



# Real-Time Scheduling

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## Introduction to Real-Time



# Review

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- Main vocabulary
  - Definitions of tasks, task invocations, release/arrival time, absolute deadline, relative deadline, period, start time, finish time, ...
  - Preemptive versus non-preemptive scheduling
  - Priority-based scheduling
  - Static versus dynamic priorities
- Utilization ( $U$ ) and Schedulability
  - Main problem: Find *Bound* for scheduling policy such that  $U < \textit{Bound} \rightarrow$  All deadlines met!
- Optimality of EDF scheduling
  - $\textit{Bound}_{EDF} = 100\%$



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# Utilization Bounds

- Intuitively:
  - The lower the processor utilization,  $U$ , the easier it is to meet deadlines.
  - The higher the processor utilization,  $U$ , the more difficult it is to meet deadlines.
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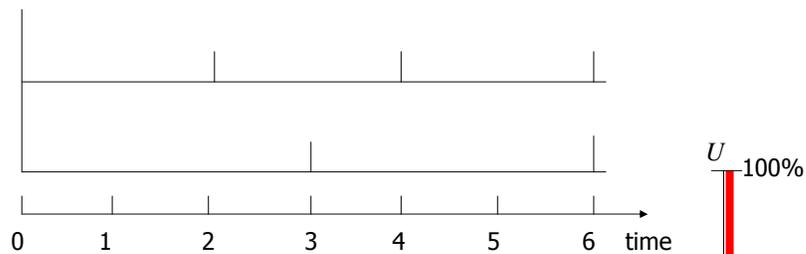
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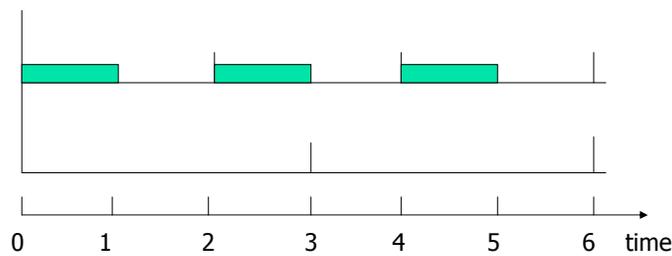
