

# Exact or Heuristic Exponential-Time Algorithms with applications to scheduling

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$1 d_i \sum_i w_i U_i$	$O^*(n!)$	$O^*(2^n)$ $O^*(1.4142^n)$	exp exp	[3] [4]
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$1 r_i, prec \sum_i w_i C_i$	$O^*(n!)$	$O^*(3^n)$	exp	[3] & [4]

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- We focus on three technics with application to scheduling :
  - Dynamic programming,
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## Exercise.

Apply the dynamic programming algorithm on the following instance :

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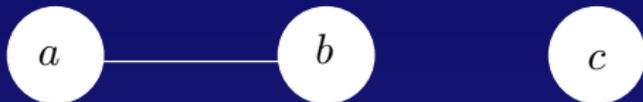
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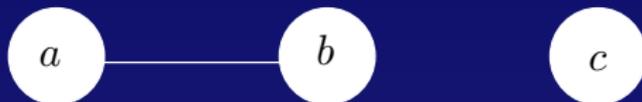
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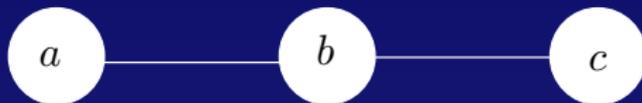
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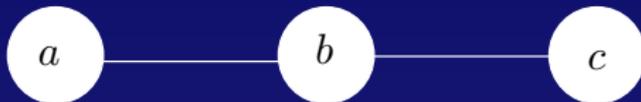
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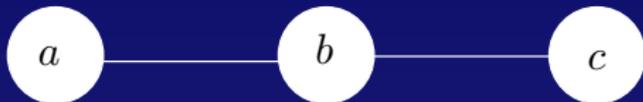
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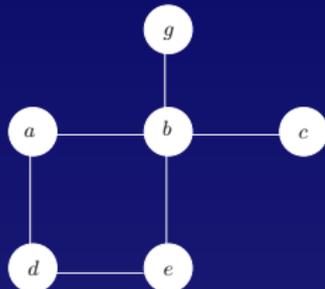
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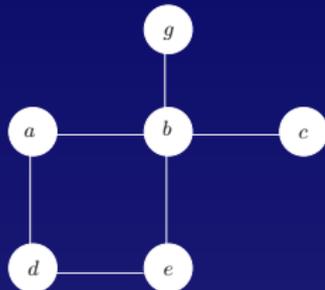
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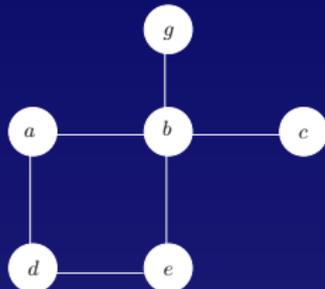
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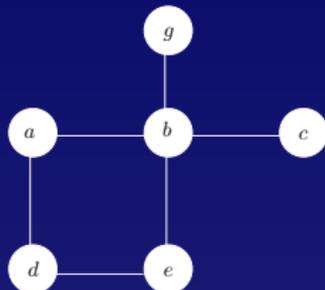
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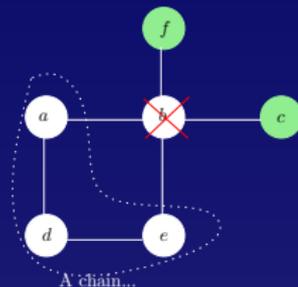
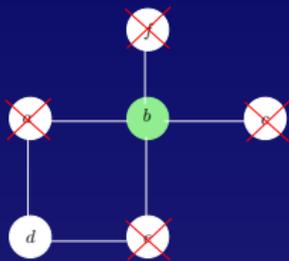
