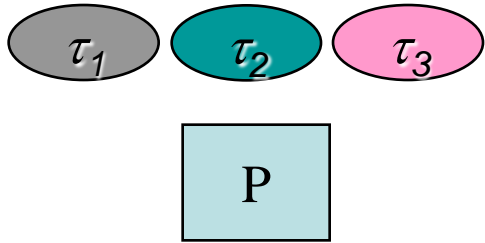


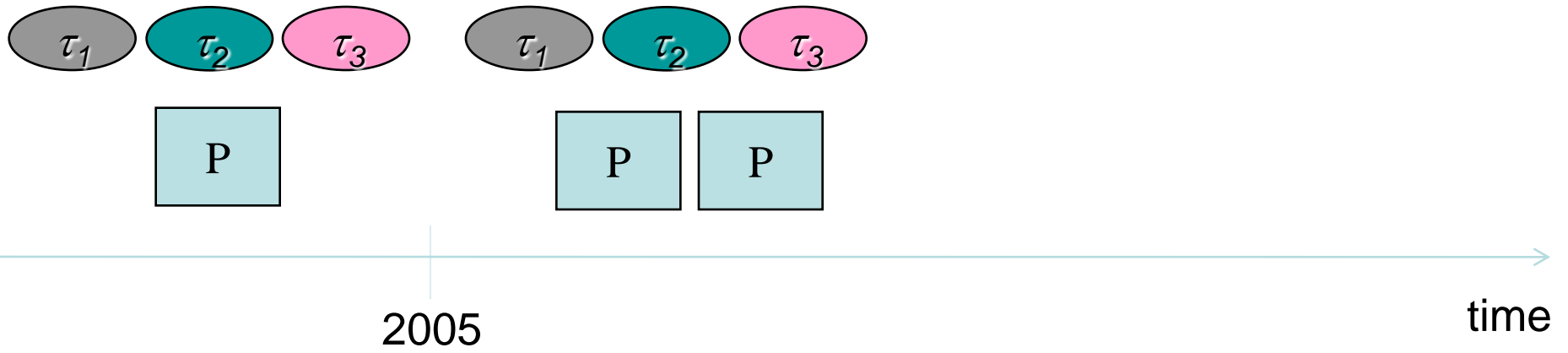
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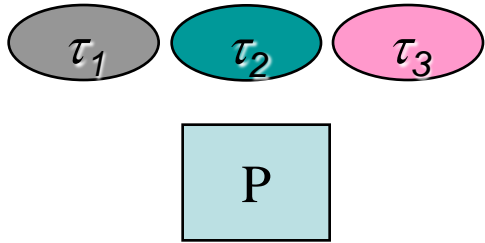
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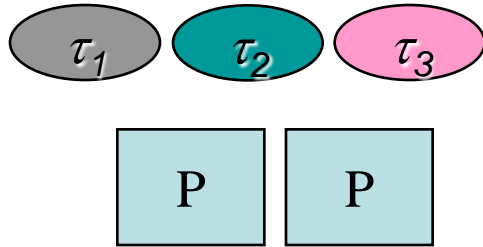
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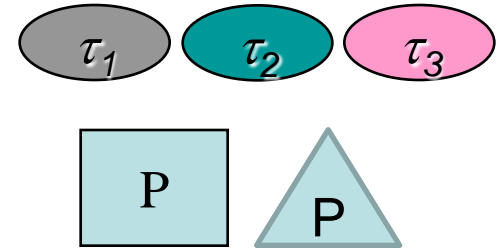
