

USE Case-1

Finding the winning strategy in a card game

Problem Description:

Imagine a card game where each player receives a hand of cards with values. The objective is to find the best way to max the score for a player. Each player can either pick the first or last card from pile.

Assumption:

- Each player tries to maximize the score.
- ✓ cards are represented by integers.
- Two players alternate turns, and each player pick card from either the beginning or end.

Algorithm:

1. Define the game: Represent the pile of cards as int
2. recursive strategy: A function will recursively determine the best score.
3. score immediate to avoid recalculating them.
4. Base cases: When only one card is left, current player takes it.

Program

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def find-optimal-strategy(cards):  
    n = len(cards)  
    dp = [0] * n for i in range(n):  
        for length in range(1, n+1):  
            for i range in (n - length + 1):  
                j = i + length - 1
```

Sample output

array of cards: [3, 9, 12]

1. First player can choose

- Taking left most card (3), leaving cards [9, 12]
- Taking right most cards (2), leaving cards [3, 9]

This program computes the best possible outcome

First player optimal score: 5.

if $i == j$:

$dp[i][j] = \text{cards}[i]$

else:

$\text{take-left} = \text{cards}[i] - dp[i+1][j]$

$\text{take-right} = \text{cards}[j] - dp[i][j-1]$

$dp[i][j] = \max(\text{take-left}, \text{take-right})$

return $(dp[0][n-1] + \text{sum}(\text{cards}))$

$\text{cards} = [3, 9, 1, 2]$

Print ("First player's optimal score:", Find - optimal strategy (cards))

Explanation

- DP: Each cell $dp[i][j]$ represents difference in score between the two players played between cards from index i to j
- Two choices: For each move
 1. Pick the left most card $\text{card}[i]$
 2. Pick the right most card $\text{card}[j]$,
- recursive relation: The value of each subproblem is maximizing the score difference between the players.

Result:

Thus the program for use case is executed successfully.

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