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# Graph Algorithms

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# GREEDY ALGORITHMS

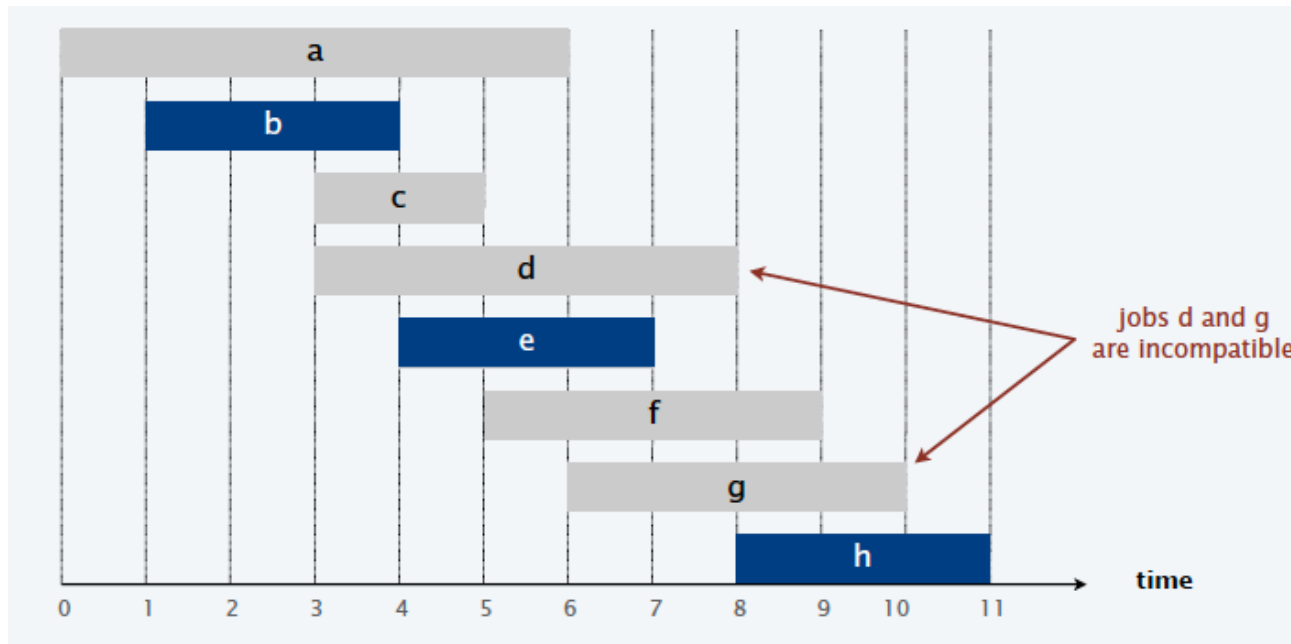
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- Job  $j$  starts at  $s_j$  and finishes at  $f_j \geq s_j$ .
- Two jobs (open intervals) are compatible if they don't overlap.

**Goal:** find maximum subset of mutually compatible jobs.



**Intuition:** shorter is better

# INTERVAL SCHEDULING PROBLEM

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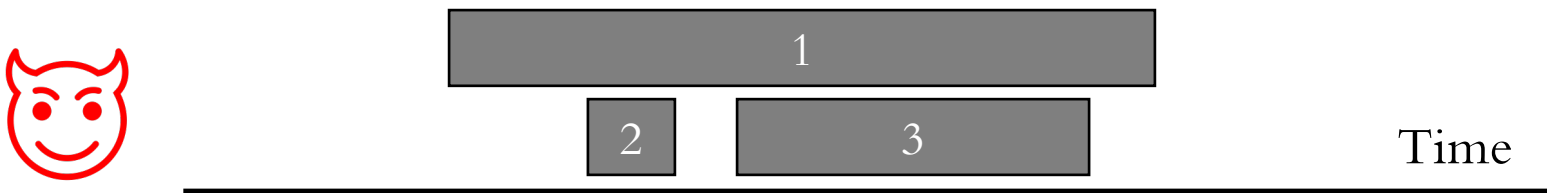
- Repeatedly pick **shortest** compatible, unscheduled job (i.e. that does not conflict with any scheduled job).



## *Idea 2:*

***Intuition:*** earlier is better

- Repeatedly pick compatible job with **earliest starting time**.



# GREEDY ALGORITHM

- Repeatedly pick an item until no more feasible choices.
- Among all feasible choices, we always pick the one that minimizes (or maximizes) some property.
  - length, starting time, ...
- Such algorithms are called *greedy*.
- Greedy algorithms may not be optimal.
- But maybe we have been using the wrong property!

# INTERVAL SCHEDULING PROBLEM

*What about earliest-finish-time-first?*

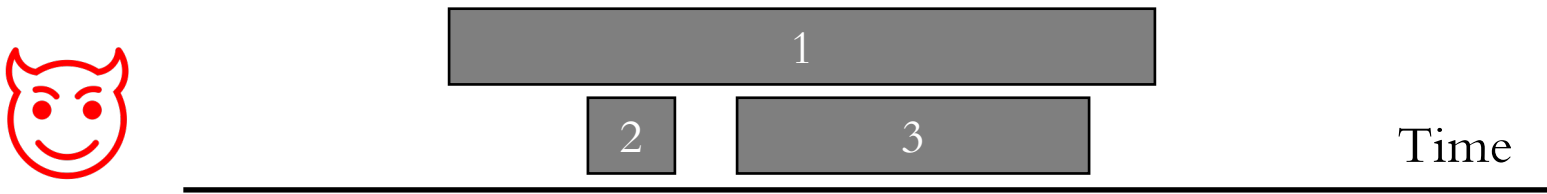
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# EARLIEST-FINISH-TIME-FIRST ALGORITHM

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**SORT** jobs by finish times and renumber so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

$S \leftarrow \emptyset$ .  $\longleftarrow$  set of jobs selected

**FOR**  $j = 1$  **TO**  $n$

**IF** (job  $j$  is compatible with  $S$ )

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{ j \}$ .

**RETURN**  $S$ .

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**Proposition.** Can implement earliest-finish-time first in  $O(n \log n)$  time.



# EARLIEST-FINISH-TIME-FIRST ALGORITHM

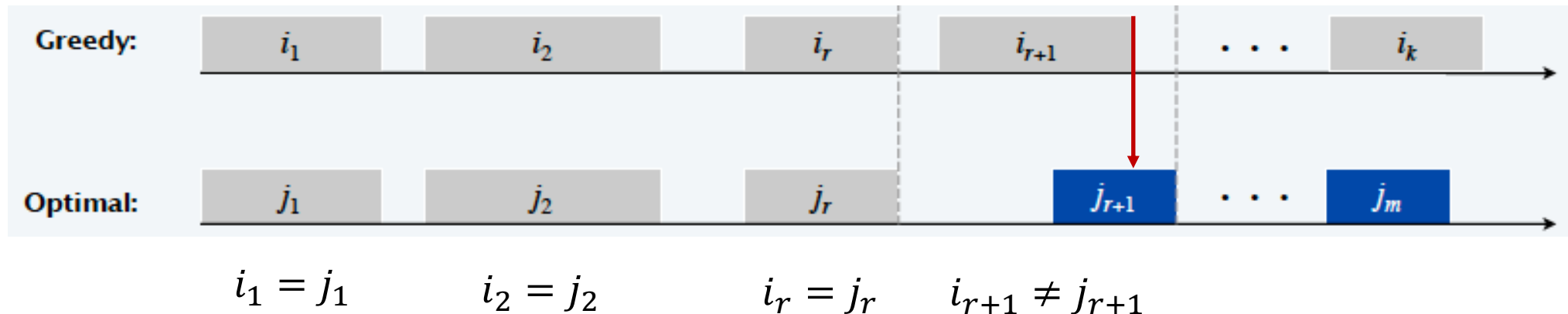
**Theorem.** The earliest-finish-time-first algorithm is optimal.

**Proof.** [by contradiction]

- Assume Greedy is not optimal.
- Let  $A = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$  be set of jobs selected by Greedy.
- Let  $O = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_m\}$  be set of jobs in an optimal solution. Then  $m > k$ .
- Let  $r + 1$  be first index such that  $i_{r+1} \neq j_{r+1}$ .

Switching  $j_{r+1}$  by  $i_{r+1}$  in  $O$ :  
Still *feasible* and *optimal*!

such a job exists  $\Rightarrow f_{i_{r+1}} \leq f_{j_{r+1}}$



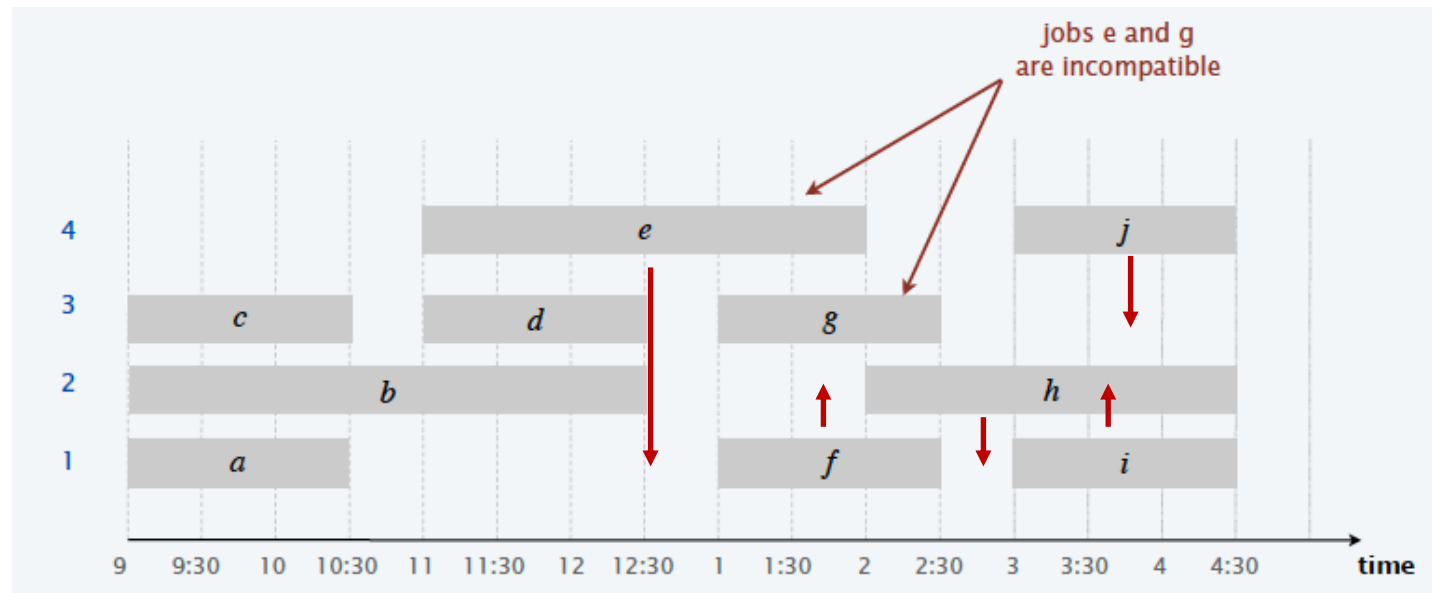
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Given a set of lectures (jobs)  $L = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ;

