

# Periodic task scheduling

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## Static priorities

- ★ Better utilization bounds
- ★ Deadlines less than periods
- ★ Exact test for schedulability

# Quick review

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- Why is rate monotonic scheduling optimal (among static priority policies)?
  - Critical instant theorem: The worst-case execution time of a job when tasks are scheduled with fixed priorities occurs when jobs belonging to all tasks release at the same instant
  - It is sufficient, then, to verify that the job that is released at the **critical instant** meets its deadline
  - In this worst case, rate monotonic scheduling is optimal (easy to see; if tasks are feasibly scheduled in any other order, swap based on deadlines)
- Utilization bound and optimality of EDF
  - The utilization bound is 1 (or 100%)
  - EDF is optimal because no policy can do better (may do as well but not better)

## Exercise

# Know Your Worst Case Scenario

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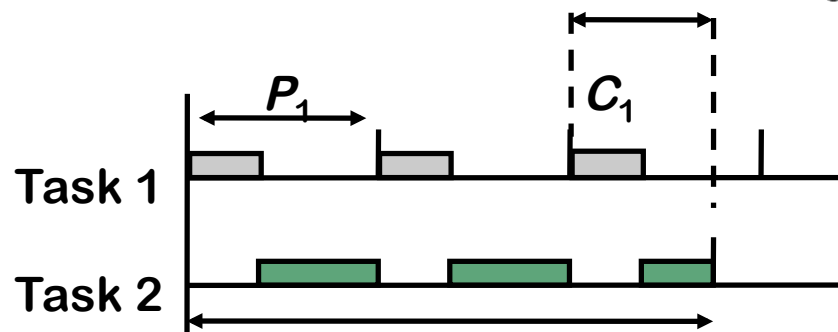
- Consider a periodic system of two tasks
- Let  $U_i = C_i/P_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2$ )
- What is the maximum value of  $\prod_i (1 - U_i)$  for a schedulable system?
- Motivation: There may be other functions of a task set rather than just utilization that also indicate schedulability.

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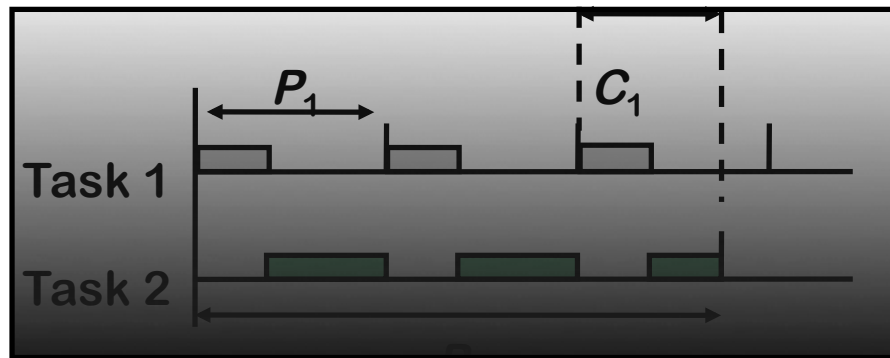
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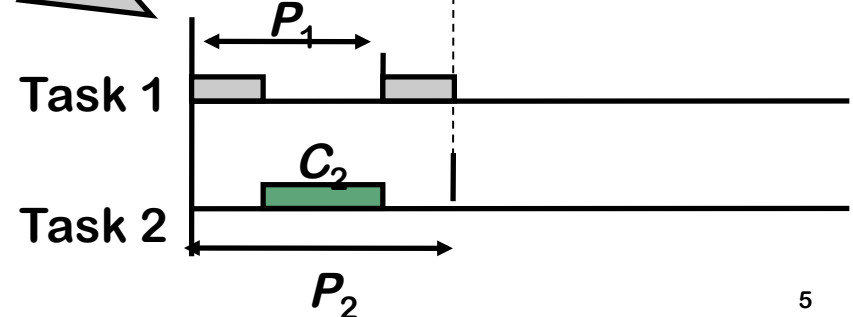


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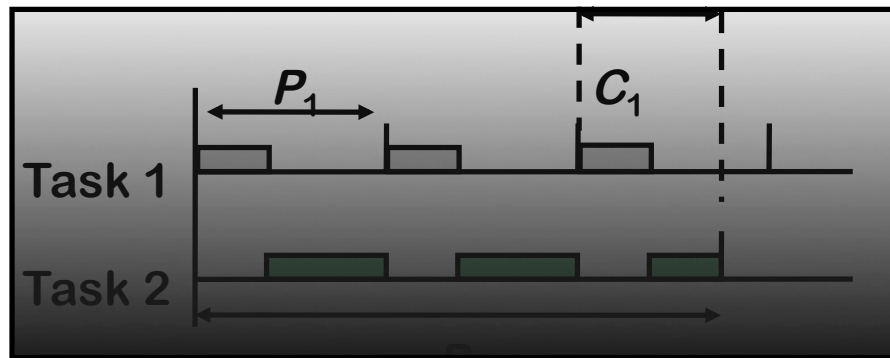


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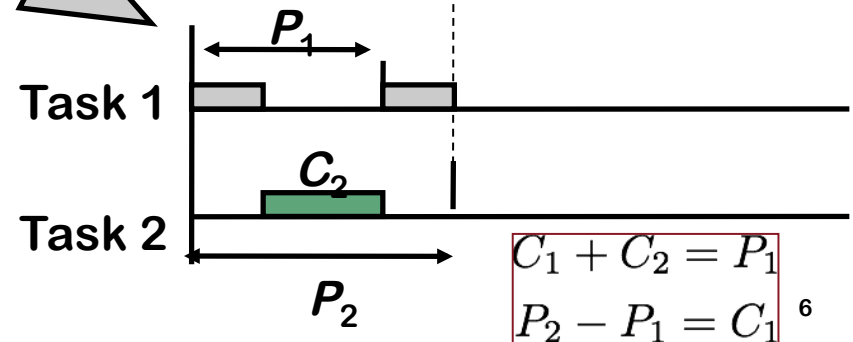