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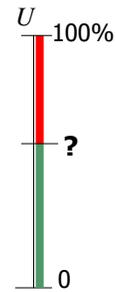
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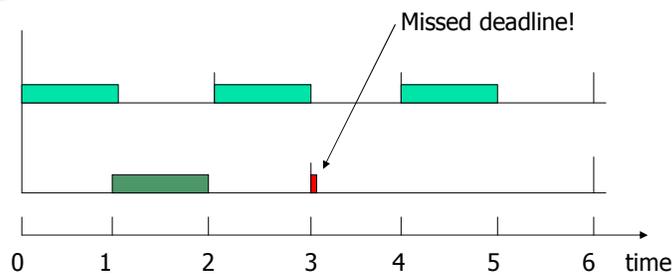
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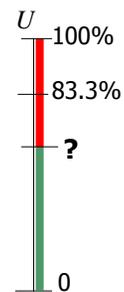
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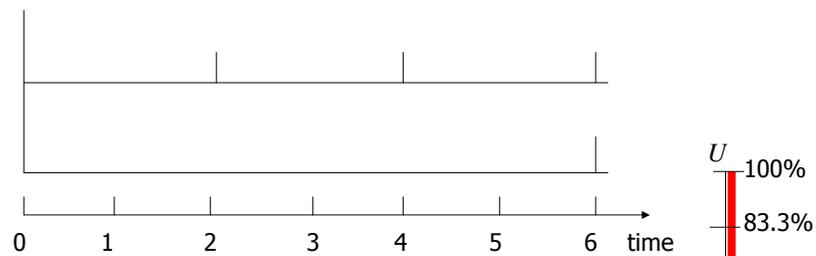
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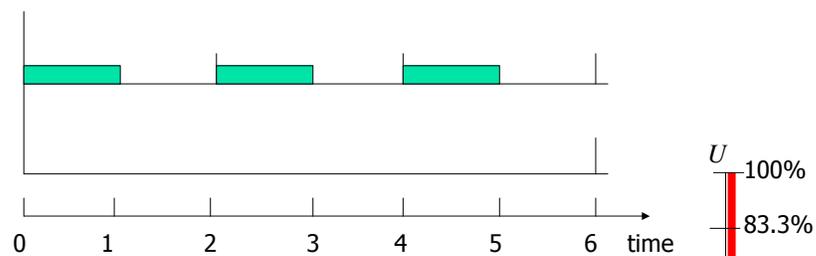
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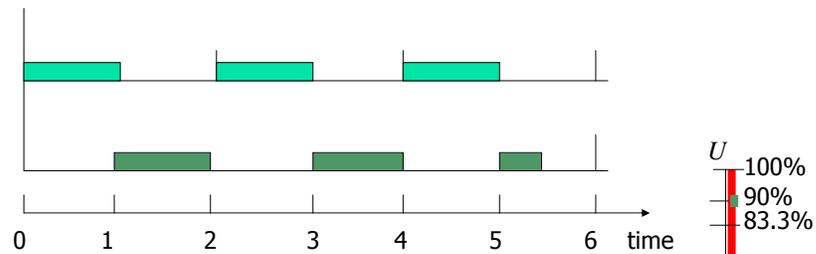
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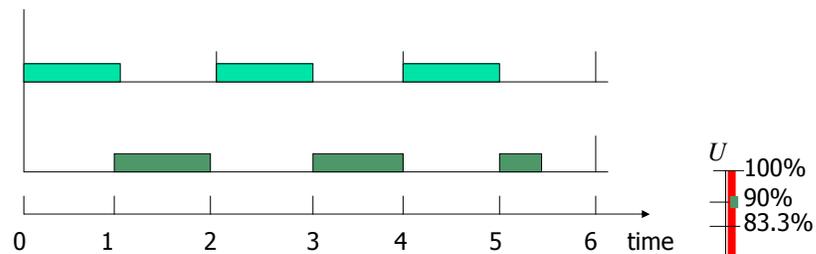
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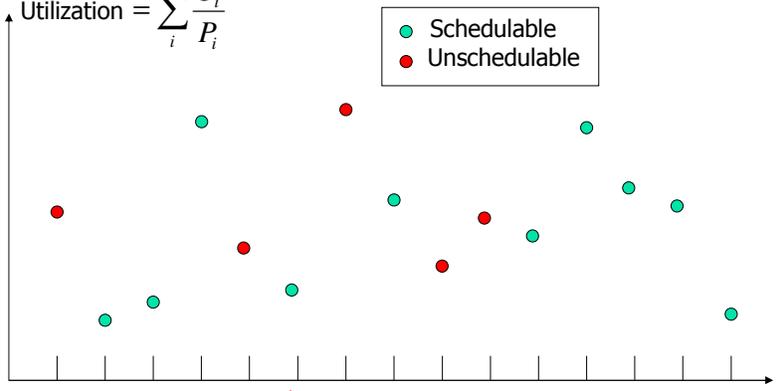
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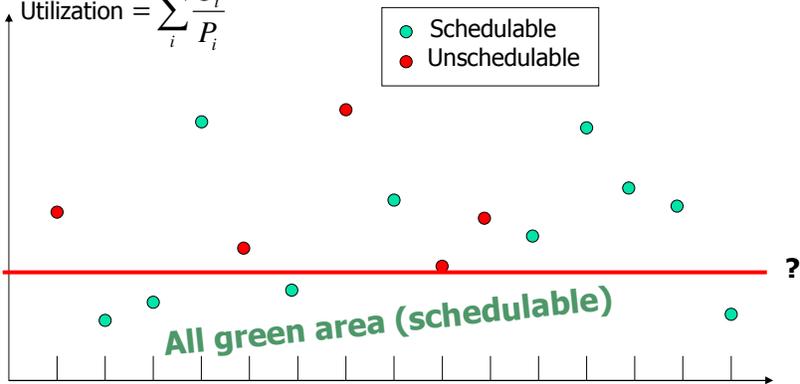
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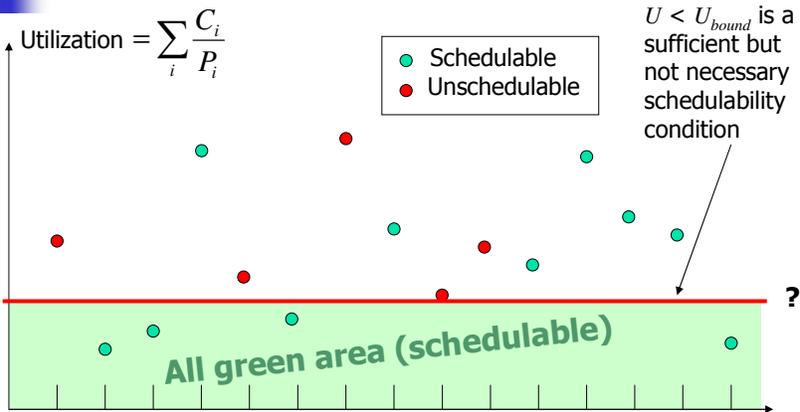
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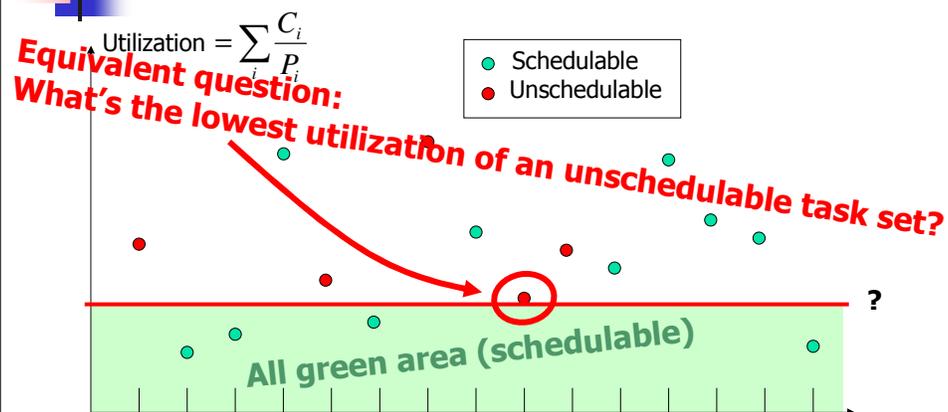
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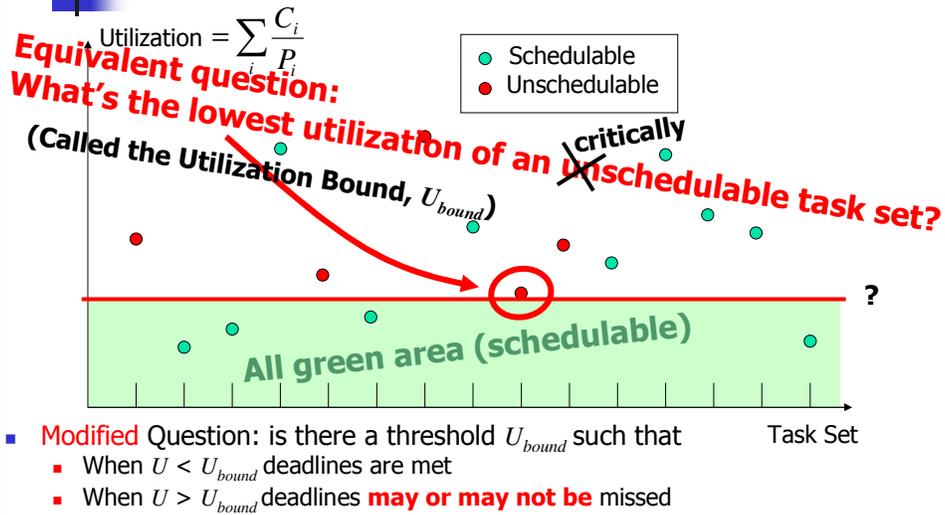
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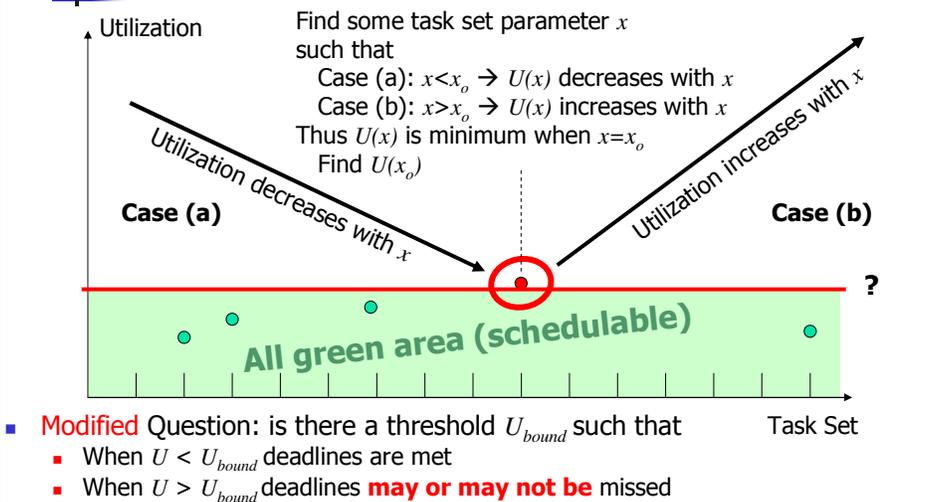