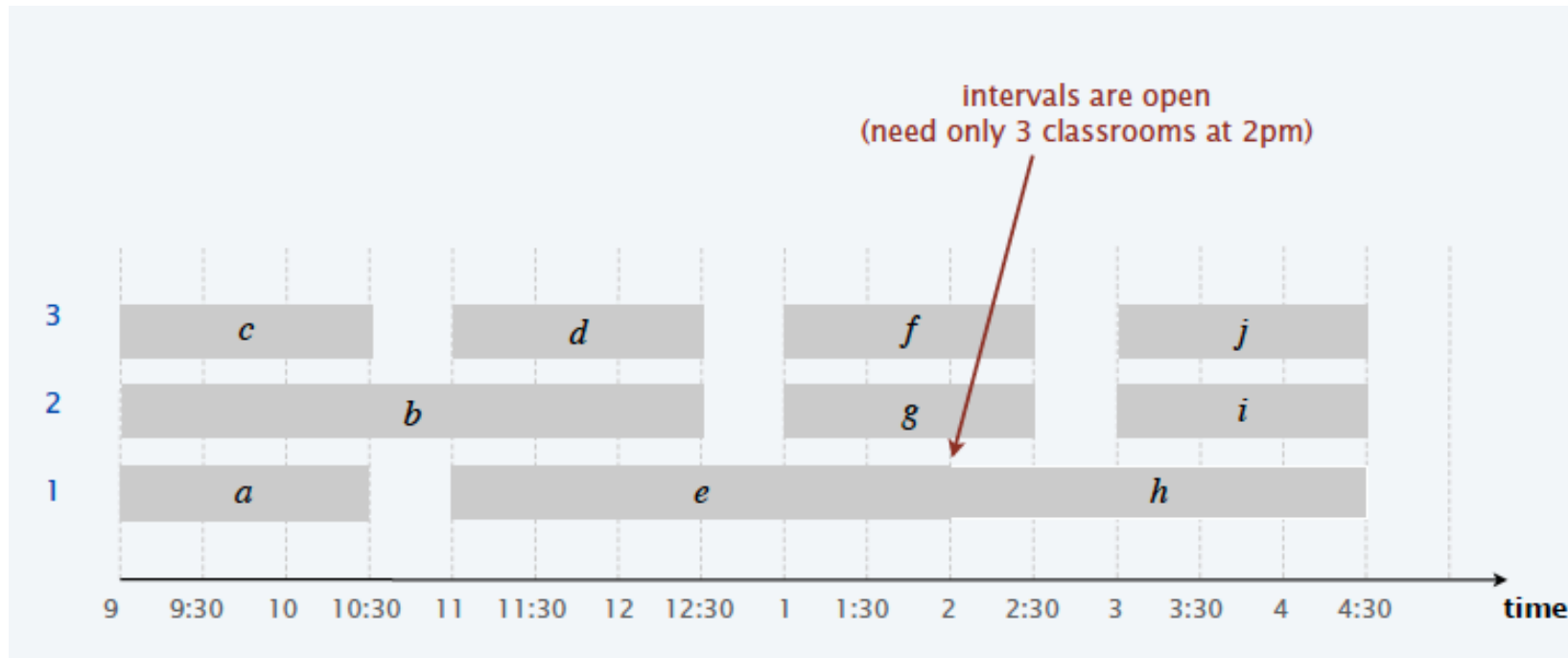
- Lecture  $j$  starts at  $s_j$  and finishes at  $f_j \geq s_j$ .
- Two lectures are compatible if they don't overlap.

**Goal:** find minimum number of classrooms to schedule all lectures so that no two lectures occur at the same time in the same room



# INTERVAL PARTITIONING

- Optimal is 3 classrooms.

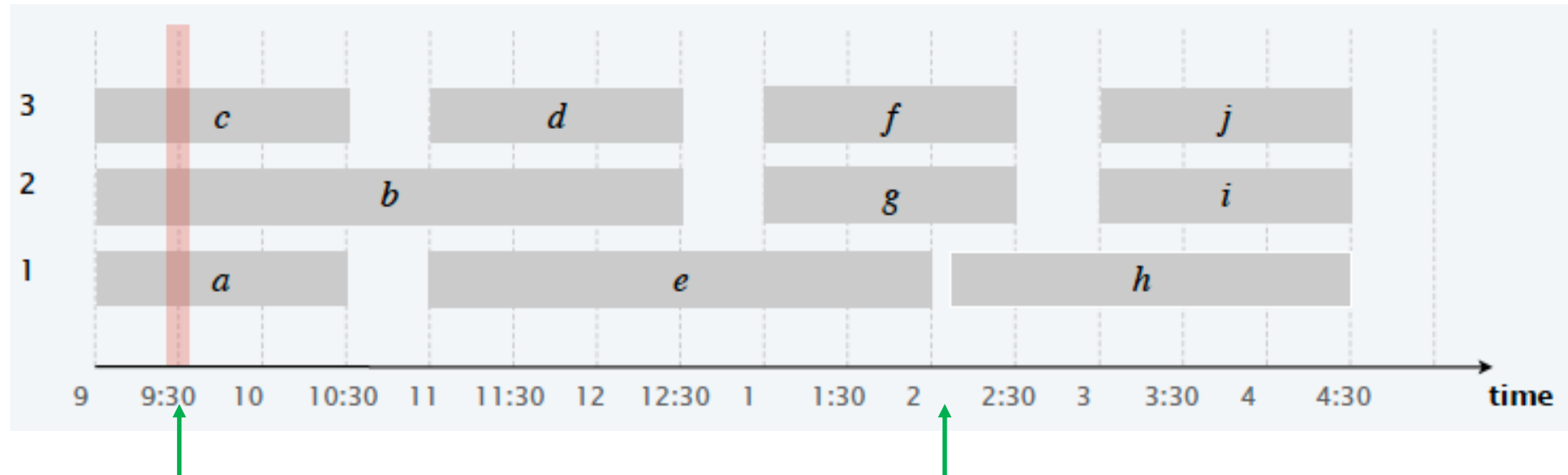


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**Definition.** The depth of a set of open intervals is the maximum number of intervals that contain any given point.

**Key observation.** #rooms needed  $\geq$  depth.

Is depth enough???

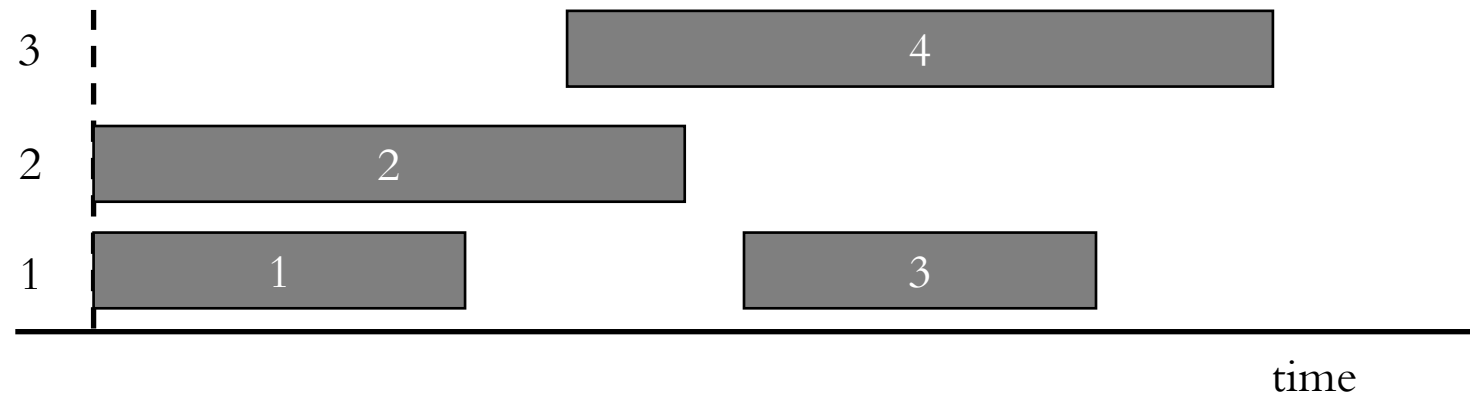
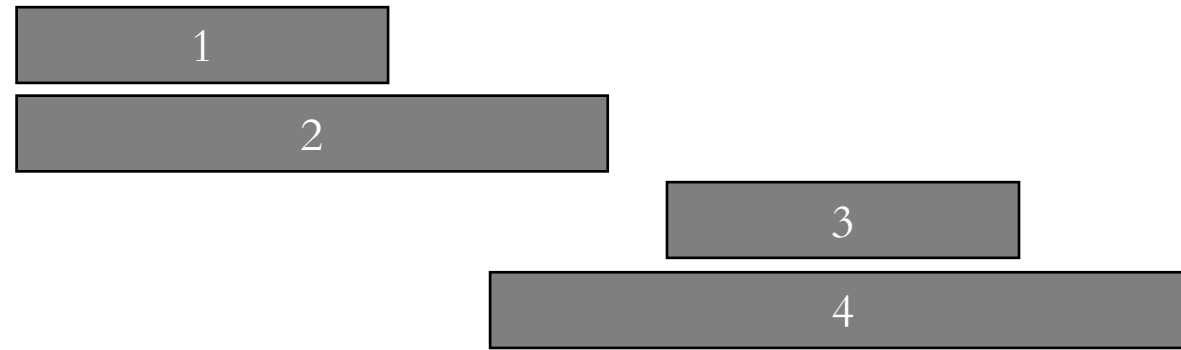


3 classrooms are needed

2 classrooms are needed

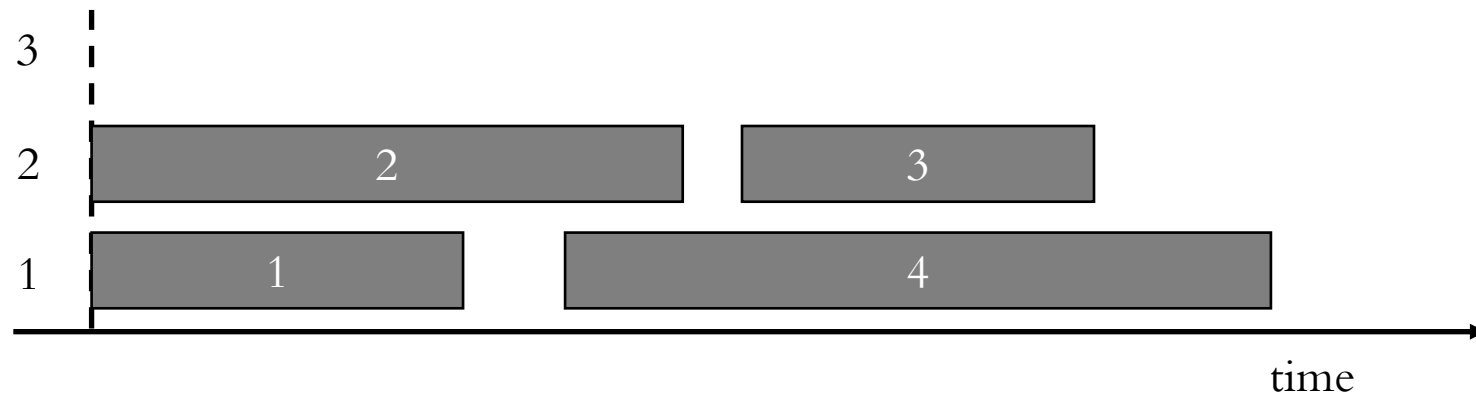
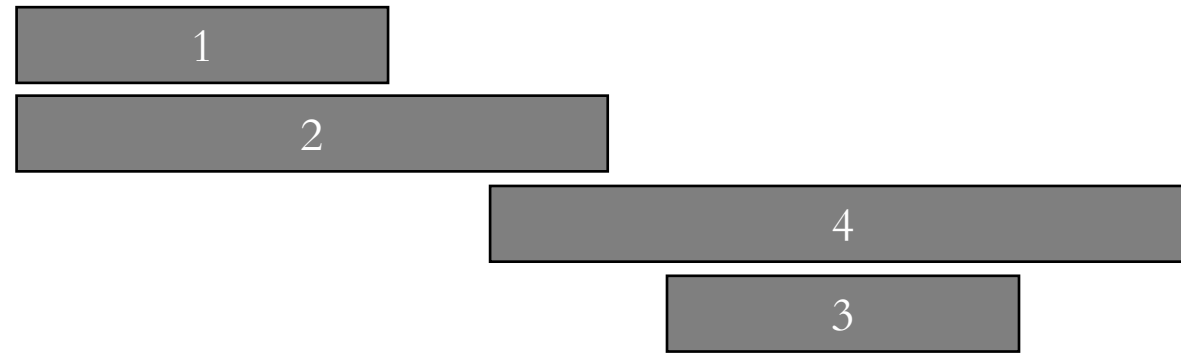
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Can we do earliest-**finish**-time-first?



