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Lecture 1: IntroductionThree models

- optimization
- statistical
- simulation

Optimization mode

objective function to maximize or minimize.

set of constraints that ~~it~~ eliminate some solutions.

Knapsack problem: a thief in a house want to take all maximum value stuff that can fit in his backpack.

0/1 Knapsack: you take the object or you don't

Fraction Knapsack: take piece of it {can be solved using greedy algorithm?}

0/1 Knapsack.

each item is pair $\langle \text{value}, \text{weight} \rangle$

Limit weight of Knapsack is w

Vector L of len n represent set of available item.

vector V of len n indicate whether item taken or not, $V[i]=1$ taken
 $V[i]=0$ not taken

$$\text{Find} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} V[i] \cdot L[i].\text{value}$$

Brute force

- Generate a power set
 - del all combination whose weight $> w$
 - From remaining choose the highest value.
- $\langle \text{Slow algorithm} \rangle 2^n$

Greedy algorithm always find local optimum solution but not global optimum, but it also depends how you implement and the input data.

"There is no better algo than the exponential Brute force"

"But there is some good algo like Greedy algo \leq Brute force"