Assignment 3

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Problem 5

a)

Picture three jobs with payments $P_1 = 100 \in$, $P_2 = 150 \in$, and $P_3 = 100 \in$. If we use the proposed greedy algorithm we would choose the second job and delete the first and third jobs. The total payment would be $150 \in$, but the optimal solution is to choose the first and third jobs which would yield a payment of $200 \in$.

b)

Say we have four jobs with payments $P_1 = 100 \in$, $P_2 = 80 \in$, $P_3 = 100 \in$, and $P_4 = 150 \in$. The total payment for odd and even days are $200 \in$, and $230 \in$, respectively. If we use the greedy algorithm we would choose the jobs on the even days (jobs 2 and 4) and get $230 \in$. However, the optimal solution is to choose the first and fourth jobs which would give a payment of $250 \in$. These two jobs happen on both odd and even days.