

House Robber IV

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Approach - 1

idea - backtracking approach

Time : $O(2^n)$

Space : $O(1)$

code :-

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class Solution {
    /*[TLE] ⚠️ ✓ Approach - 1 (backtracking & recursive i.e take or dont take approach)

    explanation :- we choose 1 house, or we dont choose it

    ⚠️ Time :  $O(2^n)$  because we have 2 choices for every n elements to pick or not
pick
    Space :  $O(n)$ 

    */
private:
    // Fun.3 : isSafeToInsert()
    bool isSafeToInsert(vector<int> &currIndexes, int index){

        // we need to check if all will be fine if we insert the 'index' into our
currIndexes vector, so insert 'index' at its end, make sure to pop it before the
function ends
        currIndexes.push_back(index);

        int size = currIndexes.size();
        // if currIndexes[] is of size = 1 or 0, then return true
        if(size == 0 || size == 1){
            currIndexes.pop_back();
            return true;
        }

        // check last 2 elements of the currIndexes[] if their difference is less than
or equal to 1, then return false
        if((currIndexes[size - 1] - currIndexes[size - 2]) <= 1){
            currIndexes.pop_back();
            return false;
        }

        else{
            currIndexes.pop_back();
            return true;
        }
    }

    // Fun.2 : solve()
    void solve(vector<int> &houses, int k, vector<int> &currIndexes, int &ans, int
index){

        // base case - if we explored all the houses, then find the max of all the
currHouses and then store the min(ans,maxMoney) in ans
        if(index == houses.size()){
            // only save the ans when the 'Currindexes' i.e houses explored are more
than or equal to k,

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        if(currIndexes.size() >= k){

            int maxMoney = INT_MIN;
            for(int i = 0; i < currIndexes.size(); i++){
                maxMoney = max(maxMoney, houses[currIndexes[i]]);
                ans = min(ans, maxMoney);
            }

            return;
        }

        // choice number - 1 (if it is same to explore a house = 'index', then explore
it)
        if(isSafeToInsert(currIndexes, index)){
            currIndexes.push_back(index);
            solve(houses, k, currIndexes, ans, index + 1);
            currIndexes.pop_back();    // backtrack
        }

        // choice number-2 (dont explore the house = 'index')
        solve(houses, k, currIndexes, ans, index + 1);
    }

public:
    int minCapability(vector<int>& houses, int k) {

        // we need to check all possible combinations of the indexes of houses , so we
need to maintain that in a 'currIndexes' vector, also we will be maintaining the
'index = 0' and a int 'ans = INT_MAX' (coz we will return the minimum value of ans)
        int index = 0;
        vector<int> currIndexes;
        int ans = INT_MAX;

        solve(houses, k, currIndexes, ans, index);

        return ans;
    }
};

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Approach - 2

idea - using binary search

Time : $O(n * \log n)$

Space : $O(1)$

code :-

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class Solution {
private:
    /* ✓★ Approach - 2 (using binary search)

        Explanation :-

            -> // Fun2. : returns true if 'mid' can be a possible ans, else return
false
            bool isMidPossibleAns(vector<int>&nums, int k, int mid){

                step1 : we need to maintain a index (to traverse the whole
array), and also maintain a k = k, so that we do not pick elements more than k
                step2 : if the ith element of nums array is smaller or equal
to mid, that means it can be added to the robbery, so do i += 2, k-- (because 1 house
is now robbed)
                step 3 : else if ith element is greater than mid, then this
element can not be included, i.e this ith house can't be robbed, so skip it i.e i++
                step 4 : when all k are robbed then return true
                step 5 : loop ends and when all k are robbed then return true, if
not then return false

            -> // Main fun
                step 1 : find min and max element of the vector nums, and then
store them as low and high
                step 2 : do a binary search traversal for low to high
                step 3 : Find mid
                step 4 : call fun.2 isMidPossibleAns(nums, k, mid), if it
returns yes then store mid in 'ans' coz mid can be a possible ans, and search for a
smaller ans in left half
                step 5 : else if not possible ans, then find it in the right
half
                step 6 : return ans

                ✓T : O(NlogN)
                ✓S : O(1)

            */

            // Fun2. : returns true if 'mid' can be a possible ans, else return false
            bool isMidPossibleAns(vector<int>&nums, int k, int mid){

                // we need to maintain a index (to traverse the whole array), and also
maintain a k = k, so that we do not pick elements more than k
                int index = 0;
                while(index < nums.size()){

                    // if the ith element of nums array is smaller or equal to mid, that means
it can be added to the robbery, so do i += 2, k-- (because 1 house is now robbed)
                    if(nums[index] <= mid){
                        index += 2;

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        k--;
    }

    // else if ith element is greater then mid, then this element can not be
    included, i.e this ith house cant be robbed , so skip it i.e i++
    else index++;

    // when all k are robbed then return true
    if(k == 0) return true;
}

// loop ends and when all k are robbed then return true, if not then return
false
return k==0;
}

public:
// Main fun
int minCapability(vector<int>& nums, int k) {

    int ans = INT_MAX;
    // find min and max element of the vector nums, and then store them as low and
    high
    int low, high;
    for(int i = 0; i < nums.size(); i++){
        low = min(low,nums[i]);
        high = max(high,nums[i]);
    }

    // do a binary search traversal for low to high
    while(low <= high){

        int mid = low + (high - low)/2;

        // call fun.2 isMidPossibleAns(nums, k, mid), it it returns yes then store
        mid in 'ans' coz mid can be a possible ans, and search for a smaller ans in left half
        if(isMidPossibleAns(nums, k, mid)){
            ans = mid;
            high = mid - 1;
        }

        // else if not possible ans, then find it in the right half
        else low = mid + 1;
    }

    return ans;
}
};

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