

# INTERVAL SCHEDULING $O(n \lg n)$

FASTALG(I) :

$O(n \lg n) \rightarrow$

- SORT THE INTERVALS BY FINISHING TIME
- LET  $I = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$  S.T.  $f(I_1) \leq f(I_2) \leq \dots \leq f(I_n)$
- $T \leftarrow -\infty$  // TIME AT WHICH THE LAST INTERVAL WE SCHEDULED ENDS
- $S \leftarrow \emptyset$

$O(n) \rightarrow$

- FOR  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$
- IF  $s(I_i) \geq T$ :
- $S \leftarrow S \cup \{I_i\}$
- $T \leftarrow f(I_i)$

- RETURN S

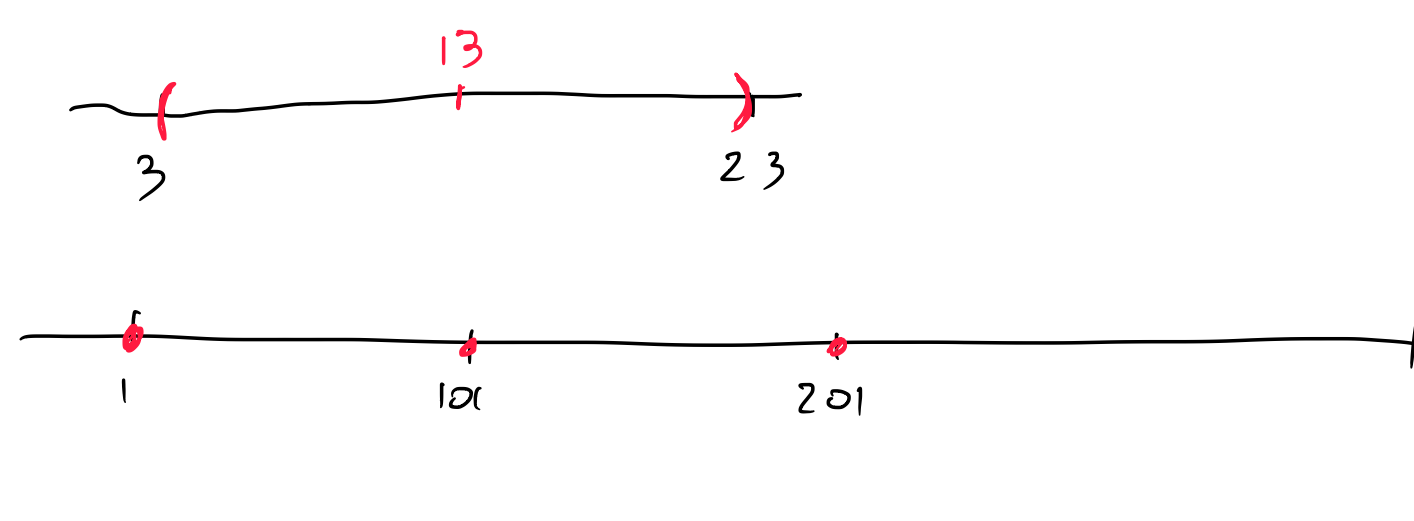
$$O(n \lg n) + O(n) \leq c n \lg n + c' n \leq (c+c') n \lg n = O(n \lg n)$$

## INTERVAL PARTITIONING

EX.: CONSIDER A RECTILINEAR ROAD OF  $L$  KMS.

ALONG THE ROAD THERE ARE  $K$  HOUSES, THE  $i$ -TH OF WHICH LIES AT KM  $d_i$ .

A GSM COMPANY WANTS TO INSTALL ANTENNAS SO TO COVER EACH HOUSE WITH ITS GSM NETWORK. IF AN ANTENNA COVERS A RADIUS 10KMS, WHAT IS THE SMALLEST NUMBER OF ANTENNAS THAT HAVE TO BE INSTALLED?



INPUT:  $d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n, R$

- SORT THE  $d_i$ 's :  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq d_3 \leq \dots \leq d_n$
- $ANT = []$
- FOR  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$
- IF  $LEN(ANT) = 0$  OR  $(ANT[-1] + R < d_i)$ :
- ANT.APPEND( $d_i + R$ )
- RETURN  $LEN(ANT)$

LET  $O = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m\}$  BE AN OPTIMAL SOLUTION WITH  $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2 \leq \dots \leq \sigma_m$ .

LET  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  BE THE SOLUTION PRODUCED BY OUR GREEDY ALGORITHM

(WE WANT TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF ANTENNAS)

L1: A IS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

THUS,  $|A| \geq |O|$  (OR  $k \geq m$ ).

(EXCHANGE LEMMA)

L2: SUPPOSE THAT, FOR SOME  $j \leq m-1$ , WE HAVE THAT  $e_1 = \sigma_1, e_2 = \sigma_2, \dots, e_j = \sigma_j$ . THEN,  $e_{j+1} \leq e_{j+1}$ , AND  $O_{j+1} = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_j, e_{j+1}, \sigma_{j+2}, \dots, \sigma_m\}$  IS AN OPTIMAL SOLUTION.

