

CSCI 3104 PS3a

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TOTAL POINTS

8 / 9

QUESTION 1

3 pts

1.1 1 / 1

- ✓ + **0.5 pts** Size of the array
- ✓ + **0.5 pts** list of events
 - + **0 pts** incorrect or not attempted
 - + **0 pts** The question asked to find the maximum number of events that need to be selected

1.2 2 / 2

- ✓ + **2 pts** Correct usage of the Greedy Algorithm and compared to the optimal solution. Good work !!!
 - + **1.5 pts** Correct usage of Greedy Algorithm but the comparison of size to optimal solution size of part-a is missing.
 - + **0.5 pts** Compared with the Greedy Algorithm
 - + **1 pts** Minor mistakes applying Greedy Algorithm
 - + **0 pts** Empty or incomplete solution submitted

QUESTION 2

3 pts

2.1 1 / 1

- ✓ + **0.5 pts** Correct maximum size
- ✓ + **0.5 pts** Correct list of events
 - + **0 pts** Incorrect answer
 - + **0.5 pts** Partially correct

2.2 2 / 2

- ✓ + **0.5 pts** Correct comparison of greedy solution with optimal answer
- ✓ + **1.5 pts** Backup solution with correct intervals found with greedy algorithm and correct reasoning
 - + **1 pts** Partially correct application of greedy algorithm

+ **0 pts** Incorrect

QUESTION 3

3 pts

3.1 0 / 1

- **0 pts** Correct
- ✓ - **0.5 pts** Got the event set wrong
- ✓ - **0.5 pts** Got the size of the set wrong
 - **0 pts** No need to explain this thoroughly. All I needed was the size and events
 - **0.2 pts** Give a construction

3.2 2 / 2

- ✓ + **1.5 pts** Using the greedy algorithm correctly
 - + **1 pts** Minor mistakes applying the greedy algorithm
- ✓ + **0.5 pts** Get the not optimal conclusion correctly.
 - + **0 pts** Incorrect/Not attempted.

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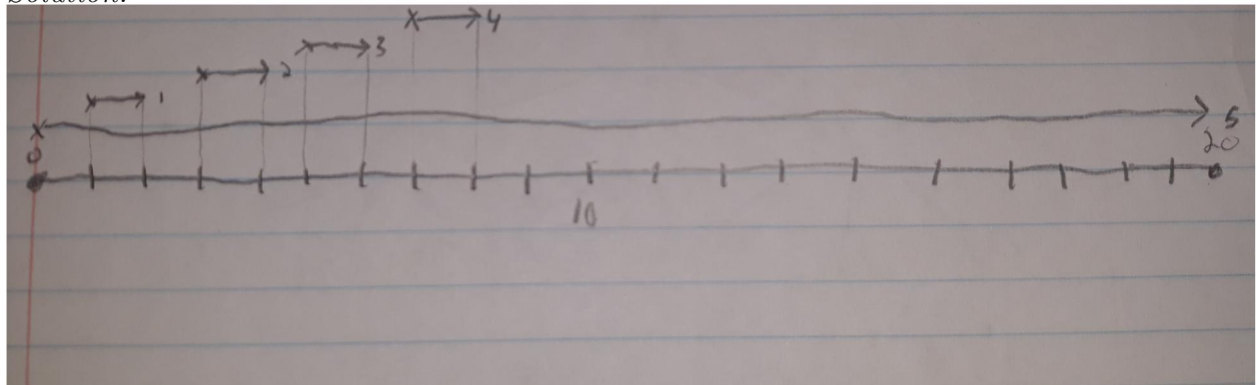
1. Suppose we have a number of events m_i . Each event starts at time s_i and finishes at time e_i , where $0 \leq s_i < e_i$. We represent the event m_i with the closed interval $[s_i, e_i]$. Our goal is to construct a maximum size set of events, where no two events in the set overlap.

Suppose the following intervals are provided.

Event Index	Interval
1	$[1, 2]$
2	$[3, 4]$
3	$[5, 6]$
4	$[7, 8]$
5	$[0, 20]$.

- (a) (1 pt) What is the maximum size set of events that can be selected such that no two events in the set overlap? Include the list of the events selected in your answer.

Solution.

