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✓ **Explanation of indentation and structure:**

- Each class/function block is indented **by 4 spaces**.
- Inside control structures (if, while, for), indentation is **increased by another 4 spaces**.
- Blank lines separate logical sections for readability.
- if __name__ == "__main__": marks the main execution block (standard Python convention).

Would you like me to also add a **step-by-step explanation** of how this Huffman encoding algorithm works (with theory + time & space complexity)?

You said:

explian what is huffman encoding using greedy strategy detailed answer

ChatGPT said:

Excellent question 🌟 — Huffman Encoding is one of the **most famous algorithms** in computer science for **data compression**, and it's based on the **Greedy Algorithm strategy**.

Let's break it down step-by-step for deep understanding 🙋

🧠 **1. What is Huffman Encoding?**

Huffman Encoding is a **lossless data compression algorithm** that assigns **variable-length binary codes** to characters in a text or data, based on their **frequencies** (how often each character appears).

- Characters that occur **more frequently** are given **shorter codes**.
- Characters that occur **less frequently** are given **longer codes**.

This reduces the **average number of bits per character**, which compresses the total data size.

⚙️ **2. Why Greedy Strategy?**

Huffman Encoding uses the **Greedy approach**, which means:

At each step, the algorithm makes the *locally optimal choice* (merge the two least frequent symbols) hoping that this will lead to a *globally optimal solution*.

In simpler terms:

- Instead of trying all combinations (like brute force),
- We **greedily** pick the two smallest frequency nodes at each step,
- Merge them, and continue doing so until we build the optimal Huffman Tree.

This ensures **minimum total weighted path length** — i.e., the smallest total number of bits for encoding the entire text.

3. Huffman Tree Construction Process (Step-by-Step)

Let's assume a string: "ABRACADABRA"

Step 1: Count the frequency of each character

Character Frequency

A	5
B	2
R	2
C	1
D	1

Step 2: Create leaf nodes

Each character becomes a leaf node with its frequency.

Step 3: Build a Min-Heap (Priority Queue)

All nodes are inserted in a **min-heap**, ordered by frequency (smallest at top).

Heap initially $\rightarrow [C(1), D(1), B(2), R(2), A(5)]$

Step 4: Merge two smallest nodes repeatedly

- Pick two smallest nodes and combine them into a new node whose frequency = sum of the two.
- Continue until only one node (root) remains.

Example merges:

1. Merge C(1) and D(1) \rightarrow new node (CD)(2)
2. Merge (CD)(2) and B(2) \rightarrow (CDB)(4)
3. Merge R(2) and (CDB)(4) \rightarrow (R(CDB))(6)
4. Merge (R(CDB))(6) and A(5) \rightarrow root (AR(CDB))(11)

This final tree is the **Huffman Tree**.

4. Generating Huffman Codes

Now, traverse the tree:

- Move **left \rightarrow assign '0'**

- Move **right** → assign '1'

When you reach a leaf node (a character), record the binary code.

Example result:

Character Code

A	0
R	101
B	100
C	1110
D	1111

So, encoded text for "ABRACADABRA" = 0 100 101 0 1110 0 1111 0 100 101 0

→ Combined bits form the **compressed version** of the original string.

5. Why It Works (Optimality Justification)

Huffman encoding is **provably optimal** for prefix-free binary codes.

That means no code is a prefix of another — decoding is **unambiguous**.

It's optimal because:

- Each merge minimizes the total frequency-weighted path length at every step.
- The greedy choice (merging least frequent nodes) always leads to an optimal prefix tree.

This was proven by **David A. Huffman** in 1952 (MIT).

