CSCI 232: Data Structures and Algorithms

Dynamic Programming (Part 1)

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Announcements

Program 3 Due one week from today (4/23)

Tuesday April 23 will be an optional help session for Program 3 (no lecture)

Lab 11 due on **Sunday (4/21)** → After today, you can finish it

Gianforte Hall Groundbreaking Ceremony: Tomorrow @ 2:00 PM







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Lesson Learned: The Greedy approach works for the United States denominations, but not for a general set of denominations



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(We will assume we have the standard US denominations [1, 5, 10, 25] (NO 50 CENT PIECE)

25 + 25 + 10 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 63



What can you conclude?

Does this provide an answer to any other change making problems?



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This is the minimum coins needed to make 1 cent



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The solution to the change making problems consists of solutions to smaller change making problems

We can use **recursion** to solve this problem



In general, suppose a country has coins with denominations:

 $1 = d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_k$ (US coins: $d_1 = 1, d_2 = 5, d_3 = 10, d_4 = 25$)

Algorithm: To make change for p cents, we are going to figure out change for every value x < p. We will build solution for p out of smaller solutions.



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To find the minimum number of coins needed to create 19 cents, we generate **k** subproblems



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k = # denominations



We want to select the **minimum** solution of these three subproblems



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For the solution of our original problem (19), we want to select this branch (one dime used)



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Find minimum	Find minimum	Find minimum
coins needed	coins needed	coins needed
to make 17	to make 13	to make 8
cents	cents	cents



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return 1 + min

Once, our for loop finishes, we should know the branch that had the minimum, so return (1 + min), 1 because one coin was used in the current method call



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For sufficiently large p, every permutation of denominations is included.



















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10 As k and p both grow, the number of recursive calls k being made will grow **exponentially k**² If we have a lot of coin denominations, we will have **a lot** of branching **k**³ kp



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Let's try 81 cents!











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We can fix this by utilizing some "smart recursion" AKA **Dynamic Programming**

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We frequently recompute the same subproblem throughout the algorithm

We satisfy these two conditions, which means we can leverage **Dynamic Programming**



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Big idea of dynamic programming: Use **memoization** to store solutions of sub problems we have already solved, and don't re compute them

(Yes, it's "memoization" and not "memorization")







1, **3**

Memoization Table







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We then see that the optimal way 1,3 2

Memoization Table



to make 1 cent is with one coin



The optimal way to make two cents is with 2 coins

Memoization Table





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The optimal way to make 4 cents is with 2 coins

Memoization Table



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Memoization Table





We no longer need to branch

Memoization Table



here, because we already know the optimal way to make 2 cents!



Memoization Table



We learn the optimal way to make five cents is with one coin



$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}$

Memoization Table







Memoization Table



All three of these branches have the same cost, so making 6 cents requires 2 coint



Memoization Table





We no longer need to branch here, because we already know the optimal solution for 4, so just check our memoization table!



Memoization Table





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The optimal way to make 7 cents is with 3 coins:

[1, 1, 5] [3, 1, 3]

Memoization Table

TOP - Bottom Dynamic Programming (Memoization) 2/3



Dynamic Programming (Bottom to Top)

If we don't want to use recursion, we can use a for loop to fill out this entire array (tabulation)





Dynamic Programming (Bottom to Top)

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Dynamic Programming

Top to Bottom Dynamic Programming

 \rightarrow Use <u>recursion</u>, and fill out a **memoization table** as you are making recursive calls

Bottom-Up Dynamic Programming

 \rightarrow Use a <u>for loop</u> to fill out a table (tabulation), then query the table

Both have the same running time. But a computer can handle a for loop better than recursion

(I think recursion is easier to understand)

DP improves running time from exponential to O(len(D) * p)









