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## Greedy is only good for certain problems

|  | start | end |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sy3333 | 2 | 3.25 |
| en1612 | 1 | 4 |
| ma1231 | 3 | 4 |
| Cs5800 | 3.5 | 4.75 |
| cs4800 | 4 | 5.25 |
| cs6051 | 4.5 | 6 |
| sy3100 | 5 | 6.5 |
| Cs1234 | 7 | 8 |

## How many non-overlapping courses can you take?

problem statement
$\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right)$
$\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n}\right) \quad$ starting times.
$\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)$ (sorted) $\quad s_{i}<\underline{f}_{i}$
end times
find largest subset of activities $\mathrm{C}=\{\mathrm{a}\}$ such that
(compatible)
for any $i, j \quad i=j$

$$
S_{j}>f_{i}
$$

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For any two activities $a_{i}, a_{j}, i<j$ the start time of $a_{j}$ is after the finish time of $a_{i}$.

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{i}, a_{j} \in C, i<j \\
& f_{i} \leq s_{j}
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Lets draw all of the events on a timeline.


$$
\text { Best }_{2 n}=\begin{aligned}
& \text { Maximum number of non-overlapping activities } \\
& \text { possible among the first } 2 n \text { events. }
\end{aligned}
$$





GOAL: SOLTN $_{0,2 n}$
greedy solution:

claim: the first action to finish in e[i,j] is always part of some solus sol $_{i}$
proof:
Consider some opting SOLTNi,j.
Let $a^{*}$ be the first action to finish in $C[i, j]$.
If $a^{*} \in \operatorname{SoC} N_{i, j}$, then the claim holds.
If $a^{*} \& \operatorname{socta} i, j$, let $a$ be the first to finish in South $j_{i j}$
Consider $S_{i, j}=\operatorname{SOLTN}_{i, j}-\{a\} \cup\left\{a^{*}\right\}$
(1) $\left|S_{i, j}\right|=\left|\operatorname{Socta}_{i, j}\right|$
(2) $S_{i, j}$ is valid soltian, nonoverlapping. Because
$e_{a *}<e_{a}$. So $a^{*}$ doe not overlap with any events.
claim: the first action to finish in e[i,j] is always part of some $\operatorname{soltn}_{i, j}$

Consider soltn ${ }_{i, j}$ and let $a^{*}$ be the first activity to finish in e[i,j]. If $a^{*} \in$ soltn $_{i, j}$, then the claim follows.
If not, let $a$ be the activity that finishes first in soltn ${ }_{i, j}$.
Consider a new solution that replaces $a$ with $a^{*}$.
soltn $_{i, j}^{*}=$ solttn $_{i, j}-\{a\} \cup\left\{a^{*}\right\}$
This new set is valid because $a^{*}$ finishes before $a$ and thus does not overlap with any activities. This new solution also has the same size and is therefore also optimal too.
greedy solution:

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## running time

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\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}\right) \quad(\text { sorted }) \quad s_{i}<f_{i}
$$

## Recap

The main idea in this algorithm was the "exchange argument."
We were able to identify an item (first to finish) that must be part of some optimal solution by exchanging this element with one that we can identify in any optimal solution.

Since its easy to identify the item that is first to finish, our algorithm is conversely simple, "greedy."

## cache hit

Cache

> CPU
> load r2, addr a store $r 4$, addr b
main memory
question:

How do we manage a fully-associate cache?

When it is full, which element do we replace?

## problem statement

input:
output:
cache is

# problem statement 

input: K, the size of the cache
$d_{1}, d_{2}, \ldots, d_{m}$ memory accesses
output: schedule for that cache that minimizes \# of cache misses while satisfying requests
cache is fully associative, line size is 1

## contrast with reality

# contrast with reality 

In a real program, we may not know the future memory access patterns.

Some caches have additional restrictions, like line-size, associativity, etc.

## Belady eviction rule

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Replace the element in the cache that is accessed "farthest into the future"

## example

cache

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Surprising theorem

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The schedule $S_{f f}$ produced by the Belady "farthest in the future" eviction rule is optimal.

## schedule

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Note: any schedule can be transformed into a reduced schedule with the same or fewer cache misses.
(Idea: starting at the end, defer "evict...t" until y is read)

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Then there exists a schedule $S^{\prime}$ that agrees with $S_{f f}$ on the first $j+1$ accesses and has the same or fewer misses.

## Some optimal

schedule.


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Agrees with $S_{f f}$ on
the first access.

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the first two accesses.

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$$
s_{n-1} S_{\mathrm{ff}}
$$

$S_{f f}$ has the same number of cache misses as $S^{*}$.

Agrees with $S_{f f}$ on the first three accesses.

## Proof of Lemma

Let $S$ be a reduced sched that agrees with $\mathrm{Sff}_{\mathrm{ff}}$ on the first j items. There exists a reduced sched $\mathbf{S}^{\prime}$ that agrees with Sff on the first j+1 items and has the same or fewer \#misses as S.

