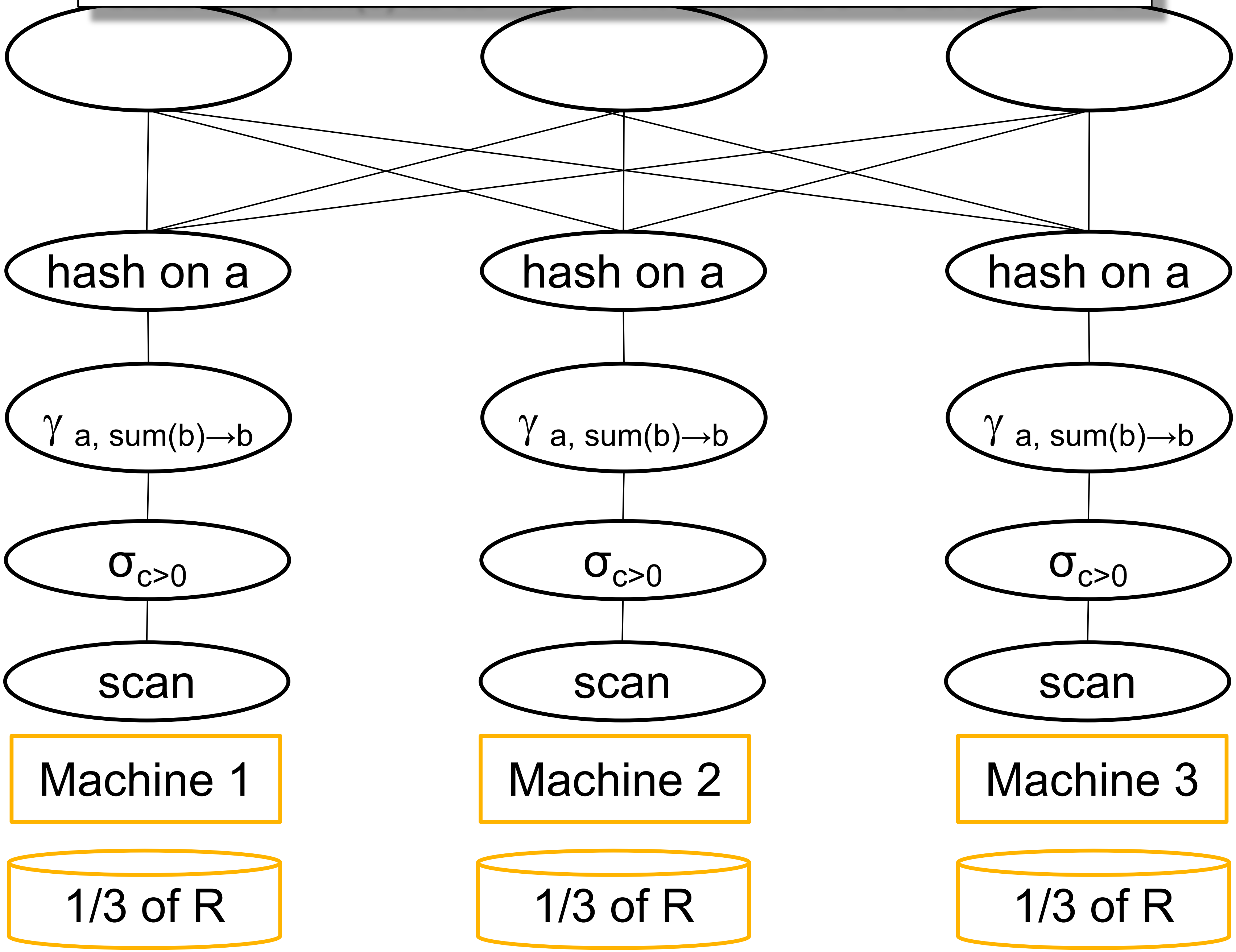

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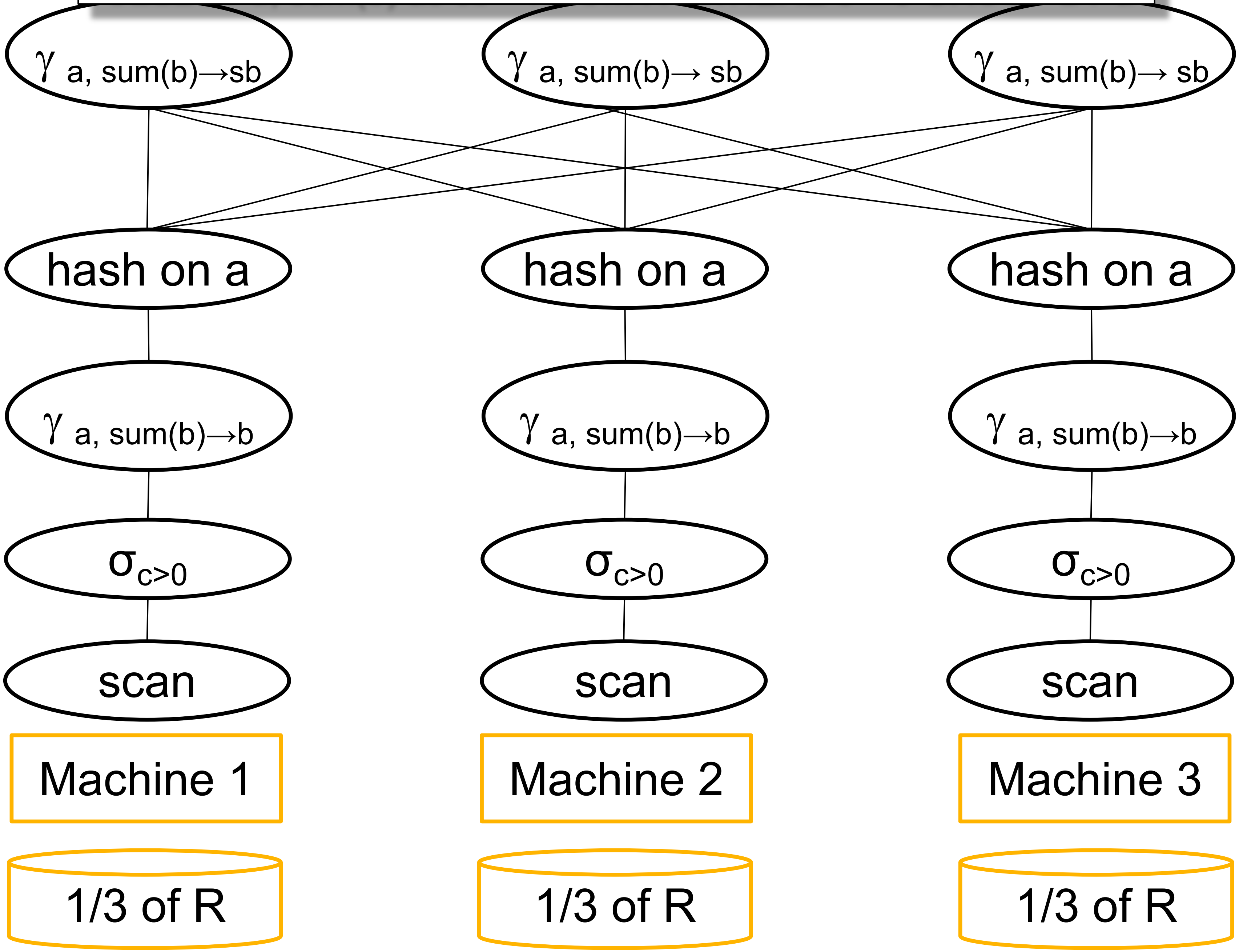

