# Comp 555 - BioAlgorithms - Spring 2020



Adventures in Dynamic Programming

# An aside... what is an Algorithm?



An algorithm is a sequence of instructions that solves a well-formulated problem.



Algorithm: Complexity Correctness

### Correctness



- An algorithm is correct only if it produces correct result for every valid input instance
  - An algorithm is incorrect answer if it cannot produce a correct result for one or more input instances,
- Coin change problem
  - **Input:** an amount of money *M* in cents, and a list of coin denominations  $[c_{\gamma}, c_{\gamma}, ..., c_{n}]$
  - **Output:** the smallest number of coins that add to *M* (may not be unique)
- US coin change problem



### **US Coin Change**





### Change Problem

- Input:
  - an amount of money M
  - $\circ$  an array of denominations c = (c1, c2, ..., cd) in order of decreasing value
- Output: the smallest number of coins





### A "Greedy" change approach

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- Key idea: Use as many of the largest available coin denomination so long as the sum is less than or equal to the change amount

```
In [3]:
            def greedyChange(amount, denominations):
          1
                 # Goal is to produce the fewest coins to achieve
          2
                 # given target "amount"
          3
                 # Strategy: Give as many of the largest coin
          4
                 # denomination that is less than amount.
          5
                 solution = []
                for coin in denominations:
          7
                     i = amount // coin
                                               # truncating integer divide
          8
                     solution.append(i)
          9
                     amount -= coin * i
         10
                 return solution
         11
         12
            s1 = greedyChange(72, [25, 10, 5, 1])
         13
            print(s1, sum(s1))
         14
         15 \ s2 = greedyChange(40, [25, 10, 5, 1])
         16 print(s2, sum(s2))
            s3 = greedyChange(40, [25, 20, 10, 5, 1])
            print(s3, sum(s3))
         18
        [2, 2, 0, 2] 6
        [1, 1, 1, 0] 3
        [1, 0, 1, 1, 0] 3
```

# Another Approach?



Let's bring back brute force Test every coin combination (where each denomination is less than 100) to see if it adds up to our target Is there exhaustive search algorithm? • In [8]: 1 def exhaustiveChange(amount, denominations): 25 [0,1,2,3] bestN = 1002 count = [0 for i in range(len(denominations))] 3 [0,1,2,3,4] 20 4 while True: [0,...,9] 10 for i, coinValue in enumerate(denominations): 5 count[i] += 16 [0,...,19] 5 if (count[i]\*coinValue < 100):</pre> 7 [0,...,99] 8 break 100 count[i] = 09 n = sum(count)10 11 if n == 0: 4\*5\*10\*20\*100 = 40000012 break 13 value = sum([count[i]\*denominations[i] for i in range(len(denominations))]) if (value == amount): 14 15 if (n < bestN):</pre> solution = [count[i] for i in range(len(denominations))] 16 17 bestN = n18 return solution 19 20 %time print(exhaustiveChange(40, [25, 20, 10, 5, 1])) [0, 2, 0, 0, 0]CPU times: user 688 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 688 ms

Wall time: 672 ms

# Correct, but costly



- Our algorithm now gets the right answer for every value 1..100
- It must, because it considers every possible answer (that's the good thing about brute force)
- There is a downside though

```
In [16]:
    1 %time print(exhaustiveChange(40, [25,10,5,1]))
    %time print(exhaustiveChange(40, [25,20,10,5,1]))
    %time print(exhaustiveChange(40, [13,11,7,5,3,1]))
    [1, 1, 1, 0]
    CPU times: user 155 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 155 ms
    Wall time: 149 ms
    [0, 2, 0, 0, 0]
    CPU times: user 632 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 632 ms
    Wall time: 628 ms
    [0, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0]
    CPU times: user 2min 50s, sys: 0 ns, total: 2min 50s
    Wall time: 2min 50s
```

# Other tricks?



#### A Branch-and-bound algorithm, almost identical to brute force



Wall time: 299 ms

..Correct, and it works well for many cases, but can be as slow as an exhaustive search for some inputs (try 99).



Tabulating Answers

- If it is costly to compute the answer for a given input, then there may be advantages to caching the result of previous calculations in a table
- This trades-off time-complexity for space
- How could we fill in the table in the first place?
- Run our best correct algorithm
- Can the table itself be used to speed up the process?

