

# Introduction: Some representative problems

## Algunos problemas representativos

Tema 1

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# Some basic definitions

## Algunas definiciones básicas

An algorithm is:

- (Informally) Any well-defined computational procedure that takes some value, or set of values, as input and produces some value, or set of values, as output.
- A sequence of computational steps that transform the input into the output.
- A tool for solving a well-specified computational problem.
  - The statement of the problem specifies in general terms the desired input/output relationship.
  - The algorithm describes a specific computational procedure for achieving that input/output relationship.

# Some basic definitions

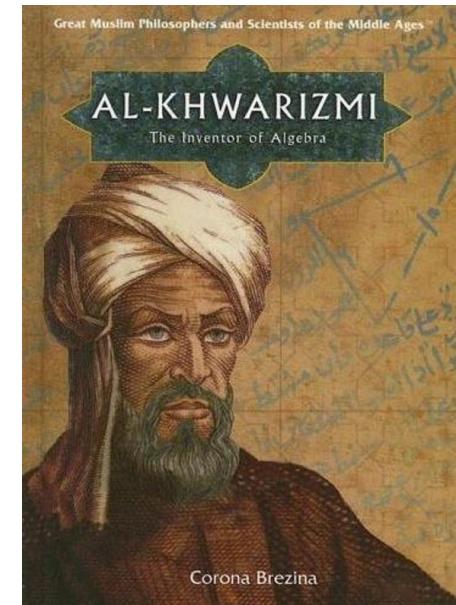
## Algunas definiciones básicas

### Al-Juarismi

#### Algorithm

The name comes from a Persian mathematician  
Abu Ja'far Muhammad ibn Musa Khwarizmi:  
Abu Abdallah Muhammad ibn Mūsā al-Jwārizmī

- Author of the first reference algebraic text.
- A Moon crater is dedicated to him.



#### Algorithm vs Program vs Proceso

- A algorithm describes (at high level) a computation procedure which when executed produces a result.
- A program is the implementation of a algorithm by means of a programming language.
- Un proceso es un programa en ejecución, por lo tanto tiene Data+Code+Stack.

# Some basic definitios

## Algunas definiciones básicas

Secuencia de  
pasos

**Sorting**

**input**  
secuencia  
 $\langle 31, 41, 59, 26, 41, 58 \rangle$

**Algorithm**

**output**  
secuencia  
 $\langle 26, 31, 41, 41, 58, 59 \rangle$

Programa computacional

Secuencia de  
Instrucciones

Conjunto de Entradas  
input1.txt , ..., inputN.txt

Conjunto de Salidas  
output1.txt , ..., outputN.txt

# Some basic definitions

## Algunas definiciones básicas

### Correctness

- An algorithm is correct iff for all problem instances  $i \in I$  it terminates and produces the correct output  $o \in O$  (i.e. the pair  $(i,o)$  satisfies  $R$ ).
- An incorrect algorithm either does not terminate or terminates and produces a wrong output for at least one input.

### Specification

- An algorithm can be specified in various ways using:
  - Natural languages,
  - Informal pseudo-codes
  - Formal specifications,
  - Programming languages.

# Some basic definitions

## Algunas definiciones básicas

### Analysis

Evaluates the amount of resources required by an algorithm:

- Processor (execution) time.
- Memory.
- Exchange of messages, etc.

### Testing

- Debugging (error correction), and
- Profiling (deriving performance profiles of algorithms).

# Some basic definitions

## Algunas definiciones básicas

### Types of proof

#### Correctness (correctitud)

- It is said that the algorithm is correct with respect to a specification.
- Functional correctness refers to the input-output behaviour of the algorithm (i.e., for each input it produces the expected output).
- A distinction is made between *total correctness*, which additionally requires that the algorithm terminates, and *partial correctness*, which simply requires that if an answer is returned it will be correct.
- *Hoare logic* is a specific formal system for reasoning rigorously about the correctness of computer programs. It uses pre and post conditions.
- A proof would have to be a mathematical proof, assuming both the algorithm and specification are given formally.

#### Soundness (validez)

An algorithm is sound if, anytime it returns an answer, that answer is true. An algorithm is complete if it guarantees to return a correct answer for any arbitrary input (or, if no answer exists, it guarantees to return failure).