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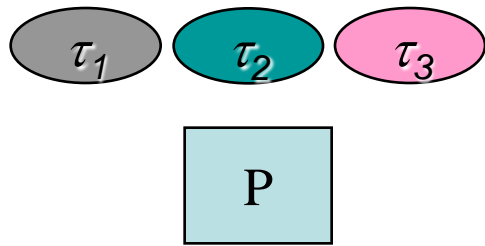
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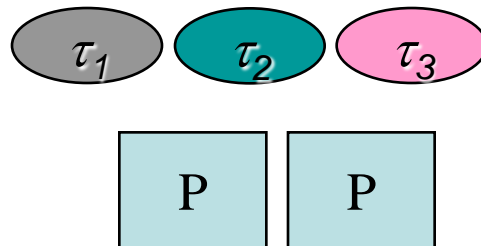
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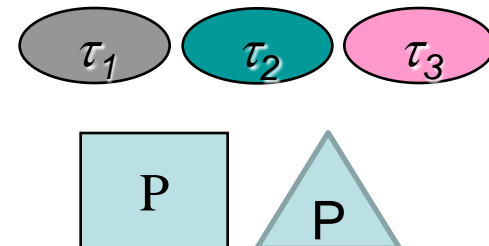
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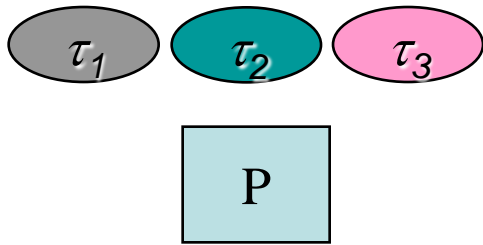
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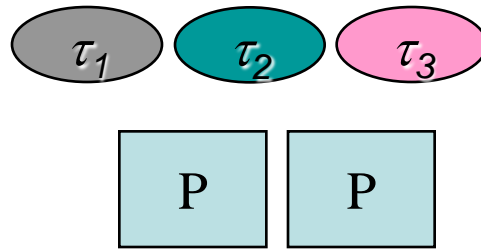