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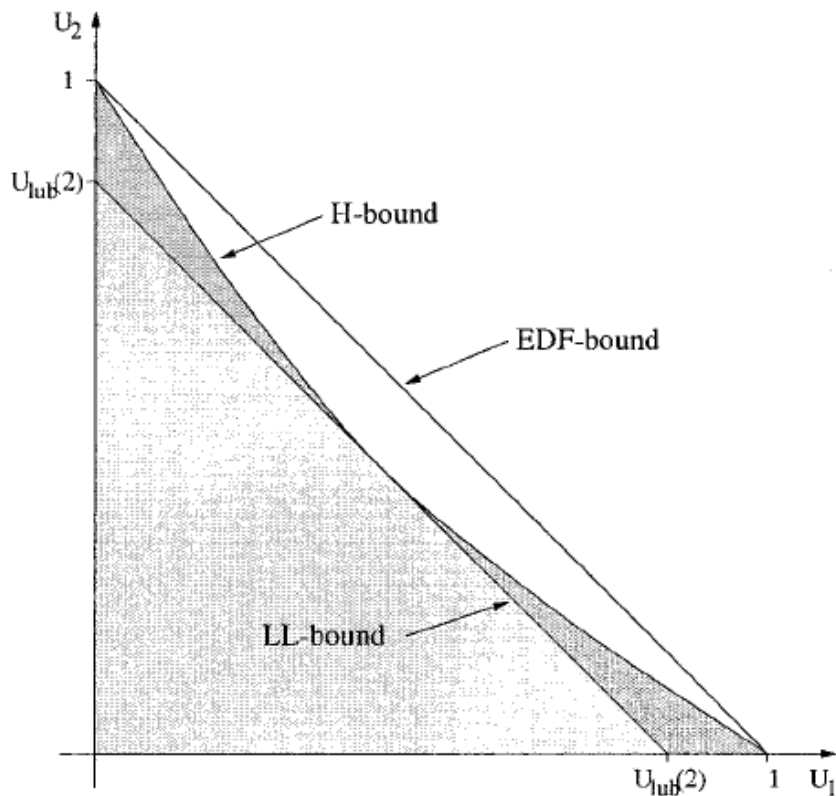


Figure 4.9 Schedulability bounds for RM and EDF in the utilization space.

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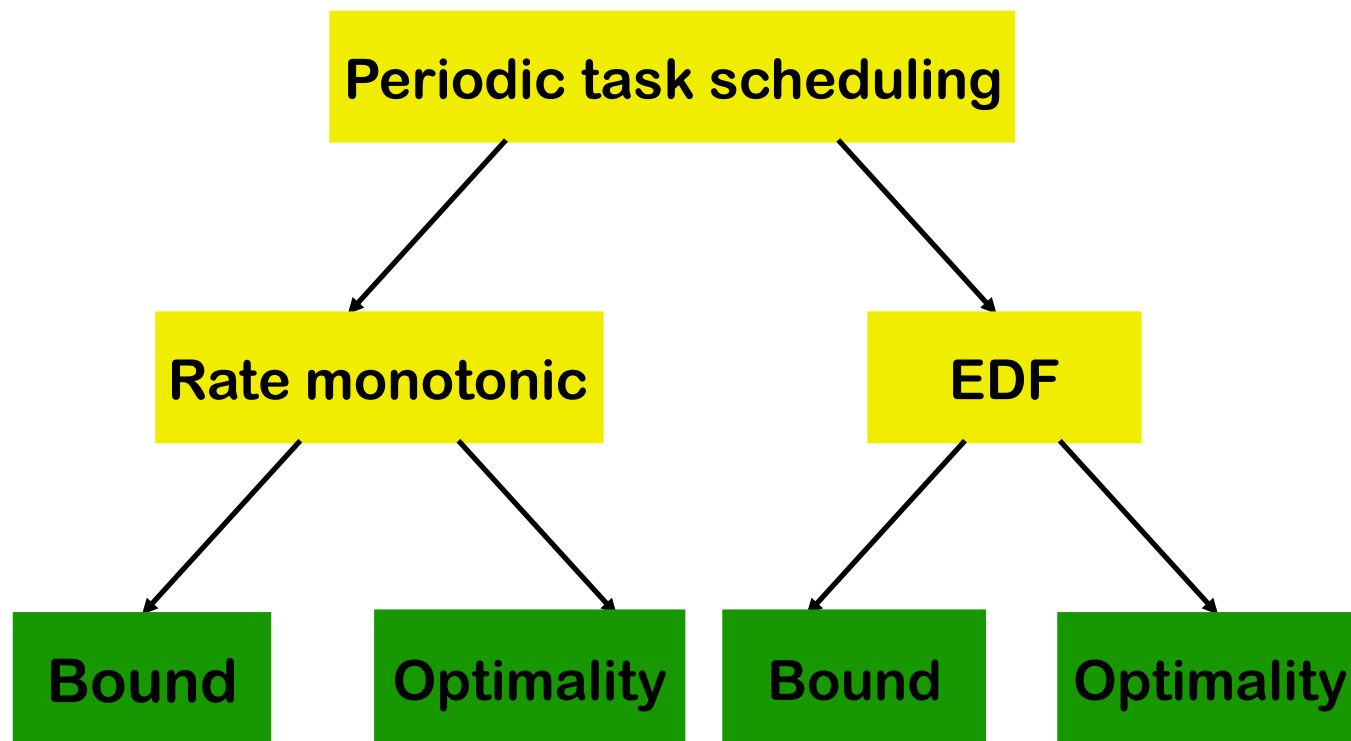
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- It is a better bound than the Liu and Layland bound  $U \leq n(2^{1/n} - 1)$
- Example: consider a system with two tasks such that  $U_1=0.8$  and  $U_2=0.1$
- $U = 0.9 > 0.83$  (unschedulable according to the Liu and Layland bound)
- $(1+U_1)(1+U_2) = (1.8)(1.1) = 1.98 < 2$  (schedulable according to the hyperbolic bound)

