

# Ch25-DynamicProgramming

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## 1 Dynamic Programming (DP)

- <https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~avrim/451f09/lectures/lect1001.pdf>
- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/overlapping-subproblems-property-in-dynamic-programming-dp-1/>
- commonly used and powerful optimization technique that allows you to solve many different types of problems in time  $O(n^2)$  or  $O(n^3)$  for which a naive approach would take exponential time
- two main properties of a problem that warrants DP solution:
  1. Overlapping Subproblems
  2. Optimal Substructures

### 1.1 Overlapping Subproblems

- problem combines solutions from many overlapping sub-problems
- DP is not useful when there are no common (overlapping) subproblems
- computed solutions to sub-problems are stored in a look-up table to avoid recomputation
- slightly different from **Divide and Conquer** technique
  - divide the problems into smaller non-overlapping subproblems and solve them independently
  - e.g.: merge sort and quick sort

### 1.2 Optimal Substructures

- optimal solution of the given problem can be obtained by using optimal solutions of its subproblems

### 1.3 2 Types of DP solutions

#### 1.4 1. Top-Down (Memoization)

- based on the Latin word memorandum, meaning “to be remembered”
- similar to word memorization, it's a technique used in coding to improve program runtime by memorizing intermediate solutions
- using dict type lookup data structure, one can memorize intermediate results of subproblems
- typically recursion uses top-down approach

##### 1.4.1 Process

- start solving the given problem by breaking it down

- first check to see if the given problem has been solved already
  - if so, return the saved answer
  - if not, solve it and save the answer

## 1.5 2. Bottom-Up (Tabulation)

- start solving from the trivial subproblem
- store the results in a table/list/array
- move up towards the given problem by using the results of subproblems
- typically iterative solutions uses bottom-up approach

### 1.5.1 simple recursive fib function

- recall, fibonacci definition is recursive and has many common/overlapping subproblems

```
[1]: count = 0
def fib(n):
    global count
    count += 1
    if n <= 2:
        return 1
    f = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
    return f

n=30 #40, 50? takes a while
print("fib at {}th position = {}".format(n, fib(n)))
print("fib function count = {}".format(count))
```

fib at 30th position = 832040  
fib function count = 1664079

```
[2]: # let's add logging to the function to visualize the function call on stack

import inspect

def stack_depth():
    return len(inspect.getouterframes(inspect.currentframe())) - 1
```

```
[4]: def fib_stack(n):
    print(f'{" "*stack_depth()}fib_stack({n}) called')
    if n <= 2:
        return 1
    f = fib_stack(n-1) + fib_stack(n-2)
    return f

n=10 # big number takes longer and output will not look as great
print("fib at {}th position = {}".format(n, fib_stack(n)))
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fib\_stack(10) called

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fib_stack(9) called
  fib_stack(8) called
    fib_stack(7) called
      fib_stack(6) called
        fib_stack(5) called
          fib_stack(4) called
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            fib_stack(5) called
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                fib_stack(3) called
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    fib_stack(8) called
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    fib_stack(3) called
        fib_stack(2) called
        fib_stack(1) called
    fib_stack(6) called
        fib_stack(5) called
        fib_stack(4) called

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fib_stack(3) called
  fib_stack(2) called
    fib_stack(1) called
  fib_stack(2) called
fib_stack(3) called
  fib_stack(2) called
    fib_stack(1) called
fib_stack(4) called
  fib_stack(3) called
    fib_stack(2) called
      fib_stack(1) called
    fib_stack(2) called

```

fib at 10th position = 55

### 1.5.2 theoretical computational complexity

- Time Complexity:  $T(n)$  = time to calculate  $\text{Fib}(n-1) + \text{Fib}(n-2)$  + time to add them:  $O(1)$
- using Big-Oh ( $O$ ) notation for upper-bound:
  - $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1)$
  - $T(n) = O(2^{n-1}) + O(2^{n-2}) + O(1)$
  - $T(n) = O(2^n)$

precisely

- $T(n) = O(1.6)^n$

\* 1.6... is called golden ratio - <https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/golden-ratio.html>

