2023-08-12 - Handout – Dynamic Programming I

Q1. Climbing Stairs

Link: https://leetcode.com/problems/climbing-stairs/

You are climbing a staircase. It takes n steps to reach the top.

Each time you can either climb 1 or 2 steps. In how many distinct ways can you climb to the top?

Example 1:

Input: n = 2

Output: 2

Explanation: There are two ways to climb to the top.

1. 1 step + 1 step
2. 2 steps

Example 2:

Input: n = 3

Output: 3

Explanation: There are three ways to climb to the top.

1. 1 step + 1 step + 1 step
2. 1 step + 2 steps
3. 2 steps + 1 step

Q2. House Robber

Link: https://leetcode.com/problems/house-robber/

You are a professional robber planning to rob houses along a street. Each house has a certain amount of money stashed, the only constraint stopping you from robbing each of them is that adjacent houses have security systems connected and **it will automatically contact the police if two adjacent houses were broken into on the same night**.

Given an integer array nums representing the amount of money of each house, return *the maximum amount of money you can rob tonight* ***without alerting the police***.

Example 1:

Input: nums = [1,2,3,1]

Output: 4

Explanation: Rob house 1 (money = 1) and then rob house 3 (money = 3).

Total amount you can rob = 1 + 3 = 4.

Example 2:

Input: nums = [2,7,9,3,1]

Output: 12

Explanation: Rob house 1 (money = 2), rob house 3 (money = 9) and rob house 5 (money = 1).

Total amount you can rob = 2 + 9 + 1 = 12.

Q3. Longest Palindromic Substring

Link: https://leetcode.com/problems/longest-palindromic-substring/

Given a string s, return *the longest palindromic substring* in s.

Palindromic: A string is palindromic if it reads the same forward and backward.

Substring: A substring is a contiguous non-empty sequence of characters within a string.

Example 1:

Input: s = "babad"

Output: "bab"

Explanation: "aba" is also a valid answer.

Example 2:

Input: s = "cbbd"

Output: "bb"

Q4. Coin Change

Link: https://leetcode.com/problems/coin-change/

You are given an integer array coins representing coins of different denominations and an integer amount representing a total amount of money.

Return *the fewest number of coins that you need to make up that amount*. If that amount of money cannot be made up by any combination of the coins, return -1.

You may assume that you have an infinite number of each kind of coin.

Example 1:

Input: coins = [1,2,5], amount = 11

Output: 3

Explanation: 11 = 5 + 5 + 1

Example 2:

Input: coins = [2], amount = 3

Output: -1

Example 3:

Input: coins = [1], amount = 0

Output: 0