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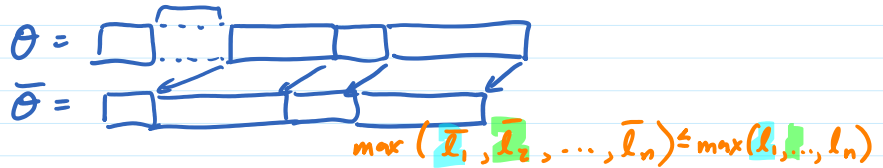
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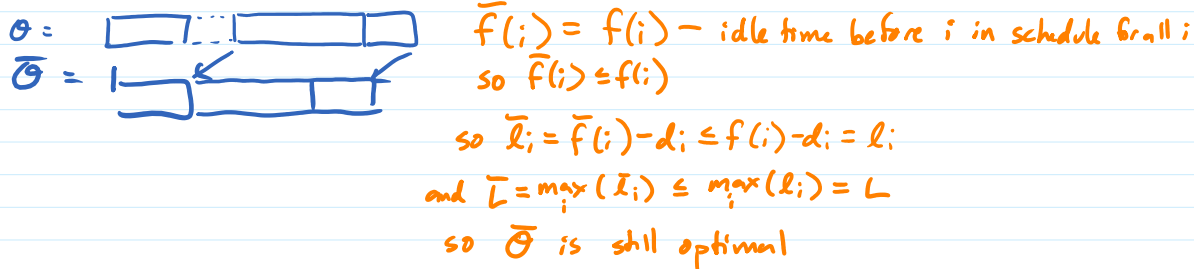
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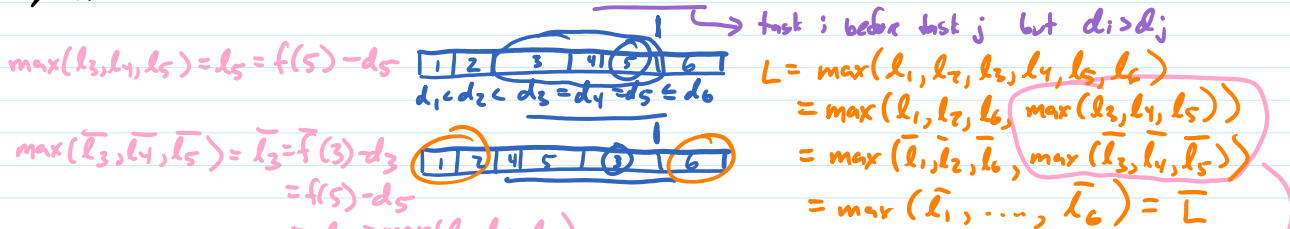
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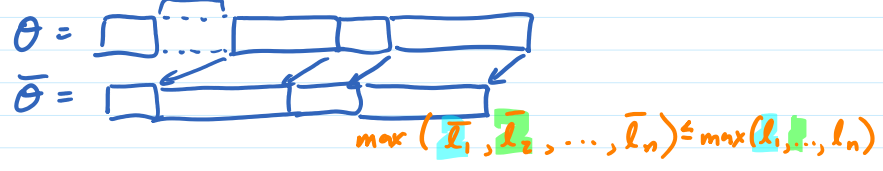
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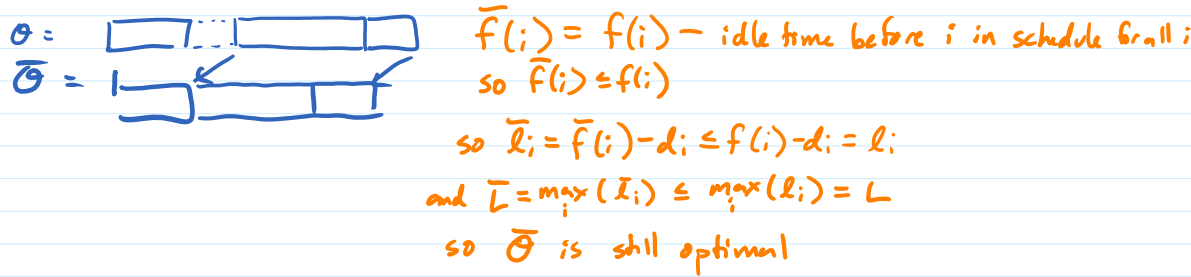
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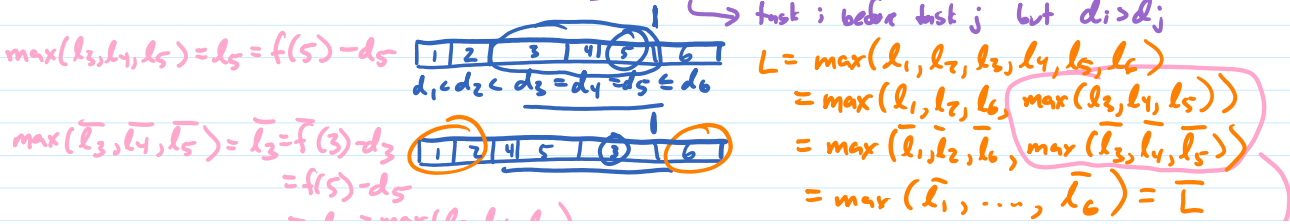
