

5. [7 points] *Dynamic programming.*

Suppose  $n$  jobs, numbered  $1, \dots, n$  are to be scheduled on a single machine. Job  $j$  takes  $t_j$  time units, has an integer deadline  $d_j$ , and a profit  $p_j$ . The machine can process only one job at a time and each job must be processed without interruption (for its  $t_j$  time units). A job  $j$  that finishes before its deadline  $d_j$  receives profit  $p_j$ , while a tardy job receives no profit (and might as well not have been scheduled). Give an efficient algorithm to find a schedule that maximizes total profit. You may assume that the  $t_j$  are integers in the range  $[1, n]$ . You should be able to come up with an  $O(n^3)$  algorithm if you make the right observation about the maximum relevant deadline.

**Answer:**

Given  $n$  jobs such that -

$t_j$  is time required to complete  $j^{th}$  job,  $t_j \in [1 \dots n]$ ,

$d_j$  is integer deadline for  $j^{th}$  job,

$p_j$  is profit earned after  $j^{th}$  job is completed.

Let  $D$  be the deadline time for which we have to schedule jobs and earn maximum profit.

It is safe to say that  $D \geq \text{Maximum value of the deadlines}$ .

For each job, we have to decide whether it is part of the final solution or not. As we include this job, we add its profit  $p_j$  to the overall profit earned,  $p$ , and decrease the deadline  $D$  by  $t_j$ .

Thus for each  $j^{th}$  job, we chose -

$\max(\text{profit if job is not included}, \text{profit if job is included}) \dots$  which takes  $O(2^n)$

To solve this dynamically, we break this recurrence and we create a matrix  $profit[0 \dots n][1 \dots D]$ , where  $profit[j][k]$  is given by -

$$profit[j][k] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j = 0, k \leq t_j, k \geq d_j \\ \max(profit[j-1][k-1], profit[j-1][k-t_j] + p_j), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$0 \leq j \leq n, \quad 1 \leq k \leq D$$

and the jobs are sorted in non-decreasing order of their deadlines.

Since our task is to find the schedule that maximizes total profit, we create another matrix  $job[1 \dots n][1 \dots D]$ , where  $job[j][k]$  is given by -

$$job[j][k] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } profit[j-1][k-1] \leq profit[j-1][k-t_j] + p_j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hence, the algorithm looks like -

Algorithm( $n$ ,  $t[]$ ,  $p[]$ ,  $d[]$ ,  $D$ )

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    sortDeadlines( $t[]$ ,  $p[]$ ,  $d[]$ ); ...takes  $O(n \lg n)$ 

    for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$ , do
        for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $D$ , do
            if  $j = 0$  OR  $k \leq t[j]$  OR  $k \geq d[j]$ 
                profit[j][k]  $\leftarrow 0$ 

            else if (profit[j-1][k-1]  $\leq$ 
                    profit[j-1][k-t[j]] + p[j]) then
                ...takes  $O(nD)$ 
                profit[j][k]  $\leftarrow$  profit[j-1][k-t[j]] + p[j]
                job[j][k]  $\leftarrow 1$ 

            else
                profit[j][k]  $\leftarrow$  profit[j-1][k-1]
                job[j][k]  $\leftarrow 0$ 

        for  $j \leftarrow n$  down to 1, do ...takes  $O(n)$ 
            if job[j][D] = 1
                schedule job j
                D  $\leftarrow D - t[j]$ 

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end

Among the 3 stages, the second stage grows the fastest, and hence the algorithm is  $O(nD)$ , where  $n$  is # of Jobs, and  $D$  is overall deadline.

In the worst case, the first job can take  $n$  units, similarly the second job can take  $n$  units, and so on. Thus the deadline  $D$  has to be atleast  $n * n$ , so that all  $n$  jobs (with  $n$  runtime) have equal chance to be scheduled.

Hence, in this case, the algorithm behaves like  $O(n^3)$ .