- Space Complexity =  $O(n)$  due to call stack

```

[5]: #print(globals())
import timeit
print(timeit.timeit('fib(30)', number=1, globals=globals()))
# big difference between 30 and 40

```

0.25835598700000016

### 1.5.3 memoized recursive fib function

```

[6]: count = 0
def MemoizedFib(memo, n):
    global count
    count += 1
    if n <= 1:
        return 1
    if n in memo:
        return memo[n]
    memo[n] = MemoizedFib(memo, n-1) + MemoizedFib(memo, n-2)
    return memo[n]

```

```
[7]: memo = {}
n=1000 #try 40, 50, 60, 100, 500, 10000, ...
print("fib at {}th position = {}".format(n, MemoizedFib(memo, n)))
print("fib function called {} times.".format(count))
```

```
fib at 1000th position = 7033036771142281582183525487718354977018126983635873274
26049050871545371181969335797422494945626117334877504492417659910881863632654502
23647106012053374121273867339111198139373125598767690091902245245323403501
fib function called 1999 times.
```

```
[8]: # let's time the MemoizedFib(1000)
import timeit
memo = {}
n=1000
print(timeit.timeit('MemoizedFib(memo, n)', number=1, globals=globals()))
```

```
0.0007638900000017657
```

## 1.6 using function decorator @cache

- no need to write our own caching mechanism
- @cache is new in Python 3.9; so update python to 3.9 if necessary
- NOTE - works only for subsequent calls not the first time recursion is called!

```
[9]: ! which python
```

```
/Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/envs/py/bin/python
```

```
[10]: ! python --version
```

```
Python 3.9.7
```

```
[11]: %%bash
# update silently without prompting
conda update python -y
```

```
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): ...working... done
Solving environment: ...working... done
```

```
## Package Plan ##
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```
environment location: /Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/envs/py
```

```
added / updated specs:
- python
```

```
The following packages will be downloaded:
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package	build
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anyio-2.2.0	py39hecd8cb5_1	125 KB
brctlipy-0.7.0	py39h9ed2024_1003	333 KB
cryptography-35.0.0	py39h2fd3fbb_0	1.1 MB
jupyter_server-1.4.1	py39hecd8cb5_0	312 KB
notebook-6.4.5	py39hecd8cb5_0	4.2 MB
pysocks-1.7.1	py39hecd8cb5_0	31 KB
sniffio-1.2.0	py39hecd8cb5_1	15 KB
Total:		6.1 MB

The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:

```
importlib_metadata pkgs/main/noarch::importlib_metadata-4.8.1-hd3eb1b0_0
```

The following packages will be REMOVED:

```
backports-1.0-py_2
backports.functools_lru_cache-1.6.4-pyhd8ed1ab_0
chardet-4.0.0-py39h6e9494a_1
pandoc-2.15-h0d85af4_0
python_abi-3.9-2_cp39
requests-unixsocket-0.2.0-py_0
websocket-client-0.57.0-py39h6e9494a_4
```

The following packages will be UPDATED:

