

Homework 1: Q3

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1 Part (a) Proof Idea

Just proving the lemma as essentially broken down to in recitation notes.

If you match one group with their preferences in a specific column i , then the other group is matched with their preferences in column $n-i+1$.

m_k is some man, and w_j is some woman, n is the number of men and women. If we can prove the lemma with a generalized form, we can say that it is always true.

Through investigation, given some column i , m_k is matched with w_{k+i-1} or if $k+i-1 > n$, it is matched with $w_{k+i-1-n}$. Also, given some column i , w_j is matched with m_{j+i} or if $j+i > n$, it is matched with m_{j+i-n} .

Given some column i , man m_k gets matched with w_{k+i-1} (lets disregard the intricacy of $> n$ for now as it will pertain to specific input).

To prove the lemma, we have to prove that w_{k+i-1} 's $n-i+1$ column contains m_k .

For clarity and use of the formula I have given previously, $j = k+i-1$, $i_w = n-i+1$.

Again, given some column i_w , w_j is matched with m_{j+i} or if $j+i > n$, it is matched with m_{j+i-n} .

w_j 's i_w th column contains m_{j+i} (i here is i_w), which,

$j+i = k+i-1+n-i+1 = k+n$, which is clearly greater than n so we actually use the other formula saying to minus n so $k+n-n = k$

Thus, the woman in m_k 's i th column has m_k in her $n-i+1$ column.

To connect with the rest of the proof idea, given this stable matching family containing specific stable matching instances of this type, there are at least n stable matchings. Each group matches with the other group's $n-i+1$

2 Part (b) Proof Idea

3 Part (b) Proof Details