Pushing Aggregates Past Union

The rule that allowed us to do early summation is:

$$\gamma_{A,sum(B)\to C}(R_1 \cup R_2) =$$

$$= \gamma_{A,sum(D)\to B}(\,\gamma_{A,sum(B)\to D}(R_1)\ \cup\ \gamma_{A,sum(B)\to D}(R_2)\,)$$

For example:

- R_1 has B= x,y,z; R_2 has B=u,w
- Then: x+y+z+u+w = (x+y+z) + (u+w)

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Distributive	Algebraic	Holistic
$sum(a_1+a_2+\ldots+a_9)=$ $sum(sum(a_1+a_2+a_3)+$ $sum(a_4+a_5+a_6)+$ $sum(a_7+a_8+a_9))$	avg(B) = sum(B)/count(B)	median(B)

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But only if the data is without skew!

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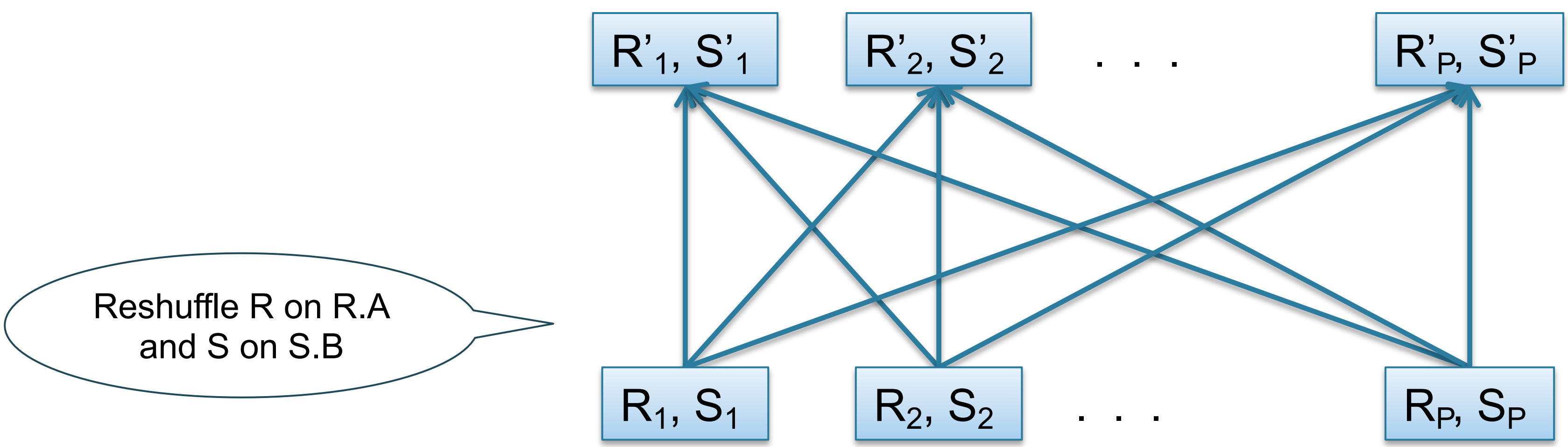

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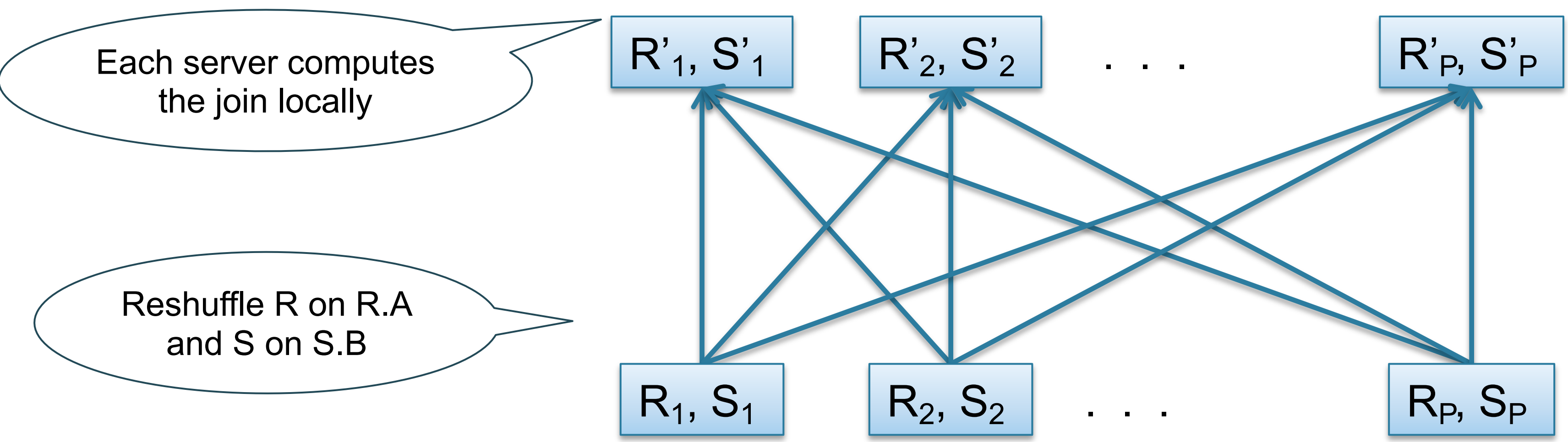

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- Step 1
  - Every server holding any chunk of R partitions its chunk using a hash function h(t.A)
  - Every server holding any chunk of S partitions its chunk using a hash function h(t.B)

- Step 2:
  - Each server computes the join of its local fragment of R with its local fragment of S

Optimization for Small Relations

- When joining R and S
- If |R| >> |S|
  - Leave R where it is
  - Replicate entire S relation across nodes

