

Methoden des Algorithmenentwurfs SS 2017 Kapitel 0: Einführung

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Bei sinnvollem Vorrechnen einer Aufgabe in der Übung verbessert sich die Note um 0,33 Punkte. Maximal kann eine Person dieses zweimal Ausnutzen.

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Kapitel 1: Greedy Algorithms

Was ist die Greedy Methode?

- **Algorithmus:** Berechnet in endlicher Zeit zu einem Entscheidungs- oder Optimierungsproblem aus einer Eingabe eine Ausgabe respektive eine Lösung.
- **Greedy-Algorithmus:** Aufbau der Lösung in „kleinen“ Schritten. In jedem Schritt wird entsprechend eines Optimierungskriteriums eine „lokal optimale“ aber „irreversible“ Entscheidung getroffen.

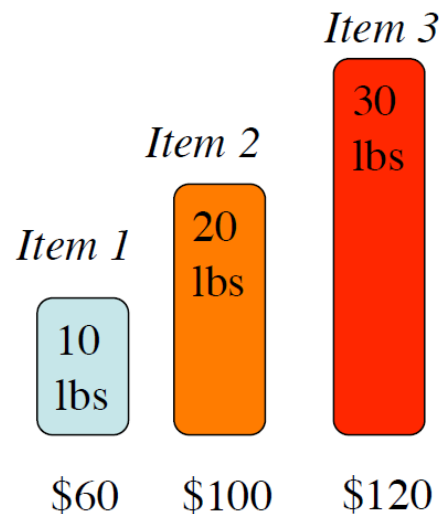
Greedy ist nicht immer optimal...

Problem 1.2.8 (0-1-KNAPSACK):

Input: n items $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ of weight w_i and value v_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$. A knapsack able to carry weight W .

Output: A subset $I \subset S$, (or, equivalently, a vector $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ with $x_i = 1 \iff i \in I$) such that $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \leq W$ and $\sum_{i \in I} v_i \rightarrow \max$.

This is called the 0-1 knapsack problem because each item must be taken in its entirety. If we use a greedy strategy to solve this problem, we would take the objects in order of their benefit/weight value.



The cost per pound of:

Item 1 = $\$60/10 \text{ lbs} = \$6/\text{lb}$

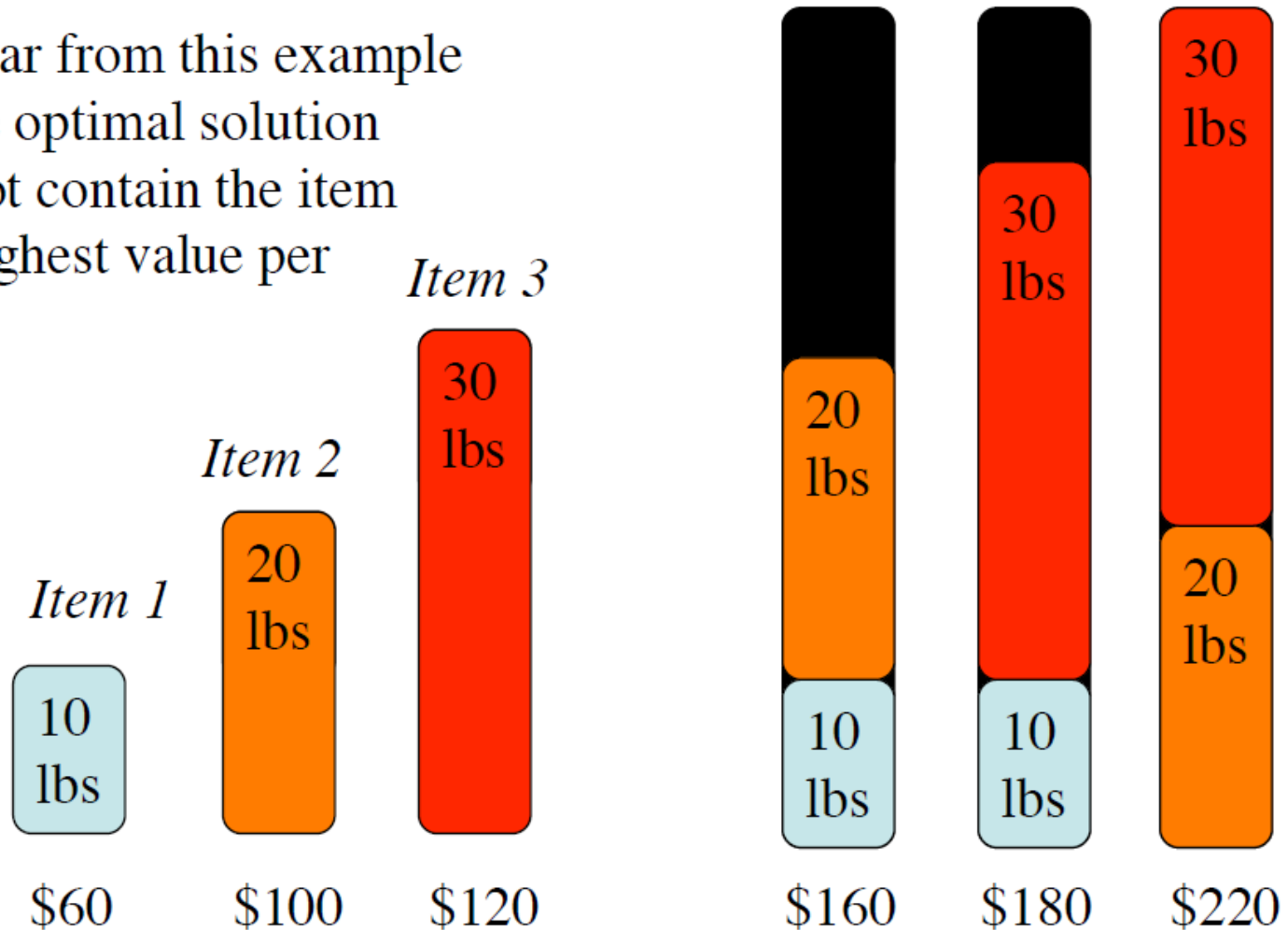
Item 2 = $\$100/20 \text{ lb} = \$5/\text{lb}$

Item 3 = $\$120/30 \text{ lb} = \$4/\text{lb}$

So how about if we add these items to our backpack in order of value? Suppose our backpack can only hold 50 lbs

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It is clear from this example that the optimal solution does not contain the item with highest value per pound.



...aber gelegentlich eben doch

Problem 1.2.9 (FRACTIONALKNAPSACK):

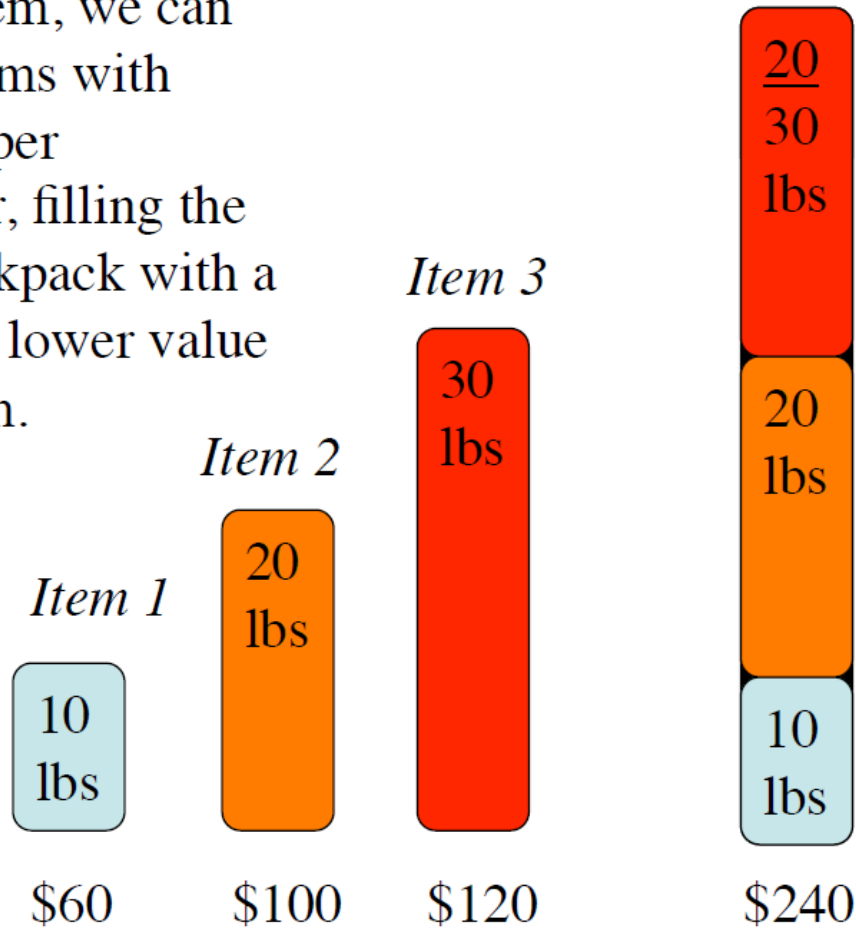
Input: as for 0-1-KNAPSACK.

