

Executive summary:

Intro:

My program is structured by the 3 algorithms to be tested, a tester function, and the main function. The main function run when the program launches and checks for user input if provided and makes sure the input.txt file is in a valid format. Then it calls the tester. The tester times all 3 functions. When necessary it massages the data for the algorithm.

Time/Space Efficiency:

Key: W=capacity, n=number of inputs

Algoorythm	Time Efficiency	Space Efficiency
Exhaustive Search	$O(n2^n)$	$O(1)$
Dynamic Programming	$O(nW)$	$O(nW)$
My Function (recursion)	$O(2^n)$	$O(n)$

The Exhaustive Search is $O(n2^n)$ time efficient because it is based on all permutations of the list and $O(1)$ space efficient because it uses one large array of all the data that is passed in and makes no new data structures.

The Dynamic Programming is $O(nW)$ time efficient because it has to traverse the 2-D array of n by W and $O(nW)$ space efficient because it creates a 2-D array of n by W.

My Recursive function is $O(2^n)$ time efficient because of the calls to itself it will need to make and $O(n)$ space efficient because it has to make n recursive calls.

Conclusion:

The best algorithm by far was the Recursive one I provided. It was able to provide accurate and relatively fastest solutions.

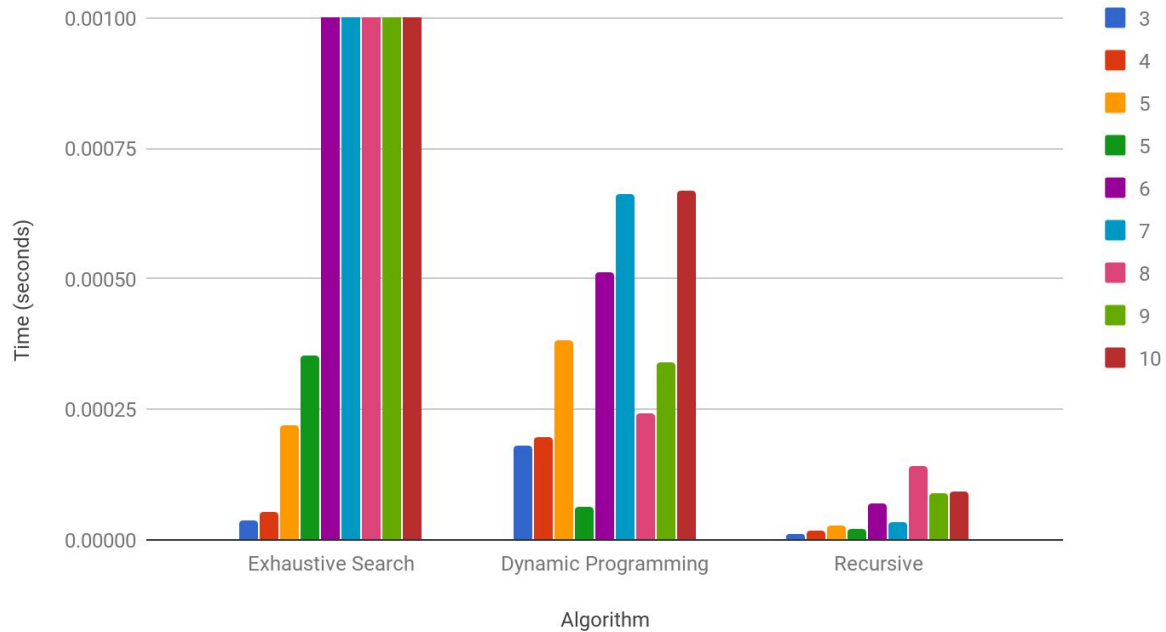
Data:

- Note:

- The numbers in the legend represent the number of items in the list.
- Max Y value truncated on graph due to extreme exponentiality. See table for values.

- Graph:

Experimental Time Efficiency Knapsack Problem



- Table:

Run	Algorithm:	Alg 1 - Brute Force	Alg 2 - Recursive	Alg 2 - Recursive
1	File:	input-1.txt	input-1.txt	input-1.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	5	5	5
	Value	198	198	198
	Time (seconds):	2.19E-04	3.81E-04	2.74E-05
2	File:	input-2.txt	input-2.txt	input-2.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	5	5	5
	Value	65	65	65
	Time (seconds):	3.54E-04	6.25E-05	2.19E-05
3	File:	input-3.txt	input-3.txt	input-3.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	10	10	10
	Value	2.828427125	2.828427125	2.828427125
	Time (seconds):	9.570246935	0.001147270203	0.0001718997955
4	File:	input-4.txt	input-4.txt	input-4.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	3	3	3
	Value	1	1	1
	Time (seconds):	3.81E-05	1.81E-04	1.19E-05
5	File:	input-5.txt	input-5.txt	input-5.txt

	Number of inputs (n):	6	6	6
	Value	460	460	460
	Time (seconds):	2.96E-03	5.11E-04	6.79E-05
6	File:	input-6.txt	input-6.txt	input-6.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	9	9	9
	Value	377	377	377
	Time (seconds):	9.10E-01	3.41E-04	8.77E-05
7	File:	input-7.txt	input-7.txt	input-7.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	10	10	10
	Value	188	188	188
	Time (seconds):	1.00E+01	6.70E-04	9.39E-05
8	File:	input-8.txt	input-8.txt	input-8.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	8	8	8
	Value	95	95	95
	Time (seconds):	1.04E-01	2.42E-04	1.42E-04
9	File:	input-9.txt	input-9.txt	input-9.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	7	7	7
	Value	179	179	179
	Time (seconds):	1.08E-02	6.63E-04	3.31E-05
10	File:	input-10.txt	input-10.txt	input-10.txt
	Number of inputs (n):	4	4	4
	Value	250	250	250
	Time (seconds):	5.36E-05	1.98E-04	1.67E-05