- Also called a small join or a broadcast join

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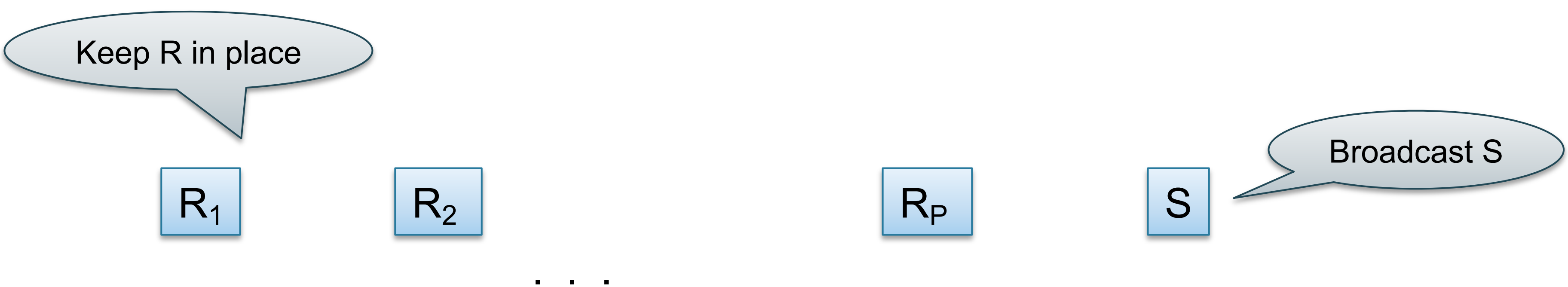

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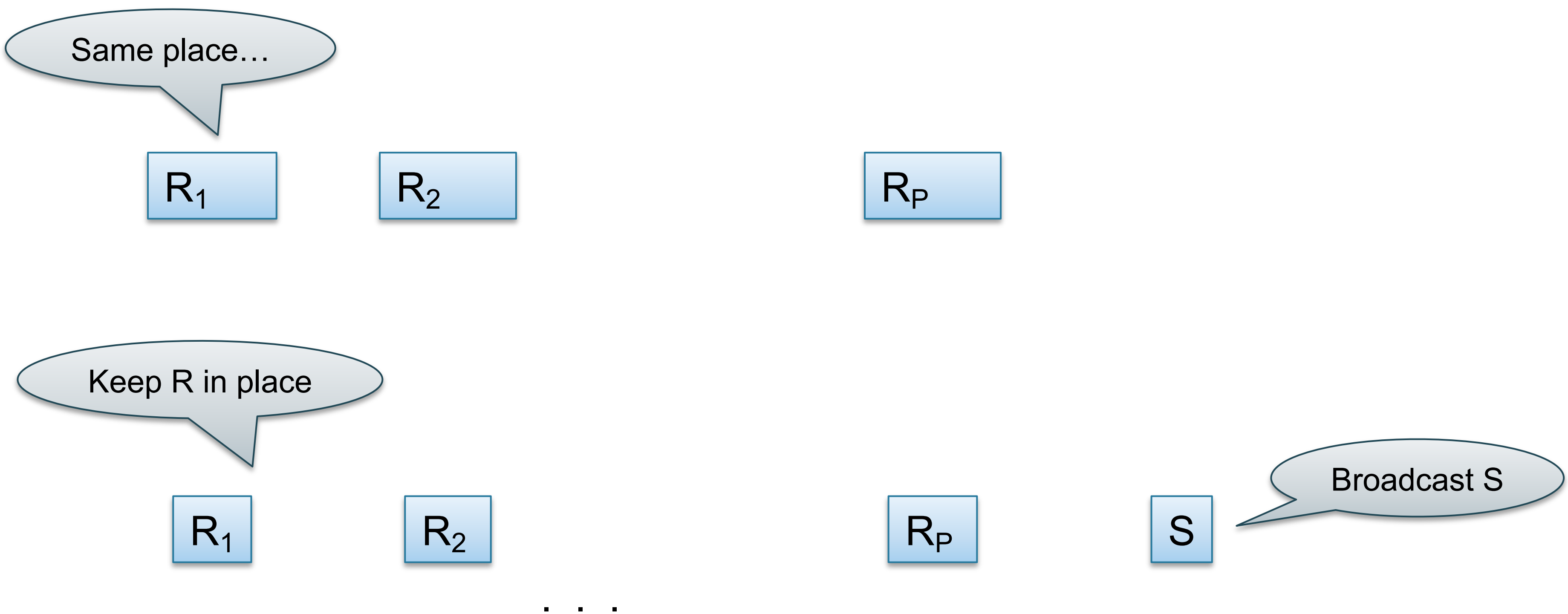

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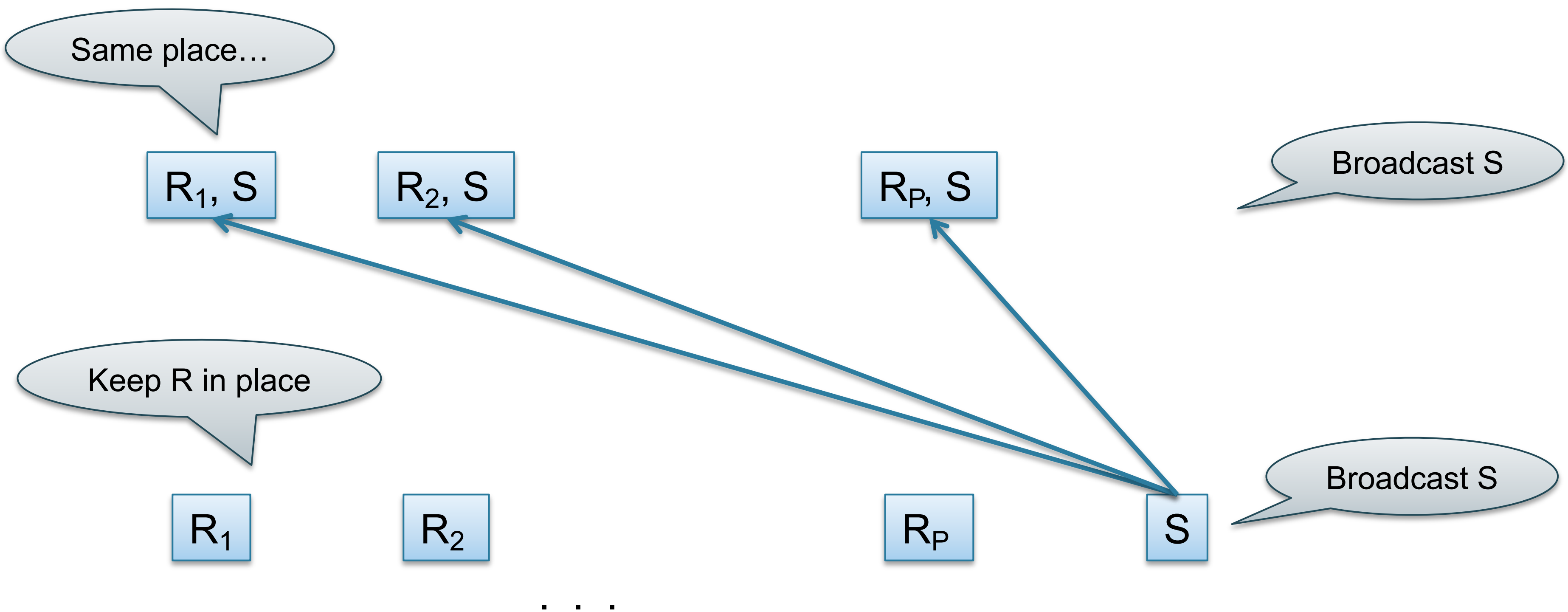

