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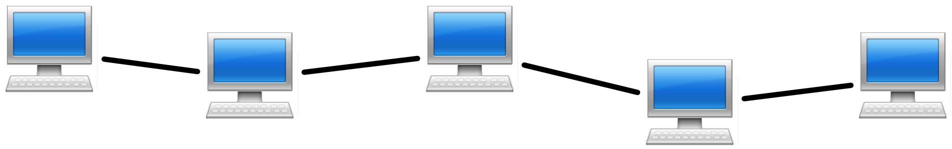

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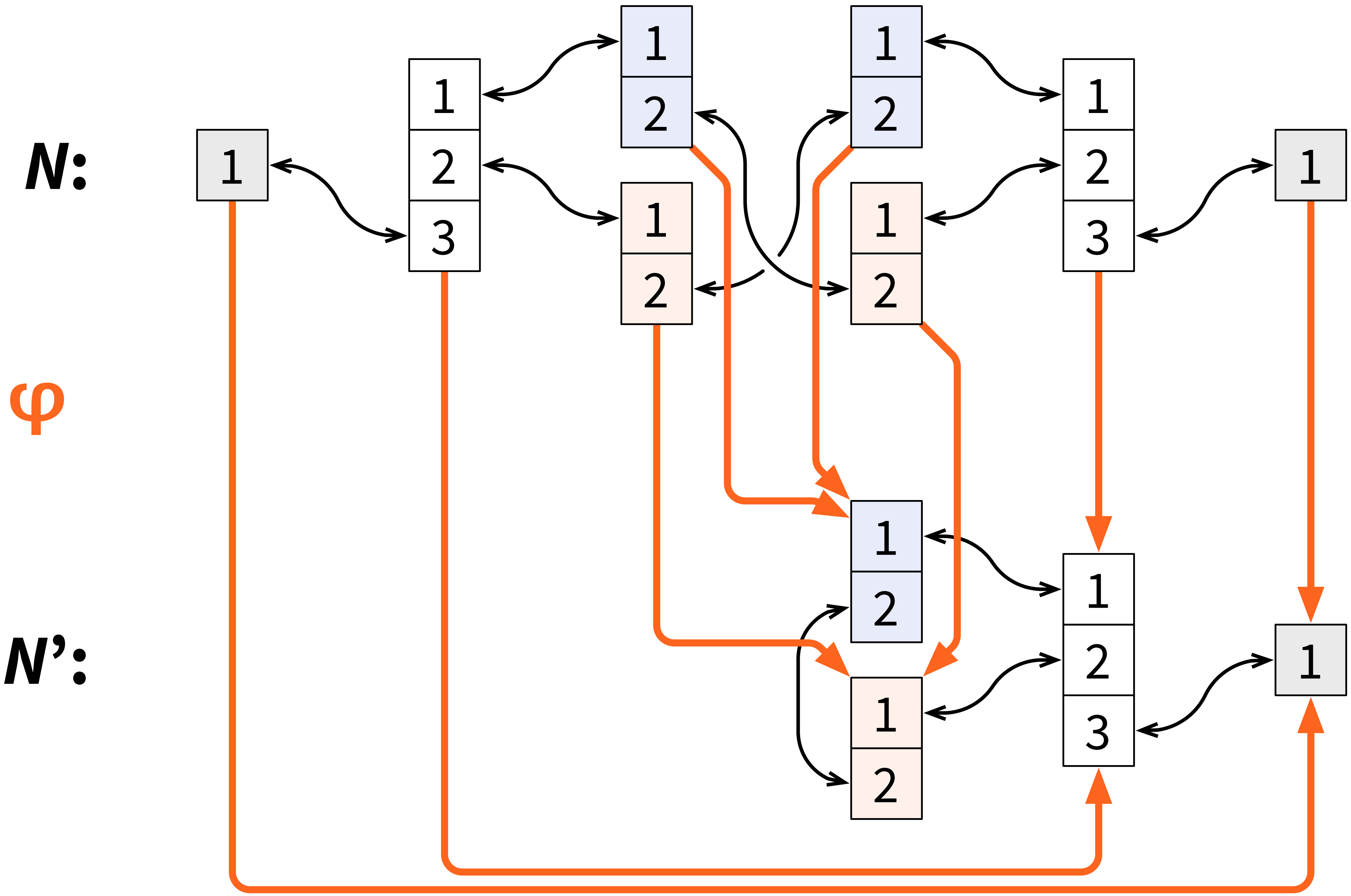
Recap:
Covering map