P: LET  $i$  BE THE INDEX OF THE FIRST (THE LEFTMOST HOUSE) NOT COVERED BY  $e_1, \dots, e_j$ .

THEN,  $e_{j+1} = d_i + R$ . (GREEDY INSTALLS AN ANTENNA IN POSITION  $d_i + R$ ).

RECALL THAT  $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2 \leq \dots \leq \sigma_m$ . THEN, HOUSE  $i$  IS COVERED BY SOME  $\sigma_\ell \in O$ , FOR  $\ell \geq j+1$ .

BUT, THEN,  $\sigma_{j+1} \leq \sigma_\ell \leq d_i + R = e_{j+1}$ .

THE SET  $O_{j+1}$  IS JUST SOLUTION  $O$  WITH ITS  $(j+1)$ TH ANTENNA MOVED FROM POSITION  $\sigma_{j+1}$  TO  $e_{j+1}$ .

BUT THEN, MOVING THE  $(j+1)$ TH ANTENNA FROM POSITION  $\sigma_{j+1}$  TO  $e_{j+1} \geq \sigma_{j+1}$ ,

- (i) DOES NOT UNCOVER ANY OF THE FIRST  $i-1$  HOUSES;
- (ii) KEEPS HOUSE  $i$  COVERED ( $e_{j+1} = d_i + R$ , SO  $e_{j+1} - d_i \leq R$ );
- (iii) DOES NOT UNCOVER ANY OF THE HOUSES  $i+1, i+2, \dots, n$ .

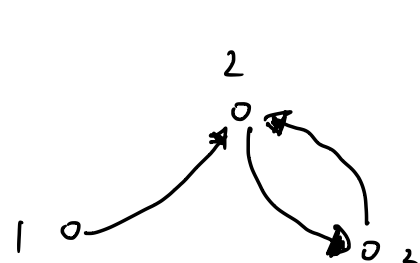
THUS,  $O_{j+1}$  IS STILL A VALID SOLUTION (IT COVERS ALL THE HOUSES). MOREOVER  $|O_{j+1}| = |O| = m$ . QD

T: A IS AN OPTIMAL SOLUTION (GREEDY ALWAYS RETURNS AN OPTIMAL SOLUTION).

## (DIRECTED) GRAPH

A (DI) GRAPH  $G(V, E)$  IS COMPOSED OF A SET OF VERTICES  $V$  AND OF A SET OF ARCS  $E$ , WITH

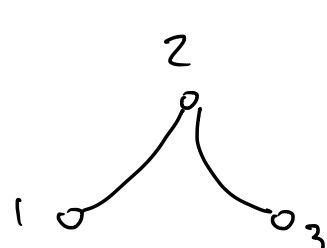
$$E \subseteq \{(v, w) \mid v \neq w \text{ AND } v, w \in V\}$$



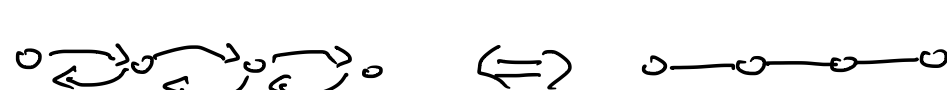
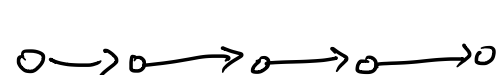
$E = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$   
CAN I GO FROM 1 TO 3? YES  
1  $\rightarrow$  2  $\rightarrow$  3  
CAN I GO FROM 3 TO 1? NO!

AN UNDIRECTED GRAPH  $G(V, E)$  IS COMPOSED OF A SET OF NODES  $V$  AND OF A SET OF EDGES  $E$ , WITH

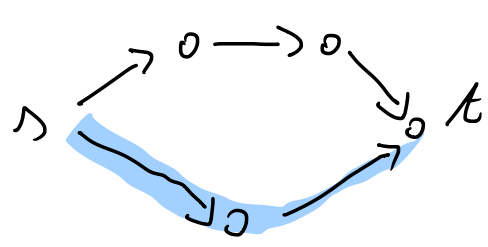
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3  $\rightarrow$  2  $\rightarrow$  1



A WEIGHTED DIGRAPH IS A DIRECTED GRAPH  $G(V, E)$  EQUIPPED WITH A FUNCTION  $\ell: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ . ( $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ AND } x \geq 0\}$ )



$v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k$  IS A PATH  
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HOW TO FIND THE SHORTEST PATH FROM VERTEX 1 TO VERTEX 6?

DEF: GIVEN  $G(V, E)$ , A PATH FROM  $s \in V$  TO  $t \in V$  IS A SEQUENCE OF NODES  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  (WITH  $v_1 = s$  AND  $v_k = t$ ) SUCH THAT  $(v_1, v_2) \in E$  AND  $(v_2, v_3) \in E$  AND  $\dots$  AND  $(v_{k-1}, v_k) \in E$ .

DEF: IF  $G(V, E)$ ,  $\ell$  IS A WEIGHTED GRAPH AND IF  $\pi = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  IS A PATH IN  $G(V, E)$ , THE LENGTH OF  $\pi$  IS EQUAL TO  $\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \ell((v_i, v_{i+1}))$ .