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1. (a) True.  $n^2 \leq n \lg n + n^2 \leq 2 \cdot n^2$  for  $n > 2$ .  
 (b) **False.**  $5^{\lg \lg n} = (\lg n)^{\log_2 5} = \omega((\lg n)^2)$ .  
 (c) False.  $(2n)! > n^n$  for all  $n > 1$ .  
 (d) False. P is a subset of NP.  
 (e) True. Both 3-SAT and SET COVER are in NP-Complete.  
 (f) True. KNAPSACK is in NP-Complete.
2. (a)  **$T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg^2 n)$  by Case 2 of Master's Theorem.**  
 (b)  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$  by substitution method.  
 (c)  $T(n) = \Theta(\lg \lg n)$  by recursion tree.  
 (d)  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$  by substitution method / recursion tree.  
 (e)  $\Theta(n)$ . By the aggregate method, the total cost of  $n$  operations  $\leq (2^0)^2 + (2^1)^2 + \dots + (2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil})^2 + 3n \leq 2 \cdot 2^{2\lceil \lg n \rceil} + 3n \leq 2n^2 + 3n$ . At the same time, the total cost of  $n$  operations  $\geq (2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil})^2 \geq (\frac{n}{2})^2$ . Hence, the total cost of  $n$  operations is  $\Theta(n^2)$  and the amortized cost of each operation is  $\Theta(n)$ .
3. The algorithm should be as follows. It runs in  $\Theta(n \log n)$  due to sorting.
  - Sort  $w$  and  $r$  both in ascending order.
  - Match  $w_i$  to  $r_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
  - The total payment is  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i/r_i$ .

**Optimal substructure property:** Assume without loss of generality that  $w_1$  is matched to  $r_1$  in the optimal solution, then  $\text{Mincost}(w, r) = \text{Mincost}(w \setminus w_1, r \setminus r_1) + w_1/r_1$ .

*Proof.* Consider an optimal solution OPT. Since  $\text{OPT} \setminus (w_1, r_1)$  is a valid solution to the subproblem  $(w \setminus w_1, r \setminus r_1)$ , we have  $\text{Mincost}(w, r) \leq \text{Mincost}(w \setminus w_1, r \setminus r_1) + w_1/r_1$ .

Suppose  $\text{Mincost}(w, r) > \text{Mincost}(w \setminus w_1, r \setminus r_1) + w_1/r_1$ . We can take the optimal solution OPT1 to  $(w \setminus w_1, r \setminus r_1)$ . Then,  $\text{OPT1} \cup (w_1, r_1)$  forms a better solution to the original problem with cost  $< \text{Mincost}(w, r)$ , contradiction.

**Greedy choice property:** Suppose  $w$  and  $r$  are sorted in ascending order. Then,  $w_1$  is paired with  $r_1$  in some optimal solution.

*Proof.* Consider any optimal solution OPT. If  $w_1$  is paired with  $r_1$ , we are done. Otherwise, let  $(w_1, r_j)$  and  $(w_i, r_1)$  be the pairs involving  $w_1$  and  $r_1$ . We create a new solution by pairing  $(w_1, r_1)$  and  $(w_i, r_j)$  instead. We have

$$\frac{w_1}{r_1} + \frac{w_i}{r_j} = \frac{w_1 r_j + w_i r_1}{r_1 r_j} \leq \frac{w_1 r_1 + w_i r_j}{r_1 r_j} = \frac{w_1}{r_j} + \frac{w_i}{r_1}$$

and hence the new solution is no worse than OPT.

4. (a) FABULOUSHALF is in NP since we can use the fabulous set  $S$  (of size exactly  $n/2$ ) as the certificate, and construct a verifier that checks whether  $\sum_{i \in S} a_i \geq A/2$  and  $\sum_{i \in S} b_i \geq B/2$  in  $O(n)$  time, which is polynomial in  $n$ .