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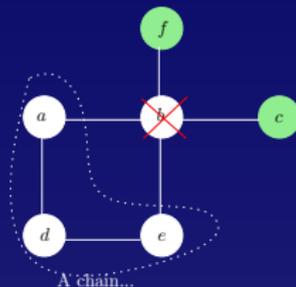
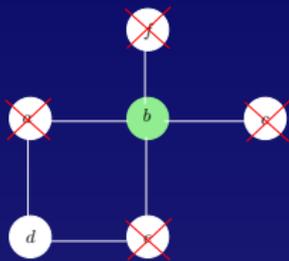
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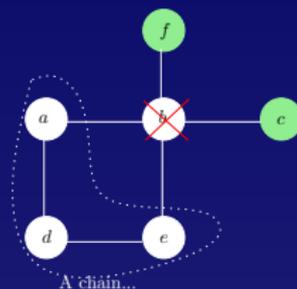
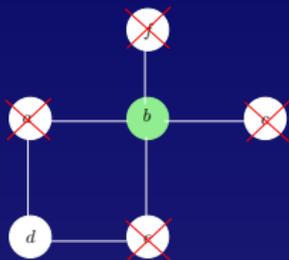
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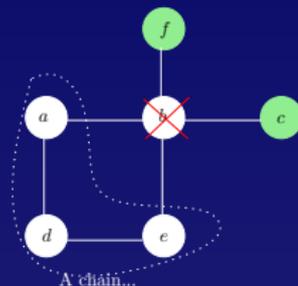
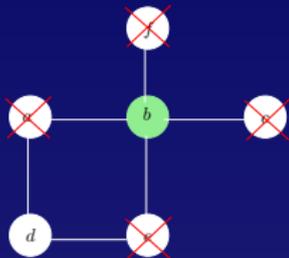
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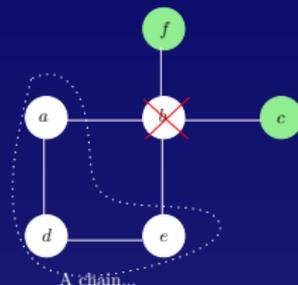
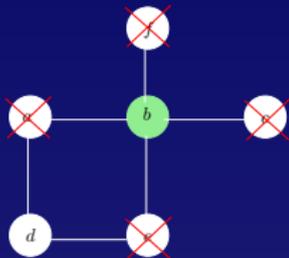
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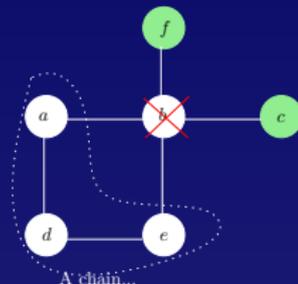
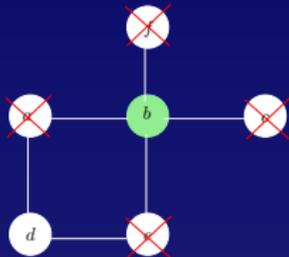
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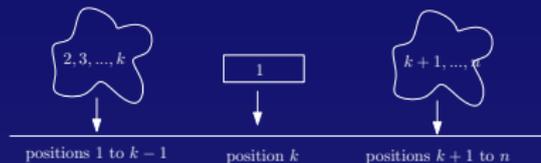
