

Extending Smith's Rule with Task Mandatory Parts and Release Dates

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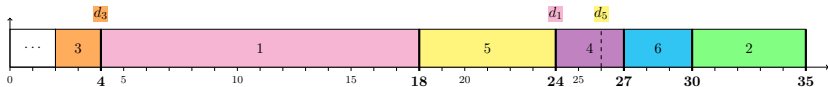
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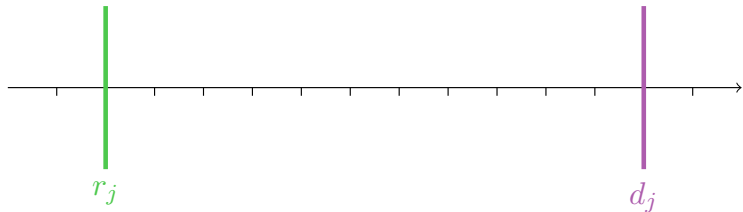
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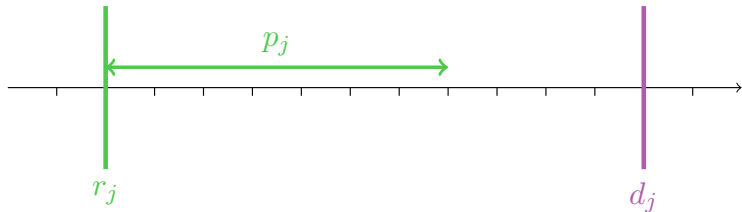
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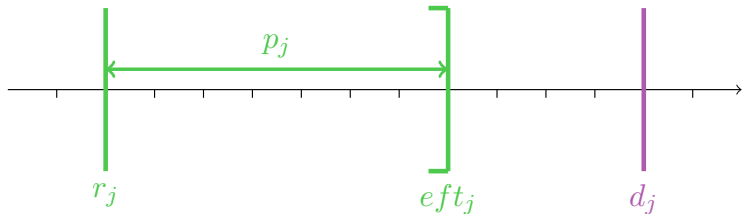
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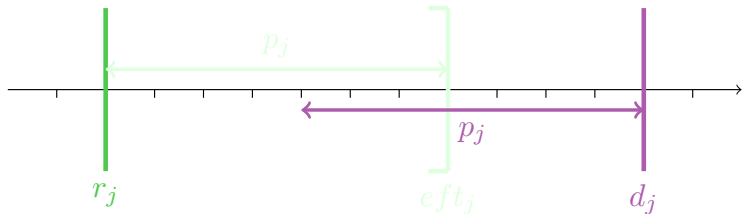
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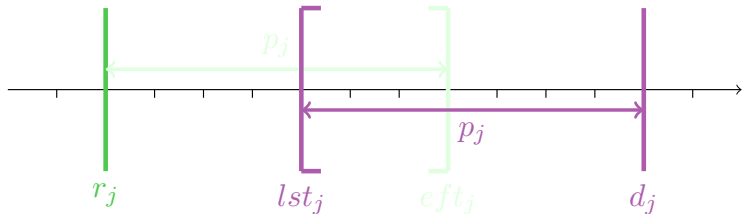
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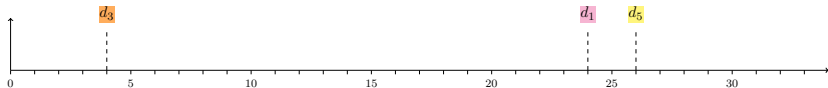
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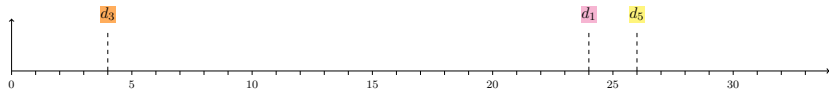
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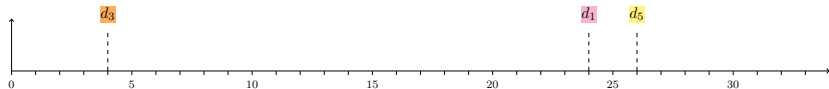
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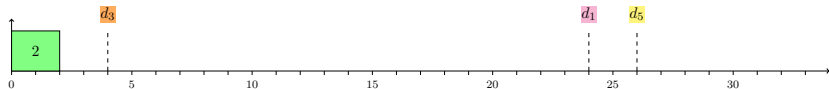
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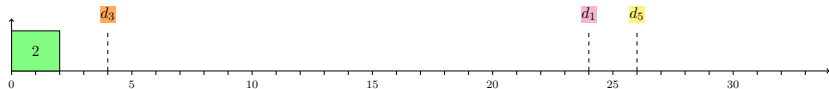
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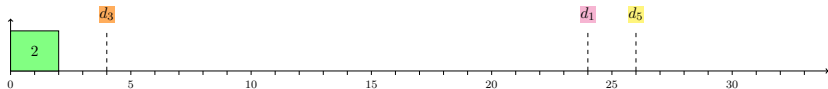
