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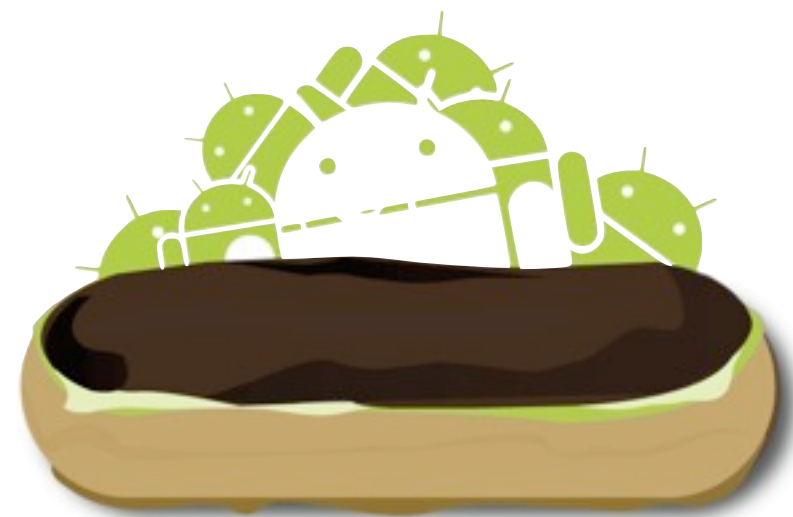
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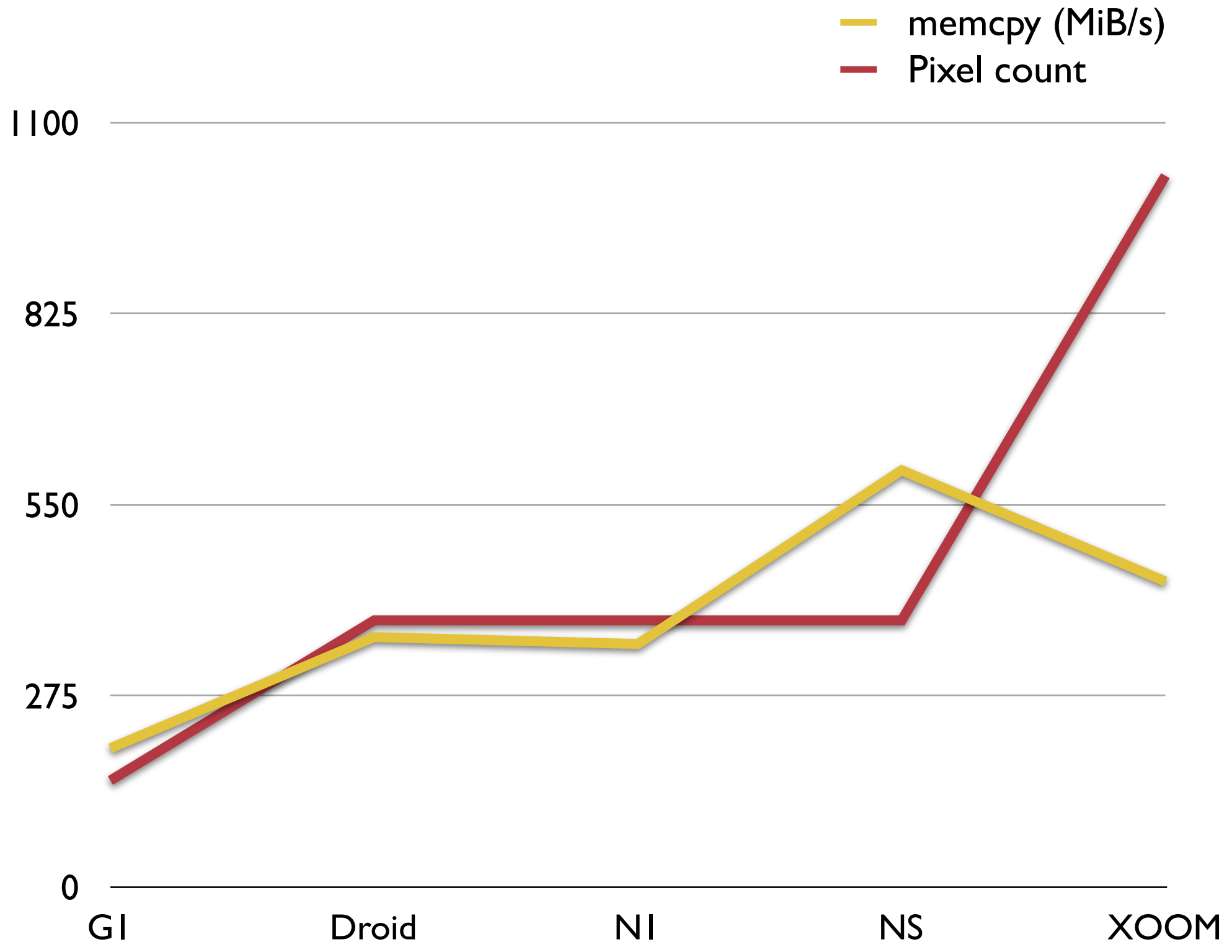


## Hardware OpenGL



# Why now?





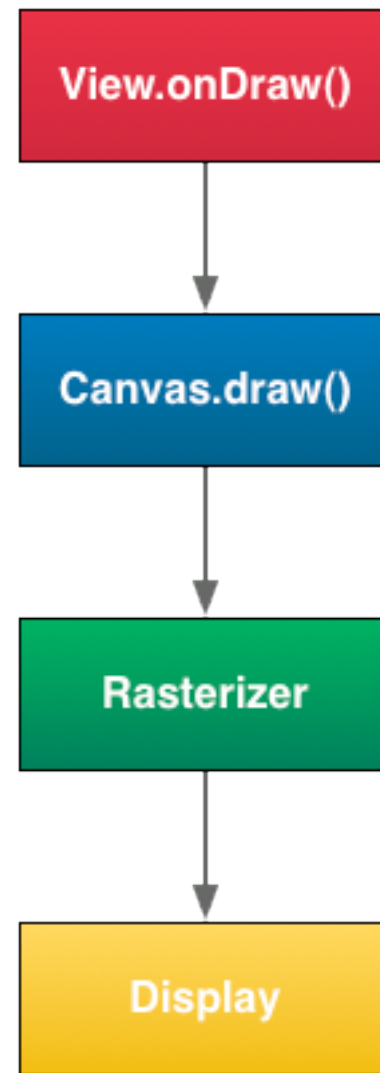




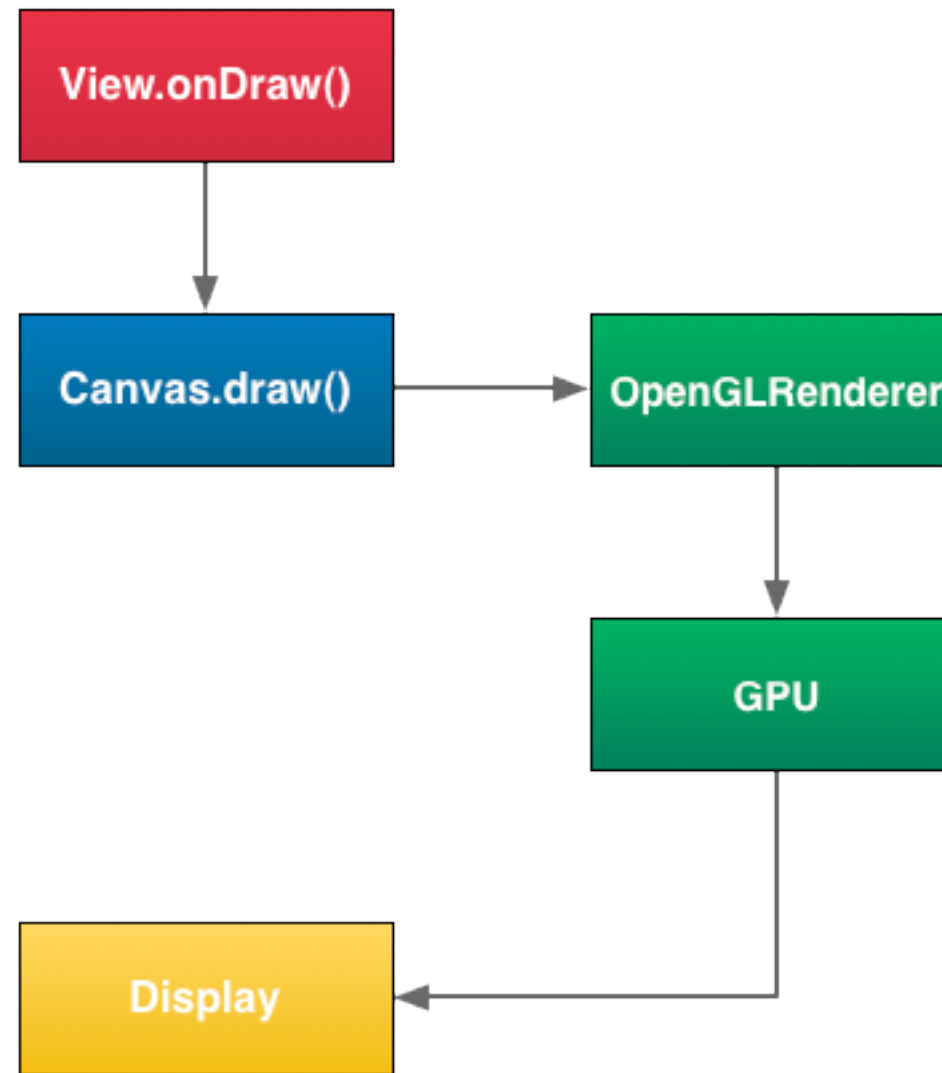
# UI on the GPU



GPUI



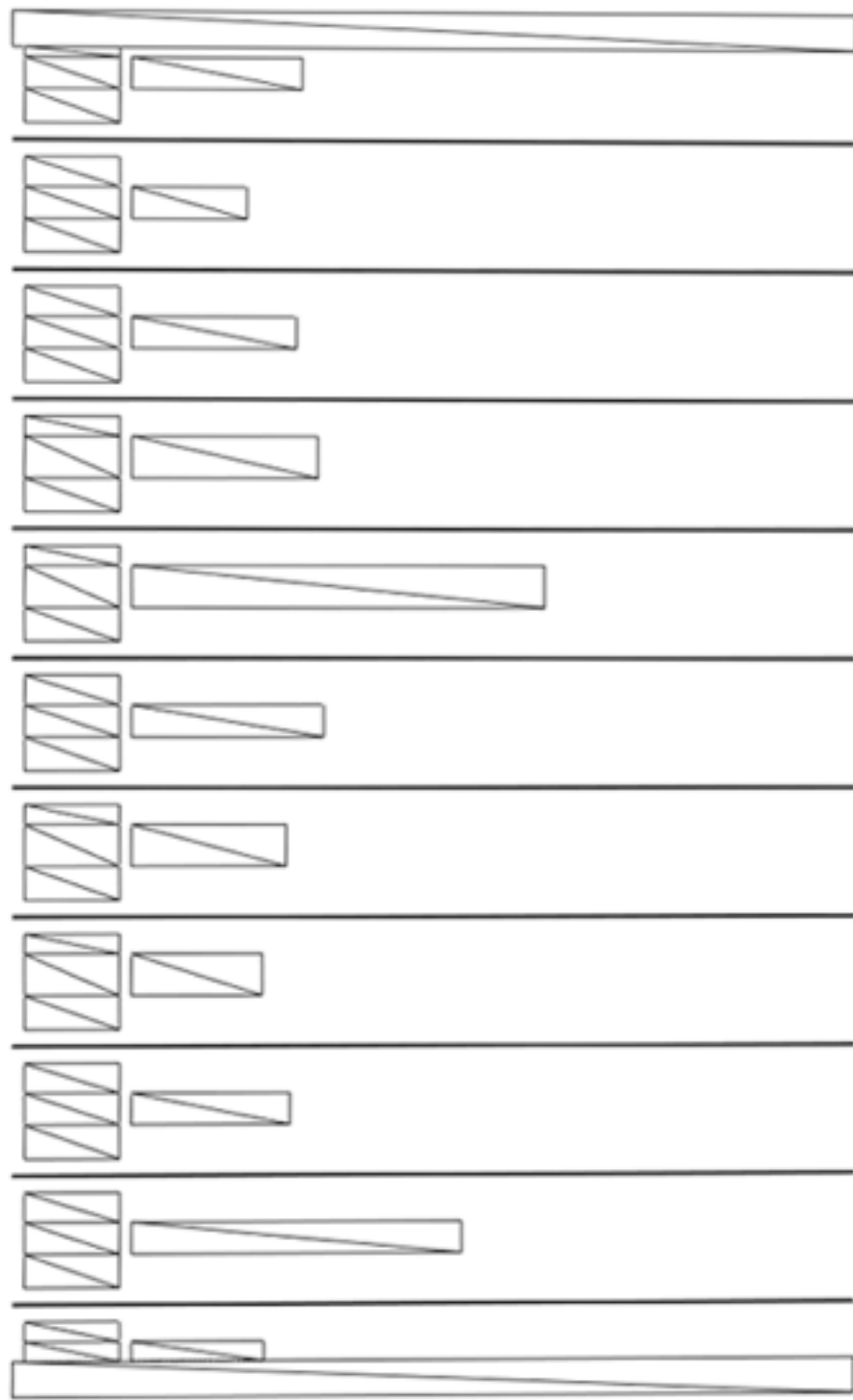
## Software rendering



# Hardware rendering

-  Algeria
-  American Samoa
-  Andorra
-  Angola
-  Anguilla
-  Antarctica
-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  Argentina
-  Armenia
-  Aruba
-  Australia

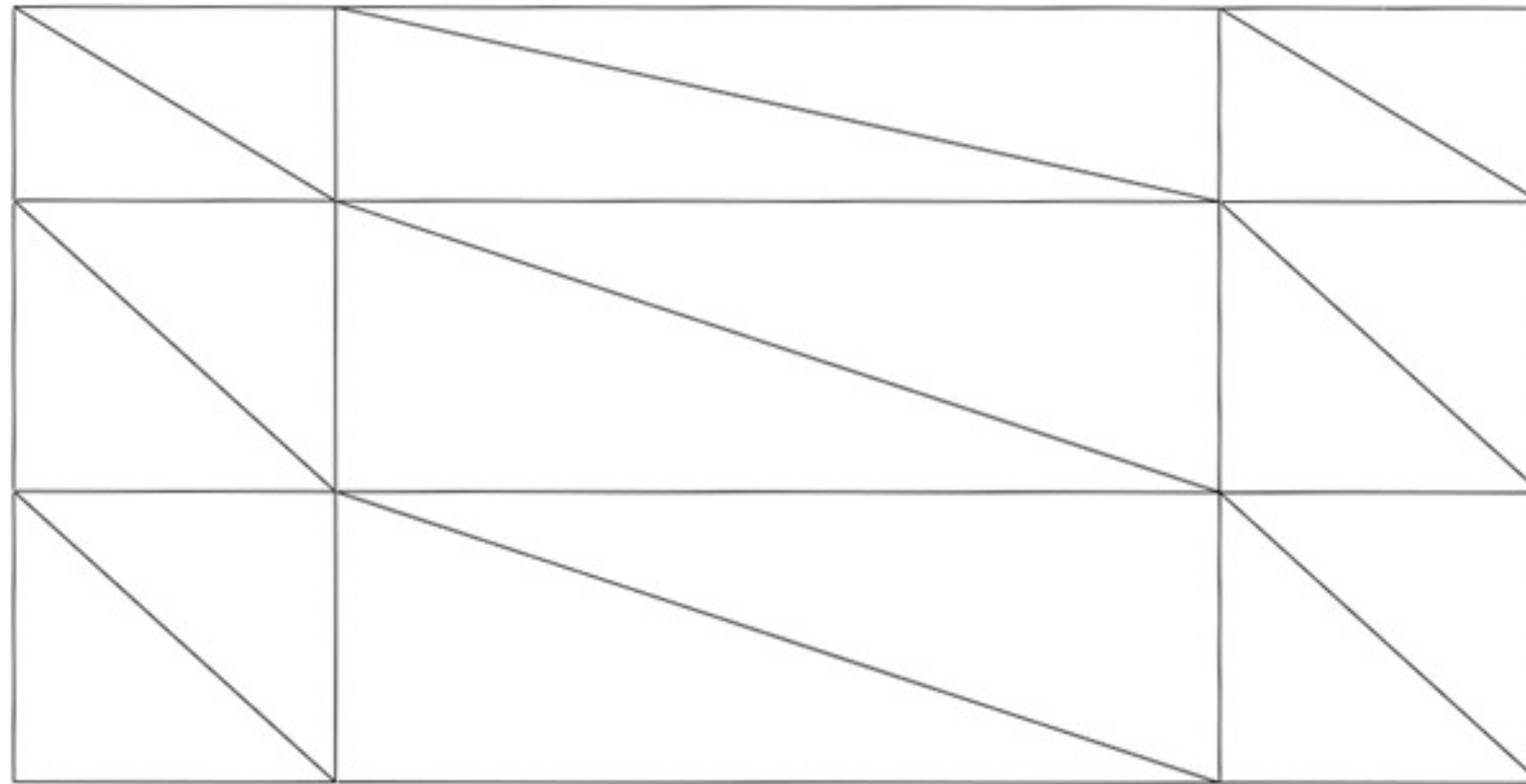
## Drawing a list



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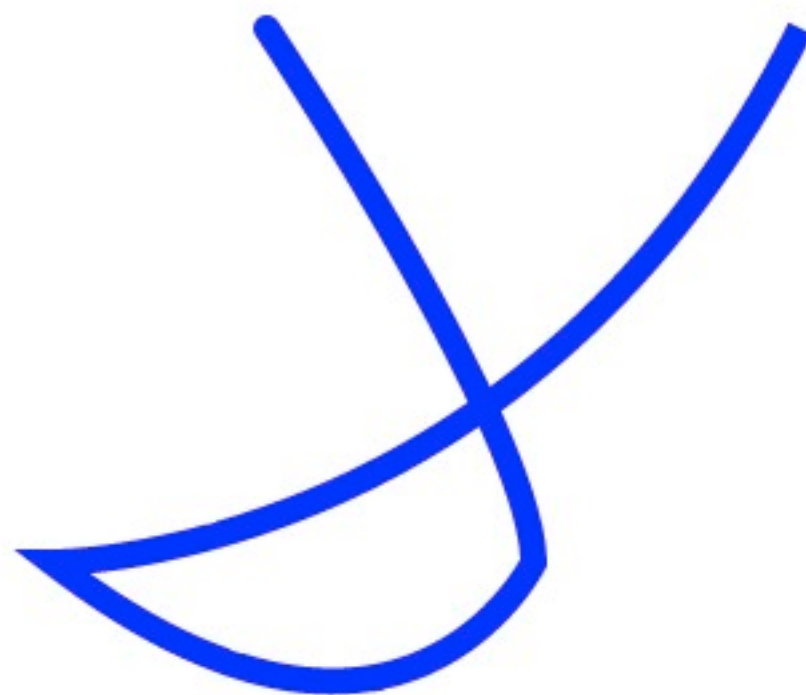


Drawing a button



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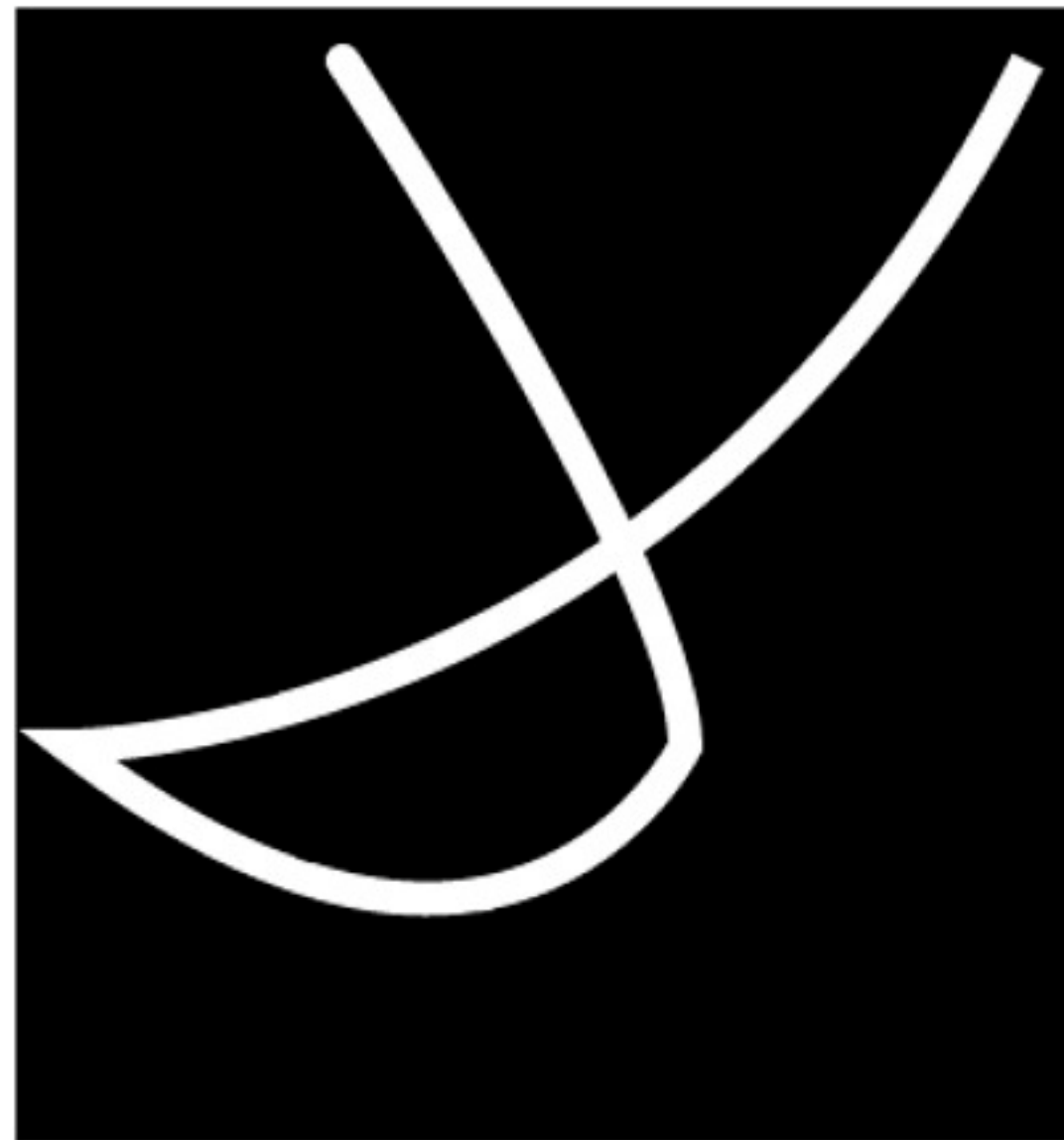
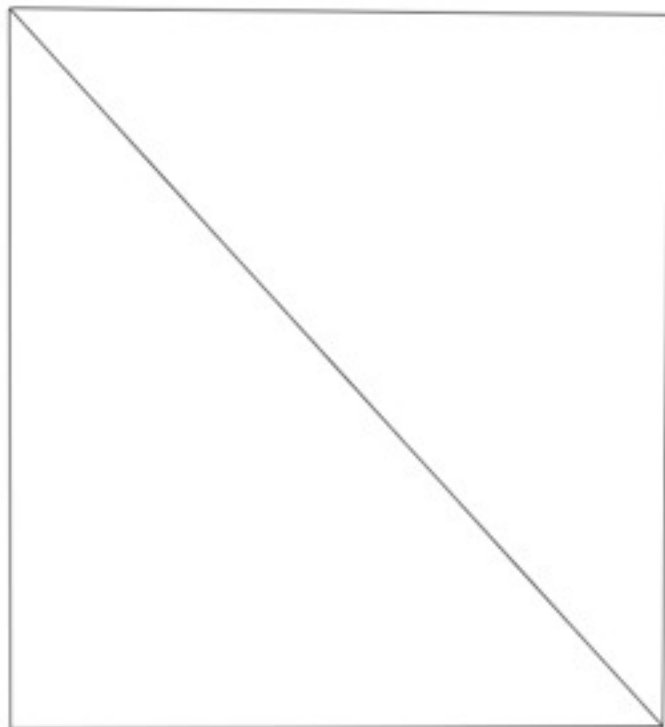




