

## 19.3.1

Exercise: Scheduling Jobs to Minimize  
Weighted Average Waiting Time

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- $n$  jobs  $J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n$ .  $J_i$  has non-negative processing time  $p_i$  and a non-negative weight  $w_i$
- One server/machine/person available to process jobs.
- Schedule/order the jobs to minimize total or average waiting time
- Waiting time of  $J_i$  in schedule  $\sigma$ : sum of processing times of all jobs scheduled before  $J_i$
- Goal: minimize total weighted waiting time.
- Formally, compute a permutation  $\pi$  that minimizes  $\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} p_{\pi(j)} \right) w_{\pi(i)}$ .

	$J_1$	$J_2$	$J_3$	$J_4$	$J_5$	$J_6$
<i>time</i>	3	4	1	8	2	6
<i>weight</i>	10	5	2	100	1	1

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**Correctness proof:** Same as the unweighted case – if there is an inversion, then by the argument above, flip these jobs, and get a better schedule.

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