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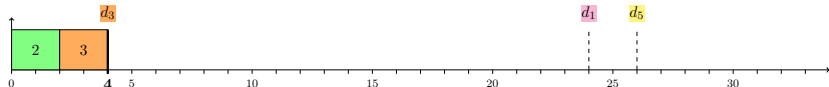
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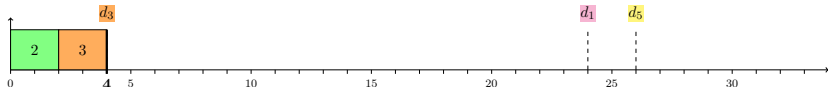
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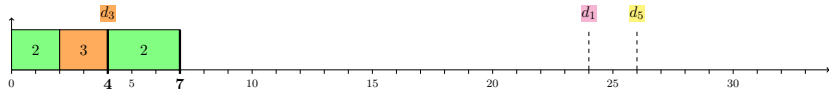
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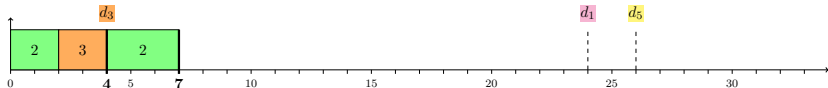
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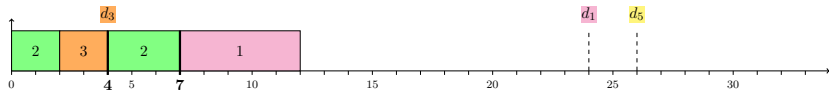
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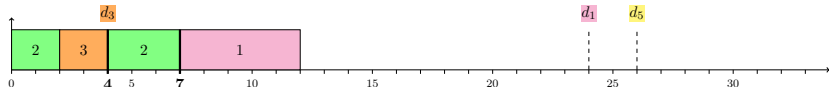
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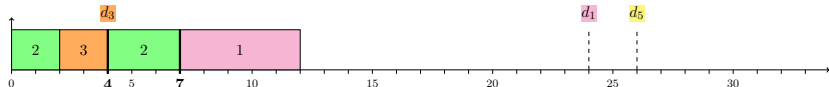
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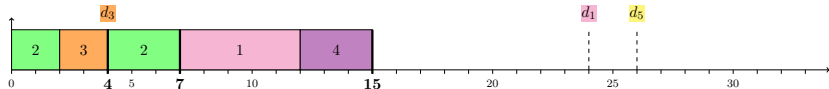
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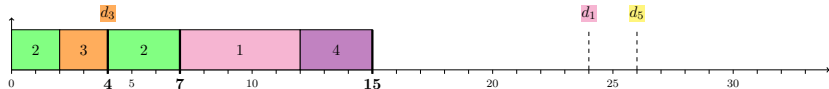
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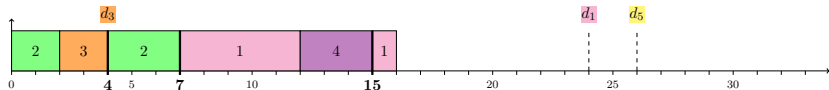
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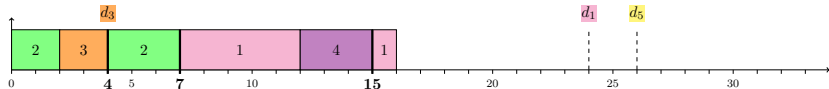
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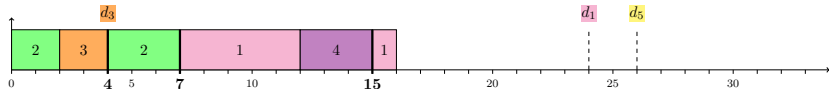
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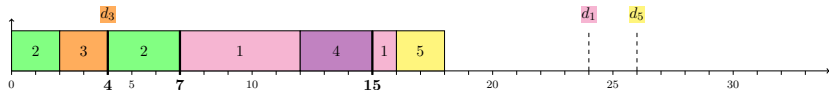