Drawing a path



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```
attribute vec4 position;
attribute vec2 texCoords;
uniform mat4 transform;
uniform mat4 screenSpace;
varying vec2 outTexCoords;
varying vec2 linear;

void main(void) {
    outTexCoords = texCoords;
    linear = vec2((screenSpace * position).x, 0.5);
    gl_Position = transform * position;
}
```

## Text+gradient vertex shader

```
precision mediump float;

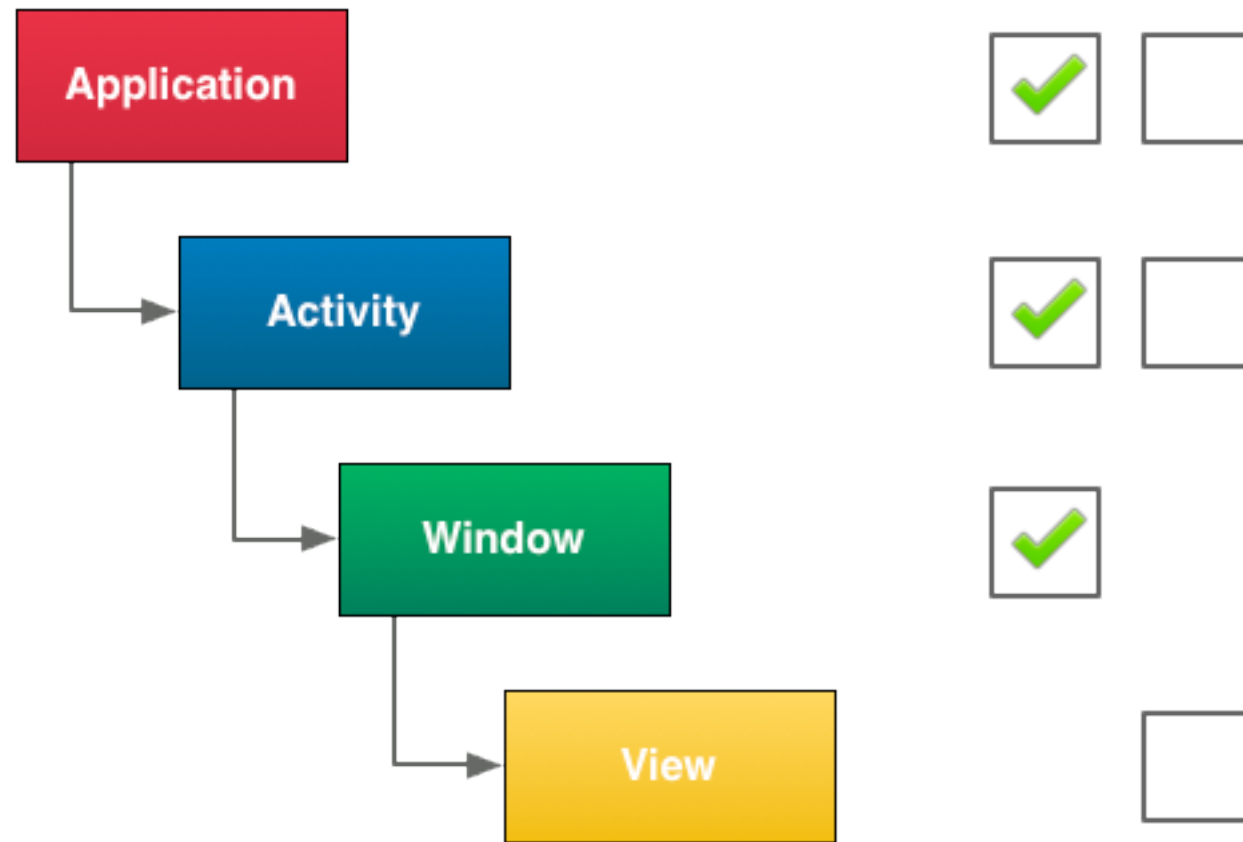
varying vec2 outTexCoords;
varying vec2 linear;
uniform sampler2D sampler;
uniform sampler2D gradientSampler;

void main(void) {
    lowp vec4 color;
    vec4 gradient = texture2D(gradientSampler, linear);
    color = gradient * texture2D(sampler, outTexCoords).a;
    gl_FragColor = color;
}
```

## Text+gradient fragment shader



android:hardwareAccelerated="true"



## Hardware acceleration control



```
1 <application android:hardwareAccelerated="true">
2     <activity ... />
3     <activity android:hardwareAccelerated="false" />
4 </application>
```

```
getWindow().setFlags(  
    WindowManager.LayoutParams.FLAG_HARDWARE_ACCELERATED,  
    WindowManager.LayoutParams.FLAG_HARDWARE_ACCELERATED);
```