# Some basic definitions

## Algunas definiciones básicas

### Other properties

#### Safety (seguridad)

- Lamport 1977
- “Nothing bad happens” like deadlock.

#### Liveness (vivacidad/viveza, concurrency)

- “Some good thing will occur” like termination.
- Ausencia de deadlock o starvation (recursos en SO).

# Some basic definitions

Algunas definiciones básicas

**Other properties**, for example, search algorithms

- An algorithm is **complete** if whenever there is at least one solution, the algorithm is guaranteed to find it within a finite amount of time.
- An algorithm is **optimal** if when it finds a solution, it is the best one (e.g., the shortest).



# Representative problems

## Problemas representativos

Try to identify the pattern





# Five representative problems

Cinco problemas representativos

We'll see the following problems:

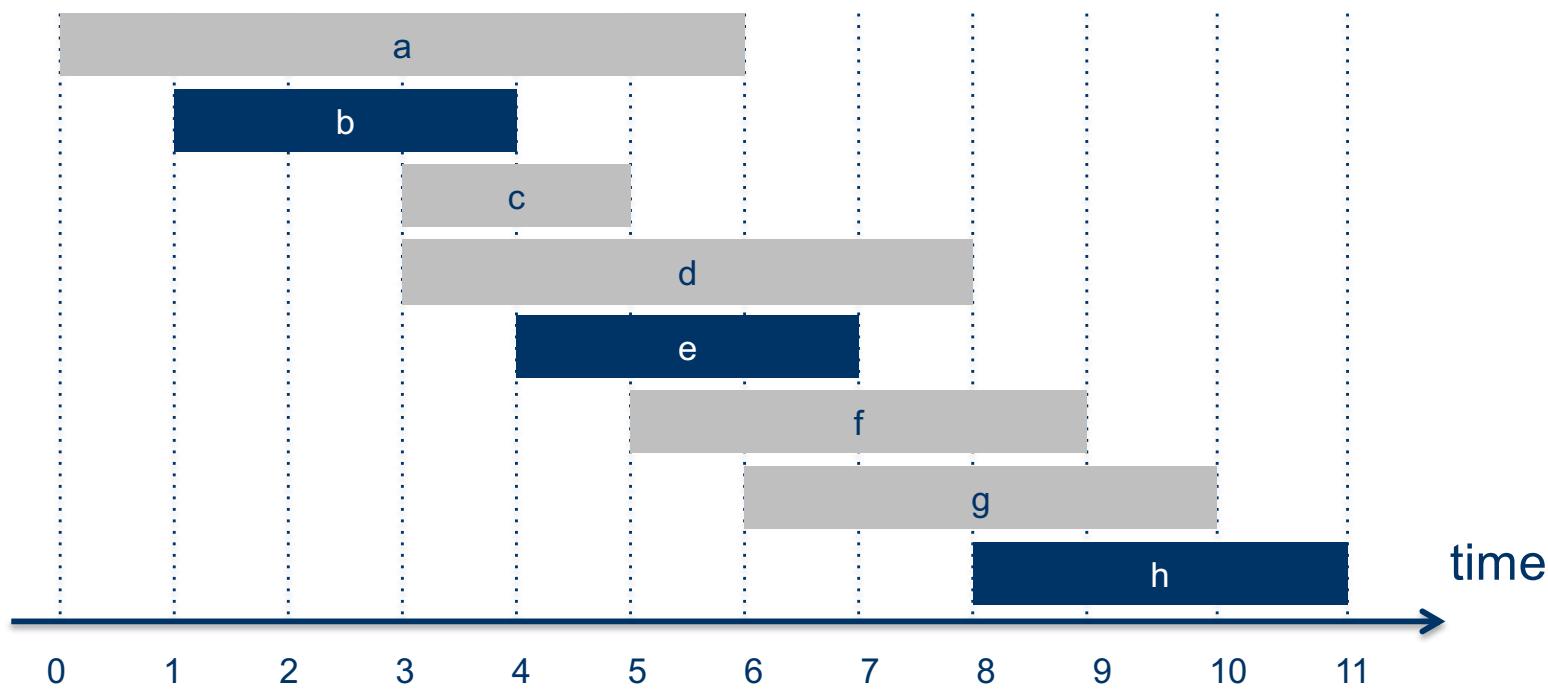
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2. Weighted interval scheduling
3. Bipartite matching
4. Independent set
5. Competitive facility location