6. Time and Space Complexity

Time Complexity

Step	Complexity	Explanation
Counting frequencies	$O(n)$	Traverse all characters once
Building heap	$O(k)$	k = number of distinct characters
Extracting & merging	$O(k \log k)$	Each merge involves heap operations
Total	$O(n + k \log k)$	Efficient for compression

Usually, since $k \ll n$, complexity $\approx O(n)$

Space Complexity

Component	Space
Huffman Tree	$O(k)$
Heap	$O(k)$
Huffman Codes dictionary	$O(k)$
Total	$O(k)$

7. Real-World Applications

Huffman Encoding is used in many compression systems:

- **ZIP, GZIP** → File compression
 - **JPEG, PNG** → Image encoding
 - **MP3** → Audio compression
 - **MPEG / H.264** → Video encoding
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8. Key Characteristics Summary

Feature	Description
Type	Lossless Compression
Strategy	Greedy Algorithm
Data Structure	Binary Tree (Huffman Tree)
Code Property	Prefix-free (no ambiguity)
Goal	Minimize total bits required

Feature	Description
	(Root)
/ \	
0 / \ 1	
A(5) (RBCD)(6)	
/ \	
0/ \ 1	
R(2) (BCD)(4)	
/ \	
0/ \ 1	
B(2) (CD)(2)	
/ \	
0/ \ 1	
C D	

In Short:

Huffman Encoding is a **Greedy, lossless compression technique** that minimizes the average code length by assigning **shorter binary codes to frequent symbols** and **longer codes to rare symbols**, ensuring **efficient and optimal compression**.

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! iterative and recursive

Method Time Space Steps (for n=5) Efficiency

Iterative O(n) O(1) 5 Fast

Recursive O(2ⁿ) O(n) 19 Slow

Theory & Concept

The **Fibonacci series** is a sequence where:

$$F(n) = F(n - 1) + F(n - 2)$$

with base cases:

$$F(0) = 0, F(1) = 1$$

In the **iterative approach**, we avoid recursion by **using a loop**.

We start with the first two terms (0 and 1), then keep updating them iteratively.

Step-by-step working

For example, if $n = 5$:

Iteration	a (current term)	b (next term)	Printed	Updated values (a,b)
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1	0	1	0	a=1, b=1
2	1	1	1	a=1, b=2
3	1	2	1	a=2, b=3
4	2	3	2	a=3, b=5
5	3	5	3	a=5, b=8

Output:

Fibonacci Series: 0 1 1 2 3

Step Count: 5

Explanation

- The for loop runs **n times**.
 - Each loop prints the current number (a) and calculates the next (a + b).
 - steps counts how many iterations (terms) were generated.
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Time Complexity

O(n)

→ Because there is **one loop** running n times.

Each iteration performs **constant-time operations** (addition and assignment).

Space Complexity

O(1)

→ Only a few variables (a, b, steps, i) are used — **constant extra space**, regardless of n.

Advantages

- Very efficient and fast.
- No stack or recursion overhead.
- Works perfectly even for large n.

Disadvantages

- Doesn't show the recursive relationship explicitly (less mathematical feel).
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2 Recursive Fibonacci (with Step Counter)

Code

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# Recursive Fibonacci with Step Counter  
steps = 0 # global counter  
  
def fibonacci_recursive(n):  
    global steps  
    steps += 1  
    if n <= 1:  
        return n  
    else:  
        return fibonacci_recursive(n - 1) + fibonacci_recursive(n - 2)  
  
n = int(input("Enter number of terms: "))  
print("Fibonacci Series (Recursive):", end=" ")  
for i in range(n):  
    print(fibonacci_recursive(i), end=" ")  
  
print("\nStep Count:", steps)
```

Theory & Concept

Recursion is a **method of solving problems where a function calls itself**.

Here:

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2), & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Every Fibonacci number is computed by **recursively calling** smaller subproblems until base cases are reached.

Step-by-step working (for n=5)

Loop calls:

f(0), f(1), f(2), f(3), f(4)

Let's trace f(4) (since that's where recursion grows fast):

f(4)

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|— f(3)
|   |— f(2)
|   |   |— f(1)
|   |   |— f(0)
|   |— f(1)
|— f(2)
    |— f(1)
    |— f(0)
```

 Total calls for f(4): 9

 Total calls for entire series up to 5 terms: **19**

That's why steps = 19.

