

Introduction to Algorithms: 50.004
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Problem set 4

Due date and submission directions: Please check class website.
You have to do this problem set in a group of 2 to 3 students (3 recommended).
Please include name and student id of all members in the email.

(50 points) Dynamic programming – knapsack problem

You have a bag of capacity 6. Now there are 4 pieces of gold in front of you:

Piece number k	G ₁	G ₂	G ₃	G ₄
Value v(k)	2	3	4	7
Weight w(k)	1	2	3	5

To collect gold with the maximum value, we use the following dynamic programming approach:

$$B_k(N) = \text{optimal value collected with bag of capacity } N, \text{ using gold } G_1 \text{ to } G_k$$

$$= \max \{ v(k) + B_{k-1}(N-w(k)), B_{k-1}(N) \}$$

$$B_k(0) = 0$$

$$\text{For example, } B_2(3) = \max \{ v(2) + B_{2-1}(3-w(2)), B_{2-1}(3) \}$$

$$= \max \{ 3 + B_1(3-2), B_1(3) \}$$

$$= \max \{ 5, 2 \} = 5$$

Here it is a table of B(N):

N = Bag capacity	1	2	3	4	5	6
G ₁	2 (G ₁)	2	2	2	2	2
G ₁ , G ₂	2	3 (G ₂)	5 (G ₁ +G ₂)	5	5	5
G ₁ , G ₂ , G ₃	2	3	5	6 (G ₁ +G ₃)	6	9 (G ₁ +G ₂ +G ₃)
G ₁ , G ₂ , G ₃ , G ₄	2	3	5	6	7 (G ₄)	9

Todo:

Write knapsack.py that solve the knapsack problem. We provided input1.txt and input2.txt for you to test your program. We provided knapsack.py as a skeleton.

You can either use our knapsack.py or write your own code. But your code must print the output in the following format.

Knapsack.py input2.txt should give:

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Best possible total value: 9
Items:
Value: 2, Weight: 1
Value: 3, Weight: 2
Value: 4, Weight: 3
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Knapsack.py input2.txt should give:

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Best possible total value: 309
Items:
Value: 92, Weight: 23
Value: 57, Weight: 31
Value: 49, Weight: 29
Value: 68, Weight: 44
Value: 43, Weight: 38
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- The items need to be printed in descending order of value/weight.
- Note: you will find that the Greedy Algorithm is poorer compared with the dynamic programming approach