

Técnicas de Concepção de Algoritmos: B&B: The Knapsack Problem

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Exemplo de Aplicação: B&B

- A typical example of a knapsack problem is the following:

Consider a hiker who is going bushwalking carrying a backpack (knapsack). He can carry a maximum weight of 40 kg, and he has available a total of six different items (e.g. sleeping bag, tins of food, etc.) which he would like to take if possible. Assume that he can assign a value to each of the items as shown in the following table.

Item	Value	Weight
1	\$76	16 Kg
2	\$40	10 Kg
3	\$20	6 Kg
4	\$30	6 Kg
5	\$24	8 Kg
6	\$96	16 Kg

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■ Problem:

His problem is then to select items to pack so that the value carried in his knapsack is the maximum possible!

Let:

- n be the total number of items
- W be the maximum weight that can be carried
- v_i be the value of item i
- w_i be the weight of item i
- x_i be the numbr of units i which are packed in a load ($x = \{0, 1\}$)

- $V = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i x_i$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \leq W$ and $x_i = 0$ or 1 for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

- In this case: $n = 6$, $W = 40$, $v_4 = 30$, $w_4 = 6$ (Value: \$210)

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- What if fractions of items can be packed?

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \leq W \text{ and } 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

Item	Value	Weight	Value Density
6	\$96	16 Kg	6 \$/Kg
4	\$30	6 Kg	5 \$/Kg
1	\$76	16 Kg	4.75 \$/Kg
2	\$40	10 Kg	4 \$/Kg
3	\$20	6 Kg	3.33 \$/Kg
5	\$24	8 Kg	3 \$/Kg

- Solution: $x_6 = x_4 = x_1 = 1$, $x_2 = 0.2$, $x_3 = x_5 = 0$

Referências e mais informação

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