

Th: The GS algo is man-optimal, ie, each man gets his best valid partner.

Proof: By contradiction.

Let  $S^*$  = stable assignment that is not man-optimal.

Let  $Y \equiv 1^{st}$  man rejected by his best valid partner (say, A) who prefers someone else (say, Z)

// rejection happens when Y proposes to A OR when Z proposes to A

A's list

	Z	Y
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As  $S^*$  is not man optimal, must exist some stable assignment, say S, in which Y-A paired

In S, Z-B (say), paired  
∴ B is valid partner of Z

Z's list

	A	B
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because Y's rejection at/before Z→A proposal

Λ Z not yet rejected by valid partner

In S, Z & A prefer each other over assigned partners (B, Y, resp.)

∴ Z-A unstable in S

∴ Stable S (w/ Y-A pair) cannot exist.

∴  $S^*$  is NOT man-optimal.  
ie,  $S^*$  cannot exist. QED

Th: The GS algo is woman-pessimal, i.e., each woman gets her worst valid partner.

Proof: By contradiction.

Let  $S^*$  = stable assignment that is not woman-pessimal.

In  $S^*$ ,  $Z$ -A paired but A's worst valid partner is someone else, say Y

A's list

	Z		Y	
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$\therefore$  Must exist some stable assignment, say  $S$ , in which Y-A paired.

In  $S$ ,  $Z$ -B (say) paired

$\therefore$  B is valid partner of Z

Man-optimality  $\Rightarrow$

Z's list

	A	B	
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In  $S$ , Z & A prefer each other over assigned partners (B, Y, resp.)

$\therefore$  Z-A unstable in S

$\therefore$  Stable S (w/ Y-A pair) cannot exist.

$\therefore$  A's worst valid partner is Z

$\therefore S^*$  cannot exist.

QED