



Introduction to Algorithms

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Back-Tracking Algorithms

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Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Back-Tracking Algorithms

Topics:

- General Method
- N-Queen problem

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Back-Tracking Paradigm

- A design technique, like divide-and-conquer.
 - Useful for optimization problems and finding feasible solutions.
 - **Solution to a problem is defined as an n-tuple:**
 (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , where x_i is taken from a finite set S_i .
- Generally, we need to:
- finding a vector which maximize (or minimize) a specific objective function $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.
 - finding a (or all) vector(s) that satisfy a specific criterion function $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.

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Back-Tracking——General Method

- **Constraints**
 - Explicit Constraints
 - constrain values of each component x_i ;
 - All tuples that satisfy explicit constraints make up a possible solution space.
 - **Implicit Constraints:**
 - inter-components constraints;
 - Implicit constraints identify those satisfying the criterion function in the solution space.

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8-Queen problem

- Place 8 queens on a 8×8 chessboard, yielding that any two of them do not conflict, i.e. any two of them do not reside in the same row, column or diagonal.

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- Label the rows and columns by 1 to 8, and the queens too.
- Assume that queen i resides in row i .
- Solutions can be defined as a 8-tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8) , where x_i is the column number of queen i .
- The solution above is (4, 6, 8, 2, 7, 1, 3, 5).



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- Explicit Constraints: $x_i \in S_i$, $S_i = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$, $1 \leq i \leq 8$. The solution space consists of 8^8 8-tuples.
- Implicit Constraints: any two of them do not reside in the same row, column (any two of x_i differ) or diagonal.



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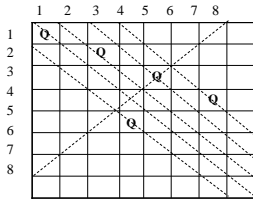


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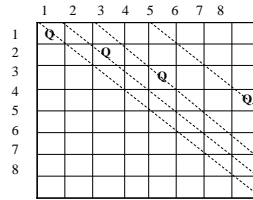
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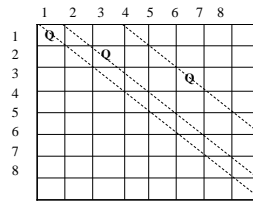
Simple Review

- All-pairs shortest paths
 - Floyd-Warshall algorithm
 - $C_{ij}^{(k)} = \min_k \{C_{ij}^{(k-1)}, C_{ik}^{(k-1)} + C_{kj}^{(k-1)}\}$
 - Johnson's algorithm
 - Graph reweighting
 - $h: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, reweight $(u,v) \in E$ by $w_h(u,v) = w(u,v) + h(u) - h(v)$.
 - Algorithm:
 - Find a function $h: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that $w_h(u,v) \geq 0$ for all $(u,v) \in E$ by using Bellman-Ford
 - using w_h from Run Dijkstra's algorithms each vertex $u \in V$
 - For each $(u,v) \in V \times V$, compute $\delta(u,v) = \delta_h(u,v) + h(u) - h(v)$
- Back-Tracking Paradigm

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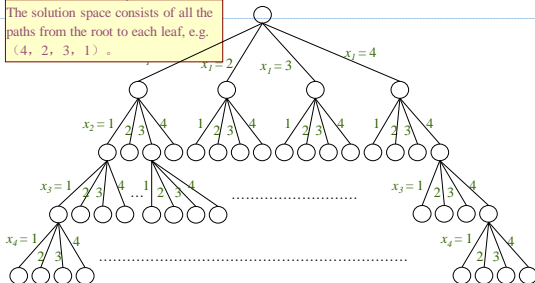
Back-Tracking Paradigm finds answers by systematic searching the solution space of a given problem.

