

0/1 Knapsack (medium)

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Introduction

Given the weights and profits of 'N' items, we are asked to put these items in a knapsack with a capacity 'C.' The goal is to get the maximum profit out of the knapsack items. Each item can only be selected once, as we don't have multiple quantities of any item.

Let's take Merry's example, who wants to carry some fruits in the knapsack to get maximum profit. Here are the weights and profits of the fruits:

Items: { Apple, Orange, Banana, Melon }
Weights: { 2, 3, 1, 4 }
Profits: { 4, 5, 3, 7 }
Knapsack capacity: 5

Let's try to put various combinations of fruits in the knapsack, such that their total weight is not more than 5:

Apple + Orange (total weight 5) => 9 profit
Apple + Banana (total weight 3) => 7 profit
Orange + Banana (total weight 4) => 8 profit
Banana + Melon (total weight 5) => 10 profit

This shows that **Banana + Melon** is the best combination as it gives us the maximum profit, and the total weight does not exceed the capacity.

Problem Statement

Given two integer arrays to represent weights and profits of 'N' items, we need to find a subset of these items which will give us maximum profit such that their cumulative weight is not more than a given number 'C.' Each item can only be selected once, which means either we put an item in the knapsack or we skip it.

Try it yourself

Try solving this question here:

Java

Python3

C++

JS JS

```

1 def solve_knapsack(profits, weights, capacity):
2     # TODO: Write your code here
3     return -1
4
5
6 def main():
7     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 5))
8     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 6))
9     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 7))
10
11
12 main()
13
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Basic Solution

A basic brute-force solution could be to try all combinations of the given items (as we did above), allowing us to choose the one with maximum profit and a weight that doesn't exceed 'C'. Take the example of four items (A, B, C, and D), as shown in the diagram below. To try all the combinations, our algorithm will look like:

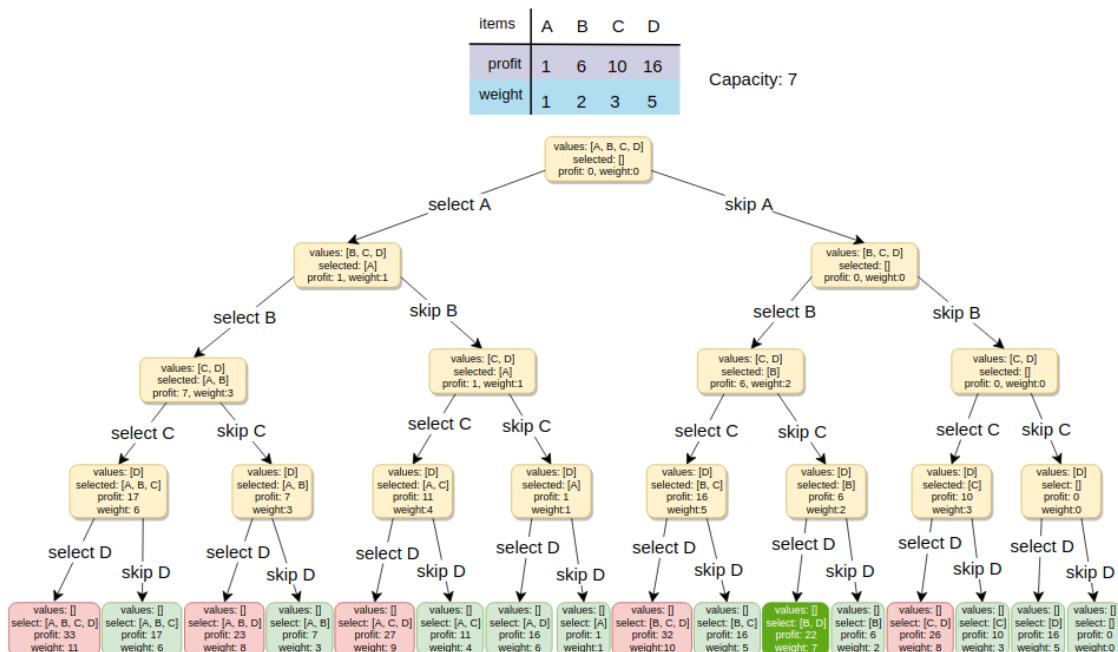
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1 for each item 'i'
2   create a new set which INCLUDES item 'i' if the total weight does not exceed the capacity, and
3   ||| recursively process the remaining capacity and items
4   create a new set WITHOUT item 'i', and recursively process the remaining items
5   return the set from the above two sets with higher profit

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Here is a visual representation of our algorithm:



All green boxes have a total weight that is less than or equal to the capacity (7), and all the red ones have a weight that is more than 7. The best solution we have is with items [B, D] having a total profit of 22 and a total weight of 7.

Code

Here is the code for the brute-force solution:

