

EDF-schedulability of synchronous periodic task systems is coNP-hard

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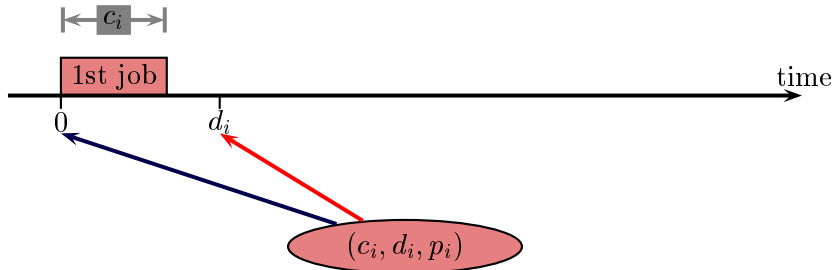
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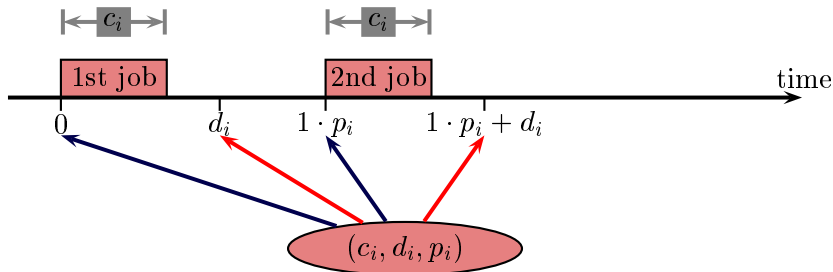
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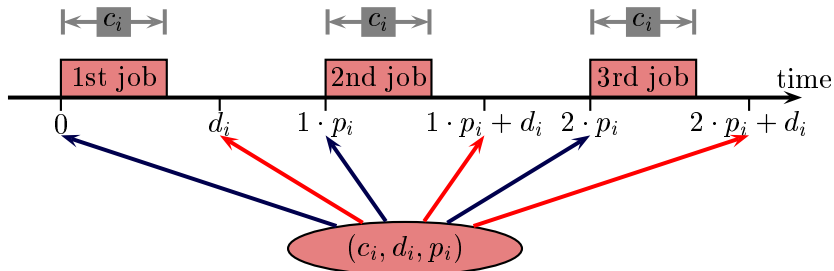
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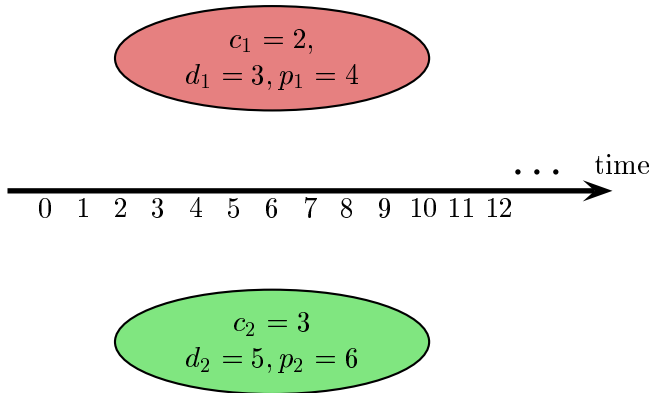
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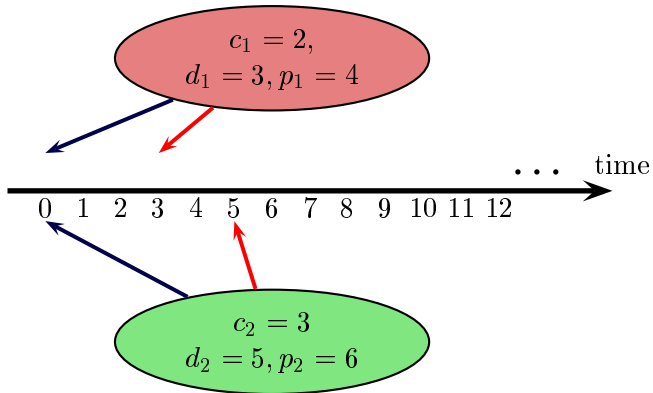
- ▶ Earliest-Deadline-First schedule (EDF)
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- ▶ pre-emptive

Question: Will all jobs meet the deadline?