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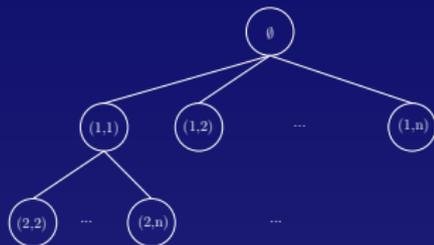
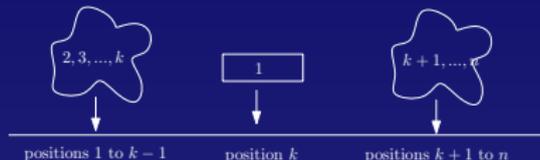
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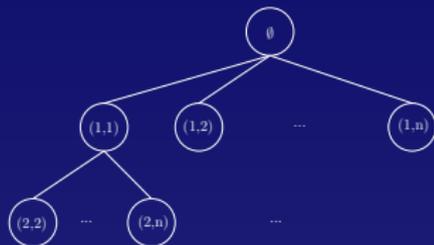
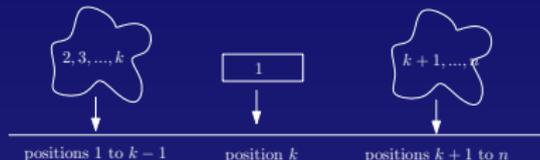
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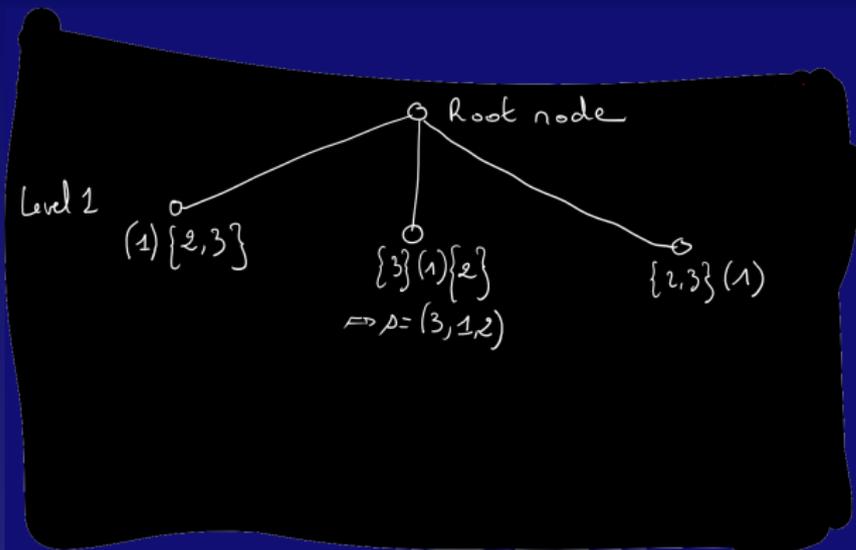

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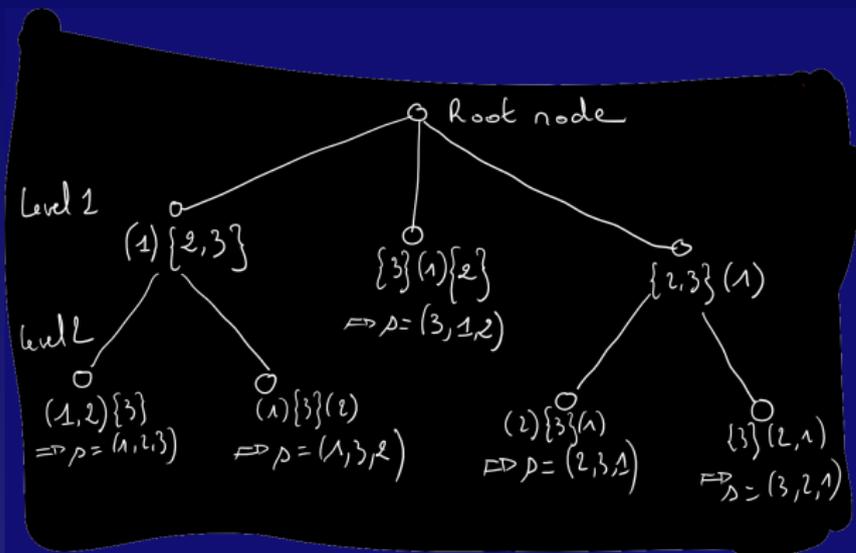


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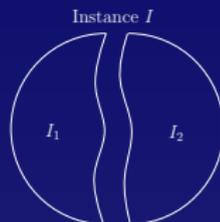
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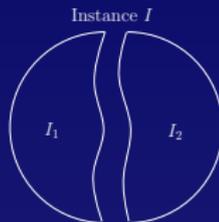
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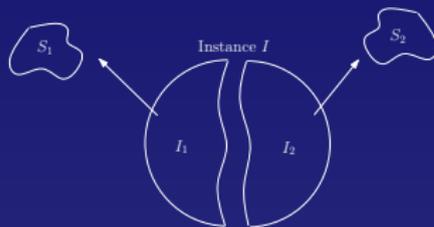
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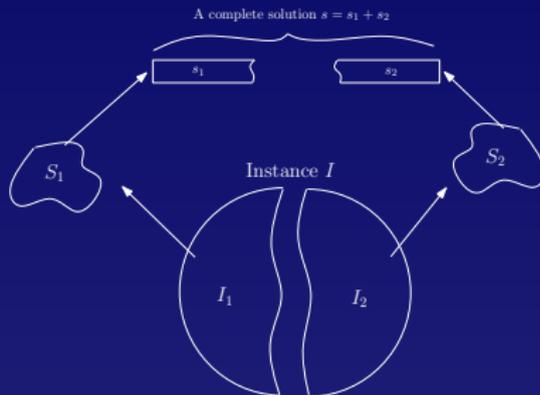


