



Introduction to Algorithms

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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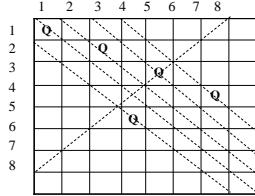
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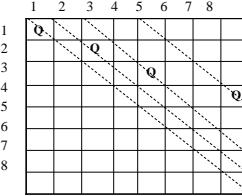
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Simple Review

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

$$h: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ reweight } (u,v) \in E \text{ by } w_{uv} = w(u,v) + h(u) - h(v).$$

- Algorithm:

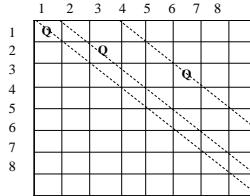
- Find a function $h: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that $w_{uv} \geq 0$ for all $(u,v) \in E$ by using Bellman-Ford
- using w_{uv} from Run Dijkstra's algorithms each vertex $u \in V$
- For each $(u,v) \in V \times V$, compute $\delta_{uv} = \delta_u(u,v) - h(u) + h(v)$

Back-Tracking Paradigm

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8-Queen problem



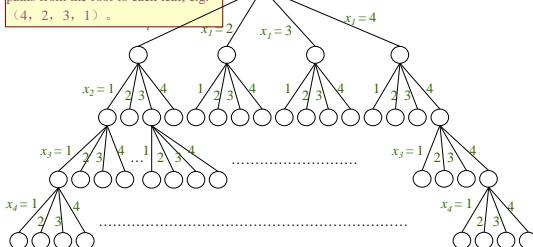
Back-Tracking Paradigm finds answers by systematic searching the solution space of a given problem.

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State Space Tree

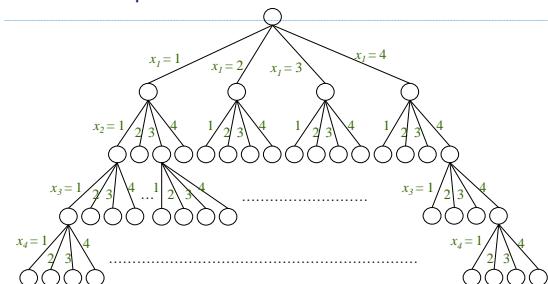
The solution space consists of all the paths from the root to each leaf, e.g.



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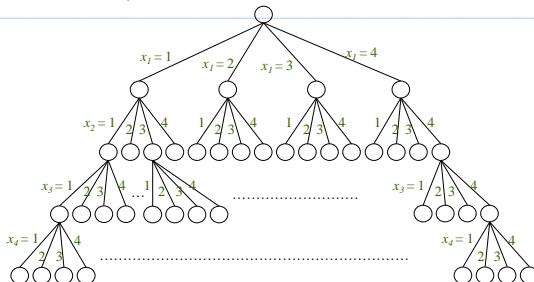


- Problem State

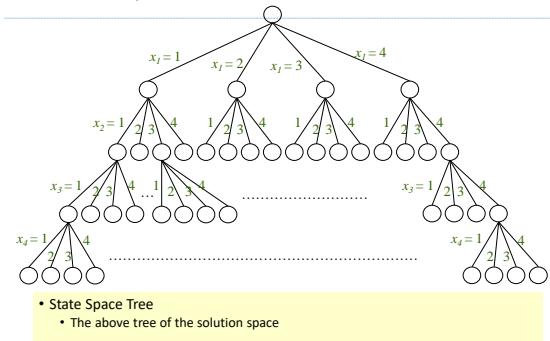
- Each node in the tree identifies a problem state when solving the problem.



