

Part 1

- (a) By way of contradiction, suppose false. Then there is a hard-worker H that gets a part time job Jp (which implies that a lazy worker L gets a full time job Jf). Since H now has a part time job, he must have proposed to all full-time jobs already, including Jf.

Case 1: H proposed to Jf before L did, then either Jf accepted H or Jf at that point has a more preferable employee. Either way, it is impossible for Jf to accept L later on.

Therefore this is a contradiction.

Case 2: H proposed to Jf after L does, then later in time Jf will definitely accept H (or someone who is more preferable than L) and abandon L, and L would not have had the job Jf when the algorithm terminates.

Thus, proved.

- (b)  $O(n!)$  \* time complexity of isStable()

The first man has  $n$  possible choices; the second man has  $n-1$  possible choices; the third man has  $n-2$  ..... Therefore, there will be  $n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 1 = n!$  possibilities. For each possibility, we also need to run isStable() to check if it's an acceptable solution, so we also need to multiply  $O(n^2)$  by its time complexity, which may vary depending on different implementations.

- (c) While there is a jobless worker W:

Look at the first Job, J, on W's preference list

If J is not taken:

pair (W, J)

Else if J is taken:

If J prefers W over its current worker W':

Pair (W, J)

W' becomes jobless

Else:

W remains jobless

- (d) Proof:

Suppose my algorithm doesn't work, and there is a pair (W, J) where W and J prefer each other over their current job/worker. Let W's current job be J' and J's current worker be W'.

Case 1: W' gets the job J before W proposes to job J.

Then when W proposes, J would abandon W' for W for sure, and W' would not be holding the job J when the algorithm terminates.

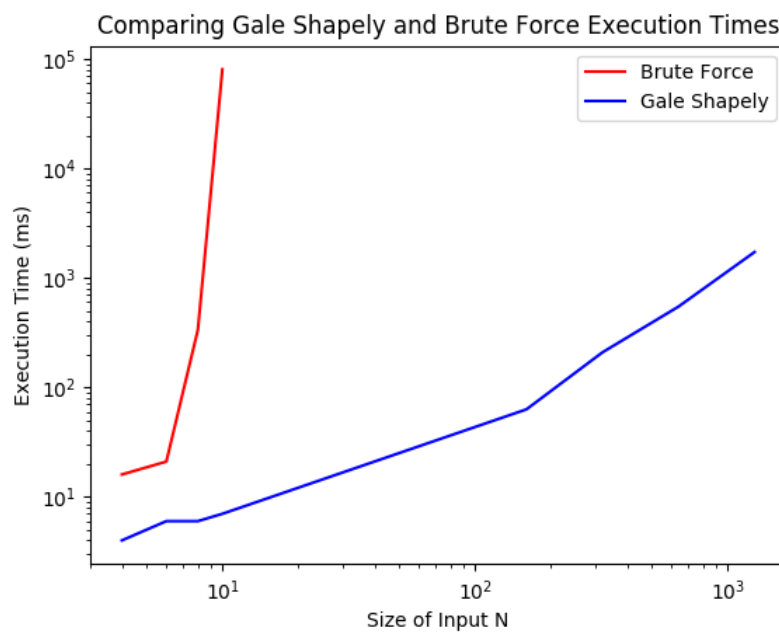
Case 2:  $W'$  gets the job  $J$  after  $W$  proposes to job  $J$ .

By the nature of the algorithm,  $J$ 's partner will only be more and more preferable as the algorithm executes. Therefore, there is no way  $J$  declined  $W$  and later accepted  $W'$ .

So the instability is impossible in both cases, therefore it's a contradiction. Thus proved.

(e) It is at most  $O(n^2)$ , because in the worst case,  $n$  workers would need to propose  $n$  times.

(f)



Part 4:

(a) No. Counter example:

Two workers and two jobs.

$W_1$  prefers  $J_1$  over  $J_2$

$W_2$  prefers  $J_1$  over  $J_2$

$J_1$  is indifferent between  $W_1$  and  $W_2$

$J_2$  is indifferent between  $W_1$  and  $W_2$

Then no matter what the matching is, one of the worker is going to be matched with  $J_2$ , although he prefers  $J_1$ . But  $J_1$  is indifferent between him and the other worker, so the matching is unstable by definition.

(b) Yes.

The proof is the same as Part 1 (d):

Suppose not true, then there is a pair  $(w, j)$  who prefers each other over their current partners  $j'$  and  $w'$ .

Case 1:  $w$  proposed to  $j$  before  $w'$  did. By the nature of the algorithm,  $j$ 's partner will only get more preferable, so there is no way  $j$  declines  $w$  and accepts  $w'$ , a contradiction.

Case 2:  $w$  proposed to  $j$  after  $w'$  did. Then  $w$  will at some point propose to  $j$ , and  $j$  will for sure abandon  $w'$  for  $w$ , since  $w$  is more preferable. But it did not, so there is a contradiction.

Thus proved.

- (c) Since there is not always a matching without any weak instability, I define stable as not having any strong instability.

My previous algorithm still works, because it prevents any sort of strong instability.

While there is a jobless worker  $W$ :

Look at the first Job,  $J$ , on  $W$ 's preference list

If  $J$  is not taken:

pair  $(W, J)$

Else if  $J$  is taken:

If  $J$  **strictly** prefers  $W$  over its current worker  $W'$ :

Pair  $(W, J)$

$W'$  becomes jobless

Else:

$W$  remains jobless