

I will begin by assuming zero base in this problem.

**Given:**

Set  $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$ , the set of robots.

Set  $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$ , the set of generators.

$r_i$ 's preference order on  $g \forall i$

**Output:**

A perfect matching of  $R$  to  $G$  with no instabilities.

A matching of  $R$  and  $G$  is a pairing  $\{(r,g) \mid r \in R, g \in G\}$  and no  $r$  or  $g$  is matched  $>$  once.

A perfect matching is one which every generator is shut down by one robot, that is, everyone has a match.

An instability exists if  $(r_1, g_2)$  are matched, but  $r_2$  visits  $g_2$  after match, destroying the robot and leaving an undestroyed generator later.

**Algorithm**

1. Let  $P$  represent the generator preference list, which is the reverse of the list of the sorted list of robot services for that generator.
  - (a) For example, let  $r_n$  represent the last robot to service generator  $g_n$  and let  $r_k$  represent the second to last robot to service generator  $g_n$ .  $P[g_n] = [r_n, r_k]$ .
2. Let  $r_n$  represent the robot that services a particular generator,  $g_n$ , last.
  - (a) Note:  $r_n$  can be a single robot or a group.
  - (b) Note: If  $r_n$  is a group of robots, all the robots in that group will visit a different generator first because no two robots can service the same generator at the same time.
3. For each robot from  $r_n$  to  $r_1$ 

$r_i$  sets to destroy first scheduled generator  
Generator will accept/be destroyed if:

  - (a) open/hasn't been set to be destroyed by a particular robot  
or  
indice of  $r_i$  in  $P[\ ] <$  indice of current match,  $r_j$  in  $G[\ ]$ .

**Proof of Correctness**

Claim: The algorithm terminates in  $\leq n^2$  steps.

Proof: Each iteration through the list causes a new service/virus request. There are  $n^2$  possible service/virus requests.

Claim: The algorithm returns a perfect matching.

Proof: Suppose not.

Then  $\exists$  an un-destroyed generator  $g \in G$ . Then no robot destroyed  $g$ .  $|R| = |G| = n$ , therefore  $\exists$  a robot that did not destroy a generator. Therefore,  $r$  is an unmatched robot who hasn't been designed to destroy a particular generator. Therefore, the algorithm did not terminate, which is a contradiction. Because there exists a contradiction, we reject the notion that the algorithm does not return a perfect matching.

**Proof of Efficiency**

Claim: The algorithm's efficiency is on the order of  $O(n^2)$

Proof: To prove the algorithm's efficiency, I want to look at both the pre-processing scheme, and then the match creation of robot and generator.

In the pre-processing scheme, the algorithm constructs an array P, to represent the preference list for a particular generator g, which takes into account the service schedules of each robot. Again, the preference list for a particular generator g is simply the reverse of the list of robots servicing g throughout the day, where  $r_n$  is the last robot to service g, and the first element of array P. Because there are n robots that serve each generator, to construct a preference list, P, for a given generator g, will be on the order of  $O(n)$ .

$|R| = |G| = n$ , therefore there must a preference list created for n generators, which makes the efficiency  $O(n * n)$ , which equals  $O(n^2)$ .

After the preference list for each generator is created, the matching scheme begins.

For each robot from  $r_n$  to  $r_1$ ,  $r_i$  will see if it is to destroy its first scheduled generator. Because there are n robots, this step will be  $O(n)$ . The generator will accept if it is open to be destroyed, of if the particular  $r_i$  is higher on its preference list. Again, since there are n robots trying to destroy n generators, this operation will also be  $O(n)$ . Because the each process described is implemented with a for loop and they are nested for loops, you again multiply the efficiencies of each process,  $O(n * n)$ , which becomes  $O(n^2)$ .

To determine the total efficiency of the algorithm, you add the efficiencies of the pre-processing scheme and matching-scheme,  $O(n^2 + n^2)$ , which equals  $O(2n^2)$ , which equals  $O(n^2)$ .