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State Space Tree

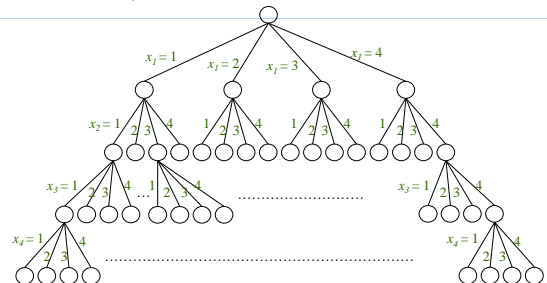
The solution space consists of all the paths from the root to each leaf, e.g. $(4, 2, 3, 1)$.



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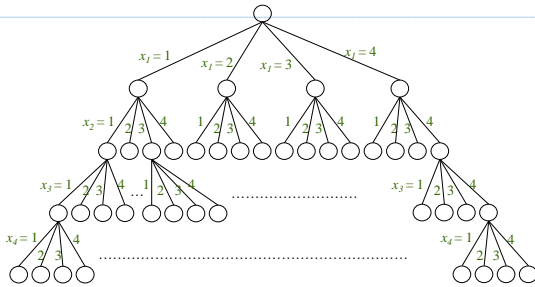
State Space Tree



- Problem State
 - Each node in the tree identifies a problem state when solving the problem.



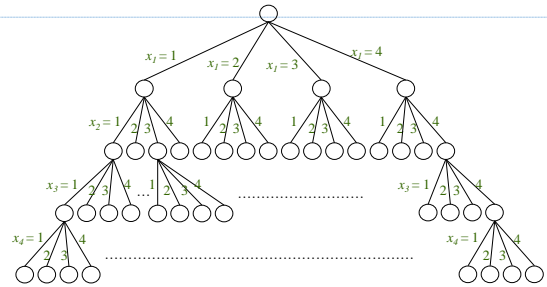
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- **State Space**
- All the paths from the root to each node



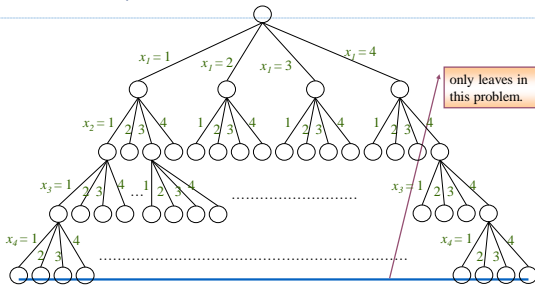
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- **State Space Tree**
- The above tree of the solution space



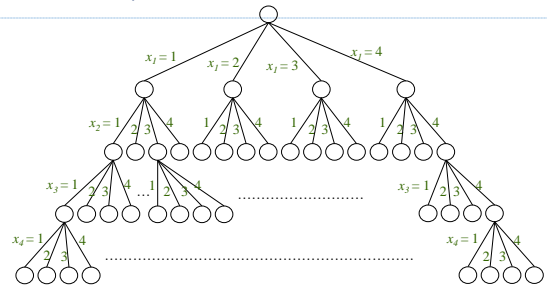
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- **Solution States**
- Those problem states to which the path from the root identifies a vector in the solution space (Satisfying explicit constraints).



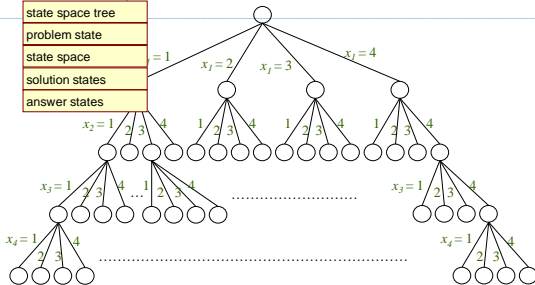
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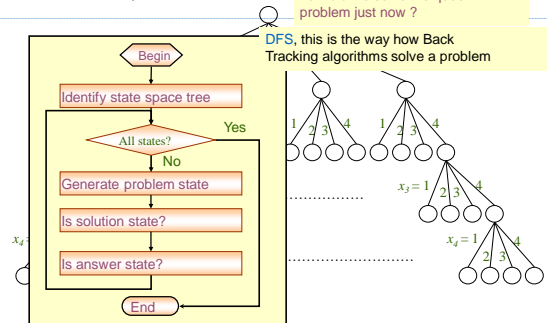
- **Answer States**
- Those solution states to which the path from the root identifies an answer (Satisfying implicit constraints).



