

CS325 Winter 2013: HW 3

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Problem: Knapsack without repetitions. Consider the following knapsack problem: The total weight limit $W = 10$ and

Item	Weight	Value
1	6	\$30
2	3	\$14
3	4	\$16
4	2	\$9

Solve this problem using the dynamic programming algorithm presented in class. Please show the two dimensional table $L(w, j)$ for $w = 0, 1, \dots, W$ and $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

Solution:

Proof.

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Problem: Give a dynamic programming algorithm for solving the following problem.

Input: A list of n positive integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and a number t .

Goal: Decide if some subset of the a_i 's add up to t . (You can use each a_i at most once.)

The running time should be $O(nt)$.

Consider the subproblem $L(i, s)$, which returns the answer of “Does a subset of a_1, \dots, a_i sum up to s ?”. Below are some substeps that will help you develop your algorithm.

- a What are the two options we have regarding item i toward answering the subproblem $L(i, s)$?
- b For each of the option, how would it change the subproblem? More specifically, what happens to the target sum and what happens to the set of available integers?
- c Based on the answers to the previous two questions, write a recursive formula that expresses $L(i, s)$ using the solutions to smaller subproblems.
- d Provide pseudocode for the dynamic programming algorithm that builds the solution table $L(i, s)$ and returns the correct answer to the final problem.
- e Modify the pseudocode such that it will not only return the correct “yes”, “no” answer, but also return the exact subset if the answer is “yes”.

Solution:

Proof.

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6.2 from book: You are going on a long trip. You start on the road at mile post 0. Along the way there are n hotels, at mile posts $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$, where each a_i is measured from the starting point. The only places you are allowed to stop are at these hotels, but you can choose which of the hotels you stop at. You must stop at the final hotel (at distance a_n), which is your destination.

You'd ideally like to travel 200 miles a day, but this may not be possible (depending on the spacing of the hotels). If you travel x miles during a day, the penalty for that day is $(200 - x)^2$. You want to plan your trip so as to minimize the total penalty—that is, the sum, over all travel days, of the daily penalties. Give an efficient algorithm that determines the optimal sequence of hotels at which to stop.

Solution:

Proof.

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6.8 from book: Given two strings $x = x_1x_2 \cdots x_n$ and $y = y_1y_2 \cdots y_m$, we wish to find the length of their longest common substring, that is, the largest k for which there are indices i and j with $x_ix_{i+1} \cdots x_{i+k-1} = y_jy_{j+1} \cdots y_{j+k-1}$. Show how to do this in time $O(mn)$.

Solution:

Proof.

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