



Why

We consider the case in which the profit and weight function of the knapsack problem are identical.

Definition

Suppose (p, w, c) is knapsack problem data and $w = p$. Then we are interested in finding $x \in 0, 1^n$ to

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & \sum_{i=1}^n q(i)\chi_H(i) \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{i=1}^n w_i\chi_H(i) \leq cx_i \in \{0, 1\}^n \quad i = 1, \dots, n \end{array}$$

This special case of the knapsack problem is often called the *subset sum problem*.

