

Mathematics of Computer Science. - M.I.T. opencourseware

Abstract:

In order to solve matching problems, the lecture shows Mating Algorithm that is stable, fairness, terminated in finite time, and everyone get their proper mate. We learned the idea of rogue couple and diverse case of graph that holds preference, perfection and weight.

For the English:

compatible, asymmetric, instability, optimistic \leftrightarrow pessimistic (optimal \leftrightarrow pessimal), vice versa, et cetera, without loss of generality, takes place, suitor, wooer, write off, crossout, get the boot or boots, condition is invoked, vacuously true, favorable

Lec 7. MATCHING PROBLEMS:

DEF: given graph $G = (V, E)$, a matching is a subgraph of G where every node had degree 1 — ex) $\{x_1, x_6 - x_2, x_5\}$ is matching of size 2 // 3 is best (check the original graph)

DEF: a matching is perfect if it has size $|V|/2$ (which is pairing)

DEF: the weight of matching M is the sum of the weights on the edges in M

DEF: min-weight matching for G is a perfect matching for G with the min weight

Preferences

DEF: given a matching x and y form a rogue couple if they prefer each other to their mates = there is possibility of adultery (affair)

DEF: a matching is stable if there are no rogue couple

GOAL: find a perfect matching that is stable \Rightarrow not guarantee happy but stable (even)

Unisex scenario (bad case)

PF: by contradiction. Assume for some stable matching M

then mergetoid matched with someone in M

WLOG (by symmetry) \rightarrow assume mergetoid matched to Alex

Alex & Robin form rogue couple for $M \Rightarrow$ not stable

Stable marriage problem

- N boys & N girls // each boy has his own ranked preference list of all the girls and vice versa

GOAL: find perfect matching without (w/o) rogue couple

greedy algorithm - does not work

Serenades - Mating Algorithm

NEED TO SHOW(TMA)

1. TMA terminates (quickly)
2. Everyone get married
3. No rogue couple (stable)
4. Fairness

THM1: TMA terminates in \leq (less than) $n^2 + 1$ days

PF: by contradiction. suppose TMA does not terminate in $n^2 + 1$ days

CLAIM: if we don't terminate on a day, then some boy crosses a girl off his list that night

\Rightarrow crossout more than n^2+1 girls $\Rightarrow N \leq n^2+1$?? is contradiction

Let P (invariant): "if a girl G ever rejected a boy B, that means(then) G has a suitor who she prefers to B"

LEMMA1: P is an invariant for TMA

PF: by induction . on $\#(n)$ days

Base case: day 0 \rightarrow 'vacuously true' // because yet No B got rejected

Inductive step: assume P holds at the end of the day D

-case1: G rejects B on day $d+1$: G got other suitor \Rightarrow there was battle = P is true

-case2: G rejected B before $d+1$: G had better suitor on day D/ G has same or better suitor on $d+1 \Rightarrow$ P true on $d+1$

THM2: Everyone is married in TMA

PF: by contradiction, assume some boy is not married at the end \Rightarrow B rejected by every girl

\Rightarrow every girl has better suitor(L1) \Rightarrow every girl is married and vice versa \Rightarrow contradiction

THM3: TMA produces a stable matching

PF: Let Bob & Gail be any pair(WLOG) that are not married

-case1: Gail rejected Bob \Rightarrow Gail has another suitor = better than Bob(L1) = not rogue

-case2: Gail did not reject Bob \Rightarrow Bob never serenaded Gail \Rightarrow Bob married better spouser = not rogue
 \Rightarrow TMA is stable

-which is better: Proposer(boys got power-favorable) or Acceptor

Fairness

Let S = set of all stable matchings (TMA produce stable matching/at least one)

For each person P, we define the realm of possibility for P to be set of mates $\{Q \mid \exists m \in S, \{P, Q\} \in m\}$

DEF: a person's optimal(pessimal) mate is his/her favorite(least) from the realm of possibility

THM4: TMA marries every boy with his optimal mate (THM5: vice versa in her / pessimal)

PF: by contradiction, suppose that there exist \exists stable matching m, \exists girl G who fares worse than in TMA

= rogue couple in m \Rightarrow m is not stable(contradiction)

\Rightarrow TMA is balance and nice distributed way