
Programming - Coin Combinations

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Outcome	Weight
Complexity	◆◆◆◆◇
Implement Solutions	◆◆◆◆◇
Document solutions	◆◇◆◆◇

This task involves finding a solution to an NP-Hard problem in pseudo-polynomial time and required substantial evaluation of possible solutions to arrive at the result. This relates directly to ULO1 in terms of evaluating the memory and time complexity of approaches and to choose a recommended solution. Following selection of the solution, the task involves coding the structure and algorithm, aligned with ULO2.

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1  // Student Name: Peter Stacey
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3  //
4  // Task 8.2HD
5
6  using System;
7  using System.Text;
8  using System.Text.RegularExpressions;
9  using System.Collections;
10 using System.Collections.Generic;
11 using System.Linq;
12
13 namespace CoinRepresentation
14 {
15     /// <summary>
16     /// Provides a static method to Solve the total number of combinations
17     /// that exist in a set of coins of 2k denominations.
18     /// </summary>
19     public class CoinRepresentation
20     {
21         private static Hashtable _cache = new Hashtable();
22
23         /// <summary>
24         /// Recursively solves the total number of combinations possible for
25         /// a limited set of coins (two each) of 2k denominations and returns
26         /// the sum.
27         ///
28         /// Counts duplicate solutions as a single solution, so that the total
29         /// returned is the total number of unique combinations to the problem.
30         ///
31         /// For example, for the sum 6, the set of coins includes:
32         /// 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, or a set containing
33         /// (1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 4, 8, 8, 16, 16, 32, 32, 64, 64)
34         ///
35         /// The solution optimises the problem space to ignore coins
36         /// that exceed the total.
37         ///
38         /// For the example total of 6, 3 is returned, for
39         /// the combinations:
40         /// 4 + 1 + 1
41         /// 4 + 2
42         /// 2 + 2 + 1 + 1
43         /// </summary>
44         /// <param name="sum">The sum as a long, to find combinations for</param>
45         /// <returns></returns>
46         public static long Solve(long sum)
47         {
48             if (sum < 0) return 0; // No coins and no sum possible
49
50             if (sum is 0) return 1; // Complete combination found
51
52             if (!_cache.ContainsKey(sum))
53             {
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54         if (sum % 2 is 0)
55         {
56             _cache.Add(sum, Solve(sum / 2) + Solve(sum / 2 - 1));
57         }
58         else
59         {
60             _cache.Add(sum, Solve((sum - 1) / 2));
61         }
62     }
63     return Convert.ToInt64(_cache[sum]);
64 }
65 }
66 }
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