```
view.setLayerType(View.LAYER_TYPE_SOFTWARE, null);
```

```
View.isHardwareAccelerated();  
Canvas.isHardwareAccelerated();
```

## GPU aware code

# Caveats

## Canvas

clipPath

clipRegion

drawPicture

drawPoints

drawPosText

drawTextOnPath

drawVertices

## Paint

setLinearText

setMaskFilter

setRasterizer

# Unsupported operations

## Canvas

clipRect

3D transforms, XOR, Diff,  
ReverseDiff ignored

drawBitmapMesh

Colors array ignored

drawLines

No anti-aliasing

setDrawFilter

Ignored

## Paint

setDither

Ignored

setFilterBitmap

Filtering always on

setShadowLayer

Works with text only

## Limitations

## ComposeShader

Cannot contain another ComposeShader

Cannot contain two shaders of the same type

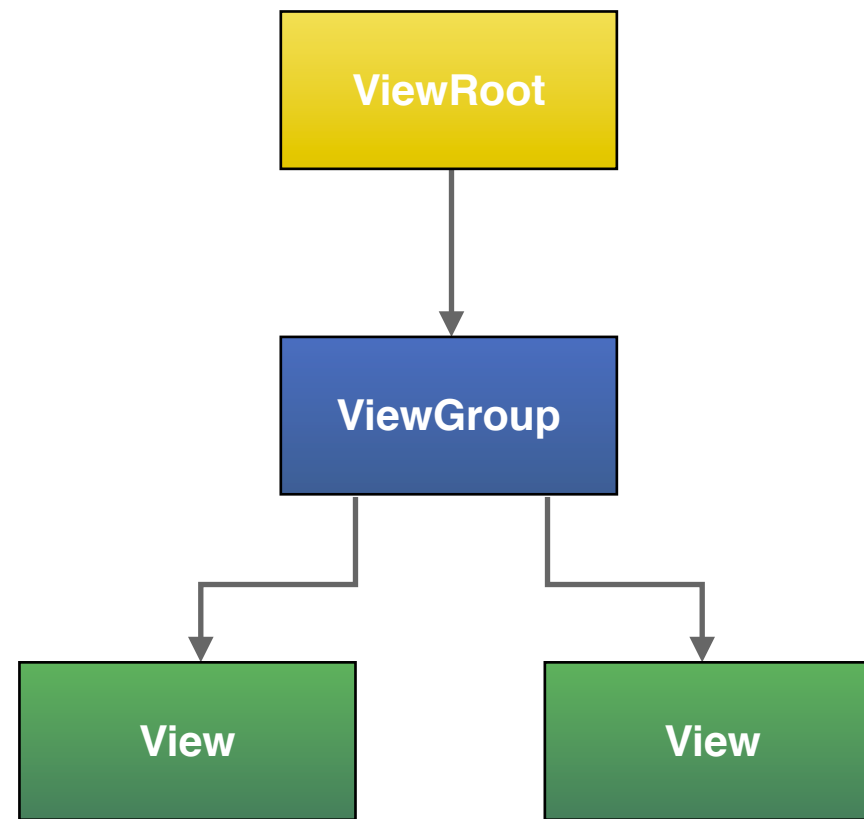
## Limitations



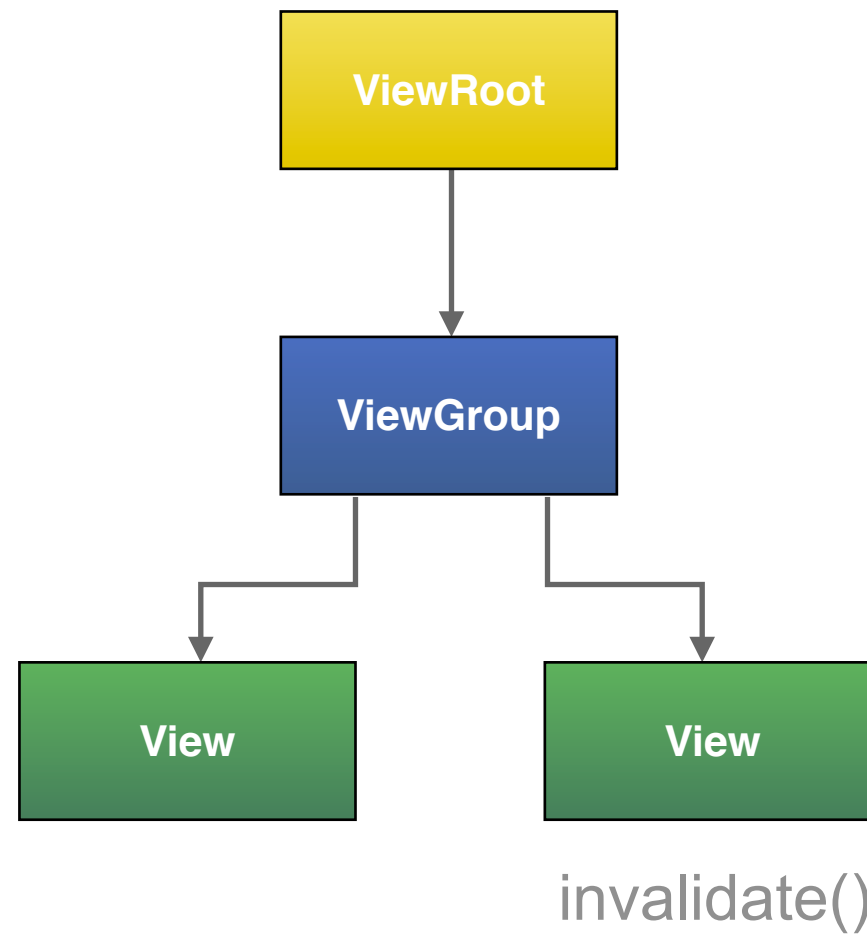
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```

## Workaround

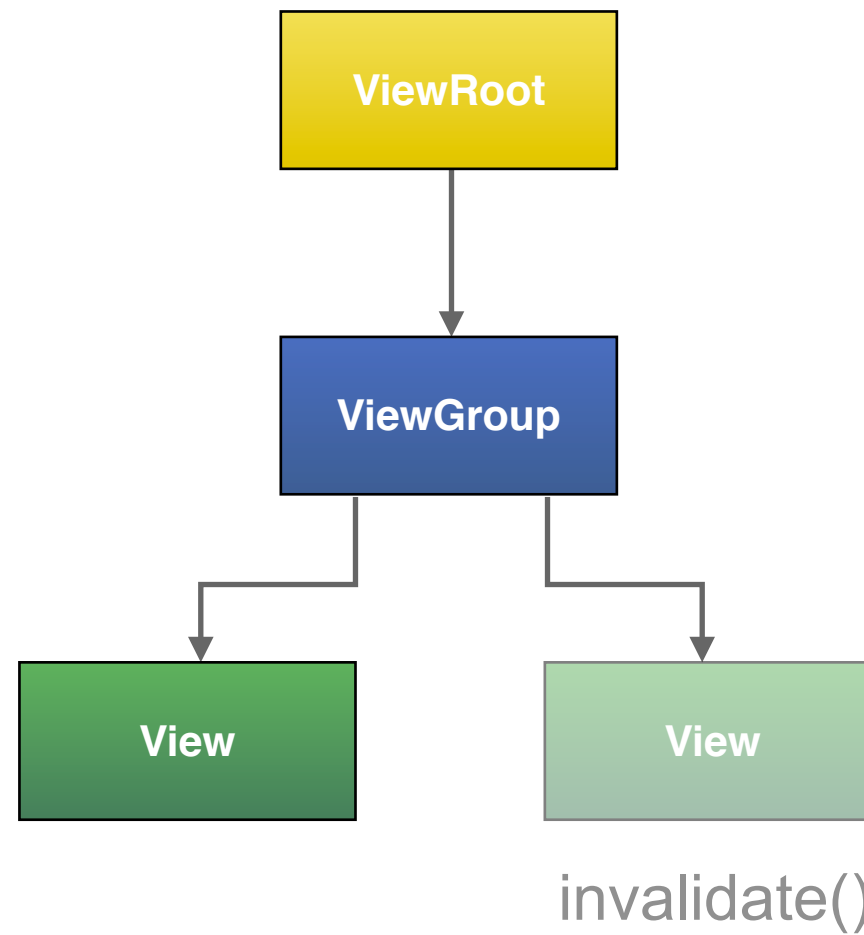
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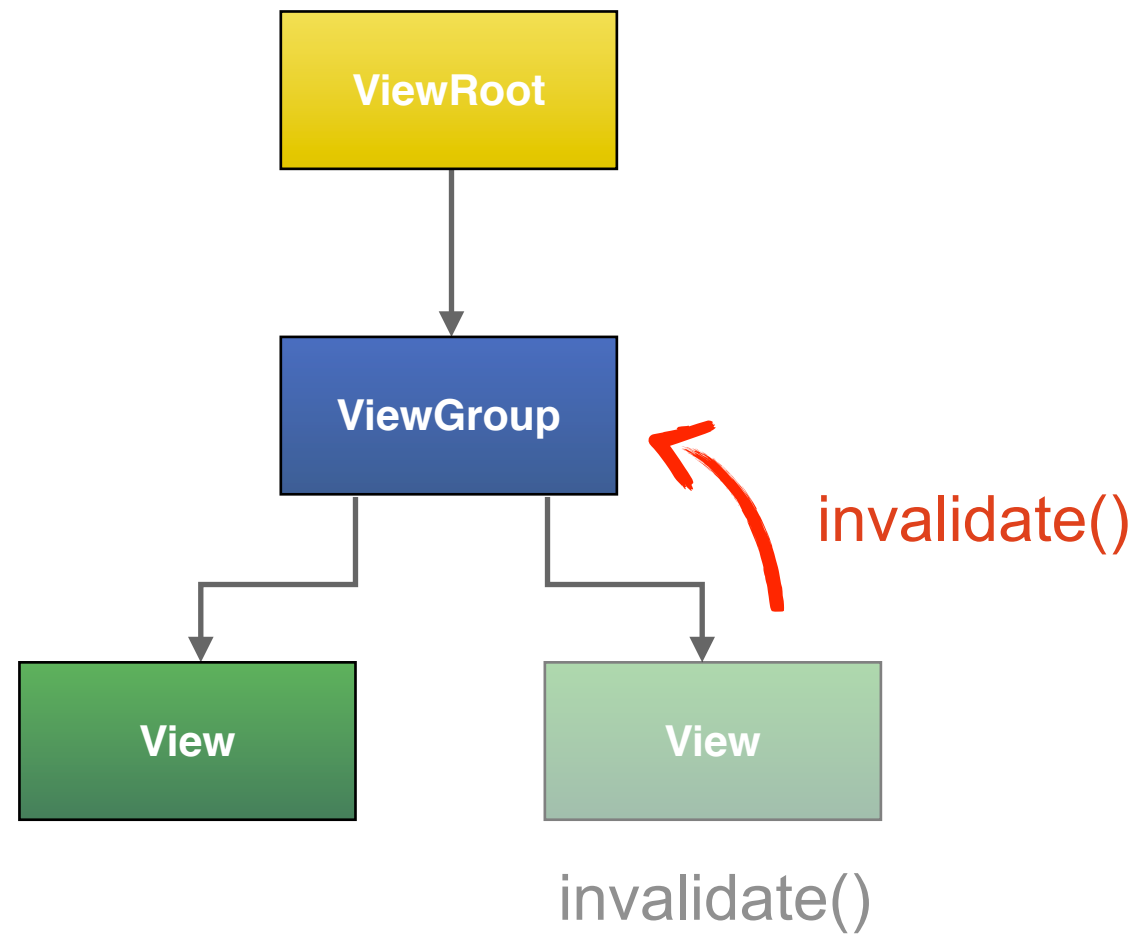
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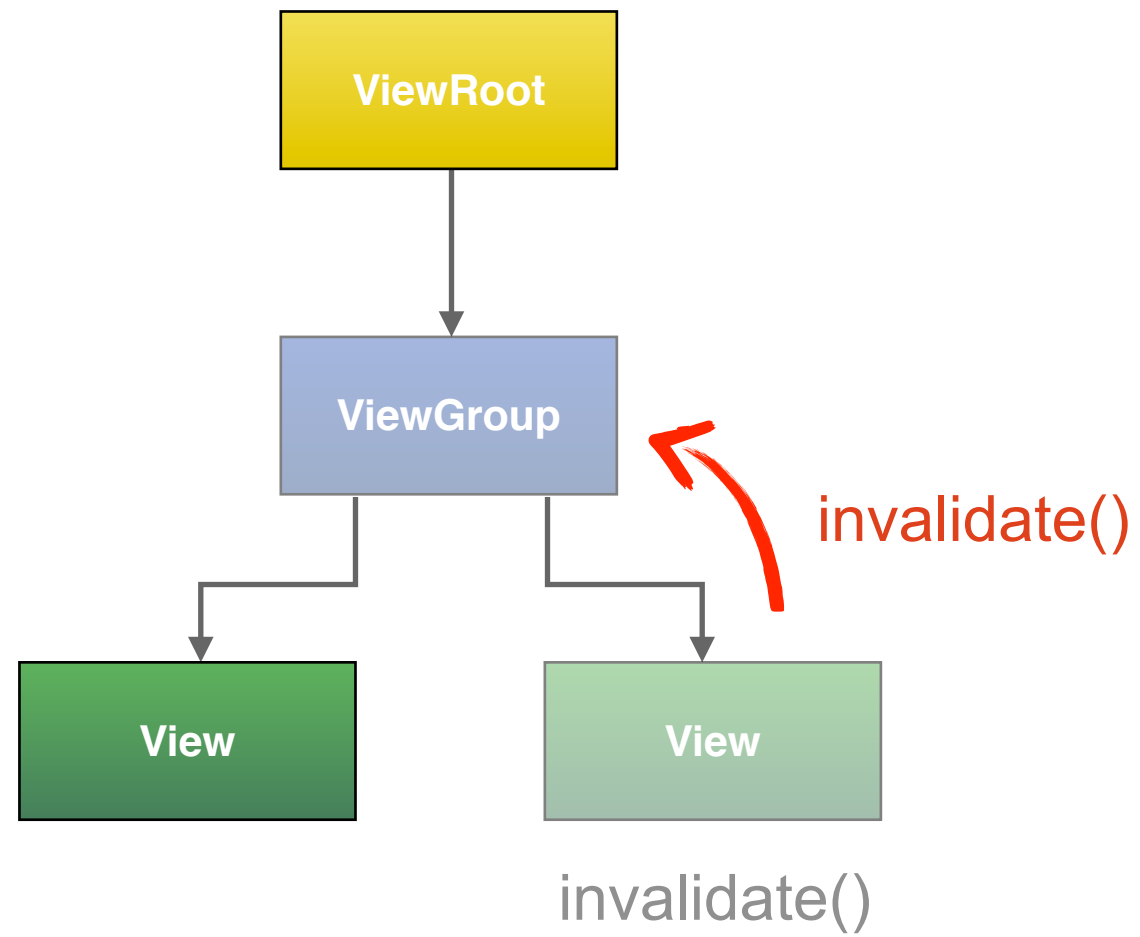
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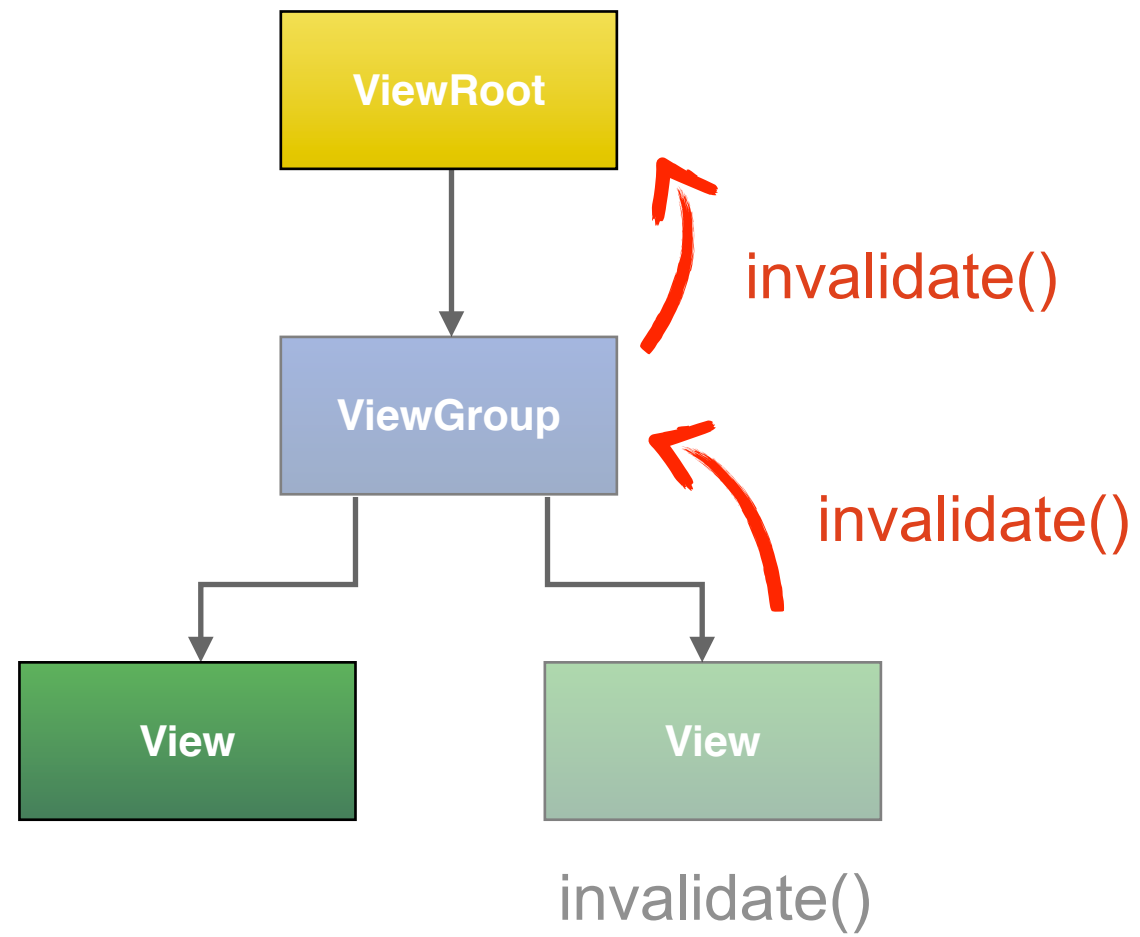
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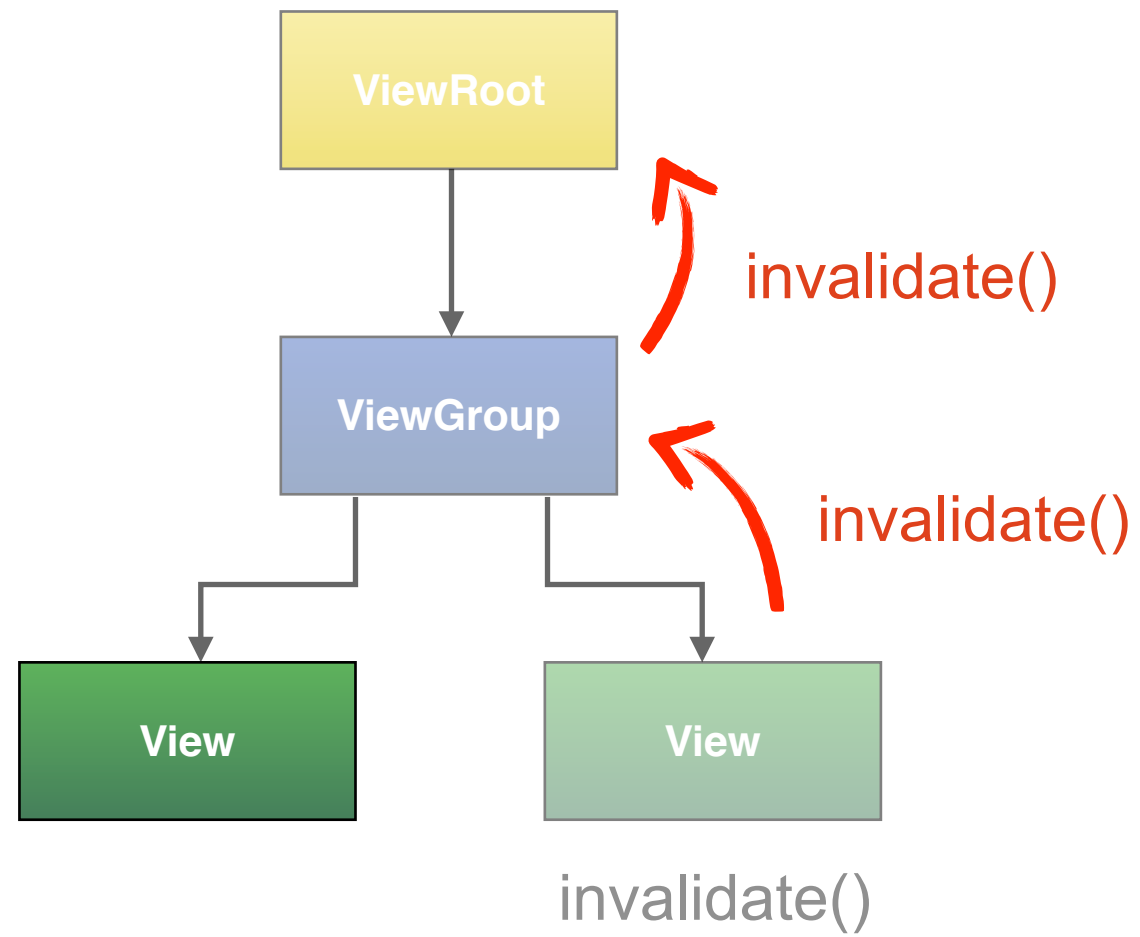


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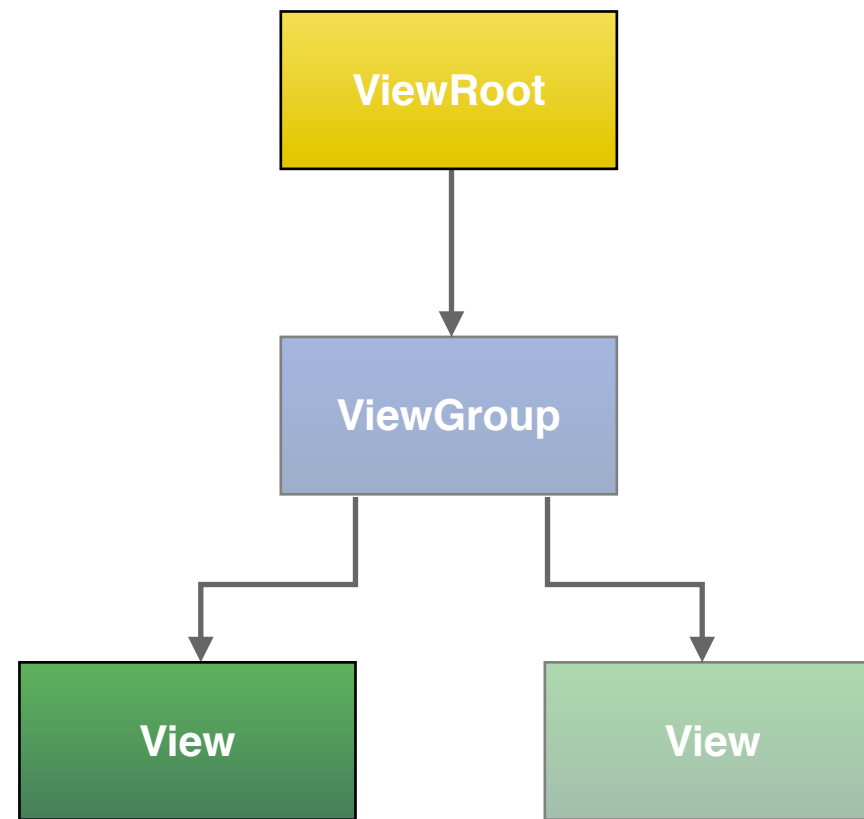


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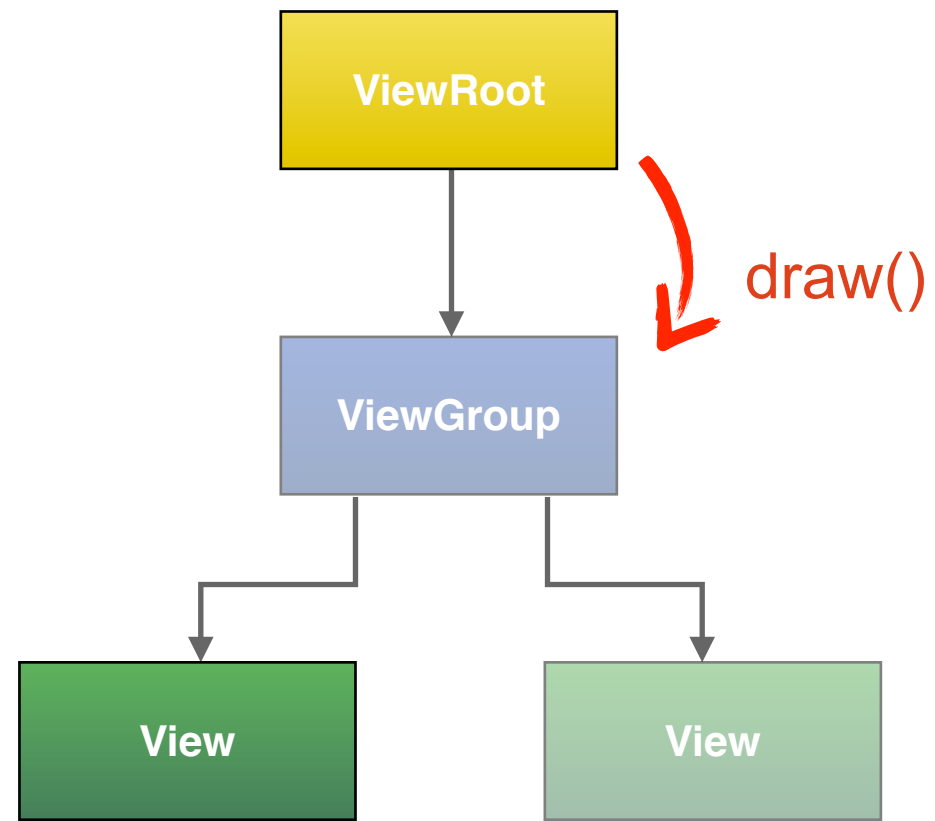




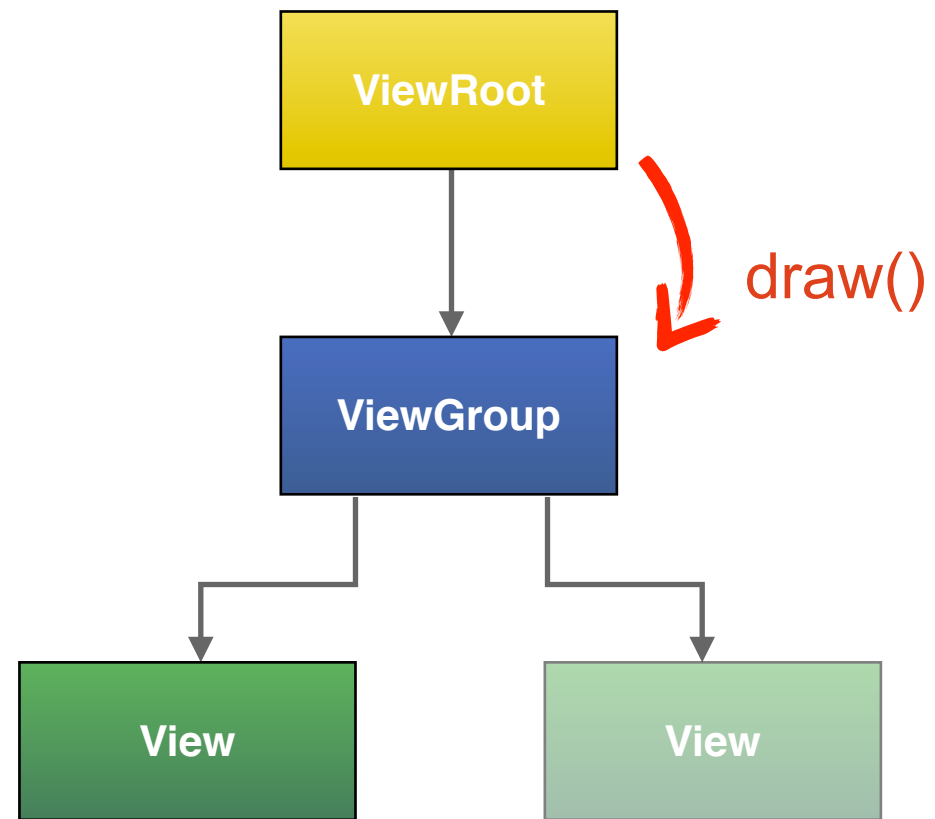
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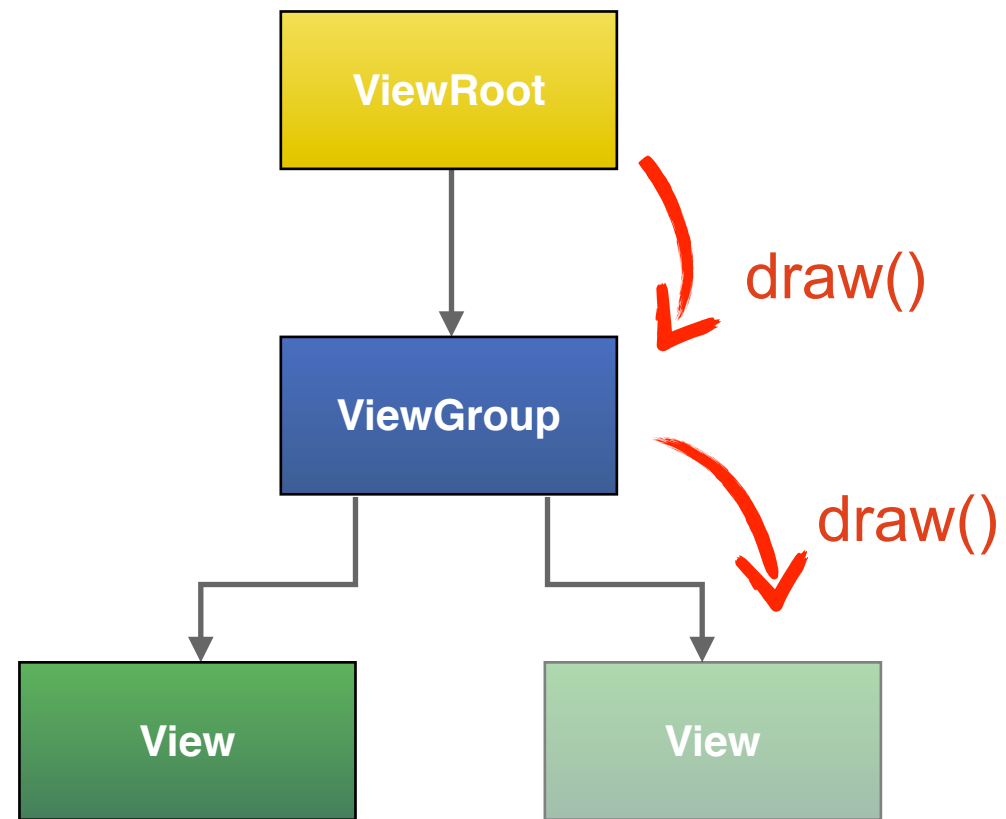
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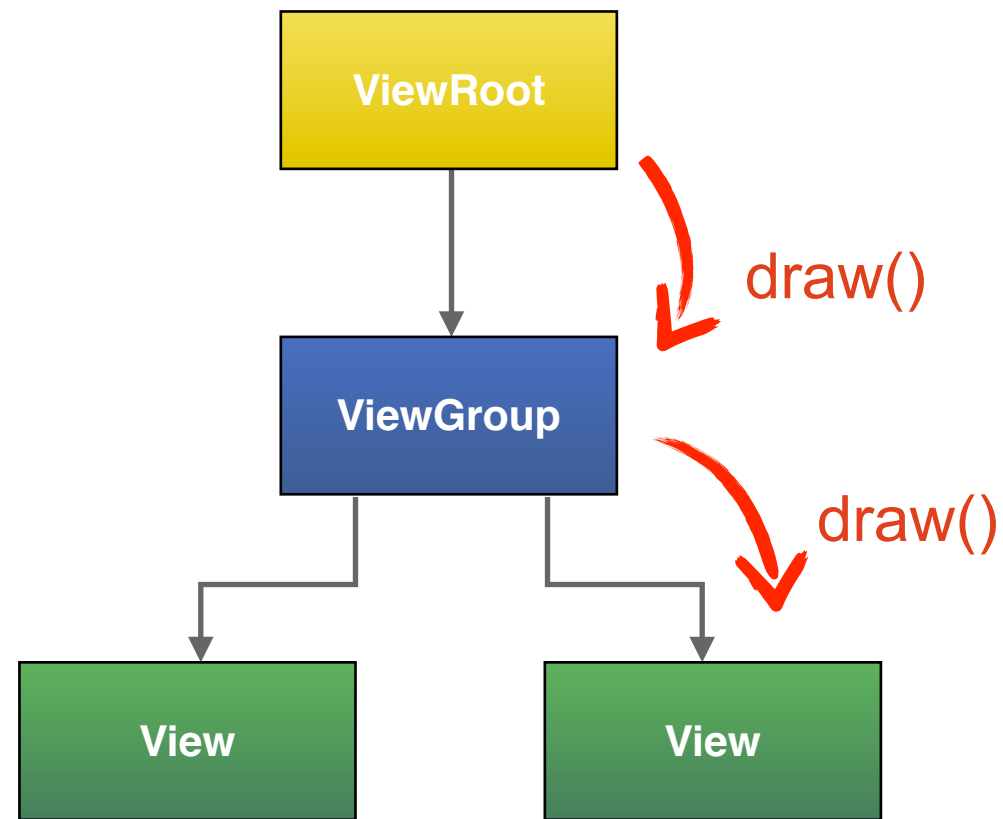
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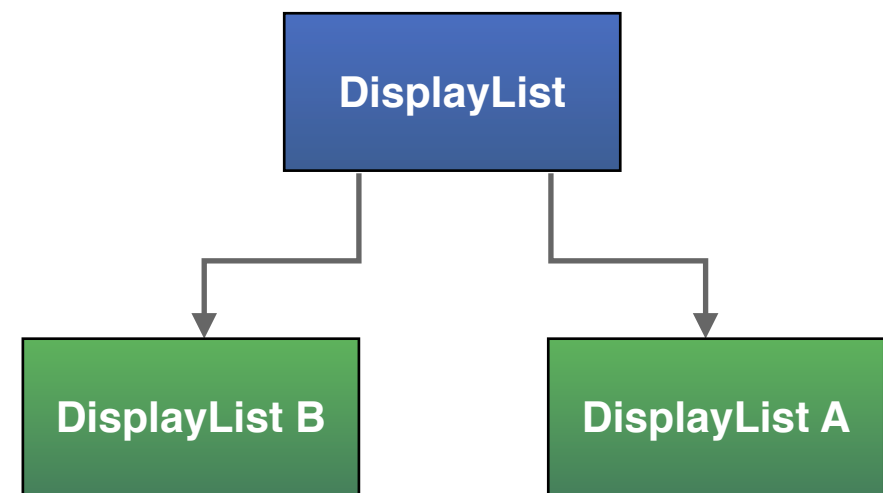
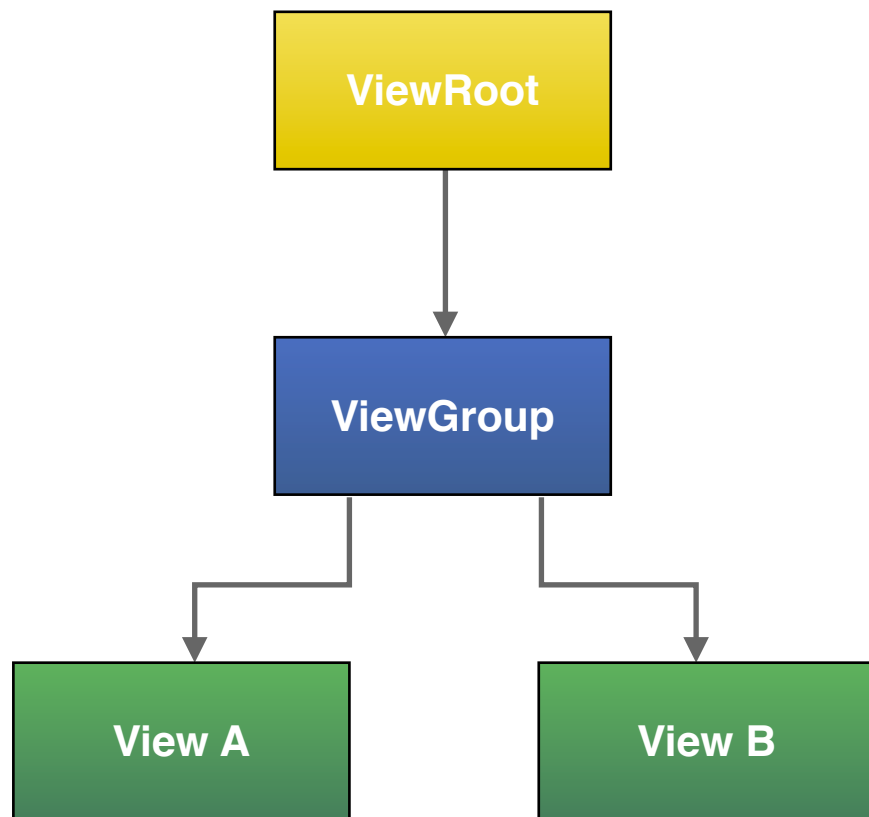
- No logic!
- List of drawing commands
- Cached when a View changes

## DisplayList

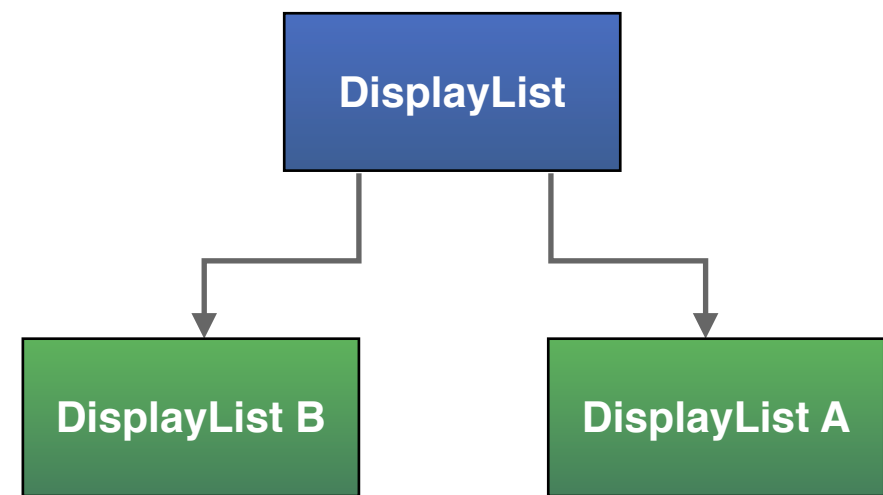
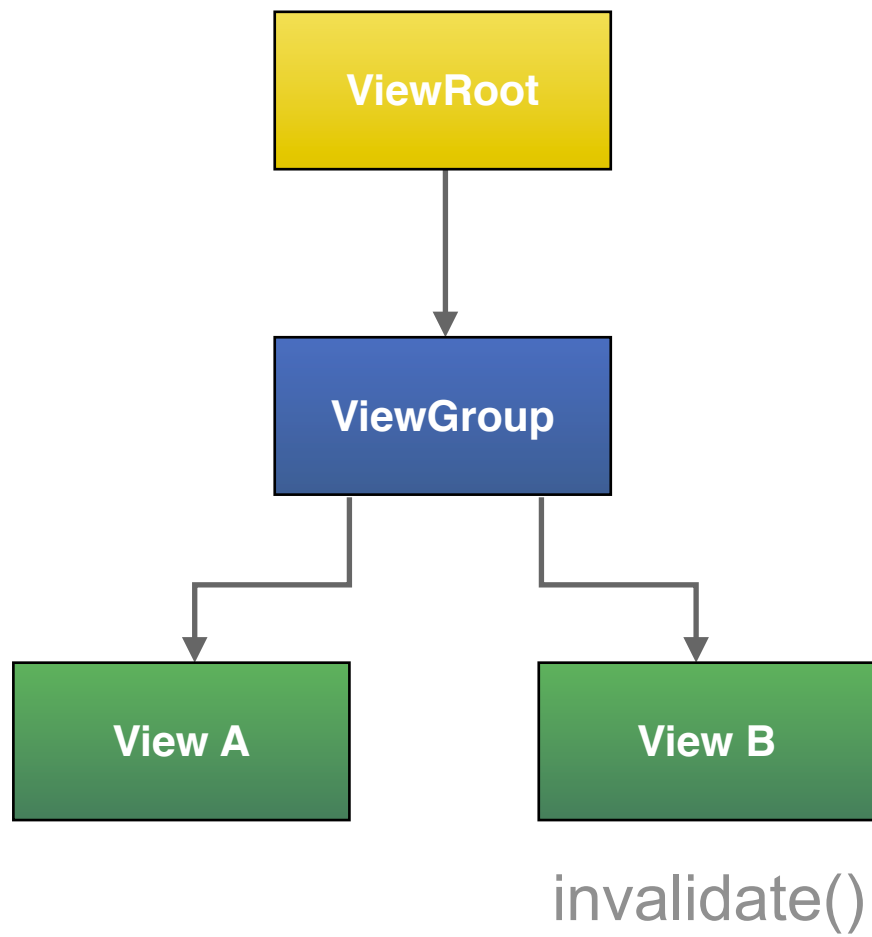
```
Save 3  
DrawPatch  
Save 3  
ClipRect 20.00, 4.00, 99.00, 44.00, 1  
Translate 20.00, 12.00  
DrawText 9, 18, 9, 0.00, 19.00, 0x17e898  
Restore  
RestoreToCount 0
```

## DisplayList to draw a Button

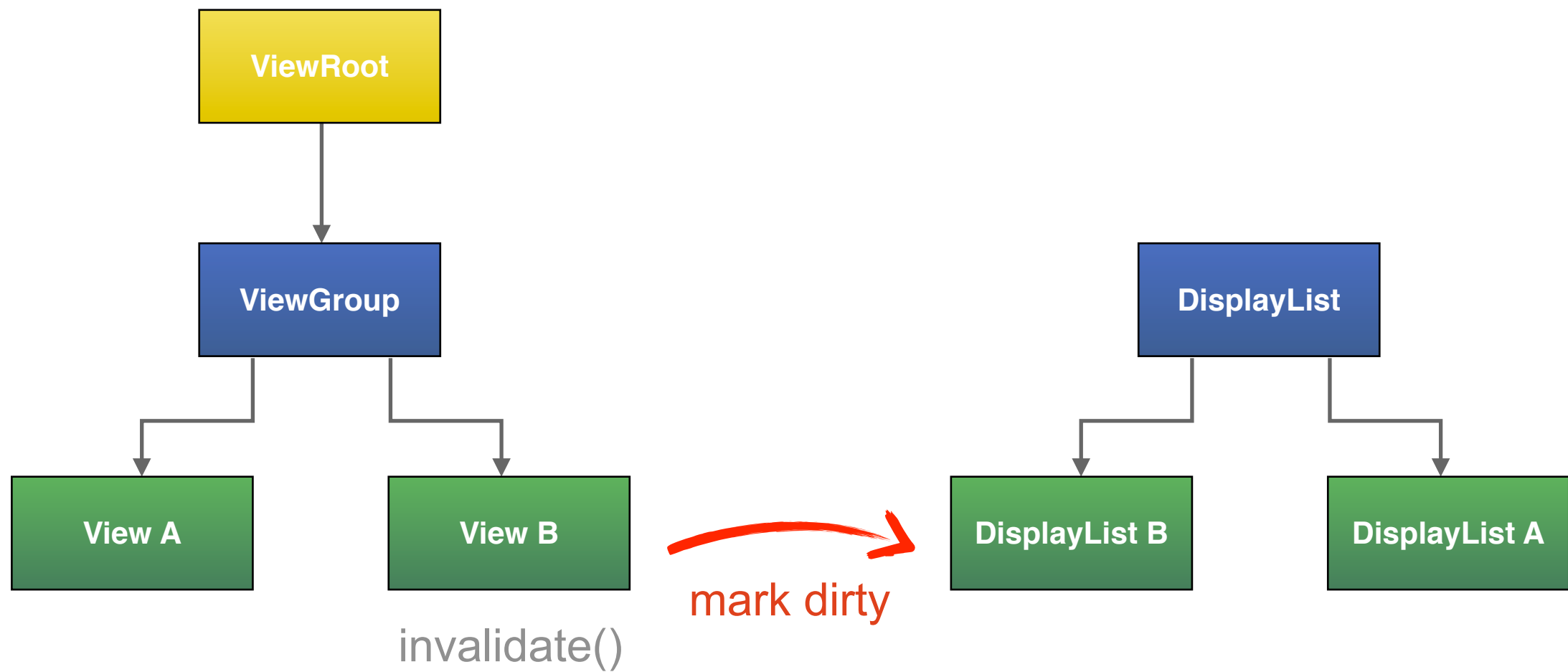




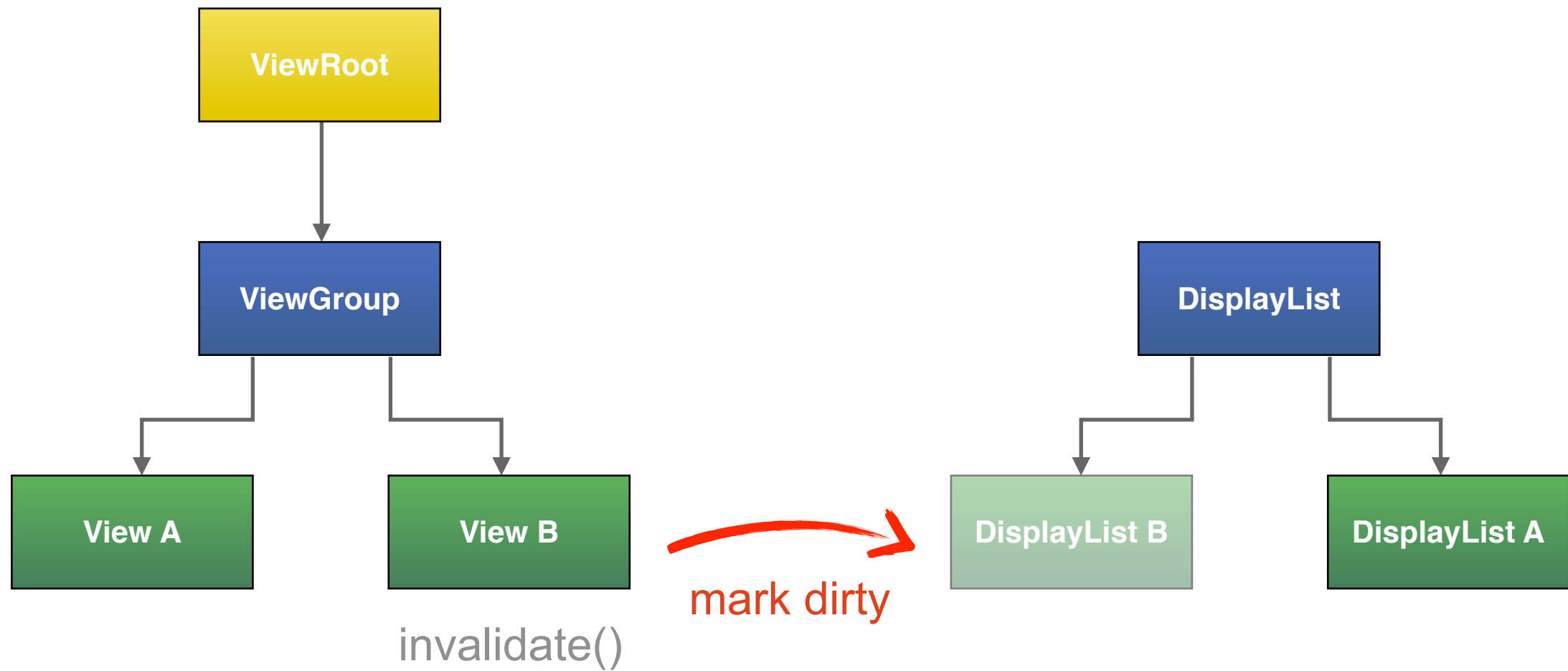
New model



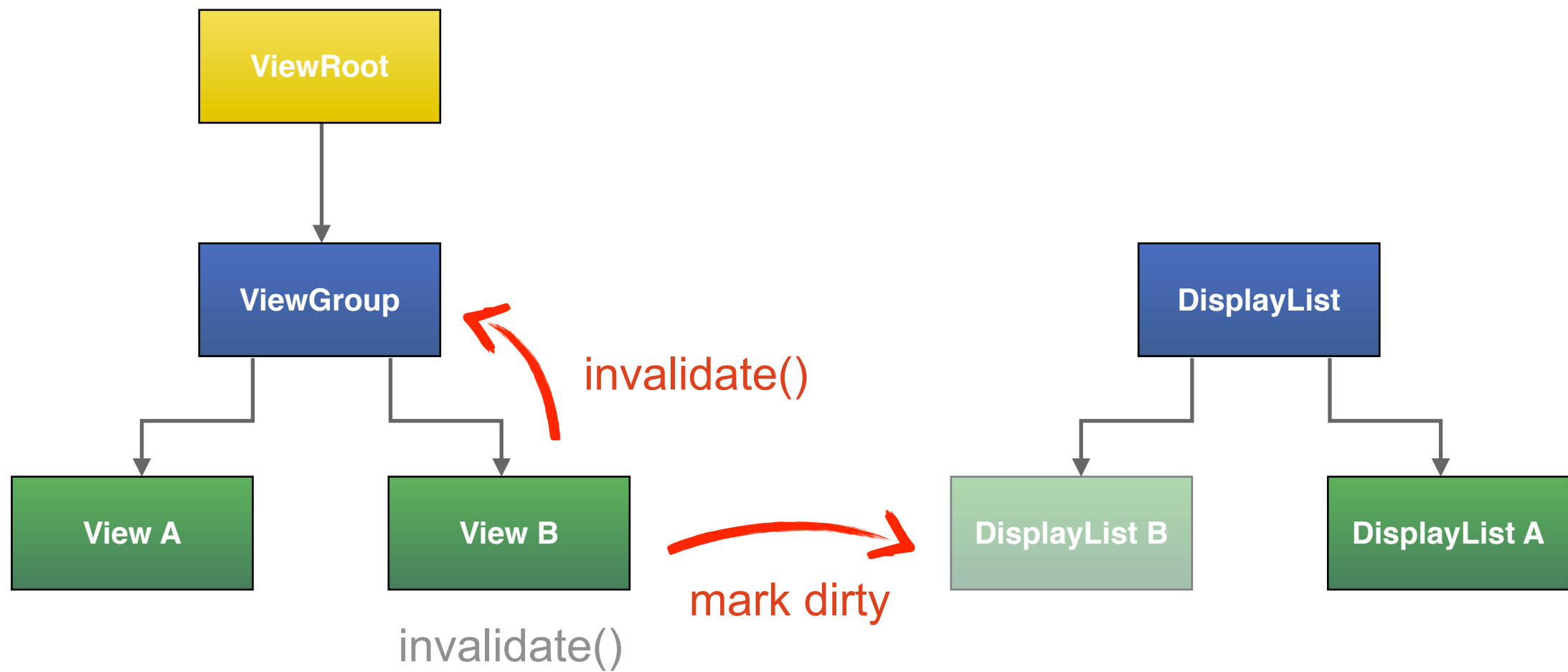
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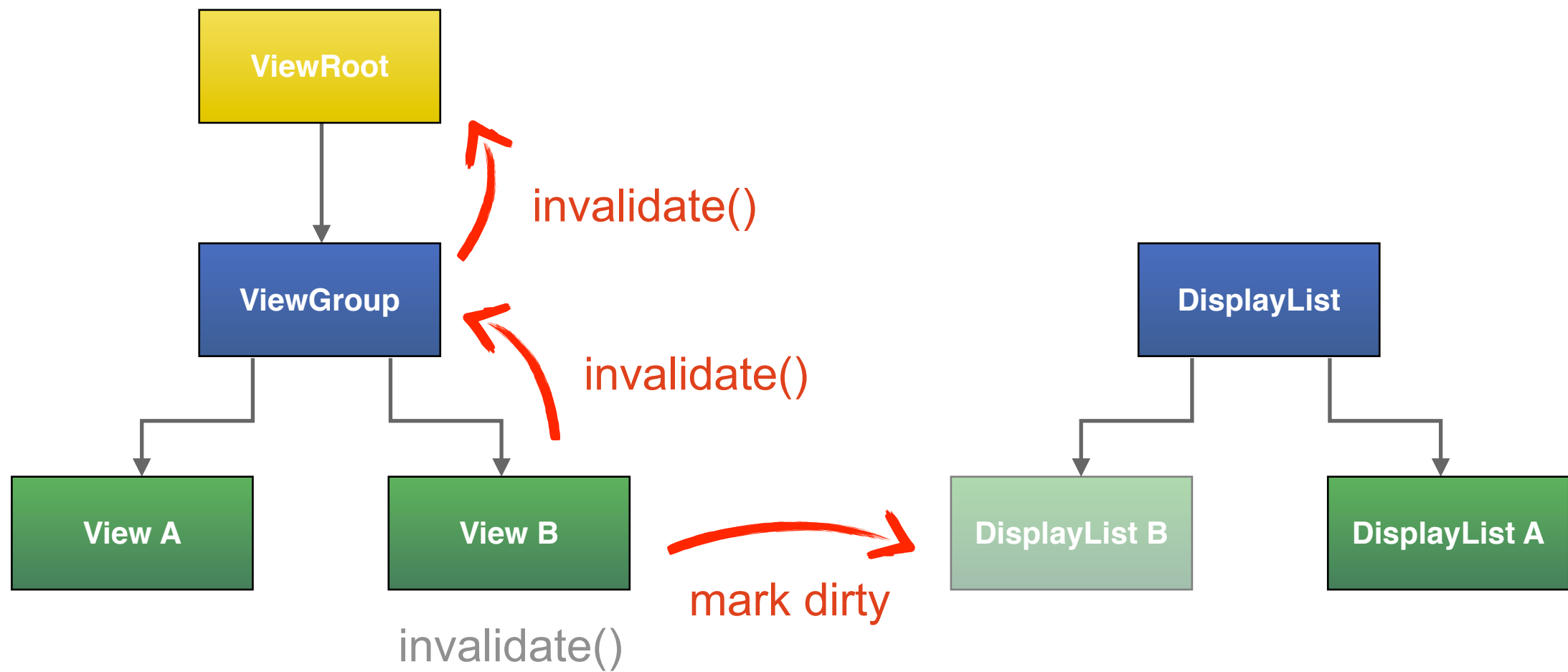
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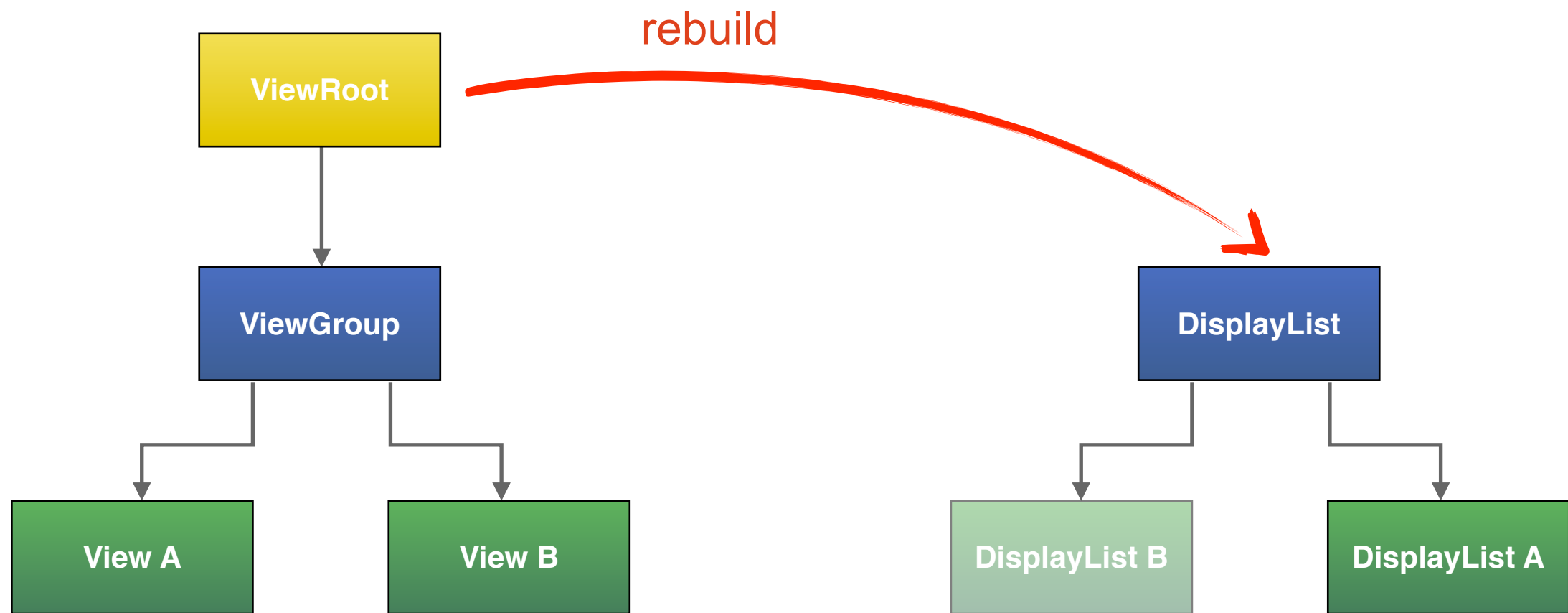
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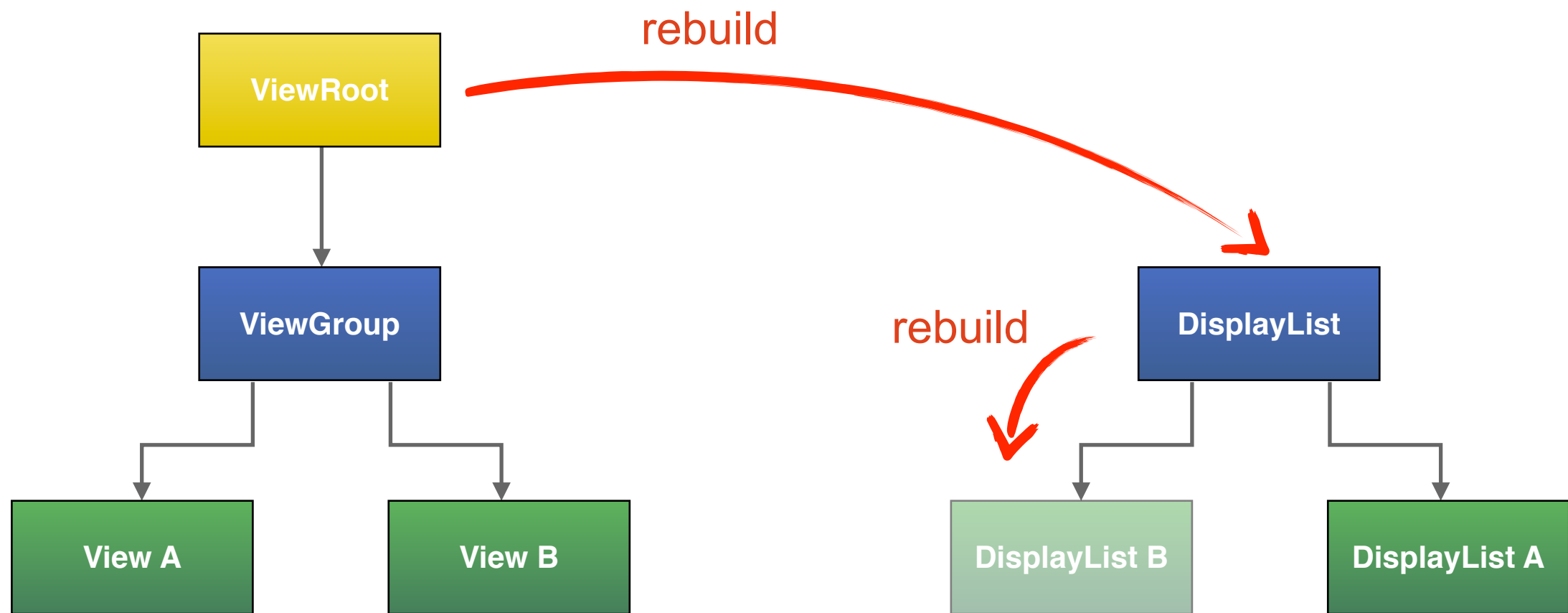
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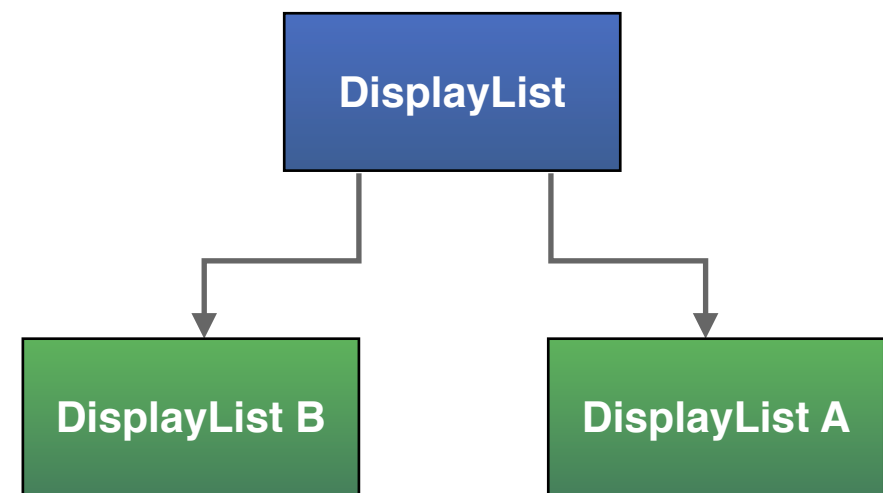
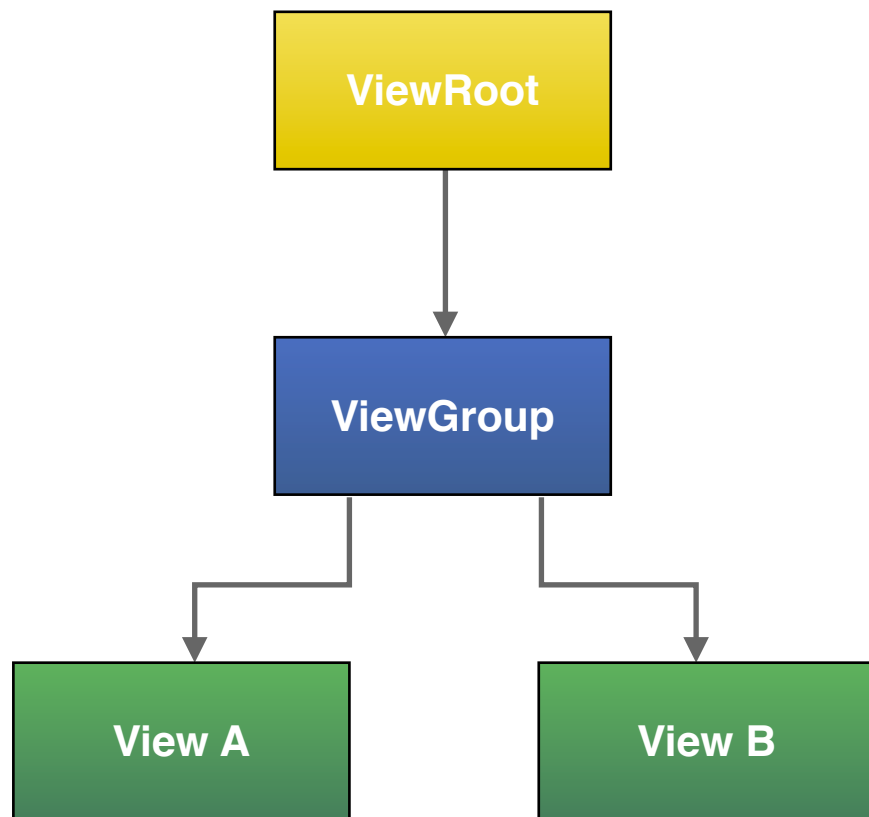


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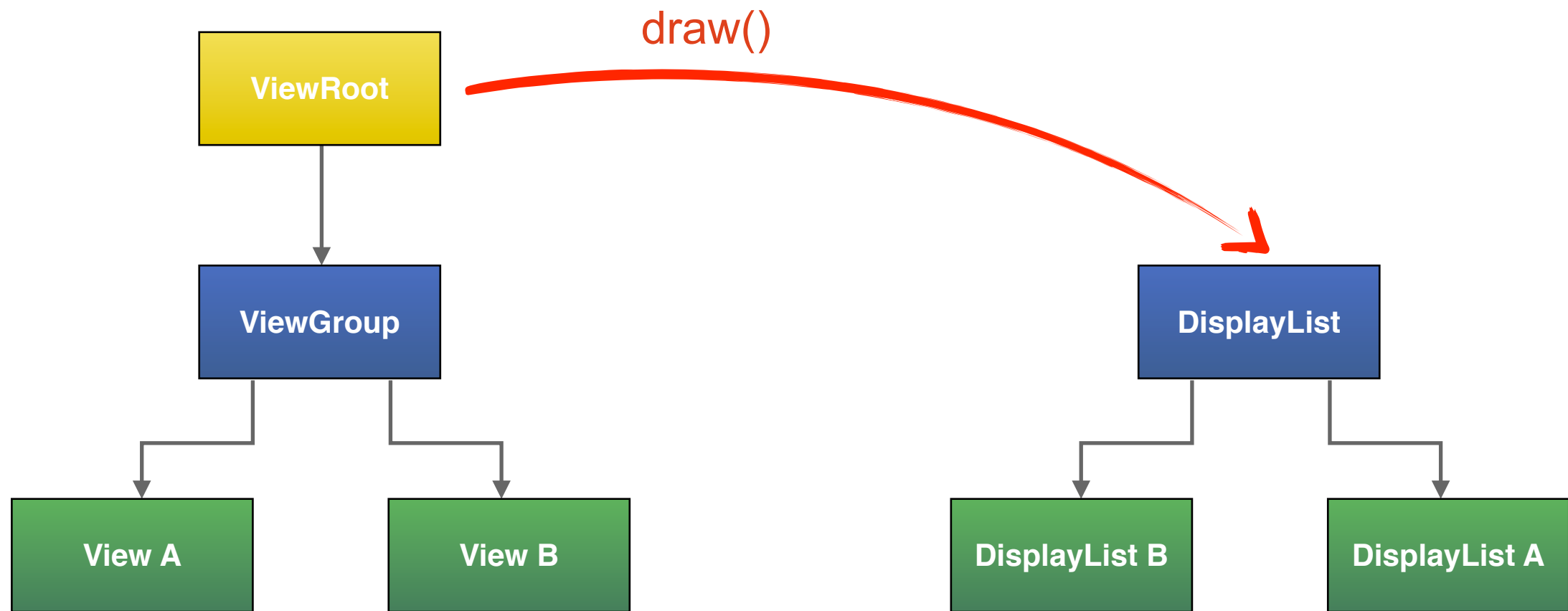


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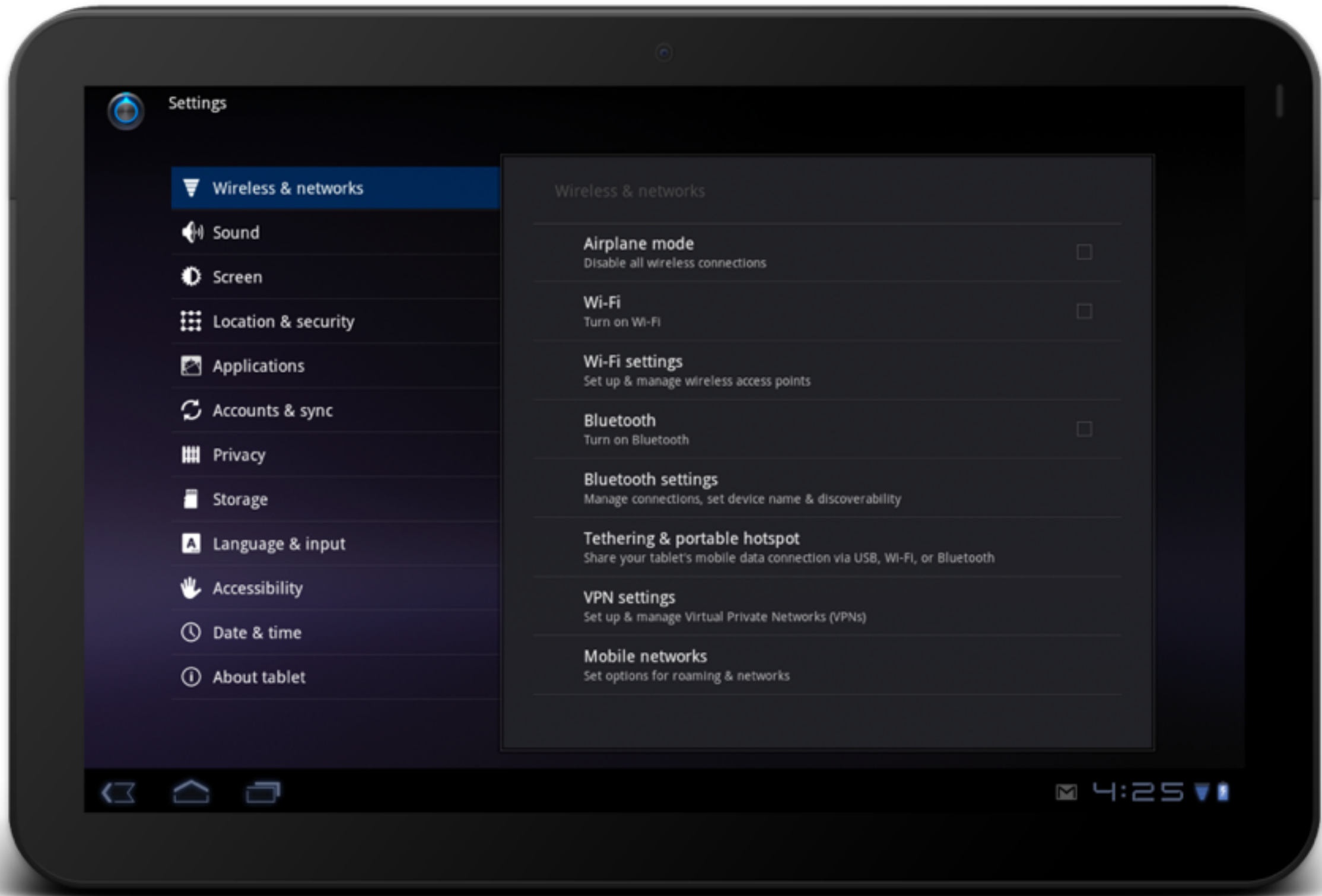


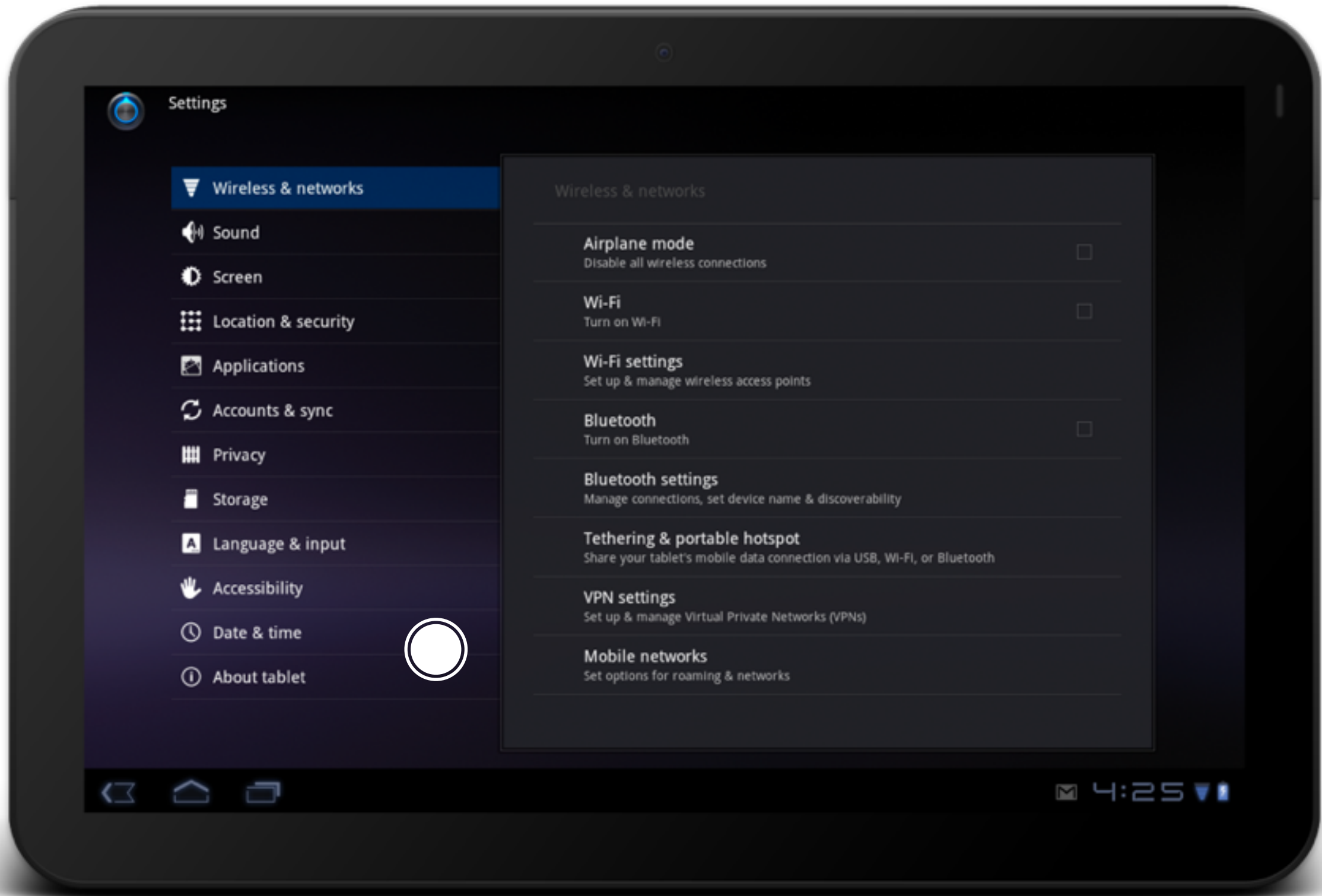


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Screen

Location & security

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About tablet

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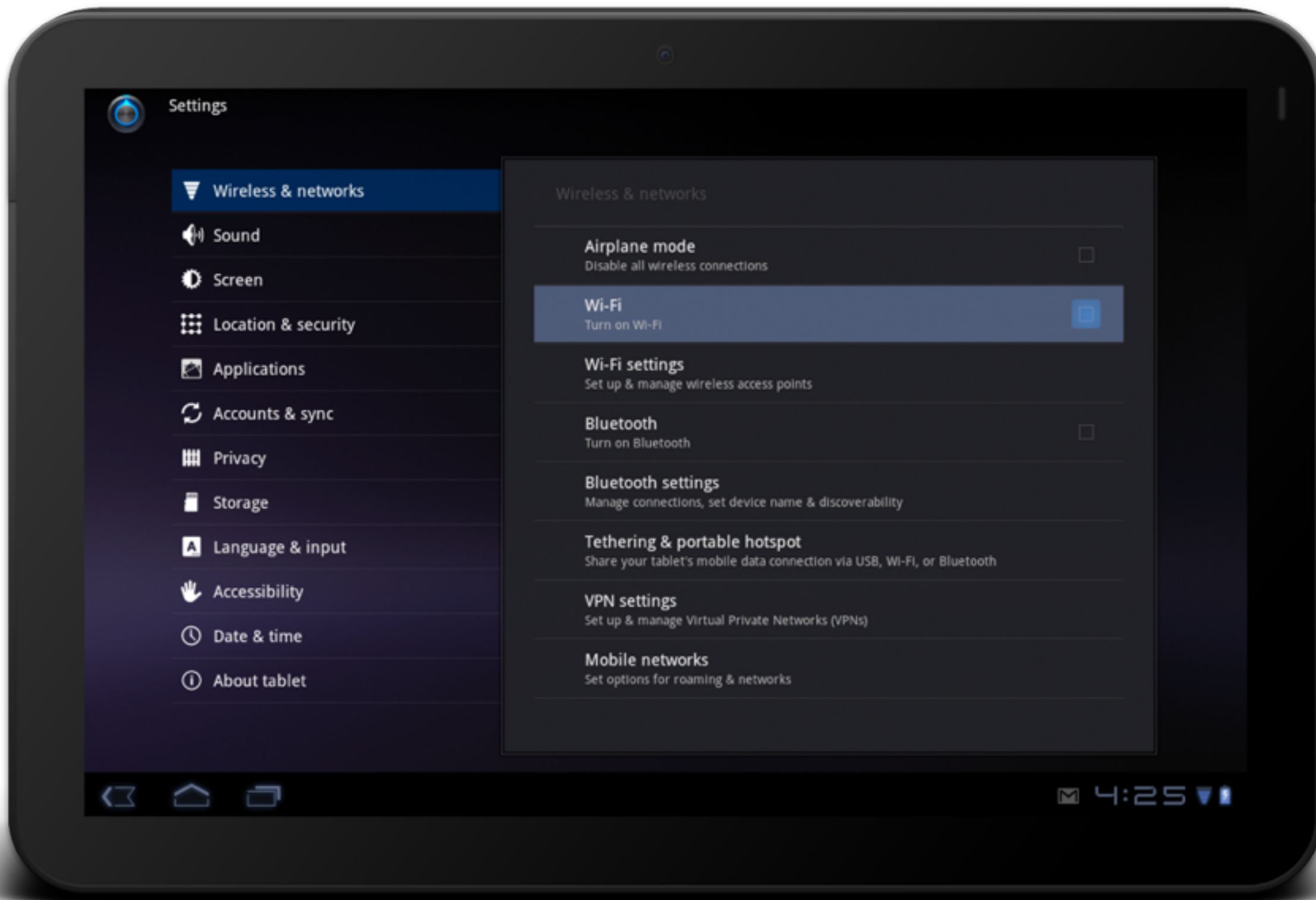
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```
1 background.draw();
2 panel.draw();
3 selector.draw();
4 wifi.draw();
5 turnOnWifi.draw();
6 checkBox.draw();
```

