

# Problem Solving Homework (Week 11)

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## JH Chapter 4

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DUAL PTAS FOR KNAPSACK

Input: Positive integers  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, b, c_1, \dots, c_n$  for some  $n \in N$ , and some positive real number  $\epsilon$ ,  $1 > \epsilon > 0$ .

Step 1: Regularize the cost and capacity, i.e.,  $c'_i = c_i / (\max\{c_1, \dots, c_n\})$ , and  $b' = b / (\max\{c_1, \dots, c_n\})$ .

Step 2: Sort  $c_i/w_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Step 3: Use BIN-PTAS on the regularized  $c'_1, \dots, c'_n$  and  $b'$ .

But first choose the items  $i$  with a high  $c_i/w_i$ . Besides the numbers of all bins should never exceed  $b'$ .

Output: The best  $T^*$  constructed in Step 3.