```
appnope conda-forge::appnope-0.1.2-py39h6e949~ -->
pkgs/main::appnope-0.1.2-py39hecd8cb5_1001
brctlipy conda-forge::brctlipy-0.7.0-py39h89e8~ -->
pkgs/main::brctlipy-0.7.0-py39h9ed2024_1003
ca-certificates conda-forge::ca-certificates-2021.10.~ --> pkgs/main::ca-
certificates-2021.10.26-hecd8cb5_2
charset-normalizer conda-forge::charset-normalizer-2.0.0~ -->
pkgs/main::charset-normalizer-2.0.4-pyhd3eb1b0_0
idna conda-forge::idna-3.1-pyhd3deb0d_0 -->
pkgs/main::idna-3.2-pyhd3eb1b0_0
json5 conda-forge::json5-0.9.5-pyh9f0ad1d_0 -->
pkgs/main::json5-0.9.6-pyhd3eb1b0_0
pexpect conda-forge::pexpect-4.8.0-pyh9f0ad1d~ -->
pkgs/main::pexpect-4.8.0-pyhd3eb1b0_3
ptyprocess conda-forge::ptyprocess-0.7.0-pyhd3de~ -->
pkgs/main::ptyprocess-0.7.0-pyhd3eb1b0_2
pyopenssl conda-forge::pyopenssl-21.0.0-pyhd8ed~ -->
pkgs/main::pyopenssl-21.0.0-pyhd3eb1b0_1
pyrsistent conda-forge::pyrsistent-0.17.3-py39h8~ -->
pkgs/main::pyrsistent-0.18.0-py39h9ed2024_0
send2trash conda-forge::send2trash-1.8.0-pyhd8ed~ -->
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pkgs/main::send2trash-1.8.0-pyhd3eb1b0\_1

