Round-Robin Problem

Problem Description

设有n个运动员要进行网球循环赛。设计 一个满足下列条件的比赛日程表:

- 每个选手必须与其他 n-1 个选手各赛一次;
- 每个选手一天只能赛一次;
- 当 n 是偶数时,循环赛进行 n-1 天。
- 当 n 是奇数时,循环赛进行 n 天。

Problem Analysis

我们在课堂上讨论过这个问题的一个特殊的情况: $n=2^k$ 。

这个特殊的情况保证我们每次都能将选手等分,这样一来我们就可以利用**分治**的策略解决问题:每次把参赛选手平均分成两组,先递归地让他们进行内部的循环赛(并且这两组的情况完全对称);内部赛结束后,两组选手再与彼方小组的成员比赛。这时候两组人数相同,只需依次进行比赛即可。如下图所示。

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 6 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 7 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

对于一般的 n, 我们并不能保证每次都能**等分**。事实上,只要 n 不是 n 的幂次,在划分过程中一定会出现奇数的情况。为了模拟上面的情况,在出现奇数时,我们采用**引入一个虚拟选手**的做法,使选手人数重新变为偶数,从而可以等分。

对于一个规模为 n 的问题,安排的日程表中出现虚拟选手意味着与他交手的选手在当轮轮空。而当我们要从规模为 $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ 的问题得到 n 个选手的循环赛日程表时,由于两组的对称性,**虚拟选手出现的位置将完全对称**,那么我们可以给同时轮空的两个选手安排一场比赛。之后再使两组的选手依次与对组选手交手。这样我们实现了比赛时间的最小化。

Data structure

我们考虑用一个矩阵来存储这个日程表。其中每一行代表一个选手,每一列代表一天,矩阵中的元素代表对手。例如,矩阵第i行,第j列上的元素,就是选手i在第j天比赛的对手。

| | day 1 | day 2 | day 3 | day 4 | day 5 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | |

Algorithm example

这里我们以6个选手为例,详述我们的算法。我们将仅描述从 3 个选手的子问题合并到 6 个选手的原问题的步骤。首先我们对 3 个选手的情况求解,结果里出现了虚拟选手; 1-3 号与 4-6 号情况完全一致。如下图:

| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
|---|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | _ | | | |
| 2 | 1 | _ | 3 | | | |
| 3 | _ | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | _ | | | |
| 5 | 4 | _ | 6 | | | |
| 6 | _ | 4 | 5 | | | |

由于对称性,我们注意到i号和i+3号总是同时轮空,因此当他们轮空时,我们可以给他们安排比赛。如下图:

| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
|---|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | | | |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |

接下来要进行的是组间的比赛。对于第一个组中的 i, 由于 i 和 i+3 可能已经比赛过,因此,第 i 个选手的第 4 天的对手从 i+4 开始,依次增加,如果超过了 6, 我们再填上 i+3。每行皆如此。如下图:

| | Day 1 | $\mathrm{Day}\ 2$ | Day 3 | Day 4 | $\mathrm{Day}\ 5$ | $\mathrm{Day}\ 6$ |
|---|-------|-------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | | |
| 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | | |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | | |
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | |

这样,我们通过这个例子完成了对算法的描述。

Implementation

```
def roundRobin(n):
    '''
    Scheduling for the round robin tournament.

Parameters:
    n -- the number of players. Could be any positive integers.

Returns:

schedule -- the schedule for the round robin tournament.
    Each row represent the opponents of a player, listed in time order.
    When n is even, schedule should be an n* (n-1) matrix;
    When it is odd, the size should be (n+1)*n with a virtual player.
    The virtual player's number exceeds n.
    '''
    if n & 1:
        n += 1

# base case
    if n == 2:
        return array([[2],[1]]) # 2>n, so it represent a virtual player
```

如果 n 为偶数,上述函数返回的就是最终的结果矩阵;如果 n 为奇数,这个函数返回的矩阵的前 n 行(去掉虚拟选手的赛程)是我们结果矩阵,且如果矩阵中出现了大于 n 的数字,表明这一轮该选手轮空。为了方便观察,我们写如下函数:

```
def show_mat(mat, n):
    ...
    show the schedule matrix.

Parameters:
    mat -- the result matrix from the function roundRobin.
    n -- the number of players.

returns:
    None.
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We simply print the result in a beautified way.
'''

for i in range(n):
    x = list(array(mat[i,:], dtype = int))
    virtual = [i for i in range(len(x)) if x[i] > n]

    if len(virtual) > 0:
        x[squeeze(virtual)] = None # None implies no match that day

    print('The schedule for player', i + 1, 'is:', x)
```

