

# Knapsack and rounding



# Analysis

- **S: output items**
- **DP: S optimal for scaled rounded input**
- **S\*: optimal items**
- **Scaling: S\* optimal for scaled unrounded input**

# Relate S for original and modified input value

output value

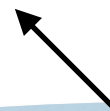


$$\text{Value}(S) = \sum_S \mathbf{v}_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_S (\alpha \mathbf{v}_i)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_S \mathbf{v}'_i$$

value for scaled&rounded input



**Relate  $S$  to  $S^*$   
on modified input**

$$\sum_S v'_i \geq \sum_{S^*} v'_i$$

**$S$  optimal for scaled & rounded**

**Relate  $S^*$  for original  
and modified input value**

$$v'_i > \alpha v_i - 1$$

**effect of rounding**

**Sum:**

$$\sum_{S^*} v'_i > \alpha \sum_{S^*} v_i - n$$

## Combine and substitute:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Value}(\mathbf{S}) &\geq \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{\mathbf{S}} \mathbf{v}'_{\mathbf{i}} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{\mathbf{S}^*} \mathbf{v}'_{\mathbf{i}} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\alpha} [\alpha \sum_{\mathbf{S}^*} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{i}} - \mathbf{n}] \\ &= \text{OPT} - \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\alpha} \\ &= \text{OPT} - \frac{\mathbf{n} \times \max \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{i}}}{\mathbf{N}}\end{aligned}$$

# Lower bound OPT

**Discarded items that don't fit:**

$$\text{OPT} \geq \max v_i$$



# Wrapping up

$$\text{Value}(S) \geq \text{OPT} - \frac{n}{N} \text{OPT}$$

$$N = 100 \times n$$

$$\text{Value}(S) \geq .99 \times \text{OPT}$$

**Theorem: Solution to knapsack  
with value at least  $.99 \text{ OPT}$   
and runtime  $O(\text{poly}(n))$**

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