

## Solution using Branch-and-bound

- Create three solution structures: parent, child1 and child2
- Start with the empty solution vector, i.e. set all the vector's items to 0.  $\leftarrow$  parent
- Compute value and upper bound of parent
- Set current best solution to parent's value
- Store parent in priority queue
- Then:

while ( queueSize > 0 and parent.upperBound > currentBestSolution )

parent = removeMax() // from priority queue

child1.solutionVector = parent.solutionVector

child2.solutionVector = parent.solutionVector

Add a 1 to child1's solutionVector

Add a 0 to child2's solutionVector

Compute value and upperBound for child1

if (feasible)

if (child1.value > currentBestSolution)

currentBestSolution = child1.value

finalSolution = child1.solutionVector

insertToQueue(child1)

Compute value and upperBound for child2

if (feasible)

if (child2.value > currentBestSolution)

currentBestSolution = child2.value

finalSolution = child2.solutionVector

insertToQueue(child2)

return finalSolution

Complexity of B&B

$O(2^n)$ , i.e. exponential but on average way better than brute force because many paths are ignored.