# INTERVAL PARTITIONING

Can we do earliest-**start**-time-first?



# INTERVAL PARTITIONING: EARLIEST-START-TIME-FIRST ALGORITHM

EARLIEST-START-TIME-FIRST ( $n, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$ )

SORT lectures by start times and renumber so that  $s_1 \leq s_2 \leq \dots \leq s_n$ .

$d \leftarrow 0$ .  $\leftarrow$  number of allocated classrooms

FOR  $j = 1$  TO  $n$

IF (lecture  $j$  is compatible with some classroom)

Schedule lecture  $j$  in any such classroom  $k$ .

ELSE

Allocate a new classroom  $d + 1$ .

Schedule lecture  $j$  in classroom  $d + 1$ .

$d \leftarrow d + 1$ .

RETURN schedule.

*Lemma.*

The earliest-start-time-first algorithm can be implemented in  $O(n \log n)$  time.

*Lemma.*

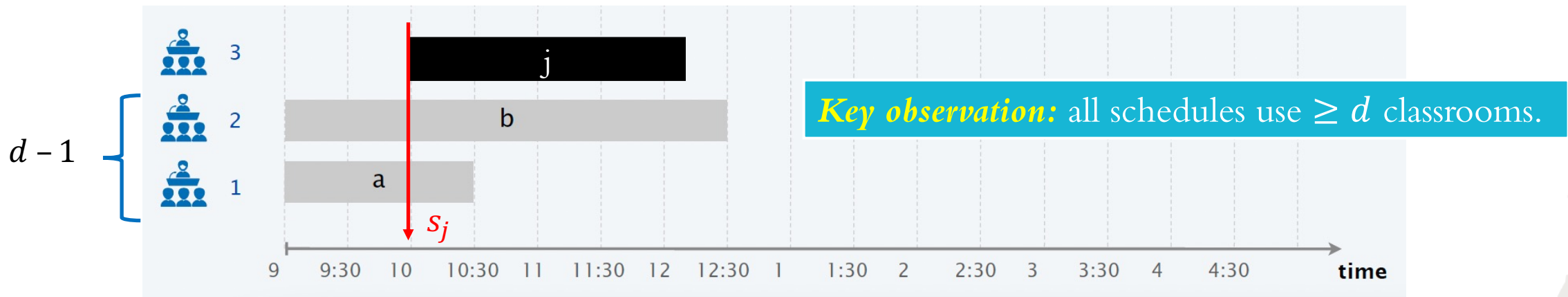
The earliest-start-time first algorithm never schedules two incompatible lectures in the same classroom.



# INTERVAL PARTITIONING: EARLIEST-START-TIME-FIRST ALGORITHM

**Theorem.** Earliest-start-time-first algorithm uses #depth rooms and thus is optimal.

- Let  $d$  = number of classrooms that the algorithm allocates.
- Classroom  $d$  is opened because we needed to schedule a lecture, say  $j$ , that is incompatible with a lecture in each of  $d - 1$  other classrooms.
- Thus, these  $d$  lectures each end after  $s_j$ . → The  $d$  lectures are incompatible.
- Since we sorted by start time, each of these incompatible lectures start no later than  $s_j$ . ■



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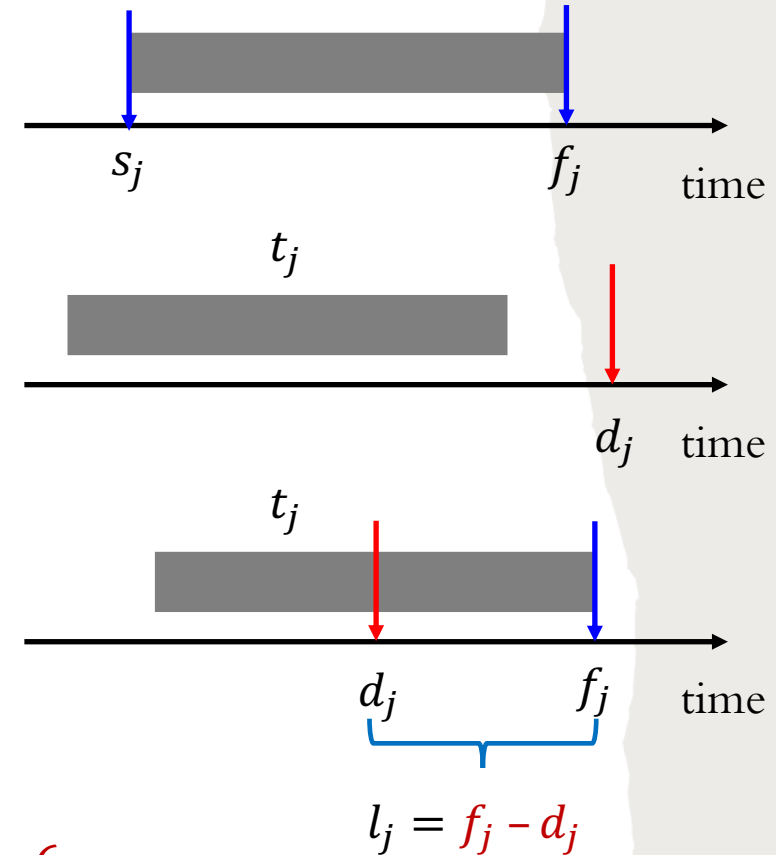
**Single resource** processes one job at a time.

➤ Job  $j$  requires  $t_j$  units of processing time and is due at time  $d_j$ .

➤ If  $j$  starts at time  $s_j$ , it finishes at time  $f_j = s_j + t_j$ .

➤ **Lateness:**  $l_j = \max\{0, f_j - d_j\}$ .

**Goal:** schedule all jobs to minimize **maximum** lateness  $L = \max_j l_j$ .



	1	2	3	4	5	6
$t_j$	3	2	1	4	3	2
$d_j$	6	8	9	9	14	15

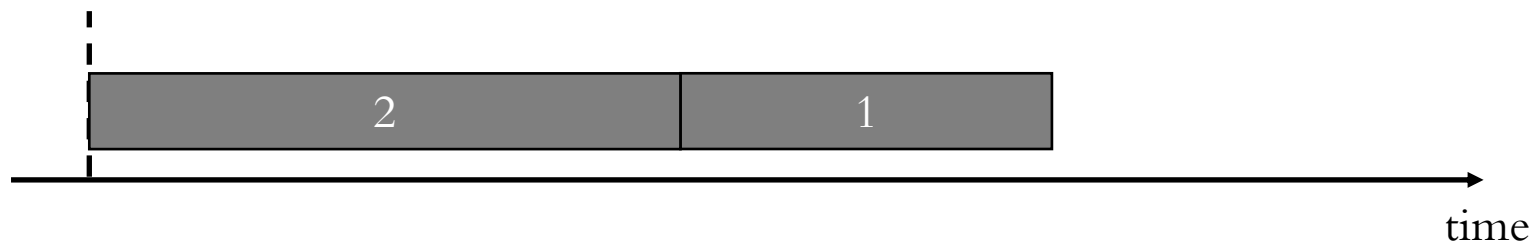
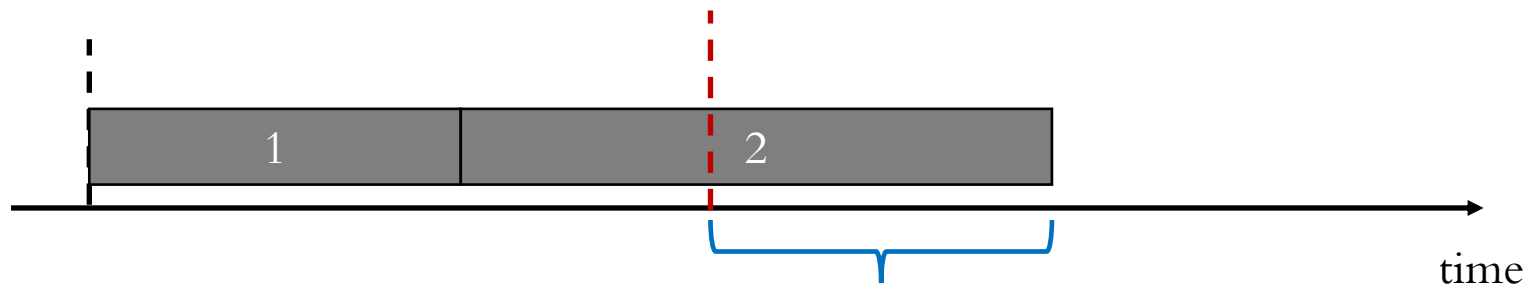
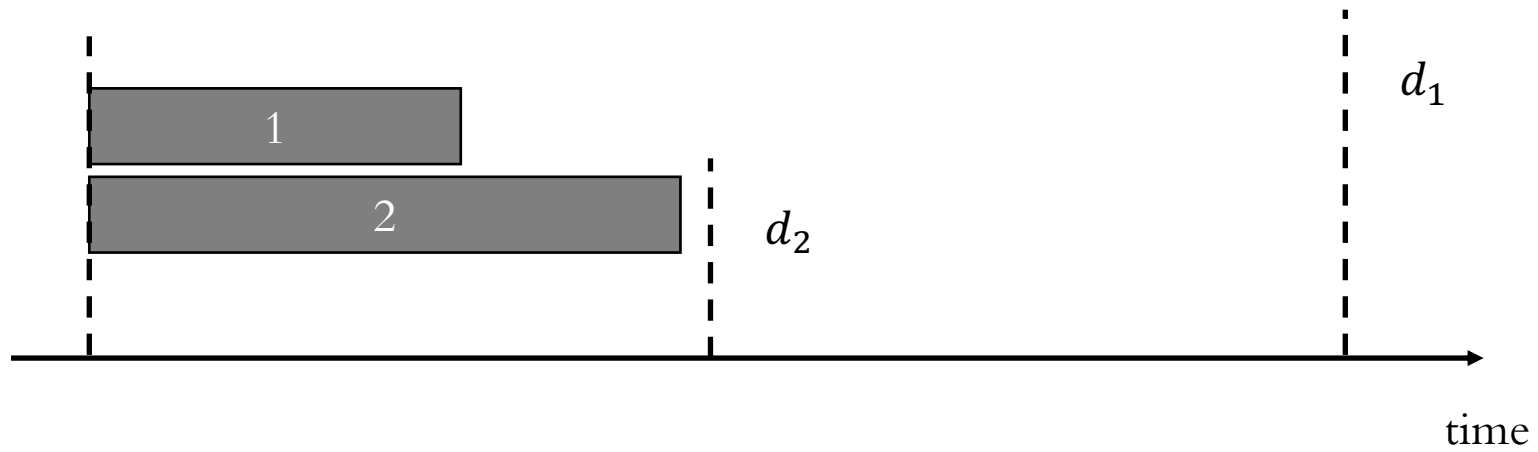


Maximum lateness  $L = 6$

$l_1 = 2$

$l_4 = 6$

# SCHEDULING TO MINIMIZING LATENCY



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**SORT** jobs by due times and renumber so that  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$ .

$t \leftarrow 0$ .

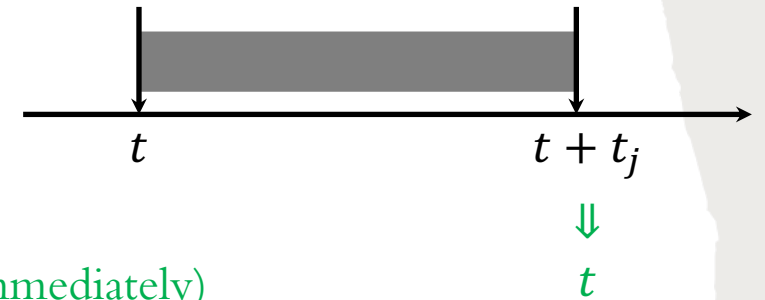
**FOR**  $j = 1$  **TO**  $n$  ← Process the ordered jobs one by one (immediately)

Assign job  $j$  to interval  $[t, t + t_j]$ .