State Space Tree



State Space Tree





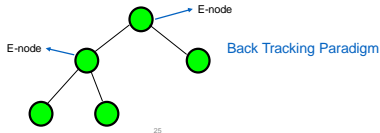
Searching in State Space Tree

Basic Concepts

- Alive node:** a generated node whose sons have not all been generated.
- E-node:** the node whose son is generating currently.
- Dead node:** a node that all his sons have been generated or there is no need to generate his sons.

Generating problem states in DFS way

- Once a son C of the E-node R is generated, the generated son C become the new E-node, node R will become E-node again after all the tree rooted by node C is checked.



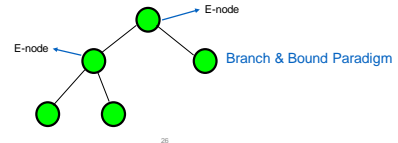
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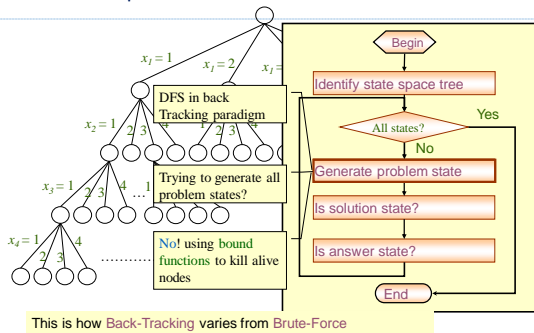
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Generating problem states in BFS way

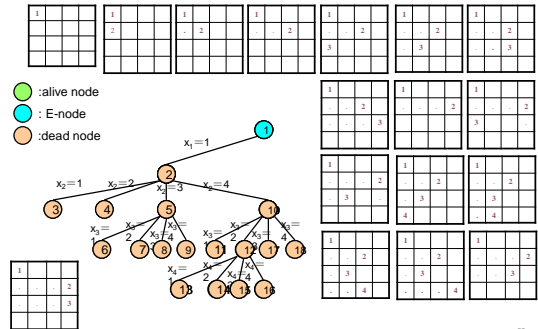
- A E-node remains E-node until it becomes a dead node.



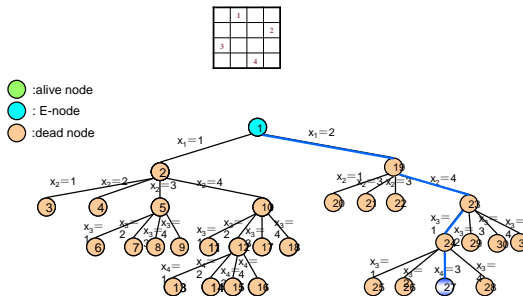
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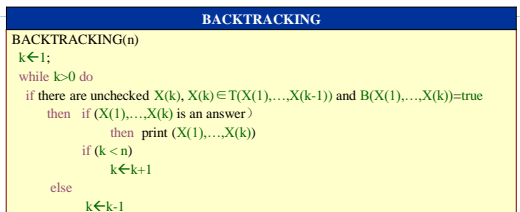
4-Queen problem



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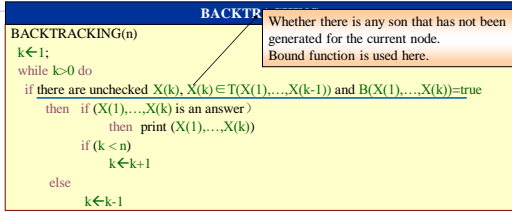
General Method of Back Tracking



- Construct solution in $X(1:n)$, an answer is output immediately after it is determined.
- $T(X(1), \dots, X(k-1))$: returns all possible $X(k)$, given $X(1), \dots, X(k-1)$.
- $B(X(1), \dots, X(k))$: returns whether $X(1), \dots, X(k)$ satisfies the implicit constraints.