Output: A vector $x \in [0, 1]^n$ such that $\sum_{i \in S} x_i \cdot w_i \leq W$ and $\sum_{i \in S} x_i \cdot v_i \rightarrow \max$.

This is called the fractional knapsack problem because any fraction of each item can be used. Using a greedy strategy to solve this problem, we pack the items in order of their benefit/weight value.

...aber gelegentlich eben doch

For this problem, we can include the items with highest value per pound in order, filling the rest of the backpack with a fraction of the lower value per pound item.



Notice that the overall benefit is higher than that achieved with the 0/1 version of the problem

Zwei fundamentale Fragen

- Wann kann ein Greedy Algorithmus zu einer **optimalen Lösung** für ein nichttriviales Problem führen?
- Wie kann man **beweisen**, dass ein Greedy Algorithmus eine optimale Lösung liefert?

Greedy Methode

- **Greedy as Algorithmic technique** can optimally solve an optimization problem,
 - if the **greedy algorithm stays ahead**. Show that after each step of the greedy algorithm, its solution is at least as good as any other algorithm's or
 - if we can find an **exchange argument**. Gradually transform any solution to the one found by the greedy algorithm without hurting its quality or
 - if the problem has the **greedy-choice property**. Prove that a globally-optimal solution can always be found by a series of local improvements from a starting configuration or
 - if we can define an adequate **Matroid** for the problem.

Kapitel 1: Greedy Algorithms

Inhalt:

- Interval Scheduling
 - Greedy stays ahead
- Scheduling to Minimize Lateness
 - Exchange Argument
- Theoretical Foundations of the Greedy Method
 - Matroid Theory

Activity Selection

Suppose we have some activities that wish to use a single resource. Each activity i has some starting time s_i and finishing time $f_i > s_i$, $i \in S$. activity i takes place in the time interval $[s_i, f_i)$, $i \in S$. Two activities i and j are called **compatible** iff $[s_i, f_i) \cap [s_j, f_j) = \emptyset$.

Problem 1.2.6 (ACTIVITYSELECTION):

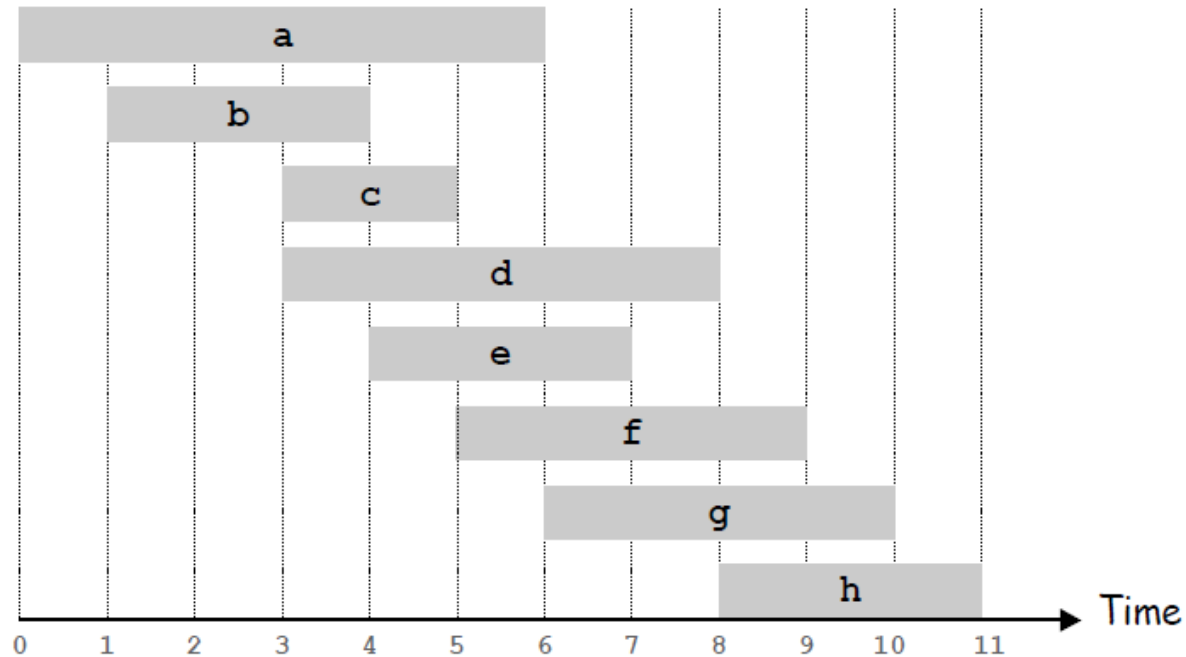
Input: n activities $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ with starting times s_i and finishing times f_i , $i \in S$.

Output: A subset $A \subset S$ of maximum size where the elements of A are pairwise compatible.

Interval Scheduling

Interval scheduling.

- Job j starts at s_j and finishes at f_j .
- Two jobs **compatible** if they don't overlap.
- Goal: find maximum subset of mutually compatible jobs.

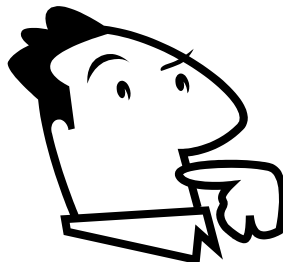


Interval Scheduling: Greedy Algorithms

Greedy template. Consider jobs in some natural order.

Take each job provided it's compatible with the ones already taken.

- [Earliest start time] Consider jobs in ascending order of s_j .
- [Earliest finish time] Consider jobs in ascending order of f_j .
- [Shortest interval] Consider jobs in ascending order of $f_j - s_j$.
- [Fewest conflicts] For each job j , count the number of conflicting jobs c_j . Schedule in ascending order of c_j .



Interval Scheduling: Greedy Algorithms

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counterexample for earliest start time



counterexample for shortest interval




counterexample for fewest conflicts

Interval Scheduling: Greedy Algorithm

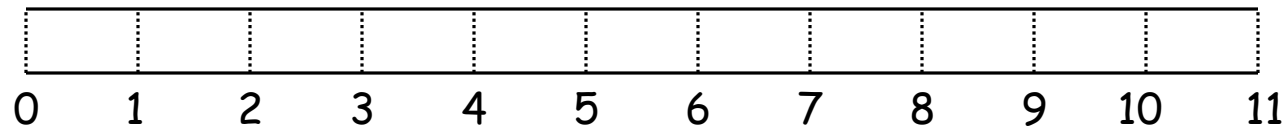
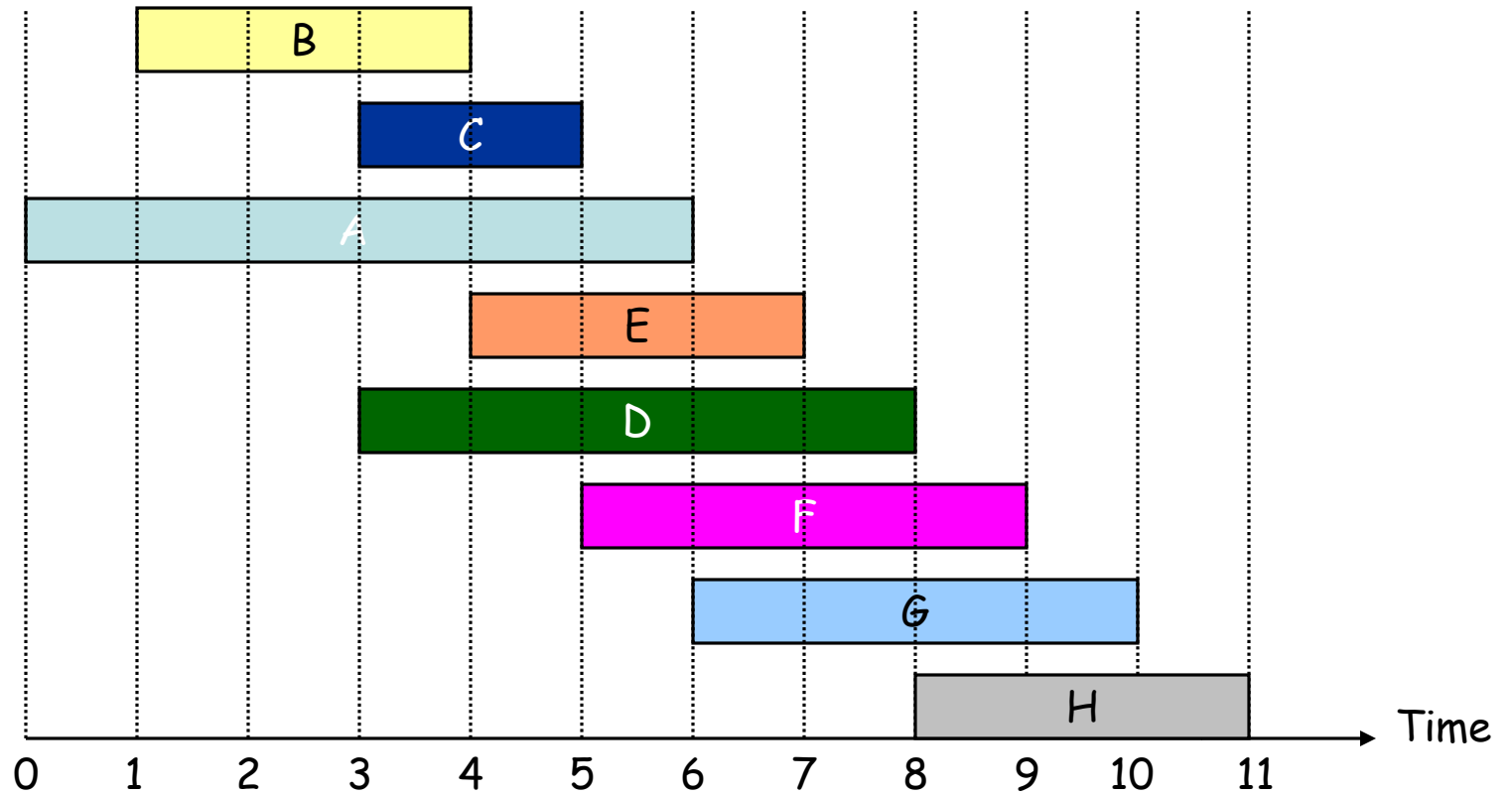
Greedy algorithm. Consider jobs in increasing order of finish time. Take each job provided it's compatible with the ones already taken.