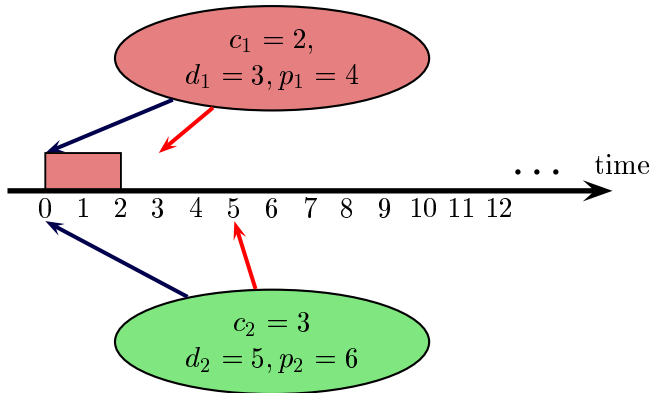
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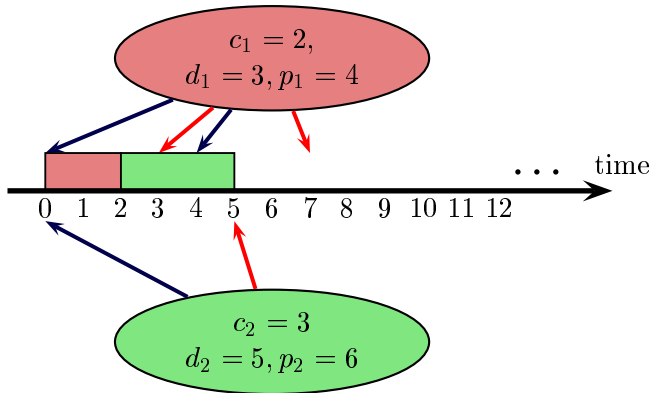
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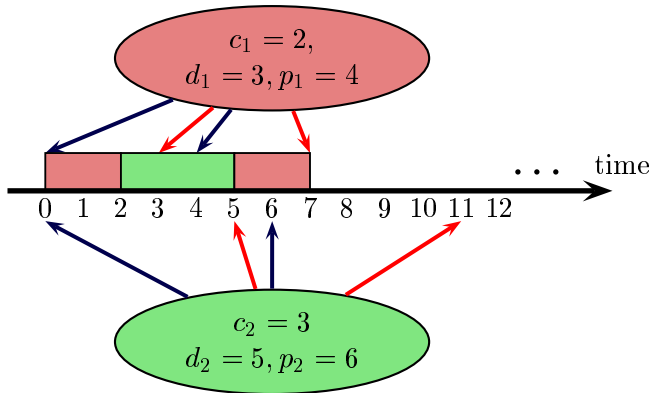
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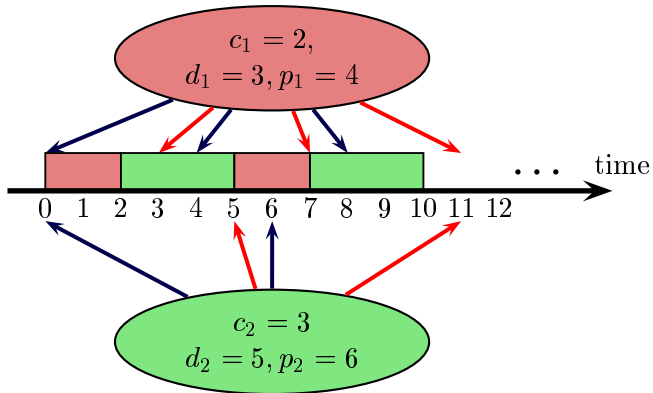
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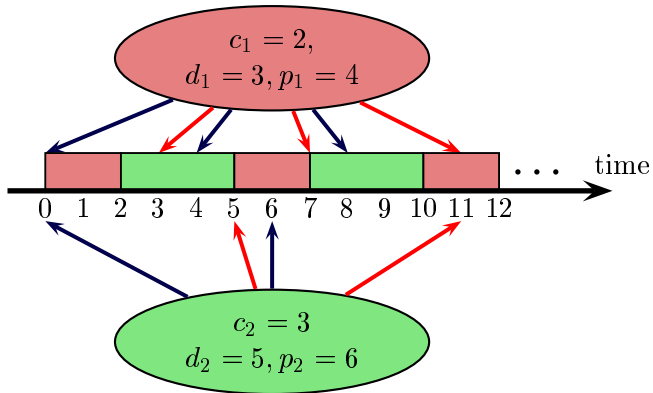
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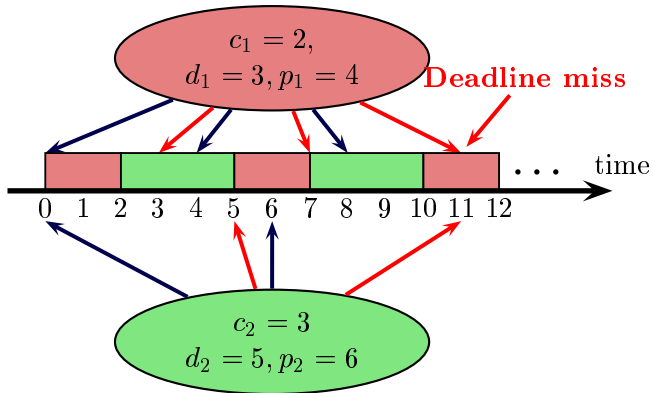
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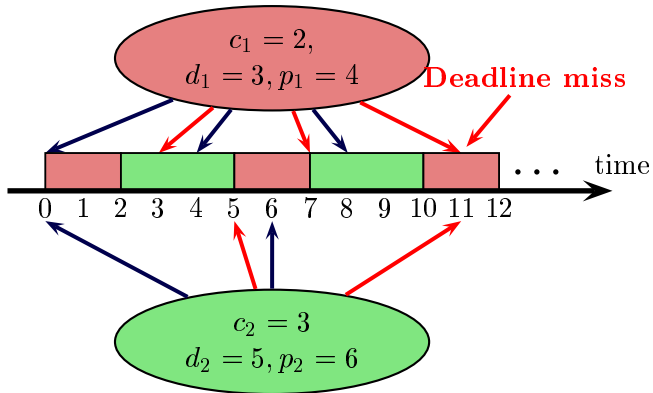
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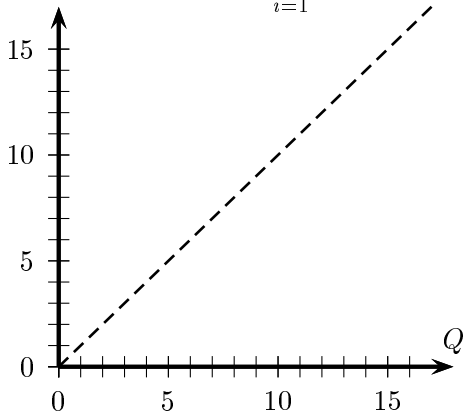
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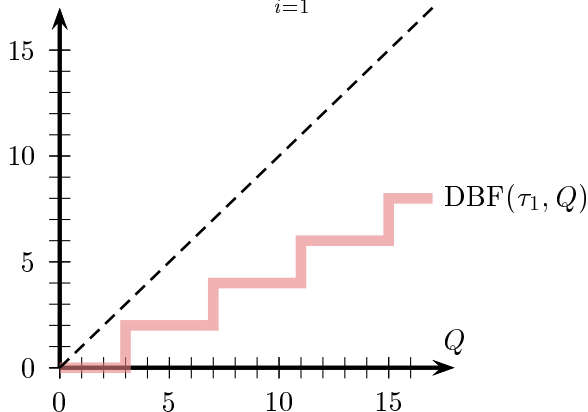


