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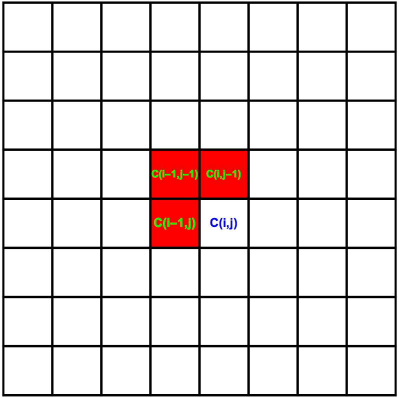

$C(i,j)$ is computed from information in the red area and in an implementation you maintain an array C such that $C[i,j]$ contains information about the problem $C(i,j)$.

Algorithm MinEdDis(A, n, B, m)

- **Input** A (string of length n) and B (string of length m)
- **Output** C, the $n+1 \times m+1$ cost matrix.
- **begin**
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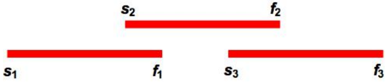
- 

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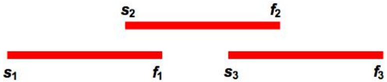
- 

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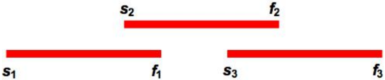
- 

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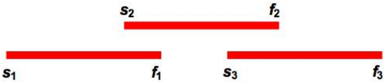
- 

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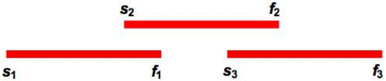
- 

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Algorithm GreedySched(S)

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- **Output:** A largest set of non-overlapping jobs.
- Sort jobs by finish time: $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \cdots \leq f_n$
- $A = \varnothing$
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- Theorem

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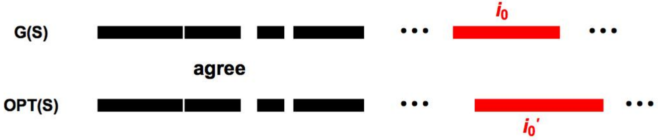

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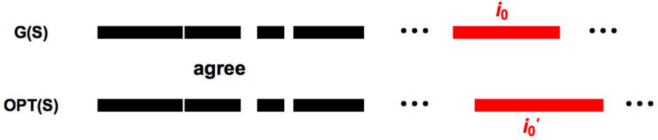
- 

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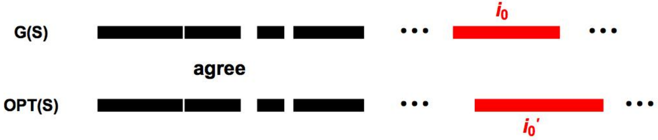

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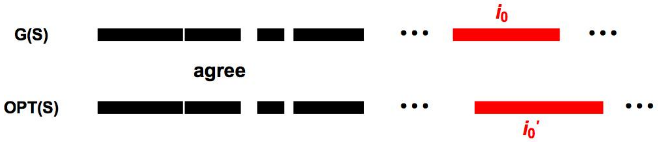

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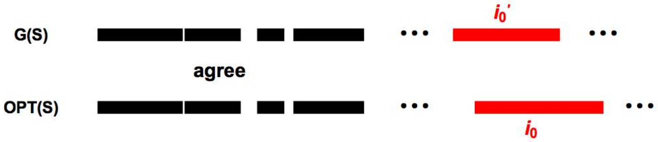

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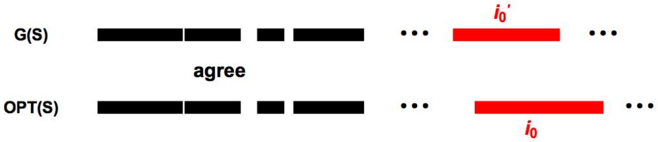

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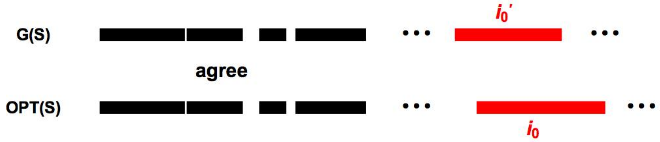

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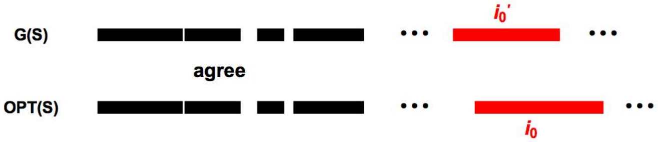

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