$s_j \leftarrow t$ ;  $f_j \leftarrow t + t_j$ .

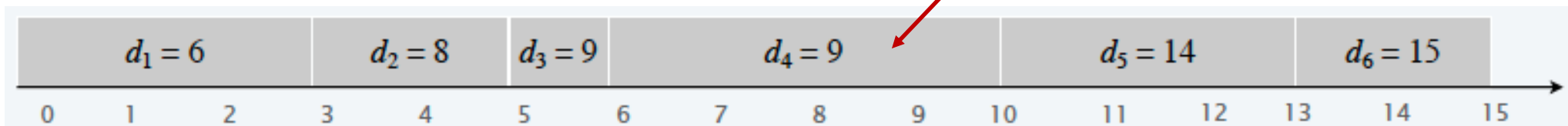
$t \leftarrow t + t_j$ .

**RETURN** intervals  $[s_1, f_1], [s_2, f_2], \dots, [s_n, f_n]$ .



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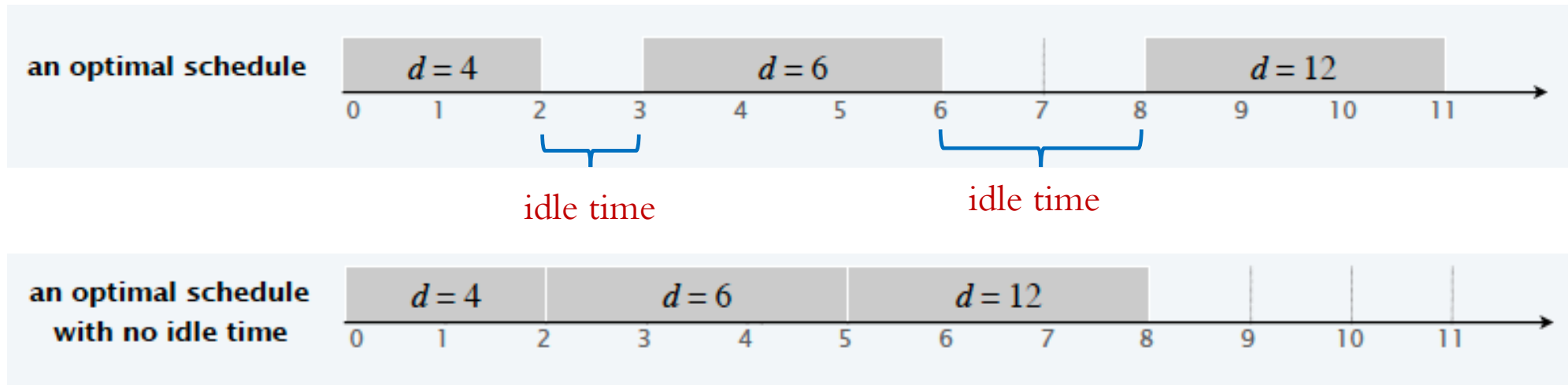
$l_4 = 1$



# SCHEDULING TO MINIMIZING LATENESS

*Properties for optimal schedules.*

**Observation 1.** There exists an optimal schedule with no idle time.

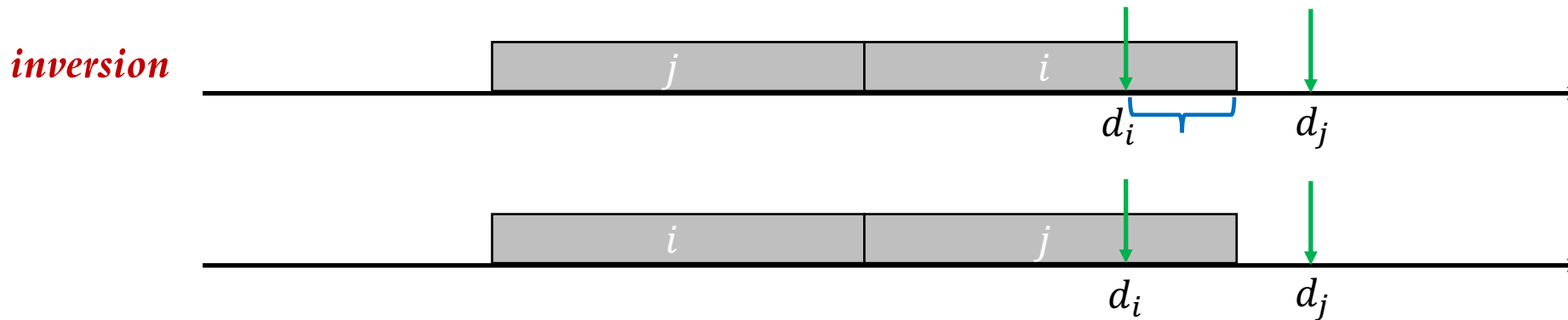


**Observation 2.** The earliest-deadline-first schedule has no idle time.

# SCHEDULING TO MINIMIZING LATENESS

**Definition.** Given a schedule  $S$ , an **inversion** is a pair of jobs  $i$  and  $j$  such that:  $d_i < d_j$  but  $j$  is scheduled before  $i$ .

or  $i < j$  for ordered jobs



swap makes the schedule better!

**Observation 3.** The earliest-deadline-first schedule is the **unique** idle-free schedule with no inversions.

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**Observation 4.** If an idle-free schedule has an inversion, then it has an **adjacent inversion**.

two inverted jobs scheduled consecutively

**Proof.**

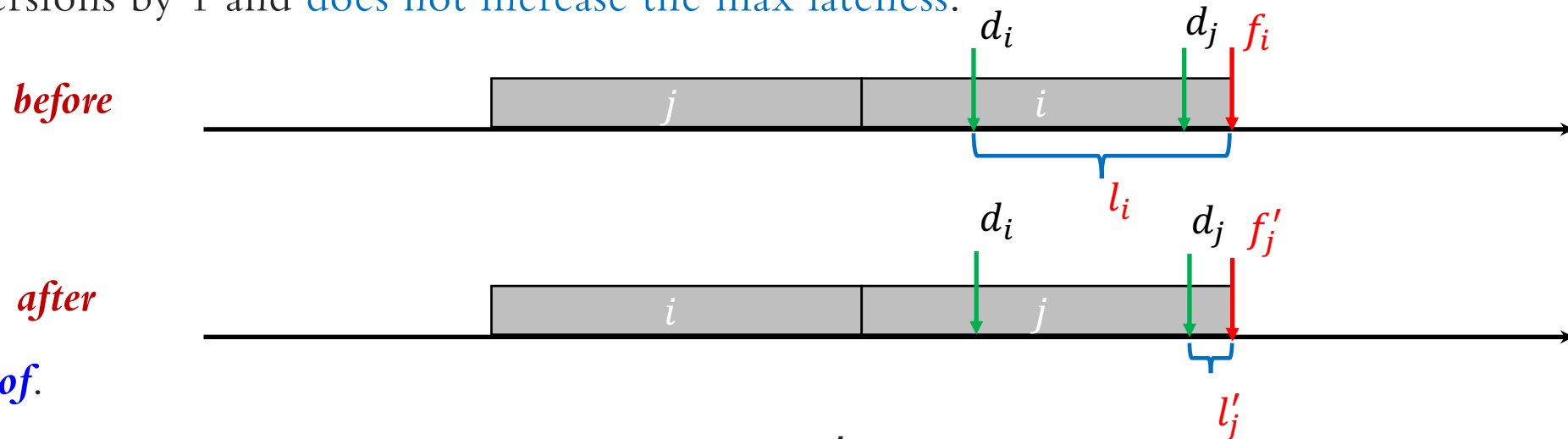
- Let  $i-j$  be a **closest** inversion.  $d_j > d_i$
- Let  $k$  be element immediately to the right of  $j$ .
  - **Case 1:**  $d_j > d_k$ . Then  $j-k$  is an adjacent inversion.
  - **Case 2.**  $d_j < d_k$ . Then  $i-k$  is a closer inversion. ■





# SCHEDULING TO MINIMIZING LATENESS

**Key Claim.** Exchanging two **adjacent**, **inverted** jobs  $i$  and  $j$  reduces the number of inversions by 1 and **does not increase the max lateness**.



**Proof.**

- Let  $l$  be the lateness before the swap, and let  $l'$  be it afterwards.
- $l'_k = l_k$  for all  $k \neq i, j$ .
- $l'_i \leq l_i$
- If job  $j$  is late,  $l'_j = f'_j - d_j = f_i - d_j \leq f_i - d_i \leq l_i$ . ■

# SCHEDULING TO MINIMIZING LATENESS

**Theorem.** The earliest-deadline-first schedule  $S$  is optimal.

**Proof.** [by contradiction]

- Define  $S^*$  to be an optimal schedule with the **fewest inversions**.
- Can assume  $S^*$  has no idle time. → Observation 1
- **Case 1:**  $S^*$  has no inversions. Then  $S = S^*$ . → Observation 3
- **Case 2:**  $S^*$  has an inversion.
  - Let  $i - j$  be an **adjacent** inversion → Observation 4
  - Exchanging jobs  $i$  and  $j$  decreases the number of inversions by 1 without increasing the max lateness → Key Claim
  - Contradicts “**fewest inversions**” part of the definition of  $S^*$ . ■

# GREEDY ANALYSIS STRATEGIES

### *Greedy algorithm stays ahead.*

- Show that after each step of the greedy algorithm, its solution is **at least as good as any other algorithm's**.
- [Interval scheduling]

### *Structural.*

- Discover a simple “structural” bound asserting that **every possible solution must have a certain value**. Then show that your algorithm always achieves this bound.
- [Interval partitioning]

### *Exchange argument.*

- Gradually **transform any solution to the one found by the greedy algorithm** without hurting its quality.
- [Minimizing lateness, Interval scheduling]

# SHORTEST PATH PROBLEM

## Shortest Path Problem

### Single-pair:

Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , edge lengths  $l_e \geq 0$ , source  $s \in V$ , and destination  $t \in V$ , find a **shortest directed path** from  $s$  to  $t$ .

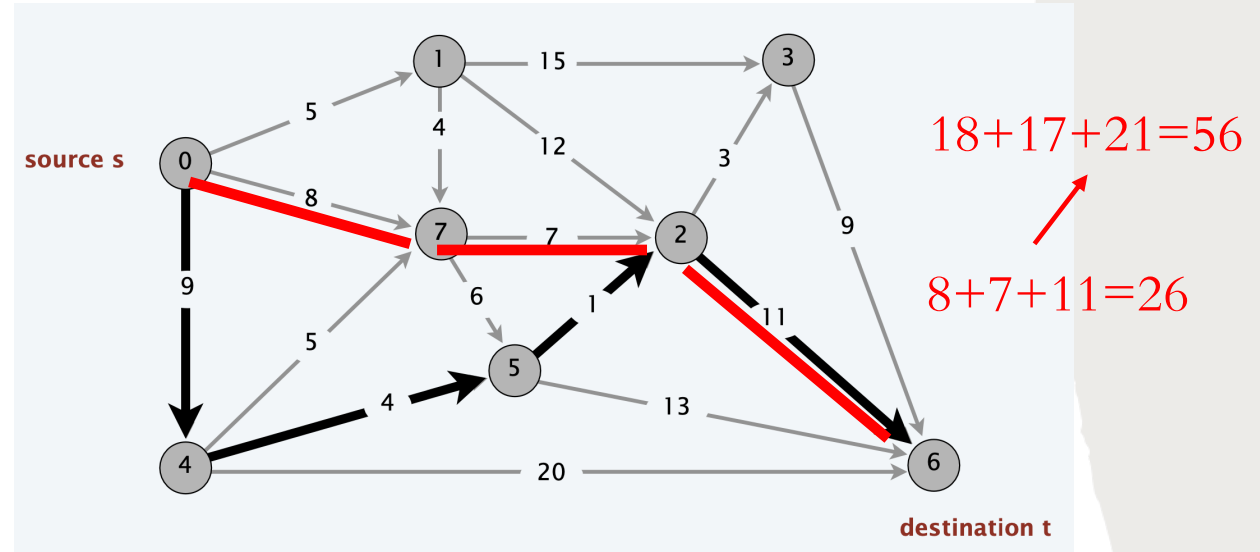
### Single-source:

Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , edge lengths  $l_e \geq 0$ , source  $s \in V$ , find a **shortest directed path** from  $s$  to every node.

