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GREEDY ALGORITHMS

- VERY INTUITIVE
- FOR SOME ALGORITHMS, LESS OPTIMAL
- YOU'RE ABLE TO REDUCE THE PROBLEM SIZE
 - ↳ SUB STRUCTURE OPTIMALITY → INDUCTION

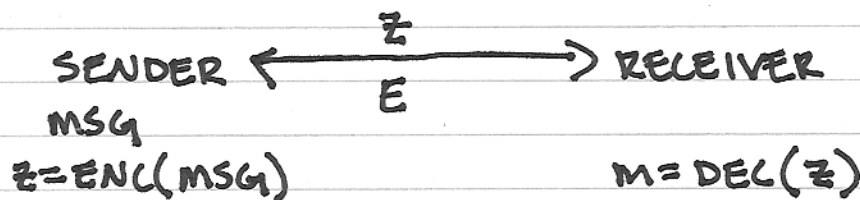
KNAPSACK PROBLEM (SPECIAL CASE)

INPUT: $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n, k$
 (OBJECTS) (CAPACITY OF KNAPSACK)

OUTPUT: $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

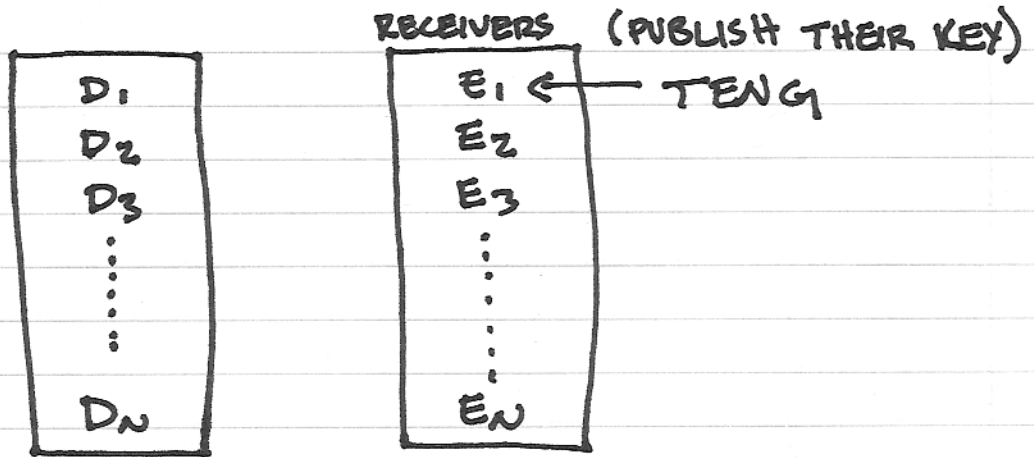
WANT TO OUTPUT A SUBSET SUCH THAT $\sum_{i \in S} w_i = k$
 → ITEMS AREN'T DIVISIBLE

ENCRYPTION (WHICH REALLY ADVANCED COMPUTER ALGOS)



... BUT IF THE SENDER AND RECEIVER HAVEN'T TALKED YET, HOW CAN THEY SHARE A SECRET, PRIVATE LANGUAGE?
 ↳ PUBLIC KEY ENCRYPTION SCHEME

"YELLOW BOOK ENCRYPTION SCHEME"



→ RSA IS A VARIATION OF THIS

MERKLE - HELLMAN (STANFORD)
↳ HAS BEEN BROKEN

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \quad \alpha_i = 1 \text{ IFF } n \in S$$

$$\alpha_i = 0$$

$$m = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$$

ENCRYPTION

1) CHOOSE (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) SUCH THAT FOR ALL i

$$w_i > \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} w_j \quad (\text{SUPERINCREASING})$$

↳ NEXT NUMBER > SUM OF PREVIOUS 2 NUMBERS

$$(2, 7, 11, 21, 42, 89, 180, 354) \quad \sum_i = 706$$

2) CHOOSE LARGE RANDOM q SUCH THAT $q > \sum_{i=1}^n w_i$
 $q = 881$

3) CHOOSE A LARGE RANDOM r SUCH THAT
 $GCD(r, q) = 1$
 $r = 588$

4) ENCRYPTION KEY $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$ SUCH THAT
 $\beta_i = r w_i \text{ MOD } q$

→ THIS MAKES IT SEEM RANDOM

(295, 592, 301, 14, 28, 353, 120, 236)
↳ YELLOW PAGE ENTRY

5) PUBLISH $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$ PUBLIC
KEEP $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n), q, r$ PRIVATE

ENCRYPTION:

- MESSAGE = 01100001
- PAIRWISE MULTIPLY W/ YELLOW PAGE ENTRY
 $592 + 301 + 236 = 1129$ (CIPHERTEXT)

DECODING:

- JUST A KNAPSACK PROBLEM
- ... BUT KNAPSACK PROBLEM'S HARD ...