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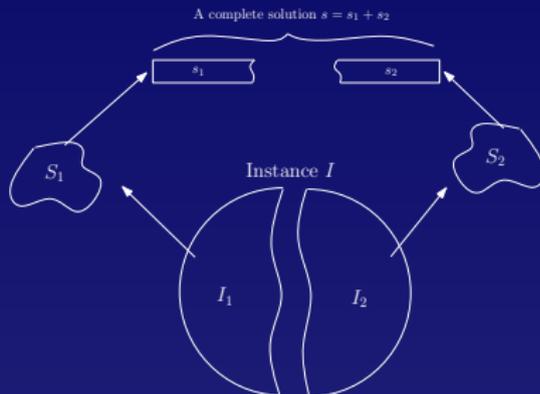
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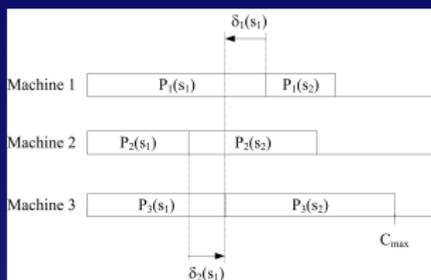
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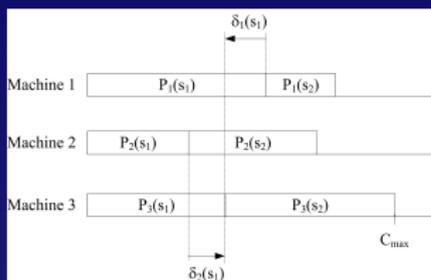
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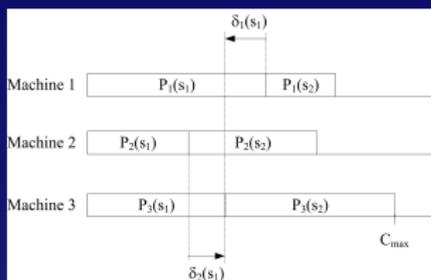
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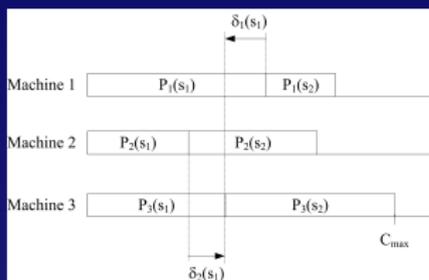
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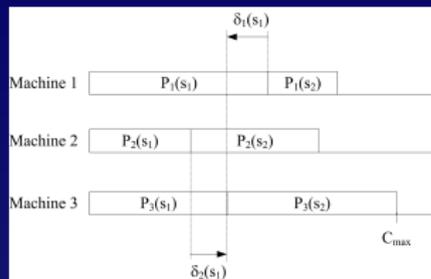
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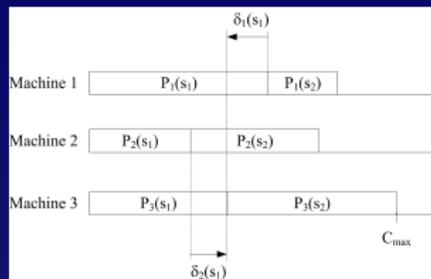
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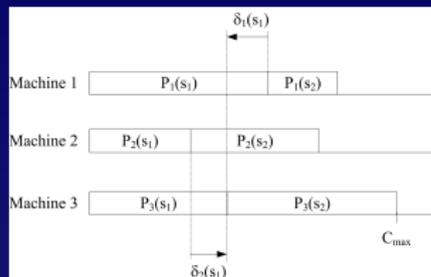
