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Dynamic Program for Subset Sum Problem

Goal: Compute $w(S) = \sum_{j \in S} w_j$ for an optimal S

Q_j : be an optimal solution for $1, \dots, j$

$$OPT(j) = w(Q_j)$$

Case 1: $j \notin Q_j$ $OPT(j) = OPT(j-1)$

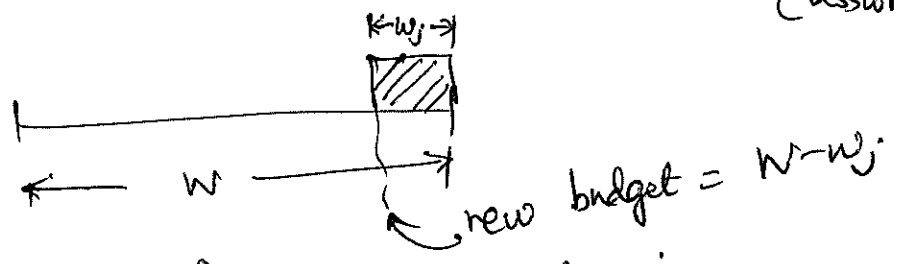
Claim: Q_j is also optimal for $1, \dots, j-1$

Case 2: $j \in Q_j$

Q: What can we say about $Q_j \setminus \{j\}$

Hope: $Q_j \setminus \{j\}$ is also optimal $w_1, \dots, w_{j'}$ for some $j' < j$

If so, $OPT(j) = w_j + OPT(j')$ (assume $w_j \leq W$)



Solution: Keep track of Budget and j

$OPT(B, j) =$ weight of an optimal solution for w_1, \dots, w_j and budget B .

Assume $j \in$ optimal $(w_1, \dots, w_j; B)$ Assume $w_j \leq B$

$$\Rightarrow OPT(B, j) = w_j + OPT(B - w_j, j-1) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$j \notin$ optimal $(w_1, \dots, w_j; B)$

$$OPT(B, j) = OPT(B, j-1) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$w_j > B \Rightarrow OPT(B, j) = OPT(B, j-1)$$

Overall recursion:

$$\text{If } w_j > B \Rightarrow OPT(B, j) = OPT(B, j-1)$$

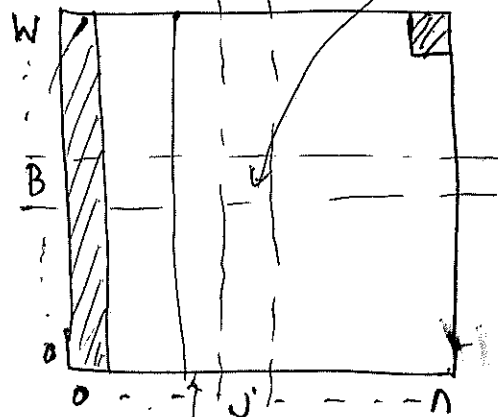
else $OPT(B, j) = \max \{ w_j + OPT(B - w_j, j-1), OPT(B, j-1) \}$ $M[B, j] = OPT(B, j)$

Q1) What entry of M is our final output $(w_1, \dots, w_n; W)$

A1: $M[W, n] = OPT(W, n)$

Q2) Initial values:

~~$M[B, 0] = 0 \quad \forall 0 \leq B \leq W$~~
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Q3) How many subproblems do we have?

A3: $(n+1)(W+1) \rightarrow \text{poly}(n)$ if W is $\text{poly}(n)$

Q4) Recurrence? A4) Done.

Q5) Ordering among subproblems?

A5) Go column by column as knowing $(j-1)^{\text{th}}$ column is enough to compute the j^{th} column

Subset Sum $(w_1, \dots, w_n; W)$

0. Allocate a $(n+1) \times (n+1)$ matrix M
1. $M[B, 0] = 0 \quad \forall 0 \leq B \leq W$
2. for $j = 1 \dots n$ for $B = 0 \dots W$

$$O(1) \begin{cases} \text{if } w_j > B \\ M[B, j] = M[B, j-1] \\ \text{else} \\ M[B, j] = \max \{ w_j + M[B - w_j, j-1], M[B, j-1] \} \end{cases}$$
3. Return $M[W, n]$

Obs: $O(W)$ space if we are only interested in $OPT(W, n)$
 But need $\Omega(nW)$ space if we want an actual schedule

$n=3$

$w_1=1, w_2=2, w_3=2, w=5$

B →

3	0	1	3	
2	0	1	2	
1	0	1	1	
0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	2	3

↑
j

$$M[1,1] = \max \{ w_1 + M[1-1,0], M[1,0] \}$$

$$= \max \{ 1 + 0, 0 \} = 1$$

$$M[2,1] = \max \{ w_1 + M[2-1,0], M[2,0] \}$$

$$= \max \{ 1 + 0, 0 \} = 1$$

$$M[3,1] = 1$$

$$M[2,2] = \max \{ w_2 + M[2-2,0], M[2,0] \}$$

$$= \max \{ 2 + 0, 0 \} = 2$$

$$M[3,3] = \max \{ 2 + M[3-2,2], M[3,2] \}$$

$$= \max \{ 2 + 1, 3 \} = 3$$