

Knapsack Backtracking Recursive

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[1]: from random import randint

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

#capacity = 20
#items = [(randint(5,20),randint(5,20)) for _ in range(200)]
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[6]: def solve(items_left, capacity_left):
    # return the set of items in the best solution
    # print("call 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:
        sol_with_item = [items_left[0]] + solve(items_left[1:], capacity_left - first_item_weight)
    else:
        # if not, then only possible solution is excluding the 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:
        return sol_with_item
    return sol_without_item
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items = [(8,13),(3,7),(5,10)]  
  
solve([(8,13),(3,7),(5,10)], 10)  
--> solve([(3,7),(5,10)], 10)  
--> solve([(5,10)], 10)  
    solve([(5,10)], 7)  
vs  
solve([(3,7),(5,10)], 2)
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[7]: solve(items, capacity)

[7]: [(5, 10), (5, 10)]

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