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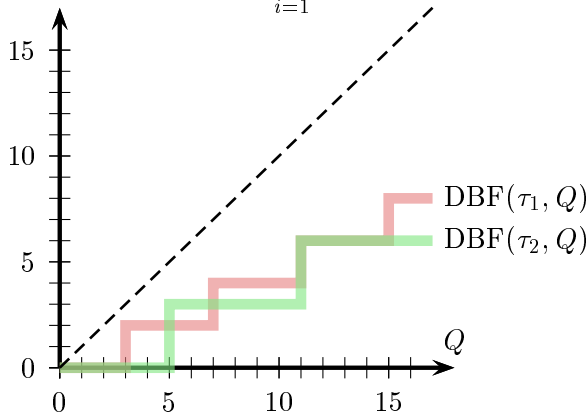


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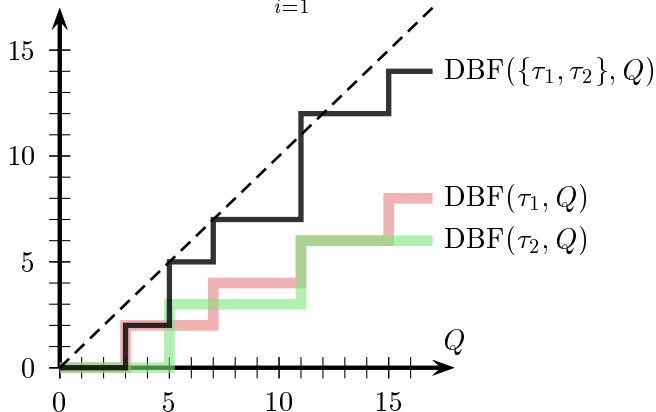


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$$\forall Q \geq 0 : \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\left\lfloor \frac{Q - d_i}{p_i} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) \cdot c_i \leq Q$$

is weakly **coNP**-hard.