```

Java Python3 C++ JS
1 def solve_knapsack(profits, weights, capacity):
2     return knapsack_recursive(profits, weights, capacity, 0)
3
4
5 def knapsack_recursive(profits, weights, capacity, currentIndex):
6     # base checks
7     if capacity <= 0 or currentIndex >= len(profits):
8         return 0
9
10    # recursive call after choosing the element at the currentIndex
11    # if the weight of the element at currentIndex exceeds the capacity, we shouldn't process this
12    profit1 = 0
13    if weights[currentIndex] <= capacity:
14        profit1 = profits[currentIndex] + knapsack_recursive(
15            profits, weights, capacity - weights[currentIndex], currentIndex + 1)
16
17    # recursive call after excluding the element at the currentIndex
18    profit2 = knapsack_recursive(profits, weights, capacity, currentIndex + 1)
19
20    return max(profit1, profit2)
21
22
23 def main():
24     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 7))
25     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 6))
26
27
28 main()
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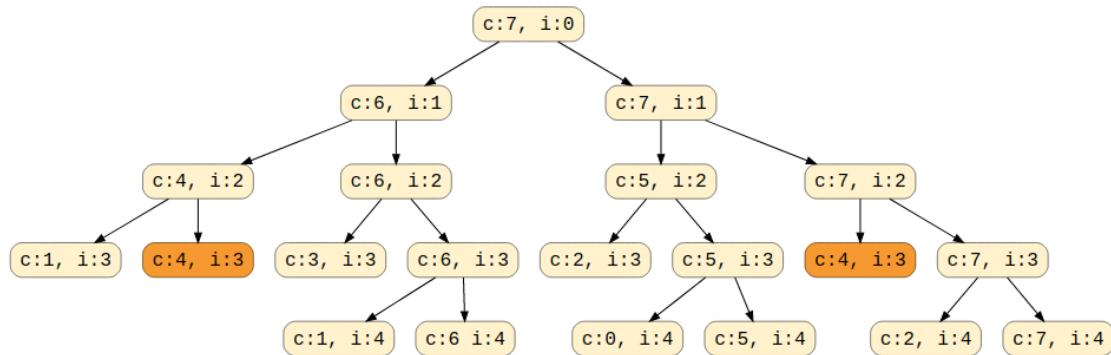


Time and Space complexity

The above algorithm's time complexity is exponential $O(2^n)$, where 'n' represents the total number of items. This can also be confirmed from the above recursion tree. As we can see, we will have a total of '31' recursive calls – calculated through $(2^n) + (2^n) - 1$, which is asymptotically equivalent to $O(2^n)$.

The space complexity is $O(n)$. This space will be used to store the recursion stack. Since the recursive algorithm works in a depth-first fashion, which means that we can't have more than 'n' recursive calls on the call stack at any time.

Overlapping Sub-problems: Let's visually draw the recursive calls to see if there are any overlapping sub-problems. As we can see, in each recursive call, profits and weights arrays remain constant, and only capacity and currentIndex change. For simplicity, let's denote capacity with 'c' and currentIndex with 'i':



We can clearly see that ' $c:4, i=3$ ' has been called twice. Hence we have an overlapping sub-problems pattern. We can use [Memoization](#) to solve overlapping sub-problems efficiently.

Top-down Dynamic Programming with Memoization

Memoization is when we store the results of all the previously solved sub-problems and return the results from memory if we encounter a problem that has already been solved.

Since we have two changing values (`capacity` and `currentIndex`) in our recursive function

`knapsackRecursive()`, we can use a two-dimensional array to store the results of all the solved sub-problems. As mentioned above, we need to store results for every sub-array (i.e., for every possible index ‘i’) and every possible capacity ‘c.’

