

## O/I Knapsack Problem

(using backtracking)

When  $n$  elements are given which have  $w_i$  as the weights associated with them, &  $p_i$  as the profits associated with them.

It is required to fill the Knapsack of capacity  $m$  such that:-

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} w_i x_i \leq m \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} p_i x_i \text{ is maximized}$$

and  $x_i$  = is either 0 or 1.

The solution space for this problem consists of  $2^n$  distinct ways to assign 0 or 1 values to the  $x_i$ 's.

The backtracking technique to solve this problem involves a recursive function:-

void BKnap (int R, float cp, float cw)

where,  $R$  is the index of the last element removed item

$cp$  is the current profit total

$cw$  is the current weight total

B Knap function uses another function

which is:-

float Bound (float cp, float cw, int k)

Function Bound ( $cp, cw, k$ ) determines an upper bound on the best solution obtainable by expanding any node  $Z$  at level  $k+1$  of the state space tree.

If at node  $Z$ , the values of  $x_i$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) have already been determined, then an upper bound for  $Z$  can be obtained by relaxing the requirement  $x_i = 0$  or 1 to  $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$  for  $(k+1) \leq i \leq n$ .

(means) :- rather than values 0 or 1, value between 0 and 1 is allowed i.e. fractional value for the items from  $(k+1)$  to  $n$ , it is just to compute upper bound for the given situation.)

After relaxing the requirement, [the greedy] algorithm is used to solve the relaxed problem.

It is assumed that :-

$$\left[ \frac{p_i}{w_i} \geq \frac{p_{i+1}}{w_{i+1}} \right]$$

(i.e. decreasing order of  $\frac{p}{w}$  of items is considered).

float Bound (float cp, float cw, int k)

{

// cp is current profit total  
 // cw is current weight total  
 // k is the index of the last removed item  
 // m is the knapsack size.

float b = cp;  
 float c = cw;

for (int i = k+1; i <= n; i++)

{

c = c + w[i];

weight if we  
 add  
 element in  
 knapsack

if (c < m) // if feasible

true } { b = b + p[i]; } // also

consider  
 profit associated

false

else // if not feasible

{ return (b + (1 - (c-m)/w[i]) \* p[i]); }

}

return (b);

}

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 consider the fraction  
 of that element  
 then multiply  
 by profit

then add  
 it to the total profit gained.

Note:

$$\left[ 1 - \frac{(c-m)}{w_i} \right] = \frac{U}{w_i}$$

as was in Knapsack  
 algo using greedy  
 method.

The recursive backtracking algorithm for solving Knapsack Problem considers the following ob' values:-

$m \rightarrow$  size of the Knapsack

$n \rightarrow$  no. of elements (i.e. number of weights & profits)

$w[] \rightarrow$  weights

$p[] \rightarrow$  profit

Decreasing order of: -  $p_i / w_i$  as follows: -

$$\frac{p_i}{w_i} > = \frac{p_{i+1}}{w_{i+1}}$$

$fw \rightarrow$  final weight of Knapsack

$fp \rightarrow$  final maximum profit

$fp$  is initially set as  $-1$ . (i.e.  $fp = -1$ )

$x[R] = 0$ , if  $w[R]$  is not in the Knapsack

$x[R] = 1$ , if  $w[R]$  is in the Knapsack.

$x_i = 1$

$x_i = 0$

Left child

Right child

Recursive BACKTRACKING ALGO. for Knapsack problem.

cp → current profit total

cw → current weight total

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BKnap(1, 0, 0)

Void BKnap(int k, float cp, float cw)

{

// Generate left child

if (cw + w[k] <= m)

// feasible?

{ y[k] = 1;

// include the element

if (k < n)

{

}

BKnap(k+1, cp + p[k], cw + w[k]);

if ((cp + p[k] > fp) && (k == n))

{ fp = cp + p[k];

fw = cw + w[k];

for (int j=1; j <= k; j++)

{

x[j] = y[j];

}

}

}

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// Generate right child

if ( $\text{Bound}(cp, cw, k) \geq fp$ )

{

$y[k] = 0$ ; // do not include element

if ( $k < n$ )

{

}

.BKnap( $k+1, cp, cw$ ); // recursive call for other elements

if ( $(cp > fp) \&& (k == n)$ )

{

$fp = cp$ ;

$fw = cw$ ;

for (int  $j=1$ ;  $j \leq k$ ;  $j++$ )

{  $x[j] = y[j]$

}

}

}

}

Note:- The bounding function need not be used whenever the backtracking algorithm makes a move to the left child of a node, since the bound for a feasible left child of a node  $i$  is the same as that for  $i$ .