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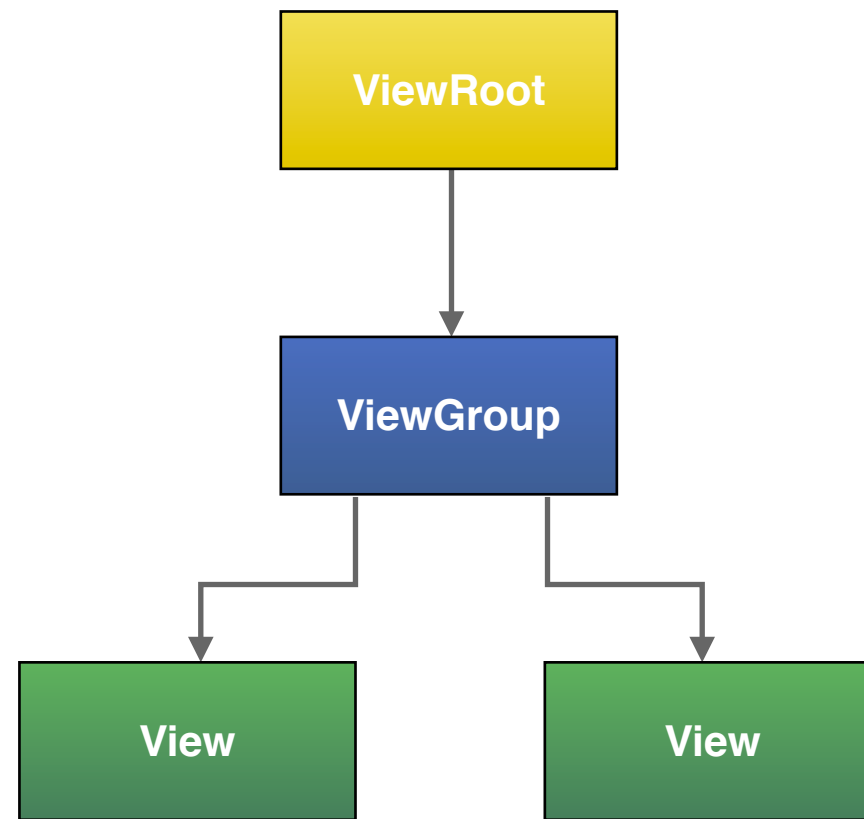
```
1 selector.draw();  
2 drawDisplayLists();
```