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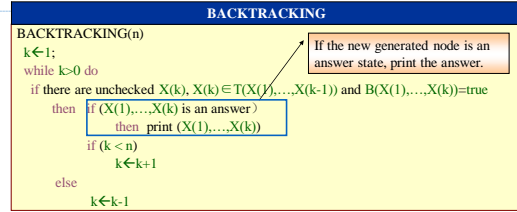


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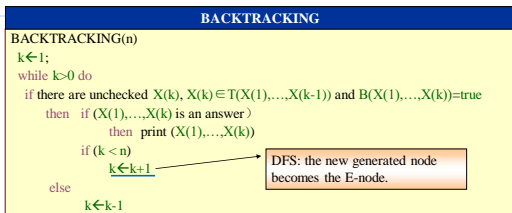


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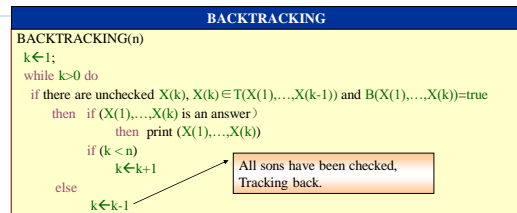


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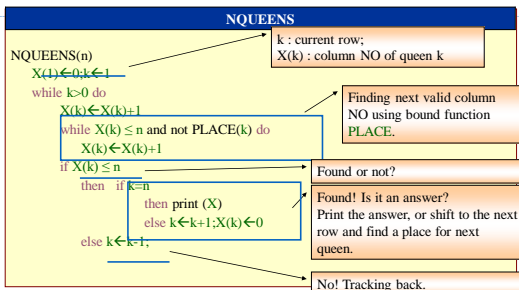


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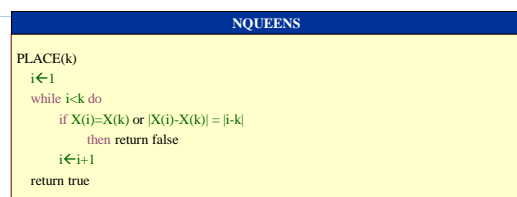
Back-Tracking Algorithm for n-Queen problem



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Bound function -- PLACE



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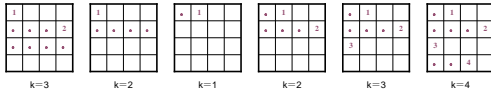
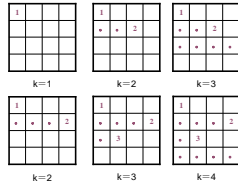


