

# CS180: Summer 2021

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Introduction to Algorithms and Complexity  
The Gale-Shapely Algorithm for Stable Matching

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# Logistics

- Homework 1 due Jul 2, 11:59 PM
- Submit to CCLE-Gradescope
- No homework this week

# Stable Matching Summary

**Stable matching problem.** Given preference profiles of  $n$  men and  $n$  women, find a **stable** matching.

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no man and woman prefer to be with  
each other than assigned partner

**Gale-Shapley algorithm.** Finds a stable matching in  $O(n^2)$  time.

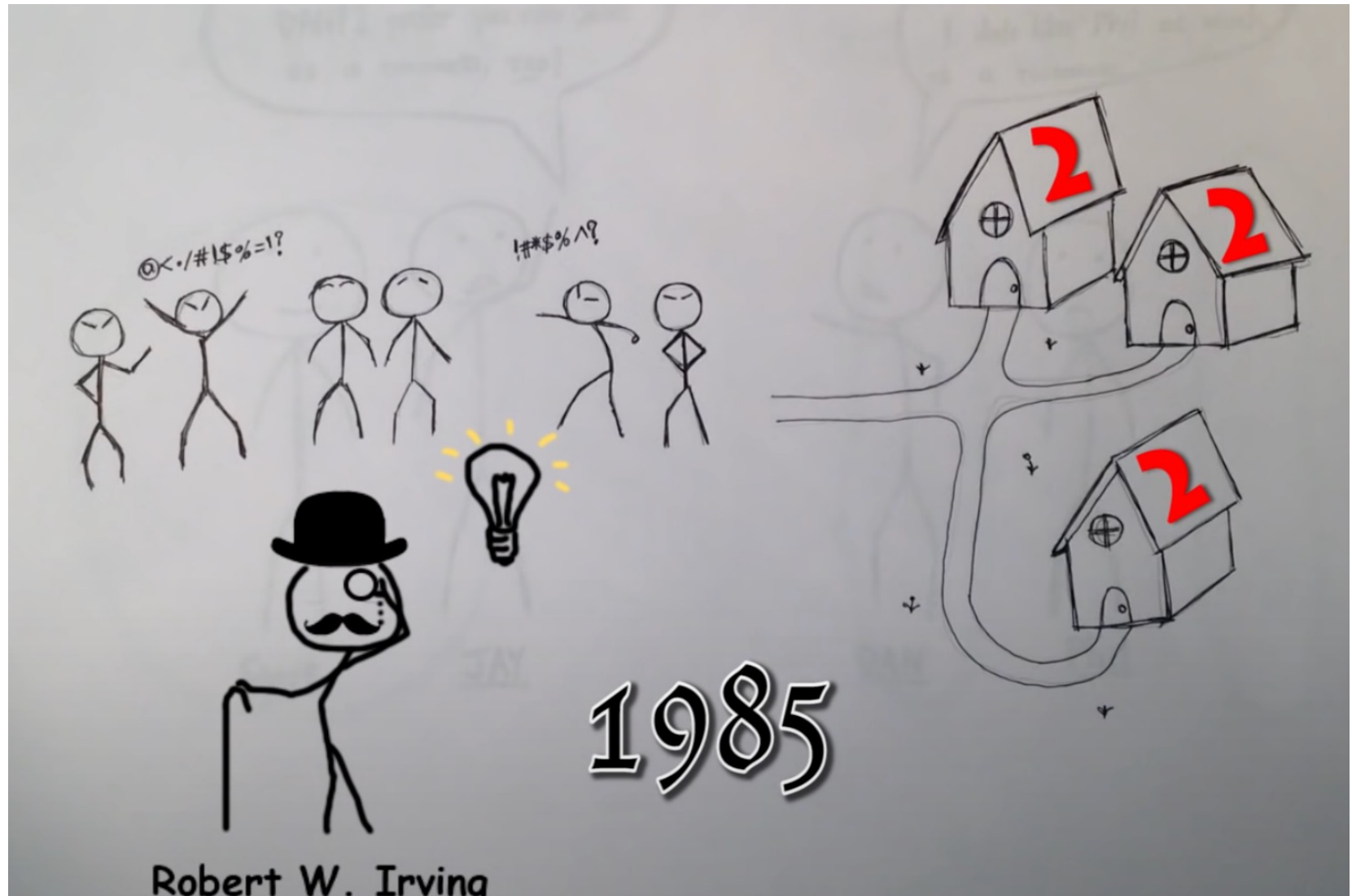
**Man-optimality.** In version of *GS* where men propose, each man receives best valid partner.

