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**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  $S_{i-1}$  (i.e.  $S$  after  $i - 1$  iterations) is promising.

**Case 1:** If task  $i$  is not scheduled on iteration  $i$ , then there is no  $S'$  that extends  $S_{i-1}$  which schedules task  $i$ . But  $S_{i-1}$  is promising, so there is an optimal  $S'$  that extends  $S_{i-1}$ ; clearly the  $S'$  does not schedule task  $i$ , so “losing access” to task  $i$  does not change the fact that  $S_i = S_{i-1}$  is promising.

**Case 2:** If, on the other hand, task  $i$  is scheduled at time  $t_i$ , let  $S'_{i-1}$  be the optimal extension of  $S_{i-1}$ . If  $S'_{i-1}$  schedules task  $i$  at  $t_i$ , then we’re done. If  $t_i$  is scheduled at a different time  $t_0$ , then  $t_0 < t_i$ , as  $t_i$  was the latest available time for task  $i$ . So let  $S'_i$  be  $S'_{i-1}$ , but with the tasks at times  $t_i$  and  $t_0$  switched; we know task  $i$  may be moved to  $t_i$  as  $t_i$  is before  $d_i$ , and we know the task scheduled at  $t_i$  may be moved to  $t_0$  because  $t_0 < t_i$ . We have found an extension of  $S_i$  with the same cost as  $S'_{i-1}$ , and  $S'_{i-1}$  is optimal. Therefore,  $S_i$  is promising.  $\square$