- **Networks $N = (V, P, p)$ and $N' = (V', P', p')$**
- **Surjection φ: $V \rightarrow V'$ that preserves inputs, degrees, connections, port numbers**
- **Theorem: preserves outputs for any PN-algorithm**

Covering map φ: *V* → *V*'

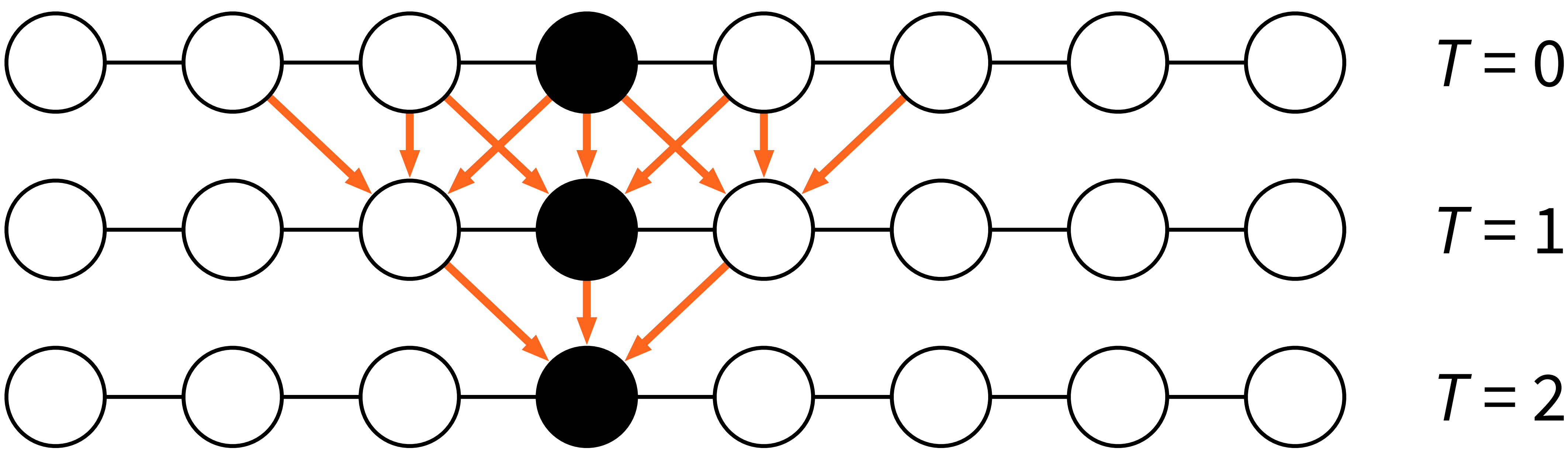


Week 9

– Local neighbourhoods

Recap:
Locality

- **State at time *T* only depends on initial information within distance *T***



Recap:
Locality

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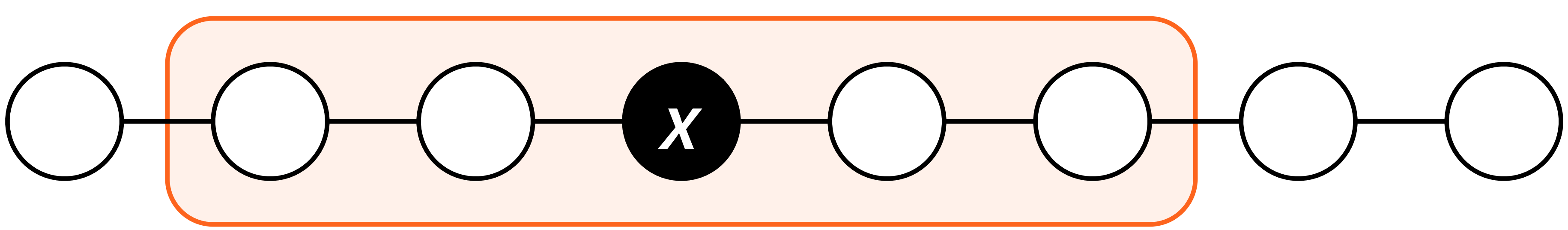
  - distance = “number of hops”



