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## 1 Problem 2-2: OCD

**Lemma 1.1.** *Given the previous algorithm, the result will always be the smallest number of containers you can fill  $L$  gallons of oil in.*

*Proof.* By Induction: A natural number  $L$ , where  $L \geq 1$ .

**Base Case:**  $L = 1$

Given the algorithm, a 1 gallon container will be used. The base case holds true that the smallest number of containers you can fill  $L$  gallons of oil in since only one container is used.

**Induction Hypotheses:** Given  $k$  gallons of oil, there exists a method to store the  $k$  gallons of oil in as few different containers as possible while ensuring that every container you store the oil in is full.

**Induction Step:** For  $k + 1$  gallons of oil, we want to show that there also exists a method to store the  $k + 1$  gallons of oil in as few different containers as possible while ensuring that every container you store the oil in is full.

It is possible to find such an  $i$  where  $i$  is between 0 to 1000 where  $2^i \leq k + 1$ .

$$Z = k + 1 - 2^i$$

$Z$  is greater than or equal to 0 and it is less than or equal to  $k$ .

By Induction Hypotheses, there exists a method to store the  $Z$  gallons of oil in as few different containers as possible while ensuring that every container you store the oil in is full. Thus, we conclude the lemma is true.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.2.** *Given the previous algorithm, this algorithm finds the optimal solution.*

*Proof.* Assume there is an optimal solution  $\theta$ .

By Induction: A natural number  $L$ , where  $L \leq 1$ , the solution returned by the previous algorithm is the same as  $\theta$ .

**Base Case:**  $L = 1$

The previous algorithm will therefore return 1 container of size 1-gallon.

$\theta$  will also return 1 container of size 1-gallon since that is the optimal solution.

**Induction Hypotheses:** Given  $k$  gallons of oil, the previous algorithm and  $\theta$  will return the same count and sizes of containers to store the  $k$  gallons of oil.

**Induction Step:** For  $k + 1$  gallons of oil, we want to show that the previous algorithm and  $\theta$  will return the same count and sizes of containers to store the  $k + 1$  gallons of oil.

It is possible to find such an  $i$  where  $i$  is between 0 to 1000 where  $2^i \leq k + 1$ .

$$Z = k + 1 - 2^i$$

$Z$  is greater than or equal to 0 and it is less than or equal to  $k$ .

Both  $\theta$  and the previous algorithm will choose the  $2^i$  container because that is the maximum container that can be chosen given the rule that holds the

most oil and contains no empty space. Since  $Z \geq 0$  and  $Z \leq k$ , both  $\theta$  and the previous algorithm will choose the same sequence of containers by the Induction Hypotheses. Thus, we conclude that the lemma is true.  $\square$