The following packages will be SUPERSEDED by a higher-priority channel:

```
anyio                conda-forge::anyio-3.3.4-py39h6e9494a~ -->
pkgs/main::anyio-2.2.0-py39hecd8cb5_1
argon2-cffi          conda-forge::argon2-cffi-21.1.0-py39h~ -->
pkgs/main::argon2-cffi-20.1.0-py39h9ed2024_1
async_generator       conda-forge::async_generator-1.10-py_0 -->
pkgs/main::async_generator-1.10-pyhd3eb1b0_0
attrs                conda-forge::attrs-21.2.0-pyhd8ed1ab_0 -->
pkgs/main::attrs-21.2.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0
babel                conda-forge::babel-2.9.1-pyh44b312d_0 -->
pkgs/main::babel-2.9.1-pyhd3eb1b0_0
backcall             conda-forge::backcall-0.2.0-pyh9f0ad1~ -->
pkgs/main::backcall-0.2.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0
bleach               conda-forge::bleach-4.1.0-pyhd8ed1ab_0 -->
pkgs/main::bleach-4.0.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0
certifi              conda-forge::certifi-2021.10.8-py39h6~ -->
pkgs/main::certifi-2021.10.8-py39hecd8cb5_0
cffi                 conda-forge::cffi-1.14.6-py39hb71fe58~ -->
pkgs/main::cffi-1.14.6-py39h2125817_0
cryptography         conda-forge::cryptography-35.0.0-py39~ -->
pkgs/main::cryptography-35.0.0-py39h2fd3fbb_0
debugpy              conda-forge::debugpy-1.4.1-py39h9fcab~ -->
pkgs/main::debugpy-1.4.1-py39h23ab428_0
decorator            conda-forge::decorator-5.1.0-pyhd8ed1~ -->
pkgs/main::decorator-5.1.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0
defusedxml           conda-forge::defusedxml-0.7.1-pyhd8ed~ -->
pkgs/main::defusedxml-0.7.1-pyhd3eb1b0_0
entrypoints          conda-forge/noarch::entrypoints-0.3-p~ -->
pkgs/main/osx-64::entrypoints-0.3-py39hecd8cb5_0
importlib-metadata   conda-forge::importlib-metadata-4.8.1~ -->
pkgs/main::importlib-metadata-4.8.1-py39hecd8cb5_0
ipykernel            conda-forge::ipykernel-6.4.2-py39h71a~ -->
pkgs/main::ipykernel-6.4.1-py39hecd8cb5_1
ipython              conda-forge::ipython-7.28.0-py39h71a6~ -->
pkgs/main::ipython-7.27.0-py39h01d92e1_0
ipython_genutils     conda-forge::ipython_genutils-0.2.0-p~ -->
pkgs/main::ipython_genutils-0.2.0-pyhd3eb1b0_1
jedi                 conda-forge::jedi-0.18.0-py39h6e9494a~ -->
pkgs/main::jedi-0.18.0-py39hecd8cb5_1
jinja2               conda-forge::jinja2-3.0.2-pyhd8ed1ab_0 -->
pkgs/main::jinja2-3.0.1-pyhd3eb1b0_0
jsonschema           conda-forge::jsonschema-4.1.2-pyhd8ed~ -->
pkgs/main::jsonschema-3.2.0-pyhd3eb1b0_2
jupyter_client       conda-forge::jupyter_client-7.0.6-pyh~ -->
pkgs/main::jupyter_client-7.0.1-pyhd3eb1b0_0
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jupyter_core      conda-forge::jupyter_core-4.9.1-py39h~ -->
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jupyter_server    conda-forge/noarch::jupyter_server-1.~ -->
pkgs/main/osx-64::jupyter_server-1.4.1-py39hecd8cb5_0
jupyterlab        conda-forge::jupyterlab-3.2.1-pyhd8ed~ -->
pkgs/main::jupyterlab-3.1.7-pyhd3eb1b0_0
jupyterlab_pygmen~ conda-forge::jupyterlab_pygments-0.1.~ -->
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jupyterlab_server conda-forge::jupyterlab_server-2.8.2~ -->
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libsodium         conda-forge::libsodium-1.0.18-hbcb390~ -->
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markupsafe        conda-forge::markupsafe-2.0.1-py39h89~ -->
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matplotlib-inline conda-forge::matplotlib-inline-0.1.3~ -->
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mistune          conda-forge::mistune-0.8.4-py39h89e85~ -->
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nbclassic         conda-forge::nbclassic-0.3.4-pyhd8ed1~ -->
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notebook          conda-forge/noarch::notebook-6.4.5-py~ -->
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openssl           conda-forge::openssl-1.1.1l-h0d85af4_0 -->
pkgs/main::openssl-1.1.1l-h9ed2024_0
packaging         conda-forge::packaging-21.0-pyhd8ed1a~ -->
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pandocfilters     conda-forge/noarch::pandocfilters-1.5~ -->
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prometheus_client conda-forge::prometheus_client-0.11.0~ -->
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prompt-toolkit    conda-forge::prompt-toolkit-3.0.21-py~ -->
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pygments          conda-forge::pygments-2.10.0-pyhd8ed1~ -->
pkgs/main::pygments-2.10.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0

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pkgs/main::pysocks-1.7.1-py39hecd8cb5_0
    python-dateutil    conda-forge::python-dateutil-2.8.2-py~ -->
pkgs/main::python-dateutil-2.8.2-pyhd3eb1b0_0
    pytz               conda-forge::pytz-2021.3-pyhd8ed1ab_0 -->
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    pyzmq              conda-forge::pyzmq-22.3.0-py39h7fec2f~ -->
pkgs/main::pyzmq-22.2.1-py39h23ab428_1
    requests           conda-forge::requests-2.26.0-pyhd8ed1~ -->
pkgs/main::requests-2.26.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0
    six                conda-forge::six-1.16.0-pyh6c4a22f_0 -->
pkgs/main::six-1.16.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0
    sniffio            conda-forge::sniffio-1.2.0-py39h6e949~ -->
pkgs/main::sniffio-1.2.0-py39hecd8cb5_1
    terminado          conda-forge::terminado-0.12.1-py39h6e~ -->
pkgs/main::terminado-0.9.4-py39hecd8cb5_0
    testpath           conda-forge::testpath-0.5.0-pyhd8ed1a~ -->
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    tornado            conda-forge::tornado-6.1-py39h89e85a6~ -->
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    traitlets          conda-forge::traitlets-5.1.1-pyhd8ed1~ -->
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    urllib3            conda-forge::urllib3-1.26.7-pyhd8ed1a~ -->
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    wcwidth            conda-forge::wcwidth-0.2.5-pyh9f0ad1d~ -->
pkgs/main::wcwidth-0.2.5-pyhd3eb1b0_0
    webencodings        conda-forge/noarch::webencodings-0.5.~ -->
pkgs/main/osx-64::webencodings-0.5.1-py39hecd8cb5_1
    zeromq             conda-forge::zeromq-4.3.4-he49afe7_1 -->
pkgs/main::zeromq-4.3.4-h23ab428_0
    zipp               conda-forge::zipp-3.6.0-pyhd8ed1ab_0 -->
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#### Downloading and Extracting Packages

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brotlipy-0.7.0      | 333 KB      | ##### | 100%
anyio-2.2.0         | 125 KB      | ##### | 100%
notebook-6.4.5      | 4.2 MB      | ##### | 100%
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pysocks-1.7.1       | 31 KB       | ##### | 100%
jupyter_server-1.4.1 | 312 KB      | ##### | 100%
sniffio-1.2.0       | 15 KB       | ##### | 100%
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Verifying transaction: ...working... done
Executing transaction: ...working... done

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```
[12]: ! python --version
```

