

There is no "separate case" treatment in the Scheme implementation of the stable marriage algorithm because regardless of how many proposals the "beloved" has received, or whether the beloved/intended is already engaged or not, he/she will always agree to marry whoever is highest-ranking on their preference-list if that highest/higher ranking <sup>person</sup> proposes. In other words,

→ the implementation uses mutable list structures. For example, possible-mates is a mutable list. Every time a proposal is made to the first person on the list of possible-mates, that person is taken off the list and then every person is moved up one rank/slot because <set!> is used to change who the car of possible-mates points to in memory. The ability to store preferences and possible proposees, and then refer back to those — and change them — means we don't have to consider each possible scenario of proposers/proposees ~~that~~ that might occur.