Combination Sum II Documentation

Description:

The "Combination Sum II" problem involves finding all unique combinations in a given set of

candidate numbers where the numbers sum up to a specified target value. However, each number

in the candidate list can be used only once in any combination. This problem is a variation of the

classic combination sum problem but with the added constraint of uniqueness within combinations.

Function Signature:

def combinationSum2(candidates: List[int], target: int) -> List[List[int]]:

Parameters:

candidates: A list of integers representing the candidate numbers from which

combinations are formed.

• <u>target</u>: An integer representing the target sum that combinations should achieve.

Return Value:

• Returns a list of lists, where each inner list represents a unique combination of candidate

numbers that sum up to the target value.

Approach:

- 1. Sort the candidate list to handle duplicates properly.
- 2. Implement a backtracking algorithm to explore all possible combinations.
- 3. During backtracking, maintain a `start` index to avoid duplicate combinations.
- 4. For each candidate, explore its inclusion in the combination and recursively explore other candidates to achieve the target sum.
- 5. Avoid duplicate combinations by skipping identical candidates during iteration.

Constraints:

- The length of the `candidates` list is between 1 and 100.
- o Each candidate number is between 1 and 50.
- o The target value is between 1 and 30.

Example Usage:

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solution = Solution()

print(solution.combinationSum2([10,1,2,7,6,1,5], 8)) # Output: [[1, 1, 6], [1, 2, 5], [1, 7], [2, 6]]

print(solution.combinationSum2([2,5,2,1,2], 5)) # Output: [[1, 2, 2], [5]]
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