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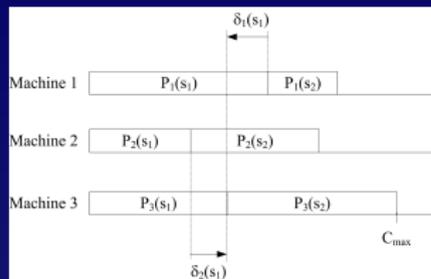
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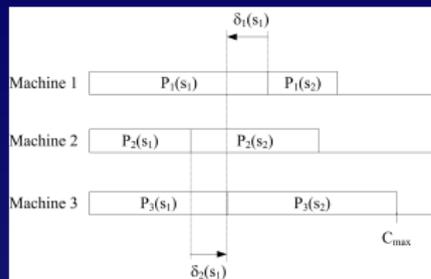
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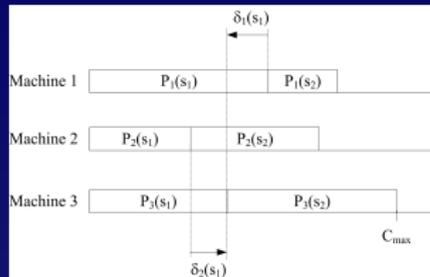
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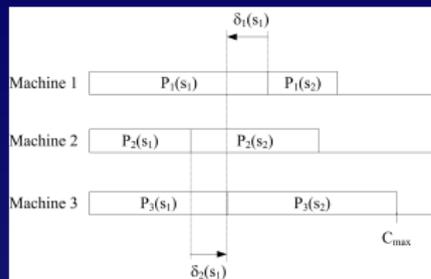
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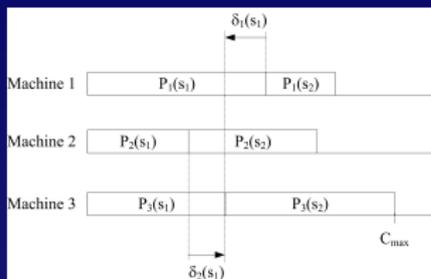
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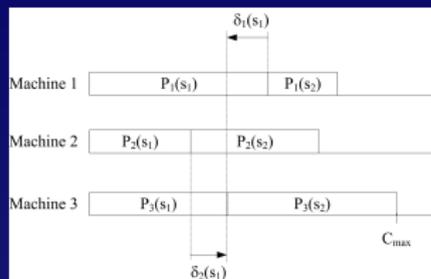
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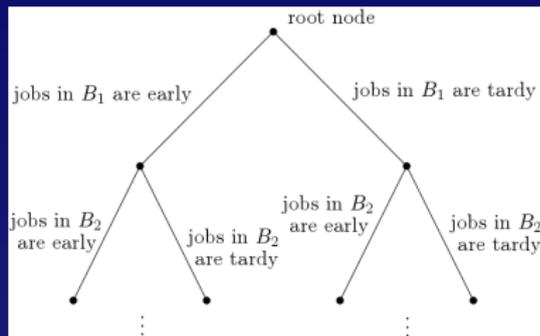
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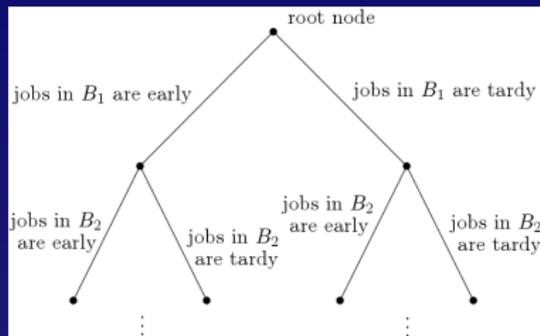
