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## CS 135 Problem Set 7

I pledge my honor that  
I have not cheated by  
the glances I have  
taken.

### 1. Proof by contradiction:

No boy received exactly one proposal in the process.

- Case 1: Each boy received 2 or more proposals in the process.  
i.e. on the last day, no boy received their first proposal.  
If this is the case, then the last boy to get a proposal  
in the last day must have received a proposal. However,  
because no boy received their first proposal, this boy must  
have already had a proposal. Therefore, the boy must  
reject one of these proposals, and the algorithm must  
continue, which is a contradiction that this was  
the last day.

- Case 2: At least one boy received 0 proposals in the process.

The algorithm can only terminate if all  $N$  girls are attached  
to unique boys at the end of the process. Thus, if the algorithm  
terminated with a boy receiving 0 proposals, it means  $N$   
girls were paired with  $N-1$  boys, which is a contradiction.  
Thus, it follows that at least one boy receives exactly one proposal.

2. Each girl has a list of  $N$  boys to propose to. From the last  
problem, on the last day, there is one previously  
unattached boy who received his first proposal. Therefore,  
on the turn before the last turn, each girl must have at most  
made  $N-1$  proposals, because none of them proposed to the  
unattached boy. Because there are  $N$  girls, this means that on  
the turn before the last, there had been at most  $N(N-1)$   
proposals. In this scenario, there can only be one proposal on the last  
day, as no other proposal would suggest there are  $x > 1$  previously  
unattached boys, thus making the prior number of proposals at  
most  $N(N-x) + x$ , which is  $N^2 - Nx + x$ . In our scenario, with  
one proposal on the last day, that quantity is  $N(N-1) + 1$ , which  
is  $N^2 - N + 1$ . Because  $N$  is  $> 1$ , and  $2 \leq x$ , isolating the  
different terms gives,  $(-Nx + x)$  and  $(-N+1)$  respectively. The  
former can be factored as  $(-N+1)x$ , and  $N > 1$  means  $-N+1$  is negative,  
therefore  $(-Nx + x) < (-N+1)$ , and  $N(N-1) + 1$  is the upper bound on proposals.



3.  $N$  proposals are made on the first day. To get the upper bound on number of days, we assume the minimum amount of proposals for each subsequent day, which is 1. Thus, after the first day, it takes  $N(N-1)+1-N$  days to make the maximum amount of proposals, which is  $N(N-1)+1$  from the previous problem. Thus, expanded out, this quantity is  $N^2-2N+1$  for all subsequent days. Adding on the first day gives  $N^2-2N+2$ , thus giving us the upper bound on the number of days this algorithm takes to complete.

4. Day 1: Day 2: Day 3: Day 4: Day 5

$G_1 \rightarrow B_1$	$G_1 \rightarrow B_1$	$G_1 \rightarrow B_1$	$G_1 \rightarrow B_1$	$G_1 \rightarrow B_1$
$G_2 \rightarrow B_2$	$G_2 \rightarrow B_2$	$G_2 \rightarrow B_2$	$G_2 \rightarrow B_2$	$G_2 \rightarrow B_2$
$G_3 \rightarrow B_3$	$G_3 \rightarrow B_3$	$G_3 \rightarrow B_3$	$G_3 \rightarrow B_3$	$G_3 \rightarrow B_3$
$G_4 \rightarrow B_4$	$G_4 \rightarrow B_4$	$G_4 \rightarrow B_4$	$G_4 \rightarrow B_4$	$G_4 \rightarrow B_4$
$G_5 \rightarrow B_5$	$G_5 \rightarrow B_5$	$G_5 \rightarrow B_5$	$G_5 \rightarrow B_5$	$G_5 \rightarrow B_5$

5 days to terminate algorithm. This is consistent with problem 3, as  $N=5$ , and  $N^2-2N+2=25-10+2=17$ , and  $5 < 17$ .

5. The algorithm could run  $N^2-2N+2$  times if preferences were as follows: For every girl  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , their list is ranked as follows:

$G_i: B_i, B_{i+1}, \dots, B_{N-1}, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N$ .

As in, the  $i$ th girl up to but not including the  $N$ th girl has the list starting with the  $i$ th boy and ascending either until the  $N$ th boy or reaching the  $N-1$  boy and starting from 1 until all boys except the  $N$ th are chosen, and the  $N$ th boy is last.

The  $N$ th girl should then have the same list as the 1st girl.

The boys' preferences should go as such:

the  $i$ th boy except the last should have list: (starting at 1, going down to  $G_i$ , looping around to top)  
 $G_{i+1}, G_i, G_{i-1}, \dots, G_1, G_N, G_{N-1}, \dots, G_{i+2}$ .

This results in one rejection/day, ending with the first girl proposing to the last boy.