### Question:

Suppose that you change the length of every edge of  $G$  as follows. For which is every shortest path in  $G$  a shortest path in  $G'$ ?

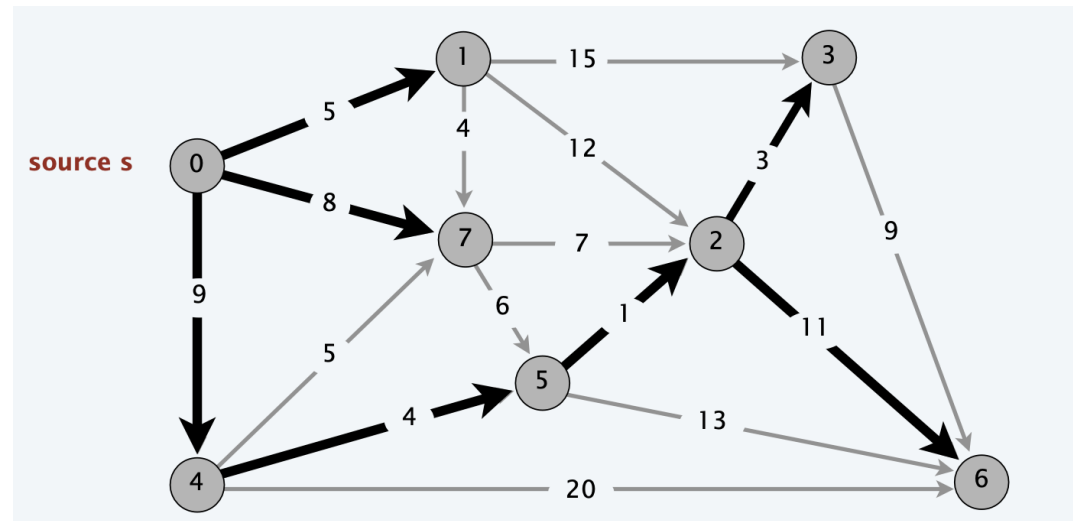
- A. Multiply by 10.
- B. Add 10.



$$\text{length of path} = 9 + 4 + 1 + 11 = 25$$

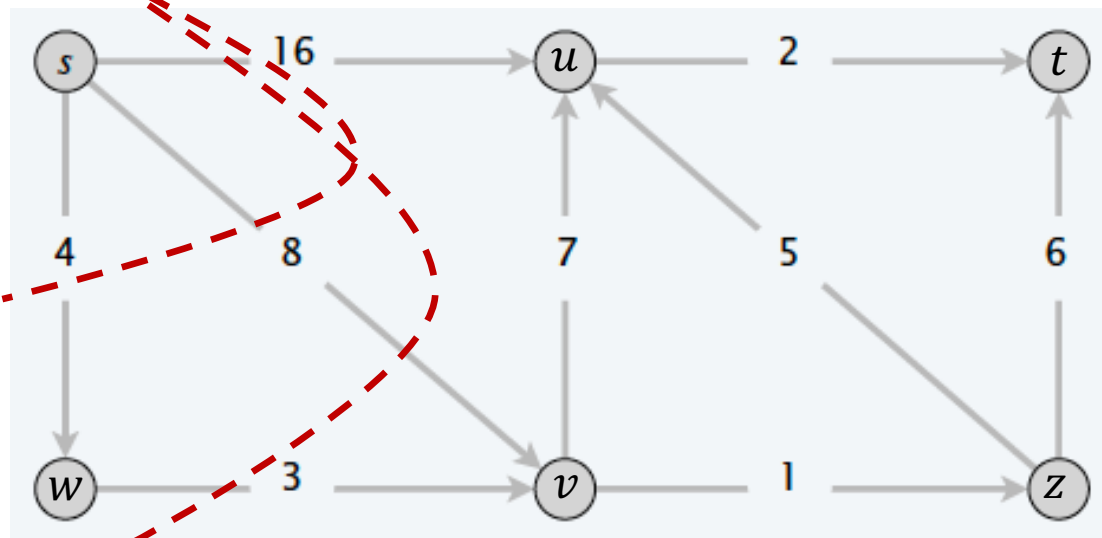
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$$19 + 14 + 11 + 21 = 65$$



## Dijkstra's algorithm

$$d[s] = 0$$



$$d[w] = 4$$

Why?  $w = \min_{x \neq s} d[s] + l_{(s,x)}$

The **minimum** distance from  $s$  to  $x$  without using other nodes

For  $u \in V$ ,  $d[u]$  = length of a shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ .

$$d[u] = 16?$$

$$s \rightarrow v \rightarrow u \text{ has length } 15 < 16$$

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$$s \rightarrow w \rightarrow v \rightarrow u \text{ has length } 14 < 15$$

$$d[u] = 14? \Rightarrow d[v] \neq 8?$$

$$s \rightarrow w \rightarrow v \rightarrow z \rightarrow u \text{ has length } 13 < 14$$

$$d[u] = 13?$$

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$$s \rightarrow w \rightarrow v \text{ has length } 7 < 8$$

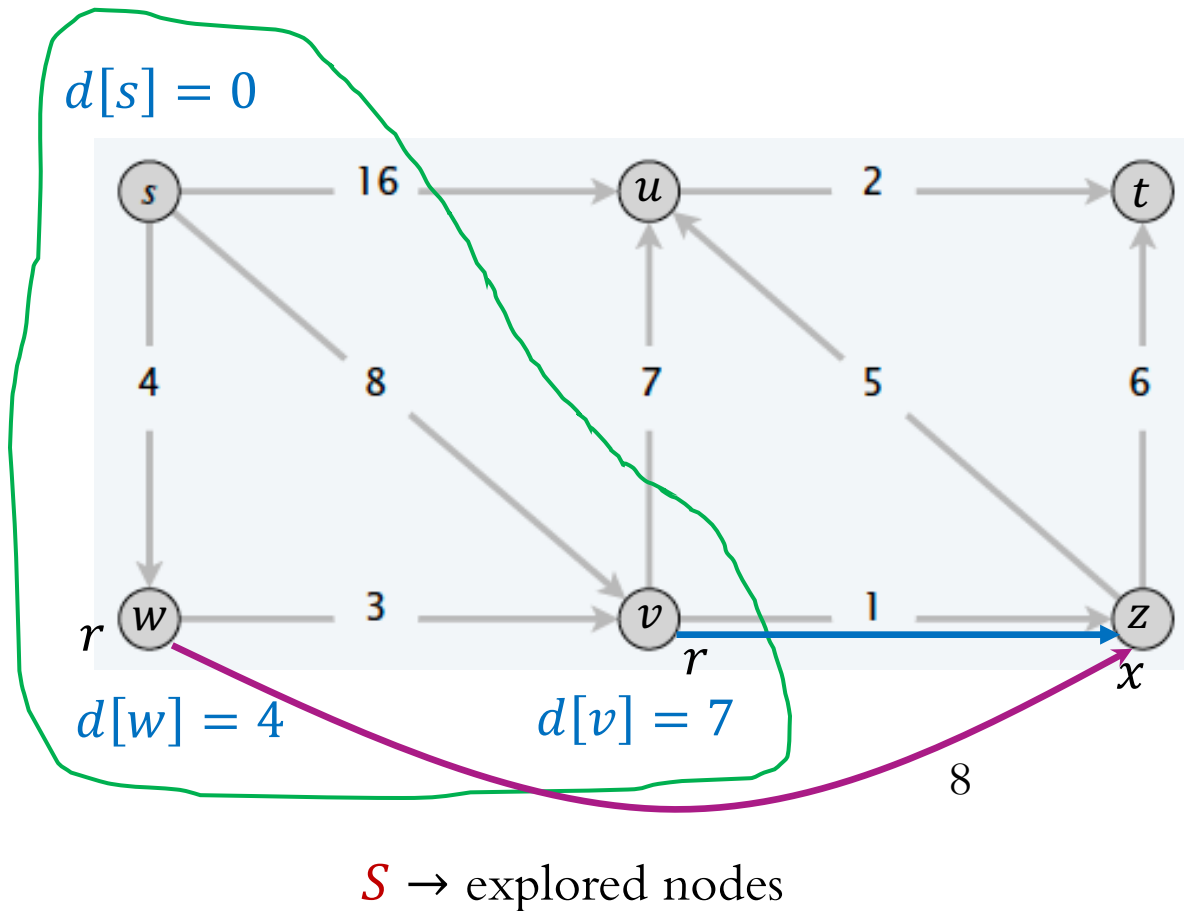
$$d[v] = 7?$$

$$\pi(x) = \min_{r \in \{s,w\}} d[r] + l_{(r,x)}$$

$$v = \min_{x \neq s,w} \pi(x)$$

The **minimum** distance from  $s, w$  to others

## Dijkstra's algorithm



For  $u \in S$ ,  $d[u]$  = length of a shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ .

the length of a shortest path from  $s$  to some node  $r$  in explored part  $S$ , followed by a single edge  $e = (r, x)$ .

$$\text{For } x \notin S, \pi(x) = \min_{(r,x): r \in S} d[r] + l_{(r,x)}$$

The closest distance to  $x$  without using  $V \setminus S$

$$\pi(z) = \min \{d[w] + l_{(w,z)}, d[v] + l_{(v,z)}\}$$

$$\pi(u) = \min \{d[s] + l_{(s,u)}, d[v] + l_{(v,u)}\}$$

### Action

- Choose unexplored node  $v \notin S$  which **minimizes**  $\pi(v)$ .
- Add  $v$  to  $S$ .



## Dijkstra's algorithm

$$d[s] = 0$$

$$\pi(u) = \min\{d[s] + l_{(s,u)}, d[v] + l_{(v,u)}\} = 14$$



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## Dijkstra's algorithm

- Maintain a set of explored nodes  $S$  for which algorithm has determined  $d[u]$  = “length of a shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ ”.
- Initialize  $S \leftarrow \{s\}$ ,  $d[s] \leftarrow 0$ .
- Repeatedly choose unexplored node  $x \notin S$  which *minimizes*

$$\pi(x) = \min_{(r,x): r \in S} d[r] + l_{(r,x)}$$

add  $x$  to  $S$  and set  $d[x] \leftarrow \pi(x)$ .

## Invariant.

For each node  $u \in S$  :  $d[u]$  = length of a shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ .

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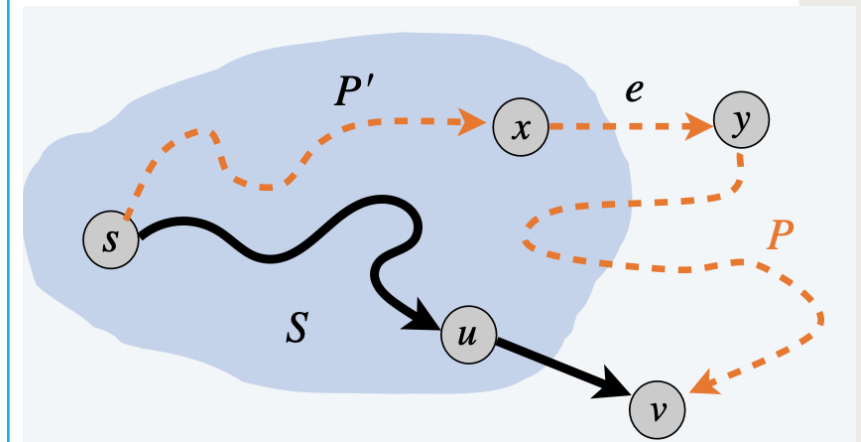
**Proof** [by induction on  $|S|$ ]

- **Base case:**  $|S|=1$  is easy since  $S = \{s\}$  and  $d[s] = 0$ .
- **Inductive hypothesis:** Assume true for  $|S| \geq 1$ .
- Let  $v$  be next node added to  $S$ , and let  $(u, v)$  be the final edge.
- A shortest  $s \rightarrow u$  path plus  $(u, v)$  is an  $s \rightarrow v$  path of length  $\pi(v)$ .
- Consider any other  $s \rightarrow v$  path  $P$ . We show that it is no shorter than  $\pi(v)$ .
- Let  $e = (x, y)$  be the first edge in  $P$  that leaves  $S$ , and let  $P'$  be the subpath from  $s$  to  $x$ .
- The length of  $P$  is already  $\geq \pi(v)$  as soon as it reaches  $y$ :

$$l(P) \geq l(P') + l_e \geq d[x] + l_e \geq \pi(y) \geq \pi(v).$$

↓	↓	↓	↓
non-negative lengths	inductive hypothesis	definition of $\pi(y)$	Dijkstra chose $v$ instead of $y$

$$\pi(y) = \min_{(r,y): r \in S} d[r] + l_{(r,y)}$$

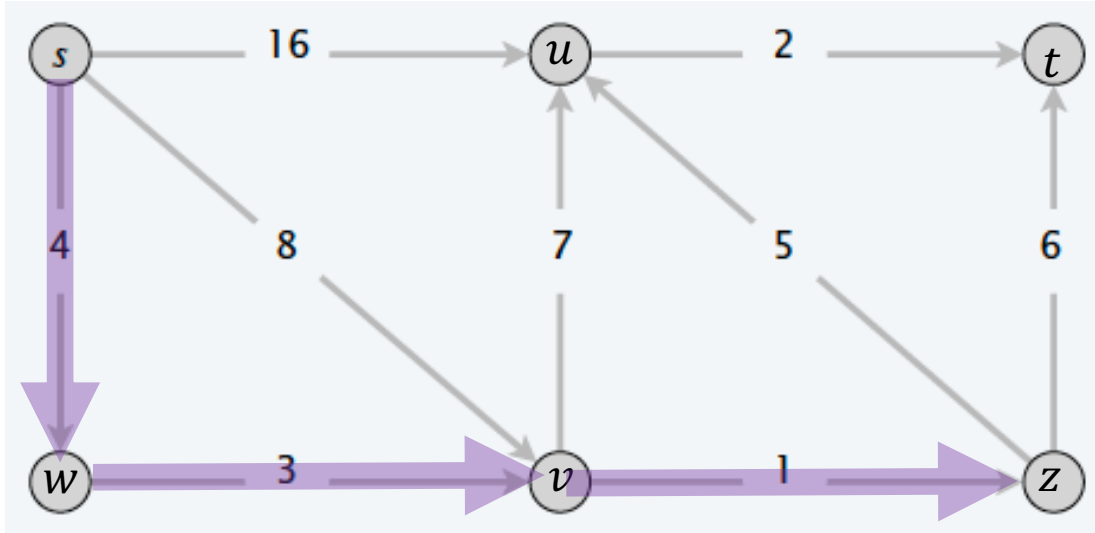


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1. Tracking the shortest paths.
2. Running time =  $O(n^2)$

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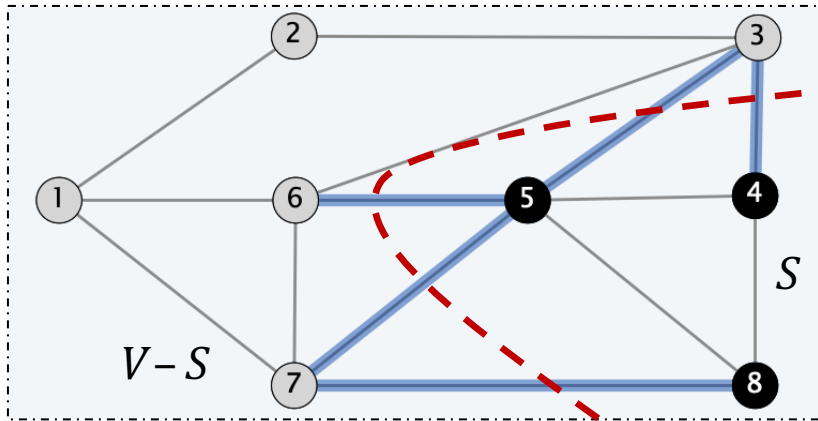
add  $x$  to  $S$  and set  $d[x] \leftarrow \pi(x)$ .

# MINIMUM SPANNING TREES

## Basic Definitions

A **cut** is a partition of the nodes into two nonempty subsets  $S$  and  $V - S$ , denoted by  $(S, V - S)$ .

The **cutset** of a cut  $S$  is the set of edges with exactly one endpoint in  $S$ .



$$\text{Cut } S = \{4, 5, 8\}$$

$$\text{Cutset } D = \{(3, 4), (3, 5), (5, 6), (5, 7), (8, 7)\}$$

# Spanning Tree

Let  $H = (V, T)$  be a subgraph of an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ .  
 $H$  is a **spanning tree** of  $G$  if  $H$  is both **acyclic** and **connected**.

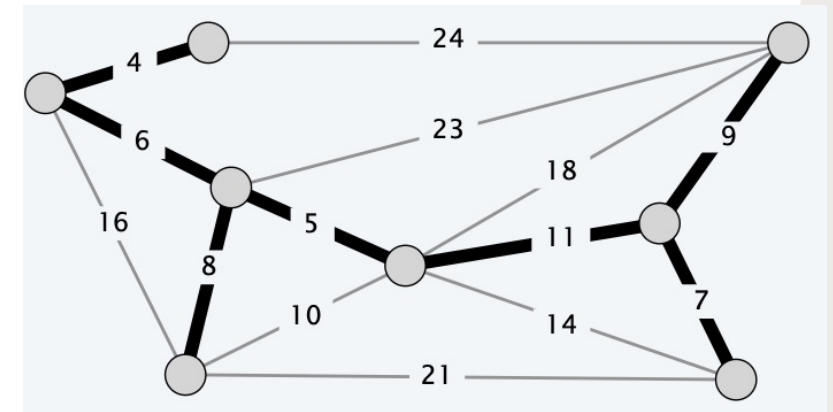
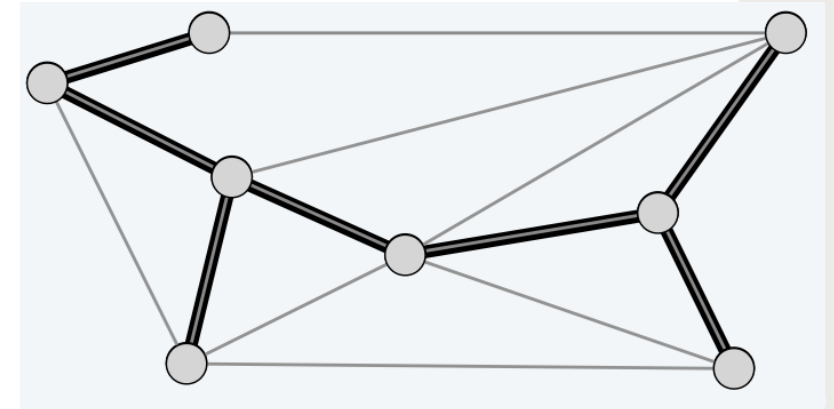
## Proposition.

Let  $H = (V, T)$  be a subgraph of an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ .  
Then, the following are equivalent:

- $H$  is a spanning tree of  $G$ .
- $H$  is acyclic and connected.
- $H$  is connected and has  $|V| - 1$  edges.
- $H$  is acyclic and has  $|V| - 1$  edges.
- $H$  is minimally connected: removal of any edge disconnects it.
- $H$  is maximally acyclic: addition of any edge creates a cycle.

## Minimum spanning tree (MST)

Given a connected, undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge costs  $c_e$ ,  
a **minimum spanning tree**  $(V, T)$  is a spanning tree of  $G$  such that the sum of the edge costs in  $T$  is minimized.



$$\text{Tree cost} = 50 = 4 + 6 + 8 + 5 + 11 + 9 + 7$$

# Minimum spanning tree (MST)

**Cayley's theorem.** The complete graph on  $n$  nodes has  $n^{n-2}$  spanning trees.



can't solve by brute force

Both give the optimal solution!

## Kruskal's Algorithm

### Idea.

- Starts without any edges and insert edges from  $E$  in order of increasing cost:

$$c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_i < \dots < c_m$$

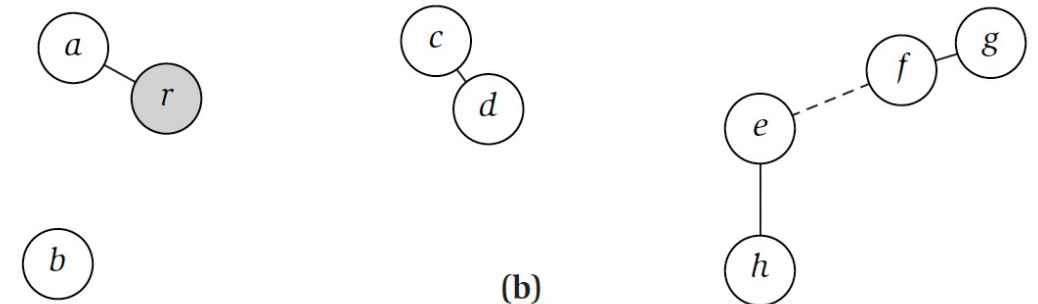
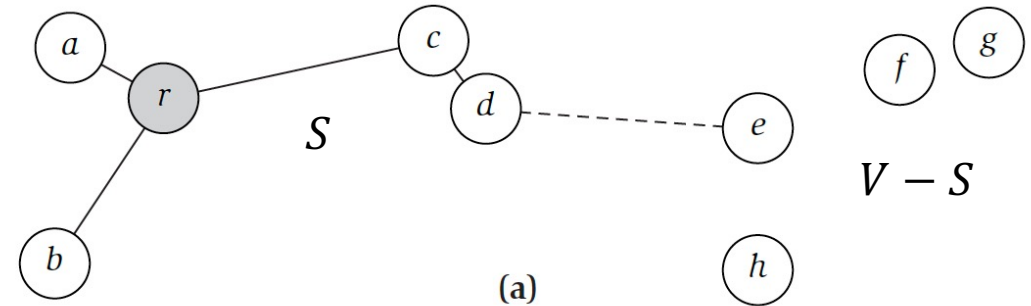
- For edge  $e_i$ , insert it if it does not create a cycle with all inserted edges, and discard otherwise.

## Prim's Algorithm

**Idea (inspired by Dijkstra's Algorithm).**

- Start with a root node  $S = \{s\}$ , and try to greedily grow a tree from  $S$  outward.
- At each step, we add the node  $v$  connected with  $S$  that can be attached as cheaply as possible.

$$\min_{e=(u,v):u \in S} c_e$$



## When Is It Safe to Include an Edge in the Minimum Spanning Tree?

**Cut Property** (Assume that all edge costs are distinct.)

Let  $S$  be **any** subset of nodes  $S \neq V$  or  $\emptyset$ .

Let edge  $e = (v, w)$  be the **minimum cost edge** with one end in  $S$  and the other in  $V - S$ .

Then **every** MST contains the edge  $e$ .

**Proof.** [contradiction + **exchange argument**]

➤ Let  $T$  be an MST that does not contain  $e$ .