# Problem 1

## Interval scheduling (1.2.1)

**Input.** Set of jobs with start times and finish times.

**Goal.** Find maximum cardinality subset of mutually compatible jobs  
(jobs don't overlap).

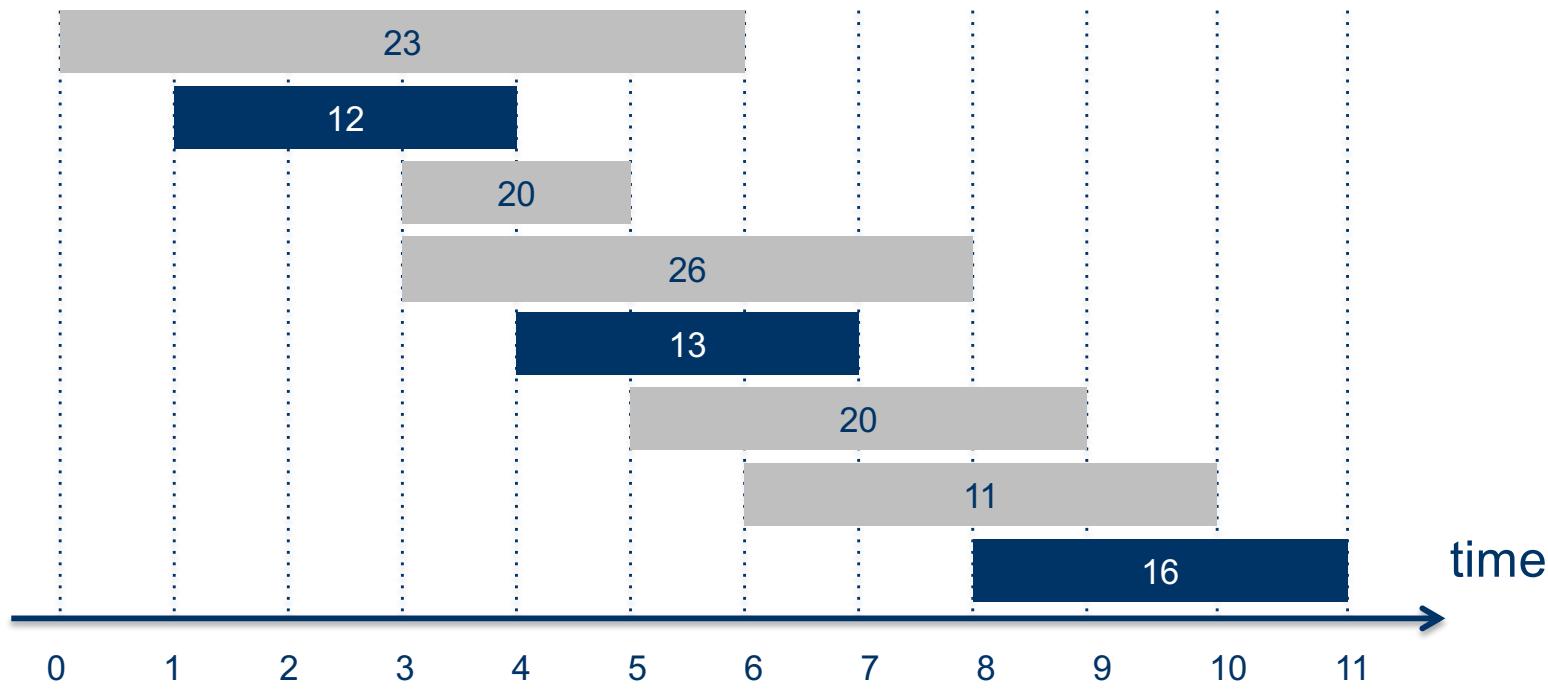


# Problem 2

## Weighted interval scheduling (1.2.2)

**Input.** Set of jobs with start times, finish times, and weights.

**Goal.** Find maximum weight subset of mutually compatible jobs.

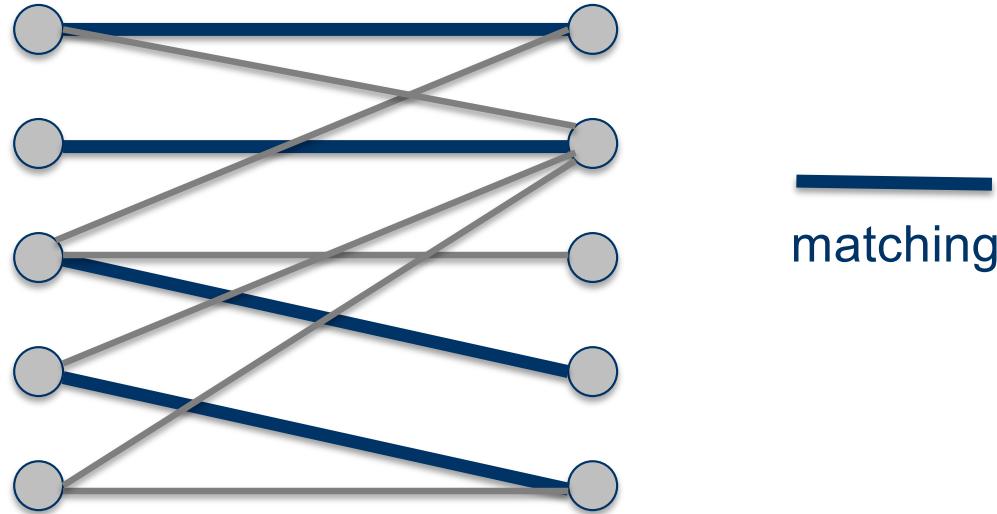


# Problem 3

## Bipartite matching (1.2.3)

**Problem.** Given a bipartite graph  $G = (L \cup R, E)$ , find a max cardinality matching.

**Def.** A subset of edges  $M \subseteq E$  is a matching if each node appears in exactly one edge in  $M$ .

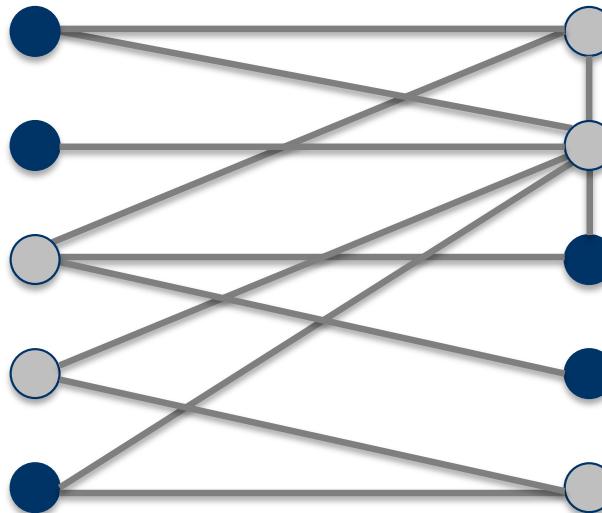


# Problem 4

## Independent set (1.2.4)

**Problem.** Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , find a max cardinality independent set.

**Def.** A subset  $S \subseteq V$  is independent if for every  $(u, v) \in E$ , either  $u \notin S$  or  $v \notin S$  (or both).



It is a set of vertices in a graph, no two of which are adjacent.

independent set

# Problem 5

## Competitive facility location

**Input.** Graph with weight on each node.

**Game.** Two competing players alternate in selecting nodes.

Not allowed to select a node if any of its neighbors have been selected.

**Goal.** Select a maximum weight subset of nodes.



Second player can guarantee 20 but not 25.

# Five representative problems

## Cinco problemas representativos

The complexity of these problems is:

1. Interval scheduling:  $O(n \log n)$  Greedy algorithm.
2. Weighted interval scheduling:  $O(n \log n)$  Dynamic programming algorithm.
3. Bipartite matching:  $O(n^k)$  max-flow based algorithm.
4. Independent set: NP-complete.
5. Competitive facility location: PSPACE-complete.

# Stable Matching

Emparejamiento Estable

Definición  
Algoritmo

Demostración

# Stable matching

## Emparejamiento estable

The problem has been defined in 2 ways (goal):

1. Hospitals assignments

Given a set of preferences among hospitals and med-school students, design a self-reinforcing admissions process.

2. Stable matching

Given a set of  $n$  men and a set of  $n$  women, find a "suitable" matching.

Additional sentences:

- Participants rank members of opposite sex.
- Each man lists women in order of preference from best to worst.
- Each woman lists men in order of preference from best to worst.