Explanation

Each recursive call splits into **two new calls** (for n-1 and n-2).

This creates a **binary recursion tree** where many subproblems are recomputed.

Example: f(2) and f(1) are calculated **multiple times**.

Time Complexity

O(2ⁿ)

→ Because each call generates two new calls, forming an **exponential recursion tree**.

For $f(4)$, there are 9 calls;
for $f(10)$, there are 177 calls;
for $f(30)$, over **2 million calls!**

Space Complexity

O(n)

→ Due to the **call stack**.

At most, the recursion depth reaches n before returning back up.

Advantages

- Elegant and mathematical — mirrors the definition of Fibonacci.
- Easy to understand for small values.

Disadvantages

- Extremely **inefficient for large n** due to repeated computations.
 - High **function call overhead** and **stack memory use**.
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Comparison Table

Feature	Iterative Fibonacci	Recursive Fibonacci
Approach	Loop-based	Function calls itself
Time Complexity	$O(n)$	$O(2^n)$
Space Complexity	$O(1)$	$O(n)$ (call stack)
Efficiency	Very fast	Very slow for large n
Code simplicity	Simple logic	Conceptually elegant
Step count ($n=5$)	5	19
Redundant computation	None	Many repeated calls
Best for	Practical computation	Theoretical understanding

In summary

-  **Use the iterative approach** in real-world applications (fast, memory efficient).
-  **Study the recursive approach** to understand recursion, tree expansion, and performance impact.

Would you like me to show an **optimized recursive version** (using *memoization* to reduce time from $O(2^n) \rightarrow O(n)^*$) next?

You said:

DEDINATION OF ITERAVTIVE AND RECURSIVE

ChatGPT said:

Here are the **clear and exam-ready definitions** of both **Iterative** and **Recursive** approaches 

◆ Definition of Iterative Approach

Definition:

The *iterative approach* is a method of solving a problem by **repeatedly executing a set of instructions** (usually inside a loop such as for or while) until a specific condition is met.

In simple terms — it **repeats steps** again and again, **without calling the function itself**.

Example:

Using a for loop to generate the Fibonacci series.

Key Features:

- Uses **loops** (for, while).
 - **No function self-call**.
 - Usually **faster and memory-efficient**.
 - Easy to trace linearly.
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◆ Definition of Recursive Approach

Definition:

The *recursive approach* is a problem-solving technique in which a **function calls itself** directly or indirectly until a **base condition** is met.

In simple terms — the **function keeps calling itself** with smaller subproblems until the solution is reached.

Example:

`fibonacci_recursive(n) = fibonacci_recursive(n-1) + fibonacci_recursive(n-2)`

Key Features:

- Uses **function self-calls**.
- Requires a **base case** to stop recursion.
- Easier to understand mathematically.

- May lead to **stack overflow** or **redundant calls** for large inputs.
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Quick Comparison

Aspect	Iterative	Recursive
Definition	Repeats steps using loops	Function calls itself
Control Structure	Uses loops (for, while)	Uses function calls
Termination	Loop condition becomes false	Base condition is reached
Time Efficiency	Faster ($O(n)$)	Slower ($O(2^n)$ for Fibonacci)
Space Usage	Constant ($O(1)$)	Stack memory grows ($O(n)$)
Example	Fibonacci using loop	Fibonacci using recursion

In short:

- **Iteration** → Repetition using **loops**.
- **Recursion** → Repetition using **function self-calls**.

Would you like me to give a **one-line difference** suitable for your *viva or exam answer* too?

You said:

OK THANKS

ChatGPT said:

You're very welcome 😊👋

I'm glad it helped!