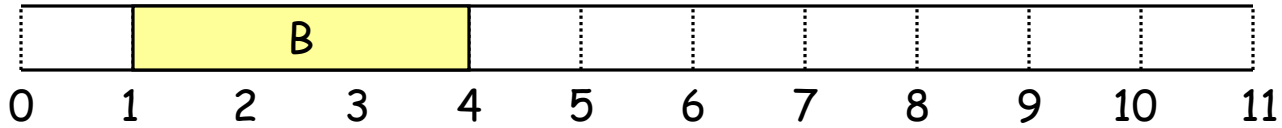
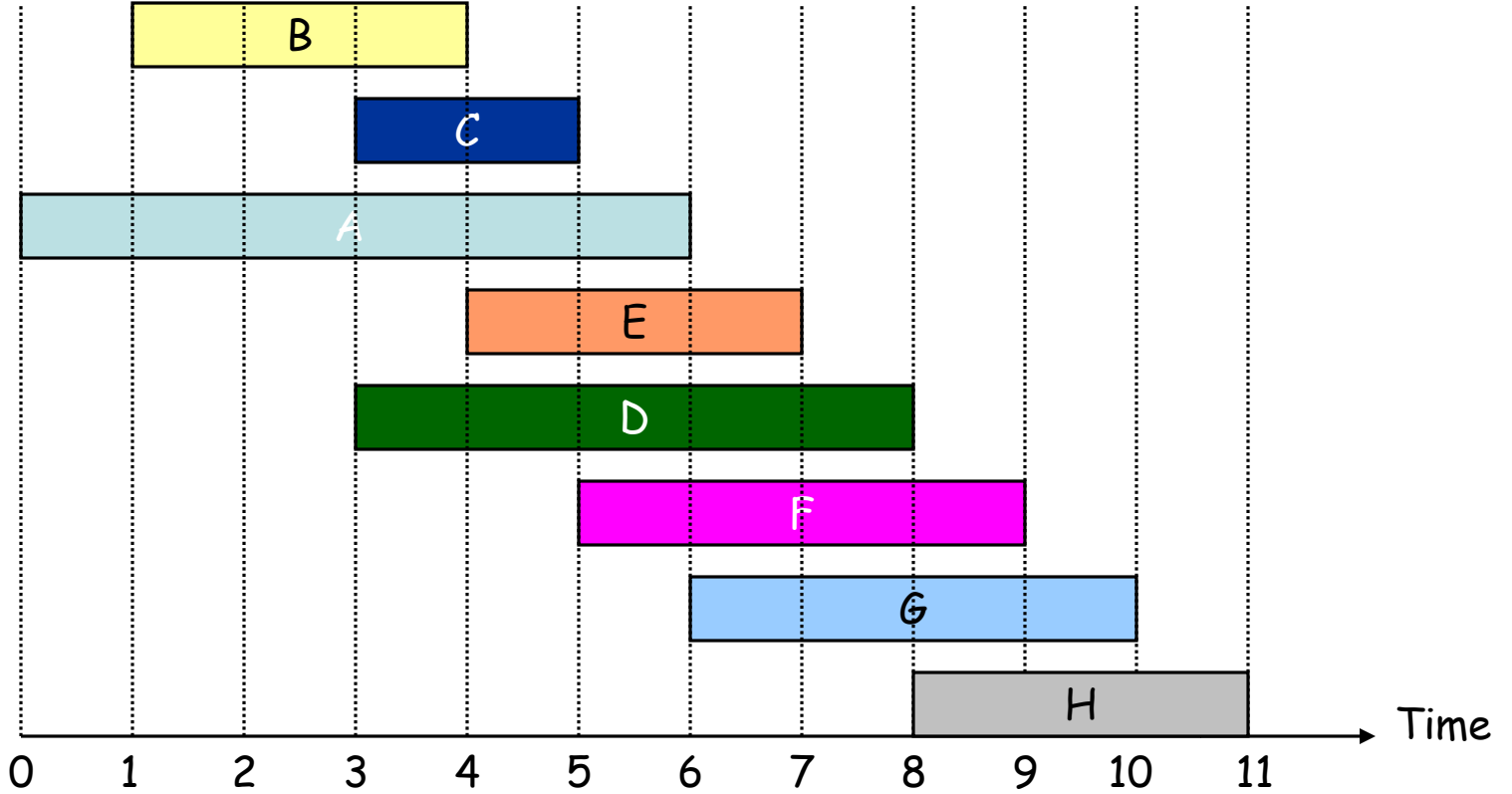
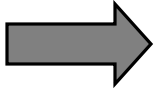
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Sort jobs by finish times so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .  
  ↙ set of jobs selected  
A ←  $\phi$   
for j = 1 to n {  
    if (job j compatible with A)  
        A ← A ∪ {j}  
}  
return A
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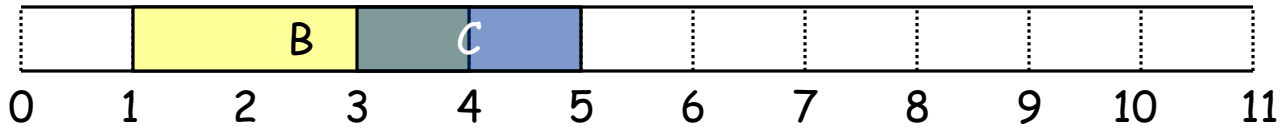
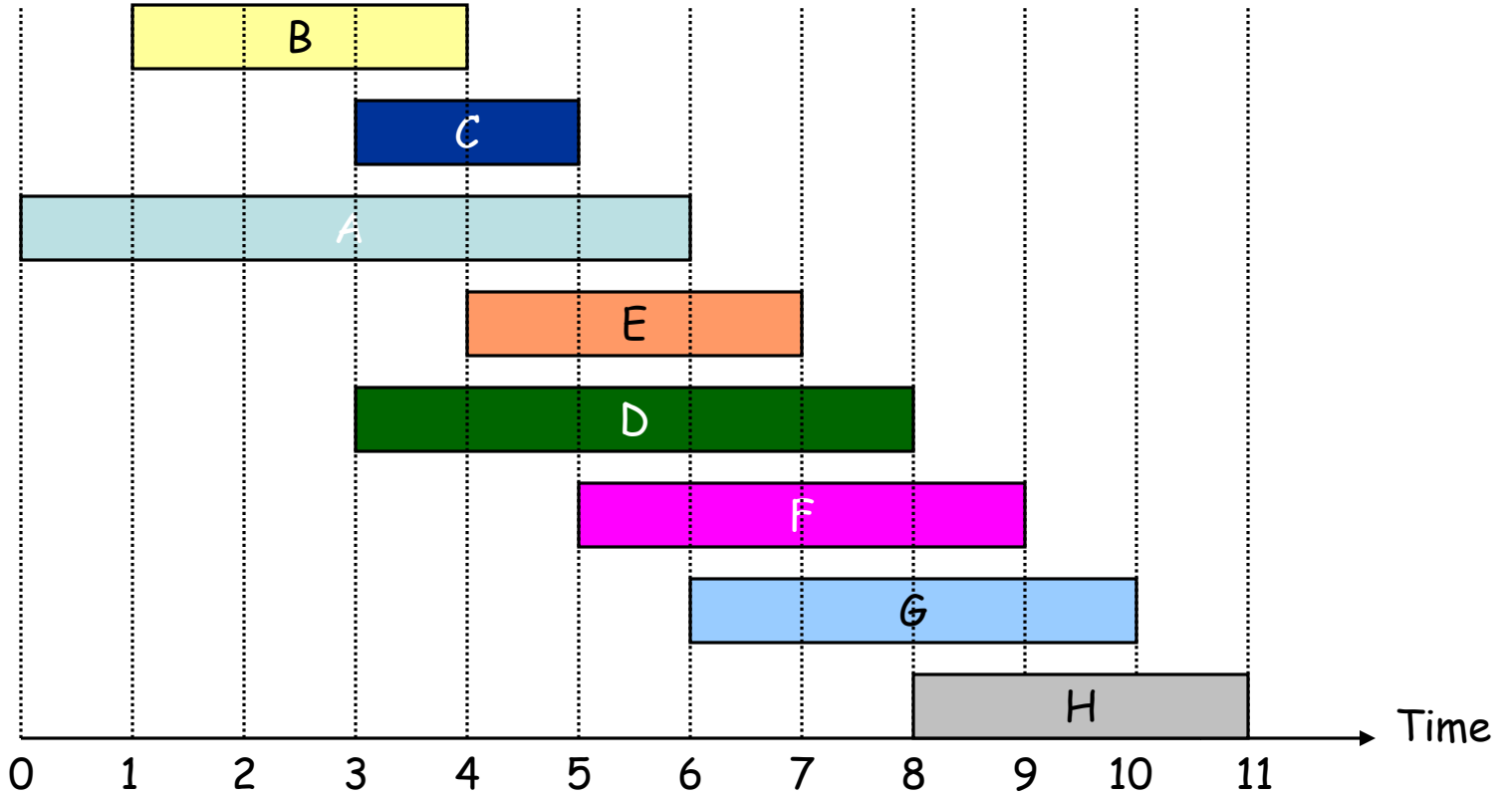
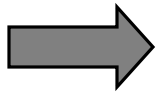


