

# Greedy Algorithms

Change for Rs. R

Smallest  $C_0, C_1, \dots$  Largest  $C_k$

$$G \Rightarrow \{ \underline{m_0}, \dots, \underline{m_k} \}$$

$$m_k = \left\lfloor \frac{R}{C_k} \right\rfloor$$

$$G = \{ \underline{m_k}, \underline{m_{k-1}}, \dots, \underline{m_0} \}$$

~~$C_k$~~        $C_0$

Greedy Alg  
is defined

Prove that this is optimal

Assume an optimal sol<sup>n</sup>

$$O = \{ \underline{m_k}, \underline{m_{k-1}}, \dots, \underline{m_0} \}$$

Assume that 0 differs from  $C_n$  at  
ith posn

greedy  $n_i$  coins

optimal  $m_i$  coins

} denomination  
 $a_i$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_k, \dots & C_{i+1} & \textcircled{C_i} \\ \hline n_k & n_{i+1} & n_i \\ = & = & \hline m_k & m_{i+1} & \underline{m_i} \end{array}$$

$n_i > m_i$  greedy property

Create  $O'$  s.t.  $\underline{m_i = n_i}$  → adjust coins from the  
later denominations →

$$\underline{n_i > m_i}$$

diff. is atleast 1

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \quad m_i \\ \downarrow \\ \textcircled{0'} \quad n_i \end{array}$$

+1 coin of denominator  $C_i \rightarrow$  } I need atleast 2 coins of lower den<sup>n</sup>

You've to remove some coins from den<sup>n</sup>

~~$C_1, \dots, C_n$~~  }  $C_1, \dots, C_n$

$$\begin{array}{l} C_1 \geq 2C_0 \\ C_2 \geq 2C_1 \\ \vdots \\ C_i \geq 2C_{i-1} \end{array}$$

① findings counter-examples (to prove that this is not optimal)

② Prove (to show that this is optimal)

Interval Scheduling with deadline Knapsack

Job Problems  $\Rightarrow$

System

$e(k, p)$

Reaction 1

$k=1, \dots, N$

Prob. of success of system

assignment of units of catalyst

$p$

$p=1, \dots, C$

$e(k, p)$  is non decreasing for  $p$  (given  $k$ )

Greedy Approach  $\Rightarrow$

The reaction with

$e(k,p)/e(k,p-1)$  is max for any  $p$

3

5

0.1     0.3     0.5     0.6     0.6

0.1     0.2     0.4     0.6     0.8

0.2     0.4     0.4     0.7     0.9

0.3     ~~0.3~~     R1      $\downarrow, \frac{1}{2}$

0.2     R2      $\downarrow, 1$

0.2  

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12  $\times 10^{-3}$

R3      $\downarrow$

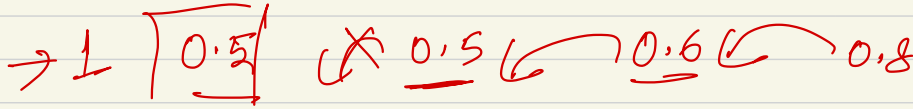
Now take the react  
with max rise in prod

# Counter-example

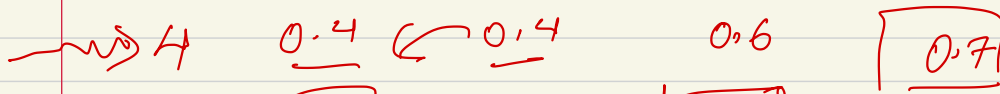
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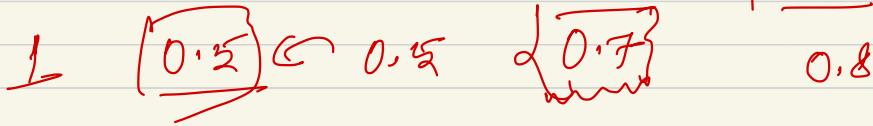
$$0.7 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 = \boxed{0.175}$$



0.9      0.9



0.8      1.0



0.9       $\underline{0.9}$

$$\underline{0.175}$$

R1      1 , 1 , 1 , 1

0.8

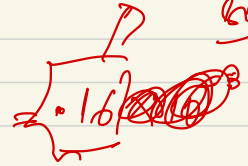
R2      1

x 0.4

R3      1

x 0.5

doesn't give an optimal sol<sup>n</sup>!



Choose a counter-example

Try to find an example where <sup>some possible</sup> arbitrary tie-breaking doesn't lead to an optimal sol<sup>n</sup>.

Or

In your greedy - specify tie-breaking

Problem  $\Rightarrow$   $\exists$  a train station, train are arriving at various times  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  @ <sup>strictly</sup> increasing order

Whenever a train arrives, one staff is required to oversee.