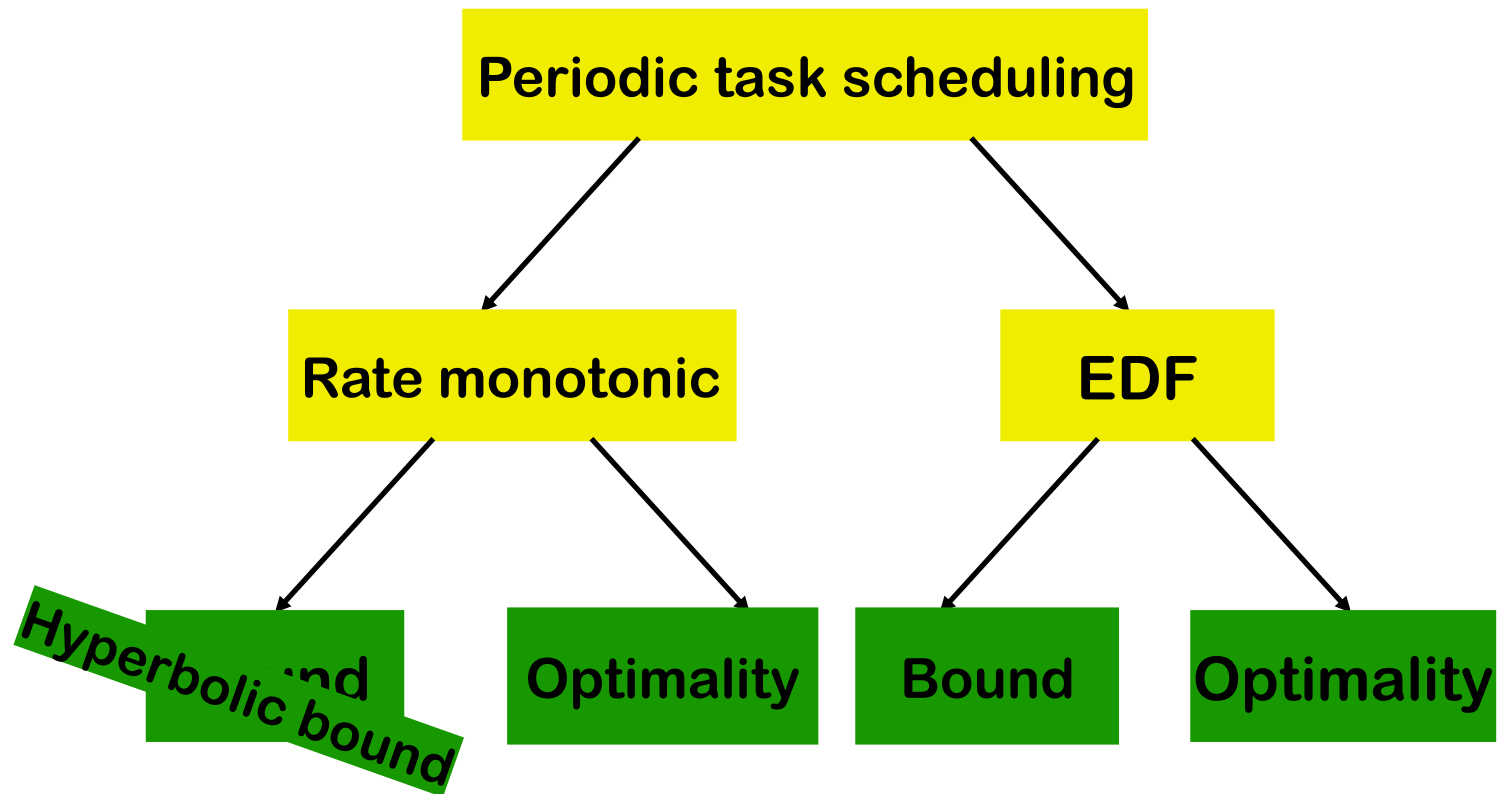
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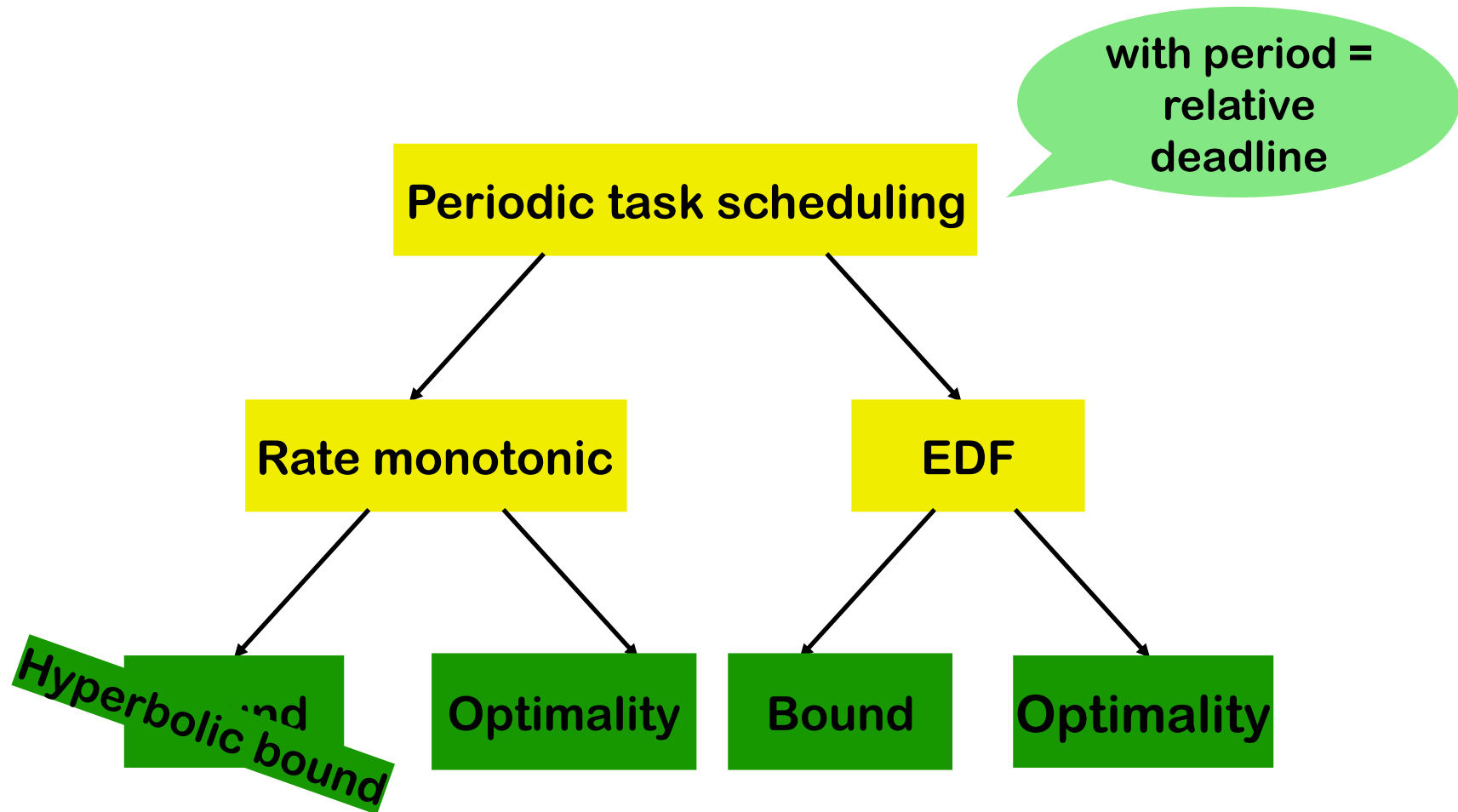
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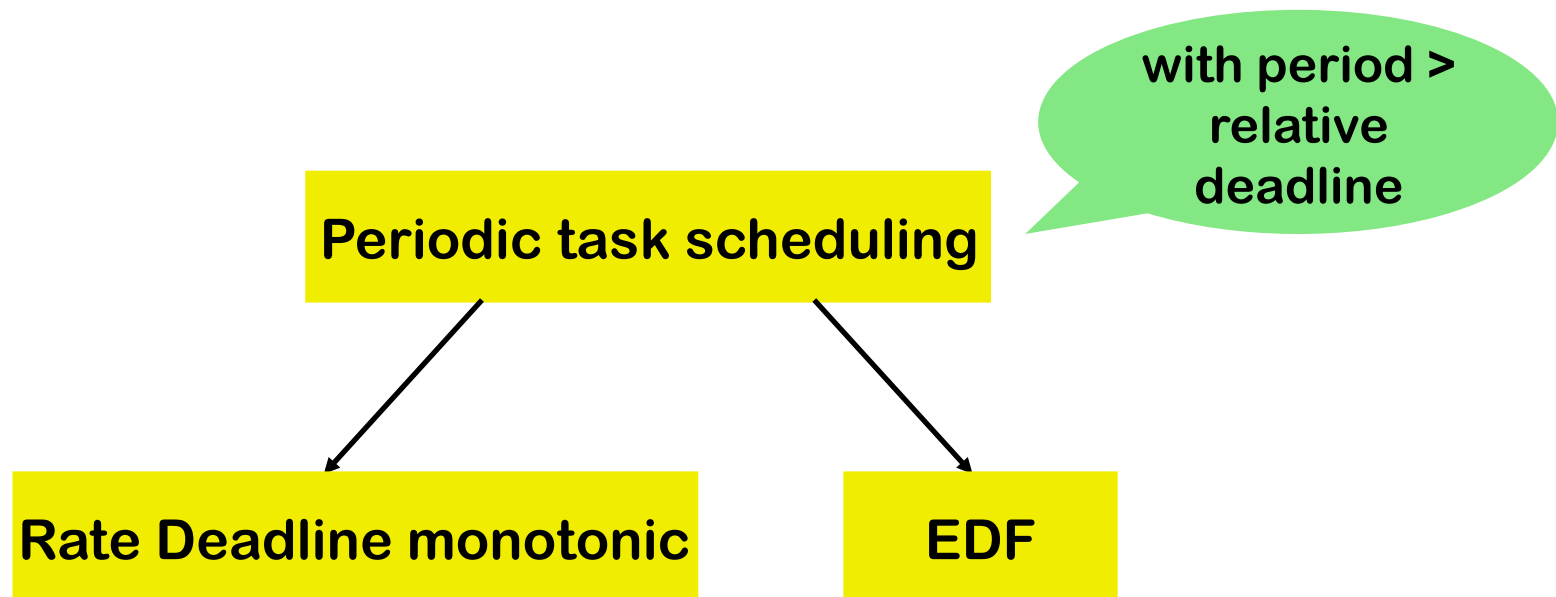
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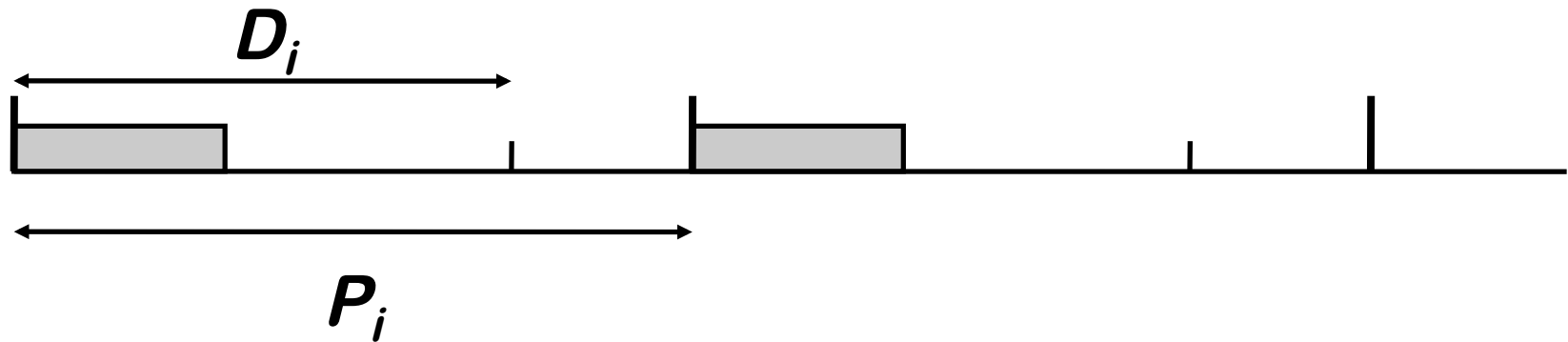




