Summary of COMP523 Advanced Algorithm

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Symmetry Notation

1.1 Asymptotic Notation

Asymptotic notation is a way of describing the limiting behavior of a function when the argument tends towards a particular value or infinity. In computer science, asymptotic notation is frequently used to describe the running time or space usage of an algorithm.

- O-notation: f(n) = O(q(n)) if there exist constants c and n_0 such that $0 \le f(n) \le cq(n)$ for all $n \ge n_0$.
- Ω -notation: $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ if there exist constants c and n_0 such that $0 \le cg(n) \le f(n)$ for all $n \ge n_0$.
- Θ -notation: $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if there exist constants c_1 , c_2 and n_0 such that $0 \le c_1 g(n) \le f(n) \le c_2 g(n)$ for all $n \ge n_0$.
- o-notation: f(n) = o(g(n)) if for any constant c > 0, there exists a constant n_0 such that $0 \le f(n) < cg(n)$ for all $n \ge n_0$.
- ω -notation: $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$ if for any constant c > 0, there exists a constant n_0 such that $0 \le cg(n) < f(n)$ for all $n \ge n_0$.

1.2 Comparing Functions

1.2.1 Transitivity

- f(n) = O(g(n)) and g(n) = O(h(n)) implies f(n) = O(h(n)).
- $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ and $g(n) = \Omega(h(n))$ implies $f(n) = \Omega(h(n))$.
- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ and $g(n) = \Theta(h(n))$ implies $f(n) = \Theta(h(n))$.

For example, $n^2 = O(n^3)$ and $n^3 = O(n^4)$ implies $n^2 = O(n^4)$.

1.2.2 Reflexivity

- f(n) = O(f(n)).
- $f(n) = \Omega(f(n))$.
- $f(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.

For example, $n^2 = O(n^2)$.

1.2.3 Symmetry

- f(n) = O(g(n)) implies g(n) = O(f(n)).
- $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ implies $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$.
- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ implies $g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.
- f(n) = o(g(n)) implies $g(n) = \omega(f(n))$.
- $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$ implies g(n) = o(f(n)).

For example, $n^2 = O(n^3)$ implies $n^3 = \Omega(n^2)$.

1.2.4 Transpose Symmetry

- f(n) = O(g(n)) if and only if $g(n) = \Omega(f(n))$.
- $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if and only if $g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.
- f(n) = o(g(n)) if and only if $g(n) = \omega(f(n))$.
- $f(n) = \omega(g(n))$ if and only if g(n) = o(f(n)).

For example, $n^2 = O(n^3)$ if and only if $n^3 = \Omega(n^2)$.

1.2.5 sum and maximum

$$f_1(n) + f_2(n) + \dots + f_k(n) = \Theta(\max(f_1(n), f_2(n), \dots, f_k(n)))$$

where k is a constant positive integer.

Let $f_j(n) = j$, k = n, then

$$f_1(n) + f_2(n) + \dots + f_k(n) = n(n+1)/2 = \Theta(n^2)$$

1.2.6 Running time hierarchy

- logarithmic: $O(\log n)$
- linear: O(n)
- $n \log n$: $O(n \log n)$
- quadratic: $O(n^2)$
- polynomial: $O(n^k)$
- exponential: $O(c^n)$
- constant: O(1)
- superconstant: $\omega(1)$
- sublinear: o(n)
- superlinear: $\omega(n)$
- superpolynomial: $\omega(n^k)$
- subexponential: $o(c^n)$

1.3 Expect of algorithms

Correctness: An algorithm is correct if it halts with the correct output for every input instance.

Termination: An algorithm is terminating if it halts for every input instance.

Efficiency: An algorithm is efficient if it halts with the correct output for every input instance and runs in polynomial

time.

Recursion and Divide and Conquer techniques

2.1 Finding Majority in array

The pesudocode of the algorithm is shown in Algorithm 2.1.

