

Modular Greedy Schedule Proof

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0 is defined as the maximum finish value.

Jobs are given with integer start and end times or you're using a language that allows decimal modulus. If integer minutes are needed then simply let $B = 2400$ and multiply each job by 100 i.e $(18.30, 23.15) \rightarrow (1830, 2315)$. Any number of finite decimal places can be added this way using big ints.

I will be using a modified version of the greedy choice algorithm from the book(iterative) as a subroutine:

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// For simplicity, let job.s be its starting time, and job.f be its ending time.
// Finds the greedy scheduling rotated by a, mod B
SUBROUTINE GreedySch(S, a, B):
    n = S.length
    A = S[0]
    k = 0
    for m in range(1, n):
        if (s[m].s - a) mod B >= s[k].f - a mod B and s[k].f != 0:
            A.append(s[m])
            k = m
    return A

// Returns all elements that don't cross "rotated midnight"
SUBROUTINE noCross(S, p, B):
    n = S.length
    A = []
    // Assumes intervals of the form [a, b)
    for m in range(0, n):
        if ((S[m].s - p) mod B < (S[m].f - p) mod B) or (S[m].f == 0):
            A.append(S[m])
    return A
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Required lemmas. Much longer than the actual algorithm which is on page 6.

Some notation: a "cross job" is a job that crosses some notion of "midnight" relative to some value $0 \leq p < B$. That is (a, b) such that $(a - p) \geq (b - p) \pmod{B}$, $b \neq 0$. I will use both variants in the proofs below. In addition,

$(a, b) \equiv [a, b)$, i.e. intervals are closed on the left and open on right. Thus jobs of the form $(a, a) \equiv [a, 0) \cup [0, a)$ and thus take the entire 24 hours.

Lemma 1: A maximum solution contains at most one job that crosses "midnight".

Proof: As all intervals that cross "midnight" are of the form $[a_c, 0) \cup [0, b_c)$, they all, at least, contain 0 and thus cannot be scheduled together.

Lemma 2:

If (a, b) is able to be scheduled with (c, d) then $((a-p) \pmod B, (b-p) \pmod B)$ is able to be scheduled with $((c-p) \pmod B, (d-p) \pmod B)$. I state this without proof as we're obviously just rotating each element by the same amount. Thus non-overlapping intervals remain non-overlapping.

Lemma 3:

There exists a $0 \leq p < B$ such that the maximum solution, when rotated by p , mod B has no jobs that cross "midnight".

Proof:

Let Q be an optimal solution. Then by (1), we have that at most one of its elements crosses "midnight". If none cross, let $p = 0$ and we are finished. Now assume (a_c, b_c) is the element that crosses. As Q is a solution, none of its elements overlap. That is to say $(a, b)(c, d) \in Q \implies b \leq c$.

Lay out of every element in Q that doesn't cross "midnight" in order of finish times i.e. $(a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2) \dots (a_n, b_n)$. Then the cross term (a_c, b_c) must be such that $a_c \geq b_n$ and $b_c \leq a_1$ or else this would not be a valid solution. Rotate every element by a_c , mod B . This gives $(0, b_c - a_c)(a_1 - a_c, b_1 - a_c) \dots (a_n - a_c, b_n - a_c) \pmod B$. Note that $b_1 < b_2 < b_3 \dots < b_n \leq a_c$. Then $\forall i \ a_i \leq b_i \leq a_c \implies a_i - a_c \leq b_i - a_c \leq 0 \implies 0 \leq a_i - a_c \leq b_i - a_c \pmod B$. Thus this is a solution such that no elements cross "midnight".

Corollary of Lemma 3: For any schedule that contains the cross job (a_c, b_c) , $p = a_c$. Therefore, we need only check p such that there is a cross job of the form $(p, k) \in S$. For example, if we have 3 cross jobs $(a, b), (a, d), (w, v)$ then we need only check $p = a$ and $p = w$.

Lemma 4:

If there exists a maximum solution, where (a_c, b_c) is its cross job, then it can be found using the greedy algorithm on $(S - a_c) \pmod B$ directly.

Proof:

Assume a non-optimal solution is found by the greedy algorithm on the rotated space, then $\exists (a_i, b_i), (v, w) \in S$ such that $w > b_i$ but $w - a_c < b_i - a_c \pmod B$. Note that, w cannot be greater than a_c because $w > v > a_c > b_c \implies w - a_c > v - a_c > 0 > b_c - a_c \implies b_c - a_c > w - a_c > v - a_c > 0 \pmod B$ and

$w > a_c > v > b_c \implies w - a_c > 0 > v - a_c > b_c - a_c \implies v_c - a_c > b_c - a_c > w - a_c > 0 \pmod{B}$ and therefore, (v, w) is either cross which, by Lemma 1, contradicts the fact that (a_c, b_c) is the cross job of the optimal schedule, or is wholly contained within $(0, b_c - a_c)$ and thus would not be included in the schedule at all. So if $w \leq a_c$, we have $b < w \leq a_c \implies b - a_c < w - a_c \leq 0 \implies w - a_c > b_i - a_c > 0 \pmod{B}$ as we defined 0 as the maximum end value. This is a contradiction of the fact that we chose w such that $w - a_c < b - a_c$. Therefore, no such (v, w) exists which implies that an optimal solution is found.

Hence, by lemma 3 and the corollary, if we check every rotation by p such that $(p, v) \in S$, $p > v$, we can safely throw out cross terms for each iteration. And, by lemma 4, we can use the greedy algorithm directly on the rotated space which gives

$$OPT = \max_{(p,v) \in S, p > v} (greedySch(noCross(S, p, B), p, B))$$

$O(\max(Bn, n \log n))$

Thus this algorithm is $O(n \log n)$ for constant B (modulus).

ALGORITHM ClockSchedule(S, B):

Let $B = 24$ in this case

sort S in order of ascending finish times. (0 defined as maximum) // $O(n \log n)$

$Q = \text{noCross}(S, 0, B)$ // $O(n)$

$M = []$

$M.\text{append}(\text{greedySch}(Q, 0, B))$ // $O(n)$

$V = S - Q$ // $O(n)$

remove all duplicate start time elements from V (using a simple $O(n \log n)$ algorithm)

// Note that we still check every element that crosses "midnight" relative to 0
// but we only rotate to the starting hours that we need.

for q in V : // $O(B)$

// Find all jobs that don't cross the starting time of q

$W = \text{noCross}(S, q.s, B)$ // $O(n)$

// Find the greedy schedule assuming the starting time of q is 0

$M.\text{append}(\text{greedySc}(W, q.s, B))$ // $O(n)$

return ($\text{maximumBy}(\text{length}) M$) // $O(Bn)$