➤ There must be a path  $P$  in  $T$  from  $v$  to  $w$ .

➤ Exchange  $e'$  for  $e$ , get a set of edges

$$T' = T - \{e'\} \cup \{e\}.$$

➤  $T'$  is a spanning tree:

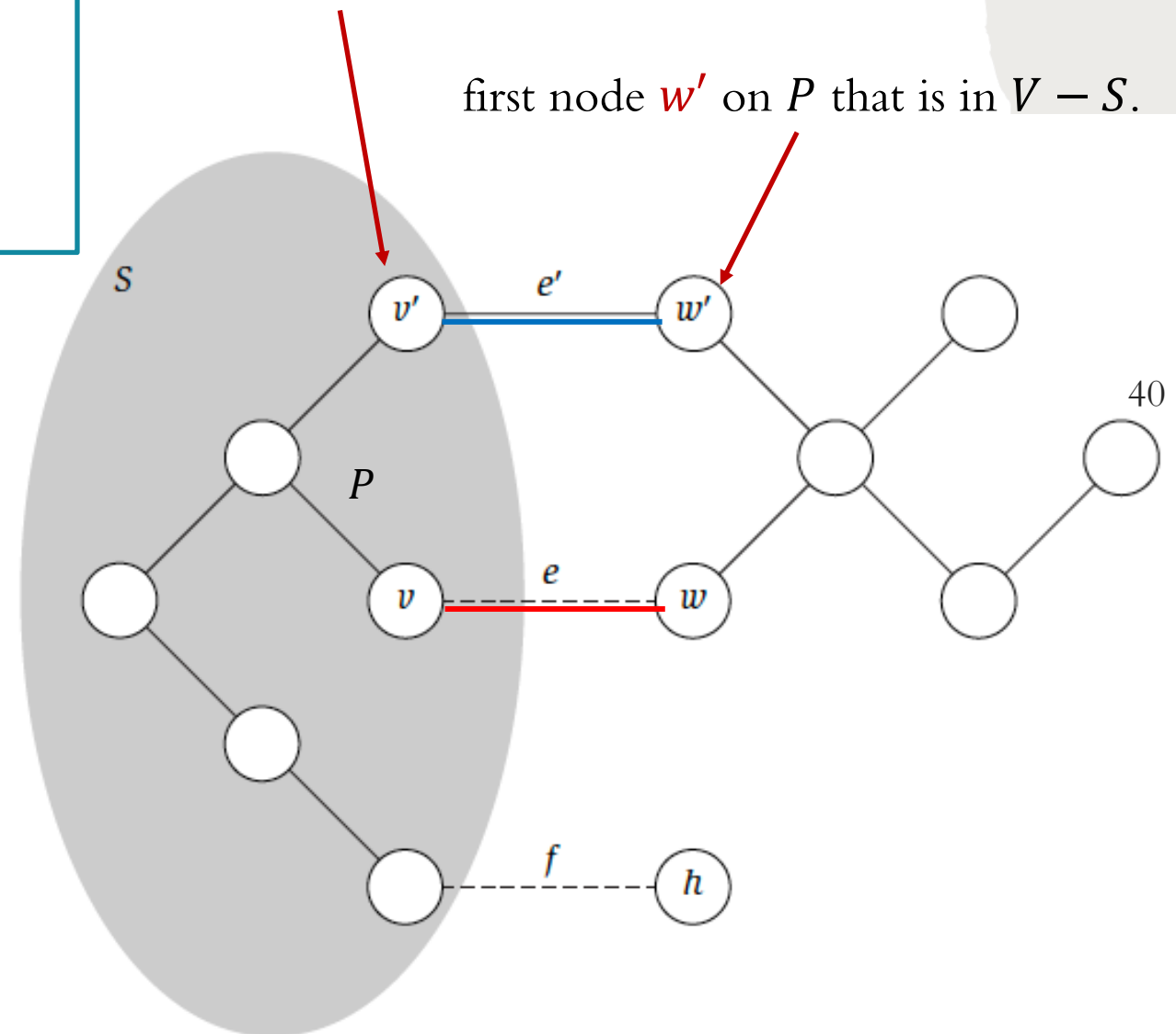
➤ **Connected:** any path in  $(V, T)$  that used  $e'$  can now be “rerouted” by using  $e$ .

➤ **Contains  $|V| - 1$  edges.**

➤  $c_e < c_{e'}$ : **cost of  $T'$  < cost of  $T$**  -- a contradiction.

$v' \in S$  is the node just before  $w'$  on  $P$

first node  $w'$  on  $P$  that is in  $V - S$ .



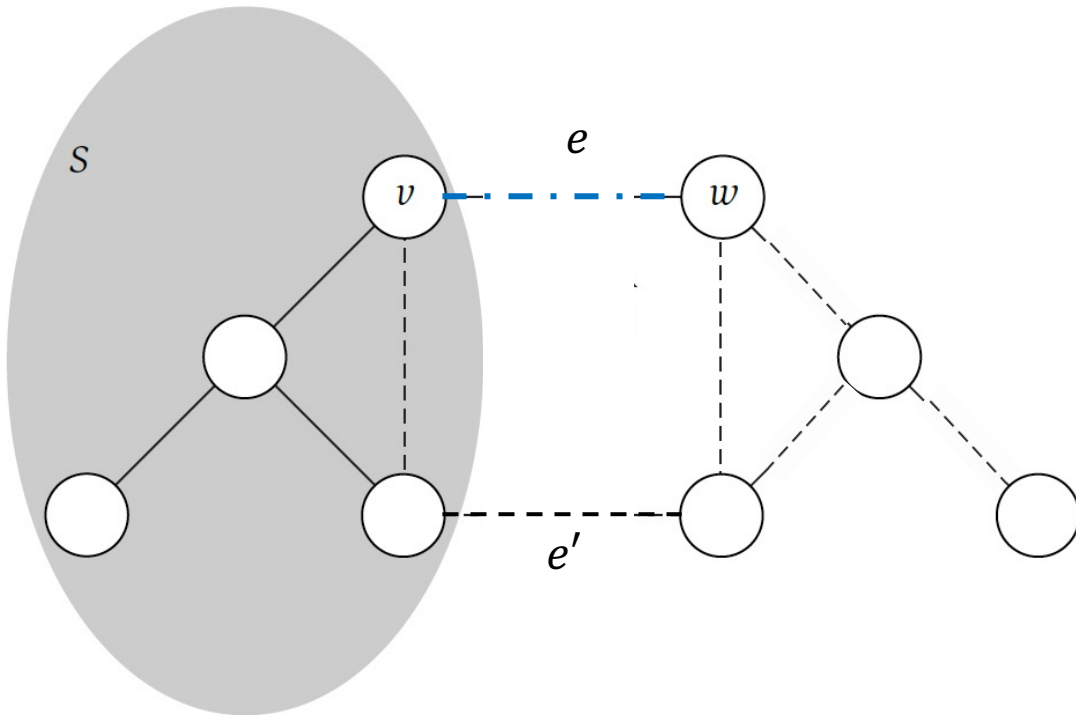


## Prim's Algorithm

- Start with a root node  $S = \{s\}$ , and try to greedily grow a tree from  $S$  outward.
- At each step, we add the node  $v$  connected with  $S$  that can be attached as cheaply as possible.

$$\min_{e=(u,v):u \in S} c_e$$

**Theorem.** Prim's Algorithm produces an MST of  $G$ .



Prim's Algorithm outputs a spanning tree.

- Contains **no cycles**: by the design
- **Connected**: otherwise can add an edge between two components.

Prim's Algorithm outputs an MST.

- At each step, we add the node  $v$  connected with  $S$  that can be attached as cheaply as possible.

$$\min_{e=(u,v):u \in S} c_e$$

- Thus,  $e$  is the cheapest edge connecting  $S$  and  $V - S$ .
- By **Cut Property**,  $e$  belongs to every MST.

## Kruskal's Algorithm

- Starts without any edges and insert edges from  $E$  in order of increasing cost:

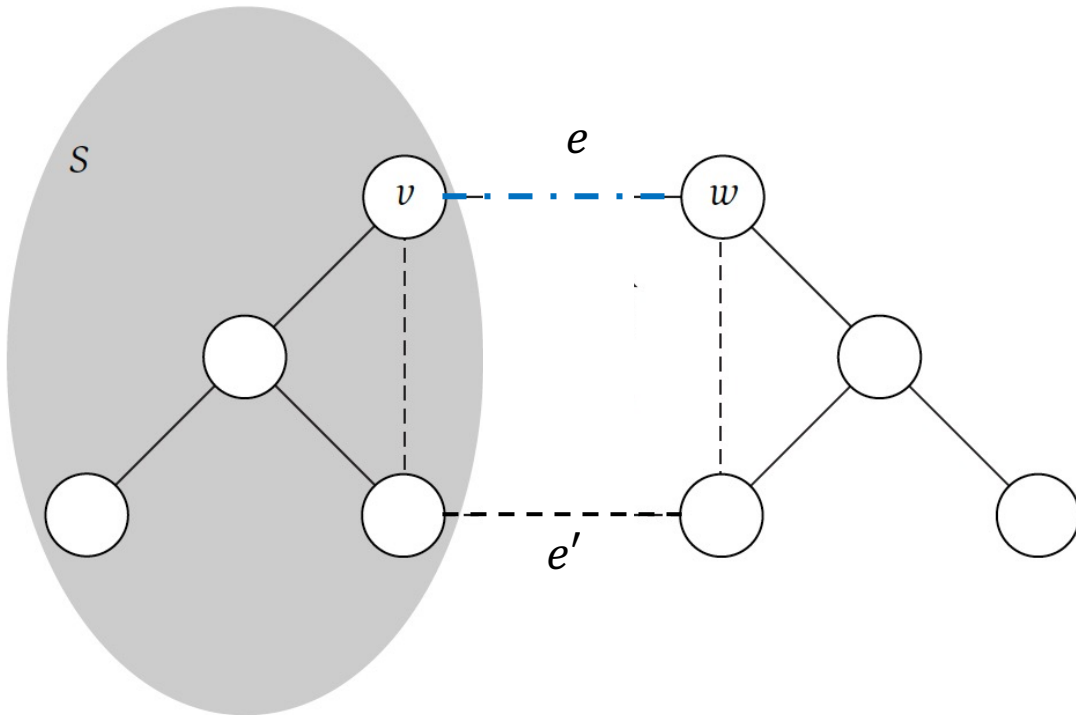
$$c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_i < \dots < c_m$$

- For edge  $e_i$  insert it if it does not create a cycle with all inserted edges, and discard otherwise.

Kruskal's Algorithm outputs a spanning tree.

- Contains **no cycles**: by the design
- **Connected**; otherwise can add an edge between two components.

**Theorem.** Kruskal's Algorithm produces an MST of  $G$ .



Kruskal's Algorithm outputs an MST.

- Consider any edge  $e = (v, w)$  added by Kruskal's Algorithm.
- Let  $S$  be the set of nodes to which  $v$  has a path before  $e$  is added. Clearly  $v \in S$ , but  $w \notin S$ .
- No edge from  $S$  to  $V - S$  has been considered: any such edge could have been added without creating a cycle.
- Thus,  $e$  is the cheapest edge connecting  $S$  and  $V - S$ .
- By **Cut Property**,  $e$  belongs to every MST.

## Reverse-Delete Algorithm

- Start with the full graph  $(V, E)$  and begin deleting edges in order of decreasing cost.
$$c_1 > c_2 > \dots > c_i > \dots > c_m$$
- As we get to each edge  $e$  (starting from the most expensive), we delete it as long as doing so would not actually disconnect the graph we currently have.

### Theorem.

The Reverse-Delete Algorithm produces an MST of  $G$ .

