1)

a. main idea: This problem can be interpreted as a graph problem: Each currency is a node and each possibility of exchange between two currencies is an edge. The edges are weighted by the exchange rate. Then we can simply perform such preprocess before running algorithm:

$$\begin{split} x_1 x_2 x_3 &\dots x_k > 1 \\ \left(\frac{1}{x_1}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x_2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x_3}\right) \dots \dots \left(\frac{1}{x_k}\right) < 1 \\ \ln\left(\left(\frac{1}{x_1}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x_2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x_3}\right) \dots \dots \left(\frac{1}{x_k}\right) < \ln\left(1\right) \\ \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_1}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_2}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_3}\right) \dots \dots + \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_k}\right) < 0 \end{split}$$

In the graph, the weight of the edge is  $ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ , and we need to check If there exist a negative cycle in this graph. Clearly, we run Bellman-Ford Algorithm:

## b. code:

Input: Graph G (V,E), P(u) = INFINITY

Output: True or False

For I in range(V):

For each edge (u,v) in E:

If P(u)+w(u,v)< P(v):

$$P(v) = P(u) + w(u,v)$$

For each edge in e:

If P(u)+w(u,v)< P(v):

**Return True** 

## Return False

C: proof: we are using DP idea here, loop over all the edges V times so that every time we consider the previous computed minimum weight so that we can get the shortest path of all the node starting from source

d. time: O(VE)

The idea, proof, time is same as 1) except we memorize the shortest path here

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Input: Graph G (V,E), P(u) = INFINITY, Path(S)=0, Path(u) is NAN

Output: True or False

For I in range(V):

For each edge (u,v) in E:

If P(u)+w(u,v)<P(v):

P(v) = P(u)+w(u,v)
Path(v)=u

For each edge in e:

If P(u)+w(u,v)<P(v):
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Time O(VE)

Return Path(v)