

CS 331, Fall 2024
Lecture 8 (9/23)

- Today:
- Fractional knapsack
 - Rearrangement
 - Completion times
 - Minimizing lateness

Introduction (Part IV, Section 1)

In DP, we carefully made decisions via recursion + memoization.

Example Unbounded knapsack

$$S(B) = \max_{c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} \sum_{i \in [n]} c_i V(i) \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\sum_{i \in [n]} c_i W(i) \leq B$$

$$S(B) = \max_{\substack{i \in [n] \\ W(i) \leq B}} S(B - W(i)) + V(i)$$

Carefully consider all n options

In greedy, we pick based on a rule.

"Myopic" = near-sighted: might regret later!

Example

Greedy 0/1 Knapsack (W, V, B):

Sort W, V similarly according to ...

$(i, tot) = (1, 0)$

While $i \in (n)$:

If $W(i) \leq B$: // take best item until can't

$(tot, B) \leftarrow (tot + V(i), B - W(i))$

Else:
 $i \leftarrow i + 1$

Return tot

Very simple and intuitive. Is it optimal?

How to sort?

... = by value (highest first)?

Nope. $W = [1, 3]$, $V = [2, 3]$, $B = 4$

... = by value density $\frac{V(i)}{W(i)}$ (highest first)?

Nope. $W = [2, 3]$, $V = [4, 7]$, $B = 4$

General rules about greedy.

- Sort inputs + repeatedly take current "best"
- Runtime analysis: usually easy.
- Correctness analysis: much harder.

Beware of counterexamples!

Don't trust until you've tried to break it.

When does greedy work?

Key idea: exchange

- 1) Define greedy method. Produces solution **ALG**
- 2) Suppose there's some other solution **OPT** that is optimal for your objective function f
- 3) Transform **OPT** \rightarrow **ALG**

Method 1: partial transform

$$f(\text{OPT}) \leq f(s_1) \leq \dots \leq f(s_k) \leq f(\text{ALG})$$

Method 2: Contradiction

$$\text{OPT} = \underset{s}{\text{argmax}} f(s)$$

s' = **OPT** modified using info about **ALG**

Prove that $f(s') > f(\text{OPT}) \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Fractional Unbounded Knapsack (Part IV, Section 2.1)

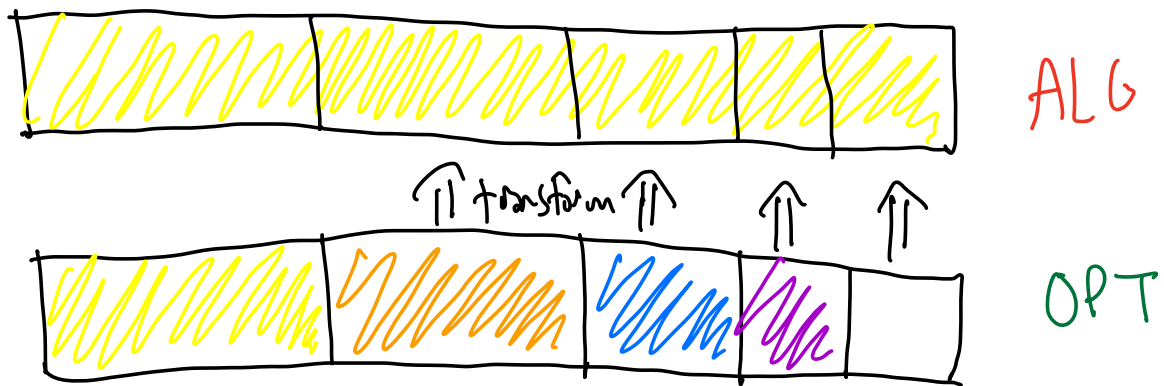
$$S(B) = \max_{c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n} \sum_{i \in (n)} c_i V(i) \quad \text{s.t.}$$
$$\sum_{i \in (n)} c_i W(i) \leq B$$