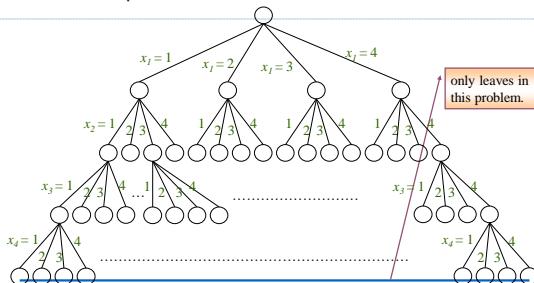
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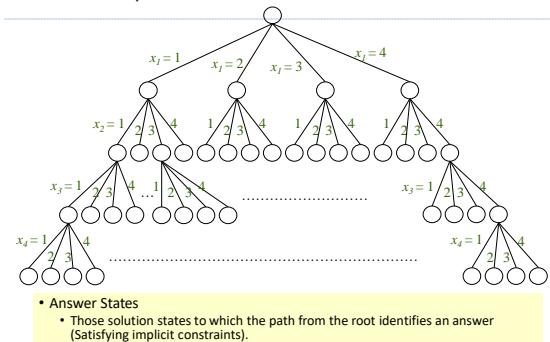
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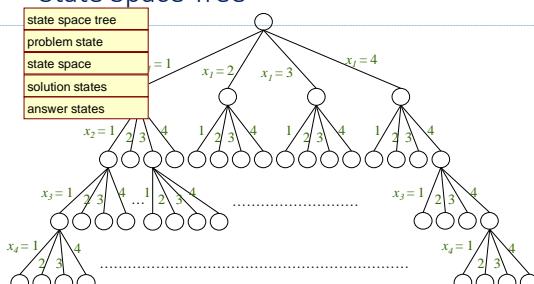
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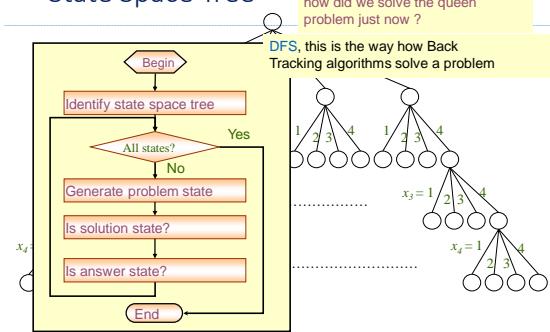
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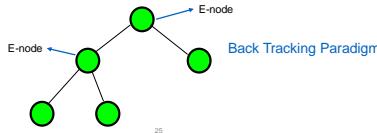
Searching in State Space Tree

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.



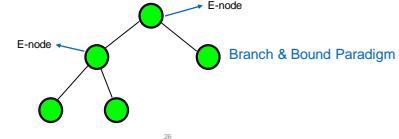
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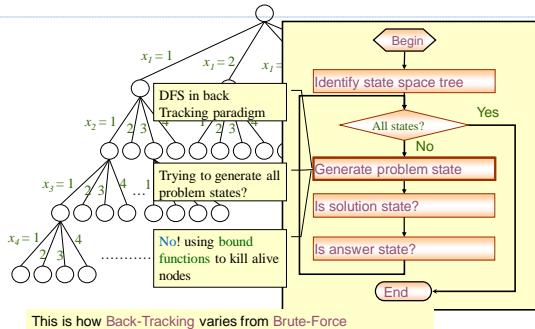
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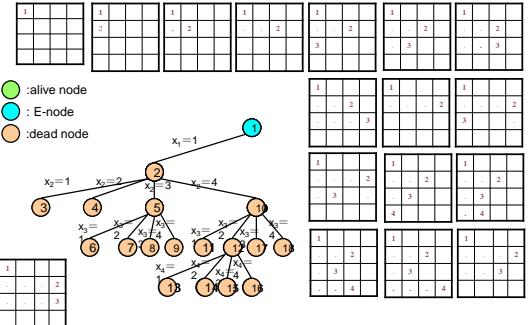
- A E-node remains E-node until it becomes a dead node.



