**Problem 1.** The peak demand for the resource occurs at a time that is covered by the largest number of intervals, a number that can be computed in  $O(n \log n)$  time as follows.

- 1. Initialize a counter variable *count* to be 0.
- 2. Sort the 2n endpoints and go through the sorted list: If the endpoint encountered is an  $s_i$  (a start time) then increment count, if it is an  $f_i$  then decrement count. While doing this, keep track in a variable  $max\_count$  of the largest value achieved by count.
- 3. Return  $max\_count$  as the answer.

**Problem 2.** Create B = a sorted version of A (by increasing values). Then give A and B as input to the LCS software: The returned LCS is an LIS of A; it is increasing because B itself is sorted, and it is of maximum possible length because an LCS has (by definition) maximum length.

Question 3. The table is:

Question 4. Let  $S_i = \{I_1, \ldots, I_i\}$ , i.e.,  $S_i$  is the subset of S none of whose intervals extends to the right of  $r_i$ . Let  $C_i$  be a maximum-weight acceptable subset of  $S_i$  that contains interval  $I_i$ ; in other words the intervals of  $C_i$  have maximum total weight subject to the constraints of being nonoverlapping and including  $I_i$ . Note that if we had all of  $\{C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_n\}$  then we could compute the answer in linear time by simply choosing the largest of the  $C_i$ s. Hence it suffices to compute all the  $C_i$ s.

Observe that  $C_1 = w_1$  and that, for i > 1, we have

$$C_i = w_i + \max_{k: r_k < l_i} C_k$$

which immediately implies an  $O(n^2)$  time algorithm for computing all the  $C_i$ s (by computing each of  $C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_n$  in that order, according to the above equation).

## Question 5.

1. 3 workers and 3 tasks, and  $S = (W_1, T_1), (W_1, T_2), (W_2, T_1)$ . The algorithm produces M = 1 because it assigns  $W_1$  to  $T_1$  and leaves  $W_2$  and  $T_2$  unassigned, whereas an optimal solution achieves Opt = 2 by assigning  $W_1$  to  $T_2$  and  $W_2$  to  $T_1$ .

2. When the algorithm assigns  $W_i$  to  $T_j$ , this can prevent a better solution from assigning  $W_i$  to another task, and from assigning another worker to  $T_j$ , so the total damage from including the  $W_i$  to  $T_j$  assignment is the loss of two other assignments: one assignment by the algorithm prevents at most 2 other assignments, a ratio of 1:2. This implies a ratio of at most 2 between the size of an optimal solution and the size of what the algorithm produces.