Simplification: normalize weights

$$W(i) \leftarrow 1 \quad (\text{just take } W(i) \times \text{ more})$$
$$V(i) \leftarrow \frac{V(i)}{W(i)}$$

$$\max_{c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n} \sum_{i \in (n)} c_i \frac{V(i)}{W(i)} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i \in (n)} c_i \leq B$$

Claim: c_i^{ALG} optimal. $c_i^{\text{ALG}} = B$ if $i = i^* = \arg \max_{i \in (n)} \frac{V(i)}{W(i)}$
 0 else



Rearrangement Lemma:

If $a \geq b$, $c \geq d$, $ac + bd \geq ad + bc$
amounts *values* *take the bigger thing more!*

Proof: $(a-b)(c-d) \geq 0$ + FOIL

Why is C^{ALG} optimal?

$\forall i \neq i^*$, transform $C_i^{OPT} \times V(i) \leq C_i^{OPT} \times V(i^*)$

After all transformations, left with

$$\left(-0- , \sum_{i \in G} C_i^{OPT} \leq B, -0- \right)$$

Completion times (Part IV, Section 2.2)

Input: T : list of n #s ≥ 0

(durations of jobs)

Output: $\min \sum_{i \in [n]} e_i$

e_i = end time of i th job

i th job gets interval $[s_i, e_i = s_i + T(i)] \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

Non-overlapping intervals

Example

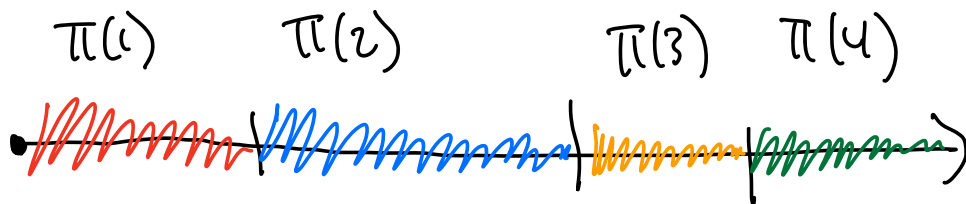
$$T = [1, 2, 3, 2]$$



$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 = 1 + 3 + 11 + 12 = 27$$

Observation 1: no idle time

Pick a permutation $\pi: [n] \rightarrow [n]$



$$e_{\pi(i)} = \sum_{j \in [i]} T(\pi(j)) \quad (\text{total duration of preceding jobs})$$

$$\text{Objective: } \min_{\pi: [n] \rightarrow [n]} f(\pi), \quad f(\pi) = \sum_{i \in [n]} e_{\pi(i)}$$

Observation 2: Simplify expression

$$\begin{aligned} f(\pi) &= T(\pi(1)) + (T(\pi(1)) + T(\pi(2))) + \dots \\ &= n \cdot T(\pi(1)) + (n-1) \cdot T(\pi(2)) + \dots + T(\pi(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Aside

Rearrangement inequality

Suppose $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n$ (counts)

$b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n$ (values)

Then, $a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n$

$\geq a_1 b_{\pi(1)} + a_2 b_{\pi(2)} + \dots + a_n b_{\pi(n)}$

$\geq a_1 b_n + a_2 b_{n-1} + \dots + a_n b_1$

Proof: Suppose π not identity ("ALG")

It has inversion: $\pi(i) > \pi(j), i < j$

Apply rearrangement lemma. Value goes up

Repeat until no inversions. $ALG \geq \pi$

Other way similar, MAX inversions rather than min.

Punchline

$$f(\pi) = n \cdot T(\pi(1)) + (n-1) \cdot T(\pi(2)) + \dots + T(\pi(n))$$

Minimal if $T(\pi)$ sorted backwards from counts

$(n, n-1, \dots, 1) \Rightarrow T$ nondecreasing optimal.

