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Project 2A Report

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Output for all algorithms for all test data

❖ **Output of change_making_recursive_greedy**

Comparison between Straight forward recursive and Greedy algorithms

- **US coin system:**

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- **weird coin system:**

```
PS D:\BGSU-CS Fall2023\CS Classes\Design and Analysis of Algorithms\Project2A> python change_making_dynamic_greedy.py 83 5 "1 5 10 23 25"
Dynamic Programming Result:
[10, 23, 25, 25]
Time taken (nanoseconds): 0.0

Greedy Algorithm Result:
[25, 25, 25, 5, 1, 1, 1]
Time taken (nanoseconds): 0.0
```

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❖ Output of change_making_dynamic_greedy

Comparison between dynamic and Greedy algorithms

- **US coin system:**

```
PS D:\BGSU-CS Fall2023\CS Classes\Design and Analysis of Algorithms\Project2A> python change_making_dynamic_greedy.py 83 4 "1 5 10 25"
```

Dynamic Programming Result:
[1, 1, 1, 5, 25, 25, 25]
Time taken (nanoseconds): 0.0

Greedy Algorithm Result:
[25, 25, 25, 5, 1, 1, 1]
Time taken (nanoseconds): 0.0010018348693847656

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Analysis of expected and theoretical performance for each algorithm

Straightforward Recursive Algorithm:

Theoretical Performance:

- Time Complexity: The straightforward recursive algorithm explores all possible combinations of coins. In the worst case, it has an exponential time complexity of $O(k \cdot n)$, where k is the number of denominations and n is the total change amount. This is highly inefficient for larger values of n and k .

Expected Performance:

- The recursive algorithm is expected to be very slow for large values of n and k due to its exponential time complexity.
- It is suitable for educational purposes and small inputs but not for practical use when efficiency is required.

Dynamic Programming Algorithm:

Theoretical Performance:

- Time Complexity: The dynamic programming uses to store and reuse intermediate results. It has a time complexity of $O(n \cdot k)$, where n is the total change amount, and k is the number of denominations. This is much more efficient than the recursive algorithm.

Expected Performance:

- The dynamic programming is expected to perform well for moderate values of n and k .
- It is efficient and practical for real-world applications, even when dealing with larger values of n and k .

Greedy Algorithm:

Theoretical Performance:

- Time Complexity: The greedy algorithm has a time complexity of $O(k)$, where k is the number of denominations. It iterates through the denominations once to find the optimal solution. It is highly efficient.

Expected Performance:

- The greedy algorithm is expected to perform very well for all practical purposes, regardless of the values of n and k .
- It is fast and suitable for use in real-world scenarios where speed is crucial.
- The greedy algorithm may not always find the globally optimal solution, but it typically provides a good approximation.

In summary, the recursive algorithm has poor theoretical and expected performance for larger inputs. The dynamic programming offers a significant improvement in efficiency and is practical for most use cases. The greedy algorithm is the most efficient and is suitable for real-world applications, but it may not always find the optimal solution in terms of the fewest coins used.

Analysis and Discussion of the results

1. **Straightforward Recursive Algorithm:**

- The straightforward recursive algorithm is very slow for larger values of n due to its exponential time complexity.
- For small values of n (e.g., 11, 23), it provides correct results but takes a considerable amount of time.
- For larger values of n (e.g., 83, 99), the algorithm becomes impractical and takes an excessively long time to complete.
- This algorithm is not suitable for real-world applications where efficiency is crucial.

2. **Dynamic Programming Algorithm:**

- The dynamic programming shows a significant improvement in performance compared to the recursive algorithm.
- It provides correct results for all tested values of n and completes quickly.
- Even for larger values of n (e.g., 83, 99), it performs efficiently.
- This algorithm is suitable for practical use in scenarios where efficiency is required.

3. **Greedy Algorithm:**

- The greedy algorithm performs exceptionally well for all tested values of n .
- It provides correct results and completes almost instantly, even for the largest values of n .
- The algorithm is highly efficient and practical for real-world applications where speed is crucial.
- However, it may not always find the globally optimal solution in terms of the fewest coins used, but it typically provides a good approximation.

Discussion:

- The choice of algorithm depends on the specific requirements of the application:
 - If efficiency is essential and approximate solutions are acceptable, the greedy algorithm is an excellent choice. It consistently performs well and is suitable for vending machines and similar applications.
 - If you need to guarantee the optimal solution and can tolerate some overhead in performance, dynamic programming is a reliable choice.
 - The straightforward recursive algorithm should generally be avoided for real-world applications due to its poor performance.

In conclusion, the choice of algorithm depends on the specific use case and trade-offs between efficiency and optimality. The results demonstrate the importance of selecting the right algorithm for the given problem and input characteristics.