

# Lecture 18

CSE 331

Oct 9, 2017

Quiz starts at 1pm  
and ends at 1:10pm

**Lecture starts  
at 1:15pm**

# Interval Scheduling Problem

**Input:**  $n$  intervals  $[s(i), f(i))$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

**Output:** A *schedule*  $S$  of the  $n$  intervals

No two intervals in  $S$  conflict

$|S|$  is maximized

# Analyzing the algorithm

$R$ : set of requests

Set  $S$  to be the empty set

While  $R$  is not empty

    Choose  $i$  in  $R$  with the earliest finish time

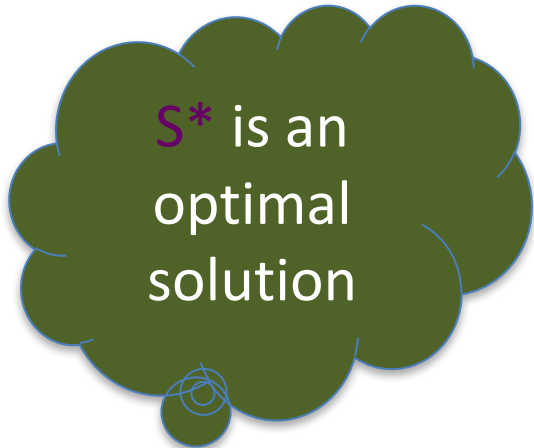
    Add  $i$  to  $S$

    Remove all requests that conflict with  $i$  from  $R$

Return  $S^* = S$



$S^*$  has no conflicts



$S^*$  is an optimal solution

# Greedy “stays ahead”



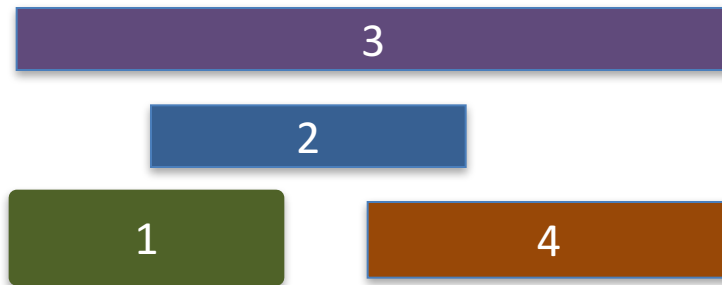
# Today's agenda

Prove the correctness

Analyze run-time of the greedy algorithm

# Algorithm implementation

Go through the intervals in order of their finish time



Check if  $s[i] < f(1)$

with 1:

In general, if  $j$ th interval is the last one chosen

Pick smallest  $i > j$  such that  $s[i] \geq f(j)$

$O(n \log n)$  run  
time



# The final algo

$O(n \log n)$  time sort intervals such that  $f(i) \leq f(i+1)$

$O(n)$  time build array  $s[1..n]$  s.t.  $s[i] = \text{start time for } i$

Add 1 to  $A$  and set  $f = f(1)$

For  $i = 2 .. n$

    If  $s[i] \geq f$

        Add  $i$  to  $A$

        Set  $f = f(i)$

Return  $A^* = A$

# Reading Assignment

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# Questions?



# The “real” end of Semester blues

There are deadlines and durations of tasks



Write up a term paper

Party!

