

TODAY: Greedy algorithms

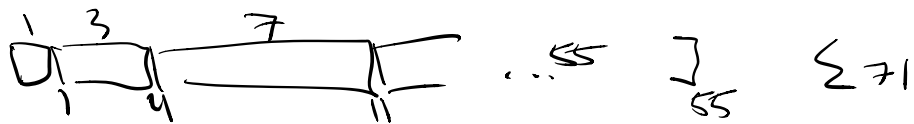
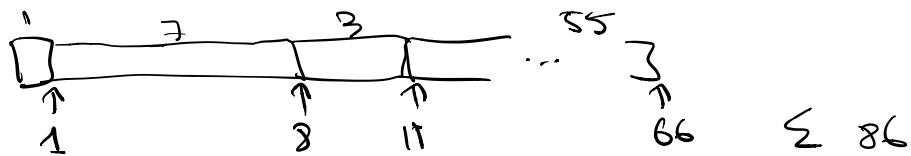
- job sched
- class sched
- Gale-Sneyley
- change making

Restaurant a_1, \dots, a_n orders
 $l(1), \dots, l(n)$ → how long each order takes to cook

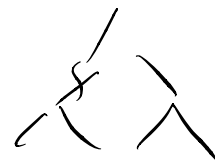
tip → subtract \$1 for each minute waiting

minimize the total waiting time

lengths 1 7 3 55



Shortest Job First
 while jobs left
 schedule shortest job



Suppose greedy schedule g_1, \dots, g_n such that $l(g_i) \leq l(g_{i+1})$

Optimal schedule

a_1, \dots, a_n such that $l(a_k) > l(a_{k+1})$

swap a_k, a_{k+1} such that $l(a_k) > l(a_{k+1})$
 $a'_k = a_{k+1}$ $a'_{k+1} = a_k$

$$w(a'_k) = w(a_{k+1}) - l(a_k) \leq w(a_k) = w(a_k) + l(a_{k+1}) - l(a_k)$$

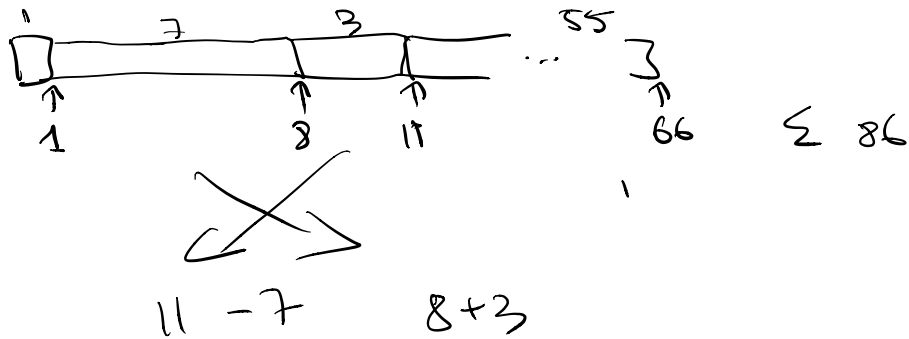
$$w(a'_{k+1}) = w(a_k) + l(a_{k+1})$$

+ l(a_{k+1}) smaller
- l(a_k) bigger

$$g(O_{k+1}) \leq g(O_k) \leq \sum w(O_k)$$

$$l(O_{k+1}) \leq l(O_k)$$

We can produce optimal schedule in greedy order



Person	tip	min	wait
1	-1\$	/min	1 1/4
2	-5\$	/min	7 7/5
3	-2\$	/min	3 3/2
4	-6\$	/min	55 55/6

order by $l(i) / tip(i)$

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v1 sched (jobs):
  result = []
  while len(jobs) > 0:
    j = next(jobs)
    result.append(j)
    jobs.remove(j)
  
