

Some conceptual ideas :

Using dynamic programming, we can first sort all the delivery $D[1 \dots n]$ by their due dates such that the first element of the array has the earliest due dates, any item with a $t_i > d_i$ is regarded as impossible to deliver.

For example, if the original delivery queue (by due date) is $D[2, 6, 3, 4]$, with a corresponding t_i of $[2, 2, 2, 2]$.

And after we sorted the array D , it becomes $[2, 3, 4, 6]$, and for a particular delivery i in the sorted array, it will take t_i days to deliver, for example the second delivery, with a due date of 3, and a t_i of 2, if we are to deliver this particular order, then any other item to be delivered within $(d_i - t_i + 1, d_i)$ can not happen, for example, if we are to deliver second item which will take 2 days to deliver, then no delivery can be made on day 2 or day 3 to guarantee the delivery of the second item. So we need to find a date k such that $d_k < d_i - t_i + 1$

Overall picture: we need to compute the max profit over the sorted array $[1 \dots n]$

Question1:**Pseudocode/algorithm:**

Sort D by the due dates;

-Let dd represent the due dates in the sorted D , from 1 to T

-Let i represent the deliveries in the sorted D , from 1 to n

-Set $\text{ComputeProfit}(n+1, dd) = 0$; // set the last entry of the graph to be 0 for convenience

// first idea → use this

$\text{ComputeProfit}(i, dd)$

-For $i = 1$ to n

-For $dd = 1$ to T

// the the time to deliver surpassed the due dates

-if $dd + t_i > d_i$

// move on to the next one

-return $\text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd)$;

-else

// now we need to choose whether to include delivery i or not

-let $\text{include} = P_i + \text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd+t_i)$; // include the delivery i

- let $\text{exclude} = \text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd)$; // exclude i

-let $\text{max} = \max(\text{include}, \text{exclude})$;

-return $\text{ComputeProfit}(1, 1)$;

Recursive equation:

1. $\text{ComputeProfit}(i, dd) = \text{Max}(P_i + \text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd+t_i) \rightarrow \text{if } dd+t_i < d_i, \text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd));$

Proof of correctness:

Using induction on i going from 1 to $n+1$

- 1) Base case: $i = n+1$, this is the case where the profit is 0 by the definition, therefore correct. Or if $|D| = 1$, there only exists a single delivery, and if $d > t$, we will correctly calculate the profit.
- 2) Induction hypothesis: the profit we compute for $(i+1, dd)$ (in the delivery array D works correctly for any i
- 3) Inductive step:
 - a) consider instance (i, dd) and let OPT be the optimal solution, that is, OPT is the max profit of the sorted array D with all the deliveries
 - b) 1st possibility: OPT contains delivery i , then $OPT \setminus \{i\}$ is also an OPT for the subarray $D[i+1 \dots n]$, otherwise, OPT would not be an optimal solution for instance (i, dd) , so $\text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd+t_i) = OPT \setminus \{i\}$ by I.H. and $OPT = P_i + \text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd+t_i)$.
 - c) 2nd possibility: OPT doesn't contain delivery i , then OPT is the max profit of the subarray $D[i+1 \dots n]$, otherwise OPT would not be optimal for instance (i, dd) , so $OPT = \text{ComputeProfit}(i+1, dd)$
 - d) Therefore OPT is optimal.

Running Time analysis:

Running time = #subproblems * time per subprogram

$$RT = O(n \cdot T) * O(1) = O(nT)$$

Question2:

If we put less emphasis on the profit and more emphasis on the market share

Algorithm:

- sort the deliveries by the t_i , such that the last delivery in the array has the least delivery time
- Let k represents the number of days
- Let array $D[i]$ represent the max number of deliveries made in the first i days

- Base case: At the first day, if $d_1 > t_1$, then $D[1] = 1$, else $D[1] = 0$
- pre-compute the largest k that exist in delivery poll, for every i such that $d_k < d_i - t_i + 1$;
- if a delivery is made, then $D++$
- Set $\text{ComputeNumber}(n+1) = 0$; // set the last entry of the graph to be 0 for convenience

// working backwards → start from $n+1$ and work back to 1

computeNumber(i)

-for $i = n+1$ to 1

-if $dd + t_i > d_i$

-Return computeNumber($i + 1$);

-else

// knowing k will help us leave plenty time for that particular delivery

// and know where to start in the next recursive call

-calculate the largest value k in the delivery poll such that $d_k < d_i - t_i + 1$

-let $\text{include} = 1 + \text{computeNumber}(k)$;

-let $\text{exclude} = \text{computeNumber}(i - 1)$;

-let $\text{maxDelivery} = \max(\text{include}, \text{exclude})$;

-return computerNumber (n);

Recursive Equation:

$\text{ComputerNumber} (i) = \text{Max} (1 + \text{computeNumber}(k) , \text{computeNumber}(i - 1))$

Proof of correctness:

Using induction on i going from $n+1$ to 1

- 1) Base case: $i = n+1$, this is the case where the profit is 0 by the definition, therefore correct. Or if $|D| = 1$, there only exists a single delivery, and if $d > t$, we will correctly calculate the max number of deliveries = 1.
- 2) Induction hypothesis: the max number of deliveries we compute for (n) works correctly for any i
- 3) Inductive step:
 - a) consider instance (i) and let OPT be the optimal solution, that is, OPT is the max number of deliveries of the sorted array with all the deliveries
 - b) 1st possibility: OPT contains delivery i , then $\text{OPT} \setminus \{ i \}$ is also an OPT for the subarray $\text{Delivery}[1 \dots k]$, otherwise, OPT would not be an optimal solution for instance (i, dd), so $\text{ComputeNumber} (k) = \text{OPT} \setminus \{ i \}$ by I.H. and $\text{OPT} = 1 + \text{ComputeNumber} (k)$.
 - c) 2nd possibility: OPT doesn't contain delivery i , then OPT is the max profit of the subarray $\text{Delivery}[1 \dots i-1]$, otherwise OPT would not be optimal for instance (i, dd), so $\text{OPT} = \text{ComputeNumber} (i-1)$
 - d) Therefore OPT is optimal.

Running Time:

RT = size of the delivery array * time per subproblem = $O(n)$