

Dynamic Programming- 0/1 Knapsack problem

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Knapsack problem

Given some items, pack the knapsack to get the maximum total value. Each item has some weight and some value. Total weight that we can carry is no more than some fixed number W . So we must consider weights of items as well as their values.

Item #	Weight	Value
1	1	8
2	3	6
3	5	5

Knapsack problem

There are two versions of the problem:

1. “0-1 knapsack problem”

- Items are indivisible; you either take an item or not.
Some special instances can be solved with *dynamic programming*

2. “Fractional knapsack problem”

- Items are divisible: you can take any fraction of an item

0-1 Knapsack problem

- Given a knapsack with maximum capacity W , and a set S consisting of n items
- Each item i has some weight w_i and benefit value b_i (**all w_i and W are integer values**)
- Problem: How to pack the knapsack to achieve maximum total value of packed items?

0-1 Knapsack problem

- Problem, in other words, is to find

$$\max \sum_{i \in T} b_i \text{ subject to } \sum_{i \in T} w_i \leq W$$

- ◆ The problem is called a “0-1” problem, because each item must be entirely accepted or rejected.

0-1 Knapsack problem: brute-force approach

Let's first solve this problem with a straightforward algorithm

- Since there are n items, there are 2^n possible combinations of items.
- We go through all combinations and find the one with maximum value and with total weight less or equal to W
- Running time will be $O(2^n)$

0-1 Knapsack problem: dynamic programming approach

- We can do better with an algorithm based on dynamic programming
- We need to carefully identify the subproblems

Defining a Subproblem

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Defining a Subproblem

- We can do better with an algorithm based on dynamic programming
- We need to carefully identify the subproblems

Let's try this:

If items are labeled $1..n$, then a subproblem would be to find an optimal solution for

$$S_k = \{items\ labeled\ 1, 2, .. k\}$$

Defining a Subproblem

If items are labeled $1..n$, then a subproblem would be to find an optimal solution for $S_k = \{items\ labeled\ 1, 2, .. k\}$

- This is a reasonable subproblem definition.
- The question is: can we describe the final solution (S_n) in terms of subproblems (S_k)?
- Unfortunately, we can't do that.

Defining a Subproblem

$w_1=2$	$w_2=4$	$w_3=5$	$w_4=3$	
$b_1=3$	$b_2=5$	$b_3=8$	$b_4=4$	

?

Max weight: $W = 20$

For S_4 :

Total weight: 14

Maximum benefit: 20

$w_1=2$	$w_2=4$	$w_3=5$	$w_5=9$
$b_1=3$	$b_2=5$	$b_3=8$	$b_5=10$

For S_5 :

Total weight: 20

Maximum benefit: 26

	Weight	Benefit
Item #	w_i	b_i
1	2	3
2	4	5
3	5	8
4	3	4
5	9	10

Solution for S_4 is not part of the solution for S_5 !!!

Defining a Subproblem

- As we have seen, the solution for S_4 is not part of the solution for S_5
- So our definition of a subproblem is flawed and we need another one!

Defining a Subproblem

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- Each item i has some weight w_i and benefit value b_i (**all w_i and W are integer values**)
- Problem: How to pack the knapsack to achieve maximum total value of packed items?

Defining a Subproblem

- Let's add another parameter: w , which will represent the maximum weight for each subset of items
- The subproblem then will be to compute $V[k, w]$, *i.e.*, to find an optimal solution for $S_k = \{\text{items labeled } 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ in a knapsack of size w

Recursive Formula for subproblems

- The subproblem will then be to compute $V[k, w]$, *i.e.*, to find an optimal solution for $S_k = \{\text{items labeled } 1, 2, \dots k\}$ in a knapsack of size w
- Assuming knowing $V[i, j]$, where $i=0, 1, 2, \dots k-1$, $j=0, 1, 2, \dots w$, how to derive $V[k, w]$?

Recursive Formula for subproblems (continued)

Recursive formula for subproblems:

$$V[k, w] = \begin{cases} V[k-1, w] & \text{if } w_k > w \\ \max\{V[k-1, w], V[k-1, w-w_k] + b_k\} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

It means, that the best subset of S_k that has total weight w is:

- 1) the best subset of S_{k-1} that has total weight $\leq w$,
or
- 2) the best subset of S_{k-1} that has total weight $\leq w - w_k$ plus the item k

Recursive Formula

$$V[k, w] = \begin{cases} V[k-1, w] & \text{if } w_k > w \\ \max\{V[k-1, w], V[k-1, w - w_k] + b_k\} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- The best subset of S_k that has the total weight $\leq w$, either contains item k or not.
- First case: $w_k > w$. Item k can't be part of the solution, since if it was, the total weight would be $> w$, which is unacceptable.
- Second case: $w_k \leq w$. Then the item k can be in the solution, and we choose *the case with greater value*.

0-1 Knapsack Algorithm

for $w = 0$ to W

$V[0,w] = 0$

for $i = 1$ to n

$V[i,0] = 0$

for $i = 1$ to n

for $w = 0$ to W

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Running time

for $w = 0$ to W

$O(W)$

$V[0,w] = 0$

for $i = 1$ to n

$V[i,0] = 0$

for $i = 1$ to n

Repeat n times

for $w = 0$ to W

$O(W)$

< the rest of the code >

What is the running time of this algorithm?