New model

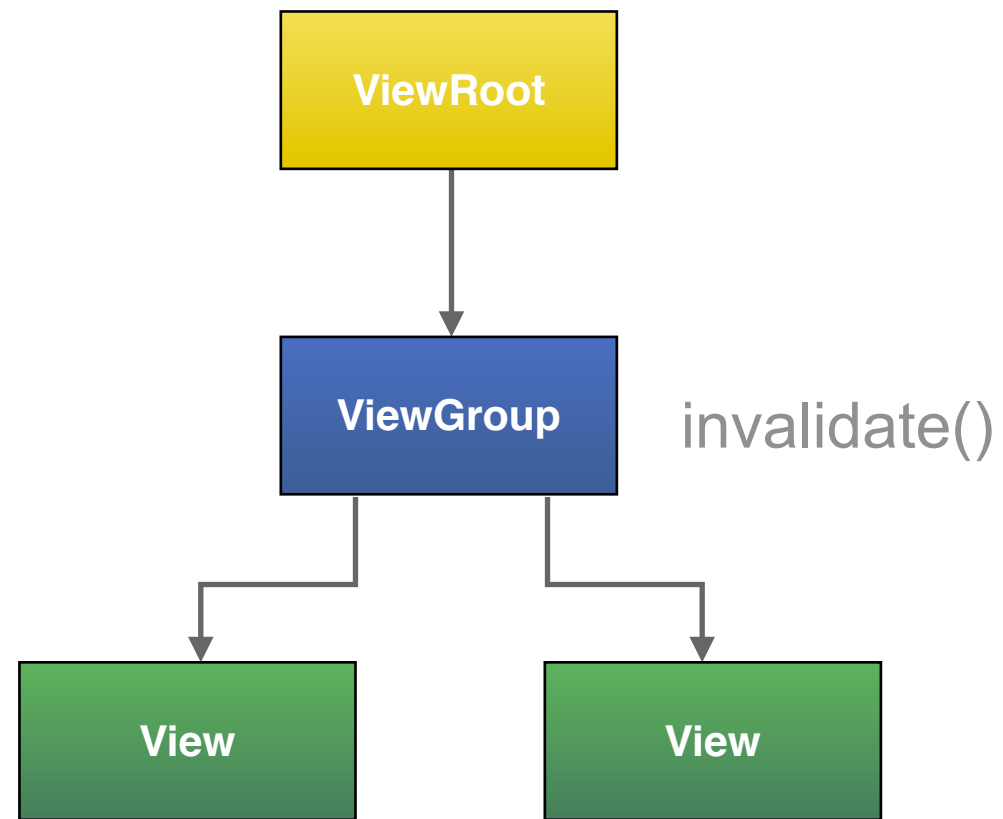


	Old model	New model
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Intersects a dirty View	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

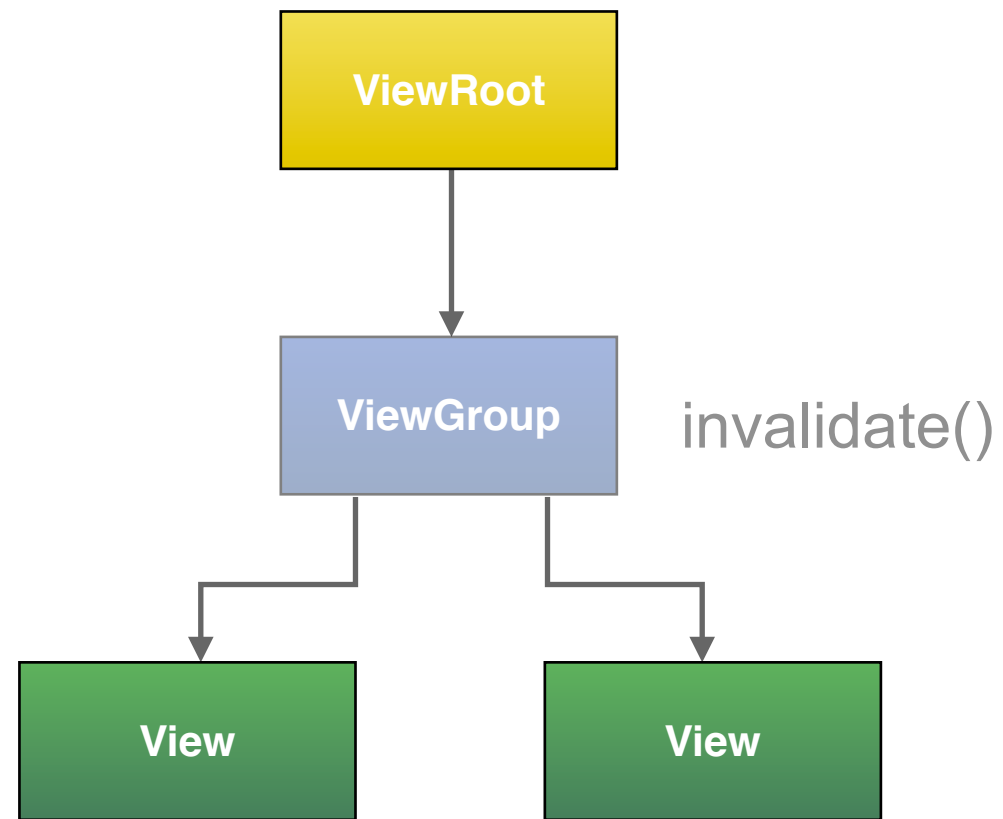
When does View.draw() run?



