

DP Optimization

- Used for **optimization problems**
 - Find a solution with the optimal value (minimum or maximum)
 - There may be many solutions that lead to an optimal value
 - Our goal: **find an optimal solution**

Elements of Dynamic Programming

- Optimal Substructure
 - An optimal solution to a problem contains within it an optimal solution to subproblems
 - Optimal solution to the entire problem is built in a bottom-up manner from optimal solutions to subproblems
- Overlapping Subproblems
 - If a recursive algorithm revisits the same subproblems over and over \Rightarrow the problem has overlapping subproblems

Dynamic Programming Algorithm

1. **Characterize** the structure of an optimal solution
2. **Recursively** define the value of an optimal solution
3. **Compute** the value of an optimal solution in a bottom-up fashion
4. **Construct** an optimal solution from computed information

Knapsack problem

Given a set of items, each with a weight and a benefit (value), pack a knapsack with a subset of items to achieve the maximum total benefit (value). Total weight that can be carried in the knapsack is no more than some fixed number W .

There are two versions:

1. “0-1 knapsack problem” use DP
Items are indivisible: you either take an item or not.
2. “Fractional knapsack problem” Use a Greedy Method
Items are divisible: you can take any fraction of an item





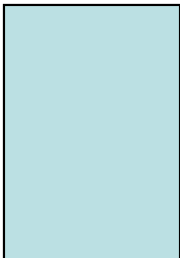
0-1 Knapsack problem:

This is a knapsack

Max weight: $W = 13$

Benefit = 0
Weight = 0



Items	Weight w_i	Benefit value b_i
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5	15
	10	16





0-1 Knapsack problem:

This is a knapsack

Max weight: $W = 13$

Benefit = 16
Weight = 10



Items	Weight w_i	Benefit value b_i
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5	15
	10	16



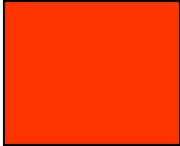
0-1 Knapsack problem:

This is a knapsack
Max weight: $W = 13$

Is this maximum ?

Benefit = 20
Weight = 13

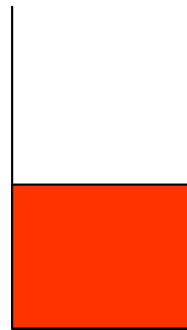





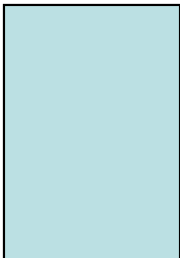
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Items	w_i	b_i
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5	15
	10	16

0-1 Knapsack problem:

This is a knapsack
Max weight: $W = 13$

Benefit = 15
Weight = 5



Items	Weight w_i	Benefit value b_i
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5	15
	10	16

0-1 Knapsack problem:

This is a knapsack

Max weight: $W = 13$

Benefit = 24
Weight = 12



Items



Weight

w_i

Benefit value

b_i

2

3

3

4

4

5

5

15

10

16



0-1 Knapsack Problem

- Given a knapsack with maximum capacity W , and a set S consisting of n items
- Each item i has some weight w_i and benefit value b_i (**all w_i and W are integer values**)
- Problem: How to pack the knapsack to achieve maximum total benefit of packed items?

0-1 Knapsack problem

Let S be the set of items represented by the ordered pairs (w_i, b_i) and W be the capacity of the knapsack.

Find a $T \subseteq S$ such that

$$\max \sum_{i \in T} b_i \text{ subject to } \sum_{i \in T} w_i \leq W$$

The problem is called a “0-1” problem, because each item must be entirely accepted or rejected.

0-1 Knapsack Brute-Force

Let's first solve this problem with a straightforward algorithm

- Since there are n items, there are 2^n possible combinations of items.
- We go through all combinations and find the one with the most total value and with total weight less or equal to W
- Running time will be $O(n2^n)$

Can we do better?

Yes, with an algorithm based on dynamic programming
We need to carefully identify the subproblems

Defining a Subproblem

If items are labeled $1..n$, then a subproblem would be to find an optimal solution for

$$S_k = \{items\ labeled\ 1, 2, .. k\}$$

- This is a valid subproblem definition.
- The question is: can we describe the final solution (S_n) in terms of subproblems (S_k)?
- Unfortunately, we can't do that.Why???

Defining a Subproblem

$w_1=2$ $b_1=3$	$w_2=4$ $b_2=5$	$w_3=3$ $b_3=4$	$w_4=5$ $b_4=8$?
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Max weight: $W = 20$

For S_4 : {1, 2, 3, 4}

Total weight: 14;
total benefit: 20

$w_1=2$ $b_1=3$	$w_3=4$ $b_3=5$	$w_4=5$ $b_4=8$	$w_5=9$ $b_5=10$
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For S_5 : { 1, 3, 4, 5 }

Total weight: 20
total benefit: 26

Item #	Weight w_i	Benefit b_i
1	2	3
2	3	4
3	4	5
4	5	8
5	9	10

S_4

S_5

Solution for S_4 is
not part of the
solution for S_5 !!!

Defining a Subproblem

- As we have seen, the solution for S_4 is not part of the solution for S_5
- So our definition of a subproblem is flawed and we need another one!
- Let's add another parameter: w , which will represent the exact weight for each subset of items
- The subproblem then will be to compute $B[k,w]$ which is the maximum benefit for total capacity w and items $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

Recursive Formula

$$B[k, w] = \begin{cases} B[k-1, w] & \text{if } w_k > w \\ \max \{ B[k-1, w], B[k-1, w - w_k] + b_k \} & w_k \leq w \end{cases}$$

The best subset of S_k that has the total weight w , either contains item k or not.