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# Solution Approach: Look at Critically-Schedulable Task Sets



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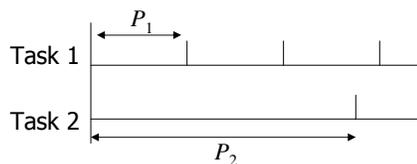
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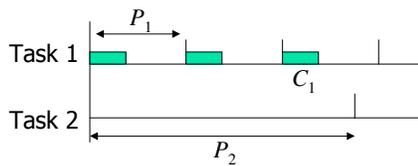
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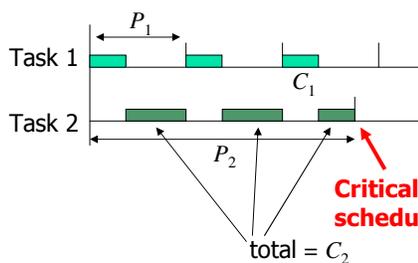
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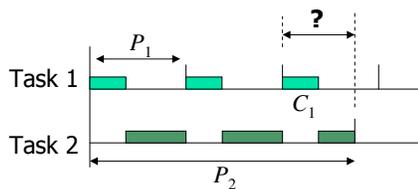
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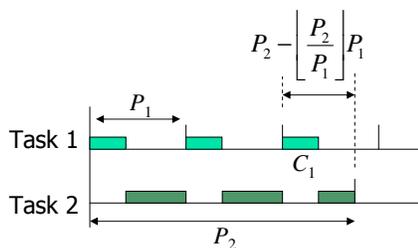
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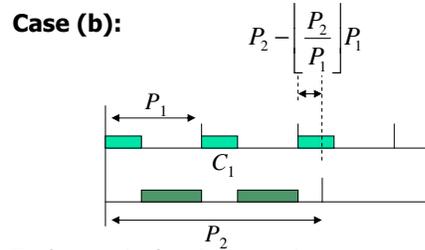
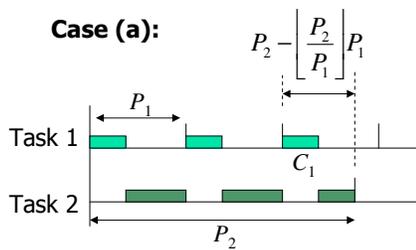
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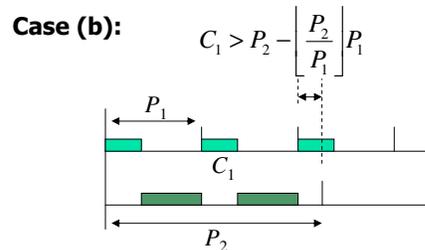
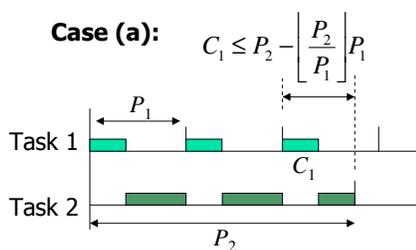
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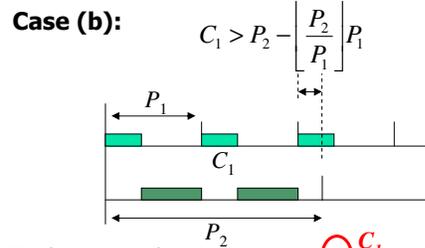
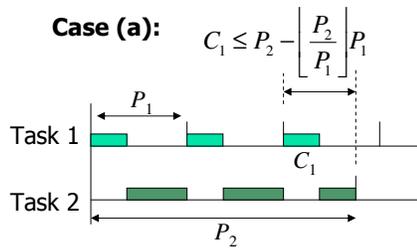
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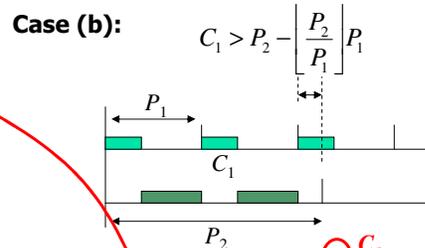
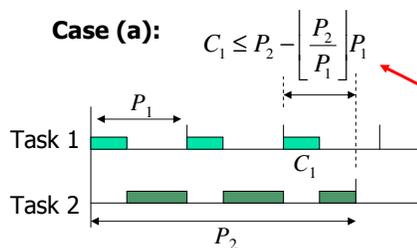
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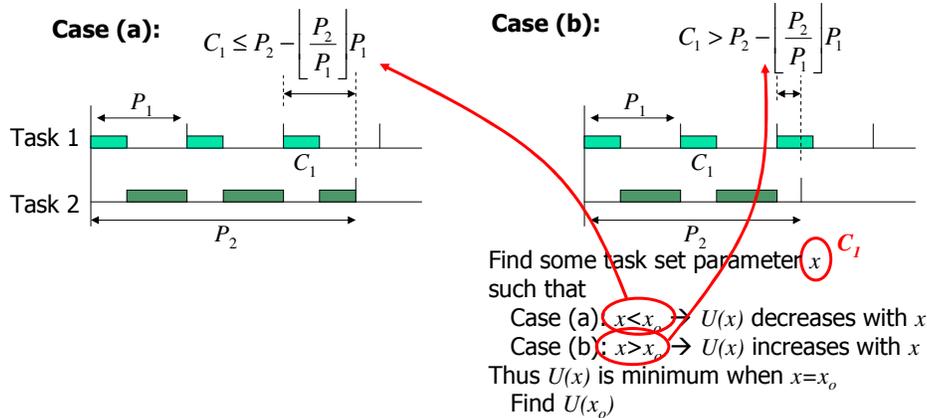
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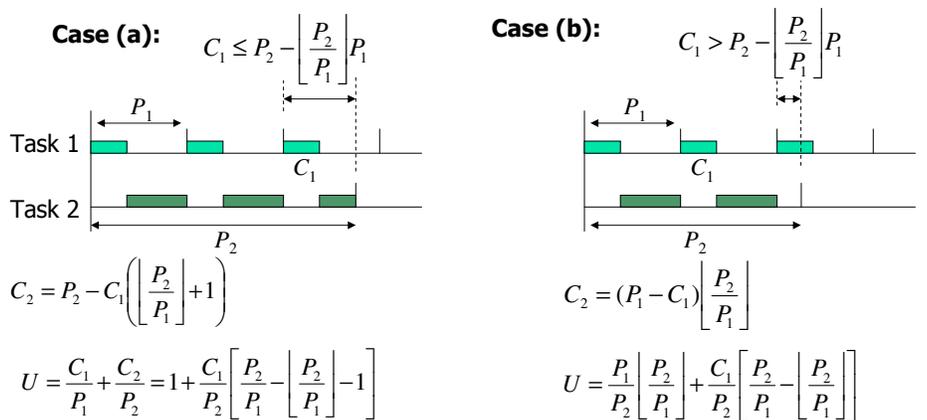
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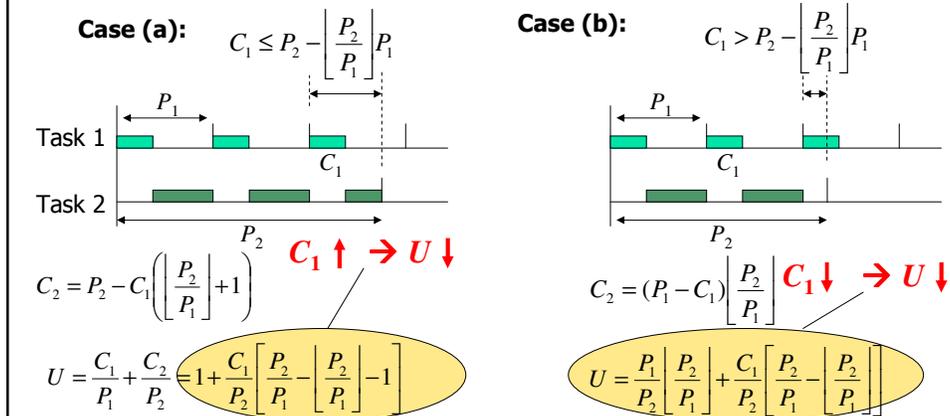
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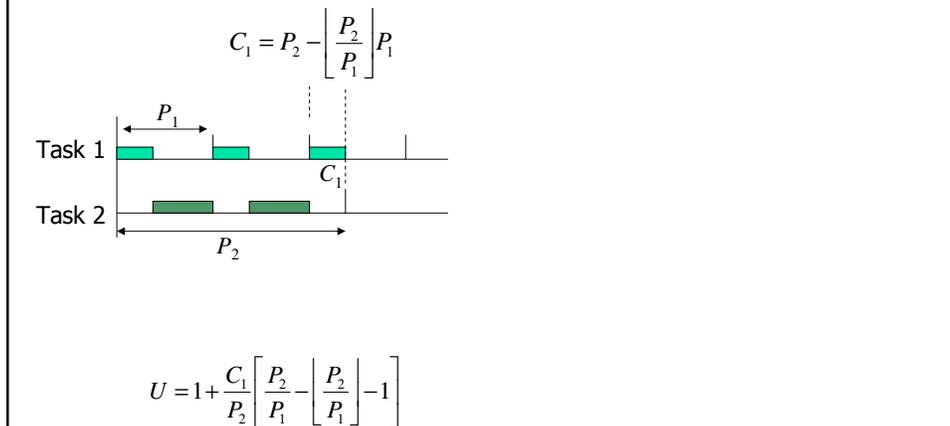
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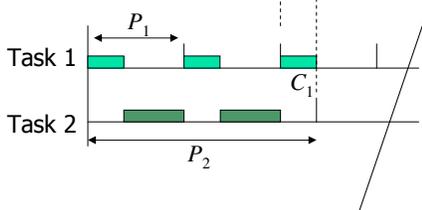
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$$\Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right\rfloor = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow U = 1 + \frac{(P_2/P_1 - 1)(P_2/P_1 - 2)}{P_2/P_1}$$