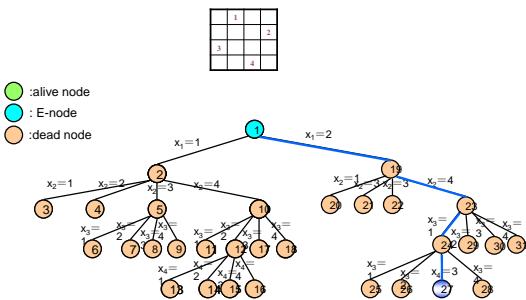
State Space Tree



4-Queen problem



4-Queen problem



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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- Construct solution in $X(1:n)$, an answer is output immediately after it is determined.

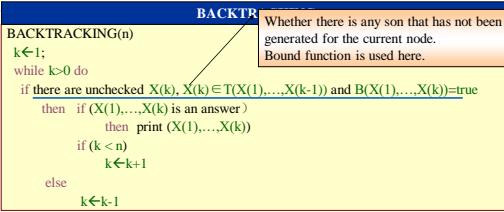
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• $B(X(1),...,X(k))$: returns whether $X(1),...,X(k)$ satisfies the implicit constraints.

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General Method of Back Tracking



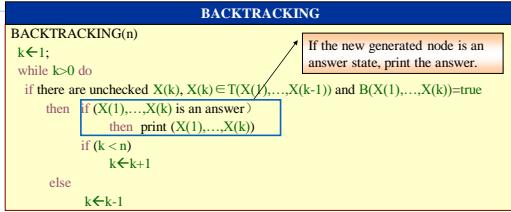
Whether there is any son that has not been generated for the current node.
Bound function is used here.

- Construct solution in $X(1:n)$, an answer is output immediately after it is determined.
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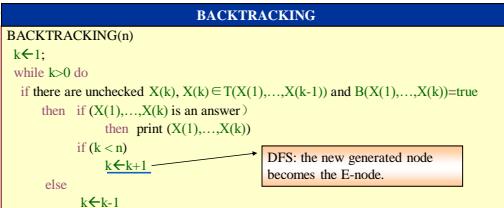
If the new generated node is an answer state, print the answer.

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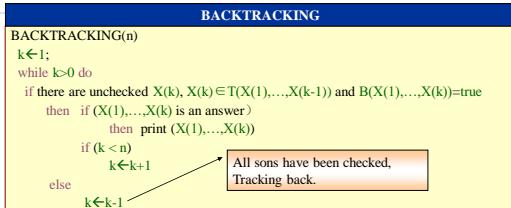
DFS: the new generated node becomes the E-node.

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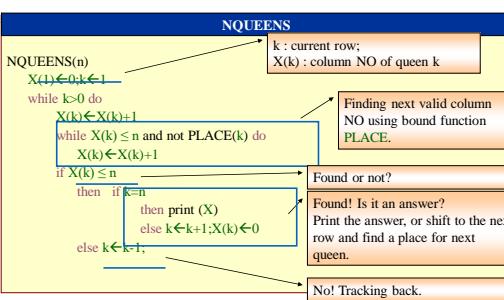
All sons have been checked,
Tracking back.

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Back-Tracking Algorithm for n-Queen problem



k : current row;
 $X(k)$: column NO of queen k

Finding next valid column NO using bound function PLACE.

Found or not?

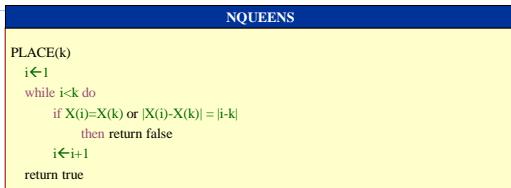
Found! Is it an answer?
Print the answer, or shift to the next row and find a place for next queen.

No! Tracking back.

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Bound function -- PLACE



if $X(i)=X(k)$ or $|X(i)-X(k)| = i-k$

then return false

$i \leftarrow i+1$

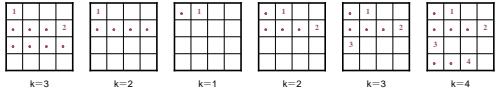
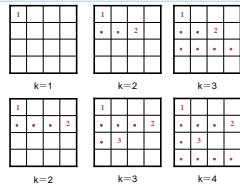
return true

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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.



Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Back-Tracking Algorithms

- Topics:**
- Subset-sum problem



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Recursive Method of Back Tracking

RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING

```
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 $(0, 0, 1, 1)$.

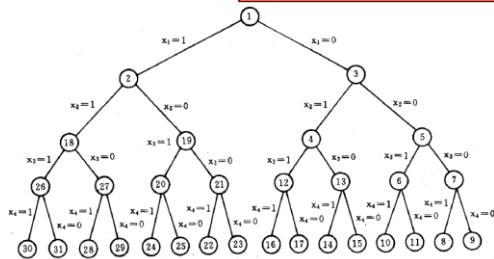
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State space tree for Subset-sum problem

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



Bound function

Sort $W(i)$ in increasing order.

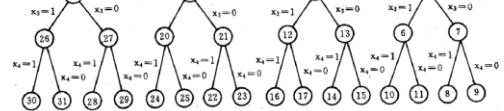
Bound function is: $B(X(1), \dots, X(k)) = \text{true}$

iff $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$ and

$\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

A simple choice is: $B(X(1), \dots, X(k)) = \text{true}$
iff $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$

If $W(i)$ are sorted in increasing order, and if
 $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) > M$
 $X(1), \dots, X(k)$ will never result in an answer.



Recursive Method of Backtracking

Sort $W(i)$ in increasing order.
RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING(k)

Bound function is: $B(X(1), \dots, X(k)) = \text{true}$
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RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING( $k$ )
for each  $X(k), X(k) \in T(X(1), \dots, X(k-1))$  and  $B(X(1), \dots, X(k)) = \text{true}$  do
    if ( $X(1), \dots, X(k)$  is an answer)
        then print ( $X(1), \dots, X(k)$ )
    if ( $k < n$ )
        then call RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING( $k+1$ )
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Back Tracking Algorithm for SUMOFSUB

Original Recursive Algorithm:

ORIGINAL-SUMOFSUB(k)

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

$\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

ORIGINAL-SUMOFSUB(k)

$X(k) \leftarrow 1$

if $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) = M$

then print($X(j), j \leq 1$ to k)

else if $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

then call ORIGINAL-SUMOFSUB($k+1$)

$X(k) \leftarrow 0$

if $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

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Back Tracking Algorithm for SUMOFSUB

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$\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

SUMOFSUB(s, k, r)

```
SUMOFSUB( $s, k, r$ )
 $X(k) \leftarrow 1$ 
if  $s + W(k) = M$ 
    then print( $X(j), j \leq 1$  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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Back Tracking Algorithm for SUMOFSUB

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SUMOFSUB(s, k, r)

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then print($X(j), j \leq 1$ to k)

else if $s + W(k) + W(k+1) \leq M$

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if $s + r - W(k) \geq M$ and $s + W(k+1) \leq M$

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call SUMOFSUB($s, k+1, r - W(k)$)

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Back Tracking Algorithm for SUMO

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 $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

```
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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Initial call:
 $SUMOFSUB(0,1,\sum_{i=1}^n W(i))$

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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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Print the answer once found.
 No recursive call after finding an answer.

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Back Tracking Algorithm for SUMO

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
 $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + W(k+1) \leq M$

Do not check $\sum_{i=1}^k W(i)X(i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n W(i) \geq M$
 Initial: $s+r \geq M$ ($s=0, r=\sum_{i=1}^n W(i)$)