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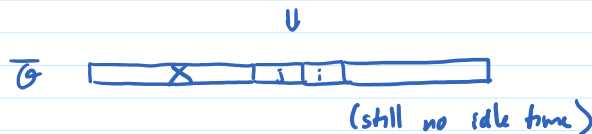
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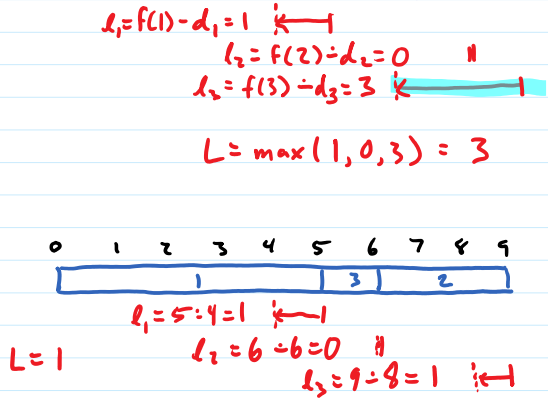
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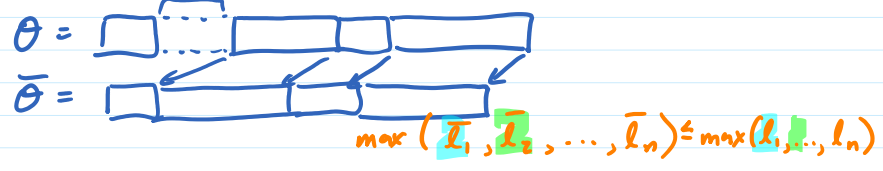
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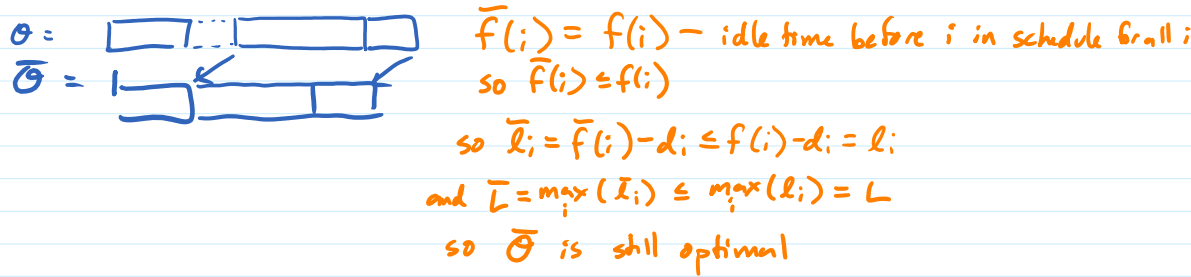
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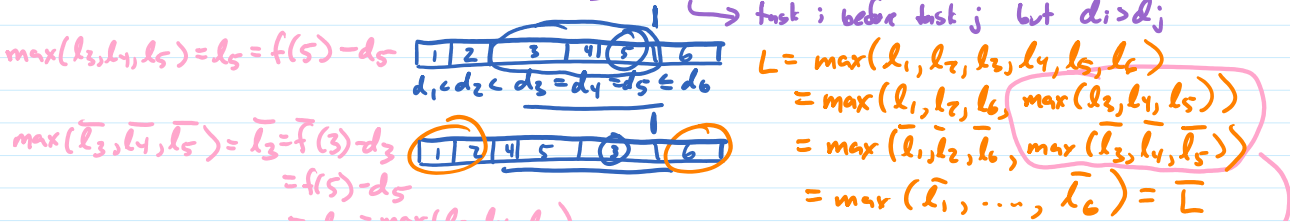
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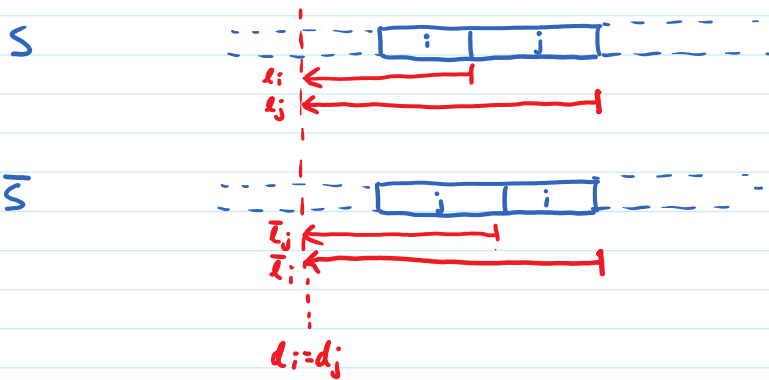
