

## Worksheet 6

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### AIM:

Find a subset of a given set  $S=\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$  of  $n$  positive integers whose sum is equal to a given positive integer  $d$ . For example, if  $S=\{1, 2, 5, 6, 8\}$  and  $d=9$  there are two solutions  $\{1, 2, 6\}$  and  $\{1, 8\}$ . A suitable message is to be displayed if the given problem instance doesn't have a solution.

### Task To be Done:

- **Understand the Problem Requirements:**
  - Analyse the subset sum problem, which involves finding subsets of a given set that sum up to a target integer.
  - Determine and handle cases where no subset matches the desired sum by displaying an appropriate message.
- **Implement the Solution in Java:**
  - Create a Java program that recursively finds all subsets of a set  $SSS$  that sum to a given integer  $d$ .
  - Use recursion to explore both choices (including and excluding elements) for each element in the set.
  - Print each subset that sums to the target value.
  - Include base cases to handle when the subset sum matches the target, the target becomes negative, or the subset is empty.

### Source Code:

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
public class SubsetSum {
    public static void findSubsets(int[] S, int index, int target, List<Integer> currentSubset) {
        if (target == 0) {
            System.out.println("Subset found: " + currentSubset);
            return;
        }
        if (target < 0 || index == S.length) {
            return;
        }
        currentSubset.add(S[index]);
        findSubsets(S, index + 1, target - S[index], currentSubset);
        currentSubset.removeLast();
    }
}
```

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        findSubsets(S, index + 1, target, currentSubset);
    }
    public static void findSubsetsThatSumToTarget(int[] S, int target) {
        List<Integer> currentSubset = new ArrayList<>();
        findSubsets(S, 0, target, currentSubset);

        if (currentSubset.isEmpty()) {
            System.out.println("No subset found that sums up to " + target);
        }
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] S = {1, 2, 5, 6, 8};
        int target = 9;
        System.out.println("Finding subsets in the set " + java.util.Arrays.toString(S) + " that sum up to " + target +
        ":");
        findSubsetsThatSumToTarget(S, target);
    }
}
```

### Output:

```
"C:\Program Files\Java\jdk-22\bin\java.exe" "-javaagent:C:\Program
Finding subsets in the set [1, 2, 5, 6, 8] that sum up to 9:
Subset found: [1, 2, 6]
Subset found: [1, 8]
No subset found that sums up to 9

Process finished with exit code 0
```

### Learning Outcome:

- **Understanding Recursion:**
  - Gain a deeper understanding of recursive programming techniques, especially for problems that involve exploring multiple choices and paths.
  - Learn to apply recursion for subset generation and backtracking, which is useful in many algorithmic problems.
- **Subset Sum Problem Solving:**
  - Develop problem-solving skills for the subset sum problem, a classic problem in computer science, and recognize its applications in other fields like combinatorial optimization.
  - Learn to implement and understand the logic behind exploring all subsets of a set and identifying specific conditions for successful subset matches.