Example Query Execution

Find all orders from today, along with the items ordered

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SELECT *
FROM Order o, Line i
WHERE o.item = i.item
    AND o.date = today()
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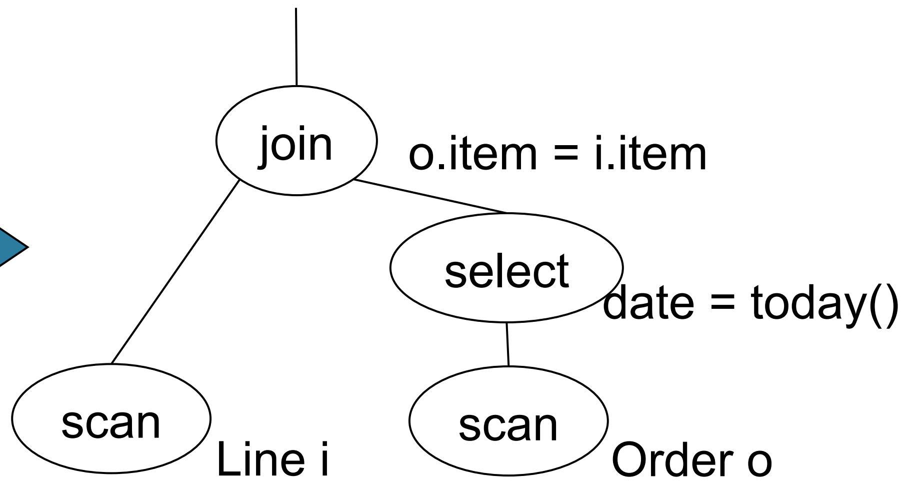

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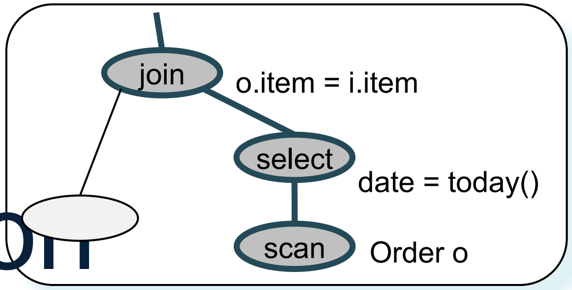

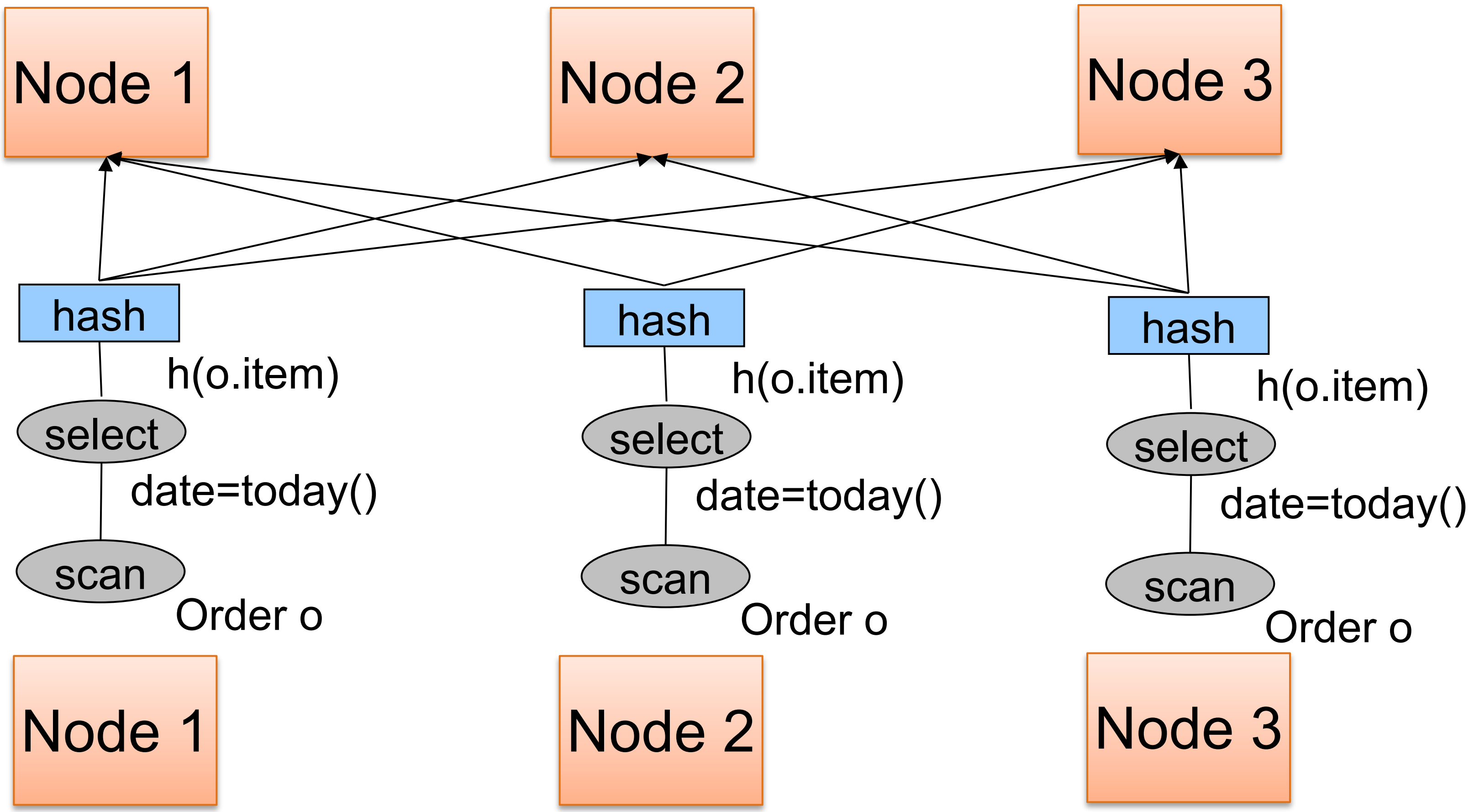

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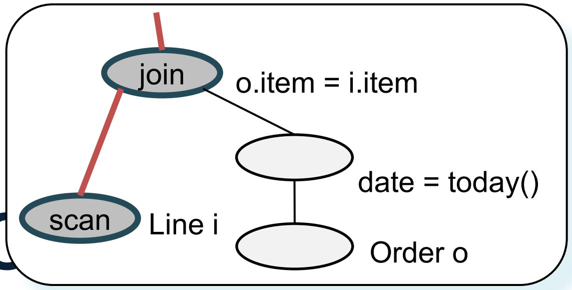

