Lecture 5. Knapsack problem

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Problem statement

Problem: Ali Baba 3 (classical knapsack problem):

Ali Baba returned back to cave, and took his knapsack with carrying capacity W to take treasures out of the cave. When he came into cave he found a room with N gold bars in it. For each bar he knows weight and cost. As usual, he wants to maximize total cost of treasures taken out. The bars are undividable.

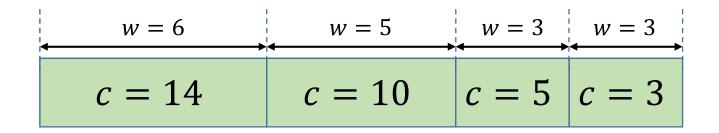
More formally. You have an knapsack with carrying capacity W and N items with weight w_i and cost c_i , you need to choose several items with indices i_0, \ldots, i_{K-1} , such that:

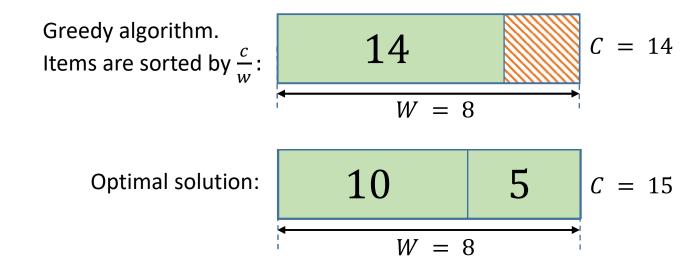
$$\sum_{k=0}^{K-1} w_{i_k} \le W, \qquad \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{i_k} \to \max$$

This problem is NP-hard. In common case it cannot be solved faster than $O(2^N)$. (of course, if $P \neq NP$)

But if w_i are integer and W is rather small, we can solve it in O(NW) operations.

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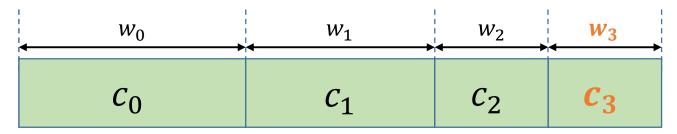
1. Subproblems:

d[i][w] – maximum total cost we can get using first i items and knapsack with capacity w

2. Basis:

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d[:][0] = 0 Let's suppose that all weights are positive. Otherwise we can automatically take all items with w \le 0, and solve problem for the rest items d[0][:] = 0 if we don't have items, we can't take any
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DP solution



Let's assume that we have calculated all solutions for $i \leq 3$.

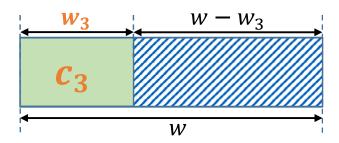
This means we know how we can optimally fill knapsacks with different capacities with first 3 items: (0, 1, 2).

Now let's analyze how the solutions may change if we add one more item:

$$i = 4$$

To fill d[4][:] we need to solve the subproblem for each capacity w. Actually, for each capacity w, adding new item gives two possible cases:

- We ignore this new item. In this case, total cost is d[3][w] = d[i-1][w].
- We place this new item into knapsack and fill free space with the rest of the items. Total cost in this case: $d[3][w-w_3]+c_3=$ $=d[i-1][w-w_{i-1}]+c_{i-1}$



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3. Inductive step:

$$d[i][w] = \max \begin{cases} d[i-1][w] \\ d[i-1][w-w_{i-1}] + c_{i-1}, & if \ w_{i-1} \le w \end{cases}$$

4. Answer:

DP solution

	w_{i-1}	c_{i-1}
i = 1	3	3
i = 2	3	5
i = 3	5	10
i = 4	6	14

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
i = 0	0 _	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
i = 1	0 _	0	0 +3	3	3	3	3	3	3
i = 2	0	0	0 +5	5 +	5	5	8	8	8
i = 3	0	0	0	5	5 +10	10 +	10	10	15
i = 4	0	0	0	5	5	10 +14	14	14	15

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Answer restoration (argmax)

i w	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Objects in optimal solution: 3, 2

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Another problem modifications

Problem 1. (Ali-Baba 1). Given N items with different costs and knapsack can contain up to W items. Maximize total cost.

$$w_i = 1$$

This problem can be solved using greedy algorithm.

Problem 2. Given N items with different weights and knapsack with capacity W. Maximize number of taken elements:

$$c_{i} = 1$$

This problem can be solved using greedy algorithm.

Problem 3. We can use each item (c_i, w_i) any number of times:

$$d[:] = 0$$

$$d[w] = \max_{w_i \le w} (c_i + d[w - w_i])$$

Another problem modifications

Problem 4. Does a given number W equal a sum of any subset of numbers $w_0, w_1, ..., w_{N-1}$?

We don't need costs here.

Subproblems:

d[i][w] — does w equal a sum of any subset of w_0 , ..., w_{i-1}

Basis:

$$d[:][0] = True,$$
 $d[0][1:] = False$

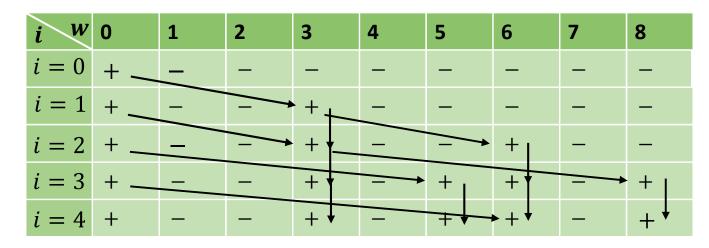
Inductive step:

$$d[i][w] = \begin{cases} d[i-1][w], & if \ w < w_{i-1} \\ d[i-1][w] \ OR \ d[i-1][w-w_{i-1}], if \ w \ge w_{i-1} \end{cases}$$

Answer:

Another problem modifications

	w_{i-1}
i = 1	3
i = 2	3
i = 3	5
i = 4	6



We can obtain: 0, 3, 5, 6, 8, ...

Another problem modifications

Problem 5. Given number W and numbers $w_0, w_1, ..., w_{N-1}$. Find a closest to W number W^* , which is a sum of a subset of $w_0, w_1, ..., w_{N-1}$.

Same as **Problem 4:**

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Answer:

$$W^*$$
: $d[N][W^*] = True$, $|W - W^*| \rightarrow min$

Conclusion

Thank you for watching!