Exam study

331 HW

Project

Monday

Tuesday

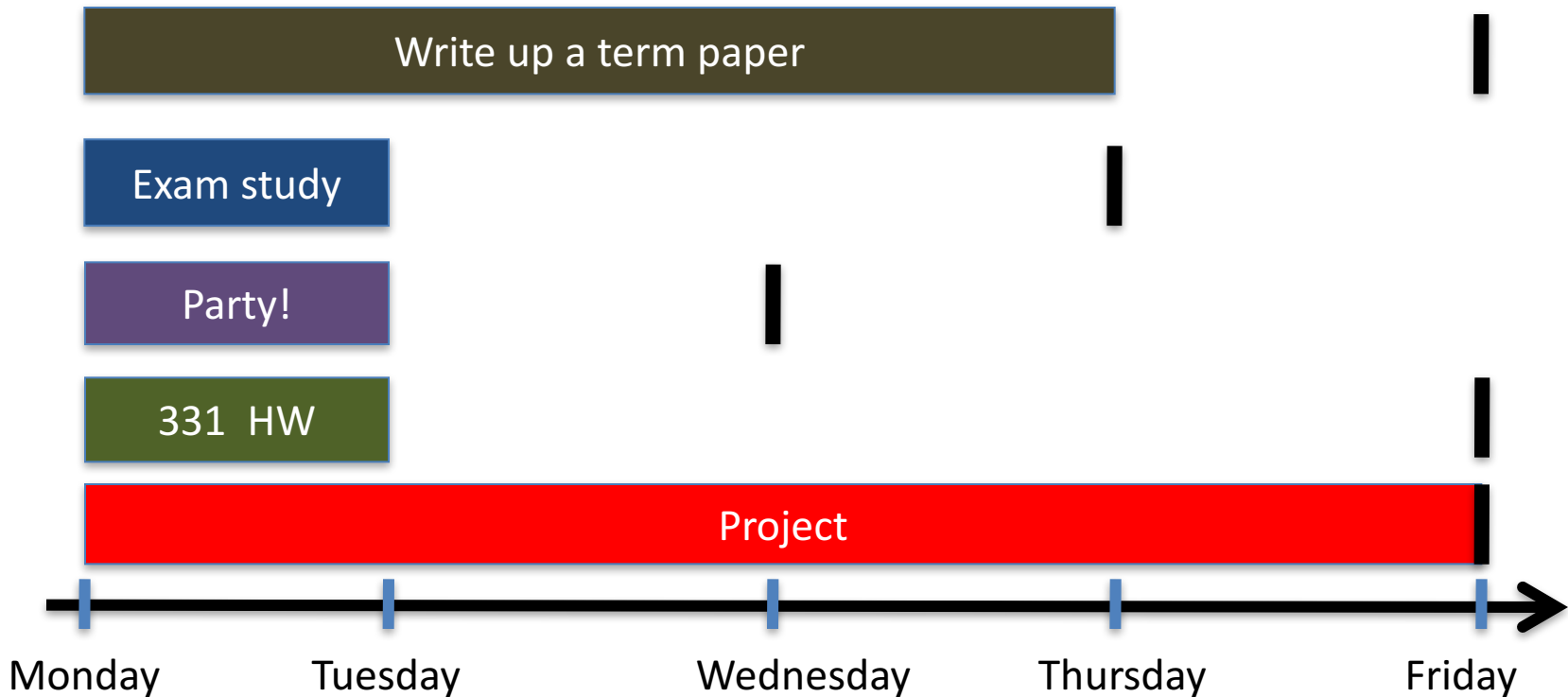
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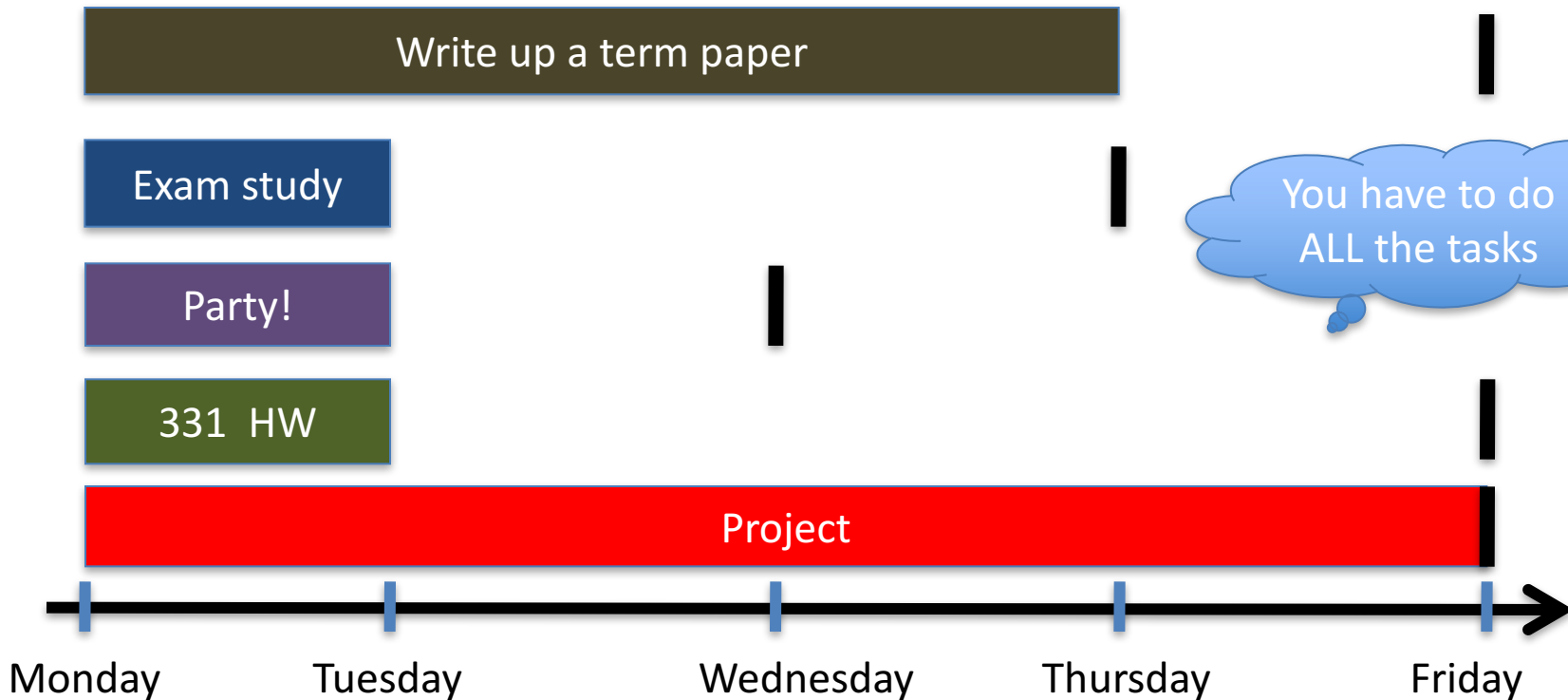
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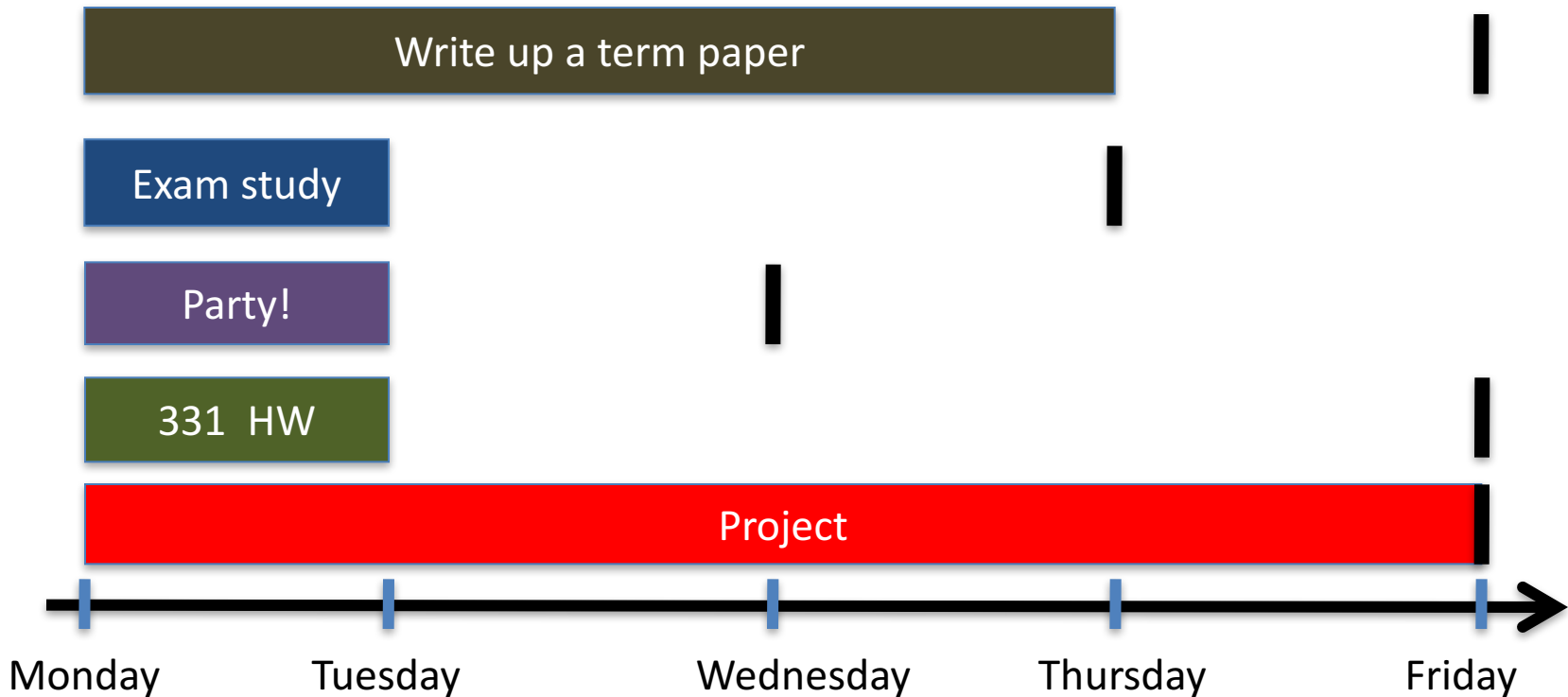
# The algorithmic task

YOU decide when to start each task



# Scheduling to minimize lateness

All the tasks have to be scheduled  
GOAL: minimize maximum lateness



# One possible schedule

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