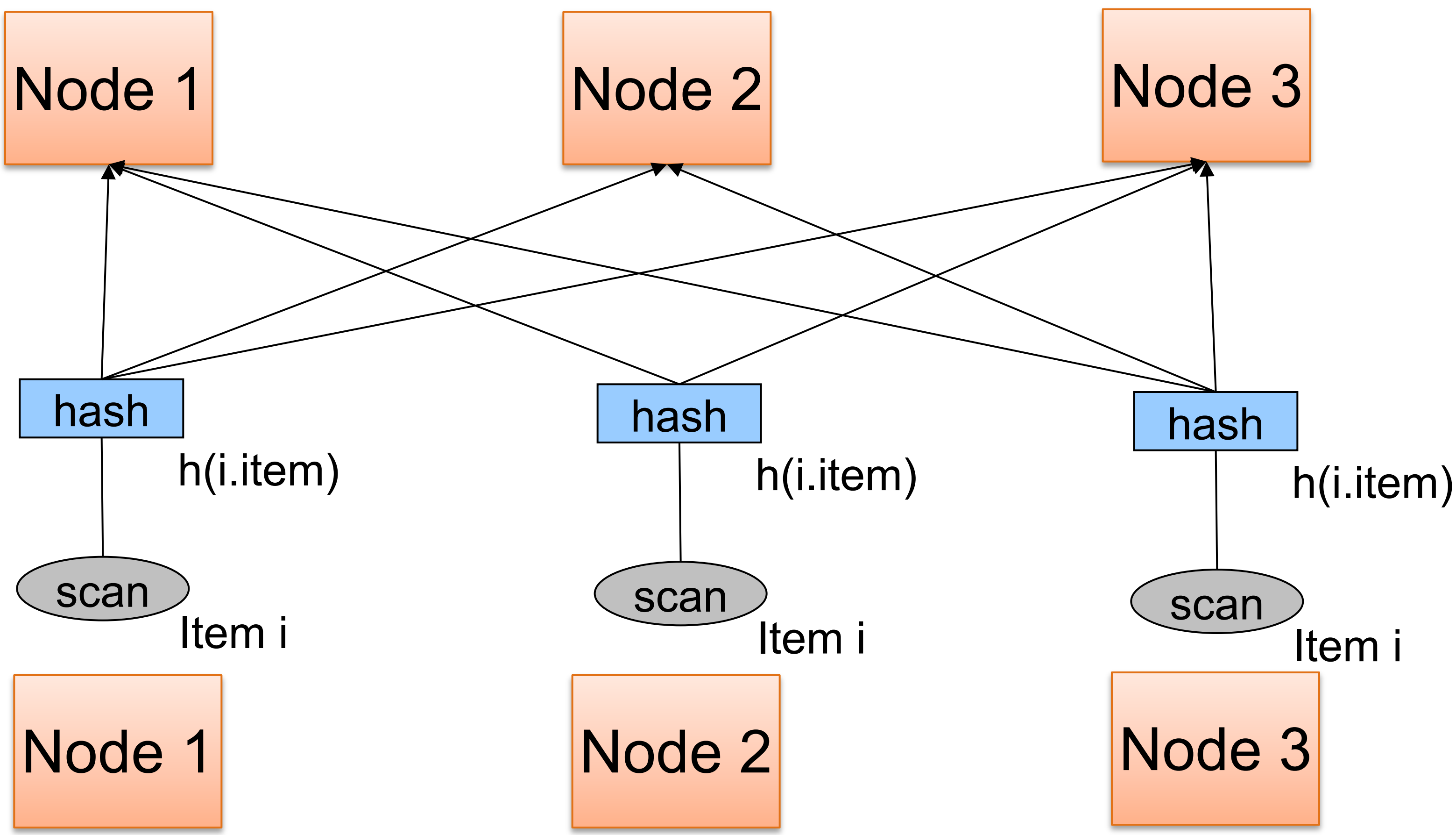

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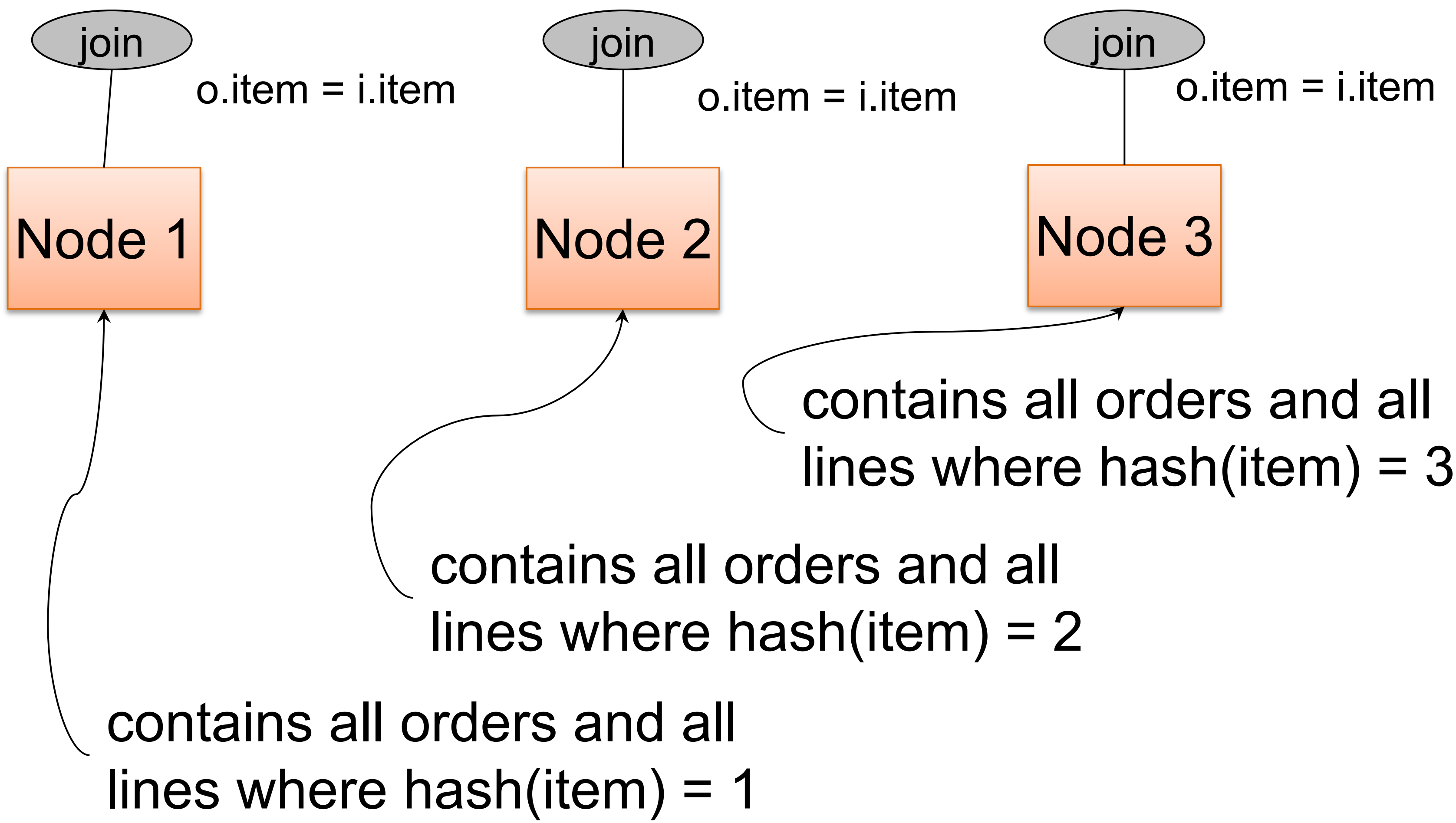