Would you like me to make a **short viva-style Q&A list** for these Fibonacci (iterative & recursive) programs — like possible oral questions and their perfect short answers? It's great for practical exams.

You said:

YES

ChatGPT said:

Perfect 👍 Here's a **viva-style Q&A list** for your **Fibonacci (Iterative & Recursive)** programs — concise, clear, and exam-ready 👏

Fibonacci Series Viva Questions & Answers

◆ Basic Concept Questions

333 Fractional Knapsack Problem using greedy search

- Each block under a function (def) or loop (for, if, else) is indented by 4 spaces.
- The code after else: and inside the function maintains proper hierarchy.
- The main code (inputs and function call) starts at column 0 (no indent).

Would you like me to include a step-by-step dry run example with sample input and how the greedy selection works?

You said:

Explain fractional Knapsack problem using a greedy method

ChatGPT said:

Let's explain the Fractional Knapsack Problem clearly — step by step — with theory, algorithm, and example 🤝

1. Problem Definition

The Knapsack Problem is about selecting items with given weights and profits (values) to maximize profit, without exceeding the capacity of a knapsack (bag).

In the Fractional Knapsack, you are allowed to take fractions of an item.

👉 Example: If an item weighs 10 kg but your bag has 5 kg capacity left, you can take half of it.

2. Greedy Strategy Used

The Greedy Approach works here because each item can be divided, and taking the item with the highest profit per weight first always gives the optimal solution.

We calculate a ratio (profit/weight) for every item:

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Profit}}{\text{Weight}}$$

Then we:

1. Sort all items in descending order of their ratio.
 2. Pick items one by one starting from the highest ratio:
 - If the item fits completely, take it.
 - If not, take the fraction that fits.
 3. Stop when the knapsack is full.
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3. Algorithm Steps

Let there be n items, each with:

- profit $p[i]$
- weight $w[i]$
- capacity of knapsack W

Steps:

1. Compute ratio $r[i] = p[i] / w[i]$ for all items.
 2. Sort items in descending order of $r[i]$.
 3. Initialize total_profit = 0.
 4. For each item i :
 - If $w[i] \leq W$:
→ Take the whole item.
→ $W = W - w[i]$
→ total_profit += $p[i]$
 - Else:
→ Take fraction ($W / w[i]$) of the item.
→ total_profit += $p[i] * (W / w[i])$
→ Stop (knapsack full).
 5. Output total_profit.
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4. Example

Item Profit (₹) Weight (kg) Profit/Weight

1 60 10 6

2 100 20 5

3 120 30 4

Knapsack capacity = 50 kg

Step 1 – Sort by ratio:

Order = Item 1 → Item 2 → Item 3

Step 2 – Fill Knapsack:

- Take Item 1 (10 kg) → Profit = 60 → Remaining capacity = 40
- Take Item 2 (20 kg) → Profit = 100 → Remaining capacity = 20
- Take 20/30 fraction of Item 3 → Profit = $120 \times (20/30) = 80$

 Total Profit = $60 + 100 + 80 = 240$

5. Time and Space Complexity

Operation Complexity

Sorting items $O(n \log n)$

Selecting items $O(n)$

Total Time $O(n \log n)$

Space Complexity $O(n)$ (for storing ratios and indexes)

6. Why Greedy Works Here

The greedy choice — selecting items based on maximum profit-to-weight ratio — gives the optimal result because the fractional nature allows perfect adjustments.

If items couldn't be divided (as in the 0/1 Knapsack), this method would not always work.

 Summary:

- Problem Type → Optimization
 - Approach → Greedy
 - Condition → Items can be divided
 - Goal → Maximize profit under weight limit
 - Time → $O(n \log n)$
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Would you like me to show a dry run of your Python code (step-by-step execution with numbers)?

You said:

what is greedy

ChatGPT said:

Excellent question  — let's understand what "Greedy" means in algorithms in a very clear and simple way.

