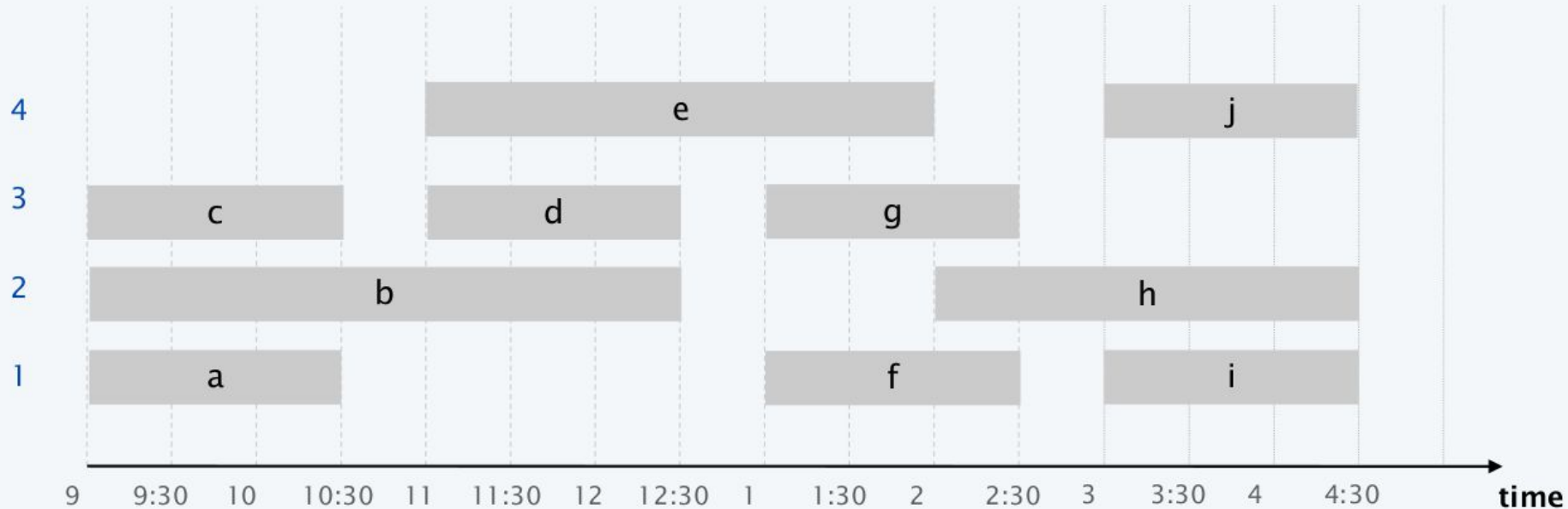




Interval Partitioning Problem

Ex. This schedule uses 4 classrooms to schedule 10 lectures.

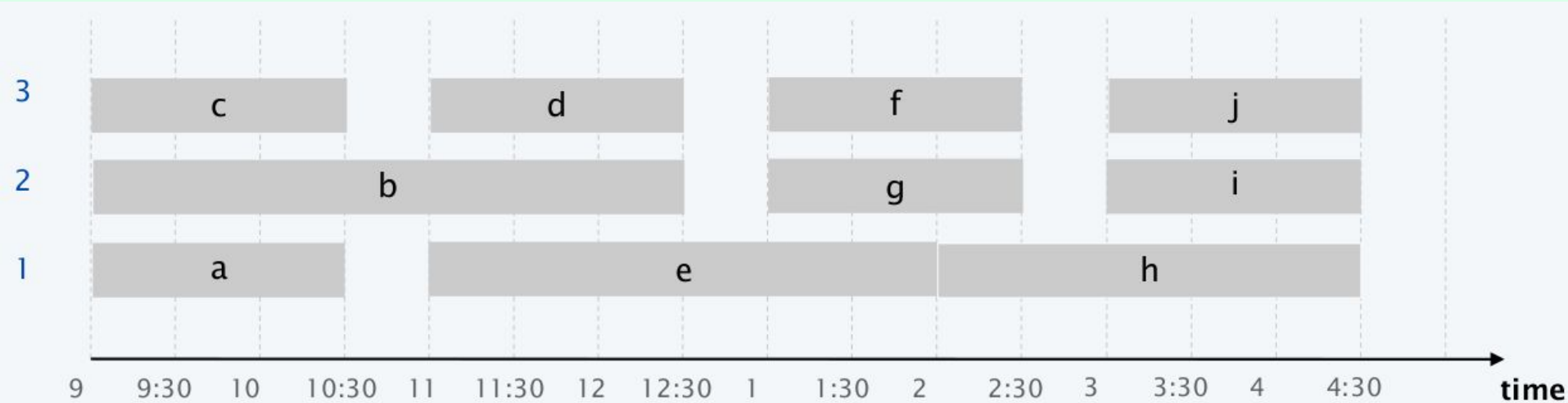


Interval Partitioning Problem

- Multiple resources are available.
- Schedule **all** request intervals using **as few resources as possible**.