简单看一下结果, 我们挑选了 n = 4k, 4k + 1, 4k + 2, 4k + 3 的多种样例:

```
The schedule for player 1 is: [None]
The schedule for player 1 is: [2, None, 3]
The schedule for player 2 is: [1, 3, None]
The schedule for player 3 is: [None, 2, 1]
The schedule for player 1 is: [2, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8, 5]
The schedule for player 2 is: [1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 5, 6]
The schedule for player 3 is: [4, 2, 1, 8, 5, 6, 7]
The schedule for player 5 is: [6, 8, 7, 4, 3, 2, 1]
The schedule for player 6 is: [5, 7, 8, 1, 4, 3, 2]
The schedule for player 7 is: [8, 6, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3]
The schedule for player 8 is: [7, 5, 6, 3, 2, 1, 4]
The schedule for player 1 is: [2, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, None, 9]
The schedule for player 3 is: [4, 2, 1, 8, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, None, 9, 10, 11]
The schedule for player 4 is: [3, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, None, 9, 10, 11, 12]
The schedule for player 5 is: [6, 8, 7, 4, 3, 2, 1, 14, 15, None, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]
The schedule for player 6 is: [5, 7, 8, 1, 4, 3, 2, 15, None, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]
The schedule for player 7 is: [8, 6, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, None, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
The schedule for player 8 is: [7, 5, 6, 3, 2, 1, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, None]
The schedule for player 9 is: [10, 12, 11, 14, 15, None, 13, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
The schedule for player 10 is: [9, 11, 12, 15, None, 13, 14, 1, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2]
The schedule for player 11 is: [12, 10, 9, None, 13, 14, 15, 2, 1, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3]
The schedule for player 12 is: [11, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, None, 3, 2, 1, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4]
The schedule for player 13 is: [14, None, 15, 12, 11, 10, 9, 4, 3, 2, 1, 8, 7, 6, 5]
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The schedule for player 14 is: [13, 15, None, 9, 12, 11, 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 8, 7, 6]

The schedule for player 15 is: [None, 14, 13, 10, 9, 12, 11, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 8, 7]

The schedule for player 1 is: [2, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]

The schedule for player 2 is: [1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 8]

The schedule for player 3 is: [4, 2, 1, 10, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 8, 9]

The schedule for player 4 is: [3, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 8, 9, 10]

The schedule for player 5 is: [6, 12, 7, 4, 3, 2, 1, 13, 14, 8, 9, 10, 11]

The schedule for player 6 is: [5, 7, 13, 1, 4, 3, 2, 14, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]

The schedule for player 7 is: [14, 6, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]

The schedule for player 8 is: [9, 11, 10, 13, 14, 1, 12, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2]

The schedule for player 10 is: [11, 9, 8, 3, 12, 13, 14, 2, 1, 7, 6, 5, 4]

The schedule for player 11 is: [10, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 4, 3, 2, 1, 7, 6, 5]

The schedule for player 13 is: [12, 14, 6, 8, 11, 10, 9, 8, 4, 3, 2, 1, 7]

The schedule for player 14 is: [7, 13, 12, 9, 8, 11, 10, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

Correctness checking

我们需要验证算法的正确性。 怎样的结果是正确的:

- 每一行的数字是 [1,n] 的不重复数字, 且数字中不含行数。
- 如果 n
- 对所有的 *i*, 如果

```
schedule[i,j] = k
```

就有

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schedule[k-1,j] = i+1
```

```
def check(mat, n):
    """
    To check the correctness of our algorithm
    """
    for i in range(n):
        b = inld(list(range(1, n+1)), mat[i,:])
        assert(squeeze(where(b == False)).shape == ())
        if squeeze(where(b == False)) != i:
            print(squeeze(where(b == False)))
            return False

        for j in range(mat.shape[1]):
            k = int(mat[i,j])
            if mat[k-1,j] != i+1:
                 print(i)
                  print(mat[k,j])
                  return False

return True
```

我们检验 n 在 1-100 范围内算法的正确性:

```
result = True
for i in range(1,100):
    result = result and check(roundRobin(i),i)
print(result)
```

True

这样, 我们认为我们的算法是正确的。