A staff can at most stay for an hour:

[9:00 AM - 10:00 AM]

Find ~~min~~ an algo to do an assignment with

min, # of staffs required, and the time-period  
of two staff doesn't overlap,

{  $a_1$  . . . . .  $a_n$  }

8:30 9:00 9:15 : 9:55 10:30

Find a greedy algo to do <sup>9:30</sup> at least 2 staff

the scheduling of staff

Algo  $G \rightarrow$  1. The first staff comes for  $[a_i, a_{i+1}]$

The next staff comes at the next  $a_i$  after

$[8:30 \quad 9:30]$   $[9:55 \quad 10:55]$   $\&$  staff  $a_{i+1}$



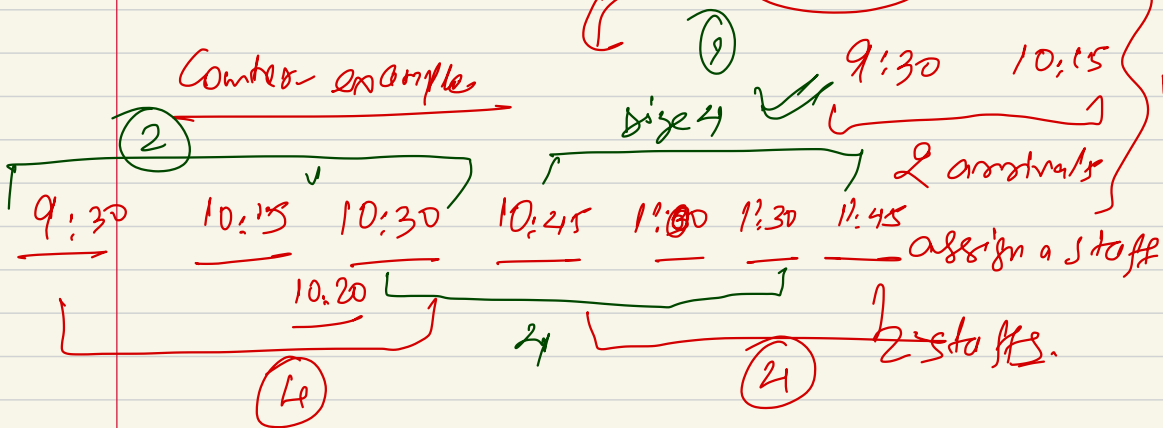
Algo 1

find an interval (hour long) where the max. number of trucks arrive. Assign a staff to that. Now recursively do that for the remaining arrival times.

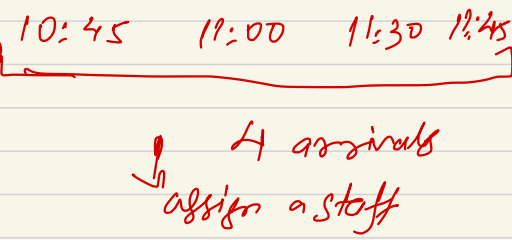
Which one is incorrect?

Algo 2 -

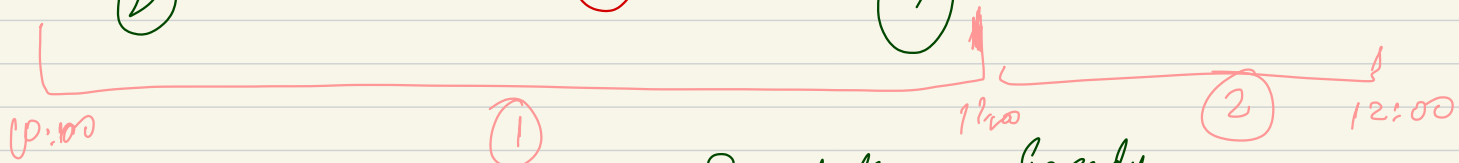
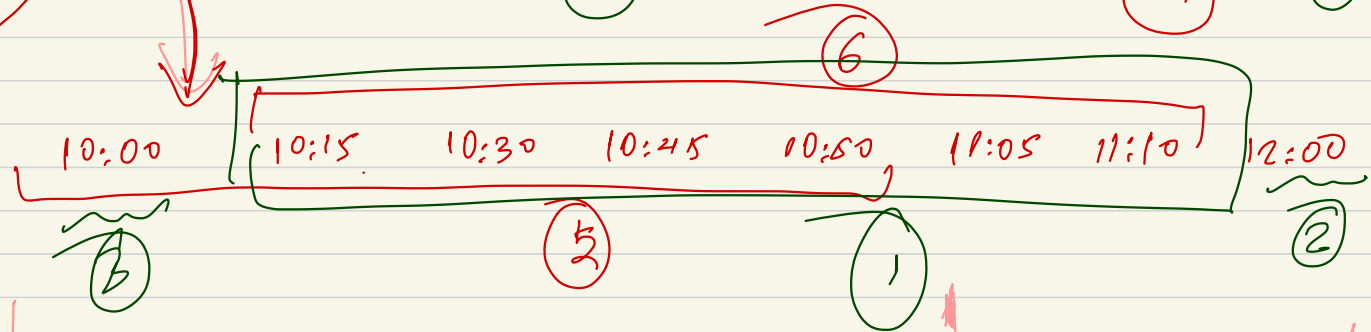
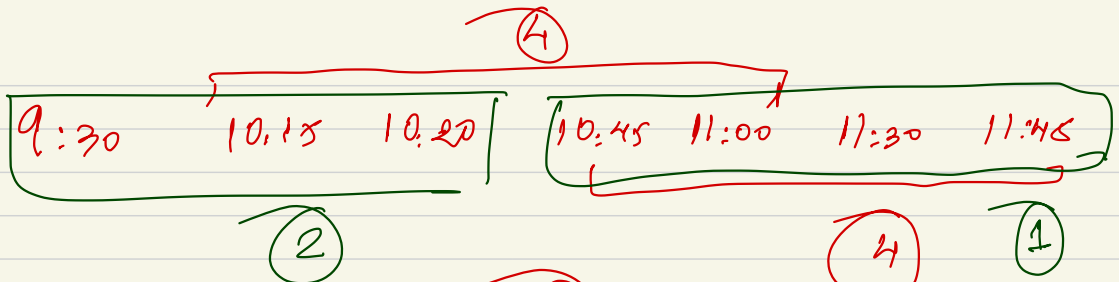
Counter-example



