

Knapsack Backtracking Recursive

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[1]: from random import randint
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capacity = 10
# items are (weight, value)
items = [(8,13),(3,7),(5,10),(5,10),(2,1),(2,1),(2,1)]

#capacity = 23
#items = [(randint(5,20),randint(5,20)) for _ in range(200)]
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[2]: # to help you write recursive functions, always plan out
#     SUPER explicitly what the inputs and outputs are
# input:
#     items_left: list of remaining items to choose from
#                 (at the start, all items are remaining)
#     capacity_left: remaining capacity
# output:
#     the best solution (as a list of 2-tuples) using just
#     "items_left" with capacity <= "capacity_left"
def solve(items_left, capacity_left):
    # return the set of items in the best solution
    #print("just got called with",(items_left, capacity_left))

    #if not items_left:
    if len(items_left) == 0:
        return []

    # item = (weight, value)
    first_item_weight = items_left[0][0]

    sol_without_item = solve(items_left[1:], capacity_left)

    # if we have room for the first item, add it and recursively solve
    if first_item_weight <= capacity_left:
        # find the best solution that USES the first item
        sol_with_item = [items_left[0]] + solve(items_left[1:], capacity_left -
↪first_item_weight)
    else:
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    # if not, then only possible solution is excluding the item
    # prune
    #print("about to return", sol_without_item)
    return sol_without_item

# compare sol_with and sol_without, and return the best
score_with = sum(item[1] for item in sol_with_item)
score_without = sum(item[1] for item in sol_without_item)

if score_with > score_without:
    #print("about to return", sol_with_item)
    return sol_with_item
#print("about to return", sol_without_item)
return sol_without_item

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items = [(8,13),(3,7),(5,10)]
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solve([(8,13),(3,7),(5,10)], 10)
--> solve([(3,7),(5,10)], 10) # best solution without (8,13)
--> solve([(5,10)], 10)
    solve([(5,10)], 7)
vs
solve([(3,7),(5,10)], 2) # best solution with (8,13)

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[3]: print(items)
print(capacity)
solve(items, capacity)
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[(8, 13), (3, 7), (5, 10), (5, 10), (2, 1), (2, 1), (2, 1)]
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[3]: [(5, 10), (5, 10)]
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[4]: capacity = 20
items = [(randint(5,20),randint(5,20)) for _ in range(200)]
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[5]: solve(items, capacity)
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[5]: [(5, 19), (5, 17), (5, 18), (5, 17)]
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