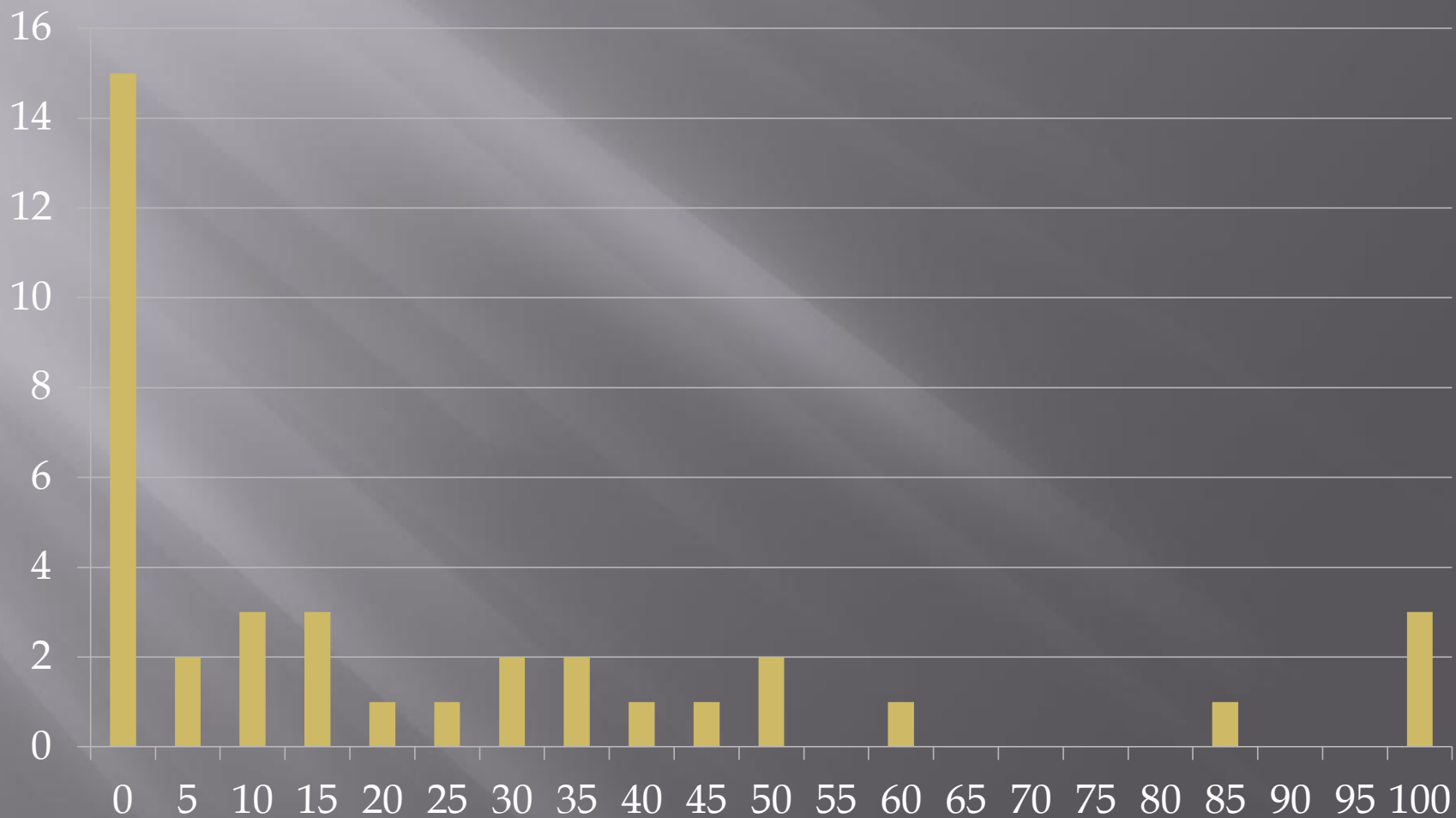


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Problem

- ▣ Given 2 groups of N 2-digit integers each
- ▣ Match them in a way such that GCD is greatest

Solution 1

- ▣ Try all possible matching
 - ▣ Determine the GCD
 - ▣ Complexity = $O(N! * \text{time to find GCD})$
 - ▣ Score ≤ 30
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- ▣ How to determine the GCD?

Solution idea

- ▣ Fix GCD (say k)
- ▣ Determine whether a matching exists, where each number is divisible by k

Observation 1

- ▣ If $k \geq 100$
- ▣ We can determine the last 2 digits given a fixed first 2 digits
- ▣ e.g. $k = 479$, given the first 2 digits are 62. We know the last 2 digits must be 27

Solution 2

- ▣ Iterate k from max possible GCD (say 9999) down to 100
- ▣ For each “first 2 digits”, find if there still exists a “last 2 digits” which is divisible by k
- ▣ If every “first 2 digits” can be matched, then k is the optimal answer
- ▣ Complexity = $O(\text{max GCD} * N^2)$
- ▣ Score ~ 40

Observation 2

- ▣ There can only be 100 different values of 2 digit number
- ▣ We can reduce N to 100 by counting the frequency of each occurrence

Solution 3

- ▣ Applying observation 2 to solution 2
- ▣ Complexity = $\max \text{GCD} * 100^2$
- ▣ Score = 65

Solution 4

- ▣ What if $k < 100$? How to determine whether a matching is possible?
- ▣ e.g. $k = 36$, given “first 2 digits” is 34. The “last 2 digits” can be 20, 56, 92
- ▣ Which one of 20, 56, 92 should be used?
- ▣ Answer = anyone!!
- ▣ Why?

Solution 4 (cont.)

- ▣ Argument:
- ▣ If only some of “last 2 digits” can be used, then there exists at least a “first 2 digits” which contains only a subset of the “last 2 digits”
- ▣ However, given $x*100+y$ is divisible by k , $x*100 + y + d*k$ is also divisible by k (d can be negative, $0 \leq y + d*k \leq 99$)
- ▣ Hence, there does not exist a “first 2 digits” which contain only a subset of “last 2 digits”

Solution 4 (cont.)

- ▣ Therefore, the solution is simple
- ▣ We can greedily match the digits even if $k < 100$
- ▣ Complexity = $\max \text{GCD} * 100^2$
- ▣ Score = 100