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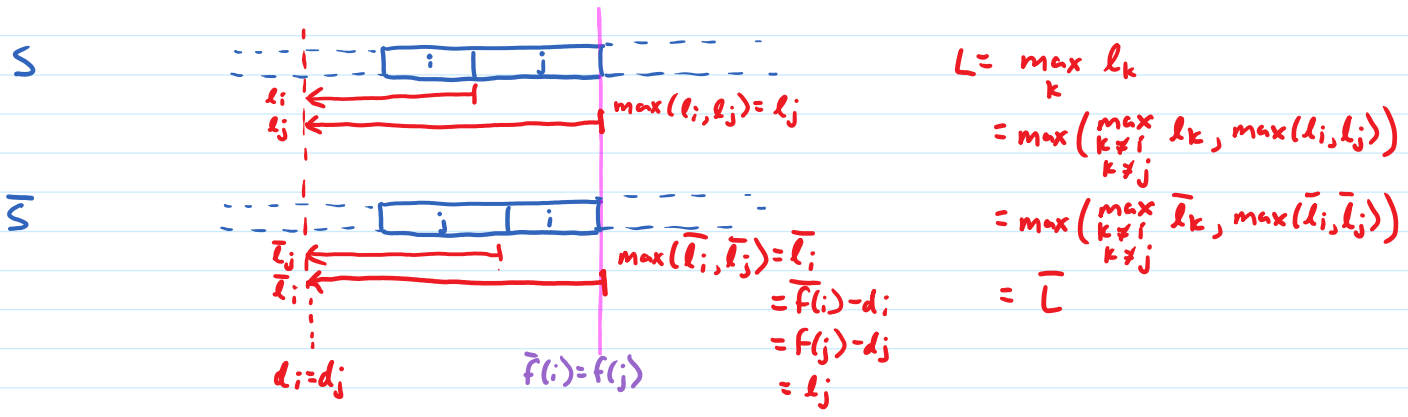
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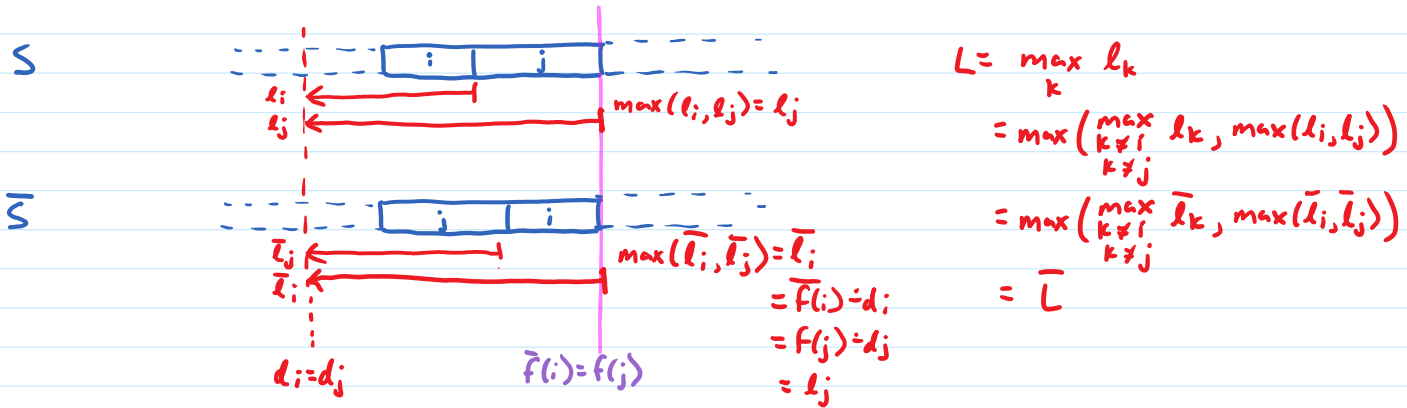
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If  $S, \bar{S}$  both have no idle time and no inversions then transform  $S$  into  $\bar{S}$  by swapping adjacent tasks with same deadline one at a time

One such swap doesn't change maximum lateness; prove by induction that  $n$  such swaps don't, so  $S, \bar{S}$  have same maximum lateness.

