



## **Ειδικά Θέματα Αλγορίθμων Ασκήσεις Φροντιστηρίου #**5 Average Case and Probabilistic Analysis

**1.** Hiring Problem: A set of n candidates will be interviewed sequentially, each interview incurs cost  $c_i$  (small), each hire incurs cost  $c_h$  (large), to hire a new candidate we have to fire the one we hired previously. **Goal**: Hire the best candidate

Find the average-case total cost for the above problem.

2. Secretary Problem: A set of n candidates will be interviewed sequentially, but this time once a candidate is hired the process stops.Goal: Hire the best candidateWhat is the optimal strategy to maximize our chances of selecting the top candidate?

**3.** How many people must there be in a room before there is a 50% chance that two of them were born on the same day of the year?