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 $w$  is a valid partner of  $m$  if there exist some  
stable matching where  $m$  and  $w$  are paired

# Roommate Matching and Uniqueness

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QLxAp8mRKo>
- Unique matching: <https://bit.ly/3gUfwvZ>

# Stable Roommate Matching



# Stage 1:

Everybody proposes to their favourite. Order does not matter.

Proposal recipients then pick their most best proposer and reject the rest.

Those who got rejected keep proposing until accepted.

If someone gets rejected by everyone else then no stable matching exists.

# Stage 2:

Everyone rejects those potential partners less desirable than their current accepted one.

# Stage 3:

Find a participant who has more than one choice.

Write their second preference  $X$ , then the last preference,  $Y$ , of  $X$ .

Repeat previous step until the starting player appears again.

Every second preference and last preference then reject symmetrically.

Do this until everybody has only one option.



## Conditions with no stable matching

A	B	C	M
B	C	A	M
C	A	B	M
M	A	B	C

## 2.2 Asymptotic Order of Growth

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# Asymptotic Order of Growth

**Upper bounds.**  $T(n)$  is  $O(f(n))$  if there exist constants  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 \geq 0$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  we have  $T(n) \leq c \cdot f(n)$ .

**Lower bounds.**  $T(n)$  is  $\Omega(f(n))$  if there exist constants  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 \geq 0$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  we have  $T(n) \geq c \cdot f(n)$ .

**Tight bounds.**  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(f(n))$  if  $T(n)$  is both  $O(f(n))$  and  $\Omega(f(n))$ .

**Ex:**  $T(n) = 32n^2 + 17n + 32$ .

- $T(n)$  is  $O(n^2)$ ,  $O(n^3)$ ,  $\Omega(n^2)$ ,  $\Omega(n)$ , and  $\Theta(n^2)$ .
- $T(n)$  is not  $O(n)$ ,  $\Omega(n^3)$ ,  $\Theta(n)$ , or  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

# Notation

**Slight abuse of notation.**  $T(n) = O(f(n))$ .

- Not transitive:
  - $f(n) = 5n^3$ ;  $g(n) = 3n^2$
  - $f(n) = O(n^3) = g(n)$
  - but  $f(n) \neq g(n)$ .
- Better notation:  $T(n) \in O(f(n))$ .

**Meaningless statement.** Any comparison-based sorting algorithm requires **at least  $O(n \log n)$  comparisons**.

- Statement doesn't "type-check."
- Use  $\Omega$  for lower bounds.

# Properties

## Transitivity.

- If  $f = O(g)$  and  $g = O(h)$  then  $f = O(h)$ .
- If  $f = \Omega(g)$  and  $g = \Omega(h)$  then  $f = \Omega(h)$ .
- If  $f = \Theta(g)$  and  $g = \Theta(h)$  then  $f = \Theta(h)$ .

## Additivity.

- If  $f = O(h)$  and  $g = O(h)$  then  $f + g = O(h)$ .
- If  $f = \Omega(h)$  and  $g = \Omega(h)$  then  $f + g = \Omega(h)$ .
- If  $f = \Theta(h)$  and  $g = O(h)$  then  $f + g = \Theta(h)$ .

