

The $Greedy_\alpha$ algorithm for WISP (and WJISP) problems
(Ref: Bar Noy et al; Erlebach and Spieksma)

Sort intervals so that $f_1 \leq f_2 \dots \leq f_n$

$A := \emptyset$

For $i : 1..n$

 If I_i does not conflict with intervals in A

 then $A := A \cup \{I_i\}$

 else let $C_i \subseteq A$ be the minimum profit conflicting set;

 If $w(C_i) \leq \alpha \cdot w_i$ then $A := A - C_i + \{I_i\}$

 EndIf

 End If

EndFor

Note: α is a parameter which is set according to the specific problem variation. For the WISP problem, the approximation ratio is $\frac{1}{\alpha(1-\alpha)}$ and setting $\alpha = 1/2$ yields a 4-approximation.