```
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))
```

If the bound function is satisfied, do recursive call.

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Check right son($X(k)=0$).

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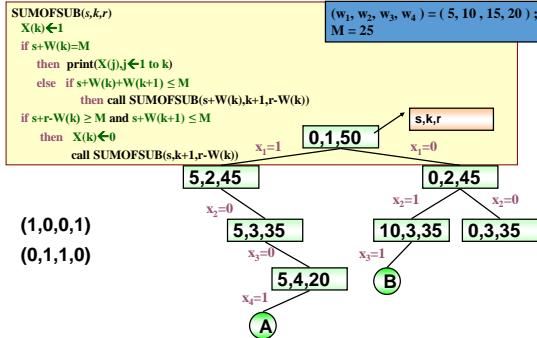
? why not use “ $k>n$ ” to stop recursion

At each call, $s < M$, and $s+r \geq M$, so $r > 0$, it is impossible that k be greater than n .

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Case study



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

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Design and Analysis of Algorithms Back-Tracking Algorithms Part III

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Back-Tracking Algorithms

Topics: •0/1 Knapsack problem

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0-1 knapsack problem

•0-1 knapsack problem

- 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

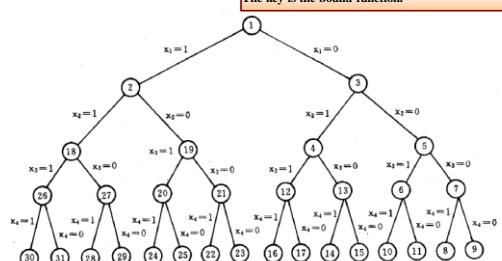
- A solution is defined as an n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , where $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. If item i is taken, then $x_i = 1$, otherwise $x_i = 0$.

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



State space tree for 0-1 knapsack problem

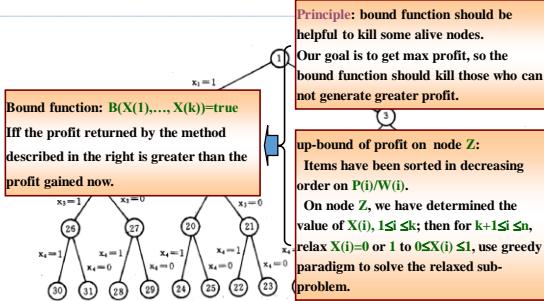
It is easy to determine $X(i)$ /generate problem state.
The key is the bound function.



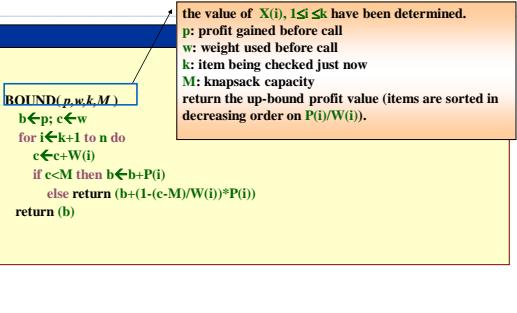
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Bound function



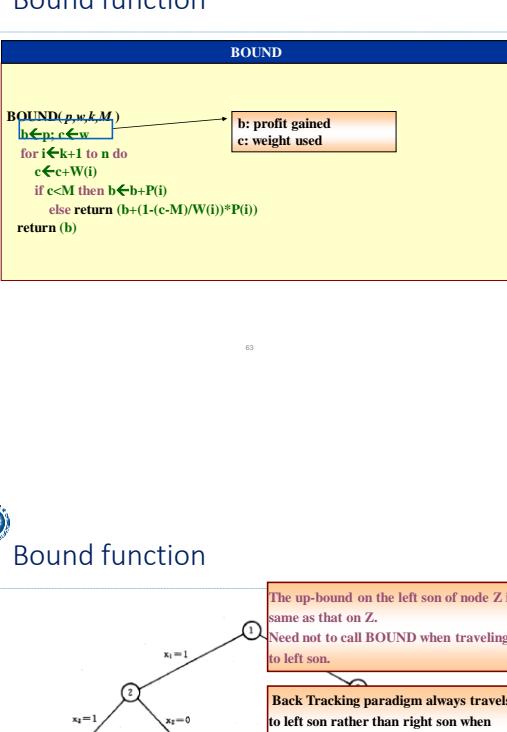
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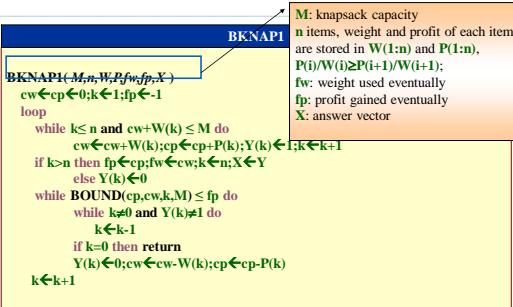