# Asymptotic Bounds for Some Common Functions

**Polynomials.**  $a_0 + a_1n + \dots + a_dn^d$  is  $\Theta(n^d)$  if  $a_d > 0$ .

**Polynomial time.** Running time is  $O(n^d)$  for some constant  $d$  independent of the input size  $n$ .

**Logarithms.**  $O(\log_a n) = O(\log_b n)$  for any constants  $a, b > 0$ .



can avoid specifying the  
base

**Logarithms.** For every  $x > 0$ ,  $\log n = O(n^x)$ .



log grows slower than every polynomial

**Exponentials.** For every  $r > 1$  and every  $d > 0$ ,  $n^d = O(r^n)$ .



every exponential grows faster than every polynomial

# Special functions

## Polynomial $O(n^a)$ , $a$ independent of $n$

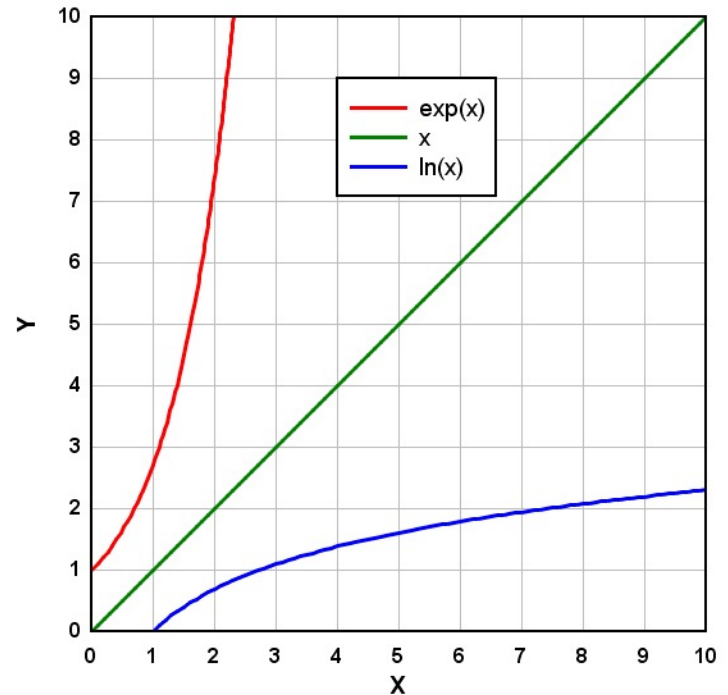
- $O(n)$  linear
- $O(n^2)$  quadratic
- $O(n^3)$  cubic
- $O(\log n)$  logarithms

-  $O(\log n) = O(n^\epsilon)$

logarithms grow more slowly than polynomial

## Nonpolynomial

- $O(n!)$ ,  $O(3^n)$



# Practice

$2n$	
$2n + 3$	
$2n + 10,000,000,000$	
$2n - 10,000,000,000$	
$3n^2 + 2n + 3$	
$3n^2 + 10000000000n + 3$	
$2 \log(n)$	
$2 \log_{100}(n)$	
$2n + \log(n)$	
$3^n + n^{100}$	

$$\log_a b = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$$



# Practice

$2n$	$O(n)$
$2n + 3$	$O(n)$
$2n + 10,000,000,000$	$O(n)$
$2n - 10,000,000,000$	$O(n)$
$3n^2 + 2n + 3$	$O(n^2)$
$3n^2 + 10000000000n + 3$	$O(n^2)$
$2 \log(n)$	$O(\log(n))$
$2 \log_{100}(n)$	$O(\log(n))$
$2n + \log(n)$	$O(n)$
$3^n + n^{100}$	$O(3^n)$

$$\log_a b = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$$

## Practice

2. Suppose you have algorithms with the six running times listed below. (Assume these are the exact number of operations performed as a function of the input size  $n$ .) Suppose you have a computer that can perform  $10^{10}$  operations per second, and you need to compute a result in at most an hour of computation. For each of the algorithms, what is the largest input size  $n$  for which you would be able to get the result within an hour?
- (a)  $n^2$
  - (b)  $n^3$
  - (c)  $100n^2$
  - (d)  $n \log n$
  - (e)  $2^n$
  - (f)  $2^{2^n}$

# Practice

One hour:  $3.6 * 10^{13}$  operations

$n^2$	6,000,000
$n^3$	33019
$100n^2$	600,000
$n \log n$	$1.29 * 10^{12}$ (different results for different base)
$2^n$	45
$n^{2^n}$	5