4-Queen Problem

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NQUEENS(n)
X(1) ← 0; k ← 1
while k > 0 do
    X(k) ← X(k) + 1
    while X(k) ≤ n and not PLACE(k) do
        X(k) ← X(k) + 1
    if X(k) ≤ n
        then if k = n
            then print (X);
            else k ← k + 1; X(k) ← 0
        else k ← k - 1;

```



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Further Reading

- Further reading:
 - O(1) time PLACE.
 - Generate answers for n-queen problem w/o searching.

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Topics:

- Subset-sum problem

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General Method of Back Tracking

BACKTRACKING

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BACKTRACKING(n)
k ← 1;
while k > 0 do
    if there are unchecked X(k), X(k) ∈ T(X(1), ..., X(k-1)) and B(X(1), ..., X(k)) = true
        then if (X(1), ..., X(k) is an answer)
            then print (X(1), ..., X(k))
            if (k < n)
                k ← k + 1
        else
            k ← k - 1

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Recursive Method of Back Tracking

RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING

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RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING(k)
for each X(k), X(k) ∈ T(X(1), ..., X(k-1)) and B(X(1), ..., X(k)) = true do
    if (X(1), ..., X(k) is an answer)
        then print (X(1), ..., X(k))
    if (k < n)
        then call RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING(k+1)

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Subset-sum problem

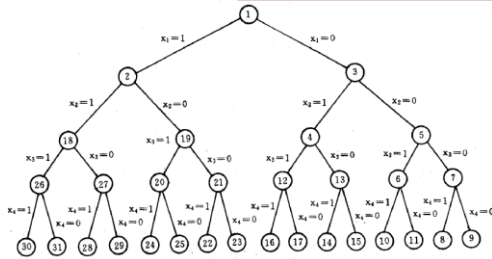
- Given $n+1$ positive integers: $w_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, and M , Find all the subsets of $W = \{w_i\}$, of which the summary equals to M .
 - E.g. $n=4, (w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4) = (11, 13, 24, 7), M=31$
 - The expected subsets are $(11, 13, 7)$ and $(24, 7)$.
- The form of solution
 - A solution of subset-sum problem is defined as an n-tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , where $x_i \in \{0, 1\}, 1 \leq i \leq n$. If w_i is included in the subset, then $x_i = 1$, otherwise $x_i = 0$.
 - The above answers can be defined as $(1, 1, 0, 1)$ and $(0, 0, 1, 1)$.

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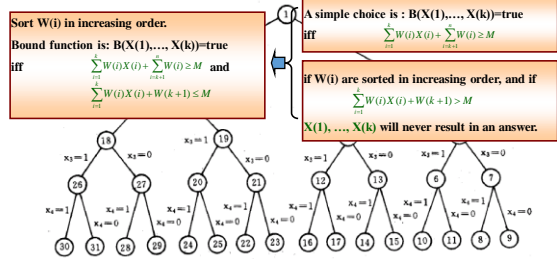


State space tree for Subset-sum problem

It is easy to determine $X(i)$ /generate problem state.
The key is the bound function.



Bound function



Recursive Method of Backtracking

Sort $W(i)$ in increasing order.
Bound function is: $B(X(1), \dots, X(k)) = \text{true}$ iff $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING

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Back Tracking Algorithm for Subset-Sum

Original Recursive Algorithm:

Sort $W(i)$ in increasing order.

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ORIGINAL-SUMOFSUB(k)

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X(k) ← 1
if \sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) = M
    then print(X(j), j ← 1 to k)
else if \sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \ge M and \sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \le M
    then call ORIGINAL-SUMOFSUB(k+1)
X(k) ← 0
if \sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \ge M and \sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \le M
    then call ORIGINAL-SUMOFSUB(k+1)
    
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Back Tracking Algorithm for Subset-Sum