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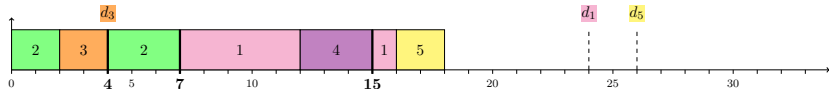
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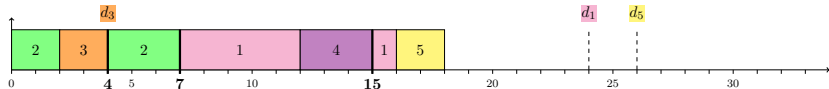
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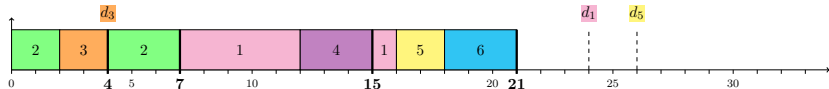
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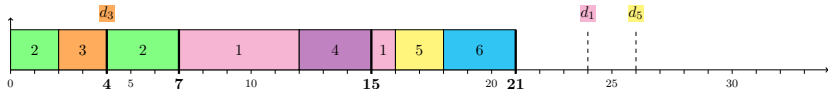
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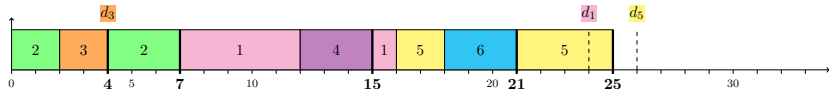
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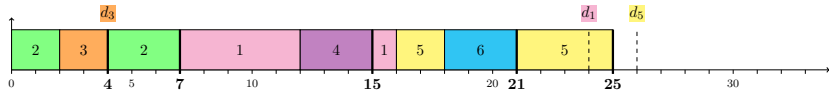
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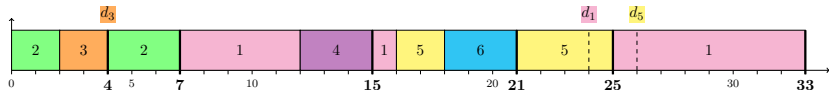
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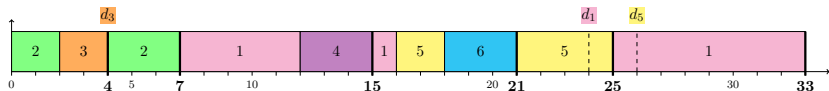
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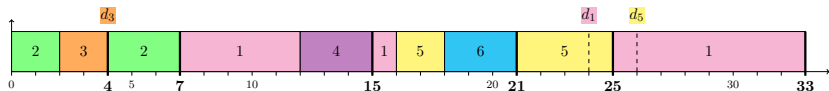
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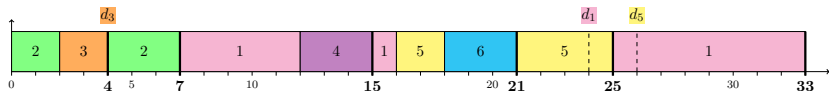
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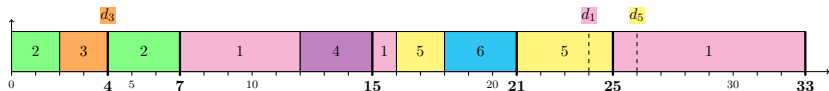
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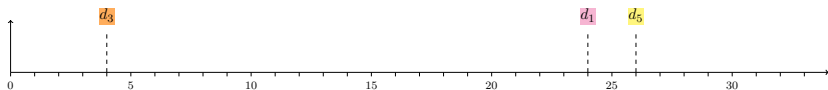
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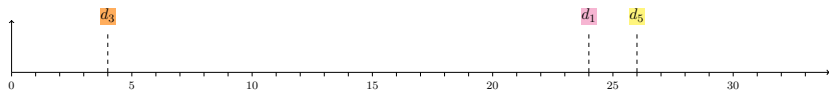
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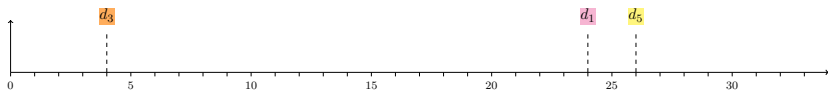