Example



algo 2 is not optimal



3 staffs Greedy

Optimal

Prove that Algo 1 is optimal.  
 $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

Greedy algo

starts from the first arrival time

& assigns a staff to  $[a_i, a_{i+1}]$

next arrival - -

Suppose it creates  $k$  intervals

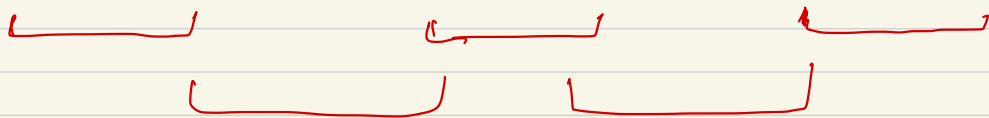
$G = \{g_1, \dots, g_k\}$

min. the staff

Assume there is an optimal sol<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Covers all the arrival times

$O = \{o_1, \dots, o_k\}$   
 $\{l < k\}$   $\{l \leq k\}$

No two intervals/schedules  
use ones (happy)



$$C_k = \sum_{j=1}^k g_j$$

$$0 = \{0, \dots, 0, \dots\}$$

$l \leq k$

[Among all the optimal sol<sup>n</sup>s, suppose we take the one which is identical to  $C_k$  for the longest seg. starting from the beginning.]

$\Rightarrow$  There cannot be an optimal sol<sup>n</sup>

- that aligns with  $G$  for one more interval.

$$0 = \{0, \dots, 0, \dots\}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{100}$

matches  $G$  for first  $t$  time-points.

They make  $O$  similar to  $G$  at  $f+1$  to some  
 point without losing optimality

$\Rightarrow$  Contradiction

$$G = \{ \underbrace{g_1, \dots, g_t}_{\rightarrow}, \underbrace{g_{t+1}, \dots, g_k}_{\rightarrow} \}$$

$$O = \{ \underbrace{o_1, \dots, o_t}_{\rightarrow}, \underbrace{o_{t+1}, \dots, o_k}_{\rightarrow} \}$$

covers all  
trans  
no overlap

Suppose  $G \neq O$   
are ordered w.r.t  
their left endpoint

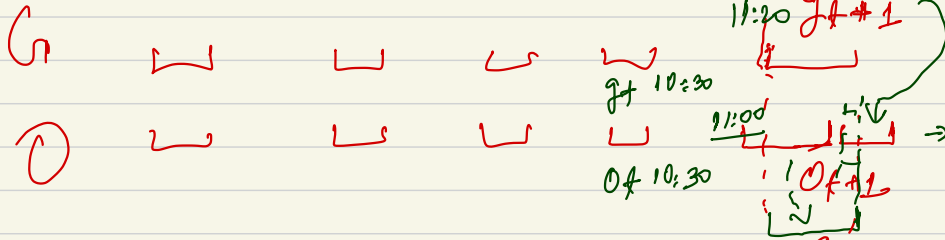
$$\underline{o_{t+1}} \neq \underline{g_{t+1}}$$

$$\underline{g_{t+1}}$$

$$o_{t+1} > \underline{g_{t+1}} \quad \times$$

$$\underline{o_{t+1}}$$

$$\underline{g_{t+1}} > \underline{o_{t+1}}$$



if there is an overlap  
 $t+2$  - - -  $t$

Hence, the proof

Now, modify  $O$  to  $O'$  st.