Code

Here is the code with memoization (see changes in the highlighted lines):

```
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1 def solve_knapsack(profits, weights, capacity):
2     # create a two dimensional array for Memoization, each element is initialized to '-1'
3     dp = [[-1 for x in range(capacity+1)] for y in range(len(profits))]
4     return knapsack_recursive(dp, profits, weights, capacity, 0)
5
6
7 def knapsack_recursive(dp, profits, weights, capacity, currentIndex):
8
9     # base checks
10    if capacity <= 0 or currentIndex >= len(profits):
11        return 0
12
13    # if we have already solved a similar problem, return the result from memory
14    if dp[currentIndex][capacity] != -1:
15        return dp[currentIndex][capacity]
16
17    # recursive call after choosing the element at the currentIndex
18    # if the weight of the element at currentIndex exceeds the capacity, we
19    # shouldn't process this
20    profit1 = 0
21    if weights[currentIndex] <= capacity:
22        profit1 = profits[currentIndex] + knapsack_recursive(
23            dp, profits, weights, capacity - weights[currentIndex], currentIndex + 1)
24
25    # recursive call after excluding the element at the currentIndex
26    profit2 = knapsack_recursive(
27        dp, profits, weights, capacity, currentIndex + 1)
28
29    dp[currentIndex][capacity] = max(profit1, profit2)
30    return dp[currentIndex][capacity]
31
32
33 def main():
34     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 7))
35     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 6))
36
37
38 main()
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Time and Space complexity

Since our memoization array `dp[profits.length][capacity+1]` stores the results for all subproblems, we can conclude that we will not have more than $N * C$ subproblems (where ‘N’ is the number of items and ‘C’ is the knapsack capacity). This means that our time complexity will be $O(N * C)$.

The above algorithm will use $O(N * C)$ space for the memoization array. Other than that, we will use $O(N)$ space for the recursion call-stack. So the total space complexity will be $O(N * C + N)$, which is asymptotically equivalent to $O(N * C)$.

Bottom-up Dynamic Programming

Let's try to populate our `dp[][]` array from the above solution by working in a bottom-up fashion.

Essentially, we want to find the maximum profit for every sub-array and every possible capacity. **This means that `dp[i][c]` will represent the maximum knapsack profit for capacity ‘c’ calculated from the first ‘i’ items.**

So, for each item at index ‘i’ ($0 \leq i < \text{items.length}$) and capacity ‘c’ ($0 \leq c \leq \text{capacity}$), we have two options:

1. Exclude the item at index ‘i.’ In this case, we will take whatever profit we get from the sub-array

`excluding this item => dp[i-1][c]`

			capacity -->							
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7				
10	3	2	0							
16	5	3	0							

			capacity -->							
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7			
10	3	2	0							
16	5	3	0							

			capacity -->							
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7		
10	3	2	0							
16	5	3	0							

			capacity -->							
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	
10	3	2	0							
16	5	3	0							

			capacity -->							
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	
10	3	2	0							

16	5	3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Capacity = 7, Index =1, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[0][7], profit[1] + dp[0][5])$

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capacity -->										
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1						
16	5	3	0							

Capacity = 1, Index =2, since item at index '2' has weight '3', which is greater than the capacity '1', so we will take the $dp[index-1][capacity]$

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capacity -->										
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6					
16	5	3	0							

Capacity = 2, Index =2, since item at index '2' has weight '3', which is greater than the capacity '1', so we will take the $dp[index-1][capacity]$

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capacity -->										
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10				
16	5	3	0							

Capacity = 3, Index =2, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[1][3], profit[2] + dp[1][0])$

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capacity -->										
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11			
16	5	3	0							

Capacity = 4, Index =2, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[1][4], profit[2] + dp[1][1])$

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capacity -->										
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	
16	5	3	0						

Capacity = 5, Index =2, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[1][5], profit[2] + dp[1][2])$

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		capacity -->									
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17		
16	5	3	0								

Capacity = 6, Index =2, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[1][6], profit[2] + dp[1][3])$

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		capacity -->									
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17	
16	5	3	0								

Capacity = 7, Index =2, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[1][7], profit[2] + dp[1][4])$

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		capacity -->									
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17	
16	5	3	0	1							

Capacity = 1, Index =3, since item at index '3' has weight '5', which is greater than the capacity '1', so we will take the $dp[index-1][capacity]$

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		capacity -->									
profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17	
16	5	3	0	1	6						

Capacity = 2, Index =3, since item at index '3' has weight '5', which is greater than the capacity '2', so we will take the $dp[index-1][capacity]$

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capacity -->

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17
16	5	3	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	22

Capacity = 3, Index =3, since item at index '3' has weight '5', which is greater than the capacity '3', so we will take the dp[index-1][capacity]

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profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17
16	5	3	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	22

Capacity = 4, Index =3, since item at index '3' has weight '5', which is greater than the capacity '4', so we will take the dp[index-1][capacity]

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profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17
16	5	3	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	22

Capacity = 5, Index =3, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[2][5], profit[3] + dp[2][0])$

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profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17
16	5	3	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	22

Capacity = 6, Index =3, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[2][6], profit[3] + dp[2][1])$

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profit []	weight []	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	2	1	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