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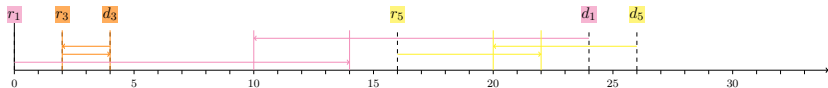
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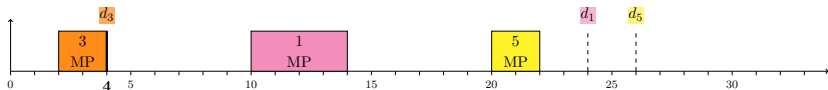
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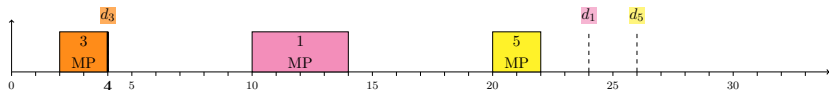
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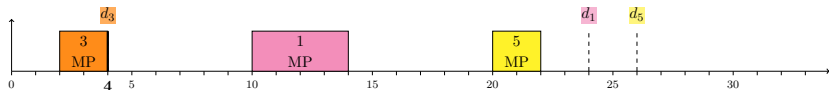
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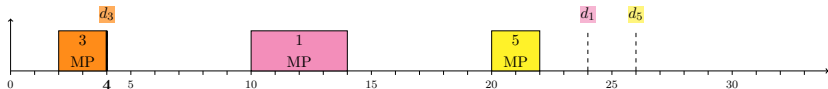
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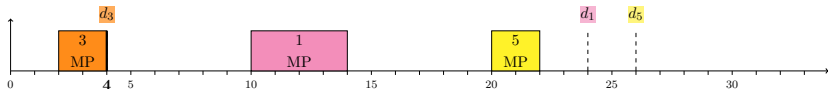
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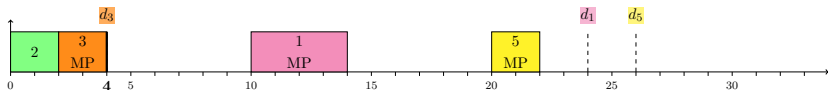
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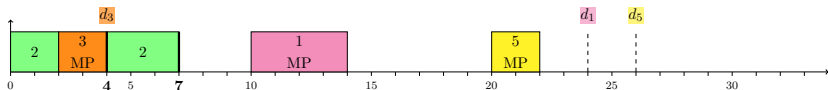
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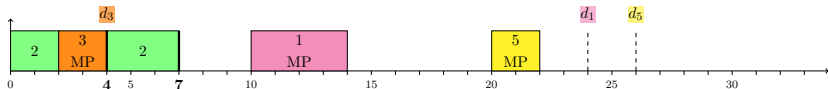
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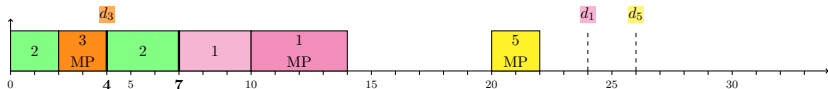
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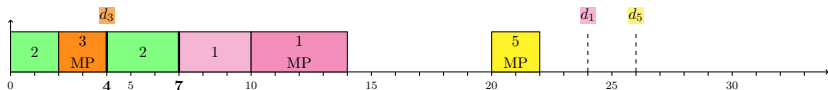
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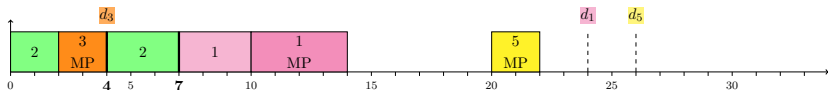
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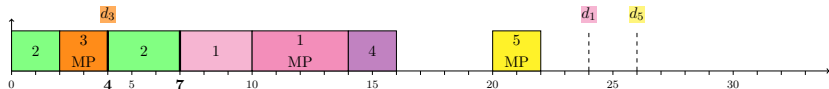
