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### Algorithm 1 Knapsack

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2: for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$  do
3:    $A(j) \leftarrow A(j - 1)$ 
4:   for each  $(p, w) \in A(j - 1)$  do
5:     if  $w + w_j \leq W$  then
6:       add  $(p + p_j, w + w_j)$  to  $A(j)$ 
7:       remove dominated pairs from  $A(j)$ 
8: return  $\max_{(p, w) \in A(n)} p$ 
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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 74

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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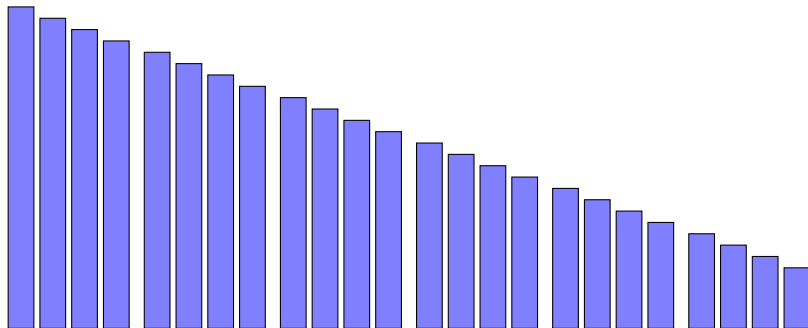
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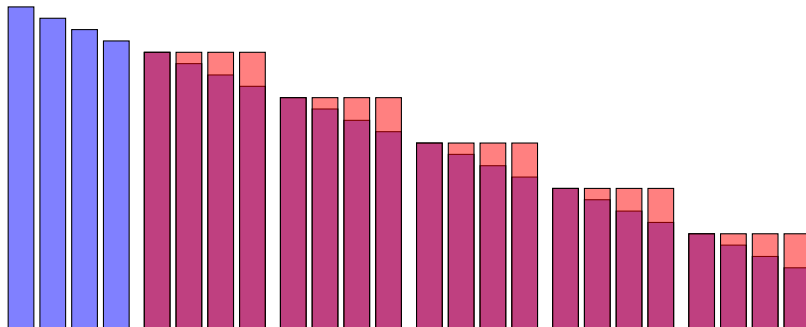
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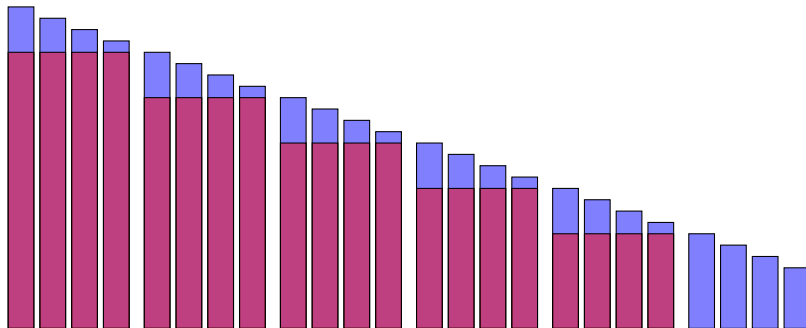
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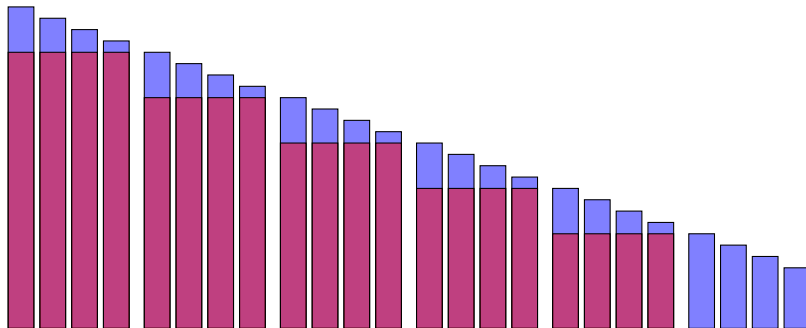
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