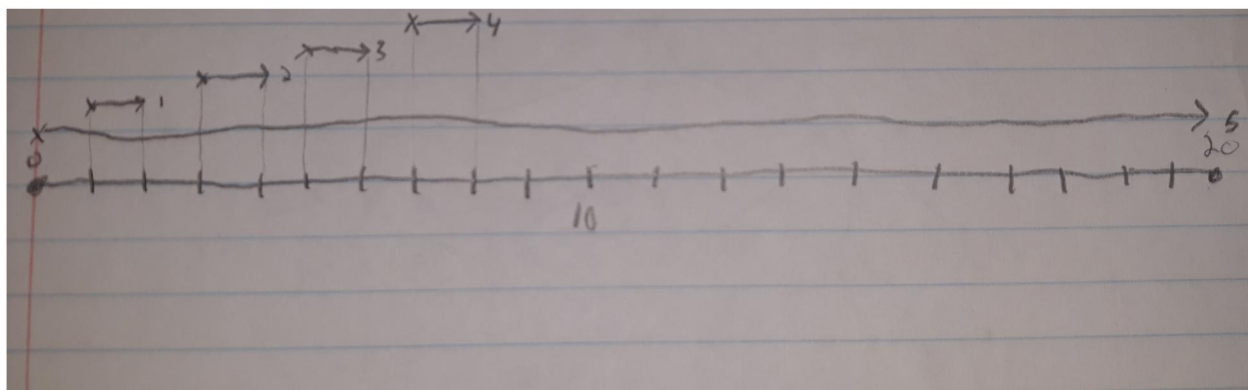


The 5th interval is in conflict with everything else and would take all the time, so we have to scrap it.

That leaves 4 non-overlapping events, being events (1 $[1-2]$, 2 $[3-4]$, 3 $[5-6]$, 4 $[7-8]$)

- (b) (2 pt) Suppose we sort the intervals in ascending order by start time. Consider a greedy algorithm that selects the next event based on earliest start time, so long as the interval selected does not conflict with any previously selected interval. Using the intervals provided, show that this greedy algorithm fails to provide a maximum size set of events, where no two events in the set overlap. That is, the solution returned by this greedy algorithm is not optimal.

Solution.



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As shown in the graph, interval 5 ($[0,20]$) takes up all available times. However, since it is the earliest, it is picked.

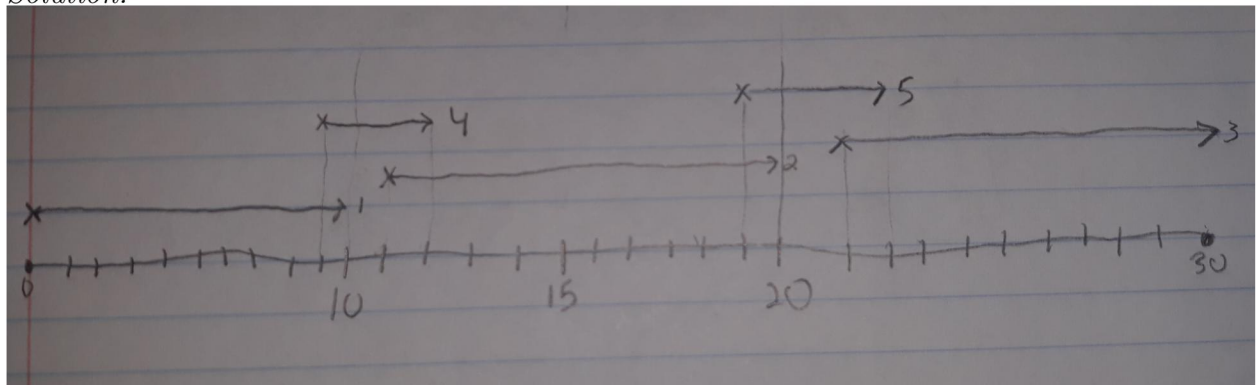
This means the greedy algorithm only chooses 1 interval instead of the optimal 4, which is not optimal.

2. Using the same definition in Problem 1, suppose the following intervals are provided.

Event Index	Interval
1	$[1, 10]$
2	$[11, 20]$
3	$[21, 30]$
4	$[9, 12]$
5	$[19, 22]$

- (a) (1 pt) What is the maximum size set of events that can be selected such that no two events in the set overlap? Include the list of the events selected in your answer.

Solution.



Both events 4 and 5 overlap two separate events (1,2 and 2,3 respectively). As such, to keep a maximum amount, we discard these two events.

