Dynamic Programming: Knapsack

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TV commercial placement

Select a set of TV commercials (each commercial has duration and cost) so that the total revenue is maximal while the total length does not exceed the length of the available time slot.

Optimizing data center performance

Purchase computers for a data center to achieve the maximal performance under limited budget.

Knapsack Problem

(knapsack is another word for backpack)









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knapsack







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value per unit of weight is not safe!

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Without repetitions:



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Without repetitions: one of each item









Knapsack with repetitions problem

Input: Weights w_1, \ldots, w_n and values v_1, \ldots, v_n of n items; total weight W (v_i 's, w_i 's, and W are non-negative integers).

Output: The maximum value of items whose weight does not exceed *W*. Each item can be used any number of times.

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■ If we take this item out then we get an optimal solution for a knapsack of total weight W - w_i.

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$$value(w) = \max_{i \colon w_i \leq w} \{value(w - w_i) + v_i\}$$

Knapsack(W)

```
value(0) \leftarrow 0
for w from 1 to W:
  value(w) \leftarrow 0
  for i from 1 to n:
     if w_i < w:
        val \leftarrow value(w - w_i) + v_i
        if val > value(w):
           value(w) \leftarrow val
return value(W)
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■ If the *n*-th item is not used, then the whole knapsack must be filled in optimally with items 1, 2, ..., *n* − 1.

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The *i*-th item is either used or not: value(w, i) is equal to

 $\max\{value(w-w_i, i-1)+v_i, value(w, i-1)\}$

Knapsack(W)

initialize all $value(0, j) \leftarrow 0$ initialize all $value(w, 0) \leftarrow 0$ for i from 1 to n: for W from 1 to W: $value(w, i) \leftarrow value(w, i - 1)$ if $w_i < w$: $val \leftarrow value(w - w_i, i - 1) + v_i$ if value(w, i) < val $value(w, i) \leftarrow val$ return value(W, n)





































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Memoization

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Knapsack(w)
if w is in hash table:
  return value(w)
value(w) \leftarrow 0
for i from 1 to n:
  if w_i < w:
    val \leftarrow Knapsack(w - w_i) + v_i
    if val > value(w):
       value(w) \leftarrow val
insert value(w) into hash table with key w
return value(w)
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- There are cases however when one does not need to solve all subproblems: assume that W and all w_i's are multiples of 100; then value(w) is not needed if w is not divisible by 100.

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$W = 71\,345\,970\,345\,617\,824\,751$

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later, we'll learn why solving this problem in polynomial time costs \$1M!

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