

# Greedy algorithms (contd.)

$$\text{Average bit length } (T) = \sum_{x \in S} f_x \cdot \text{depth}_T(x)$$

↑  
prefix tree

$S$  = Set of letters/Alphabet.

We want to show that our algo gives an "optimal" prefix tree.

Lemma: Our algorithm gives optimal prefix tree.

Proof: By induction on  $|S|$ .



Base case: Trivial case.  
 $|S|=1$

Ind. hypothesis:  $\forall S, s.t. |S| \leq k-1$ , algo gives optimal prefix trees.

Ind. step:  $|S|=k$ .

↳ Algorithm generates a tree  $T$ .

Suppose  $T$  is not optimal.  $\exists Z$  s.t.  $ABL(Z) < ABL(T)$ .

→ Picks two least freq. letters  $y$  and  $z$  and replaced them w/ a letter  $w$  s.t.  $f_w = f_y + f_z$ .

$$S \rightarrow \underline{S'} \text{ s.t. } |S'| = k-1.$$

$$T \leftarrow \underline{T'}$$

$$ABL(T) = \sum_{x \in S} f_x \cdot \text{depth}_T(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in S \setminus \{y, z\}} f_x \cdot \text{depth}_T(x)$$

$$+ f_y \cdot \text{depth}_T(y) + f_z \cdot \text{depth}_T(z)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in S \setminus \{y, z\}} f_x \cdot \text{depth}_T(x) + \text{depth}_T(y) \cdot (f_y + f_z).$$

Note that  $\text{depth}_T(x) = \text{depth}_{T'}(x) + \underset{w}{\forall x \in S \setminus \{y, z\}}$ .

$$\text{depth}_T(z) = \text{depth}_T(y) = \text{depth}_{T'}(w) + 1.$$

$$f_w = f_y + f_z$$

$$= \left( \sum_{x \in S' \setminus \{w\}} f_x \cdot \text{depth}_{T'}(x) \right) + f_w \cdot (\text{depth}_{T'}(w) + 1)$$

$$= \left( \sum_{x \in S'} f_x \cdot \text{depth}_{T'}(x) \right) + f_w = \text{ABL}(T') + f_w.$$

$$\text{ABL}(T) = \text{ABL}(T') + f_w.$$

Qn: Are  $y$  and  $z$  siblings in  $Z$ ?

↳ Suppose not. Since  $Z$  is <sup>an</sup> optimal tree,  $y$  and  $z$  occur at same depth. }

↳ We can make  $y$  and  $z$  siblings without changing ABL.

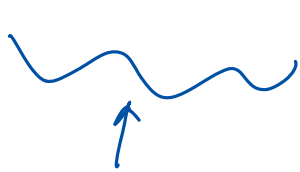
↳ We can assume WLOG that  $y$  and  $z$  are siblings in  $Z$ .

From  $Z$ , obtain  $Z'$  s.t.  is replaced by 

$$\Rightarrow \text{ABL}(Z) = \text{ABL}(Z') + f_w.$$

$$f_w + \text{ABL}(Z') = \text{ABL}(Z) < \text{ABL}(T) = \text{ABL}(T') + f_w$$

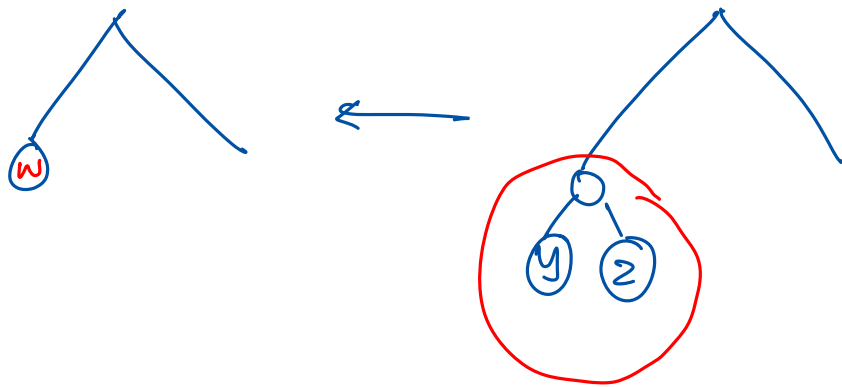
⇒  $ABL(Z') < ABL(T')$ .



But  $T'$  was optimal (given by the induction hypothesis).

This cannot happen. That is,  $ABL(Z)$  can't be less than  $ABL(T)$ .

⇒  $T$  is optimal



Running time:

$k-1$  iterations  
 ↳  $O(1)$  ExtractMin

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \leq O(k \log k) \\ \uparrow \text{with.} \\ \text{ExtractMin} \leq O(\log k) \end{array} \right\}$

$O(k)$

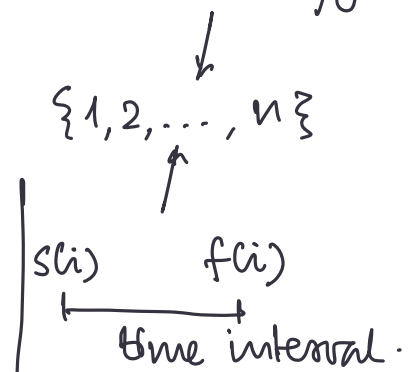
### Interval scheduling.

Premise: Processor/Resource and a set of requests/jobs.

We are given a list of intervals.

Req :=  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

We say a subset of req are "compatible" if no two requests have their intervals overlapping.

