GTU Department of Computer Engineering CSE 331/503 - Fall 2020 Homework 2 Report

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Problem Definition

The problem is to find if a subset of given array elements can sum up to the target num. This problem called as SUBSETSUM which is one of the popular problem in dynamic programming.

Inputs: arr(Array), num(target sum), size(size of Array)

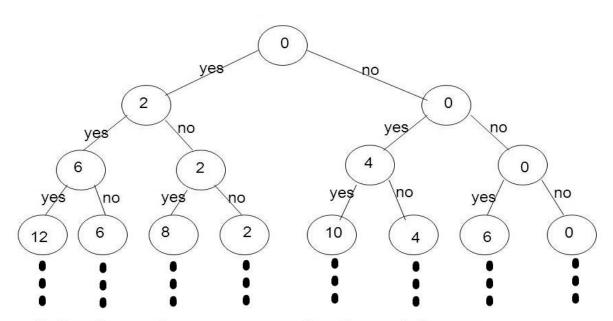
Output: Possible or Not possible (0 or 1)

My Solution

Since, this problem is a recursive backtracking problem I made my algorithm by using following approach.

To solve this problem, I have two value **current sum** and **total sum**. While searching a solution I am checking two cases, one of **include current element** of array into the sum and try to find solution or **not include current** element of array into the sum and try to find solution. To get better performance, if current sum exceed the target, I will terminate that search and if total sum is less than target again I will terminate that search.

In the following sample picture **yes** stands for continue **no** stands for not continue to search.



Each node contains current sum and total sum of elements

Note: To implement this algorithm in C++ I had to use helper function for extra parameters. I will mention about this next page.

My Functions in C++

First function is given function in homework I used it to check some extreme cases such as num is equal to 0 which is already Not Possible case and to initialize variables such as total sum.

Second Function is my recursive function with following properties;

Parameters:

total sum: total sum of given array (sum of all element in the array)

current sum: sum of subsets (initialized with 0)

index: current index of array (initialized with 0)

res = result of recursive search 0 or 1 (initialized with 0)

Output:

Output result is in res parameter as 0 or 1.

Note: I have also **test()** function I will explain it at end of this report.

Recursive Calls;

```
if (current_sum + arr[index] <= num && res == 0)
{
    CheckSumPossibilityHelper(num, arr, size, total_sum - arr[index], current_sum + arr[index], index + 1, res);
}
if (current_sum + total_sum - arr[index] >= num && res == 0)
{
    CheckSumPossibilityHelper(num, arr, size, total_sum - arr[index], current_sum, index + 1, res);
}
else
    return;
```

Note that in these recursive calls we are making **2 optimization** mentioned in homework pdf file;

- a. you must ignore the next recursive calls when the sum exceeded the target number num.
 - In if part I am checking this with "<=" operator

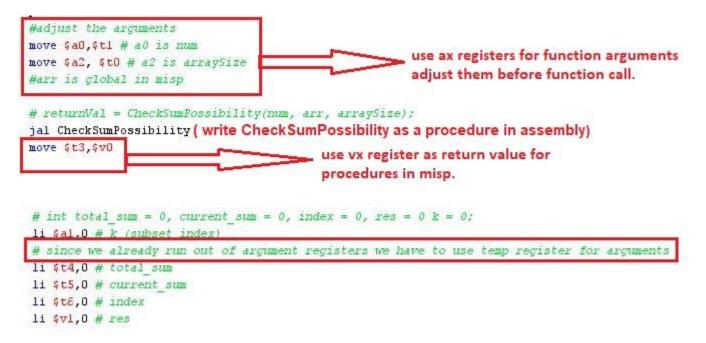
b. your program should stop when only one possible combination is found.

- In if part I am checking this with res variable
- Also in base case I am checking this.

Some Information about the my program

- > I removed bonus part in C++ to make understanding easier.
- In C++ part I didn't change **given main function** so give numbers according to this. You can check test results for this. (just hit enter after each number array size times.)

