#### Today.

Comment: Add 0. Poll. Add (k-k). Induction: Some guibbles. What did you learn in 61A? Induction and Recursion Couple of more induction proofs. Stable Marriage.

## Strengthening: need to ...

Theorem: For all  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i^2} \le 2$ .  $(S_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i^2})$ Base: P(1).  $1 \le 2$ . Ind Step:  $\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{1}{i^2} \le 2$ .  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{i^2}$  $= \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{1}{i^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}.$  $\leq 2 + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$ Uh oh? Hmmm... It better be that any sum is strictly less than 2. How much less? At least by  $\frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$  for  $S_k$ . 
$$\label{eq:scalarsystem} \begin{split} & "S_k \leq 2 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \implies "S_{k+1} \leq 2" \\ & \text{Induction step works! No! Not the same statement!!!!} \\ & \text{Need to prove } "S_{k+1} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{(k+2)^2} ". \end{split}$$
Darn!!!

## Some quibbles.

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The induction principle works on the natural numbers. Proves statements of form:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ . Yes. What if the statement is only for n > 3?  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (n \geq 3) \implies P(n)$ Restate as:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, Q(n) \text{ where } Q(n) = "(n \ge 3) \implies P(n)".$ Base Case: typically start at 3. Since  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $Q(n) \implies Q(n+1)$  is trivially true before 3. Can you do induction over other things? Yes. Any set where any subset of the set has a smallest element. In some sense, the natural numbers.

Strenthening: how? Theorem: For all  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i^2} \le 2 - f(n)$ .  $(S_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i^2})$ Proof: Ind hyp:  $P(k) - "S_k \le 2 - f(k)"$ Prove:  $P(k+1) - "S_{k+1} \le 2 - f(k+1)"$  $S(k+1) = S_k + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$  $\leq 2 - f(k) + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$  By ind. hyp.

Choose  $f(k+1) \le f(k) - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$ .  $\implies S(k+1) \le 2 - f(k+1)$ .

Can you? Subtracting off a quadratically decreasing function every time. Maybe a linearly decreasing function to keep positive? Try  $f(k) = \frac{1}{k}$  $\frac{1}{k+1} \leq \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$ ?

 $1 \leq \frac{k+1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1}$  Multiplied by k+1.

 $1 \le 1 + (\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1})$  Some math. So yes! Theorem: For all  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i^2} \le 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ .

# Strong Induction and Recursion.

Thm: For every natural number n > 12, n = 4x + 5y. Instead of proof, let's write some code!

def find-x-y(n): if (n==12) return (3,0) elif (n==13): return(2,1) elif (n==14): return(1,2) elif (n==15): return(0,3) else: (x', y') = find-x-y(n-4)return (x'+1, y')

#### Base cases: P(12), P(13), P(14), P(15), Yes.

Strong Induction step: Recursive call is correct:  $P(n-4) \implies P(n)$ .  $n-4 = 4x' + 5y' \implies n = 4(x'+1) + 5(y')$ 

Slight differences: showed for all  $n \ge 16$  that  $\bigwedge_{i=4}^{n-1} P(i) \implies P(n)$ .

# Stable Matching Problem

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n candidates and n iobs.

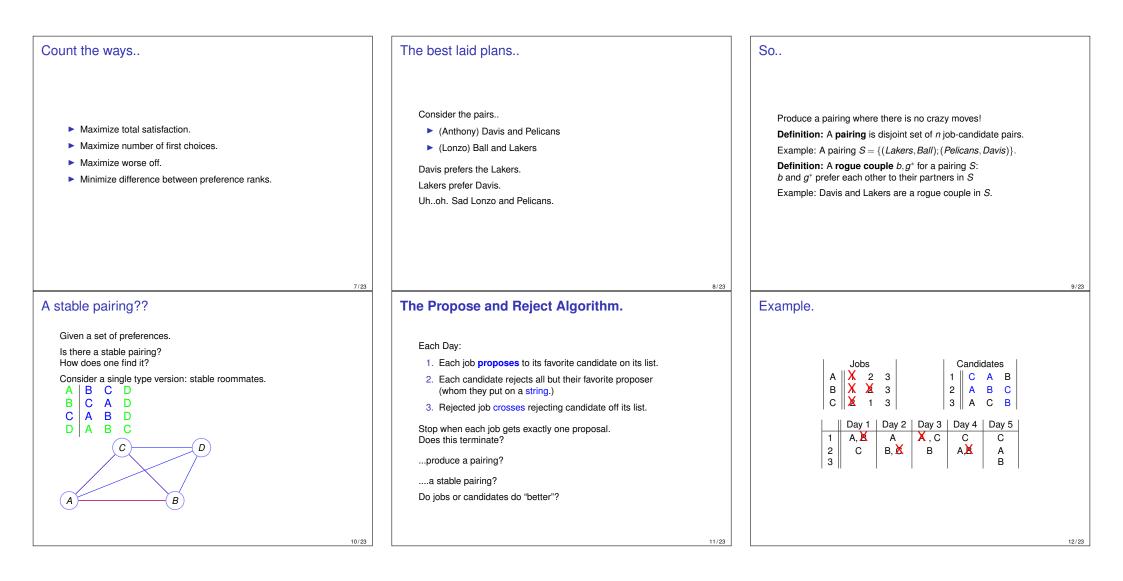
Each job has a ranked preference list of candidates.

Each candidate has a ranked preference list of jobs.

How should they be matched?

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## Termination.

Every non-terminated day a job **crossed** an item off the list. Total size of lists? *n* jobs, *n* length list.  $n^2$ Terminates in  $\leq n^2$  steps!