To show that FABULOUSHALF is NP-hard, we show a reduction from PARTITIONEQUAL to FABULOUSHALF:

Let  $x$  be an input instance to PARTITIONEQUAL. We construct an input instance to FABULOUSHALF by taking  $a_i = x_i$  and  $b_i = \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} - x_i$ . Given that  $x_i$  are non-negative integers for all  $i$ ,  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are also non-negative integers. Next, we show that the instance to PARTITIONEQUAL is a YES-instance if and only if the instance to FABULOUSHALF is a YES-instance.

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) There exists  $T \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $|T| = n/2$  and  $\sum_{i \in T} x_i = \sum_{i \notin T} x_i$ . Then,  $\sum_{i \in T} x_i = \sum_i x_i/2$ . Take  $S = T$ , we have  $\sum_{i \in S} a_i = \sum_{i \in T} x_i = \sum_i x_i/2 = \sum_i a_i/2$  and  $\sum_{i \in S} b_i = (n/2) \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} - \sum_{i \in T} x_i = (n/2) \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} - \sum_i x_i/2 = \sum_i b_i/2$ . Hence  $(a, b)$  is a YES-instance to FABULOUSHALF.
- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) There exists  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $|S| = n/2$ ,  $\sum_{i \in S} a_i \geq A/2$  and  $\sum_{i \in S} b_i \geq B/2$ . Taking  $T = S$ , we have  $\sum_{i \in T} x_i = \sum_{i \in S} a_i \geq \sum_i a_i/2 = \sum_i x_i/2$ . Also, since  $\sum_{i \in S} b_i \geq B/2$ , we have  $(n/2) \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} - \sum_{i \in S} x_i \geq (n/2) \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} - \sum_i x_i/2$ , which implies  $\sum_{i \in T} x_i \leq \sum_i x_i/2$ . Combining both conditions, we have  $\sum_{i \in T} x_i = \sum_i x_i/2$  and  $x$  is a YES-instance to PARTITIONEQUAL.

- (b) For integers  $p \in \{0, 1, \dots, A\}$ ,  $q \in \{0, 1, \dots, B\}$ ,  $s \in \{0, 1, \dots, n/2\}$  and  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $m[p, q, s, k]$  be whether there exists a set  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  such that  $|S| = s$ ,  $\sum_{i \in S} a_i = p$  and  $\sum_{i \in S} b_i = q$ . We have the following recurrence:

$$m[p, q, s, k] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ and } (p, q, s) = (0, 0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ and } (p, q, s) \neq (0, 0, 0) \\ \max\{m[p, q, s, k-1], m[p-a_k, q-b_k, s-1, k-1]\} & \text{if } k > 0, p \geq a_k, q \geq b_k \\ m[p, q, s, k-1] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here, if  $k = 0$  then  $(p, q, s) = (0, 0, 0)$  is clearly the only achievable pair. Else, if  $k > 0$ , we try checking whether using the  $k$ -th sheet of paper or using only the first  $k-1$  sheets leads to a feasible set. To get the final answer, we check whether any entry  $m[p, q, n/2, n]$  is 1, where  $p \geq A/2$  and  $q \geq B/2$ .

The running time is  $O(n^2AB)$ . To achieve this running time, we fill in the table in the order  $m[*, *, *, 0], m[*, *, *, 1], \dots, m[*, *, *, n]$ . Since the value of  $m[p, q, s, k]$  depends only on  $m[*, *, *, k-1]$ , we have all necessary values to compute  $m[p, q, s, k]$ . There are  $A \cdot B \cdot n \cdot n$  entries, and computing each entry takes time  $O(1)$ . Computing the final answer takes time  $O(AB)$ . Thus, the overall running time is  $O(n^2AB)$ .

- (c) The size of the input for this problem is  $O(n(\log A + \log B))$ . However, the algorithm in (b) is polynomial in  $A$  and  $B$ , which is considered exponential in the size of the input. Hence, this is not a polynomial time algorithm (with respect the input size).