10	3	2	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	17
16	5	3	0	1	6	10	11	16	17	22

Capacity = 7, Index =3, from the formula discussed above: $\max(dp[2][7], profit[3] + dp[2][2])$

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Code

Here is the code for our bottom-up dynamic programming approach:

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1 def solve_knapsack(profits, weights, capacity):
2     # basic checks
3     n = len(profits)
4     if capacity <= 0 or n == 0 or len(weights) != n:
5         return 0
6
7     dp = [[0 for x in range(capacity+1)] for y in range(n)]
8
9     # populate the capacity = 0 columns, with '0' capacity we have '0' profit
10    for i in range(0, n):
11        dp[i][0] = 0
12
13    # if we have only one weight, we will take it if it is not more than the capacity
14    for c in range(0, capacity+1):
15        if weights[0] <= c:
16            dp[0][c] = profits[0]
17
18    # process all sub-arrays for all the capacities
19    for i in range(1, n):
20        for c in range(1, capacity+1):
21            profit1, profit2 = 0, 0
22            # include the item, if it is not more than the capacity
23            if weights[i] <= c:
24                profit1 = profits[i] + dp[i - 1][c - weights[i]]
25            # exclude the item
26            profit2 = dp[i - 1][c]
27            # take maximum
28            dp[i][c] = max(profit1, profit2)
29
30    # maximum profit will be at the bottom-right corner.
31    return dp[n - 1][capacity]
32
33
34 def main():
35     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 5))
36     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 6))
37     print(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 7))
38
39
40 main()
41
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Time and Space complexity

The above solution has the time and space complexity of $O(N * C)$, where 'N' represents total items, and 'C' is the maximum capacity.

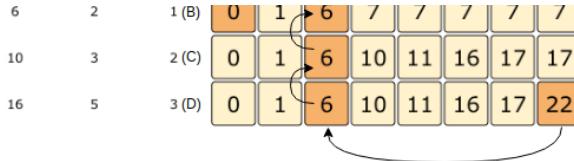
How can we find the selected items?

As we know, the final profit is at the bottom-right corner. Therefore, we will start from there to find the items that will be going into the knapsack.

As you remember, at every step, we had two options: include an item or skip it. If we skip an item, we take the profit from the remaining items (i.e., from the cell right above it); if we include the item, then we jump to the remaining profit to find more items.

Let's understand this from the above example:

		capacity -->								
profit	weight	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	0 (A)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



1. '22' did not come from the top cell (which is 17); hence we must include the item at index '3' (which is item 'D').
2. Subtract the profit of item 'D' from '22' to get the remaining profit '6'. We then jump to profit '6' on the same row.
3. '6' came from the top cell, so we jump to row '2'.
4. Again, '6' came from the top cell, so we jump to row '1'.
5. '6' is different from the top cell, so we must include this item (which is item 'B').
6. Subtract the profit of 'B' from '6' to get profit '0'. We then jump to profit '0' on the same row. As soon as we hit zero remaining profit, we can finish our item search.
7. Thus, the items going into the knapsack are {B, D}.

Let's write a function to print the set of items included in the knapsack.

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Java Python3 C++ JS
1  from __future__ import print_function
2
3  def solve_knapsack(profits, weights, capacity):
4      # basic checks
5      n = len(profits)
6      if capacity <= 0 or n == 0 or len(weights) != n:
7          return 0
8
9      dp = [[0 for x in range(capacity+1)] for y in range(n)]
10
11     # populate the capacity = 0 columns, with '0' capacity we have '0' profit
12     for i in range(0, n):
13         dp[i][0] = 0
14
15     # if we have only one weight, we will take it if it is not more than the capacity
16     for c in range(0, capacity+1):
17         if weights[0] <= c:
18             dp[0][c] = profits[0]
19
20     # process all sub-arrays for all the capacities
21     for i in range(1, n):
22         for c in range(1, capacity+1):
23             profit1, profit2 = 0, 0
24             # include the item, if it is not more than the capacity
25             if weights[i] <= c:
26                 profit1 = profits[i] + dp[i - 1][c - weights[i]]
27             # exclude the item
28             profit2 = dp[i - 1][c]
29             # take maximum
30             dp[i][c] = max(profit1, profit2)
31
32     print_selected_elements(dp, weights, profits, capacity)
33     # maximum profit will be at the bottom-right corner.
34     return dp[n - 1][capacity]
35
36
37 def print_selected_elements(dp, weights, profits, capacity):
38     print("Selected weights are: ", end='')
39     n = len(weights)
40     totalProfit = dp[n-1][capacity]
41     for i in range(n-1, 0, -1):
42         if totalProfit != dp[i - 1][capacity]:
43             print(str(weights[i]) + " ", end='')
44             capacity -= weights[i]
45             totalProfit -= profits[i]
46
47     if totalProfit != 0:
48         print(str(weights[0]) + " ", end=' ')
49     print()
50
51
52 def main():
53     print("Total knapsack profit: " +
54           str(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 7)))
55     print("Total knapsack profit: " +
56           str(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 6)))

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59 main()  
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Challenge

Can we improve our bottom-up DP solution even further? Can you find an algorithm that has $O(C)$ space complexity?

Hide Hint

We only need one previous row to find the optimal solution!

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```
1 def solve_knapsack(profits, weights, capacity):  
2     # basic checks  
3     n = len(profits)  
4     if capacity <= 0 or n == 0 or len(weights) != n:  
5         return 0  
6  
7     # we only need one previous row to find the optimal solution, overall we need '2' rows  
8     # the above solution is similar to the previous solution, the only difference is that  
9     # we use `i % 2` instead of `i` and `(i-1) % 2` instead of `i-1`  
10    dp = [[0 for x in range(capacity+1)] for y in range(2)]  
11  
12    # if we have only one weight, we will take it if it is not more than the capacity  
13    for c in range(0, capacity+1):  
14        if weights[0] <= c:  
15            dp[0][c] = dp[1][c] = profits[0]  
16  
17    # process all sub-arrays for all the capacities  
18    for i in range(1, n):  
19        for c in range(0, capacity+1):  
20            profit1, profit2 = 0, 0  
21            # include the item, if it is not more than the capacity  
22            if weights[i] <= c:  
23                profit1 = profits[i] + dp[(i - 1) % 2][c - weights[i]]  
24            # exclude the item  
25            profit2 = dp[(i - 1) % 2][c]  
26            # take maximum  
27            dp[i % 2][c] = max(profit1, profit2)  
28  
29    return dp[(n - 1) % 2][capacity]  
30  
31  
32 def main():  
33     print("Total knapsack profit: " +  
34           str(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 7)))  
35     print("Total knapsack profit: " +  
36           str(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 6)))  
37  
38  
39 main()
```