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At time j, both $S$ and $S_{f f}$ have the same state.
Let $d$ be the element accessed at time $j+1$.

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Both $S$ and $S_{f f}$ agree at j+1.

Proof of lemma

case 3

Proof of lemma


Timeline



S'


S


Copy j+1 from $S_{f f}$ Then copy from $S$ until $t$ (the first time that either $e$ or $f$ are accessed). Then copy from S until the end.


Let $t$ be the first access that either $e$ or $f$ are accessed.
What if $t=e$ :

$\square$
what if $\mathrm{t}=\mathrm{e}$ ?


S'
e d
what if $t=f$ ?
what if $t$ is neither e nor $f$ ?

# What have we shown 

$S_{f f}$ $\square$

S'


S $\square$

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## Recap

The greedy algorithm is quite simple.
But the analysis for why the solution works is more subtle and complicated.

In this case, we had to apply the exchange lemma multiple times to prove optimality.

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\begin{array}{ccc}
c \in C & f_{c} & T \\
\mathrm{e}: & 235 & \\
\mathrm{i}: & 200 \\
\mathrm{o}: & 170 \\
\mathrm{u}: & 87 \\
\mathrm{p}: & 78 \\
\mathrm{~g}: & 47 \\
\mathrm{~b}: & 40 \\
\mathrm{f}: & 24
\end{array}
$$

$$
881
$$

| $c \in C \quad f_{c}$ | $T$ | $\ell_{c}$ |
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| $\mathrm{~g}:$ | 47 | 101 |
| $\mathrm{~b}:$ | 40 | 110 |
| $\mathrm{f}:$ | 24 | 111 |

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## def: cost of an encoding

$$
B\left(T,\left\{f_{c}\right\}\right)=\sum_{c \in C} f_{c} \cdot \ell_{c}
$$

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| :--- | :---: | :--- |
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## character frequency



## Morse code

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The space between parts of the same letter $=1$ dot
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```
A\bulletE.. 
B=\bullet... W* 
D=**
E * . - - 
G** =
G-a
|
J•E - = 
```



```
L\bullet!.! 2**!上!
M= - 3
3*\bullet! =
N=
O= - 5 \bullet. * 
P\bullet=-\bullet 6 =. - . 
```



```
R\bullet\bullet. 
S\bullet\bullet\bullet. 9 = = = - !
T
```


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A\bulletE. W W\bullet\bullet. W
C-1
O.
E
F** - *
G* =
G-*
l**
J-L = - 
K_\bullet!
L- - -
M-*
N=
N=
O-= -
P- = - 
```






```
U * - =
```

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```


## decoding a prefix code

| $\mathrm{e}:$ | 235 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
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## code to binary tree

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111111010111110

# prefix code 


binary tree
use tree to encode


## goal

## GIVEN THE

(all frequencies are $>0$ )

GIVEN THE CHARACTER FREQUENCIES

$$
\left\{f_{c}\right\}_{c \in C}
$$

PRODUCE A PREFIX CODE T WITH SMALLEST COST

$$
\min _{T} B\left(T,\left\{f_{c}\right\}\right)
$$


divide \& conquer?

## counter-example

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{e}: & 32 \\
\mathrm{i}: & 25 \\
\mathrm{o}: & 20 \\
\mathrm{u}: & 18 \\
\mathrm{p}: & 5
\end{array}
$$












objective

## exchange argument

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\begin{array}{ll}
f_{a} \leq f_{b} & f_{x} \leq f_{a} \\
f_{x} \leq f_{y} & f_{y} \leq f_{b}
\end{array}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& B(T)=\sum_{c} f_{c} \ell_{c}+f_{x} \ell_{x}+f_{a} \ell_{a} \quad B\left(T^{\prime}\right)=\sum_{c} f_{c} \ell_{c}^{\prime}+f_{x} \ell_{x}^{\prime}+f_{a} \ell_{a}^{\prime} \\
& B(T)-B\left(T^{\prime}\right) \geq 0
\end{aligned}
$$

exchange argument


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$$





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$$

I/ IS Also optimal

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Lemma:

## optimal sub-structure



LEMMA: The optimal solution for $T$ consists of computing an optimal solution for $T^{\prime}$ and replacing the left $z$ with a node having children $x, y$.



$B\left(T^{\prime}\right)$

$B(T)$

$$
B\left(T^{\prime}\right)=B(T)-f_{x}-f_{y}
$$

## Suppose $T$ is not optimal

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$$
B(U)<B(T)
$$

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$$
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$$



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$$
\begin{aligned}
B(U) & <B(T) \\
B\left(U^{\prime}\right) & =B(U)-f_{x}-f_{y} \\
& <\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{~T})-\mathrm{FX}-\mathrm{FY}
\end{aligned}
$$



But this implies that $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{T}^{\prime}\right)$ was not optimal.
therefore


## summary of argument