Definition of Greedy Algorithm

A Greedy Algorithm is a problem-solving approach that builds up a solution step by step, always choosing the best option (local optimum) at each step — hoping that this leads to the best overall (global) solution.

In short:

- 💡 At every step, pick the choice that looks best right now.
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⚙️ How the Greedy Strategy Works

1. Make a choice that looks best at the current moment.
2. Do not reconsider the choice later — it's permanent.
3. Repeat until the problem is solved.

The key idea:

“Take what you can get now and don't look back.”

✳️ General Steps of a Greedy Algorithm

1. List all possible choices at a step.
 2. Pick the best choice according to some rule (called *greedy criterion*).
 3. Check feasibility — does it fit the constraints?
 4. Add it to the solution.
 5. Repeat until no more choices are left or the goal is reached.
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💡 Example 1 – Coin Change Problem

You need ₹63 using coins of ₹1, ₹5, ₹10, and ₹25.

Greedy Choice: Always take the largest coin that fits.

- Take $2 \times ₹25 = ₹50$
 - Take $1 \times ₹10 = ₹60$
 - Take $3 \times ₹1 = ₹63$
- ✓ Minimum 6 coins

Here, greedy gives the optimal solution (but not always in other coin systems).

💼 Example 2 – Fractional Knapsack

- You can take fractions of items.
 - Always pick item with highest profit/weight ratio.
 - Because taking a fraction is allowed, the greedy choice is optimal.
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Example 3 – Job Scheduling

Given jobs with deadlines and profits, you want to schedule jobs to maximize total profit.

Greedy strategy:

 Always pick the job with highest profit first that fits the time slot.

Complexity of Greedy Algorithms

Usually:

- Time Complexity: Depends on sorting or selection → $O(n \log n)$
 - Space Complexity: $O(n)$
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Important Note

The Greedy method does not always guarantee the best overall solution.

It works only for problems that have the Greedy Choice Property and Optimal Substructure.

Property	Meaning
Greedy Choice Property	A global optimal solution can be reached by choosing local optimums.
Optimal Substructure	The problem can be broken into smaller subproblems that are optimal themselves.

Examples of Problems Solved by Greedy Algorithm

Problem	Greedy Criterion
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Fractional Knapsack Max profit/weight ratio

Job Sequencing Max profit

Kruskal's Algorithm Min edge weight

Prim's Algorithm Min edge weight

Dijkstra's Algorithm Min distance so far

Huffman Coding Min frequency combination

In Simple Words:

"Greedy means choosing the best thing now, hoping it leads to the best outcome later."

Would you like me to explain why greedy works perfectly for Fractional Knapsack but fails for 0/1 Knapsack next?

You said:

fractional Knapsack problem means

ChatGPT said:

Great — let's clearly understand what the Fractional Knapsack Problem means 

1. Meaning of Fractional Knapsack Problem

The Fractional Knapsack Problem is a Greedy optimization problem in which:

- You have a knapsack (bag) that can carry a limited weight (capacity).
- You have n items, each with a:
 - Profit (value) → how much it's worth
 - Weight → how heavy it is
- You want to maximize the total profit you can carry.

The special feature of this problem:

You are allowed to take fractions of an item.

So, if you can't take the whole item due to weight limits, you can take a part of it proportional to its value.

2. Real-Life Example

Imagine you are a thief with a bag that can carry 50 kg.

Item	Profit (₹)	Weight (kg)
Gold	60	10
Silver	100	20
Diamond	120	30

You want maximum money, but your bag can hold only 50 kg.

You can take:

- All Gold (10 kg) → Profit = ₹60
- All Silver (20 kg) → Profit = ₹100
- Only 20 kg of Diamond (out of 30) → Fraction = $20/30 \rightarrow$ Profit = $120 \times (20/30) = ₹80$

 Total Profit = $60 + 100 + 80 = ₹240$

3. Greedy Strategy

To solve it optimally:

1. Calculate profit/weight ratio for each item.
2. Sort items in descending order of this ratio.
3. Pick items starting from the highest ratio:
 - o If the item fits → take all.
 - o If not → take fraction that fits.
4. Stop when bag is full.