# Stable matching

## Emparejamiento estable

Formalizations (mathematics)

Set n men  $SM = \{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\}$

Set n women  $SW = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$

A matching  $M$  is a bijection between the men and women.

We say a (man, woman) pair  $(m, w)$  blocks  $M$  if:

- $m$  prefers  $w$  to his partner in  $M$ , and
- $w$  prefers  $m$  to her partner in  $M$ .

Conjuntos y operaciones  
sobre conjuntos:  
Relaciones (funciones)

A matching that admits no blocking pair is said to be stable

- Can't improve by making an arrangement outside the matching.

# Stable matching

## Emparejamiento estable

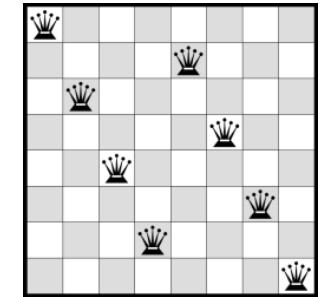
The problem SM has been tackle like a

**Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP)** like those of IO

Problema de Satisfacción de Restricciones (Programación con Restricciones)

Examples of simple problems that can be modeled as a CSP

- Eight queens puzzle
- Map coloring problem
- Sudoku, Futoshiki, Kakuro (Cross Sums), Numbrix, Hidato and many other logic puzzles.



La idea principal es usar el conocimiento de las restricciones para eliminar del dominio de las variables todos aquellos valores que no pueden formar parte de una solución al problema. De esta forma, es posible resolver un problema reduciendo los dominios de sus variables hasta conseguir aproximaciones muy cercanas al valor solución, o reducir el dominio de una o más variables hasta eliminar todos sus posibles valores (en cuyo caso el problema no tiene solución)



# Constraint Satisfaction Problem

## Formal definition

Formally, a constraint satisfaction problem is defined as a triple  $(X, D, C)$  where:

$X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  is a set of variables,

$D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$  is a set of the respective domains of values, and

$C = \{C_1, \dots, C_m\}$  is a set of constraints.

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Each variable  $X_i$  can take on the values in the nonempty domain  $D_i$ . Every constraint  $C_j \in C$  is in turn a pair  $(t_j, R_j)$ , where  $t_j \subset X$  is a subset of  $k$  variables and  $R_j$  is an  $k$ -ary relation on the corresponding subset of domains  $D_j$ . An evaluation of the variables is a function from a subset of variables to a particular set of values in the corresponding subset of domains. An evaluation  $v$  satisfies a constraint  $(t_j, R_j)$  if the values assigned to the variables  $t_j$  satisfies the relation  $R_j$ .

An evaluation is: 1) **consistent** if it does not violate any of the constraints, 2) **complete** if it includes all variables, 3) a **solution** if it is consistent and complete; such an evaluation is said to solve the constraint satisfaction problem.



# Stable matching

## Authors

In 1962, David Gale and Lloyd Shapley proved that, for any equal number of men and women, it is always possible to solve the SMP and make all marriages stable. They presented an algorithm to do so in 1962 and it was the first time to be formalised.



**David Gale**  
1921-2008  
mathematician and  
economist



**Lloyd Shapley**  
1923 (92 años)  
mathematician

# Stable matching

## Definiciones y ejemplos

	1st	2nd	3rd
Xavier	Amy	Bertha	Clare
Yancey	Bertha	Amy	Clare
Zeus	Amy	Bertha	Clare

Men's preference list

	1st	2nd	3rd
Amy	Yancey	Xavier	Zeus
Bertha	Xavier	Yancey	Zeus
Clare	Xavier	Yancey	Zeus

Women's preference list

**Def.** A matching  $S$  is a set of ordered pairs  $(m,w)$  with  $m \in M$  and  $w \in W$  s.t.

- Each man  $m \in M$  appears in at most one pair of  $S$ .
- Each woman  $w \in W$  appears in at most one pair of  $S$ .

