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Each has preferences over the other group





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matching has
many practical
applications

Figure 1 Applicants and 1st Year Positions in The Match, 1952-2014


|  | Matched |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Applicant Type | $2013$ <br> Graduates | Prior Year Graduates ${ }^{1}$ | Total |
| CMG | 2571 | 74 | 2645 |
| IMG | 146 | 353 | 499 |
| USMG | 23 | 2 | 25 |
| TOTAL | 2740 | 429 | 3169 |



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Definition: matchings

$$
\left.\begin{array}{ll}
M=\left\{m_{1} m_{2} \ldots\right. & \left.m_{n}\right\} \\
W=\left\{s_{1} \ldots\right. & s_{n}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

$S=\left\{\left(m_{i}, s_{j}\right)\right\}$ such that each $m$ and each $w$ appear in exactly one pair in $S$.

## Definition: matchings

$$
\begin{gathered}
M=\left\{m_{1}, \ldots, m_{n}\right\} \\
W=\left\{\underline{w_{1}, \ldots, w_{n}}\right\} \\
S=\left\{\left(m_{i_{1}}, w_{j_{1}}\right), \ldots,\left(m_{i_{k}}, w_{i_{k}}\right)\right\}
\end{gathered}
$$

Each $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{i}}\left(\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ appears only one in a pairing. A matching is perfect if every $m_{i}$ appears.

preferences


## Definition: preferences

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\begin{aligned}
& M=\left\{m_{1}, \ldots, m_{n}\right\} \\
& w_{i} c_{m_{1}} w_{j} \quad \text { "miprefers } w_{j} \text { to } w_{i} "
\end{aligned}
$$



## Example: preferences

$$
M=\left\{m_{1}, \ldots, m_{n}\right\}
$$

$m_{i}$ has a preference relation $\prec_{m_{i}}$




Def: instability

is an unmatched pair $(m, w)$ such that $m$ prefers $w$ to its current match $w^{\prime}$ $w$ prefers $m$ to its current match $m$ '

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Def: instability } \\
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& s=\left\{\left(\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{o}}^{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{E}\right)(\mathrm{O})\right\} \\
& \text { (\% ○) }\left(m^{2}, w^{*}\right) \notin S \\
& w^{\prime} \prec_{m^{*}} w^{*} \\
& \overline{m^{\prime} \prec_{w^{*}} m^{*}}
\end{aligned}
$$

# $M^{=(\tan )}$ <br> is a stable matching if 

No unmatched pair ( $s^{*}, r^{*}$ ) prefer each other to their partners in $M$

Example 2

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## Prove: for every input

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there exists a stable matching.
proposal algorithm

- stat with everyone unmatched
while there is an unmatched suitor $S$
Let $r$ be highest rankal revieven that $S$ hasn't proposed to $S$ proposes a math with $r$
if $r$ is unmatched or rismatdel to $\left(s^{\prime}, r\right)$ and $S^{\prime}=_{r} S$ break the match $(s), r)$ \& create the match $(s, r)$

```
StableMatch( }M,W,\mp@subsup{\prec}{m}{\prime},\mp@subsup{\prec}{w}{}
```

1 Initialize all $m, w$ to be free
2 while $\exists \operatorname{FREE}(m)$ and hasn't proposed to all $W$
3 do Pick such an $m$

10 return Set of pairs

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Proposal algorithm ends

# Proposal algorithm ends 

## $O\left(n^{2}\right)$ steps

each $m$ proposes at most once to each $w$. each $m$ proposes at most $n$ times.
size $\phi$ (M) is at most $n$.
output is a matching
Each $m$ only appears at most once in the output.
By lines 6 and $g$, when a math is added to potential outport, both parties are unmatchal at the time of match by lines 2,5 and /ar 8 .

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Let $w \in W$ be highest-ranked to whom $m$ has not yet proposed if $\operatorname{FREE}(w)$
then Make a new pair $(m, w)$
elseif $\left(m^{\prime}, w\right)$ is paired and $m^{\prime} \prec_{w} m$
do Break pair $\left(m^{\prime}, w\right)$ and make $m^{\prime}$ free
Make pair $(m, w)$
return Set of pairs
output is perfect
$|\mu|=n$. Because
$\Rightarrow$ if there is an unmatchal suitor
$\Rightarrow$ I an unmatched reviewer.
(so alg has not terminated yA)