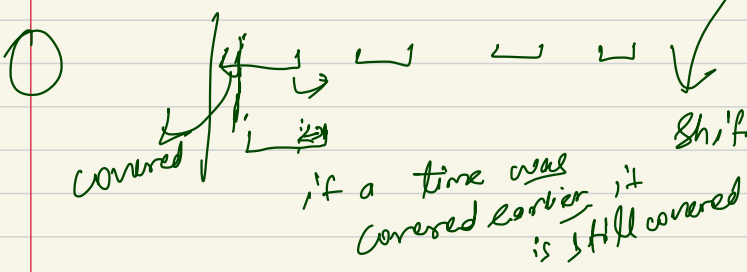
$$O_{t+1} = j_{t+1}$$

still get optimal sol<sup>n</sup>  
 $\Downarrow$   
 contradiction

no change anywhere else

- \* Covers all the points ✓
- \* no overlap ✓

Can I ensure optimality?



Shift  $O_{t+2}$  to the right until no overlap  
 keep doing this for all sub. intervals

Problem →

Convocation time

$n$  people  $h_1, \dots, h_n$

gown size  $s_1, \dots, s_n$

~~min~~ Let's say  $i$ th person gets  $\alpha(i)$ th gown

$$\min. \sum_{i=1}^n |h_i - s_{\alpha(i)}|$$

an assignment of gowns to students  
to optimize this quantity

1 2 3 4 5  
5 6 7 8 9

~~4~~ 4

Greedy Algo

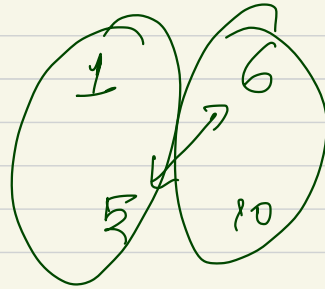
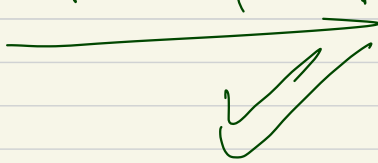
Algo 1. Sort the heights & gown sizes

assign in the order [shortest person gets the shortest gown, ...]

Algo 2. Find the person & gown with min. high difference.  
 Assign the gown to this person. Repeat until everyone has a gown.

$$\min_{i,j} |h_i - s_{j(i)}|$$

Not optimal?



$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 6 \\ 5 \quad 10 \\ \hline 4 \quad 4 \end{array} \rightarrow 4$$

Algo 2.

$$1 \quad 6$$

$$10 \quad 5$$

Counter example

$$\frac{9 + 1}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$



Prove that  $d_{opt}$  is optimal

Let's assume that people & gowns are sorted

if Greedy sol<sup>n</sup>

$h_1, \dots, h_n \leftarrow$  height

is not optimal,

$s_1, \dots, s_n \leftarrow$  sizes

there is at least

some input on

which the greedy

sol<sup>n</sup> will differ from  
optimal sol<sup>n</sup>.

Let's assume this  
is that input

for some inputs, greedy

Greedy

Optimal

& optimal may be same.

Greedy:  $(h_1, s_1), (h_2, s_2), \dots, (h_n, s_n)$

Optimal:  $(h_1, s_{d(1)}), (h_2, s_{d(2)}), \dots, (h_n, s_{d(n)})$

Greedy

(h<sub>i</sub>, s<sub>i</sub>)

cost(O')

• OPTIMAL

(h<sub>i</sub>, s<sub>j</sub>)

(h<sub>k</sub>, s<sub>i</sub>)

= cost(O)

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \left[ \begin{array}{l} |h_i - s_j| + |h_k - s_i| \\ - |h_i - s_i| - |h_k - s_j| \end{array} \right]$$

$h_i \dots h_{i-1}$   $i^{\text{th}}$   
 $h_i$   
 $s_i \dots s_{i-1}$  differs

Where would  $s_i$  go in O?

Prove that

this is  $\geq 0$   
always

s<sub>i</sub>      s<sub>j</sub>

s<sub>i</sub> ≤ s<sub>j</sub>

h<sub>i</sub> ≤ h<sub>k</sub>

some  $h_k \geq h_i$

s<sub>i</sub> ≤ s<sub>j</sub> ≤ h<sub>i</sub> ≤ h<sub>k</sub>

h<sub>i</sub> ≤ h<sub>k</sub> ≤ s<sub>i</sub> ≤ s<sub>j</sub>

- Modify O

0

to do this assignments

(h<sub>i</sub>, s<sub>i</sub>)

(h<sub>k</sub>, s<sub>j</sub>)

? Prove that this doesn't increase the cost