let the amount be t.

this is the change-making problem https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Change-making_problem, which is NPC.

- 1. dfs.
- 2. knapsack, DP. O(nt).
- 3. set a threshold b. for coins with values > b, we will use at most $\frac{t}{b}$ (with multiplicity) coins, use FFT and recursion to compute subset sum with cardinality information, in $O(t \cdot \frac{t}{b} \log^2 t)$. for coins with value $\leq b$, there are at most b distinct coin values, perform DP for knapsack in O(bt). set $b = \sqrt{t} \log t$, the total time is $O(\frac{t}{b} \cdot t \log^2 t + bt) = O(t\sqrt{t} \log t)$.
- 4. FFT+doubling, each FFT takes $O(t \log t)$, need to perform $O(\log t)$ doubling steps. $O(t \log^2 t)$.
- 5. deterministic $O(t \log t \log \log t)$ and randomized $O(t \log t)$. see my paper [2].
- 6. O(u), where u is the maximum coin value. see my paper [1].

remark. the all-values change-making problem can also be solved efficiently, in $\tilde{O}(t^{4/3})$ and $O(u^2 \log u + t)$ time. see my paper [1].

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