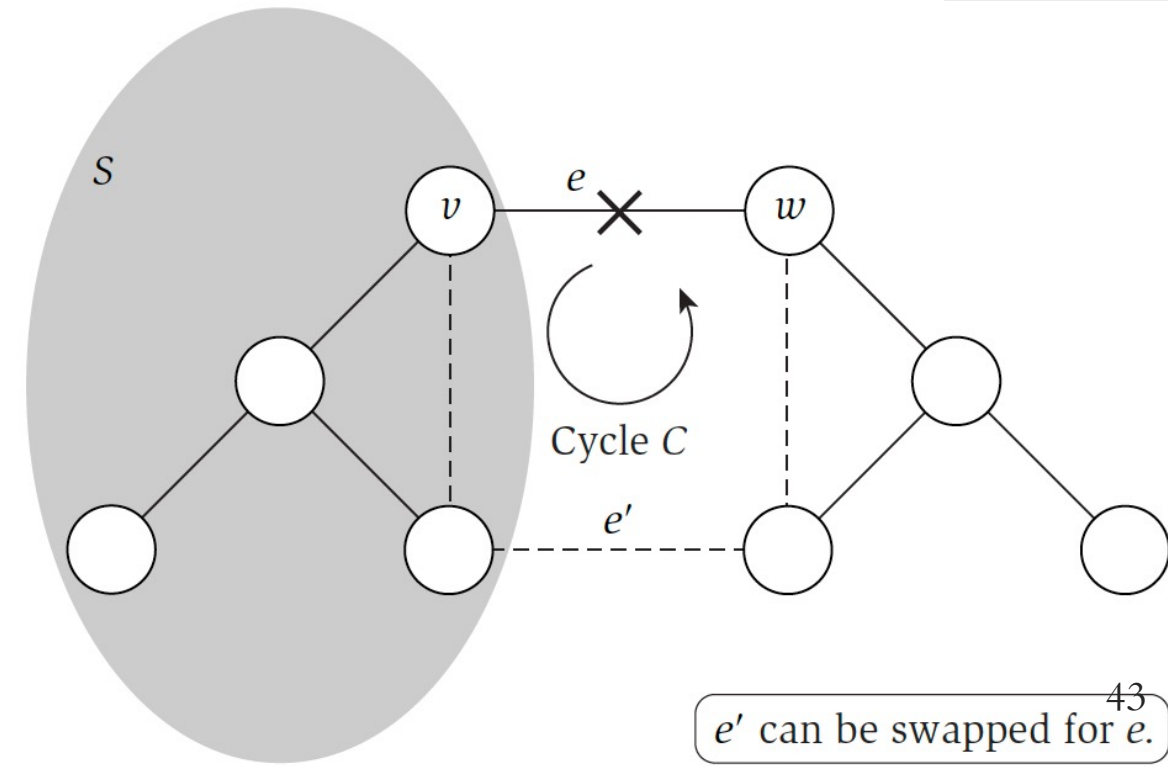
### Cycle Property

(Assume that all edge costs are distinct.)

Let  $C$  be any cycle in  $G$ .

Let edge  $e = (v, w)$  be the **most expensive edge on  $C$** .

Then  $e$  does **not belong to any MST** of  $G$ .



**Proof** [by contradiction].

- Let  $T$  be an MST that contains  $e = (v, w)$ .
- Deleting  $e$  from  $T$  and partition the nodes into  $S$  and  $V - S$ .
- There is another edge  $e'$  crosses from  $S$  to  $V - S$ .
- Consider the set of edges

$$T = T - \{e\} \cup \{e'\}$$

which is a spanning tree of  $G$  with smaller cost.

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

# Divide and Conquer

- Divide up problem into several subproblems (of the same kind).
- Solve (conquer) each subproblem recursively.
- Combine solutions to subproblems into overall solution

## *Most common usage:*

- Divide problem of size  $n$  into two subproblems of size  $n/2$ .
- Solve (conquer) each subproblem recursively.
- Combine two solutions into overall solution.

## *Consequence:*

- Brute force:  $\Theta(n^2)$ .
- Divide-and-conquer:  $O(n \log n)$ .

Brute-force algorithm may already be polynomial time, and the divide and conquer strategy is to reduce the running time to a lower polynomial.

# THE MERGESORT ALGORITHM

# The Mergesort Algorithm

**Problem.** Given a list  $L$  of  $n$  elements from an ordered universe, rearrange them in ascending order.

## *The algorithm*

- Divide into left and right smaller problems.
- Recursively sort left half.
- Recursively sort right half.
- Merge two halves to make sorted whole.

How to do this?



### input

A	L	G	O	R	I	T	H	M	S
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### sort left half

A	G	L	O	R
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I	T	H	M	S
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### sort right half

A	G	L	O	R
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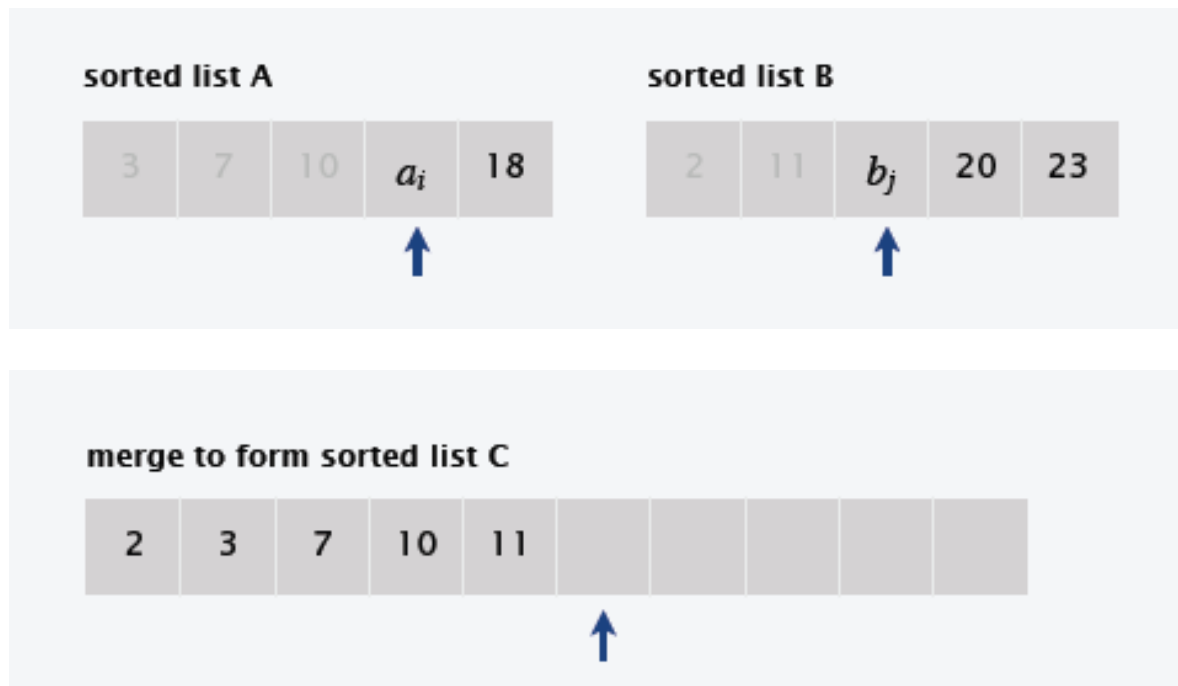
H	I	M	S	T
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### merge results

A	G	H	I	L	M	O	R	S	T
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# The Mergesort Algorithm

**Goal.** Combine two sorted lists A and B into a sorted whole C.



## *The algorithm*

- Scan A and B from left to right.
- Compare  $a_i$  and  $b_j$ .
- If  $a_i < b_j$ , append  $a_i$  to C (no larger than any remaining element in B).
- If  $a_i > b_j$ , append  $b_j$  to C (smaller than every remaining element in A).

$\Theta(n)$



# The Mergesort Algorithm

**Definition.**  $T(n)$  = max number of compares to Mergesort a list of length  $n$ .

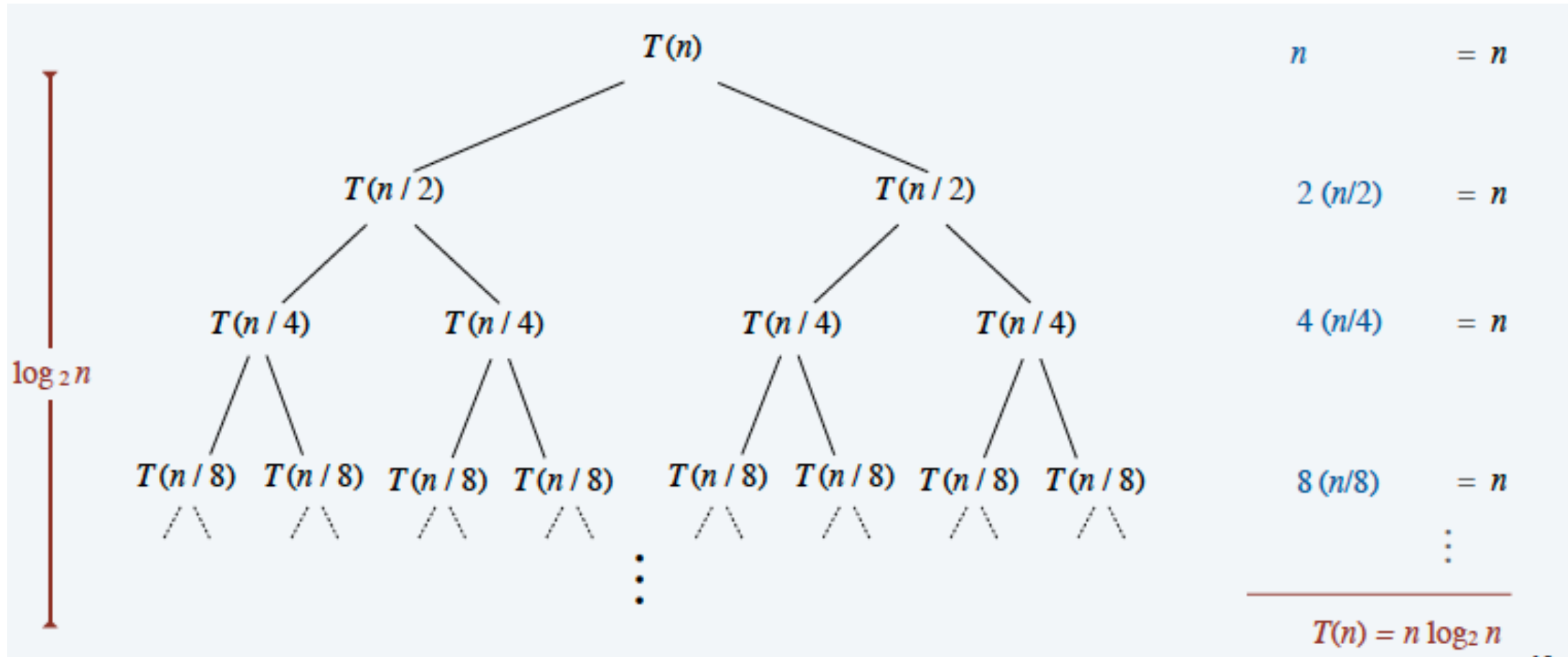
$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + n & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

**Solving this recurrence:** assume  $n$  is a power of 2 and replace  $\leq$  with  $=$  in the recurrence.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

# The Mergesort Algorithm

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**Proposition.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies the recurrence, then  $T(n) = n\log_2 n$ .

**Proof.** [by induction on  $n$ ]

➤ **Base case:** when  $n = 1$ ,  $T(1) = 0 = n\log_2 n$ .

➤ **Inductive hypothesis:** assume  $T(n) = n\log_2 n$ .

What if  $n$  is not a power of 2??

➤ **Goal:** show that  $T(2n) = 2n\log_2 2n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{inductive hypothesis} & \longrightarrow T(2n) = 2T(n) + 2n \\ & = 2n\log_2 n + 2n \\ & = 2n[\log_2 2n - 1] + 2n \\ & = 2n\log_2 2n \end{aligned}$$

*Thank You!*