This works perfectly because items can be divided, so each step's "best choice" remains valid.

4. Mathematical Formulation

Let:

- Profit array = $P = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n]$
- Weight array = $W = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$
- Capacity = C

Maximize:

$$\text{Total Profit} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot p_i$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot w_i \leq C \text{ and } 0 \leq x_i \leq 1$$

Where:

- x_i is the fraction of item i taken.
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5. Complexity

Step	Complexity
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Sorting items by ratio $O(n \log n)$

Selecting items $O(n)$

Step	Complexity
Total Time	$O(n \log n)$
Space Complexity	$O(n)$

6. Why It's Called "Fractional"

Because unlike the 0/1 Knapsack Problem (where you take an item fully or not at all), here you can take fractions — like half an item, one-third, etc.

In Simple Words

The Fractional Knapsack Problem means finding the maximum profit by filling a bag with given weight capacity, where items can be broken into smaller parts, and you choose based on the highest profit per weight ratio using the Greedy Method.

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0/1 Knapsack Problem (Dynamic Programming)

Problem Statement

You are given:

- n items, each with:
 - weight[i] → weight of item i
 - profit[i] → profit/value of item i
- A knapsack with capacity W

Goal: Pick a subset of items to maximize total profit without exceeding the knapsack's capacity.

Constraint: Each item can be either taken or not taken (0 or 1). You cannot take a fraction of an item.

Dynamic Programming Approach

The DP approach is used because the problem has:

1. Optimal substructure:

The optimal solution for n items and capacity W depends on optimal solutions for smaller numbers of items and smaller capacities.

2. Overlapping subproblems:

The same subproblems (like “maximum profit using first 3 items with capacity 5”) appear multiple times.

Step 1: Define Subproblem

Let:

$$dp[i][w] = \text{Maximum profit using first } i \text{ items with capacity } w$$

Step 2: Recurrence Relation

For the i -th item:

- If the item fits ($\text{weight}[i-1] \leq w$):

$$dp[i][w] = \max(dp[i-1][w], \text{profit}[i-1] + dp[i-1][w - \text{weight}[i-1]])$$

- Option 1: Don't include the item $\rightarrow dp[i-1][w]$
- Option 2: Include the item $\rightarrow \text{profit}[i-1] + dp[i-1][w - \text{weight}[i-1]]$
- If the item doesn't fit ($\text{weight}[i-1] > w$):

$$dp[i][w] = dp[i-1][w]$$

Step 3: Base Case

- $dp[0][w] = 0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ items} \rightarrow 0 \text{ profit}$
 - $dp[i][0] = 0 \rightarrow \text{capacity } 0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ profit}$
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Step 4: Build DP Table

- Create a table of size $(n+1) \times (W+1)$
- Fill row by row using the recurrence

Result:

$dp[n][W]$ gives the maximum profit for n items and capacity W

Step 5: Complexity

- Time Complexity: $O(n \times W) \rightarrow \text{iterate over items} \times \text{capacities}$
- Space Complexity: $O(n \times W) \rightarrow \text{size of the DP table}$

Optional optimization: Use a 1D array to reduce space to $O(W)$.

Example

Item Weight Profit

1	1	10
2	3	40
3	4	50
4	5	70

Capacity = 8

- DP table calculation gives Maximum Profit = 110
 - Optimal items: 2 + 4 (weight $3 + 5 = 8$, profit $40 + 70 = 110$)
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Summary:

- 0/1 Knapsack DP solves the problem optimally
- Key idea: Either take or don't take each item
- Builds solutions from smaller subproblems
- Uses DP table to avoid recomputation

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