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$O(n^2)$

$O(n)$

$O(1)$

$O(n)$

n iterations

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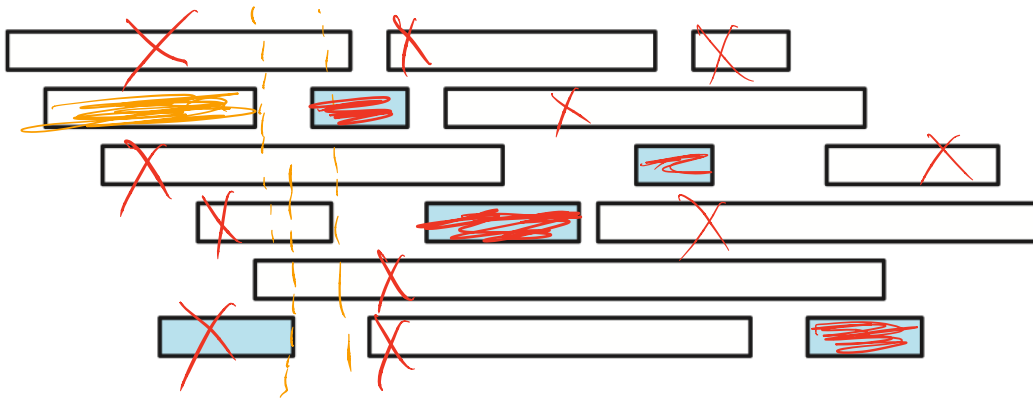
v2 for j in jobs:
  insert(j, q)
  while q not empty:
    extract Min(q)
  
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$O(n \log n)$

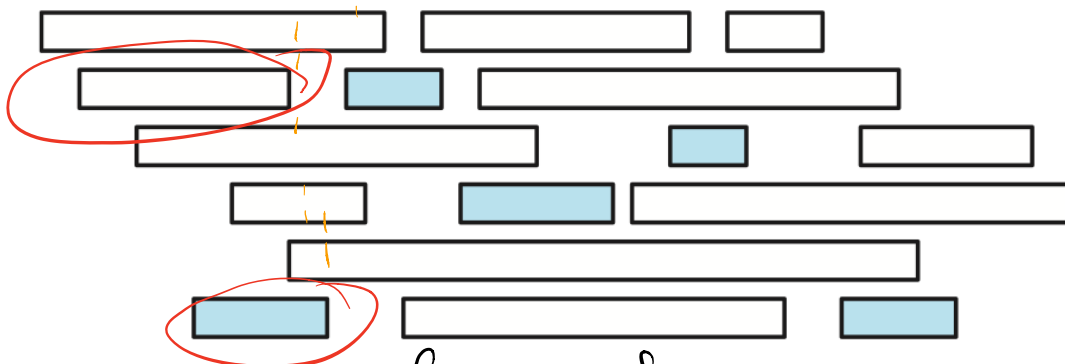
$\log n$

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v3 return sorted(jobs) $O(n \log n)$



$S[1..n]$ starting time of movie i
 $F[1..n]$ finishing time of movie i
 x_1, \dots, x_n $F[x_i] \leq S[x_{i+1}]$
 $F[i] \geq S[i]$ (always)



let f_1 finishes first, f_2 first

~~f_1, \dots, f_k~~
 o_1, \dots, o_k

$S(o_1) \geq F(f_1)$
 $S(o_2) \geq F(f_1)$

o_1, \dots, o_k

f_2 finishes first, starts after f_1

Common pattern

→ at each step use "greedy heuristic"

to select next element

→ exchange argument → optimal schedule solution → greedy schedule solution

Companies	A	B	C	D
Students	a	b	c	d
Internship interviews				

A:	a	c	b	d
B:	c	a	d	b
C:	a	c	d	b
D:	a	d	b	c
a:	C	B	D	A
b:	C	D	A	B
c:	D	B	A	C
d:	A	B	C	D

Matching: each co ↔ ~~each~~ ^{one} student

Unstable : Student x is matched to y
 Student y is matched to x

if y prefers x to y
 x prefers y to x → unstable

if student x prefers x to y
 co y prefers y to x → unstable

Stable assignment → not unstable

For any list of prefs
 \exists a stable matching
 and can be found in $O(n^2)$ time.

Each round

1. Find an unmatched company
2. Offer to best student on their list
 not yet offered
3. Student accept if unmatched
 also accept if matched to worse co
 (reject old co)

reject if matched to better co.