21. Dynamic Programming II

Subset sum problem, knapsack problem, greedy algorithm vs dynamic programming [Ottman/Widmayer, Kap. 7.2, 7.3, 5.7, Cormen et al, Kap. 15,35.5]

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A solution:

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Goal: decide if a selection $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$ exists such that

$$\sum_{i \in I} a_i = \sum_{i \in \{1,\ldots,n\} \setminus I} a_i.$$

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Worst case: n steps for each of the 2^n bit vectors b. Number of steps: $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot 2^n)$.

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$\Leftrightarrow$ One possible solution: $\{1, 3, 4\}$

Analysis

- Generate partial sums for each part: $\mathcal{O}(2^{n/2} \cdot n)$.
- Each sorting: $\mathcal{O}(2^{n/2} \log(2^{n/2})) = \mathcal{O}(n2^{n/2})$.
- Merge: $\mathcal{O}(2^{n/2})$

Overal running time

$$\mathcal{O}\left(n \cdot 2^{n/2}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(n\left(\sqrt{2}\right)^n\right).$$

Substantial improvement over the naive method – but still exponential!

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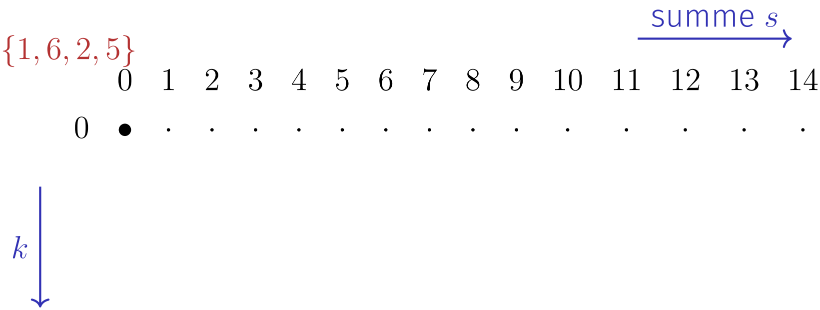

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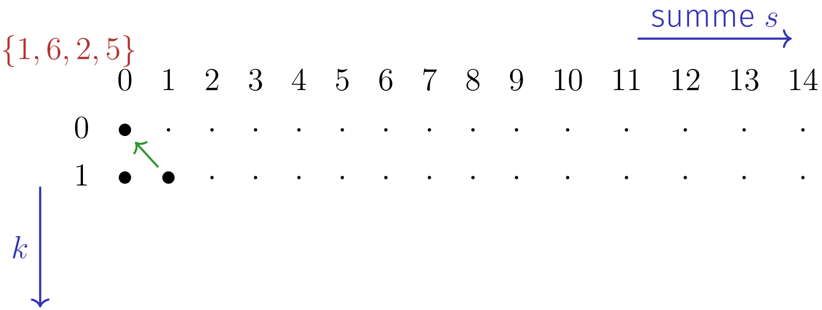

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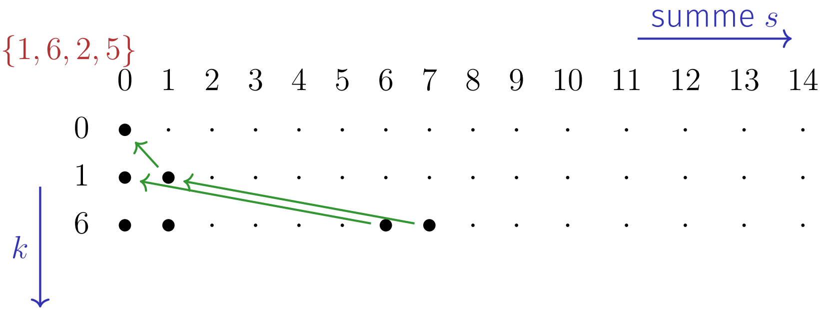

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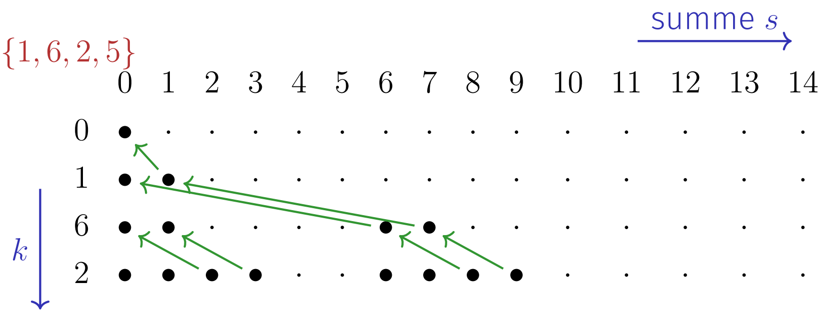

