

1.

① Choose the job that starts last.

We can select the activities in reverse order, that is first select the <sup>last</sup> activity. ~~first~~

- We can select the ~~last~~ activity in every step by selecting the last activity to start that is compatible with all previously selected activities.

Proof:

Suppose  $A$  is our solution and  $O$  is optimal solution.

$$A = (i_k, \dots, i_3, i_2, i_1)$$

$$O = (j_m, \dots, j_3, j_2, j_1)$$

Since  $O$  is optimal set of activities

$$k \leq m$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall i_r \in A, j_r \in O$$

Compare start time

$$s_{i_r} \geq s_{j_r} \Rightarrow \text{Because in our algorithm we pick activity that starts late.}$$

⇒ Suppose if A is not optimal solution,

then

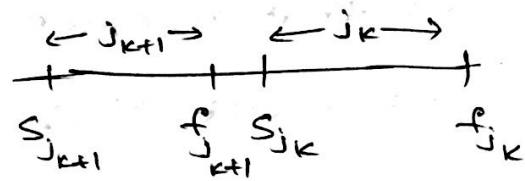
$$k < m$$

∴ there exist  $j_{k+1}$  activity which is in  $O$

$$j_{k+1} \in O$$

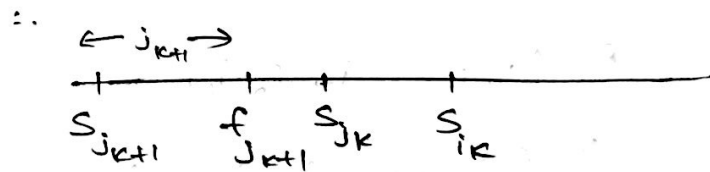
$j_k$  and  $j_{k+1}$  should be compatible.

$$s_{j_k} > s_{j_{k+1}}$$



we already have

$$s_{i_k} \geq s_{j_k}$$



$$\therefore s_{i_k} > s_{j_{k+1}}$$

Since  $s_{j_{k+1}}$  will finish before  $s_{j_k}$ , it will definitely finish before  $s_{i_k}$ .



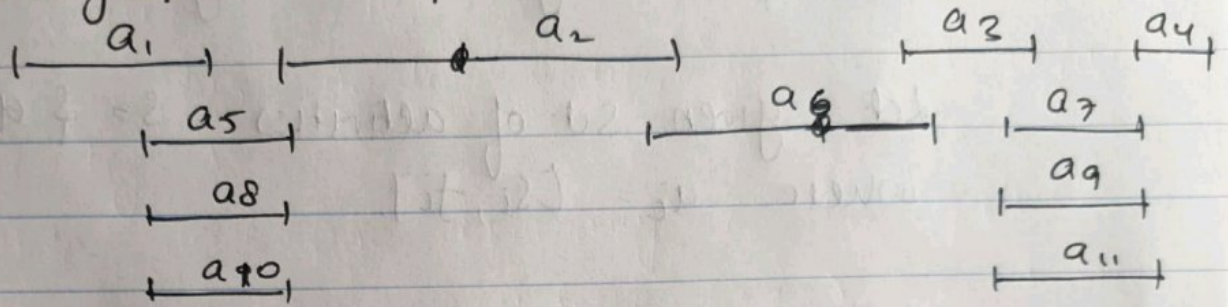
∴  $j_{k+1}$  and  $i_k$  activities are compatible.

∴ After  $i_k$ , our algorithm will pick  $j_{k+1}$ .

∴ our solution is optimal solution.

b) Choose the job that conflicts with fewest other jobs:

This is not a greedy approach, consider below graph to prove.

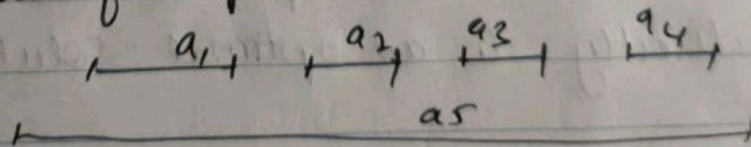


using this approach, the solution will make us to choose first activity  $a_6$  and then ~~any~~ activity  $a_4$

while the most appropriate solution will be  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$

c) Choose the job of longest duration

This is not a greedy approach, consider below graph for prove



Using this approach solution will be choosing only activity  $a_5$ , while the most appropriate solution will be  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ .