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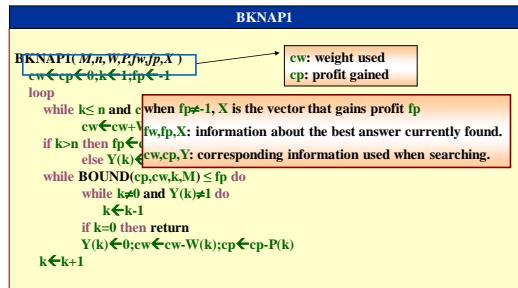
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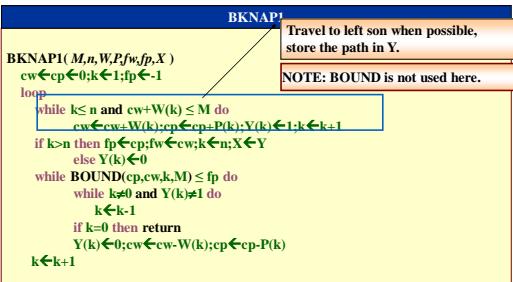
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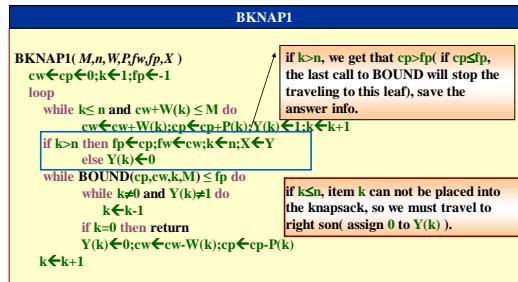
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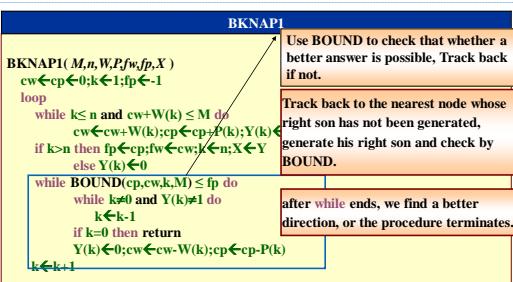
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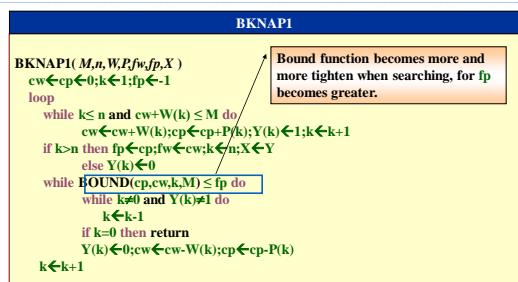
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Back Tracking Algorithm for 0-1 knapsack problem

BKNAP1

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BKNAP1( $M, n, W, P, fw, fp, X$ )
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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Case Study

M=110,n=8								
P	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W	1	11	21	23	33	43	45	55
	X(1)	X(2)	X(3)	X(4)	X(5)	X(6)	X(7)	X(8)

BKNAP1(M, n, W, P, fw, fp, X)

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  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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Homework

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

$$\bullet \quad n=3, \quad M=22, \quad (p_1, p_2, p_3)=(30, 18, 17),$$

$$\bullet \quad (w_1, w_2, w_3)=(15, 10, 10)$$

Case Study

M=110,n=8								
P	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W	1	11	21	31	33	43	53	55
	X(1)	X(2)	X(3)	X(4)	X(5)	X(6)	X(7)	X(8)

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.
 $\lfloor BOUND(\dots) \rfloor$ is better.

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