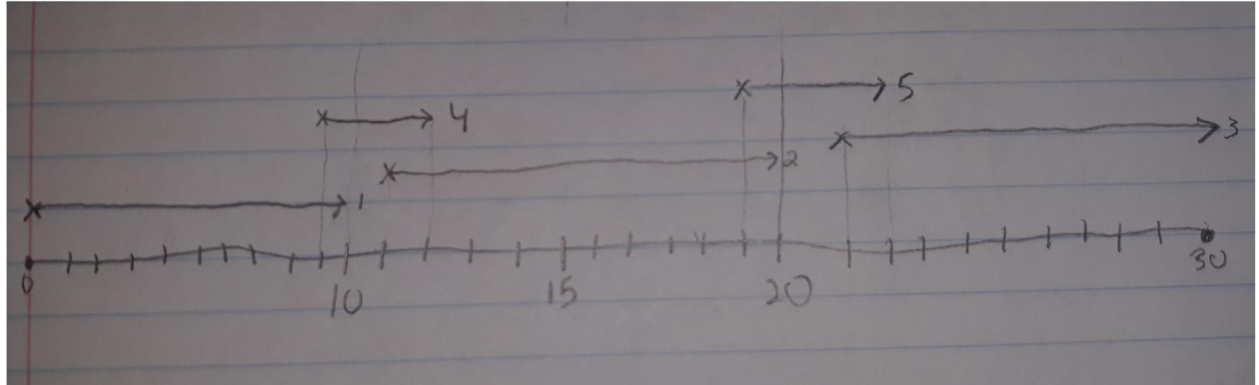
Therefore, the max amount of events is 3 with events (1 $[1-10]$, 2 $[11-20]$, 3 $[21-30]$)

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- (b) (2 pt) Suppose we sort the intervals in ascending order by interval length. For events with the same length, order by start time. Consider a greedy algorithm that selects the next interval based on the smallest interval length, so long as the interval selected does not conflict with any previously selected interval. Using the intervals provided, show that this greedy algorithm fails to provide a maximum size set of events, where no two events in the set overlap. That is, the solution returned by this greedy algorithm is not optimal.

Solution.



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Events 1,2,3 are 10 long, which means they have lower priority than the small 4 and 5 following the graph.

Events 4 and 5, as the shortest non-overlapping events, are added first. These then, however, block events 1,2, and 3 from entering due overlap

Due to our algorithm, only 2 events (4,5) will be picked by size, which is less optimal than the most optimal 3 (being 1 [1-10], 2 [11-20], 3 [21-30])

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3. Consider again the same scenario as in Problems 1 and 2, and suppose the following intervals are provided.

Event Index	Interval
1	[1, 3]
2	[4, 6]
3	[7, 9]
4	[10, 12]
5	[2, 5]
6	[2, 5]
7	[2, 5]
8	[5.5, 7.5]
9	[8, 11]
10	[8, 11]
11	[8, 11]

- (a) (1 pt) What is the maximum size set of events that can be selected such that no two events in the set overlap? Include the list of the events selected in your answer.

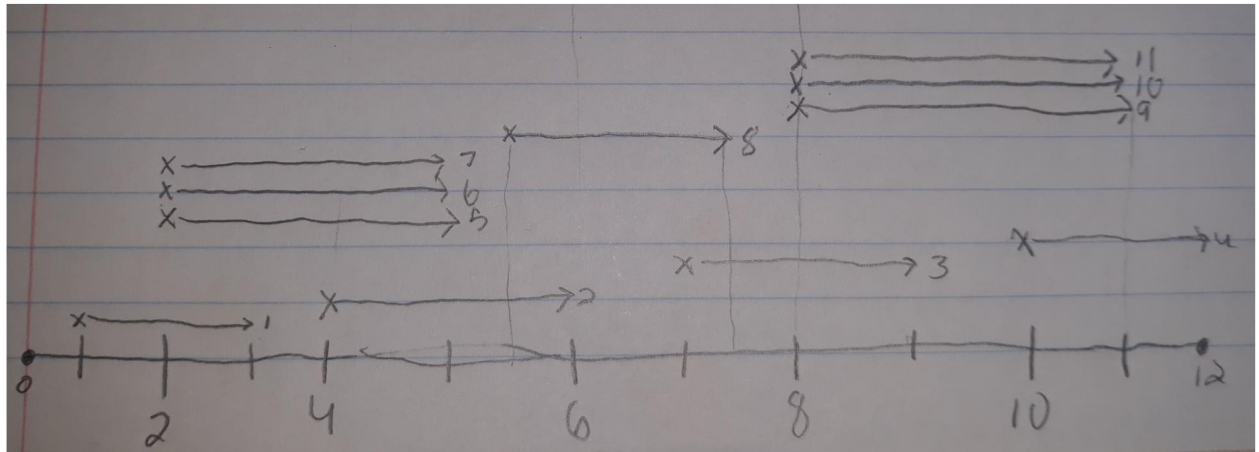
Solution.

