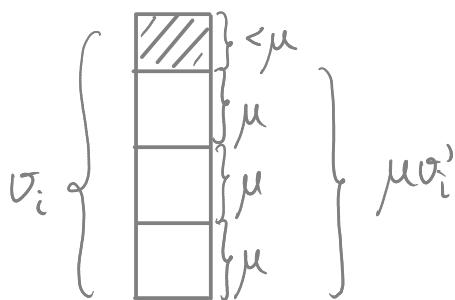


Proof:

Approximation ratio:

For each item  $i$ ,  $\mu v'_i$  equals  $v_i$  rounded down } (\*)  
to the nearest multiple of  $\mu$ .  
Thus,  $v_i - \mu v'_i < \mu$  (each item "loses" less than } (\*\*)  
 $\mu$  in the rounding.)



Let  $S$  be the set of items selected by Alg. 3.2

This is an optimal solution to the instance }  
with values  $v'_i$ , and hence, to the instance } (ok ok)  
with values  $\mu v'_i$ .

Let  $O$  be the set of items in an optimal  
solution to the original instance with values  $v_i$ .

The total value produced by Alg. 3.2 is

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i \in S} v_i &\geq \sum_{i \in S} \mu v'_i, \quad \text{by (4)} \\ &\geq \sum_{i \in O} \mu v'_i, \quad \text{by (444)} \\ &> \sum_{i \in O} (v_i - \mu), \quad \text{by (44)} \\ &\geq \left( \sum_{i \in O} v_i \right) - n\mu, \quad \text{since } |O| \leq n \\ &= OPT - \epsilon M \\ &\geq (1 - \epsilon) OPT, \quad \text{since } OPT \geq M\end{aligned}$$

Running time:

See above.

□

According to Thm 3.5, Alg. 3.2 is a  
fully polynomial time approximation scheme (FPTAS)  
 also poly. in input size  
 in  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$   
 Family of  $A_\epsilon$  } of alg., where  $A_\epsilon$  has precision  $\epsilon$ .  
 ((1- $\epsilon$ )-approx. alg for max. problems,  
 (1+ $\epsilon$ )-approx. alg for min. problems)

Def. 3.4      Def. 3.3

Thus, Thm 3.5 could also be stated like this:

Theorem 3.5: Alg 3.2 is a FPTAS

In the **Multiple Knapsack** problem, there are a fixed number of knapsacks.

Bin Packing can be seen as a dual problem of Multiple Knapsack:

In the **Bin Packing** problem, there is an unlimited supply of bins, all of size 1. The aim is to pack all items in as few bins as possible.

Simple approx. alg.s:

Next-fit (NF)

First-fit (FF)

Best-fit (BF)

Next-fit-Decreasing (NFD)

First-fit-Decreasing (FFD)

Best-fit-Decreasing (BFD)

Asymptotic approx. ratio

2

1.7

1.7

$\approx 1.69$

1.222...

1.222...

Approx. scheme?

Can we do the same kind of rounding for Bin Packing as we did for Knapsack?

## Section 3.3 : The Bin Packing Problem

Last time we discussed simple approx. alg.s  
Today we will develop an approximation scheme.

### Approximation scheme $\{A_\epsilon\}$ :

1. Transform  $I \rightarrow I''$ :
  - a. Remove all items smaller than  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . ( $I \rightarrow I'$ )  
 $\Rightarrow O(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$  items fit in one bin
  - b. Round up sizes of remaining items ( $I' \rightarrow I''$ )  
 $\Rightarrow O(1)$  different item sizes
2. Do dyn. prg. on  $I''$   
 $\Rightarrow A_\epsilon(I'') = OPT(I'')$
3. Add small items to the packing using First-Fit (or any other Anyfit alg.)

## Adding small items to the packing (3.)

Lemma 3.10

$$A_{\varepsilon}(I) \leq \max\{A_{\varepsilon}(I''), \frac{2}{2-\varepsilon} \text{size}(I) + 1\}$$

Proof:

If no extra bin is needed for adding the small items,  $A_{\varepsilon}(I) = A_{\varepsilon}(I'')$ .

Otherwise, all bins, except possibly the last one, are filled to more than  $1 - \varepsilon/2$ .

In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\varepsilon}(I) &\leq \left\lceil \frac{\text{size}(I)}{1 - \varepsilon/2} \right\rceil \leq \frac{\text{size}(I)}{1 - \varepsilon/2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{2}{2-\varepsilon} \text{size}(I) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

□