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THM: The greedy (earliest deadline first) schedule  $G$  is optimal

Proof:  $G$  has no inversions and no idle time construction of  $G$

There is an optimal  $\Theta$  with no inversions or idle time 3

$G$  and  $\Theta$  have same maximum lateness 2

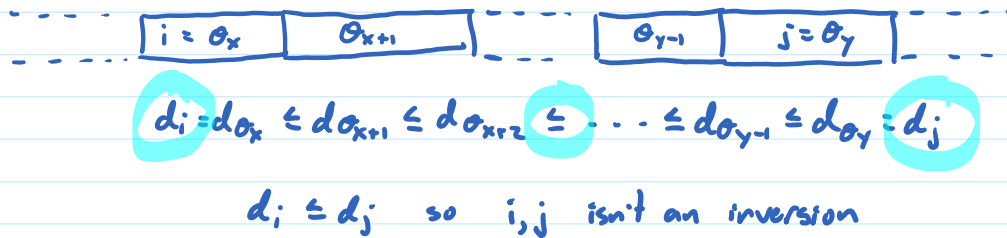
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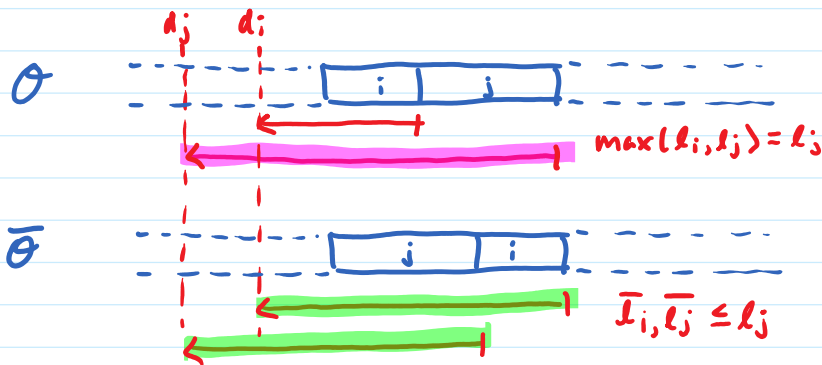
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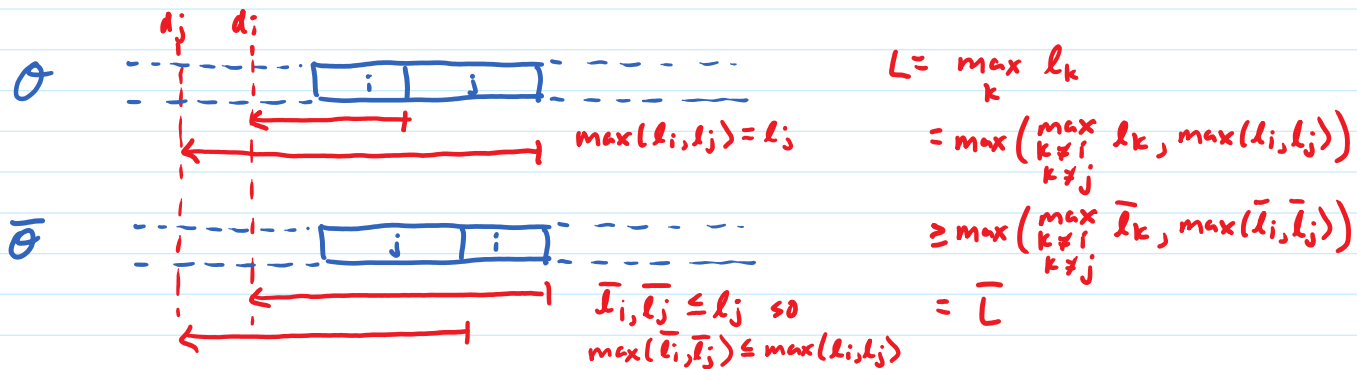
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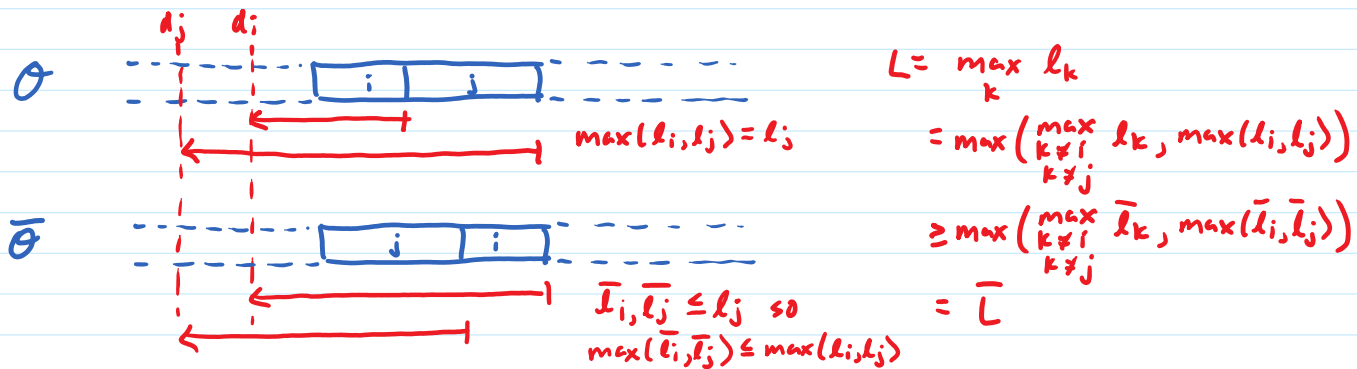
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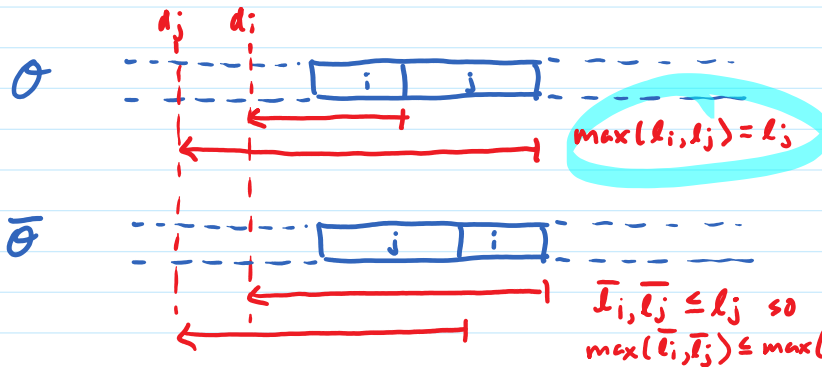