## Pairing when done.

Lemma: Every job is matched at end. (Launch Proof poll.)
Proof:
If not, a job *b* must have been rejected *n* times.
Every candidate has been proposed to by *b*, and Improvement lemma
⇒ each candidate has a job on a string.
and each job is on at most one string. *n* candidates and *n* jobs. Same number of each.
⇒ *b* must be on some candidate's string!
Contradiction.

## It gets better every day for candidates.

**Improvement Lemma: It just gets better for candidates** If on day *t* a candidate *g* has a job *b* on a string, any job, *b'*, on candidate *g*'s string for any day t' > tis at least as good as *b*.

Example: Candidate "Alice" has job "Amalgamated Concrete" on string on day 5.

She has job "Amalgamated Asphalt" on string on day 7.

Does Alice prefer "Almalgamated Asphalt" or "Amalgamated Concrete"?

g - 'Alice', b - 'Am. Con.', b' - 'Am. Asph.', t = 5, t' = 7.

Improvement Lemma says she prefers 'Almalgamated Asphalt'.

Day 10: Can Alice have "Amalgamated Asphalt" on her string? Yes.

Alice prefers day 10 job as much as day 7 job. Here, b = b'. Why is lemma true?

Proof Idea: She can always keep the previous job on the string.

#### Pairing is Stable.

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**Lemma:** There is no rogue couple for the pairing formed by traditional marriage algorithm.

**Proof:** Assume there is a rogue couple;  $(b, g^*)$ 



*b* prefers  $g^*$  to g.  $g^*$  prefers *b* to  $b^*$ .

# Job *b* proposes to $g^*$ before proposing to *g*. So $g^*$ rejected *b* (since he moved on) By improvement lemma, $g^*$ prefers $b^*$ to *b*.

Contradiction!

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#### Improvement Lemma

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#### Proof:

P(k)- - "job on g's string is at least as good as b on day t + k"

P(0) – true. Candidate has b on string.

Assume P(k). Let b' be job on string on day t+k.

On day t + k + 1, job b' comes back. Candidate g can choose b', or do better with another job, b''

That is,  $b' \le b$  by induction hypothesis. And b'' is better than b' by algorithm.  $\implies$  Candidate does at least as well as with b.

 $P(k) \implies P(k+1)$ . And by principle of induction, lemma holds for every day after t.

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# Good for jobs? candidates?

Is the Job-Proposes better for jobs? for candidates?

**Definition:** A **pairing is** *x***-optimal** if *x*'s partner is its best partner in any stable pairing.

**Definition:** A **pairing is** *x***-pessimal** if *x*'*s* partner is its worst partner in any stable pairing.

**Definition:** A **pairing is job optimal** if it is *x*-optimal for **all** jobs *x*.

.. and so on for job pessimal, candidate optimal, candidate pessimal.

Claim: The optimal partner for a job must be first in its preference list.

True? False? False!

Subtlety here: Best partner in any stable pairing. As well as you can be in a globally stable solution!

Question: Is there a job or candidate optimal pairing? Is it possible: *b*-optimal pairing different from the *b*'-optimal pairing!

b-optimal pairing different from the b'-optimal pairing Yes? No?

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# Understanding Optimality: by example.

A: 1,2 1: A,B B: 1.2 2: B.A Consider pairing: (A, 1), (B, 2). Stable? Yes. Optimal for B? Notice: only one stable pairing. So this is the best *B* can do in a stable pairing. So optimal for B. Also optimal for A, 1 and 2. Also pessimal for A,B,1 and 2. A: 1.2 1: B,A B: 2.1 2: A.B Pairing S: (A,1), (B,2). Stable? Yes. Pairing T: (A,2), (B,1). Also Stable. Which is optimal for A? S Which is optimal for B? S Which is optimal for 1? T Which is optimal for 2? T

# Quick Questions.

How does one make it better for candidates?

Propose and Reject - stable matching algorithm. One side proposes. Jobs Propose  $\implies$  job optimal. Candidates propose.  $\implies$  optimal for candidates.

# Job Propose and Candidate Reject is optimal! For jobs? For candidates? Theorem: Job Propose and Reject produces a job-optimal pairing. Proof: Assume not: there is a job b does not get optimal candidate, g. There is a stable pairing S where b and g are paired. Let t be first day job b gets rejected by its optimal candidate g who it is paired with in stable pairing S. $b^*$ - knocks b off of g's string on day $t \implies g$ prefers $b^*$ to b By choice of t, $b^*$ likes g at least as much as optimal candidate. $\implies$ $b^*$ prefers g to its partner $g^*$ in S. Roque couple for S. So S is not a stable pairing. Contradiction. Notes: S - stable. $(b^*, g^*) \in S$ . But $(b^*, g)$ is rogue couple! Used Well-Ordering principle...Induction.

# **Residency Matching..**

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The method was used to match residents to hospitals. Hospital optimal.... ..until 1990's...Resident optimal. Another variation: couples.

#### How about for candidates?

**Theorem:** Job Propose and Reject produces candidate-pessimal pairing. T – pairing produced by JPR. S – worse stable pairing for candidate g. In T, (g, b) is pair. In S,  $(g, b^*)$  is pair. g prefers b to  $b^*$ . T is job optimal, so b prefers g to its partner in S. (g, b) is Rogue couple for S S is not stable. Contradiction.

## Takeaways.

Analysis of cool algorithm with interesting goal: stability. "Economic": different utilities. Definition of optimality: best utility in stable world. Action gives better results for individuals but gives instability. Induction over steps of algorithm. Proofs carefully use definition: Optimality proof: contradiction of the existence of a better pairing.

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