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### • Inputs:

- Coins of different values, e.g., 1 cent, 2 cents, 5 cents, 25 cents, and 100 cents.
- A total amount of money, e.g., 200 cents.
- Output: The number of combinations that make up that amount.
- **Assumption:** There are infinite number of each kind of coin.



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- Example output: 4.
- Why? There are 4 ways to make up the amount:

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$$5 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$
,

• 
$$5 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 2$$
,

• 
$$5 = 1 + 2 + 2$$
,

• 
$$5 = 5$$
.

# **Coin Change Problem**



- Example inputs:
  - Amount: n = 3.
  - Coins' values: v = [2, 5, 10].
- Example output: 0.

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- n: the total amount. (E.g., n = 10.)
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- Let  $c_i$  be the number of the coin of value  $v_i$ .
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• Goal: Find the number of unique vector  $\mathbf{c} = [c_1, c_2, \cdots, c_m]$ .

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### There are four ways of combinations:

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• n = 5 \times v_1 + 0 \times v_2 + 0 \times v_3, (c = [5,0,0].)

• n = 3 \times v_1 + 1 \times v_2 + 0 \times v_3, (c = [3,1,0].)

• n = 1 \times v_1 + 2 \times v_2 + 0 \times v_3, (c = [1,2,0].)

• n = 0 \times v_1 + 0 \times v_2 + 1 \times v_3, (c = [0,0,1].)
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# **Optimal Substructure**

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- The integer  $c_i$  is at least 0 and at most  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_i} \right\rfloor$ .
- Thus,  $c_i$  must be in the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_i} \right\rfloor\}$ .

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- The problem is reduced to: "Changing the amount of  $n-v_m$  into the coins of values  $v_1, v_2, \cdots, v_{m-1}$ ."
- The number of combinations is  $F[m-1][n-v_m]$ .

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- Let F[m][n] be the number of combinations.
- $c_m$  is chosen from the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_m} \right\rfloor\}$ .

### What if I use $c_m = 2$ coins of value $v_m$ ?

- The problem is reduced to: "Changing the amount of  $n-2\times v_m$  into the coins of values  $v_1,v_2,\cdots,v_{m-1}$ ."
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# What if I use $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_m} \right\rfloor$ coins of value $v_m$ ?

- The problem is reduced to: "Changing the amount of  $n-\left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_m} \right\rfloor \times v_m$  into the coins of values  $v_1, v_2, \cdots, v_{m-1}$ ."
- The number of combinations is  $F[m-1]\left[n-\left\lfloor\frac{n}{v_m}\right\rfloor\times v_m\right]$ .

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 There are  $m-1$  kinds of coins remaining.

- We use  $c_m$  coins of value  $v_m$ .
- The remaining amount is  $n c_m \times v_m$ .

# **Dynamic Programming**

# **Example**

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$$v =$$

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In the table, the (i, j)-th entry is F[i][j].

#### **Total amount:**

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Coin	1											
types:	2											



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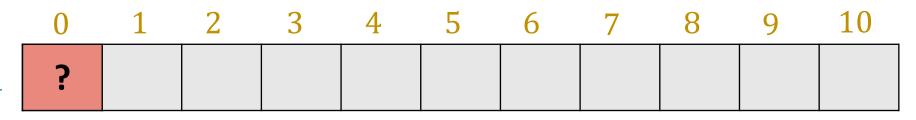
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- How to change change the sum of n = 0 into 2-cent coins.
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Coin

types:

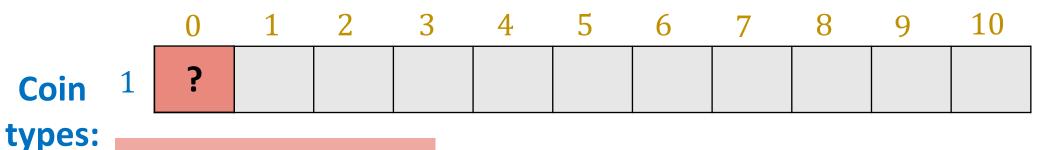
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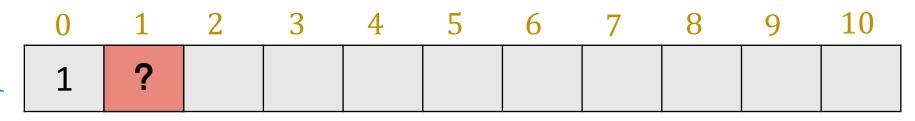
$$F[1][0] = 1$$