ONEWAY-NESS

→ EASIER TO ENCODE, SEEMINGLY HARD TO DECODE

KNAPSACK PROBLEM FOR SUPERINCREASING SEQUENCES:

→ GREEDY

$w = (2, 7, 11, 21, 42, 89, 180, 354)$ $k = 372$
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$372 - 354 = 18 \leftarrow$
 $18 - 11 = 7 \leftarrow$
 $\rightarrow 7 - 7 = 0$

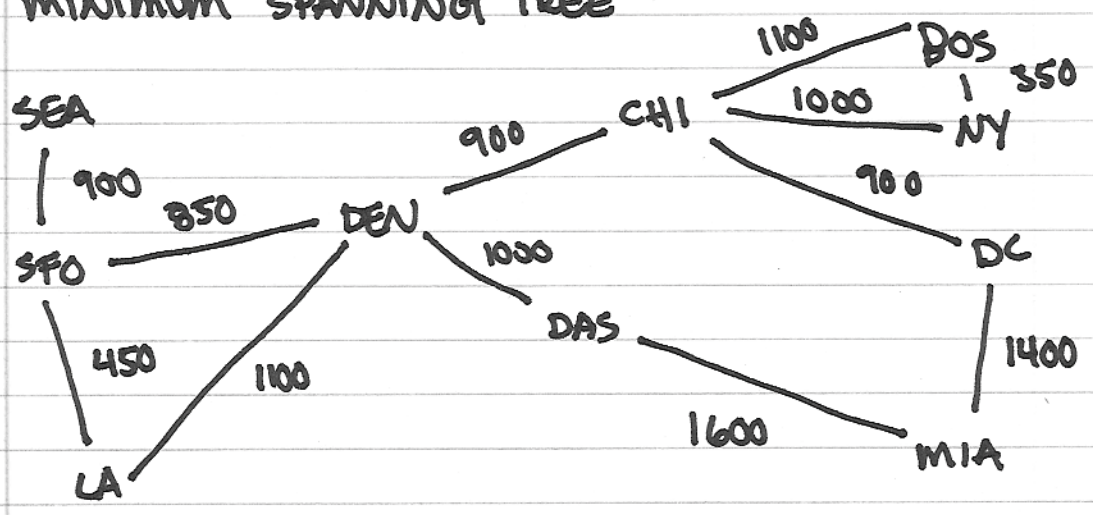
- TAKE THE LARGEST ONE YOU CAN

- WHERE DID 372 COME FROM?

$q = 881 \quad r = 588 \quad s = 442$
 $\text{GCD}(q, r) = 1 \quad \exists s, s \cdot r = 1 \pmod q$
 $1129 \cdot 442 \pmod{881} = 372$

THIS ALL FAILED AFTER SHORTEST VECTOR PROBLEM WAS SOLVED (UNRELATED PROBLEM)

MINIMUM SPANNING TREE



GIVEN THIS MAP, FIND A TREE CONNECTING ALL CITIES WITH THE SHORTEST TOTAL LENGTH

- DIVIDE MAP INTO 2 PARTS, THEN THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN 1ST & 2ND SETS BELONGS TO THE TREE

ALGORITHM 1

- 1) ORDER CITIES PAIRWISE BY DISTANCE
- 2) CONNECT SHORTEST
- 3) CONNECT NEXT SHORTEST UNTIL IT INDICES A CYCLE
↳ THEN THROW AWAY THE LINK THAT CREATES THE CYCLE
- 4) CONTINUE UNTIL THE COUNTRY IS CONNECTED

ALGORITHM 2

- 1) PICK A STARTING CITY AND CONNECT ITS CLOSEST NEIGHBOR
- 2) CONNECT THE NEXT CLOSEST CITY TO THE GROUP
- 3) THAT CITY IS NOW PART OF THE GROUP
- 4) REPEAT STEP 2-3 UNTIL ALL CITIES ARE CONNECTED