

# Homework 6

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## 1. Pseudocode:

GreedyColoring( $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$ ):

Sort the numbers  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  in increasing order

Initialize an empty list `usedPens` to keep track of the green pens used

while there are still uncolored points do:

Let  $m$  be the leftmost uncolored point that has not been covered by any previous pen

Use a magical green pen at the coordinate  $m$

Add this pen to `usedPens`

Mark all the points in the range  $[m - 5, m + 5]$  as colored (if not already colored)

return `usedPens`

## Algorithm:

1. Initialize an empty list to keep track of the green pens used.
2. While there are still uncolored points, do the following: a. Select the leftmost uncolored point ( $m$ ) that has not been covered by any previous pen. b. Use a magical green pen at the coordinate  $m$ . c. Add this pen to the list of used pens. d. Mark all the points in the range  $[m - 5, m + 5]$  as colored (if not already colored).

## Proving the correctness of the algorithm:

Let's use the exchange argument to prove the correctness of this algorithm. The exchange argument is a common technique used to prove the optimality of a greedy algorithm.

Assume that there exists an optimal solution ( $opt$ ) that uses fewer pens than our greedy solution.

Let `opt_pens` be the set of magical pens used in the optimal solution  $opt$ . Now, consider the first point  $m'$  in our greedy solution that differs between our solution and  $opt$ . This point must exist since  $opt$  is different from our greedy solution.

Let `pen_greedy` be the magical green pen we used to color  $m'$  in our greedy solution.

Since  $m'$  is the leftmost uncolored point, and `opt` is an optimal solution, there must exist a `pen_opt` in `opt_pens` that colors  $m'$ .

Now, consider the earliest point  $m''$  (can be the same as  $m'$ ) that `pen_greedy` covers in our solution. The `pen_opt` in the `opt_pens` must also color  $m''$  since it colors all points in  $[m'' - 5, m'' + 5]$ .

Now, consider the range  $[m' - 5, m' + 5]$ . Since `pen_greedy` colors all points in this range, it also colors  $m''$ . However, since `opt` is an optimal solution, there must be a `pen_opt'` in `opt_pens` that colors all points in this range.

Since both `pen_opt` and `pen_opt'` color the same range and `pen_opt'` colors  $m''$ , we can swap `pen_opt'` and `pen_greedy` without affecting the coverage of points. After this exchange, our greedy solution still colors all points, and we use one fewer pen (`pen_opt'`) than before.

By repeating this process and making exchanges, we can convert the entire greedy solution into the optimal solution `opt` while using one fewer pen in each exchange. But this contradicts the assumption that `opt` is an optimal solution that uses fewer pens than our greedy solution.

Hence, there cannot exist an optimal solution that uses fewer pens than our greedy solution, and our greedy solution is optimal.

### **Runtime Complexity:**

The runtime complexity of this algorithm depends on the number of points and the number of pens used.

Let  $n$  be the number of points on the number line, and let  $k$  be the number of pens used in the solution.

1. Finding the leftmost uncolored point can be done in  $O(n)$  time since the points are sorted.
2. Coloring all the points in a range  $[m - 5, m + 5]$  takes  $O(1)$  time for each pen.
3. We might use up to  $n$  pens (one for each point), so the overall runtime complexity is  $O(n)$ .

In summary, the algorithm runs in  $O(n)$  time complexity.

## 2. Pseudocode:

```
GreedyCakeScheduling(cakes):
# Calculate the completion time for each cake
for each cake Ci in cakes:
    Ci.completion_time = Ci.baking_time + Ci.decoration_time

# Sort the cakes in increasing order of completion time
Sort(cakes, by=completion_time)

# Initialize the schedule list
schedule = empty list

# Initialize the time at which the oven is available
oven_available_time = 0

# Schedule the cakes
for each cake Ci in cakes:
    # Determine the time when the oven will be available for this cake
    available_time = max(oven_available_time, Ci.completion_time -
Ci.baking_time)

    # Update the oven_available_time for the next iteration
    oven_available_time = available_time + Ci.baking_time

    # Add the cake to the schedule
    schedule.append((Ci, available_time))

return schedule
```

### Algorithm:

1. Create a list of tasks, where each task  $C_i$  is represented by its index  $i$ , baking time  $B_i$ , and decoration time  $D_i$ .
2. Calculate the completion time for each task, which is the sum of its baking time  $B_i$  and decoration time  $D_i$ .
3. Sort the tasks in increasing order of completion time.
4. Initialize a list of scheduled tasks, **schedule**, as an empty list to keep track of the order in which we schedule the cakes.
5. Iterate over the sorted tasks, and for each task  $C_i$ , do the following: a. If the oven is not currently busy (no cake is baking), schedule this task in the oven for baking. b. If the oven is busy, calculate the time at which the oven will be available again (time of completion of the cake

currently baking) and schedule this task in the oven to start baking at that time. c. Add this task  $C_i$  to the **schedule** list.

### **Proving the correctness of the algorithm using the Interval Scheduling technique:**

Let's assume that there exists an optimal schedule **opt\_schedule** that finishes all the cakes in a shorter overall time than our greedy schedule **schedule**.

Consider the first task  $C_i$  in our greedy schedule that differs between **schedule** and **opt\_schedule**. This task must exist since **opt\_schedule** is different from our greedy schedule.

