

## Quiz 4 Standard 4 - Greedy Counterexamples

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## 4 Standard 4 - Greedy Counterexamples

**Problem 4.** Consider the Making Change problem where we have three coins: 2 cent pieces, 5 cent pieces, and 10 cent pieces. We take as input an integer  $n \geq 0$ . The goal is to make change for  $n$  using only these coin denominations, using the fewest total number of coins. Consider a greedy algorithm which selects as many 10 cent pieces as possible, followed by as many 5 cent pieces, then lastly 2 cent pieces.

Give an integer  $n \geq 0$  such that (i) the greedy algorithm will not make change for  $n$  (even using more coins than necessary), yet (ii) it is possible to make change for  $n$  using **at least one of each coin**. For (i), show what choices the greedy algorithm makes before failing. For (ii), list the number of 2-cent, 5-cent, and 10-cent pieces that add up to  $n$ .

*Answer.* Consider  $n$  to be the integer 21.

- The greedy algorithm can not make change for this because it will take the following steps:
  - 1.)  $2 \cdot 10 = 20$
  - 2.) The algorithm fails here because there is only 1 cent left but no 1 cent coins exist.
- It is in-fact possible to make change with the integer 21 using the coins given. The coins and amounts are as follows:
  - $2 \cdot 3 = 6$
  - $5 \cdot 1 = 5$
  - $10 \cdot 1 = 10$
  - $6 + 5 + 10 = 21$

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