## k-Regret Minimizing Set

## Efficient Algorithms and Hardness

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- When $d \geq 3$, Dec-RMS is NP-hard.


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We apply the following greedy algorithm:

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- Once the new line increments the initial covered interval, push it into $R$;
- While pushing, pop out the redundant lines from $R$.


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