CS 170 Algorithms
Fall 2012 Satish Rao HW 8

## Due November 1, 6:00pm

- 1. (20 pts.) Problem 6.4 (Corrupted text document)
- 2. (20 pts.) Problem 6.14 (Cutting cloth)
- 3. (20 pts.) Problem 6.20 (Optimal binary search tree)
- 4. (20 pts.) Problem 6.29 (Exon chaining)
- 5. (20 pts.) Timesheets Part 2

Recall problem 4 from homework 7.

Suppose we have N jobs labelled 1, ..., N. For each job, you have determined the bonus of completing the job,  $V_i \ge 0$ , a penalty per day that you accumulate for not doing the job,  $P_i \ge 0$ , and the days required for you to successfully complete the job  $R_i > 0$ .

Every day, we choose one unfinished job to work on. A job i has been finished if we have spent  $R_i$  days working on it. This doesn't necessarily mean you have to spend  $R_i$  contiguous sequence of days working on job i. We start on day 1, and we want to complete all our jobs and finish with maximum reward. If we finish job i at the end of day t, we will get reward  $V_i - t \cdot P_i$ . Note, this value can be negative if you choose to delay a job for too long.

Now, what we did not tell you last time is that we have a time limit of T days, in which we can choose to work on some of these jobs in only those T days. Given this information, what is the optimal job scheduling policy with a time limit of T days? Notice that 0 is a lower bound since we can choose to do no jobs at all if all of them happen to have negative value, or all of them take more than time T.

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