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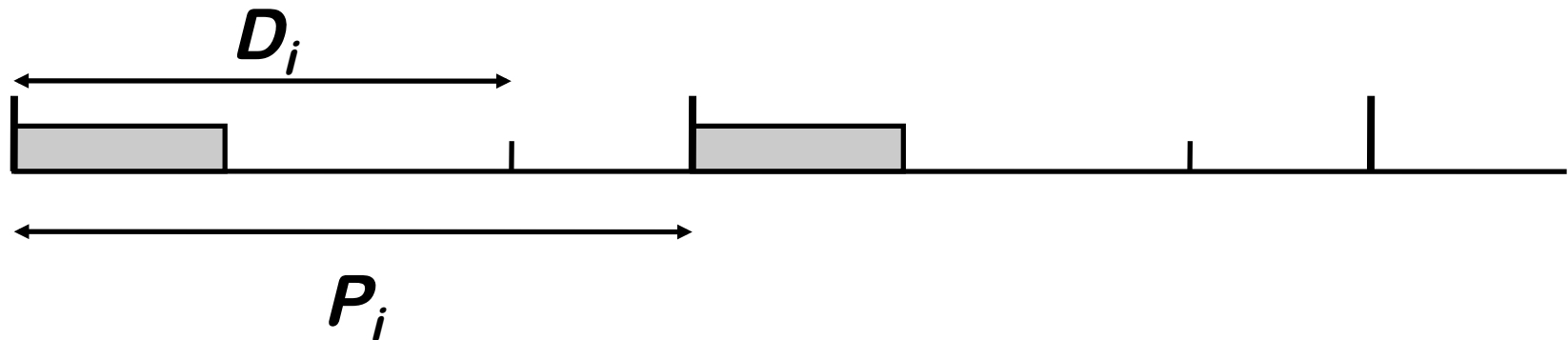
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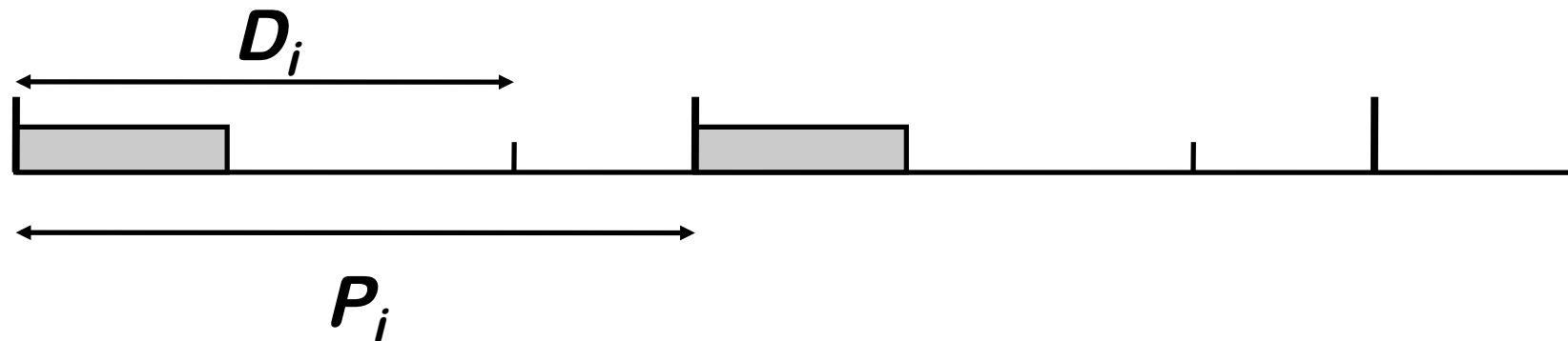
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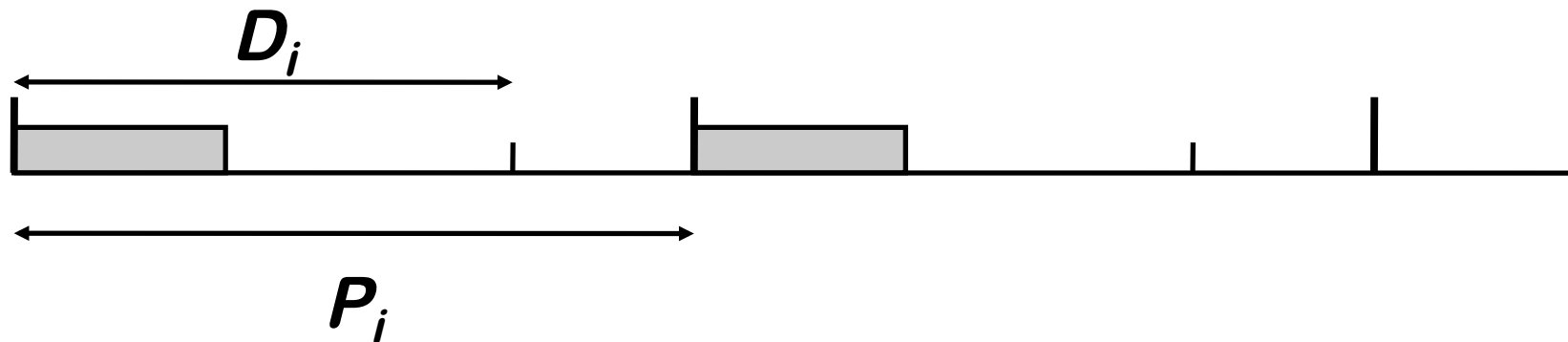
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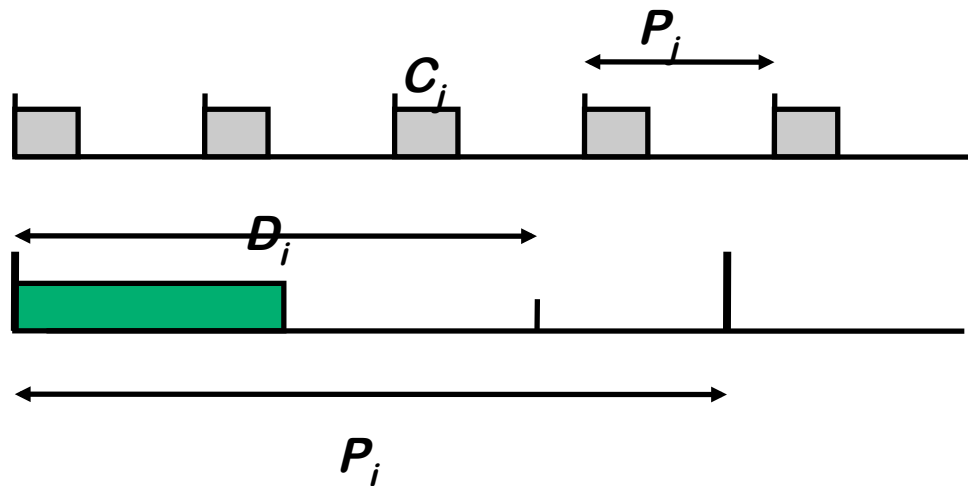