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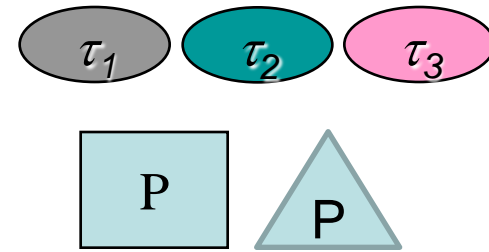
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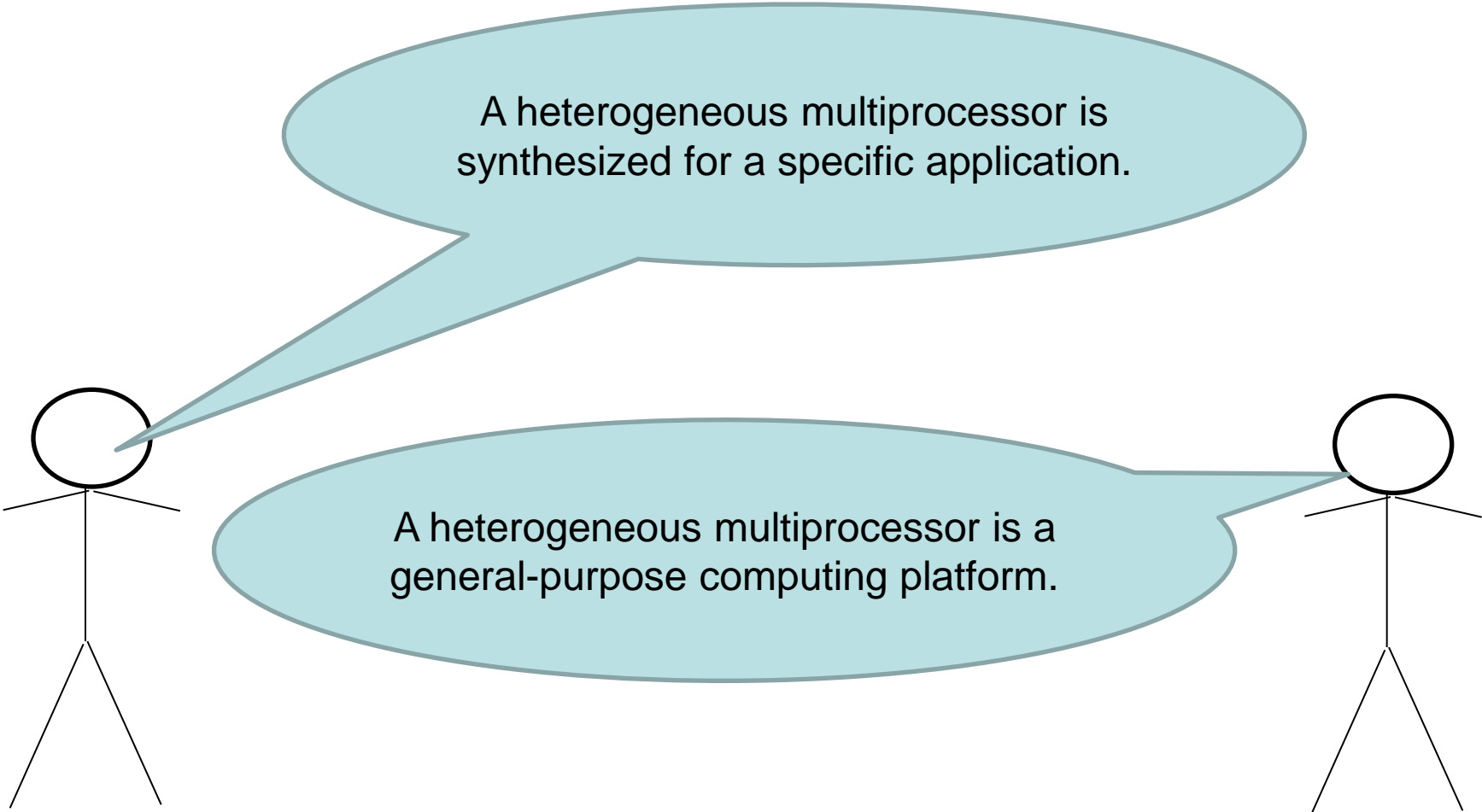
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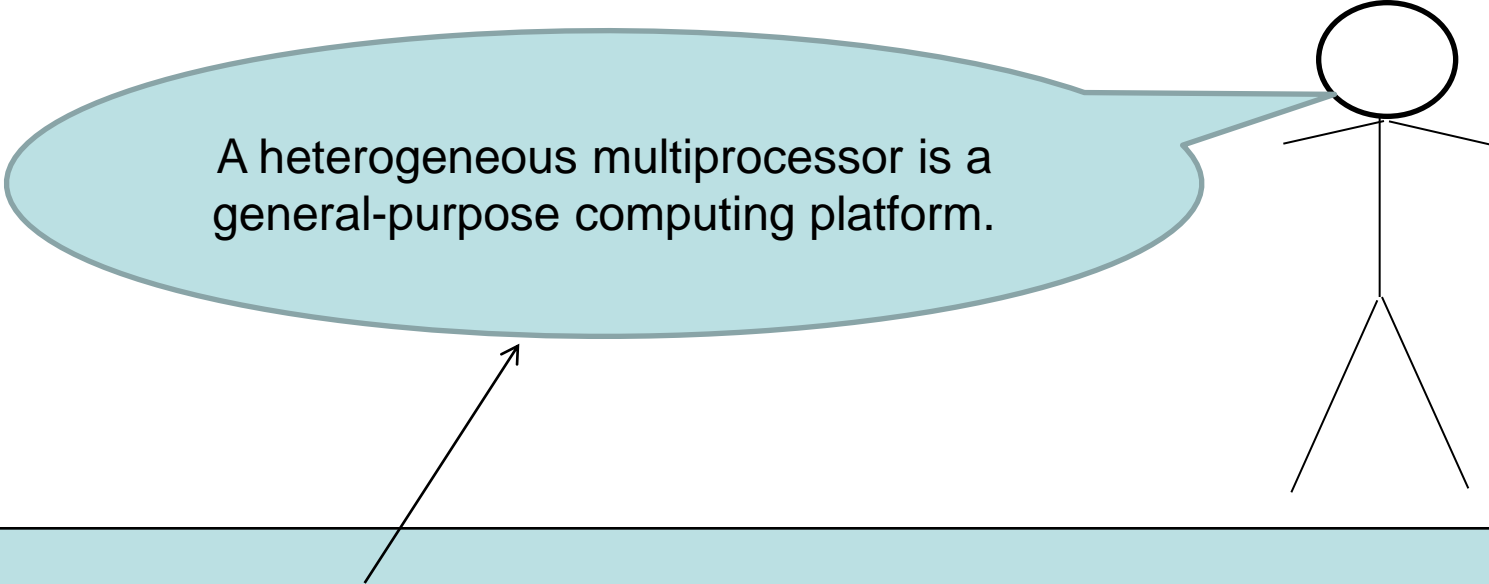
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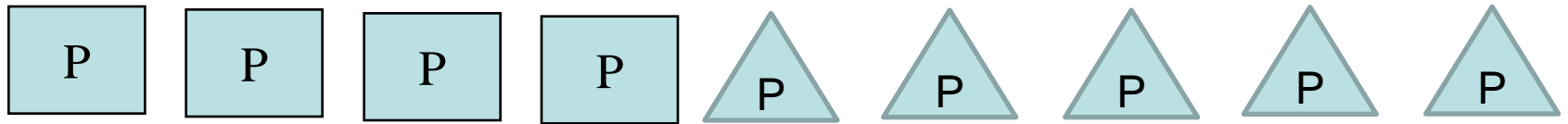


