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3 **Solution 1:** Recursive solution with 2 options in each state. Either add or subtract element in `stones`. Use caching:  $O(\text{sum} \cdot L)$ .

```
def lastStoneWeightII(self, stones: List[int]) -> int:
    @lru_cache(None)
    def dfs(csum, i):
        if i < 0 and csum >= 0: return csum
        if i < 0: return float('inf')
        return min(dfs(csum+stones[i], i-1), dfs(csum-stones[i], i-1))
    return dfs(0, len(stones)-1)
```

**Solution 2:** Find subsequence with sum closest (and smaller) to  $\text{sum}(\text{stones})/2$ .

```
def lastStoneWeightII(self, stones: List[int]) -> int:
    @lru_cache(None)
    def dfs(diff, i):
        if diff < 0: return -float('inf')
        if i < 0 or diff == 0: return 0
        return max(stones[i] + dfs(diff - stones[i], i-1), dfs(diff, i-1))
    S = sum(stones)
    return S - int(2*dfs(S/2, len(stones)-1))
```

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        if i < 0 or diff == 0: return diff
        return min(dfs(diff - stones[i], i-1), dfs(diff, i-1))
    return int(2*dfs(sum(stones)/2, len(stones)-1))
```

**Solution 4:** DP. Find subsequence with sum closest (and smaller) to  $\text{sum}(\text{stones})/2$ . Similar to knapsack 0-1.

```
def lastStoneWeightII(self, stones: List[int]) -> int:
    # DP: O(sum*len(stones)) time and space
    L = len(stones)
    S = sum(stones)
    dp = [[0]*(S//2+1) for _ in range(L+1)]
    def lastStoneWeightII(self, stones: List[int]) -> int:
        # DP: O(sum*len(stones)) time and space
        L = len(stones)
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        for i in range(1, L+1):
            for j in range(1, S//2+1):
                if stones[i-1] <= j:
                    dp[i][j] = max(dp[i-1][j], stones[i-1]+dp[i-1][j-stones[i-1]])
                else:
                    dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j]
        return S - 2*dp[L][S//2]
```

**Solution 5:** DP but with  $O(\text{sum})$  in space.

```
def lastStoneWeightII(self, stones: List[int]) -> int:
    # DP: O(sum*len(stones)) time and O(sum) space
    S = sum(stones)
    dp = [0]*(S//2+1)
    for i in range(len(stones)):
        for j in range(S//2, stones[i]-1, -1):
            dp[j] = max(dp[j], stones[i]+dp[j-stones[i]])
    return S-2*dp[-1]
```

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