Algorithm 1 Finding Majority in array

```
1: procedure MAJORITY(A)
        n \leftarrow \text{length of } A
        if n = 0 then
 3:
 4:
            return -1
        end if
        if n=1 then
            return A[1]
 8:
        if n1 and n is odd then
 9:
10:
        end if
11:
        Array B of size n/2
12:
        set j=0
13:
        for i = 1 to n/2 do
14:
15:
            if A[2i-1] = A[2i] then
                B[j] \leftarrow A[2i-1]
16:
                j \leftarrow j+1
17:
            end if
18:
19:
        end for
20:
        m \leftarrow \mathsf{MAJORITY}(B)
        count \leftarrow 0
21:
        for i=1 to n do
22:
            if A[i] = m then
                count \leftarrow count + 1
24:
            end if
25:
        end for
        if count > n/2 then
27:
            return m
28:
29:
        else
            \mathbf{return} - 1
        end if
32: end procedure
```

Correctness:

Lemma: If A has a majority element, then the majority element of A is also the majority element of B.

Base case: n = 1, the majority element is A[1].

Induction hypothesis: Assume that the lemma is true for n = k, we will prove that the lemma is true for n = k + 1.

Induction step: If A has a majority element, then the majority element of A is also the majority element of B.

Case 1 (A has a majority element m): Then by the lemma, it is also the majority element of B. Then m appears more than k/2 times in B. Then m appears more than (k+1)/2 times in A.

Case 2 (A has no majority element): Then B has no majority element. Then A has no majority element.

Proof the lemma:

proof by contradiction. Assume that A has a majority element m and B has a majority element m', but $m \neq m'$.

Let x be the numbers of occurrence of m in A.

Let y be the numbers of occurrence of m' in B.

Then 2y times from pairs that are represented in B by a value different from m', and x-2y times, since each occurrence of m in A that is not paired with another occurrence of m in A is paired with an occurrence of m' in B.

In total, this gives 2y + x - 2y = x occurrences of m in A, which is a contradiction.

Running time:

Recursive formula for the running time:

$$T(n) \le T(n/2) + cn$$

where c is a constant.

The solution to the recurrence is T(n) = O(n).

2.2 Searching in logarithmic time

Searching faster with BinarySearch.

It is a particular case of the divide-and-conquer paradigm.

Input: A sorted array A of n elements and a value x.

Output: An index i such that A[i] = x or the special value -1 if x does not appear in A.

Pseudocode is shown in Algorithm 2.2.

Algorithm 2 BinarySearch

```
1: procedure BINARYSEARCH(x, i, j)
       if i = j then
2.
          if A[i] = x then
3:
4:
              return i
          else
5:
              return -1
6:
          end if
7:
       else
8:
          if x = A[|(i+j)/2|] then
9:
              return |(i+j)/2|
10:
          else if x < A[|(i+j)/2|] then
11:
              return BINARYSEARCH(x, i, |(i + j)/2|)
12:
13:
              return BINARYSEARCH(x, |(i+j)/2| + 1, j)
14:
          end if
15:
       end if
17: end procedure
```

Running time:

The number of comparisons performed by BinarySearch is:

$$T(n) \le T(n/2) + 4$$

Keep calculate:

$$\begin{split} T(n) &\leq T(n/2) + 4 \\ &\leq T(n/4) + 4 + 4 \\ &\leq T(n/8) + 4 + 4 + 4 \\ &\leq T(n/2^k) + 4k \\ &\leq T(n/2^{\log(n-1)}) + 4\log(n-1) \\ &= T(2) + 4(\log n - 1) \\ &\leq 4\log n - 4 \\ &= 4\log n \end{split}$$

proof $T(n) \leq 4 \log n$:

Base case: n = 1, $T(1) = 0 \le 4 \log 1 = 0$.