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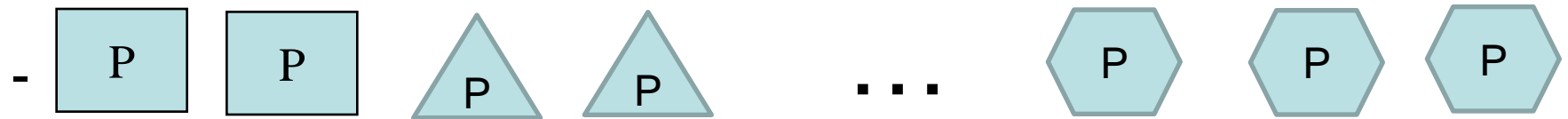
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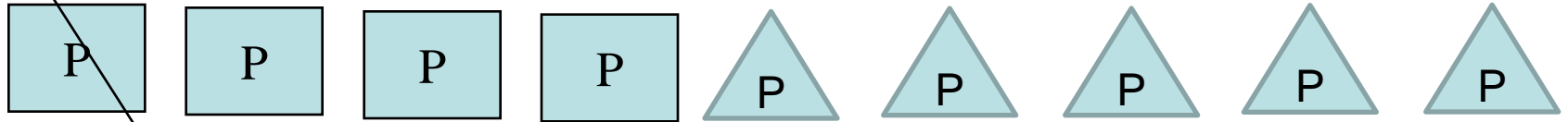