Weighted completion times (Part IV, Section 3.1)

Same idea. One more input:

W , list of n #s ≥ 0 (weights of jobs)

Output: $\min \sum_{i \in \pi} w(i) e_i$

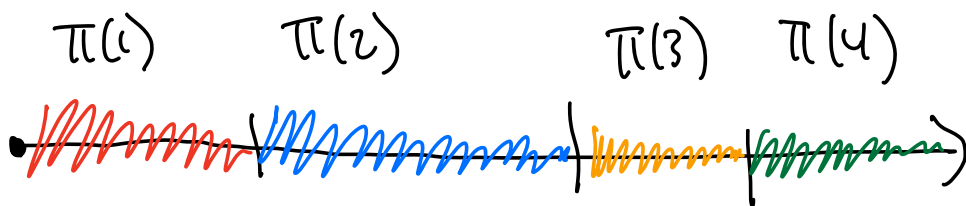
Can we still get away with greedy?

Claim: Sorting by $\frac{T(i)}{w(i)}$ is optimal.

$$\text{Assume } \frac{T(i)}{w(i)} \leq \dots \leq \frac{T(n)}{w(n)}$$

Then, $\pi = \text{identity}$ optimal for

$$f(\pi) = \sum_{i \in (n)} w(\pi(i)) \underbrace{\left(\sum_{j \in (i)} T(\pi(j)) \right)}_{= e_{\pi(i)}}$$



Idea: exchange argument.

How to partially transform?

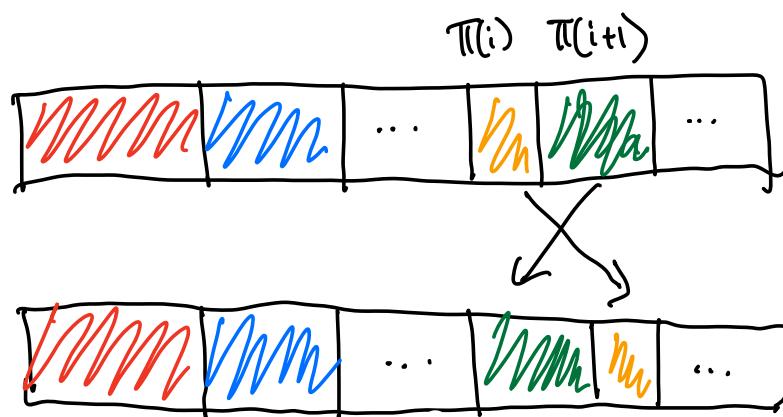
Not so clear to undo inversions:

$$f(\pi) = \underbrace{(w(\pi(1)) + \dots + w(\pi(n)))}_{\text{red underline}} \cdot T[\pi(1)] \\ + \underbrace{(w(\pi(2)) + \dots + w(\pi(n)))}_{\text{red underline}} \cdot T[\pi(2)] \\ + \dots + \underbrace{w(\pi(n))}_{\text{red underline}} \cdot T[\pi(n)]$$

Weights per duration are not fixed.

Cannot directly apply rearrangement inequality.

Fix: undo adjacent inversions only. Always exists!



All $e_{\pi(j)}$ stay same except $j=i, i+1$.

Let $i, i+1$ be adjacent inversion.

$$\pi(i) > \pi(i+1) \Rightarrow \frac{T(\pi(i))}{W(\pi(i))} \geq \frac{T(\pi(i+1))}{W(\pi(i+1))}$$

$$\text{Let } \pi'(j) = \begin{cases} \pi(i+1) & j=i \\ \pi(i) & j=i+1 \\ \pi(j) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\pi') - f(\pi) &= \sum_{j \in \Omega} W(\pi'(j)) \cdot e_{\pi'(j)} - W(\pi(j)) \cdot e_{\pi(j)} \\ &= W(\pi'(i+1)) \cdot e_{\pi'(i+1)} + W(\pi'(i)) \cdot e_{\pi'(i)} \\ &\quad - W(\pi(i+1)) \cdot e_{\pi(i+1)} + W(\pi(i)) \cdot e_{\pi(i)} \\ &= W(\pi(i)) \cdot T(\pi(i+1)) \\ &\quad - W(\pi(i+1)) \cdot T(\pi(i)) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence exchange improves. $f(\text{identity}) \leq f(\pi)$