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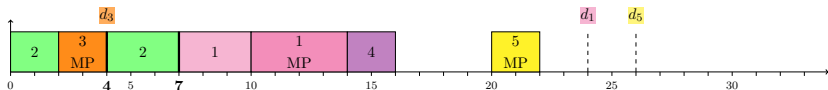
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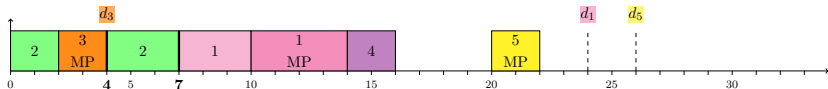
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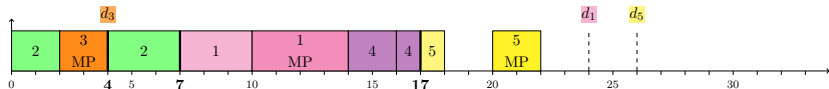
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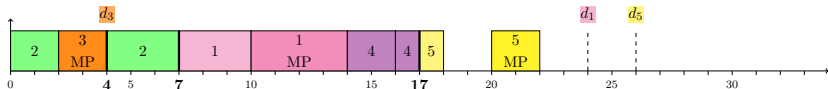
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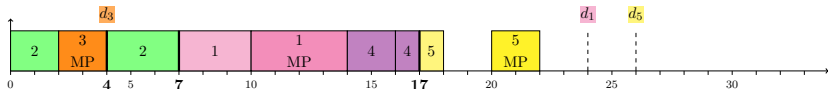
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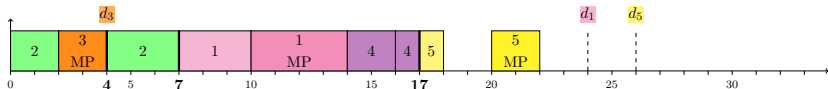
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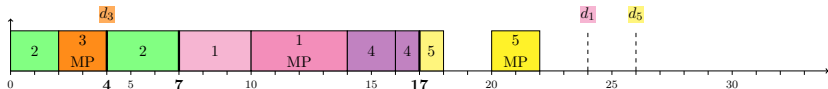
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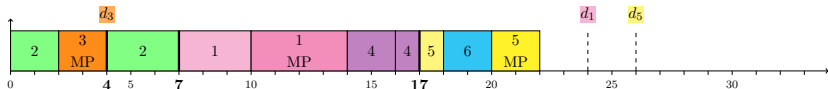
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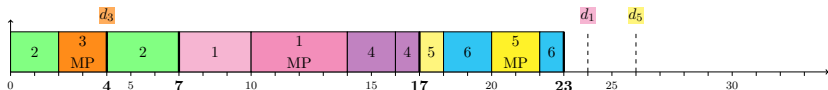
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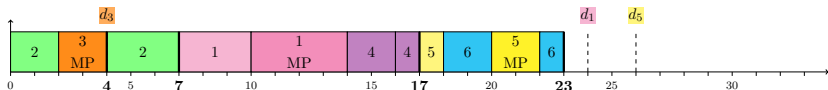
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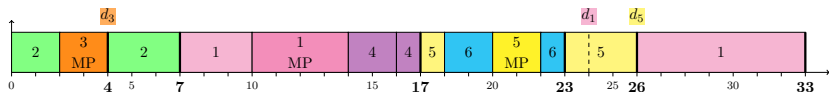
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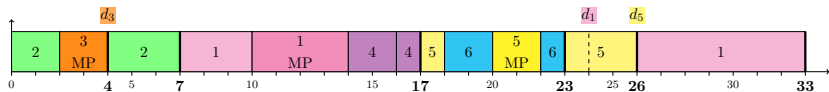
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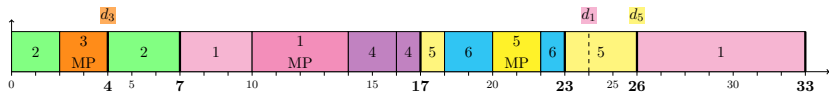