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Coin

types:

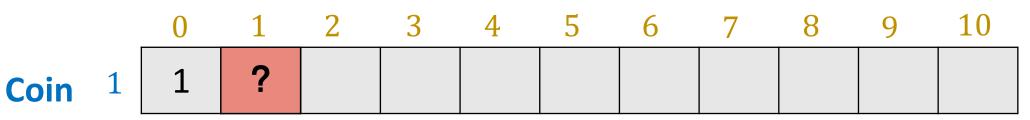
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- No  $c_1$  can satisfies  $1 = c_1 \times v_1$ .

### **Total amount:**



$$v =$$

2

$$F[1][1] = 0$$

types:

- How to change change the sum of n = 2 into 2-cent coins.
- Only 1 combination,  $c_1 = 1$ , satisfies  $2 = c_1 \times 2$ .

Coin 1

types:

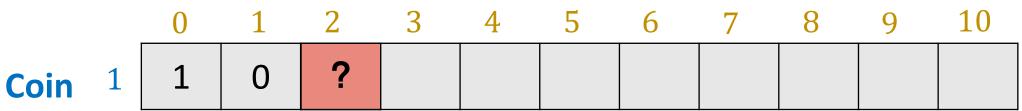
#### **Total amount:**

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0	?								

v =

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- Only 1 combination,  $c_1 = 1$ , satisfies  $2 = c_1 \times 2$ .

### **Total amount:**



types:

$$F[1][2] = 1$$

• 
$$F[1][n] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \mod v_1 = 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

types:

### **Total amount:**

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	0	1								

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	_						5					
Coin <sup>1</sup>	L	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

 $\mathbf{v} =$ 

$$F[m][n] = \sum_{c_m=0}^{\lfloor n/v_m \rfloor} F[m-1][n-c_m \times v_m].$$

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
types:	2											?

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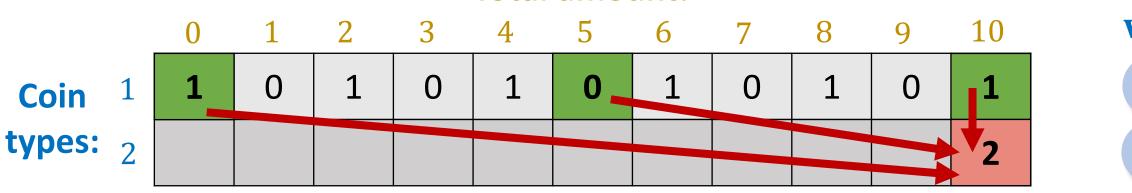
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types:	2											?

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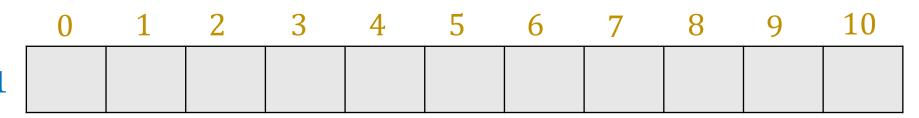
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Coin	1												1
types:	2												3
	3												5

# Base case: only one type of coin

• 
$$F[1][n] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \mod v_1 = 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 (Note that  $v_1 = 1$ .)

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_						6			_		
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

7 =

1

Coin types:

$$m = 2, n = 5$$

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2											

$$m = 2, n = 5$$

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		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2						3					

$$m = 2, n = 5$$

$$F[m][n] = \sum_{c_m=0}^{\lfloor n/v_m \rfloor} F[m-1][n-c_m \times v_m].$$

- $c_2 \in \{0, 1\}$ . (Because  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{5}{3} \right\rfloor = 1$ .)
- The remaining amount can be 5 or 2.