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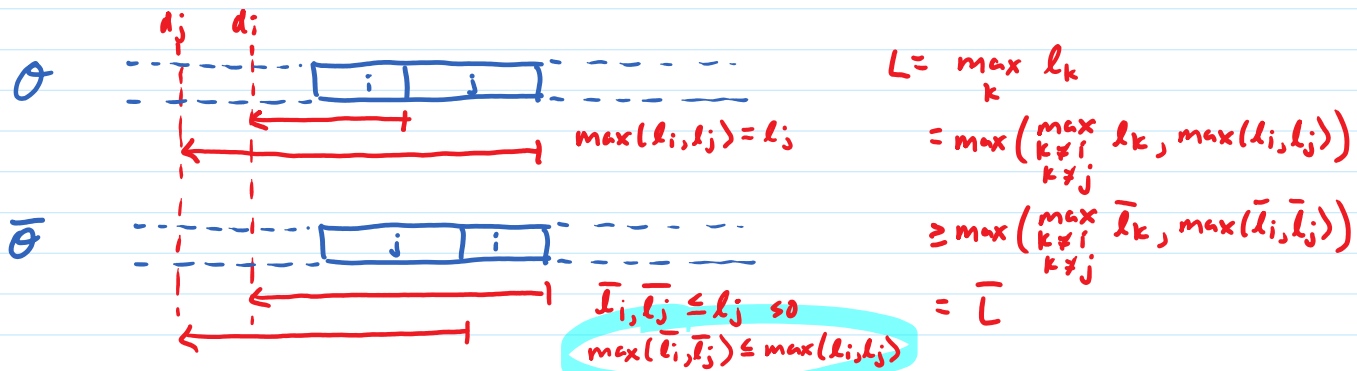
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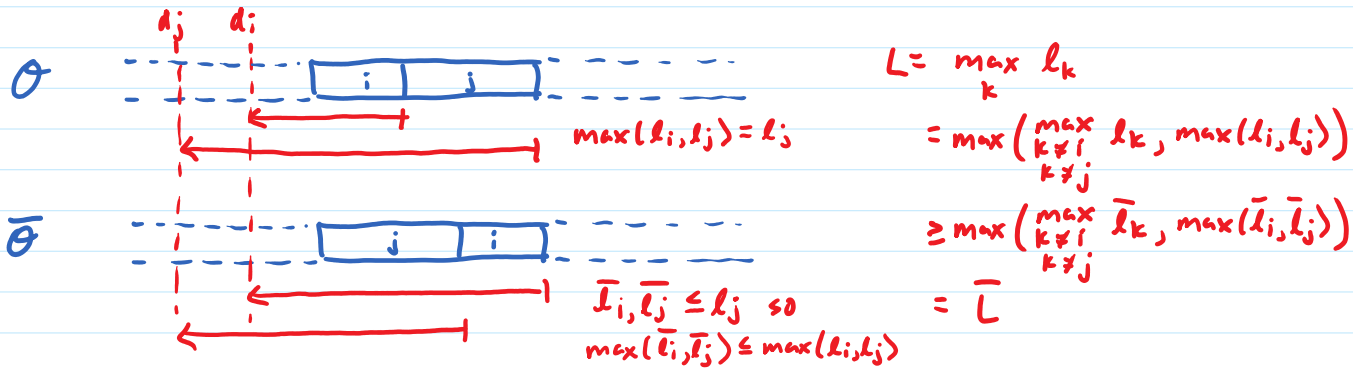
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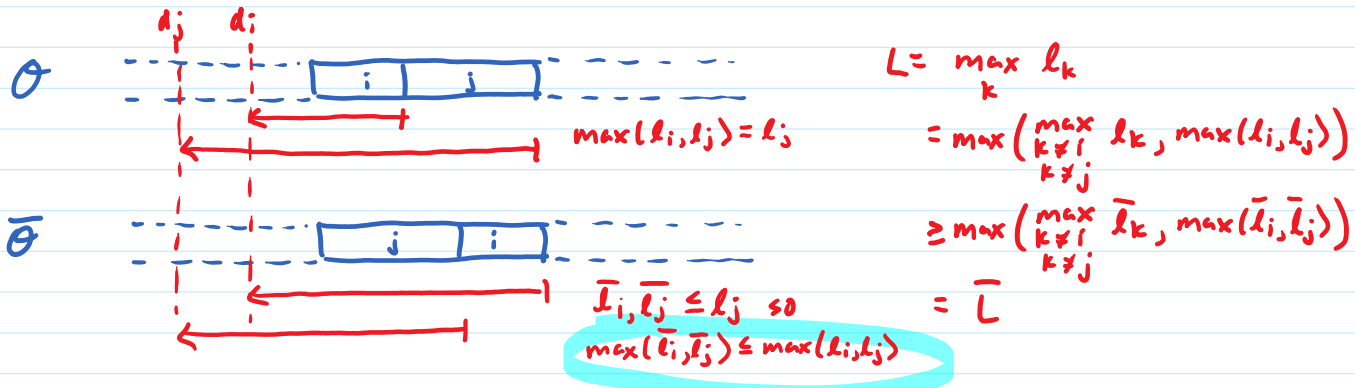
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