Minimizing lateness (Part IV, Section 3.2)

Input: T : list of n #s ≥ 0

(durations of jobs)

D : list of n #s ≥ 0

(deadlines of jobs)

Output: minimize $\max_{i \in [n]} \underbrace{e_i - D(i)}_{\text{lateness}}$

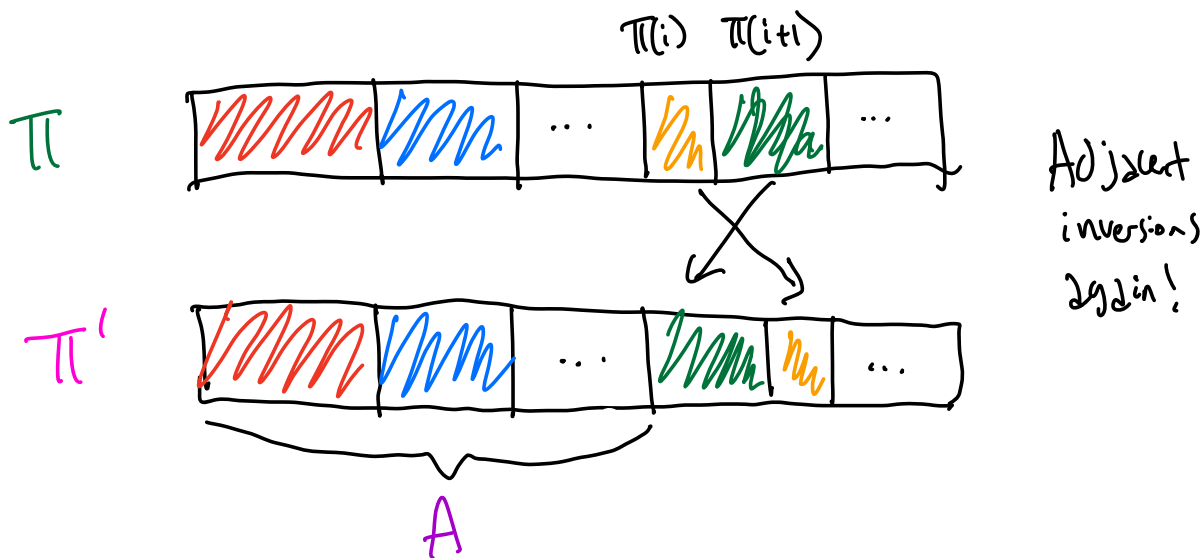
i^{th} job gets $(s_i, e_i = s_i + T(i)) \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

nonoverlapping intervals.

Claim: Sort T, D similarly so D nondecreasing.

$$D(1) \leq D(2) \leq \dots \leq D(n)$$

Then optimal to have $e_i = \sum_{j \in [i]} T(j)$.



$$f(\pi) = \max_{i \in [n]} \sum_{j \in [i]} T[\pi(j)] - D[\pi(i)]$$

Claim: $f(\pi') \leq f(\pi)$ so identity optimal.

Proof: If argmax for $\pi' \notin \{i, i+1\}$, \checkmark

Else, let $A = \sum_{j \in [i-1]} T[\pi(j)]$

$$\pi': \max \left\{ A + T[\pi(i+1)] - D[\pi(i+1)], \right. \\ \left. A + T[\pi(i)] + T[\pi(i+1)] - D[\pi(i)] \right\}$$

$$\pi: A + T[\pi(i)] + T[\pi(i+1)] - \underbrace{D[\pi(i+1)]}_{\leq D[\pi(i)]}$$