Example 2

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FROM R, S, T

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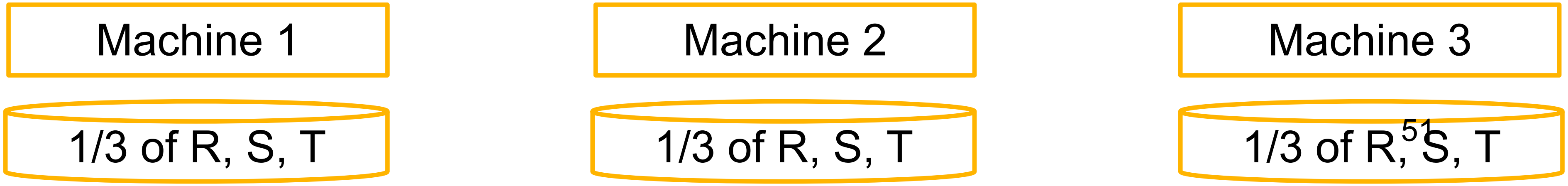

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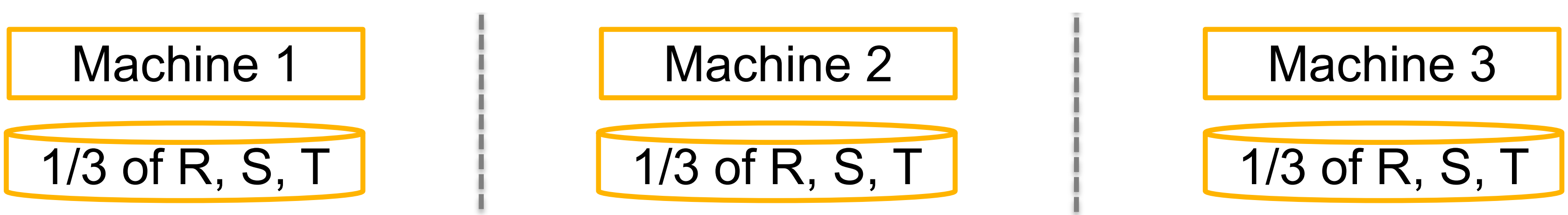

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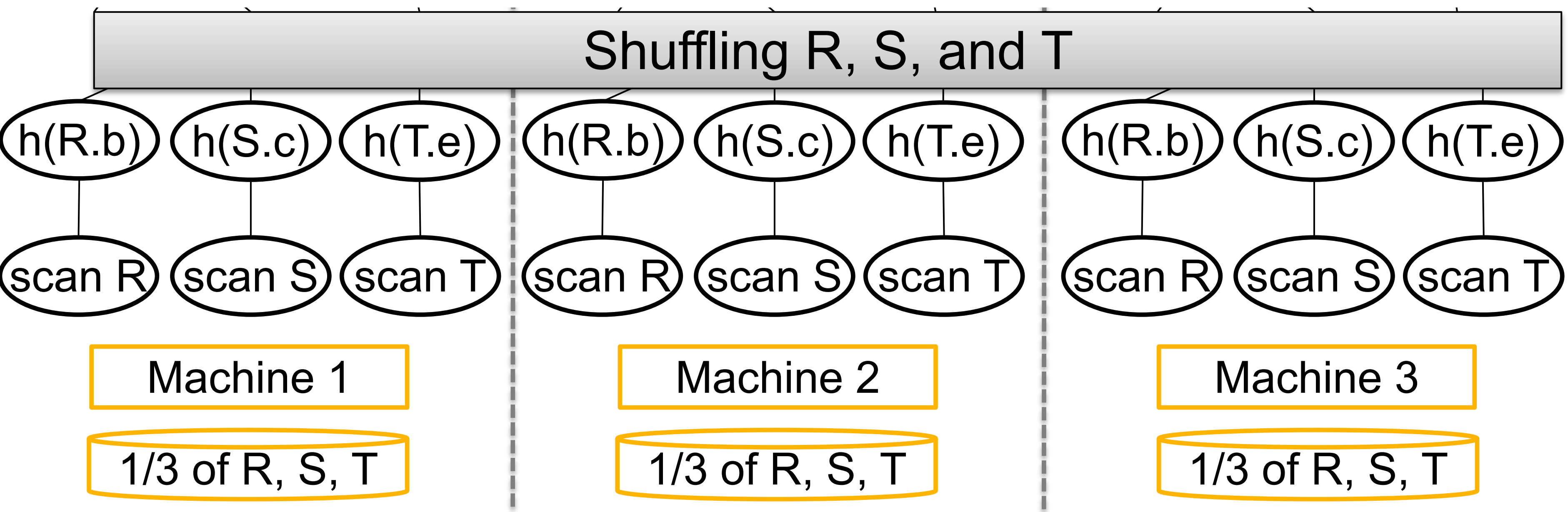

