

# Dynamic programming (knapsack problem)

Reading: Kleinberg & Tardos

Ch. 6

CLRS Ch. 15

## Shopping spree

You just won a contest for a shopping spree at your favorite store! You've been given a knapsack and 15 minutes to run through the store and fill it with whatever you want. It's your favorite store, so you know the prices and sizes of every item (of course).



*What is your strategy to maximize the value of your contest loot?*

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- Fractional knapsack can be solved by greedy
  - Determine value density  $V[i]/S[i]$  for each item, fill greedily

<https://www.maxi-muth.de/files/knapsack/>

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# Knapsack: recursive

Recursively consider first  $i$  items; find max value knapsack can hold.

Assume  $V$  value array and  $S$  size array are

knapsack(  $W$  ):

    return knapsack(  $n$ ,  $W$  )

knapsack(  $i$ ,  $W$  ):

    if (  $i == 0$  ): return 0

    else:

        if  $S[i] > W$ :

            return knapsack(  $i-1$ ,  $W$  )

        else:

            return max(

$V[i] + \text{knapsack}( i-1, W - S[i] )$ , // with item  $i$

$\text{knapsack}( i-1, W )$  ) // without item  $i$

- Arbitrarily order the items.
- Why does particular order not matter?
- Either item is in optimal solution or not, but *when* it is added does not impact optimal solution.



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# Knapsack: recursive with memoization

*Assume  $V$  value array and  $S$  size array are global variables*

$M = \text{new int}[n+1][W+1]$       *//  $M[i][w]$ : max value of capacity  $w$  for first  $i$  items*

assign  $M[i][w] = -1$  for all  $i, w$       *//  $M[i][w]$ : -1 not yet computed*

knapsack(  $W$  ): return knapsack(  $n, W$  )

knapsack(  $i, W$  ):

    if  $M[i][W] \neq -1$ : return  $M[i][W]$       *//  $M[i][W]$  already computed*

    if (  $i == 0$  ):       $M[i][W] = 0$       *// base case: no items*

    else:      *// recursive case:*

        if  $S[i] > W$ :      *// too big to fit in (empty) knapsack*

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    return  $M[i][W]$

# Knapsack: bottom up with memoization

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knapsack(  $W$  ):

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M = new int[n+1][W+1]           // M[i][w]: max value capacity w & first i items
for w = 0 to W: M[0][w] = 0      // base case: no items
for i from 1 to n:              // for each item to additionally consider
    for w from 0 to W:          // for each capacity
        if S[i] > w:           // too big to fit in (empty) knapsack
            M[i][w] = M[i-1][w] // max value is same w, one less item
        else:
            M[i][w] = max(
                V[i] + M[i-1][w - S[i]], // with item i
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return M[n][W]
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- Pseudocode:

initialize  $i = n, w = W$

includedItems = {}

while (  $i > 0$  ):      // for each item

    if  $M[i][w] > M[i-1][w]$ : // included?

        includedItems.add(  $i$  )

$w = w - S[i]$  // update remaining capacity

$i--$                       // “next” (previous) item

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- $T(N) = \Theta(n2^{|W|})$ 
  - $N$ : size of input (in bits)
- *Pseudo-polynomial*
  - Polynomial in input (non-numerical and numerical **values**)
    - NOT polynomial in representation of input
      - Numerical values compressed logarithmically