**Def.** A matching  $S$  is perfect if  $|S| = |M| = |W| = n$ .

# Stable matching

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Bertha	Xavier	Yancey	Zeus
Clare	Xavier	Yancey	Zeus

A perfect matching  $S = \{ (X,C), (Y,B), (Z,A) \}$

**Def.** Given a perfect matching  $S$ , man  $m$  and woman  $w$  are **unstable** if:

- $m$  prefers  $w$  to his current partner. **Example Xavier a Amy.**
- $w$  prefers  $m$  to her current partner. **Amy a Xavier.**

**Key point.** An unstable pair  $(m,w)$  could each improve partner by joint action

# Stable matching

## Definiciones y ejemplos

**Def.** A stable matching is a perfect matching with no unstable pairs.

Stable matching problem. Given the preference lists of  $n$  men and  $n$  women, find a stable matching (if one exists).

- Natural, desirable, and self-reinforcing condition.
- Individual self-interest prevents any man–woman pair from eloping (fugarse con la novia).

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        Remove pair m'–w from matching S.

        Add pair m–w to matching S.

    ELSE

        w rejects m.

RETURN stable matching S.

### Notas de implementación

1. Tipos de datos de:  
S: Conjunto como **Lista**  
 $list_m$  y  $list_w$ : Listas / **Tablas**
2. Que significa:  
“No ha sido propuesto(a)”  
Implica llevar un **registro**.

# Stable matching

## Análisis del problema

**Q.** Do stable matchings always exist?

**A1.** Not obvious a priori.

**A2.** In fact, for a given problem instance,  
there may be several stable matchings.

*Ver slides para  
demo*

Observations (some need **proof**):

- Men propose to women in decreasing order of preference.
- Once a woman is matched, she never becomes unmatched, she only “trades up”.
- Algorithm terminates after at most  $n^2$  iterations of while loop.

Properties

- Termination.
- She never become unmatched.

# Stable matching

## Análisis del algoritmo

**Q.** How to implement GS algorithm efficiently?

- We need ordered lists (e.g. of women) with a pointer to the next proposal.
- A list of free men (in a stack or queue).
- Two arrays  $wife[m]$  y  $husband[w]$  with 0 (unmatched) or  $wife[m]=w$ ,  $husband[w]=m$ .

**Q.** If there are multiples stable matchings, which one does GS find?

**Q.** Do all executions of GS algorithm yield the same stable matching?

- If so, which one?

Los participantes pueden engañar al algoritmo  
Para salir beneficiados? No/Sí (dar ejemplo)

# Variants of Stable Matching Problem

## Variantes del SMP

### List of problems

- Stable Matching Problem (SMP) original Veremos los 2 primeros
- Stable-Roommate Problem (SRP)
- Stable Marriage with Indifference (SMI)
- Stable Marriage with
  - Incomplete lists
  - Ties (ataduras, ligar)
    - Empates (más de un candidato en la misma posición)
  - Unacceptable partners
  - Cheating strategies (manipulation of matching algorithms)



# Variants of Stable Matching Problem

## Variantes del SMP

### The Stable-Roommate Problem (SRP)

- This is distinct from the SMP in that the SRP allows matches between any two elements, not just between classes of “men” and “women”.
- It is the problem of finding a stable matching—a matching in which there is no pair of elements where both members prefer their partner **in a different matching** over their partner in the stable matching.
- An efficient algorithm was given in:

**Irving, Robert W.** (1985, Journal of Algorithms)

"An efficient algorithm for the "stable roommates" problem"

- The algorithm will determine, for any instance of the problem, whether a stable matching exists, and if so, will find such a matching.
- **Irving's** algorithm has  $O(n^2)$  complexity, provided suitable data structures are used to implement the necessary manipulation of the preference lists and identification of rotations.



# Variants of Stable Matching Problem

## Variantes del SMP

### Stable Marriage with Indifference

- In the classical version of the problem, each person must rank the members of the opposite sex in strict order of preference. However, in a real-world setting, a person may prefer two or more persons as equally favorable partner. Such tied preference is termed as **indifference**.
- A matching will be called **weakly stable** unless there is a couple each of whom strictly prefers the other to his/her partner in the matching.
- **Irving** has extended Gale–Shapley algorithm to provide such weakly stable matching in  $O(n^2)$  time where  $n$  is size of stable marriage problem.
- A matching is **super-stable** if there is no couple each of whom either strictly prefers the other to his/her partner or is indifferent between them. **Irving** has modified the previous algorithm to check whether such super stable matching exists and outputs matching in  $O(n^2)$  time if it exists.

