Homework 12

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Define S to be the running sum of values, and L to be the total sum of values in the input.

The decision tree can be constructed as follows: for $0 \le i \le n$, at depth i, have the left branch add $-v_i$ to S (that is, setting x_i to 1), and the right branch add $+v_i$ (setting x_i to 0). For both branches, subtract (positive) v_i from L. A solution can then be found at any leaf containing an S value of 0. This will check all possible 2^n possibilities. The tree can then be pruned to run in linear time by following the rules:

- 1. If two nodes at the same depth have the same value, prune one of them.
- 2. If $|S + (-1)^{x_i}v_i| > L$ for a depth i

Note that if $|S + (-1)^{x_i}v_i| = L$, that sub-tree will contain a solution (if S is negative, add the remaining values, and if S is positive, subtract the remaining values).

The first rule works because two nodes at the same depth still have the same remaining values to decide over, so one can arbitrarily be pruned. The second rule works, because if a node has an |S| value larger than the sum of the remaining values, there is no way any combination of additions or subtractions could bring |S| to zero.

This pruned decision tree can be visualized in a table that is of size $n \times L$, and can thus be traversed in time nL. Because L is a constant, we can say that this algorithm runs in linear time.

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Define S to be the running sum of values, and V to be the set containing the input values.

The decision tree can be constructed as follows: for $0 \le i \le n$, at depth i have the left branch subtract v_i from S and the right branch add v_i to S. A solution can be found at any branch where S%n = L. This tree, as in the previous example, will list all possible 2^n possibilities. It can be pruned by the following rules:

1. If two nodes at the same depth have the same value, prune one of them.

2.

The first rule works for the same reason as it does in question 13: all nodes at the same depth have the same remaining values to decide over, so if two have the same S value, one can arbitrarily be pruned.

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The algorithm works by considering every possible capacity from 1 to W and, for each capacity, considering the best possible value if each item was the last one selected. The algorithm utilizes two one-dimensional arrays: M[W] (stores the max value for each capacity) and CVL (CurrentValueLast - stores the values of each item if it was taken last).

Let M[0] = 0. For each capacity x from 1 to W, consider each item i from 1 to n. If the weight of the currently considered item is less than the current capacity, let $CVL[i] = M[x - w_i]$. If the weight of the item is greater than the current capacity, then let CVL[i] = 0. After considering each item, let M[x] = max(CVL). At the end of the outer loop, return M[W] = the max value at capacity W.

The algorithm loops from 1 to W, and within each iteration loops over all the items (1 to n) and loops over the array CLV, which has length n. The algorithm takes time $W \times 2n = O(Wn)$