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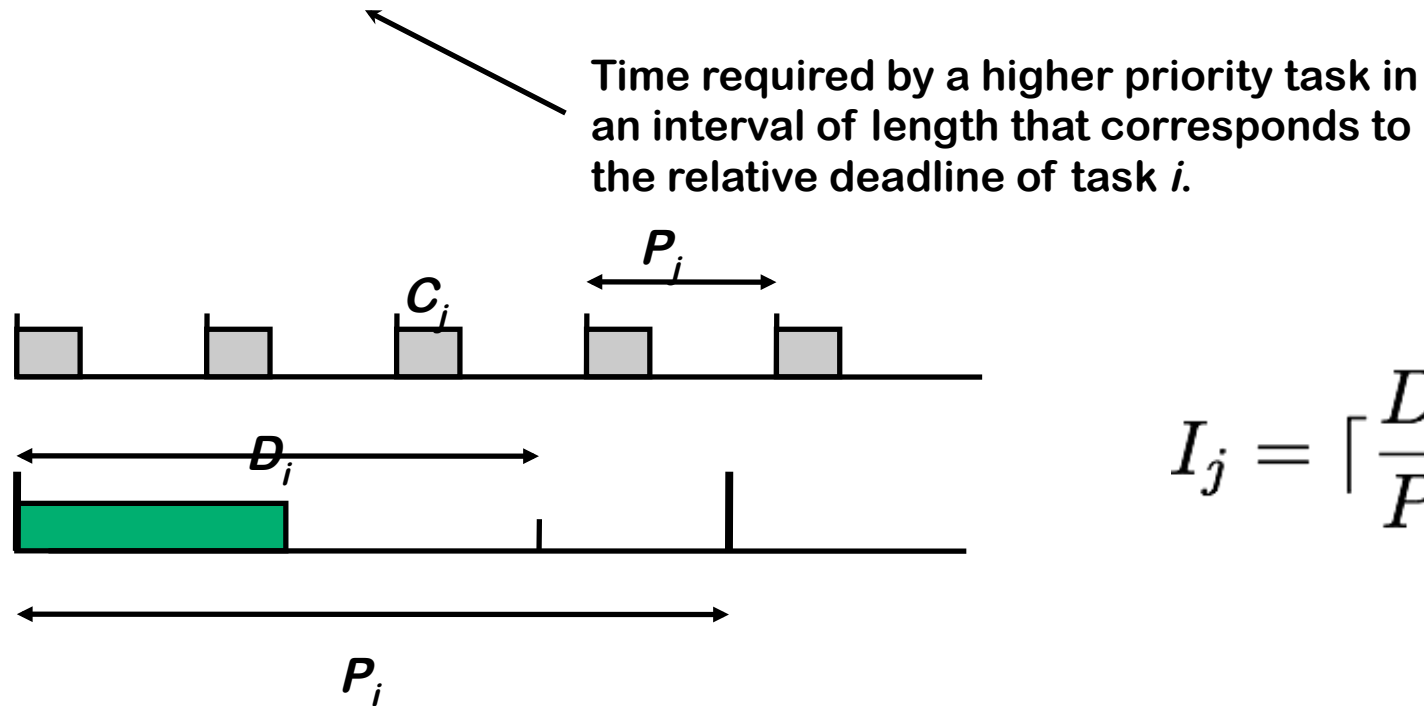
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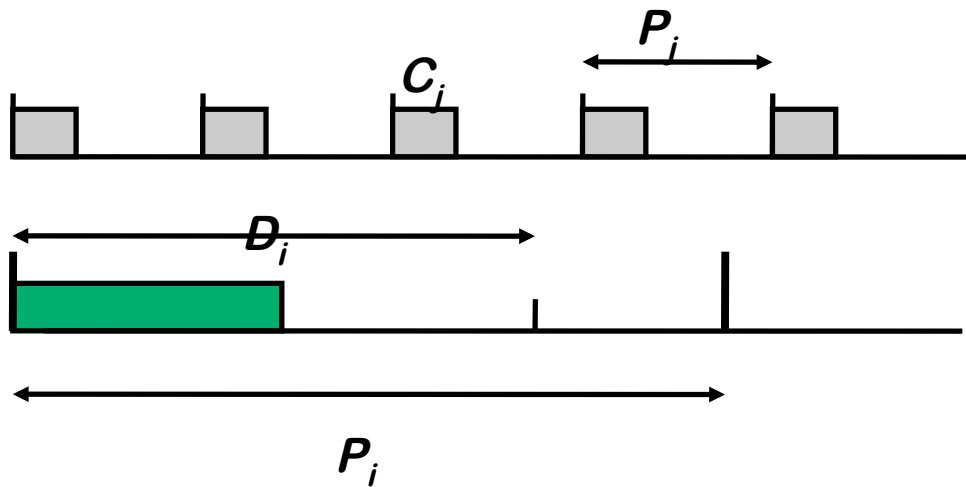
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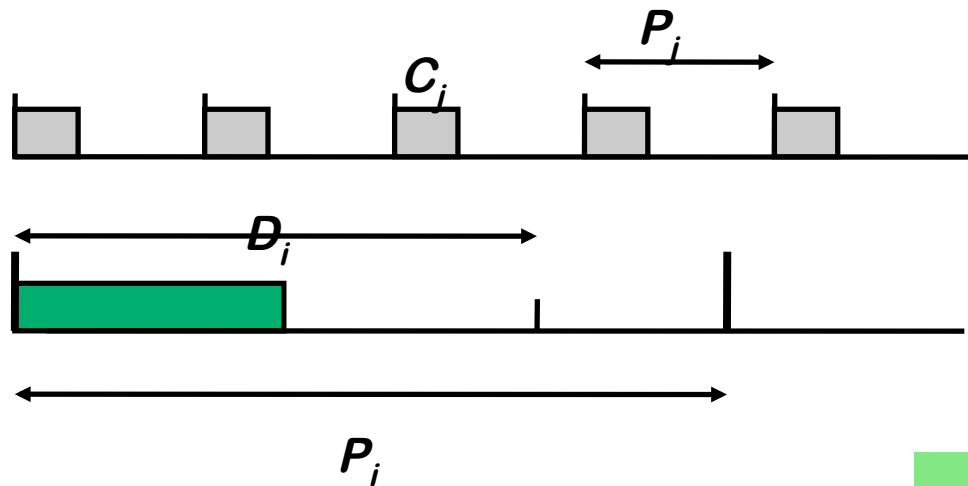