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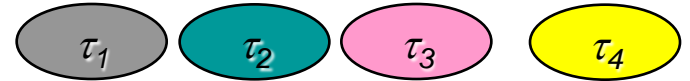
- P^1 denotes the set of all processors of type-1.
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Problem statement

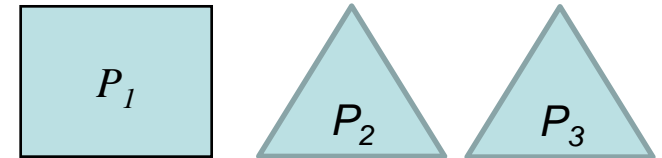
Assign tasks to processors so that each processor is utilized to at most 100%.

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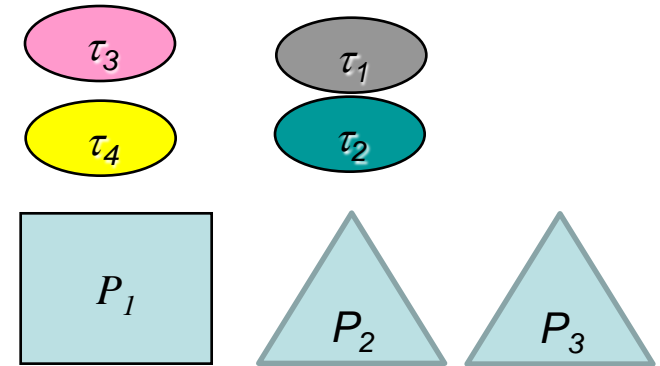
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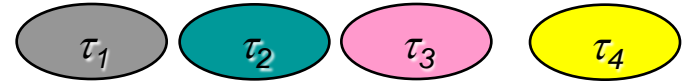
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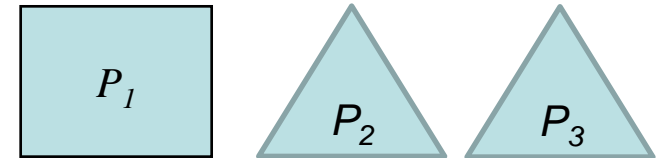
We can do the assignment like this.

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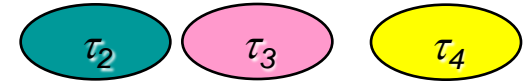


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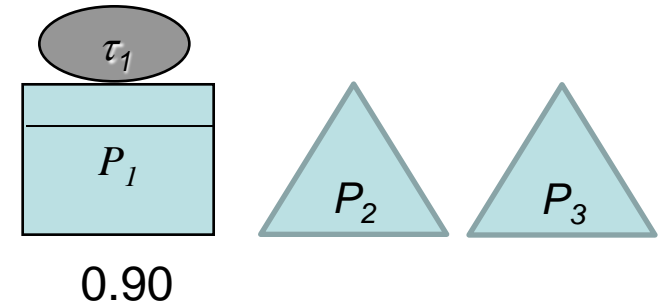


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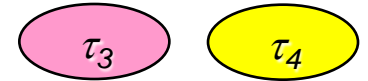


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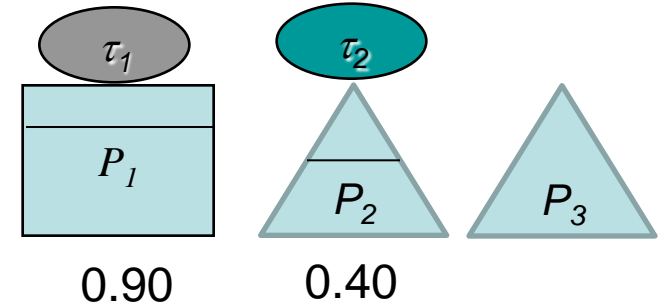


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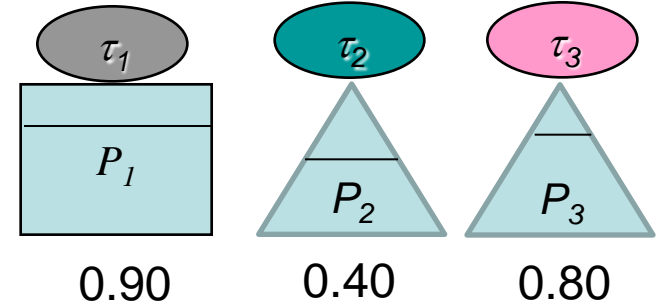


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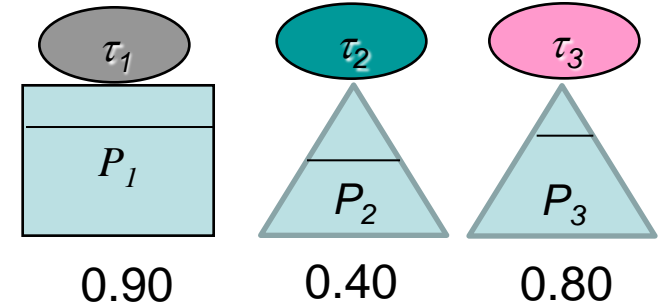