Now, let's consider the first time of completion of a cake in our greedy schedule **schedule**, say  $t_{\text{greedy}}$ .

In the optimal schedule **opt\_schedule**, there must exist a cake  $C_j$  that is scheduled to complete at or before time  $t_{\text{greedy}}$ . This is because **opt\_schedule** is an optimal schedule, and there must be some cake that finishes earlier or at the same time as the first cake in our greedy schedule.

Let's consider two cases:

1. If  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  are the same cake: If  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  are the same cake, they have the same baking time  $B_i$  and decoration time  $D_i$ . In this case, our greedy schedule **schedule** and the optimal schedule **opt\_schedule** are identical up to this point. Since the schedules are identical up to this point and the subsequent tasks are the same in both schedules, the overall time for both schedules will be the same. This contradicts the assumption that **opt\_schedule** finishes in a shorter overall time.
2. If  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  are different cakes: Since  $C_j$  is scheduled to complete at or before  $t_{\text{greedy}}$  in the optimal schedule **opt\_schedule**, we can swap the scheduling of  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  in the **schedule** without affecting the completion time of any other cakes in the schedule. By doing this, we will have scheduled  $C_i$  earlier, and the time for **schedule** will be the same or shorter than that of **opt\_schedule**. This contradicts the assumption that **opt\_schedule** finishes in a shorter overall time.

In both cases, we have reached a contradiction, proving that our greedy schedule **schedule** is at least as good as the optimal schedule **opt\_schedule**

### **Runtime complexity:**

1. Calculating the completion time for each cake takes  $O(n)$  time, where  $n$  is the number of cakes. This is because it involves a simple addition of the baking time and decoration time for each cake, which is a constant-time operation for each cake.
2. Sorting the cakes based on completion time takes  $O(n \log n)$  time using efficient sorting algorithms like merge sort or quicksort.
3. Iterating over the sorted tasks takes  $O(n)$  time.
4. Scheduling each cake takes constant time  $O(1)$ .

Therefore, the overall runtime complexity of the algorithm is dominated by the sorting step, resulting in  $O(n \log n)$  time complexity.

### 3. Pseudocode:

```
function isGreedyOptimal(greedy_solution G, optimal_solution O):
    n = length(G)
    for k = 1 to n do
        di = G[k] // Job di at position k in the greedy solution
        l = positionOf(di, O) // Find the corresponding position l in the
        optimal solution where di is placed

        // Calculate profits in the greedy solution
        profit_greedy_di = di * (n - k)
        dj = G[l]
        profit_greedy_dj = dj * (n - l)

        // Calculate profits in the optimal solution
        profit_optimal_di = di * (n - l)
        dj = O[k]
        profit_optimal_dj = dj * (n - k)

        // Check if di > dj and if the inequalities hold
        if di > dj and profit_greedy_di > profit_greedy_dj and
        profit_optimal_di > profit_optimal_dj:
            // The inequalities hold, so swapping jobs between positions k and
            l will not increase total profit
            continue
        else:
            // The inequalities do not hold, so the greedy strategy is not
            optimal
            return false

    // If the loop completes without finding any violations, the greedy
    strategy is optimal
    return true
```

### Proof by Exchange Argument:

Assume that there exists an arbitrary position  $k$  in the greedy solution  $G$ , where  $d_i$  is placed at position  $k$ . Let  $l$  be the corresponding position in the optimal solution  $O$  where job  $d_i$  is placed.

We can see the following observations:

In the greedy solution G:

The profit contributed by  $d_i$  at position  $k$  is  $d_i * (n - k)$ .

The profit contributed by  $d_j$  at position  $l$  is  $d_j * (n - l)$ .

Since  $d_i > d_j$  (due to the decreasing order of difficulties in G), we have  $d_i * (n - k) > d_j * (n - l)$ .

In the optimal solution O:

The profit contributed by  $d_i$  at position  $l$  is  $d_i * (n - l)$ .

The profit contributed by  $d_j$  at position  $k$  is  $d_j * (n - k)$ .

Since  $d_i > d_j$  (due to the decreasing order of difficulties in G), we have  $d_i * (n - l) > d_j * (n - k)$ .

Now, let's consider the swap of job  $d_i$  and job  $d_j$  between positions  $k$  and  $l$ :

In the greedy solution G after the swap:

The profit contributed by  $d_i$  at position  $l$  is  $d_i * (n - l)$ .

The profit contributed by  $d_j$  at position  $k$  is  $d_j * (n - k)$ .

In the optimal solution O after the swap:

The profit contributed by  $d_i$  at position  $k$  is  $d_i * (n - k)$ .

The profit contributed by  $d_j$  at position  $l$  is  $d_j * (n - l)$ .

Since  $d_i * (n - l) > d_j * (n - k)$  and  $d_i * (n - k) > d_j * (n - l)$  (as derived from the observations above), we can conclude that swapping job  $d_i$  with job  $d_j$  between positions  $k$  and  $l$  will not increase the total profit in either solution.

Thus, for any arbitrary position  $k$  in the greedy solution G and its corresponding position  $l$  in the optimal solution O, swapping the jobs at these positions will not increase the total profit. Therefore, the greedy strategy is optimal, and completing jobs in decreasing order of difficulty maximizes the sum of profits.