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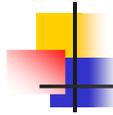
$$\Rightarrow U \approx 0.83$$

$$U = 1 + \frac{C_1}{P_2} \left[ \frac{P_2}{P_1} - \left\lfloor \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right\rfloor - 1 \right]$$

Note that  $C_1 = P_2 - P_1$

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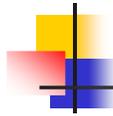
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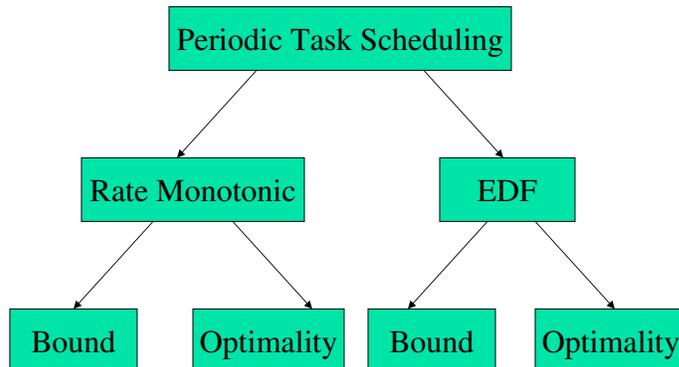
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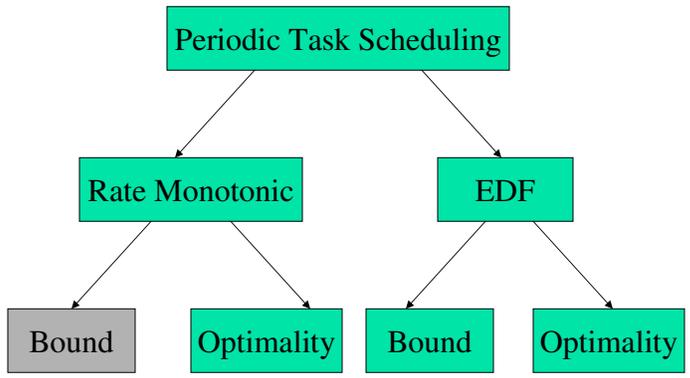
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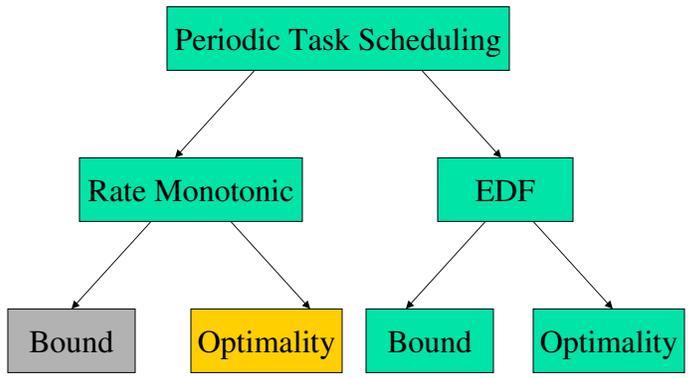
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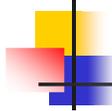


