

Fully Polynomial Time Approximation Scheme

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Problem 1

Answer: $100 n^2$

We begin by computing the value of ε :

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - \varepsilon) \text{OPT} &= 0.9 \text{OPT} \\ \text{OPT} - \varepsilon \text{OPT} &= 0.9 \text{OPT} \\ \text{OPT} - 0.9 \text{OPT} &= \varepsilon \text{OPT} \\ 0.1 \text{OPT} &= \varepsilon \text{OPT} \\ 0.1 &= \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon &= 0.1 \\ \varepsilon &= \frac{1}{10}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Next, we use this result to evaluate the time cost:

$$n^2 \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)^2 = n^2 \cdot 10^2 = 100 n^2.\tag{2}$$

Problem 2

Answer: $\max\{v \mid 0 \leq v \leq 5 \text{ and } W(4, v) \leq 6\}$

Problem 3

Answer:

- ▷ $W(0, 0) = 0$
- ▷ $W(1, 1) = 2$
- ▷ $W(1, 1) = \min(W(0, 1), W(1, 0) + 2)$

Two of the options are easy to check. We were given the equation $W(0, 0) = 0$. Then the corresponding option is **correct**. The expression for $W(0, 1)$ is also simple to evaluate. After all, we were given the equation for $W(0, v)$. Since this value is infinity for $v > 0$, the option involving $W(0, 1)$ is **wrong**.

To make a decision on the remaining options, we need to compute the value of $W(1, 1)$. This can be done as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}W(1, 1) &= \min(W(1 - 1, 1), W(1 - 1, 1 - v_1) + w_1) \\ &= \min(W(0, 1), W(0, 1 - 1) + 2) \\ &= \min(W(0, 1), W(0, 0) + 2) \\ &= \min(W(0, 1), 0 + 2) \\ &= \min(\infty, 2) \\ &= 2\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Therefore, the option containing a value is **correct**. The other option is also **right**, since $W(0, 0) = W(1, 0) = 0$. This allows us to write

$$\min(W(0, 1), W(1, 0) + 2) = \min(W(0, 1), W(0, 0) + 2) = W(1, 1).\tag{4}$$