

- Greedy algorithm.

背包一共最多能装下w磅的东

西，如何装走最多价值的东

"Short-sighted".

西

Knapsack problem.

背包问题

Capacity: C (limit of total weight)

a set of items I : each item i has a weight w_i
and a value v_i

find a subset of items $I' \subseteq I$.

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i \in I'} w_i \leq C$$

$$\sum_{i \in I'} v_i \text{ is maximized}$$

Naive solution:

$\underbrace{\dots}_{i} \quad \checkmark \quad X$

$$|I| \cdot 2^{|I|}$$



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We select the most valuable item per unit weight.

Per unit value of i : $\frac{v_i}{w_i}$ 计算物件每磅的价值

Example: $C = 12$

$$\begin{array}{ll} w_1=8, v_1=16 & \frac{16}{8}=2 \\ w_2=6, v_2=10 & \frac{10}{6}<2 \\ w_3=6, v_3=8 & \frac{8}{6}<2 \\ w_4=5, v_4=7 & \frac{7}{5}<2 \end{array}$$

"pick the most valuable item first" 16

"pick the lightest item first" 15

"Greedy algorithm does not work all the time!!!"
但是失效了，因为背包还有空余空间未装满，
空闲空间降低了价值



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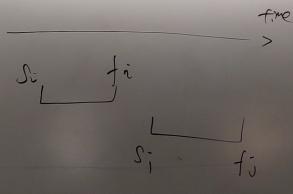
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Interval Scheduling problem. 活动选择问题

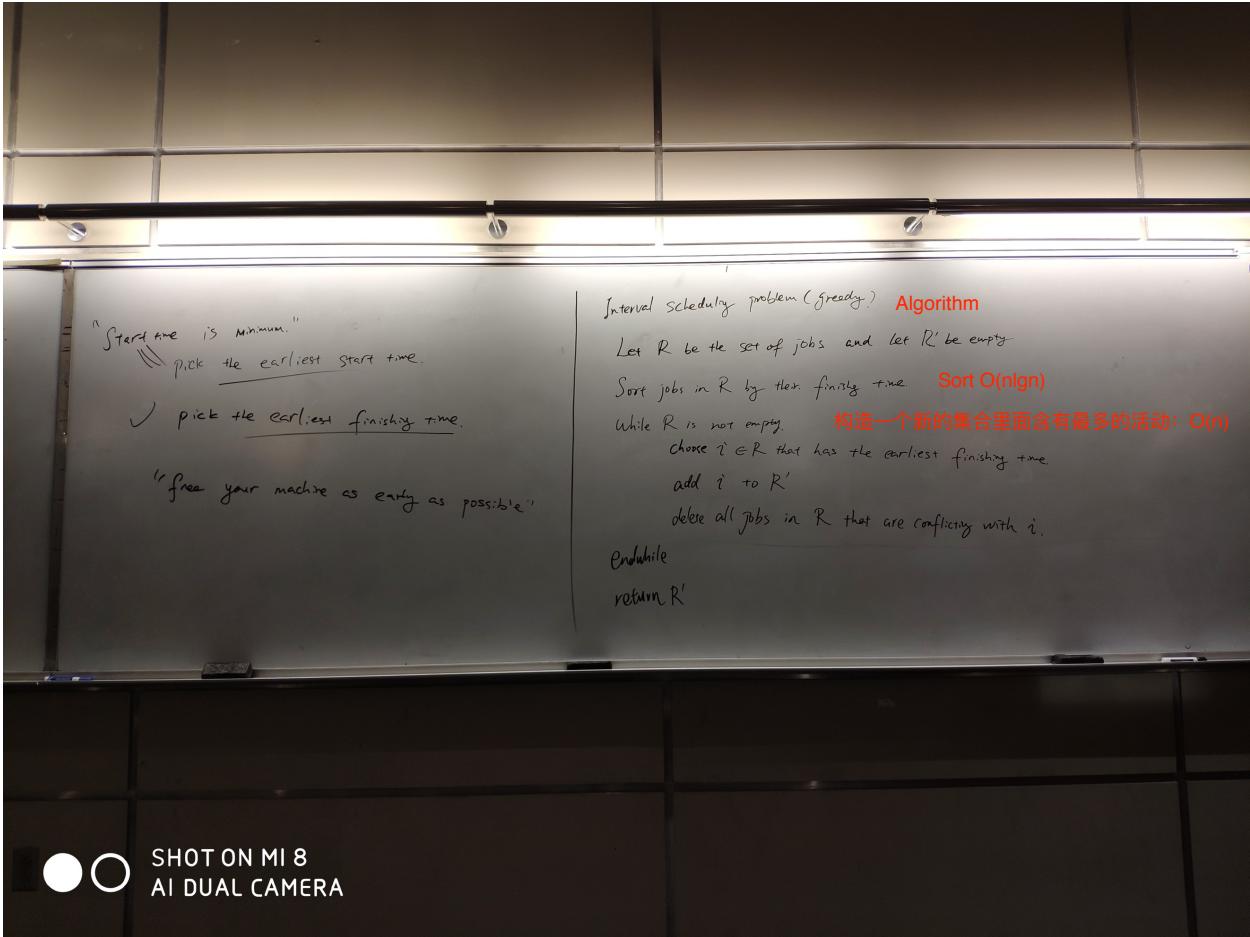
a set of tasks to execute: R .