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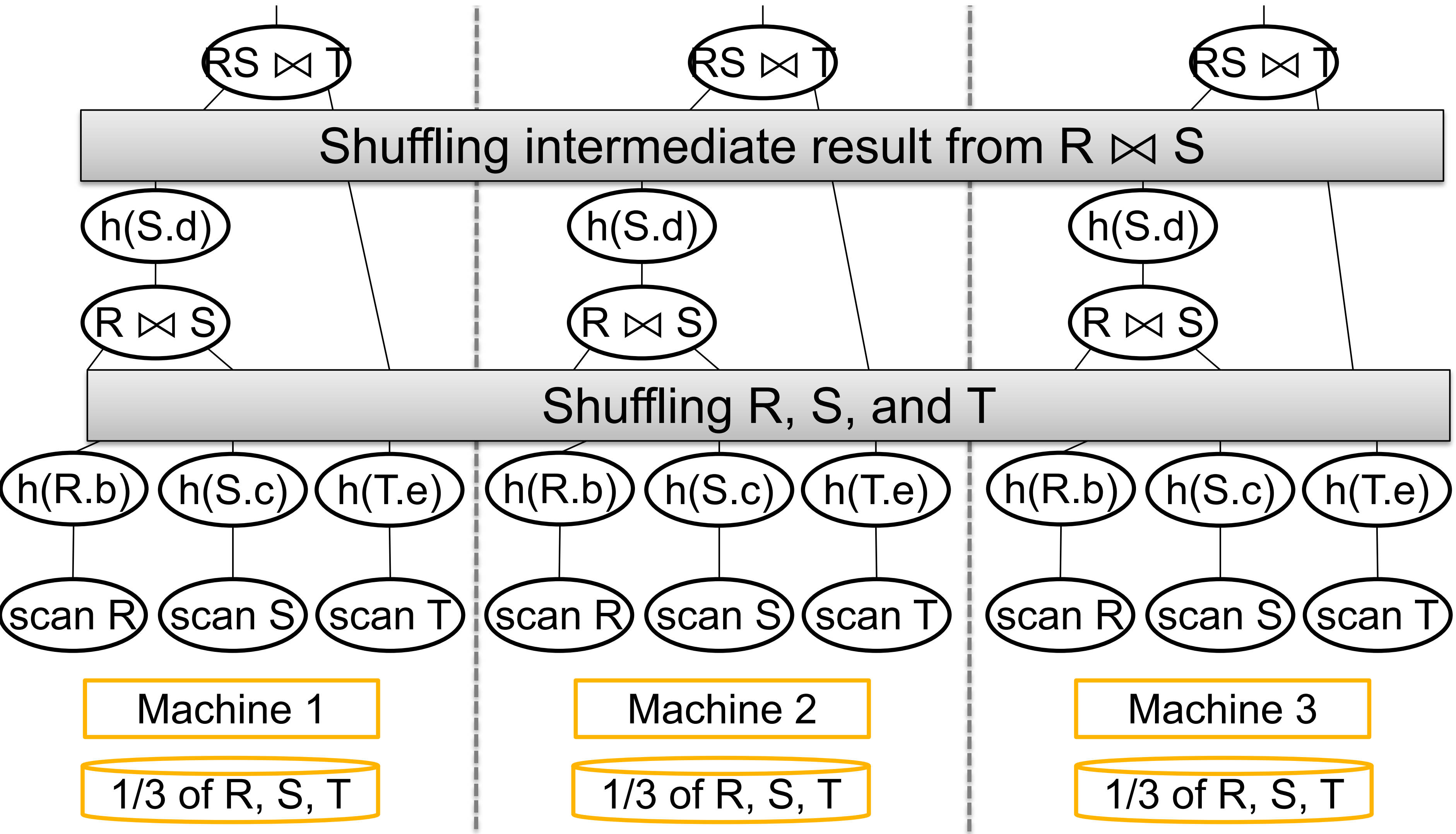

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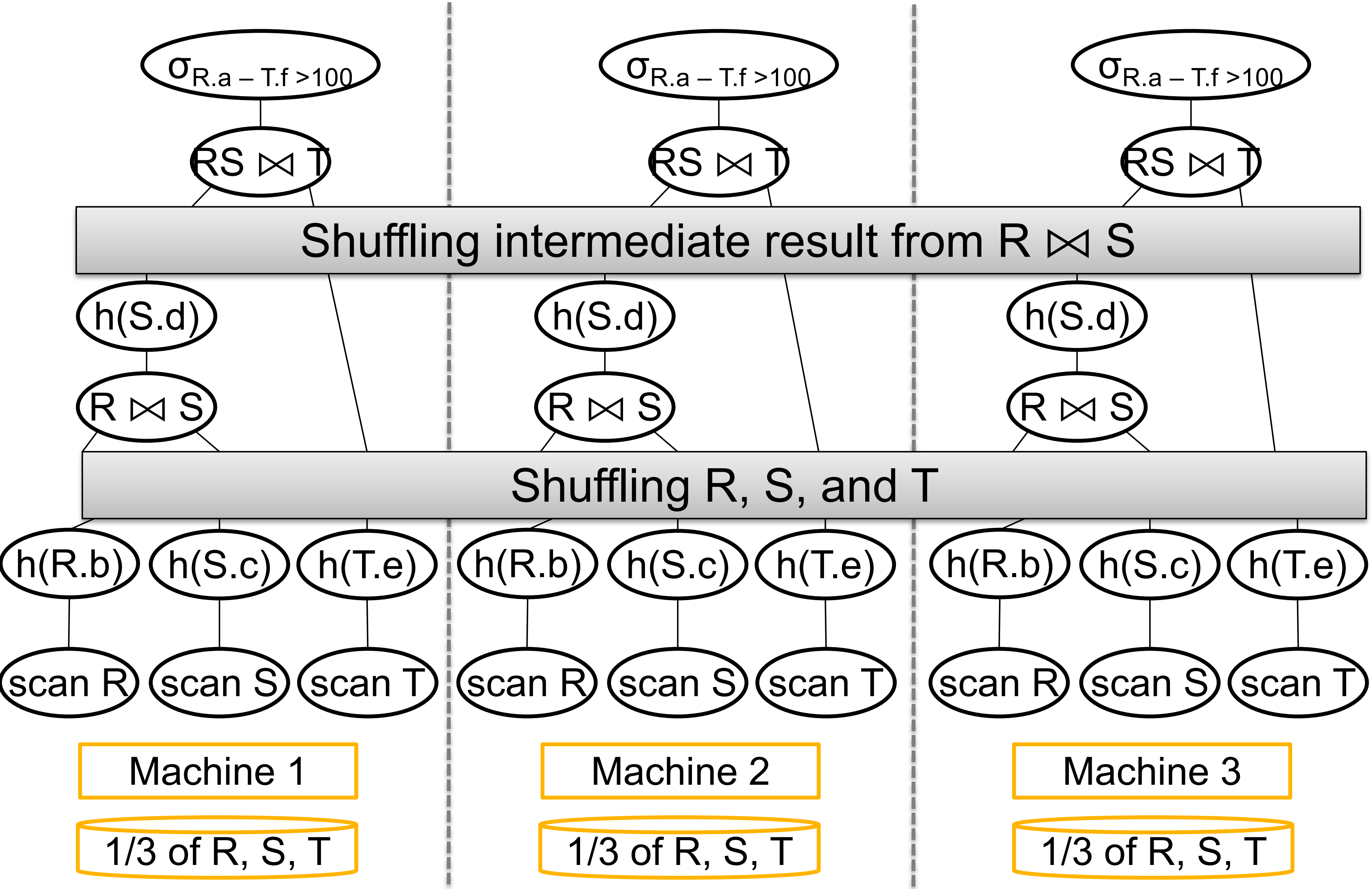

