



Chapter 6

Dynamic Programming



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6.4 Knapsack Problem



Knapsack Problem

Knapsack problem.

- Given n objects $I = \{(w_i, v_i): i=1, \dots, n\}$ and a Knapsack
- Item i weighs $w_i > 0$ kilograms and has value $v_i > 0$.
- Knapsack has capacity of W kilograms.
- Feasible Sol: $S \subseteq I$ s.t. $\sum_{j \in S} w_j$
- Goal: fill knapsack so as to *maximize* total SUM of values: $\sum_{j \in S} V_j$

Input

Ex: $S = \{3, 4\}$ has value 40.

$$W = 11$$

#	value	weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Greedy: repeatedly add item with maximum ratio v_i / w_i .

Ex: $\{5, 2, 1\}$ achieves only value = 35 \Rightarrow *greedy not optimal*.

Dynamic Programming: 1st approach

Def. $OPT(i)$ = max profit subset of items $1, \dots, i$. (Which Ordering?)

- Case 1: OPT does not select item i .
 - OPT selects best of $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$
- Case 2: OPT selects item i . (Which sub-problems must recursively be invoked?)
 - accepting item i does not immediately imply that we will have to reject *other items* $k < i$.
 - without knowing what other items were selected before i , we don't even know if we have enough room for i

Conclusion: Need more sub-problems, i.e. more parameters than just index i



Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

Def. For any fixed pair $i \in I$ and $w \in \{0, 1, \dots, W\}$ consider:

$OPT(i, w) = \max$ profit subset of items $1, \dots, i$ with weight parameter w .

- . Case 1: OPT does not select item i .
 - OPT selects **best** of sub-probl $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$ using weight limit w
- . Case 2: OPT selects item i
 - . **new weight limit** = $w - w_i$
 - . OPT selects **best** of $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$ using this new weight limit

$$OPT(i, w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i-1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max\{ OPT(i-1, w), v_i + OPT(i-1, w - w_i) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}}$
 Case 1

$\xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}}$
 Case 2

Q. How to fill-up the matrix $M(i, w)$, for all $i = 1..n; w = 0..W$??

Answer: Nice Ordering Property

In order to compute row i ,
you need the values of rows $j < i$ only !



Knapsack Problem: Bottom-Up

Knapsack. Fill up an $n \times W$ array.

The **good ordering** for sub-problems

Initialization of the First row:
no Items in the solution!

To compute $M[i,w]$, we only need
values $M[i-1,w]$ and $M[i-1,w-w_i]$...
They are already there!

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Input:  $n, W, w_1, \dots, w_N, v_1, \dots, v_N$ 

for  $w = 0$  to  $W$ 
     $M[0, w] = 0$ 

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
    for  $w = 1$  to  $W$ 
        if  $(w_i > w)$ 
             $M[i, w] = M[i-1, w]$ 
        else
             $M[i, w] = \max \{M[i-1, w], v_i + M[i-1, w-w_i]\}$ 

return  $M[n, W]$ 
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Knapsack Algorithm

		W + 1 →											
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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	{ 1 }	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	{ 1, 2 }	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	{ 1, 2, 3 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
	{ 1, 2, 3, 4 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
	{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	28	29	34	34	40

OPT: { 4, 3 }
value = 22 + 18 = 40

W = 11

Item	Value	Weight
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Knapsack Problem: Running Time

Running time. $\Theta(n W)$.

- Not polynomial in input size!
- "*Pseudo-polynomial*."
- Decision version of Knapsack is NP-complete. [Chapter 8]

Knapsack approximation algorithm. There exists a poly-time algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 0.01% of optimum. [Section 11.8]



SELF TESTS at HOME

You should write on your notes

- Formalize the definition of Knapsack Problem
- Give a rigorous proof of the optimality of the $OPT(i,w)$ recursive formula in the first case (when i does not belong to the optimal solution). **Hint:** Use Exchange argument and Contradiction
- Give a concrete instance with at least 6 items. For any given entry $M[i,w]$ find exactly which are the (only) two previous entries required by the computation of $M[i,w]$
- Did you understand well why the proposed Dyn Programming for this problem is **not** polynomial? Give a formal argument for this issue.