for task $i \in R$, a start time s_i and a finish time f_i .

find a subset of tasks R' s.t. if $i, j \in R'$ then $f_i < s_j$ or $f_j < s_i$ and $|R'|$ is maximized



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贪心算法近似最优解，局部解和全局解

O : hypothetical algorithm that is optimal (non-greedy)

A : greedy algorithm. "Greedy algorithm stays ahead"

A \geq O "exchange argument"



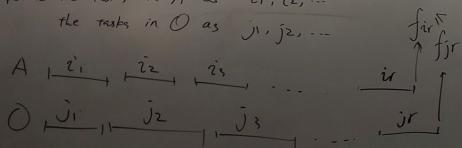
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Proof (correctness of the Interval Scheduling Solution).

Let A be a set of tasks picked by greedy algorithm.
Let O be a set of tasks picked by an optimal algorithm.

Denote the tasks in A as i_1, i_2, \dots

the tasks in O as j_1, j_2, \dots



Proposition: for all $r \leq |O|$, $f_{i_r} \leq f_{j_r}$. 对于在理论中的子集贪心算法完成时间小于等于理论完成时间

Proof (by induction).

base case: $f_{i_1} \leq f_{j_1}$ because the greedy algorithm always selects the task with the earliest finishing time to begin.

induction: we assume $f_{i_k} \leq f_{j_k}$ for $k \geq 1$
We will show $f_{i_{k+1}} \leq f_{j_{k+1}}$.

... $\downarrow f_{i_k}$... $\downarrow f_{j_k}$ A $f_{j_{k+1}}$
... $\downarrow f_{i_{k+1}}$... $\downarrow f_{j_{k+1}}$ O $f_{i_{k+1}}$

for $f_{j_{k+1}}$, we know $S_{j_{k+1}} > f_{j_k}$, and by the induction assumption we also have
 $(S_{j_{k+1}} \geq f_{j_k} \geq f_{i_k})$



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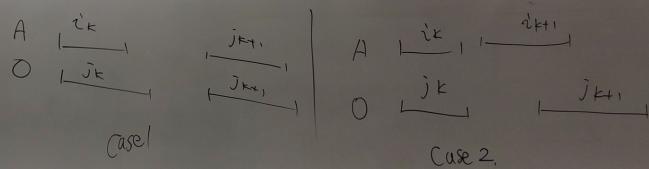
如何保证 $f_{j_{k+1}}$ 属于集合里

it means that the task $f_{j_{k+1}}$ is in the candidate task list from which A can pick from.

case 1: if A picks j_{k+1} then $f_{j_{k+1}} = f_{j_{k+1}}$

case 2. if not. it implies that there exists another task i'_{k+1} where $S_{i'_{k+1}} \geq S_{j_{k+1}}$ and $f_{i'_{k+1}} \leq f_{j_{k+1}}$
in this case $f_{i'_{k+1}} \in f_{j_{k+1}}$

(conclusion) ...



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证明贪心算法近似最优解在这个问题里面

Proposition: $|A| \geq |O|$

Proof: based on the previous proposition.

we have $f_{ir} \leq f_{jr}$ for all r .

Proof by contradiction. 矛盾法

if $|A| < |O|$, let $|O| = k$.

Since $f_{ik+1} \leq f_{jk+1}$,

we have $f_{ik+1} \leq f_{jk+1} < f_{jk}$.

So $|A|$ can also include j_k .

Contradicting with the assumption.

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induction: we assume $f_{ir} \leq f_{jr}$ for $k \geq 1$.
We will show $f_{ik+1} \leq f_{jk+1}$. property of "confliction free"

... $\downarrow f_{ik}$... $\downarrow f_{jk}$ $\downarrow f_{jk+1}$ A for f_{jk+1} , we know $S_{jk+1} > f_{jk}$, and by the induction assumption we also have $(S_{jk+1} > f_{jk} \geq f_{ik})$



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