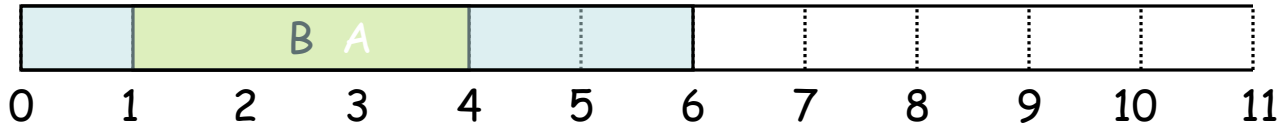
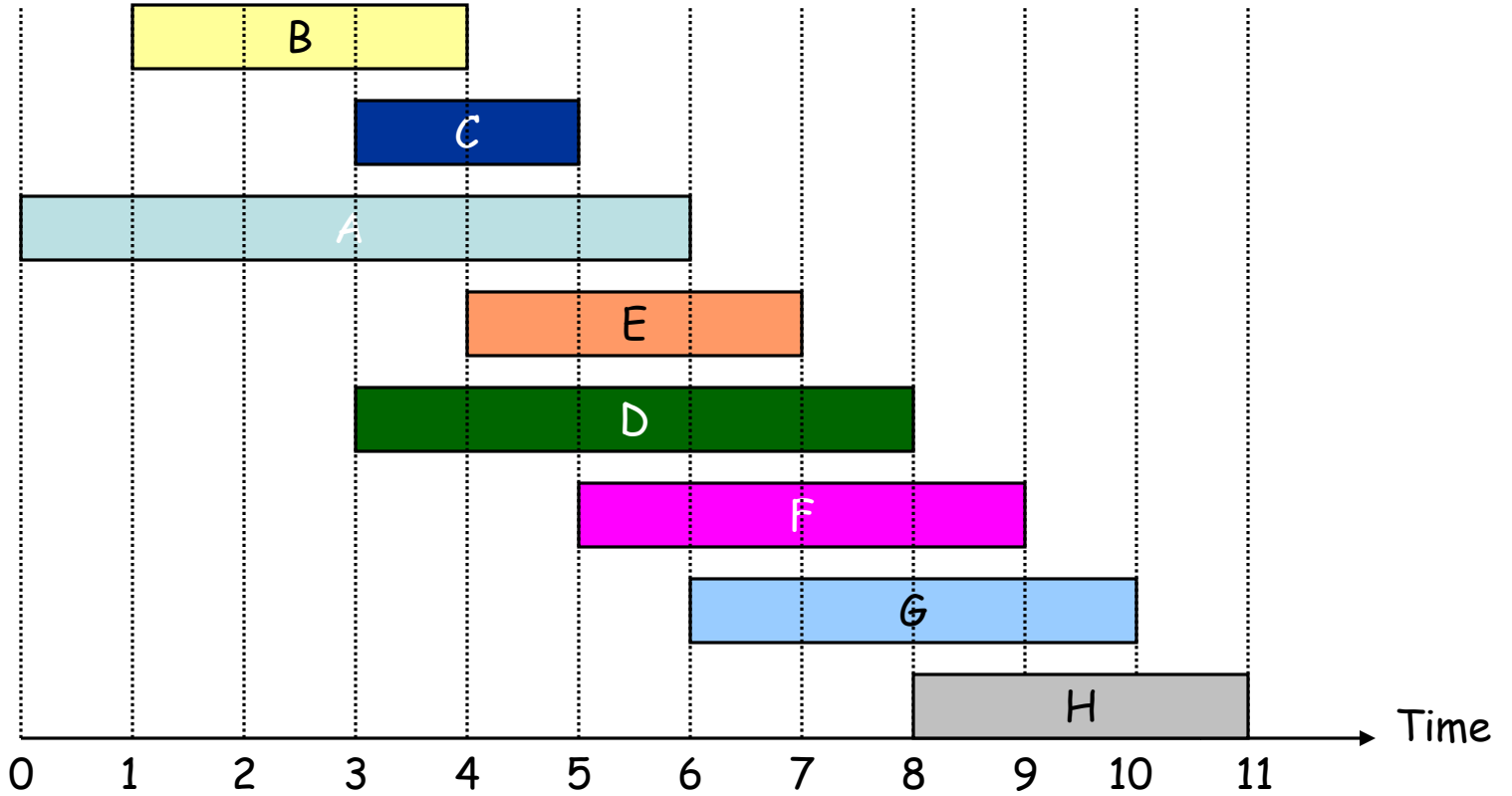
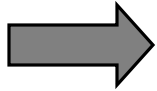
Implementation. $O(n \log n)$.

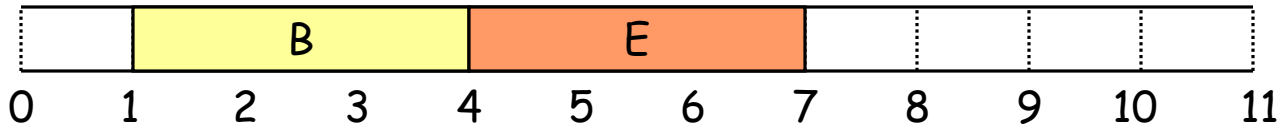
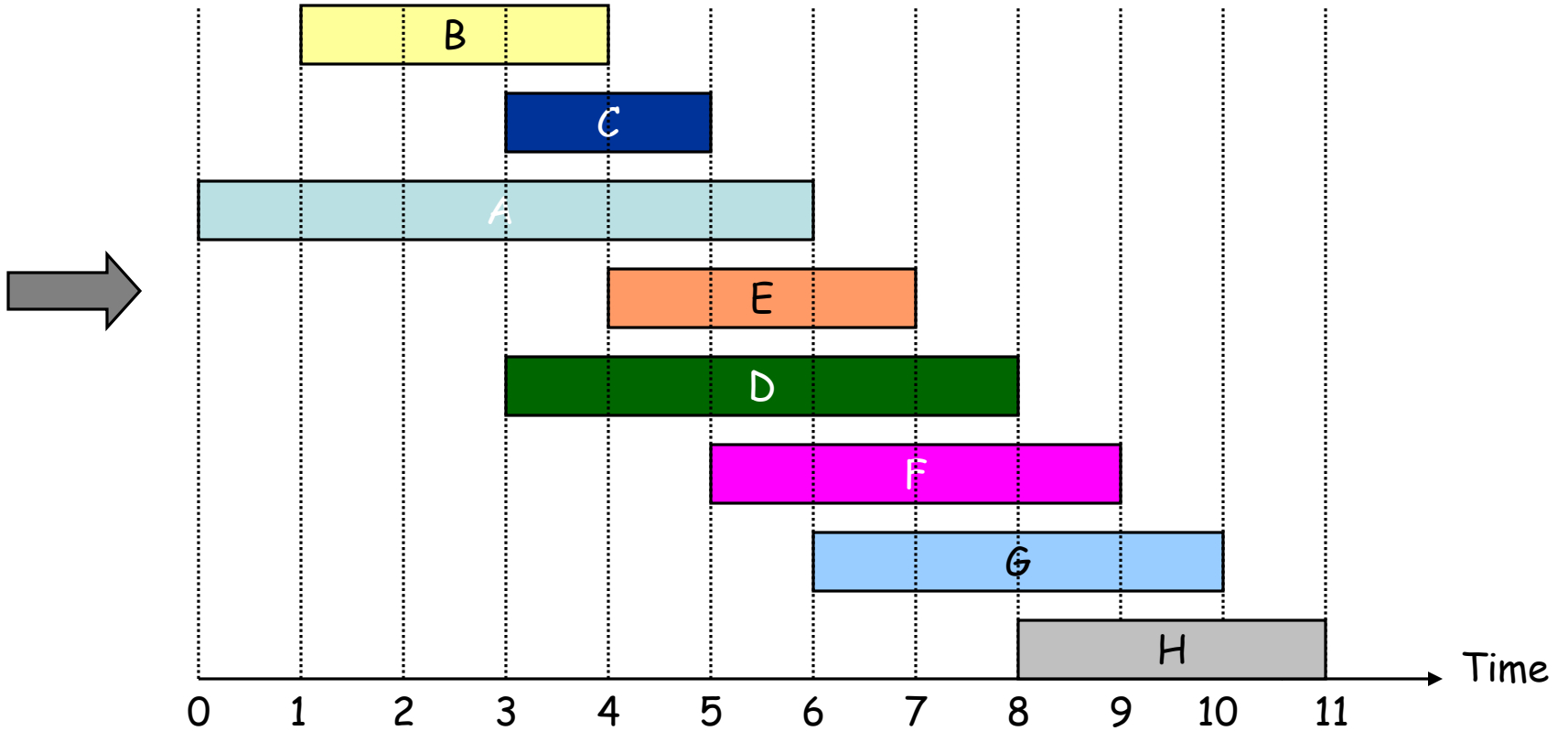
- Remember job j^* that was added last to A.
- Job j is compatible with A if $s_j \geq f_{j^*}$.

