



ITCS 6114

Dynamic programming  
0-1 Knapsack problem

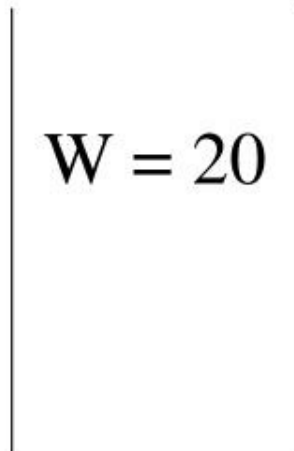







# 0-1 Knapsack problem

- 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  $w_i$ ,  $b_i$  and  $W$  are integer values)
- Problem: How to pack the knapsack to achieve maximum total value of packed items?

# 0-1 Knapsack problem: a picture

This is a knapsack  
Max weight:  $W = 20$



	Weight	Benefit value
Items	$w_i$	$b_i$
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5	8
	9	10

# 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.
- Just another version of this problem is the “*Fractional Knapsack Problem*”, where we can take fractions of items.



# 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 the most total value and with total weight less or equal to  $W$
- Running time will be  $O(2^n)$





# 0-1 Knapsack problem: brute-force approach

- Can we do better?
- Yes, 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 valid 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.  
Explanation follows....

# Defining a Subproblem

$w_1=2$	$w_2$	$w_3=5$	$w_4=3$	
$b_1=3$	$=4$	$b_3=8$	$b_4=4$	
	$b_2=5$		<b>?</b>	

Max weight:  $W = 20$

**For  $S_4$ :**

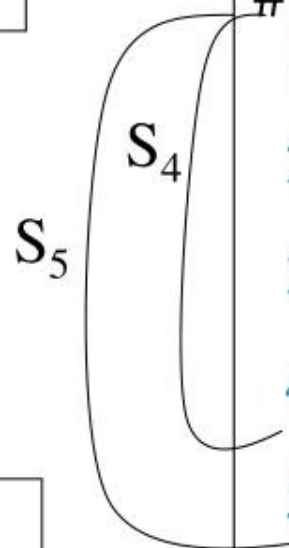
Total weight: 14;  
total benefit: 20

$w_1=2$	$w_2$	$w_3=5$	$w_4=9$
$b_1=3$	$=4$	$b_3=8$	$b_4=10$
	$b_2=5$		

**For  $S_5$ :**

Total weight: 20  
total benefit: 26

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



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



# Defining a Subproblem (continued)

- 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!
- Let's add another parameter:  $w$ , which will represent the exact weight for each subset of items
- The subproblem then will be to compute  $B[k, w]$

# Recursive Formula for subproblems

- Recursive formula for subproblems:

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

- It means, that the best subset of  $S_k$  that has total weight  $w$  is one of the two:

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

# Recursive Formula

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

- The best subset of  $S_k$  that has the total weight  $w$ , 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  $W$

$B[0,w] = 0$

for  $i = 0$  to  $n$

$B[i,0] = 0$

for  $w = 0$  to  $W$

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

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

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

else

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

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



# Running time

for  $w = 0$  to  $W$

$O(W)$

$B[0,w] = 0$

for  $i = 0$  to  $n$

Repeat  $n$  times

$B[i,0] = 0$

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	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0	0					
1	0					
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					

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

## Example (3)

$w$	$i$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0					
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	0					

for  $i = 0$  to  $n$   
     $B[i,0] = 0$



# Example (4)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0 → 0				
2		0				
3		0				
4		0				
5		0				

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=1$

$w-w_i=-1$

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (5)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0			
2		0	3			
3		0				
4		0				
5		0				

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=2$

$w-w_i=0$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (6)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0			
2		0	3			
3		0	<b>3</b>			
4		0				
5		0				

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=3$

$w-w_i=1$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (7)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0			
2		0	3			
3		0	3			
4		0	<b>3</b>			
5		0				

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=4$

$w-w_i=2$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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



# Example (8)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0			
2		0	3			
3		0	3			
4		0	3			
5		0	<b>3</b>			

$i=1$

$b_i=3$

$w_i=2$

$w=5$

$w-w_i=2$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (9)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	→ 0		
2		0	3			
3		0	3			
4		0	3			
5		0	3			

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=1$

$w-w_i=-2$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (10)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0		
2		0	3	→ 3		
3		0	3			
4		0	3			
5		0	3			

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=2$

$w-w_i=-1$

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (11)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0		
2		0	3	3		
3		0	3	4		
4		0	3			
5		0	3			

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=3$

$w-w_i=0$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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



# Example (12)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0		
2		0	3	3		
3		0	3	4		
4		0	3	4		
5		0	3			

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=4$

$w-w_i=1$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (13)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0		
2		0	3	3		
3		0	3	4		
4		0	3	4		
5		0	3	7		

$i=2$

$b_i=4$

$w_i=3$

$w=5$

$w-w_i=2$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (14)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0 → 0		
2		0	3	3 → 3		
3		0	3	4 → 4		
4		0	3	4		
5		0	3	7		

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=1..3$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (15)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0	0	
2		0	3	3	3	
3		0	3	4	4	
4		0	3	4	5	
5		0	3	7		

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=4$

$w - w_i=0$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (15)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0	0	
2		0	3	3	3	
3		0	3	4	4	
4		0	3	4	5	
5		0	3	7	→ 7	

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=5$

$w - w_i = 1$

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

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

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

else

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

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



# Example (16)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0	0 →	0
2		0	3	3	3 →	3
3		0	3	4	4 →	4
4		0	3	4	5 →	5
5		0	3	7	7	

$i=3$

$b_i=5$

$w_i=4$

$w=1..4$

Items:

1: (2,3)

2: (3,4)

3: (4,5)

4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

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

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

# Example (17)

	i	0	1	2	3	4
W						
0		0	0	0	0	0
1		0	0	0	0	0
2		0	3	3	3	3
3		0	3	4	4	4
4		0	3	4	5	5
5		0	3	7	7	<b>7</b>

$i=3$   
 $b_i=5$   
 $w_i=4$   
 $w=5$

Items:

1: (2,3)  
 2: (3,4)  
 3: (4,5)  
 4: (5,6)

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

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

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

else

**$B[i, w] = B[i-1, w]$**

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

# Comments

- This algorithm only finds the max possible value that can be carried in the knapsack
- To know the items that make this maximum value, an addition to this algorithm is necessary
- Please see LCS algorithm from the previous lecture for the example how to extract this data from the table we built

# 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
- Running time (Dynamic Programming algorithm vs. naïve algorithm):
  - LCS:  $O(m*n)$  vs.  $O(n * 2^m)$
  - 0-1 Knapsack problem:  $O(W*n)$  vs.  $O(2^n)$