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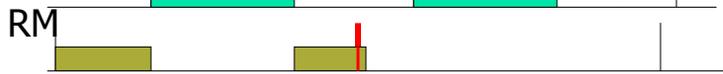
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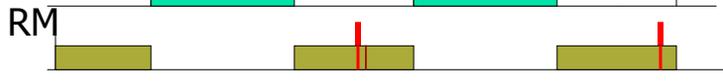
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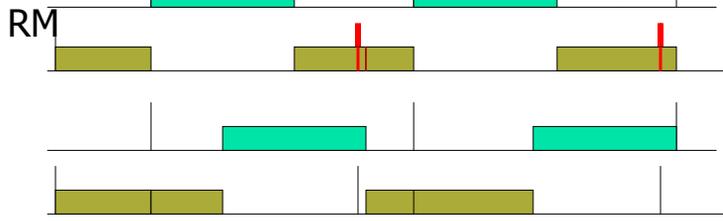
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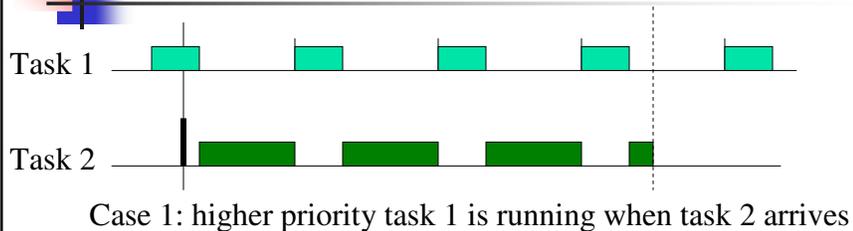
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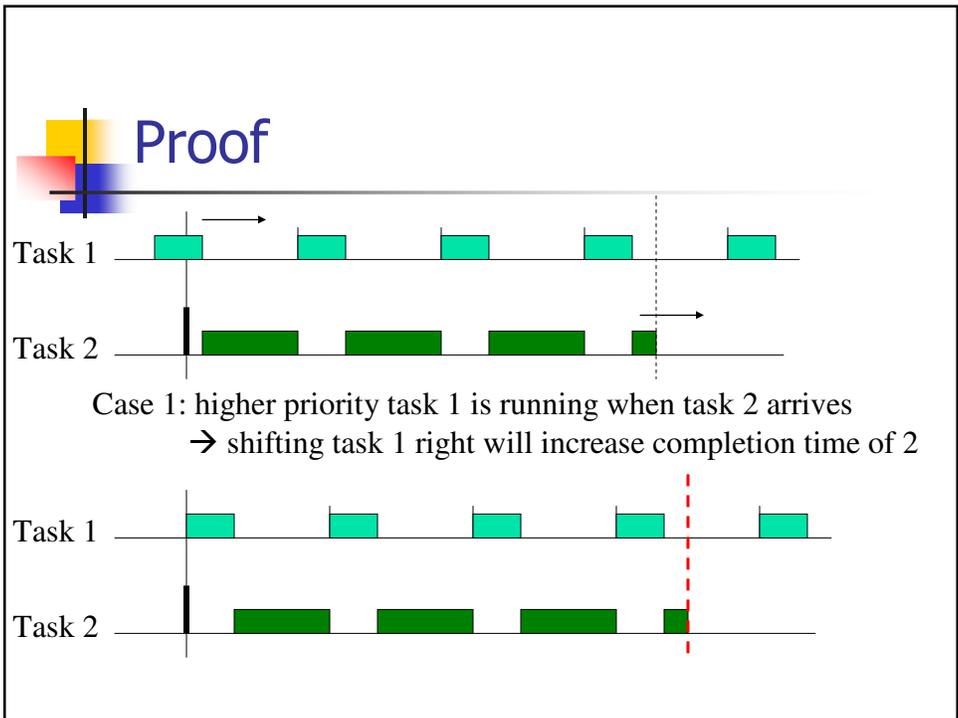
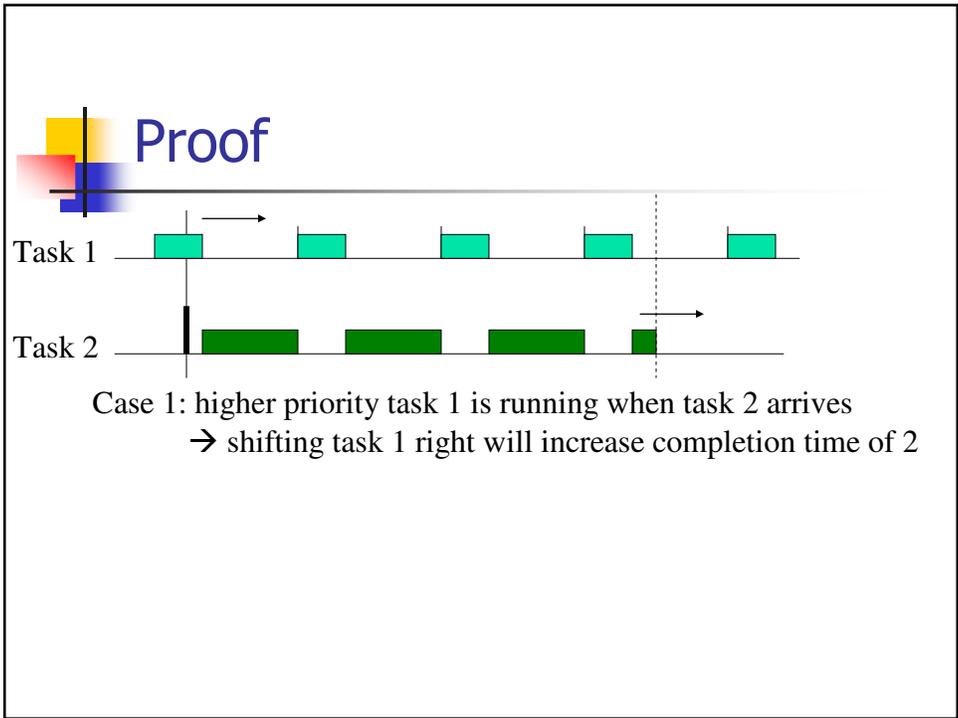