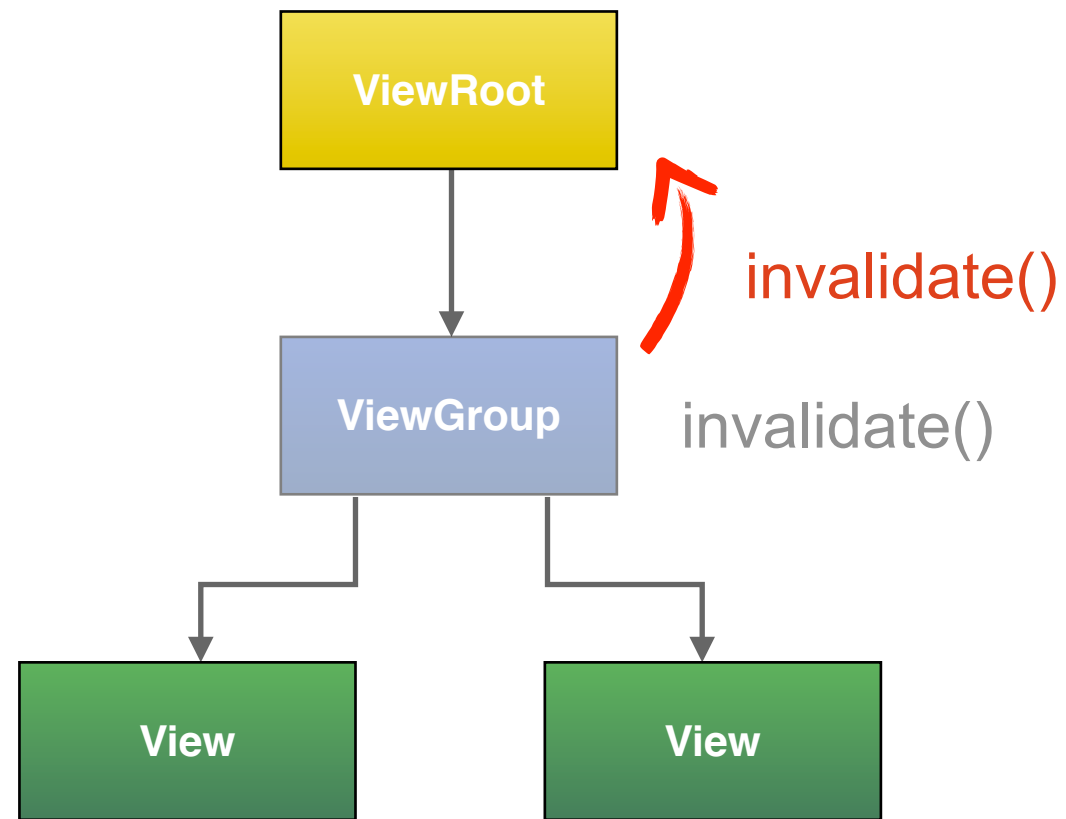
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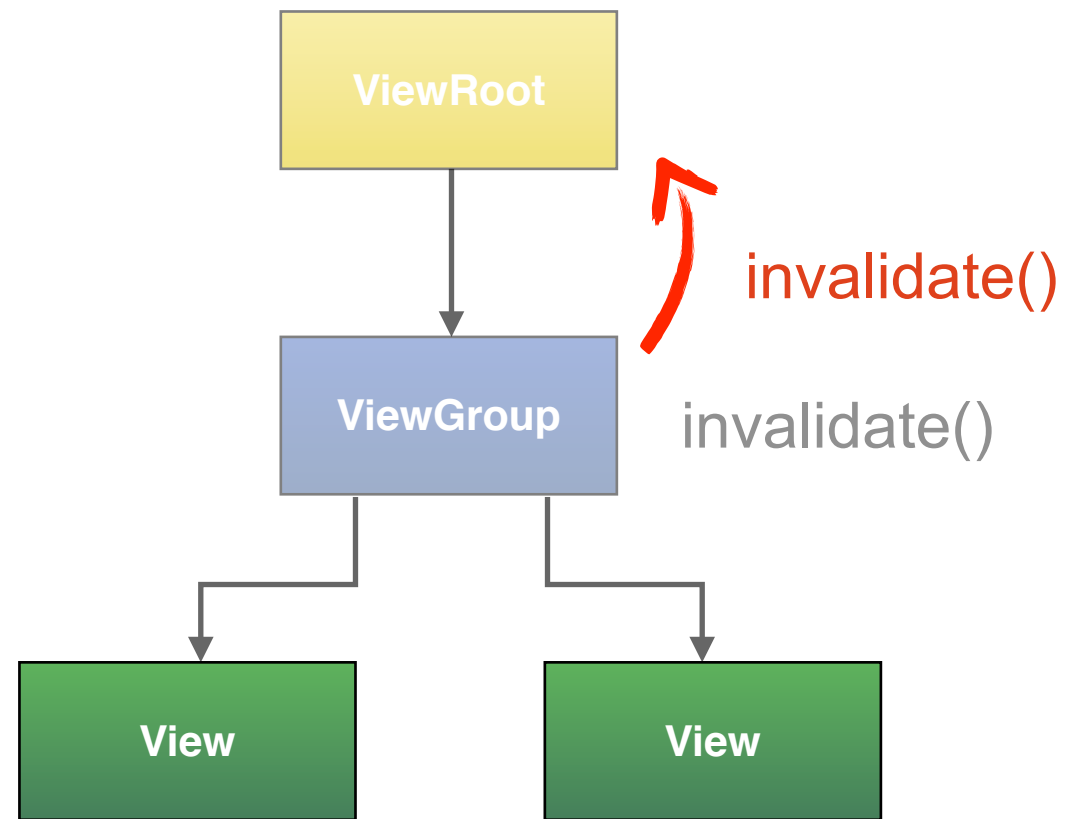
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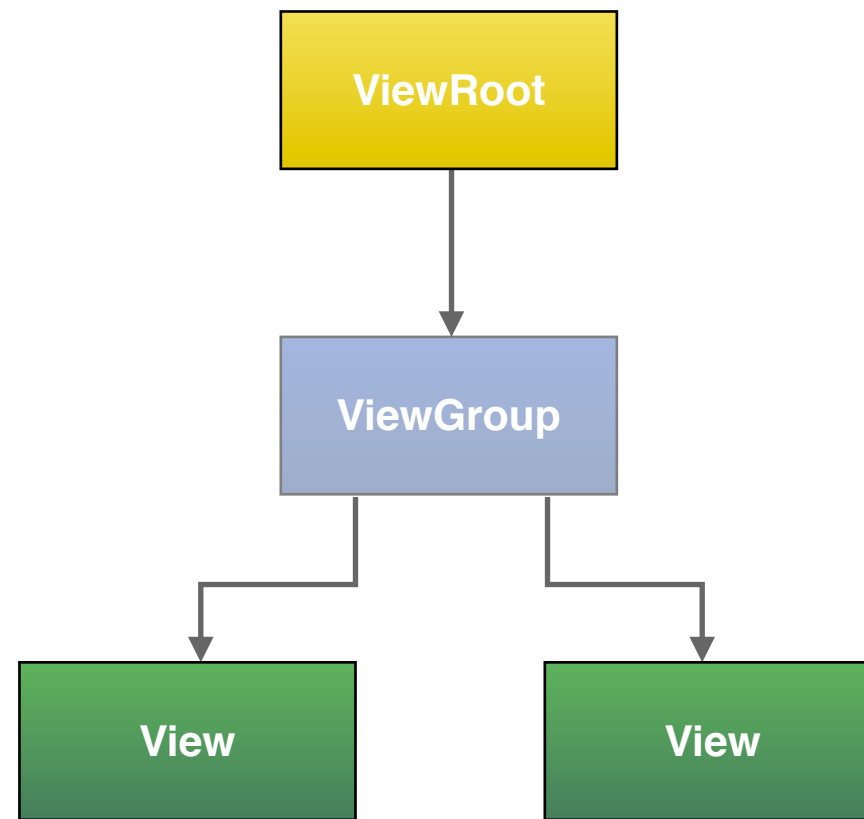
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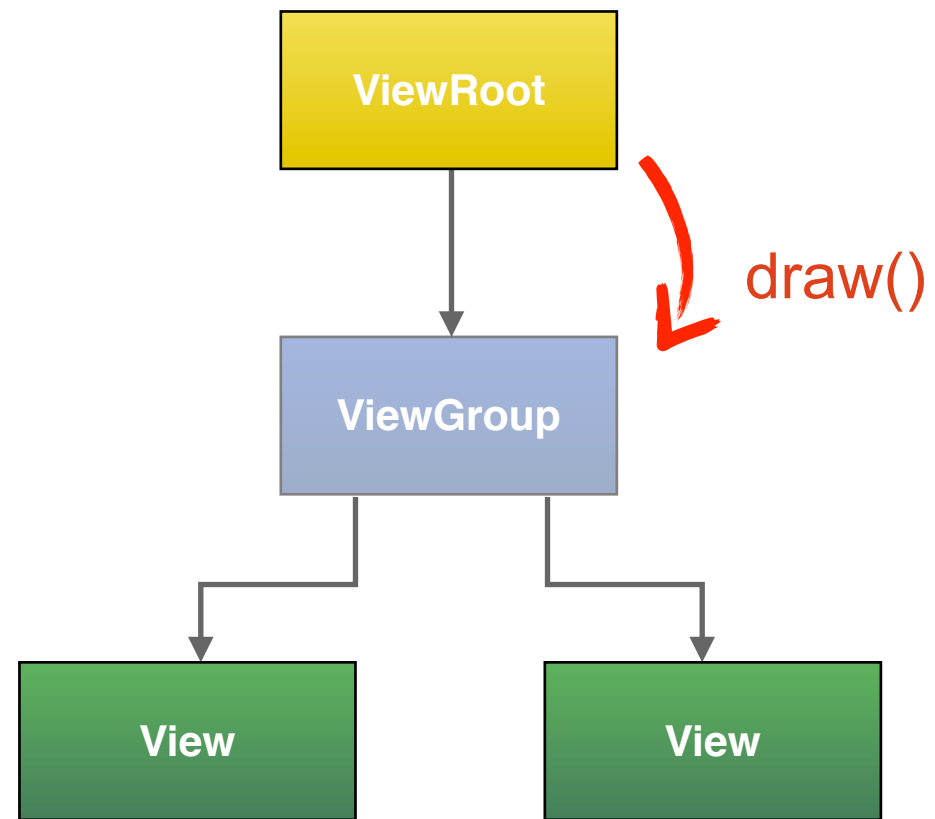
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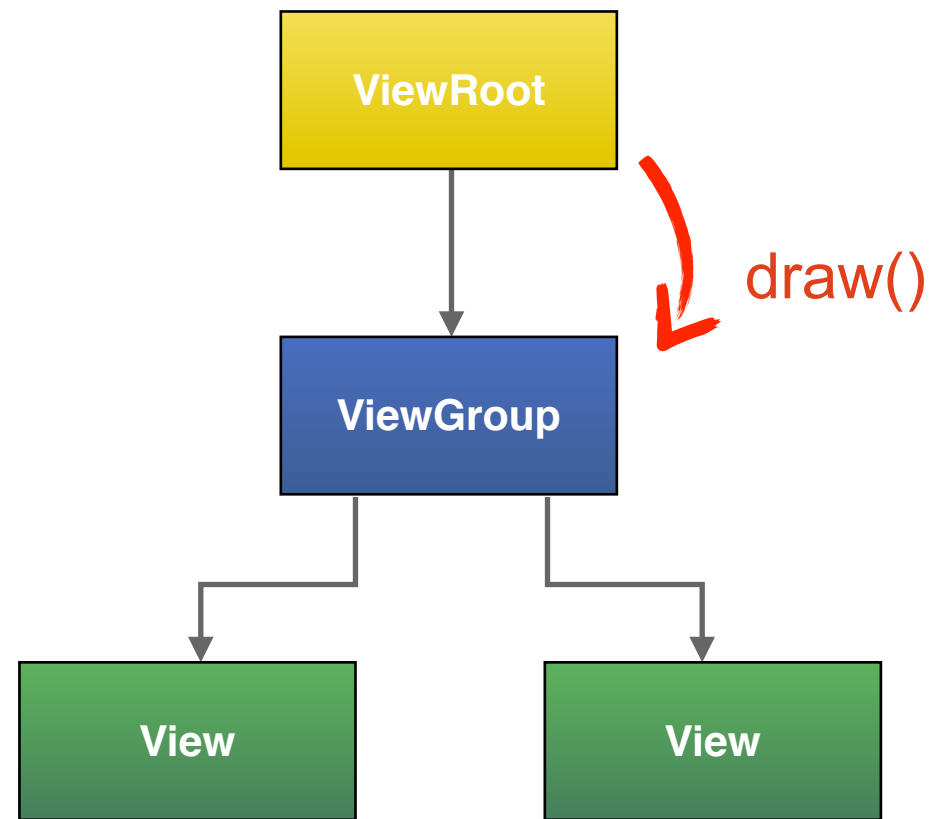


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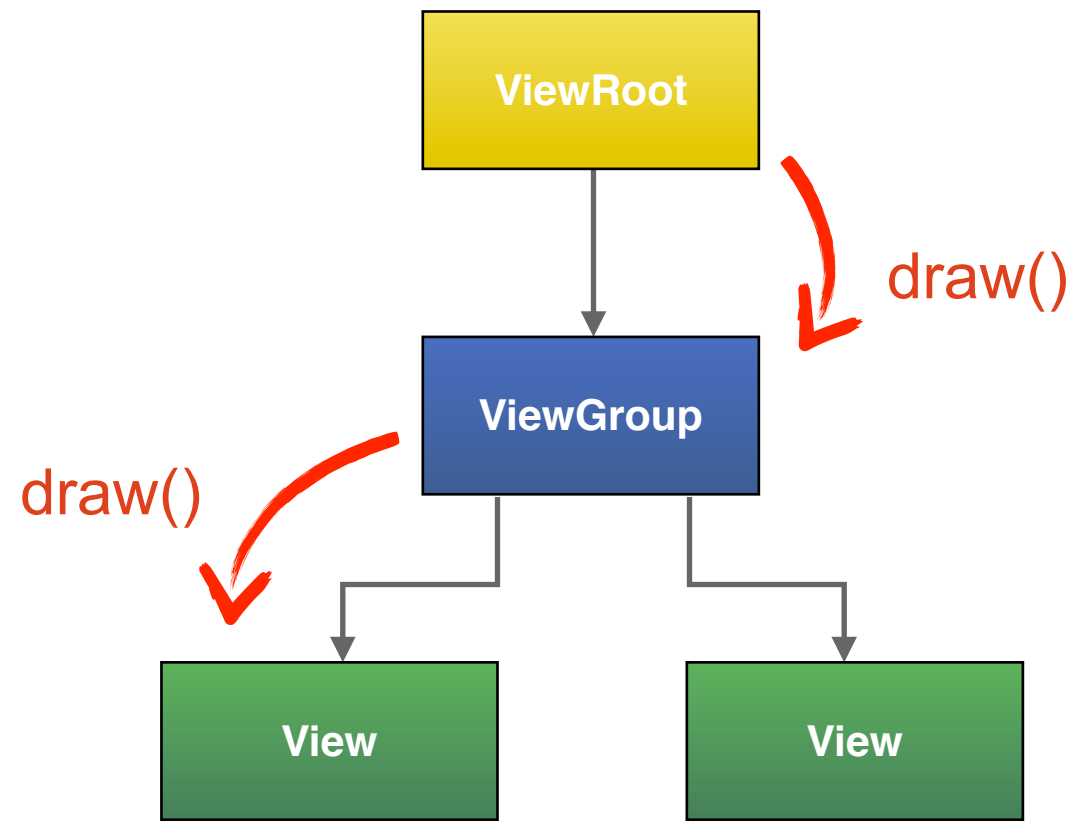


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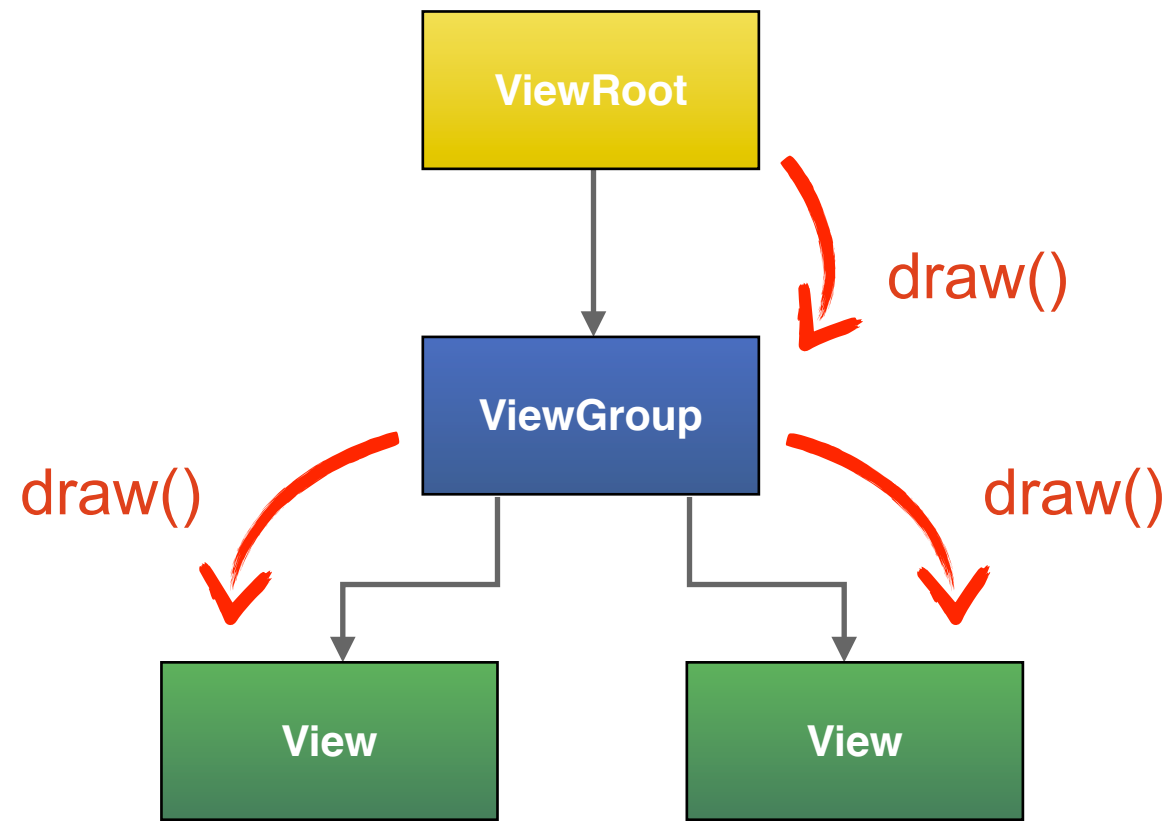




