

## Problem statement

A thief robbing a store finds  $n$  items; the  $i$ th item is worth  $v_i$  dollars and weights  $w_i$  pounds. He wants to take as valuable a load as possible, but he can carry at most  $W$  pounds in his knapsack. What items should be taken?

Formally, the problem can be stated as follows:

- Input:  $n$  items of values  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and of the weight  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ , and a total weight  $W$ , where  $v_i$ ,  $w_i$  and  $W$  are positive integers.
- Output: a subset  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of the items such that

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} w_i \leq W \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} v_i \quad \text{is maximized.}$$

This is called the **0-1 knapsack problem** because each item must either be taken or left behind; the thief cannot take a fractional amount of an item or take an item more than once.

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### Example

$$n = 9,$$

$$v = \langle 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 7, 8, 8 \rangle,$$

$$w = \langle 3, 5, 7, 4, 3, 9, 2, 11, 5 \rangle,$$

$$W = 15.$$

Max benefit from  
problem at left

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– why?

set of items to take  
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ALGORITHM BruteForce (Weights [N], Values [N], N, Capacity )

//Finds the best possible combination of items for the KP

//Input: Array Weights contains the weights of all items

Array Values contains the values of all items

Array A initialized with 0s is used to generate the bit strings

//Output: Best possible combination of items in the knapsack bestChoice [N]

for  $i = 1$  to  $2^N$  do

$j \leftarrow N$

    tempWeight  $\leftarrow 0$

    tempValue  $\leftarrow 0$

    while (  $A[j] \neq 0$  and  $j > 0$  )

$A[j] \leftarrow 0$

$j \leftarrow j - 1$

$A[j] \leftarrow 1$

    for  $k \leftarrow 0$  to  $N - 1$  do

        if ( $A[k] = 1$ ) then

            tempWeight  $\leftarrow$  tempWeight + Weights[k]

            tempValue  $\leftarrow$  tempValue + Values[k]

    if ((tempValue > bestValue) AND (tempWeight  $\leq$  Capacity)) then

        bestValue  $\leftarrow$  tempValue

        bestWeight  $\leftarrow$  tempWeight

        bestChoice  $\leftarrow A$

return bestChoice

for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

$$c[i, w] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } w \leq 0 \\ \max(v_i + c[i-1, w-w_i], c[i-1, w]) & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } w_i \leq w \\ c[i-1, w] & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } w_i > w \end{cases}$$

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