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Simplified problem: Only compute the value of an optimal schedule. $0 \leq j \leq n$

$OPT(j)$ = value of ~~the~~ an optimal solution $[j]$ $\{(s_1, t_1, u_1), \dots, (s_j, t_j, u_j)\}$

Goal: Compute $OPT(n)$.

Def: Q_j be an optimal solution for $[j]$

$OPT(j) = v(Q_j)$
 \uparrow by definition of $OPT(j)$ & Q_j

$OPT(0) = 0$

Goal: $OPT(j) = \max \{ OPT(j-1), v_j + OPT(p(j)) \}$

Case 1: $j \notin Q_j$ Claim 1: Q_j is also optimal for $[j-1]$

$\Rightarrow OPT(j) \stackrel{\text{def of } Q_j}{=} v(Q_j) \stackrel{\text{Claim 1}}{=} OPT(j-1)$

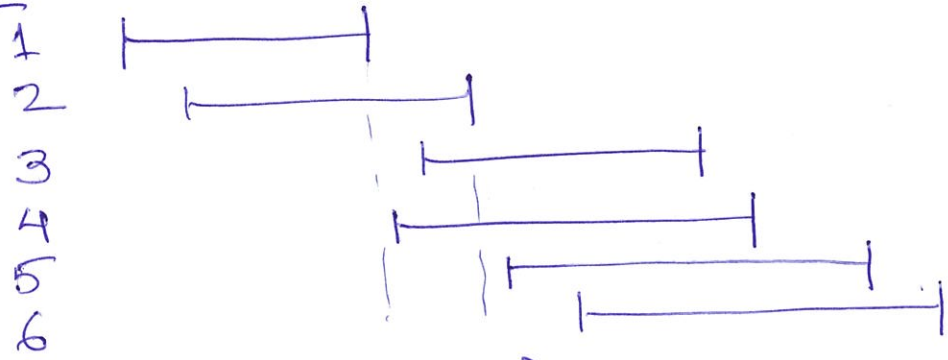
Pf (idea) of Claim 1: Assume \exists a schedule Q' for $[j-1]$

st $v(Q') > v(Q_j)$

But Q' is also valid for $[j]$ \Rightarrow contradicts the assumption that Q_j is optimal for $[j]$.

Case 2: $j \in Q_j$ | Def: $p(j) =$ largest $i < j$ s.t. i & j do not conflict
 $= 0$ if no such $i \exists$.

Ex:



$OPT(6) = \max \{ OPT(5), v_6 + OPT(2) \}$

$p(1) = 0$
 $p(2) = 0$
 $p(3) = 1$
 $p(4) = 1$
 $p(5) = 2$
 $p(6) = 2$

① $p(j) + 1, \dots, j-1$ conflict with
 j
 ② $1, \dots, p(j)$ will NOT conflict with j

Case 2: $j \in Q_j$ Claim 2: $Q_j \setminus \{j\}$ is an optimal solution for $[p(j)]$

$$\Rightarrow \text{OPT}(j) \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{def of } Q_j}}{=} v(Q_j) = \cancel{v(Q_j)} + v(Q_j \setminus \{j\}) \\ \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{claim 2}}}{=} v_j + \text{OPT}(p(j))$$

Idea of Claim 2: Assume $Q_j \setminus \{j\}$ is NOT optimal for $[p(j)]$

$\Rightarrow \exists \theta'$ which is a valid schedule for $[p(j)]$ & $v(\theta') > v(Q_j \setminus \{j\})$

Note: $\theta' \cup \{j\}$ is a valid schedule for $[j]$

$$\text{but } v(\theta' \cup \{j\}) = v(\theta') + v_j > v(Q_j \setminus \{j\}) + v_j = v(Q_j)$$

\Rightarrow contradicts optimality of Q_j for $[j]$.

Ex: Compute $p(j)$ for $0 \leq j \leq n$ in $O(n \log n)$ time.

Bonus Ex: $\Omega(n \log n)$ comparisons to compute $p(j)$ for all j .