Online Packet Scheduling with Bounded Delay and Lookahead

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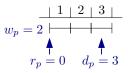
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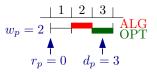
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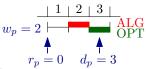
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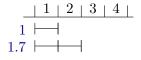


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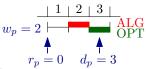
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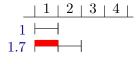






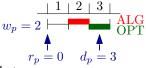
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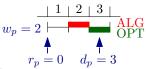


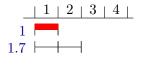
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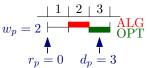
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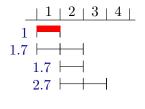






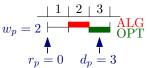
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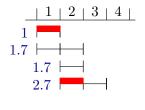






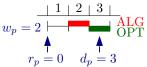
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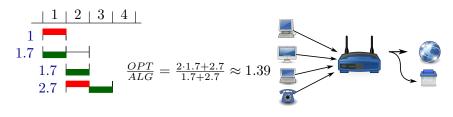




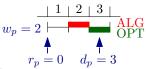


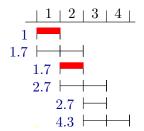
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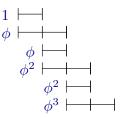
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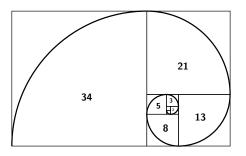
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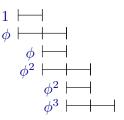


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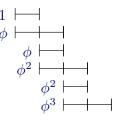


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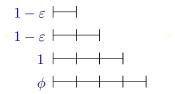
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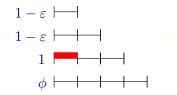
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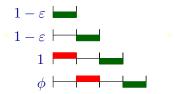
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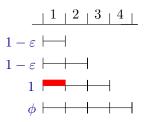


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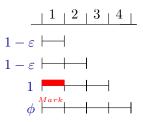
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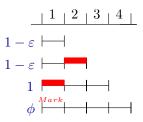
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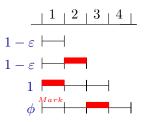
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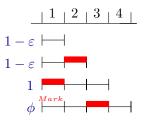
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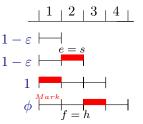
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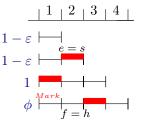
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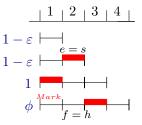
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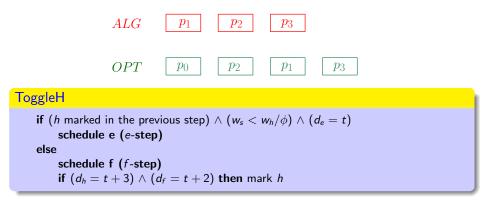


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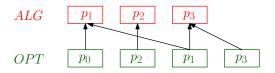
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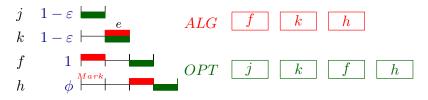
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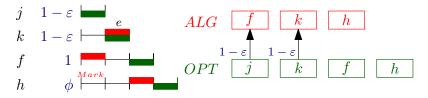


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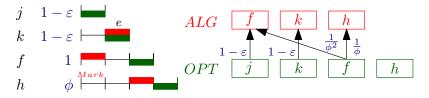


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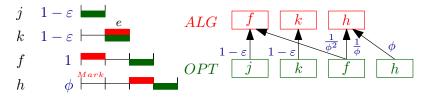
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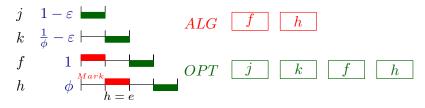
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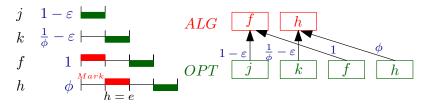


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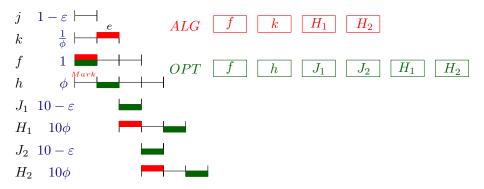


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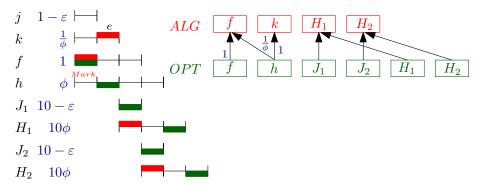
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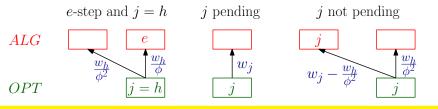
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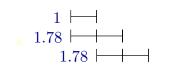


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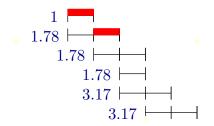
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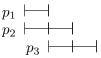
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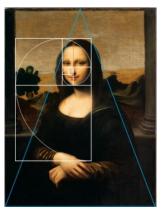
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Lower bound	1.25	1.25	1.25
Upper bound	$\frac{e}{e-1} \approx 1.582$	1.25	$\frac{1}{1-(1-\frac{1}{s})^s}$

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