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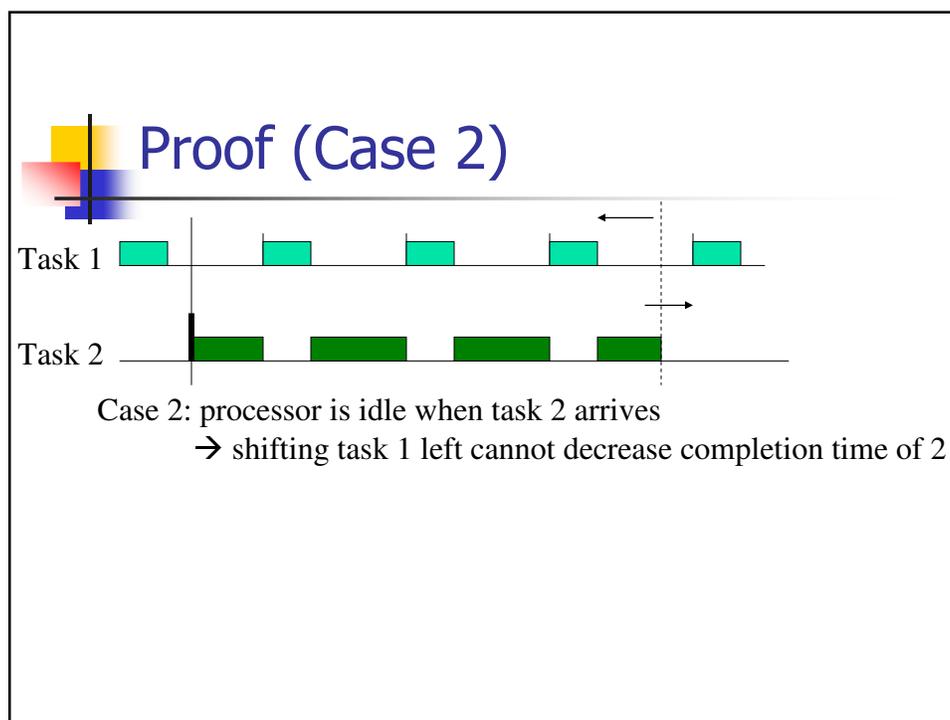
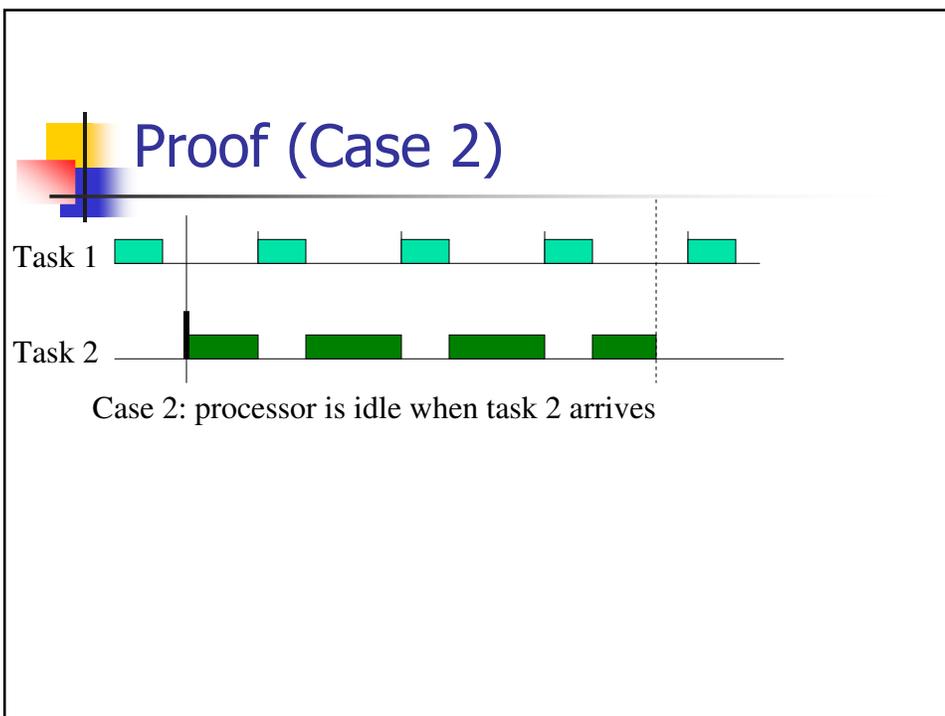
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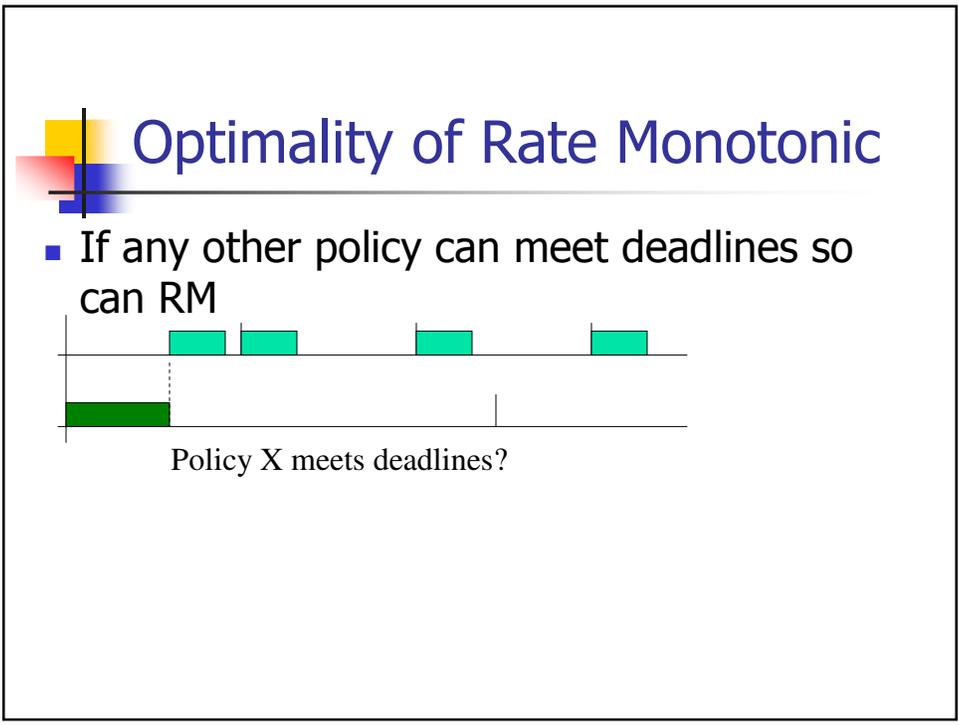
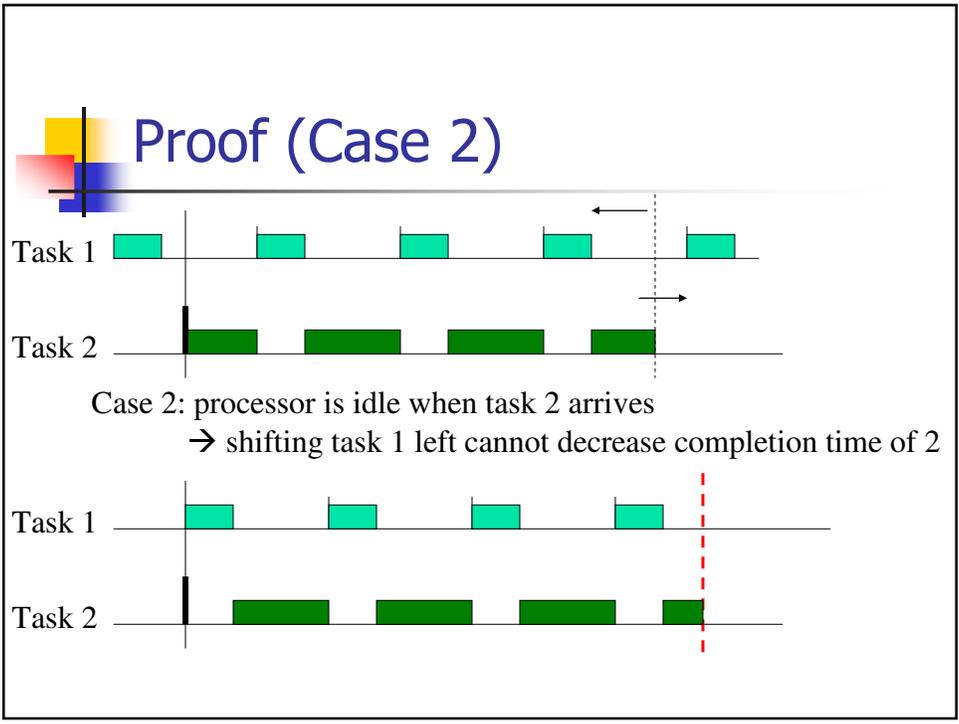
- Q: When does a periodic task,  $T$ , experience the maximum delay?
- A: When it arrives together with all the higher-priority tasks (critical instance)
- Idea of Proof
  - If some higher-priority task does not arrive together with  $T$ , aligning the arrival times can only increase the completion time of  $T$