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The solution above is similar to the previous solution; the only difference is that we use `i%2` instead of `i` and `(i-1)%2` instead of `i-1`. This solution has a space complexity of $O(2 * C) = O(C)$, where 'C' is the knapsack's maximum capacity.

This space optimization solution can also be implemented using a single array. It is a bit tricky, but the intuition is to use the same array for the previous and the next iteration!

If you see closely, we need two values from the previous iteration: `dp[c]` and `dp[c-weight[i]]`

Since our inner loop is iterating over `c:0-->capacity`, let's see how this might affect our two required values:

1. When we access `dp[c]`, it has not been overridden yet for the current iteration, so it should be fine.
2. `dp[c-weight[i]]` might be overridden if “`weight[i] > 0`”. Therefore we can't use this value for the current iteration.

To solve the second case, we can change our inner loop to process in the reverse direction: `c:capacity-->0`. This will ensure that whenever we change a value in `dp[]`, we will not need it again in the current iteration.

Can you try writing this algorithm?

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1 def solve_knapsack(profits, weights, capacity):
2     # basic checks
3     n = len(profits)
4     if capacity <= 0 or n == 0 or len(weights) != n:
5         return 0
6
7     dp = [0 for x in range(capacity+1)]
8
9     # if we have only one weight, we will take it if it is not more than the capacity
10    for c in range(0, capacity+1):
11        if weights[0] <= c:
12            dp[c] = profits[0]
13
14    # process all sub-arrays for all the capacities
15    for i in range(1, n):
16        for c in range(capacity, -1, -1):
17            profit1, profit2 = 0, 0
18            # include the item, if it is not more than the capacity
19            if weights[i] <= c:
20                profit1 = profits[i] + dp[c - weights[i]]
21            # exclude the item
22            profit2 = dp[c]
23            # take maximum
24            dp[c] = max(profit1, profit2)
25
26    return dp[capacity]
27
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29 def main():
30     print("Total knapsack profit: " +
31           str(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 7)))
32     print("Total knapsack profit: " +
33           str(solve_knapsack([1, 6, 10, 16], [1, 2, 3, 5], 6)))
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35
36 main()
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