

Assignment XII - DSAA(H)

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Question 12.1 (0.5 marks)

Suppose that you modify GREEDY-ACTIVITY-SELECTOR to use the following greedy strategies. State whether each strategy would yield an optimal solution or not. If they do, then provide a proof of optimality. If they don't, then provide an example instance where the strategy fails.

1. Always select the activity of least duration amongst those that are compatible with all previously selected activities
2. Always select the compatible activity that overlaps with the fewest remaining activities
3. Always select the last activity to start that is compatible with all previously selected activities
4. Always select the compatible activity with the earliest start time

Sol:

1. This strategy is **not** always optimal.

Counterexample: activities with intervals

$$a_1 = (1, 9), \quad a_2 = (8, 11), \quad a_3 = (10, 20).$$

Durations are 8, 3, and 10, so the greedy rule chooses a_2 first.

Activity a_2 overlaps both a_1 and a_3 , so no other activity can then be chosen, giving a schedule of size 1.

However, the optimal solution selects $\{a_1, a_3\}$ with 2 activities.

2. This strategy is **not** always optimal.

Consider 11 activities with start times

$s = (0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6)$ and finish times $f = (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8)$.

The numbers of other activities each overlaps are 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 2, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3.

The greedy rule first selects $a_6 = (3, 5)$, which overlaps only 2 other activities.

After this choice, at most two further activities can be added, so the schedule has size at most 3.

An optimal schedule is $\{a_1, a_5, a_7, a_{11}\}$, containing 4 compatible activities.

3. This strategy **does** always optimal.

For each activity i with interval $[s_i, f_i]$, define a reversed-time interval $[s'_i, f'_i] = (-f_i, -s_i]$.

In reversed time, choosing the activity that starts last in the original corresponds to choosing the activity that finishes earliest.

The standard greedy algorithm that repeatedly selects the earliest finishing compatible activity is known to be optimal.

Therefore, choosing the last-starting compatible activity in the original timeline is equivalent to running the earliest-finish-time algorithm on reversed time, and

so it is also optimal.

4. This strategy is **not** always optimal.

Counterexample: activities $a_1 = (1, 10)$, $a_2 = (2, 3)$, $a_3 = (4, 5)$.

The greedy rule picks a_1 first because it has the earliest start time.

Activity a_1 overlaps both a_2 and a_3 , so no other activity can be added, yielding a schedule of size 1.

However, a_2 and a_3 are compatible, so the optimal solution chooses $\{a_2, a_3\}$ with 2 activities.

Question 12.2 (0.25 marks)

Prove that the fractional knapsack problem has the greedy choice property, hence always finds an optimal solution.

PF:

Sort items by value density $\rho_i = v_i/w_i$ so that $\rho_1 \geq \rho_2 \geq \dots \geq \rho_n$.

Greedy choice for the first item: For any optimal solution., if it already uses item 1 as much as possible, it satisfy.

Otherwise, it uses some weight of other items j with $\rho_j \leq \rho_1$ and less than the maximum possible weight of item 1.

Move a small weight δ from such an item j to item 1, the value change is $\delta(\rho_1 - \rho_j) \geq 0$, so the solution won't be worse.

Repeating, we obtain an optimal solution that uses item 1 as much as capacity allows. Hence the greedy first choice is part of some optimal solution.

After fixing item 1 greedily, the remaining capacity and remaining items form a smaller fractional-knapsack instance.

By the same argument, taking as much as possible of the next highest-density item is part of some optimal solution of the subproblem, and so on.

By induction, repeatedly taking as much as possible of the remaining item with largest value density yields an optimal solution.

Therefore the fractional knapsack problem has the greedy-choice property, and the greedy algorithm is optimal.

Question 12.3 (0.5 marks)

Eddy takes part in a cycle race from start s_1 to finish s_n with feed stations s_2, \dots, s_{n-1} along the way and distances d_i between s_i and s_{i+1} . To save time, Eddy plans to stop at the smallest possible number of stations. He knows that he can cycle distance ℓ without stopping for supplies, where $\ell > d_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

- (a) Design a greedy algorithm that computes the minimal number of stops for Eddy.
- (b) Argue why your greedy strategy yields an optimal solution.

Sol:

1. From the current station, always ride to the farthest station that is within distance ℓ , stop there and repeat until reaching s_n .

We can implement this by scanning the stations once from left to right, so the running time is $O(n)$.

2. Let the greedy algorithm choose g_1 as its first stop, i.e. the farthest station reachable from s_1 within distance ℓ .

Take any optimal solution and let its first stop be o_1 . Since o_1 is reachable from s_1 within ℓ , and g_1 is the farthest such station, g_1 lies at least as far along the route as o_1 .

Replace o_1 by g_1 in this optimal solution and keep all later stops unchanged. The new schedule is still feasible and uses no more stops.

Hence there exists an optimal solution whose first stop is exactly the greedy choice g_1 .

After stopping at g_1 , the remaining problem (from g_1 to s_n) has the same structure.

Repeating the same argument inductively shows that every greedy choice can be aligned with some optimal solution, so the greedy algorithm produces a schedule with the minimal possible number of stops.