Amt	25	20	10	5	1	Amt	25	20	10	5	1
1¢					1	42¢		2			2
2¢					2	43¢		2			3
3¢					3	44¢		2			4
4¢					4	45¢		2		1	
5¢				1		46¢		2		1	1
6¢	-			1	1	47¢		2		1	2
7¢				1	2	48¢		2		1	3
8¢	1.10			1	3	49¢		2	i. 18	1	4
9¢				1	4	50¢	2				
10¢			1	-		51¢	2				1
110	-	-	1	_	1	526	2	-	_	-	

## Solutions using a Table

- Suppose you are asked to fill-in the unknown table entry for 67¢
- It must differ from a previously known optimal result by at most one coin...
- So what are the possibilities?
  - BestChange(67¢) = 25¢ + BestChange(42¢), or
  - BestChange(67¢) = 20¢ + BestChange(47¢), or
  - BestChange(67¢) = 10¢ + BestChange(57¢), or
  - BestChange(67¢) = 5¢ + BestChange(62¢), or
  - BestChange(67¢) = 1¢ + BestChange(66¢)







# A Recursive Coin-Change Algorithm

```
In [23]: def RecursiveChange(M, c):
             if (M == 0):
                 return [0 for i in range(len(c))]
             smallestNumberOfCoins = M+1
             for i in range(len(c)):
                 if (M >= c[i]):
                      thisChange = RecursiveChange(M - c[i], c)
                     thisChange[i] += 1
                     if (sum(thisChange) < smallestNumberOfCoins):</pre>
                          bestChange = thisChange
                          smallestNumberOfCoins = sum(thisChange)
             return bestChange
         %time print(RecursiveChange(40, [1,3,5,7,11,13]))
         [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3]
         CPU times: user 6min 43s, sys: 16 ms, total: 6min 43s
         Wall time: 6min 43s
```

```
Oops... it got slower. Why?
(Not to mention, it found another "different" correct answer.)
```

### **Recursion Recalculations**

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- Recursion often results in many redundant calls
- Even after only two levels of recursion 6 different change values are repeated multiple times
- How can we avoid this repetition?
- Cache precomputed results in a table!



### **Back to Table Evaluation**



- When do we fill in the values of our table?
- We could solve for change for every value from 1 up to M, thus we'd be gaurenteed to have found the best change for any value less than M when needed
- Thus, instead of just trying to find the minimal number of coins to change M cents, we attempt the solve the superficially harder problem of solving for the optimal change for all values from 1 to M





# Change via Dynamic Programming

```
In [27]: def DPChange(M, c):
              change = [[0 for i in range(len(c))]]
              for m in range(1, M+1):
                  bestNumCoins = m+1
                  for i in range(len(c)):
                      if (m >= c[i]):
                          thisChange = [x \text{ for } x \text{ in } change[m - c[i]]]
                          thisChange[i] += 1
                          if (sum(thisChange) < bestNumCoins):</pre>
                               change[m:m] = [thisChange]
                               bestNumCoins = sum(thisChange)
              return change[M]
         %time print(DPChange(40, [1,3,5,7,11,13]))
         %time print(DPChange(40, [1,3,5,7,11,13,17]))
         %time print(DPChange(40, [1,3,5,7,11,13,17,19]))
         [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3]
         CPU times: user 3 ms, sys: 1e+03 µs, total: 4 ms
         Wall time: 2.82 ms
         [1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2]
         CPU times: user 1e+03 µs, sys: 0 ns, total: 1e+03 µs
         Wall time: 1.28 ms
         [2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
         CPU times: user 0 ns, sys: 0 ns, total: 0 ns
         Wall time: 462 µs
```

- BruteForceChange() was O(d<sup>M</sup>)
- DPChange() is O(Md)

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# A Hybrid Approach: Memoization



- Often we can simply modify a recursive algorithm to "cache" the result of previous invocations
- FIII in table lazily as needed... as each call to progresses from M down to 1
- This "lazy evaluated" form of dynamic programming is often called "Memoization"

```
In [34]: M change = {}
                                                                     # This is a cache for saving bestChange[M]
             def MemoizedChange(M, c):
                 global change
                 if (M in change):
                                                                      # Check the cache first
                      return [v for v in change[M]]
                 if (len(change) == 0):
                                                                      # Initialize cache
                      change[0] = [0 for i in range(len(c))]
                 smallestNumberOfCoins = M+1
                 for i in range(len(c)):
                     if (M \ge c[i]):
                         thisChange = MemoizedChange(M - c[i], c)
                         thisChange[i] += 1
                         if (sum(thisChange) < smallestNumberOfCoins):</pre>
                              bestChange = [v for v in thisChange]
                              smallestNumberOfCoins = sum(thisChange)
                 change[M] = [v for v in bestChange]
                                                                      # Add new M to cache
                 return bestChange
             %time print(MemoizedChange(40, [1,3,5,7,11,13]))
             [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3]
             CPU times: user 541 µs, sys: 0 ns, total: 541 µs
             Wall time: 477 µs
```

### **Dynamic Programming**



- Dynamic Programming is a general technique for computing recurrence relations efficiently by storing partial or intermediate results
- Three keys to constructing a dynamic programming solution:
  - 1. Formulate the answer as a recurrence relation
  - 2. Consider all instances of the recurrence at each step
  - 3. Order evaluations so you will always have precomputed the needed partial results
- Memoization is an easy way to convert recursive solutions to a DP
- We'll see it again, and again

### Next Time



- On to sequence alignment
- But first we'll learn how to navigate in Mathattan