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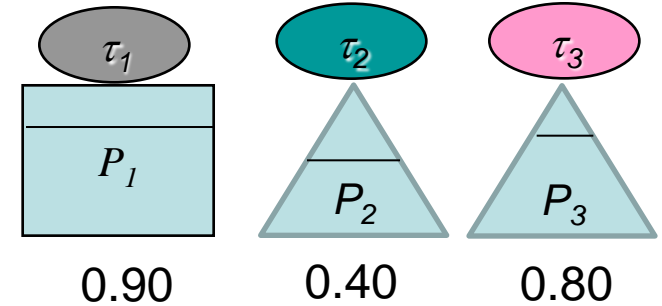
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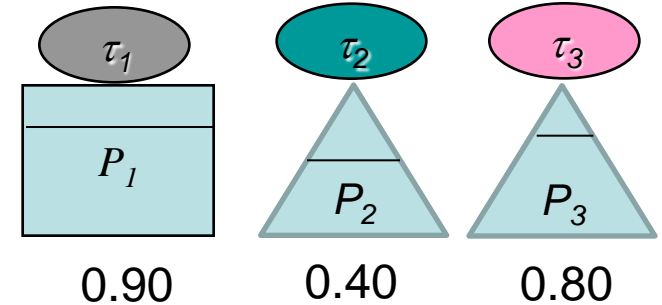
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First-Fit has infinite competitive ratio on heterogeneous multiprocessor with two types (shown in the paper)

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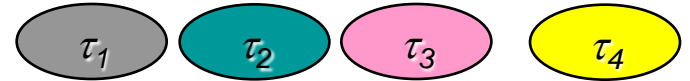
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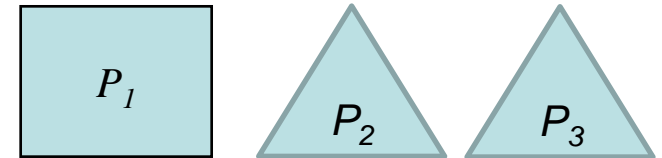
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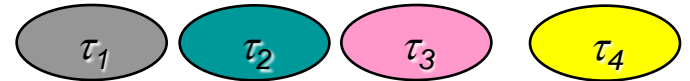
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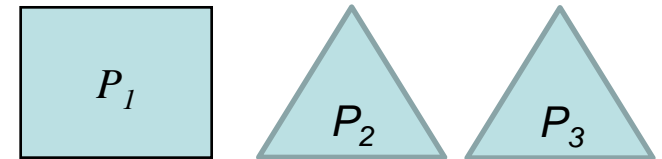
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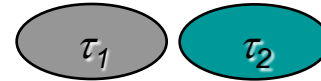
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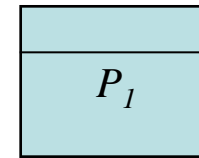
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Applying FF-3C on an example