## Proof (Case 1)



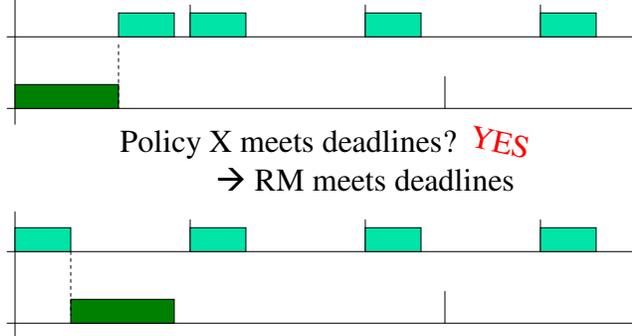




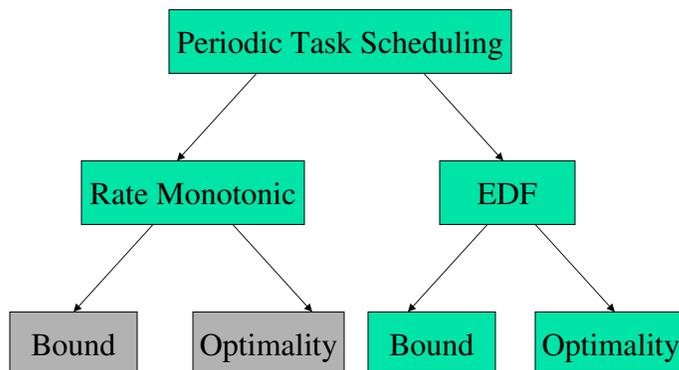


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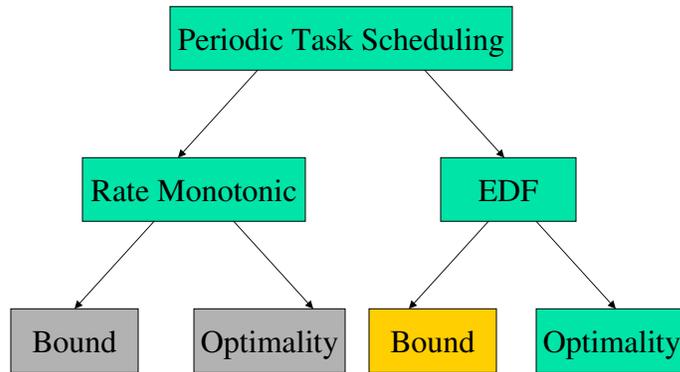
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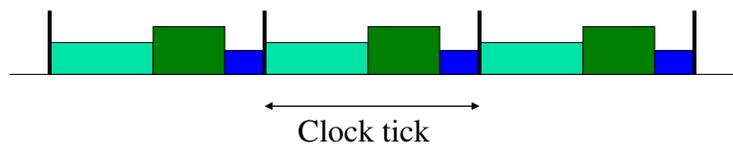


