

1. Exact Algorithm

The input is an array of integers, a . Let $b(k, s)$ denote whether we can pick up from first k integers that sums up to exactly s , or half the sum of all integers in given set. Then we apply dynamic programming to obtain an answer to the decision problem.

Algorithm 1 Partition(a)

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 $k \leftarrow a.length$ 
 $s \leftarrow 0$ 
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $k-1$  do
     $s \leftarrow s+a[i]$ 
end for
if  $s$  is odd then
    return false
else
     $s \leftarrow s/2$ 
end if
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $s$  do
     $b(0,i) \leftarrow \text{false}$ 
end for
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $k$  do
     $b(i,0) \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
end for
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $k$  do
    for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $s$  do
        if  $i-a[j-1] \geq 0$  then
             $b(i,j) \leftarrow b(i,j-1) \text{ or } b(i-a[j-1],j-1)$ 
        else
             $b(i,j) \leftarrow b(i,j-1)$ 
        end if
    end for
end for
return  $b(k,s)$ 
=0
  
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2. 2-Partition is in NP.

A certificate of this problem is a subset of positive integers that makes up S (or T , does not matter). We can check in polynomial time whether the sum of S equals that of T .

3. 2-Partition is NP-Complete.

Now that 2-Partition is in NP, we only need to prove that it is also NP-Hard as follows.

- **Reduction**

Given a 2-Subset-Sum instance x with a set of numbers A , we are able to construct a 2-Partition instance x' with B in the way describe below. For each number in A , we add it to B . The target sum s in x' is half the sum of all integers in A .

The reduction function runs in polynomial time $O(|A|)$.

- **Claim 1: If $x \in \text{2-PARTITION}$, then $x' \in \text{2-Subset-Sum}$.**

If N can be partitioned into two subsets with equal sum, then there exists two subsets of N , each of which sums up to s . If an integer in x belongs to one certain partition, then we choose its

related integer in x' . Thus we have a set of integers that sums up to half the total sum of the original N . By construction, this number equals s . Therefore x' is satisfactory.

- **Claim 2: If $x' \in \mathbf{2\text{-}Subset\text{-}Sum}$, then $x \in \mathbf{2\text{-}PARTITION}$.**

If x' is satisfactory, we can pick up a set of integers in A that sums up to s . If an integer in x' is picked, we put its related integer to the first partition in x ; otherwise, if it is not picked, we put it to the second one. We realized that both partitions sum up to s . Therefore x is satisfactory.