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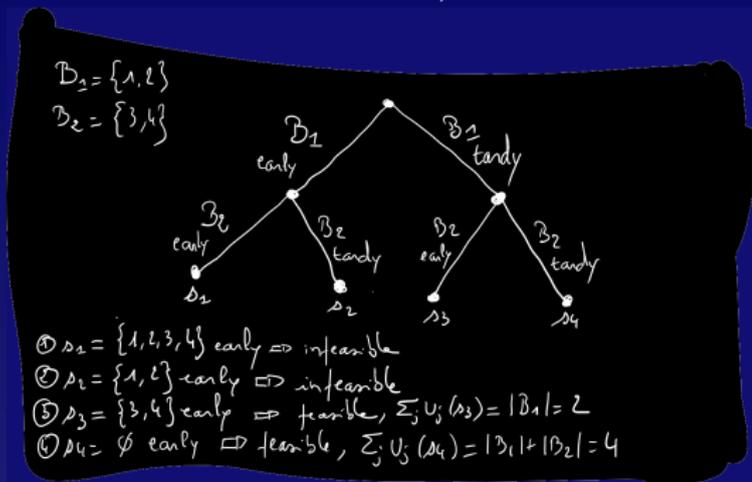
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Find the optimal solution and provide the ratio on this example.

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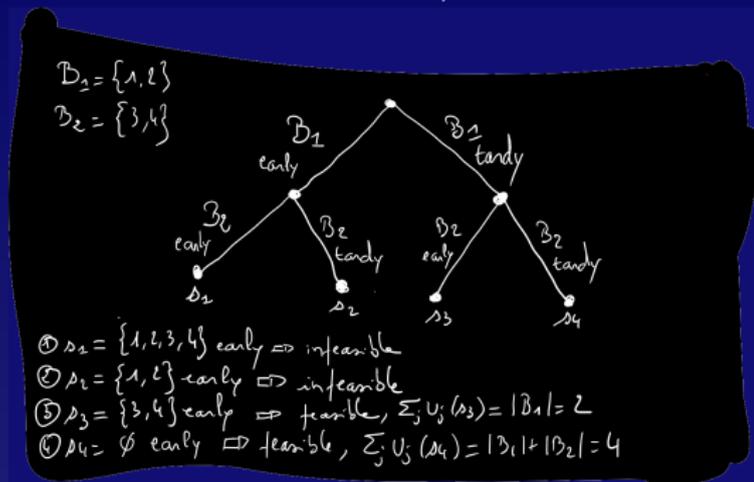
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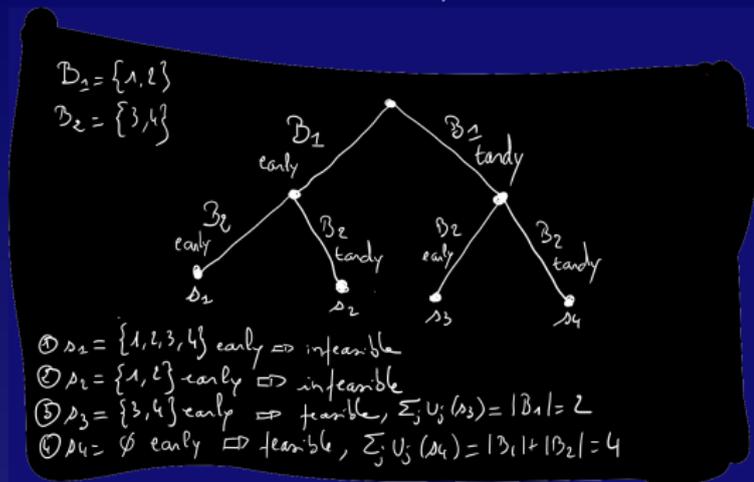
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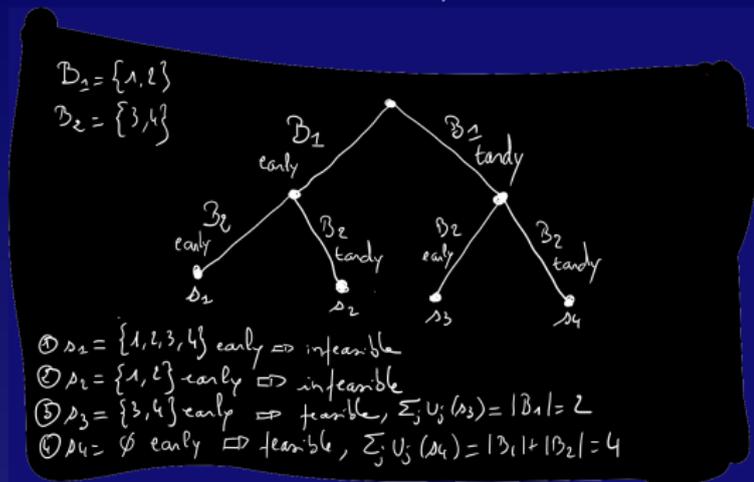


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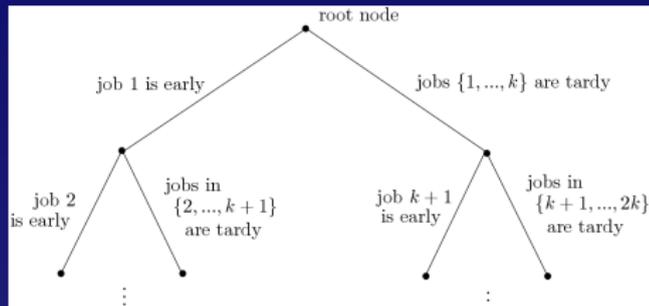
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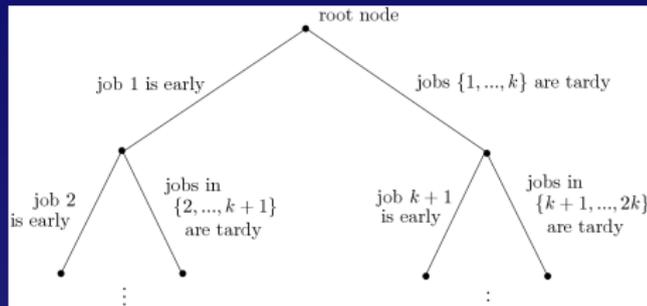
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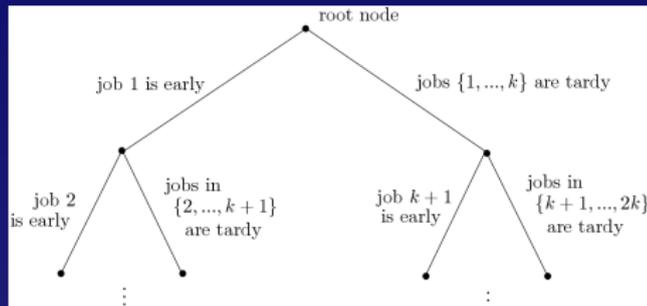
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