# 5A Find the Minimum Number of Coins Needed to Make Change

# The Change Problem

Find the minimum number of coins needed to make change.

**Input:** A non-negative integer *money* and an array *Coins* of positive integers.

**Output:** The minimum number of coins with denominations *Coins* that changes *money*.



# **Formatting**

**Input:** A non-negative integer *money* followed by a space-separated list of positive integers *Coins*. **Output:** The minimum number of coins with denominations *Coins* that changes *money*.

# **Constraints**

- The value of *money* will be between 1 and  $10^5$ .
- The number of positive integers in *Coins* will be between 1 and  $10^1$ .

# **Test Cases** •

#### Case 1

**Description:** The sample dataset is not actually run on your code.

## Input:

7

1 5

## Output:

3

#### Case 2

**Description:** This dataset makes sure that your code is correctly considering the last coin denomination in the *Coins* array. If your solution has an off-by-one indexing mistake while iterating over the *Coins* array it could be possible that the last *coin* is not considered. In this case code run on this dataset will output 2 instead of the correct answer, 1.

## Input:

```
10
```

1 2 3 4 5 10

### Output:

1

#### Case 3

**Description:** This dataset makes sure that your code is correctly considering the first coin denomination in the *Coins* array. If your solution has an off-by-one indexing mistake while iterating over the *Coins* array it could be possible that the first *coin* is not considered. In this case code run on this dataset will output 2 instead of the correct answer, 1.

### Input:

```
10
```

10 5 4 3 2 1

## **Output:**

1

#### Case 4

**Description:** This dataset checks if your code correctly returns the final value in the array in the dynamic programming approach for solving this problem. It is possible that an off-by-one indexing error (could be related to confusing 0/1 indexing) results in your code outputting the minimum number of coins needed to make change for *money*—1 instead of *money*. In this case your code will output 2 instead of the correct value of 3.

## Input:

11

1 5

## Output:

3

#### Case 5

**Description:** This dataset checks to make sure you are not using a greedy algorithm to solve this problem. While a greedy algorithm in which the largest valued *coin* is used on each iteration may work in some cases, it will fail on this dataset. A greedy approach would start by using the 9 *coin* which would only allow for the use of 3 of the 1 *coin* to get to 12, resulting in an output of 4. Using 2 of the 6 *coin* will result in exact change with only 2 coins.

#### Input:

12

9 6 1

## **Output:**

2

## Case 6

**Description:** A larger dataset of the same size as that provided by the randomized autograder.