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To start, there are two sets that are the exact same value ((5,6,7) and (9,10,11)), which automatically overlap and thus will be counted as one entity.

Following the graph, we have another situation like question 2 where there are lines at the bottom that correctly fit the whole linespace and others that overlap two simultaneously, eliminating two (such as the events 5,6,7 conglomerate taking over what could fit both events 1 and 2). As such, every line besides 1,2,3,4 overlaps two separate lines (not including the ones with the same value) and thus should be ignored for optimality

As such, the max amount of events is 4 with the events (1 [1-3], 2 [4-6], 3 [7-9], 4 [10-12]).

- (b) (2 pts) Let c_i denote the number of intervals on our list in which interval i conflicts. For example, interval 1 participates in 3 conflicts: with intervals 5, 6, and 7. So $c_1 = 3$.

Suppose we sort the intervals in ascending order based on the number of conflicts. So if $c_i < c_j$, then interval i comes before interval j . Consider a greedy algorithm that selects the next interval based on the smallest number of conflicts, so long as the interval selected does not conflict with any previously selected interval. Using the intervals provided, show that this greedy algorithm fails to provide a maximum size set of events, where no two events in the set overlap. That is, the solution returned by this greedy algorithm is not optimal.

Solution.

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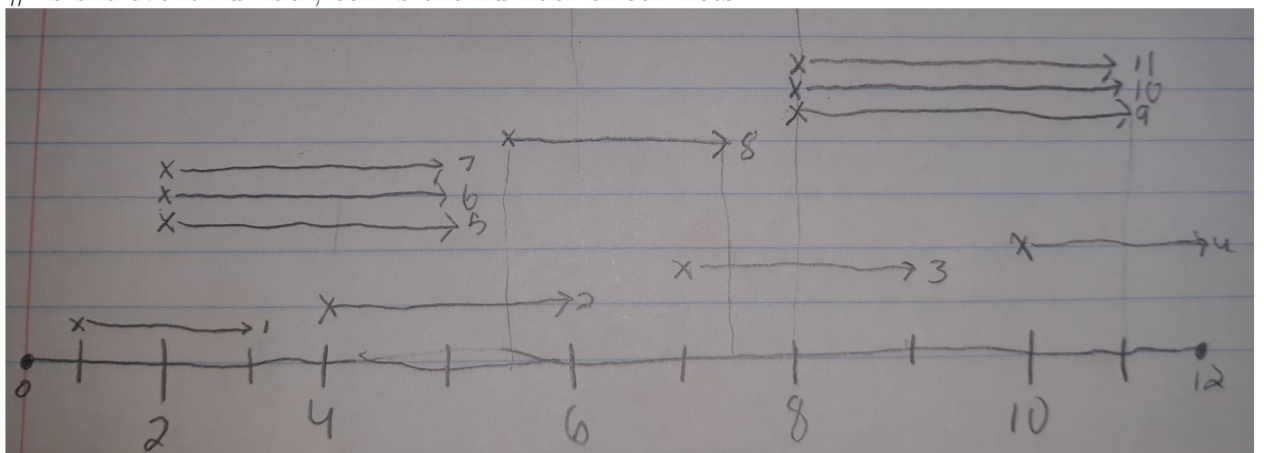
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#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
con.	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	2	4	4	4

is the event number, con is the number of conflicts



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According to our chart of conflicts, to follow the rules, event 8 would be picked first as the only one with only two conflicts. 1 and 4 would follow, as they are the only ones with 3 conflicts while also not conflicting with 8. All others conflict with 8, 1, and/or 4

Since 8 is being used, we cannot use the most optimal 2 and 3 with our picked 1 and 4, leading to 3 events instead of 4, thus being not as optimal.