## Problem 2.

- (1) We have  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = 5$ ,  $c_3 = 10$ ,  $c_4 = 25$ ,  $c_5 = 50$  and  $c_6 = 100$ . Does the greedy algorithm always give the change with the fewest coins? Either prove it does, or provide a counterexample.

Solution. - Use the greatest value coin for the existing amount and to use as many of those coins possible without exceeding the existing amount.

For example: if  $d = 150$ .  
then, the largest value coin available = 50.

hence, we use  $3 \times 50$  coins. = 150.

This is a greedy approach. Since, we choose the best solution for current step without regard of optimal solution.

Proof: (1) Let's consider coins with values  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 5$ .

We can use at most 4 coins with value  $c_1 = 1$  because any number larger than or equal to 5 will be replaced with coin  $c_2 = 5$ .

Choosing  $c_2 = 5$  would reduce total coins by 4.



(2) Let's consider coins with values  $C_1=1$ ,  $C_2=5$  &  $C_3=10$ .  
We can use only 1 coin with value  $C_2=5$  at most, since any number greater than or equal to 10 will be replaced with coin value  $C_3=10$ .

This would reduce the total coin number by 1.

We will use as many  $C_3=10$  coins as possible before considering  $C_2=5$  &  $C_1=1$  coins.

(3) Similarly we would consider choosing the coins of different values depending on the number.

$C_1=1$ , at most 4 coins

$C_2=5$ , at most 1 coin.

$C_3=10$ , at most 2 coins, any number or remainder greater than or equal to 30 will be replaced by  $C_4=25$  coin.

$C_4=25$ , at most 1 coin, any number or remainder greater or equal to 50 will be replaced by  $C_5=50$  coin.

$C_5=50$ , at most 1 coin, any number or remainder greater or equal to 100 will be replaced by  $C_6=100$  coin.



for example  $d = 149$ .

- ① The greatest value coin  $C_0 = 100$   
remainder  $= 149 - 100 = 49$ .
- ② Then greatest value coin  $C_1 = 25$ .  
remainder  $= (149 - 100) - 25 = 24$ .
- ③ Then ~~24~~ greatest value coin  $C_2 = 10$   
remainder  $= (24 - 10) = 14$ .
- ④ Then greatest value coin  $C_3 = 10$   
remainder  $= 14 - 10 = 4$ .
- ⑤ Then greatest value coin  $C_4 = 1$   
 $4 \times (1 \times 1) = 0$ .

~~800~~ Final solution  $(1 \times 100) + (1 \times 25) + (2 \times 10) + (4 \times 1)$   
 $= 100 + 25 + 20 + 4$   
 $= 149$ .

Total coins = 8 coins.



## Problem 2

- (\*) Suppose the denominations are consecutive powers of an integer  $b \geq 2$ ; that is  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = b$ ,  $c_3 = b^2$ , and so on. Does the greedy algorithm always give the change with fewest coins? Either prove that it does or provide a counterexample.

Soln:

- ① Reasoning is very similar to previous question. Let's consider first two types of coins i.e.  $c_1 = 1$  &  $c_2 = b$ .

At most we can use  $b-1$  ~~of~~  $c_1 = 1$  value coins because any number larger than or equal to  $b$  will be replaced by  $c_2 = b$  value coin.

Hence any remainder greater than  $b$ , will allow to use as ~~many~~ ~~or~~ coins with  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = b$  and we will use as many coins of  $c_2 = b$  as possible before considering  $c_1 = 1$ .