$O(n*W)$

Remember that the brute-force algorithm takes $O(2^n)$

Example

Let's run our algorithm on the following data:

$n = 4$ (# of elements)

$W = 5$ (max weight)

Elements (weight, benefit):

$(2,3), (3,4), (4,5), (5,6)$

Example (2)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1						
2						
3						
4						

for $w = 0$ to W
 $V[0,w] = 0$

Example (3)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0					
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					

for $i = 1$ to n
 $V[i,0] = 0$

Example (4)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0				
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=1$

$w-w_i = -1$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (5)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3			
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=2$

$w-w_i=0$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (6)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3		
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=3$

$w-w_i=1$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (7)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=4$

$w-w_i=2$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (8)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=5$

$w-w_i=3$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (9)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0				
3	0					
4	0					

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=1$

$w-w_i=-2$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (10)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3			
3	0					
4	0					

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=2$

$w-w_i = -1$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (11)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4		
3	0					
4	0					

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=3$

$w-w_i=0$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (12)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	
3	0					
4	0					

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=4$

$w-w_i=1$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (13)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0					
4	0					

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=5$

$w-w_i=2$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (14)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4		
4	0					

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=1..3$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (15)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	
4	0					

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=4$

$w - w_i=0$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w - w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (16)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0					

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=5$

$w - w_i=1$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (17)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	

$i=4$

$b_i=6$

$w_i=5$

$w=1..4$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Example (18)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	\downarrow 7

$i=4$

$b_i=6$

$w_i=5$

$w=5$

$w - w_i = 0$

if $w_i \leq w$ // item i can be part of the solution

if $b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i] > V[i-1, w]$

$V[i, w] = b_i + V[i-1, w-w_i]$

else

$V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$

else $V[i, w] = V[i-1, w]$ // $w_i > w$

Comments

- This algorithm only finds the max possible value that can be carried in the knapsack
 - i.e., the value in $V[n, W]$
- To know the items that make this maximum value, an addition to this algorithm is necessary

How to find actual Knapsack Items

- All of the information we need is in the table.
- $V[n, W]$ is the maximal value of items that can be placed in the Knapsack.
- Let $i=n$ and $k=W$
 - if $V[i, k] \neq V[i-1, k]$ then
 - mark the i^{th} item as in the knapsack
 - $i = i-1, k = k-w_i$
 - else
 - $i = i-1$ // Assume the i^{th} item is not in the knapsack
 - // Could it be in the optimally packed knapsack?

Finding the Items

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	7

$i=4$

$k=5$

$b_i=6$

$w_i=5$

$V[i,k] = 7$

$V[i-1,k] = 7$

$i=n, k=W$

while $i, k > 0$

if $V[i,k] \neq V[i-1,k]$ then

mark the i^{th} item as in the knapsack

$i = i-1, k = k-w_i$

else

$i = i-1$
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Finding the Items (2)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	7

$i=4$

$k=5$

$b_i=6$

$w_i=5$

$V[i,k] = 7$

$V[i-1,k] = 7$

$i=n, k=W$

while $i, k > 0$

if $V[i,k] \neq V[i-1,k]$ then

mark the i^{th} item as in the knapsack

$i = i-1, k = k-w_i$

else

$i = i-1$ Dynamic Programming-0/1 Knapsack Problem

Finding the Items (3)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	7

$i=3$

$k=5$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$V[i,k] = 7$

$V[i-1,k] = 7$

$i=n, k=W$

while $i, k > 0$

if $V[i,k] \neq V[i-1,k]$ then

mark the i^{th} item as in the knapsack

$i = i-1, k = k-w_i$

else

$i = i-1$
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Finding the Items (4)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	7

$i=2$

$k=5$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$V[i,k] = 7$

$V[i-1,k] = 3$

$k - w_i = 2$

$i=n, k=W$

while $i, k > 0$

if $V[i,k] \neq V[i-1,k]$ then

mark the i^{th} item as in the knapsack

$i = i-1, k = k-w_i$

else

$i = i-1$
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Finding the Items (5)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	7

$i=1$

$k=2$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$V[i,k] = 3$

$V[i-1,k] = 0$

$k - w_i = 0$

$i=n, k=W$

while $i, k > 0$

if $V[i,k] \neq V[i-1,k]$ then

mark the i^{th} item as in the knapsack

$i = i-1, k = k-w_i$

else

$i = i-1$ Dynamic Programming-0/1 Knapsack Problem

Finding the Items (6)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	7

$i=0$

$k=0$

The optimal knapsack should contain {1, 2}

$i=n, k=W$

while $i, k > 0$

if $V[i, k] \neq V[i-1, k]$ then

mark the n^{th} item as in the knapsack

$i = i-1, k = k-w_i$

else

Finding the Items (7)

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i \backslash W$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	0	0	3	4	4	7
3	0	0	3	4	5	7
4	0	0	3	4	5	7

$i=n, k=W$

while $i, k > 0$

if $V[i, k] \neq V[i-1, k]$ then

mark the n^{th} item as in the knapsack

$i = i-1, k = k-w_i$

else

The optimal knapsack should contain {1, 2}

Conclusion

- Dynamic programming is a useful technique of solving certain kind of problems
- When the solution can be *recursively* described in terms of partial solutions, we can store these partial solutions and re-use them as necessary (memorization)
- Running time of dynamic programming algorithm vs. naïve algorithm:
 - 0-1 Knapsack problem: **$O(W \cdot n)$** vs. **$O(2^n)$**

The maximum weight the knapsack can hold is W is 11

Weight Limit (i):	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$w_1 = 1 \ v_1 = 1$												
$w_2 = 2 \ v_2 = 6$												
$w_3 = 5 \ v_3 = 18$												
$w_4 = 6 \ v_4 = 22$												
$w_5 = 7 \ v_5 = 28$												

Weight Limit (i):	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$W_1 = 1 \ v_1 = 1$	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$W_2 = 2 \ v_2 = 6$	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
$W_3 = 5 \ v_3 = 18$	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
$W_4 = 6 \ v_4 = 22$	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
$W_5 = 7 \ v_5 = 28$	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	28	29	34	35	40