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SUMOFSUB

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SUMOFSUB(s, k, r)
X(k) ← 1
if s + W(k) = M
    then print(X(j), j ← 1 to k)
else if s + W(k) + W(k+1) ≤ M
    then call SUMOFSUB(s + W(k), k + 1, r - W(k))
if s + r - W(k) ≥ M and s + W(k+1) ≤ M
    then X(k) ← 0
    call SUMOFSUB(s, k + 1, r - W(k))
    
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Back Tracking Algorithm for Subset-Sum

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if s + r - W(k) ≥ M and s + W(k+1) ≤ M
    then X(k) ← 0
    call SUMOFSUB(s, k + 1, r - W(k))
    
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When called, $X(1), X(2), \dots, X(k-1)$ have been determined.
 $s = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} W(j)X(j)$ and $r = \sum_{j=k}^n W(j)$
 $W(j)$ are sorted in increasing order.
 $W(1) \leq M, \sum_{i=1}^n W(i) \geq M$

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SUMOFSUB
SUMOFSUB(s, k, r)
 $X(k) \leftarrow 1$
 if $s + W(k) = M$
 then print($X(j), j \leftarrow 1$ to k)
 else if $s + W(k) + W(k+1) \leq M$
 then call **SUMOFSUB**($s + W(k), k + 1, r - W(k)$)
 if $s + r - W(k) \geq M$ and $s + W(k+1) \leq M$
 then $X(k) \leftarrow 0$
 call **SUMOFSUB**($s, k + 1, r - W(k)$)

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SUMOFSUB
SUMOFSUB(s, k, r)
 $X(k) \leftarrow 1$ → Check left son($X(k)=1$).
 if $s + W(k) = M$
 then print($X(j), j \leftarrow 1$ to k)
 else if $s + W(k) + W(k+1) \leq M$
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Back Tracking Algorithm for Subset Sum

Sort $W(i)$ in increasing order.
 Bound function is: $B(X(1), \dots, X(k)) = \text{true}$
 iff $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$ and
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SUMOFSUB
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 else if $s + W(k) + W(k+1) \leq M$
 then call **SUMOFSUB**($s + W(k), k + 1, r - W(k)$)
 if $s + r - W(k) \geq M$ and $s + W(k+1) \leq M$
 then $X(k) \leftarrow 0$
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?do not check $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$
 Initial: $s + r \geq M$ ($s = 0, r = \sum_{i=1}^n W(i)$)
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Back Tracking Algorithm for Subset Sum

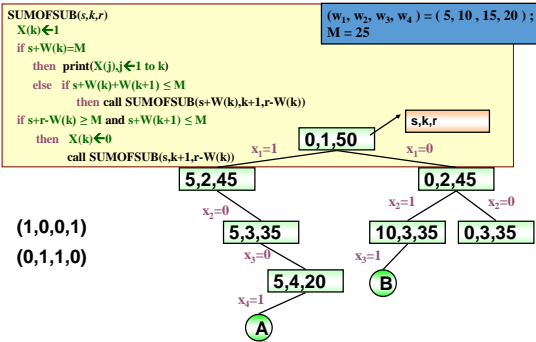
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Case study



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Simple Review

- N Queen problem
 - Algorithm
 - Bound function
- Subset-sum problem
 - The form of solution, State space tree
 - Bound function
 - Original recursive algorithm
 - Improved recursive algorithm



Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Back-Tracking Algorithms Part III

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Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Back-Tracking Algorithms

Topics:

- 0/1 Knapsack problem

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0-1 knapsack problem

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• 0-1 knapsack problem: A thief robs a store and finds n items, with item i being worth $\$p_i$ and having weight w_i pounds. The thief can carry at most $M \in \mathbb{N}$ in his knapsack but he wants to take as valuable a load as possible. Which item should he take?

• i.e., $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} p_i x_i$ is maximized and s.t. $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} w_i x_i \leq M$

• The form of solution

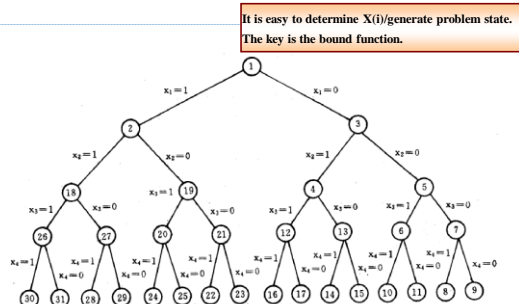
