

Problem 5. [19 points] Office Hour Optimization

Class 0.660 (Algorithms for Introductions) is holding online office hours to help students on three problems — a , b , and c — in three corresponding breakout rooms. The TAs want to develop a 'Sort Bot' to effectively assign each student to a single room at the start of office hours. Assume there are $3n$ students, where each student i has known nonnegative integer benefit a_i , b_i , and c_i for being assigned to the room for problem a , b , and c , respectively.

Describe an $O(n^3)$ -time algorithm to determine whether it is possible to assign the students equally to the three breakout rooms (i.e., n students to each room) while providing strictly positive help to every student, and if possible, return the maximum total benefit to students of any such assignment. Note that the assignment must not assign a student to a room for which they would get zero benefit.

設共有 $3n$ 个 students, 第 i 个学生有 $\langle a_i, b_i, c_i \rangle$ 代表 assign 至 a, b, c 的 benefit

Example:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6
a_i	4	1	0	1	3	0
b_i	2	4	0	2	2	4
c_i	0	2	4	2	1	0

不能有 student 為 0-benefit

assign: $a \Rightarrow 1, 5$

$b \Rightarrow 2, 6$

$c \Rightarrow 3, 4$

定義 subproblem 為 $d[i, j, k]$ 為分配 $i+j+k$ 个 student 且 i 个 student 至 a 下且無人為 zero benefit 之
 j 个 student 至 b
 k 个 student 至 c

optimal value

其中 $i, j, k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$

設 $d[i, j, k] = -\infty$ 表示不存在該 assignment

$\because i+j+k$ 同学必 assign 至 a, b, c 之一

recursive relation:

$$d[i, j, k] = \max \{ -\infty, \max \{ \begin{array}{ll} a_{i+j+k} + d[i-1, j, k] & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ 且 } a_{i+j+k} > 0 \\ b_{i+j+k} + d[i, j-1, k] & \text{if } j > 0 \text{ 且 } a_{i+j+k} > 0 \\ c_{i+j+k} + d[i, j, k-1] & \text{if } k > 0 \text{ 且 } a_{i+j+k} > 0 \end{array} \} \}$$

$$d[0, 0, 0] = 0$$

Time Complexity: $O(n^3)$