Induction hypothesis: Assume that the lemma is true for n = k, we will prove that the lemma is true for n = k + 1. Induction step: $T(k+1) \le 4\log(k+1)$.

$$T(k+1) \le T(k/2) + 4$$

$$\le 4 \log(k/2) + 4$$

$$= 4 \log k - 4 + 4$$

$$= 4 \log k$$

$$\le 4 \log(k+1)$$

Memory usage:

The memory usage of BinarySearch is:

$$M(n) = O(\log n)$$

Comparing BinarySearch and LinearSearch:

$$T_{ ext{BinarySearch}}(n) = O(\log n)$$

$$T_{ ext{LinearSearch}}(n) = O(n)$$

$$T_{ ext{BinarySearch}}(n) = O(\log n) < O(n) = T_{ ext{LinearSearch}}(n)$$
 $M_{ ext{BinarySearch}}(n) = O(\log n) < O(1) = M_{ ext{LinearSearch}}(n)$

2.3 Running time of Divide and Conquer algorithms

The Master Theorem:

Suppose that T(n) satisfies the recurrence:

$$T(n) \le aT(n/b) + cn^d$$

where $a \ge 1$, b > 1, c > 0 and $d \ge 0$ are constants.

Then T(n) has the following asymptotic bounds:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & \text{if } d > \log_b a \\ O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } d = \log_b a \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } d < \log_b a \end{cases}$$

This theorem is useful for solving recurrences of the form:

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

where $a \ge 1, b > 1$ and f(n) is an asymptotically positive function. **Example**:

```
\begin{split} T(n) &= 8T(n/2) + 100n^2\\ a &= 8, b = 2, f(n) = 100n^2, d = 2, \log_b a = \log_2 8 = 3.\\ d &= 2 < \log_b a = 3, \text{ so } T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^3). \end{split}
```

2.4 Finding piar of points closest to each other

Input: A set P of n points in the plane.

Output: The pair of points in P that are closest to each other. **Pseudocode** is shown in Algorithm 2.4. **Running time**:

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Algorithm 3 ClosestPair
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```
1: procedure CLOSESTPAIR(P_1, \ldots, P_n)

2: Construct P_x and P_y. P_x is sorted by x-coordinate, P_y is sorted by y-coordinate.

3: return CLOSESTPAIRREC(P_x, P_y)

4: end procedure
```

Algorithm 4 ClosestPairRec

```
1: procedure CLOSESTPAIRREC(P_x, P_y)
        if |P_x| = |P_y| \le 3 then
2:
             For each pair of points (P_i, P_j), compute d(P_i, P_j)
 3:
             return the pair of points with the smallest distance
4:
 5:
         end if
        Construct Q_x, Q_y, R_x and R_y.
 6:
        (l_1, l_2) = \text{CLOSESTPAIRREC}(Q_x, Q_y)
 7:
        (r_1, r_2) = \text{CLOSESTPAIRREC}(R_x, R_y)
 8:
        \delta = \min\{d(l_1, l_2), d(r_1, r_2)\}\
9:
10:
        x^* = the largest x-coordinate in Q_x
         L = (x, y) : x = x^*
11:
        S = \{ p \in P : p \in L \text{ and } p \text{ is within } \delta \text{ of } L \}
12:
        Construct S_v
13:
14:
        for p \in S do
             Let q be the point in S_v closest to p
15:
             if d(p,q) < \delta then
16:
                 \delta = d(p,q)
17:
                 (s_1, s_2) = (p, q)
18:
             end if
19:
        end for
20:
        if d(s_1, s_2) < \min\{d(l_1, l_2), d(r_1, r_2)\} then
21:
             return (s_1, s_2)
22:
        end if
23:
        if d(l_1, l_2) < d(r_1, r_2) then
24:
25:
             return (l_1, l_2)
26:
27:
             return (r_1, r_2)
        end if
28:
29: end procedure
```

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T(n) \le 2T(n/2) + O(n \log n) = O(n \log n) Example:
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Graph Algorithms

3.1 Graph Definitions

Graph: A graph G consists of a set V of vertices and a set E of edges, where each edge is associated with a pair of vertices.

Directed Graph: A directed graph G consists of a set V of vertices and a set E of directed edges, where each directed edge is associated with an ordered pair of vertices.

Undirected Graph: An undirected graph G consists of a set V of vertices and a set E of undirected edges, where each undirected edge is associated with an unordered pair of vertices.

Neighbours of a vertex v: Set of vertices that are connected to v by an edge.

Degree of a vertex v: number of neighbours of v, denoted by deg(v).

Path: A sequence of (non-repeating) nodes with consecutive nodes being connected by an edge.

length = node count - 1 = edge count.

Distance between two nodes: The number of edges in the shortest path between the two nodes.

Graph diameter: The maximum distance between any two nodes in the graph.

Lines, cycles, trees and cliques:

Line: A graph with n vertices and n-1 edges. **Cycle**: A graph with n vertices and n edges.

cliques: A graph with n vertices and n(n-1)/2 edges.

Tree: A graph with n vertices and n-1 edges.

Graph representations:

Adjacency matrix: A $n \times n$ matrix A where $A_{ij} = 1$ if there is an edge between i and j, and $A_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. examples of adjacency matrices:

Given the following graph:



The adjacency matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjacency matrix for directed graphs: A $n \times n$ matrix A where $A_{ij} = 1$ if there is an edge from i to j, and $A_{ij} = 0$ otherwise.

examples of adjacency matrices for directed graphs: Given the following graph:



The adjacency matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjacency list: A list of lists, where the ith list contains the neighbours of vertex i. Given the following graph:



The adjacency list is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjacency list for directed graphs: A list of lists, where the ith list contains the neighbours of vertex i. Given the following graph:



The adjacency list is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjacency matrix vs adjacency list:

Adjacency matrix	Adjacency list
O(1) to check if there is an edge between i and j	O(min(deg(i), deg(j))) to check if there is an edge between i and j
O(n) to find the neighbours of i	O(deg(j)) to find the neighbours of i
$O(n^2)$ space	O(n+m) space

3.2 Depth-first search

Depth-first search: A graph search algorithm that explores the neighbours of a vertex before exploring the neighbours of its neighbours.

example of depth-first search:



The depth-first search sequence is:

0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4

Depth-first search algorithm:

Algorithm 5 Depth-first search algorithm