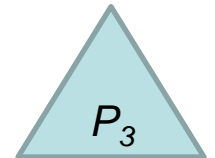
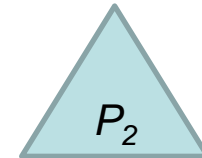
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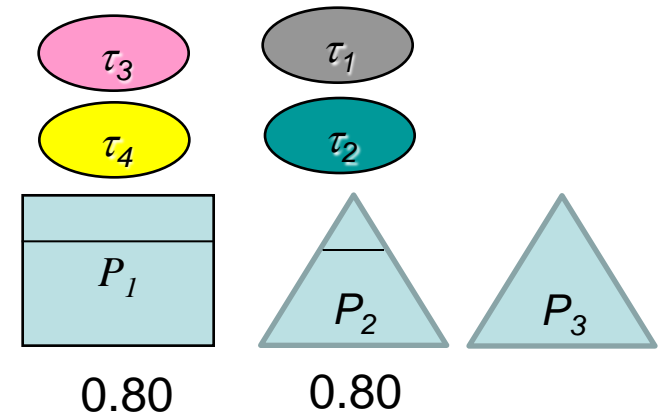
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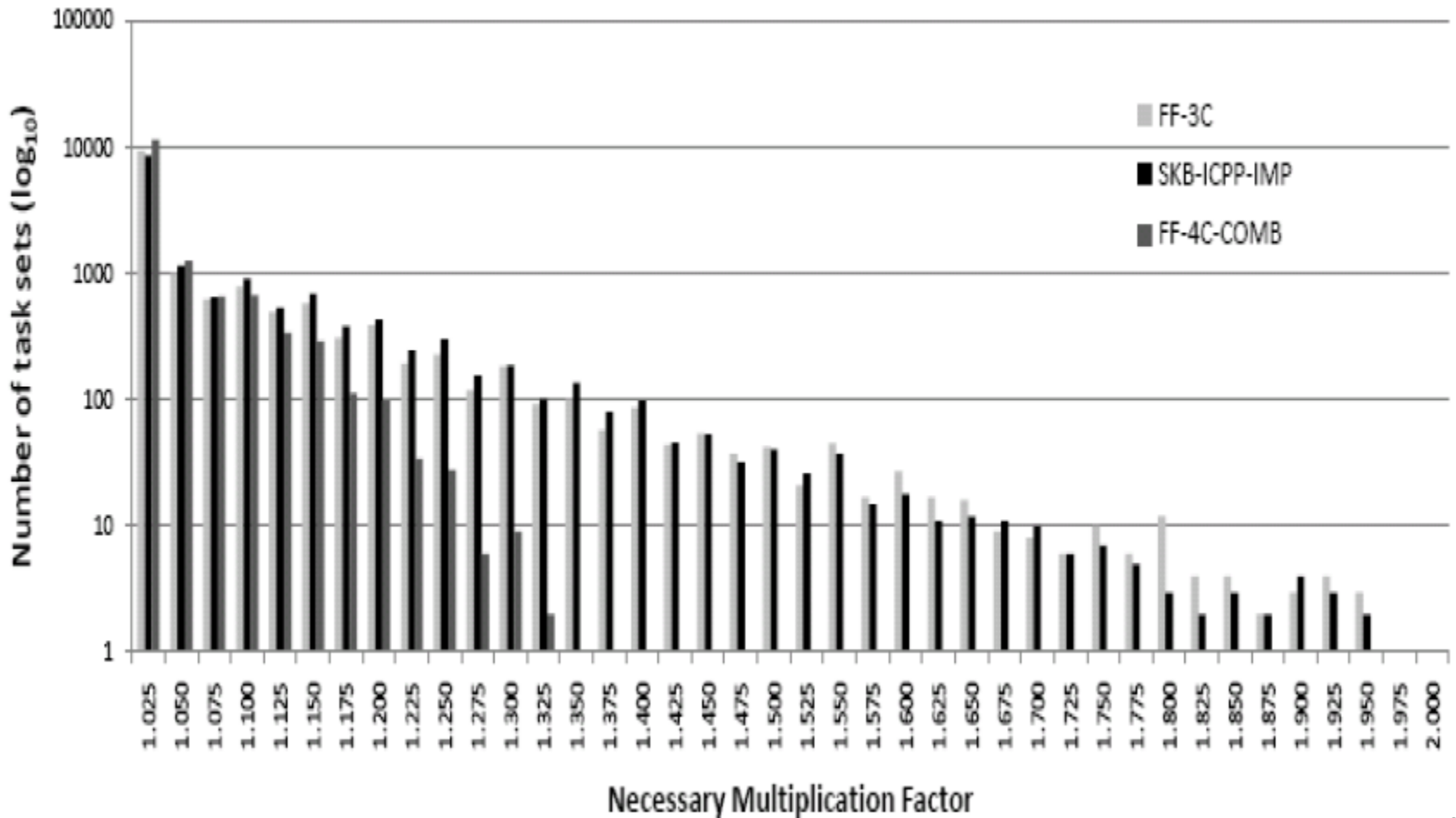
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Average-case performance evaluation

Comparison of three algorithms (Y-Axis: \log_{10} scale)



Average-case performance evaluation

Multiplication factor	New Algorithms				Old Algorithms							
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2.00	0.49	0.48	0.40	0.48	31736.95	31768.30	291714.93	287719.46	13579.79	13611.13	137972.10	136531.41

Table 1. Comparison of average execution time of algorithms (in microseconds)

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Recent extensions to the work

- **Theorem 2:** The speed competitive ratio of FF-3C is at most $1/(1-a)$
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Thank You!