

Coin Changes Report

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1. Source Code

Please check coin_changes.py

2. Execution Results

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[Test 1]
coin changes for: 5
[Dynamic Programming] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 1
coins: [5]
[Greedy algorithm] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 1
coins: [5]

[Test 2]
coin changes for: 30
[Dynamic Programming] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 2
coins: [5, 25]
[Greedy algorithm] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 2
coins: [5, 25]

[Test 3]
coin changes for: 82
[Dynamic Programming] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 6
coins: [1, 1, 5, 25, 25, 25]
[Greedy algorithm] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 6
coins: [1, 1, 5, 25, 25, 25]

[Test 4]
coin changes for: 365
[Dynamic Programming] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 16
coins: [5, 10, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25]
[Greedy algorithm] the change for the fewest number of coin is: 16
coins: [5, 10, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25]
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3. Time Complexity Analysis

For dynamic programming version, I use the method as the Bottom to Up method. Time complexity: $T(n) = O(4n) + O(n) = O(4n) = O(n)$. 4 is the number of coin types: penny, nickel, dime, quarter.

For the greedy algorithm version, time complexity is $T(n) = O(n)$. Because there is only one for loop.

4. Answer of c

a. We assume that we only use the first two denominations $c^0 = 1$ and $c^1 = c$. At most, we can use $(c-1) * c^0$ because any value larger than c would be replaced by at least one c . This will reduce the total coin number by $c-1$. It means the remainder is greater than c and we can use only c^0 and c^1 . To satisfy the condition of fewer changes, we can use as many c^1 as we can before use c^0 .

b. We assume that we only use the first two denominations $c^{n-1} = 1$ and c^n . At most, we can use $(c-1) * c^{n-1}$ because any value larger than c^n would be replaced by at least one c^n . This will reduce the total coin number by $c-1$. It means the remainder is greater than c^n and we can use only c^{n-1} and c^n . To satisfy the condition of fewer changes, we can use as many c^n as we can before use c^{n-1} .

c. Consider a and b together, the greedy algorithm applies to all situations of this coin set. Hence greedy algorithm is optimal.