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Algorithm 1 Knapsack

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  for each $(p,w) \in A(j-1)$ **do**
    if $w + w_j \leq W$ **then**
      add $(p+p_j, w+w_j)$ to $A(j)$
    remove dominated pairs from $A(j)$
return $\max_{(p,w)\in A(n)} p$

The running time is $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot \min\{W, P\})$, where $P = \sum_i p_i$ is the total profit of all items. This is only pseudo-polynomial.

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Definition 2

An algorithm is said to have pseudo-polynomial running time if the running time is polynomial when the numerical part of the input is encoded in unary.

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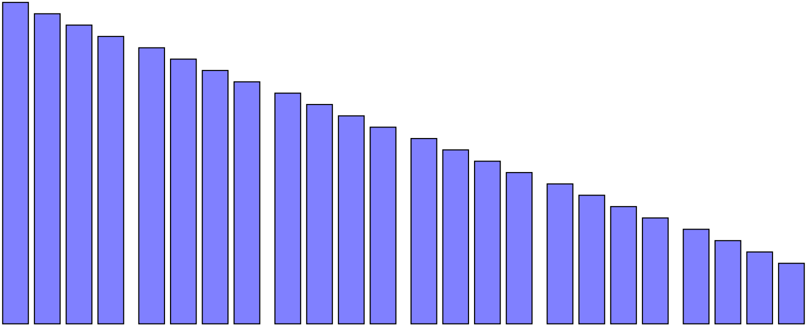

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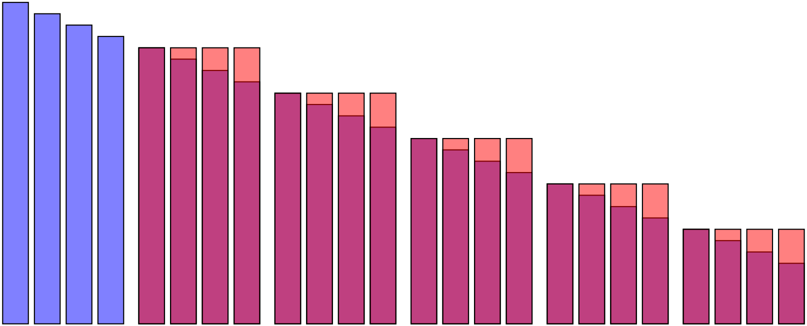

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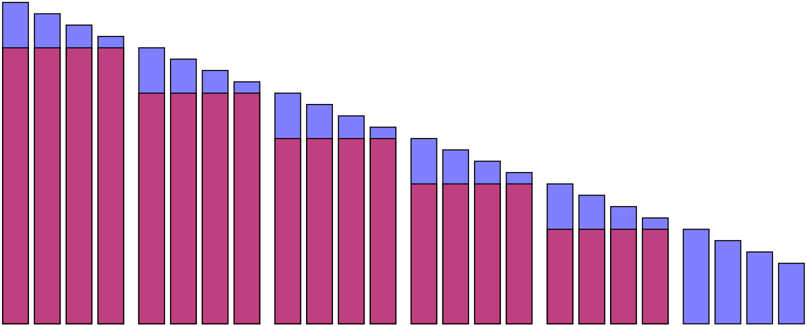

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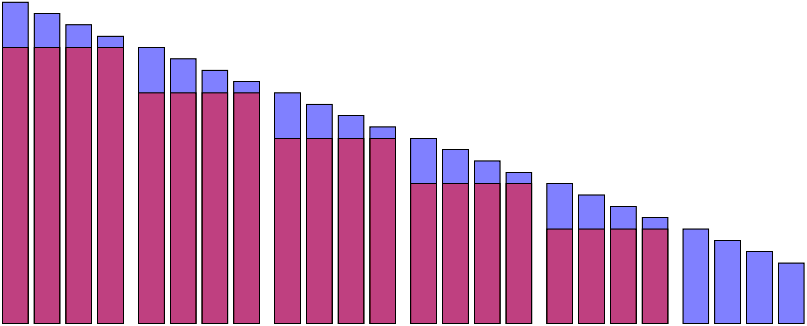

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