

### 1. Solution:

We want the value of overall chance of the failure,  $1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - (1 - r_i)^{b_i})$ , to be as small as possible. Which

is equivalent to make  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - (1 - r_i)^{b_i})$  as large as possible. So, this question is to find the optimal combination of the number of backup subsystems for every subsystem, and make their cost is less or equal to  $B$ . Let  $dp[0..B]$  is an array,  $dp[i]$  denote that the maximal value of  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - (1 - r_i)^{b_i})$  when our budget is  $i$ .

Then we can get the following recurrence formula

(we go through  $n$  subsystems and select one subsystem from the  $n$  subsystems, say  $k$ , with cost  $c_k$ , to maximize  $dp[i]$ , which also means, minimize the failure rate):

$$dp[i] = (dp[i - c_k] \frac{1 - (1 - r_k)^{b_k + 1}}{1 - (1 - r_k)^{b_k}}) \quad \text{When } i - c_k \geq 0$$

In order to compute this value, we need to store the selection method of every budget  $i$ . That is, for every  $dp[i]$ , we will have a table  $T_i[1..n]$  to store the number of every subsystem. That's where we can get our  $b_k$  on the formula above ( $b_k = T_i[k]$ ). Obviously, for  $i = 0$ ,  $T_0[1..n] = [0, 0, \dots, 0]$  and

$dp[0] = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - (1 - r_i)^0) = 0$ . So, we have initialized our base problem. We can then compute  $dp[1]$ ,  $dp[2]$ , ...,  $dp[B]$ . Of course, we must also keep track of the value of  $T_i[1..n]$ . After we compute the  $dp[B]$ .

The  $T_B[1..n]$  will record the number of every subsystem that will get a maximal value of  $\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - (1 - r_i)^{b_i})$  (the probability of success). Total running time is  $O(Bn)$ , because for every  $i$ , we need  $O(n)$  time to compute the optimal combination and the optimal value  $dp[i]$ .

### 2. Solution:

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Alg:uniquePaths(self, m: int, n: int) -> int:
    d = [[1...1]...[1...1]] # n * m
    for col->1 to m:
        for row->1 to n:
            d[col][row] = d[col - 1][row] + d[col][row - 1]
    return d[m - 1][n - 1]
```

### 3. Solution:

Greedy Algorithm can be implemented to solve this problem:

1. Sort the items by the weight (increasing)
2. Take one item each time.

Proof:

It can be proven that the algorithm satisfies the greedy-choice property.

Greedy-choice property:

Suppose that exists an optimal solution that the item  $j$  is taken and the item  $i$  is not taken, while we have  $W_j > W_i$  and  $V_i < V_j$ . Then, we can take item  $j$  out of the knapsack and put item  $i$  in the knapsack to get a higher value solution. That is contradiction to the original solution being optimal.

Optimal substructure property:

If item  $j$  is removed from an optimal packing, the remaining packing is an optimal packing with weight at most  $W - w_j$  that can be taken from the  $n-1$  items other than  $j$ .

A solution not using greedy can also get full marks if it is right. However, the proof is necessary.

4.

Many kinds of solutions. Here some examples:

Dp:

```

1  enum Index {
2      GOOD, BAD, UNKNOWN
3  }
4
5  public class Solution {
6      Index[] memo;
7
8      public boolean canJumpFromPosition(int position, int[] nums) {
9          if (memo[position] != Index.UNKNOWN) {
10             return memo[position] == Index.GOOD ? true : false;
11          }
12
13          int furthestJump = Math.min(position + nums[position], nums.length - 1);
14          for (int nextPosition = position + 1; nextPosition <= furthestJump; nextPosition++) {
15              if (canJumpFromPosition(nextPosition, nums)) {
16                  memo[position] = Index.GOOD;
17                  return true;
18              }
19          }
20
21          memo[position] = Index.BAD;
22          return false;
23      }
24
25      public boolean canJump(int[] nums) {
26          memo = new Index[nums.length];
27          for (int i = 0; i < memo.length; i++) {
28              memo[i] = Index.UNKNOWN;
29          }
30          memo[memo.length - 1] = Index.GOOD;
31          return canJumpFromPosition(0, nums);
32      }
33  }

```

## Dp-bottom-up

```

1  enum Index {
2      GOOD, BAD, UNKNOWN
3  }
4
5  public class Solution {
6      public boolean canJump(int[] nums) {
7          Index[] memo = new Index[nums.length];
8          for (int i = 0; i < memo.length; i++) {
9              memo[i] = Index.UNKNOWN;
10          }
11          memo[memo.length - 1] = Index.GOOD;
12
13          for (int i = nums.length - 2; i >= 0; i--) {
14              int furthestJump = Math.min(i + nums[i], nums.length - 1);
15              for (int j = i + 1; j <= furthestJump; j++) {
16                  if (memo[j] == Index.GOOD) {
17                      memo[i] = Index.GOOD;
18                      break;
19                  }
20              }
21          }
22
23          return memo[0] == Index.GOOD;
24      }
25  }

```

## Greedy:

```
1 public class Solution {  
2     public boolean canJump(int[] nums) {  
3         int lastPos = nums.length - 1;  
4         for (int i = nums.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {  
5             if (i + nums[i] >= lastPos) {  
6                 lastPos = i;  
7             }  
8         }  
9         return lastPos == 0;  
10    }  
11 }
```