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2						?					

v =

1

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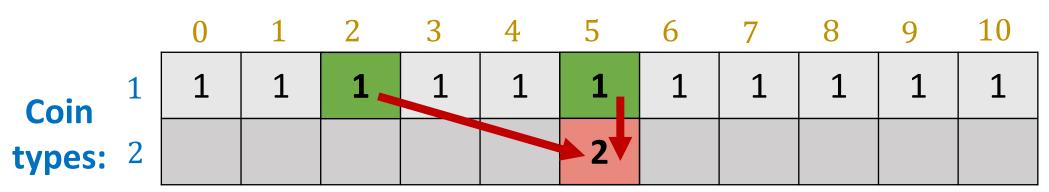
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		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2						2				3	

**y** =

1

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- $c_2 \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . (Because  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{9}{3} \right\rfloor = 3$ .)
- The remaining amount can be 9, 6, 3, or 0.

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2						2				?	

v =

1

$$m = 2, n = 9$$

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#### **Total amount:**

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2						2				3	

v =

1

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		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2						2				٠.	

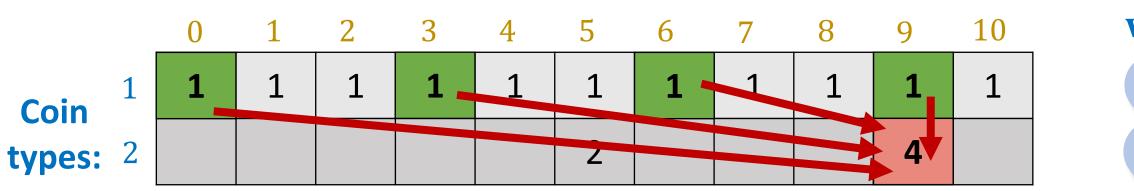
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$$m = 2$$

$$F[m][n] = \sum_{c_m=0}^{\lfloor n/v_m \rfloor} F[m-1][n-c_m \times v_m].$$

		0	1		3	4	5	6	./	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4

$$m = 3, n = 4$$

$$F[m][n] = \sum_{c_m=0}^{\lfloor n/v_m \rfloor} F[m-1][n-c_m \times v_m].$$

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
	3					?						

$$m = 3, n = 4$$

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- $c_3 \in \{0\}$ . (Because  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{4}{5} \right\rfloor = 0$ .)
- The remaining amount is 4.

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
	3					3						

$$m = 3, n = 4$$

$$F[m][n] = \sum_{c_m=0}^{\lfloor n/v_m \rfloor} F[m-1][n-c_m \times v_m].$$

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Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
	3					?						

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types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
	3					2						

$$m = 3, n = 10$$

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		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
	3					2						?

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• 
$$c_3 \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$
. (Because  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{v_3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{10}{5} \right\rfloor = 2.$ )

• The remaining amount can be 10, 5, 0.

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
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Coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
types:	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
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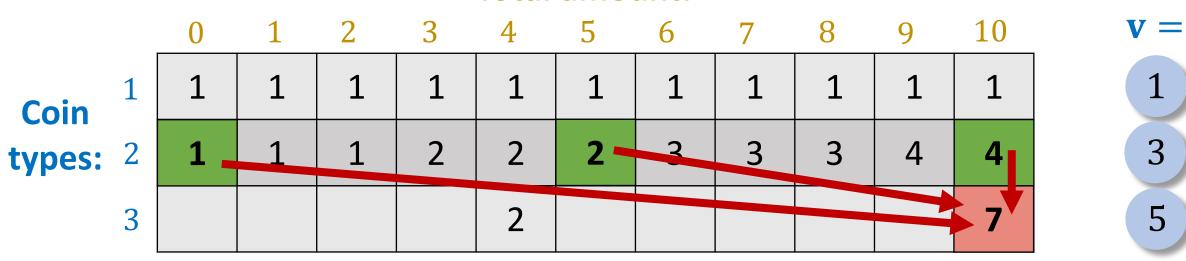
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- Optimal substructure:

$$F[m][n] = \sum_{c_m=0}^{\lfloor n/v_m \rfloor} F[m-1][n-c_m \times v_m].$$

- Build an  $m \times (n+1)$  table and fill the table.
- Return the bottom right element, F[m][n].

# Question

### Fill the table

Inputs: v = [2, 3, 4, 5] and n = 10.

#### **Total amount**

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1											
Coin	2											
types	3											
	4											

y =

2

3

4

# Thank You!