# **Knapsack Problem**

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### **Project Description**

This C++ program implements a solution to the Knapsack problem using dynamic programming. The Knapsack problem is a classic problem in combinatorial optimization. The program is designed to solve the problem of selecting a number of items with given weights and values to maximize the total value in a knapsack of a given capacity.

#### Files in this Project

- 1. knapsack.cpp: The main program file that contains the knapsack class and the main function.
- 2. item.h: A header file that defines the item class, representing the items to be put in the knapsack.

#### How to Run

To compile and run this program, you need a C++ compiler. Use the following commands:

```
g++ -o knapsack knapsack.cpp
./knapsack <input_file> <capacity> <number_of_items>
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- <input file>: A file containing the list of items (format: name weight value).
- <capacity>: The maximum weight capacity of the knapsack.
- <number of items>: The number of items to be included in the knapsack.

### **Additional Information & Troubhleshooting**

#### **Implementation Details**

- Class knapsack: Manages the knapsack problem's solution. It includes methods for allocating/deallocating the 3D dynamic programming array, solving the knapsack problem, and tracing back the items included in the solution.
- Class item: Represents an item with a name, weight, and value. Includes a utility function to create a list of items from an input file.

#### **Input File Format**

The input file should be in the input/ directory and formatted as whitespace-separated values: name weight value.

The sum of the values of items in the input file should not be greater than 99999998. The program may produce unexpected behavior if provided an input file that does not meet this specification.

#### **Dependencies**

• Standard C++ libraries: <iostream>, <vector>, <algorithm>, <limits>, <fstream>, <sstream>

#### **Error Handling**

The program includes basic error handling for file input and format issues.

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# **Source Code**

### knapsack.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <limits>
#include "item.h"
using namespace std;
const int negativeInfinity = -99999999;
class knapsack
    // user-defined member variables
    vector<item> items;
    int N, C, K;
    int ***dp;
    // intermediate member variables
    int maxValue;
    vector<item> sack;
    // utility function to allocate 3D dp array
    void allocate3DArray()
    {
        dp = new int**[N + 1];
        for (int i = 0; i \le N; i++)
            dp[i] = new int*[C + 1];
            for (int w = 0; w \le C; w++)
                dp[i][w] = new int[K + 1];
        }
    }
    // utility function to delete 3D dp array
    void deallocate3DArray()
        for (int i = 0; i \le N; i++)
            for (int w = 0; w \le C; w++)
                delete[] dp[i][w];
            delete[] dp[i];
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}
        delete[] dp;
    }
    // solves knapsack problem using bottom-up dynamic programming for
recurrence relation
    // dp[i][w][k] has max value of first i items of size exactly k
whose total weight is exactly w
    int solve()
        for (int i = 0; i \le N; i++)
            for (int w = 0; w \le C; w++)
                for (int k = 0; k \le K; k++)
                    if ((i < k) \mid | (w > 0 \&\& k == 0) \mid | (w == 0 \&\& k >
0))
                        dp[i][w][k] = negativeInfinity;
                    else if (w == 0 \&\& k == 0)
                        dp[i][w][k] = 0;
                    else if (items[i - 1].w > w)
                        dp[i][w][k] = dp[i - 1][w][k];
                    else
                        dp[i][w][k] = max(dp[i - 1][w][k], items[i -
1].v + dp[i - 1][w - items[i - 1].w][k - 1]);
            }
        return dp[N][C][K];
    }
    void traceback()
        int bagValue = dp[N][C][K];
        int c = C; // current bag weight
        int k = K;
                        // items removed
        int n = N - 1; // current bag size
        while (bagValue > 0)
            for (int i = 0; i < items.size(); i++)
                // weight of item chosen by bottom-up dynamic
programming solution
                if (c - items[n - i].w >= 0)
                    int chosenItemValue = bagValue - dp[N][c - items[n
-i].w][k-1];
                    // if item was chosen
                    if (chosenItemValue == items[n - i].v)
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{
                         // add item to list of items in solution
                         sack.push back(items[n - i]);
                         // update bag value and bag weight
                         bagValue -= items[n - i].v;
                         c = items[n - i].w;
                         // remove item from items list
                         items.erase(items.begin() + n - i);
                         k--;
                         n--;
                         break;
                     }
                }
            }
        }
        bagValue;
public:
    // knapsack constructor
    knapsack(string fileName, int capacity, int numberOfItems)
        items = item::createItemsList(fileName);
        N = items.size();
        C = capacity;
        K = numberOfItems;
        allocate3DArray();
        maxValue = solve();
        traceback();
    }
    // knapsack destructor
    ~knapsack()
    {
        deallocate3DArray();
    }
    void printSolution()
        if (maxValue >= 0)
            cout << "Max value in knapsack: " << maxValue << endl;</pre>
            cout << "Knapsack contains: ";</pre>
            for (auto it = sack.begin(); it != sack.end(); ++it)
                cout << it->name;
                if (next(it) != sack.end())
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cout << ", ";
            }
        }
        else
            cout << "There is no subset of exactly " << K << " items
exactly totaling weight " << C << endl;
};
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
    string fileName = argv[1];
    int capacity = atoi(argv[2]);
    int numberOfItems = atoi(argv[3]);
    try
    {
        knapsack k = knapsack(fileName, capacity, numberOfItems);
        k.printSolution();
    }
    catch(const exception& e)
       cerr << e.what() << endl;</pre>
   return 0;
}
```

### item.h

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <fstream>
#include <sstream>

using namespace std;

// class to represent item choices
class item
{
public:
    string name;
    int w; // weight
    int v; // value

    // item constructor
    item(string name, int weight, int value)
    {
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this->name = name;
        this->w = weight;
        this->v = value;
    }
    // utlility function to create list of items from input file
    // file must be whitespace-separated values within input/
directory
    // in the form: name weight value
    static vector<item> createItemsList(const string& filePath)
        vector<item> items;
        ifstream itemsFile("input/" + filePath);
        // check if file exists
        if (!itemsFile)
            throw invalid argument("File input/" + filePath + " does
not exist");
        string line;
        while (getline(itemsFile, line))
            istringstream stream(line);
            string name;
            int w;
            double v;
            // check if file is in correct format (string int double)
            if (!(stream >> name >> w >> v) || !(stream.eof()))
                throw invalid argument("File " + filePath + " in
invalid format");
            items.push back(item(name, w, v));
        }
       return items;
   }
};
```

# **Traceback Function**

### knapsack.cpp 75: public void traceback()

The traceback function works by first looking at the solution of the knapsack given by the bottom-up dynamic programming solution at dp[N][C][K], which is the max value of first N items of size exactly K whose total weight is exactly C.

Using the max value (the solution), the last item that was added to the knapsack is determined by finding the value of the last item added at the next subproblem. To find the value of the item added, we can look at  $dp[N][c-w_i][k-1]$  where c is the current weight of the knapsack,  $w_i$  is the weight of any item in our items list, and k is the number of items removed from the knapsack, and subtract the value from the value of the knapsack to find the value of an item in the knapsack. We can choose any item that has this value and weight from our list of items.

Once the item has been determined, we can simply update the current knapsack value, weight, items removed, items possibly in the knapsack, and number of items in the knapsack, and add the chosen item to our list of selected items, and repeat the process until the knapsack has no remaining items, weight, or value.