



## WEEKLY LAB & HOMEWORK № 1: STABLE MATCHING

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COMP3010 Algorithm Design

Week 02

### Lab Practice Submission Instructions:

- This is an individual assessment and will typically be released at the start of the weekly lab session.
- Your program should work correctly on all inputs. If there are any specifications about how the program should be written (or how the output should appear), those specifications should be followed.
- Your code and functions/modules should be appropriately commented. Variables and functions should have meaningful names, and code should be organized into objects, functions, or methods where appropriate.
- Academic honesty is required in all work you submit to be graded. You should **NOT** copy or share your code with other students to avoid plagiarism issues.
- Your answers for the Theory questions should be in **PDF (.pdf)** format. It can be hand-written or typed using any program and format, as long as we can read and understand your answer. The file name should follow the format: ID\_WeekNumber\_Theory.pdf, e.g. V02023001\_Week1\_Theory.pdf
- Your answers for the Programming questions should be in **Python script (.py)** format. The file names should follow the format: ID\_WeekNumber\_Programming\_QNumber.py, e.g. V02023001\_Week1\_Programming\_Q2.py
- You should upload your Theory questions PDF and Python files for Programming problems to **Canvas**. You should submit all files **by the deadline** unless the instructor gave a specified deadline.
- Late submission of weekly homework without an approved extension will incur the following penalties:
  - (a) The instructor will deduct 25% per problem for each business day past the deadline.
  - (b) The penalty will be deducted until the maximum possible score for the homework reaches zero (0%) unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

## Theory Practice (14 pts)

### Question 1 (5 pts)

As a second-year student who has not yet been romantically involved with anyone, your best friend invites you to join a date with two other single individuals in hopes of sparking a potential romantic connection. You eagerly anticipate the event and prepare a list of your preferences, considering various scenarios. Each person involved in the date has their own preference list. Provide a scenario where there can be more than one set of couples that are stable over time.

### Question 2 (4 pts)

With the same circumstance as **Question 1** - you are still lonely, but you now join a more bigger dating event, held by a huge company. There would be many people there, let say  $N$  boys and  $N$  girls. The company choose to apply Gale-Shapley algorithm for matching couples. In the worst case, in which all the boys share the same preference list, how many iteration does it take so that everyone can find their soulmates?

### Question 3 (3 pts)

Consider a bipartite graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $X \cup Y = V$  and a set of weights  $W$  where  $w_{ab}$ ,  $a, b \in V$ . A matching  $M$  is stable if there do not exist edges  $(x, y), (x', y') \in M$  with  $x, x' \in X$  and  $y, y' \in Y$  such that  $w_{xy'} > w_{xy} \wedge w_{x'y} > w_{x'y'}$ . If  $M$  is stable, and all vertices in  $X$  shares the same set of weights to all vertices in  $Y$ , prove that  $M$  is unique.

### Question 4 (2 pts)

You're hosting your own student chess league where your univerisity team competes against another university. The first stage is in round-robin format. This means each player from one university plays every other player at the opposing university once. To do this, each player has to provide a priority list for which opponent they want to be playing on this given game. As an organizer, you must make sure that every player should be able to be matched with the top choice possible for their first game. Is it possible for there to be a set of players' preferences where you can randomly generate the schedule and still get a stable matching everytime? Justify your answer.

**Compile all your answers into a PDF and submit to Canvas.**

## Programming Practice (11 pts)

### Problem 1 (5 pts)

Given a stable matching problem of 2 groups A and B with  $n$  members each. A matching  $M$  is generated. Write a Python program that takes as input:

- $n$ : size of a stable matching problem,
- $P$ : set of preferences of size  $2n \times n$ ,
- $M$ : set of matching of size  $2n$ ,

And print whether the matching  $M$  is stable under the preferences set  $P$ . To simplify, you can assume the entries for  $P$  are always in sorted order of the members' names (see example below). The matching  $M$  is from the A group perspective (a pair  $X:Y$  means  $X$  from A is paired to  $Y$  from B). For example, if we have a stable matching problem with  $n = 3$ , and the preferences:

```
A1: B1 > B2 > B3
A2: B2 > B1 > B3
A3: B1 > B2 > B3
```

```
B1: A2 > A1 > A3
B2: A1 > A2 > A3
B3: A1 > A2 > A3
```

