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So far: Dynamic Programming  
Divide & Conquer  
Randomized  
Sorting

this week: Greedy Algorithms

Making Change: US = 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢

$$83¢ = \underbrace{25 + 25 + 25}_{75¢} + 5¢ + 1¢ + 1¢ + 1¢$$

Assuming, 1¢ exists, ~~what~~ does "this" always work? Not optimally.

• eg: what if no nickels?

$$30¢ = 25 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \quad \} 6 \text{ coins}$$

$$\text{but } 10 + 10 + 10 \quad \} 3 \text{ coins}$$

• UK currency: 1, 2¢, 5¢, 10¢, 20¢, 25¢  
try to make 40¢



# Greedy Make Change

→ example of an optimization problem, that is, a problem that has many solutions, but you wish to min/max some function defined over those sol'ns

- many sol'ns: different ways to make change
- opt: min number of coins used
- note: might not be a unique solution.

Algorithm? assume  $1 \notin d$

GMC ( $val, d = [d_1, \dots, d_k]$ )

sort  $d$  from large to small.

for  $i = 1 \dots k$

$\oplus$  add as many  $d_i$  as possible to  $S$

endfor

return set  $S$  ~~that~~ of coins we "collected"



Q = post condition

$$= \sum_{c \in S} \text{value}(c) = \text{val}$$

and is done in the least # of coins.

What is the loop invariant here?

$L_i$  = what is true at  $*$  in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  loop.

~~Li~~  
 $S_i$  = sum of values in  $S$  after  $i^{\text{th}}$  ~~iteration~~ iteration  
(w/  $S_0 = 0$ )

$L_i = \{ S_i \geq S_{i-1} \text{ and } S_i \leq \text{val} \text{ and } d_1 \dots d_i \text{ can be added w/out going over val} \}$   
and  $S$  is a subset of an optimal solution }

Loop Inv:	Init
	Maint.
End	Termination : $\neg G \wedge L \Rightarrow Q$

$\neg G \wedge L \Rightarrow i > k = \text{the \# of denominations}$

and  $L_i \Rightarrow S$  is a subset of the optimal sol'n.

$\Rightarrow$  1¢ has already been considered

$\Rightarrow$  Sum of values in  $S = \text{val}$

$\Rightarrow S$  is optimal.





$$\text{val} = 83¢, \quad d = [25, 10, 5, 1]$$

what if I add however many I want  
without going over val?

i=1

$$S = \{25, 25\}$$

$$L_i: \quad \checkmark \quad \sum \phi \leq 50¢$$

$$\checkmark \quad 50¢ \leq 83¢$$

$\checkmark$  S is a subset of an optimal sol'n

X no more  $d_i$  can be added.

i=2

$$S = \{25, 25, 10, 10, 10\}$$

↑ no longer the subset of  
an optimal solution!

All ways to make 83¢

$$3 \cdot 25 + 1 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 1$$

$$83 \cdot 1$$

$$10 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 10 + 3 \cdot 1$$

} enumerating = listing all  
ways



on proving optimality for greedy:  
→ think "Stays ahead"  
i.o.w., given any other sol'n,  
the one I ~~am~~ am building (in  
this loop) is better in some way.

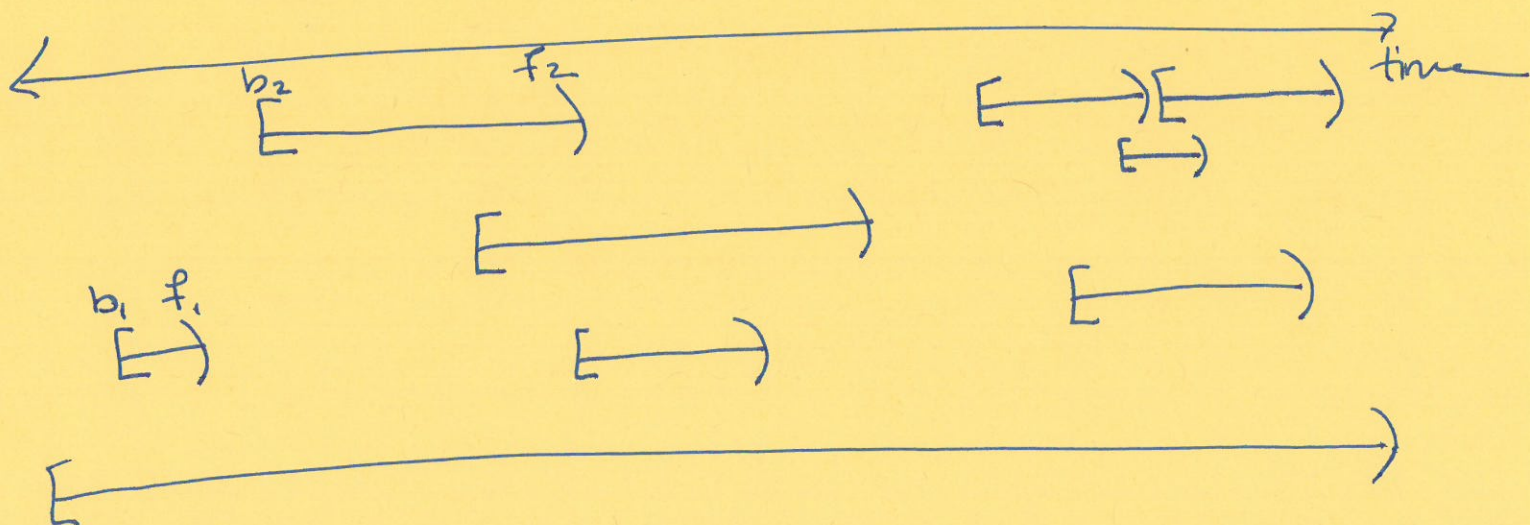
## Scheduling:

Given tasks  $T = \{ [b_i, f_i) \}_{i=1}^n$

$\uparrow$                        $\nwarrow$   
 beginning time      finishing time

Want:  $S \subseteq T$  s.t.  $\forall [b_i, f_i) \neq [b_j, f_j),$   
~~the~~  $f_i \leq b_j$  or  $f_j \leq b_i$   
 (i.e., the intervals are disjoint)

such that  $|S|$  is maximised.





greedy-1: pick the one that ends first  
greedy-2: pick the one that starts last

for greedy-1, how does this "stay ahead?"

- $\mathcal{S}$  = set of all optimal solutions
- $G$  = our greedy solution.
- claim: the  $i$ th interval in  $G$  ends before or at the same time as any solution in  $\mathcal{S}$ .