Example: **classrooms and courses**

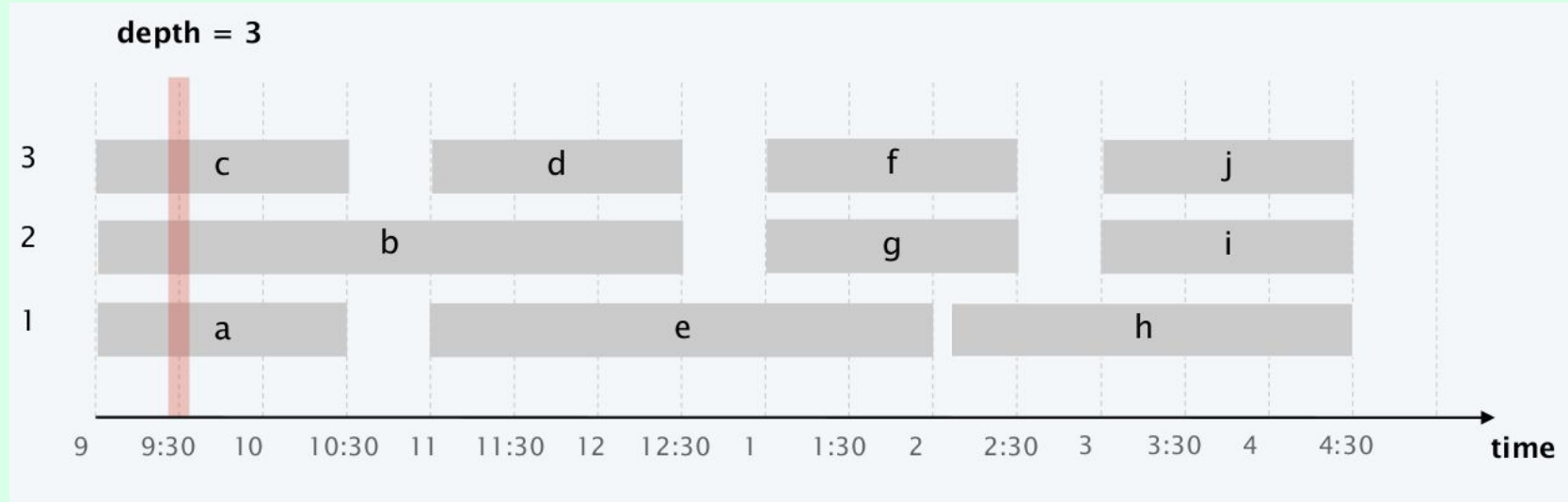
Interval Partitioning Problem



Can we schedule all lectures in 2 classrooms?

Interval Partitioning Problem

Def. The **depth** of a set of intervals is the maximum number that pass over a single point on the timeline.



Any two lectures that overlap in time must be scheduled in different classrooms.

Interval Partitioning Problem

counterexample for shortest interval



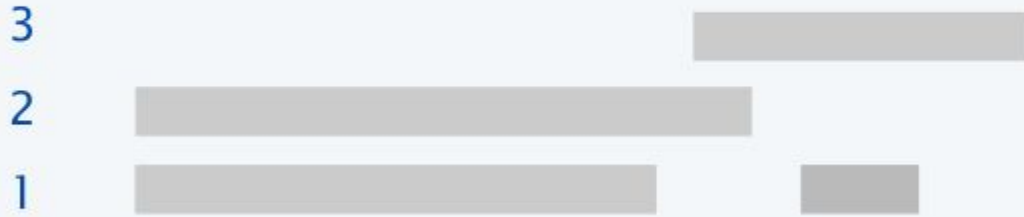
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counterexample for fewest conflicts



Interval Partitioning Problem

counterexample for earliest finish time



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ELSE

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Complexity?

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Store classrooms in a priority queue (key = finish time of its last lecture).

To determine whether lecture j is compatible with some classroom, compare s_j to key of min classroom k in priority queue.

- To add lecture j to classroom k , increase key of classroom k to f_j .

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