• A solution is defined as an n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , where $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. If item i is taken, then $x_i = 1$, otherwise $x_i = 0$.

• An optimization problem : we will find a **best answer** rather than **feasible answer**.

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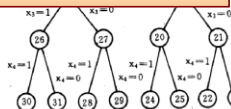
State space tree for 0-1 knapsack problem





Bound function

Bound function: $B(X(1), \dots, X(k)) = \text{true}$
Iff the profit returned by the method described in the right is greater than the profit gained now.



Principle: bound function should be helpful to kill some alive nodes.
Our goal is to get max profit, so the bound function should kill those who can not generate greater profit.

up-bound of profit on node Z:

Items have been sorted in decreasing order on $P(i)/W(i)$.
On node Z, we have determined the value of $X(i)$, $1 \leq i \leq k$; then for $k+1 \leq i \leq n$, relax $X(i)=0$ or 1 to $0 \leq X(i) \leq 1$, use greedy paradigm to solve the relaxed sub-problem.



Bound function

the value of $X(i)$, $1 \leq i \leq k$ have been determined.

p: profit gained before call

w: weight used before call

k: item being checked just now

M: knapsack capacity

return the up-bound profit value (items are sorted in decreasing order on $P(i)/W(i)$).

BOUND(p,w,k,M)

b ← p; c ← w

for i ← k+1 to n do

c ← c + W(i)

if c < M then b ← b + P(i)

else return (b + (1 - (c - M) / W(i)) * P(i))

return (b)

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Bound function

BOUND

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return (b)

b: profit gained
c: weight used

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Bound function

Determine up-bound using greedy

algorithm: check item k+1~n one by one, place all the item into the knapsack if possible, otherwise place part of it into.

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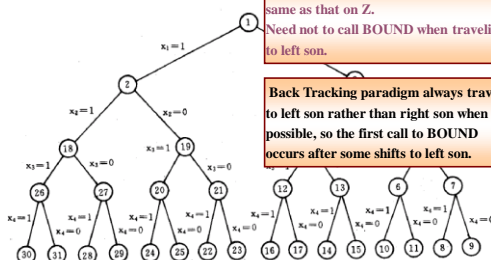
else return (b + (1 - (c - M) / W(i)) * P(i))

return (b)

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Bound function



The up-bound on the left son of node Z is same as that on Z.
Need not to call BOUND when traveling to left son.

Back Tracking paradigm always travels to left son rather than right son when possible, so the first call to BOUND occurs after some shifts to left son.



Back Tracking Algorithm for 0-1 knapsack problem

BKNAPI

BKNAPI(M,n,W,P,fw,fp,X)

cw ← cp ← 0; k ← 1; fp ← -1

loop

while k ≤ n and cw + W(k) ≤ M do

cw ← cw + W(k); cp ← cp + P(k); Y(k) ← 1; k ← k + 1

if k > n then fp ← cp; fw ← cw; k ← n; X ← Y

else Y(k) ← 0

while BOUND(cp,cw,k,M) ≤ fp do

while k ≠ 0 and Y(k) ≠ 1 do

k ← k - 1

if k = 0 then return

Y(k) ← 0; cw ← cw - W(k); cp ← cp - P(k)

k ← k + 1

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$cw \leftarrow cw + W(k); cp \leftarrow cp + P(k); Y(k) \leftarrow 1; k \leftarrow k + 1$

if $k > n$ then $fp \leftarrow cp; fw \leftarrow cw; k \leftarrow n; X \leftarrow Y$

else $Y(k) \leftarrow 0$

while **BOUND**(cp, cw, k, M) $\leq fp$ do

while $k \neq 0$ and $Y(k) \neq 1$ do

$k \leftarrow k - 1$

if $k = 0$ then return

$Y(k) \leftarrow 0; cw \leftarrow cw - W(k); cp \leftarrow cp - P(k)$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

M: knapsack capacity
n items, weight and profit of each item are stored in **W**(1:n) and **P**(1:n),
P(i)/**W**(i) \geq **P**(i+1)/**W**(i+1);
f_w: weight used eventually
f_p: profit gained eventually
X: answer vector

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if $k > n$ then $fp \leftarrow cp; fw \leftarrow cw; X \leftarrow Y$

