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(b)

(b) cannot guarantee the optimal solution. Here is a counterexample:  $t_1 = 3, w_1 = 3; t_2 = 1, w_2 = 2$ . According to this algorithm, we should place the first job first. However, when doing so, the result will be  $3 \times 3 + (3 + 1) \times 2 = 17$ ; When place the second job first, the result will be  $1 \times 2 + (1 + 3) \times 3 = 14$ , which is clearly better. Hence, this algorithm is not the case.

(c)

(c) is the case. **Proof:** Use the induction to prove its correctness.

Base case: number of jobs  $n = 1$ : There is only one solution, which has to be the optimal one.

Induction: When we add a job  $n + 1$  to the  $n$  jobs that are already arranged, according to the algorithm,  $w_{n+1}/t_{n+1} \leq w_i/t_i$  for  $i$  in  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , and  $(t_1 + \dots + t_n + t_{n+1}) \times w_{n+1}$  will be added to the result. Consider an alternative optimal solution  $j$  where exist  $k$  in  $1, 2, \dots, n$  that  $w_j/t_j > w_k/t_k$ , and  $(t_1 + \dots + t_n + t_j) \times w_j$  will be added to the result this time. If we replace  $n + 1$  by  $j$ , denote  $t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n$  as  $a$ , and the result will be changed by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (a + t_j)w_j - (a + t_{n+1})w_{n+1} \\
 = & t_j t_{n+1} \left( \frac{a(w_j - w_{n+1})}{t_j t_{n+1}} + \frac{w_j}{t_{n+1}} - \frac{w_{n+1}}{t_j} \right) \\
 = & t_j t_{n+1} (a + 1) \left( \frac{w_j}{t_{n+1}} - \frac{w_{n+1}}{t_j} \right) \\
 = & (a + 1) \left( \frac{w_j}{t_j} - \frac{w_{n+1}}{t_{n+1}} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Known that  $w_{n+1}/t_{n+1} < w_j/t_j$ , Equation (1) must be greater than 0, which means replacing  $n + 1$  by  $j$  makes the result worse (we need it to be as small as possible). So job  $n + 1$  should be the best one to be added. Hence, this algorithm is the case.