- ② Let's consider coins with values  $c^{n-1}$  and  $c^n$ . At most we can use  $(c-1) \times c^{n-1}$  coins. Any number larger than  $c^n$  or equal to  $c^n$  will be replaced by  $c^n$  coin. This will reduce total number of coins by  $c-1$ .



for example.

$$b = 2.$$

$$C_2 = 2^1 = 2$$

coins

$$C_1 = 1, C_2 = 2^1 = 2, C_3 = 2^2 = 4, C_4 = 2^3 = 8.$$

$$d = 15.$$

① We will choose coin with value  $C_4 = 8$ .

$$\text{remainder} = 15 - 8 = 7.$$

② we will choose coin with value  $C_3 = 4$

$$\text{remainder} = 7 - 4 = 3.$$

③ we will choose coin with value  $C_2 = 2$

$$\text{remainder} = 3 - 2 = 1$$

④ we will choose coin with value  $C_1 = 1$

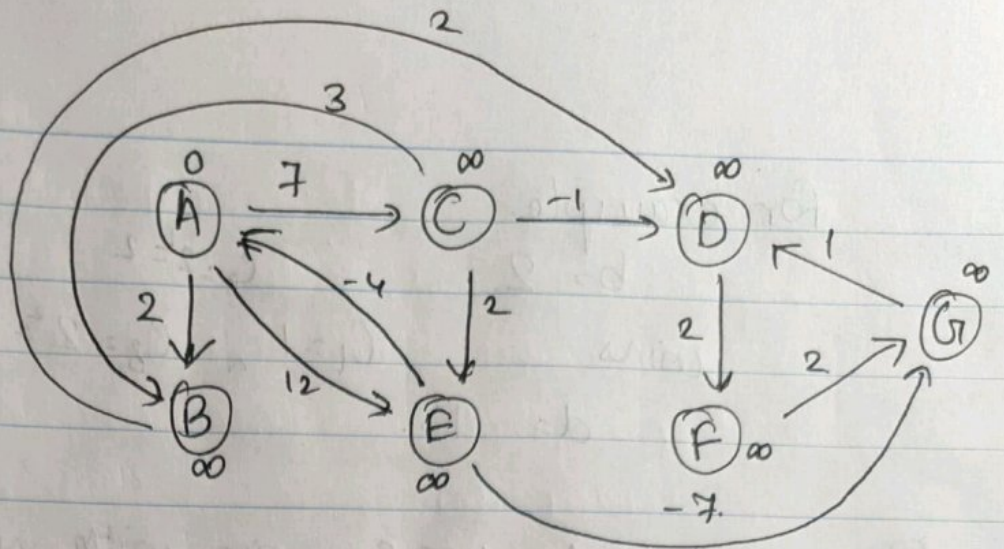
$$\text{remainder} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total coins} &= (1 \times 8 \text{ coin}) + (1 \times 4 \text{ coin}) + (1 \times 2 \text{ coin}) \\ &\quad + (1 \times 1 \text{ coin}) \\ &= 4 \text{ coins.} \end{aligned}$$



### Problem 3.

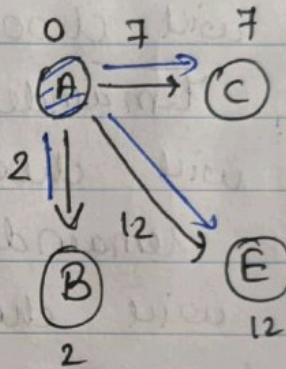
① Sol<sup>n</sup>:-



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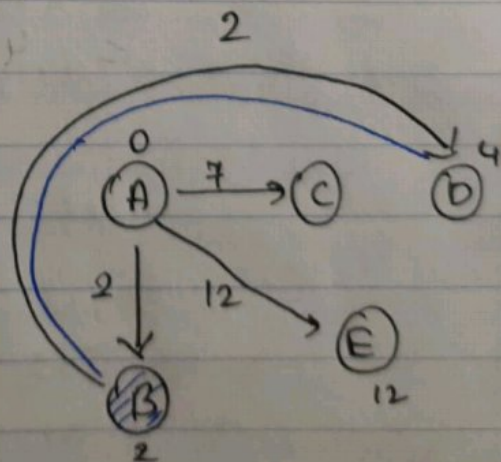
vertex known Distance Path. (vertex chosen = A)

