

The problem. Given sets of values $\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_n$ and h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n , find a plan of maximum value. (Such a plan will be called *optimal*.)

Example. Suppose $n = 4$, and the values of ℓ_i and h_i are given by the following table. Then the plan of maximum value would be to choose "none" in week 1, a high-stress job in week 2, and low-stress jobs in weeks 3 and 4. The value of this plan would be $0 + 50 + 10 + 10 = 70$.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
ℓ	10	1	10	10
h	5	50	5	1

- (a) Show that the following algorithm does not correctly solve this problem, by giving an instance on which it does not return the correct answer.

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For iterations  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
  If  $h_{i+1} > \ell_i + \ell_{i+1}$  then
    Output "Choose no job in week  $i$ "
    Output "Choose a high-stress job in week  $i+1$ "
    Continue with iteration  $i+2$ 
  Else
    Output "Choose a low-stress job in week  $i$ "
    Continue with iteration  $i+1$ 
  Endif
End

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To avoid problems with overflowing array bounds, we define $h_i = \ell_i = 0$ when $i > n$.

In your example, say what the correct answer is and also what the above algorithm finds.

Week	1	2	3	4
ℓ	10	1	10	10
h	50	5	5	1

for i to 4

1: choose 10 in week 1

2: choose 1 in week 2

3: choose 10 in week 3

4: choose 10 in week 4

$$10 + 1 + 10 + 10 = 31$$

is not optimal

correct is: $50 + 1 + 10 + 10 = 71$

- (b) Give an efficient algorithm that takes values for $\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_n$ and h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n and returns the value of an optimal plan.

define. $op(i)$: the optimal choice from week 1 to week i .

$$op(i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \leq 0 \\ \max(op(i-1) + \ell_i, op(i-2) + h_i) & i > 0 \end{cases}$$

pseudo code

for $i = -1$ to n

if $i \leq 0$ $op(i) = 0$

else $op(i) = \max(op(i-1) + l_i, op(i-2) + h_i)$

time complexity $O(n)$