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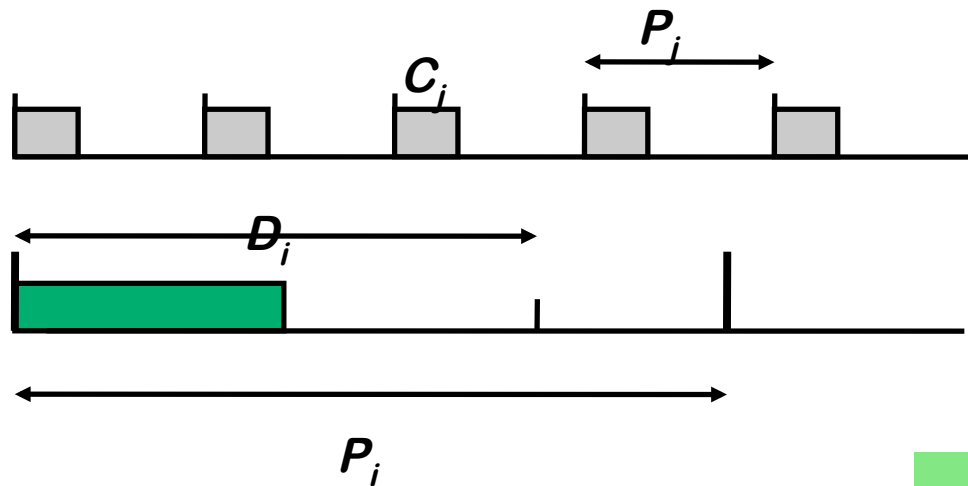
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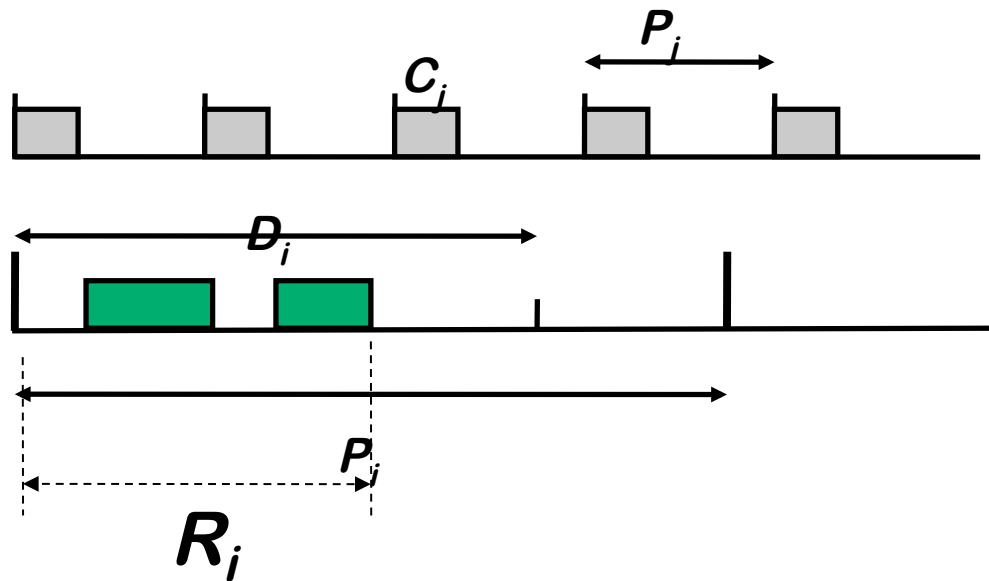
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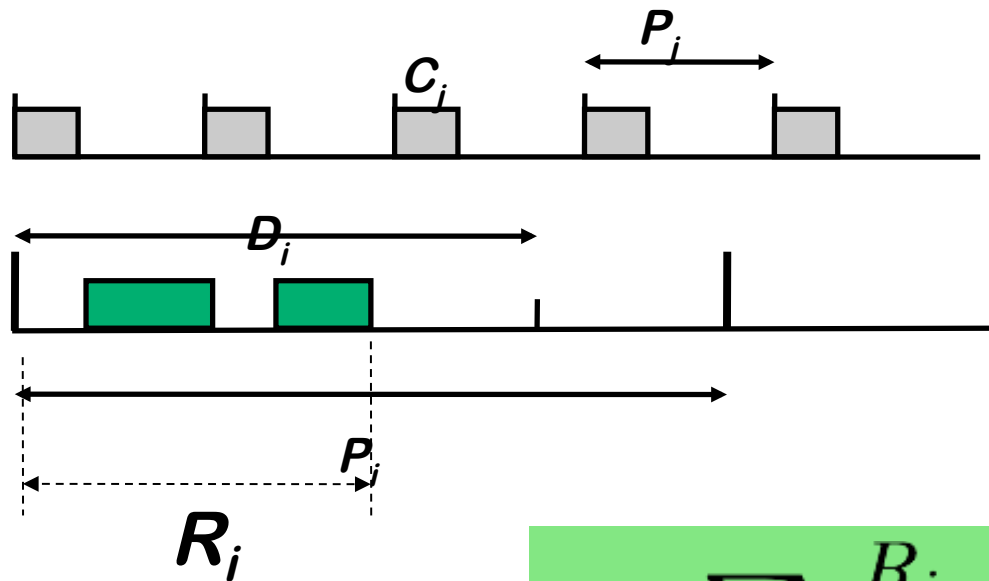