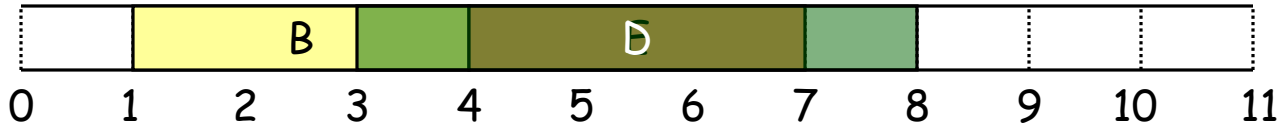
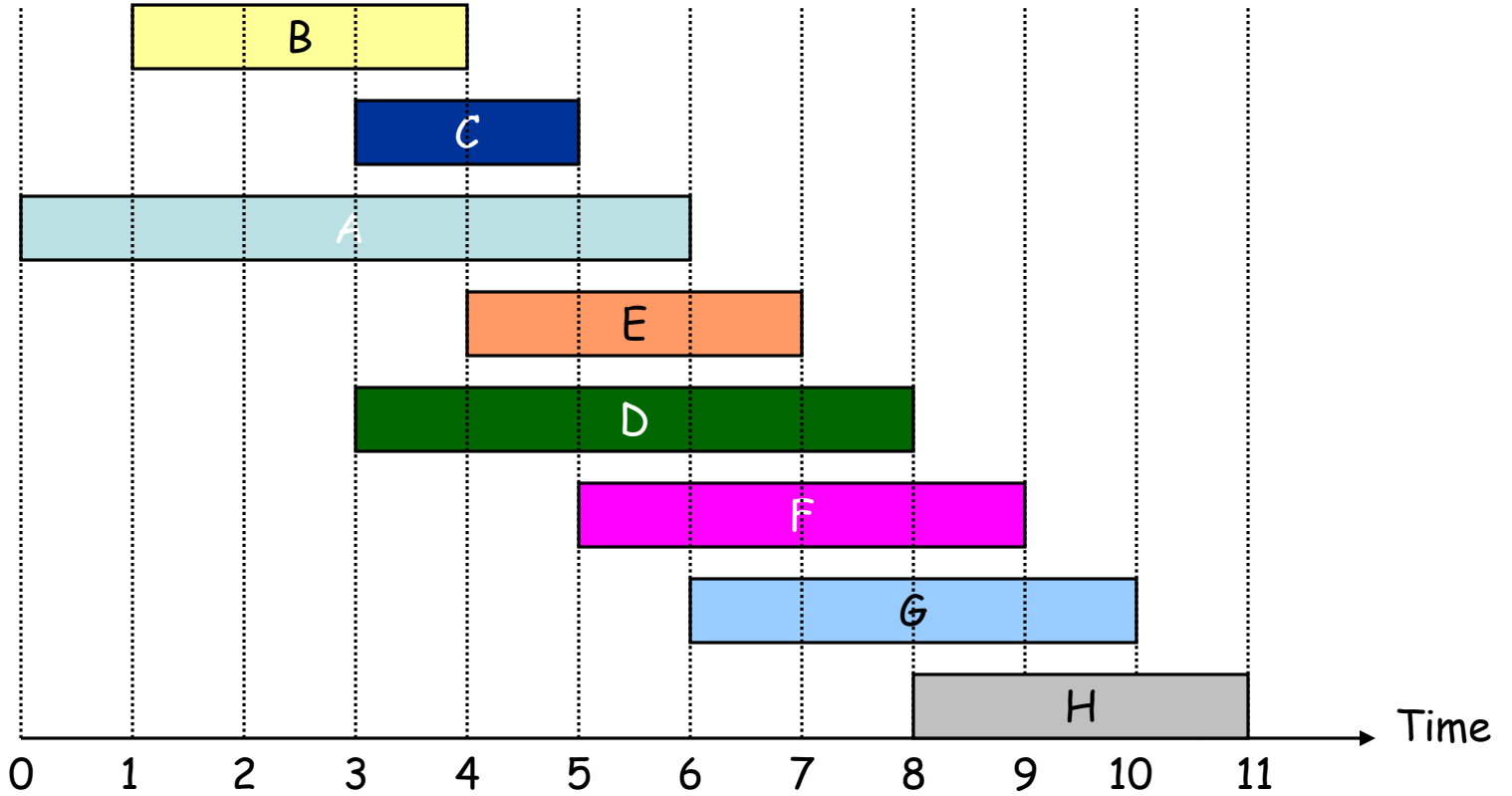
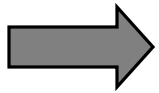


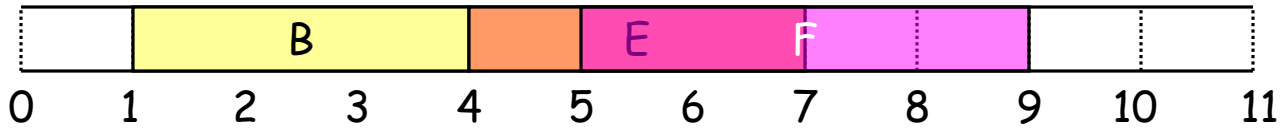
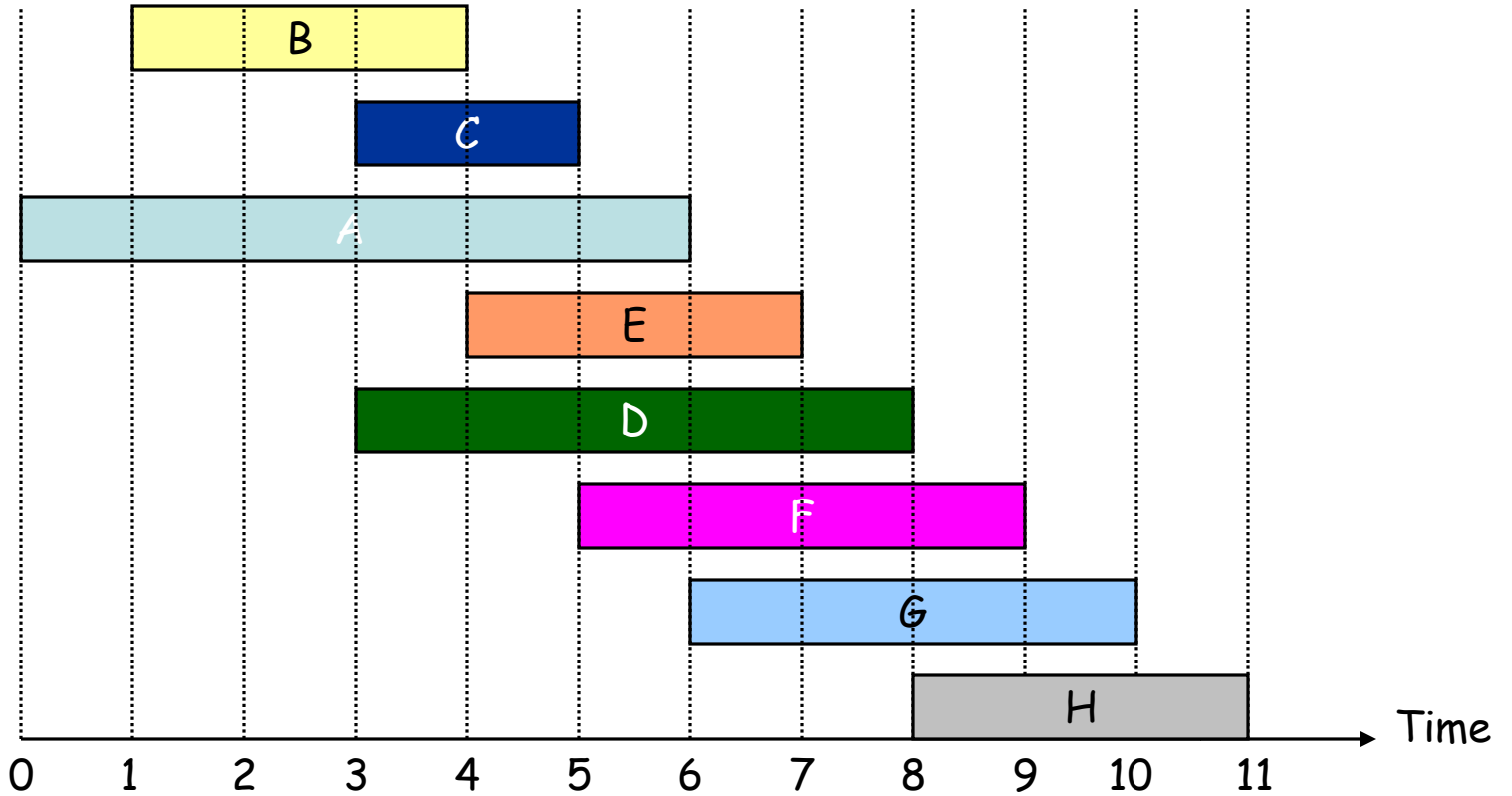
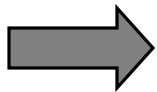