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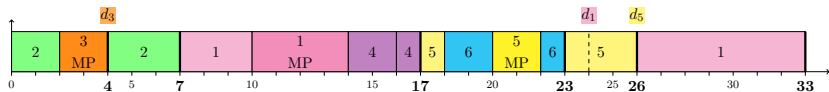
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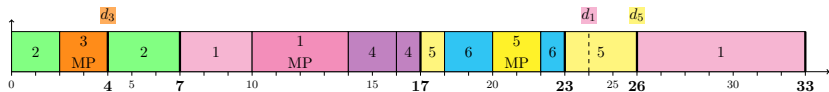
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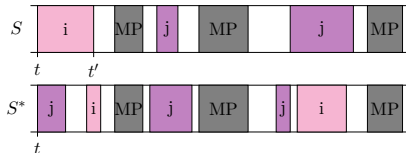
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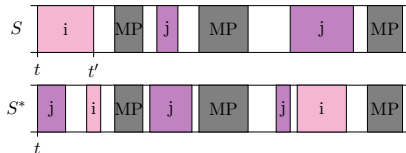
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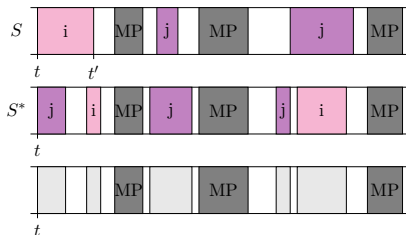
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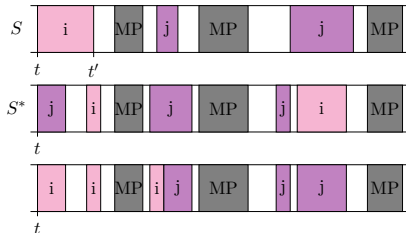
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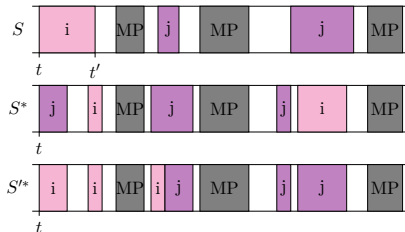
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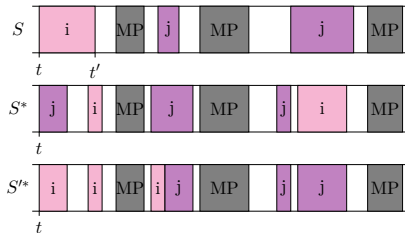
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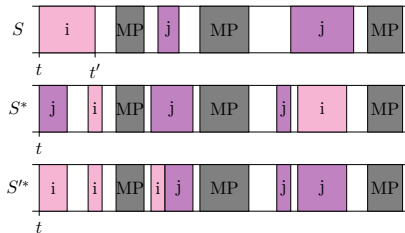
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- Show that the objective value of S^{t*} is no greater than those of S^*
- i.e. show that $C_i^t + C_j^t \leq C_i + C_j$

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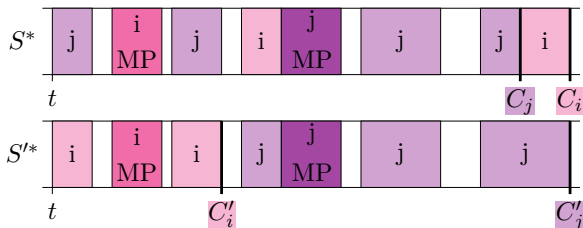
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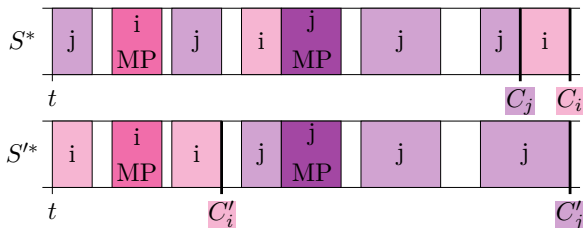
