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Round: 1

Detailed Round Description

Online Coding Interview focused on Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) and Object-Oriented Programming (OOPS).

Detailed Question Description (with Test Cases, if possible)

Problem 1: Minimum Cost Path

Description:

You are given an integer array `cost` where `cost[i]` is the cost of the `i`-th step on a staircase. Once you pay the cost, you can either climb one or two steps. You can start from the step with index `0` or `1`. Return the minimum cost to reach the top of the floor.

Problem Approach:

Used Dynamic Programming (DP) to solve this problem. Calculated the minimum cost to reach the `i`-th stair and stored it in the DP array, using it to find the cost for the `(n-1)`-th index.

Code Logic Block

Input: Array of integers `cost`

Output: Minimum cost to reach the top

1. **Initialize:**

- `dp = [0] * len(cost)`
- `dp[0] = cost[0]`
- `dp[1] = cost[1]`

2. **Iterate through the array starting from index 2:**

- `dp[i] = cost[i] + min(dp[i - 1], dp[i - 2])`

3. **Return the minimum cost of the last two stairs:**

- `return min(dp[-1], dp[-2])`

Optimized Space Complexity:

Instead of maintaining a full `dp` array, use two variables:

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1. `prev1 = cost[1]`
2. `prev2 = cost[0]`
Update using the relation and keep the minimum of the last two.

Problem 2: Sum Root to Leaf

Description:

You are given the root of a binary tree containing digits from 0 to 9 only. Each root-to-leaf path in the tree represents a number. For example, the root-to-leaf path 1 -> 2 -> 3 represents the number 123. Return the total sum of all root-to-leaf numbers.

Code Logic Block

Input: Root of the binary tree

Output: Total sum of all root-to-leaf numbers

1. **Helper Function:**
 - Define a recursive helper function `dfs(node, current_sum)`
 - If the node is `None`: Return `0`
 - Update the current sum: `current_sum = current_sum * 10 + node.val`
2. **Check Leaf Node:**
 - If it's a leaf node (`node.left == None and node.right == None`): Return `current_sum`
3. **Recurse:**
 - Return the sum of the left and right subtrees:
 - `return dfs(node.left, current_sum) + dfs(node.right, current_sum)`
4. **Call the Helper:**
 - Return `dfs(root, 0)`
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Problem 3: System Design (OOPS Concepts)

Description:

Focus on Object-Oriented Programming (OOPS) concepts with implementation. Asked to implement polymorphism, friend functions, and inheritance.

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