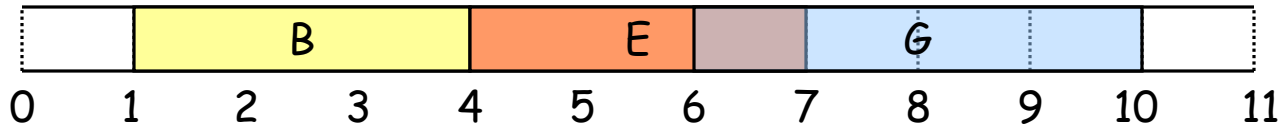
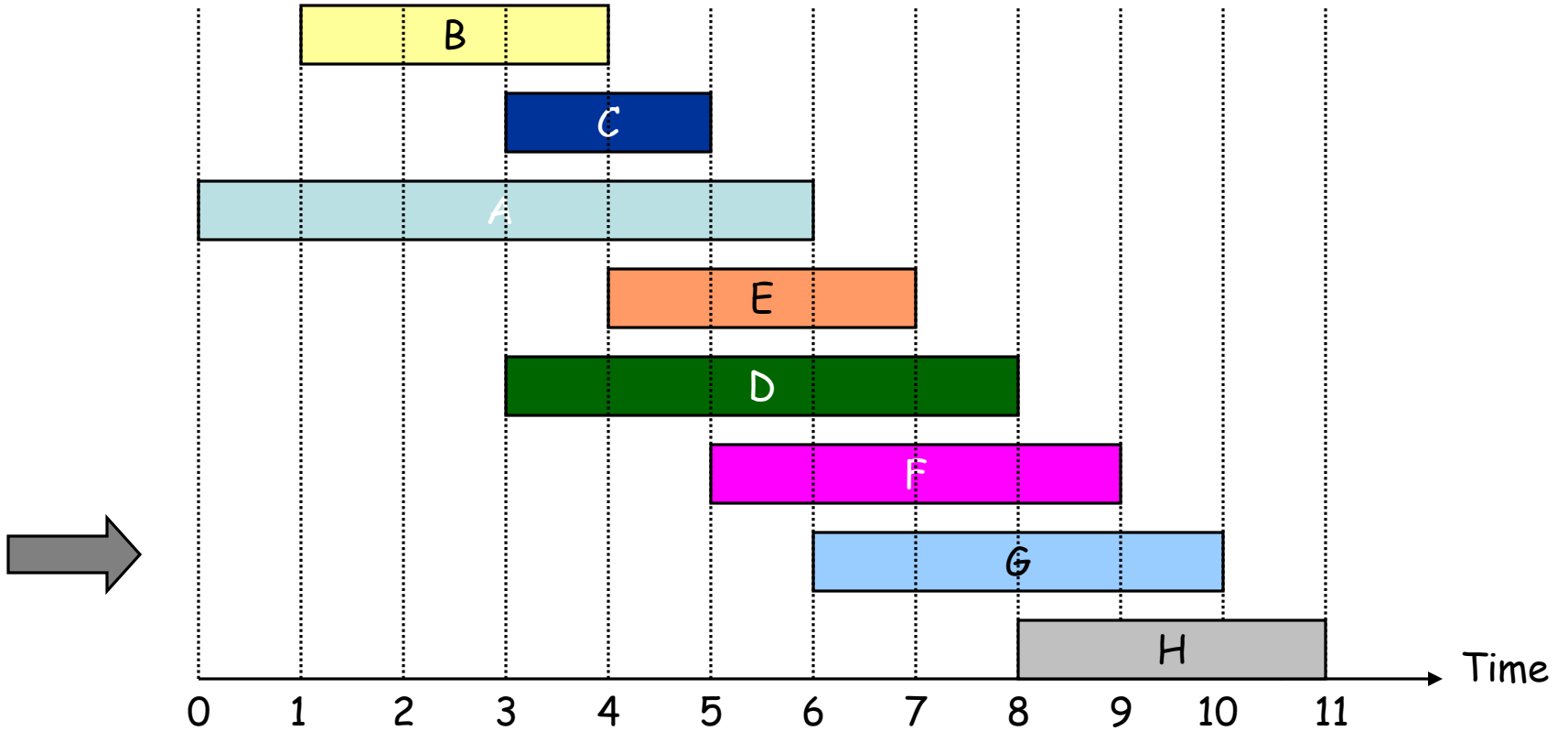


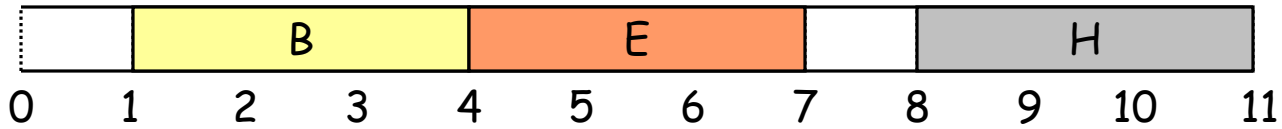
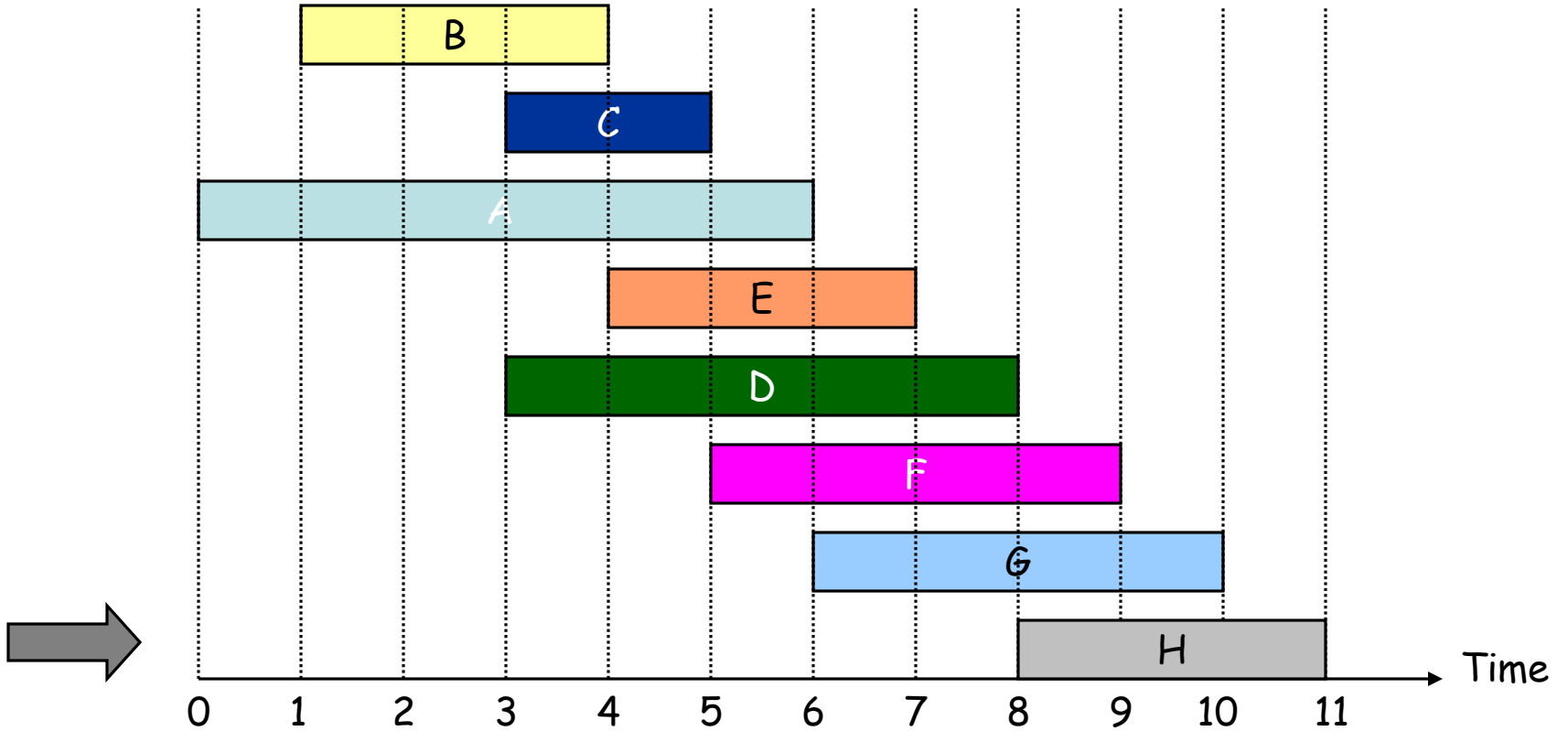










