

1. A set of vectors  $A$  is said to be linearly independent if no  $v \in A$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the vectors in  $A - \{v\}$ . Given a set of vectors  $S$ , describe an efficient algorithm for finding a linearly independent subset of  $S$  with the maximum possible size. Assume you are given a function that can check if  $n$  vectors are linearly independent in  $O(n^2)$  time.
2. You live in a country with  $n$  different types of coins, with values  $1, 2, 2^2, \dots, 2^{n-1}$ . Describe an efficient algorithm for determining how to make change for a given value  $W$  using the least possible number of coins.
3. Let  $X$  be a set of  $n$  intervals on the real line. A *proper coloring* of  $X$  assigns a color to each interval, so that any two overlapping intervals are assigned different colors. Describe an efficient algorithm to compute the minimum number of colors needed to properly color  $X$ . Assume that your input consists of two array  $L[1..n]$  and  $R[1..n]$ , where  $L[i]$  and  $R[i]$  are the left and right endpoints of the  $i$ th interval.