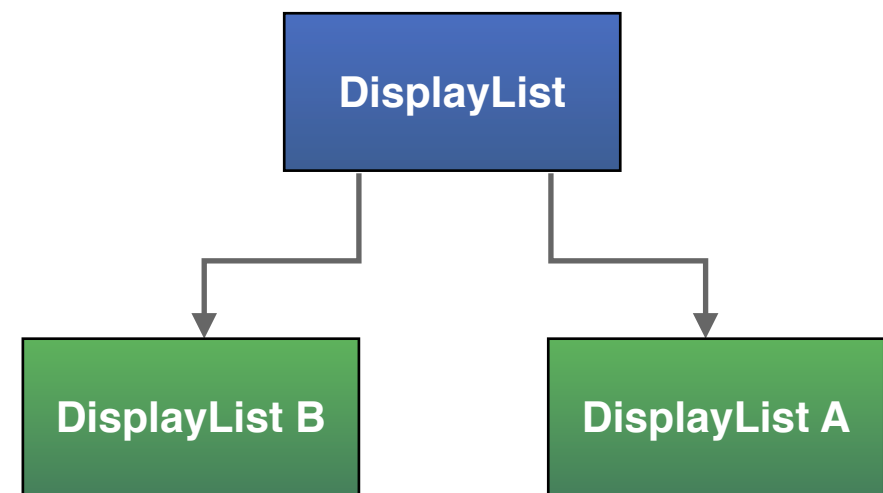
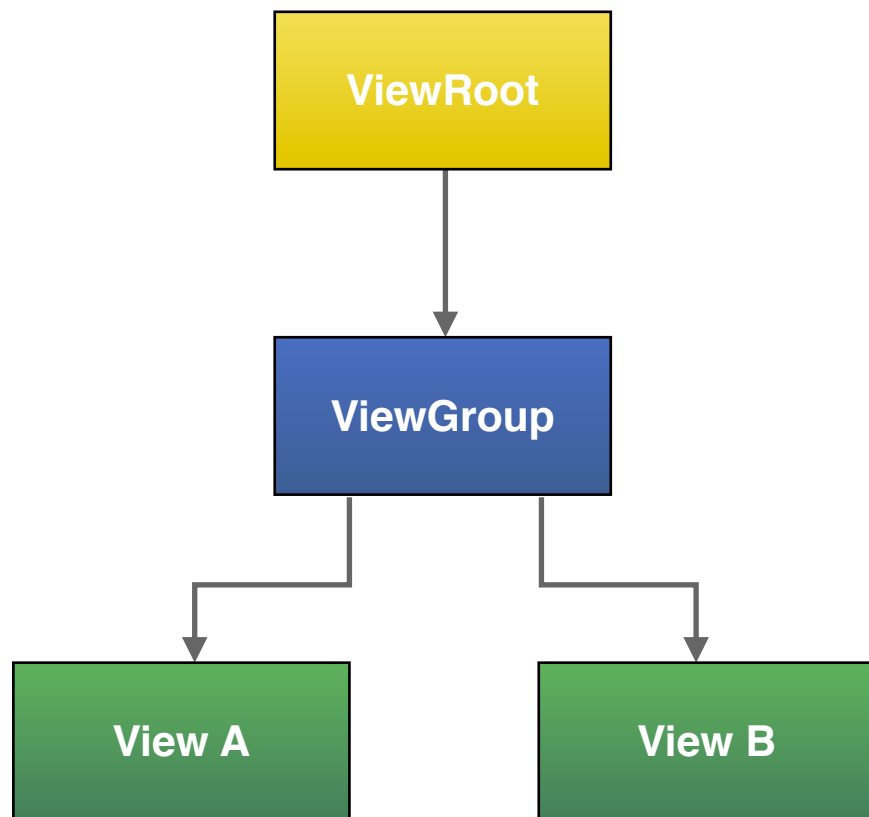
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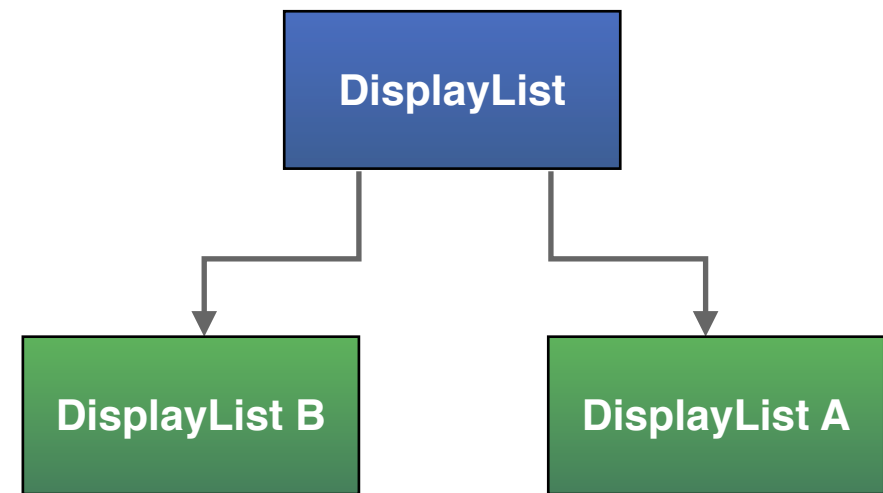
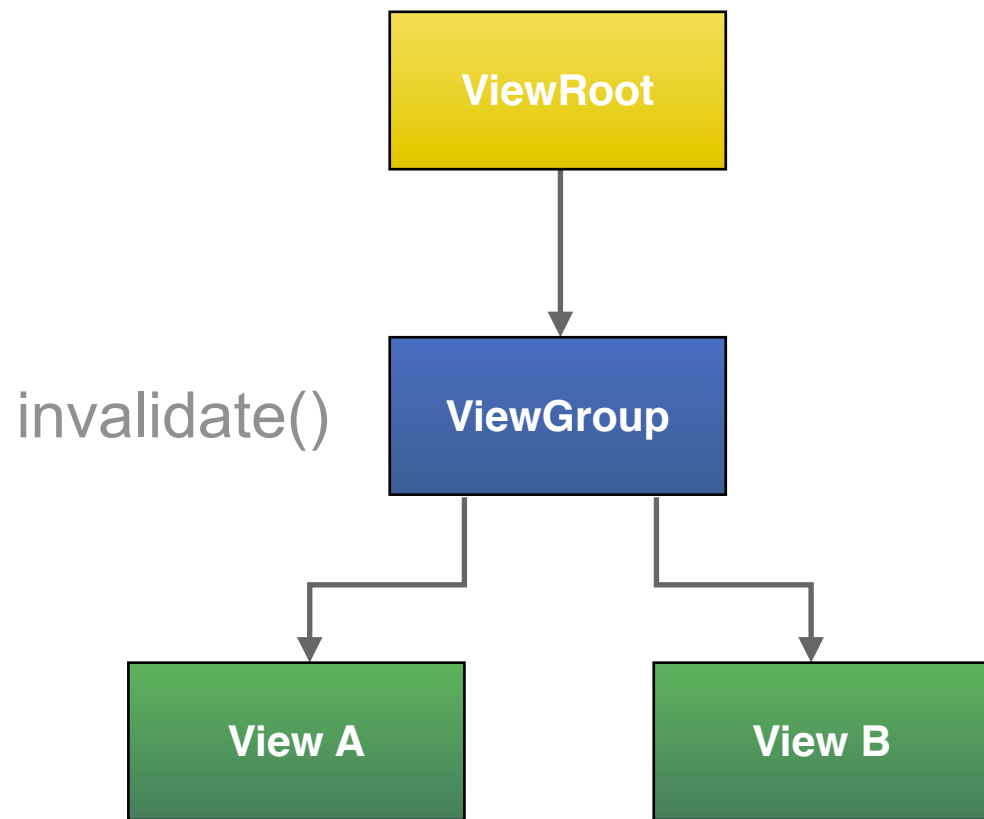
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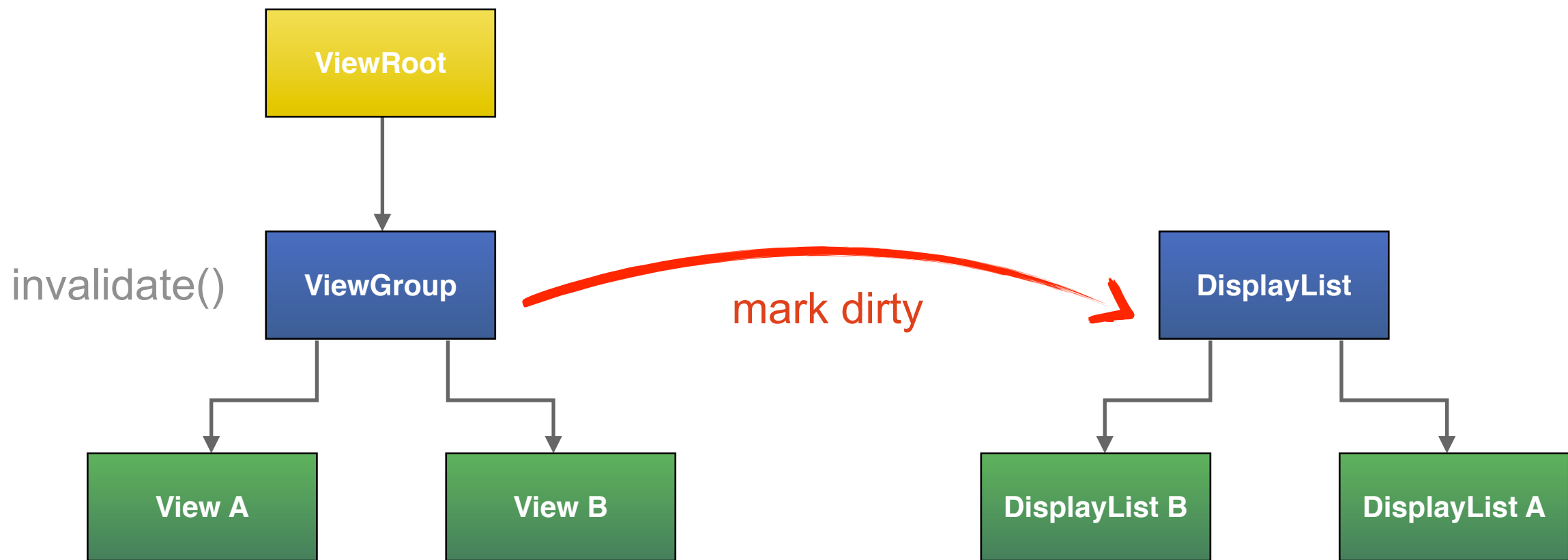
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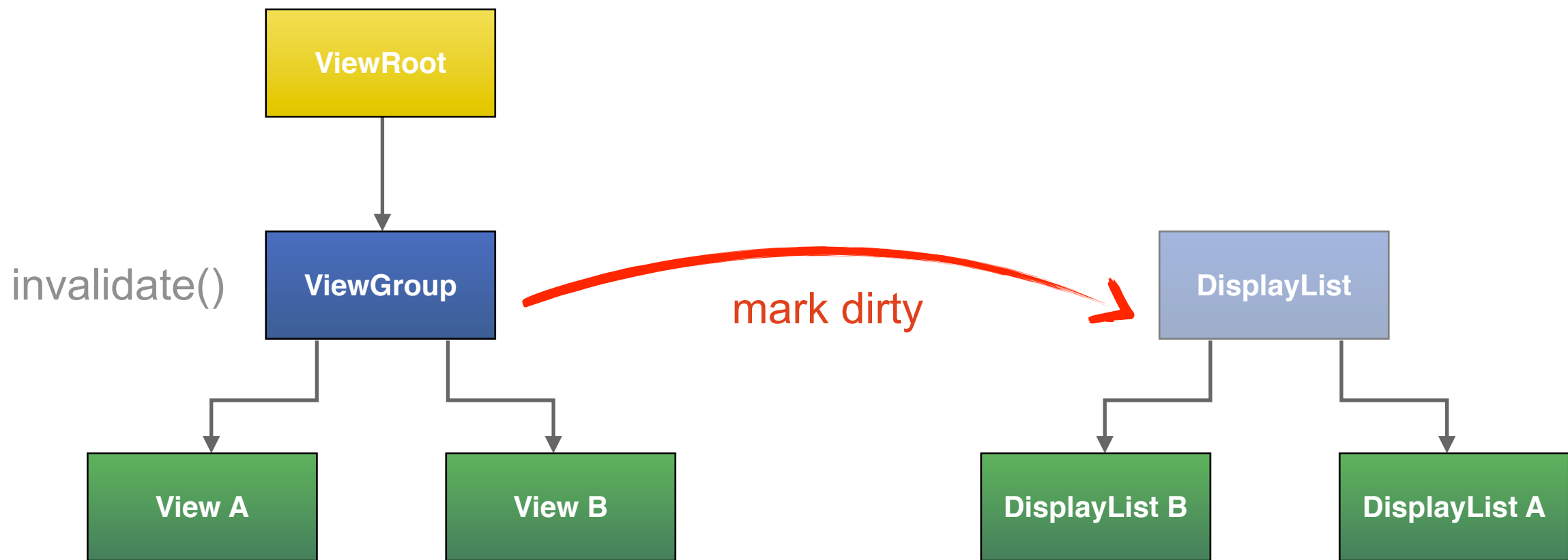
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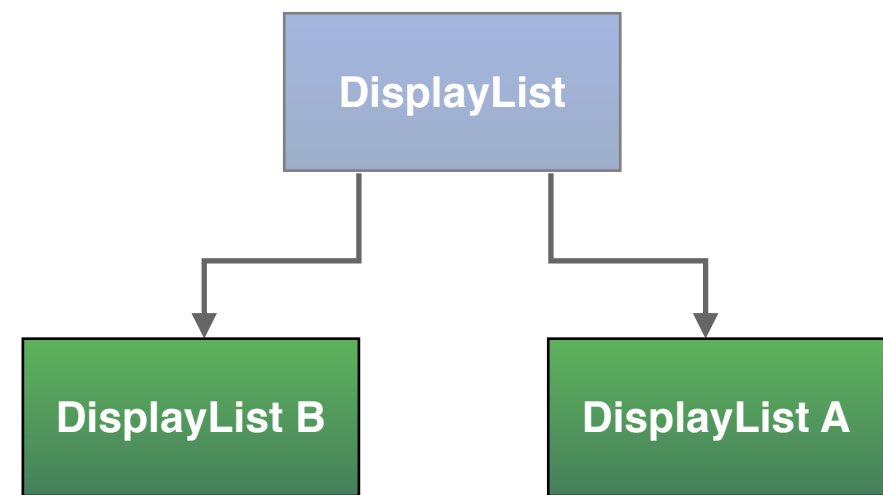
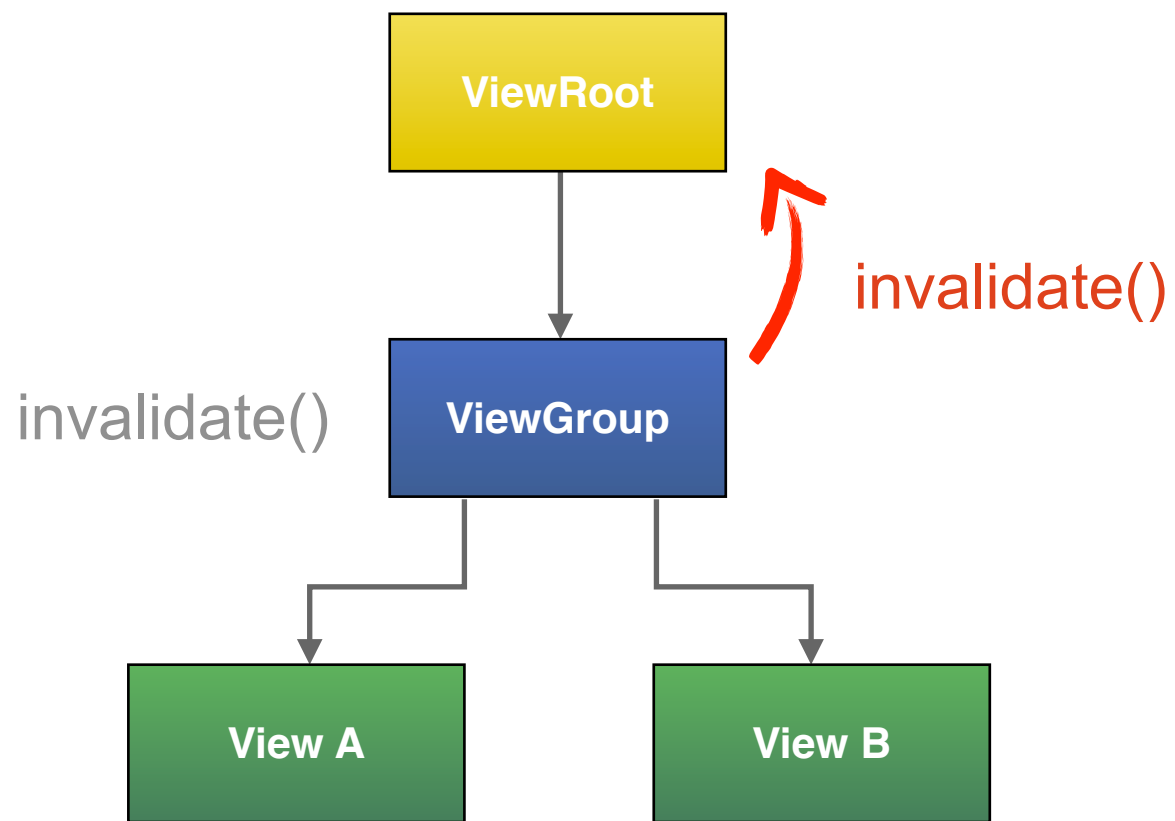
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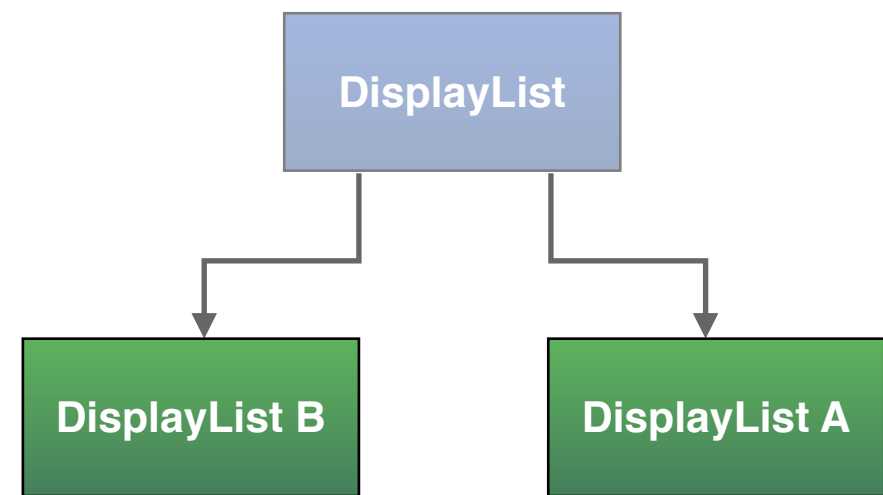
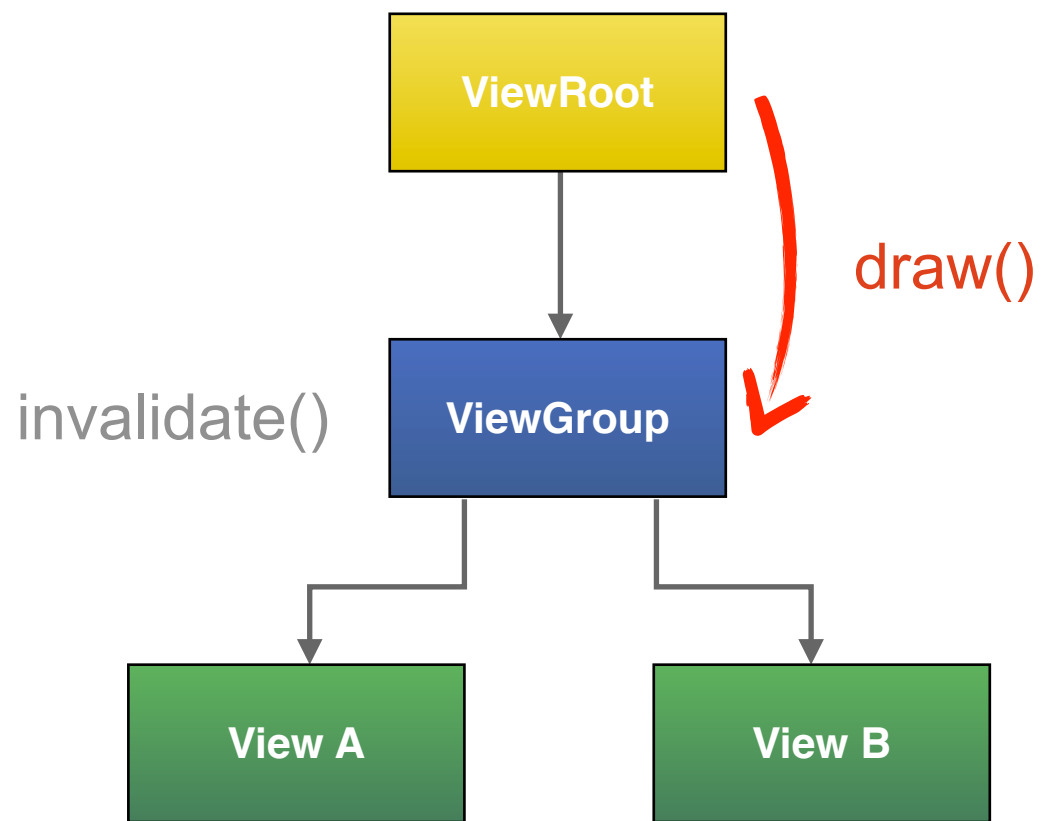


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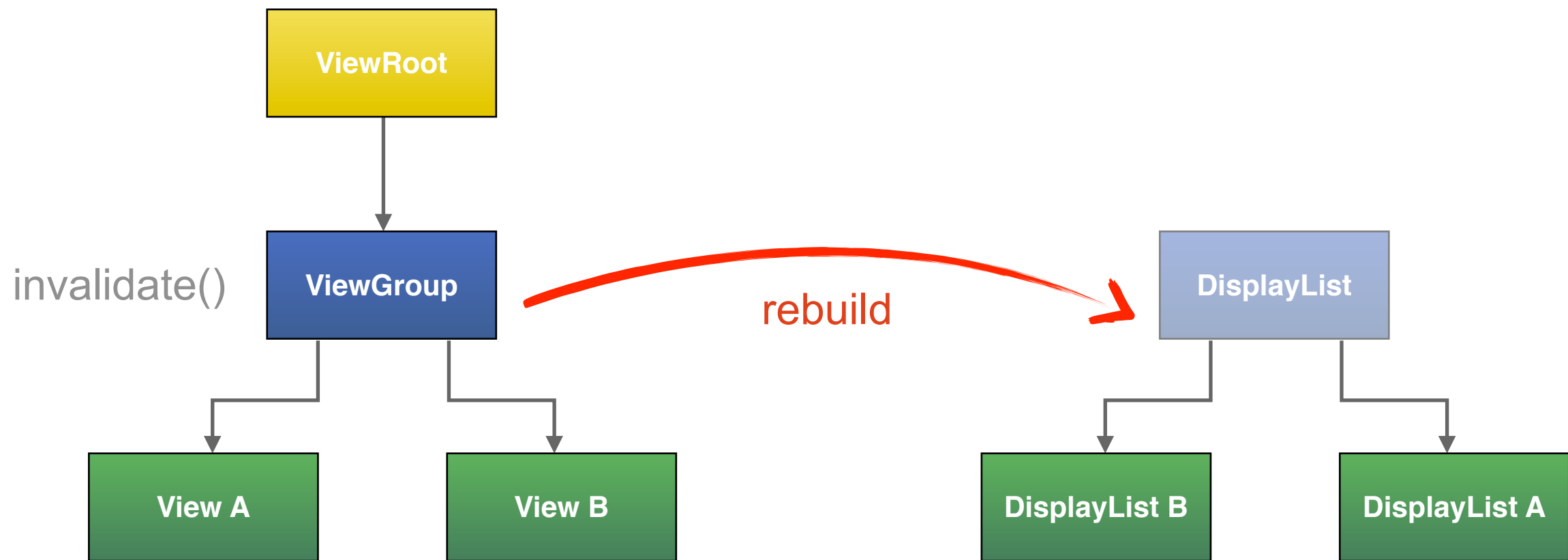


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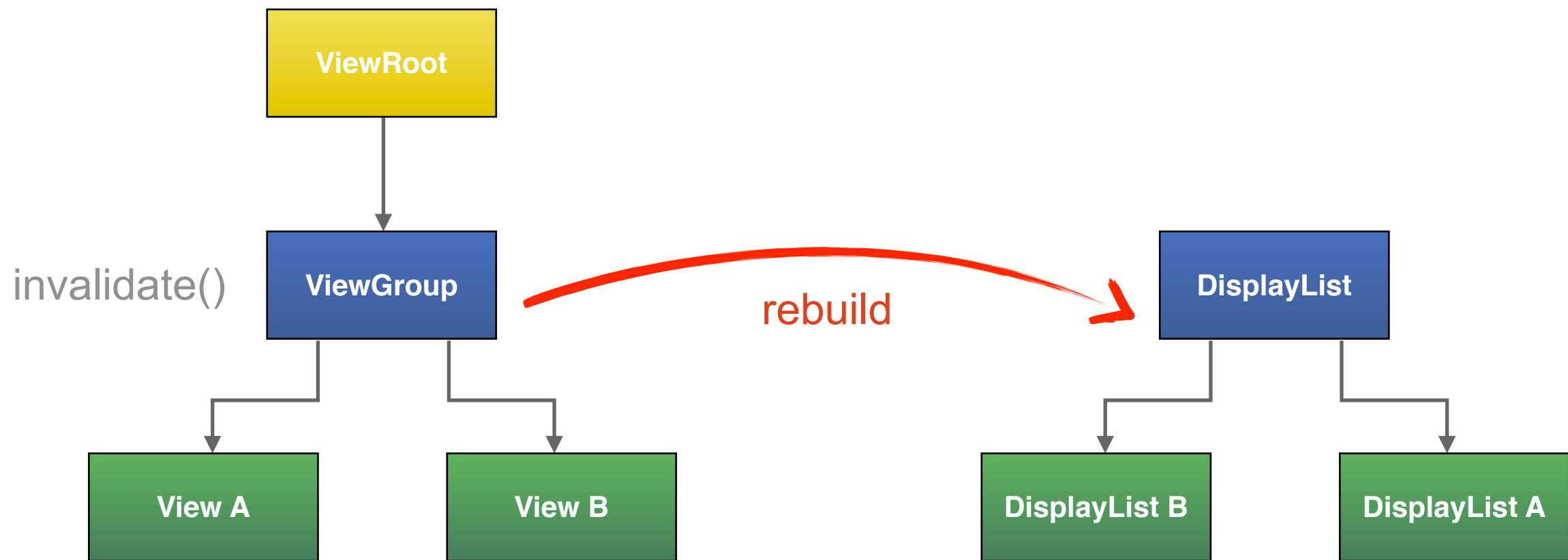




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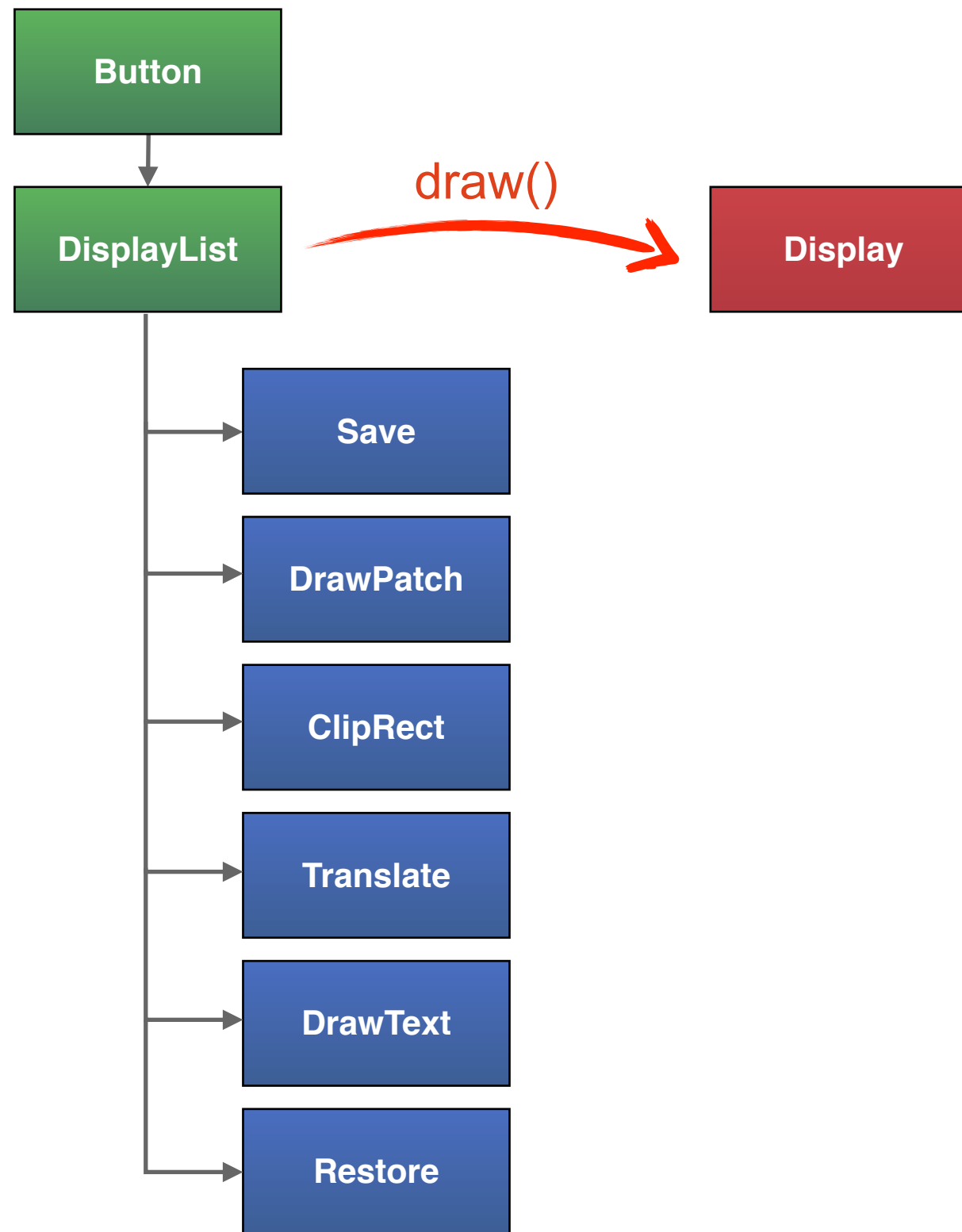