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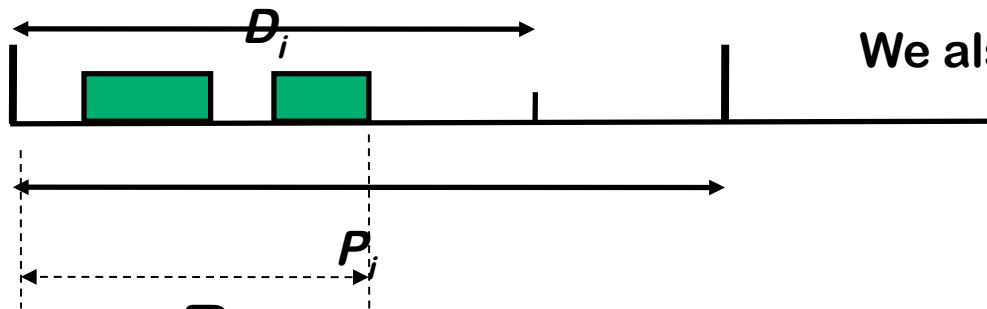
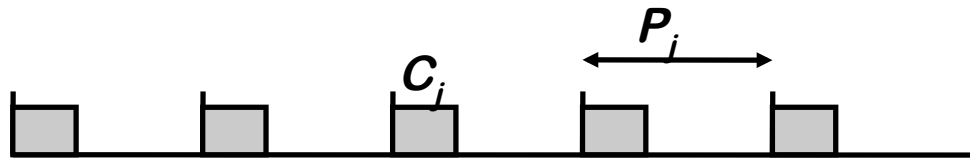