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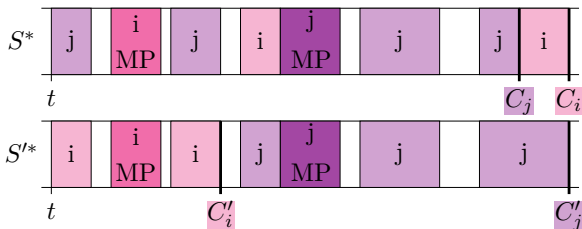
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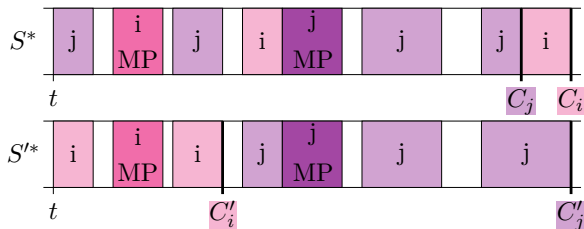
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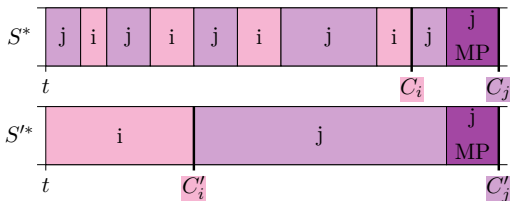
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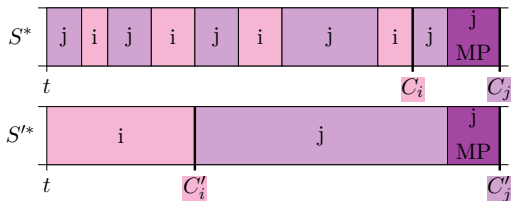
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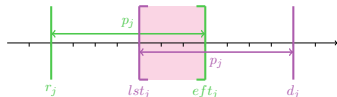
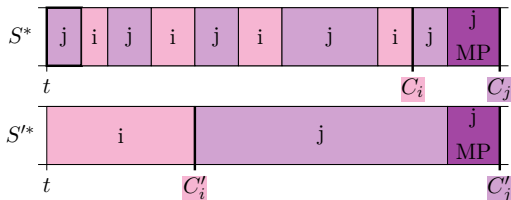
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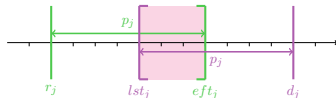
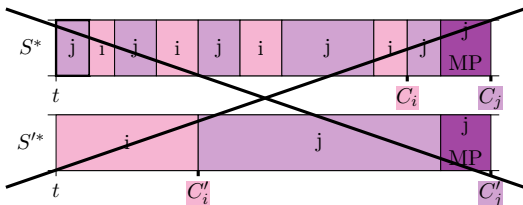
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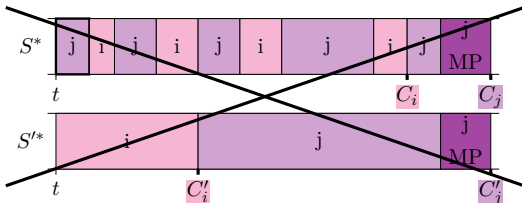
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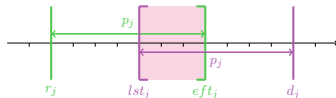
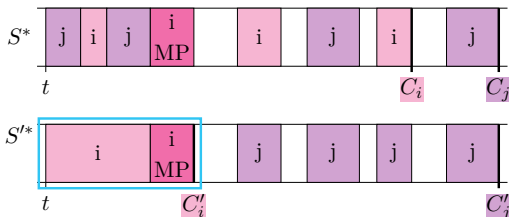
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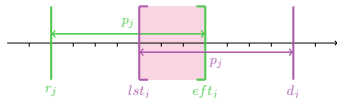
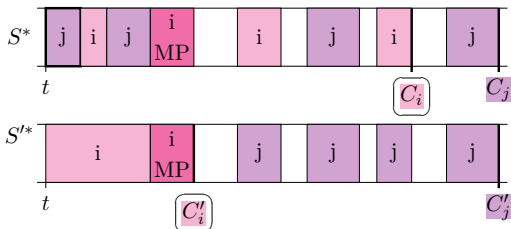
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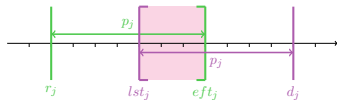
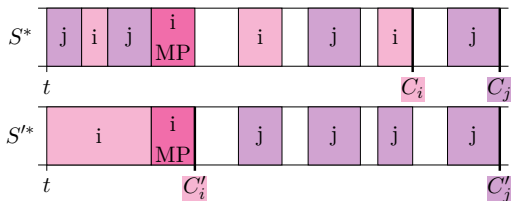
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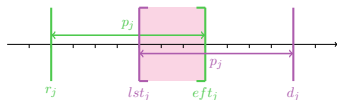