```
1: procedure DFS(G, v)
         for e \in V do
2:
             \quad \textbf{if} \ e \ \text{is unexplored then} \\
3:
                  u = \text{head of } e
 4:
                  if u is unexplored then
 5:
                      e is a tree edge
 6:
                      DFS(G, u)
 7:
                  else
 8:
                      e is a back edge
9:
                  end if
10:
             end if
11:
         end for
12:
13: end procedure
```

Running time of depth-first search: O(n+m)

3.3 Breadth-first search

Breadth-first search: A graph search algorithm that explores the neighbours of a vertex before exploring the neighbours of its neighbours.

exaqmple of breadth-first search:



The breadth-first search sequence starting from vertex 0 is $0,\,1,\,2,\,3,\,4,\,5.$

Breadth-first search algorithm:

Algorithm 6 Breadth-first search algorithm

```
1: procedure BFS(G, s)
         initial empty list L
 3:
         L \leftarrow s
 4:
         i \leftarrow 0
         while L[i] \neq \emptyset do
 5:
             L_{i+1} \leftarrow emptylist
 6:
             for v \in L[i] do
 7:
                 for edges (e) incident to v do
 8:
                      if e is unexplored then
 9:
                          w \leftarrow the other end of e
10:
                          if w is unexplored then
11:
                               label e as a tree edge
12:
                               add w to L_{i+1}
13:
                          else
14:
15:
                               label e as a cross edge
16:
                          end if
                      end if
17:
                 end for
18:
             end for
19:
20:
             i \leftarrow i + 1
         end while
21:
22: end procedure
```

Running time of breadth-first search: O(n+m)

3.4 Strong Connectivity

Directed graph: A graph where the edges have a direction.

Examples:



DFS and BFS on directed graphs:

Very similar to undirected graphs, except that we only consider edges that go out of a vertex.

Running time is O(n+m)

For example graph above the DFS sequence is 0, 1, 2, 3.

The BFS sequence is 0, 1, 2, 3.

3.4.1 Connectivity

Weak connectivity: If we ignore the direction for all edges, there would be a pah from any vertex to any other vertex. Strong Connectivity: For every two nodes u and v, there is a path from u to v and a path from v to u.

3.4.2 Mutual Reachability

Two nodes u and v are mutually reachable if there is a path from u to v and a path from v to u.

Strong connectivity: For every pair of nodes u and v, these two nodes are mutually reachable.

Transitivity: If u is mutually reachable with v and v is mutually reachable with w, then u is mutually reachable with w.

3.4.3 Testing strong connectivity

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Algorithm 7 Testing strong connectivity
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```
1: procedure TESTSTRONGCONNECTIVITY(G)
       define G^R to be the graph with the same vertices as G but with all edges reversed
       Select a node s in G
3:
       BFS(G, s), BFS(G^R, s)
4:
       for each node v do
 5:
          if v is unexplored in either BFS then
              return False
 7:
           end if
8:
       end for
9:
10:
       return True
11: end procedure
```