Python 3.9.7

```
[18]: # caching decorators are added in Python 3.9
from functools import cache

count = 0
@cache # same as @lru_cache(maxsize=None) # by default lru_cache store 128
↳ entries
def cachedFib(n):
    global count
    count += 1
    if n <= 1:
        return 1
    f = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
    return f
```

```
[22]: import timeit
n=20
print(timeit.timeit('cachedFib(n)', number=1, globals=globals()))
print('total call = ', count)
```

1.6439998944406398e-06  
total call = 753945029

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[24]: # second time just looks up the cache as n = 20
count = 0
print(timeit.timeit('cachedFib(n)', number=1, globals=globals()))
print('total call = ', count)
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1.1580000318645034e-06  
total call = 0

```
[25]: n = 30
count = 0
print(timeit.timeit('cachedFib(n)', number=1, globals=globals()))
print('total call = ', count)
```

0.25880884699995477  
total call = 1664079

### 1.6.1 computational complexity of memoized fib

- Time Complexity -  $O(n)$
- Space Complexity -  $O(n)$

### 1.6.2 normally large integer answers are reported in mod

- mod of a fairly large prime number e.g.  $(10^9 + 7)$

- need to know some modular arithmetic: <https://www.khanacademy.org/computing/computer-science/cryptography/modarithmetic/a/modular-addition-and-subtraction>
- $(A + B)\%C = (A\%C + B\%C)\%C$
- $(A - B)\%C = (A\%C - B\%C)\%C$

```
[26]: mod = 1000000007
def MemoizedModFib(memo, n):
    if n <= 2:
        return 1
    if n in memo:
        return memo[n]
    memo[n] = (MemoizedFib(memo, n-1)%mod + MemoizedFib(memo, n-2)%mod)%mod
    return memo[n]
```

```
[27]: memo = {}
n=1000 #try 40, 50, 60, 100, 500, 10000, ...
print("fib at {}th position = {}".format(n, MemoizedModFib(memo, n)))
```

fib at 1000th position = 107579939

### 1.6.3 bottom-up (iterative) fibonacci solution

- first calculate fib(0) then fib(1), then fib(2), fib(3), and so on

```
[28]: def iterativeFib(n):
    # fib array/list
    fib = [1]*(n+1) # initialize 0..n list with 1
    for i in range(2, n+1):
        fib[i] = fib[i-1] + fib[i-2]
    return fib[i]
```

```
[29]: n=1000
print(timeit.timeit('iterativeFib(n)', number=1, globals=globals()))
# is faster than recursive counterpart
```

0.00025684899992484134

## 1.7 Coin Change Problem

- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/understanding-the-coin-change-problem-with-dynamic-programming/>
- essential to understanding the paradigm of DP
- a variation of problem definition:
  - Given an infinite number of coins of various denominations such as 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), and 10 cents (dime), can you determine the total number of combinations (order doesn't matter) of the coins in the given list to make up some amount  $N$ ?
- Example 1:
  - Input: coins = [1, 5, 10],  $N = 8$
  - Output: 2