Question 12.4 (0.75 marks)

Implement the problems Arranging Adapters, Elevator I and Elevator II on the Online Judge system.

Sol:

题目		
状态	最后递交于	题目
✓ 100 Accepted	5 小时前	54 Arranging Adapters
✓ 100 Accepted	4 小时前	55 Elevator I
✓ 100 Accepted	10 秒前	56 Elevator II

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1  int main(){
2      int N = read();
3      ll S = read < ll >();
4      vector < ll > W(N);
5      for(int i = 0; i < N; ++i)W[i] = read < ll >();
6
7      if(S == 1){printf("%d\n", N >= 1 ? 1 : 0); return 0;}
8
9      if(S >= 2 && N <= 2){printf("%d\n", N); return 0;}
10
11     sort(W.begin(), W.end());
12
13     ll num(0), cnt1(0), cnt2(0);
14     int used(0);
15
16     for(int i = 0; i < N - 2; ++i){
17         ll len = W[i];
18         ll x = len / 3;
19         int r = len % 3;
20         if(r == 1)++cnt1;
21         if(r == 2)++cnt2;
22         ll pairCnt = cnt1 < cnt2 ? cnt1 : cnt2;
23         x += pairCnt;
24         cnt1 -= pairCnt;
25         cnt2 -= pairCnt;
26         ll need = num + x + (cnt1 + 1) / 2 + cnt2;
27         if(need > S - 2)break;
28         num += x;
29         ++used;
30     }
31
32     int ans = used + 2;
33     if(ans > N)ans = N;
34     printf("%d\n", ans);
35
36     // fprintf(stderr, "Time: %.6lf\n", (double)clock() /
CLOCKS_PER_SEC);
37     return 0;
38 }
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1  int main(){
2      int T = read();
3
4      while(T--){
5          int N = read();
6          ll K = read < ll >();
7
8          vector < int > C(N + 1), W(N + 1), F(N + 1);
9          int mxFloor(0);
10         for(int i = 1; i <= N; ++i){
11             C[i] = read(), W[i] = read(), F[i] = read();
12             mxFloor = max(mxFloor, F[i]);
13         }
14
15         vector < ll > cnt1(mxFloor + 1, 0), cnt2(mxFloor + 1, 0);
16         for(int i = 1; i <= N; ++i){
17             if(W[i] == 1)cnt1[F[i]] += (ll)C[i];
18             else cnt2[F[i]] += (ll)C[i];
19         }
20
21         auto CalcRides = [&](ll X, ll Y)->ll{
22             if(X == 0 && Y == 0)return 0;
23             ll halfK = K >> 1, pairs = X >> 1;
24             ll A = Y + pairs;
25             if(A == 0)return (X & 1) ? 1 : 0;
26             ll bins = (A + halfK - 1) / halfK;
27             if((X & 1) && A % halfK == 0)++bins;
28             return bins;
29         };
30
31         ll tot1(0), tot2(0);
32         ll ans(0);
33
34         for(int f = mxFloor; f >= 1; --f){
35             tot1 += cnt1[f], tot2 += cnt2[f];
36             ll rides = CalcRides(tot1, tot2);
37             ans += rides;
38         }
39
40         printf("%lld\n", ans);

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41     }
42
43     // fprintf(stderr, "Time: %.6lf\n", (double)clock() /
CLOCKS_PER_SEC);
44     return 0;
45 }
46

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1  struct Person{
2      ll l, r;
3      int id;
4  };
5
6  int main(){
7      int T = read();
8      while(T--){
9          int N = read();
10         ll F = read();
11
12         vector < Person > P(N);
13         for(int i = 0; i < N; ++i){
14             ll L = read();
15             ll R = read();
16             P[i].l = L, P[i].r = R;
17             P[i].id = i + 1;
18         }
19
20         vector < char > used(N + 10, 0);
21
22         sort(P.begin(), P.end(), [](const Person &a, const Person &b)-
>bool{
23             if(a.l == b.l)return a.r > b.r;
24             return a.l < b.l;
25         });
26
27         ll now(F), ans(0);
28         vector < int > order;
29
30         for(int i = 0; i < N; ++i){

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31         ll L = P[i].l, R = P[i].r;
32         if(L <= now){
33             if(R > now){
34                 ans += (R - L);
35                 now = R;
36                 used[P[i].id] = 1;
37                 order.push_back(P[i].id);
38             }
39         }else{
40             ans += (L - now);
41             ans += (R - L);
42             now = R;
43             used[P[i].id] = 1;
44             order.push_back(P[i].id);
45         }
46     }
47
48     sort(P.begin(), P.end(), [](const Person &a, const Person &b)-
>bool{
49         return a.r > b.r;
50     });
51
52     for(int i = 0; i < N; ++i){
53         if(used[P[i].id])continue;
54         ll L = P[i].l;
55         ll R = P[i].r;
56         ans += (R - L);
57         order.push_back(P[i].id);
58     }
59
60     printf("%lld\n", ans);
61     for(int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
62         printf("%d%c", order[i], i + 1 == N ? '\n' : ' ');
63 }
64
65 return 0;
66 }
67

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