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- ▶ Gap version **NP**-hard [Rössner & Seifert '96, Chen & Meng '07]
- ▶ $2^{O(n)}$ -apx (2-sided) via LLL-algo [Lagarias '85]

Directed Diophantine Approximation (DDA)

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$$\tau_0 = (c_0, d_0, p_0) := (3\varepsilon, N/2, \infty)$$

$$\beta := \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i}{p_i}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{N}$$

$=: U = \text{utilization}$

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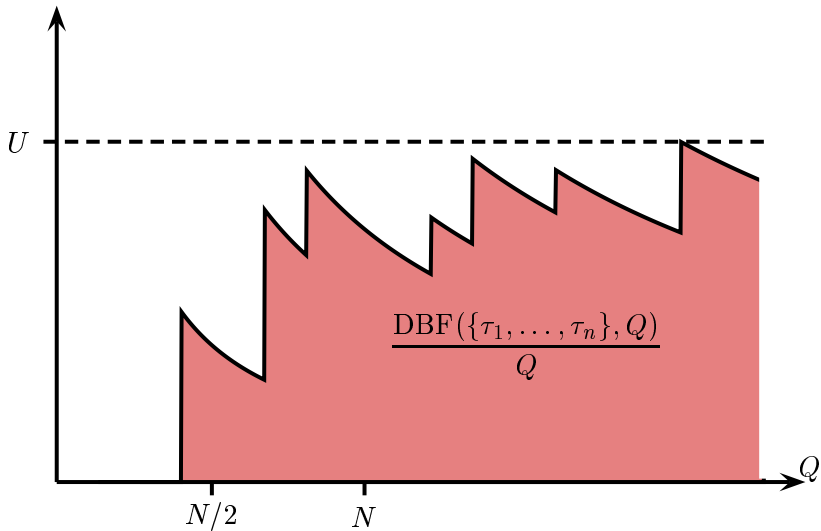
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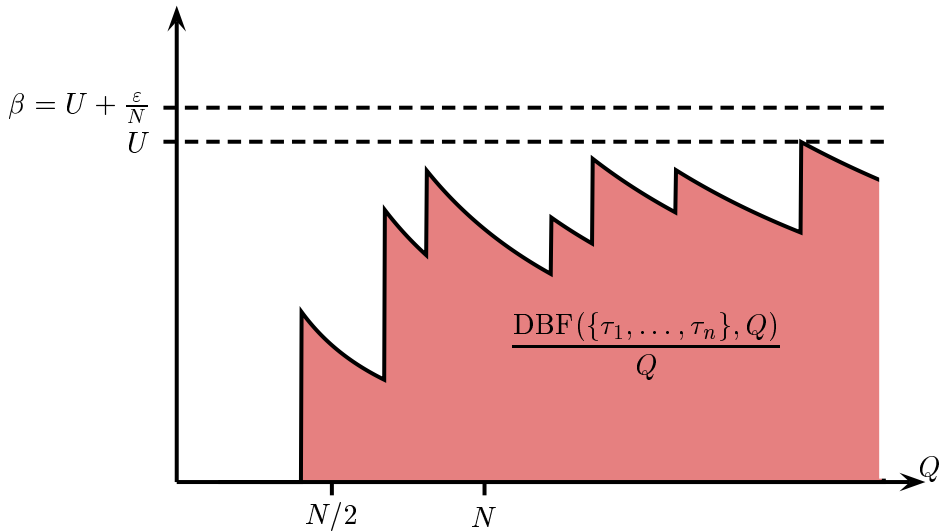
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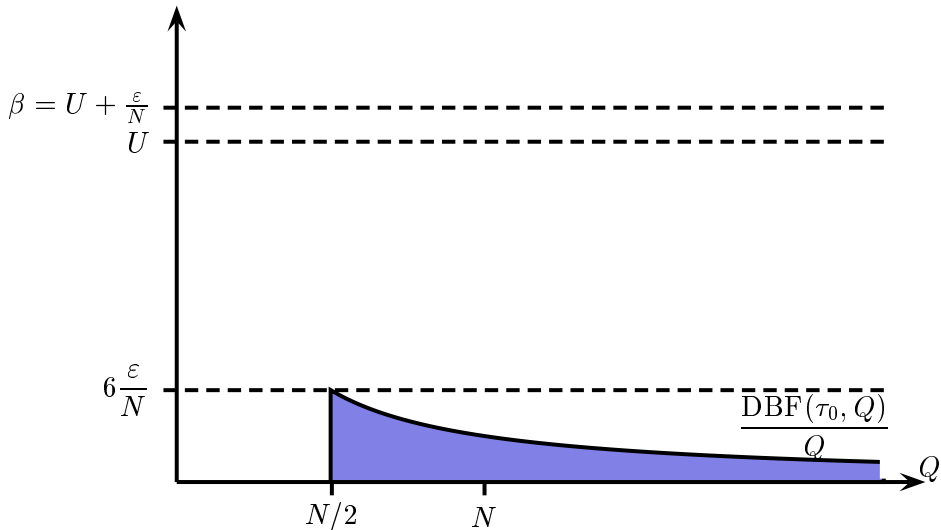
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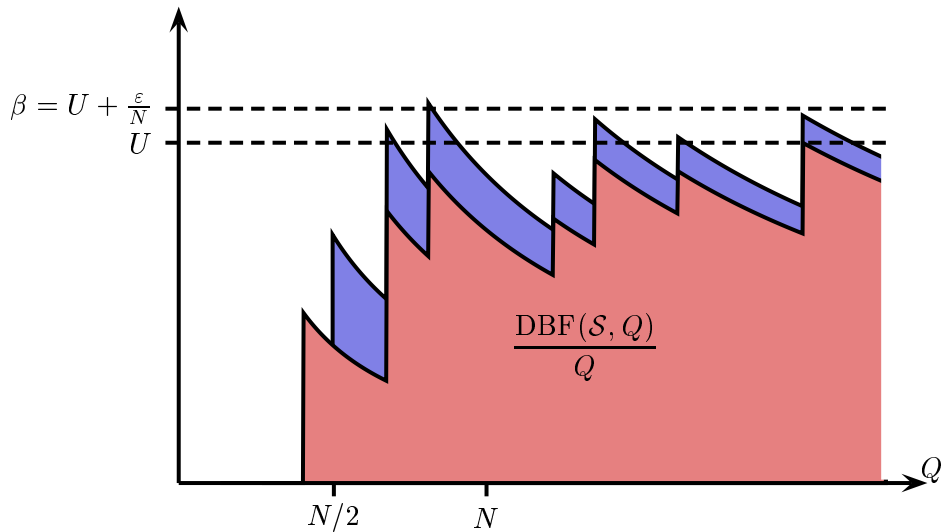
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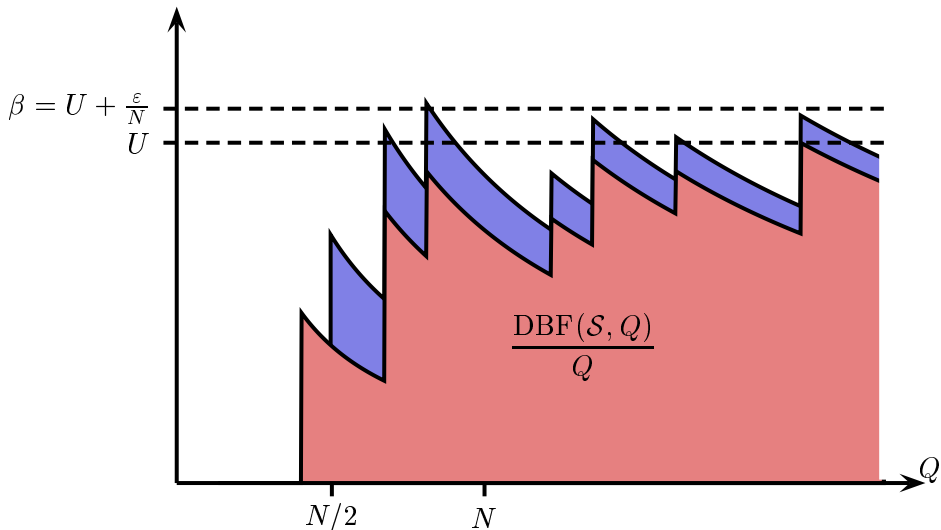
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