\* Steps to solve knapsack problem using backtracking :-

- Arrange items in ~~non~~ decreasing order of  $\frac{p_i}{w_i}$ . (i.e.  $\frac{p_i}{w_i} \geq \frac{p_{i+1}}{w_{i+1}}$ )  
(i.e. non-increasing order)
- Find Upper Bound Value.

The upper bound is a value which can be generated by applying greedy algorithm and relaxing the requirement as  $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$ . i.e. allowing fractions.

- Generate State Space tree
- Follow Depth-first generation while expanding state space tree.

Example of a 0/1 Knapsack problem being solved by using backtracking algorithm design technique :-

Item	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
$p$	45	30	45	10
$w$	3	5	9	5
$p/w$	15	6	5	2

Capacity of Knapsack : -  $m=16$

Step :-

Sol :- The items are arranged in the non-increasing order of  $\frac{p_i}{w_i}$  i.e.

in decreasing order of  $\frac{p_i}{w_i}$ .

$$\text{So, } \frac{p_1}{w_1} \geq \frac{p_2}{w_2} \geq \frac{p_3}{w_3} \geq \frac{p_4}{w_4}$$

for all the items :-

$x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$

Then, we will generate state space tree and will compute upper bound when required by using greedy algorithm and relaxing the requirement as  $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$

(Note:- UB is upper bound)

(Initial state)	$C_p = 0, C_w = 0$ $UB = 115$	<u>Root Node</u>
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No item is selected yet.

so,  $C_p$  = current profit total = 0  
 $C_w$  = current weight total = 0

UB calculation is done by using greedy approach as follows:—

\* Selecting first object  $x_1$ .

$$P_1 = 45, W_1 = 3 \quad m = 16.$$

$3 < 16$ , so selected

Remaining

weight of Knapsack is

$$16 - 3 = 13$$

\* Selecting second item  $x_2$

$$P_2 = 30, W_2 = 5 < 13 \quad \checkmark \text{ Selected}$$

Remaining weight of Knapsack

$$13 - 5 = 8$$

\* Selecting third element  $x_3$

$$p_3 = 45, \quad w_3 = 9 < 8 \text{ is false}$$

so, fraction can be selected as follows:-

$$x_3 = \frac{\text{Remaining weight of Knapsack}}{\text{Actual weight of item}}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{8}{9}$$

So, profit earned will also be  $p_3 x_3 = 45 \times \frac{8}{9}$

Upper bound at Root Node is computed as follows using greedy approach:-

UB calculation	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
P	45	30	$45 \times \frac{8}{9} = 40$
w	3	5	8 out of 9 i.e. $\frac{8}{9}$ wt = $3 + 5 + \frac{8}{9} = 16 = m$

Means, if greedy approach is followed and fractions are also allowed, then the expected maximum profit i.e. Upper bound at root node is :-

$$\boxed{UB = 45 + 30 + 40 = 115}$$

Root Node

$C_P = 0, C_W = 0$   
 $UB = 115$

$x_1 = 1$

(selecting item  $x_1$ )

$C_P = 45, C_W = 3$

$UB = 115$

$UB$  is same  
in left child

$x_1 = 0$  (not selecting  
item  $x_1$ )

$C_P = 0, C_W = 0$

$UB = 79$

$UB$  is  
changed  
because we  
are not selecting

item  $x_1$ . So,

greedy approach is applied  
again to compute upper  
bound but starting selecting  
the items from  $x_2$  onwards.

So, upper bound  
for profit is

$$UB = 30 + 45 + 4 \\ = 79$$

$UB$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
P	X	30	45	$10 \times \frac{2}{5} = 4$
W	X	5	9	2 out of 5 i.e. $\frac{2}{5}$

$$W = 5 + 9 + \left(\frac{2}{5} \times 5\right) = 16 = m$$

$$5+9=14 \text{ remaining wt} = 16 - 14 = 2$$

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	Given Values
P	45	30	45	10	
W	3	5	9	5	

$m=16$

O/I Knapsack Problem being solved by backtracking technique:-

