

SUM OF SUBSETS (BACKTRACKING)

Problem :- There are 'n' distinct positive numbers (weights) and problem is to find all combination of these numbers whose sums are some value say 'm'.
This is called as Sum of subsets problem.

Solution :- A vector $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ will represent solution using fixed tuple size strategy.
In this, u_i of solution vector is either one or zero depending on whether w_i is included or not.

Bounding function :-

* $B_k(u_1, \dots, u_k) = \text{true}$ iff

$$\sum_{i=1}^k w_i u_i + \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i \geq m$$

← Remaining $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 $S_1 = \{4, 1\} \quad m=10$
 $S_2 = \{1, 0\} \quad m=10$

total sum → $5 + 11 \geq 10$
 all now

* We can make bounding function more strong, if we assume the w_i 's are initially in nondecreasing order.

* In this case u_1, \dots, u_k , cannot lead to an answer node if $\sum_{i=1}^k u_i w_i + w_{k+1} > m$ $\{2, 3, 5, 6\} \quad m=6$
 $\{2, 3\}$
 - $(m \geq [u_1]w_1 + [u_2]w_2 + \dots)$ fails

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$B_k(u_1, \dots, u_k) = \text{true}$ iff

$$\sum_{i=1}^k w_i u_i + \sum_{i=k+1}^n w_i \geq m \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^k w_i u_i + w_{k+1} \leq m$$

Algorithm :-

purpose :- Find all subsets of $w[1 \dots n]$ that sums to m .

Sum of Sub (S, k, z)

Input :- $S = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} w[j] \times x[j]$ and $r = \sum_{j=k}^n w[j]$
 $S = 0$ $r = \text{sum of all elements}$

Output :- All subsets that sums to m .

Assumption :- (i) $w[i] \leq m$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n w[i] \geq m$

(ii) Value of $x[j] = 0$ if $w[j]$ is ~~excluded~~
 else value of $x[j] = 1$, $1 \leq j \leq n$

Global Array :- $x[j]$ and $w[j]$ are global arrays.
where $w[j]$'s are in non decreasing order.

Sum of Subset (S, k, z)

1. // Generate left child.

2. // B_{k-1} is true, $S + w[k] \leq m$

1. $x[k] = 1$

2. if $(S + w[k] = m)$ then write $(x[1 \dots n])$

3. else if $(S + w[k] + w[k+1] \leq m)$

4. then Sum of Subset $(S + w[k], k+1, z - w[k])$

5. // Generate Right child

6. if $(S + r - w[k] \geq m)$ and $(S + w[k+1] \leq m)$ then

7. $x[k] = 0$

8. Sum of subset $(S, k+1, z - w[k])$

Explanation:

1. By using s and r variables, algorithm avoids computing $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} w_i x_i$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i$ each time.
2. Initial call is $\text{SumOfSubset}(0, 1, \sum_{i=1}^n w_i)$
3. Algorithm handles 3 cases:
 - (a) Solution is found i.e. in line 2 add i th element, write solution, and stop search.
 - (b) line 3 & 4, add k th element in the subset and search continues further moving to $k+1$ element.
 - (c) line 5 to 7, is executed when k th element is not to be included.

Analysis:-

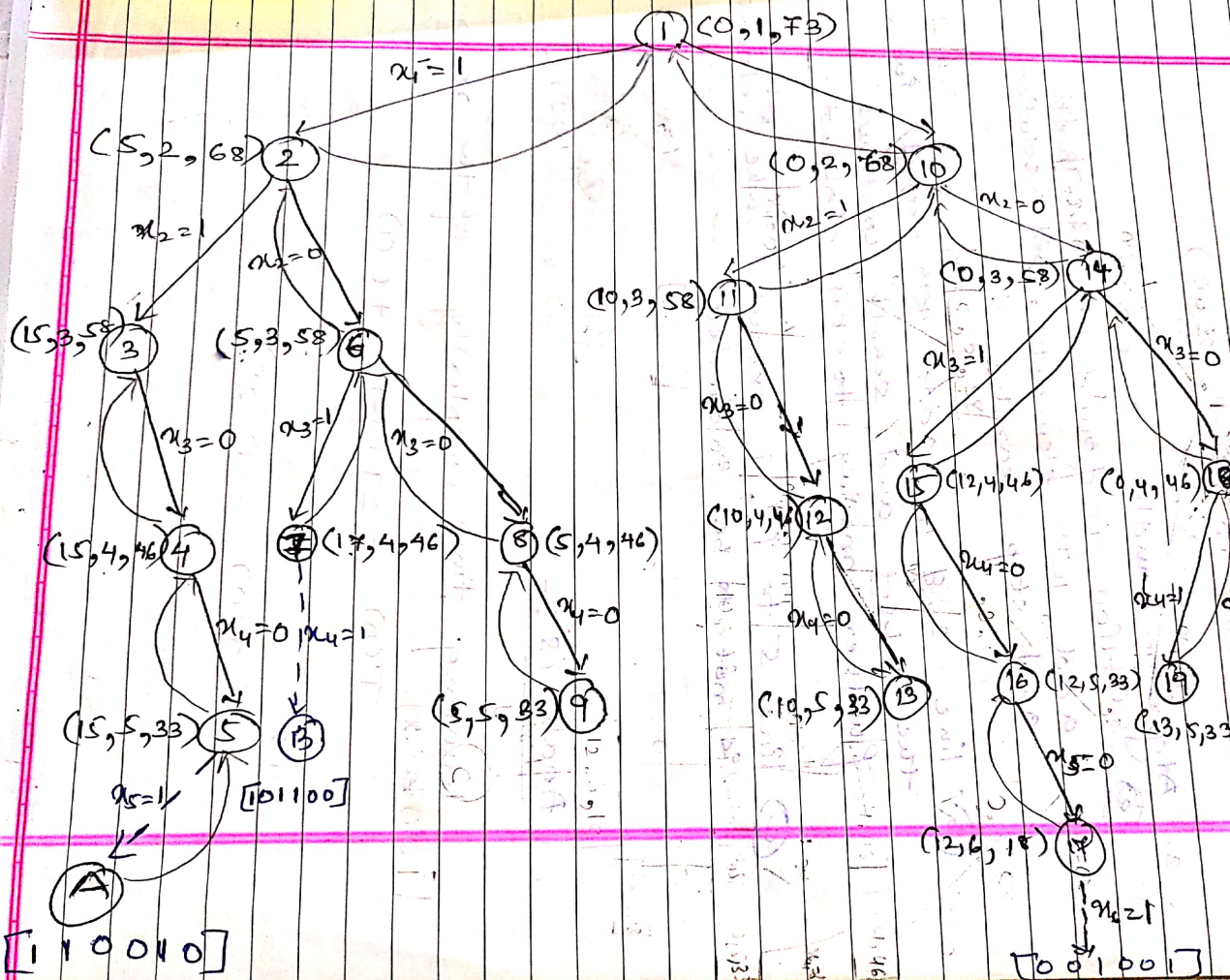
Running time complexity of the recurrence

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n-1) + O(1)$$

is

$$T(n) = O(2^n)$$

Q. Let $u = \{8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18\}$ and $m = 30$. Find all possible subsets of u that sums to m and draw the portion of state space tree.



Q let $w = \{2^1, 6^2, 13^3, 14^4\}$ and $m = 14$, find all possible subsets of w that sums to m and draw state space tree.

$[S, K, 2]$

