

(2). We will build a $n \times k$ table to solve this problem. Let

$ME[V, k]$ = the ~~max~~ maximum weight independent set of the subtree rooted at V with $\leq k$ nodes.

The base cases are ~~$ME[V, 1]$~~ $ME[V_{\text{leaf}}, 1] = W(V_{\text{leaf}})$ when V is a leaf and we can only pick one. and $ME[V, 0] = 0$ for all ~~leaf~~ nodes, that's obvious. Then the general case is:

$$ME[V, k] = \max \begin{cases} S(\text{descendant of } V, k) \\ W(V) + S(\text{descendants of descendants of } V, k-1) \end{cases}$$

S is just the solution for problem 1, in general case:

$$S(\{V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots, V_n\}, k) = \max \sum_{i=1}^n ME[V_i, k_i] \\ \text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \leq k$$

evaluation order: for V it will be from leaves to the root, for k it will be from 0 to k .

Complexity: following our evaluation order, when solving $ME[V, k]$ all the descendants of V , $ME[V_d, k_i]$ ^{for all $k_i < k$} should have already been calculated. then we can access $ME[V_d, k_i]$ in constant time then for S it's just $O(k^2 n)$ as we discussed in problem 1, then for $ME[V, k]$ it's $O(k^2 n)$ ^{calling S} + $O(k^2 n)$ + $O(n)$ for getting maximum, $\Rightarrow O(k^2 n)$

there are $O(nk)$ entries in total, and therefore $O(nk) \cdot O(k^2n) = O(n^2k^3)$ time in total and for space, it's $O(nk)$ table.

Correctness: Notice, when proving the correctness of my current algorithm, we assume that S is correct and has running time $O(k^2n)$.

First, we guarantee that the nodes we picked will still be a independent set, since for a node V , we either don't take V but consider V 's descendants or take V and skip V 's descendants to consider the descendants of V 's descendants which in both case will generate an independent set. Then we will prove that indeed return the maximum, ~~can~~ we can consider each picked node as a dollar, we have k dollars and since we fill the DP from leaves to roots, 0 to k , we already know the ~~max~~ $MEV_{\text{descendent}, k_i}$ $k_i < k$, we can treat every V 's descendent as a investment, f_i and f_i^k is just MEV_i, k_i and therefore we can spend at most k when not taking V itself or at most $k-1$ when taking V , therefore, since S is assumed correct, ~~we~~ our algorithm takes the max of the two will also return the maximum weight. so, we return the maximum weight independent set.