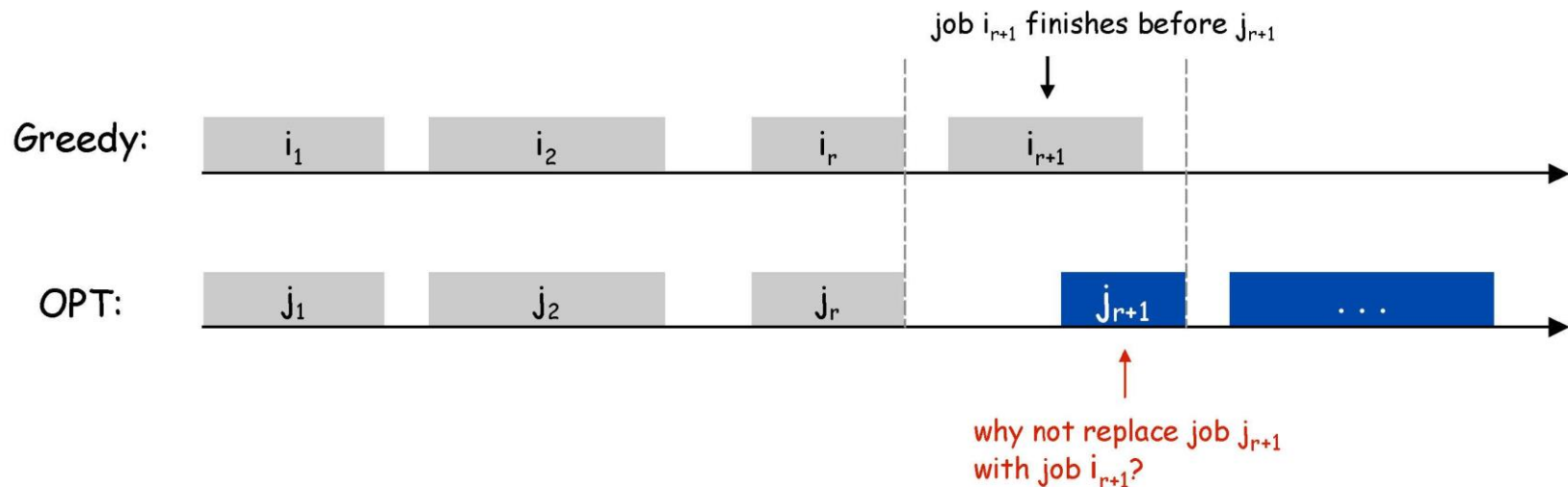


Interval Scheduling: Analysis

Theorem. Greedy algorithm is optimal.

Pf. (by contradiction)

- Assume greedy is not optimal, and let's see what happens.
- Let i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k denote set of jobs selected by greedy.
- Let j_1, j_2, \dots, j_m denote set of jobs in the optimal solution with $i_1 = j_1, i_2 = j_2, \dots, i_r = j_r$ for the largest possible value of r .

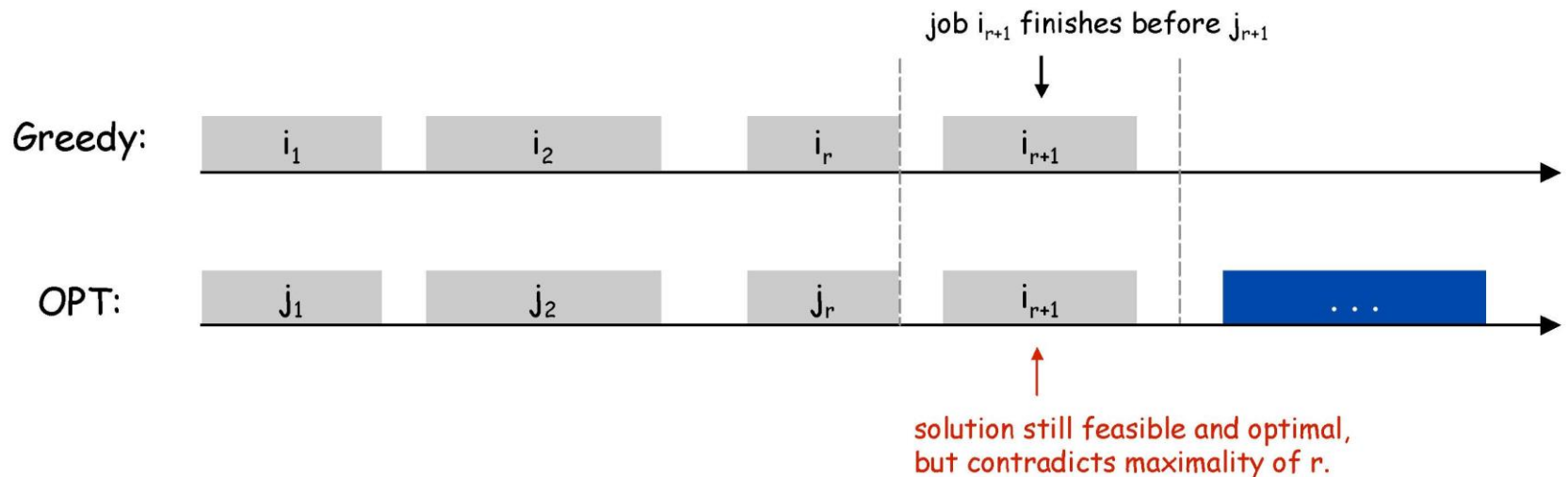


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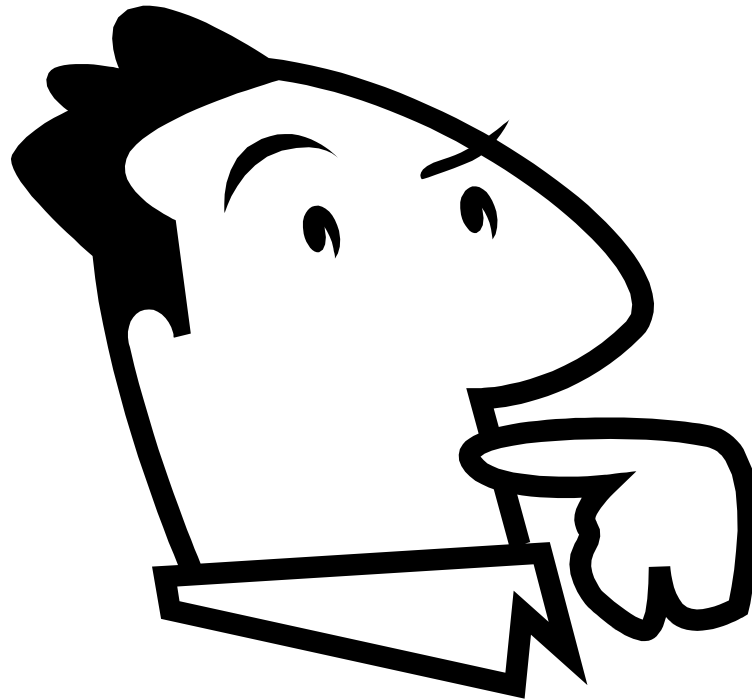
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Was haben wir gezeigt ?

If one measures the Greedy Algorithm's progress in a step-by-step fashion, one sees that it does better than any other algorithm at each step (“greedy stays ahead”); it then follows that it produces an optimal solution!

Fragen?



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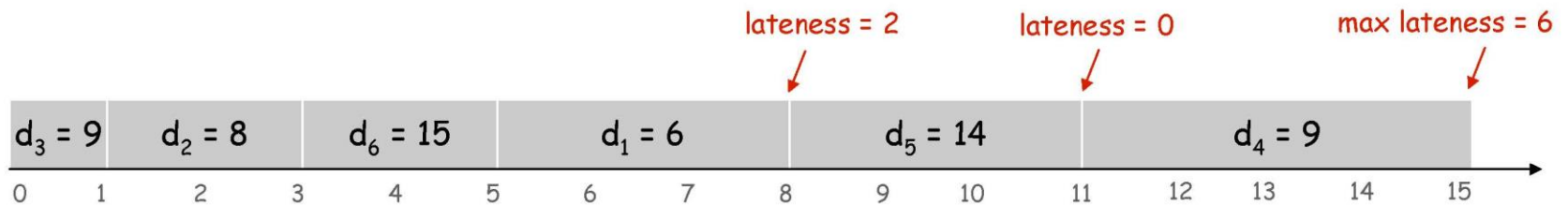
Scheduling to Minimizing Lateness

Minimizing lateness problem.

