Exam Mastermath course 'Scheduling' 2019

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The exam consists of 5 questions worth 10 points each. Your grade is given by $1 + \frac{9p}{50}$, where p is the total number of points obtained.

Note: You are only allowed to use the handout written by the lecturers. Good luck!

Question 1 (10 points):

Consider the following instance of problem $F2||C_{max}$:

$$n = 6, p = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 9 & 5 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Apply the presented optimal algorithm for problem $F2||\mathcal{C}_{max}$ (Johnson's Algorithm) to this instance. Explain the different steps, give the results of these steps and present the optimal solution.

Question 2 (10 points):

Consider problem 1|| $\sum 2^{c_j}$ (objective is the sum of 2^{c_j} over all jobs j).

Give an optimal scheduling rule (algorithm) for this problem and proof that it leads to an optimal solution.

Hint: you may use an interchange argument.

Question 3 (10 points):

Proof that problem $1||\sum w_j U_j|$ is strongly NP hard.

Question 4 (10 points):

Consider problem $P2||C_{max}$.

Prove that $(5-\sqrt{5})/2$ is a lower bound for the performance guarantee of any deterministic on-line algorithm for this problem.

Question 5 (10 points, indication 300 words):

Give a general description of the OR rescheduling problem. Describe the problem including objectives and constraints, the characteristics of the problem, and the used solution approaches.

END OF THE EXAM