Recap:
Locality

- **Typical application:**
  - two possible worlds,
    need to produce *different local outputs*
  - isomorphic local neighbourhoods
  - fast algorithm → *same local output*

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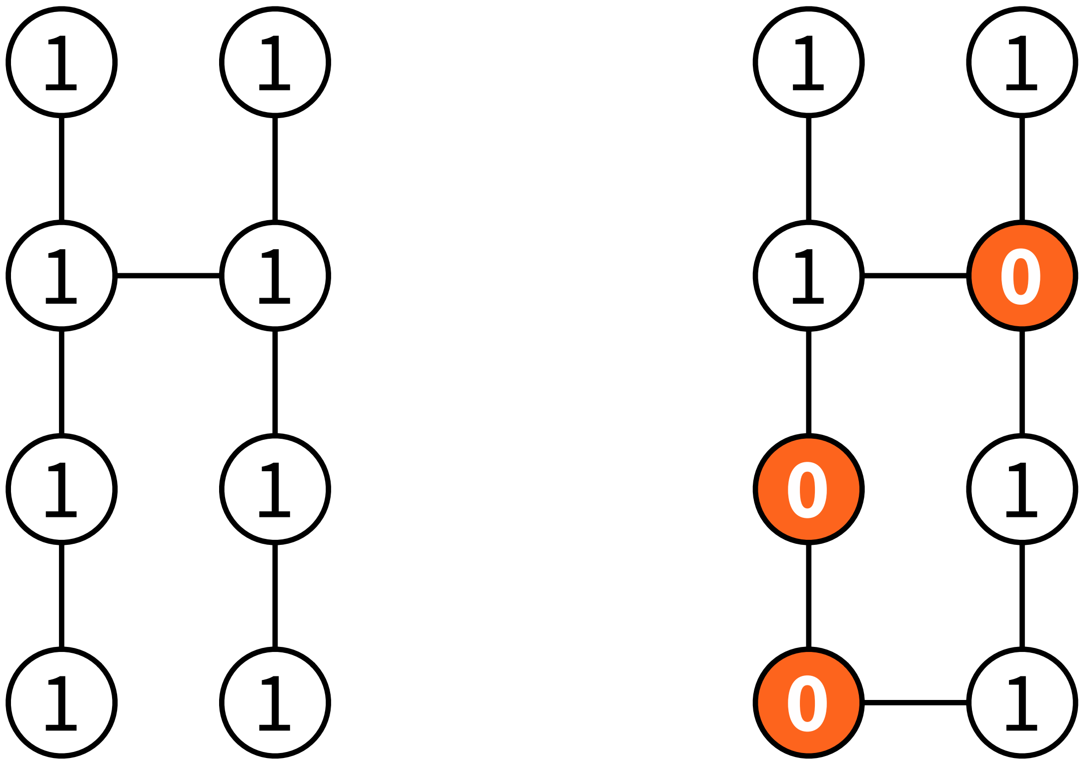

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- **Can we solve this in PN model?**
- **How fast we can solve this in LOCAL model?**

Example:
Detecting forests

- **PN model:**
  - cannot be solved at all if we do not know n
  - can be solved in $O(n)$ rounds if we know n
  - cannot be solved in $o(n)$ rounds,
    even if we know n

Example:
Detecting forests

- **LOCAL model:**
  - can be solved in $O(n)$ rounds even if we do not know n
  - cannot be solved in $o(n)$ rounds even if we know n

Example:
Detecting forests

- **LOCAL model:**
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Summary

- **Two powerful lower-bound techniques:**
  - covering maps → PN, computability
  - locality → LOCAL, computational complexity
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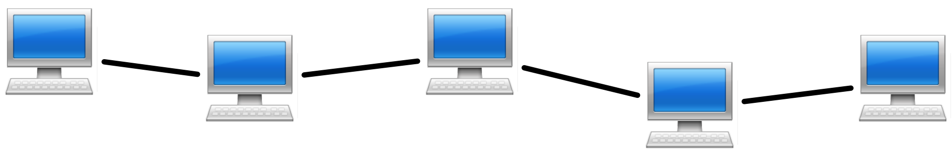
  - network = path 
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