# Stable Matching Problem

## Referencias

### Implementaciones

- En varios lenguajes:
  - [https://rosettacode.org/wiki/Stable\\_marriage\\_problem](https://rosettacode.org/wiki/Stable_marriage_problem)
  - <http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/stable-marriage-problem/>
  - Java: <http://www.sanfoundry.com/java-program-gale-shapley-algorithm/>
- Matlab
  - Tiene la función [galeshapley](#).
  - <https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/44262-gale-shapley-stable-marriage-algorithm>
- Python librería
  - <https://pypi.org/project/matching/0.1.1/>
- Github
  - Multiples versiones
  - <https://github.com/topics/gale-shapley-algorithm>
- Generadores
  - <http://sephlietz.com/gale-shapley/>



# Several topics

## Varios temas

Notas históricas  
Problemas abiertos

Tareas  
URLs

A recordar



# Recommended reading and Web sites

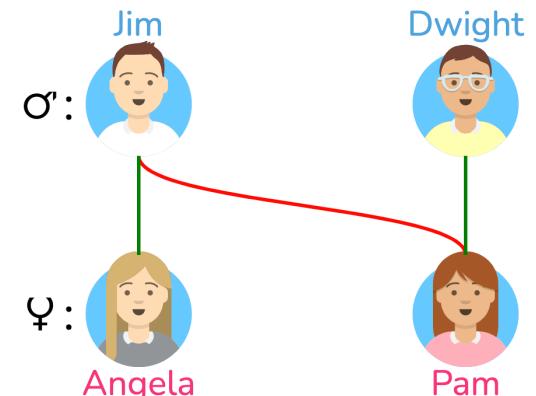
## Lecturas recomendadas

Hay varios artículos interesantes sobre el algoritmo de GS:

- [http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/matchingMarkets/vignettes/matching.pdf.](http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/matchingMarkets/vignettes/matching.pdf)

Algunos simuladores en linea:

- Gráfico: <http://mathsite.math.berkeley.edu/smp/smp.html>
- Sencillo: <http://sephlietz.com/gale-shapley/>
- Explicación visual
  - <https://uw-cse442-wi20.github.io/FP-cs-algorithm/>





# Homeworks: programming

## Tareas: programación

Tarea

Obligatoria

- Implementar el algoritmo de SM (Gale & Shapley):
  - Hacer modificaciones y probar con diferentes variantes.
  - Trabajo individual.
  - Usar un lenguaje de alto nivel: Java, C#, etc.
- Ejecutar el algoritmo “varias veces” para medir experimentalmente el tiempo de ejecución.
  - Hay que hacer varias ejecuciones con diferentes valores de entrada del algoritmo.
    - Número de hombres/mujeres. Lo van a incrementar de manera exponencial.  
Formas de crecimiento: lineal, logarítmica, etc.
    - La elección de los TADs utilizados.
  - Usar alguna librería de graficación como **gplot**. Medir el tiempo de ejecución.  
Opcionalmente: la cantidad de memoria.
  - Grafica: En el eje de las X los N hombres/mujeres. En el eje de las Y el tiempo.

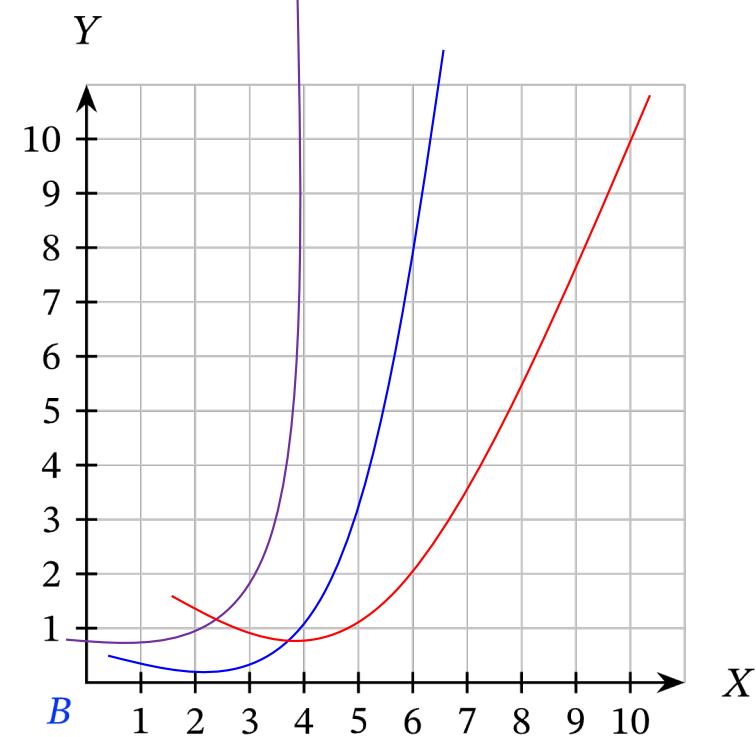
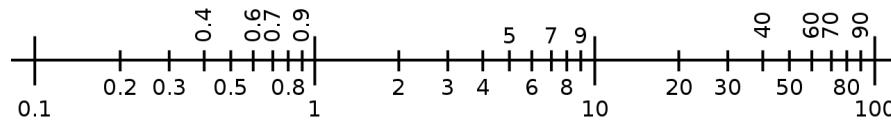
# Homeworks: programming