## output is perfect

if $\exists m$ who is free, then
$\exists w$ who has not been asked
output is stable
Proof: By contradiction. Spse output is not stake. There exists an unmatched pair $\left(m^{*}, w^{*}\right)$ such that $\omega<m_{k} w^{*}$ and $m<w_{*} m^{*}$. and $\left(m^{*}, w\right)\left(m, w^{*}\right) \in M$
output is stable
spae not. $\exists\left(m^{*}, w\right),\left(m, w^{*}\right) \in S \quad w \prec_{m^{*}} w^{*} \underline{\prec_{w^{*}} m^{*}}$
Consider the moment when $w^{*}$ is matchal with my and the moment when $m^{*}$ is matched with $w$.
(1) $m^{*}$ must have proposed to $w$ laot. Bot we know that $m^{*}$ preferreal $\omega^{*}$ to $w$. And by the algorithm, this means that $m$ proposal to $\omega^{*}$ before proposing to $w$.
(2) What happened when $m^{*}$ proposed to $w^{*} ? ?$ ? $\left(m^{*}, w^{*}\right)$ was made but then at some point $\left(m, \omega^{*}\right)$ was made
or (b) w* was c'ready matched to $m$ 'and $m *$ _w* $m^{\prime}$
$m^{*}<_{w *} m$ which contradicts above.

## output is stable

spse not. $\exists\left(m^{*}, w\right),\left(m, w^{*}\right) \in S \quad w \prec_{m^{*}} w^{*} m \prec_{w^{*}} m^{*}$
m* last proposal was to w
but $\quad w \prec_{m^{*}} w^{*}$ and so $\mathrm{m}^{*}$ must have already asked $\mathrm{w}^{*}$
and must have been rejected by $m^{*} \prec_{w^{*}} m^{\prime}$
then either $\quad m^{\prime} \prec_{w^{*}} m \quad$ or $\quad m^{\prime}=m$
which contradicts assumption $\overline{m \prec_{w^{*}}} m^{*}$

## Proposer wins



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Remarkable theorem
w is valid for $m$ : if $J$ a stable matching $S$ such that $(n, w) \in S$. best $(m)$ : best $(m)$ is valid for $m$ and there is $N_{1}$ valid $w^{*}$ such that best $(m) \Lambda_{m} w^{*}$

The: G-S returns the match $\{(m$, bert $(m n))\}$. $\left(\begin{array}{l}\text { proposes optimal match) } \\ \text { suitor }\end{array}\right.$

GS is Suitor-optimal.
Proof: Suppose that 65 did not rectum the $S^{*}=\{(m$, best $(m)\}$.
It returned $S \neq S^{*}$. i.e, there is some $m$, ${ }^{(a)} w=$ bes $(m)$.
So r tor oe find $\rightarrow S t$
$(M, \omega)$
(a) $\omega^{\prime}<_{m} \omega b / c$
$\omega=$ best ( $n$ )
$\left(m^{\prime \prime}, w^{\prime}\right)$
(b) $m^{\prime}<_{w} m$
why??
since ( $M, w$ ) was valid match,
$w$ must prefer m
Conclusion: S was not stable b/e of $(m, w)$.
$\Rightarrow$ contradiction, to the underlined sentence.

## GS matching vs R-opt

| S 1 | S 2 | S 3 | S 4 | R 1 | R 2 | R 3 | R 4 |
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|  |  | S 1 | S 1 | S 1 | S 1 |  |  |
|  | S 2 | S 2 | S 2 | S 2 |  |  |  |
|  | S 3 | S 3 | S 3 | S 3 |  |  |  |
|  | S 4 | S 4 | S 4 | S 4 |  |  |  |


| S1 | S2 | S3 | S4 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
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| R2 | R2 | R2 | R2 | S2 | S2 | S2 | S2 |
| R3 | R3 | R3 | R3 | S3 | S3 | S3 | S3 |
| R4 | R4 | R4 | R4 | S4 | S4 | S4 | S4 |


| S1 | S2 | S3 | S4 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
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| R2 | R2 | R2 | R2 | S2 | S2 | S2 | S2 |
| R3 | R3 | R3 | R3 | S3 | S3 | S3 | S3 |
| R4 | R4 | R4 | R4 | S4 | S4 | S4 | S4 |


| Not honest |  |  |  |  |  |
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| R2 | R1 | R1 | S1 | S2 | S2 |
| R1 | R2 | R3 | S2 | S1 | S3 |
| R3 | R3 | R2 | S3 | S3 | S1 |



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## Guns and butter

## $\max x+y$

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\begin{aligned}
4 x-y & \leq 8 \\
2 x+y & \leq 10 \\
5 x-2 y & \geq-2 \\
x, y & \geq 0
\end{aligned}
$$






## Certificate of optimality

$\max x+y$

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\begin{aligned}
4 x-y & \leq 8 \\
2 x+y & \leq 10 \\
5 x-2 y & \geq-2 \\
x, y & \geq 0
\end{aligned}
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