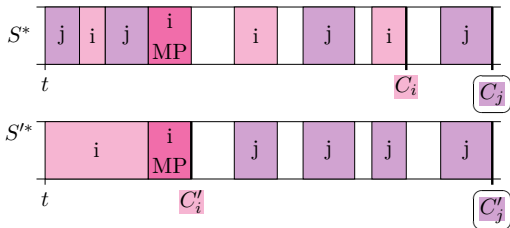
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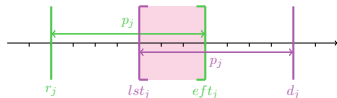
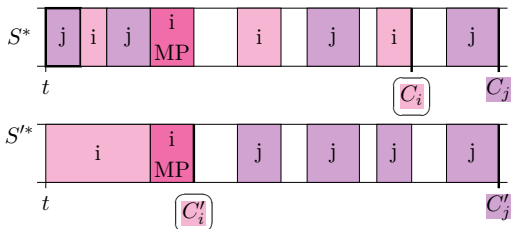
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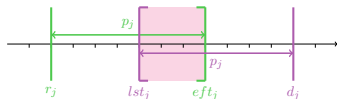
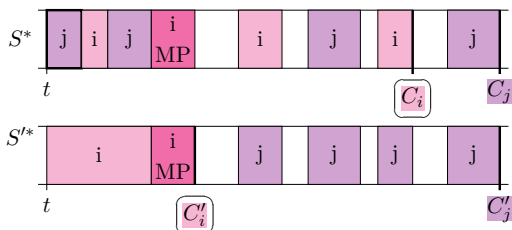
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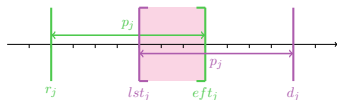
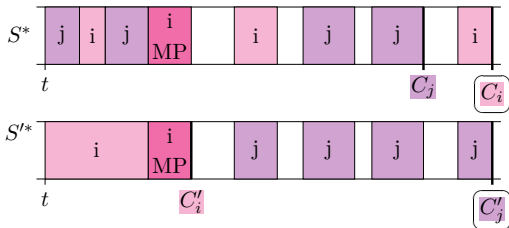
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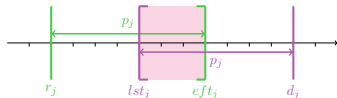
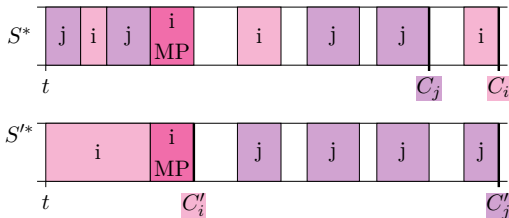
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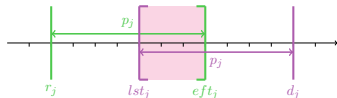
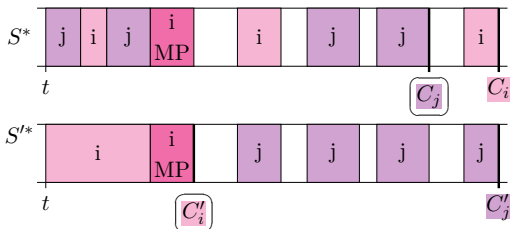
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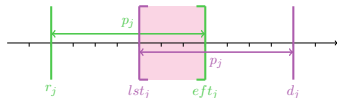
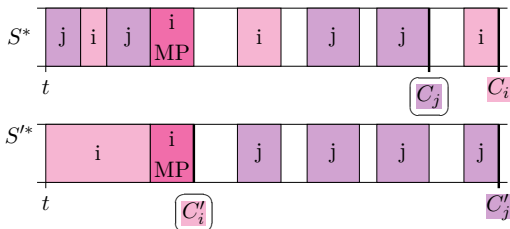
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Gaps to the optimum analysis: $LB \div OPT$ (RD-CP)

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RDP-MP-IP	0.9830	0.9994	0.9999	0.9993	1.0000	1.0000	258
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Sweep line algo VS list algo

Differences

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