

**Solution**

The Algorithm: The intuition of this algorithm is compare every interval with every other interval, and return the largest set of intervals that do not overlap.

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While there is an interval r that has not been visited,
    Select an interval r at random
    Check to see how many intervals r is compatible with
    Set a variable max to be number of intervals that r is compatible with,
        and store the values of those other intervals
        mark those other intervals as visited
    Continue to do this until every interval r has been selected
    If there is an interval r with a higher max than the set max value, update max and u
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Time and Space:

This algorithm compares each interval in the set  $R$  with every other interval, and as such it runs with  $O(n^2)$  time. It stores all the values in a data structure, taking up  $n$  space.

Proof:

Assume that this algorithm does not return the optimal solution. Therefore that means that there is some other optimal solution that returns a set  $M$  of size larger than  $\max$ . But our algorithm checks every possible set of compatible intervals. Therefore if such a larger set existed, our algorithm would have found it.