

use case - finding the winning strategy in a card game in

Problem Description: Imagine a card game where each player receives a hand of cards with values. The objective is to take the best way to maximize the score for a player takes from drawing cards. Each player can either pick the first or last card from the remaining pile.

Assumptions:

- Each player tries to maximize their score.

Cards are represented by integers, which include their values.

• Two players alternate turns, and each player picks a card from either the beginning or the end of the list.

You need to design an algorithm that helps a player find the optimal strategy to guarantee the highest possible score given that the opponent is also playing optimally.

Plan:

We can solve this problem using Dynamic programming by calculating the optimal score for every possible scenario, taking into account the best choices for both players.

Steps:

1. Define the game: Represent the pile of cards as a list of integers.

2. Recursive Strategy: A function will recursively determine the best score a player can achieve.

3. Dynamic programming: Store intermediate results to avoid recalculating them.

4. Base cases: when only one card is left, the current player takes it.



Program:-

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def find_optimal_strategy(cards):
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    n = len(cards)
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    # create a memoization table to store subproblem results.
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    dp = [0] * n for _ in range(n)
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    # fill the table for subproblems of increasing sizes for length
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    for length in range(1, n+1):
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        for i in range(n-length+1):
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            j = i+length-1
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            # at only one card is left, the player takes it
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            if i == j
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                dp[i][j] = cards[i]
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            else:
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                # choose the best of two choices
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                # 1. Take the left card, and the opponent plays
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```
                optimally on the remaining (i+1, j)
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                # 2. take the right card, and the opponent plays
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```
                optimally on the remaining (i, j-1)
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                take_left = cards[i] - dp[i+1][j]
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                take_right = cards[j] - dp[i][j-1]
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                dp[i][j] = max(take_left, take_right)
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    # dp[0][n-1] will have the optimal score difference
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    for the first player
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    return (dp[0][n-1] + sum(cards))
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    # example case
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    cards = [3, 9, 1, 2]
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    print("First player's optimal score:", find_optimal
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        strategy(cards))
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Explanation:-

Consider the array of cards:  $[3, 9, 1, 2]$ .  
1. First player (you) can choose who  
    \* taking the left most card (3), leaving the cards  
    \* taking the right most card (2), leaving the cards  
2. The opponent will then take their turn, playing optimally  
    to minimize the first player's score. This program  
    computes the Best possible outcomes for the first  
    player.

First player's optimal score: 5

First player, if playing optimally, can guarantee  
a score of 5 regardless of how the opponent plays.

Optimizing strategy:-

By using Dynamic programming, we ensure  
that the solution is computed efficiently, avoiding  
redundant calculations. This approach ensures both  
players play optimally, and the first gets the  
highest score possible given the opponent's best  
move.

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