

Combination Sum

This problem is solved efficiently using backtracking (DFS).

Key Observations:

1. We can reuse each candidate unlimited times.
2. Combinations must be unique - order does not matter, so we avoid permutations by:
 - Processing candidates in sorted order.
 - Passing an index to ensure we don't revisit previous numbers.

Steps:

1. Sort candidates (optional, helps pruning).
2. Use recursive dfs (index, currentSum, path):
 - Base case: if currentSum == target, store path.
 - If currentSum > target or index == candidates.length, return.
3. For each candidate at position i:
 - Include it (stay at i since unlimited usage allowed).
 - Exclude it (move to i+1).

Complexity:

- Time: Potentially exponential ($O(2^n)$) but pruned by target constraint.
- Space: $O(\text{target})$ recursion depth.