

R18 Subset Sum Variants

Knapsack

- Input: Knapsack with size S , want to fill with items each item i has size s_i and value v_i
- Output: A subset of items with sum $s_i \leq S$ maximizing value sum v_i
- Example: Items $\{(s_i, v_i) = \{(6,6), (9,9), (10,12)\}$, $S=15$

-Subproblems

Idea: Is last item in an optimal knapsack? (Guess!)

if yes, get value v_i and pack remaining space $S-s_i$

if no, then try to sum to S using remaining items

$x(i,j)$: maximum value by packing knapsack of size j using items 1 to i

-Relate

$$x(i, j) = \max\{v_i + x(i-1, j-s_i) \text{ if } j \geq s_i \text{ or } x(i-1, j) \text{ always}\}$$

for i in $\{0, \dots, n\}$, j in $\{0, \dots, S\}$

-Topo

subproblems $x(i,j)$ only depend on strictly smaller i , so acyclic

-Base

$$x(i, 0) = 0 \text{ for } i \text{ in } \{0, \dots, n\}$$

$$x(0, j) = 0 \text{ for } j \text{ in } \{1, \dots, S\}$$

-Original

Solve subproblems via recursive top down or iterative bottom up

Maximum evaluated expression is given by $x(n, S)$

Store parent pointers to reconstruct items to put in knapsack

-Time

number subproblems $O(nS)$

work per subproblem $O(1)$