
Algorithm 1 Job scheduling

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1: Sort the jobs in non-increasing order of profits:  $g_1 \geq g_2 \geq \dots \geq g_n$ 
2:  $d \leftarrow \max_i d_i$ 
3: for  $t : 1..d$  do
4:    $S(t) \leftarrow 0$ 
5: end for
6: for  $i : 1..n$  do
7:   Find the largest  $t$  such that  $S(t) = 0$  and  $t \leq d_i$ ,  $S(t) \leftarrow i$ 
8: end for
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Theorem 2.18. *The greedy solution to job scheduling is optimal. That is, the profit $P(S)$ of the schedule S computed by algorithm 1 is as large as possible.*

Lemma 2.19. *“ S is promising” is an invariant for the (second) for-loop in algorithm 1.*

Problem 2.21. *Why does lemma 2.19 imply theorem 2.18? (Hint: this is a simple observation).*

Proof. Assume that after every iteration of the second for loop, the result is promising. After the final iteration, S is still promising, but the only unscheduled tasks are those that cannot extend S at any time. S is promising but it cannot be extended, so it must be optimal.

Identically, assume the last addition made to the schedule is on iteration i . Before it was added, S_{i-1} was promising, and there was exactly 1 task which could extend it. Clearly the profit gained from scheduling this task is the same regardless of when it is scheduled, so every extension of S_{i-1} has the same profit, equal to that of S_i . \square