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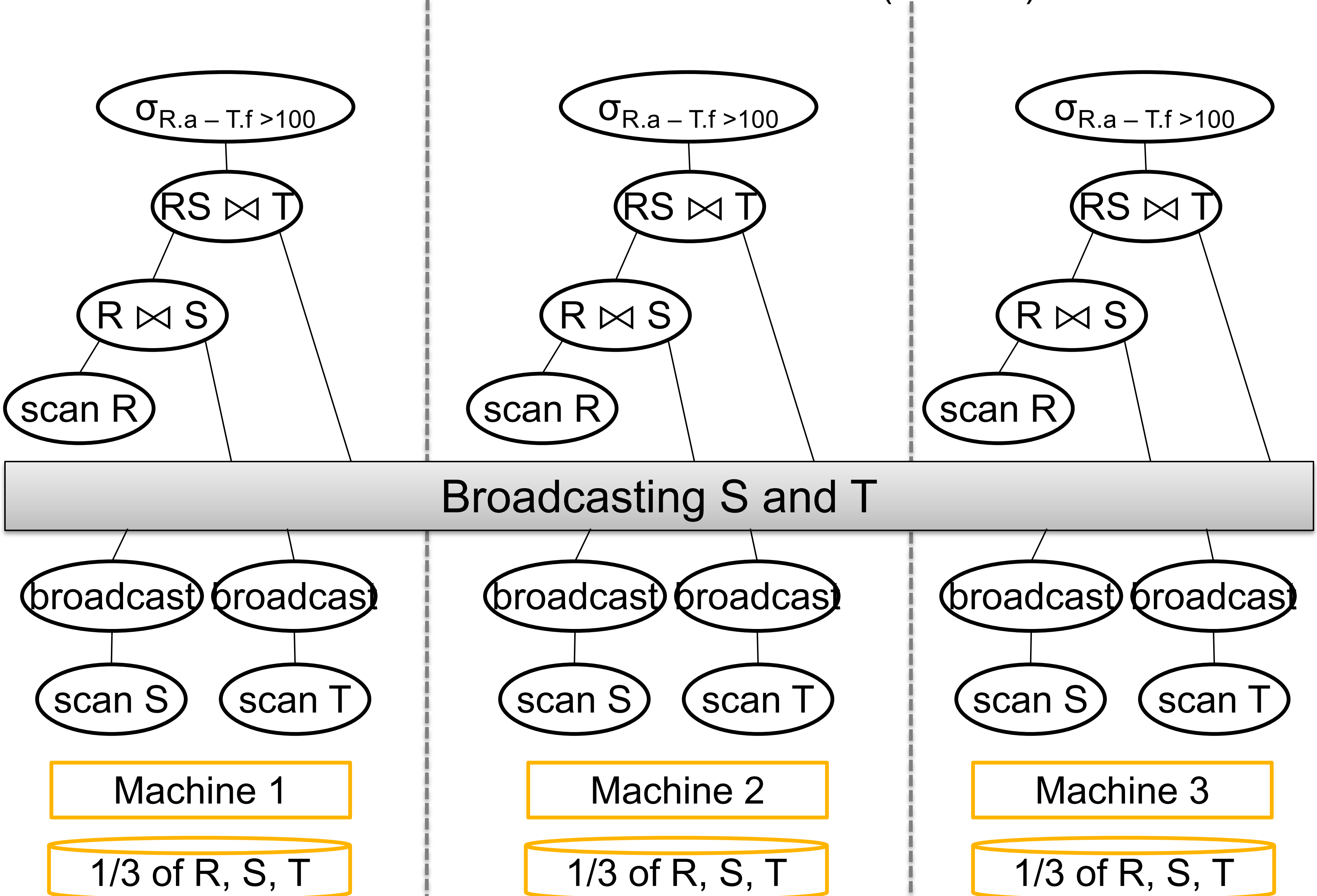

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- Skew in the input: a data value has much higher frequency than others
- Skew in the output: a server generates many more values than others, e.g. join
- Skew in the computation

Simple Skew Handling Techniques

For range partition:

- Ensure each range gets same number of tuples
- E.g.: {1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 } → [1,2] and [3,6]
- Eq-depth v.s. eq-width histograms

Simple Skew Handling Techniques

Skew in the computation:

- Create more partitions than nodes
  - “virtual servers”
- And be smart about scheduling the partitions
- Note: MapReduce uses this technique

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- All records with same value v are hashed to the same server i
- Partition R_i is much larger than |R|/p; skew!!

Discussion

Distributed joins: usually hash- or broadcast-join

Heavy hitter values will significantly degrade performance of a hash-join

- **Observation 1**: there are "few" heavy hitter values (why?)
- **Observation 2**: we can compute the heavy hitter values rather easily (how?)

Rest of the lecture: How many times can v occur before it is a heavy hitter?

Analyzing Heavy Hitters

- We will discuss how to choose the threshold such that a value that occurs more times than the threshold becomes a “heavy hitters”
- This analysis is based on Cernoff bounds, which is a general technique that is useful in statistics and randomized algorithm

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1. Due to the hash function h, or
2. Due to skew in the data

Role of the Hash Function

Assume $v_1, \ldots, v_N$ are distinct

Hash function computes $h(v_i) \in \{1,\ldots,P\}$

- If h is *fixed* then we can find bad items that will overload one server; how?
- If h is *random*: *balls-in-bins* problem; we analyze it using the Cernoff bound

The Cernoff Bound

Note:
very many
variants

Bernoulli r.v.: $X_1, \ldots, X_N \in \{0,1\}$

For all i, $\Pr(X_i = 1) = \mu \in (0,1)$

We are interested in $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_N$

Fact: $E[Y] = N\mu$

Theorem (Cernoff bound)

$$\Pr(Y > (1+\delta)E[Y]) \leq exp\left(-\frac{\delta^2}{3}E[Y]\right)$$

Role of the Hash Function

Fix one server j;

Define indicator variables:

$$X_1 = [h(v_1) = j], \ldots, X_N = [h(v_N) = j]$$

$$\Pr(X_1 = 1) = \cdots = \Pr(X_N = 1) = 1/P$$

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- Don't write your own has function!
- Randomize it (how?)
- Make sure N >> P (if not, why parallelize?)
- Then Load = O(N/P)

Take away: a good hash function shall not cause skew!

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Use library hash function! Randomize!

- When each value occurs $\leq \frac{N}{P \cdot ln\ P}$ times, then $Load \leq (1+\delta)\frac{N}{P}$ with high probability
- When some value occurs $\gg \frac{N}{P}$ times, the load will be skewed
- Gray area: when values occur $\approx \frac{N}{P}$ times: it can be shown that $Load \approx \frac{N \cdot \ln(P)}{P}$

SkewJoin

Main idea: separate the heavy hitters from the light hitters

- Hash join the light hitters: the partition is uniform because they are light
- Broadcast join the heavy hitters: works because there are very few heavy hitters

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- (Project idea: how does your favorite engine handle skewed data?)
- In practice, you may need to partition skewed data manually