Usecase: Finding the winning Strategy in a Card Using python

Problem Description:

Imagine a card game where each player receives a hand of cards with values. The objective is to find the best way to maximum the score for a player, assuming the player takes turns drawing cards. Each player can either pick the first or last card from the remaining pile.

Assumptions:

- Each player tries to maximum their score.
- Cards are represented by integers, which indicates their values.
- Two players alternate turns, and each player picks a cards from either the beginning or the end of the list

Plan:

We can solve this problem using Dynamic Programming by calculating the optimal score for every possible scenario, taking into account the best choices for both players.

Steps:

1. Define the Game: Represent the pile of cards as a list of integers
2. Recursive Strategy: A function will recursively determine the best score a player can achieve.

3. Dynamic Programming: Store intermediate results to avoid recalculating them.

4. Base cases: When only one cards is left, the current player takes it.

Program:

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def find_optical_stegy (cards):
    n = len(cards)
    #Create a memoization table to store subproblem results
    dp = [[0]*n for _ in range(n)]

    #Fill the table for subproblem of increasing sizes.
    for length in range(1, n+1):
        for i in range (n-length+1):
            j = i + length - 1
            # If only one card is left, the player takes it
            if i == j
                dp[i][j] = cards[i]
            else:
                #Choose the best of two choices.
                take_left += cards[i] - dp [i+1][j]
                take_right = cards[j] = dp [i][j+1]
                dp [i][j] = max [takes_left, takes_right)
    return (dp[0] [n-1] + sum //2

cards = [3, 9, 1, 2]
print("First player's optimal score:", find_optical_strategy))
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Explanation:

- Dynamic Programming Table (dp): Each cell dp[i][j] represents the difference in score b/w the first player and opponent if the game is played b/w cards from i to index j.
- Two Choices: For each move, the player can either:
  1. Pick the leftmost card cards[i], leaving the opponent to play optimally on the remaining cards.
  2. Pick the rightmost cards cards[j], leaving the opponent the rest of the cards.
- Recursive Relation: The value of each subproblem is determined by maximizing the score difference b/w the current player and the opponent

Example walkthrough:

Consider the array of cards: [3, 9, 1, 2]

1. First player (you) can choose b/w:
   - Taking the leftmost card (3), leaving the cards [9, 1, 2]
   - Taking the rightmost card (2), leaving the cards [3, 9, 1].
2. The opponent will ~~take~~ then take their turn, playing optimally to ~~mi~~minimize the first player's score.

First player's optimal score: 5

First player, if playing optimally, can guarantee a score of 5 regardless of how the oppent plays.

Optimizing Strategy:

By using Dynamic Programming, we ensure that the solution is computed efficiently, avoiding redundant calculations. This approach ensure both players play optimally and the first player gets the highest score possible given the opponent's best move.