3.5 Testing bipartiteness

Bipartite graph: A graph G = (V, E) is bipartite if any only if the vertices can be partitioned into two sets V_1 and V_2 such that every edge has one end in V_1 and the other end in V_2 .

A Graph G = (V, E) is bipartite if and only if it has no odd cycles.(odd cycle: a cycle with odd number of edges)

Testing bipartiteness:

```
Given a graph G = (V, E), we want to test if G is bipartite. Given a graph G = (V, E), decide if it is 2-colourable. Given a graph G = (V, E), decide if it has an odd cycle. Colouring the nodes It is quite familiar with BFS:
```

Algorithm 8 Colouring the nodes

```
1: procedure Colouring(G, s)
        initial empty list L
 3:
        initial empty list C
 4:
        L \leftarrow s
        C[s] \leftarrow red
 5:
        i \leftarrow 0
 6:
        while L[i] \neq \emptyset do
 7:
 8:
             L_{i+1} \leftarrow emptylist
             for v \in L[i] do
 9:
                 for edges (e) incident to v do
10:
                     if e is unexplored then
11:
                          w \leftarrow the other end of e
12:
                          if w is unexplored then
13:
                              label e as a tree edge
14:
15:
                              add w to L_{i+1}
16:
                              if i+1 is odd then
                                  C[w] \leftarrow green
17:
                              else
18:
                                  C[w] \leftarrow red
19:
20:
                              end if
                          else
21:
                              label e as a cross edge
22:
                              if C[v] = C[w] then
23:
                                   return False
24:
                              end if
25:
                          end if
26:
27:
                     end if
                 end for
28:
             end for
29:
             i \leftarrow i + 1
30:
31:
        end while
        for e(v, w) \in G do
32:
             if C[v] = C[w] then
33:
                 return False
34:
35:
             end if
        end for
36:
        return True
37:
38: end procedure
```

Running time of colouring the nodes: O(n+m)

Correctness of colouring the nodes:

Proof by contradiction.

Suppose that G is not bipartite.

Then G has an odd cycle.

Suppose to the contrary that the algorithm return True.

That means that the algorithm did not detect the odd cycle.

3.6 DAGs and Topological Ordering

DAG: A directed acyclic graph (DAG) is a directed graph with no directed cycles. examples of DAGs:



Topological ordering: Given a graph G = (V, E), a topological ordering of G is an ordering of the nodes u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n such that for every edge (u_i, u_j) , we have i < j.

Intutively, a topological ordering is an ordering of the nodes such that every edge goes from left to right. example of topological ordering based on given graph above:

Topological ordering implies DAG:

- If G has a topological ordering, then G is a DAG.
- Suppose by contradiction that G has a topological ordering u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n but G also has a cycle C.
- Let u_i be the smallest element of C in the topological ordering.
- Let u_i be its predecessor in C.
- u_i must appear before u_i in the topological ordering.
- This contradicts the fact that u_j is the smallest element of C in the topological ordering.

DAG implies topological ordering:

Proof by induction: Base case: If G has one or two nodes, then G has a topological ordering.

Induction steps: Assume that a DAG up to k nodes has a topological ordering(induction hypothesis). we will prove that a DAG with k+1 nodes has a topological ordering.

