

Knapsack problem FAQ

Maybe this still feels like magic. This section answers some common questions.

What happens if you add an item?

Suppose you realize there's a fourth item you can steal that you didn't notice before! You can also steal an iPhone.

Do you have to recalculate everything to account for this new item? Nope. Remember, dynamic programming keeps progressively building on your estimate. So far, these are the max values.



IPHONE
\$2000
1lb

	1	2	3	4
GUITAR	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$1500 G
STEREO	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$3000 S
LAPTOP	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$2000 L	\$3500 LG

That means for a 4 lb knapsack, you can steal \$3,500 worth of goods. You thought that was the final max value. But let's add a row for the iPhone.

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STEREO	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$3000 S
LAPTOP	\$1500 G	\$1500 G	\$2000 L	\$3500 LG
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