Given the matching  $M$ :  $\{A1:B3, A2:B2, A3:B1\}$ , the program should print `False`. For this example, the input for your program will look like:

```
>>> python V02023001_Week2_Programming_Q1.py
>>> 3
>>> B1 B2 B3
>>> B2 B1 B3
>>> B1 B2 B3
>>> A2 A1 A3
>>> A1 A2 A3
>>> A1 A2 A3
>>> A1 B3 A2 B2 A3 B1
False
```

Given the matching  $M$ :  $\{A1:B1, A2:B2, A3:B3\}$ , the program should print `True`. For this example, the input for your program will look like:

```
>>> python V02023001_Week2_Programming_Q1.py
>>> 3
>>> B1 B2 B3
>>> B2 B1 B3
```

```

>>> B1 B2 B3
>>> A2 A1 A3
>>> A1 A2 A3
>>> A1 A2 A3
>>> A1 B1 A2 B2 A3 B3
True

```

## Problem 2 (4 pts)

Now have to implement the algorithm itself based on the pseudocode provided during the lecture. Write a Python program that takes as input:

- $n$ : size of a stable matching problem,
- $P$ : set of preferences of size  $2n \times n$

and print out the list  $M$  represent for matched couples.  $M$  is produced by choosing the first  $n$  peoples as *proposers*, the iteration order is the same as the input order.

**Format.** The input format is **all** in integers, first people sets is indexed from  $0 \rightarrow (n - 1)$ , while the second group is from  $n \rightarrow (2n - 1)$ . The output  $M$  should be a list of matchings, in which element  $M[i] = k$  denote the matching of individual  $k$  from the first group with individual  $(i + n)$  from the second group. For example, if we have a stable matching problem with  $n = 4$ , and the preferences:

```

0: 6 > 4 > 5 > 7
1: 6 > 5 > 7 > 4
2: 7 > 6 > 4 > 5
3: 7 > 6 > 4 > 5

4: 1 > 0 > 3 > 2
5: 2 > 1 > 0 > 3
6: 0 > 1 > 2 > 3
7: 2 > 3 > 1 > 0

```

When selecting the first  $n$  peoples as *proposers* in the order  $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$ , the program should print  $[3, 1, 0, 2]$ . This corresponds to the matching: 3-4, 1-5, 0-6, 2-7. For this example, the input for your program will look like:

```

>>> python V02023001_Week2_Programming_Q2.py
>>> 4
>>> 6 4 5 7
>>> 6 5 7 4
>>> 7 6 4 5
>>> 7 6 4 5
>>> 1 0 3 2

```

```
>>> 2 1 0 3
>>> 0 1 2 3
>>> 2 1 3 0
[3, 1, 0, 2]
```

### Problem 3 (2 pts)

Let's take a more general approach to our Algorithm Design class, where we have  $N$  students and  $M$  ( $M < N$ ) Teaching Assistants. The subject material may be difficult for some students, so the Professors suggest assigning each TA to up to  $K$  students based on preferences of both the TAs and students. It's important to note that not all TAs know every student and may only have preferences for a subset of students, **and the same goes for students**.

To solve this problem, we need to extend the Gale-Shapley algorithm to find the best possible matches between TAs and students. There are some additional constraints to simplify the problem:

- Since students are the central of our class, students' preferences are the first to be considered.
- Matching should be done in the order of students preference' lists submission. (follow the read input sequence during implementation).
- If a student cannot find a stable match (can be owing to the TAs they choose do not listed him/her; or are coupled with other students and reach their capacities), he/she should be assigned the value of *"unmatch"*.