A	✓	0	A
B		2	A → B
C		7	A → C
D		∞	
E		12	A → E
F		∞	
G		∞	



Step 2: (vertex chosen = B)

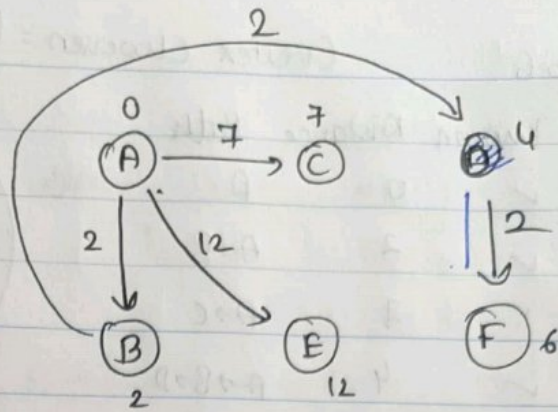
vertex	known	Distance	Path
A	✓	0	A
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C		7	A → C
D		4	A → B → D
E		12	A → E
F		∞	
G		∞	





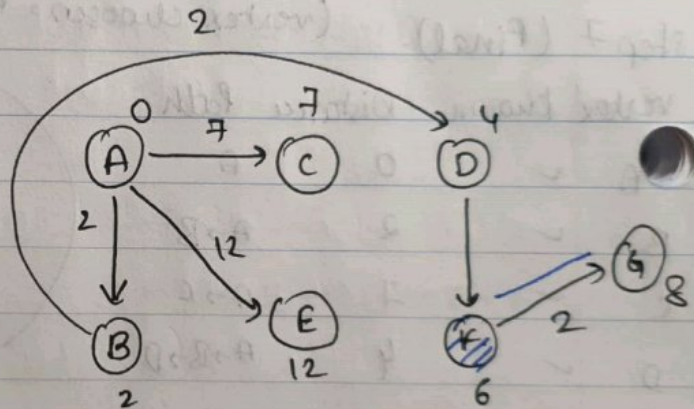
Step 3. (vertex chosen = D.)

vertex	known	Distance	Path
A	✓	0	A
B	✓	2	A → B
C		7	A → C
D	✓	4	A → B → D
E		12	A → E
F		6	A → B → D → F
G		∞	



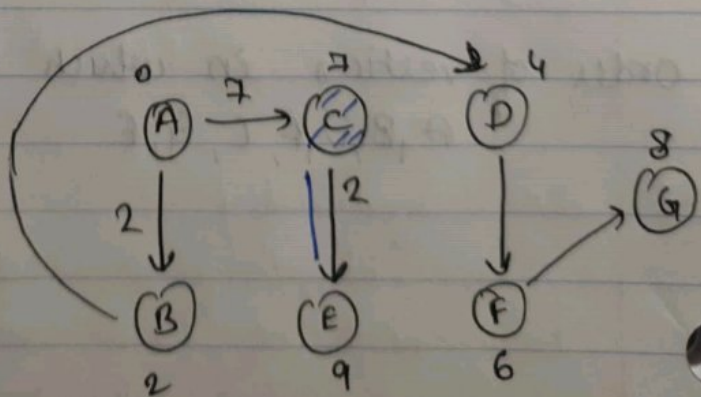
Step 4 (vertex chosen = F)

vertex	known	Distance	Path
A	✓	0	A
B	✓	2	A → B
C		7	A → C
D	✓	4	A → B → D
E		12	A → E
F	✓	6	A → B → D → F
G		8	A → B → D → F → G



Step 5 (vertex chosen = C)

vertex	known	Distance	Path
A	✓	0	A
B	✓	2	A → B
C	✓	7	A → C
D	✓	4	A → B → D
E		9	A → C → E
F	✓	6	A → B → D → F
G		8	A → B → D → F → G



