

Coin sums

Problem 31 (<http://projecteuler.net/problem=31>)

In England the currency is made up of pound, £, and pence, p, and there are eight coins in general circulation:

1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 (100p) and £2 (200p).

It is possible to make £2 in the following way:

$1 \times £1 + 1 \times 50p + 2 \times 20p + 1 \times 5p + 1 \times 2p + 3 \times 1p$

How many different ways can £2 be made using any number of coins?

Solution

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In [1]: ▶ def coins(a,n):  
        t = 0  
        if (n > 0) and a:  
            for x in range(n // a[0] + 1):  
                if x * a[0] == n:  
                    t += 1  
                else:  
                    t += coins(a[1:], n - x * a[0])  
        return t  
coins([200, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1], 200)
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Out[1]: 73682