## Tareas: programación

### Benchmark

- Evaluación experimental:
  - Varias ejecuciones en las cuales se exploran diferentes variables y versiones.
- Graficación
  - Eje X: número de datos n.
  - Eje Y: tiempo de ejecución.
  - Experimentos:
    - E1: Algoritmo 1
    - E2: Algoritmo 2
    - E3: A1 con arreglos
    - E4: A1 con listas.

Eje X o Y Escala logarítmica



# Recommended reading and Web sites

## Lecturas recomendadas

- Leer capítulo 1 del libro de Kleinberg
- Leer artículos
  - Hacer resumen de: SOTA, Linea del tiempo, otros análisis.
  - Hacer una análisis de los artículos en cuanto:
    - Es un artículo Indexado?
    - Número de citas?

# Lessons learned

## Que se debe recordar

Lo más importante es:

1. Modelación matemática de los problemas.
  1. Hacer pruebas matemáticas (Proof of)
  2. Correctitud (correctness) y Completitud.
2. Conocimiento básico de Estructuras de Datos: pilas, colas. etc.

# Stable matching

## Algoritmos

### Versiones

- Del libro de Kleinberg
- Geeks for Geeks
  - <http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/stable-marriage-problem/>
- Wikipedia.

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    ELSE IF ( $w$  prefers m to her current partner  $m'$ )

        Remove pair  $m'-w$  from matching S.

        Add pair  $m-w$  to matching S.

    ELSE

$w$  rejects m.

1 while  
2 if conditions

# Stable matching

## Algoritmos

Initially all  $m \in M$  and  $w \in W$  are free

**Kleinberg**  
Pag. 11

**While** there is a man  $m$  who is free and hasn't proposed to every woman

    Choose such a man  $m$

    Let  $w$  be the highest-ranked woman in  $m$ 's preference list  
        to which  $m$  has not yet proposed

**If**  $w$  is free then

$(m, w)$  become engaged

**Else**  $w$  is currently engaged to  $m'$

**If**  $w$  prefers  $m'$  to  $m$  then

$m$  remains free

**Else**  $w$  prefers  $m$  to  $m'$

$(m, w)$  become engaged

$m'$  becomes free

**Endif**

**Endif**

**Endwhile**

**Return** the set  $S$  of engaged pairs



# Stable matching

## Algoritmos

Initialize all men and women to free

**Geeks for Geeks**

```
while there exist a free man m who still has a woman w to propose to {  
    w = m's highest ranked such woman to whom he has not yet proposed  
    if w is free  
        (m, w) become engaged  
    else some pair (m', w) already exists  
        if w prefers m to m'  
            (m, w) become engaged  
            m' becomes free  
        else  
            (m', w) remain engaged  
    }  
}
```





# Stable matching

## Algoritmos

```
function stableMatching {
```

Initialize all  $m \in M$  and  $w \in W$  to *free*

**while**  $\exists$  free man  $m$  who still has a woman  $w$  to propose to {

$w$  = first woman on  $m$ 's list to whom  $m$  has not yet proposed

**if**  $w$  is *free*

$(m, w)$  become *engaged*

**else** some pair  $(m', w)$  already exists

**if**  $w$  prefers  $m$  to  $m'$

$m'$  becomes *free*

$(m, w)$  become *engaged*

**else**

$(m', w)$  remain *engaged*

}

}

[Wikipedia](#)





# The end

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