- Combinations:
  - \*  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 8$
  - \*  $\$1 + 1 + 1 + 5 = 8 \$$
- Example 2:
  - Input:  $\text{coins} = [1, 5, 10], N = 10$
  - Output: 4
  - Combinations:
    - \*  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 10$
    - \*  $\$ 1+1+1+1+1+5 = 10\$$
    - \*  $\$ 5+5 = 10\$$
    - \*  $10 = 10$

### 1.7.1 Algorithm

- we use tabulation/list/array to store the number of ways for outcome  $N = 0$  to 12
  - bottom-up approach
- values of list represent the number of ways; indices represent the outcome/sum  $N$
- so  $\text{ways} = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots]$  initialized with  $N$  0s
- base case:
  - $\text{ways}[0] = 1$ ; there's 1 way to make sum  $N = 0$  using 0 coin
- for each coin:
  - if the value of coin is less than the outcome/index  $n$ ,
    - \* update the  $\text{ways}[n] = \text{ways}[n-\text{coin}] + \text{ways}[n]$

```
[18]: def countWays(coins, N):
    # use ways table to store the results
    # ways[i] will store the number of solutions for value i
    ways = [0]*(N+1) # initialize all values 0-12 as 0
    # base case
    ways[0] = 1
    # pick all coins one by one
    # update the ways starting from the value of the picked coin
    print('indices/sum:', list(range(N+1)))
    for coin in coins:
        for n in range(N+1): # len(ways)
            if coin <= n:
                ways[n] += ways[n-coin]
        """better
        for n in range(coin, N+1):
            ways[n] += ways[n-coin]
        """
    print('ways:      ', ways, coin)
    return ways[N]
```

```
[15]: coins = [1, 5, 10]
      N = 8
```

```
print('Number of Ways to get {} = {}'.format(N, countWays(coins, N)))
```

```
indices/sum: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] 1
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2] 5
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2] 10
Number of Ways to get 8 = 2
```

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[16]: N = 10
print('Number of Ways to get {} = {}'.format(N, countWays(coins, N)))
```

```
indices/sum: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] 1
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3] 5
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4] 10
Number of Ways to get 10 = 4
```

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[17]: N = 12
print('Number of Ways to get {} = {}'.format(N, countWays(coins, N)))
```

```
indices/sum: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] 1
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3] 5
ways:        [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4] 10
Number of Ways to get 12 = 4
```

## 1.8 find minimum number of unique coins that make a given value/change

- Problem:
  - Input:  $coins = [5, 10, 25], N = 30$
  - Output: 2
  - Combinations:  $25 + 5 = 30$

```
[19]: import math

# DP solution for min coin count to make the change N
def minCoins(coins, N):
    # count list stores the minimum number of coins required for i value
    # all values 0-N are initialized to infinity
    count = [math.inf]*(N+1)
    # base case
    # no. of coin required to make 0 value is 0
    count[0] = 0
    # compute min coins for all values from 1 to N
    for i in range(1, N+1):
        for coin in coins:
            # for every coin smaller than value i
            if coin <= i:
                if count[i-coin]+1 < count[i]:
```

```
        count[i] = count[i-coin]+1
    else:
        break
return count[N]
```

```
[20]: coins = [1, 3, 4]
      N = 6
      print('min unique coins required to give total of {} change = {}'.format(N,
      ↪minCoins(coins, N)))
```

min unique coins required to give total of 6 change = 2

## 1.9 Exercises

1. Ocean's Anti-11 - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/anti11>
  - Hint: count all possible n length binary integers (without 11) for the first few (2,3,4) positive integers and you'll see a Fibonacci like pattern that gives the total number of possible binaries without 11 in them
  - Write a program that finds factorials of a bunch of positive integers. Would memoization improve time complexity of the program?

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[ ]:
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