

Consider the following algorithm GREEDY for KNAPSACK-OPT.

**Input:**  $(p_1, w_1), \dots, (p_n, w_n), W$   
**Output:**  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $w(I) \leq W$

- 1: sort items so that  $\frac{p_1}{w_1} \geq \frac{p_2}{w_2} \geq \dots \geq \frac{p_n}{w_n}$
- 2:  $I \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 3: **for**  $i \leftarrow 1, \dots, n$  **do**
- 4:   **if**  $w(I \cup \{i\}) \leq W$  **then**
- 5:      $I \leftarrow I \cup \{i\}$
- 6:   **end if**
- 7: **end for**

1. Prove that GREEDY does not achieve any constant approximation: that is, show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an instance of KNAPSACK-OPT such that  $p(I) \leq \varepsilon \cdot p(\text{OPT})$ , where  $I$  is the solution returned by GREEDY and OPT is an optimal solution.

Now consider the following modification GREEDY/MAX: run GREEDY to get a solution  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and let  $I' = \{j\}$ , where  $j$  is the index of the most profitable item that fits in the knapsack, and return the more profitable of the two solutions (i.e. either  $I$  or  $I'$ ).

2(a) Prove that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an instance of KNAPSACK-OPT such that  $p(I) \leq (1/2 + \varepsilon) \cdot p(\text{OPT})$ , where  $I$  is the solution returned by GREEDY/MAX and OPT is an optimal solution.

2(b) Prove that GREEDY/MAX is a 1/2-approximation algorithm for KNAPSACK-OPT.

**Hint:** Consider the cases  $w(I) \geq W/2$  and  $w(I) < W/2$  separately, where  $I$  is the solution returned by GREEDY/MAX.