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while **BOUND**(cp, cw, k, M) $\leq fp$ do

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$k \leftarrow k - 1$

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$Y(k) \leftarrow 0; cw \leftarrow cw - W(k); cp \leftarrow cp - P(k)$

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cw: weight used
cp: profit gained

when $fp \neq -1$, **X** is the vector that gains profit **fp**
fw, fp, X: information about the best answer currently found.
Y(k): corresponding information used when searching.

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if $k = 0$ then return

$Y(k) \leftarrow 0; cw \leftarrow cw - W(k); cp \leftarrow cp - P(k)$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

Travel to left son when possible, store the path in **Y**.
NOTE: **BOUND** is not used here.

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while $k \neq 0$ and $Y(k) \neq 1$ do

$k \leftarrow k - 1$

if $k = 0$ then return

$Y(k) \leftarrow 0; cw \leftarrow cw - W(k); cp \leftarrow cp - P(k)$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

if $k > n$, we get that $cp > fp$ (if $cp \leq fp$, the last call to **BOUND** will stop the traveling to this leaf), save the answer info.
if $k \leq n$, item k can not be placed into the knapsack, so we must travel to right son (assign 0 to **Y**(k)).

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Use **BOUND** to check that whether a better answer is possible, Track back if not.
Track back to the nearest node whose right son has not been generated, generate his right son and check by **BOUND**.
after while ends, we find a better direction, or the procedure terminates.

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$k \leftarrow k + 1$

Bound function becomes more and more tighten when searching, for **fp** becomes greater.

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Back Tracking Algorithm for 0-1 knapsack problem

BKNAPI

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  loop
    while  $k \leq n$  and  $cp + W(k) \leq M$  do
       $cp \leftarrow cp + W(k); cp \leftarrow cp + P(k); Y(k) \leftarrow 1; k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
    if  $k > n$  then  $fp \leftarrow cp; fw \leftarrow cw; k \leftarrow n; X \leftarrow Y$ 
    else  $Y(k) \leftarrow 0$ 
    while  $BOUND(cp, cw, k, M) \leq fp$  do
      while  $k \neq 0$  and  $Y(k) \neq 1$  do
         $k \leftarrow k - 1$ 
      if  $k = 0$  then return
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     $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 

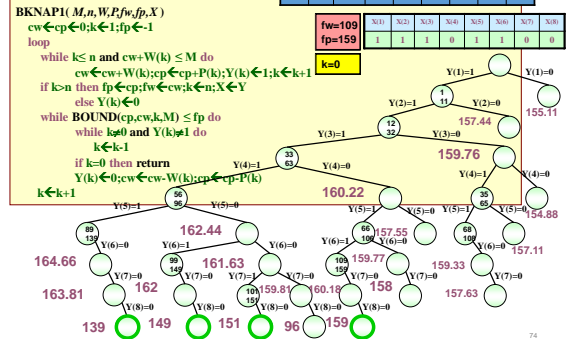
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Case Study

 $M=110, n=8$

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P | 11 | 21 | 31 | 33 | 43 | 53 | 55 | 65 |
| W | 1 | 11 | 21 | 23 | 33 | 43 | 45 | 55 |



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Case Study

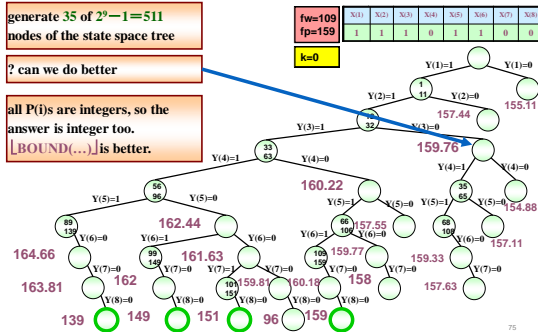
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generate 35 of $2^8 - 1 = 511$
nodes of the state space tree

? can we do better

all $P(i)$ s are integers, so the
answer is integer too.
[BOUND(...)] is better.



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Homework

• Solve the following 0-1 knapsack problem use the algorithm discussed today, try to draw the tree generated.

• $n=3, M=22, (p_1, p_2, p_3)=(30, 18, 17),$

• $(w_1, w_2, w_3)=(15, 10, 10)$

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Thanks!