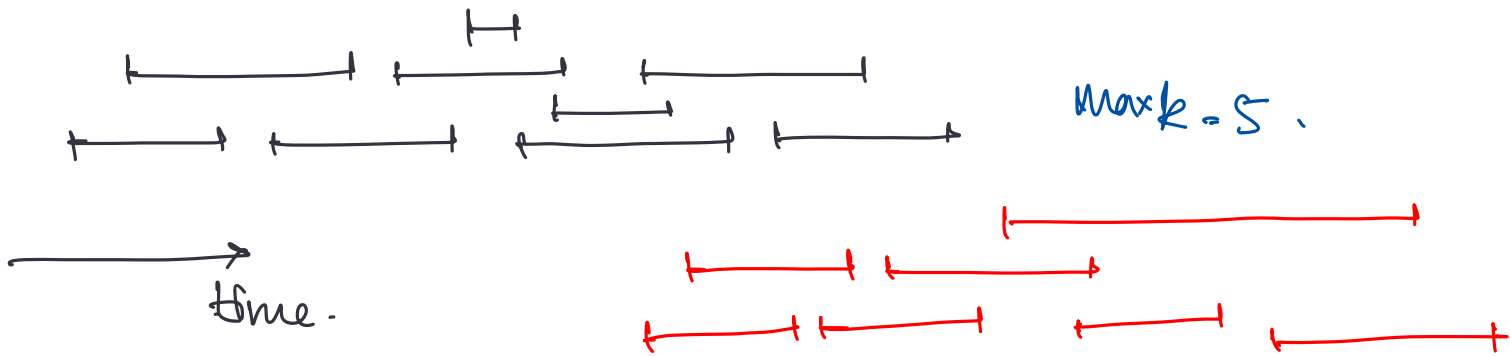


Goal: Find a largest set of compatible intervals in the set of reqs given.

$$R = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\} ; A \subseteq R$$

$$= \{I_{a_1}, \dots, I_{a_k}\} \text{ s.t. } I_{a_i} \cap I_{a_j} = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$$

Qn: What is the maximum value of  $k$ ?



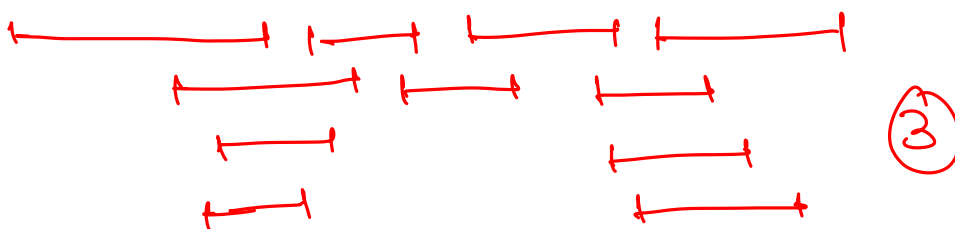
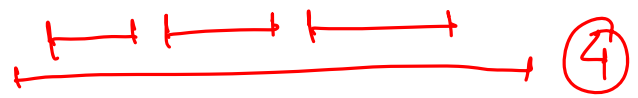
① Finish times - Early are preferred.

2. Pick the next closest disjoint interval. ~~X~~

3. Pick the one w/ fewer incompatibilities. ~~X~~

4. Early start time ~~X~~

5. Shortest time intervals. ~~X~~



Strategy: Pick req w/ early finish times.

Algo:

Input:  $R$ , a set of requests

$A \leftarrow \emptyset$ .

While  $R$  is not empty:

Choose a req  $i$  w/ lowest finish time.

$A \leftarrow A \cup \{i\}$ .

Remove all reqs incompatible w/  $i$  in  $R$ , along w/  $i$ .

Return  $A$ .

{ maximize the no. of jobs/reqs that are compatible w/ each other.

Correctness:  $A$  is optimal.

Say there exists a subset  $O \subseteq R$  s.t  $O$  is optimal.

$$O = \{J_1, \dots, J_m\} \quad A = \{I_1, \dots, I_k\} \quad s(m) - f(m)$$

If  $O$  is optimal,  $m \geq k$ .

If  $A$  is not optimal,  $m > k$ .

in sorted order of their times.

We want to argue that  $m$  cannot be strictly larger than  $k$  if  $A$  was built using our algorithm.

Obs:  $f(I_1) \leq f(J_1)$ .

Lemma:  $\forall r \leq k, f(I_r) \leq f(J_r)$ .

$$O = \{J_1, \dots, \underbrace{J_k}_{\text{circled}}, \dots, J_m\}$$

$$A = \{I_1, \dots, \underbrace{I_k}_{\text{circled}}\}$$

$\Rightarrow J_{k+1}, \dots, J_m$  are compatible w/  $A$ .

Proof by induction: On  $r \in [1, \dots, k]$

Base case:  $r=1$ .

1. step: We can assume that ind. hyp. holds for all  $r' \leq r-1$ .

$$f(I_{r-1}) \leq f(J_{r-1}). \quad s(J_r) \geq f(J_{r-1}) \\ \geq f(I_{r-1}).$$

Pick the job w/ least finish time.

$I_r$

$J_r$

Suppose  $f(J_r) < f(I_r)$ .

Then exchange  $J_r$  and  $I_r$  as algorithm would have actually picked  $J_r$ .

} ~~X.~~

$$\Rightarrow f(I_r) \leq f(J_r)$$