For example, suppose we have the input as follow:

Students:

```
C: V > M
H: M
A: V > M
B: V > P
J: P > M > V
```

TAs:

```
V: A > H
M: A > J > H > B
P: J > C > H > A > B
```

K: 2

Then the output should be a dictionary with keys are the students and their values are their assigned TA. In the above example is:

```
{
    'C': 'unmatch',
    'H': 'M',
```

```

    'A': 'V',
    'B': 'P',
    'J': 'P'
}

```

The input for your program would be in the following format:

- $N$  - number of students
- Next  $N$  lines are the students' preference lists, in which the 1st elements are the identities of the students themselves
- $M$  - number of TAs
- Next  $M$  lines are the TAs' preference lists, in which the 1st elements are the identities of the TAs themselves
- $K$  - TA's maximum capacity

For the above example, the input for your program will look like:

```

>>> python V02023001_Week2_Programming_Q3.py
>>> 5
>>> C V M
>>> H M
>>> A V M
>>> B V P
>>> J P M V
>>> 3
>>> V A H
>>> M A J H B
>>> P J C H A B
>>> 2
{'C': 'unmatch', 'H': 'M', 'A': 'V', 'B': 'P', 'J': 'P'}

```

#### Problem 4 (Optional - No CMS) (bonus 3 pts for serious attempt)

Suppose there are  $n$  sponsors and  $n$  tennis players who wish to be matched for sponsorship deals. Each sponsor has a list of their preferred players in strict order of preference based on their average viewership. However, in some cases, two or more players with similar viewership may be equally preferred by a sponsor. To handle ties, the sponsor decides to use the player's sponsorship rate to determine the order in which proposals are considered. Specifically, if a sponsor has two or more equally preferred players, they will propose to the player with the lowest sponsorship rate first.

**Create a Python file for each problem. Submit them to Canvas and CMS.**

## CMS Test Cases

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Problem 1:

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Case 1:

3

B1 B2 B3

B2 B1 B3

B1 B2 B3

A2 A1 A3

A1 A2 A3

A1 A2 A3

A1 B1 A2 B2 A3 B3

== Output ==

True

=====

Case 2:

1

B1

A1

A1 B1

== Output ==

True

=====

Case 3:

2

B1 B2

B2 B1

A1 A2

A2 A1

A1 B2 A2 B1

== Output ==

False

Case 4:

4

1 2 3 4

2 3 1 4

3 2 1 4

1 3 2 4

1 2 3 4

2 1 3 4

1 2 4 3

2 1 4 3

1 2 2 3 3 4 4 1

== Output ==

False

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Problem 2:

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Case 1:

4

7 5 4 6

4 6 7 5

7 5 6 4

6 5 4 7

0 1 3 2

2 1 3 0

3 1 2 0

2 3 1 0

== Output ==

[1, 0, 3, 2]

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Case 4:

5

9 8 7 6 5

8 9 7 6 5

6 8 5 7 9

7 8 6 5 9

5 8 9 7 6



```
0 3 1 4 2
1 2 0 4 3
1 4 3 0 2
3 0 4 1 2
0 1 4 3 2
== Output ==
[4, 2, 3, 1, 0]
```

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Case 5:

```
3
3 5 4
5 4 3
3 5 4
2 1 0
1 2 0
0 1 2
== Output ==
[2, 1, 0]
```

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Case 10:

```
4
6 5 7 4
7 5 6 4
5 7 6 4
7 5 6 4
2 3 0 1
0 1 3 2
3 0 2 1
0 2 3 1
== Output ==
[1, 0, 3, 2]
```

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Problem 3:

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Case 1:

```
3
```

D N  
A N  
J N  
2  
N A J  
S J D A  
4

== Output ==

{'D': 'unmatch', 'A': 'N', 'J': 'N'}

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Case 2:

6  
B S  
H S O  
C S O  
I O  
G S O  
D O  
2  
S I C  
O G  
3

== Output ==

{'B': 'unmatch', 'H': 'unmatch', 'C': 'S', 'I': 'unmatch', 'G': 'O', 'D': 'unmatch'}

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Case 7:

3  
I Q  
C Q U  
A U Q  
2  
U A I C  
Q A I C  
4

== Output ==

{'I': 'Q', 'C': 'Q', 'A': 'U'}

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Case 10:

3

H T

C P

F O

4

O C F H

T H C F

P F

U C F

4

== Output ==

{'H': 'T', 'C': 'unmatch', 'F': 'O'}