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Job Sequencing Problem | Greedy Approach

Problem: Given an array of jobs where every job has a deadline and associated profit if the job is finished before the deadline. It is also given that every job takes a single unit of time, so the minimum possible deadline for any job is 1. How to maximize total profit if only one job can be scheduled at a time.



Examples:

Input: Four Jobs with following deadlines and profits

JobID	Deadline	Profit
а	4	20
b	1	10
С	1	40
А	1	30

Output: Following is maximum profit sequence of jobs c, a

Input: Five Jobs with following deadlines and profits

JobID	Deadline	Profit
а	2	100
b	1	19
С	2	27
d	1	25
е	3	15

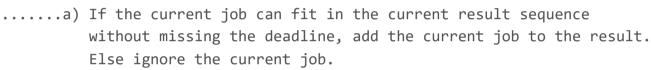
Output: Following is maximum profit sequence of jobs

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This is a standard Greedy Algorithm problem. Following is the greedy algorithm to solve the above problem:

- 1) Sort all jobs in decreasing order of profit.
- 2) Initialize the result sequence as the first job in sorted jobs.
- 3) Do following for remaining n-1 jobs







Implementation:

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C++ Java
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// Java program to find the maximum profit
// job sequence from a given array
// of jobs with deadlines and profits
import java.util.Arrays;

// A class to represent a job
class Job implements Comparable<Job>
{
    char id; // Job Id
    int dead; // Deadline of job

// Profit if job is over
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// before or on deadline
    int profit;
    Job(char id, int dead, int profit) {
        this.id = id;
        this.dead = dead;
        this.profit = profit;
    // This function is used for sorting all
    // jobs according to decreasing order of profit
    @Override
    public int compareTo(Job o) {
        if(this.profit < o.profit)</pre>
            return 1;
        return -1;
};
class GFG
    // Returns minimum number of platforms regguired
    static void printJobScheduling(Job arr[], int n)
        // Sort all jobs according to
        // decreasing order of prfit
        Arrays.sort(arr);
        // To store result (Sequence of jobs)
        int result[] = new int[n];
        // To keep track of free time slots
        boolean slot[] = new boolean[n];
        // Initialize all slots to be free
        for (int i=0; i<n; i++)</pre>
                slot[i] = false;
        // Iterate through all given jobs
        for (int i=0; i<n; i++)</pre>
            // Find a free slot for this job
            // (Note that we start
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// from the last possible slot)
        for (int j=Math.min(n, arr[i].dead)-1; j>=0; j--)
            // Free slot found
            if (slot[j]==false)
                result[j] = i; // Add this job to result
                slot[j] = true; // Make this slot occupied
                break;
    // Print the result
    for (int i=0; i<n; i++)</pre>
        if (slot[i])
            System.out.print(arr[result[i]].id + " ");
// Driver Code
public static void main(String args[])
    Job arr[] = \{new \ Job('a', 2, 100), \}
                 new Job('b', 1, 19),
                 new Job('c', 2, 27),
                 new Job('d', 1, 25),
                 new Job('e', 3, 15)};
    int n = arr.length;
    System.out.print("Following is maximum profit"
                            +" sequence of job : ");
    printJobScheduling(arr, n);
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Output:

Following is maximum profit sequence of job : c a e

Time Complexity of the above solution is O(n²). It can be optimized using Disjoint Set Data Structure. Please refer below post for details.



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