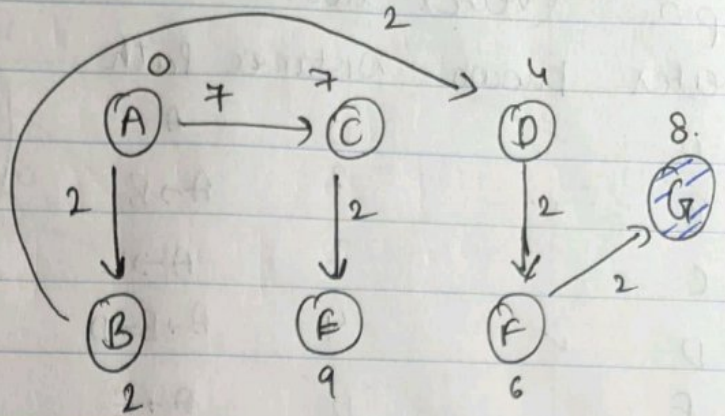


step 6

(vertex choosen = G)

vertex known Distance Path

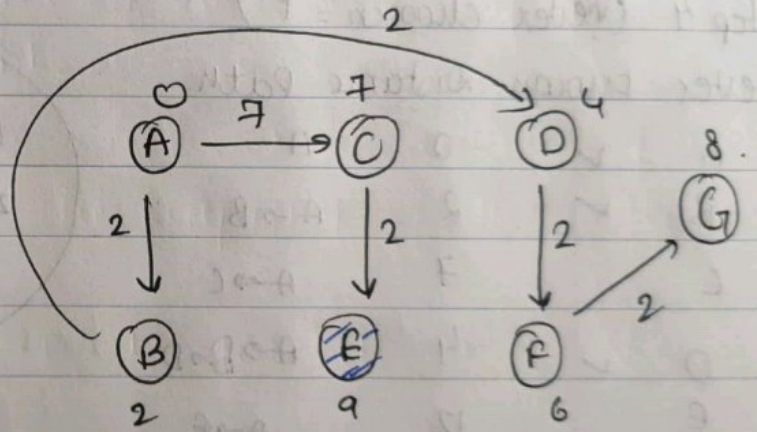
A	✓	0	A
B	✓	2	A→B
C	✓	7	A→C
D	✓	4	A→B→D
E		9	A→C→E
F	✓	6	A→B→D→F
G	✓	8	A→B→D→F→G



step 7 (Final) (vertex choosen = E)

vertex known Distance Path

A	✓	0	A
B	✓	2	A→B
C	✓	7	A→C
D	✓	4	A→B→D
E	✓	9	A→C→E
F	✓	6	A→B→D→F
G	✓	8	A→B→D→F→G



Order of vertices in which they are marked as known  
A, B, D, F, C, G, E



### Problem 2

2) Soln.

vertices for which the wrong paths are computed.

(i) vertex G.

computed Path =  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow F \rightarrow G = 8$

Correct Path =  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow G = 2$

(ii) vertex D:

computed Path =  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D$   
 $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow D = 4$

Correct Path =  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow D = 3$

(iii) vertex F

computed Path:  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow F = 6$

Correct Path:  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow D \rightarrow F = 5$



4. SUPPOSE maximum flow of network is  $f$ .  
let  $(u, v)$  be any pair of vertices.

Assume that  ~~$f(u, v) < f(v, u)$~~

$$0 < f(u, v) \leq f(v, u)$$

By If both the incoming and outgoing flows of any pair of vertices (suppose  $(u, v)$ ) are decreased by the same amount, the net flow between the vertices will be still same.

for example:



In both cases net flow is 1.

$\therefore$  If we reduce  $f(v, u)$  by  $f(u, v)$  and

set  $f(u, v) = 0$ , flow value will be still same.

$\therefore$  There always exists a maximum flow  $f$   
in which either  $f(u, v) = 0$  or  $f(v, u) = 0$ .