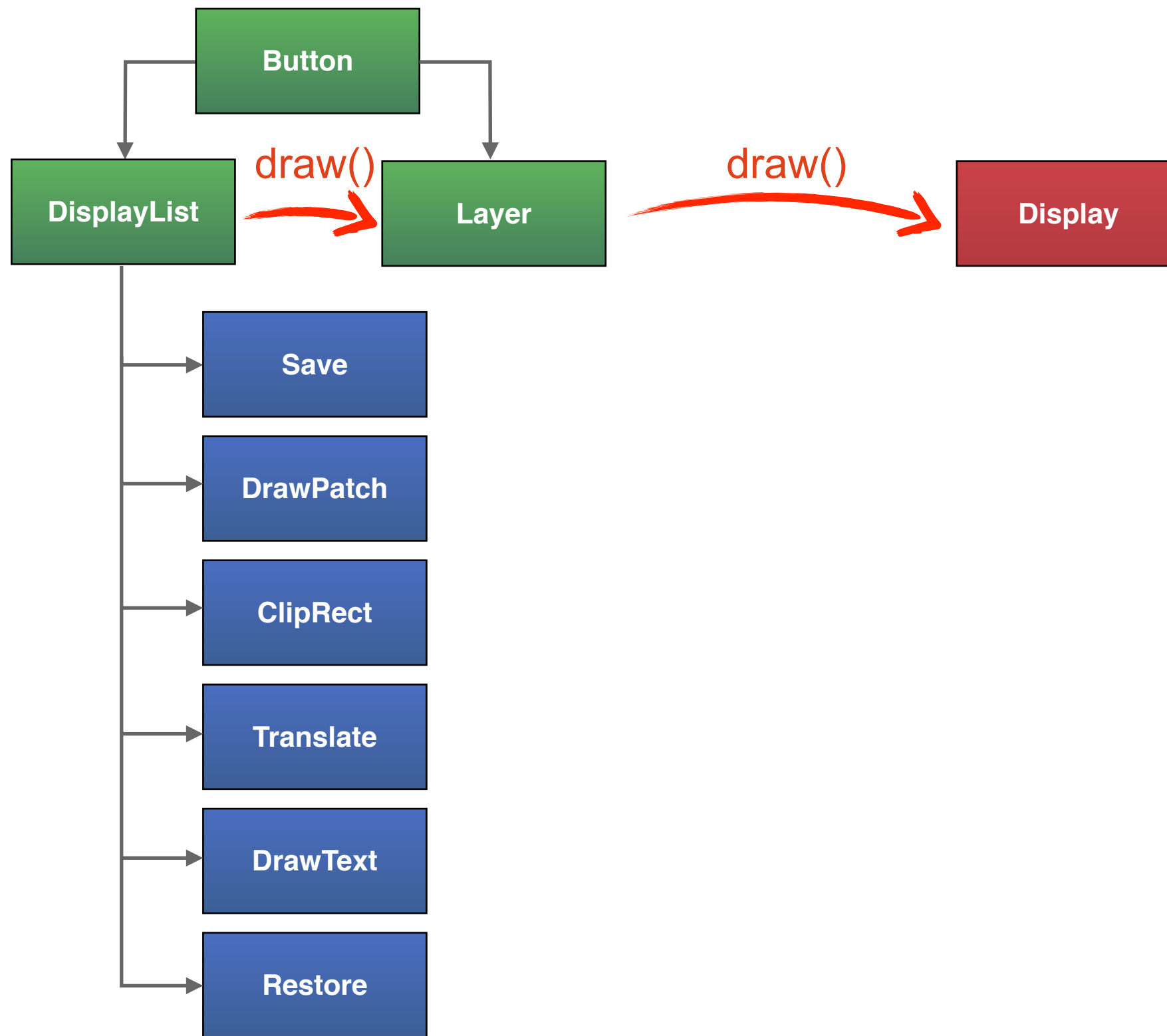
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`View.setLayerType(int type, Paint p)`





```
view.setLayerType(View.LAYER_TYPE_NONE, null)
```

3 types of layers

```
view.setLayerType(View.LAYER_TYPE_SOFTWARE, null)
```

Software layer



```
view.setLayerType(View.LAYER_TYPE_HARDWARE, null)
```

Hardware layer

# 1. Performance

## Hardware layers

## Drawing a ListView

Hardware layer

DisplayList

Software

Time in ms

0.009

2.1

10.3

Measured when drawing a ListView with Android 3.0 on a Motorola XOOM

## 2. Visual effects

Hardware and software layers



```
ColorMatrix m = new ColorMatrix();  
m.setSaturation(0.0f);  
  
Paint p = new Paint();  
p.setColorFilter(new ColorMatrixColorFilter(m));  
  
page.setLayerType(LAYER_TYPE_HARDWARE, p);
```

# 3. Compatibility

## Software layers

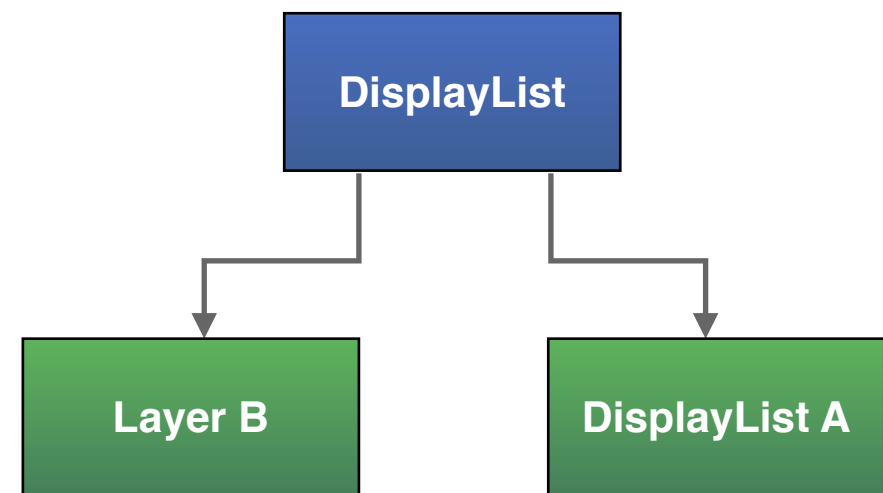
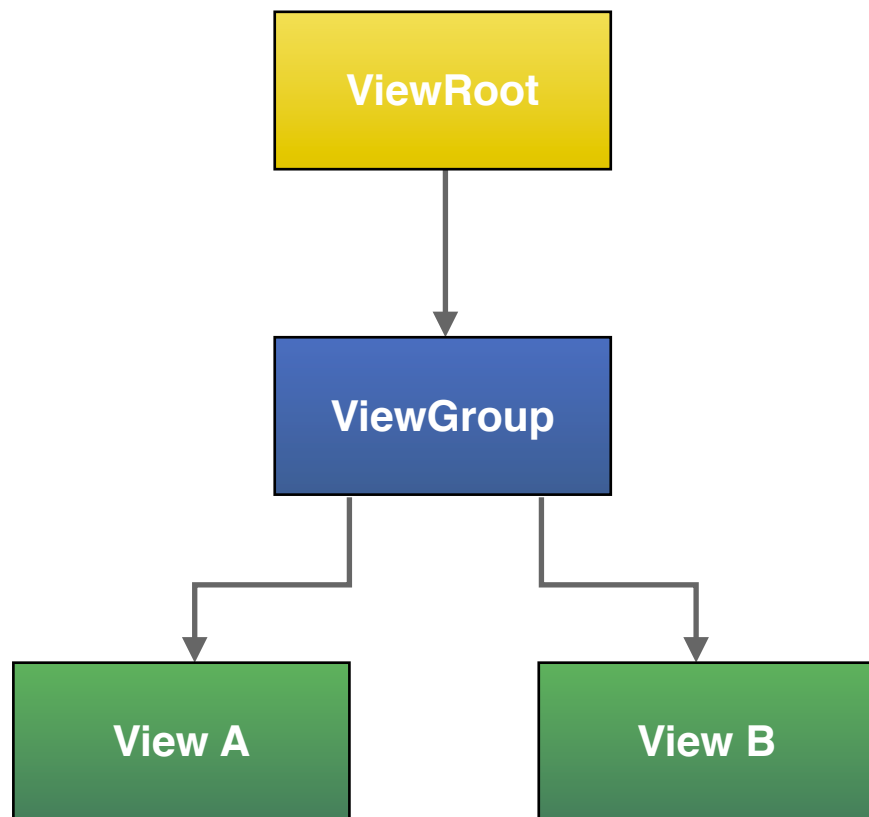
# 4. Animations

Hardware and software layers

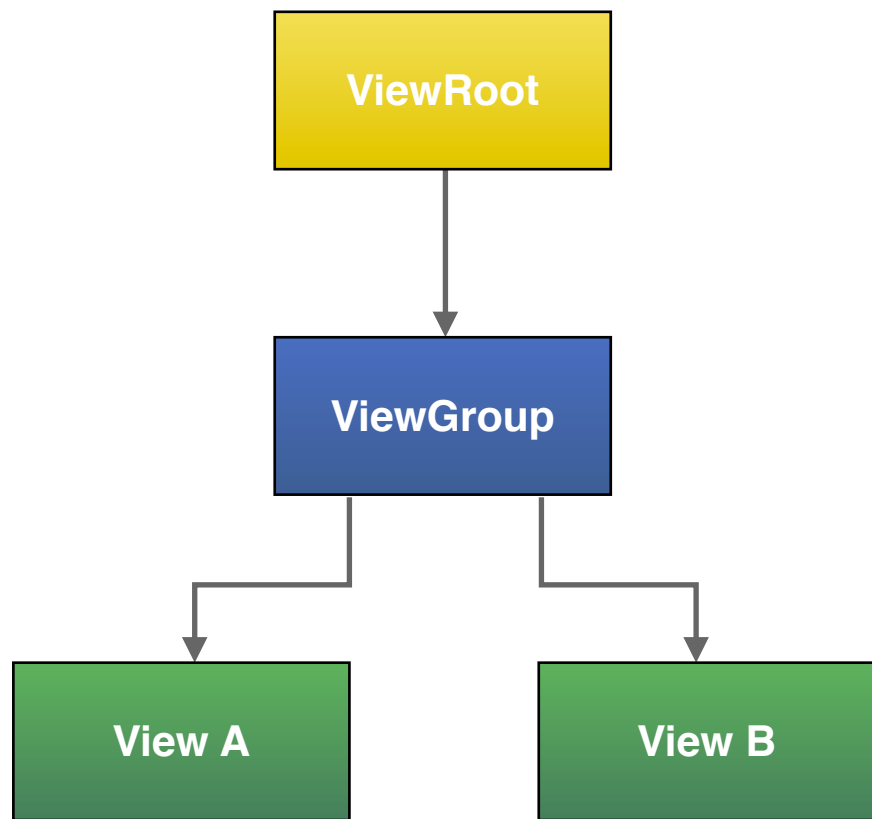


Opacity	Position	Size	Orientation	Origin
alpha	x	scaleX	rotation	pivotX
	y	scaleY	rotationX	pivotY
	translationX		rotationY	
	translationY			

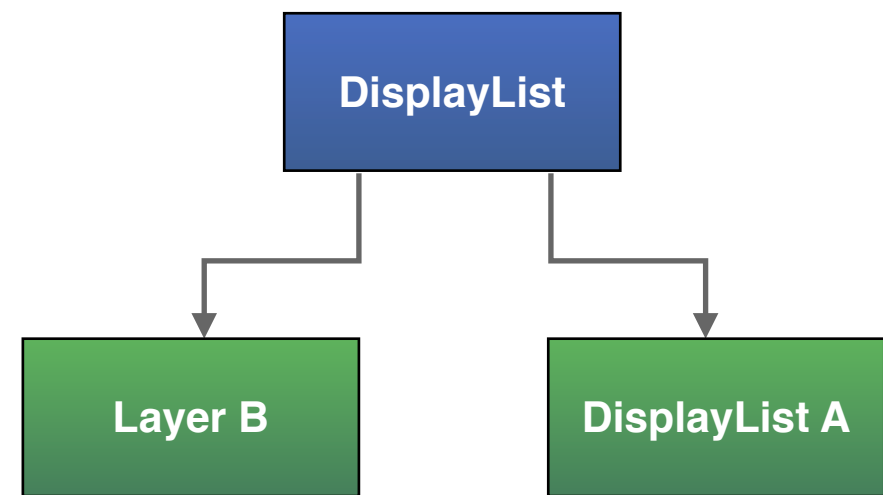
## Layers-friendly properties



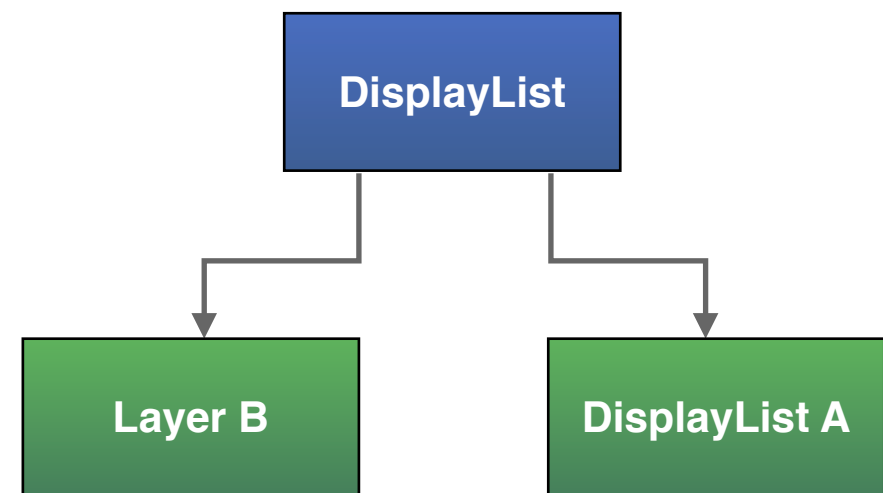
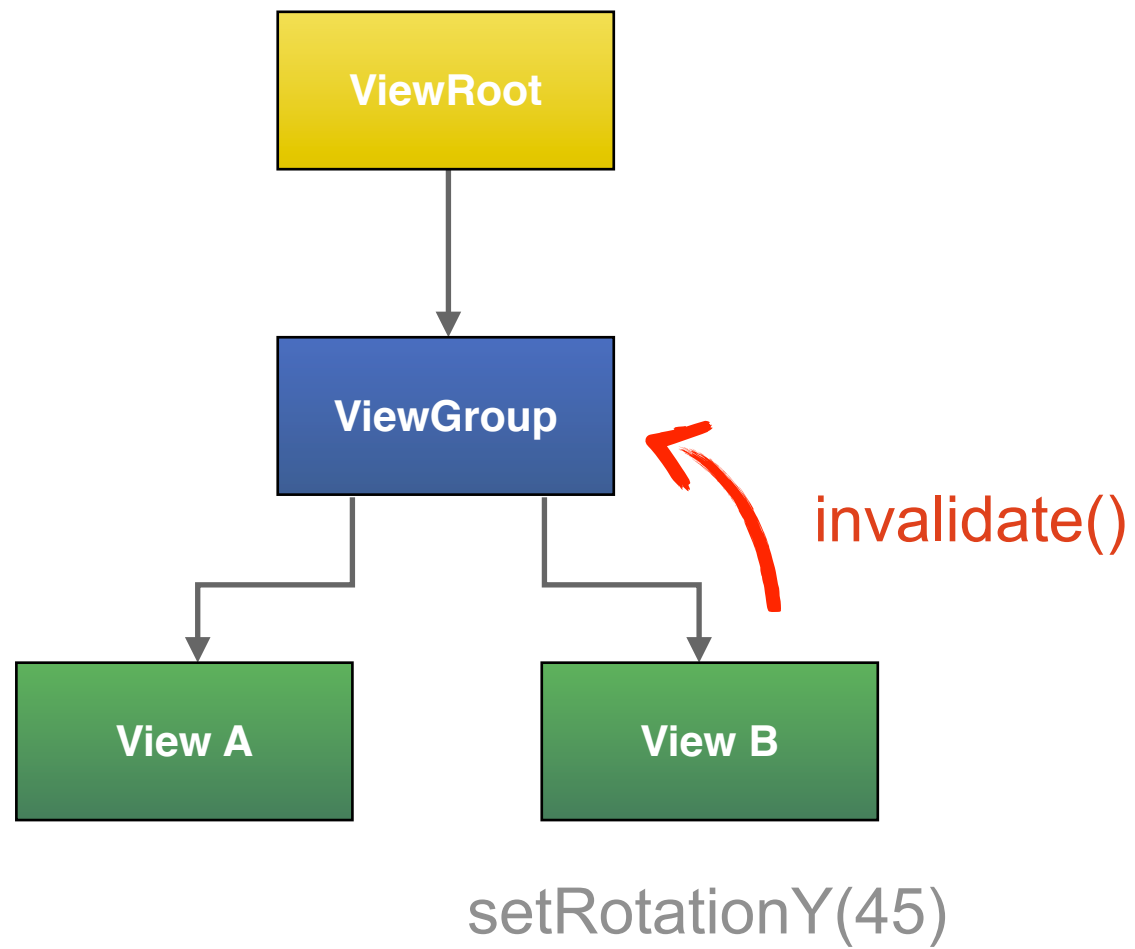
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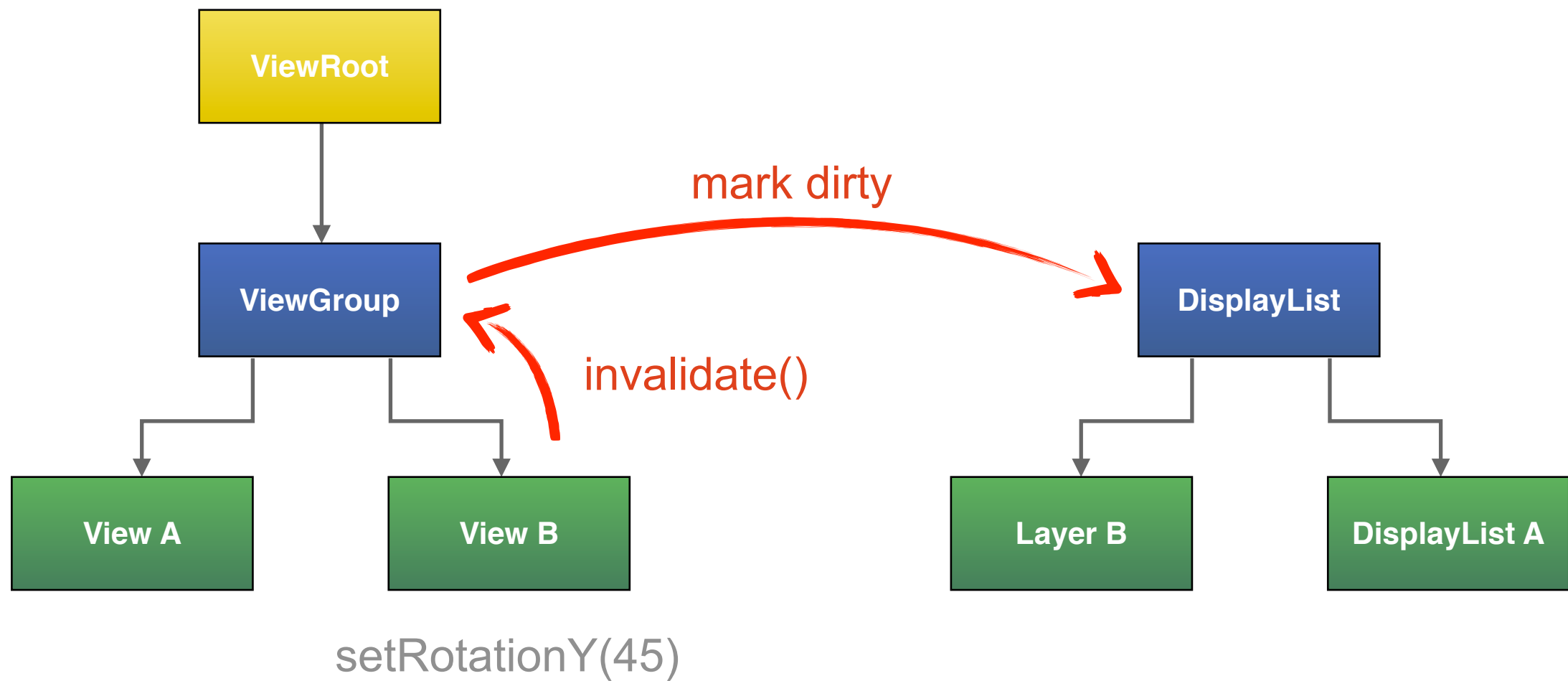
setRotationY(45)



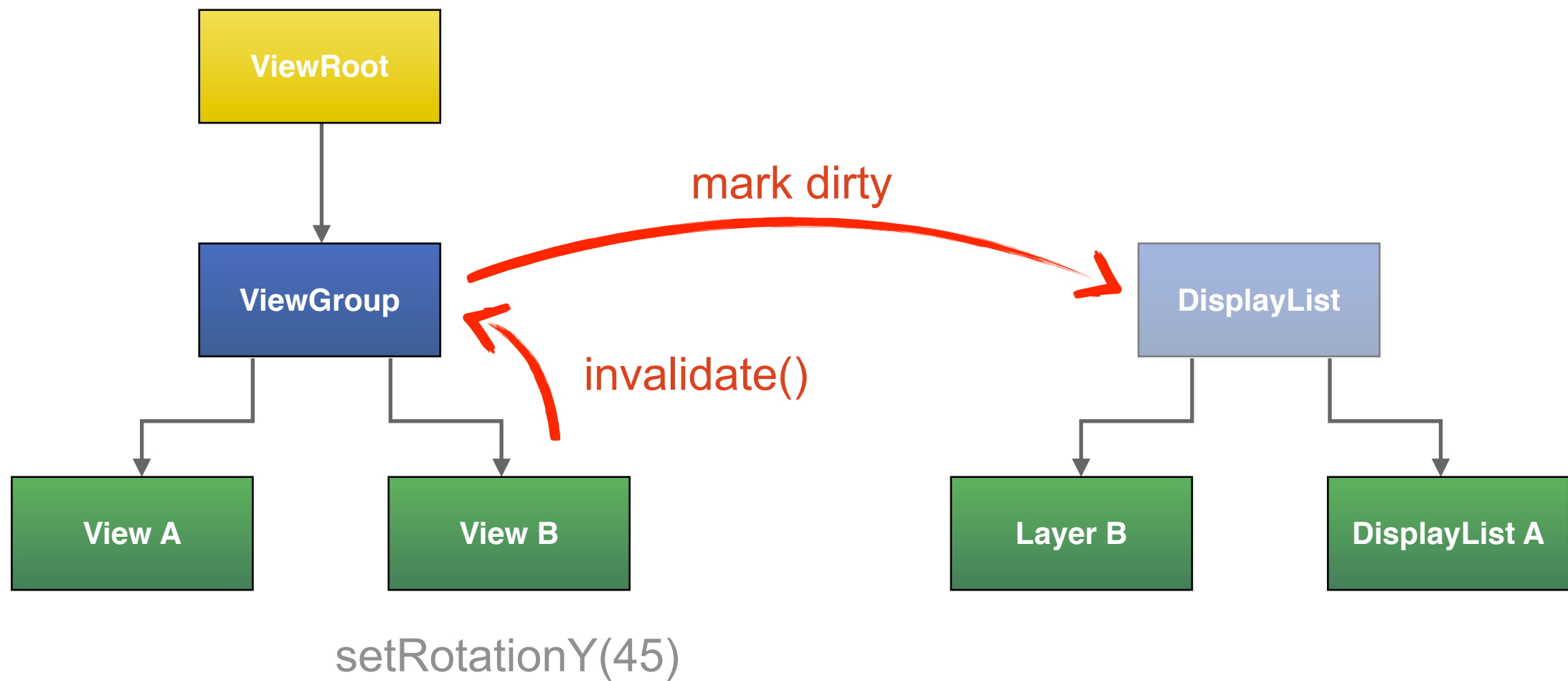
## Layers-friendly properties



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Save 3  
DrawDisplayList A  
DrawLayer B  
Restore

Parent DisplayList

viewB.setRotationY(45)



Save 3  
DrawDisplayList A  
DrawLayer B  
Restore

Parent DisplayList



viewB.setRotationY(45)



Save 3  
DrawDisplayList A  
DrawLayer B  
Restore

Save 3  
DrawDisplayList A  
Rotate 0.0, 45.0, 0.0  
DrawLayer B  
Restore

Parent DisplayList

```
view.setLayerType(View.LAYER_TYPE_HARDWARE, null);  
ObjectAnimator.ofFloat(view, "rotationY", 180).start();
```

## Animating a complex View efficiently

```
view.setLayerType(View.LAYER_TYPE_HARDWARE, null);
ObjectAnimator animator = ObjectAnimator.ofFloat(
    view, "rotationY", 180);

animator.addListener(new AnimatorListenerAdapter() {
    @Override
    public void onAnimationEnd(Animator animation) {
        view.setLayerType(View.LAYER_TYPE_NONE, null);
    }
});

animator.start();
```

# Tips & tricks

# 1. Don't use too many views

Keep your hierarchy flat

## 2. Be careful of setAlpha()

Without hardware layers, it costs 2x the fill-rate

### 3. Reuse rendering objects

Don't create new Paints, Bitmaps, etc. in draw()

## 4. Don't modify Bitmaps often

Every change causes a texture upload



## 5. Don't modify Paths often

Every change causes a new rasterization

# 6. Avoid overdraw

GPUs are fill-rate limited

# 7. Profile

DDMS and traceview are your friends

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