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THEOREM: For every input $(M, W, 2n \text{ pref list})$ the GS algo outputs a stable matching.

Lemma 1: For every input, GS terminates in $\leq n^2$ iterations

Lemma 2: The output of GS algo (S) is a perfect matching

Lemma 3: S has no instability.

Lemmas 1 + 2 + 3 \Rightarrow THEOREM.

Pf idea of Lemma 1: In each iteration, a new proposal (from w to m) is made.

\Rightarrow # iterations = # proposals \leq # pairs $(w, m) \in W \times M = n^2$

Obs 0: S is a matching

Obs 1: Once a man gets engaged, he keeps on getting engaged to better women.

Obs 2: If w proposes to m after m' $\Rightarrow m' > m$ in L_w

Lemma 4: If at end of an iteration, w is free $\Rightarrow w$ has NOT proposed to all men.

Pf of Lemma 2:

Pf idea: Pf by contradiction (Use Obs 0, Lemma 4, ^{Lemma 1,} algo definition)

Pf details: Assume S is NOT a perfect matching.

\Rightarrow \exists a free woman w
(by obs 0 + algo def) \Rightarrow \exists a man m that w has not proposed to $\quad \quad \quad (*)$
(Lemma 4)

Since algo has terminated (Lemma 1) \Rightarrow all free women have proposed to all men (algo def.)
 \Rightarrow contradicts $(*)$

Pigeon-hole principle: If $\leq n-1$ pigeons are put in n holes $\Rightarrow \exists$ at least one empty hole.

Pf of Lemma 4: Pf idea: Pf by contradiction (Pigeon-hole principle + obs 1 + Algo def/code)

Pf details: Assume \exists a free woman w who has proposed to all men

\Rightarrow all men m are engaged (@)

Obs 1 + algo def

Since w is free $\Rightarrow \leq n-1$ women are engaged

$\Rightarrow \leq n-1$ engaged men \Rightarrow contradicts (@) \square

(PHP)
(hole :: men
pigeon :: women
assignment :: engaged)