Obeying the contract in mips



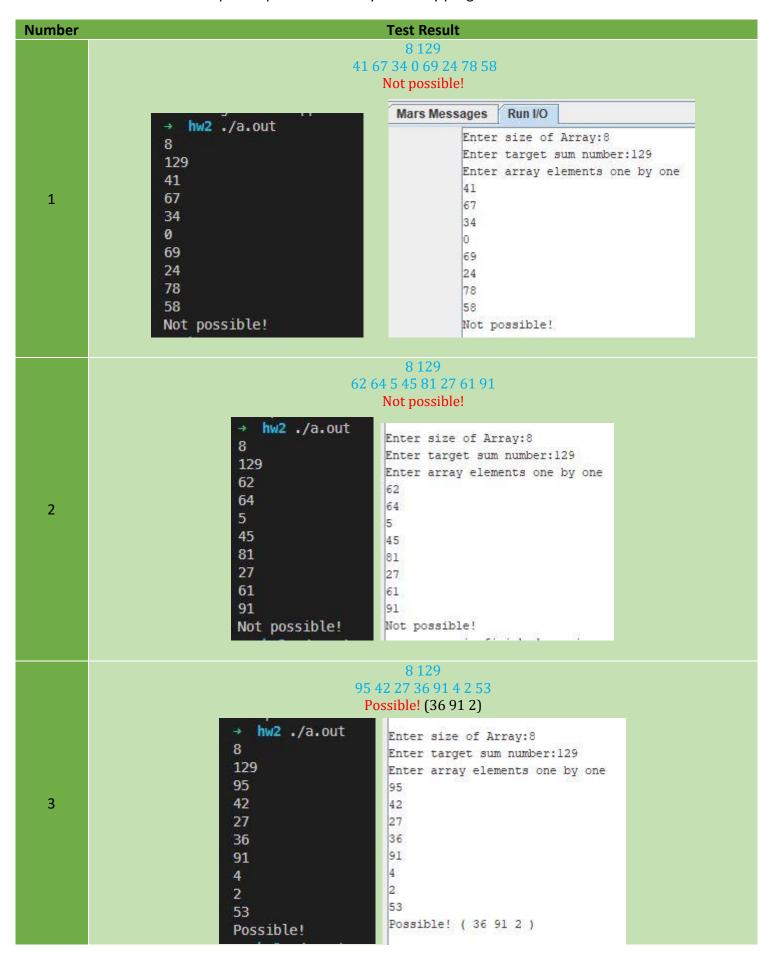
Note About Mars Part: In mars part I didn't use memory for variables other than arrays. Because this is the mips rule, if registers are enough to perform operations don't use memory for better performance.

Information about my helper function



Test Results(C++ and Mars Parts)

Note that bonus part implemented in my assembly program.



```
8 1 2 9
                                             92 82 21 16 18 95 47
                                              Possible! (92 21 16)
                                                  Enter size of Array:8
                           → hw2 ./a.out
                                                  Enter target sum number:129
                           8
                                                  Enter array elements one by one
                           129
                           92
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                                            71 38 69 12 67 99 35 94
                                                Possible! (35 94)
                             hw2 ./a.out
                                                  Enter size of Array:8
                                                  Enter target sum number:129
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                                                  Enter array elements one by one
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                                                  Possible! ( 35 94 )
                          Possible!
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                                             3 11 22 33 73 64 41 11
                                                 Not possible!
                               hw2 ./a.out
                                                   Enter size of Array:8
                            8
                                                   Enter target sum number:129
                            129
                                                   Enter array elements one by one
                            3
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                            11
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                            22
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                            73
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                            41
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                            11
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                            Not possible!
                                                   Not possible!
                                                     3 10
                                                     2 4 10
                                                 Possible! (10)
                              hw2 ./a.out
                                                   Enter size of Array:3
                           3
                                                   Enter target sum number:10
7
                           10
                                                   Enter array elements one by one
                           2
                                                   2
                                                   4
                           4
                                                   10
                           10
                                                   Possible! ( 10 )
                           Possible!
```

Bonus Test Results about Optimization

- ➤ I tested my algorithm with given sample txt file "Prob2_SampleOutput_Optimized.txt".
- In these tests I read each array from **example.txt** which is same as "Prob2_SampleOutput_Optimized.txt" but only contains array and target number then, I tested with my solution these arrays after that I wrote the result in the my_results.txt file.

Note: If you want to see my test results just uncommented line 41 in my main function and comment other parts of main and run program results will be in the my results.txt.

Comparison between Results (My results won!)

If we compare my results and given Optimized results we will observe that either my results are correct or my average number of function call is lower than given sample file.

My number of function call average is: 630/25: 25.2

Given Sample File number of function call average is: 726/25: 29.04

In some cases my number of call count can be higher but important part is in general not just one case.

Measuring number of function call

To measure My number of function call I just add two line in my algorithm;

```
else
{
    if (current_sum + arr[index] <= num && res == 0)
    {
        nofCount++;
        //include current element into the sum and call again
        CheckSumPossibilityHelper(num, arr, size, total_sum - arr[index], current_sum + arr[index], index + 1, res);
    }
    if (current_sum + total_sum - arr[index] >= num && res == 0)
    {
        nofCount++;
        //don t include current element into the sum and call again
        CheckSumPossibilityHelper(num, arr, size, total_sum - arr[index], current_sum, index + 1, res);
    }
    else // ignore the next recursive calls if conditions are not match.
        return;
}
```

In test function I just read given 25 array in sample file and I checked them with my algorithm and I printed the result into my_results.txt file.

Last Update! (I did many:))

After last PS, I started to print number of function call as in following example;

```
→ 171044098 g++ hw2.cpp

→ 171044098 ./a.out

3

10

2 4 6

Possible!

Number of function calls: 5
```

So many thing has changed and my report expand with these

changes.