- **First case:** $w_k > w$. Item k can't be part of the solution, since if it was, the total weight would be $> w$. So we select the “optimal” using items $1, \dots, k-1$
- **Second case:** $w_k \leq w$. Then the item k can be in the solution, and we choose the case with greater value

Recursive Formula for subproblems

$$B[k, w] = \begin{cases} B[k-1, w] & \text{if } w_k > w \\ \max\{B[k-1, w], B[k-1, w-w_k] + b_k\} & \text{if } w_k \leq w \end{cases}$$

It means, that the best subset of S_k that has total weight w is one of the two:

Item k is too big to fit in the knapsack with capacity w

Do not use item k : the best subset of S_{k-1} that has total weight w , **or**

Use item k : the best subset of S_{k-1} that has total weight $w-w_k$ plus the item k with benefit b_k

0-1 Knapsack Algorithm

for $w = 0$ to W

$B[0,w] = 0$ // 0 item's

for $i = 0$ to n

$B[i,0] = 0$ // 0 weight

for $w = 1$ to W

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + B[i-1, w-w_i] > B[i-1, w]$

$B[i, w] = b_i + B[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$B[i, w] = B[i-1, w]$

else $B[i, w] = B[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$ item i is too big

Running time

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for w = 0 to W       $O(W)$   
  B[0,w] = 0  
  for i = 0 to n    Repeat  $n$  times  
    B[i,0] = 0  
    for w = 1 to W   $O(W)$   
      < the rest of the code >
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What is the running time of this algorithm?

$O(nW)$ pseudo-polynomial

Remember that the brute-force algorithm takes $O(n2^n)$.
Better than Brute force if $W \ll 2^n$



Example

Let's run our algorithm on the following data:

$n = 4$ (# of elements)


$W = 5$ (max weight)

Elements (weight, benefit):

$S = \{(2,3), (3,4), (4,5), (5,6)\}$

	i	0	1	2	3	4
w	0	0				
	1	0				
	2	0				
	3	0				
	4	0				
	5	0				

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



	i	0	1	2	3	4
w	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0					
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					

for $i = 0$ to n
 $B[i,0] = 0$

						Item : (w, b)	
						1: (2,3)	
w	i	0	1	2	3	4	
0		0	0	0	0	0	2: (3,4)
1		0 → 0					3: (4,5)
2		0					4: (5,6)
3		0					
4		0					
5		0					

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=1$

$w-w_i = -1$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + B[i-1, w-w_i] > B[i-1, w]$

$B[i, w] = b_i + B[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$B[i, w] = B[i-1, w]$

else $B[i, w] = B[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Item : (w, b)					
	0	1	2	3	4
w					
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0			
2	0	3			
3	0				
4	0				
5	0				

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=2$

$w-w_i=0$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + B[i-1, w-w_i] > B[i-1, w]$

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						Item : (w, b)	
						1: (2,3)	
						2: (3,4)	
						3: (4,5)	
						4: (5,6)	

Item : (w, b)					
	0	1	2	3	4
w					
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0			
2	0	3			
3	0	3			
4	0	3			
5	0				

$i=1$
 $b_i=3$
 $w_i=2$
 $w=4$
 $w-w_i=2$

1: (2,3)
 2: (3,4)
 3: (4,5)
 4: (5,6)

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Item : (w, b)					
	0	1	2	3	4
w					
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0		
2	0	3			
3	0	3			
4	0	3			
5	0	3			

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=1$

$w-w_i=-2$

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

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else $B[i, w] = B[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Item : (w, b)					
	0	1	2	3	4
w					
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0		
2	0	3	→ 3		
3	0	3			
4	0	3			
5	0	3			

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=2$

$w-w_i=-1$

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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1	0	0	0		
2	0	3	3		
3	0	3	4		
4	0	3			
5	0	3			

$i=2$
 $b_i=4$
 $w_i=3$
 $w=3$
 $w-w_i=0$

1: (2,3)
2: (3,4)
3: (4,5)
4: (5,6)

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Item : (w, b)					
	0	1	2	3	4
w					
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0 → 0		
2	0	3	3 → 3		
3	0	3	4 → 4		
4	0	3	4		
5	0	3	7		

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=1..3$

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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if $b_i + B[i-1, w-w_i] > B[i-1, w]$

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						Item : (w, b)	
						1: (2,3)	
						2: (3,4)	
						3: (4,5)	
						4: (5,6)	

Comments

- This algorithm only finds the max possible value that can be carried in the knapsack
- To know the items that make this maximum value, an addition to this algorithm is necessary
- See LCS algorithm for the example how to extract this data from the table we built using “parent pointers”.

Conclusion

- Dynamic programming is a useful technique of solving certain kind of problems
- When the solution can be recursively described in terms of partial solutions, we can store these partial solutions and re-use them as necessary
- Running time (Dynamic Programming algorithm vs. naïve algorithm):
 - LCS: $O(mn)$ vs. $O(n 2^m)$
 - 0-1 Knapsack problem: $O(Wn)$ vs. $O(n 2^n)$
Pseudo-polynomial