

Problem 1 (Greedy algorithm):-

Given a list  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  of distinct real numbers, & another list  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  of distinct real numbers, reorder the  $x_i$  into a new list  $x'_i$ , and reorder the  $y_i$  into a new list  $y'_i$ , such that

$$\text{minimize } \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x'_i - y'_i|.$$

Algorithm:- (1) Initially we select  $k$ th smallest element from the  $x$  &  $y$  list where  $k$  is representing the number of iteration

~~(2) We also have a variable  $\text{max\_difference}$  which has  $k$~~

(2) We will push <sup>corresponding</sup> selected element from step 1 to  $x'$  &  $y'$  at index  $k$  respectively. where  $x'$  &  $y'$  are new reordered list.

(3) Now we calculate difference  $|x'_k - y'_k|$  & store that difference into a variable, say  $\text{maxd}$

(a) Initially  $\text{maxd}$  is zero.

(b) if incoming difference is greater than current  $\text{maxd}$  value we update  $\text{maxd}$  with current  $|x'_k - y'_k|$  value.

(4) We run above steps till no element is present in  $x$  &  $y$  list.

## Time analysis, -

Step 1 :- Finding  $k$ th smallest elements from ~~array~~  $x$  &  $y$  list takes  $O(n)$  each, so overall step one take  $O(n)$  for one iteration.

Step 2 :- Pushing or inserting element at the end of array/list takes constant time  $O(1)$  (We know the size of list)

Step 3 :- updating max variable takes constant time.

Step 4 :- We are iterating this algorithm/above steps  $n$  times & step one is take  $O(n)$  time so overall time complexity

$$nO(n) = O(n^2)$$

$$\text{Time complexity} = O(n^2)$$

Definition :- we define our structure such as  $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_n, y_n)\}$  where  $x_i$  &  $y_i$  chosen from list  $x$  &  $y$  respectively &  $x_i$  &  $y_i$  is greater than  $x_{i-1}$  &  $y_{i-1}$  respectively



A structure  $\{(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_k, y_k)\}$  is a prefix subsequence of the structure  $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_n, y_n)\}$  where  $k \leq n$ .

### Lemma:-

Suppose  $S$  is a prefix subsequence which is contained in the optimal solution. Then  $S'$  be the solution which is produced by performing one step of greedy procedure which means augmenting the optimal solution  $S$ . means Appending  $k$ th smallest value from  $x$  &  $y$  to  $x'$  &  $y'$  respectively. So,  $S'$  produced ~~by greedy~~ must be contained in optimal solution.

Proof: Let  $S^*$  be a optimal solution that contain  $S$  as a prefix subsequence. Let  $x_i, y_i$  be the elements we appended to  $x'$  &  $y'$  such that  $x'_i$  &  $y'_i$  are the  $k$ th smallest element for that iteration  $k$ .

- (1) If  $S'$  is contained in  $S^*$  then, the lemma holds means  $S^*$  & <sup>our</sup> greedy solution has the same element  $x'_i$  &  $y'_i$ .
- (2) If  $S'$  is not contained in  $S^*$  <sup>means</sup>  $S^*$  has  $x'_{i+1}$  &  $y'_{i+1}$  at position  $i+1$  but  $S'$  has  $x'_{i+1}$  &  $y'_{i+1}$  at position  $i+1$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 S^A \quad \begin{array}{c|c} x_1 & \dots & x_i \\ \hline y_1 & \dots & y_i \end{array} & \begin{array}{c|c} x_{i+1} & \dots & x_k & \dots & x_n \\ \hline y_k & \dots & y_{i+1} & \dots & y_n \end{array} \\
 S' \quad \begin{array}{c|c} x & \dots & x_i \\ \hline y_1 & \dots & y_i \end{array} & \begin{array}{c|c} x_{i+1} & \dots & x_n \\ \hline y_{i+1} & \dots & y_n \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$S^A$  &  $S'$  agrees till here
                         
  $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$ 
 Disagree on  $y$  values

Now, we need to create a new solution  $\tilde{S}$  by swapping the position of  $y_k$  &  $y_{i+1}$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Position } i+1 \qquad \qquad \qquad k \\
 S^A \quad \begin{array}{c|c} x_{i+1} & \dots & x_k & \dots & x_n \\ \hline y_k & & y_{i+1} & & y_n \end{array} \\
 \tilde{S} \quad \begin{array}{c|c} x_{i+1} & \dots & x_k & \dots & x_n \\ \hline y_{i+1} & & y_k & & y_n \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Now, here we are able to conclude that our new solution  $\tilde{S}$  has terms that are differing from the optimal solution  $S^A$  is  $y_k$  &  $y_{i+1}$  at position  $i+1$  &  $k$ .

We know element at index  $k$  is greater than element at index  $i+1$  because we are selecting  $k^{\text{th}}$  smallest element. So,  $i+1$  is smaller than  $k$  (here  $k$  is referring to index which is coming after  $i+1$ ).  
 So, element  $x_k > x_{i+1}$  &  $y_k > y_{i+1}$ .



Now, if we get the difference of the terms here & we know that the difference of the solution  $\tilde{S}$  &  $S^*$  is not worse because at both instances the difference will always be  $\geq 0$ . This means that our new solution structure  $\tilde{S}$  is not worse than that of  $S^*$ .

Theorem:-

The greedy algorithm finds a optimal reordering  $x$  &  $y$  to  $x'$  &  $y'$  respectively.

- (1) Initially, an empty structure will always be a Prefix Subsequence of optimal solution.
- (2) Then By lemma & solution induction on the number of iteration  $S$  is still a Prefix subsequence of optimal solution  $S^*$ .
- (3) Since there are no more elements left ~~in  $x$  &  $y$~~  when the algorithm terminates, the solution  $S$  contains all of  $n$  elements in both  $x'$  &  $y'$ . So there can be no other solution that contains  $S$ .
- (4) Thus  $S$  is the optimal solution.