## Optimal Algorithm for Online Multiple Knapsack



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## Multiple Knapsack



## Textbook Knapsack (offline)

## Given

- one knapsack of capacity 1
- multiset of items (size and weight)


Choose a subset of items

- sum of sizes $\leq 1$
- maximize total weight



## Proportional Knapsack (offline)

## Given

- one knapsack of capacity 1
- multiset of items (size and weight)


Choose a subset of items

- sum of sizes $\leq 1$
- maximize total weight size



## Multiple Knapsack (offline)

Choose a subset of items

- assign accepted items to a knapsacks
- in each knapsack: total size of items $\leq 1$
- maximize total size



## Online



## Online Multiple Knapsack




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maximize $\frac{A L G_{\text {online }}}{O P T_{\text {offline }}}$

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## Our contributions



# Rising Threshold Algorithm 

We say that items $(1 / 2,1]$ are large

(max 1 large per knapsack)

# Rising Threshold Algorithm 

Step 1. Algorithm for large items


## Rising Threshold Algorithm (for large items)



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assign each knapsack a threshold (tbd)

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Analysis for large
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+
$$

items exceeding threshold benefit both ALG and OPT


## Rising Threshold Algorithm Next steps

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- Step 2. Algorithm for large and medium items ( $1 / 3,1 / 2$ ]:



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Observation. If finished with some empty knapsacks $\Rightarrow$ optimal!

$$
\frac{A L G_{L}+M}{O P T_{L}+M} \geq \frac{A L G_{L}}{O P T_{L}}
$$

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- Case 1. Finished with some empty knapsacks $\sqrt{ }$
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## Three options to arrange mediums



wait
(for large)

stack
(with medium)

## How we arrange mediums



ALG:

## How we arrange mediums



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(with large)


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(for large)


(with medium)

| if too many |
| :---: |
| waits |

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Simplify: all mediums of size $m \in(1 / 3,1 / 2]$

## How many medium items should wait?

Answer: to have gain $\geq 0.59$

## How many medium items should wait?

Each medium item is size $m$

- gain on waiting $=m$
- gain on stacked $=2 m$
- gain on large $\geq 1-m$

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## Beyond single medium item



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How many should wait? For different $m$, different answer!

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- Sort waiting medium items
- Incoming medium item waits if fits below the curve



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## Possible to extend for $(\alpha, 1]$

$$
(\alpha \approx 0.2192)
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Next steps: algorithm for small items $(0, \alpha]$
just the idea - simply stacking small items is not enough


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