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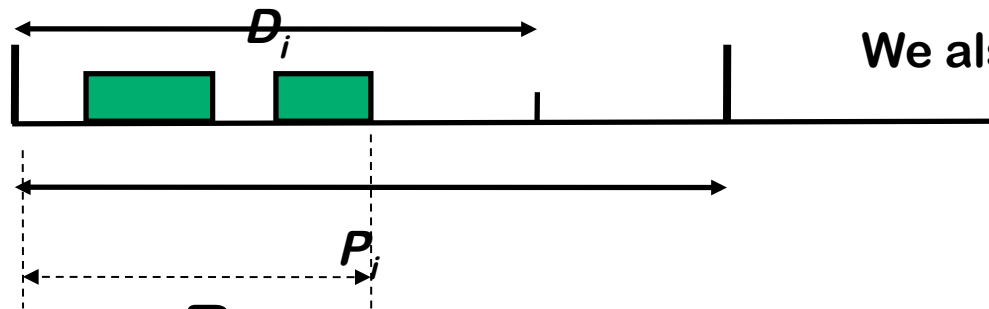
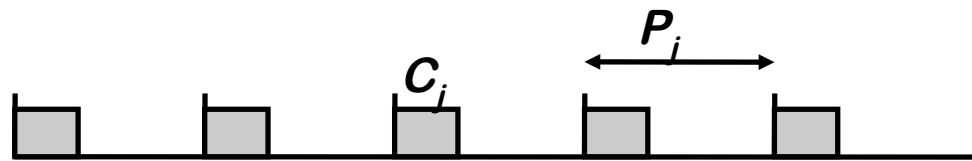
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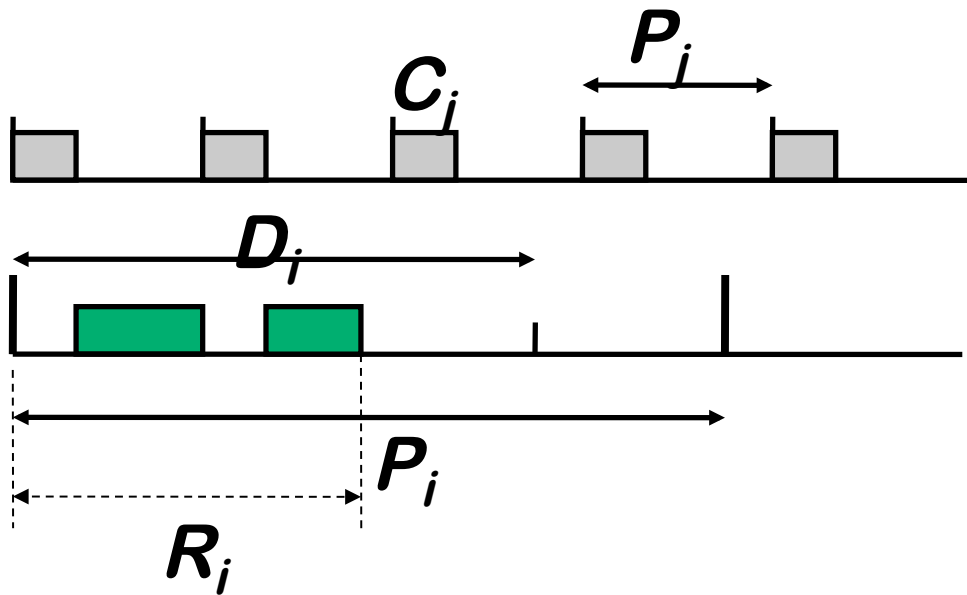
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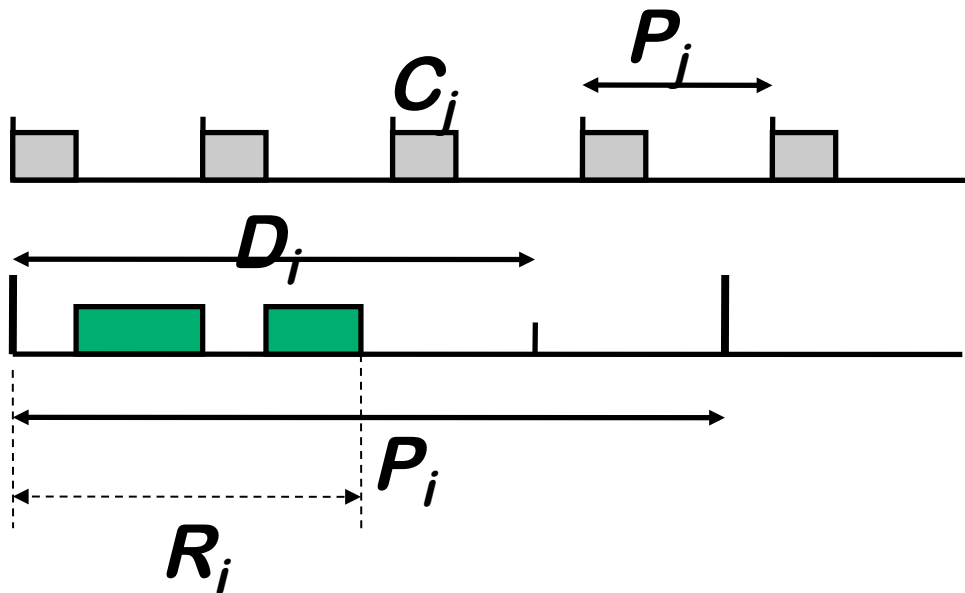
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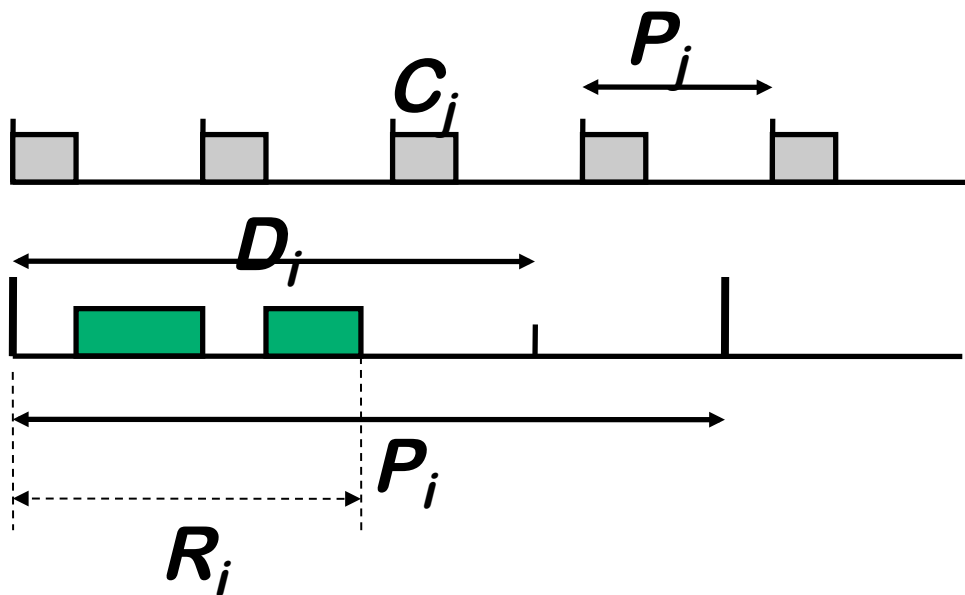
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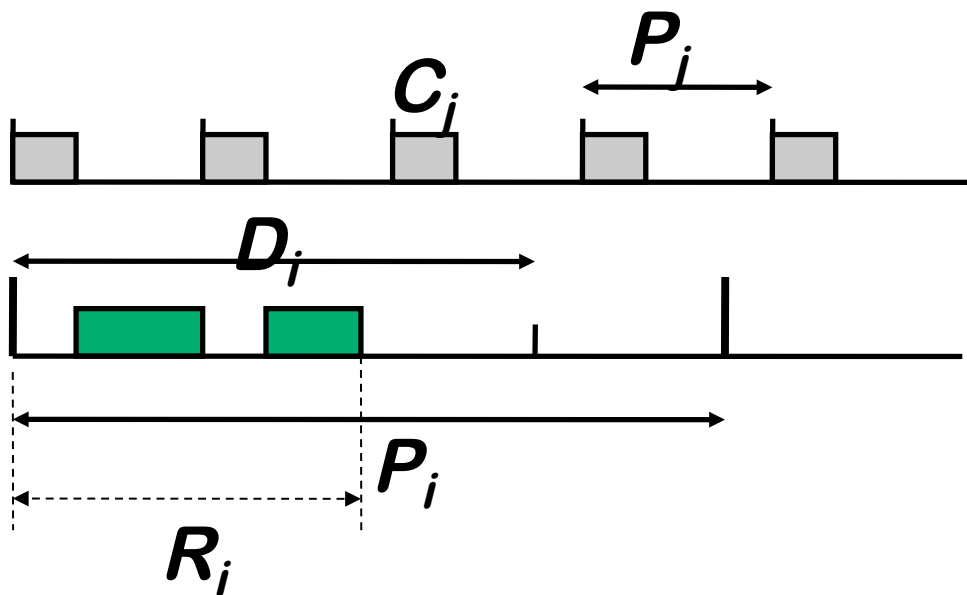
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**3 < 3.2; Task 2 is schedulable.**

# Lecture summary

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- There are better utilization bounds than the Liu & Layland utilization bound: the hyperbolic bound
- When the relative deadline of a task is less than its period, we can apply utilization bounds
  - But such tests are even more pessimistic than normal
- We can apply **exact tests for schedulability** when deadlines are less than or equal to periods
  - Such tests require more computation
  - Iterative process

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