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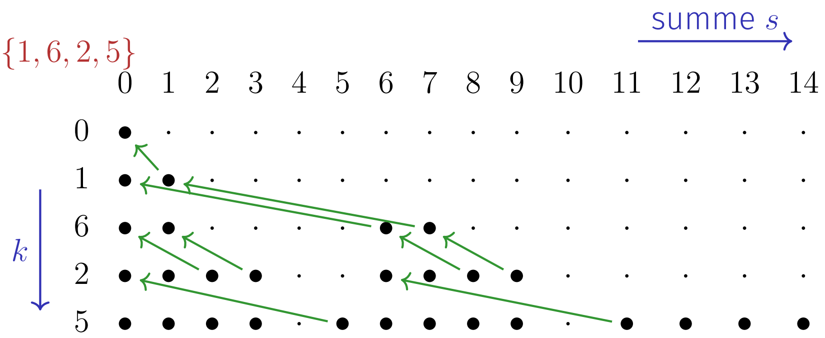

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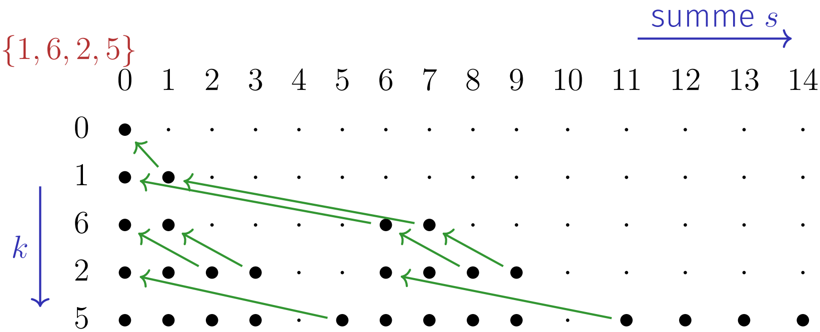

Determination of the solution: if $T[k, s] = T[k-1, s]$ then a_k unused and continue with $T[k-1, s]$, otherwise a_k used and continue with $T[k-1, s-a_k]$.

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If, however, z is polynomial in n then the algorithm has polynomial run time in n. This is called **pseudo-polynomial**.

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Implications:

- NP contains P.
- Problems can be **verified** in polynomial time.
- Under the not (yet?) proven assumption[32] that NP $\neq$ P, there is **no algorithm with polynomial run time** for the problem considered above.

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Wanted:

a selection $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$ that maximises $\sum_{i \in I} v_i$ under $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \leq W$.

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That is fast: $\Theta(n \log n)$ for sorting and $\Theta(n)$ for the selection. But is it good?

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Greed algorithm chooses $\{v_1\}$ with value 1.
Best selection: $\{v_2\}$ with value $W - 1$ and weight W.

Greedy heuristics can be arbitrarily bad.

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$m[i, w, v] =$ true if and only if

- A selection of the first i parts exists $(0 \leq i \leq n)$
- with overal weight w $(0 \leq w \leq W)$ and
- a value of at least v $(0 \leq v \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i)$.

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increasing in i and for each i increasing in w and for fixed i and w increasing by v.

Solution: largest v, such that $m[i, w, v] =$ true for some i and w.

Observation

The definition of the problem obviously implies that

- for $m[i, w, v] =$ true it holds:
  $m[i', w, v] =$ true $\forall i' \geq i$,
  $m[i, w', v] =$ true $\forall w' \geq w$,
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This strongly suggests that we do not need a 3d table!

2d DP table

Table entry $t[i, w]$ contains, instead of boolean values, the largest v, that can be achieved[33] with

- items $1, \ldots, i$ $(0 \leq i \leq n)$
- at maximum weight w $(0 \leq w \leq W)$.

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[33]We could have followed a similar idea in order to reduce the size of the sparse table for subset sum.

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- $t[0, w] \leftarrow 0$ for all $w \geq 0$.

We compute

$$t[i, w] \leftarrow \begin{cases} t[i-1, w] & \text{if } w < w_i \\ \max\{t[i-1, w], t[i-1, w-w_i] + v_i\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Solution is located in $t[n, w]$

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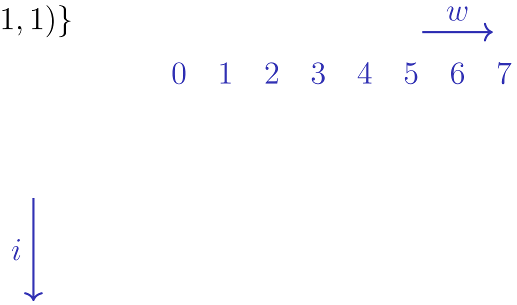

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Analysis

The two algorithms for the knapsack problem provide a run time in $\Theta(n \cdot W \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n v_i)$ (3d-table) and $\Theta(n \cdot W)$ (2d-table) and are thus both pseudo-polynomial, but they deliver the best possible result.

The greedy algorithm is very fast but can yield an arbitrarily bad result.