

## An example KNAPSACK PROBLEM.

(Horowitz and Sahni, 1978)

Vectors are sorted by Profit/Weight Ratio.

P = Profit

W = Weight

P/W = Profit/Weight Ratio

Cap = Capacity

P =	11,	21,	31,	33,	43,	53,	55,	65
W =	1,	11,	21,	23,	33,	43,	45,	55
P/W =	11,	1.91,	1.47,	1.43,	1.3,	1.23,	1.22,	1.18
Cap =	110							

In the ZERO-ONE KNAPSACK PROBLEM.

Each object is selected or not selected.

The selection (solution) vector,  $Y$ , is binary (zero-one).

$Y = 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0$

Total Weight of  $Y$ : 109

Total Profit of  $Y$ : 159

A Greedy Solution: (Take the next object with the best profit/weight ratio)

$Y = 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0$

Total Weight of  $Y$ : 89

Total Profit of  $Y$ : 139

## The FRACTIONAL KNAPSACK PROBLEM:

You may pick fractional pieces of objects to place in the knapsack. The selection (solution) vector,  $K$ , can have fractional values ranging from zero to one.

This has an easy (Polynomial) greedy solution:

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccc} K = & 1, & 1, & 1, & 1, & 1, & 0.48837209, & 0, & 0 \\ K*W = & 1, & 11, & 21, & 23, & 33, & 21, & 0, & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Weight of } K: \quad 89 + 21 = 110$$

$$\text{Profit of } K: \quad 139 + 25.88 = 164.88$$

## The INTEGER KNAPSACK PROBLEM:

You may pick integer numbers of objects to place in the knapsack.

$$Z = 110, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0, \quad 0$$

This is optimal in this case. (This problem is more interesting when the weight vector is not integers.)

## UPPER AND LOWER BOUNDS

The solution to the Fractional Knapsack Problems provides an Upper Bound for the Zero-One Knapsack Problem: you can do no better than this.

The Greedy Solution to the Zero-One Knapsack Problem provides an initial Lower Bound: you must do better than this to be competitive. The best-so-far solution is also a lower bound.