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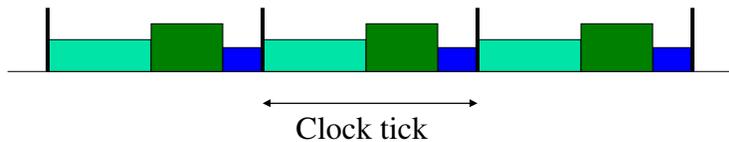
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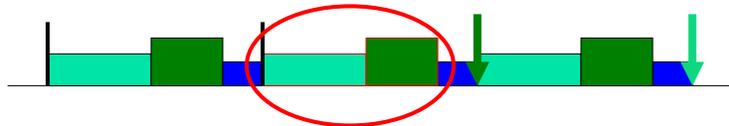
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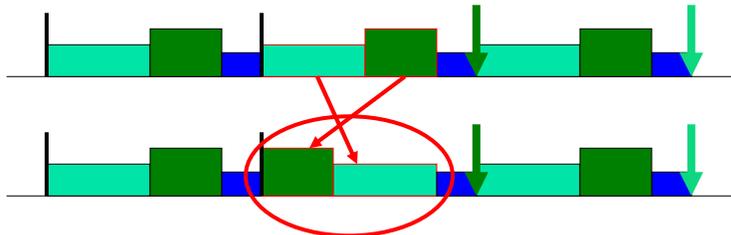
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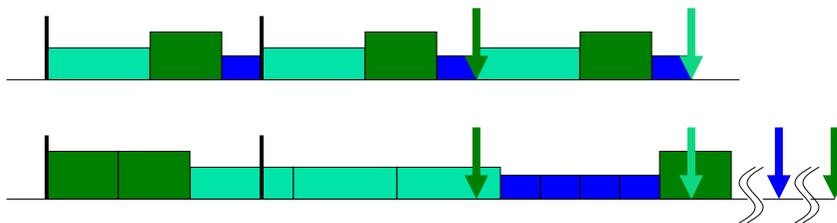


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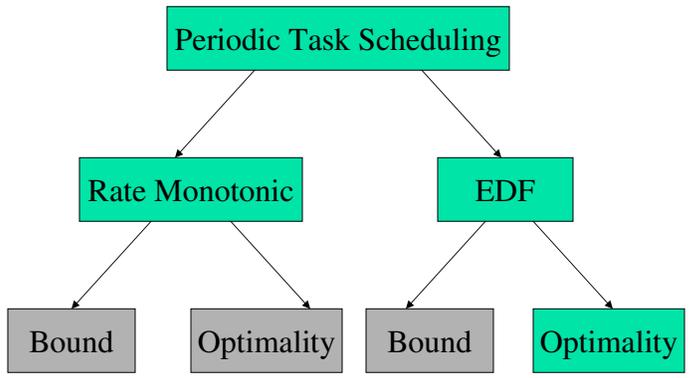
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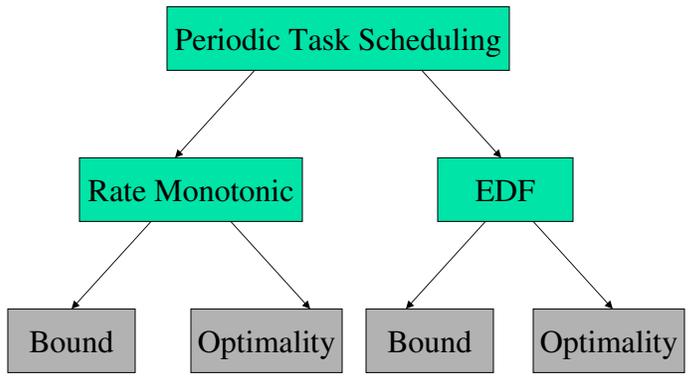


- Still meets deadlines!
- Repeat swap until all in EDF order  
→ EDF meets deadlines

# Periodic Tasks



# Done



## Exercise:

### Know Your Worst Case Scenario

- Consider a periodic system of two tasks
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- What is the maximum value of:

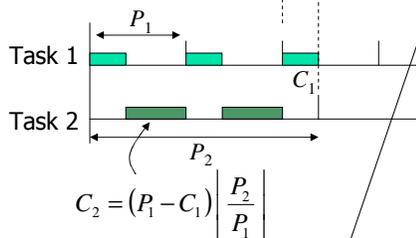
$\prod(1+U_i)$   
for a schedulable system?

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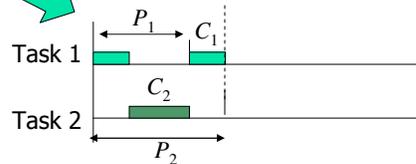
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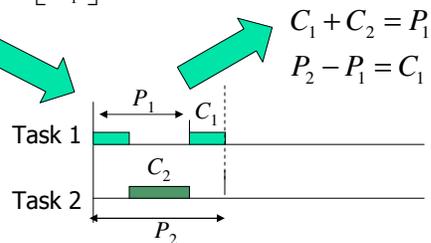
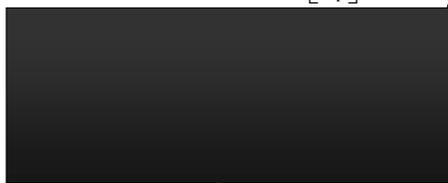
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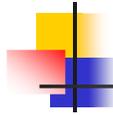
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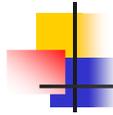
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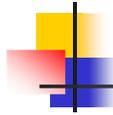
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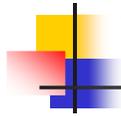


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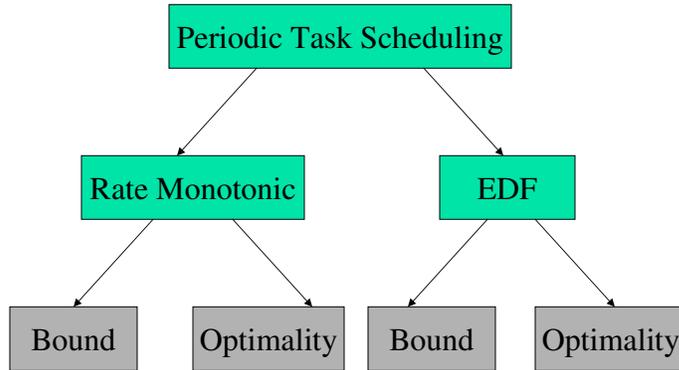
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