- By our lemma, there is at least one source node in G, and let u be the node.
- ullet Put u at the beginning of the topological ordering.
- ullet Consider the graph G', obtained by G by removing u and its incident edges.
- G' is a DAG with k nodes.
- It has a topological ordering u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_k by the induction hypothesis.
- Append this ordering to u to get a topological ordering of G.

Here is the algorithm:

Algorithm 9 Topological Sorting

- 1: **procedure** TopologicalSorting(G)
- 2: find a source vertex u
- 3: set u as the first element of the topological ordering
- 4: $G' \leftarrow G$ with u and its incident edges removed
- 5: $L \leftarrow \text{TopologicalSorting}(G')$
- 6: append L to u
- 7: end procedure

Running time of the algorithm is $O(n^2)$

Modified Topological Sorting:

Running time of the algorithm is O(n+m)

Algorithm 10 Modified Topological Sorting

```
1: procedure ModifiedTopologicalSorting(G)
        L \leftarrow emptylist
3:
        S \leftarrow \text{set of all source vertices}
       while S \neq \emptyset do
4:
 5:
           remove a vertex u from S
           append u to L
6:
           for each edge (u, v) do
7:
                remove edge (u, v) from G
8:
                if v is a source vertex then
9.
                    add v to S
10:
                end if
11:
            end for
12:
       end while
13:
       if G has edges then
14:
15:
            return G has a cycle
16:
            return L
17:
       end if
18:
19: end procedure
```

3.7 Finding strongly connected components

connected components: A connected component of an undirected graph is subgraph of the graph where any two nodes are connected by a path.

strongly connected components: A strongly connected component of a directed graph is a subgraph of the graph where any two nodes are mutually reachable. (mutually reachable: there is a path from u to v and a path from v to u)

Finding strongly connected components:

Kosaraju's algorithm:

Algorithm 11 Kosaraju's algorithm

```
1: procedure KOSARAJU(G)
2: Initialise stack S
3: Select a arbitrary node s
4: DFS_tree=DFS(G, s)
5: S \leftarrow nodes in DFS_tree
6: G^R \leftarrow nodes in order of S
7: DFS(G^R, s)
8: return the nodes in the DFS tree
9: end procedure
```

Running time of Kosaraju's algorithm: O(n+m)Correctness of Kosaraju's algorithm:

- Define a meta-graph of G, called $G^{SCC} = (V^{SCC}, E^{SCC})$.
- Supposed that G has strongly connected components (SCCs) C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k , for some k.
- $V^{SCC} = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$ contains some of the SCCs of G.
- There is an edge (C_i, C_j) in E^{SCC} if G contains a directed edge (x, y) such that $x \in C_i$ and $y \in C_j$, crossing different components.

Examples:



The SCCs are $\{0,1,2,3\}$ and $\{4,5\}.$ The meta-graph is:



Greedy Algorithms

The greedy approach:

- The goal is to find a global solution to a problem.
- The solution will be built up in small consecutive steps.
- For each step, we choose the best option available to us at that moment.

4.1 Interval Scheduling

Interval Scheduling:

A set of requests $R = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

- Each request i has a start time s_i and a finish time f_i .
- Alternative view: every request is an interval $[s_i, f_i]$.

Two requests i and j are compatible if $[s_i, f_i]$ and $[s_j, f_j]$ do not overlap.

Goal: Find a maximum-size subset of compatible requests.

Example:

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.



Figure 4.1: Interval Scheduling

Interval Scheduling Algorithm:

Algorithm 12 Interval Scheduling Algorithm

```
1: procedure IntervalScheduling([s_1, f_1], [s_2, f_2], \dots, [s_n, f_n])
        {\cal R} is the set of requests
        A \leftarrow \emptyset
3:
        while R \neq \emptyset do
4:
            select a request i in R with the smallest finishing time
5:
6:
            remove all requests from R that are incompatible with i
 7:
8:
        end while
        \mathbf{return}\ A
9:
10: end procedure
```

Correctness of Interval Scheduling Algorithm: