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Home work 4.

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- i) Suppose if we have activities with start time as follows:

~~$\{(2, 11) (12, 20) (4, 19) ($~~

$\{(1, 2) (2, 7) (3, 10) (4, 19) (11, 15) (16, 17)\}$

Here if we pick the activity $(4, 19)$ as it is the most compatible and ~~does not overlap~~ with any has the least conflict we are ignoring the other optimal solutions $(1, 2) (3, 10) (11, 15) (16, 17)$.

- ii) Suppose we have the activities as follow

$\{(2, 15) (3, 4) (5, 6) (7, 8) (9, 12) (12, 16)\}$

~~Q.2)~~ If we choose the activity with the most earliest start time i.e. $(2, 15)$ we will not get the optimal solution with the greedy approach.

Q2)

a) Describe a greedy algorithm to make change consisting of quarters, dimes, nickels & pennies. Prove that your algorithm yields an optimal solution.

The pseudo code for such an algo will be as follows:

for $i = \text{size of denomination array}$ to $i = 0$.

while ($\text{denom}[i] \leq \text{amount}$)

change $[j] \leftarrow \text{denom}[i]$

$j++$

$\text{amount} = \text{amount} - \text{denom}[i]$

$\text{count}++$

return count.

Here we can see that as we are using the largest denomination first to make change of the amount, by using the greedy strategy we will subtract the larger denomination to reduce the amount by great value hence we will eventually be using less number of coins instead of using 5 pennies we will use one nickel and so on. Hence this algorithm will yield an optimal solution.

Q2 b) Suppose that the available coins are in the denominations that are powers of c , i.e. the denominations are c, c^2, \dots, c^k for some integer $k > 1$. Show that the greedy algorithm always yields an optimal solution.

Ans - We will use the ~~algo~~ pseudo code similar to the previous algo.

- As we are having the denominations in an increasing order of c^k our denominations will be similar to previous denomination just in the power of c .

- Hence by using the previous algorithm too we will get an optimal solution. as we will use up the greater denominations first to calculate the ~~cost~~ change which will result in lower coin count.

Q2)

- c) Give a set of coin denominations for which the greedy algorithm does not yield an optimal solution. Your set should include a penny so that there is a solution for every value of n .

Let us consider the denominations as $\{1, 4, 5\}$ if we want to calculate the change for amount 12.

We can see that by our algorithm we get the denomination as

$$2 \times 5 + 2 \times 1 = 12.$$

where we use ~~2~~ two 5 and two 1 denomination where as which totals to 4 coins

where as there is an optimal solution which is ~~3~~ three 4 denomination.

Hence for this set it won't give an optimal solution.