- Single resource processes one job at a time.
- Job j requires t_j units of processing time and is due at time d_j .
- If j starts at time s_j , it finishes at time $f_j = s_j + t_j$.
- Lateness: $l_j = \max \{ 0, f_j - d_j \}$.
- Goal: schedule all jobs to minimize **maximum** lateness $L = \max l_j$.

Ex:

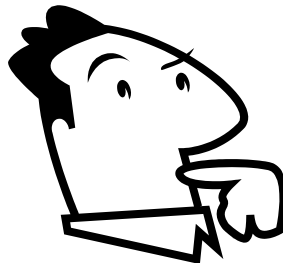
	1	2	3	4	5	6
t_j	3	2	1	4	3	2
d_j	6	8	9	9	14	15



Minimizing Lateness: Greedy Algorithms

Greedy template. Consider jobs in some order.

- [Shortest processing time first] Consider jobs in ascending order of processing time t_j .
- [Earliest deadline first] Consider jobs in ascending order of deadline d_j .
- [Smallest slack] Consider jobs in ascending order of slack $d_j - t_j$.



Minimizing Lateness: Greedy Algorithms

Greedy template. Consider jobs in some order.

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	1	2
t_j	1	10
d_j	100	10

counterexample

- [Smallest slack] Consider jobs in ascending order of slack $d_j - t_j$.

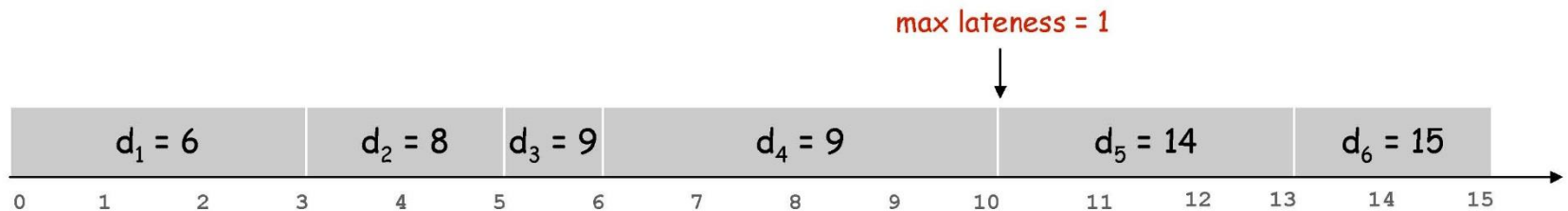
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Minimizing Lateness: Greedy Algorithm

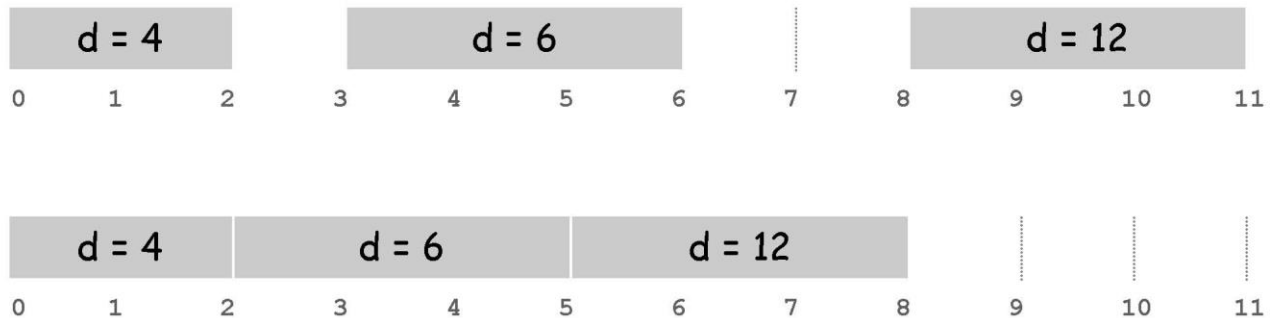
Greedy algorithm. Earliest deadline first.

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Sort n jobs by deadline so that  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$   
  
 $t \leftarrow 0$   
for  $j = 1$  to  $n$   
  // Assign job  $j$  to interval  $[t, t + t_j]$   
   $s_j \leftarrow t, f_j \leftarrow t + t_j$   
   $t \leftarrow t + t_j$   
output intervals  $[s_j, f_j]$ 
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Minimizing Lateness: No Idle Time

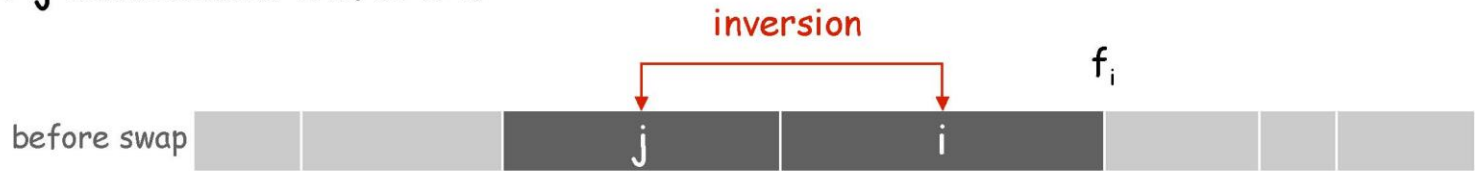
Observation. There exists an optimal schedule with no **idle time**.



Observation. The greedy schedule has no idle time.

Minimizing Lateness: Inversions

Def. Given a schedule S , an **inversion** is a pair of jobs i and j such that: $i < j$ but j scheduled before i .



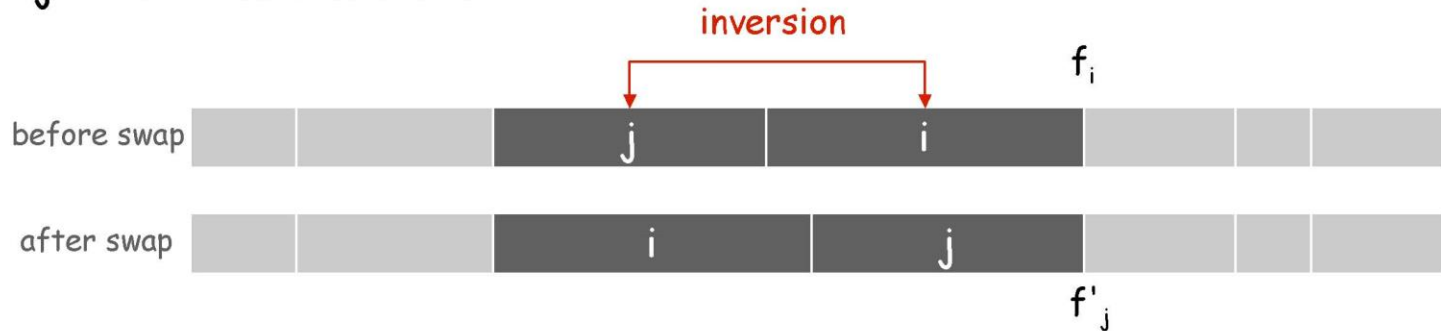
[as before, we assume jobs are numbered so that $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$]

Observation. Greedy schedule has no inversions.

Observation. If a schedule (with no idle time) has an inversion, it has one with a pair of inverted jobs scheduled consecutively.

Minimizing Lateness: Inversions

Def. Given a schedule S , an **inversion** is a pair of jobs i and j such that: $i < j$ but j scheduled before i .



Claim. Swapping two consecutive, inverted jobs reduces the number of inversions by one and does not increase the max lateness.

Pf. Let ℓ be the lateness before the swap, and let ℓ' be it afterwards.

- $\ell'_k = \ell_k$ for all $k \neq i, j$
- $\ell'_i \leq \ell_i$
- If job j is late:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ell'_j &= f'_j - d_j && \text{(definition)} \\
 &= f_i - d_j && \text{(} j \text{ finishes at time } f_i \text{)} \\
 &\leq f_i - d_i && \text{(} i < j \text{)} \\
 &\leq \ell_i && \text{(definition)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Minimizing Lateness: Analysis of Greedy Algorithm

Theorem. Greedy schedule S is optimal.

Pf. Define S^* to be an optimal schedule that has the fewest number of inversions, and let's see what happens.

- Can assume S^* has no idle time.
- If S^* has no inversions, then $S = S^*$.
- If S^* has an inversion, let i - j be an adjacent inversion.
 - swapping i and j does not increase the maximum lateness and strictly decreases the number of inversions
 - this contradicts definition of S^* ▪

Was haben wir gezeigt ?

Any possible solution to the problem can be transformed (**Exchange Property**) into the solution found by the Greedy Algorithm without hurting its quality; it then follows that the greedy algorithm must have found a solution that is at least as good as any other solution!

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